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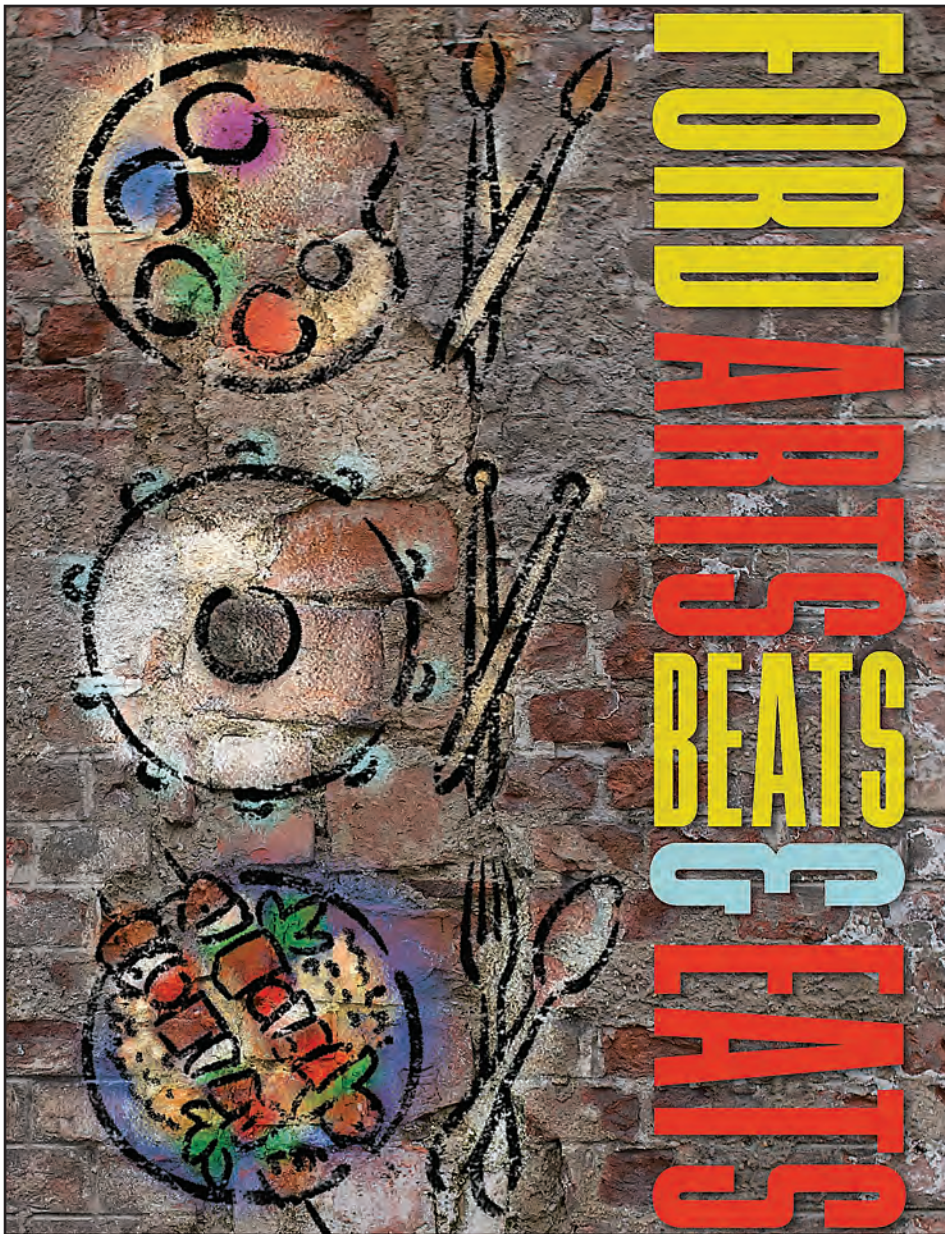
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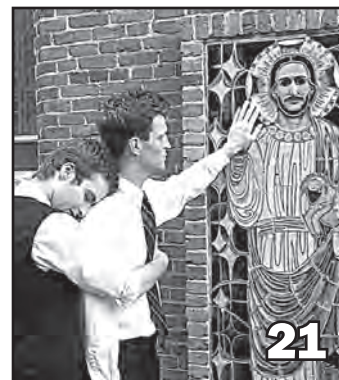
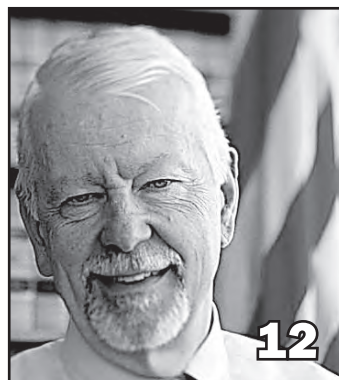
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**Alina Hall** is a registered dietitian who works with Health Emergency Lifeline Programs. The 34-year-old Belleville resident hopes to promote good health for HIV-positive people through proper diet and nutrition.

**1 What exactly do you do for HELP?**

I work in HELP's food and nutrition program as the registered dietitian. I assess clients' nutritional health, counsel and advocate on their behalf regarding food and nutrition issues.

In working at HELP, I've learned that our clients face numerous challenges related to their HIV status that impact their nutritional well-being. I discovered pretty quickly that I couldn't just be a dietitian; I couldn't develop diets on paper left and right and expect people to follow my recommendations. My clients don't just come in to talk about weight loss or weight gain; some of them struggle daily with side effects from



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medications and symptoms related to diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, etc. We talk through all these concerns, and I do my best to work with them, give them realistic tips on how to handle their symptoms and how to improve their lives nutritionally speaking.

There are times when I just find myself talking to them about personal issues because they feel safe – my co-workers tell me jokingly that I should get another degree in counseling. But I strongly believe that people's appetites, for example, are not going to improve if other things are not in place. They need a stable living environment; they need support from family, friends or community; and they need basic things that some of us take for granted such as a stove or a refrigerator. Until these are in place, very few good things happen. Typically at the end of our session, I determine if my client needs additional assistance from other programs at HELP and/or referrals for other health professionals.

**2 How did you get involved in this line of work?**

I have always been interested in nutrition and its impact on our health, so being a dietitian was something that I wanted to pursue for a long time. I graduated from Eastern Michigan University's Dietetics program, completed my internships, and was hoping for a job in the community. I saw the job posting at HELP and applied immediately. To be honest with you I didn't even think I would get the job! I felt prepared for it but did not have too much experience in the infectious disease area. Well ... I did get hired, and am so excited about working with my clients, putting 110 percent into everything I do at my job. I think my clients feel that every time they step into my office!

**3 How does your work help HIV-positive people?**

Dietitians who work with HIV-positive people know how grueling the side effects

of the medications can be on the body and how they can affect appetite, weight, image, self-esteem and so on. HIV meds can also have an impact on cholesterol, blood sugar and liver functions. Genetics make our job even more challenging as clients may be predisposed to develop certain conditions especially as they age.

It's common to have clients with weight issues who need to either gain weight or lose weight. For weight gain, I work with clients on how to increase their caloric intake in a healthy way without interfering with other

problems. I may recommend supplements to give them that extra boost in calories. For people with weight loss goals, sometimes I have to fight against the "rapid weight loss" messages advertised on TV. I educate them on diets that work with their medical conditions and focus on long-term health benefits.

Sometimes I have to be creative in coaching clients about their eating habits. One of my favorite tools is a plastic model that I keep on my desk. It shows four stages of an artery, from healthy to clogged with plaque. Showing it to my clients always seems to get things moving in the right direction. Hopefully clients will also take good nutrition messages and habits home to their families and friends in the community.

**4 What efforts is HELP currently making to expand?**

HELP continues to expand our services to address the changing needs of our HIV-positive clients and the community in general. In addition to our food and nutrition program, we offer supportive services with housing and emergency financial needs. We provide medical case management, housing case management and mental health counseling. We are growing prevention and early intervention services to reach high risk and newly diagnosed people as well as to engage those who have dropped out of medical care.

**5 What does your organization offer HIV-positive people that is unique?**

HELP strives to be a one-stop shop for clients to address multiple needs. We offer a wide array of services under one roof. Our overall mission is to empower clients to live healthy and productive lives. We constantly keep this larger goal in mind and provide not just a service to resolve the immediate need, but focus on the bigger picture of having a positive impact in helping clients improve their overall quality of life.

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## Ties Like Me! announces 4th business expo plans

Ties Like Me!, a metro Detroit LGBT social and business networking group, has announced plans for its fourth annual LGBT Business Expo, held at the Reserve next to Big Rock Chop House in Birmingham at 5-8 p.m. Sept. 15.

Vendors have already begun to sign up to be featured at the expo, which will allow LGBT professionals to network with others in their fields and make connections with gay-run and gay-friendly organizations and businesses. Vendors already include Azenza Salon, Klasics by Kurtis, Joe Kort, Comerica Bank, Affirmations, First Place Bank and many more.

Ties Like Me! usually meets once a month and encourages the LGBT community to do business with LGBT-supportive companies. Business owners who wish to be vendors at the expo, or be featured in an upcoming Ties events, are encouraged to contact the organization by visiting [www.tieslikeme.org](http://www.tieslikeme.org).

## Steppin' Out to host AIDS Walk Detroit pre-party

Steppin' Out, which hosts the annual AIDS Walk Detroit, will be holding a pre-walk party at Pronto! restaurant in Royal Oak all day Aug. 19.

The fundraiser, which takes place from 9 a.m.-10 p.m., will allow diners to help raise needed funds for Steppin' Out, which will go toward HIV/AIDS service organizations in metro Detroit and beyond. They'll also have a chance to meet fellow walkers and supporters of Steppin' Out, and to sign up for the walk and make donations. There will also be a raffle for gift baskets sponsored by Pronto! as well as lunch, dinner and drink specials.

Steppin' Out is also looking for volunteers to help out with Steppin' Out's beverage booth during Arts, Beats & Eats Sept. 3-6 in downtown Royal Oak. The nonprofit will be selling both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks to attendees of the festival, with proceeds helping to support Steppin' Out.

AIDS Walk Detroit will be held on Sept. 19 this year. To learn more about any of these events, or to volunteer, call Steppin' Out at 248-399-9255, or visit [www.aidswalkdetroit.org](http://www.aidswalkdetroit.org).

# We are still T.C.

## After a decade of silence, battle for anti-discrimination ordinance is back – with a good chance of passing

BY JESSICA CARRERAS

**TRAVERSE CITY** – A decade-old battle has been resurrected in Traverse City to pass a human rights ordinance protecting LGBT people from discrimination in the northern Michigan summer vacation hot spot.

A draft of the ordinance, which reads similarly to versions passed in close to 20 other Michigan cities, was brought before the City Commission Aug. 9, stirring up old arguments that, during similar talks about diversity and equality in 2000-2001, divided the community. But efforts to complete the ordinance and bring it to a vote, say Human Rights Commission and City Commission members, have been silently underway for over six months.

### A quiet battle for equality

Openly gay City Commissioner Jim Carruthers presented his intent to pass the ordinance to the city's Human Rights Commission in early 2010. Carruthers, who is serving his first term on the commission, saw it as a chance to promote equality in the city for his community. "People are going to start arguing that I'm pushing my gay agenda," he admits. "Well, of course I'm pushing my gay agenda while I'm in office. That's part of who I am."

Carruthers and the Human Rights Commission decided to draft the ordinance based off of what they saw as a successful, competent campaign in Kalamazoo, which passed its anti-discrimination law in 2009 – first by the City Commission and then, after being forced to the ballot, by voters.

"We liked what they did in Kalamazoo," says Human Rights Commission member Marshall Pensky, a lifelong Traverse City vacationer and two-year full time resident who is leading the march as an ally. "It seemed to make a lot of sense. It was a good ordinance and so we started with that as our template."

The Human Rights Commission, adds Pensky, has already met several times over the past few months to discuss and tweak ordinance language. Their meeting with the City Commission, however, produced even more obstacles – the most difficult of which is how violations of the ordinance will be enforced and paid for. Several commissioners, including the most outspoken opponent, Michael Gillman, voiced concerns that the city had neither the money, nor the time, to prosecute ordinance violations.

Pensky said the Human Rights Commission is willing to bend on that, and will consider changing the language to stipulate that violations must be prosecuted by attorneys hired by those who were discriminated against.

But despite receiving flack at the meeting, both Pensky and Carruthers believe that they have secured the four votes necessary on the seven-member City Commission to pass the ordinance, which Pensky insists is on the fast track to becoming law.



Margaret Dodd fought to put gay-supportive "We are T.C." stickers on city and personal vehicles in 2000. The stickers were eventually shot down, but Dodd was elected mayor of the city in 2001. BTL file photo

### History repeating?

This isn't the first time Traverse City LGBT and allied residents have made a push for diversity and equality, nor is it Carruthers' first swing at things.

Talks about a possible ordinance in early 2000 spurred the American Family Association and its Michigan-based leader Gary Glenn to push for a city referendum on the ballot that would prohibit creation of any law in Traverse City aiming to provide what the AFA considered "special protections" for LGBT citizens and visitors to the area. The ballot initiative failed at first, but eventually made it onto the ballot and was struck down in 2001 by 60 percent of voters.

Chaos erupted in late 2000 when then-City Commissioner and eventual Mayor Margaret Dodd proposed and successfully got approved a rainbow bumper sticker that read "We are T.C." The sticker was an LGBT-supportive move spurred by a hate crime committed against an employee of the city's only gay bar, Sidetraxx, in September of that year.

On Jan. 2, 2001, under pressure from city residents, the City Commission voted to nix the stickers, although they can still be found on some cars.

Carruthers, who worked for HIV/AIDS Wellness Networks at the time, helped in the fight to put the stickers on city and personal vehicles, as well as to prevent the anti-gay charter amendment. Though the battles of the past were equally won and lost and fought voraciously by local and national anti-gay forces, he insists that this time will be more successful – but not without obstacles.



Jim Carruthers, an openly gay Traverse City Commissioner, is leading the fight to pass an anti-discrimination ordinance in the city.

"I think Traverse City has grown and gotten more progressive and more open to everyone's rights," Carruthers notes. "I think we want to carve the message out that it's about civil protections and civil rights."

But in the current ordinance effort, there have been signs pointing both ways. Both Mayor Chris Bzdok and Commissioners Barbara Budros and Mary Ann Moore openly support the ordinance. Mayor Bzdok even wrote about it in his blog, [www.planfortc.com](http://www.planfortc.com), urging residents to lend their support as well and explaining how it will benefit the city.

"Traverse City is already a fairly open and tolerant city," he wrote. "The ordinance will codify into law values that I believe already predominate here."

However, anti-gay residents – many of them the same outspoken voices heard a decade ago – have already begun sounding the alarm.

An e-mail was forwarded Aug. 10 to City Manager Ben Bifoss with the subject line "Proposed Homosexual Rights Protection Ordinance"

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# Affirmations CEO resigns

## Thompson leaves 11-year legacy, but no future plans announced

BY JESSICA CARRERAS

**FERNDALE** – After nearly 11 years of running Michigan’s largest LGBT community center, Affirmations CEO Leslie Ann Thompson announced her resignation on Aug. 11, effective no later than Jan. 15, 2011.

In a letter to center members, Thompson explained her decision: “I am looking forward to following the new path I have chosen for myself and my partner, although it is not without sadness that I leave behind this amazing organization. I am fortunate to be able to reflect on the center’s accomplishments during my tenure and feel a genuine sense of pride and joy.”

Thompson has not announced her future plans.

Thompson is Affirmations’ longest standing CEO, and was hired in 2000 following previous executive directors Julie Enzer and current *Between The Lines* co-publisher Jan Stevenson. She also holds one of the longest job records of any LGBT center executive director in the country.

During Thompson’s time at Affirmations, she pulled the center out from economic struggle and led the charge to build a new, state-of-the-art, environmentally friendly community center for the nonprofit. The Capital Campaign, under Thompson’s tutelage, raised over \$5.3 million



Affirmations Executive Director Leslie Thompson at the opening of the new community center building in 2007. BTL file photo.

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Completion of the Capital Campaign fundraising effort also included the launch of Affirmations’ Civic Engagement and Social & Recreation programs, which have included efforts to get LGBT community members involved in political elections, as well as provided the community with unique gay-friendly social options, including knitting groups, fitness classes, film groups and game nights.

With Thompson at the helm, Affirmations celebrated the opening of its new 17,000-square-foot home in 2007 on Nine Mile Road in the heart of downtown Ferndale. It is LEED certified and includes a fully stocked cafe, 15 public-access computers with free wireless internet, an art gallery, library and rooftop sky deck – perfect for taking in the sights of Motor City Pride every

June on the street below.

Since the opening, Thompson has worked with her team to maintain programming and services at the center for all age levels, interests and needs – all during the toughest economic downturn the center had ever experienced in its over 20-year history.

The Board of Directors, led by current President Mary Rose MacMillan, notified members that it will be hiring an interim executive director in the coming months, as well as beginning the search for a permanent replacement for Thompson.

“We wish Leslie success as she undertakes new challenges and professional opportunities,” MacMillan said. “During her tenure, Affirmations has grown into a new building and achieved national recognition, as well as expanding to increase programs and services that save and enhance lives.”

Plans for a farewell reception for Thompson are in the works. Comments and well-wishes for Thompson are encouraged on the center’s Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/goaffirmations](http://www.facebook.com/goaffirmations).

Watch for updates on the center’s new direction and executive director search in future issues of *Between The Lines*.

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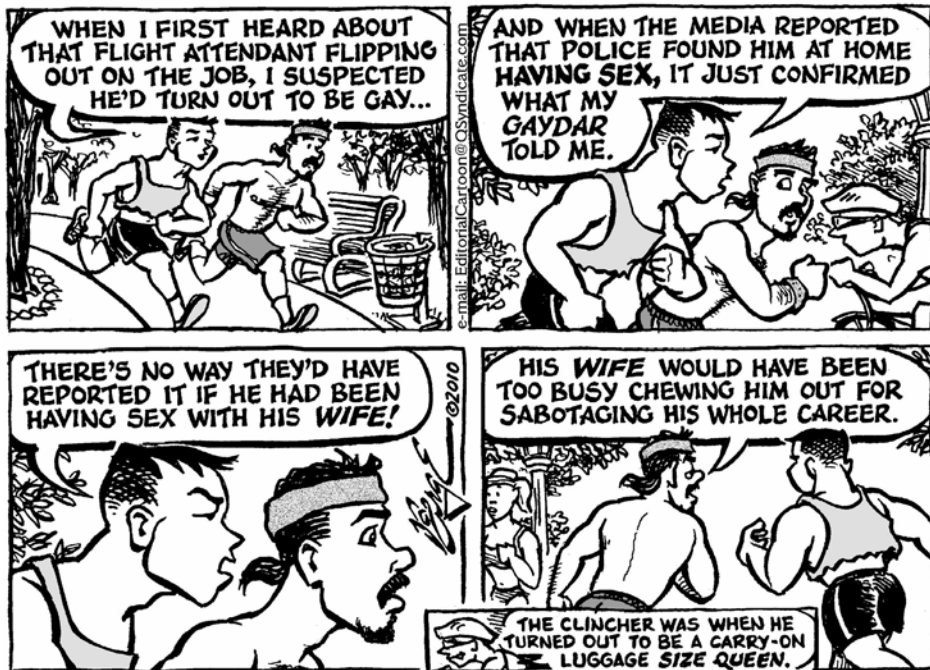
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## Dining by Design left us speechless

A picture is worth a 1,000 words – and this week, we're thankful for it, as there's no possible way to use language to fully describe last weekend's Dining by Design event.

Even our crack team of writers at Between The Lines is dumbfounded, trying to come up with synonyms for "amazing," or a way to describe what it's like to walk into a room and see Arabian Nights meets Grecian Dream meets Martha Stewart meets Frank Lloyd Wright meets the circus.

Jaw-dropping? Eye-opening? A feast for the senses? No phrase quite cuts it when thinking about the unique taste of watermelon-and-basil salad or a white chocolate pyramid, the mish-mash of colors, objects and themes that put our eyes on design overload, the awesomely crafted DJ mixes that brought even BTL publishers Jan Stevenson and Susan Horowitz to the dance floor.

But it was more than just beautiful or interesting or delicious, and we're thankful that organizers, attendees and even the heads of the Design Industry Foundation Fighting AIDS could see why: We made something wonderful, and we did it in Detroit.

DIFFA Executive Director David Sheppard was honest with us: he didn't know if we had it in us to pull off a huge, high-end event like Dining by Design. Heck, he had never even been to Detroit until last weekend.

But we not only made a good impression with our city – we secured an annual event that will continue to show New York City and San Francisco and Chicago that we are right on-par. And it's an event that will also, lest we forget, raise hundreds of thousands of dollars to fund the work of the Michigan AIDS Coalition.

Dining by Design was a smash hit by all accounts. Cocktails by Design/ArtWorks brought in close to 600 people to try dishes generously

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donated by dozens of area chefs and purchase one-of-a-kind works of art. Friday allowed everyone and anyone in to see the table creations made by local design teams. And Saturday, though elite and unfortunately too costly for many, proved to be, in our humble opinion, one of the best events Michigan's LGBT community has ever experienced.

And there was LGBT presence, too. Dining by Design brought in an even mixture of both straight and gay business owners, corporate heads and socialites, and we loved to see them mixing and mingling throughout the night at an event that surely shows that, in one way or another, we are all still in the fight against HIV/AIDS together.

So if you feel left out, know that the success of MAC, its volunteers and the many designers, event planners, florists and fashionistas has ensured that you will have another chance to be part of this spectacular event. And if you couldn't attend, please be sure to check out photos of the event on our website and on pages 14-15 of this week's issue of Between The Lines. They don't quite say everything, but the capture more than our words ever could.

## THE GAY MORALIST



## A skeptic's faith

BY JOHN CORVINO

"The trouble with atheism," my friend said with a smile, "is that you don't get any holidays." Sometimes even tired jokes can be insightful.

The friend was a Catholic priest, speaking to me (an atheist) as I spent a week with him and several dozen other priests and brothers. I feel surprisingly at home in such an environment, having once been a candidate for priesthood myself. To cite another tired-but-true phrase, you can take the boy out of the church, but you can't take the church out of the boy. (The boy asks indulgence from his readers for what's going to be a strangely personal column.)

I left the church, and ultimately, theism, with some ambivalence. While I'm well aware of the church's sins – especially against my LGBT sisters and brothers – I'm also the grateful recipient of its gifts: a rich intellectual and aesthetic tradition, a passion for justice, a commitment to human dignity, a willingness to grapple with the "big questions."

To be sure, its members and leaders have not always lived up to these ideals. But for the most part, I experienced the church as a community of remarkable people striving to do their best in a broken world.

I left it, not from anger, but from philosophical dissatisfaction. In the words of the 17th century philosopher Thomas Hobbes, the mysteries of religion are like "wholesome pills for the sick, which swallowed whole, have the virtue to cure; but chewed, are for the most part cast up again without effect."

As a philosopher, I couldn't help chewing, trying to make rational sense of it all. In time, the doctrines of the "One True Church" started looking no more compelling than the many competing "false" ones. Eventually the whole endeavor of organized religion seemed inadequate: attempts to explain mysteries by appealing to even greater mysteries. I stopped believing.

That was 15 years ago. In recent years, I've become more outspoken about my skepticism, as I've recognized the dangers of people's thinking that they have infallible backing for their beliefs and prejudices.

Yet none of that erased my awe at mystery or my longing to understand. I continued to harbor faith in some thread connecting all things, even while I declined to call that elusive thread "God." Any being who was abstract enough to escape the theological baggage would be too impersonal to be worthy of worship.

And yet, even a skeptic's faith can be tested.

On my second day with the priests I received the shocking news that my best friend from junior high through college was in a coma. Michael (not his real name) and I had last corresponded back in March, when I mentioned him in a column.

Shortly thereafter Michael learned he had an aggressive cancer – something he kept from most friends, including me. The day after being released from the hospital following chemotherapy, he suffered a stroke. Neurologists weren't detecting any brain activity, and his partner and family were beginning to discuss removing his ventilator. That's when I learned of his illness.

My priest-friends, naturally, started praying. I appreciated the gesture but declined to join them. Even as a theist I had problems with petitionary prayer: If God always knows and does what's best, why petition him? Wouldn't it be unjust for Michael's fate to hinge on the prayers of strangers? In any case, such questions became moot for me as a skeptic: there are indeed atheists in foxholes.

I was singing with the priests when I got the phone call. To the surprise of his doctors and family, Michael had woken up.

Let me be clear: I no more attribute this positive turn to divine intervention than I would have attributed his death to divine neglect.

Again, if God always does what's best, then it's self-serving to praise him only when one likes the results. What tested my skepticism was *not* Michael's unexpected surfacing. (He's still responsive, by the way, though his condition is precarious.)

What tested it, rather, was spending time with this community of fellow truth-seekers and longing once again to be a part of it. Unlike some members of their hierarchy (not to mention their congregations), these men didn't claim to have all the answers. They acknowledged God as mysterious. But they prayed nonetheless.

I still don't understand how to pray before a mystery: to praise its glory, to ask its assistance, to beg its forgiveness. But I feel oddly connected to those who do.

It's not the holidays I miss, but the community of seekers that goes with them.

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Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.  
– First Amendment, U.S. Constitution

# S/he said

## Queen Latifah, Prop. 8 and black support

COMPILED BY HOWARD ISRAEL

*“There is a disconnect and misrepresentation of the gay community. Much like African-Americans represent every color and hue on the spectrum, both in skin tone and backgrounds, so does the gay community. We are all different, representing everything and nothing in particular. Gay can be black, white, poor, rich, Latino, Asian, etc. In the same way it does not serve any minority to further alienate themselves along superficial lines, neither does it serve minorities in general to form a class system within a class system; or a caste system in which someone is always less desirable or more worthy.”*

- Edward Wyckoff Williams, in his column titled “Is gay the new black?,” [www.thegrio.com](http://www.thegrio.com), Aug. 6.



Chic and Sassy

*“Two drag queens have taken advantage of the hip-hop popularity and have formed the first of its kind drip-drop duo, that’s drag hip-hop. I believe they coined the phrase. Raven-haired Chic and blonde Sassy are two super talented, sexy, drag hip-hop artists that are breaking down stereotypes, walls and anything that gets in their way to become part of the out hip-hop movement.”*

- Samara, in an interview titled “Chic & Sassy – Drip Drop Queens,” *Adelante Magazine* <http://adelantemagazine.com>, Aug. 2.

*“The AIDS epidemic in general – its immensity and scope and general scariness smother a lot of us until we feel like we are powerless to respond at all. But when it comes to the issue of women’s leadership, there’s no need to think about it in that huge and abstract way. Of course AIDS would be a million times easier to fight if there were no gender inequality or stigma or illiteracy in the world, but at this moment we’re simply talking about elevating voices who have the background and experience to advocate smartly for immediate, high-impact changes.”*

- Ryan Brown, in an article titled “Women: The missing weapon against AIDS,” about a report released by the United Nations Development Fund for Women that presses for female voices in the global fight against HIV/AIDS, <http://www.salon.com>, July 19.

*“What the question suggests is that it’s impossible for a gay judge to render an unbiased opinion because the only judges who are qualified are the ‘normal’ ones – and those would be the straight ones. The only reason Walker’s sexuality is up for debate now is that the right wing isn’t happy with (him) shining the light of justice on their bigotry.”*

- Shay Aaron Gilmore, San Francisco attorney, quoted in a column titled “Is Judge Vaughn Walker really gay?,” [www.salon.com](http://www.salon.com), Aug. 10.



*“While the pictures were only supposed to serve as last week’s tabloid fodder, if the women were publicly out as a couple, the shots would be one of the healthiest mainstream representations of black lesbians we’ve ever seen. Maybe that’s why some of us keep begging her to come out of the closet, because it’s exactly this kind of image that’s so desperately needed.”*

- Jamilah King, in an article titled “It’s Time for Everybody to Get Out of Queen Latifah’s Bedroom,” about leaked photos of Queen Latifah with her rumored long-time love Jeanette Jenkins, <http://colorlines.com>, Aug. 11.



Rev. Gilbert Caldwell

*“Many black people are using arguments against same-sex marriage that have also been used to discriminate against us – so why are we using them?”*

- Rev. Gilbert H. Caldwell, retired United Methodist minister, in his column titled “Prop 8 and the Black Community,” [www.theroot.com](http://www.theroot.com), Aug. 11.



## Parting Glances Then & Now

BY CHARLES ALEXANDER

### Glory in Gatorade

I’ve been flown by BTL to Gatorade, Ariz., to attend the first-ever gathering of Drag Queens for Jesus. (No affiliation with Dykes 4 Jesus, 9-Hole Golfing Alliance.)

BTL staff drew straws for the all-expenses-paid trip, courtesy of Rainbow Three-Ways Airlines. I said sure, provided a butch icon like myself didn’t get in drag for the weekend confab, especially during a planned Sunday after-church “Barbie-Q” cookout.

If my head count’s correct (I’m usually off the mark when it comes to counting on drag queens for anything – let alone to counting on them for Jesus), there are 100 attendees – curiously, mostly from Traverse City – in this conservative desert oasis of 832 citizens.

It’s no surprise the queens are stirring up things among townfolk: cowpokes, soccer moms, four competitive Avon ladies, a 93-year-old postman, gossipy grass widows, tumbleweed divorcees, cranky automotive retirees, laid-off used-car barons, and a half-crazed CIA Madoff look-alike writing his LSD memoirs.

I was told by Rainbow flight attendant Chance Ankleman – who winked at me a lot during the 10-hour flight down – that just about everybody in Gatorade was against hosting “uppity” drags, until the town preacher, Rev. Dowler P. Sparks, christened the gathering a religious event, with lip-sync redemption overtones, and a soul-stirring passion play pageant, suitable for all ages, “temporal, eternal, and hot-weather torpid.”

#### “Were you influenced as a teen by the San Francisco Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence?”

The trip was uneventful (apart from winky-boi Chance), but it was problematic for our flighty groupies. They got time-consumingly electronically frisked. All chattering. Some voguing. All singing, “Love Lifted Me.” (The Drag Queens for Jesus theme song.)

The bra inspection for explosive materials took one hour, 15 minutes. There was some debate among security as to whether or not spiked heels constitute a weapon. False eyelashes over an inch were also chemically suspect. Compromise: four-inch heels confiscated.

(One arrest: well-known Joan Rivers “sarcasm diva.” Said her heels were orthopedic-prescribed for lectern, 36-D cup uplift visibility. She faints. Decision which restroom to use. Placed on 24-hour prayer vigil watch.)

I was booked into the Nowayjose Mexicana Motor Lodge. (“Nowayjose” is named for Ralph Watson Nowayjose, gringo Gatorade mayor for 30 years.) There are six in my assigned hot/cold-running-bottled-water, bidet available, color TV, free popcorn, poolside suite.

It’s a bit crowded, as each drag queen brought three Dance of the Seven Veils competition gowns and spikey flagellation props for the passion play.

We’re poolside, gaily exhausted. By chance, I wave to Chance. By chance, he winkies back; swimming butterfly splash-and-flash strokes, looking gleamingly wet and bronze-body wonderful in the hotter-than-August torrid Arizona sun, as I interview Lady-Love Mary Magdalena Bi-Faith (aka Mark-Luke Browner), president elect of Drag Queens for Jesus.

“I was 12 when I first did drag. Our Sunday School class put on a play about John the Baptist and Salome getting head on a platter. I was Salome’s hand maiden. Even then I knew there was something exciting about Johns. And Baptists. Blew my little mind! I’ve been collecting silver platters – and Baptist Johns – ever since.”

“Were you influenced as a teen by the San Francisco Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence?” I ask, as Chance mounts the diving board, ripples his articulated abs to contrapuntal perfection and winks each ab one by one in my direction. (I unclasp a sandal seductively.)

“Oh, Honey! I love anything perpetual! And what, pray tell, is more in-your-face, ongoing, per-pet-you-all! than Mother Church when everybody gets in Sunday drag? Ecclesiastical showbiz. Lights! Camera! Action! Kiss! Turn! Applause!

“If heaven’s blessed you with tonsured balls, use ‘em or lose ‘em, that’s our motto. Drag Queens for Jesus. Kick one. Pray two. Over and out! Gender bender. Genuflect! And DO it again!”

*Charles@pridesource.com. Facebook too. Watch for “Gatorade” parts 2 and 3 in the coming weeks.*



## Bill McCollum

BY D'ANNE WITKOWSKI

I've never much cared for Florida. I mean, sure, alligators are cool. It has nice weather in the winter and is home to many kind grandmas, not to mention Disney World. But it also is the only state to completely ban gay people from adopting children. And I can't help but take that a little personally.

Granted, Florida does allow gays to be foster parents. And even that's too much for Florida

you, McCollum, those things are natural.

What isn't natural is voluntarily becoming a foster parent in a state that has no shortage of kids in need of a home. Becoming a foster parent isn't exactly an innate trait. It takes a lot of consideration and sacrifice to open your life and your home to kids in need. Are there terrible foster parents out there? Oh, hell yes. And by automatically weeding out the gay ones you simply shrink the pool, not make it safer.

So if only a mother and a father will do, then that not only rules out gay folks, it also rules out single men and women, which Florida also allows to be foster parents. So I guess what McCollum really wants is to make the shortage of foster parents in Florida worse. You know, for the kids.

"And this election is about ...



Bill McCollum

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Attorney General Bill McCollum, who is turning up the anti-gay rhetoric as he vies for the Republican nomination for governor.

McCollum, who defended Florida's anti-gay adoption ban in court and who paid George "Rent-boy" Rekers \$120,000 to act as his expert anti-gay witness, doesn't think gays should be allowed to be foster parents, either.

"I really do not think that we should have homosexuals guiding our children. I think that it's a lifestyle that I don't agree with," McCollum told the Florida Baptist Witness. "It's my personal faith, religious faith, that I don't believe that the people who do this should be raising our children. It's not a natural thing. You need a mother and a father. You need a man and a woman. That's what God intended."

Hmm. So no homos around the kids because McCollum's religious-based bigotry is more important than kids without stability in their lives. And gays simply can't provide that because they are "people who do this ... thing" that is not "natural." But what is this thing? Being gay? Having sex? Sorry to break it to

our children," he said. "It's about the grandchildren and children of the people of Florida and making Florida a better place for them."

As long as "better" in this instance actually means "shittier," then McCollum is totally correct.

Not surprisingly, McCollum is also against letting gays and lesbians marry.

"I believe that marriage should be between a man and a woman," he told the Florida Baptist Witness. "I believe that a family should consist of one man and one woman."

Wait, so if they have kids then they're not a family anymore? Dude, you're confusing me.

There's really no confusion, however, about the travesty McCollum would be as governor for LGBT Floridians. "I don't believe in involving the government in enforcing or encouraging the lifestyle of gays and homosexuals. I just don't believe that," he said.

But I guess involving the government in discriminating against "gays and homosexuals" (because there's apparently a difference) is A-OK.

# Suspect arrested in Battle Creek stabbing

## Police report: Motive was robbery, not anti-gay hate crime

BY TODD HEYWOOD

Authorities in Battle Creek have apprehended a suspect in a brutal stabbing case there. Police originally said they thought the July 25 stabbing was a hate crime, but now say the motive of the attack was robbery, reports the Battle Creek Enquirer.

The suspect, Robert Bungo, 40, was arrested after a high-speed chase on Aug. 11. He was arraigned on a charge of possession of a stolen car. The vehicle in which he attempted to flee police was allegedly stolen in Dallas earlier in the week.

After his arrest, his 45-year-old stabbing victim identified Bungo as his assailant.

Bungo, officials said, will likely be in court again soon on charges of attempted murder, kidnapping, auto theft and armed robbery stemming from the July 25 assault.

According to police, Bungo forced his victim to drive to Leila Arboretum in Battle Creek. Once in the park, Bungo allegedly forced the victim out of his car and stabbed him multiple times in the head and neck. A passerby heard the victim's screams and came upon the attack. Bungo allegedly told the witness the situation was a "domestic" situation, then took the victim's car and fled the scene.

The victim's wallet was discovered in Charlotte, but the person who found it later burnt it because they were unable to reach the victim.

After the attack occurred, an anonymous post was put up on the website Craigslist. The post, titled "I warned you, you dumb queer," took credit for



**"We are concerned that the individual who originally claimed to be responsible for this violent act claims their hate speech on Craig's List was merely 'a prank.' This was not a prank, this was a threat. These statements led police down the wrong path and may have put others at risk while attention was focused elsewhere. By the use of this vile and hateful language, this person instilled fear in the community."**

- Equality Michigan Executive Director Alicia Skillman

the assault. A second posting appeared on Craigslist following the police announcement they were investigating the crime as a possible anti-gay hate crime. That second post denied responsibility for the crime but used derogatory language about gays.

Police tell the Battle Creek Enquirer the anonymous Craigslist poster called them to deny responsibility or knowledge in relation to the attack. Police say the poster put the comment up "as a prank."

Equality Michigan, which tracks anti-gay hate crimes, was not amused.

"While we're deeply saddened by the circumstances, we are thankful that a suspect is in custody for the stabbing incident in Battle Creek," said Executive Director Alicia Skillman. "We are con-

cerned, however, that the individual who originally claimed to be responsible for this violent act claims their hate speech on Craig's List was merely 'a prank.' This was not a prank, this was a threat. These statements led police down the wrong path and may have put others at risk while attention was focused elsewhere. By the use of this vile and hateful language, this person instilled fear in the community."

"Equality Michigan continues to work on educating the public, and hopefully this person will someday realize the ignorance of their actions."

*This article ran in full on MichiganMessenger.com.*

# Animal shelter to host Hogs 4 Dogs

Dog-lovers and motorcycle lovers will united Aug. 26 at Silky's Martini Bar in Dearborn when the second annual Hogs 4 Dogs event roars into town.

Harley-Davidson Motorcycles and Biker Bob's of Motown have teamed up with Silky's to raise funds for Friends for the Dearborn Animal Shelter, which takes in thousands of stray and unwanted animals per year, fostering them and helping to put them into good homes. The Dearborn Animal Shelter gained notoriety last year when it rescued – and successfully adopted out – over 100 Chihuahuas from a hoarding situation.

All breeds of dogs, big and small, are welcome at this event – and their humans, too. From 4-9 p.m., Silky's will feature food and drinks, music from Dog



Photo courtesy of Dearborn Animal Shelter.

Bone and DJ Steve Miller, a tin can and 50/50 raffle, door prizes, hog and dog contests, plus new Harley-Davidson bikes on display. Items will also be up

for auction, and donating an item to the shelter guarantees a free Jell-o shot.

Members of local lesbian biker group Dykes on Bikes will also be on-hand, representing the LGBT community.

Only 200 tickets will be sold for Hogs 4 Dogs, and tickets are \$20 each, available at the shelter, Silky's and Kier-

nan's Steak House.

For more information, visit [www.dearbornanimals.org](http://www.dearbornanimals.org).



# Republican takeover push happening in Michigan, too



**W**ith less than three months to go until the midterm elections, the battle for control of Congress moves to center stage.

Two years ago, President Obama's political coattails helped to enlarge the

Democratic majorities in Congress, with some relatively conservative House districts electing Democrats for the first time in many years. Now, many of the first-term Democratic incumbents face tough re-election prospects.

Some of these new lawmakers had to cast some difficult, but necessary, votes during their first 18 months in office in order to prevent an economic depression and expand health care coverage to more Americans. The freshman Democrats of 2009-2010 will be needed in the coming months and years to repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and the Defense of Marriage Act, support other pro-equality legislation, and continue to take the important steps needed to bring the nation's economy back to life.

Two of the Democrats elected in Republican districts in 2008 are right here in Michigan: Rep. Gary Peters (Bloomfield Hills) and Rep. Mark Schauer (Battle Creek). Both of these congressmen are prime targets of the national Republican Party in its efforts to regain control of Congress this year. Without people like Reps. Peters and Schauer in Congress, the chances for passage of progressive legislation in Congress would

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dwindle significantly. The Republicans have selected their nominees for these two seats, and the contrasts between the incumbents and challengers are quite stark.

Andrew "Rocky" Raczkowski is the Republican candidate selected to challenge Rep. Peters in Oakland County. Raczkowski is a former Michigan state representative, and was the Republican nominee for the U.S. Senate in 2002 against Sen. Carl Levin, losing badly to the veteran senator. The Republican nominee is trying to project a sensible image to the voters of his moderate district. However, Raczkowski would represent a radical step backward for Michigan, and would be even more conservative than the man Peters defeated in 2008, Joe Knollenberg.

Recently Raczkowski aligned himself with the so-called "birthers," reactionary crackpots who believe that President Obama was not born in the United States, and is therefore, in their

view, not constitutionally qualified to serve as president. Disturbingly, a lot of people in the Republican Party have bought into this fallacy, indicative of how far out of the mainstream that party has drifted in recent years. Raczkowski's alignment with the birthers belies his efforts to present himself as a political moderate.

Raczkowski has also accepted the endorsement (and financial resources) of the Eagle Forum, a rabidly anti-woman and anti-LGBT organization, founded by the bigoted activist Phyllis Schlafly. In a recent speech for Raczkowski, Schlafly suggested that a majority of unmarried woman voted for President Obama in 2008 because they need "big brother" when they kick the man out of the house. If this is the sort of support Raczkowski wants in his campaign, it is fair to say that he would be a reliable vote against equality and in favor of discrimination if elected to Congress.

Republican voters in the Seventh District (Schauer's) have selected former Rep. Tim Walberg to run against the man who defeated him two years ago. This rematch has Republicans salivating, because they still cannot quite believe that a Democrat could win in this fairly conservative district.

Throughout his career in the Michigan legislature and Congress, Walberg, a fundamentalist minister, was solidly in the back pocket of the religious right. Unsurprisingly, Walberg also enjoys the endorsement of the Eagle Forum. On his campaign website, the former representative says that if elected again to Congress, he would fight for "one man, one woman marriage" and for the "sanctity of life." In one of his losing congressional races several years ago, Walberg

**The Human Rights Campaign's information on Michigan's current congressional delegation (including Peters and Schauer) and their support for LGBT equality:**

<http://tinyurl.com/2ab6koh>



stated his belief that "it's a sin to be gay."

In 2008, voters in Michigan and across the country elected many progressive candidates to Congress who believe that all citizens should be treated equally and fairly. Reps. Peters and Schauer have served with great courage during these tough times. Many people are rightly anxious about the state of the economy, and a natural reaction among some voters is to choose new people to make things better. However, Raczkowski and Walberg would only serve the interests of homophobes, religious zealots and political crackpots. Michigan voters have correctly rejected these two men in the past, and for the sake of our state and nation, the voters should reject them again.

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from resident Paul Napote – a known opponent of gay rights – urging recipients to voice their opinions against the ordinance to city commissioners, and to Bifoss as well.

Bifoss says he has only received two phone calls so far, but Carruthers is expecting more of a backlash soon.

Pensky is equally pensive about how Traverse City residents will react. "I think it is a good city and people here are trying to be more progressive," he said. "I feel like it's changing in its attitudes, but we'll see."

### Moving toward equality

Despite the outspoken anti-gay presence known to still lurk in Traverse City, Carruthers and Pensky agree that the overall view of residents is more inclusive than ever before.

Their evidence? A history of gay Pride festivals and events, the most recent being a "Gay and Lesbian life in Traverse City" conference held last year. The willingness of city commissioners to be public allies is another indicator. The survival of gay bar Sidetraxx in a downtown overrun with pubs, clubs and watering holes shows that the community still exists. A surprising history of several out city officials, including former Commissioner and Mayor Peter Taylor, who came out after resigning, and former Commissioner and current Director of Downtown Development Brian Crowe, who even held his wedding in Traverse City.

But Carruthers remarked that the real test will probably come down to voters. Napote has already threatened to do a ballot referendum, and is likely to succeed. And what do gay rights supporters say to that? Bring it on.

# Media decides Prop. 8 judge is gay

## Reports continue though Walker has yet to confirm

BY REX WOCKNER

**I**n a break with past practice on outing, the U.S. mainstream media decided in early August that U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker, who struck down Proposition 8 as unconstitutional, is gay, openly gay or reportedly gay.

Walker has never publicly said if he's gay or straight. In the past, U.S. mainstream media have avoided outing people who've chosen not to out themselves.

Most of the reports either attributed Walker's alleged gayness to other mainstream reports or said it is common knowledge in certain San Francisco circles. Some reports flat-out called him "openly gay," without attributing the assertion to any event or individual.

The Associated Press took the plunge on Aug. 6, writing: "Rumors have circulated for months that Walker is gay, fueled by the blogosphere and a San Francisco Chronicle column that stated his sexual orientation was an 'open secret' in legal and gay activism circles. Walker himself hasn't addressed the speculation, and he did not respond to a request for comment by The Associated Press."

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The New York Times wrote, "Several published reports have stated that the judge is himself gay."

New York's Daily News said, "The federal judge who upended California's same-sex marriage ban this week is now being scrutinized by some for being gay himself."

Fox News called Walker "one of three openly gay federal judges in the country," and a CNN opinion piece called him "an openly gay federal judge."

The Washington Post let a political

analyst call Walker "openly gay."

Anti-gay activists have suggested that Walker's purported gayness means he shouldn't have accepted the Prop. 8 case, since it deals with whether marriage is only for straight people or also for gay people.

The anti-gay activists did not address the fact that a heterosexual judge would have found himself in an identical situation of ruling on an issue that is related to his or her sexual orientation.

Michelangelo Signorile, who has been credited with inventing outing when he was a columnist at New York's defunct OutWeek magazine in 1989, said the Walker outing was "a testament to how easily the media is manipulated by the right into doing things about which editors and reporters claim to be staunchly opposed."

He said the Walker reports amounted to "outrageous hypocrisy ... on the part of the corporate media" because "even with proof and evidence, news organizations refuse to report on the secretly gay sexual orientation of conservative, anti-gay politicians and public figures when the argument for their exposure is made from the left."



# Prop. 8 stay granted

## California same-sex marriages blocked for several more months

BY REX WOCKNER

The Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Aug. 16 blocked any same-sex marriages from taking place in California while proponents of the state's marriage ban appeal the Aug. 4 district-court ruling that found Proposition 8 in violation of the U.S. Constitution.

The appeals court said it will hear the case the week of Dec. 6, and it set up an expedited briefing schedule for the case's attorneys. The court also ordered the proponents of the ban to prove that they have "standing" to appeal the decision made by District Judge Vaughn Walker.

The actual defendants in the case, including Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Attorney General Jerry Brown, have refused to defend Prop. 8, and the Court of Appeals' order seemed sympathetic to the idea that proponents of the ban, as "defendant-intervenors," are not properly situated to appeal Walker's ruling.

If they are not, that could end the case, and same-sex marriage would again be legal in California under Walker's original ruling, though a decision on standing could be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. The defendant-intervenors are the same people who put Prop. 8 on the ballot in 2008 to overturn the state's legalization of same-sex marriage.

"The Ninth Circuit put the appeal on a fast track and specifically directed the Prop. 8 proponents to address 'why the appeal should not be dismissed for lack of Article III standing'

in their opening brief," said the National Center for Lesbian Rights. "That means the court will consider whether the proponents of Prop. 8 have the right to file an appeal at the same time that it is considering whether Judge Walker's decision that Prop. 8 violates the federal Constitution is legally correct."

The proponents' opening brief is due Sept. 17, the plaintiffs' opposing brief is due Oct. 18 and the proponents' reply brief is due Nov. 1.

A decision that the proponents lack standing could come in December. If the Ninth Circuit decides the proponents have standing and goes on to consider the constitutionality of Prop. 8, it would not be expected to issue a decision until sometime in early 2011. Either decision could be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Meanwhile, the plaintiffs challenging Prop. 8 could appeal the Ninth Circuit's current stay to the U.S. Supreme Court right now but have given no indication they will do so.

Robin Tyler, whose marriage to Diane Olson was the first same-sex marriage in Southern California two years ago, said the stay is deeply disappointing.

"We are tired of our emotions being batted around like pingpong balls," Tyler said. "Gays and lesbians are human beings, and there is not one legal reason to delay same-sex marriages in California. ... Martin Luther King said, 'Justice delayed is justice denied.' He also said, 'Wait means never.' Once again, our hopes have been dashed."



Judge Vaughn Walker

NCLR Executive Director Kate Kendall said: "Every additional day that couples must

wait to marry again in California is painful, but despite the terrible disappointment for the many couples whose right to marry has been delayed yet again, today's ruling includes another significant victory for our side. The court did the right thing by putting the case on a fast track and specifically ordering that Prop. 8 proponents show why they have a legal right to appeal. This ruling brings us one step closer to ending the nightmare of Prop. 8 and restoring full equality for all Californians."

Lambda Legal called the stay "painful."

"We are saddened by the Ninth Circuit's decision to maintain the stay of Judge Walker's ruling that Prop. 8 is unconstitutional," said Jennifer Pizer, director of the group's Marriage Project. "We very much hoped to see same-sex couples again free to celebrate their love and mutual devotion through marriage starting later this week. We know this delay is painful for couples in love, who have been denied their basic rights for too long already."

She also said the Ninth Circuit failed to apply "the standard test for when a stay should be ordered."

The test requires, among other things, that an appellant prove a strong likelihood of winning on appeal and that the appellant would suffer an irreparable injury without a stay. Judge Walker said the Prop. 8 proponents failed to pass any part of the test. The Ninth Circuit's order did not explain its determination.

# Target struggles with donation backlash

## Some conservatives promise boycott if Target donates to pro-gay causes

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) – Conservative activists said Aug. 13 that Target Corp. won't quell the controversy over its corporate donations if the retailer gives in to demands from the left to renounce involvement in political campaigns or to help gay-friendly candidates.

Charlie Weaver, a leader of a political organization supporting a conservative Republican gubernatorial candidate in Minnesota, said the pressure from gays and liberal organizations on Target amounts to "thuggery."

"This is simply an attempt to intimidate companies from doing what the Supreme Court said they're entitled to do: exercise their free speech," said Weaver, treasurer of MN Forward, a campaign group that got \$150,000 from Target last month.

A GOP state lawmaker said the controversy, including protests and calls for a boycott by gay leaders, has put Target in a bind.

"They're darned if they do something and they're darned if they don't," said Rep. Marty Seifert, a Republican from Marshall.

Contributors to a conservative Facebook page on the controversy also warned the company of a backlash from the right.

"I will not boycott Target unless they cater

to the demand of the gay activists," said one writer. The page grew exponentially on Friday from fewer than 500 fans to more than 9,000 as the controversy moved into its third week.

The conservatives' admonitions come as liberal groups demand that Target balance the earlier donation that helped GOP gubernatorial nominee Tom Emmer, an outspoken critic of gay marriage. Target CEO Gregg Steinhafel's issued a statement of apology last week, and gay and liberal organizations have been negotiating with corporate officials for an equal donation or another concession.

Protesters have kept the pressure on by rallying almost daily outside Target's Minneapolis headquarters or its stores since the donation became known.

The flap has revealed new implications of a recent Supreme Court ruling that appeared to benefit corporations by clearing the way for them to spend company funds directly on political campaigns. Target's donation to a business-oriented group supporting Emmer was one of the first big corporate contributions to come to light after the decision.

The retail chain has gone from defending the donation as a business decision to apologiz-

ing and saying it would carefully review its future giving.

"Target is receiving criticism and frustration from their customers because they are doing something wrong, and that should serve absolutely as an example for other companies," said Ilyse Hogue, director of political advocacy for the liberal group MoveOn.org, which is pressing Target to formally renounce involvement in elections.

Criticism has also come from local government officials in San Francisco, one of the urban markets where Target plans to open new stores.

The company is in talks with the Human Rights Campaign, a national gay rights organization. The group is also demanding donations from electronics retailer Best Buy Co., which gave \$100,000 to the same group backing Emmer.

Fred Sainz, HRC's vice president for communications, said he is optimistic both companies will respond. Target has long cultivated a good relationship with the gay community in Minneapolis, and its gay employees have protested the political donation.

"The repair has to be consistent with the harm that was done," Sainz said.

MN Forward is staffed by former insiders from Republican Gov. Tim Pawlenty's administration and has also backed a few Democratic legislators. The group has continued to collect corporate money after the backlash against Target, bringing in \$110,000 through Tuesday from businesses including Holiday Cos. gas stations and Graco Inc., a maker of pumps and fluid handling equipment. Weaver said the group's sole focus is job creation, not social issues.

A Target spokeswoman said the company had nothing to add to Steinhafel's statement of apology last week. Emmer has said he views the Target giving as an exercise in free speech and wants to keep his campaign focused on economic issues.

Conservatives are watching to see whether Target bends to the pressure, said Kelly O'Keefe, a brand expert at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Va.

"They're likely to raise the ire of a different constituency of customers and get themselves in a never-ending cycle of alienating people," he said. "A better thing is for them to swear off any future investment in elections."



## Mexico City gay marriages get nationwide recognition

Same-sex couples who get married in Mexico City, the only place in the nation where they can do so, are validly married everywhere in Mexico, in all 31 states, the Supreme Court ruled Aug. 10 in a 9-2 vote.

Technically, one has to live in Mexico City to marry there. In practice, the policy is not enforced consistently, if at all.

The court said that Article 121 of the federal constitution requires that a civil-registry act celebrated in one state or district be recognized nationally.

The Mexico City government's website says that to marry in Mexico City, a couple must "be residents of the Federal District" and present the original and a copy of proof of domicile issued within the past three months. It does not say what qualifies as proof. News reports have mentioned things such as utility bills and have suggested that the requirement is not strictly enforced.

The same page of the website explains what is required for "foreigners" to marry in Mexico City. If only one of the individuals is foreign, he or she must present "authorization issued by the Secretary of Governance to marry." But, "when both parties are foreigners, permission from the Secretary of Governance is not required."

The website's information seems at odds with media statements by Mexico City officials, who have said they hope gay couples will come from around the world to get married and that the city is working with travel agencies to offer packages that include flights, hotel, sightseeing, a wedding and a banquet.

The website of the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City, under the heading "American Citizens Services – Marriage and Divorce in Mexico," says: "You should contact the office of the Registro Civil in the jurisdiction where you plan to get married for complete information about the requirements. A marriage that is properly executed in Mexico is valid in the United States provided the marriage would be legal in the United States."

An English-language Google search for "getting married in Mexico" produced tens of thousands of hits clearly aimed at nonresident foreigners.

## Quebec Press Council denounces Olympics broadcasters

The Quebec Press Council has denounced two TV broadcasters who made fun of skater Johnny Weir during the Vancouver Olympics.

Sportscasters Alain Goldberg and Claude Mailhot said on air that Weir hurts figure skating's image and should take a gender test or maybe compete in women's events. "They'll think all the boys who skate will end up like him," Goldberg said. "It sets a very bad example. ... We should make him pass a gender test at this point."

The council's ruling stated: "The council is aware that Mr. Mailhot and Mr. Goldberg diligently made on-air apologies following the incident. However, it cannot ignore the gravity of the error they have committed and therefore addresses the grievance. (The council) directs severe blame at Mr. Claude Mailhot and Mr. Alain Goldberg for having shown contempt, having harmed the dignity of the figure skater, Mr. Johnny Weir, and having made discriminatory remarks against him."

The decision has no effect other than tarnishing the broadcasters' images.

"We are happy ... to see that the QPC recognized the severity of the error," said Steve Foster, president of the Quebec Council of Gays and Lesbians, which had filed a complaint with the QPC. "These radio announcers showed disrespect not only to the integrity of the athlete but also to the integrity of gays and heterosexuals that do not correspond to the social stereotypes of masculinity and femininity."

## Costa Rican Supremes block referendum on gay unions

Costa Rica's Supreme Court ruled Aug. 10 that a voter referendum scheduled for Dec. 5 that could have banned same-sex unions was unconstitutional.

The court's constitutional arm ruled 5-2 that marriage rights are a legislative issue, not a matter for voters, and that minority rights should not be subject to the referendum process. The court said that people in same-sex relationships "form a group that is subject to disadvantages and discrimination, and require the support of public authorities to obtain their rights."

## Poll: Russians very homophobic

A new poll by Russia's Center for Public Opinion Research has found almost universal opposition to gay people, GayRussia.ru reported Aug. 8.

The poll, conducted in late July, questioned 1,600 people in 130 cities and has a margin of error of 3.4 percent.

It found that 74 percent of Russians believe gays and lesbians are morally dissolute or mentally defective, while only 15 percent think they are normal.

Thirty-nine percent of those questioned believe that homosexuals should be forcibly treated for their condition or isolated

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from society, 24 percent think gays should be sent to psychologists, 25 percent think gays should be left in peace and 4 percent think homosexuals should be eliminated.

On the matter of equal rights, the findings were better, with 45 percent of Russians saying gays and lesbians should have equal rights – unless the issue is marriage. Only 14 percent of those questioned support letting gay couples marry.

And unless the issue is freedom of assembly. Eighty-two percent of Russians object to gay pride parades. A whopping 8 percent support them.

The poll found that men, older people, poorer people and people with less education are more homophobic.

"The conclusion we can make from these results is that we only have more work ahead," said Moscow Pride head Nikolai Alekseev. "The attitude of Russians toward gay prides (and) same-sex marriages cannot improve when officials are using the media to call for hatred towards the LGBT community."

## Groups plan 'Pride House' at 2014 Olympics in Sochi

Moscow Pride and GayRussia.ru have sent a letter of intent to the International Olympic Committee and the Russian Olympic Committee informing them there will be a "Pride House" at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi.

The first such house appeared at the Olympics in Vancouver this year.

"We believe that we have to continue this tradition in Sochi after Vancouver and London," said leading Moscow activist Nikolai Alekseev. "The Olympics are regularly attended by hundreds of gay and lesbian athletes who are forced to hide their sexual orientation by fear of the damages it could make on their career."



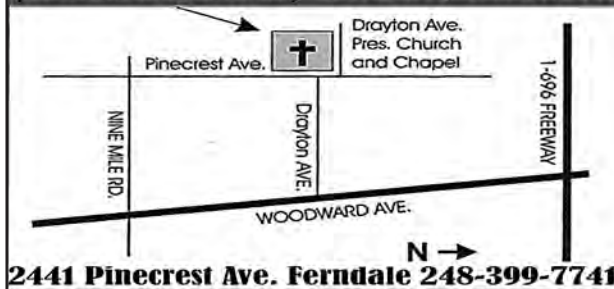
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# A New Design for Detroit

## HIV/AIDS fundraiser gala defies city's destitute image

BY JESSICA CARRERAS

It's been a good week for the city of Detroit, publicity-wise.

The "I'm a Believer" campaign, which was highlighted in the Aug. 15 issue of the Detroit Free Press, laid out the organization plans to readers to bolster the city by donating their money and time to clean up the city. "If you think it's time to turn Detroit around," their slogan reads, "join us."

Beyond our state borders, the New York Times on Aug. 13 recognized what they called a "bright spot" in the city's economic plight, noting promising increases in jobs and profits for the Big Three.

And in the city's Benson and Edith Ford Conference Center, nestled within the College for Creative Studies campus, Detroit's design and event-planning bigwigs put on a show that could knock the socks off any New Yorker. There, from Aug. 12-14, the Michigan AIDS Coalition paired up with Design Industry Foundation Fighting AIDS to present Michigan's first-ever Dining by Design.

Close to 600 people showed up for the opening night's ArtWorks evening – morphed from MAC's usual annual art-focused fundraiser. The 11th floor of the center was overflowing with attendees eager to get a glimpse of the art, plus the indescribably unique tables on display for Saturday night's gala event. Guests were invited to taste-test appetizers from 25 top area chefs, as well as put their bids in for original artworks.

On Aug. 14, months of preparation climaxed with the Dining by Design gala, where an elite 200 or so visitors enjoyed a gourmet meal at designers' decked-out tables, which could only be explained as usable works of art.

At the entrance, a sculpture – which also doubled as a table – greeted guests with a hopeful message: "A beautiful Detroit begins with you."

True to those words, the city's individual

**"I have never been to Detroit and I'm so thrilled to be here. I'm so thrilled to see such incredible talent all around this room. I had no idea."**

**- DIFFA Executive Director David Sheppard**

and team talent shined at Dining by Design. Some tables featured artfully arranged flowers, plants and home décor; others went in a completely different direction: Clowns. Computer font-based motifs. Table settings crafted from cardboard with twig silverware seemingly taken straight off a tree.

Almost as impressed as those who attended the event, event chairs Ann Duke and Kelly Deines marveled Saturday night at the fact that the Motor City had pulled off a fashion-and design-focused mega-project also held in San Francisco, New York City, Kansas City and Chicago every year.

"I did this for the very first time 27 years ago in Kansas City," Deines, a designer at the Southfield-based architecture firm Rossetti, told the crowd. "They started Dining by Design and it was such a cool, last-minute kind of thing in the very beginning, which now has turned into a national event."

"This is just super cool to see every kind of design in a city that is reinventing itself daily. I am thrilled to see how well this turned out."

DIFFA Executive Director David Sheppard, who was in Detroit for the first time for Dining by Design, was equally pleased. "I have never been to Detroit and I'm so thrilled to be here," he



said. "I'm so thrilled to see such incredible talent all around this room. I had no idea."

"Detroit is coming back!" he quoted from the New York Times, a statement that brought loud cheers.

And with the help of slews of eager volunteers, the Michigan AIDS Coalition, he added, which is expected to net thousands from the three-day event, really defied expectations. "We've been doing this for 13 years and we've done it in as many as 12 cities, but we're very careful about where we take it because it's a big, big job," he continued. "But you've done

a great job."

Attendees agreed, and spent the evening dining, dancing and drinking in a fairy-tale world that lasted for only three days and will never be seen again. That is, until next year, assures MAC Special Grants Manager and Dining by Design Steering Committee member Terry Ryan.

Ryan divulged that plans and offers from designers are already pouring in for next year and beyond. Michigan's own Dining by Design, says Ryan, will become an annual event.

And Detroit is ready to take it on.

### PHOTOS

1. Guests danced to the sounds of a live DJ after enjoying a four-course meal at Dining by Design.

2-4. Local designers such as Blossoms, Art-Harrison Design Studio and Rossetti Architects teamed up with sponsors to create one-of-a-kind tables.

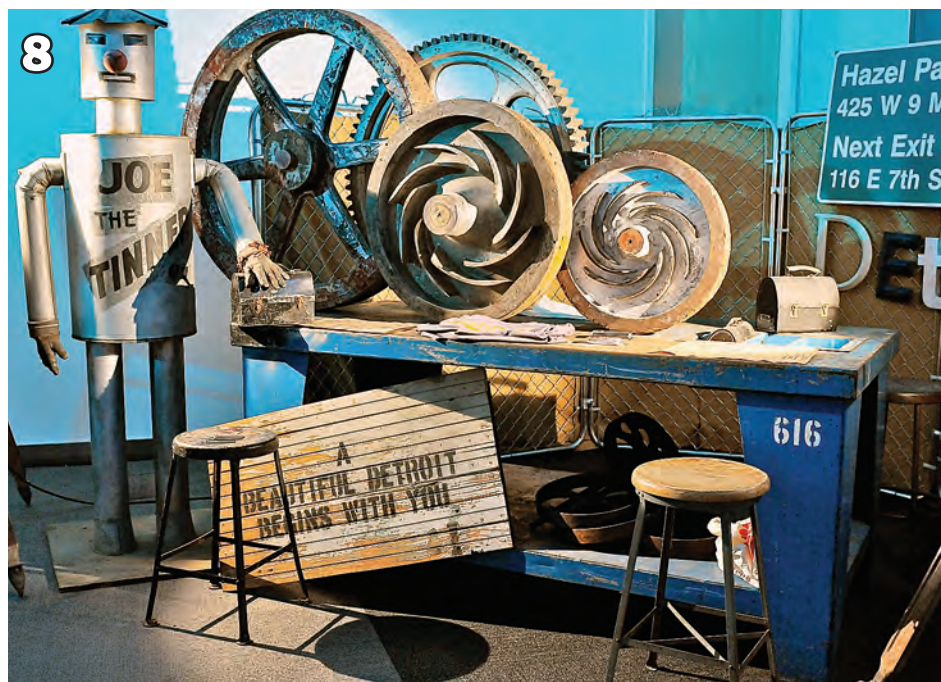
5. Event chairs Kelly Deines and Ann Duke were presented with flowers as thanks for their work on making Dining by Design a reality.

6. DIFFA Executive Director David Sheppard traveled to Detroit for the first time for Dining by Design.

7. Each table used a blend of artwork, floral arrangements and high-end table settings to display its overall theme.

8. One of the truly unique tables sat at the front of the room, proclaiming a message of hope for the city of Detroit.

BTL photos by Andrew Potter.











# Keepin' It Real (Dirty)

## Comic Suzanne Westenhoefer on 20-year career, bestiality and being inappropriate

BY CHRIS AZZOPARDI

Suzanne Westenhoefer won't do a dog (or cat, or horse), but the comedian's still as tasteless as they come. So crass, in fact, that her current tour, "Totally Inappropriate," is named after her brand of dirty humor that she's been hawking for two decades.

We caught up with the comedian, who chatted about what *is* inappropriate, proving her lesbianism and why her Aug. 22 Ann Arbor stop might end in murder.

**You recently celebrated a big milestone: 20 years since your stand-up debut. How does that make you feel?**

It seems impossible. Sometimes I go, "Oh my God, it feels like 40!" But most of the time I just can't believe it.

**Your first gig was at Kelly's Cabaret in New York's West Village. What do you remember from that?**

I remember everything, but what I remember most was my perfectly memorized three minutes was a big deal because nobody was an openly gay comic. It was all straight comics, or comics who were gay who weren't out then. And it was such a big deal! I opened with, "I'll be the only lesbian comedian on stage tonight . . . well, that you know of." Oh, I thought I was so clever!

**What about performing for straight audiences has changed?**

Straight people aren't completely freaked out anymore. Twenty years ago they wouldn't even accept it – like, "Ha-ha! She's a lesbian!" It would take two or three more jokes before it was like, "Oh my God, she's not kidding!"

**You mention that you used to work from a script, but you don't anymore, right?**

In the very beginning I memorized my lines, but now I don't have a memorized script. I have an idea of what I want to do, but it doesn't mean I'll do it. I had an idea of what I wanted to do (at a show) in Nashville, and for some reason the audience was just a little randy – I think it was the heat – and then we talked about a whole lot of stuff that I've never talked about before . . . and may never again.

**It's hot here, too. And people are randy.**

By the time I get to Ann Arbor, you better get that fucking weather together! I love my Ann Arbor audience, and that venue is ridiculous and the audience is great and that's always a super fun show. But if it's 98 degrees and you guys are all miserable and I get there and it ruins it, someone's going to die. I will kill somebody! (Laughs)

**Between touring, you've been shooting a web drama, "We Have to Stop Now" (see it at [www.wehavetostopnow.tv](http://www.wehavetostopnow.tv)). What interested you in that?**

One-hundred-thousand years ago I wanted to be an actor, and I never had that happen. It's just been such a great experience, and it's freaking me out. It's winning awards, people are watching it, there's been interest from some production companies, they're thinking about selling it to cable. It's amazing because truly we are doing this for like \$8. No one's making any money. Everything is being done like, wear your own clothes! Can we borrow that chair? And quick, let's film

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# WHERE THE PARTY AT?

## Slew of closings and openings hint at ever-changing gay bar scene

BY LUCY HOUGH

Things are changing in Michigan's LGBT nightlife scene. This summer alone saw the closing of Detroit leather and bear bars Diamond Jim's and the Detroit Eagle, plus the change from gay bar to strip club for Backstreet (now known as Club Onyx). New clubs and gay nights — like the reopening of Detroit nightclub Ice, or the monthly Hot Boyz parties at the Majestic Theatre — are popping up almost weekly, and for some, attitudes about where to socialize are shifting.

Motor City Bears president Scott Wood claims that while Diamond Jim's and the Detroit Eagle catered to the bear and leather community, his group's members aren't as interested in the bar-like atmosphere anymore. He has found that people are more keen to holding social activities in homes and outside of bars than they used to be.

"Less people are expressing interest in going out to the bar. There was quite a bit of push to change our meeting location from Diamond Jim's," Wood said. "We did a poll to see what people

wanted, (and) ... 76 percent of members preferred meetings to be in an alcohol-free location."

Wood said the Motor City Bears have lately preferred the atmosphere at the Hayloft Saloon. Ron Tioran, a bartender at the Detroit-based bar, said that such a welcoming atmosphere is something that owner Ron Harrington expects and cultivates, requiring bathrooms to be clean and employees to greet and get to know patrons.

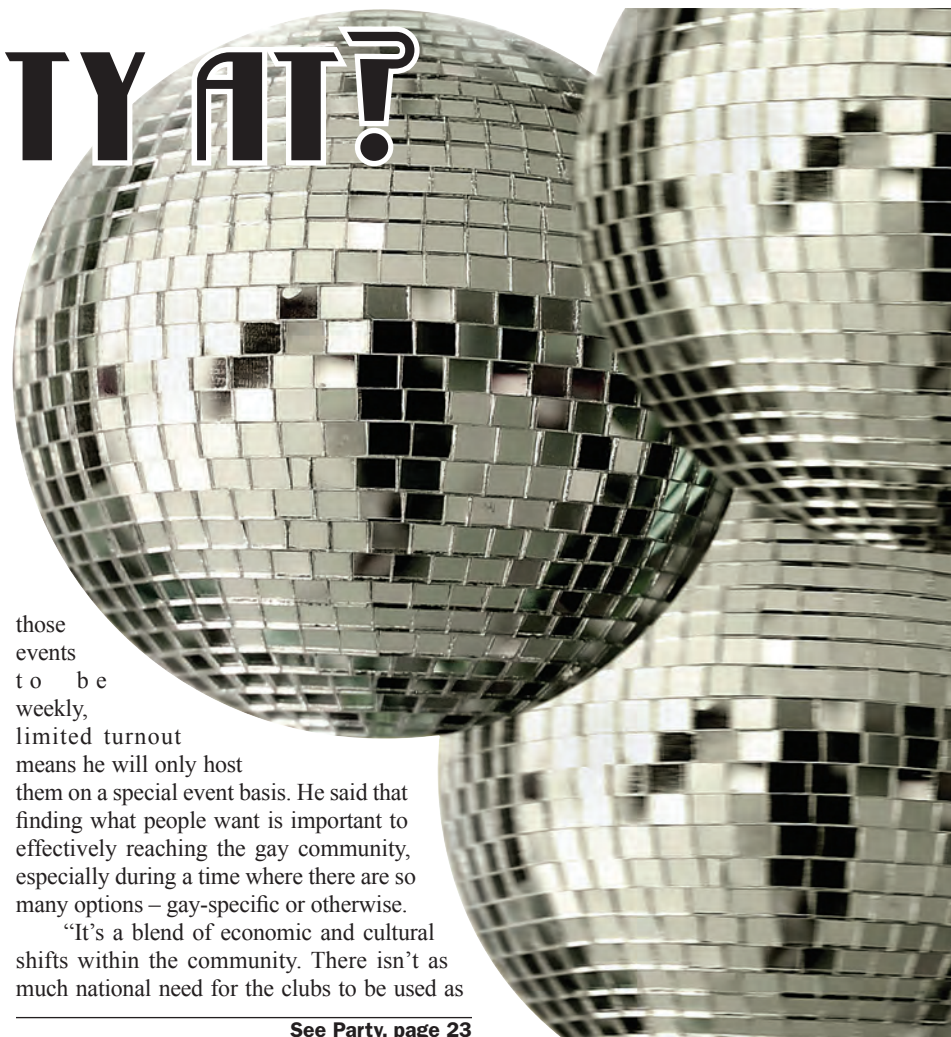
"(He) just has a way of knowing what people know and want," Tioran said of Harrington. "He's caring and compassionate. Some of the other bar owners don't seem to really care."

Tioran said that he finds that bars that are willing to adapt to the culture shifts will be better off, including taking part in social media and competing with happy-hour specials and food variety. He felt that some of the Eagle's operations were "antiquated," which hurt them in staying afloat.

Tim McMahon, better known as DJ Timmy D, once a DJ at Backstreet, understands the need to work to patrons' interests. He initiated Saturday nights at the Crofoot in Pontiac, and though he intended

those events to be weekly, limited turnout means he will only host them on a special event basis. He said that finding what people want is important to effectively reaching the gay community, especially during a time where there are so many options — gay-specific or otherwise.

"It's a blend of economic and cultural shifts within the community. There isn't as much national need for the clubs to be used as



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# Local theaters go gay

## Creative, young thespians tackle LGBT themes

BY DONALD V. CALAMIA

Metro Detroit theatergoers have a choice to make this weekend when it comes to attending a production with LGBT themes and characters. Besides the recently opened "The Little Dog Laughed" at Ferndale's Ringwald Theatre, two of the area's newest theater companies launch shows Aug. 19 and 20 that should be of interest to the LGBT community and our allies: "Bare: A Pop Opera" by Dynamic Stage Productions and "Hot Summer De(z)ire" by art4artillery Theatre Company.

To find out more about these new companies and their shows, Between The Lines spoke with Jami Krause of Dynamic Stage productions and Kyle Holton of art4artillery (who also tackles an unusual role in his company's production).

**art4artillery has a rather unusual, yet very intriguing show scheduled to open Aug. 19, "Hot Summer De(z)ire," which is a mash-up of three of Tennessee Williams' best known works. How did this idea come about?**

**Kyle:** I love the term mash-up! It's so simple, and yet it is a relevant description of the evolution music, or in our case theater, goes through. I'm basically a bad-ass theater DJ. The idea derives from so many different schools of theater theory that it took me nearly 30 pages to fully write about in my honor's thesis that I developed for Wayne State University.

**How difficult was it to weave "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," "Suddenly, Last Summer" and "A Streetcar Named Desire" together into a sensible whole?**

**Kyle:** I think people will be very surprised at how well these works truly complement each other and speak to one single truth. Tennessee Williams was so tortured by sexuality and desire that it resonates in his most influential and compelling works. The hardest part is cutting down what is important to the plot and what isn't.

**If there's an overall message to the work, what is it? And why should our readers check it out?**

**Kyle:** I want the audience to decide what that single truth is. I think people should check it out if they have any stake in the current discussion on the homosexual community and where we stand in regards to our history, our culture and our future. Whatever your opinions, it's sure to spark some good conversation.

**Jami, your summer show is the Detroit-area premiere of "Bare: A Pop Opera," which is a contemporary rock musical. What's the show about - and why was this particular show chosen to produce this summer?**

### 'Bare: A Pop Opera'

Dynamic Stage Productions at Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti. 8 p.m. Aug. 19-21 and 2 p.m. Aug. 22. \$18. [www.D2productions.org](http://www.D2productions.org)

### 'Hot Summer De(z)ire'

art4artillery Theatre Company at Russell Industrial Center, 1600 Clay Street, Bldg. 4, 3rd Floor, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Aug. 19-22, 27, 29. Free; admission by donation. 248-914-5327. [www.kyleholton.com](http://www.kyleholton.com)



Eric Briggs and Josh Perry in "Bare: A Pop Opera" by Dynamic Stage Productions, which opens Aug. 19 at Riverside Arts Center in Ypsilanti.



"Hot Summer De(z)ire" by art4artillery Theatre Company opens with a preview performance Aug. 19 at the Russell Industrial Center in Detroit.

**Jami:** "Bare" is a contemporary rock musical, a coming-of-age story that focuses on a group of high school seniors at a Catholic boarding school. As they struggle to come to terms with who they are, and who the world thinks they should be, they seek answers in the church confessional and in less formal venues including a stage, a rave and ultimately, from within themselves.

**I suspect most gay and lesbian teenagers struggle with their religious beliefs and how they fit into the church or synagogue in which they were raised. How is this addressed in the show, and how accurate do you believe it is in addressing the issue?**

**Jami:** This story is in no way meant to condemn the Catholic church or organized religion as a whole, but is critical of adults who inadvertently lead teens to self-destructive ends. That is the main issue raised in this show. Teenagers are looking for love and acceptance from family, friends and religious leaders.

**What's the overall message to "Bare: A Pop Opera"?**

**Jami:** A line that Sister Chantelle offers Peter best sums it up: "If you hide from yourself, be someone else for someone else's sake. That would be the greatest mistake." That is a message not just for the LGBT community, but for everyone.




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# Margaret Cho *sings ...* and it doesn't suck! Plus: Lady Gaga's no-good latest

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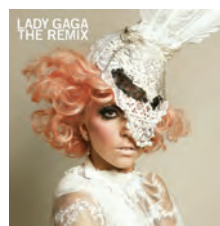
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### Margaret Cho, 'Cho Dependent'

Don't worry about missing Margaret Cho's dirty mind on her music debut. Her first CD rolls in all the bits of the brassy, queer-revered comedian: Asian imitations, foul anecdotes and sex jokes. But now her mouth's open for a different reason – to sing. As crazy as that sounds, Cho calls on all her musically savvy chums – from Tegan and Sara to Fiona Apple and (holy lesbian!) Ani DiFranco – to worship penis, hurl on a jack-o'-lantern and beg for semen in a Scissor Sisters-styled song. Cho's sound respectively resembles her collaborators, resulting in a schizo disc that's more instantaneous than replayable, even if Cho's remarkably invested in the music as much as the punchlines (most of which work subtly into the melodies). Jumping genres, from '60s girl-group pop to rap, she goes honky-tonk for the wonderfully staged "Eat Shit and Die," the unspoken lash-out of every country star who doesn't have the balls, like Cho does, to say it in a song. The straight-faced "Hey Big Dog" – a seriously good folk ditty co-written by genre-god Patty Griffin – is oddly placed among novelty numbers about surviving a lice infestation and drug addiction. "Intervention," featuring an overdone mid-song skit, probes the latter and concocts funny-or-not confusion: Should we laugh? Get help? Lots of it's offered on "Cho Dependent," a buddy-boostered collection that more than lives up to its title. *Grade: B-*



### Lady Gaga, 'The Remix'

Little Monsters, it was inevitable: A bad Gaga album. With so many hands in her post-debut projects – hey, that happens when you're a pop powerhouse – Gaga's club-gear collection is seriously slacking and virtually risk-free throughout its 10 tunes. It's not all her fault, though – or maybe it is. The remixes (missing many from the European edition), new versions of songs from her first disc and follow-up EP "The Fame Monster," is partly such a lame cash-grab because its foundations are such perfect pop pleasures already. How do you better "Bad Romance"? You don't! And Starsmith's retro-trance reworking can't compete with its kid, never quite igniting like its cool daddy does. When the songs do, it's because they're basically mirror reflections of the originals – and that's why "Poker Face," so literal that calling it a remix would wrongly suggest that something was done to the song, is a lost opportunity. "Telephone" is practically insufferable with the "artistic" chipmunk manipulation of Gaga's voice, and ingenuity is totally sucked dry near the tail end with the "Alejandro"-meets-Kylie mix. Only a couple re-cuts, including FrankMusik's edgier "Eh, Eh (Nothing Else I Can Say)" and a Marilyn Manson teaming on "LoveGame," is with merit, giving Gaga the guts we've come to know. *Grade: C-*

### Also Out



### Katie Melua, 'The House'

Even with Madonna producer William Orbit at the helm, the big-in-Britain musician's star-gazing fourth album is more Kate Bush than "Ray of Light." Her voice lifts and floats on the hauntingly winsome set-launcher "I'd Love to Kill You," the first of many ambient dreamers. The writing's spotty and a couple cuts are slip-ups, but Melua proves, with songs like "Red Balloons" and "Tiny Alien," that she might one day hang with the cool kids.



### Little Big Town, 'The Reason Why'

Contemporary lovers, step up. Without over-lacquering their organic rockish sound, the vocal-swapping foursome relate their own style to their Fleetwood Mac trope. Via big, surging love ballads (the pained plea "Shut Up Train" being the clear winner) and boot-stomping boogies – the best being "All the Way Down" and "Little White Church," the sassy call-for-commitment first single – the band's latest is everything Lady Antebellum's wasn't.



### School of Seven Bells, 'Disconnect from Desire'

The Brooklyn trio's sophomore CD would rather ride through a soaring dream than bust out in wham-bam bursts. And so, with songs rhythmically calibrated into an ethereal machine-mixed sound, their flows like an early '90s mix tape that could almost be mistaken for the Eurythmics. "Windstorm," the opening track, is a doozy of pop-art delirium; "ILU" is gorgeously strutting nostalgia. With ecstasy this good, who needs the real thing?

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► Party

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safe havens, but more so based on an optional place to go out and have fun at," McMahon said. "Clubs will have to go the extra mile and do more to attract patrons and rely less on a guaranteed crowd just because they are a gay bar."

Tim Retzliff, a Yale researcher who recently released a compilation of every gay bar and club that has operated in southeast Michigan, agreed, saying that bars have to reinvent themselves over time in order to stay competitive. He cited Gigi's, Menjos and "Backstreet in its heyday"

as bars that have reinvented themselves and remained prominent favorites in the community for many years.

Retzliff suggested that maybe the outcome of Diamond Jim's and the Detroit Eagle can be traced back to not connecting in this way with the community.

"My understanding of the leather community is that they have had a number of bars that have been the most popular bar, and it has kind of shifted around as people get excited or get bored with a particular location," he explained.

Retzliff also believes that gay bars are suffering from Internet intervention as an alternative, easier way for groups of people – or individuals looking for a date – to connect.

"The other factor that I think is happening is that the Internet is changing the landscape," Retzliff said. "So now we've got a virtual gay community, a virtual leather community, and that's replacing some of the tangible places that we've come to recognize."

That's not to say, however, that gay bars are disappearing. The Hayloft Saloon still has a regular crowd, including people who have been regulars for decades, according to Tioran. Similarly, local leather group ICON Detroit still regularly holds events at Detroit leather bar R&R Saloon.

As far as the drink-and-dance crowd goes, Ice Nightclub recently reopened its doors after a lackluster run in 2006-2007, this time with a

- Tim McMahon, aka DJ Timmy D

**"There isn't as much national need for the clubs to be used as safe havens ... Clubs will have to go the extra mile and do more to attract patrons and rely less on a guaranteed crowd just because they are a gay bar."**

**Gay bar opens in ... Jackson**

The gay club scene really is shifting – literally, in fact, to Jackson. Club Detour, the new queer club that opened early last month, is located in the generally conservative town, at 2216 E. Michigan Ave., and hasn't ignited any negative commotion, said owner Nancy Minix to the Jackson Citizen Patriot recently (BTL could not reach Minix by press time).

In fact, all Minix has been hearing is gratitude from the community, thanking her – and her husband, who co-owns the establishment – for opening a gay hangout in an area where there wouldn't typically be one. According to the Jackson Citizen Patriot, clubgoers statewide have been flocking to Club Detour, which boasts karaoke, go-go dancers and drag shows. The club is open to those 18 years old and older.

- Chris Azzopardi

permit that allows them to stay open until 4 a.m. Additionally, they'll be holding a night for the black LGBT community regularly as well, called Blak Ice and hosted by Hot Boyz Detroit, that's expected to attract high numbers of club-goers.

What the gay bar and club scene will become is unclear, but it will likely depend on the ever-changing views of patrons. And though Retzliff knows much about the history of Michigan's scene, he can't say what the future will look like. But he's certain that it will continue to evolve.

"I think the one thing that you are guaranteed to see is change," Retzliff said. "Things will constantly be changing and what we recognize today we may not recognize tomorrow. We may miss what is lost but we may be dazzled by what replaces it."

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# Hoosiers show their pride

Former Indiana University football player Alex Perry is a confident young man.

This past June he stepped out of his comfort zone. One of four people – all straight – representing his school's athletic department at Indianapolis's Circle City Pride festival, at first he felt uncomfortable when gay men in flamboyant costumes asked to have their pictures with him.

His apprehension was short-lived. By midmorning Perry grinned broadly when a drag queen sauntered over for a photo.

That was just one of many snapshots – literal and figurative – from an empowering day. IU Athletics learned a lot – and so did the LGBT festival-goers who visited their booth.

Once, that outcome might have surprised Jon Kitto. But over the past year the secretary of IU's 1,200-member GLBT Alumni Association has come to appreciate the athletic department's outreach to the gay community. At the same time, IU Athletics has enjoyed the fruits of the blossoming relationship – and added hundreds of new fans.

Kitto's passion for Indiana University began as a student in the 1970s. He was a Hoosier football booster too – rare in the LGBT community – so last year when a new athletic facility was dedicated near the stadium, he and his partner attended.

New athletic director Fred Glass spoke. He described his goal of reaching out to “new

communities” – ones his department had previously ignored. Afterward, Kitto – who admits the GLBT Alumni Association (GLBTAA) had not reached out to athletics, either – decided to see if Glass meant what he said.

“I was ready for a brush-off,” Kitto recalls. “But he said, ‘Let’s get it on the calendar.’” Last December, the GLBTAA executive board and Glass held a relaxed, friendly hour-long meeting.

Near the end, Kitto asked the department to donate a few items for GLBTAA's annual silent auction. Sure, Glass said. Well, what about a private tour of the new facility? No problem, Glass replied. Both were enormous successes.

Kitto then asked if IU Athletics would staff a booth at Circle City Pride. Again, he expected to be brushed off. Again, he was surprised by the department's eagerness to help.

The booth featured a mannequin dressed in an IU basketball jersey. The department handed out coasters, pompons, refrigerator magnets and Hoosier schedules.

“It was one of the most moving days of my life,” Kitto says. Two staff members and two interns – including Perry, the former football player now earning his masters in sports management – staffed the booths.

“All day long they took everything in. They loved being there,” Kitto reports.

The four straight IU Athletics volunteers

were impressed with the huge turnout – and noted with surprise, “They’re people we see every day.”

Thousands of festival-goers picked up athletic department giveaways – and thanked the representatives for being there. That made an impression on the quartet.

So did comments like “I went to Michigan, but you’re my second favorite team now,” and “I’m from Purdue. I’m supposed to hate you – but I don’t.”

It was all part of Pat Kraft's plan. The assistant athletic director in charge of marketing, he realized that Circle City Pride was a perfect opportunity to introduce IU Athletics to a new, lucrative and potentially very enthusiastic audience.

“As markets mature, it's difficult to mine new customers,” Kitto says. “The GLBT market is huge, and unmined.”

Gays and lesbians are a natural target for Kraft – a concept that initially surprised Kitto. “I’m 52 years old,” he says. “I didn’t expect the greeting we got at Pride. Pat’s around 30. My surprise was surprising to him. He just saw it as a great business opportunity.”

But IU Athletics' outreach meant more than marketing. During the day, four Indiana athletes came to the booth and said they were gay or lesbian.

“Having the department there was so important,” Kitto says. “They realized, ‘I’m

comfortable with my school, with my athletic department, and I want you to know how much that means to me.’”

It meant a lot to the straight men at the booth, too. The day after Pride, Perry thanked Kitto for allowing him to participate.

“His goal is to be a high school athletic director,” Kitto says of the grad student. “Just imagine the effect something like this will have on the kids at his school years from now.”

IU Athletics had such a good time, they plan to return next year – with a float and varsity athletes.

So were there any negative encounters at all? Kitto laughs. “Yeah. One guy ran by screaming ‘Boiler Up!’” – the popular Purdue cheer.

“But that happens anywhere there are Purdue fans,” he continues. “It had nothing to do with being gay. I thought to myself, Here we are at a gay event, and the traditional IU-Purdue rivalry is so strong.”

“What was so remarkable to me about that was its utter unremarkableness.”

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## ► Suzanne

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this! And then we run.

It's hard to watch my own stuff, but Meredith Baxter in the second season will make you laugh out loud. She's playing way against type. She isn't Elyse Keaton this time, baby!

**So with this tour, why the name “Totally Inappropriate”?**

I always have to pick a name, and I don't think anything's inappropriate. It's that other people think that certain things I say in life are inappropriate. To me, this is how I am. It's the appropriate tour (laughs).

**Your girlfriend is one of those people, right?**

Exactly. In her mind, some of the things that I blurt out, which I'm actually talking about on stage right now, are completely unbelievable.



In my mind, it's like, “What?”

**Is she just too much of a square?**

No, she was just raised ... better (laughs). She's from outside Milwaukee, and I lived for 10 years in New Jersey. I haven't really been around people who don't talk about religion, don't talk about sex, don't talk about politics.

I wouldn't even have anything to say then! I mean, I can do some pretty good material about my cat and dog, but not years of material.

**You could always go into bestiality.**

(Long pause) Now even I think that's inappropriate, although I laughed when you said it but I was drinking water so I couldn't laugh really hard.

**So bestiality is one, but are there other things you find inappropriate? Is there a line?**

I don't think I'm ever going to be making jokes of things that are cruel. You can make anything funny, and I think, in fact, that with pain and suffering, the more funny you make it the better it is because the truth is we're all suffering, and we're going to suffer from something – heart-ache and death and cheating, all these terrible, terrible things. I'm not good at being cruel to people who couldn't fight back. I don't like that kind of humor. It bums me out.

**So then you've never seen Lisa Lampanelli?**

Oh, yes. I've seen Lisa Lampanelli many times. But that's an act. I don't have an act like that. This is who I am. When I do the stand-up, it's true. She's an act.

Some comics have an alter ego, so I wouldn't say that it's not true or true to them – I don't mean it like that – but you know Robin Williams isn't running around the way he does on stage. But some comedians are really far removed from what they do on stage, and with me, what you see on stage is exactly how I am off stage. I don't have a – maybe that's the inappropriate part! Maybe I'm just starting to understand it right now! Oh, I get it – I'm supposed to have an act! I'm supposed to be different! (Laughs)

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# Edwards charms in 'Woman Before a Glass'

BY D. A. BLACKBURN

I've said it before, and I will surely say it again: Adapting history to the stage can be a very delicate affair. This is never more true than when it's presented in the form of a one-man (or woman) bio-play. Such works require an engaging, intriguing, colorful character, and a performer capable of holding an audience firmly, with an intense intimacy. With their production of Lanie Robertson's "Woman Before a Glass," Performance Network Theatre certainly provides this latter element with Broadway star Naz Edwards and much more, but the script comes up a little short.

"Woman" is a portrait of heiress and art collector Peggy Guggenheim, a woman deeply affected by history, romance and, most importantly, modern art. She was, after all, a Jew living in Europe during the rise of the Nazis, daughter of a man dead before his time for the sinking of the Titanic, a twice-married seductress known for her promiscuity, and a prodigious collector and champion of artists and artistic styles on the cutting edge. She ran in exciting circles (at least, now, they seem exciting), lived in enchanting places (Paris, Venice, New York), surrounded herself with beauty and worked diligently to leave the world a legacy wholly her own.

This sounds like the makings of an engaging bio-play, you say? Well, you're right — to a point. The problem is that Robertson's single act script is a drag — essentially, an hour and 20 minute crawl, focused heavily on artistic name-dropping and not nearly enough on the emotion created by the monumental events of Guggenheim's life. While they are discussed,



Naz Edwards stars in the one-woman play "Woman Before a Glass" at Performance Network Theatre. Photo: Jude Walton

they aren't relived on the stage. And if you think that the intrigue this character provides is enough to overcome a pedantic script, I suggest you speak with the woman in the row behind me, who took to snoring about 20 minutes in on opening night.

But with all that said, there is a lot to applaud in the Network's production.

Edwards, particularly, deserves credit for a fantastic performance. Her voicing of the character — a haughty European English which cleverly slides into rough and brash New Yorker at just the right moments — is a delight. So too is her ability to navigate the Italian and French, thrown in for color, with the ease of a linguist. She's also very capable of delivering the

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humor of the work, and in the few moments when real, heart-wrenching emotion does boil up to the surface, Edwards' performance is potent.

Malcolm Tulip's direction makes good use of the stage and does much to keep the work moving forward despite Robertson's lumbering script.

Moreover, the company has done an excellent job with the show's design elements.

Monika Essen's sets have an interesting modern art appeal to them. They are simple, but eye catching. The stage's raised floor takes on the appearance of abstract sculpture. The structures crafted to display paintings have unique lines, and Essen's reproductions of paintings, themselves, are a feast for the eye. Her costumes and properties, too, are a nice fit to the production. Suzi Regan's sound design and Mary Cole's lighting also serve the work well.

Performance Network has made the most of "Woman Before a Glass," but sadly, it fails to draw an audience in. Or perhaps, it's just that the play is truly like its most prominent theme, modern art: an artistic expression not bound by the usual conventions.

# Yes, sir: laughs and silence, too, at Go

BY DONALD V. CALAMIA

Thursday nights at Ferndale's Go Comedy! Improv Theater, once the domain of your basic evening of improv, have morphed over time to become a showcase for original scripted comedies. It's a welcome change — and obviously a popular one — as it provides opportunities for our creative writers and performers to stretch their abilities and experiment with new ideas. The results can be hit or miss, of course, but the batting average so far has been quite high. So there I sat on a recent Thursday night, amidst a crowd of faces that I suspect were mostly first-timers at the theater. And the result were two more wins for those keeping score!

## Sirs

The night opens with a remounting of last year's Wilde Award-nominated comedy, "Sirs." But this is a somewhat tweaked version, with a revised script, new set design and cool projected visuals — all of which serve the show quite well.

The script, directed by Lauren Bickers and written by actors Garrett Fuller, Michael Hovitch, Bryan Lark and Jamen

**REVIEW**

**'Sirs' & 'Silent Too'**

Go Comedy! Improv Theater, 261 E. Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale. Every Thursday through Aug. 26. \$10 for the evening. 248-327-0575. www.gocomedy.net

Spitzer, asks the question: How would you like it if you were forced to give up pretty much everything you love to move to a neighborhood you want no part of? And the answer comes from two sides of the same coin!

For years, the men of Tanglewood Lakes would gather in the backyard and Jacuzzi of Bill Schlepke, the leader of the pack. Fueled by beer and Bob Seger tunes, the 50-somethings would reminisce about old times and their deceased buddy Duke (owner of their favorite hardware store), and hang out doing whatever middle-aged, blue-collar straight guys like to do.



"Sirs" returns to the stage at Go Comedy! Thursday nights in August. The one-act comedy was written by and features Garrett Fuller, Bryan Lark, Jamen Spitzer and Michael Hovitch. Photo: Planet Ant Theatre



"Silent Too" features Pete Jacokes who, with his brother PJ, prove that comedy can be hilarious without words every Thursday night at 9pm at Go Comedy! in August. Photo: Tommy LeRoy

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## EDITOR'S PICK



It's time to go back to school – and for some kids, that also means back to bullying. As such, Child and Family Services of Saginaw Valley, in collaboration with Perceptions of Saginaw Valley, will be hosting “Addressing and Preventing Bullying with Effective School-Based Strategies” from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 27.

Held at the ISD Transitions Center of Saginaw, the day-long workshop will focus on developing skills for people, groups and communities in advocacy, education, mobilization and organizing. This training, hosted by nationally recognized speaker Rus Funk, will provide concrete examples, skills and strategies for effectively working to respond to reduce the incidence of bullying in schools.

Registration is \$10, which includes lunch. For more information, call 989-790-7500 or visit <http://sac-saginaw.org>.

## OUTINGS

### Thursday, Aug. 19

**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](mailto:linda@singoutdetroit.com). [www.singoutdetroit.com](http://www.singoutdetroit.com)

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

### Saturday, Aug. 21

**Hepatitis A and B Vaccinations**, 11 a.m. In partnership with ACCESS. Free, with HIV testing also available. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. [www.goaffirmations.org](http://www.goaffirmations.org)

**Perceptions Summer Picnic**, 1 p.m. The annual picnic for tri-cities LGBT people. Admission: \$5 per car or \$1 for bikes and walk-ins. Haithco Recreation Area, 2121 Schust Road, Saginaw. [www.perceptionssv.org](http://www.perceptionssv.org)

**OUTfest**, 4 p.m. The third annual festival, with local performances, Karaoke, vendors and more. Pride Lafayette, Main Street, Lafayette. 765-423-7579. [www.pridelafayette.org](http://www.pridelafayette.org)

**Men's Discussion Group**, 6 p.m. A group for adult gay, bi or trans men. Topics range from public displays of affection or LGBT images in advertising to movie nights and picnics. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. [www.goaffirmations.org](http://www.goaffirmations.org)

**Summer Drag Queen Bingo**, 8 p.m. A summer of bingo with guest hostesses, hilarious antics and more. Reservations welcome. Five15, 515 S. Washington, Royal Oak. 248-515-2551. [www.five15.net](http://www.five15.net)

**Girls' Night \aut\**, 9 p.m. With local artist Meghan Tonjes. \aut\Bar, 315 Braun Court, Ann Arbor. [www.autbar.com](http://www.autbar.com)

### Sunday, Aug. 22

**Detroit River Walk**, 4 p.m. A walk along the river to the Joe Louis Arena and back. Free. Hosted by Black and White Men Together. Meets at the Detroit River and Beubian, Detroit. [bwmtdetroit@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bwmtdetroit@sbcglobal.net)

### Wednesday, Aug. 25

**Caring Partners Support Group**, 6:30 p.m. For caregivers of anyone in the LGBT community with dementia or Alzheimer's Disease. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. [www.goaffirmations.org](http://www.goaffirmations.org)

### Thursday, Aug. 26

**A Night of Musique**, 7 p.m. A cabaret fundraiser for the Greater Lansing Gay Men's Chorus. Tickets: \$25 per person, \$45 per couple. Chrome Cat, 226 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. [www.glgmc.org](http://www.glgmc.org)

### Friday, Aug. 27

**Bullying Workshop**, 9 a.m. Addressing and Preventing Bullying with Effective School-Based Strategies. With speaker Rus Funk. Registration: \$10 Child and Family Services of Saginaw, 3860 Fashion Square Blvd., Saginaw. 989-790-7500. <http://sac-saginaw.org>

**Womyn's Film Night**, 7 p.m. “XXY” The tale of a 15-year-old hermaphrodite living as a girl who begins to wonder if she's emotionally a boy. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. [www.goaffirmations.org](http://www.goaffirmations.org)

### Saturday, Aug. 28

**Cedar Point Trip**, 9 a.m. A trip for Aff youth that leaves from the center. Contact Ryan Oliver for more information. Tickets: \$35. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. [www.goaffirmations.org](http://www.goaffirmations.org)

**Transgender Health Fair**, 9 a.m. The first-ever health expo for the trans community. Free. Transgender Michigan, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. [www.transgendermichigan.org](http://www.transgendermichigan.org)

**Aerial Fitness Program** 11:30 a.m. A six-week course that will cover stretching, trapeze, aerial hoop, circus rings and more. Cost: \$85. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. [www.goaffirmations.org](http://www.goaffirmations.org)

## MUSIC & MORE

### BENEFITS/SOCIAL EVENTS

**Friends for the Dearborn Animal Shelter** “Grill and Chill” A barbecue to celebrate the August Facebook fan challenge. Dearborn Animal Shelter, 2661 Greenfield Road, Dearborn. 11 a.m. Aug. 21. [www.dearbornanimals.org](http://www.dearbornanimals.org)

**Grace Centers of Hope** “Grace Centers of Hope Golf Classic” Cost is \$175 per person and includes green fees, covered golf carts, lunch, dinner and refreshments. The Wyndgate Country Club, 1975 W. Gunn Road, Rochester Hills. 10 a.m. Aug. 23. 248-334-2187. [www.gracecentersofhope.org](http://www.gracecentersofhope.org)

**Matrix Human Services** “Dine & Dash in the D” A restaurant tour fundraiser for the non-profit. Tickets: \$90. Bert's Marketplace, Eastern Market, Detroit. 5:30 p.m. Aug. 19. [www.dineanddashdetroit.com](http://www.dineanddashdetroit.com)

**Steppin' Out** “River Boat Cruise” A fundraiser cruise with live DJ. Tickets: \$35. Rivard Plaza, Detroit. 8 p.m. Aug. 28. [www.aidswalkdetroit.org](http://www.aidswalkdetroit.org)

### CLASSICAL

**Kerrytown Concert House** “Marc Levine and Ling-Ju Lai” Performing the Complete Brahms Piano Sonatas. Tickets: \$5-25. Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Aug. 26. 734-769-2999. [www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com](http://www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com)

**Kerrytown Concert House** “duo parnas” With violinist Madalyn Parnas and cellist Cicely Parnas. Tickets: \$5-25. Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Aug. 28. 734-769-2999. [www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com](http://www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com)

### CONCERTS

**City of Farmington Hills** “Saline Fiddlers” A youth fiddling band, which has performed over 1,000 concerts all across the U.S. and Europe. Free. Heritage Park, Farmington Hills. 7 p.m. Aug. 19. 248-473-1848.

**Kerrytown Concert House** “Maureen Choi Quartet” A jazz concert on violin, piano, bass and drums. Tickets: \$5-25. Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Aug. 21. 734-769-2999. [www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com](http://www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com)

**Live Nation** “Anthony Hamilton and KEM” With special guests Jaheim and Raheem DeVaughn. Tickets: \$49.50-89.75. Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 7 p.m. Aug. 28. [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com)

**Majestic Complex** “F\*\*King Awesome Fest” Four days of local and national acts. Tickets: \$15 per night, \$25 all nights. Magic Stick, 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Aug. 19 - Aug. 22. [www.majesticdetroit.com](http://www.majesticdetroit.com)

**MotorCity Casino** “KC & The Sunshine Band” The 37th Anniversary Tour. Tickets: \$32-35. Sound Board Theater, 2901 Grand River Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Aug. 27. [www.motorcitycasino.com](http://www.motorcitycasino.com)

**Northville Chamber of Commerce** “Guy Louis and the Chautauquo Express” Part of the free Tunes on Tuesdays series. Town Square, Northville. 10:30 a.m. Aug. 24. [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org)

**Olympia Entertainment** “Stone Temple Pilots” With special guest Cage of the Elephant. Tickets: \$29.50-125. Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 7 p.m. Aug. 26. [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

**Olympia Entertainment** “Slayer and Megadeth” With special guest Testament. Tickets: \$10-39.50. Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. 7 p.m. Aug. 19. [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

### Palace Sports and Entertainment

“Rihanna” the Last Girl on Earth tour, with special guest Ke\$ha. Tickets: \$27.25-97.25. DTE Energy Music Theatre, 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston. 7:30 p.m. Aug. 22. [www.palacenet.com](http://www.palacenet.com)

### Palace Sports and Entertainment

“Blondie and Cheap Trick” A duet-headlining performance by the American rock legends. Tickets: \$10-45. DTE Energy Music Theatre, 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston. 7:30 p.m. Aug. 27. [www.palacenet.com](http://www.palacenet.com)

### Palace Sports and Entertainment

“REO Speedwagon” The Love On The Run tour with special guests Neil Giraldo and Pat Benatar. Tickets: \$15-45. DTE Energy Music Theatre, 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston. 7 p.m. Aug. 20. [www.palacenet.com](http://www.palacenet.com)

### Palace Sports and Entertainment

“J. Geils Band” The “Exclusive Saturday Night House Party End of Summer Blow Your Face Out” tour. Tickets: \$25-75. DTE Energy Music Theatre, 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston. 7:30 p.m. Aug. 21. [www.palacenet.com](http://www.palacenet.com)

### Palace Sports and Entertainment

“Green Day” With special guest A.F.I. Tickets: \$35-69.50. DTE Energy Music Theatre, 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston. 7 p.m. Aug. 23. [www.palacenet.com](http://www.palacenet.com)

### Palace Sports and Entertainment

“Anita Baker” The annual performance by Detroit's own Grammy Award-winning singer. Tickets: \$15-65. DTE Energy Music Theatre, 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston. 8 p.m. Aug. 28. [www.palacenet.com](http://www.palacenet.com)

### Palace Sports and Entertainment

“70s Soul Jam” Featuring The Stylistics, Harold MelvinXs Blue Notes and Cuba Gooding Sr. of The Main Ingredient. Tickets: \$10-35.50. DTE Energy Music Theatre, 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston. 7:30 p.m. Aug. 26. [www.palacenet.com](http://www.palacenet.com)

### Palace Sports and Entertainment

“David Gray” With special guest Ray LaMontagne. Tickets: \$30-65. Meadow Brook Music Festival, 3554 E. Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills. 7 p.m. Aug. 26. [www.palacenet.com](http://www.palacenet.com)

### The Magic Bag

“Leon Russell” A performance by the musical legend, whose collaborative album with Elton John will be released Oct. 19. Tickets: \$28. The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. 8 p.m. Aug. 28. 248-544-1991. [www.themagicbag.com](http://www.themagicbag.com)

**The Magic Bag** “Jon Anderson” An acoustic evening with the lead singer of Yes. Tickets: \$35. The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. 8 p.m. Aug. 23. 248-544-1991. [www.themagicbag.com](http://www.themagicbag.com)



## EDITOR'S PICK

Dinner-goers can spend some time in the Motor City – and raise funds for a good cause – with Dine & Dash in the D, happening 5:30-9:30 p.m. Aug. 19.

The motorcoach-driven restaurant tour goes all over town and satisfies all tastes, beginning at Bert's Marketplace in Eastern Market with later stops at Vincente Cuban Cuisine, Lafayette Coney Island and Mexicantown's Los Galanes. The tour will end with Bert's famous peach cobbler.

The entire evening benefits Matrix Human Services, which provides social services in the city. “Dine and Dash is just one way we hope to remind residents of Detroit and surrounding cities that they don't have to travel out of the city to dine,” said Marcella Wilson, Ph.D., President and CEO of Matrix Human Services. “Detroit has fabulous restaurants located in the heart of the city and this unique event will showcase some of the finest.”

Tickets are \$90. To learn more, or to buy tickets, visit [www.dineanddashdetroit.com](http://www.dineanddashdetroit.com)



## FESTIVALS

**Charles H. Wright Museum** "African World Festival" The annual celebration of the sights, sounds, smells and textures of African and African-American culture. Free. Hart Plaza, Detroit. 12 p.m. Aug. 20, 12 p.m. Aug. 21, 12 p.m. Aug. 22. [www.charleshwrightmuseum.org](http://www.charleshwrightmuseum.org)

**Chicago Raw Community** "Green Synergy Festival" A weekend retreat for exploring healthy and green living. Registration: \$300 adults, \$75 children. Includes good and programming. Ronora Lodge and Retreat Center, 9325 Dwight Boyer Road, Watervliet. 9 a.m. Aug. 20, 9 a.m. Aug. 21, 9 a.m. Aug. 22. [www.greensynergyfestival.com](http://www.greensynergyfestival.com)

**Kerrytown District Association** "Nashbash" Featuring performances by Olivia West, Whit Hill and the Postcards and more. Afterglow party held at the XautXBar. Free. Ann Arbor Farmers Market, Kerrytown District, Ann Arbor. 5 p.m. Aug. 19. [www.kerrytown.com](http://www.kerrytown.com)

**Palace Sports and Entertainment** "Wine and Food Festival" Tickets: \$18 in advance, \$25 at the door. Includes eight wine samples, one glass of wine and food seminars, exhibits and more. Designated driver and under-21 tickets: \$10. Meadow Brook Music Festival, 3554 E. Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills. 1 p.m. Aug. 28, 1 p.m. Aug. 29. [www.palacenet.com](http://www.palacenet.com)

## FILM & VIDEO

**Detroit Symphony Orchestra** "LOUIS" A presentation of the classic silent film, set to orchestral and jazz music. Tickets: \$19-60. Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Aug. 26. [www.detroitssymphony.com](http://www.detroitssymphony.com)

**Friends of the Penn** "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World" Part of the Summer Cinema Matinee series. Tickets: \$3. Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth. 1 p.m. Aug. 19, 7 p.m. Aug. 19. 734-453-0870. [www.penntheatre.com](http://www.penntheatre.com)

**Friends of the Penn** "Muppet Treasure Island" Part of the Summer Cinema Matinee series. Tickets: \$3. Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth. 1 p.m. Aug. 26, 7 p.m. Aug. 26. 734-453-0870. [www.penntheatre.com](http://www.penntheatre.com)

**Michigan Theater** "The Graduate" 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. 22, 7 p.m. Aug. 24. [www.michtheater.org](http://www.michtheater.org)

Michigan Theater "Network" 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. 29, 7 p.m. Aug. 31. [www.michtheater.org](http://www.michtheater.org)

## OTHER

**Charles H. Wright Museum** "Hustle for History" Hustle lessons, taught by local instructors. Free for members, \$7 for non-members. Charles H. Wright Museum, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. Aug. 1 - Aug. 29. 313-494-5800. [www.charleshwrightmuseum.org](http://www.charleshwrightmuseum.org)

**Downriver Council for the Arts** "Poetry Reading" With readings by Margo Lagattuta. Free. Wyandotte Arts Center, 81 Chestnut, Wyandotte. 7 p.m. Aug. 19. 734-720-0671. [www.downriverarts.org](http://www.downriverarts.org)

**Kakaris Family Dentistry and Midwest Urgent Dentistry** "Free Dental Service Day" Free Day services will include cleaning, extractions, fillings and consultations. Kakaris Family Dentistry, 21080 Allen Rd., Woodhaven. 7 a.m. Aug. 20. 888-729-1868. [www.kakarisdentistry.com](http://www.kakarisdentistry.com)

## SHOWS

**Chaplin's Comedy Club** "Comedy Held Hostage" A show put on by Michigan native comedians Chillian Thomas, Susan Coletti and Jarred Kreger. Chaplin's Comedy Club, 34244 Groesbeck Highway, Clinton Township. 8:30 p.m. Aug. 25. [www.comedyheldhostage.com](http://www.comedyheldhostage.com)

## Detroit International Jazz Festival

"Roots, Rhythm and Rhyme Poetry Slam" Part of the African World Festival. Competitors welcome. Underground Cafe, Hart Plaza, Detroit. 3 p.m. Aug. 21. [www.charleshwrightmuseum.org](http://www.charleshwrightmuseum.org)

**Palace Sports and Entertainment** "Jim Gaffigan" A stand-up performance by the comedian. Tickets: \$19.50-49.50. Meadow Brook Music Festival, 3554 E. Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills. 8 p.m. Aug. 20. [www.palacenet.com](http://www.palacenet.com)

**Palace Sports and Entertainment** "Laugh-A-Palooza" Featuring Kyle Dunnigan, plus a list of up-and-coming comics. Tickets: \$10-19.50. Meadow Brook Music Festival, 3554 E. Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills. 8 p.m. Aug. 20. [www.palacenet.com](http://www.palacenet.com)

**The Ark** "Suzanne Westenhoefer" A performance the the veteran lesbian comedian. Tickets: \$26-33. The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. 7:30 p.m. Aug. 22. [www.theark.org](http://www.theark.org)

# THEATER

## BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

**Macomb Theatre at the Barn Reunion - the Encore** An encore to the fun we had last August. We're hoping to find even more folks who worked or enjoyed shows at the Macomb Theatre at the Barn from the mid '60s till it closed in 1977. Contact Judy for information: 313-893-9187. <http://www.facebook.com/#!/event.php?eid=115371835147174&ref=ts>

## THEATER FESTIVALS

**The Big-Little Comedy Fest** Improv and sketch teams from all over the country come together in a weekend full of shows and workshops. \$15 per day or \$40 weekend pass. Dog Story Theater, 1115 Taylor Ave. NW, Grand Rapids. Aug. 20-22. 616-894-1252. [www.dogstorytheater.com](http://www.dogstorytheater.com)

**BoxFest Detroit 2010** An annual theater festival that showcases and creates opportunities for women directors. \$10 per day or \$30 festival pass. BoxFest Detroit, The Furniture Factory, 4126 3rd St., Detroit. Through Aug. 21. [www.boxfestdetroit.com](http://www.boxfestdetroit.com)

**Renegade Theatre Festival** Three nights and one afternoon of theater by most Lansing area troupes and several independents. Free!. At multiple venues throughout Old Town, Lansing. Aug. 19-21. [www.renegadetheatrefestival.org](http://www.renegadetheatrefestival.org)

**2010 Summer Colony Fest** Teams of improvisers battle nightly to win their own show Late Night show. \$10 per night. Planet Ant Theatre, 2357 Caniff Ave., Hamtramck. Aug. 18-21. 313-365-4948. [www.planetant.com/improv\\_summercolfest\\_2010.htm](http://www.planetant.com/improv_summercolfest_2010.htm)

## CIVIC/COMMUNITY THEATER

**Bare: A Pop Opera** \$18. Dynamic Stage Productions at Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti. Aug. 19-22. [www.D2productions.org](http://www.D2productions.org)

**Barefoot Laffs** \$10. Barefoot Productions at Walker-Buzenberg Building, 240 N. Main St., Plymouth. 8 p.m. Aug. 21. 734-582-9688. [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com)

**Hot Summer De(z)ire by Tennessee Williams** Free; admission by donation. art4rillery Theatre Company at Russell Industrial Center, 1600 Clay Street, Bldg. 4, 3rd Floor, Detroit. Aug. 19-29. 248-914-5327. <http://www.kyleholton.com>

## COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY THEATER

**SubUrbia** \$12. Henry Ford Community College Fine Arts and Fitness Division at Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. Aug. 19-28. 313-845-9817.

## EDITOR'S PICK



New plays! New playwrights! New locations! Renegade Theatre Festival, in its third year in Old Town Lansing, presents three nights and one afternoon of free theater by most Lansing area troupes and several independents. A special effort this year to feature new Michigan works offers eight staged readings in rep, in addition to new works by some of the other groups.

Locations on Turner Street such as The Red Cedar Friends Meeting House and The Warehouse (owned by Message Makers) join familiar venues including Studio 1210, the Mustang, Creole Gallery and 1223 Turner (formerly the CVB), as well as Perspective2 on Grand River Ave., all providing their space at no charge for the festival. A special "Feed Your Festival" forum will feature business and arts leaders exploring how festivals impact the community. And, there'll be music between shows and special programs just for kids (and their families!).

For complete schedule information, visit to [www.renegadetheatrefestival.org](http://www.renegadetheatrefestival.org)

## PROFESSIONAL THEATER

Boeing-Boeing \$25-\$38. . The Purple Rose Theatre Company, 137 Park St., Chelsea. Through Sep. 11. 734-433-7673. [www.purplerosetheatre.org](http://www.purplerosetheatre.org)

**Comedy Mondays** \$5 for an all-night pass. Dog Story Theater, 1115 Taylor Ave. NW, Grand Rapids. Through Aug. 30. [www.dogstorytheater.com](http://www.dogstorytheater.com)

**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](http://www.gocomedy.net)

**My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish & I'm in Therapy** \$30-\$35; dinner & show packages \$79.95-\$89.95. Andiamo Novi Theatre, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Through Aug. 29. 248-348-4448. [www.andiamoitalia.com/novi](http://www.andiamoitalia.com/novi)

**Sundays at Go Comedy!** \$7 for the evening. Go Comedy! Improv Theater, 261 E. Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale. 248-327-0575. [www.gocomedy.net](http://www.gocomedy.net)

**The Little Dog Laughed** \$10-\$20. Who Wants Cake, The Ringwald, 22742 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Through Aug. 30; no performance Aug. 21. 248-545-5545. [www.whowantscaketheatre.com](http://www.whowantscaketheatre.com)

**The Marvelous Wonderettes** \$26-\$36.50. Mason Street Warehouse, 400 Culver St., Saugatuck. Through Aug. 22. 269-857-4898. [www.masonstreetwarehouse.org](http://www.masonstreetwarehouse.org)

**The Social Security Murders** \$16. Broadway Onstage Live Theatre, 21517 Kelly Rd., Eastpointe. Through Aug. 21. 586-771-6333. [www.broadwayonstage.com](http://www.broadwayonstage.com)

**The Sound of Music** \$28. The Encore Musical Theatre, 3126 Broad St., Dexter. Through Aug. 29. 734-268-6200. <http://theencoretheatre.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](http://www.gocomedy.net)

**Wednesdays at Go Comedy!** \$5 for the evening. Go Comedy! Improv Theater, 261 E. Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale. 248-327-0575. [www.gocomedy.net](http://www.gocomedy.net)

**Woman Before a Glass** \$25-\$41. . Performance Network Theatre, 120 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor. Through Sep. 5. 734-663-0681. [www.performancenetwork.org](http://www.performancenetwork.org)

## AUDITIONS, CLASSES & NEWS

**GRANTLAND STREET PLAYERS** - auditions for "Dirty Work at the Crossroads," Aug. 23-24, 313-535-8962; **KALAMAZOO CIVIC YOUTH THEATRE** - auditions for "Sleepy Hollow, A Musical

Tale," Aug. 29-30, 269-343-2280; LCC **PERFORMING ARTS DEPT** - auditions for "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)," Aug. 24 & "A View From the Bridge," Sept. 1, 517-483-1488; **MACOMB CHILDREN'S CHORUS** - auditions for students in grades 2-9, Aug. 18-19 & 26, 586-286-2044

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**323East Gallery** "Our Infinite Universe" An exhibition of poster works by The Silent Giants. 323East Gallery, 323 E. Fourth Street, Royal Oak. Aug. 18 - Sep. 9. 248-246-9544. [www.323east.com](http://www.323east.com)

**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.mcfa.org](http://www.mcfa.org)

**Ann Arbor Art Center** "Reveal!" The viewing of a new mural painted on the back of Grizzly Peak, with a continued celebration at the art center. Grizzly Peak Brewing Company, 120 W. Washington, Ann Arbor. 6 p.m. Aug. 26. [www.annarborartcenter.org](http://www.annarborartcenter.org)

**Art & Ideas** "Social Realism 2010" An exhibition of photographic work by Thomas McMillen-Oakley, Julia DeClerck and Shaq Kalaj. Art & Ideas Contemporary Art Gallery & Studio, 15095 Northville, Plymouth. Aug. 7 - Sep. 18. 734-420-0775. [www.artandideasgallery.com](http://www.artandideasgallery.com)

**Basement 414** "Unfathomable Reins/Animalesque" A solo and group exhibition, featuring works connecting to animals and an installation of hybrid sculpture. Basement 414, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. Aug. 6 - Sep. 4. <http://b414.org>

**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](http://www.casscafe.com)

**Charles H. Wright Museum** "Portraits of Life and Landscapes" The Art of Frank Kelley Jr. Opening reception held 6-9 p.m. Aug. 27. Charles H. Wright Museum, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. Aug. 27 - Dec. 12. 313-494-5800. [www.charleshwrightmuseum.org](http://www.charleshwrightmuseum.org)

**Gallery Project** "Faux Real" Free. The Gallery Project, 215 S. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. July 28 - Sep. 5. 734-997-7012. [www.thegalleryproject.com](http://www.thegalleryproject.com)

**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](http://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. [www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com](http://www.kerrytownconcerthouse.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. Lawrence Street Gallery, 22620 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Aug. 4 - Aug. 28. 248-544-0394. [www.lawrencestreetgallery.com](http://www.lawrencestreetgallery.com)

**Macomb Center for the Performing Arts** "In the Making of the Moment" Works by Steven Kuypers and Tyson Skross. Reception held 5-8 p.m. Sept. 16. Macomb Center for the Performing Arts Gallery, 44575 Garfield, Clinton Township. Aug. 26 - Sep. 9. 586-286-2089. [www.macombcenter.com](http://www.macombcenter.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](http://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>

**River's Edge Gallery** "Layers" Works by Jeremy Hansen, Dennis Jacobs, Rudy Salazar III and Eddie Thiel. Live painting held Aug. 13. River's Edge Gallery, 3024 Biddle, Wyandotte. Aug. 2 - Aug. 31. [www.artattheedge.com](http://www.artattheedge.com)

**Riverside Arts Center** "Ypsi Project" Photos of Ypsilanti citizens by Erica Hampton. Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Ypsilanti. Aug. 5 - Aug. 27. 734-480-2787. [www.riversidearts.org](http://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](http://www.sherrywashingtongallery.com)

**The Detroit Artists Market** "That DAM Box Show 2" A silent auction show with bidding on unique artworks created from film reel shipping boxes. Detroit Artists Market, 4719 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Aug. 10 - Aug. 20. [www.detroitartistsmarket.org](http://www.detroitartistsmarket.org)

**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](http://www.thehenryford.org)

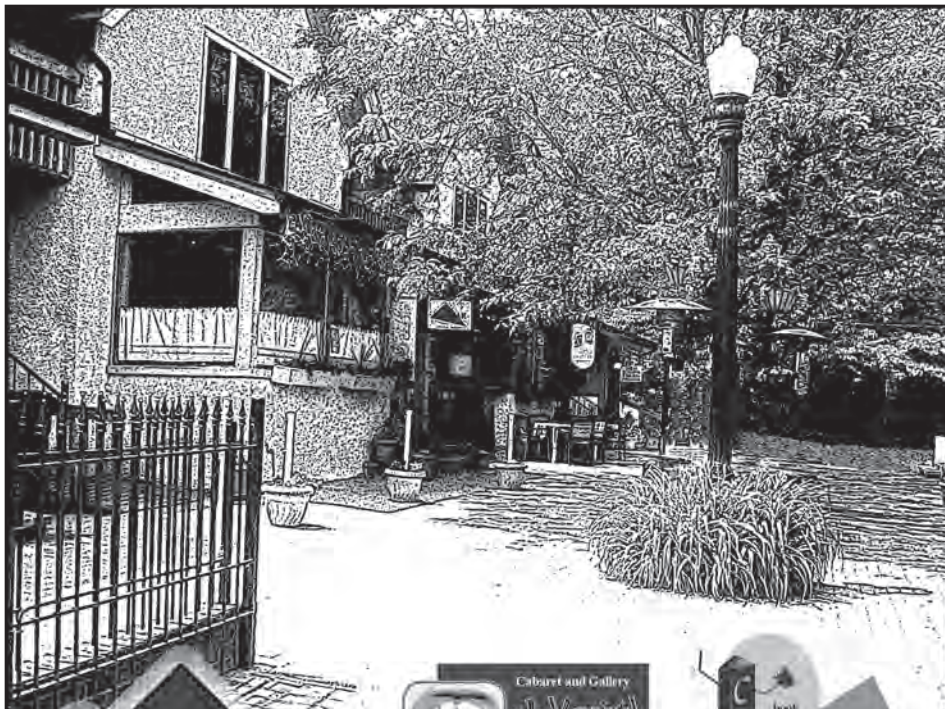
**University of Michigan Museum of Art** "Turning Point" Japanese studio ceramics in the mid-20th century. Free. University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 S. State, Ann Arbor. May 15 - Aug. 22. 734-763-UMMA. [www.umma.umich.edu](http://www.umma.umich.edu)

**University of Michigan Museum of Art** "On Beauty and the Everyday" The prints of American artist James McNeill Whistler. University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 S. State, Ann Arbor. Aug. 21 - Nov. 28. 734-763-UMMA. [www.umma.umich.edu](http://www.umma.umich.edu)

**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](http://www.wcccd.edu)

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## She puts everything before me

**Q:** I've been with my partner "Tracy" for four years. I love her dearly and we enjoy so many of the same things in life. However, sometimes I feel like I'm raising a child, instead of having a partner. And it's not because she is younger than I am; in fact, she's two years older than I. She's 34 and I'm 32.

Tracy constantly forgets things like stopping at the grocery store on the way home, paying the bills that are due, picking me up, doctor's appointments, you name it. The other problem is that when we're talking, just about anything seems more important to her than our conversation, like a car going by, the TV in the next room, or even a fly in the house. This makes me feel like she doesn't think our relationship is a priority, or that my needs are important.

The weird thing is that when she's involved with something like her computer games or playing with her antique train set in the basement, she can do those things for hours, while letting her other responsibilities go by the wayside. I don't know if she's just lazy by nature, uninterested in doing her share in life, or what. But I'm tired of toting the whole load. She's always apologetic when she has forgotten something, but a little bit of "I'm sorry" goes a long way.

You are probably wondering why I would stay with her, and sometimes I wonder the same thing, but she really is a sweet person and I know that she loves me. She writes me wonderful love notes and I know that they are sincere; and otherwise, we have so many other things going for us. We have fun together, she's smart and funny, and she lifts my spirits when I'm down. I love her.

I've talked to her mother about this and her mother said that she's always been this way. Even an ex of Tracy's said that was why she broke up with her. Her ex said that she didn't want to be Tracy's mother. She said it was hard because she, too, loved Tracy. I know that Tracy's had several other relationships. I don't know why they ended.

Tracy has lost jobs because of her forgetting and disorganization – disorganization is another problem for her. Now she's got a job where, apparently, her boss has taken on being "mother" to her.

So often I end up angry either because Tracy seems to be unconcerned about problems we need to solve, or her lack of remembering things. I don't want to feel this way and I don't like being a nag. My mother nagged my father for years and I said that I'd never be like that in my relationship, but here I am!

I don't want to leave Tracy, but how long can I go on like this? Do you have any ideas how I can cope better so I won't end up feeling like I have to leave?

*Not Her Mother*

**A:** I understand your frustration and anger. You sound like you might be a partner of a person with Attention Deficit Disorder. In fact, your description of Tracy's behavior sounds like a classic case of ADD, even the part where she can focus well in certain areas, like with her computer or trains. ADD people can what's called "hyper-focus." Certainly ADD impacts a relationship as well as the individual, just as you are describing.

I'm guessing that she's never been diagnosed with ADD, or you'd have mentioned it. So, I suggest that she get checked by a psychologist or doctor to see if that is her problem. There are medications that can help, as well as behavioral strategies that will help her focus and cope with her problem. Couples counseling might also be beneficial to help Tracy understand what you have been going through, as well as helping you to understand her ADD.

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## Just shrug it off, Aries!

*The Sun's opposing Neptune and Chiron, Venus and Mars are square the nodes, and Mercury is turning retrograde. Freaking out won't help. Resist the temptation to childish indulgences. This won't be easy, but hard work, maturity and responsibility offer the most effective way through this mess.*

**ARIES (March 20 – April 19):** Relationship karma is hitting hard. Just shrug it off. Sublimate any urges to act out. Creativity will pay off, but only through careful consideration and cooperation. Acceptance and learning from frustration leads to enlightenment and success.

**TAURUS (April 20 – May 20):** You may hate arguments, but listen at least. You don't have to join in, but hear out new ideas and decide for yourself, however quietly, which ones to profit from. Don't get caught up in details. Keep an eye to the larger picture.

**GEMINI (May 21- June 20):** Your home life is going topsy-turvy. That's a distraction that will work itself out. Focus on your investments, both financial and romantic; take the sensible, mature approach to both. Don't follow any ideas you don't understand.

**CANCER (June 21- July 22):** Worries about money are usually a combination of realistic concerns and patterns absorbed in childhood from parents. Sorting those out aren't easy, but your partner or a very good friend can help you clarify what you really need to deal with.

**LEO (July 23 – August 22):** Your birthday may bring up the stress and worries of being truly fabulous with advancing age. The truly fabulous are ageless and don't worry about such things. What exercise and diet don't preserve, inner peace, acceptance and an open heart will overcome.

**VIRGO (August 23 – September 22):** When you catch yourself getting sick with worry, meditation is the key back to health. Get creative and busy with something you love, but make sure to take time for calm centering.

**LIBRA (September 23 – October 22):** Who turned up the thermostat? That's Venus and Mars making you hot – maybe too hot to handle. Soaking up

attention can over-inflate your ego. Channel your charisma into recruiting friends to do good for your community.

**SCORPIO (October 23 – November 21):** You do your best work in the dark, so unwanted attention can be especially annoying. Try to think of that audience as a sibling who could be very helpful if you can express simple matters very clearly.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 – December 20):** You were born to reach out in new directions, but if you're not standing on solid ground when you do that you can easily fall on your face. Be very certain that your ideas and efforts are based on reliable facts and values.

**CAPRICORN (December 21 – January 19):** The "King of the Hill" is more target than monarch. Do your best work in a forthright manner and try not to be too competitive or flamboyant about it. Keep your ego right sized and let your work speak for itself.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 – February 18):** Uncertainty about yourself and your sexuality can open you up to learning more about both. Let your partner take the lead, and if you don't know what to do for yourself, focus on making your honey look good.

**PISCES (February 19 – March 19):** Worries, especially about work, health, relationships and sex, are kicking up a storm in your head. The real challenge is to take a mature, sensible view. An older friend can help you keep things in perspective.

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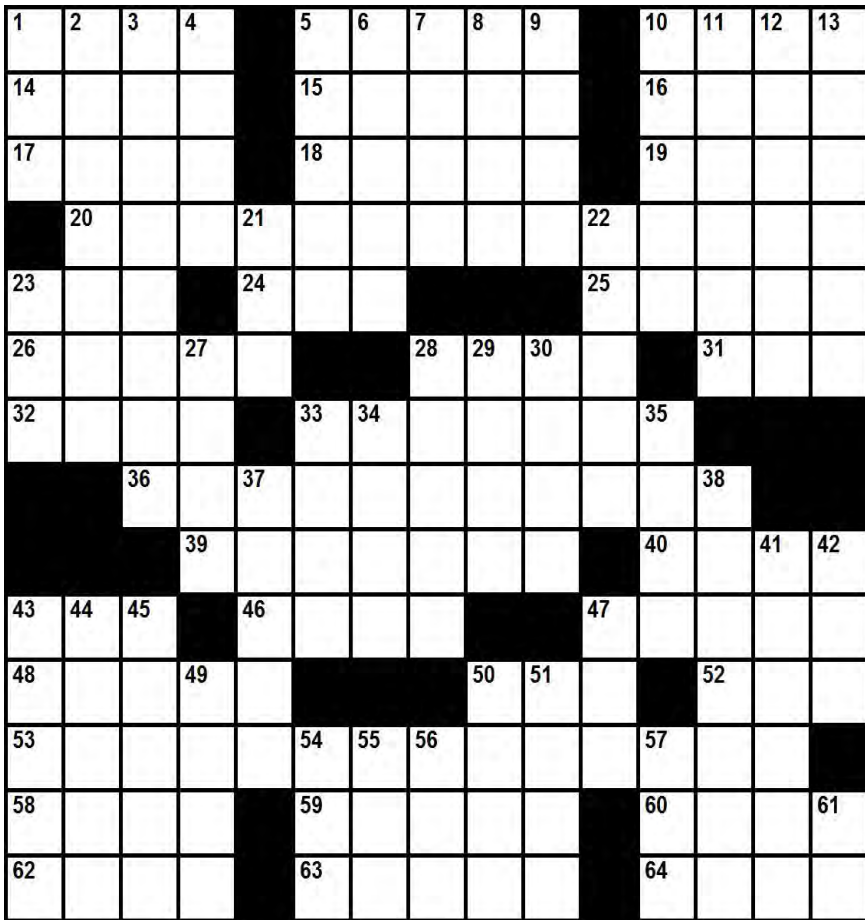
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**Q P U Z Z L E** Love, Janis

**Across**

- 1 "Fruits of the Earth" author André
- 5 Song about donning gay apparel, e.g.
- 10 Break under strain
- 14 Served perfectly, to Mauresmo
- 15 Combined
- 16 "Baby Doll" band
- 17 Brazilian soccer great
- 18 Kelly McGillis' " \_\_\_ Land"
- 19 Going full tilt
- 20 Start of a Janis Joplin quote
- 23 Where you might see R.E.M.
- 24 It's tiny but attractive
- 25 Interior designer's doing
- 26 Drips out slowly
- 28 Walk like you're fagged out
- 31 Halves of ems
- 32 Balls
- 33 Time capsule events
- 36 More of the quote
- 39 Mychal Judge and Malcolm Boyd
- 40 Peru native
- 43 \_\_\_ Francisco
- 46 Early sneaker brand
- 47 Hunter that comes out at night
- 48 Bone to pick
- 50 Avg.

- 52 Meas. for Dr. Kildare
- 53 End of the quote
- 58 Clears
- 59 Comes out slowly
- 60 Kind of code or rug
- 62 Maupin story
- 63 Eat away at
- 64 Words before instant
- 65 They have foamy heads
- 66 "John Brown's Body" writer
- 67 Poet Kitty

**Down**

- 1 Generation separator
- 2 Drink for some who don't like it hot
- 3 2004 movie about Cole Porter
- 4 Genie portrayer Barbara
- 5 Big tech stock
- 6 Actress Susan
- 7 Come and go
- 8 Working in a mess
- 9 Look at a hottie in a bar
- 10 Obstacle to gay pride
- 11 Become aware of
- 12 Cartoonist Bechdel
- 13 Tools, in slang
- 21 "My country, \_\_\_ of thee ..."

- 22 In a queer way
- 23 Where the NY Liberty plays
- 27 Sitting sound
- 28 Part of the media
- 29 Lively tune
- 30 Meatheads
- 33 Favorite cheese on Wisteria Lane?
- 34 Thrift shop condition
- 35 Dijon dusk time
- 37 "Family Matters" nerd
- 38 They're horny and hung like horses
- 41 Director Jean
- 42 T or F, on exams
- 43 Greek city of tough guys
- 44 Common rooftop item, once
- 45 Tease
- 47 Poem of Sappho
- 49 Decorative vessels
- 50 Napped leather
- 51 Family room piece
- 54 Pop singer Lisa
- 55 Time of "Camelot"
- 56 "8 Women" director Francois
- 57 The way you walk
- 61 First name among bi singers

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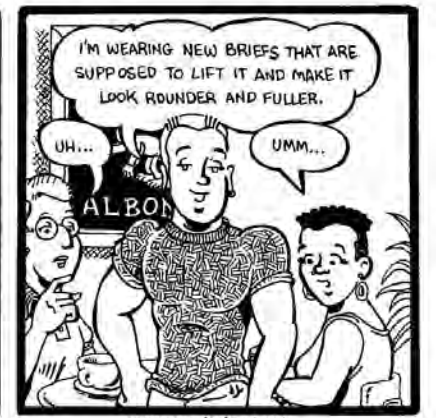
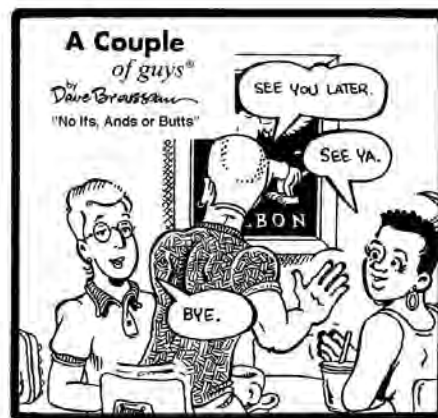
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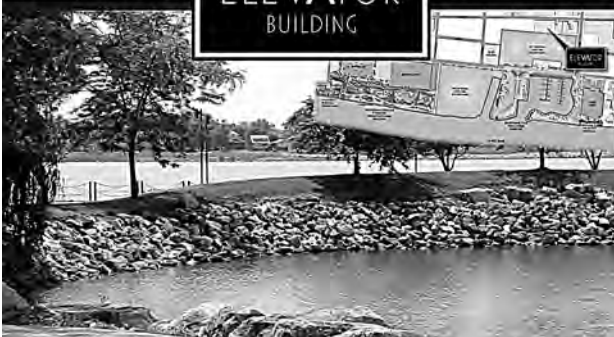
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Lee Daniels on the set of "Precious." Photo: Lionsgate

## Tom Hardy is going to hit someone

For most actors, the gay rumors begin the second you get famous enough for people to start mentioning your name in the press. And so it is for Tom Hardy, whose impressive turn in "Inception" has led to U.K. newspaper "The Daily Mail" publishing quotes from the actor that allude to sexual experimentation in his younger days. Now people around Hardy are saying the quotes were taken out of context, so we'll all just have to wait for the tabloids and the lawyers to iron it out. In the meantime, Hardy has some high-profile projects lined up: "This Means War," for director McG where he'll work opposite Reese Witherspoon and "Star

Trek"'s Chris Pine; "Mad Max: Fury Road" with Charlize Theron; and "Warrior," where he plays the boxer son of Nick Nolte. Thanks to his past work as an insanely violent convict in the insanely homoerotic "Bronson" and as a gay gangster in "RocknRolla," his male fans might want to take special note of "Warrior"'s end-of-2010 release date. The rest are due to follow later but will almost certainly feature him wearing more clothes.

## Brit hit 'Skins' swings American

One of the racier U.K. imports in recent years would have to be the acclaimed TV series "Skins." Sort of an R-rated "Degrassi," the show unflinchingly

explored the lives of adolescents without holding back on the sex (of both the homo and hetero varieties), drugs or violence. With the original "Skins" becoming a big hit on BBC America, it's no surprise that an American network — MTV, naturally — plans a remake, with a cast of unknowns. (This could be a lucky break for some young actors — the original "Skins" cast included a pre-"A Single Man" Nicholas Hoult as well as Dev Patel, who would go on to star in the Oscar-winning "Slumdog Millionaire" and the certain-to-be-Razzie-nominated "The Last Airbender.") MTV swears its remake, set in Baltimore, will maintain the show's authenticity, but "Skins" fans can judge for themselves when the new version premieres next year. And who are we kidding? It's American TV; expect a minimum of 50 perfect less naked parts and swears, easy.

## Lee Daniels gets his own 'Butler'

Hot off his Oscar nomination for "Precious," Lee Daniels looks to be setting his sights on the White House for his next movie. "The Butler" tells the true story of Eugene Allen, who worked in the household staff for the presidential mansion for 34 years and watched eight presidents grapple with segregation and the country's burgeoning civil rights movement. (Allen, long retired by then, was invited as a special guest to President Obama's inauguration.) Working from a script by Danny Strong (the one-time "Buffy" and "Gilmore Girls" actor scored an Emmy nomination for his screenplay of HBO's "Recount"), Daniels hopes to score Denzel Washington to play the lead role. "The Butler"'s production launch hinges on whether Daniels can get the funding for his other

historical drama, "Selma." But if that one doesn't come together quickly, "The Butler" could go before the cameras before the end of the year. Hollywood: it's complicated.

## CBS randomly inserting gay characters into shows. Yay?

After the second year in a row where GLAAD delivered a failing report card to CBS for its lack of diverse programming — yes, surprise, Romeo didn't know GLAAD did that sort of thing, either — the network has responded by queering some new and old shows. Returning half-hour series "Rules of Engagement" will be introducing a new gay character, as will "The Good Wife," but the coolest sounding homo-inclusiveness will arrive this fall in the William Shatner-starring, Twitter-account-birthed sitcom "\$#! My Dad Says," where it can be safely presumed that Shatner will make inappropriate comments about the person's sexuality. This flurry of queer activity comes on the heels of the announcement of CBS's own "The View"-like morning show (reportedly now called "The Talk") featuring lesbian mom Sara Gilbert. In other words, CBS is almost as gay as Bravo now and will probably clinch its championship title sometime during November sweeps when Katie Couric announces she's always had a little crush on Angelina Jolie.

Romeo San Vicente's favorite gay TV character is the Cybernetic Ghost of Christmas Past on "Aqua Teen Hunger Force." He can be reached care of this publication or at [DeepInsideHollywood@qsyndicate.com](mailto:DeepInsideHollywood@qsyndicate.com).

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