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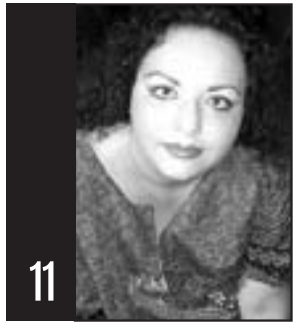
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Trans and triumphant

Local activist leads from the margins

BY DESIREE COOPER

Ryan Oliver, 28, can tell you a thing or two about what it really means to be an African American man. Like knowing how to be a “brother to brothers,” and showing compassion for other men. And like showing the utmost respect for black women.

“I don’t call the black women in my life the b-word,” he said. “And I know that I don’t have to emulate the man who stands outside of the liquor store in baggy pants and a doo rag in order to be a black man.”

At 28, Oliver’s view of manhood has been hard-won. From his youth in a violent Detroit neighborhood, to his isolation as a black college student in a white environment, he has struggled to define himself and his masculinity. It’s a challenge that’s been even more daunting because Oliver is biologically female.

Life under pressure

If there was one word to describe Oliver’s childhood, it would be “pressure.”

First, there was the pressure to fit in. As a little girl being raised by a mother and grandmother, he had urges that he feared others couldn’t understand.

“I remember walking into the men’s dept as a young child and having a physical reaction to the clothes,” he said. “The suits and ties - I wanted to be a part of that. I never felt connected to my female body. I would buy bra and panty sets because women do that, but it wasn’t natural. I wanted boxers.”

There was also the pressure to succeed.

“I was the only grandchild to go to college and complete it,” said Oliver, who earned both a bachelor’s in sociology, and a master’s in sociology and education from Eastern Michigan University. “I felt like I was the one who had to break the cycle. Education became my focal point.”

And there was the basic pressure to survive in his deteriorating neighborhood on Detroit’s east side.

“Around the age of 12, I was noticing my neighborhood in Detroit changing,” he said about the 7 mile and Van Dyke area. “I remember there was a drive-by shooting and a girl was killed. The girl’s father was a well-known drug dealer. He had to be carried down the street, he was in so much grief.”

When Oliver was taunted by a next door neighbor, his mother

came to his rescue. Days later, the neighbors attacked his mother as she sat on the front porch. The incident still makes him choke with tears. “I had never been exposed to anything like that,” he said.

The summer before he matriculated at Eastern Michigan University, Oliver felt more like a fugitive than a high school graduate. A friend in the neighborhood heard that Oliver was going away to college, and predicted, “You’ll be back.”

“I said, ‘No, I won’t,’” Oliver remembered. “He said, ‘They always come back.’ He was saying that when I got to Eastern, I would realize I didn’t belong there. There was nothing better out there in the world for me.”

A late bloomer, Oliver began to explore his sexuality at EMU. He dated boys, but said that the relationships felt artificial--like he was trying too hard. Finally, one date finally suggested that Oliver might be a lesbian. He scoffed at the notion because it didn’t fit with his family’s view of the world.

“Girls date boys and I would never do anything that wasn’t acceptable,” he said of the way he was brought up. “But even after I started exploring the possibilities of dating women, the term ‘lesbian’ never fit for me.”

Exploring his sexuality was liberating, but Oliver began to lose his footing culturally. Suddenly thrust into a predominantly-white environment, his confidence suffered, and he wondered if his childhood friend had been right--would he end up back in his Detroit neighborhood with no options?

He shared his misgivings with his sociology professor. The professor, who had grown up “a poor, white, barefoot girl from Ohio,” told him that she’d felt the same way when she went to college. “She was never supposed to amount to anything,” Oliver said.

The professor ignited Oliver’s passion for sociology. “All the things that I had been feeling suddenly had words,” he said. “Educational disparity, prison mentality, racial disparity. It all started to connect.”

The man in the mirror

Even after Oliver graduated from college and entered grad school, he couldn’t seem to shake a lurking sadness.

“There was something I couldn’t put my finger on,” he said.



Local transgender activist Ryan Oliver. BTL Photo: Andrew Potter

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At 24, he attended a conference in Milwaukee of transgendered youth. That’s when his true nature began to dawn on him. He realized that he had only adopted the label “lesbian” because of his biological gender. After he began working as a youth services manager at Affirmations in 2008, he slowly transformed his outward appearance to match his male sexual identity. By 2008, Oliver was known to most people as Ryan. But at home, he was still Nikki.

His mother, who always worried about his safety growing up in Detroit, now also had to worry about him as a transgender male. But Ryan is willing to risk his safety in order to

be who he is.

“For the longest, I’ve lived and breathed by my family’s rules,” he said. “They are low key, they are subtle. They watch the 11 o’clock news, sip tea and go to bed. This is hard for them.”

He now uses the passion that was ignited by his college sociology professor to advocate on behalf of the invisible transgendered community.

“I’m committed to there being a more visible trans movement in our society - a more confident movement,” said Oliver, who is now working in the field of HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment. “I’ve grown to learn more about my identity and to be OK with it.

I want people to ask me questions and I want people to understand.”

Unfortunately, his self awareness hasn’t alleviated the sadness he’s felt since childhood. “It’s still present because I haven’t fully transitioned,” he said. “I live my life a particular way, but my physical makeup holds me back. For many of us, being trans is a matter of life or death. Once you understand what you are, you can’t live in the middle.”

He is interested in top surgery and hormone treatments to enhance his masculine appearance. “I want people to look at me and see me as male,” he said. “But I’m already a man, no matter what I do.”



Speak Out

BY ERIC RADER

Occupy movement's great lesson for all

For nearly three years, members of the tea party movement have engaged in vocal protests of much of the Obama Administration's agenda. At times, it seemed as if progressives were silently waiting on the sidelines, somehow unable to vocalize their feelings about the nation's troubles. Over the past few weeks, that seeming reticence has ended. Since late summer, a growing group of advocates have "occupied" public areas near Wall Street in New York, to voice their feelings about the financial and corporate greed that led to the collapse of our nation's economy in 2007 and the high unemployment that continues today. At the time taxpayers became responsible for paying for the financial misdeeds of bankers, many low

and middle-income people were forced into bankruptcy as their homes lost value and workers lost their jobs. The occupiers in New York, Detroit, and around the country, speak on behalf of the 99 percent of Americans who have not benefited directly from the financial bailouts.

Many observers might think that the root of the protests was the 2007-2009 "Great Recession," from which many people have never recovered, even as the economy technically started to grow again. Certainly the people in New York and elsewhere are expressing the feelings of many of us who recognize that the government has not done nearly enough to stimulate a full-employment recovery. However, the recession is only a symptom of a longer historical problem, dating back to the early 1980s when Ronald Reagan declared government to be the "problem" and the source of the nation's woes. When Reagan took office in 1981, he set about to reduce or eliminate federal regulations that he saw as inefficient, and attempted to shrink government further by enacting massive tax cuts for the wealthy and cutting spending on vital social programs. Though Bill Clinton restored some of the repealed regulations in the 1990s and raised some taxes to balance the federal budget, he also eliminated some banking regulations, assuming that succeeding administrations would be responsible stewards of the nation's finances. His successor, George W. Bush, turned the nation's largest budget surpluses into its largest deficits, by giving enormous tax cuts to the wealthy; he also repealed necessary regulations on banks and corporations. By the time Barack Obama took office in 2009, these institutions knew they could take advantage of their customers and employees with impunity. The result was the worst financial catastrophe since the Great Depression. In 2008 and 2009, our leaders argued that some financial institutions were "too big to fail," and Congress passed legislation to bail them out. President Obama is now calling for a comprehensive jobs bill to help the millions of unemployed citizens who

need jobs, and suddenly Congress cannot seem to lift a finger to help the victims of the financial collapse.

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in the LGBT community who desire change should pay attention to what's happening in New York and around the country. Peaceful protests have brought attention to the need to pass meaningful laws that will really make a difference in the lives of average citizens. By speaking out about the injustice of corporate and financial greed, the occupiers have also sought to create a discussion about policies that would actually benefit people. Those of us who want change for LGBT citizens should do the same-

-we need to point out the injustices we face every day, and propose laws and policies that will create greater equality in our nation. Our challenges continue. Just this month, right-wing Republicans in the Michigan Legislature introduced a bill to effectively nullify local human rights ordinances that protect LGBT people. In a time of economic turmoil, it's hard to fathom that some of our elected officials would rather marginalize people than help them achieve better lives.

There's something very important to remember about the Wall Street and related protests - if the protesters are seeking to represent the 99 percent of Americans who are not among the beneficiaries of the financial bailout, then this movement represents LGBT interests, too. Prosperity and the American Dream should not be restricted to certain people, but should be available to everyone. In our fight for equality, we focus on the need to include all people, something that certainly is motivating the occupiers. All kinds of individuals, from college students to union members, are part of the broad movement in New York and elsewhere. We in the LGBT community should be part of this protest, too. As previous generations discovered, people need to stand up themselves in order to force action. We should embrace the Wall Street movement and take action. In doing this, we can be part of creating change for everyone.

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PAC announces additional endorsements for Nov. 8 elections

DETROIT—On Monday Equality Michigan Pride PAC “Nominate a Pro-Equality Candidate” campaign announced the endorsement of three additional candidates for office this November.

Earlier in the month, Equality Michigan Pride PAC endorsed 16 pro-equality candidates who are running for office in local municipal elections across the state this year.

“There was so much buzz surrounding our Pro-Equality Candidate Campaign endorsements that several more people contacted us to request they be considered too,” said Amy Hunter, the group’s president. “We felt that a second round of endorsements was in order. These three outstanding candidates have been evaluated using the same exacting standards we apply to all of our endorsements and we are proud to add them to our 2011 slate.”

The three additional pro-equality candidates endorsed by the Equality Michigan Pride PAC are:

- Jim Carruthers (Traverse City City Commission)
- David Anderson (Kalamazoo City Commission)
- Scott Craig (Northville Public Schools Board of Education)

The complete list of 19 pro-equality candidates endorsed are:

- Bobby Hopewell (Kalamazoo Mayor)
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The PAC supports candidates that promote equality for all people regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

To contribute to the Equality Michigan Pride PAC, visit www.eqmipridepac.com.

Equality Michigan State Dinner offers galvanizing message

Event inspires, educates on critical work ahead

BY JAN STEVENSON

DEARBORN— On Oct. 22, Equality Michigan hosted an inspiring dinner and awards ceremony. It was the organization’s first major fundraising event under its new structure and leadership. The 2011 State Equality Dinner was a chance for many to see the new executive director, Denise Brogan-Kator, in action for the first time and hear how the group’s leadership is articulating the mission of Equality Michigan. The organization formed in 2009-10 with the merger of Triangle Foundation and Michigan Equality.

Brogan-Kator charmed the audience with her wit and humor. “I love events like these; I love to get dressed up. I love to wear sparkle. I have ever since I was a little boy,” said Brogan-Kator who has transitioned from male to female.

Hank Winchester, the openly gay WDIV Local 4 anchor and reporter and the evening’s emcee, noted that Brogan-Kator had been a boxer while serving in the U.S. Navy, ushering in a military theme Brogan-Kator used throughout the evening. “We are in an astonishing number of fights right now; domestic partner benefits for public employees, HIV discrimination, local ordinances and more are all under attack by the ‘so-called’ religious right. But our battle plan for tonight is to have fun,” said Brogan-Kator. “This is our combat gear. Thank you for dressing up and supporting Equality Michigan.”

A highlight of the event was the passionate and funny speech by Catalyst Award winner and keynote speaker Cleve Jones, an indomitable advocate for LGBT rights and founder of The Names Project Quilt. Jones was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by Jim Toy, the recipient of the same award in 2009. Jones honored Toy by thanking him for “creating a movement for me to come out in.”

Jones gave a raucous account of his youth and coming out, saying that while in high school in Arizona he saw pictures in LIFE Magazine with the headline “Homosexuals in Revolt.”

“There were these picture of these hot gay men standing up to the police and I realized that if I could only survive high school there was a place for me.” He hitchhiked to San Francisco immediately after his senior year. “I was homeless, hungry and I know what it’s like to have to do things you don’t want to do to survive,” said Jones. “Then I met Harvey and he was the first person who saw any value in me.”

One could have heard a pin drop as he described the day his friend, boss and mentor, Harvey Milk, was assassinated in San Francisco. “I ran to his office and first saw his shoes - I knew they were his because he only had one pair of dress shoes. I’d never seen a dead person before. Of course I would see many more once AIDS came to grip us.”

Milk’s death devastated the young activist. Jones said he kept thinking, “It is over. It is



Cleve Jones addresses attendees of the State Equality Dinner. For more photos, go to www.pridesource.com. Photo: Barney Nowicki, First Impression Photography

over.” But Jones said that he soon came to realize that it was really just the beginning of a movement that would propel LGBT rights to places unimaginable in 1978.

“If Harvey could just see us all now, he would be so amazed. And then he would tell us all what we have to do next.”

Three Michigan activists also received awards. Alexa Van Vliet was presented with the Henry Messer Youth Activist Award by Jon Hoadley who had received the same award in 2005. As president of the GSA at Oakland University in Rochester, Van Vliet spearheaded a training program for staff and students. “I recognize I come from incredible privilege. I am not disabled, I am pursuing college, I am white, middle class and have a supportive family. I recognize my privilege and seek to utilize it to help make the world better for us all,” said Van Vliet.

The Ally In Faith Award was presented to Rev. Edwin A. Rowe, senior pastor of the Central United Methodist Church in Detroit. He was quick to point out that Rev. Beth Rackstraw who presented the award to him and who won the same award two years ago, had herself been ordained a Methodist minister. “Because of our prejudice, we lose excellent people like her to other churches,” said Rowe.

“I am honored and a little surprised that Equality Michigan has an Ally of Faith Award. Although there are some who reach out from the pulpit, there are many more who twist the gospel into something it was never intended to say,” said Rowe. “There are many pastors with blood on their hands for rejecting young people who came to them for spiritual guidance, only to be shamed and shunned because they were gay, and then they lost their faith in everything and committed suicide.”

Michigan Sen. Glenn Anderson was

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—Denise Brogan-Kator, executive director of Equality Michigan

awarded the James K. Dressel Political Courage Award by Equality Michigan PAC board member Alma Wheeler Smith. Anderson introduced the enumerated anti-bullying bill, which has not passed. He has become one of the most reliable supporters of LGBT rights in what has become an increasingly hostile Michigan legislature. “It is very tough in Lansing,” said Anderson. “There should be no discrimination in the state that we love. We are making some progress, slowly. I take some solace in knowing that nothing that has ever been worth anything has happened quickly.”

Brogan-Kator wrapped up the evening by introducing the Equality Michigan board and staff, then said, “These are your foot soldiers in the fight against the anti-LGBT right wing in Michigan. We are attacked and stymied at every turn in Lansing. For now, our enemies are doing better than we are, but we will continue to fight and to learn. Together, with your help, our day will come.”

LGBT Youth Summit aims to strengthen bonds between GSA leaders Oct. 29

BY JASON A. MICHAEL

BEVERLY HILLS— The GSA Alliance of Southeastern Michigan and GLSEN of Southeastern Michigan are jointly presenting an LGBT Summit on Saturday, Oct. 29, aimed at uniting student leaders across the state and helping them strengthen their local gay straight alliances. The summit is the second such gathering this year.

“Two years ago we did a pilot conference that was very short, and we then abandoned that model,” said Chase Stein, GSA-SM’s youth coordinator. “This spring we did the first LGBT Summit as it’s presented today.”

The all-day event features two icebreakers and three workshops, and closes with a poetry slam/talent show. Attendees can choose workshops from one of three tracks being offered. Track titles are Taking Charge, This Is My Story and We’ve Got Issues. Specific topics include conflict resolution, knowing your legal rights, handling the media and public relationships, gaining membership and sustainability, transgender issues and others.

“With the spring summit, we tried a bunch of ideas at once,” Stein said. “We wanted to see what worked, what people liked and what they didn’t. We took the most

successful workshops from our spring summit and created some new ones as well. We wanted to have something for every interest.”

Presenters will include representatives from GLSEN-National, the ACLU of Michigan and Equality Michigan, as well as advisors and members of GSAs from across the state. There is also a fourth track for parents, advisors and other adults.

“Some workshops are closed to them and we have some workshops specifically for them,” said Stein. “The summit is aimed at youth but we welcome anyone who wants to come.”

Jane Kelly, co-chair of GLSEN-SM, said she really stood back and let the youth design the summit they wanted.

“The workshops were completely student driven,” she said. “The idea is really to connect gay straight alliances across the state. We give them tools for strengthening their leadership development.”

Kelly said she does not know how many GSAs there are currently in schools across the state, but she’s hoping to have that information soon.

“GLSEN, within the last month, has been conducting a GSA census. So that’s one of the initiatives that we’ve been working on.”

For the most part, Kelly said it’s easier than in years past for students to form a GSA

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in their schools.

“There are still pockets where students face a lot of resistance,” she said. “But there’s good knowledge of what the laws are.”

The impact of these groups, she said, cannot be disputed.

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the schools without them. So there’s actually some concrete data for that. But, anecdotally, I see it with the students.”

For more information on the summit, visit www.lgbtsummit.weebly.com. GSA Alliance meeting information: The GSA Alliance of Southeast Michigan meetings are held the second Friday of each month at 6 p.m. The meetings held at Affirmations Community Center located at 290 W. 9 Mile Road in Ferndale. The next meeting is Nov. 11.

AIDS funding slashed at Community Health Awareness Group

DETROIT— The Community Health Awareness Group recently announced an \$800,000 loss of funding which will necessitate substantial staff reductions and cuts in services to people with HIV/AIDS.

CHAG had an operating budget of almost \$2.3 million in 2009, so the current loss in funding represents about one third of the group’s total annual budget.

CHAG’s management announced that ten employees will be laid off including those who currently provide mental health services. CHAG’s director of mental health services, Dr. Lisa Knysz, said she expects an “increase in feeling of hopelessness and helplessness” among

HIV infected individuals already struggling with stigma and rejection, which may further compromise their ability to remain healthy.

CHAG’s needle exchange program, the only such program in the Detroit area, is also on the chopping block due to current cuts. The program has a demonstrated effectiveness in reducing HIV infection and in reducing some forms of drug abuse.

This is the second large reduction in funding recently announced at a local HIV/AIDS agency. AIDS Partnership Michigan in Detroit was forced to close its highly regarded REC Boyz youth program last month due to a large cut in funding.

Annual Bowlathon for youth Oct. 30

FERNDALE— The annual Ferndale Youth Assistance Bowl-A-Thon will be held Oct. 30, from 1 - 4 p.m. at Luxury Lanes, 600 E Nine Mile. The event is described by organizers as “one of the two most important fundraisers each year” for Ferndale Youth Assistance, a charitable program that works with the schools, the local district courts, parents and city and county government to assist youth with a variety of programs.

“Ferndale Youth Assistance is a great local grass roots program that is critical in supporting our youth who will become the leaders of tomorrow. Especially in these tough economic times, any help we can provide is an investment toward a better future for us all,” said Craig Covey, Oakland County Commissioner and newly

appointed FYA board president.

Funds raised help FYA help many programs for the students and families of the Ferndale School District including counseling, student enrichment scholarships, camp scholarships and more.

Teams of bowlers can form and solicit pledges and donations for FYA. Individuals may also attend and will be assigned to teams. Each bowler is asked to raise a minimum of \$50 in pledges, which will provide each bowler 3 games of bowling, shoe rental, food and beverages.

There are also prizes that will be raffled off.

Persons interested in bowling, volunteering for this event or making a donation may contact Melinda Hicks at 248-586-8700.

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Readers respond to last week's top story: State lawmakers' bill would void all local protections for LGBT people. Your rights are on the line again!

They hate us for our freedoms to redecorate and restyle!

—Todd Te Adoro Erickson

This is insane and a violation of civil rights.

—Jayne Van Kirk

"We'll help you, but only if it fits our political views." Right...

—Michael Suitts

SERIOUSLY?? We don't have more important issues? They don't want us to have anything.

—Takara Tk Tuff

I don't agree with it but acknowledge that the state has the right to deny LGBT partners health benefits, but where in the hell do they get the right to negate all local city and township laws and protections?

—Gar Peterson

Wait. I thought it was all about jobs? I guess not! They prove it over and over again.

—Troy Hawkins

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Visibility, politics, Halloween, coming out



Geraldine Joosten

"WHERE ARE WE? Where are we in the media, in TV shows, in the news in LGTB projects, at Gay Prides, on the work floor? Why are lesbians so invisible? How does this lack of visibility affects us: Who are the icons out there for us? Does it make it harder for girls to find themselves without many easily accessible role models? Why is there such a disbalance between lesbian and gay visibility on TV, the media and the magazines. Why are gay men more accepted in TV shows, films, articles in the media. Why do people automatically think of/talk about gay men when the issue of gay rights are brought up? Why do celebrities only link themselves to the male gay rights organizations? Why do people still think that lesbians can't have 'proper' sex. Why is it still allowed to insult lesbians on TV shows/in the media? Why are bi girls hip and lesbians not."

—Geraldine Joosten, in her blog posting titled "Can you see me? The Importance of Lesbian Visibility," about lesbian visibility and the idea of a book of essays on this topic, www.lesbiatopia.com, Oct. 23.



Carl Levin

"Today, Senator Carl Levin (D-MI) announced that he will cosponsor the Respect for Marriage Act, the bill that will overturn DOMA. Levin's support brings us to 31 Senators who support ending federal marriage discrimination. We thank Senator Levin for his support and hope that his colleague Senator Stabenow will join him in cosponsoring this crucial legislation. We'll continue working with our supporters in Michigan and across the country to grow support for the Respect for Marriage Act, especially leading up to next month's hearing."

—In a blog posting titled "Senator Levin cosponsors the Respect for Marriage Act," www.freedomtomarry.org, Oct. 20.



Master Aiden

"What makes Halloween truly impressive, to me, is what it unleashes within the male psyche. It's difficult to tell the difference between the gay boys and the straight ones. Many girls' boyfriends will go in drag and other 'completely hetero' guys will appear in some suspiciously revealing costumes and will encourage being molested by their straight (enough) buddies throughout the evening. And it will seem like a joke until the fondling continues on past the 20-second grace period and re-emerges throughout the evening. Things can get weird. 'No homo'? Well, not on Halloween. Halloween these days has a very murky sexual fluidity to it and it's completely fantastic. Yes homo."

—Master Aiden, professional BDSM Dom, in his "Yes, Master" blog, in a posting titled "It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year," <http://thenewgay.net>, Oct. 19.



Joshua G. Rosenberger

"The study is one of the first to explore sexual behavior at the event level among a national sample of gay and bisexually identified men. As such, this study was focused primarily on a single sexual event - the most recent - and therefore these data are able to provide a level of detail about MSM sexual behavior that has not previously been documented. Of all sexual behaviors that men reported occurring during their last sexual event, those involving the anus were the least common (less than 40 percent). There is certainly a misguided belief that 'gay sex equals anal sex,' which is simply untrue much of the time."

—Joshua G. Rosenberger, lead author, professor, Department of Global and Community Health in the College of Health and Human Services at George Mason University, about his study titled "Sexual Behaviors and Situational Characteristics of Most Recent Male-Partnered Sexual Event among Gay and Bisexually Identified Men in the United States." <http://newsinfo.iu.edu>, Oct. 18.

State closer to denying benefits, hearings question economic soundness of bill

Senate committee approves bills to deny partner health care benefits

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LANSING— On Oct. 19 the Michigan Senate Committee on Reforms, Restructuring and Reinventing approved House Bills 4770 and 4771. The bills would eliminate health care benefits for unmarried partners of public employees across the state. They would effectively prohibit any government entity from providing benefits and prohibit unions from including them in collective bargaining agreements. The bills passed along party lines.

“Republican lawmakers continue to attack hardworking LGBT people rather than focusing on real issues. They are ignoring best practices in business and promoting a hostile environment for gay and lesbian couples. We hope that voters questions where lawmakers’ real priorities are,” said Emily Dievendorf, director of policy for Equality Michigan.

The Michigan House of Representatives passed the bills by a vote of 64-44 in September. Anti-gay Republicans Rep. Dave Agema, the bill’s sponsor, and Attorney General Bill Schuette have been trying to strip away health care benefits for gay and lesbian couples since February.

“Tens of thousands of public and private employees in our state have access to health care benefits for domestic partners – this legislation, if passed, would have a devastating impact. This is a crucial issue for Michigan – do we really want to be known as a state with such a regressive legislature that we deny equal access to health care benefits? Michigan Republicans are ready to close the door for gay and lesbian couples who want to live here – even if it means dictating human resources policy for local governments,” said Dievendorf.

“Given the lack of economic soundness behind these proposals, one is left to believe that the true motivation behind these bills is a cynical, mean-spirited attempt to attack and harm people that certain members of this legislature do not like,” said Jay Kaplan, ACLU of Michigan LGBT Project staff attorney during his testimony. “House Bills 4770 and 4771 are wrong. They are

unfair. They are unconstitutional and they will be challenged in court should they become law.”

House Bills 4770 and 4771 passed the state House in September and would prohibit any government entity, including universities and city governments, from providing health benefits to domestic partners. These bills were introduced after the legislature failed to override a Michigan Civil Service Commission decision to ratify a collective bargaining agreement that allows certain state employees to share health care benefits with an “other eligible adult.”

During his testimony, Kaplan said he agreed with the legal analysis of Michael Gadola, legal counsel to Gov. Rick Snyder, who indicated in a May 18, 2011 letter to Sen. Majority Leader Randy Richardville and Speaker of the House Jase Bolger, that legislative policies such as those outlined in HB 4770 and 4771 infringe upon the constitutional authority of public universities and are therefore both unconstitutional and unenforceable. In addition, Kaplan explained that the policies also infringe upon the authority of local governments to adopt employment practices, including the ability to decide who should receive health insurance coverage.

“Michigan courts have long recognized that the legislature may not interfere with a university board institutional management and control,” said Kaplan. “The State of Michigan, including its legislative body, has always been strongly committed to the concept of home rule. This legislation blatantly goes against this history.”

In his testimony, Kaplan stated that although the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that Michigan’s anti-marriage amendment precludes public employers from providing domestic partner benefits based solely on the type of relationship individuals share, the amendment does allow universities and local governments to provide domestic partner benefits to employees based on a variety of unrelated criteria, including joint ownership of property and durable powers of attorney. In addition, Kaplan quoted former Attorney General Mike Cox and the Michigan

Court of Appeals who stated in reaction to the ACLU of Michigan’s 2005 lawsuit challenging the amendment: “The Amendment does not preclude the extension of employment benefits to unmarried partners on a basis unrelated to recognition of their agreed-upon relationship.”

Kaplan also warned committee members that the U.S. Supreme Court has weighed in on such discriminatory policies in *Romerv Evans*, making it

insurance from its citizens,” said Kaplan. “Why, given Michigan’s urgent need to attract new businesses and industry to our state, would the legislature want to severely interfere with and hamper the ability of public employers to set their own terms of compensation in order to attract the talent and entrepreneurship that it takes to develop new businesses? Why, when Michigan has one of the highest exodus of college graduates in the

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clear that laws based on animus toward a particular group violate the Fourteenth Amendment right to equal protection under the law.

Previously, sponsors of the legislation estimated the cost of benefits would be well over \$8 million, however a recent analysis conducted by the Civil Service Commission found that only about 100 employees opted in by the September deadline, proving the true cost of domestic partners benefits was about \$600,000. Citing this information and the fact that more than 50 prominent businesses in the state provide domestic partner benefits, Kaplan questioned the decision to take away health benefits and tie the hands of public employers to attract and retain the brightest and best.

“The ACLU has to wonder why, in the face of Michigan’s economic downslide – with unemployment rates the highest in the country and with families struggling to make ends meet – would the legislature want to take away health

country, would it consider a policy that not only deters economic opportunities, but is exclusionary, unwelcoming, and unsupportive of the diversity of Michigan families?”

Over 900,000 Michigan employees of private companies have access to health care benefits for their domestic partners. Over 20 major corporations in the state provide such benefits, including Ford, General Motors, Chrysler, Dow Chemical and Whirlpool. Several public entities, representing tens of thousands of workers, provide benefits for domestic partners of employees, including the State of Michigan, at least 10 public universities, five city and county governments and at least three public school districts.

To read, the ACLU’s testimony, including Michael Gadola’s letter, go to www.aclumich.org/sites/default/files/file/HB4770testimony.pdf For more information visit www.equalitymi.org, www.aclumich.org.





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Thinking Out Loud

BY ABBY DEES

Why my marriage matters A marriage doubter changes her tune

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It's my wedding anniversary today and I'm 6000 miles away from my partner, sitting in an English café. Being all alone and so far away is making me especially wistful about these last three years since we were legally married in California.

Marriage is not a prerequisite for this desire, but it still means more to me than I ever understood before.

I had to be cajoled into getting married. Not the commitment and love thing – I was clear on that – I balked at marriage itself. First, I had to tease out my motivations: was it the universal human urge to engage in an ancient rite or was it the sudden excitement around this new opportunity? Even though we got “equal” marriage rights in California, it was still so different for us.

Most straight people will never know what it's like to have spent their lives being excluded from full marriage, then to have that change instantly one day – and then to learn within days that marriage might be snatched away again if you don't marry before election day. Oh, this was definitely not like traditional marriage.

The other issue I faced was whether I even supported this institution to begin with. Unlike my partner, who is a old-fashioned Midwestern gal, I grew up a counterculture hippy child in L.A. – very Birkenstocks and rainbow toe socks. Even before I knew I was a lesbian, the idea of a virginal white dress and a ken doll husband at the alter made no conceptual sense. My childhood fantasy husband was a fellow Peace Corps doctor, sharing a tent with me in Africa while we saved the world together. Later, when I became a politically minded lesbian, I most definitely couldn't get behind any ritual that involved someone being given away. Ick.

But fantasy always cedes to reality, and the universe must have had a good chuckle as I tried to explain all this to my common-sensical girlfriend. To her, marriage was marriage. If you don't want the white dress, don't wear one. Do you want to get married or not?

In a nice turn, my old politics helped me say yes in the end. I decided that my marriage would not be dictated by anyone else's history

or tradition. We would, by our very choice to marry, make it our own. It meant – of course as it should mean for anyone – that I wanted to declare Traci as my family. I also knew that marriage meant something to her that no amount of political lip-flapping from me would change. That probably should have been enough for me, but I'm pig-headed this way.

We married just before the November election, which then put the whole thing in limbo, and my attitudes shifted almost instantly about this complicated institution. When I finally said “I do,” I was in – fully and deeply. I was now ready to beat up anyone who was going to take my marriage away and leave us the decidedly less resonant “domestic partnership” as a consolation prize. I really did have the feeling that in marrying the woman I loved, and despite myself, I'd fallen into a fundamentally human state, one that far precedes the bizarre economic aspects of marriage, or all those questionable gender ideas it's been laden with along the way.

So what does marriage really mean versus domestic partnership? In California there is almost no difference under the law (other places are different). Then it just comes down to a name, I'm told – which is what the other side has argued in court repeatedly, as if to say, “What are you complaining about? You've got it all except for the silly issue of a name.” My response to the anti-same-sex marriage folks is, “Good, then, you try domestic partnership on for size.” I must also

point out that separate-but-equal is officially not an American operating principle, as declared by the Supreme Court in 1954, thank you very much.

Now let me put the politics and law aside for a moment. The deal is that it matters to step into something that humans have been doing since they learned to use words. It matters that when I say we're married to someone I meet they know exactly what that means on an emotional, familial level, even if the legal stuff is head-spinningly confusing right now. It matters that marriage is the highest public bond between two people that we know of, and that my partner and I have declared, to our family, friends, and – courtesy of the county registrar – to our community, that we, joyfully and with full awareness of its obligations, have entered this bond with each other. Take that, domestic partnership.

Three years in, my marriage is strong and becomes more beautiful every day. We have our spats, our weight gain (why, why, why?), our cats and dogs (we're lesbians after all), but as I sit here today, so far from my home, there is only one thing I want: for my beloved to be here, with me. Marriage is not a prerequisite for this desire, but it still means more to me than I ever understood before.

Abby is a civil rights attorney-turned-author who has been in the LGBT rights trenches for 25+ years. She can be reached through her website: queerquestionsstraighttalk.com.





Parting Glances Then and Now

BY CHARLES ALEXANDER

Bases loaded for Prophet Jones

On several sporty occasions I've dined at Angelina's Restaurant in Downtown Detroit with BTL co-publishers Jan and Susan, loyal Tiger baseball fans.

From our window side table, the Comerica Park pre-game fireworks are spectacular to watch (as are many of the attendee pitch hitters parading by in cutoffs for my out fielder benefit).

Grrrrrr! The Tigers got close this year, but not close enough. (I was downtown when the team won the '68 World Series. The celebration was wild; pitcher Denny McClain a hero, whose future seemed bright, promising, a natural for the Baseball Hall of Fame.)

On our last visit I cashed a twenty at the bar and recalled that Angelina's was once the Madison Theater. Where I stood was its lobby, and there, years ago in my late teens, I got a special "blessing" from Rev. James Francis Jones. Prophet Jones (1908 - 1971).

When I approached Prophet Jones he was alone. I hadn't a clue why he was unescorted, but I recognized him from TV and newspaper pictures. "Aren't you Prophet Jones?" I boldly asked. He was cordial, gracious, conservatively dressed. Soft spoken in voice, cultured in diction.

As a lark I asked for a blessing. He gave me a Who-is-this-presumptive-white-kid look, and said, "Thirty years fallow, twenty years a harvest of your good." He also invited me to call his secretary and make an appointment to visit his fabulous 54-room Arden Park mansion. I never did.

Jones's flamboyant lifestyle as a preacher was both praised and damned in Time, Newsweek, Saturday Evening Post, Ebony, Pittsburgh Courier, Detroit mainstream and African-American newspapers. He was controversial. Flamboyant! Possibly, well, you know ...

Although he received birthday greetings from Michigan Governor G. Mennen Williams and was an invited guest at Dwight D. Eisenhower's 1952 presidential inauguration, many African-American civil and religious leaders called him a con artist.

Jones wore one gold earring (God whispered into his right ear), ruled from an ornate \$5300 throne, wore a full-length mink coat - price tag \$13,500 - a gift from Chicago schoolteacher sisters whose mother he had healed before coming to Detroit in 1938.

He held court at the Universal Triumph, the Dominion of God, Inc., with his flock of lords, ladies, princesses and princes (and presumably queens) at the Oriole Theater, a renovated movie house. Doors were locked to keep drowsy royalty and commoners from sneaking away during the three-hours-long midnight telecast services. He preached that Mary was black, that she was turned away from the inn because of racial discrimination, and that Jesus was not crucified but lynched.

Jones's followers couldn't join social clubs, drink coffee or alcohol, or bear children out of wedlock. They could, however, be patriotic. (They purchased over \$12,000 in Victory Bonds during World War II.) The Prophet was suspected of dealing in the numbers racket, and an undercover cop was assigned to gather details.

The novice vice cop, John Henry, a butch 24, uncovered little evidence of numbers involvement by Jones, other than giving out three-digit Bible verses for donations of \$5, \$10, and \$20. Unfortunately, Jones blessed Henry's exposed ripcord when they were alone during a private healing service, or so the paratrooper-turned-vice-cop alleged.

"Prophet Jones Jailed on Morals Charge" blared the Feb. 21, 1956 banner Free Press headline, with other papers gleefully tooting in. Thanks to a smart lawyer, the jury found Prophet Jones not guilty. It was a case of entrapment, pure (but not so simple).

As Jones left the courtroom in dark glasses his followers chanted, "All is well, prophet." But they were wrong. No matter who you bailout with, you can't walk on water without sinking. (Especially in high heels.) Oh, yes! The Prophet's late-60s church venue is the Fine Arts building, currently housing the Detroit ACLU office. (Glory Be!)

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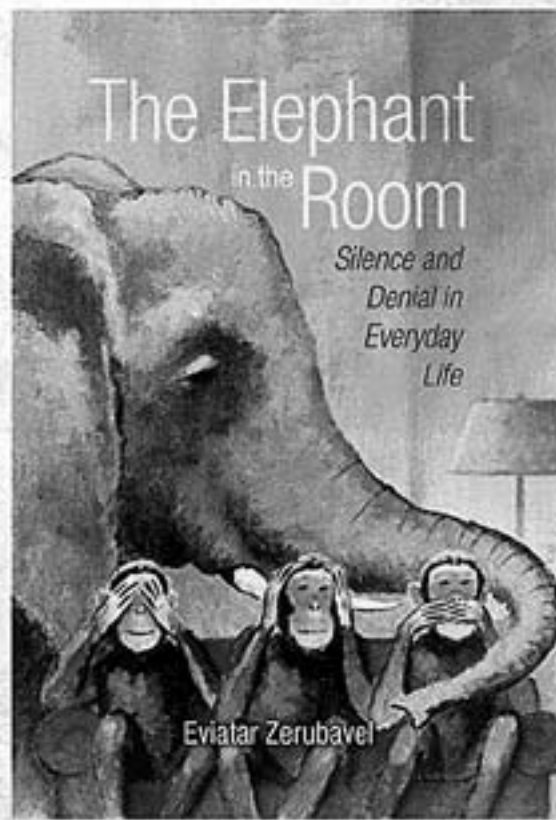
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Linda Harvey

BY D'ANNE WITKOWSKI

Your son just fell off the monkey bars, shattering a kneecap and busting out some teeth. Your kid is screaming in pain, blood all over his face, and you're trying to



Linda Harvey

calm them down on the ambulance ride to the hospital saying, "It's okay, you're going to be okay," while trying to keep terror out of your voice. When you get to

the hospital your son is whisked away on a stretcher to be seen by an ER doctor.

Sounds like a nightmare, doesn't it? No, not the your-child-getting-seriously-injured thing. I mean, come on, accidents happen and in this fictitious scenario he's going to be sore and on crutches for a little while and looking like a Jack-o-lantern until his front adult teeth come in, but fine. No, the nightmare is the fact that the paramedics, x-ray technicians, nurses, and doctors who cared for your son could be "known homosexuals."

A terrifying thought.

Granted, a health care provider's sexual orientation probably isn't the first thing on a parent's mind when their child is sick or injured. Thankfully, Linda Harvey of Mission America reminds us what's important when it comes to child health and welfare.

On her Oct. 18 radio show Harvey warned parents about the dangers of gay and lesbian care takers. "How do you feel about open homosexuals tending to your child in a health care setting? Do you think these folks provide good role modeling at a time when your child is very vulnerable?" she asks, adding that her concern stems from the gay and lesbian employee group at Children's Hospital in Columbus.

Harvey was stunned to learn that the group had done some scandalous things. According to Harvey, "they participated in last June's gay pride parade (and) in a health expo on adolescent health this summer and that they're concerned about same-sex partner benefits. They're also planning to be identified with rainbow lapel pins."

That's right: rainbow lapel pins, which means "open homosexuals."

"Let's say your eleven year-old has broken her leg rather badly and needs to be in the hospital a few days, which would you prefer: a nurse who's proud of her lesbianism, who has rainbow identifiers on her work clothing, or a nurse who does not?"

Harvey asks, knowing that any sane and loving parent would rather take their chances at home with some pliers and duct tape than subject their child to a lesbianism-flaunting nurse.

Harvey continues, "If you want your children to admire people who proclaim a homosexual lifestyle, they're involvement with your child during a hospital stay is sure to be an influence."

That's right, parents. One day you're telling little Billy how dangerous and sinister homosexuals are and the next day he's in traction and a nice lesbian is bringing him Popsicles and a gay doctor is responsible for the fact that he'll walk again. That's just not fair to Billy. Better that he never know kind, helpful, professional gay people exist at all.

Not that Harvey is trying to denigrate gay and lesbian health professionals. "Let me be clear that folks involved in these behaviors can

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be certainly competent workers," she says, "but they are tacking onto their workplace identity one that is highly offensive to many people and can be erroneously influential to children who won't, or shouldn't, see the whole picture of how this behavior really manifests itself."

Got it? If the lesbian nurse could just, say, show the child a video of herself having lesbian sex and going to hell then children would get the full perspective. But Harvey would object to that, too.

Harvey's advice to parents? "You may want to consider writing a letter that you file with your pediatrician that should your child ever be hospitalized, you do not want your child to be treated or cared for by (gay employees) except in the case of an emergency situation," she says.

If Harvey were really serious she'd drop the "emergency situation" exception. But then again, no decent parent could stand to watch a child suffer or let a child die in the name of shielding him or her from nefarious homosexual influence. And no decent doctor or nurse of any sexual orientation is going to let a child suffer or die just because he or she has anti-gay nuts for parents.

Equality Ride founder shares call to action

Jacob Reitan takes fight to conservatives

BY CRYSTAL PROXIMIRE

TROY— It was a chance conversation at a gay bar on a Friday night while in college, that prompted Jacob Reitan to start the Soulforce Bus Tour, which brings gay students and allies to conservative college campuses to force the discussion of diversity and acceptance.

"I met this very attractive young man who told me he went to Wheaton College in Chicago, which is one of the most conservative schools in the country. So I asked him, 'Gee what's it like being a gay man at a conservative school?'"

"He told me that no one knows about that, and he'd be thrown out if anybody knew. He said that was the school's policy.

"And I said, 'Well we need to change that policy.' And what he said next made me realize how important activism is. He said, 'No, I think it's a good policy. Homosexuality is a sin.'"

"So here was this young man at a gay club on a Friday night, seeking to be loved and affirmed as a person, but still believing that he was a sinner and that he couldn't be accepted."

Reitan told the young man that he would find a way to change the school's policies, and to do that he joined with the Soulforce movement and created the Soulforce Equality Ride, inspired by the Freedom Rides of the 1960s. Since his first ride in 2006, the group he helped form has visited over 50 schools including Wheaton, Brigham Young and Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA.

When he spoke about his experiences as an activist at a Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion breakfast Oct. 21, he explained that the tour planners would send a letter to the schools letting them know they'd been selected as a stop on the tour, and inviting them to work with the group to set up programming for the day. Some schools gave them space and time to talk, others had them arrested on sight. Reitan has been arrested 13 times.

Someone in the audience asked if he thought the rides made a difference.

"At some of the schools we gave them an excuse to have the conversation," Reitan said. "On the day we came there was the changing of hearts and minds...We have gone back to some and things absolutely changed. Students are now able to



Jacob Reitan speaking at Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion breakfast Oct. 21. BTL photo: Crystal A. Proximire

meet and talk about these things. Some even have GSAs and support groups now."

In addition to talking about the Soulforce Equality Rides, Reitan talked about the rift between religion and the LGBT community, explaining why nonviolence and dialogue are the keys to changing the minds of the religious.

"The truth, on its own merit, rises to the top of any argument," he said, pointing out that in the past five years there has been a great deal of progress in the gay rights movement. "Before five years ago we had never passed a national policy for LGBT people. Five years ago there were three recurring gay characters on national television, now there are over 100. Five years ago there was one state where gays and lesbians could be married, now there are five states, plus DC and we are going to win back California and get Maryland...The long arm of history is bending toward justice."

There is more work to do on conservative college campuses and in the religious institutions that will not recognize same gender love. Reitan read the hateful words of religious groups which compare homosexuality to rape and murder and explained that those hateful

beliefs contribute to the bullying of gay children and the suicides of those who feel like they are evil or unaccepted by society.

Just having the conversation helps. "As soon as we announced we were coming, the school newspapers announced it and it got people talking. Someone in the cafeteria would say 'we shouldn't have those guys on campus,' and someone else would speak up and say 'Christ maybe we should hear what they have to say.' And then people are talking about it and allies come forward. ...And from there we build relationships and understanding."

Reitan graduated magna cum laude from Northwestern University with a Bachelors of Science degree in political science and communication studies. He currently attends Harvard Divinity School on a Harvard Presidential Scholarship where he is pursuing his Masters in Theological Studies. To find out more about Reitan and the Soulforce Equality Rides, go to their website www.soulforce.org/programs/equality-ride.

For more on the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity, which is celebrating its 70 anniversary this year, go to www.mroundtable.org.

Author asserts God and Gay go together

BY BETH GREENAPPLE

WEST BLOOMFIELD— Jay Michaelson, an author whose new book will be featured at the Jewish Community Center's Jewish Book Fair Nov. 6, is a Biblical scholar and a gay activist. His appearance is sponsored by the Jewish Gay Network of Michigan. JGN's Executive Director Judy Lewis met Michaelson in 2009 in San Francisco and describes him as "intelligent, warm and engaging."

"JGN's board and advisory committee will be honored with an opportunity to meet more intimately with Michaelson," who will attend their meeting after the Book Fair event said Lewis.

Michaelson is the author of three books and numerous articles about the intersections of religion, sexuality and law. A leading activist on behalf of LGBT people in faith communities, Michaelson and his work have been featured in the New York Times, on NPR and CNN. He is the founder of Nehirim, the leading national provider of community programming for LGBT Jews and their allies.

Michaelson grew up in a Conservative Jewish household. He struggled with his sexuality for ten years with denial, self-deceit and self-hatred. Reminiscent of Rabbi Steven Greenberg's "Wrestling With God and Men," an examination of the Jewish Bible's take on homosexuality from an Orthodox Jewish scholar's point of view, Michaelson interweaves close readings of Scripture with stories from his own life, concluding that a loving God would never ask human beings to repress their emotional selves and live their lives alone or under what he calls "the tyranny of the closet."

In "God vs. Gay? The Religious Case for Equality," Michaelson re-examines scriptures from the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament and argues that homosexuality is not only natural, but that, "put in stark religious terms, sexual diversity is part of God's plan."

Michaelson believes that the Bible teaches us to treat minorities with a love that respects each person's unique individuality and human dignity.

Writing on gay marriage, the



"The Bible's 'family values' include arranged marriages, sex with twelve-year old girls, concubines, polygamy, and prostitution...Is this what we want for ourselves today?"

—Jay Michaelson, author

author emphasizes that numerous studies indicate the sexual orientation of parents does not affect the psychological health of children. He points out the irony of the much bandied-about notion that Biblically based 'family values' are being undermined by the mere existence of homosexual relationships. Michaelson writes, "The Bible's 'family values' include arranged marriages, sex with twelve-year old girls, concubines, polygamy, and prostitution...Is this what we want for ourselves today?" Indeed, Michaelson shows that making

the sanctification of marriage available to couples in same-sex relationships actually strengthens, rather than weakens, religious values of family, love and human dignity.

Jay Michaelson will speak to the general public on Sunday, Nov. 6, 5:30 p.m. at 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield. After his presentation he will autograph copies of his book, available for sale in the JCC lobby. Admission is free and all are welcome.

PFLAG Family Reunion resumes

DETROIT— Promising friendship, fun and information, PFLAG Family Reunion Detroit Chapter for People of Color announced it will be reactivating the group. The first meeting will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 15 from 7-8 p.m. at Fellowship Chapel UCC Church, 7707 W. Outer Drive (just east of the Southfield Fwy). To learn more email info@pflag-fr-detroit.org

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FERNDAL— Affirmations is looking for a new logo and is inviting input from the public to submit their version of what a new logo might look like.

The deadline to submit logo ideas is Friday, Nov. 11. All entries should be submitted to info@goaffirmations.org. The winning logo and its creator, will be featured at Affirmations Spring Bash, which will be held at the Detroit Institute of Arts on March 31, 2012. For additional information or questions contact Cass Varner, Director of Communications at 248-398-7105.

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GOP at right-wing Iowa forum: Gingrich one-ups Santorum

BY LISA KEEN

It was one of only four questions posed to each Republican presidential hopeful Oct. 22 at Knapp Animal Learning Center in Des Moines, during a conservative forum: "What, specifically, would you do to prevent abortion-on-demand and protect traditional marriage?"

Some of the specifics offered came across like last-hand poker bets. Rick Santorum would go to "every single state" to wage campaigns against judges who strike down same-sex marriage bans. Ron Paul would push for a bill to remove such issues from the jurisdiction of the courts. And Newt Gingrich said he would "abolish" or "ignore" courts with which he did not agree and said Congress should have written language into the Defense of Marriage Act to make it not appealable.

The fact that all six candidates at the Iowa Faith and Freedom Coalition forum in Des Moines were eager to wear their opposition to same-sex marriage so boldly was not a surprise. Steve Scheffler heads the Coalition, formerly known as the Iowa Christian Alliance, and Scheffler has been an active opponent of same-sex marriage in Iowa. Some media speculate he can sway a significant number of right-wing conservative caucus-goers into a candidate's camp.

What was surprising, however, is that none of the six - which also included Michelle Bachmann, Herman Cain, and Rick Perry (Mitt Romney declined to participate)



Newt Gingrich

We have a weak understanding of civil liberties," said Paul. "We have to think about our civil liberties as we think about our religious freedom...If we understand our civil liberties, protecting all the liberties of an individual, as well as obeying the constitution, I really don't think it will be that difficult to get back on our feet again."

Rick Perry said nothing about same-sex marriage, even when asked for specifics. He said only that he would put "strict constructionists on the court" that would "overthrow Roe v. Wade."

Herman Cain, who has begun to punch his speeches up with such catchy zingers

Evoking the memory of President Abraham Lincoln and the fight to abolish slavery, Santorum promised to "come back and make sure we not only defeat those justices...but go to every single state...Then, one by one, the judicial opinions will come down."

Gingrich, in a rambling answer that mashed both abortion and same-sex marriage issues together, expressed his belief that he could, as president, simply abolish a court with which he disagreed. He pointed to President Thomas Jefferson as his role model and, with a wildly expressionist interpretation of federal court history, cavalierly suggested that Jefferson waltzed into the presidency and "abolished" half the federal judge positions.

He then demurred, saying, "I am not as bold as Jefferson," but said he would "recommend" that the court of a federal judge in San Antonio - who ruled against prayer at a high school graduation ceremony - "should be abolished now."

"Presidents, on occasion, ignore the court," said Gingrich. He noted that a few instances in which presidents ignored a Supreme Court ruling.

"As president," said Gingrich, "I would instruct the national security apparatus to ignore the three most recent Supreme Court decisions on terrorism and I would say, 'Those are null and void and have no binding effect on the United States, and as commander in chief I will not have a federal judge risking the safety of the United States with some misguided interpretation'." Then he said he would "serve notice" to the 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals - a circuit where a number of important LGBT civil rights rulings have emerged - "that they are on sufferance and if they decide to continue being radical, they will become unemployed."

And on his first day as president, said Gingrich, he would sign four executive orders - one of which would reinstate the President George W. Bush's "Conscience Rule" to authorize any health care worker, hospital, or insurance company to refuse, in Gingrich's words, "any activity against their religious beliefs."

The crowd loved it.

Gingrich would sign four executive orders - one of which would reinstate the President George W. Bush's "Conscience Rule" to authorize any health care worker, hospital, or insurance company to refuse any activity against their religious beliefs.

- brought up the issue on their own. Each delivered a 10 to 15-minute speech prior to taking on the questions, and it appeared that many of the candidates were in the room while questions were asked of other candidates.

In her 15-minute speech, Bachmann did tout "standing against Barney Frank on the Financial Services Committee - I have done that." But she made no mention of her leadership against same-sex marriage until Scheffler asked her the question.

Ron Paul, introduced as the champion of civil liberties and the constitution, also eschewed any mention of same-sex marriage in his prepared remarks, while walking a political tightrope. He said the family has been "diminished" in recent years, but hinted it was because the government had grown too big. He also expressed his concern that the law has "accommodated to the moral standards of the people" and urged that Americans take their civil liberties as seriously as they do their religious freedoms.

"We are careless with our constitution.

as "Stupid people are ruining America," responded to the question by supporting a "constitutional guarantee for traditional marriage" and judges to enforce that.

Even Santorum, who has carved out a niche for himself as the anti-abortion, pro-family, anti-gay marriage candidate, stuck to his anti-abortion theme, with only a fleeting reference to his desire to "strengthen the American family, strengthen marriage."

When asked for specifics, he complained that other candidates "say they support traditional marriage and support a constitutional ban on gay marriage," but "they don't support getting involved in the states to make sure the states don't pass ... marriage different from one man and one woman."

"Will they go to the states and fight it where the fight is?" asked Santorum. "I did." He reminded the audience that, last year, he was part of the successful campaign in Iowa to oust three state supreme court justices who ruled the state constitution requires same-sex couples be treated the same as straight couples in the issuance of marriage licenses.

Anti-bullying measures left out of education bill

BY DANA RUDOLPH

WASHINGTON, DC—In a blow to activists seeking to stop anti-gay bullying, two proposals to address the issue in schools were left out of an education reform bill approved by a U.S. Senate committee Oct. 20. And a proposal to explicitly prohibit anti-LGBT bullying was stripped out. But senators who support the efforts have promised to try to insert language once the full education bill reaches the floor.

The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions approved revisions to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the key federal statute governing primary and secondary education, in a 15 to 7 vote. The version of the Act implemented by Congress at the behest of President George W. Bush was better known as "No Child Left Behind." President Obama has said reform of the Act is one of his highest priorities.

Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese said in a statement that the annual reauthorization of the Act "was the best opportunity the Senate will have in this Congress to address the problem of bullying faced by LGBT students" and that he was "disappointed" the Committee did not do so.

The two primary anti-bullying measures that LGBT advocates have hoped would be part of that bill are the Student Nondiscrimination Act and the Safe Schools Improvement Act.

SNDA would prohibit elementary and secondary schools from discriminating against students on the basis of real or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in any program or activity receiving federal funds. "Discrimination" would include harassment, bullying, intimidation, and violence based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

The Safe Schools bill would require schools and districts receiving federal funds to implement and report on anti-bullying programs. It would require that anti-bullying programs specifically address bullying and harassment based on actual or perceived sexual orientation and gender identity, among other attributes.

A 2009 survey of students by GLSEN found that students are more likely to report problems and staffers are more likely to help them, where school policies explicitly prohibit bullying based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

During the committee hearing, U.S. Sen. Al Franken (D-Minn.) introduced, but then withdrew, SNDA as an amendment. In withdrawing it, Franken said there were some members who felt that including the language at this point would take bipartisan support away from the whole reauthorization bill.

Franken, in an eight-minute statement before the committee, explained that SNDA would protect students like Justin Aaberg, Seth Walsh and Carl Joseph Walker-Hoover, who each died by suicide after suffering relentless anti-gay bullying.

He placed SNDA in the context of previous civil rights bills that addressed discrimination on the basis of race and gender. SNDA, he said, "follows a long precedent of Congress

stepping to protect the most vulnerable members of American society when they face pervasive discrimination."

Franken said committee Chairman Senator Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) has promised to help him get a vote on an SNDA amendment when the education bill goes to the Senate floor. And he said Sen. Mark Kirk (R-Ill.) agreed to work with him to "find compromise language that he can support as a co-sponsor before we bring this vote to the floor." Kirk is the lone Republican co-sponsor of SSIA.

Like Franken did for SNDA, Senator Bob Casey (D-Pa.) introduced but then withdrew the Safe Schools language.

A third measure that was incorporated into the original education bill was "Successful, Safe, and Healthy Students," which Harkin himself had introduced as a stand-alone bill last May. It seeks to give states grants to develop programs that support student health, prevent bullying, violence, and drug use, and promote "safe and supportive schools."

Local education agencies applying for the grants would, among other things, have to establish policies prohibiting conduct that creates "a hostile or abusive educational environment."

But the version of that program that was approved as part of the education bill Oct. 20 stripped out language that would have required participating schools specifically to prohibit bullying and harassment based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

A Harkin spokesperson said that, if the SNDA provisions are approved as an amendment, they would require all schools receiving federal funds, including those receiving Successful, Safe, and Healthy Students grants, to establish enumerated, LGBT-inclusive anti-bullying policies.

The spokesperson said Harkin is hopeful the full Senate will approve the SNDA provisions as a floor amendment. She confirmed that "Chairman Harkin is committed to working with Senator Franken to ensure that happens" and that Harkin will also work with Senator Casey so that "all students are given the opportunity to succeed free from harassment or discrimination."

Senator Casey also issued a statement saying that he would work "to see enumerated protections added to [the education bill] when it comes to the Senate floor."

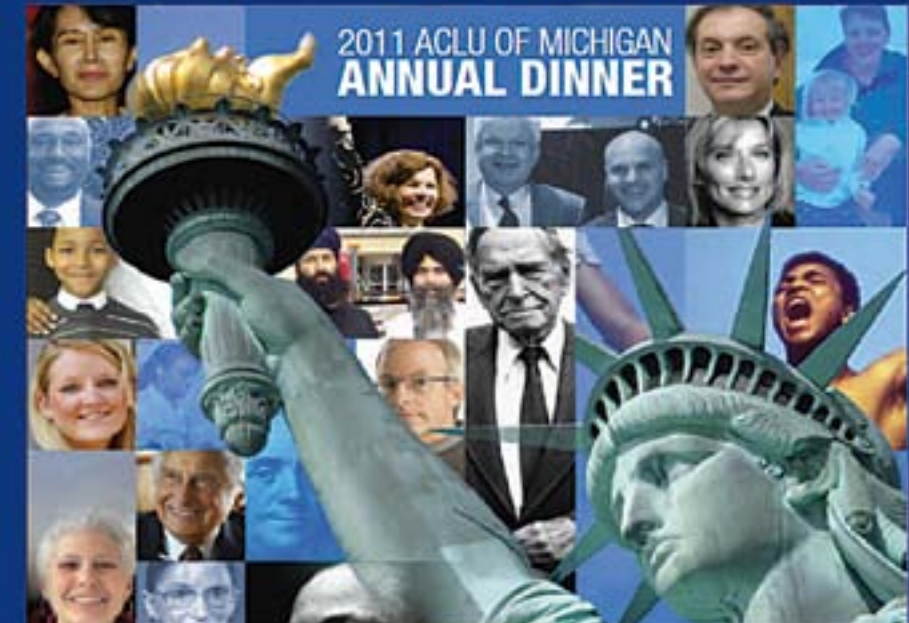
But passage of such amendments through the floor vote will be more difficult.

All 12 of the Democrats (and one Independent, Bernard Sanders of Vermont) on the 22-member committee are co-sponsors of SNDA, which would have given it enough votes for passage in committee.

Ten Democrats, plus one Republican, are co-sponsors of Safe Schools -- one shy of a majority.

Overall, SNDA has 35 sponsors. None are Republicans. Safe Schools has 33 sponsors in total, including Kirk.

Neither the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee spokesperson nor Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's office could confirm when the full Senate might hear the education bill.

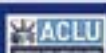


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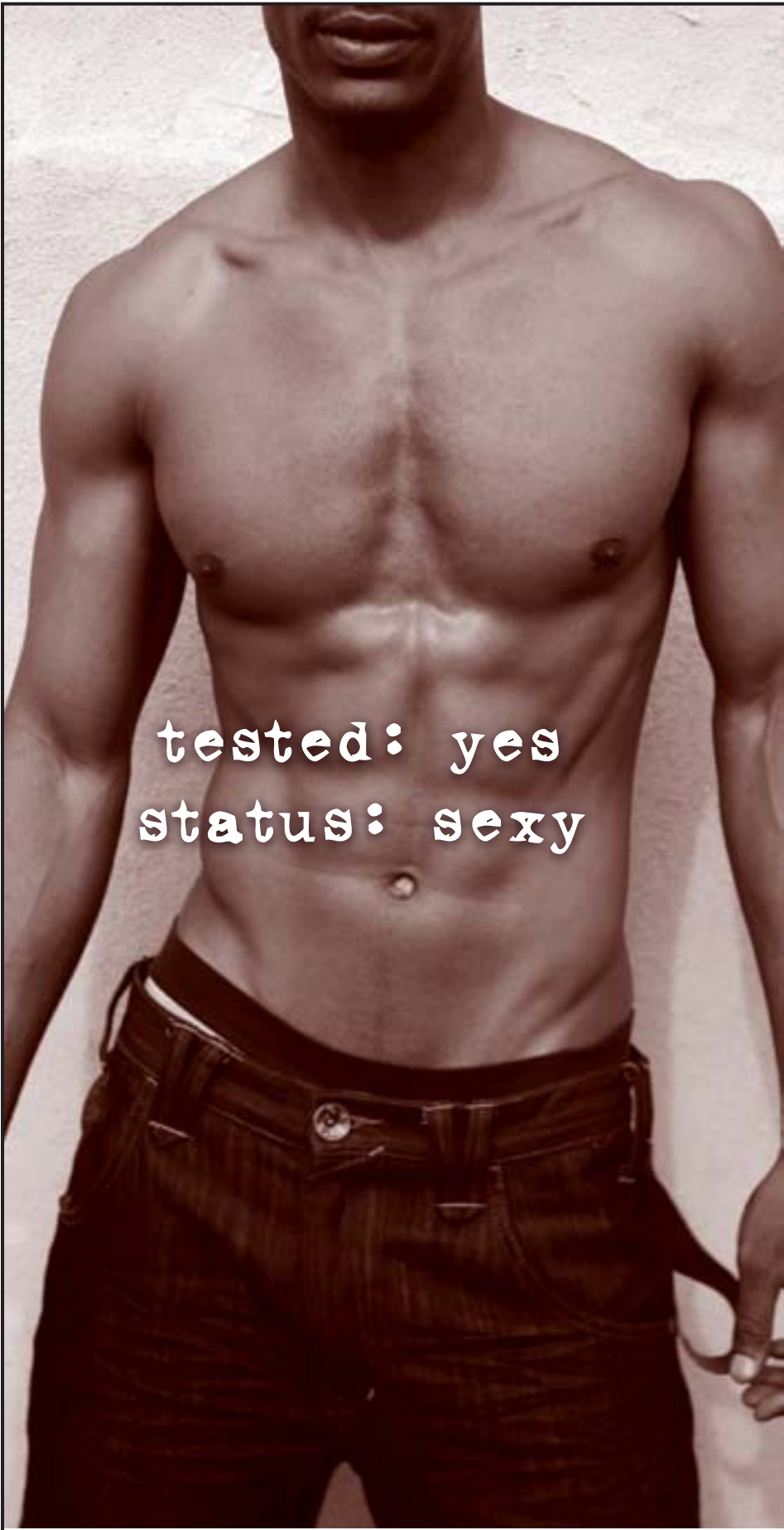
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The Bad Boys will perform their hit show "ROCK the Ballet," which includes routines to music from the Black Eyed Peas, U2, Journey and Michael Jackson, among many others. "ROCK the Ballet" was choreographed by Adrienne Caterna-Thomas, the company's associate artistic director, who also appears on stage alongside the six Bad Boys.

Founded in 2007 by dance superstar Rasta Thomas, the Bad Boys have performed on Broadway, in feature films, and been adored by millions on hit TV shows. In 2010 they performed at Carnegie Hall with Sir Elton John for a charity event alongside Lady Gaga, Sting and Bruce Springsteen, and this year they made a special guest appearance on "So You Think You Can Dance." The company had the distinct honor of performing at the opening ceremonies of the USA International Ballet Competition and now gives more than 150 shows a year for fans worldwide.

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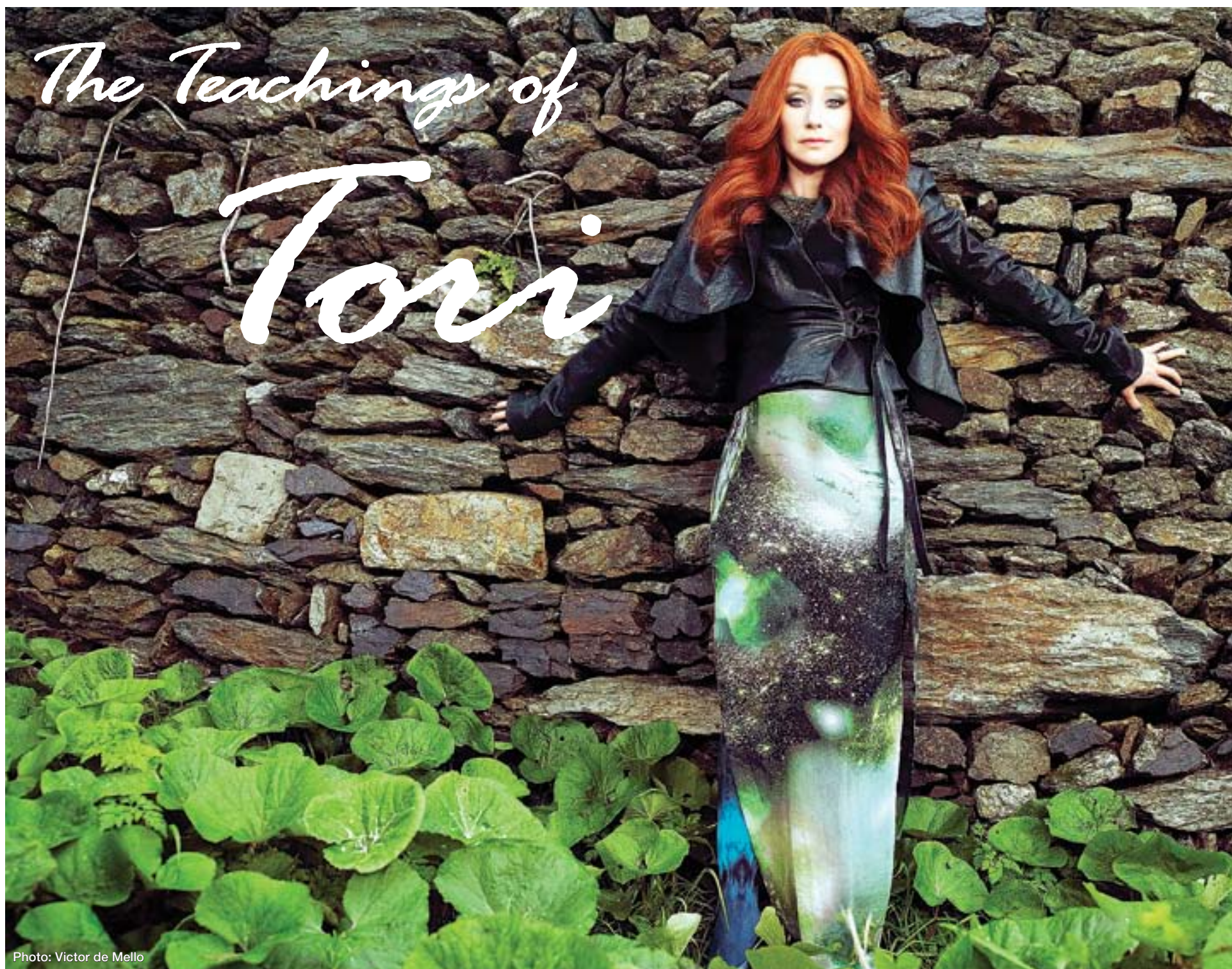


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Gay icon on new CD, Christian phonies and why 'It Gets Better' isn't enough

BY CHRIS AZZOPARDI

Tori Amos doesn't do anything straight. Regarded as one of the premier singer-songwriters of our time, the gay icon's veered off every which way – into babe-pounding-piano rock and baroque-influenced orchestrations; not to mention seasonal songs, straight-up pop, adult contemporary and gender-bending covers.

"Night of Hunters," her 12th album over several decades, taps into 400 years of classical music for the backdrop to the musician's conceptual damsel-in-distress narrative. It's some of Amos' finest work in years.

On album release day, Amos called in to chat about the if-you-were-lesbian talk she had with her daughter, her message to anti-gay Christians and how "It Gets Better" might not be the best way to prevent suicide among gay youth.

How do you celebrate a new release?

That's a really good question. We'll probably have a glass of champagne tonight. Some of the team that put so much energy into it is with me, so we'll gather and show gratitude.

With alcohol, naturally.

Well, champagne. You know, a toast is a toast. It's more about the camaraderie.

Do you still travel with a wine cellar when you tour?

You know it.

You've said, "I knew more about shoes than classical music." What was your crash course in 400 years of classical music like?

I don't know if it was a crash course. I was at the conservatory for five, six years studying only classical music. I wanted to be a composer. I knew that I was not going to be a concert pianist for all kinds of reasons, but you have to really be dedicated and devote your whole life to playing, for the most part, someone else's ideas

and thoughts and feelings. I felt much more that I had the soul of a composer than the soul of an interpreter. I felt closer to the sonic architects than I did to the Horowitzs of the world.

It sounds a lot like an extension of your last album, "Midwinter Graces." Did working on that project inspire this one?

I think it did inspire me, because working with carols and doing variations on them was kind of me cutting my teeth on how to approach the idea of variations on a theme and to expand upon an original theme from another time. I did gain some experience by doing that, but I must tell you – hand on my heart – I did not think about going up to (classical record label) Deutsche Grammophon and saying, "Uh, excuse me, I'm gonna mess with the masters. Will you all pay for this?" It's not something you do. It's like calling up black op and saying, "Hi, can I blow some shit up? I'm available!" It doesn't really work like that.

But they approached me with the idea and

I thought it was pretty bold, and I found them to not be reticent about it but saying, "We've studied your work and we think you're ready to do this. We know you've been working on the musical ("The Light Princess") so you should understand narrative to a degree." And then they said, "You know what, how about a 21st century song cycle based on classical themes?" And I said, "How about a drink?"

Do you think this is a project you would've even considered 20 years ago?

Oh, are you kidding? I think having worked on the musical now for 5,000 years I've learned a lot. (Laughs) I'm working with these incredible creative minds and that has really pushed me as a creative force to expand my ability as a composer. In the pop field, the composition form is quite regimented. I can see it right now: If I had turned in almost 10 minutes to one of my favorite people in the whole world, (record label exec) Doug Morris, he would've looked at me and said, "Tori, what ar' you doin'?"

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How do you feel about the disappearance of the singer-songwriter from mainstream, because you were born out of that?

I was born out of that, and I'm still that, but I needed to take the singer-songwriter by the hand and say, "Honey, we gotta expand." This French journalist said, "Are you willing to be honest and admit that what you really are is a conceptualist and you've been disguising yourself as a pop star?" (Laughs) And I said, "Well, geez, I love contemporary music, I love pop music and I love

the idea of the singer-songwriter. That's part of my soul. But maybe there is another part that needed to expand – a composer in me."

Does having your 11-year-old daughter, Natashya Hawley, on four tracks mean you're trying to turn her into a gay icon, too?

(Laughs) Well, I don't know if I'm trying to turn her into anything! She's turning herself. She helped me develop "Annabelle" (a character on "Night of Hunters"). I designed it, but she helped develop the character. She's been pushing me about the musical and she realized she was too young to play any of the girls and she said, "Look, I could stuff my bra!" And I said, "Stop stuffing your bra!" So Tash is very proactive.

"I think there's hope for people who are judgmental, but what they have to say to themselves is, how can they call themselves a Christian and then insist that gay people don't have the right to be married?"

She's grown up with gay people in our life. We have people from all walks of life on our crew – gay women and gay men that we work with. She's been brought up in it.

She had no choice – look at her mother.

Yeah, I know! (Laughs) But she knows very well what I think. I had a chat with her once that if she ever came home and said she was a lesbian then that's her choice. And she said to me: "Mom, I'm not a lesbian. Black guys are hot."

You're from North Carolina, which has previously banned gay marriage and is now seeking to amend that to the state constitution to define marriage as being between a man and a woman. How do you feel about this legislation, as it affects such a huge part of your fan base?

What I think is so strange. It is. (Laughs) If anybody calls themselves a Christian, I don't see how you can ban consenting adults. I just don't understand how you can see yourself as Christian and have no compassion for another person's path. It goes against the Christ-like energy and light that I was brought up with.

My mother and father, they're both Southern, have opened up, especially my dad. He had to really stretch as a Methodist minister, but he's embraced the idea that gay people deserve rights. I'm really proud of him that, as a Methodist minister, he was able to make that shift and see that he did need to see it differently.

He took me to a gay bar when I was 13. He's come a long way, let's put it that way. So I think there's hope for people who are judgmental, but what they have to say to themselves is, how can they call themselves a Christian and then insist that gay people don't have the right to be married? Then gay people shouldn't have to pay taxes in the state of Carolina!

Is there hope for Michele Bachmann or people like her?

I don't understand people. Again, I'm a minister's daughter, I was brought up in the church; I do know the political side and how it works. If I could sit down with these people you're mentioning, I'd say, "I thought Jesus

was about love and not about judgment and damnation. I thought Christ came to question the judgment of a very harsh God." I just find it completely against Christ's message. I don't know what they're representing, but they're as far away from Christ as my Bible teaching taught me and, you know what, I was brought up in the church! I've gone to church enough for almost every woman in America! (Laughs)

With all the bullying and suicides among LGBT teens in the news, have you considered writing a song about that?

Could you send me some information about that? I'm not aware of all that you speak about.

There's been a series of suicides among gay youth in the last year due to bullying. The "It Gets Better" project was launched to give kids hope and remind them that it's not the end of the world.

But it is the end of the world to them. When you are being bullied because of who you are, the shame of that is so great that it does seem like the end of the world and like they're not accepted in this world – and they're *not* being accepted by part of this world. And yet, the people that are not accepting them and bullying them call themselves Christian, and that is a lie. You are not a Christian if you treat people like that. I don't care what office you're running for. You just are not. That is not the definition of walking the Christ-like path.

When artists say it's not the end of the world, I don't know if that's the approach. I think the approach is acknowledging what they're feeling and hopefully creating a space where people feeling bullied can go to.

This next election, it's so important the gay community become very aware of what's going on and be very proactive about your rights as human beings. The fact that gay people are not treated as if they're human beings by some of these people who are running for office, it's barbaric. Whatever you think I am, I would like to be in a society where we're enlightened, and I just find it all very primitive and that we're regressing mentally.

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Kelly Clarkson keeps the diss songs coming. Plus: Miranda Lambert's best album yet



Kelly Clarkson, 'Stronger'

If Kelly Clarkson wasn't making music, you have to wonder: Where would she take out her wronged-woman rage? It's a scary thought, considering how much the reigning "American Idol" – it's been nearly 10 years since she was crowned as the inaugural winner – uses power-pop beats as a punching bag for her vehement venting. Miss Independent meets "Mr. Know It All" on the first single, a scorching kiss-off that has her spewing lines like "you don't know a thing 'bout me" in glorious fury. It's the kind of no-BS cut we've come to know from Clarkson, an expert at turning done-me-wrongs into club anthems. Look no further than the second song, and single, "What Doesn't Kill You (Stronger)," just about the danciest, balls-to-the-wall song she's recorded; "I Forgive You," a could-be sequel to "Since U Been Gone," follows similarly with wonky synths. Vocally, she rocks "The War is Over" and "Honestly," her breathy tones building to a full belt; it's a voice that can make even lowest-common-denominator lyrics, like on "Einstein," rise about the material. But Clarkson's music on her fifth album, though much less hooky than her last, "All I Ever Wanted," has an advantage: It's easy to feel her pain. She hurts, she gets angry, and she can't please everyone. "You Can't Win," for all the outcasts, is how she addresses that problem, with a line that we can all relate to: "If you're straight, why aren't you married yet? If you're gay, why aren't you waving a flag?" It's a win-win for everyone. *Grade: B*



Miranda Lambert, 'Four the Record'

Usually the one to set things ablaze, Miranda Lambert's on fire this time 'round. Her best album, and easily atop the year's finest, is everything the country outlaw's done so extraordinarily well on the three before it – just better. Having already told the gender-rigid conservativeness of the country genre to shove it with her girl-power, whiskey-guzzling ways, she doesn't waste time to do so again with a pro-everyone anthem that's wonderfully endearing: "All Kinds of Kinds," unfolding like a storybook, with a character that's a cross-dressing congressman and a moral often unheard in country. "Some point the finger, let ignorance linger," she sings, reminding people to look at themselves before passing judgment. If only for standing out among her play-it-safe contemporaries, being different is obviously something Lambert understands. Her vocals are smeared into fuzzed-out obscurity on country-blues "Fine Tune," by far her most radical, and possibly sexiest, move. What might seem traditional, "Mama's Broken Heart" turns out to be anything but – it's an aggressive you-don't-know-my-pain song, playing to her bad-girl persona. Lambert, though, has vengeance and vulnerability: she

understands the narrator's frustration of being unsure of herself on Gillian Welch's "Look at Miss Ohio," another great cover of hers; the simplistic pain in "Over You" means more coming out of Lambert's mouth; and the ethereal "Oklahoma Sky" mesmerizes. Vocal nuances, broken boundaries and supreme songwriting: there are all kinds of kinds, but only one Miranda Lambert. *Grade: A*

Also Out



Washington, 'I Believe You Liar'

Megan Washington toys around with lots of sounds on her respectable debut, from the '60s girl-group sounds of "Cement" to the Sara Bareilles bounce of "The Hardest Part." The Australian hipster, who rocks the specs like a hot librarian, balances her jaunty, offbeat pop for people who don't like pop (come on, hipster, check out "1997"; it's all cryptic) with old-school reheats and ballads that try for a Tori feel (see: title track). Washington's not reinventing the wheel, or even turning it very much, but how many people can say they've made their own funeral arrangements in a song?



Mayer Hawthorne, 'How Do You Do?'

For a while there, the ladies – Adele, Amy, Duffy – were just about the only ones doing old-school soul: then came Cee-Lo, and now Mayer Hawthorne. The singer, with his pillow-talk falsetto, is so straight-up Motown that songs like optimistic groove "A Long Time," an ode to native Detroit, and the adorably infectious "You Called Me" sound like they're right out of the '60s. The only clue that they're not: cussing out a hot but difficult woman on "The Walk" and, as Snoop sings on "Can't Stop," hitting it from behind. Tempting, but not the Temptations.

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Outings

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The event is aimed toward high school-aged youth, but all youth are welcome. Parents, teachers, GSA advisors, counselors, school staff and allied adults are also invited; however, some workshops may be closed to adults.

The LGBT Summit begins at 10 a.m. Oct. 29 at Wylie E. Groves High School, 20500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. For more information, go to lgbtsummit.weebly.com/lgbt-summit.html.

Art 'n' Around



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Theater

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Performances are 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, \$10 for students, and \$15 for all tickets on Thursday. Tickets are available by calling 734-971-2228.



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Intersex Awareness Day 4 p.m. Oct. 26th is Intersex Awareness Day. Oakland University's GSA will be hosting two speakers to talk about their experiences as intersex people in our society. Oakland University's GSA, 2200 N. Squirrel Road, **Rochester**. 734-891-0501. gsaatoaklandu@gmail.com

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Friday, Oct. 28

Riot Youth Weekly Meeting 4 p.m. Riot Youth is a youth-led, safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, queer, questioning youth and their allies (LGBTQQA) at the Neutral Zone, Ann Arbor's youth-driven teen center. Through leadership skill building, community organizing, networking, support and socializing, Riot Youth connects youth to build an inclusive community. Meets every Friday. The Neutral Zone, 310 E. Washington St., **Ann Arbor**. 734-214-9995. Neutral-zong.org

Halloween Spooktacular at Ferndale Public Library 5:30 p.m. Dress up in your favorite costume and join the Ferndale Public Library's Halloween celebration. Special appearance by Dan the Creature Man and his creepy crawlies. This is a special after-hours drop-in event for kids of all ages. Visit the Children's desk to register or call 248-546-2504. Registration closes Oct. 24. Ferndale Public Library, 222 E. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-546-2504. Jlleanmc@gmail.com

Womyn's Film Night 7 p.m. Film: Flight Plan - Still reeling from her husband's unexpected death, Kyle Pratt is on a plane heading from Berlin to New York when her daughter vanishes. But the captain and the air marshal begin to doubt that the child was ever on board. With no support from the plane's staff, Kyle can only rely on herself to find her little girl. But their growing suspicions about her sanity prove problematic. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. Goaffirmations.org

Saturday, Oct. 29

LGBT Summit for High School Youth 9:30 a.m. A leadership and LGBT issues summit aimed at increasing awareness regarding Gay Straight Alliances, youth leadership, creative expression, and more. The event is aimed at high school-age youth, but all youth are welcome. Parents, teachers, GSA Advisors, counselors, school staff, and all adults are also invited but some workshops may be closed to adults. Hosted by the GSA Alliance of Southeast MI, the youth board of GLSEN (The Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network) Southeast MI. GSA Alliance of Southeast MI, 20500 West 13 Mile Road, **Beverly Hills**. Gsa.alliance.sem@gmail.com

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Sunday, Oct. 30

Bowlathon for Ferndale Youth Assistance 1 p.m. Fundraises for the FYA, a charity that works with schools, the local district courts, parents and city and

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HARC provided HIV/AIDS testing 5 p.m. HARC provides anonymous and free HIV counseling, testing and referral services through its outreach at the Jim Toy Community Center. HARC, 319 Braun Court, **Ann Arbor**. 734-678-2478. Hivaidresource.org/hiv-testing

The Conversation Station 5 p.m. Topic: Should hate crimes carry a stiffer punishment? RSVP to 248-981-4227 so seating can be reserved. Get Out And Live!, 714 S. Washington St., **Royal Oak**. 248-981-4227. MarciWilliams@yahoo.com GetOutAndLive.me

Tuesday, Nov. 1

Queer For Books 3 p.m. A book club for the LGBT community. Meets the first Tuesday of the month. This month's book: Remembrance of Things I Forgot by Bob Smith. Ferndale Public Library, 222 E. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-546-2504. mmcmillan@goaffirmations.org

Transgender Life Support 7 p.m. Support group for transgendered people and allies. Transgender Life Support, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. Goaffirmations.org

Thursday, Nov. 3

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Friday, Nov. 4

Womyn's Film Night 7 p.m. Film: One Night Stand: Caroline Rhea. Comedienne lights up the stage with her sassy brand of stand-up humor in this HBO performance. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. Goaffirmations.org

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Saturday, Nov. 5

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COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase Craig Gass has been performing stand-up comedy since 1993 when he decided to get revenge on a group of comedians who had ridiculed him after attempting to perform at an open microphone. Because the rest of his family is deaf and were unable to serve as speech models, as a child Craig relied on TV to learn how to speak and subsequently developed an uncanny knack for imitating characters and actors. Tickets: \$17-20. Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase, 314 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Oct. 27 - Oct. 29. 734-996-9080. Aacomedy.com

Detroit Opera House "All Stars of Comedy" Billy Bellamy, Adele gives, Arnez J, Damon Williams and Tommy Davidson perform at the Detroit Opera House. Tickets: \$59-80. Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway St., Detroit. 8 p.m. Nov. 5. 313-237-SING. Michiganopera.org

CONCERTS

Fox Theatre "An Evening with Joe Bonamass" Award-winning blues rock star, guitar hero and singer-songwriter. Tickets: \$59-85. Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Oct. 29. 313-471-6611. Olympiaentertainment.com

Royal Oak Music Theatre Lindsey Buckingham Tickets: \$37.50 advance, \$40 at the door. Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W Fourth St, Royal Oak. 7 p.m. Nov. 8. 248-399-2980. Royaloakmusictheatre.com

The Ark Tom Chapin Ticket: \$22.50. The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Nov. 3. 734-761-1800. Theark.org

The Ark Robin Spielberg Tickets: \$20. The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Oct. 28. 734-761-1800. Theark.org

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra Stanley Clarke Band Electric bass virtuosity showcased with Grammy Award winning band. Ticket information available at dso.org Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Nov. 3. 313-576-5111. Dso.org

University Musical Society Audra McDonald Juilliard-trained, four-time Tony Award-winning singer and actress. Performed at the White House for President Obama. Ticket information available at ums.org. Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Nov. 4. 734-764-2538. Ums.org

University Musical Society Diego el Cigala, internationally celebrated Gitano flamenco singer and one of cotemporary flamenco's most compelling voices. Ticket information available at ums.org. Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Nov. 5. 734-764-2538. Ums.org

Wharton Center "Vienna Symphony Orchestra with the Eroica Trio" The historic Vienna Symphony Orchestra joins forces with the most sought-after string trio in the world, the Grammy-nominated Eroica Trio. Tickets: \$25-78. Cobb Great Hall, Wilson Road, East Lansing. 7 p.m. Nov. 6. 517-432-2000. Whartoncenter.com

OTHER

Ann Arbor Docu Fest "Ann Arbor Docu Fest - Freedom Riders" Best Documentary Feature top prize, 2010 Heartland Film Festival. Story of a diverse group of activists who travelled through the South in 1961. After repeated trips with jailing and

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PRIDESOURCE

Bernie Madoff, not in his own words

BY MARTIN F. KOHN

"I never cared about the money," the fictionalized Bernie Madoff says in "Imagining Madoff." "...It was the movement."

It's the same thing problem gamblers say: It was never about the money, what was addictive was the action. In Deborah Margolin's cerebral, intriguing rumination about the biggest swindle in history, the addiction reaches far, affecting even a deep-thinking, profoundly religious writer and Holocaust survivor (also fictionalized, although based on Elie Wiesel).

Ironically, the play itself is devoid of action – it's all talk, which creates a challenge for anyone who would stage it. Director Yolanda Fleischer overcomes that challenge in her Jewish Ensemble Theatre production with a top-of-the-line cast – B.J. Love as Madoff, Robert Grossman as writer/Holocaust survivor Solomon Galkin and Sandra Birch as Madoff's secretary – and an eye-popping set by Donald Robert Fox.

Symbolizing some of the things Margolin is saying in her intensively metaphorical drama, the set features towers of books, some ceiling-high, some lower, placed strategically about the stage. They might represent Madoff's prison bars, Galkin's voracious reading and prodigious writing, or, piled higher than books can be stacked safely, a financial empire about to tumble.

Margolin piles high the metaphors



"Imagining Madoff" continues at The Jewish Ensemble Theatre through Nov. 13. Photo: JET

REVIEW

Imagining Madoff

Jewish Ensemble Theatre at Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Thursday, Saturday & Sunday through Nov. 13, plus Wednesday, Nov. 9. \$36-43. 248-788-2900.

www.jettheatre.org

in her script, invoking everything from fishing, to baseball, to crumbled cookies. The baseball conceit is especially piquant, as Grossman's Galkin waxes lyrical about Dwight Gooden, a stellar New York Mets pitcher of a few years back, waiting to mow down "the next poor dreamer" stepping up to the plate. (Unspoken, but known by serious baseball followers, is that Gooden

himself was undone by addictions.)

Grossman, absent from Detroit stages for the past few years, makes a welcome return, bringing out the more playful aspects of the wise and dignified man of letters, as well as his scholarly piety, and becoming downright fawning as he begs Madoff to take him on as a client.

As Madoff, Love is unflinching in his bitterness, resentment and lack of remorse.

As the unnamed secretary, testifying before the Securities and Exchange Commission, Birch is the closest thing to the audience's representative. Her argument that she never knew what was going on is believable, but her regret and sense of guilt are authentic. One leaves the theater thinking that even if we're not sure why, we should all feel at least a little sorry for allowing Bernie Madoff to happen.

Door opens on laughs at Planet Ant

BY DONALD V. CALAMIA

'Tis the season of spooks and goblins, and Planet Ant's Improv Colony has gotten into the spirit of the holiday with the Late Night original comedy "Seance 4." Directed by Lauren Bickers, the hour-long laugh-filled production will make you think twice about attending this year's friendly neighborhood Halloween party!

The monthly get-together of the Neighborhood Cul-de-sac Social Club finds Jane (Dyan Bailey), Trent (Michael Hovitch) and Colleen (Tara Rase) at the home of fitness nut Tina (Cara Trautman) for their annual Halloween party, where they decide – with some trepidation – to use a Ouija Board to summon the dead. After haphazardly checking out the rules, they lower the lights, place their fingers on the planchette (the triangular piece that slides across the board) and call out for the dead to visit them – particularly, Tina's deceased androgynous lover Aaron (or is it Erin?), whose death she feels responsible for.

"You will not regret this," Tina tells her friends as they embark on their adventure. But I suspect she'll change her mind about that rather quickly.

I knew we'd be in for one wild, but funny ride simply by looking at the list of the play's creators – and "Seance 4" certainly lived up to my expectations. Bickers and her four actors – along with jack-of-all-trades Sean McGettigan –

REVIEW

Seance 4

Planet Ant Theatre, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday through Nov. 5. \$10. 313-365-4948.

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are all seasoned veterans of Southeast Michigan's improv community, and each knows how to write a satisfactory script and create a unique character.

That's especially true of Trautman, who instinctively knows just how far she can go to stretch her character – in this case, a five-foot-two hyper-active body builder – without ever snapping. And Tina's "meltdown" towards the play's end is proof of that.

Rase also has fun with Colleen, the weird, finger-licking neighbor all of us have lived near (and avoided) at one time or other. And put a pair of black horned-rimmed glasses and a sweater vest on Hovitch, and the always-entertaining actor is transformed into a very believable nerd who is still pining for his divorced wife.

Then there's Bailey, whose timing and facial expressions are always a delight.

The uncredited set looks like many a basement rec room I've been in over the years. And on opening night, the snacks – props, of course – tempted many who walked past them on their way to



You'll have a spooky good time at "Seance 4." Photo: Planet Ant

their seats. (They were quite the topic of conversation before the performance began.)

All of the technical work – sound design by McGettigan and Bailey and uncredited lights – provide the perfect seasonal ambiance. (One cue, though, may have been missed at the end of the show – that of the talking cookie jar that's inhabited by the gang's recently deceased gay neighbor.)

And I can't help but wonder: Which came first, the plot or the decision to resurrect the rather unusual painting of Aaron/Erin – in reality, of improviser Bryan Lark, which was used in an earlier production? Either way, it's equally as creepy as the rest of the show! And just as funny!

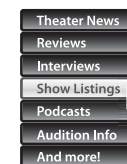
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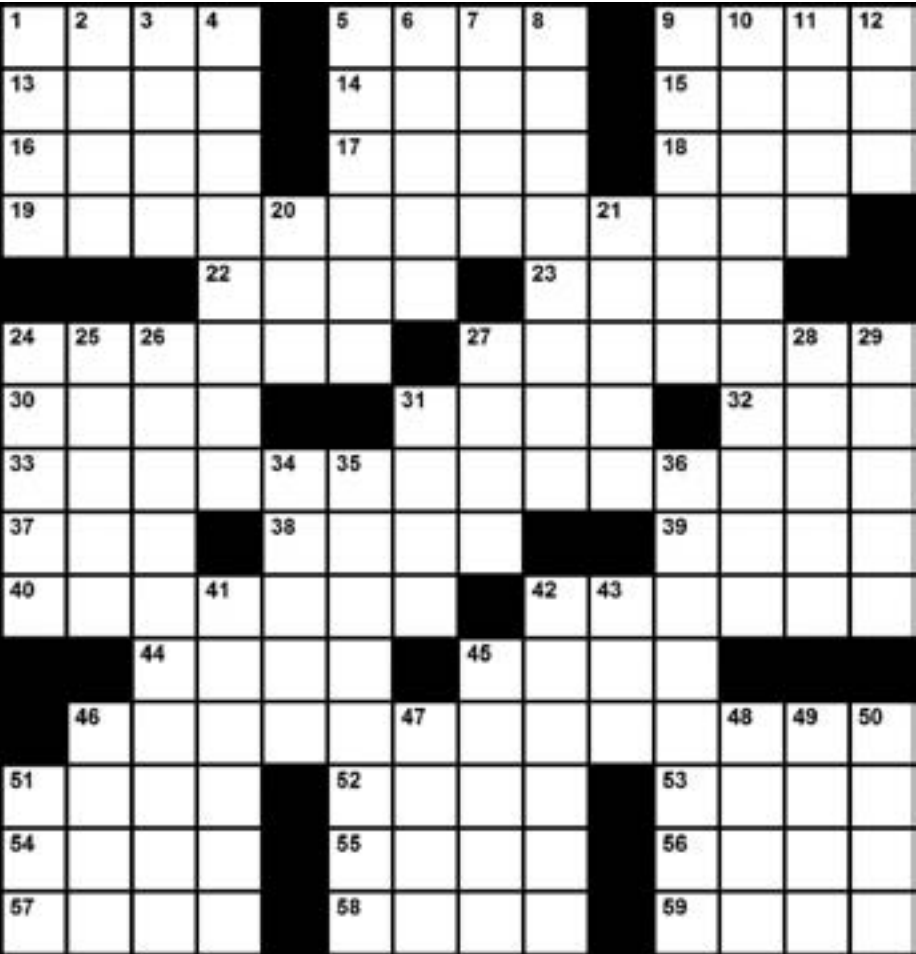
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- 16 A little behind
- 17 Like sharp cheese
- 18 British public school
- 19 With 46-Across, why 33-Across said she enjoyed the mouth-to-mouth
- 22 Duck down
- 23 Slow period
- 24 Where to find 'er Majesty's navy?
- 27 Jock strap for Adam and Steve?
- 30 Member

- 31 Collette of "United States of Tara"
- 32 Home st. of Harper Lee
- 33 Celeb who recently called 911 because of chest pains
- 37 Not in the pink
- 38 Rock group?
- 39 Left to pirates
- 40 Lesbians in training, e.g.
- 42 Work periods
- 44 Big rabbit features
- 45 All the rage
- 46 See 19-Across
- 51 Do road work
- 52 St. Patrick's land
- 53 Bars for gay chefs
- 54 Malevolent
- 55 Hoar
- 56 Sparkle
- 57 Depend (on)
- 58 Went lickety-split
- 59 Seamen

Down

- 1 Russian River deposit
- 2 Ancient shipwright
- 3 Opening amount
- 4 Voyeur's station
- 5 Women who date men who date men
- 6 Aquarium buildup
- 7 "Beg pardon ..."
- 8 Bench a jock
- 9 "At Swim, Two Boys" writer Jamie
- 10 Become disentangled with
- 11 Many August people
- 12 Coastal eagle
- 20 Earhart's milieu
- 21 Refused to budge
- 24 Didn't use a greasy spoon
- 25 Bea Arthur's TV maid Esther
- 26 Attacker of cotton balls

- 27 Heavy mists
- 28 On your toes
- 29 Does without oral gratification
- 31 Golf pegs
- 34 Bête
- 35 They hold your drawers
- 36 Homer, for one
- 41 How a male stripper makes a living?
- 42 Stood out
- 43 Body part to shoot from
- 45 Whodunit start
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regular acts of police brutality, the federal government had to act. The Freedom Riders became internationally recognized for their civil rights activism. Archival footage is utilized, some never seen before, interspersed with lighter moments to help pace the film. Cafe Ambrosia, 316 Maynard St., Ann Arbor. 7 p.m. Nov. 7.

M&M Enterprises "Southfield Pavilion Antiques Expo" Celebrating its thirty-first season, this remarkable show and sale features a diverse selection of fine American, European and Oriental antiques and decorative art. Admission: \$8.00. Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield. 1 p.m. Oct. 28. 586-465-9441. Antiquesexposition.com

THEATER

CIVIC/COMMUNITY THEATER

A Salute to the Red, White and Blue \$7. Kalamazoo Civic Senior Class Reader's Theatre at Carver Center Studio, 426 S. Park St., Kalamazoo. Nov. 4 - 12. 269-343-1313. www.kazocivic.com

Conspiracy \$10. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Dr., Lansing. Through Oct. 30. 517-482-5700. www.riverwalktheatre.com

Frankenstein \$13-15. Avon Players, 1185 Washington Road, Rochester Hills. Oct. 28 - Nov. 12. 248-608-9077. www.avonplayers.org

God of Carnage \$15. Peppermint Creek Theatre Company at Creole Gallery, 1218 Turner St., Old Town Lansing. Nov. 3 - 12. 517-372-0945. www.peppermintcreek.org

Little Shop of Horrors \$5-12. Warren Civic Theatre at Warren Community Center auditorium, 5460 Arden, Warren. Through Oct. 30. 586-268-8400. www.warrencivic.org

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest \$17. Village Players, 34660 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Nov. 4 - 13. 248-644-2075. www.birminghamvillageplayers.com

The Guys \$8-\$12. Over the Ledge Theatre Company at Holt Senior High School, 5885 W. Holt Road, Holt. Nov. 3 - 12. 517-318-0579. www.overtheledge.org

PROFESSIONAL

Anatomy of Gray \$18. UDM Theatre Company at Marygrove College Theatre, 8425 McNichols Road, Detroit. Nov. 4 - 13. 313-993-3270. theatre.udmercy.edu

Bunnica \$10. Farmers Alley Theatre, 221 Farmers Alley, Kalamazoo. Oct. 28 - 30. 269-343-2727. www.farmersalleytheatre.com

Daddy Long Legs \$34.50-44.50. The Gem Theatre, 333 Madison Ave, Detroit. Through Oct. 30. 313-963-9800. www.gemtheatre.com

Engagement Rules \$17 in advance, \$20 at the door. Detroit Repertory Theatre, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. Nov. 3 - Dec. 23. 313-868-1347. www.detroitreptheatre.com

Evil Dead: The Musical \$25. Who Wants Cake? at City Theatre, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Through Oct. 29. 800-745-3000. www.who-wants-cake-theatre.com

Freud's Last Session \$39.50 - \$44.50. Century Theatre, 333 Madison St., Detroit. Through Oct. 30. 313-963-9800. www.gemtheatre.com

Hedwig and the Angry Inch \$10-20. Who Wants Cake? at The Ringwald, 22742 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Through Nov. 7. 248-545-5545. www.who-wants-cake-theatre.com

Imagining Madoff \$36-43. Jewish Ensemble Theatre at Aaron DeRoy

Theatre, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Through Nov. 13. 248-788-2900. www.jettheatre.org

Lend Me a Tenor \$10-20. Great Escape Stage Company at The Franke Center for the Arts, 214 E. Mansion St., Marshall. Oct. 26 - Oct. 31. 269-589-5127. www.greatescapestagecompany.com

Much Ado About Nothing \$12-30. Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. Oct. 28 - Nov. 19. 313-577-2972. www.hilberry.com

My Son The Waiter: A Jewish Tragedy \$35; \$89.95 dinner package for two. Andiamo Novi Theatre, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Through Oct. 30. 1-800-745-3000. www.andiamonovitheatre.com

National Acrobats of The People's Republic of China \$15-35. Wharton Center at Michigan State University, East Lansing. 7:30 p.m. Oct. 27. 517-353-1982. www.whartoncenter.com

Something Wicked This Way Comes \$30-39. Meadow Brook Theatre, 2200 N. Squirrel Road, Rochester. Through Oct. 29. 248-377-3300. www.mbtheatre.com

Super Happy Funtime Burlesque \$15. The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Dr., Three Oaks. 8 p.m. Oct. 28. 269-756-3879. www.acorntheater.com

The Great Pumpkin Massacre \$10. Crawlspace Theatre Productions at Farmers Alley Theatre, 221 Farmers Alley, Kalamazoo. Oct. 28 - 31. 269-343-2727. www.crawlspace-theatre.com

The Hot Mess Chronicles 3 Free; donations accepted. The Abreact Performance Space, 1301 W. Lafayette #113, Detroit. Through Nov. 5. 313-454-1542. www.theabreact.com

The Importance of Being Earnest Previews Nov. 3-4. \$28-\$30. Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady St., Northville. Nov. 3 - Dec. 18. 248-347-0003. www.tippingpointtheatre.com

The Man Who Lost His Sundays & Picasso at the Lapin Agile \$20. Epicenter Theatre Group at Varner Hall Lab Theatre, Oakland University, Rochester. Oct. 27 - Nov. 5. 586-246-7546. www.epicentertheatregroup.com

The Odd Couple \$18. Two Muses Theatre at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Nov. 3 - 27. 248-850-9919. www.twomusestheatre.org

Turning Points \$18. Flint Youth Theatre, 1220 E. Kearsley St., Flint. Through Oct. 29. 810-237-1530. www.flintyouththeatre.org

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Downriver Council for the Arts "Michigan Woodworkers Guild & Sculptors Guild of Michigan Exhibition" Two 3-Dimensional mediums collide at the Wyandotte Arts Center. From wood to metal, this show will feature a wide variety of sculpture and craft. Wyandotte Arts Center, 81 Chestnut, Wyandotte. Oct. 27 - Nov. 21. 734-720-0671. Downriverarts.org

Flint Institute of Arts "Quilting Traditions: The Art of the Amish" Amish women's traditional quilts assembled by collectors Marsha and Thomas French. Examples are from the Amish communities in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana from the 19th to mid-20th century. Flint Institute of Arts, 1120 E. Kearsley, Flint. Sep. 9 - Nov. 13. 810-234-1695. Flintarts.org

Lawrence Street Gallery "Uniform Variations" Memorable characters struggling to find meaning as they begin their final act. Dave Hardin's subjects, men of a certain age, are depicted in vintage military uniforms. Lawrence Street Gallery, 22620 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Nov. 2 - Nov. 30. 248-544-0394. Lawrencestreetgallery.com

Michigan Depression Glass Society "Depression Glass Show & Sale" The Michigan Depression Glass Society presents the 39th Annual All Depression and Era Glass Show. Over 20 dealers from 10 states fill the showroom with American-made glassware from the 1920's to 1960's including depression glass, elegant glass, Fire King, Pyrex, Fenton and more. Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. 9 a.m. Nov. 5. Michigandepressionglass.com

Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit "Stephanie Nava: Considering a Plot (Dig for Victory)" A work in progress, developed by French artist Stephanie Nava. Its installation at MOCAD marks the artist's first solo exhibition in the United States. Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Sep. 16 - Dec. 30. 313-832-6622. Mocadetroit.org

The Detroit Institute of Arts "Cantruction" Sponsored by the American Institute of Architects, Canstruction is a juried competition for metro Detroit architects, engineers and designers to build large-scale sculptures entirely constructed of canned fruits and vegetables. Free with museum admission. The Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Oct. 26 - Oct. 30. 313-833-7900. Dia.org

The Gallery Project "Umwelt (Subjective World)" Multimedia exhibit in which over 20 local, regional, and national artists and scientists explore the unique sensory worlds of animals. The Gallery Project, 215 S. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. Sep. 23 - Oct. 30. 734-997-7012. Thegalleryproject.com

The Scarab Club "Clara Driscoll and the Tiffany Girls" Speaker Dr. Martin Eidelberg, Professor Emeritus of Art History, Rutgers University discusses Clara Driscoll and her role at Tiffany Studios. The Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. 6 p.m. Nov. 9. 313-831-1250. Scarabclub.org

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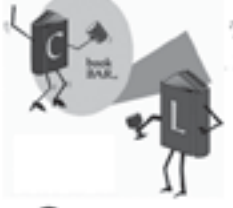
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BTL Dear Jody

BY JODY VALLEY

Pay your own way

Q. My partner and I have a problem with another couple that we frequently dine with. This other couple has more money than we do and they like to eat at fairly pricy restaurants. When we go out to eat, they seem to find the most expensive dinners on the menu, along with an appetizer, two to four drinks each and end up with a dessert. We are OK with going to the pricy restaurants since there are usually inexpensive selections. We never have more than two drinks, and skip the appetizer and dessert.

This hasn't been a problem, except that last time they said that they wanted to start splitting the bill in half from now on because, as they put it, we all look like little old women dining out when we try to split the bill. We were a bit stunned, but agreed to do it.

We really don't care if they want to spend this kind of money, but my partner and I can't afford to share the bill for all four of us. The problem is we feel embarrassed to bring this issue up to them, because it makes us feel not as successful in life.

Do you have any ideas as to how we can change the bill-paying arrangement at the restaurant without looking like cheapskates or financial failures?

Living On A Budget

A. You are not being a cheapskate by living within your means, and you are not less of a person by not being able to afford what someone else can afford. (I find it a bit audacious of your friends to ask you to help pay for their expensive meals. Surely they have been aware of the discrepancy in your dinner bills.) My suggestion is: When you go out to eat next time tell the waiter, in advance, that you and your partner's meals will be on one bill. That takes care of it right up front.

Where's my congrats?

Q. I'm wondering if I am the only one with this problem. People don't seem to be happy for me when I accomplish something, or

get something, or just when good things happen to me. This is bad enough with other people, but I don't even get it from my girlfriend.

I recently got a promotion at work. You'd think that my co-workers would come up and congratulate me, but they didn't; only one person did. It was just like another day as far as most people were concerned, and no congratulation party like some others get. You probably are thinking that I must not be liked at work, but I don't think that's true. I think I get along pretty well with people.

Why do you think that people are acting this way? I wasn't a braggart about it. I just let them know how happy I was to get this promotion. Do you think they are jealous of me and that's why they say nothing?

Confused

A. From what little I have to work with here, I'll just have to throw out an idea or two. I have to take your word for it that you are generally liked by others, not obnoxious about the good things that happen to you, and that this is not just a work phenomenon. In general, some people tend to be jealous about good things that happen to others, so they can't bring themselves to be happy for them. But that doesn't account for what you are describing as your experience, which leads me to wonder if you genuinely affirm and congratulate other people on their accomplishments and joys; if you don't do this, you will probably not get it in return. The other thing you might want to do is ask your girlfriend or another good friend to see if they have any insight into it.

Go to Dear Jody Valley on Facebook to find out how giving praise is the key to getting it.

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

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BTL Horoscopes

Give a little, Gemini!

BY JACK FERTIG

Mars is in Leo, trine Eris and sextile Saturn, helping to focus the recent surge of strong competitive energies. Knowing that you are being watched should help you to apply yourself better and to be more gracious in competition.

ARIES (March 20 – April 19): Feeling pressured by others to work harder? Never mind them. The real pressure is from within. Know that you can excel at what you love. Focus your energy wherever your passion is. That will sustain you through everything else.

TAURUS (April 20 – May 20): Talk to your partner about any domestic problems that have been bothering you. The next month or two can be all about clearing the air and building a stronger relationship. Single? Flirt like crazy and have fun!

GEMINI (May 21- June 20): Resolve whatever problems you have with colleagues. Remember you're all on the same team! Being tactful may be challenging at first, but it will get easier. Give a little and you'll get a lot in return.

CANCER (June 21- July 22): Powerful creative insights bring you up against the walls of expense and other people's efforts to meddle. Push yourself to be as resourceful as a drag queen on welfare and encourage others to step back and take the long view. You can do it!

LEO (July 23 – August 22): You are not your home, family or community. As much as you identify there it can be a challenge to let others be themselves. The value of your milieu is that others there do have different perspectives that you can learn from.

VIRGO (August 23 – September 22): Meditation can help calm that busy brain, but what about your motor mouth? You need to share very deep insights, but for most people it's way too much information. Find a good listener among your most caring friends.

LIBRA (September 23 – October 22): The first step to solving financial worries is to stop future-tripping. Deal with the present by talking out your problems and goals with someone who has a good grasp of the larger issues. Choose your confidant carefully!

SCORPIO (October 23 – November 21): You're feeling chatty and friendly, but rude remarks, especially about co-workers, could slip out and cause you a lot of trouble. You won't reach your goals without your teammates. Being principled and ambitious can also help draw love your way.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 – December 20): Don't worry. What they're saying about you behind your back is mostly good. If they're having jokes at your expense, it's because they know you have a good sense of humor. Someone looking out for you is about to make herself known.

CAPRICORN (December 21 – January 19): Needing to conquer the world and prove yourself isn't entirely unreasonable, but you may be overplaying it. Sexual diversifications can help you relax and be more efficient. A deeper metaphysical context for your goals is also helpful.

AQUARIUS (January 20 – February 18): Friends and family are eager to promote you. Your kindness and generosity will boost theirs. Focusing too much on your work can be tough on your partner. Save some energy for your sweetheart, or focus some on finding one.

PISCES (February 19 – March 19): Future opportunities are looking brighter, but don't bowl your friends over with optimism. In the real world making those advances will take hard work and thoughtful partnership. Working hard and feeling accomplished helps you look sexy.

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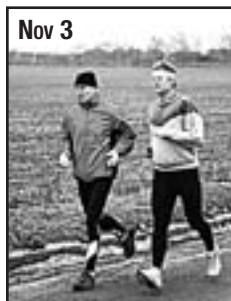
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Alan Cumming visits a less groovy 1970s in 'Any Day Now'

The struggle for LGBT marriage equality and adoption rights makes the news pretty regularly now and each step forward feels like a small victory. Now imagine dealing with all of that in 1979. That's the subject of "Any Day Now," a film about gay adoption, inspired by a true story, written and directed by Travis Fine ("The Space Between") and produced by Anne O'Shea ("The Kids Are All Right"). It stars Alan Cumming ("The Good Wife") and Garret Dillahunt ("Raising Hope") as a couple who take in an abandoned teenage boy with Down Syndrome. When the authorities learn that gay men are acting as caretakers, they step in to remove the boy and the family's fight begins. The film, which also stars Frances Fisher as a family court judge, will explore the issues faced by families – then and, by extension, right now as everything starts to change, bit by bit, for the better. It just finished principal photography and will probably start showing up at film festivals in 2012.

Roseanne Barr is 'Downwardly Mobile' again

So they axed "Roseanne's Nuts." Big deal. It's not like she needed the money. And besides, the blue-collar comedy diva's Hawaiian macadamia farm isn't going to keep her from fulfilling her TV destiny. She just sold a show to NBC – the network that passed on "Roseanne" back in 1987, oops – and the title makes it sound like the Connor family might be back in business again. It's called "Downwardly Mobile," about a trailer park family struggling to make ends meet. No, it didn't sound appealing to the Suits back in 1987, either, but look what happened: America responded to the grittier version of reality and poverty-based humor of Barr's first series and then went along for the ride when she introduced lesbian smooching later in the show's run. Who knows what she'll accomplish this time? Stay tuned as the outspoken heroine of the working class starts kicking up dust again.

'The Revolution' will be televised and it will star Tim Gunn

What are they replacing all of those canceled soap operas with? Talk shows, that's what. Everybody wants to be "The Talk," "The View" or "The Chew" these days, and ABC is aiming for another ratings grab with January 2012's "The Revolution." The self-improvement/lifestyle-oriented show will include "Project Runway"'s Tim Gunn, fitness and nutrition guru Harley Pasternak and "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition"'s gung-ho host Ty Pennington. And those are just the first three to be announced. Given the current trend of large panels with rotating experts and guest co-hosts, the field is still wide open for other names to hop on board and help the fledgling show make audiences feel guilty for sitting on the couch and watching TV. And in the long run, with Oprah more or less out of the picture, it's anybody's game to win the daytime sweepstakes. Best of all, it can only help "The Soup" with new material.

Jena Malone aims for 'Lonely Hunter'

She was married to a man, but Southern literary icon Carson McCullers, the author of "The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter," was bisexual and frequently involved with women. And now her life story will come to the big screen in "Lonely Hunter." The biopic is set to star acclaimed young actress Jena Malone ("Sense and Sensibility," "Bastard Out of Carolina"), with lesbian cred behind the camera provided by screenwriter Sarah Schulman ("The Owls") and director/producer Deborah Kampmeier ("Virgin," "Hound Dog"). Meanwhile, you can bet that indie A-listers will be lining up to grab the roles of McCullers' pals Tennessee Williams, Truman Capote, Ethel Waters and Gypsy Rose Lee. None of them will look as cool as Malone in McCullers's signature menswear, but they can give it a shot. Pre-production is where it's at right now, so it'll be a while before audiences get a chance to look at it. Read a book while you're waiting.

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