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# Being the Change

## Transgender Activist Leads by Example

BY DESIREE COOPER

Bre'Ann Campbell didn't set out to change the world - she's been too busy working on her personal transformation. But in the process, the confident 26-year-old Detroit native has become an unwitting advocate for trans women everywhere.

"I've known that I wanted to be a woman since I was three," said Campbell, who was born male. "For the longest, I've been searching for someone who is strong and looking out for trans women. I didn't realize that I was becoming that person."

### Becoming Bre'

Born in North Carolina, Campbell moved to the Detroit area as a teenager.

"I struggled with my sexuality, with the clothes I wore and how I carried myself," said Campbell, who attended high school in Taylor, Michigan. "During puberty, I looked at what was happening to the girls around me and was sad that those changes weren't happening to me."

Campbell was clear that she was attracted to men, but that she didn't want to be a man - she wasn't gay. Struggling to understand the difference between gender and sexuality, she became depressed. At 16, she discovered Detroit's transgender community, and was suddenly clear that she identified as transgender. The problem was that she didn't see any positive examples of what it meant to be a trans woman.

"Many of the trans women that I met were sex workers," said Campbell. "I didn't want to transition in order to be sexualized. I wanted to marry and raise a family."

At 23, Campbell began to do some soul searching. She started thinking about what it would take for her to become a healthy trans woman, including having a job with health benefits, getting into counseling and garnering the support of family and friends. In 2007, she landed a job at Wayne State University as an HIV tester and counselor with the Horizons Project, a program that provides services to HIV positive and at-risk youth ages 13 to 24.



Bre'Ann Campbell. BTL photos: Andrew Potter

With some job security, she broke the news to her mother in 2009, who has accepted Campbell's transition. "My mom's friends know that she originally had a son and a daughter, but now she adamantly insists that she had two daughters," Campbell said.

Since her transition in 2010, her mother has gone to therapy with Campbell and has helped with her hormone shots. "She misses the child she raised," said Campbell. "But she sees that I'm in a much happier place."

Campbell has been similarly welcomed by many in her inner circle, including her church. "Now when I talk about my old self, people don't even remember that person," she said.

### The making of an advocate

But her transition has been far from easy. In 2010, Campbell went apartment hunting. She found the perfect place and filled out an application, but that's when things went awry.

"They saw my birth name on the application and insisted that they couldn't process it because it wasn't my correct information," said Campbell. "The next day they called and said I wasn't approved."

Angered by the denial, she eventually took her case to Equality Michigan and the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. Campbell's case received publicity, launching her into the public spotlight. Although investigators could not find sufficient evidence that she had been the victim of gender identity discrimination, the incident awakened

Bre'Ann Campbell is now committed to changing not only the public perception of trans women, but also the image that trans women have of themselves.

yet another identity in Campbell - that of an activist.

"When I transitioned, I never expected to lose rights that I had before," she said. "I can't even go to the bathroom. At a previous job, they once called security because some women felt that because I wasn't born female, I couldn't use their bathrooms. I was told that I had to use a unisex bathroom or the men's room."

It became hard for her to search for jobs. "I would look great on paper, but when I showed up not looking like the person with a male name, I'd get shut out," she said.

She officially changed her name in 2011, a moment she remembers as "the best feeling of my life." Even that hasn't stopped the harassment. When she tried to change her name on her utility bills, the Secretary of State, the Social Security office and even at work, "they were all confused and felt that I owed them an explanation," she said. "If I had gotten married and wanted to change my name, no one would have questioned it."

She is now committed to changing not only the public perception of trans

women, but also the image that trans women have of themselves. At the end of last year, she participated in a forum about trans women at KICK!, an agency for Detroit area LGBT African Americans. In the forum, she encouraged an open dialogue about trans women and sex work, a conversation that met with some backlash. "It's a fact of life for some people," Campbell said. "We have to be able to talk about it."

Now a board member of KICK!, Campbell is finding that she's becoming a role model for younger women. "I don't want to play a woman," she said. "Instead of demanding respect as a woman, I try to show them what it really means to be one."

"My mom's friends know that she originally had a son and a daughter, but now she adamantly insists that she had two daughters."

### A woman for all women

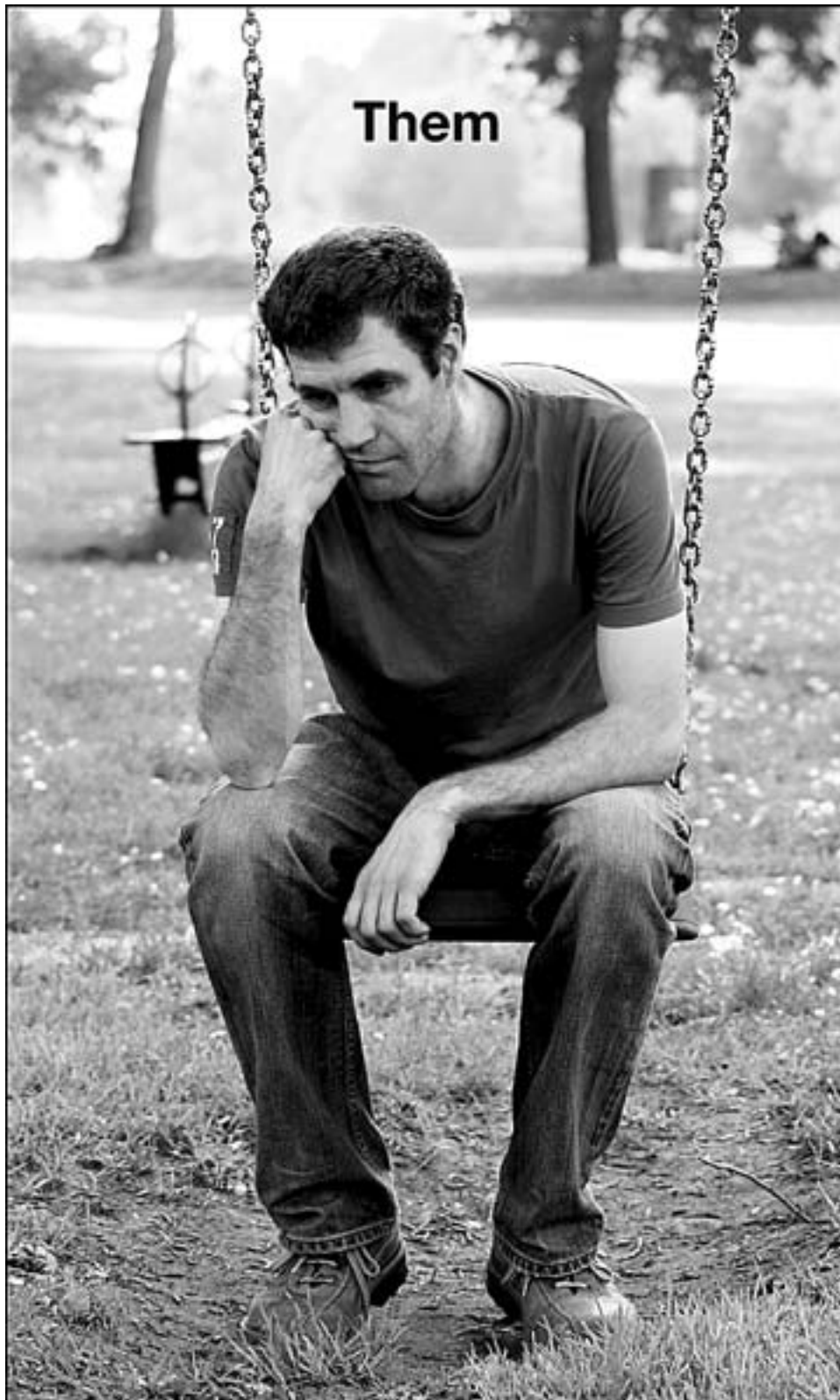
Campbell confesses that she sometimes feels like she makes the life of a transgender woman seem easy. "I wasn't thrown out of my house when I came out," she said. "I haven't had to live on the streets. I have a lot of support that many others just don't have."

But her leadership has taken a personal toll. Campbell was in a serious relationship with a boyfriend who accepted that she was transgender. But when she wanted to come out as a trans woman, he balked. "He was afraid of what others would think about him," she said.

Her activism not only cost her that relationship, but it may even put her in danger. "People who know me worry about my safety," she said. "When anyone Googles my name, it comes up that I'm a trans activist."

Campbell isn't concerned about what others think. "What's done is done," she said. "I had the life I always wanted when I changed my name and lived as a heterosexual woman dating a heterosexual man, and never speaking of my trans identity. But that was boring. I'd do this 1,000 times over so that trans women can have a beacon of hope."





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## Public Hearing on Discrimination Planned

ANN ARBOR – There will be a public hearing, sponsored by the Ann Arbor Human Rights Commission and the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, to hear testimony on discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, July 12 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., in the Ann Arbor City Council Chamber, located on the second floor of the Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Municipal Building, 301 E. Huron Street.

The Michigan Department of Civil Rights is conducting a social research project objectively examining the impact Michigan's laws and policies have on the LGBT community, including the impact on the state and its economy. The Department is specifically concerned with the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act, which currently prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations based on religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, familial status, or marital status. While Ann Arbor's city ordinance offers some protection from discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, ELCRA does not.

The Department is seeking first-person narratives from Michigan citizens about their experiences with discrimination.

The public hearing will be audio-visually recorded for the study. The event may also attract reporters. If you would prefer to share your testimony anonymously, please email [calcagnor@michigan.gov](mailto:calcagnor@michigan.gov). If you have any questions about the event, you can email [aahumanrightscommission@gmail.com](mailto:aahumanrightscommission@gmail.com)

## Former Employee Sues Equality Michigan, a.k.a Triangle Foundation

A lawsuit has been filed in Wayne County Circuit Court against Equality Michigan, involving a dispute with a former employee. In Sept. 2009, during Alicia Skillman's tenure as executive director of the then named Triangle Foundation, Dr. Selma Massey was hired as the Director of Victim Services. She left the organization several months later.

According to Equality Michigan Board Treasurer Dave Wait, Massey threatened to sue when she was terminated and he told BTL a settlement was reached between her and the organization at that time. He said because it is a personnel issue, he could not disclose more details. Wait did say he was "surprised this is coming up now, this was settled years ago," and on Sunday he confirmed that court documents had been served. He declined further comment about the case and the effects it could have on the organization.

# Moral Disorder of HB 5040

## Michigan Law Would Allow Counseling Students to Deny Care

BY CRYSTAL A. PROXMIRE

In most discussions, HB 5040 is framed as a bill that means students studying to work in a mental health profession can refuse to treat a patient or client who is gay because homosexuality goes against their religious beliefs. But there are much broader implications than the briefly worded bill explains.

HB 5040 came about because an Eastern Michigan University student, Julea Ward, did not want to have to provide counseling to a gay student. She was removed from the program and a court agreed the university was right to do so. Republicans in the state legislature disagreed with the court decision and introduced HB 5040 to assert the right to religious exemption and the right to financial recourse against any institution that "shall not discipline or discriminate against a student in a counseling, social work or psychology program because the student refuses to counsel or serve a client as to goals, outcomes, or behaviors that conflict with a sincerely held religious belief."

The "Julia Ward Freedom of Conscience" bill (HB 5040) was passed by the Michigan House of Representatives on June 12, by a vote of 59 to 50 and then referred it to the Government Committee of the Senate.

Judith Kovach, Ph.D., L.P., project director of Michigan Project for Informed Public Policy cautions legislators that more is at stake than just the rights of gay youth to receive counseling.

"Although Julea Ward refused to counsel a gay student as part of her practicum training, this bill applies to more diverse populations than those who are LGBT or who are questioning their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression. For example, it could also apply to students who, in violation of existing educational requirements and professional codes of ethics, refuse to treat LGBT people as well as people of other faiths, people of color, divorced people, anyone who had an abortion,

"At this level, we are not talking about anything having to do with someone's conscience. We are talking about a blatant campaign to reassert stigma."

-Nationally prominent psychologist  
Glenda Russell on HB 5040's  
potential consequences



"Michigan would redefine itself as allowing mental health professionals in training to assert self-interest above public interest to the detriment of patients."

- Michael Boulus, executive director of the President's Council, an organization of Michigan's public universities

etc.," Kovach said.

"All of Michigan's health care professions require that licensed practitioners do no harm. Because this bill has the potential to harm patients, it is important not only to those in the licensed mental health professions, but also to those who may be in their care. Let me explain. A licensed professional who has religious beliefs that are in conflict with something about the patient recognizes this early on because of his or her training, and may make a referral. To shortcut this part of their training – as this bill proposes – could mean (1) that they may not necessarily realize their own biases as they become licensed professionals, and (2) the lack of such recognition can have profound effects on their patients. In other words, they may harm patients without realizing it or intending to do so."

Michael Boulus, executive director of the President's Council, an organization of Michigan's public universities, addressed this issue in his remarks on the bill. He emphasized, "HB 5040 defies the standards of the Michigan Bureau of Health Professions and Department of Education, is inconsistent with the Elliott Larsen Civil Rights Act, and jeopardizes the accreditation – and thus the academic excellence – of every public and private college and university in the State of Michigan." He concluded that the proposed bill would give students a blanket opt-out to refuse to complete an academic requirement and was "simply unworkable."

"The bottom line," Kovach said, "Is this proposed legislation, if adopted by the Michigan Senate and signed by the Governor, could have the following consequences:

"Michigan would redefine itself as allowing mental health professionals in training to assert self-interest above public interest to the detriment of patients. Or, as nationally prominent psychologist Glenda Russell put it, At this level, we are not talking about anything having to do with someone's conscience. We are talking about a blatant campaign to reassert stigma.

"By legislating a core principle of

training that has been defined by educators and professionals, students may be able to disregard their academic requirements. The intrusion of the legislature into the academic freedom of the state's public community colleges, colleges, and universities could have consequences that legislators may not understand or fully appreciate.

"Future mental health professionals in Michigan could be unprepared for the diverse world that awaits – and needs – them."

### Refusing care

Jay Kaplan of the ACLU also decries the legislation. "With increasing frequency, we are seeing individuals and institutions attempting to claim a right to refuse to provide services or care based on religious objections. Look at the attempt by the Michigan legislature last year to put in a religious and moral exemption into the proposed anti-bullying legislation.

"Last week HB 5763 was introduced that would permit child placement agencies (that have contracts with the State of Michigan) to refuse to place children in placements that violates the agency's religious beliefs.

"HB 5763 says that the Department of Social Services cannot take into account a placement agency's refusal to place, in deciding whether or not to award contracts from the State.

"Religious refusals can take many forms and the real-life impact can be devastating. Hospitals could refuse to perform medically necessary abortions for pregnant women in life-threatening situations. That means that the hospital could leave a pregnant woman to die in the emergency room because of the religious beliefs of the hospital owners. A landlord could refuse to rent to a family, simply because the family is Muslim. A public school guidance counselor could refuse, because of his religious beliefs, to counsel a gay high school student, denying care to a teen that may have nowhere to go. Pharmacies could refuse to fill a





ACLU attorney Jay Kaplan decries the legislation, "Religious refusals can take many forms and the real-life impact can be devastating. BTL file photo: Andrew Potter

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woman's prescription for birth control because of religious objections, placing a particular burden on women in rural areas who may have to drive long distances just to reach another pharmacy."

Kaplan noted that instances of institutions and individuals claiming a right to discriminate in the name of religion are nothing new. "However, we are embarking on a dangerous, slippery slope as our legislature attempts to carve out exceptions to non-discrimination policies and laws. We have a right to our religious beliefs, but that does not give us the right to use our religion to discriminate and impose those beliefs on others who do not share them."

EMU's dismissal of Ward was not about LGBT issues or religion, but was about what is in the best interest of a client who is in need of counseling.

Last October when a cadre of 34 Republican representatives introduced the bill, Walter Kraft, EMU's VP for Communications commented on the situation Michiganders faced. He explained that EMU's dismissal of Ward was not about LGBT issues or religion, but was about what is in the best interest of a client who is in need of counseling. He said it is about following the Code of Ethics of the American Counseling Association and the Ethical Standards of the American School Counselor Association, standards that dictate that counselors are not to allow their personal values to intrude into their professional work.

"As one of the premiere teacher-training institutions in the U.S., Eastern Michigan University takes seriously our Constitutional mission to ensure that every student who graduates from our academic programs meets applicable curricular and regulatory requirements. We will continue to pursue and defend this mission at every opportunity," said Kraft.

Follow the progress of HB 5040 and others on the State Legislature website [www.legislature.mi.gov/%28S%28akxkwt55flrrol55czfjwkuuf%29%29/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=2011-HB-5040](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/%28S%28akxkwt55flrrol55czfjwkuuf%29%29/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=2011-HB-5040).

## Gary Glenn thanks Troy Mayor Daniels at council meeting

**TROY** - Gary Glenn, president the American Family Association of Michigan and a co-author of Michigan's 2004 Anti-Marriage Amendment, spoke at the June 18 Troy City Council meeting and lauded Troy Mayor Janice Daniels for her previous anti-LGBT remarks. Glenn, an anti-LGBT activist for over a decade, is running for U.S. Senate on an anti-LGBT, Tea Party platform.

"Thank Mayor Daniels for telling the truth about the personal and public health hazards medically and scientifically associated with homosexual behavior," Glenn told the council members, "and for not retreating, retracting, or apologizing."

Daniels' has been attracted national


attention for anti-LGBT outbursts, and she is the target of a recall effort that recently submitted enough signatures to place her recall on the November ballot. Glenn is running in the August Republican primary against Pete Hoekstra and other lesser known candidates. The winner of that primary race will face incumbent Democratic U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow in November.

Glenn has received numerous endorsements from Tea Party caucuses and last week Michigan Right to Life endorsed him over other Republican candidates.

You can find Glenn's full comments online at [www.pridesource.com](http://www.pridesource.com).

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# Hitting the Road for HIV/AIDS

## Recent Fundraising Helps Bring Signature Van Back

BY KATE OPALEWSKI

**YPSILANTI** - HIV/AIDS is not something people hear enough about on a regular basis anymore. While millions continue to be impacted by the disease, it's not the way it was when HIV/AIDS first emerged 30 years ago. The HIV/AIDS Resource Center in Ypsilanti has made it their responsibility since its founding in 1986, to connect and educate the community it serves in Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston and Washtenaw Counties. It has developed into a leading HIV/AIDS service provider in the state.

In recent years, the HARC outreach van helped create dialogue on HIV/AIDS education, treatment and care. Last year, 74 HIV and 86 Hepatitis C tests were conducted on-site and 2,326 members of the community accessed the van before it was forced to retire this past fall after 12 years of dedicated service.

Several supporters and local organizations realized what an important tool this van has been and reached out to help. During HARC's Dining for Dollars event in May, donations were made for a new van and a dance marathon was held at Ann Arbor Huron High School to benefit the future of HARC's outreach services. Grants have also been awarded to HARC from both the United Way of Washtenaw and AIDS United, a national organization.

"The most amazing thing happened through the Bank of Ann Arbor's Project Help competition for grant money on Facebook. We were so close to third place and lost by less than 20 votes. The bank's CEO, Tim Marshall, called afterward to let us know we would receive \$2,500 anyway for the Energy and Enthusiasm Award," said Jimena Loveluck, president/CEO of HARC for almost 12 years now. "We've been amazed by the support we've received."

Because of these successful fundraising efforts, HARC has raised more than \$20,000 to support the purchase of a new outreach van tentatively scheduled to hit the road in mid-July.

"We just got the new van. The summer is a busy time and we really want to try and get the outreach van out there," said Loveluck, adding that they aren't done raising funds.

The vehicle is a 20' Class B motor home that includes a bathroom, running water, electrical outlets and a generator to make additional services possible.

With the new van, HARC plans to offer expanded STD screening, additional education and counseling services in partnership with the Washtenaw County



HARC's new outreach mobile home with the Prevention Outreach Specialist who drives the van, Lemont Gore. Photo courtesy of HARC.

Health Department, Medicaid outreach and enrollment in collaboration with the Washtenaw Health Initiative for the many people without health insurance. It also plans on further engagement with United Way in accomplishing the community-wide Access to Healthcare Initiative, and increase opportunities to leverage funding with expanded, collaborative services.

"People aren't necessarily going to just walk in our doors and seek us out. There are a lot of reasons for that. This is why we offer free services right there (in the van), that are accessible to them. They may not even know where to go, so we bring the services to them where they live," said Loveluck. "With this outreach van we are making HIV/AIDS real for people and will hopefully break down the stigma to help people understand this is an important part of their health and we are here to ensure there aren't any barriers that prevent them from getting treatment and education. Part of it, is also building a rapport and trust within the community."

A majority of the people who access the van are age 30 and under, according to Loveluck. "This is a really important way to reach our youth as this hugely impacts them. We know that once we add the STD screening, we may see more youth coming to the van. A lot of youth don't

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have access to transportation or they are not aware of the resources that exist," she said. "Parents, particularly mothers, may want accurate information and resources for their teenagers. We've had people come by when they just want to talk with a prevention specialist about a family member who is living with HIV/AIDS."

The outreach van will continue to stop at existing sites where HARC has been a positive presence for a long time, but may add more sites in the future as the new vehicle allows them to do that. "This is a really great opportunity and it confirms how important this work is that we're doing," said Loveluck. "This project is unique as no other organization is doing this. It's nice to give ourselves a pat on the back and to see our efforts being recognized."

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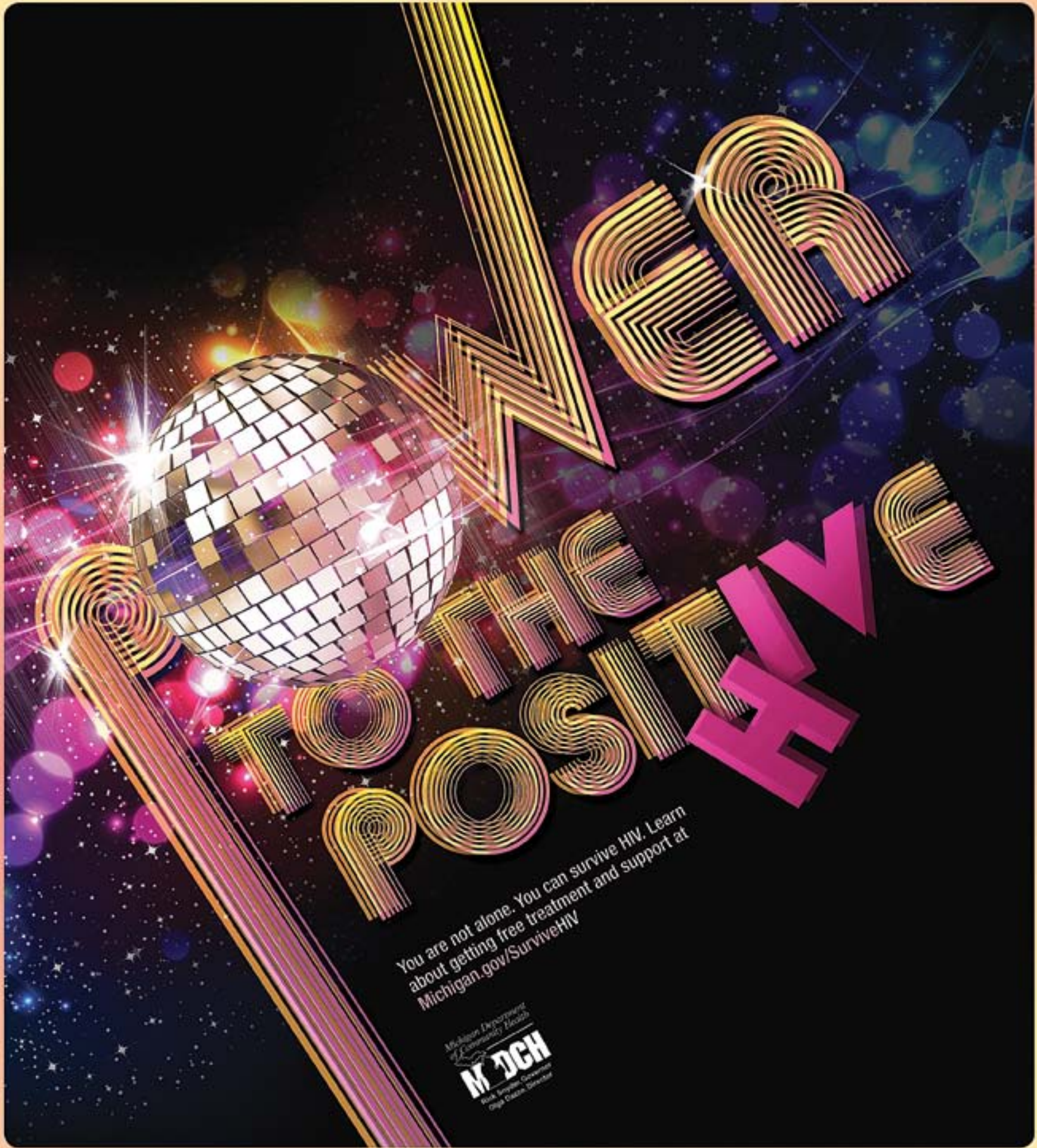
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# Transmissions



## An Olympic Moment

BY GWENDOLYN ANN SMITH

On the 27th of July, in London, the Games of the XXX Olympiad will begin. It will be the usual mix of pageantry, sportsmanship and likely a dash of scandal. If Keelin Godsey had his way, he would have been the first out transgender man to compete in the Olympics.

Godsey hoped to be a part of the U.S. track and field team, and while he would be competing in the women's hammer throw, he identifies as male and plans to undergo surgery sometime after the trials.

A lot of news agencies have reported Godsey as aiming to be the first transgender Olympian, which isn't exactly accurate. There have been a number of intersex competitors to have made it into the Olympics, and at least one individual who did undergo transition post-Olympics. It's also just statistically likely that there have been others, likely forgotten to history.

Indeed, the Olympics themselves have had a history of gender testing of athletes, introducing them officially at the 1968 Olympic Winter Games. They discontinued mandatory gender testing in 1999, though they still reserve the right to do specific tests as desired to "prove" the gender of any given athlete in cases of dispute.

The first time an Olympian was questioned was in 1936, when Polish 1932 Olympic track star Stanistawa Walasiewicz, also known as Stella Walsh, was defeated by U.S. athlete Helen Stephens. Stephens was accused of being male and went through genital inspection to clear her name.

As a point of irony, it was Walasiewicz who – after perishing in an armed robbery in 1980 – was discovered to be XXXY intersexed and possessing male genitalia.

Also at the 1936 Olympics, German high jump entry Dora Ratjen, was revealed to be male. The assumption is that Ratjen was put into the running in a ham-fisted attempt to prove Aryan superiority. But Ratjen came in fourth, and was later spotted sporting a five o'clock shadow at a train station on the way home from the European championships.

There's Brazilian judo player Edinanci Silva, who was intersexed and had surgery in the mid 1990s in order to compete as a woman. There's also Sin Kim Dan of South Korea, Iolanda Balas of Romania and Tamara and Irina Press of the Soviet Union, each of whom stopped competing due to gender verification.

There's also Andreas Krieger, who was an East German shot put champion. He was also doped up with steroids from around age 16, and began to develop male characteristics by age 18. Krieger transitioned to male some ten years after striking Olympic gold back in mid-1980s.

Finally, back to the 1936 Berlin Olympics:

This again is the difference between the landmark moves earlier athletes made, and the actions of transgender people like Keelin Godsey and others who embraced their transgender beings and have chosen to step out of the shadows.

USOC president Avery Brundage began to work towards a system to test female athletes after observing the performances of Czechoslovakian runner and jumper Zdenka Koubkova and Great Britain javelin thrower and shot putter Mary Edith Louise Weston. Both did eventually undergo gender reassignment surgery, becoming Zdenek Koubek and Mark Weston.

These are not the only Olympians who may have, at the least, run afoul of genetic gender tests. At the last games to require mandatory testing – the Atlanta games in 1996 – eight women failed testing. They were later cleared to compete. There are quite a number more outside of Olympic circles, such as South Africa's Caster Semenya, who won the women's 800m world championship in 2009, only to have her gender questioned.

Back to here and now and Keelin Godsey. The difference between Godsey and all these others is that they are public about their transgender status. While still opting to compete as a woman, and fulfilling any "letter of the law" requirements to

do so, Godsey is out as a transgender man. This is markedly different from Mark Weston, let alone Stanistawa Walasiewicz.

This is a remarkable change, akin to Jenna Talackova competing openly for the Miss Universe Canada pageant only a few weeks ago. Rather than hiding one's gender identity as Koubek and Weston did, Godsey is out and open.

I envision a time, perhaps not nearly as far away as I might think, where transgender sports stars – and transgender people in other high profile positions – will serve as role models for the next generation of young transgender people across the globe.

It's not like there haven't been transgender role models before, mind you. Christine Jorgensen, Carolyn "Tula" Cossey, Jan Morris and René Richards, served my and other generations.

Yet many of the above came out after the fact, or had their transsexual status thrust into the spotlight in ways they never intended. This again is the difference between the landmark moves each of them made, and the actions of transgender people like Keelin Godsey and others who embraced their transgender beings and have chosen to step out of the shadows.

Unfortunately, Keelin Godsey failed to qualify for the U.S. track and field team in the women's hammer throw. He finished fifth in trials that would have qualified him for one of three slots on the team. Godsey was disappointed, having expected the Olympics to be his swam song. Nevertheless, he sounded a somewhat optimistic note. "I've still done more than most people that are trans have," said Godesy. "I've still competed at a level that most people haven't. I don't want to let not making a team be what brings that down."

So you have, Keelin – and you may not have made the team, but you can hold your head high for striking a victory for transgender people and adding your name to a long list of champions that came before you.

*Gwen Smith was a nerdy child, and never had a chance in sports. You can find her on the web at [www.gwensmith.com](http://www.gwensmith.com)*





# Out for a Job

## LGBT Job Expo Attracts FBI, Air Force

BY CRYSTAL A. PROXMIRE

**FERNDALE** – Over 150 people packed Affirmations on June 21, for the first-ever LGBT Job Expo in the state. National companies and multicultural corporations including GM, Chrysler, Merrill Lynch, MetLife and Deloitte had recruiting experts on hand looking to hire the best and the brightest.

The day began with a training session for employers on the special employment challenges for transgender people. For prospective employees there was a resume review station staffed by the Ferndale Career Center. Center experts gave last minute advice and encouragement before sending people into the room full of recruiters. Out and Equal, a national organization was on hand providing resources for attendees, letting them know what their rights are and what challenges LGBT people face as they apply for jobs. In Michigan it is still legal to fire somebody just because they are gay or transgender.

“GM is an exciting place to work right now,” said Karen Engelman, a designer at GM who is part of the GM Plus group for LGBT employees. “The company attitude is very welcoming and inclusive and there is a lot of growth.” Engelman spoke to potential employees about positions currently available in the design, technical and administrative departments, and noted that for hourly production jobs people can apply through the Ferndale Career Center.

GM has been a longtime supporter of diversity, but some other participants were surprising. “We asked every branch of the U.S. Armed Forces to be here today, and the U.S. Air Force was the only branch that came,” said Affirmations Executive Director Dave Garcia. “We’d liked to have seen more, but that says something doesn’t it, that the U.S. Air Force came to Affirmations to say they want to recruit from the gay community?”

USAF Staff Sergeant Michael Regina welcomed potential recruits with a smile. “They repealed DADT (Don’t Ask Don’t Tell,) so why not? Everyone should feel welcome to serve their country.” Regina pointed out that the Air Force has over 140 different job titles, and only 4 percent of enlisted individuals are flying planes. “We need mechanics, people for intelligence, and medical for some examples.”

Ben Conroy, a student at Macomb Community College, drove 45 minutes from Armada, hoping to find a job that would launch him into a career in law enforcement. One of the most interesting options to him was the FBI. Representatives from the Federal Bureau of Investigations Detroit office were on hand looking for potential agents. “We want to truly be in every community,” said Will Council who is an Investigative Operations Analyst

for the Bureau. “We’re looking for Special Agents and for other staff,” Council said. “It’s a great opportunity for someone who wants to travel, and a great way to serve your country.” All applicants to the FBI were directed to the Bureau’s website [www.fbijobs.com](http://www.fbijobs.com).

Bank of America was also taking applications. Senior Vice President and Consumer Market Manager Stacey Fabrie, representing the eastern Michigan market, has been with the company for fifteen years and out for the past five. She takes advantage of the networking groups at her company as a way to connect employees and make them



Ben Conroy talks with FBI representatives Johanna Moore and Will Council about employment at the agency. BTL photo: Crystal A. Proxmire

feel welcome and safe. “We’ve got a women’s group, an LGBT group, Hispanic, Black Professional and an Armed Forces group,” she said. “Each group has an executive sponsor so we know management is listening to the needs of the employees. It’s always been a nice company to work for.” She also mentioned that Bank of America would be partnering with Ruth Ellis Center to do a five week financial literacy program training homeless, runaway and at-risk LGBT youth.

### Transgender 101

In addition to reaching a pool of talented LGBT job applicants, companies that attended the expo were given a one hour Transgender

101: What Every Recruiter Should Know training session. Taught by 40-year-old FTM Seth Carwyn of Port Huron, the class addressed the unique issues that might come up when interviewing and hiring.

“In the 2011 Injustice at Every Turn, a study by the National Center for Transgender Equality, there were 6,450 transgender identifying individuals surveyed. Ninety percent experienced harassment or mistreatment; 44 percent said they were passed over for a job; 23 percent were denied a promotion and 25 percent lost their jobs,” Carwyn said. “When transgender people find work with a company where they feel comfortable and they have medical coverage they tend to be extremely loyal.”

He explained terminology that one might encounter in the interview process, and went through what would be appropriate or inappropriate questions. Carwyn let employers know that they don’t have to be perfect. “We are all trained from the time we are little people, to pick up cues and assign gender. It’s natural

and normal to want to use pronouns that match what those cues tell you,” he said. “If you make a mistake, a simple apology will do. We get people all the time who apologize profusely over and over, and it’s like, no really, that’s okay.”

Employers may notice that transgender job applicants may have a preferred name that varies from their legal name.

Of those surveyed by the NCTE, 40 percent did not have identification that matched their preferred name and/or gender. Carwyn suggested that human resources personnel in the room go back to their respective companies and ensure that applications and employee paperwork include a “preferred name” data

## Upcoming Event to Benefit Wayne County Foster Children

**DETROIT** – The Roostertail will play host June 30, to some of the metro area’s most well-known and loved entertainers, during a fundraising event for an organization benefitting foster children in Wayne County. The event begins at 7 p.m.

Perennial Detroit Music Award winners the Jill Jack Band and radio host Linda Lexy, will join the Grammy-nominated jazz ensemble Straight Ahead on the indoor and outdoor stages during In Seventh Heaven – Magic and Music in Motown, the annual fundraising event for For The Seventh Generation, a Wayne County organization that matches foster children with donations of goods and services.

“For The Seventh Generation does fantastic work for foster kids in Wayne County – they match children with orthodontic care, make it possible for them to do cool things like create their own comic books, and they’ve even come up with prom dresses for teens who couldn’t otherwise afford to go to the prom,” said Lexy, who hosts the weekly show “Linda Lexy’s Party Train” live from the MotorCity Casino Hotel’s Radio Bar.



This year’s event will mark the launch of Play It Forward!, a new signature program in association with Sonya Mastick, owner of the The Lesson Rooms in Royal Oak, to provide free music lessons and instruments to foster children.

“For The Seventh Generation is about helping foster children thrive, and with the launch of Play It Forward we’ll be able to make hundreds of children’s dreams come true in the years to come,” said Lorraine Weber, FTSG executive director and member of the In Seventh Heaven organizing committee

Tickets for In Seventh Heaven – Magic and Music in Motown are \$100 per person and are available online through the For The Seventh Generation website at {URL [www.fortheseventhgeneration.org](http://www.fortheseventhgeneration.org)}.

*For The Seventh Generation is a project of the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association Foundation in cooperation with the 3rd Judicial Circuit of Michigan and the Michigan Department of Human Services.*



## Heard on Facebook

**Were any of you at the capitol steps this week? What do you think they're saying about Michigan in other states?**

Right now we can't say anything because we can't catch our breath from laughing at you.

**-Joseph Franco**

I sincerely hope you mean that you are laughing at Eve Ensler's witty repertoire because the legislation that this hoopla is over is no laughing matter. Anyone with an ounce of feminism ought to be thoroughly and rightfully angry as hell.

**-Amanda Reames**

We figured about 5,000 people, the official said 2,500. Still, it's about fascism and silencing women. Abortion is the political tool and my sign says: "Want a Vagina? Grow One! Don't Take Mine!"

**-Paula Jellis**

The bills about which Reps. Brown and Byrum were censored don't protect women's health. Their intent is to close abortion clinics and reduce access to reproductive health care. Right to Life and the Catholic Conference care more about non-viable fetuses than they do about women's health. They are the last groups that anyone should believe concerning preserving women's health. Access to reproductive health services is under severe assault by these two organizations and their allies in the Michigan Legislature. That one religious viewpoint on this issue should be forced on all of us through a clinic harassment bill like HB 5711 is inconsistent with the founding principles of this country.

**-Mary Pollock**

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# S/he Said

## 2012 Election, GOProud

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### Richard Socarides

*"Now that the President has personally endorsed marriage equality, his own victory or loss in the election will be important to the outcome of these (court) cases. So will the marriage referenda on ballots in the fall--Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, and Washington. No matter what anyone says, Justices make decisions in a political context, and if he is defeated the Supreme Court will see it as an implied repudiation by the majority of Americans of his position on gay rights. On the other hand, if he is re-elected, especially by a comfortable margin, it will assure the Supreme Court Justices that being in favor of gay rights, and gay marriage in particular, is not institutionally toxic."*

-Richard Socarides, attorney, former LGBT advisor to President Clinton and former president of Equality Matters, in his column titled "Is the Battle for Gay Rights Over?," [www.newyorker.com](http://www.newyorker.com), June 22.



### Amy Davidson

*"The contrast between Obama and Romney on same-sex marriage means that the election might offer the forum for a real national conversation on the issue. Americans who haven't really thought about why they feel the way they do about same-sex marriage may have a chance to hear the stories of families in other parts of the country, and what being able to get married means to them. There could be a lot of hurt, too - there probably will be - but along with any fits and starts the campaign may accelerate the remarkable, historic shift toward acceptance of same-sex marriage. What was once a daydream stance has become something like a presumption. It helps, when it comes down to it, that there is a human leaning toward love."*

-Amy Davidson, senior editor, The New Yorker, in her column titled "In November, Voting for Gay Marriage?," [www.newyorker.com](http://www.newyorker.com), June 06.



### David Badash

*"GOProud, the gay Republican Tea Party group, today 'enthusiastically' endorsed de-facto Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney, claiming the 65-year old is 'light years better' than Barack Obama. Mysteriously, GOProud and its two co-founders, Jimmy LaSalvia and Chris Barron, neglected to mention that Romney is against same-sex marriage, the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell, the repeal of DOMA, does not support an inclusive ENDA, and this week appeared with some of the most virulently anti-gay religious icons of the Republican Party and proclaimed straight parents are better than gay parents."*

-David Badash, in his column titled "GOProud Endorses Romney: 'Light Years Better Than President Obama'," [http://thenewcivilrights\\_movement.com](http://thenewcivilrights_movement.com), June 20.



### Jimmy LaSalvia

*"The truth is that this election is too important to wait or to sit on the sidelines. We plan on spending every day between now and November working to make Obama a one term President. For far too long, the gay left in this country has been allowed to dictate what they believe qualify as 'gay issues.' We think that jobs, the economy, healthcare, retirement security and taxes are all 'gay issues,' and on every single one of those issues, Mitt Romney is light years better than President Obama."*

-Jimmy LaSalvia, co-founder/executive director, GOProud, a gay political action Republican Tea Party group, in a press release titled "GOProud Endorses former Governor Mitt Romney for President," [www.goproud.org](http://www.goproud.org), June 20.



## Parting Glances



### Pages past tense #14

BY CHARLES ALEXANDER

I celebrated my 21st birthday in 1957 with my first partner Ernie Gilbert at the Flame Show Baron Brush Street, in the heart of Detroit's thriving Negro community.

The Flame was "a black and tan club," allowing for the mingling of races; "tan" being a euphemism for white. The attraction that memorable coming-of-age evening was the famed Jewel Box Review.

The Jewel Box Review, an internationally known drag show of 30 female impersonators – including the notorious Rae Bourbon, and one drag king, black Stormy Devereau – kicked off its high heels in 1939.

Ernie and I corresponded for months, and he returned from Miami, when I told him the New York Central Railroad was hiring. (Back then its building housed 14 floors of busy thriving offices. Today it's Matty Moroun's skeletal legacy to Detroit).

I left Harper Hospital along with several other OR Techs for more money, more benefits, seniority opportunities. (After Ernie was hired, we'd occasionally meet on the 13th floor, exchange physical pleasantries – chaste kisses – among the ten thousands of dusty freight waybills sequestered for storage and retrieval.)

With Ernie my gay life changed dramatically. For the three years we were together we were Mutt-and-Jeff inseparable. We didn't frequent gay bars and I gradually stopped going to the Hub Grill and Mama's where gay teenagers hung out.

Truth be known, I wasn't comfortable hanging around with "flamers" – Estralita, The Empress, Marshmallow, Miss Bruce, Greta Go-Get-it!, Miss Dumplin' – who were flagrant, middle-finger, swishes. (Looking back: their no-choice flamboyance provided cover for us closeted sissies.)

Ernie was Jewish, 23, shorter than me. His head of curly black hair measured up to my skinny shoulder. His father, Sam, was a physician. His mother, who lived to be 100, from Poland. (A cousin survived the Holocaust, bearing a tattooed concentration camp number on his arm.) I –longah lutche – "long noodle" – quickly learned Yiddish phrases of endearment.

Ernie had been a ballet dancer, studying with Detroit's Sandra Severo Ballet Company, a company that placed many dancers in American Ballet Theater. He was also a classically trained pianist, soon resuming lessons with Evelyn Gervitch, who had studied with famous French concert pianist Robert Casadesus.

Ernie took me to a variety of cultural events. I saw my first foreign film (somehow managing to keep up with the subtitles), attended symphony concerts, ballets (delighting to see male dancers in tights), started listening to his classical 33-1/3 LP record collection. (My first favorite: Beethoven's Second Piano Concerto.)

My own music taste (if it might be called that) had been Country & Western ("When My Blue Moon Turns to Gold Again"), Rhythm & Blues ("Lawdy, Lawdy, Miss Clawdy"). As for dance rhythms: as a teen I roller skated three nights weekly at the Arcadia Roller Rink, including Sunday's mostly black, fast-paced sessions. I was benny hip on wheels.

Things changed further when Ernie became Wayne University Collegian music critic, seen with – hush, hush, rumored younger, same-sex love interest. It was a freebie education for me. I listened. I learned. It became a saving grace for me in the long run.

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Organizers of the Older Adult Summit included, left to right, Cornelius Wilson, Jim Toy, Waymond Burks, Alice McKeage, Michael Bartus, Atiba, Judy Lewis, Greg Cherry and Tori Hamilton. BTL photo: Crystal Proxmire

## Activists Once Again Conference Focuses on Needs of LGBT Seniors

BY CRYSTAL A. PROXMIRE

As the generation that fought hardest for gay rights approaches retirement, questions arise over how best to fight for them again.

The 2012 Older Adult Summit brought together dozens of aging LGBT individuals and a collaboration of the areas most recognized agencies to educate and mobilize those who want to see elders finish out their lives with respect and proper care. They discussed issues like "Know your Legal Rights," "Employment and Volunteer Opportunities," "Protecting your Finances," and "Managing your Healthcare." A representative from the ACLU updated attendees about broad legal challenges. Aaron Tax of the national SAGE organization shared lobbying news at the federal level. And young people from Ruth Ellis Center, Affirmations and Ford Globe shared opportunities for older adult/youth networking. Plus there was news of the Older Adult Coalition's continued growth in membership, and progress towards becoming a SAGE chapter which should happen within the year.

Employment and financial concerns were common among the LGBT elders. General health worries, care for those with HIV, and navigating health insurance plans were also important.

### Employment and Volunteer Opportunities

Mary McDougal of Operation ABLE was joined by two representatives from the National Caucus and Center on Black Aged and Jennifer Therrien of Area Agency on Aging 1B, to talk about employment and volunteer opportunities.

"It used to be there were a lot of jobs and it was just a matter of matching people up. Now you really have to hunt," McDougal said. Her organization, Operation ABLE, helps approximately 500 people a year that are over 40 find sustainable employment. "What we're pushing now is people need to do more cold calling and more networking," she said. "A lot of times people only think about the job they used to have, but people need to think about what else they can do and emphasize those skills."

She said people have to accept that "wages today are not going up. They may need to start out making less money than they did in the past." She also advises older adults to get more training, particularly in being able to use a computer. "Mature adults need to be on LinkedIn. They need to demonstrate they are computer literate. They need to use email and attach a resume, and be able to look up information online."

The National Caucus and Center on Black Aged offers paid on-the-job training for older adults of any racial background who live in Wayne County. "If you need to learn more about computers, we can place you with an agency where you can work and get paid while learning those skills," said Senior Employment Program Specialist Lydia Anderson. "We are funded by the Department of Labor and we work with over 100 nonprofits in Wayne County. Our goal is to get you to start with us and get hired in."

Another skill seniors may need to work on is interviewing. "Now instead of the one-on-one interviews, a lot of companies are doing group interviews, or having a panel of people ask questions. Be ready for group interviews and challenging questions," McDougal said. "Know how to talk about your skills. Know why you are going to be an asset to them."

Therrien encouraged out-of-work and underemployed adults to take up some volunteer work. "One of the things that is trending right now is people volunteering as a way to try out working for an organization. A lot of people who volunteer end up getting hired."

"They [employers] don't want someone who is sitting on the couch all



## Creep of the Week GOProud

BY D'ANNE WITKOWSKI

There are some folks in this world who just don't understand gay Republicans. I am not one of them. Though I should make clear that by "understand" I mean "acknowledge the rightful existence of" and not that I can make sense of the whole thing.

But hey, to each his own – or her (Hi Mary, hi Heather. Congratulations and all that). Gays are a diverse lot and certainly that is true when it comes to politics. Yes, the Democrats are "better" on LGBT issues. Way, way better, actually, though not as great as they could, and should, be. And compared to Republicans, the Democrats are a non-stop Pride parade.

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What I do have a problem with is an enthusiastic endorsement of an anti-gay president from a gay group.

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Still, it is not a surprise that groups like GOProud, a conservative gay Republican group, exist. But it is kind of surprising that a group formed explicitly by a bunch of gays would "enthusiastically" endorse Mitt Romney for president.

To say that Romney is anti-gay is an understatement, no matter what happened in Massachusetts on his watch. He's renounced all of that and the folks he has aligned himself with will make damn sure he stays that way.

So what gives? Well, apparently if you're a member of GOProud, gay rights issues are irrelevant.

According to GOProud's executive director Jimmy LaSalvia, "We think that jobs, the economy, healthcare, retirement security and taxes are all 'gay issues,' and on every single one of those issues, Mitt Romney is light years better than President Obama."

Aww, isn't that cute? Basically any issue is a "gay issue" so long as someone gay takes issue with it. Got that? Never mind that Romney's policies would no doubt further hurt LGBT families. Take jobs, for instance. Romney won't even take a stance on equal pay for women, you think he gives a shit about employment protection for homos? As for healthcare, there are countless same-sex couples who cannot be on each other's health care because they're strangers in the eyes of the law. Retirement security for gays? Ha! They'll spend it all on lawyer fees. And don't get me started on taxes. Just ask a same-sex couple committed to each other for years, even decades, what it feels like to have to mark "single" on their tax return form.

So yeah, these issues are gay issues, but saying that Romney is better than Obama here pretty much erases the whole gay part. GOProud doesn't really give a shit about gay issues, unless we're talking about gays with a lot of money.

Don't get me wrong. Money isn't all bad and having lots of it must be nice. But it certainly does take the sting out of the every day discrimination that the LGBT 99 percent face.

So why be a gay group at all if you don't think civil rights are important? Granted, LaSalvia acknowledges that the election is "bigger than just one issue." No shit. I don't have a problem with that. What I do have a problem with is an enthusiastic endorsement of an anti-gay president from a gay group. It is indicative of some serious self-hatred and/or smug disdain for the issues that the every-day gay faces.

I can't help but picture GOProud members emailing each other steamy Ayn Rand fan fiction featuring John Galt and Howard Roark. Gay Rights Shrugged, perhaps. And just imagine what fun they could have with a title like The Fountainhead. Who knows? Maybe it'll become a national phenomenon: Fifty Shades of the Self-Loathing Gay.

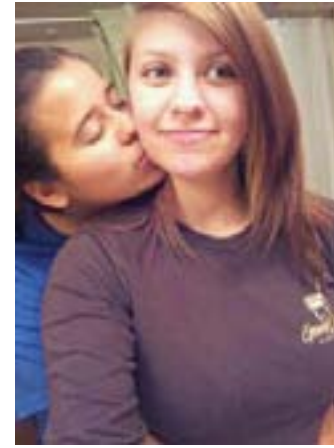
# Deadly Shooting of Teen Lesbian Couple in Texas

**PORTLAND, Texas** – Police are investigating the weekend shooting of two teenage women that left one dead and one wounded in a coastal South Texas park.

Portland police Chief Randy Wright told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times that the motive for the attack on 19-year-old Mollie Olgin of Ingleside and 18-year-old Mary Chapa of Sinton was unknown. The two were romantically involved for the past five months according to an MSNBC report and information from a Facebook site that is planning a vigil for the community on Friday.

Olgin was dead on the scene while Chapa was listed in serious but stable condition at a hospital. Police say both were shot in the head.

Wright says a resident living near the park reported hearing two loud bangs just before midnight Friday, but thought



18-year-old Mary Chapa is in critical condition with a gunshot to her head and 19-year-old Mollie Olgin of Ingleside is dead. They had been dating for 5 months at the time of the shooting. Photo from Facebook

it was firecrackers. Visitors to the park discovered the women Saturday in tall grass below an observation deck in Violet Andrews Park. Portland is about seven miles north of Corpus Christi.

The National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs said in a press release Tuesday that local police are looking into the possibility of a bias or hate motivation in this fatal attack.

The Texas vigil information at [www.facebook.com/events/334658369945390](http://www.facebook.com/events/334658369945390) is tracking some information and family and friends are commenting on the murder.

Cleve Jones put out a call to action out late Monday night via Facebook, asking people to host vigils nationwide honoring the women and supporting LGBTQ youth everywhere. Learn more at <http://on.fb.me/Q9hRyJ>.

## Stonewall Democrats Endorse 25 for Congress Six Out LGBT Candidates in First Round

National Stonewall Democrats announced the group's first 25 endorsements June 26 -including six out LGBT candidates. Michigan's Trevor Thomas, who is running in the Michigan's 3rd Congressional District is included. The partisan organization has a rolling endorsement process, so more endorsements are expected as the election season moves forward.

### Senate

Tammy Baldwin – Wisconsin  
Sherrod Brown – Ohio  
Shelley Berkley – Nevada  
Dianne Feinstein – California  
Kirsten Gillibrand – New York  
Bernie Sanders – Vermont

### House of Representatives

Ami Bera – CA-7

Tim Bishop – NY-1  
André Carson – IN-7  
David Cicilline – RI-1  
Steve Cohen – TN-9  
Keith Ellison – MN-5  
Rush Holt – NJ-12  
Sheila Jackson-Lee – TX-18  
John Lewis – GA-5  
Michelle Lujan-Grisham – NM-1  
Jerrold Nadler – NY-8  
Nancy Pelosi – CA-12  
Mark Pocan – WI-2  
Jared Polis – CO-2  
Jan Schakowsky – IL-9  
Debbie Wasserman Schultz – FL-23  
Mark Takano – CA-41  
Trevor Thomas – MI-3  
Dina Titus – NV-1

Baldwin, Cicilline, Pocan, Polis, Takano and Thomas are out LGBT candidates.

Of the four out members of the

current Congress, all are in the House. Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) is not running for re-election, however, and Baldwin is seeking a Senate seat – leaving Polis and Cicilline as the only out incumbents seeking re-election. There are no out LGBT Republicans in the 112th Congress.

Log Cabin Republicans endorsed Sen. Scott Brown (R-Mass.) on the day that "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" ended, Sept. 20, 2011, for his 2012 re-election. This March, the group also endorsed out LGBT candidate Richard Tisei in his run to unseat Rep. John Tierney (D) in the sixth district of Massachusetts.

The Human Rights Campaign endorsed Brown's opponent, Elizabeth Warren, earlier this year, but Warren was not one of today's endorsements by Stonewall Democrats.



## ► Job Fair

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field, and advised them that some applicants may use their legal name while others may use their preferred on things like job applications and paperwork.

“One thing that we hear a lot is: Is that your ‘real’ name? Sometimes we use the word ‘real’



Staff Sergeant Michael D. Regina with Affirmations Executive Director Dave Garcia. BTL photo: Crystal A. Proxmire

when we mean the word ‘legal.’ And it’s more appropriate to use the word ‘legal,’ since that is what you’re after,” Carwyn explained.

Affirmations provides other Transgender 101 trainings, including Transgender 101 for Volunteers hosted by Jessica Manko and Arlene Kish and LGBT 101 training for general audiences done by John Fitzgerald. New trainings are also in the works.

To learn more about employment issues in the LGBT community, visit Out and Equal at <http://outandequal.org/staff>. More information about Affirmations can be found at [www.goaffirmations.org](http://www.goaffirmations.org).

## ► Aging

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day. They want someone who likes to work and who can get up and go every day,” McDougal said.

Meals on Wheels, hospitals and nursing homes were some of the suggestions from Therrien about where to start with volunteering.

## Wills and Investing

Stacey Cassis, Vice President and Senior Financial Advisor with the Spickler Group of Merrill Lynch gave a presentation on “Protecting your Finances.” The 53-year-old lesbian urged attendees to come up with a financial plan no matter what their budget is. “Number one, you need to figure out what you want to accomplish. Number two, you need to decide what kind of relationship you want with your financial advisor,” Cassis said. She explained that some people are more hands-on, and others are happy to let the advisor taken the reins. “Neither approach is better than the other, but you need to decide from the outset what kind of interaction works for you.”

People in the LGBT community have unique concerns, but being prepared and knowing the pitfalls can help seniors protect what they have. “In the world we live in, things can be contested, and the bank can freeze your assets until the contested issue is done,” Cassis said. “You can’t take anything for granted.”

She noted that while partners may not be able to get things like social security and pension survivor benefits, they can be the beneficiary

of 401(k) and IRA distributions. Another way to protect a partner is to set up a trust, but one problem she sees is that people set up the trusts but they do not do the title work to protect them, which means looking at each piece of property and making sure that the title is transferrable upon death.

No matter what type of investments one may have, an emergency fund is crucial. She also noted that the average cost of long-term care is \$70,000 and the average residential care stay is two and a half to three years. Merrill Lynch offers advising and resources specifically for the LGBT community.

## Older Adult Coalition

The Older Adult Coalition is growing, and the information being shared among LGBT seniors and those that care for them is creating a never-before-seen network to protect the eldest in Michigan’s LGBT community. With a caregiver certification program, cultural competency outreach and training there will be more gay-friendly agencies, and if changes to the Older Americans Act go through there will be more money for LGBT-older adult outreach and nondiscrimination policies in agencies that receive Federal funding. And by working towards becoming a SAGE Chapter, the group will further solidify Michigan’s place in the older adult revolution.

Learn more about the Older Adult Coalition at <http://lgbtolderadults.com>. To read additional reporting on the conference and view more photos visit us online [www.pridesource.com](http://www.pridesource.com)

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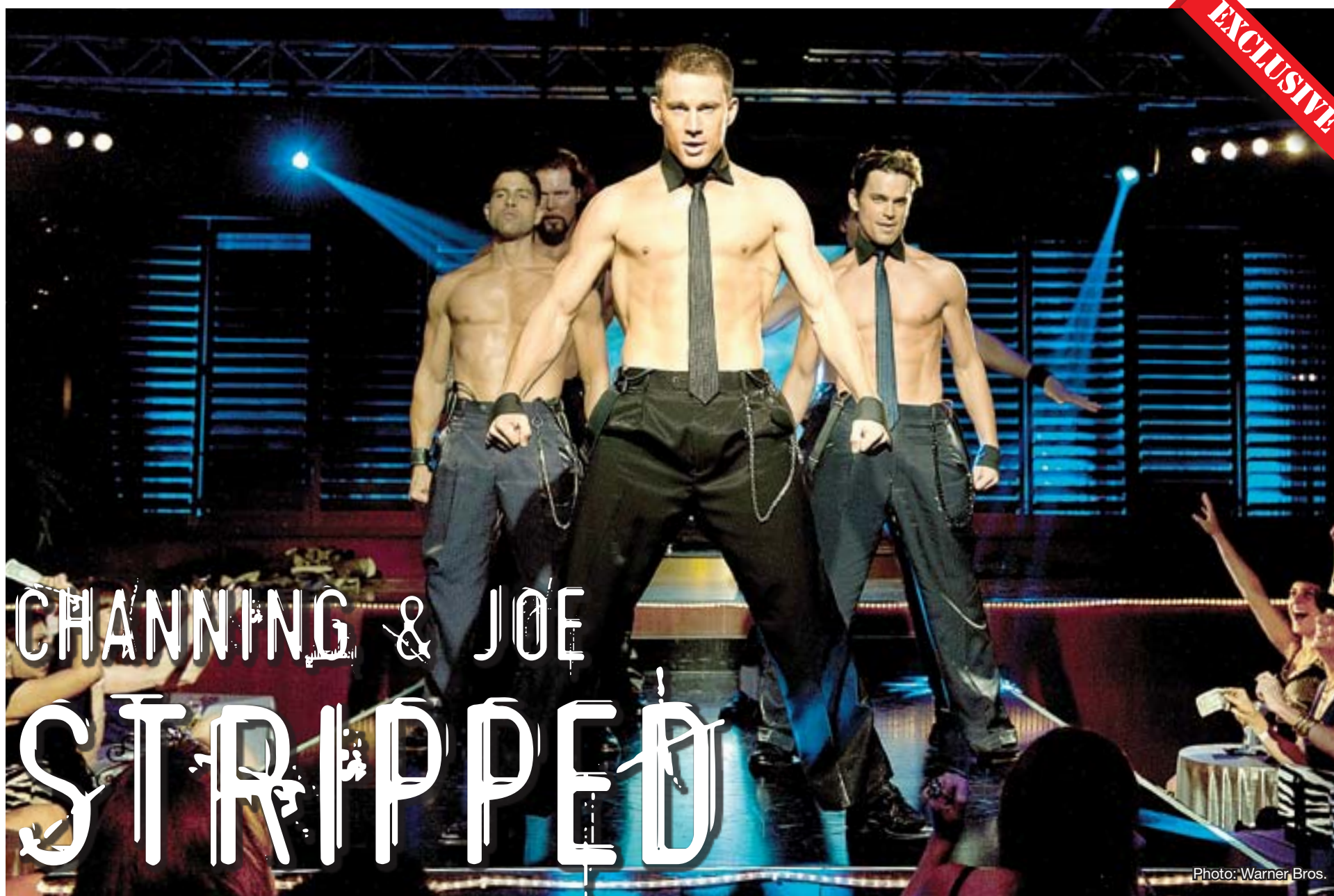


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## Actors Talk Film's Gay Following, Wearing Thongs and the Real-Life 'Magic Mike'

BY CHRIS AZZOPARDI

“Wearing a thong is a pain in the ass” escapes Joe Manganiello’s mouth with complete disregard to the glaring innuendo. “Oh god. I can’t believe I just said that.” Who can blame him? Avoiding double entendres about Oscar-winning director Steven Soderbergh’s unexpected – but completely acceptable – foray into the male-stripper world is hard (see?).

“Magic Mike,” opening June 29, stars Manganiello of “True Blood,” homo heartthrob Matt Bomer, Matthew McConaughey and Channing Tatum, the latter being the movie’s muse after it was revealed that the gay-loved dreamboat wasn’t just busting a move in 2006’s breakout role “Step Up” – before acting, he was pocketing dollar bills for his dance moves, too. One of Hollywood’s hottest actors, known for melting hearts in “Dear John” and “The Vow,” was suddenly faced with a pole-dancing past. His

stripper alias? Chan Crawford.

“That’s so lame,” Tatum says in our recent interview. “I didn’t choose it. But Crawford? What am I: Cindy Crawford’s brother?”

In his late teens, the stint lasted a mere half-year – and though it’s all “pretty foggy,” he also remembers it being a “weird world” – but it was enough for Soderbergh to get behind the idea of turning Tatum’s dollar days into a big-screen event with salacious stripteases, a penis pump and a military fantasy come to life.

“I just hope it’s fun for everybody: gay, straight, male, female ... animal,” Tatum says. “I just want people to go and get a picture into this world, because I don’t think it’s ever been done on screen – never like this.”

Never so hot, anyway. G-strings and rip-away costumes aside, there’s enough titillation in the names themselves to get the hormones doing their own little dance: Dallas (McConaughey), Ken (Bomer) and, perhaps the most stimulating besides Tatum’s titular character, Manganiello’s

Big Dick Richie.

“Apparently they said they wrote the script with me in mind. I don’t know who they talked to,” Manganiello says, as if to suggest that his pseudonym isn’t necessarily a sham. But is it? “You know, it’s interesting because people say, ‘Aren’t you worried about the expectation of playing this character and what’s going to be expected from you the rest of your dating life?’ And I say, ‘I’m just gonna revel in the curiosity.’”

And so will we.

What if the strippers in “Magic Mike” were all gay? Expect a totally different – probably X-rated – movie, agree Manganiello and Tatum. But for bros who are all hetero to hang in ... thongs?

“It’s pretty hilarious, to be honest,” Tatum says. “You just accept it and forget that you’re hanging out in these banana hammocks.”

Manganiello, who plays a hunky werewolf on “True Blood,” couldn’t forget – that thing was

a constant reminder of how much he hates stuff in his butt. “Werewolves don’t wear underwear because they’re just gonna lose them anyway, so there’s that,” he says, “but prior to that, no – I’ve never had a thong on, ever. So this was my inaugural voyage.”

And not just with thongs (to which he notes, now, “I’ve officially hung the thong up”). The boys went to L.A.’s Hollywood Men, a self-proclaimed man “buffet” in Southern California, to check out the scene. The clientele was mixed: Tatum observed lots of women – but also gay men.

“It wasn’t just straight or gay,” Tatum recalls. “Females and males could go. The only reason in the movie it’s just women is because that was my experience.” Mostly, anyway. He did reveal to us that, once, he danced fully clothed on a platform at a gay bar.

“We talked about making it more of a diverse crowd (for ‘Magic Mike’), but it just

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# Love, Rufus

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## Crooner On New Pop Album, Gay Evolution and Gaga Diss

BY CHRIS AZZOPARDI

There are bad romances, and there's the kind that Rufus Wainwright had during the making of his latest album, "Out of the Game." The troubadour got smitten with super-producer Mark Ronson, who added a pop bend to Wainwright's classical leanings. Love at first sight? Just about.

"One day we finally hung out at this party—at the U.N. of all places—and we were just completely enamored of each other," Wainwright says. "Needless to say, we went into the studio and struck up not only a great musical relationship but a great friendship—and, at least from my end, a huge crush."

And the singer doesn't just give his love away: He recently slammed Lady Gaga for being "predictable and boring," setting off a media and gay mafia frenzy. In our interview, Wainwright talked about those comments, the eyes that comforted him during his mother's death and the evolution of his gayness.

### How did this "love affair" between you and Mark Ronson begin?

I had heard of the legend of Mark Ronson for many years. In fact, we had done shows together in the past, but because he's a DJ he was always on much later than I was—so we never really crossed paths. Then, word got out that I wanted to work with him and word got out that he wanted to work with me, and we were both very excited.

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### Is there a sex tape?

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### Your classical and theatrical sensibilities are still present on the album, but what was it like to meet Mark, because of his pop leanings, in the middle?

As much as he's involved and immersed and knowledgeable of the pop world, for really over most of the 20th century, I am, by the same token, involved in opera and classical music. We could both appreciate each other's dedication to our respective musical genres, and that kind of ignited this exchange between us. I didn't feel like I had to relate to what he was telling me and he didn't feel the same with me, either; we just had to enjoy what we had to give, and there was no pressure in that respect.

### Does songwriting come easier to you now than it did at the beginning of your career?

It doesn't seem to have abated much over

the years. I don't know if that's a personal decision or kind of a natural function. I mean, I do seem to hurl myself into these situations where I have to write songs or I have to learn new material or come up with something, so physically, it's a job that has to get done. But it always gets done somehow. I don't want to get too descriptive of it, because then it might disappear. (Laughs)

### During "Sometimes You Need," you refer to the effect of movie stars on our lives, on your life. Who did you have in mind?

I'm being very specific, actually. There's a friend of mine, Quinn Tivey, and he's Elizabeth Taylor's grandson. I had just met him, and he's a lovely guy and he has his grandmother's eyes—those amazing violet, Black Irish eyes, or at least they look Black Irish to me. At the time, my mother was very ill (Kate McGarrigle died in early 2010), and I went to L.A. to see him, and there was just something about staring into those Taylor eyes that I found incredibly soothing and distracting in the face of this horrific experience.

### Tell me about the track "Montauk."

It's a postcard, shall we say, to my daughter Viva, welcoming her to her future home and hoping that she enjoys it. Superman has Krypton and Rufus has

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# Pizza Partners

## Local Eatery Brings Chicago to Ferndale

BY KATE OPALEWSKI

Chicago-style pizza lovers no longer have to drive 300 miles for a slice of deep dish pie. On Nine Mile, just west of Woodward in Ferndale, is MiChigo Pizza, where owners Mike Miner and Bill Hooker are serving up the Windy City classic.

The name, pronounced “mish-uh-go,” is simple. It’s a combination of the state of Mi(chigan) and the city of Chi(ca)go, the theme for the pizza eatery.

Partners in life for three years and in business for 18 months, Miner and Hooker agreed there aren’t many local places around where people can order a two-inch thick, buttery crust piled high with toppings, layered with cheese, made complete with homemade sauce.

“It was by fate, to be perfectly honest,” says Miner, 33, about their idea. “I have a sales background and I was tired of making other people money.”

Hooker, originally from the Upper Peninsula, lived in Haslett near Lansing and

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owned an optometry business. “I never thought I would move to Ferndale, but I was living there and traveling back and forth so I did the research, sold my practice, sold my car and liquidated every last penny to make this happen,” says Hooker, 58, who is a fan of Chicago in part because his daughter from a previous marriage lives there. “I started cooking in high school when I was 16. I worked in restaurants throughout college. I’ve always loved cooking,” he says.

Together, they began to experiment by preparing specialty pizzas for their friends and family, who told them they should sell their recipes. “My mom made a sauce. We tweaked it to make it our own,” says Miner.

The next step was obvious.

Only a short walk away from where they live is MiChigo Pizza, which they’ve designed to represent both Michigan and Chicago in a clean, neighborhood-style environment. Exposed brick adds character to the walls adorned with photos of local celebrities like Oprah, Eminem



Bill Hooker and Mike Miner in front of MiChigo Pizza in Ferndale. Photo: Andrew Potter

and Aretha Franklin. Miner and Hooker show their pride and pay homage to well-known LGBT communities with photos of Boystown and Ferndale.

Beyond the décor is a diverse menu that features Chicago-style pizza, flatbreads, grinderz, salads and a couple desserts.

“Our ingredients are all fresh. I go to the

market almost every day due to limited space and to maintain the freshness of our meats and vegetables,” says Hooker, adding that they offer Daiya, dairy-free vegan cheese.

The Vampire’s Nemesis, made with red pepper, sun-dried tomato, onion and fresh-roasted

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garlic, is by far the most popular pizza on the menu, according to Miner. The runner-up is the Spinach Special, made with spinach, mushrooms, sun-dried tomatoes and feta cheese. It's tough for them to decide what their favorite pizza is, but Miner prefers The Great Alternative made with egg, sausage, bacon, onion and red pepper.

Each deep dish pizza takes 30 to 45 minutes to prepare. Hooker suggests a "Fabulous Ferndale" salad during the wait. The Artsy Artichoke Salad is made with artichoke hearts, roasted sweet peppers, mushrooms, asparagus and fresh tomato with fresh spinach. "If you like artichokes and you like what's in it, I guarantee it's the best salad you've ever eaten," he says. Other unique selections are the Salmon Paradise, Bougie Shrimp and Kinky Kalamari salads.

"Our food is so filling that very few people eat dessert. But for those who do, we have vegan ice cream and homemade bread pudding. People will come in just for that," says Miner.

Miner and Hooker offer freshly squeezed lemonade, iced tea and Chazzano coffee, a local favorite that they brew tableside with a French press. A liquor license is a possibility in the future – if and when they come up with \$30,000.

"It's a struggle sometimes, but we can survive anything," says Miner. He and Hooker spend 90 hours a week there to ensure their business runs as they intend. "We have to be here. We have one shot to represent ourselves. We have high standards when it comes to great customer service and product."

Interaction with the customers is just as important to Hooker. "Maybe 50 percent of the people who come in will stop and poke their head in the kitchen window to say 'thank you' or 'goodbye.' I believe they appreciate how much we care and how much pride we have," says Hooker. "One of the things that people tell us and we know ourselves is that everything we put out is better than good."



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## OUTINGS

### Thursday, June 28

**Civic Engagement Committee** 1 p.m. Empowering people to advocate and speak out for themselves and the LGBT community is key to creating effective change. Our Civic Engagement committee organizes to educate and resource our community members to make a difference in our community. OutCenter, 132 Water St., **Benton Harbor**. CivicEngagement@OutCenter.org OutCenter.org

**Legal Referral Services** 4 p.m. Weekly advocacy program and referral services provided by AJ Skillman. AJ Skillman P.C., 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. Goaffirmations.org

**Holland Gay Pride** 7 p.m. Performance by LGBT choir, "In Harmony," and a screening of the award-winning documentary "Out at Work." Screening followed by a discussion led by Jay Kaplan. Dessert and refreshments to follow. All events are free but donations are welcome. PFLAG Holland and Holland is Ready, 248 S. River Ave., **Holland**. 616-928-0855.

**KGLRC Youth Group** 7 p.m. The Resource Center Youth Group helps young people, ages 13 to 18, who are trying to come to terms with their sexuality in a sometimes-unaccepting society. Meets every Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at a confidential location. To attend, call or e-mail the resource center. Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, 629 Pioneer, **Kalamazoo**. 269-349-4234. Kglrc.org

### Friday, June 29

**Rally In The Alley** 6 p.m. Free HIV testing and an evening of music, health information, and fun. HARC, 603 E. Liberty Street (Next to Michigan Theatre), **Ann Arbor**. 734-572-9355. Lgolson@hivaidresource.org Hivtest.org/press\_files/nhtd/EventDetail.aspx?id=550

**Drag Queen Bingo** 8 p.m. "This ain't your grandma's bingo." Hosts Sabin, Trixie Deluxe or September Murphy. Open to all 18+. Refreshments and bingo food fare. Reservations available by phone. Five15, 515 S. Washington, **Royal Oak**. 248-515-2551. Five15.net

### Saturday, June 30

**This is My Vote** 12 p.m. The Ypsilanti-Willow Run Branch of the NAACP is hosting a GOTV (Get Out The Vote) Community Voter Registration Rally to register, educate and energize voters for the upcoming August 7 and November 6, 2012 election. The event initiative, This is My Vote, is designed to answer unprecedented restrictions on ballot access and to increase civic participation among unregistered, minority, young and elderly voters. Ypsilanti-Willow Run NAACP, Michigan Ave. and S. Hamilton, **Ypsilanti**. 734-678-4136. NAACPWR@Gmail.com

**20 Somethings Pride Mixer** 8 p.m. Celebrate the end of Pride month and join the 20Somethings for a social mixer! Hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. Metro Detroit LGBT 20 Somethings, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. Det20somethings@gmail.com Facebook.com/LGBT20Somethings

### Sunday, July 1

**GOAL Book Club** 4 p.m. Get Out and Live's LGBT Book Club. Meets the first Sunday of every month at Five15 in Royal Oak. Get Out And Live!, 515 S. Washington, **Royal Oak**. 248-515-2551. GetOutAndLive.me

**Lezread** 4 p.m. Ann Arbors book group for Lesbians. Meets the last Sunday of every month. Lezread, 319 Braun Court, **Ann Arbor**. 734-678-2478. lezread@yahoo.com

**Conversation Station** 5 p.m. Topic: What are five things you could not live without? Get Out And Live!, 515 S. Washington St., **Royal Oak**. 248-981-4227. MarciWilliams@yahoo.com GetOutAndLive.me

**Transgender Lansing Group Meeting** 6 p.m. Lansing chapter of Transgender Michigan meets the first Sunday of every month from 6-9 p.m. Transgender Lansing, 469 N. Hagadorn, East **Lansing**. Facebook.com/groups/56386266994/MeetOutAndLive.org

### Monday, July 2

**Mysterious, Marvelous Monday** 6 p.m. Mysterious, Marvelous Monday is the metamorphosis of Wild Wednesday. Youth group for ages 13-18. Fostering a kind and supportive environment. Dedicated to Make a Change, L3C, 319 Braun Ct., Ann Arbor. 734-657-1792. Gailwolhoff@gmail.com Dedicatedtomakeachange.com

**PFLAG Richland** 7 p.m. Meets the first Monday of every month, except Labor Day. PFLAG, 9400 East D Ave., Richland. 269-377-9401. RichlandPFLAG@gmail.com

**Sexual Compulsives Anonymous** 7 p.m. A weekly anonymous 12-step group for those who are facing sexually compulsive behaviors. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. GoAffirmations.org

### Tuesday, July 3

**Gay-Straight Alliance in Faith** 7 p.m. A group of LGBTQ and allied young adults ages 14-23 welcoming those of all faith backgrounds or no faith background, honoring and respecting each person's faith and spirituality. Alternate between topical discussions and guest speakers on relevant topics for LGBTQ youth. Meets the first and third Tuesday of every month. G-SAIF, 207 E. Fulton St., **Grand Rapids**. GaysinFaithTogether.org

**Rainbow Writing Group** 7 p.m. During meetings, members read samples of their work, provide feedback, and discuss the ever-changing world of publishing. Meets the first Tuesday of the every month at the Network. Rainbow Writing Group, 343 Atlas St., **Grand Rapids**. rainbowwritinggroup@gmail.com

### Wednesday, July 4

**Senior Koffee Klatch** 1 p.m. A lively, discussion and social group for LGBT adults over 45. Group covers topics pertaining to aging and outside speakers. Potluck dinners at members homes, lunches out and holiday parties. Meets ever Wednesday on the upper level of the Affirmations building. Senior Koffee Klatch, 290 W. Road Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 586-573-9932. GoAffirmations.org

**Network Men's Group** 7 p.m. A support group for bisexual, gay, and coming out men, 21 and up. Single or partnered are invited to join the group. Weekly discussion topics and issues. The Network, 345 Atlas Ave., **Grand Rapids**. 616-458-3511. Grlgbt.org

### Thursday, July 5

**Jewish Gay Network Family & Friends** 7 p.m. JGN Family & Friends group meets the first Thursday of every month. Topics vary from month to month. Offering support, sharing experiences, and learning about the issues impacting the LGBTQ and allied community. Jewish Gay Network, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. 248-432-5661. Jgnmi.org

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## MUSIC & MORE

### CONCERTS

**Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase** John Heffron, winner of NBC's hit reality series "Last Comic Standing," comedian John Heffron has become the comic to watch and love. Tickets: \$25. Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase, 314 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. June 29-June 30. 734-996-9080. AnnArborComedyShowcase.com

**Detroit Symphony Orchestra** "20th Annual Salute to America" Join the DSO and celebrate 20 years of partnership with Greenfield Village. Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. June 30-July 4. 313-982-6001. DSO.org

**Farmington Hills Department Cultural Arts** "Lookin' Back" A tribute to Bob Seger Free. Heritage Park Amphitheatre, Heritage Park, Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. 7 p.m. June 28. FHGov.com

**Kerrytown Concert House** "Modern Harp Quartet" An evening of music featuring arrangements of harp quartet, featuring soprano Alice McAllister-Tillman. Tickets: \$5-25. Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. June 30. 734-769-2999. Kerrytownconcerthouse.com

**Magic Stick Lounge** "The Pop Off Tour" Parlovr, Hooded Fang and Goose Hut. Tickets: \$10. Magic Stick, 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. June 28. 313-833-9700. MajesticDetroit.com

**Magic Stick Lounge** Coastlines / Orange Marsupials / Hush, Love / Carmel Liburdi Four local rock groups from both Ann Arbor and Detroit. Tickets: \$5. Magic Stick, 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. June 29. 313-833-9700. MajesticDetroit.com

**Majestic Theatre** "Motor City Funk Night" Detroit's legendary roving funk fest lands once again at the blissfully air-conditioned Majestic Theatre. Cover: \$5. Majestic Theatre, 4120-4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 10 p.m. June 29. 313-833-9700. MajesticDetroit.com

**Olympia Entertainment** Stevie Nicks, Multiple Grammy Award-winning and platinum recording icon, Stevie Nicks will bring her solo tour to the historic Fox Theatre. Tickets: \$45.40-125. Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 7:30 p.m. July 6. 313-471-6611. Olympiaentertainment.com

**Olympia Entertainment** Steven Martin and The Steep Canyon Ranges; Steve Martin and The Steep Canyon Rangers is a bluegrass band that released its first collaborative album "Rare Bird Alert" in March, 2011. The record debuted at number 1 on Billboard's Bluegrass Chart and #43 on the Billboard's Top 200. Tickets: \$45-65. Sound Board Theater, 2901 Grand River Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. June 28. 866-752-9622. Olympiaentertainment.com

**The Ark** The Pines Tickets: \$15. The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. June 29. 734-761-1800. TheArk.org

**The Palace** Aerosmith with Cheap Trick; Aerosmith's "Global Warming Tour." Tickets: \$29.50-149.50. Palace of Auburn Hills, 5 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. 7:30 p.m. July 5. 248-377-0100. Palacenet.com

**Vans** "Vans Warped Tour 2012" Main stage artists include Rise Against, All Time Low, Taking Back Sunday, Anti-Flag, Yellowcard, The Used, Four Year Strong, New Found Glory, Pierce The Veil, Falling In Reverse, Breathe Carolina and more. Tickets: \$34. Palace of Auburn Hills, 5 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. 11 a.m. July 6. 248-377-0100. Palacenet.com



Stevie Nicks at the Fox Theatre

## THEATER

### PROFESSIONAL

**Adult Education: Storytelling After Hours** \$10. The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Dr., Three Oaks. Through June 28. 269-756-3879. acorntheater.com

**Avenue Q** \$26-\$39.75. Mason Street Warehouse, 400 Culver St., Saugatuck. Through July 15. 269-857-2399. masonstreetwarehouse.org

**Chaps!** \$12-28. Hope Summer Repertory Theatre at Knickerbocker Theatre, 86 E. 8th Street, Holland. Through Aug. 10. 616-395-7890. hope.edu/HRST

**Diary of a Worm, a Spider, and a Fly** \$12. Hope Summer Repertory Theatre at Studio Theatre in the DeWitt Center, 141 E. 12th St., Holland. Through Aug. 10. 616-395-7890. hope.edu/hrst

**Ernie** \$20-25. City Theatre, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Through July 29. 1-800-745-3000. olympiaentertainment.com

**Hot Dog Mondays** \$5. Planet Ant Theatre, 2357 Caniff Ave., Hamtramck. Through Aug. 27. 313-365-4948. planetant.com

**In the Next Room or the vibrator play** \$25-\$41. Performance Network Theatre, 120 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor. Through July 15. 734-663-0681. PerformanceNetwork.org

**Kolobok** \$10 adult, \$5. PuppetART at Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit. July 7 - 28. 313-961-7777. puppetart.com

**Legally Blonde - The Musical** \$34. Barn Theatre, 13351 W. M-96, Augusta. July 3 - 15. 269-731-4121. barntheatre.com

**Love's Labour's Lost** \$6-12. Pigeon Creek Shakespeare Company at Dog Story Theatre, 7 Jefferson Ave. SE, Grand Rapids. Through July 1. dogstorytheater.com

**Macbeth** \$10-15. Blackbird Theatre at West Park Band Shell, 300 N. Seventh Ave., Ann Arbor. Through June 30.

**On Golden Pond** Previews June 27-28 (\$20-\$30). \$17.50-40. The Purple Rose Theatre Company, 137 Park St., Chelsea. Through Sep. 1. 734-433-7673. purplerosetheatre.org

**Opera at The Acorn** \$20. The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Dr., Three Oaks. 8 p.m. July 7. 269-756-3879. acorntheater.com

**Pal Joey** \$34. Barn Theatre, 13351 W. M-96, Augusta. Through July 1. 269-731-4121. barntheatre.com

**Pinocchio** \$7. Tibbits Opera House, 14 S. Hanchett St., Coldwater. Through June 30. 517-278-6029. tibbits.org

**Pride and Prejudice** \$12-21. Hope Summer Repertory Theatre, Dewitt Theatre, 141 E. 12th St., Holland. Through July 28. 616-395-7890. hope.edu/hrst

**Sleeping Beauty** \$10 adult, \$5 children. PuppetART at Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit. Through June 30. 313-961-7777. puppetart.org

**Super Sweat** \$20. The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Dr., Three Oaks. June 29 - 30. 269-756-3879. acorntheater.com

**Sylvia** \$15-18. Two Muses Theatre at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Through July 1. 248-850-9919. TwoMusesTheatre.org

**The Light in the Piazza** \$25-29. Farmers Alley Theatre, 221 Farmers Alley, Kalamazoo. Through July 1. 269-343-2727. farmersalleytheatre.com

**The Mute Quire** \$10-15. The New Theatre Project & Fratellanza at Mix Studio Theater, 130 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. Through July 1. 734-645-9776. thenewtheatreproject.org

**To Save A City: A Tale of Two Emergency Managers** \$10. Planet Ant Theatre, 2357 Caniff Ave., Hamtramck. July 6 - July 21. 313-365-4948. planetant.com

**Wicked** \$38 and up. Wharton Center for the Performing Arts, Michigan State University, East Lansing. June 27 - July 8. 800-WHARTON. WhartonCenter.com

## ART 'N' AROUND

**Box Factory for the Arts** "Michigan 10th Annual Art Competition" 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph. June 15-July 28. 269-983-3688. BoxFactoryfortheArts.org

**Cranbrook Art Museum** "George Nelson: Architect / Writer / Designer / Teacher" The first comprehensive retrospective of Nelson's work. 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. June 16-Oct. 14. 877-462-7262. CranbrookArtMuseum.org

**Epiphany Studios** "Epiphany Glass Open House" 770 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac. July 5-Nov. 1. 248-745-3786. Epiphanyglass.com

**Flint Institute of Arts** "The Golden Age of Painting, 1600-1800 from the Speed Art Museum" 1120 E. Kearsley, Flint. May 5-Aug. 19. 810-234-1695. Flintarts.org

**Grand Rapids Art Museum** "Cities in Transition" 101 Monroe Center, Grand Rapids. June 1-Aug. 26. 616-831-2904. Artmuseumgr.org

**Heidelberg Project Gallery** "Wall Flowers" Quilts by Hilda Vest. 42 Watson, Detroit. June 3-June 30. 313-974-6894. Heidelberg.org

**Kalamazoo Institute of Arts** "Elliot Erwit: Dog Dogs" 314 S. Park St., Kalamazoo. July 7-Sep. 23. 269-349-7775. Klarts.org

**Lawrence Street Gallery** "Summer Invitational" 22620 Woodward Ave. Suite A, Ferndale. July 4-July 27. 248-544-0394. Lawrencestreetgallery.com

**Michigan State University Museum** "Echoes of Silent Spring: 50 Years of Environmental Awareness" 409 W. Circle Dr., East Lansing. June 1-Nov. 30. Museum.msu.edu/?q=node/527

**Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit** "Vertical Urban Factory" 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit. May 11-July 29. 313-832-6622. MOCADetroit.org

**The Detroit Institute of Arts** "Patti Smith: Camera Solo" 2100 Woodward Ave., Detroit. June 1-Sep. 2. 313-833-7900. DIA.org

**The Detroit Institute of Arts** "Picasso and Matisse" 2100 Woodward Ave., Detroit. June 11-Oct. 29. 313-833-7900. DIA.org

**The Gallery Project** "Nature As Spirit" 215 S. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. June 7-July 15. 734-997-7012. TheGalleryProject.com

**University of Michigan Museum of Art** "Judith Turner: The Flatness of Ambiguity" 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. June 9-Sep. 2. 734-647-0524. Umma.umich.edu

**Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts** "Urbanity" 2 West Fulton, Grand Rapids. May 3-July 5. 616-454-7000. UICA.org

## Editor's Pick

In the soon to be demolished Yankee Tavern, the owner, Adam, is a grad student whose father died the day after 9/11. His father's best friend Ray is a Teller of Tall Tales; every bar has one, an habitual weaver of the most intoxicating of conspiracy theories. The owner's fiancé spars with both men, almost comically revealing layers of deception all around her. Then a mysterious stranger walks in: He is a Master Teller of Tales. He tempts us with the ennobling status of secret knowledge, straight from the Master's mouth, plus a little bonus: the thrill of further danger to come. "Yankee Tavern" spins a tall tale that's hard to resist. And this is one you won't forget.

The Emergent Arts Theatre Company presents "Yankee Tavern" by Steven Dietz June 28 through July 1 at The Riverside Arts Center, 76 North Huron Street, Ypsilanti. Tickets are \$20. Call 734-985-0875 for pay-at-the-door reservations





# Sex and Science Duke It Out 'In the Next Room'

BY MICHAEL H. MARGOLIN

Sarah Ruhl's infinitely clever "In the Next Room or the vibrator play," a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 2010, is being given an affecting production at Performance Network in Ann Arbor.

In 1880s America, at the dawn of electricity, Dr. Givings (John Seibert) has invented a device to treat hysteria in women: the vibrator. In his office he treats women, with the aid of his assistant, Annie (Milica Govich), by slipping his electronic device, which buzzes like a bee, under a woman's voluminous undergarments. Like his line about electricity, as he manipulates that little light switch and gleefully intones, "on, off" he has "the touch."

His primary patient is Sabrina Daldrey (Leslie Hull), and it is dramatically liberating as she experiences aloud, in response to clitoral stimulation, the repressed feelings that her block of a husband, Mr. Daldry (Rusty Mewha), has been unable to. Who, hoo! In Act II, he treats artist Leo Irving (Hazen Cuyler) with a huge electronic rod ("It looks like a farm implement") by massaging his prostate.

The play, like the title, is metaphoric and often ironic: Language is elegant, sometimes very funny, sometimes – as when the wet nurse speaks of the living child she suckles and the anger she feels that her own is dead – soul-baring.

The playwright has crammed her script with language and ideas that exist, like the rooms, separately and together. The doctor, for example, speaks of when he was a child and stroked the family cat, causing sparks: Warned that it could cause a fire, he suppressed the behavior; as a doctor, in the name of science, he causes emotional sparks by massaging the pussy in a different way. And different sparks fly.

Other complications ensue as the strength of sexual feeling is unleashed, and each character, in turn, is affected and acts on it. Finally the cool, scientific doctor is seduced by his wife and allows himself to be undressed, viewed and seduced by a human, not an animal, not a machine.

Suzi Regan, a consummate actress seen on many Michigan stages (and in many aspects of productions, behind the scenes) has directed with sureness and great vigor. When she has Catherine Givings listen at the door of the next room, there is placement of the actress that reveals her curiosity and her sensuality. Nice moves.

Regan has seen the farcical elements in the play and used them to the fullest: doors are never closed, but shut with a slam; the doorbell doesn't ring, it fairly screams; in one moment of the treatment, Sabrina is half falling off the exam table in an exaggerated parody worthy of



Aphrodite Nikolovski and John Seibert in "In the Next Room or the vibrator play" at Performance Network Theatre. Photo: Sean Carter

## REVIEW

### In the Next Room or the vibrator play

Performance Network Theatre, 120 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor. Thursday-Sunday through July 15. 140 minutes. \$25-\$41. 734-663-0681.

[www.PerformanceNetwork.org](http://www.PerformanceNetwork.org)

a painting by Rubens.

And her casting is pitch perfect.

Siebert uses his body English and his facial expressions to the maximum, conveying the ironic gulf between his capacity to create passionate response in patients but not for himself or his wife. Nikolovski comes gloriously to life as she engages her deeper urges, a lovely performance. Hull is both restrained, shy and then buoyant as the woman who learns about her body part.

As the artist pining for an Italian lover, Cuyler is fiendishly morose and then impassioned, flinging himself into his lines and out the other end; Mewha is all buttoned up and believable as a Victorian male who suddenly bursts out of the winter of his discontent.

The handsome, effective set and the wonderful costumes are by Monika Essen, who turned the physical space in Performance Network's "Red" just a few weeks ago into a palpable character. Carla Milarch's excellent sound design made use of apt violin music (not credited as far as I could see in the program) and Mary Cole's lighting design was on the mark.

Crammed with ideas about the domination of women, never condescending to any of our foibles as humans, quirky and, finally, touching, this play in this production is a must see and thanks to support from Jeff Spindler and the Arbor Brewing Company, let's lift one for "The Vibrator Play."

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### ► Magic Mike

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always felt contrived. I never knew how to do it correctly.”

Do what you know, they say, and this is what Tatum, 32, knew: that he was 18 and living in Florida (the film takes place in Tampa, where it was also shot) when he decided to drop out of college football – and strip. The rest, though, isn’t at all real.

“Magic Mike is a completely fictitious character,” he says, “but there was a Magic Mike in my group. He was a fantastic dancer and performer, but this has nothing to do with his actual life.”

For the other actors, that it’s so far removed from reality – shocking for the level of hotness in the movie – was part of the allure.

“It’s just male wish fulfillment,” says Manganiello. “You hang out, get drunk, do a bunch of drugs with your buddies all day, and then you get out there on stage and grind on a bunch of women and have them grope you and stuff money down your pants. Then you take them all home, or into the parking lot or backstage or wherever, and you sleep it off, wake up, lift some weights and go back. It’s good work we’re being given.”

And it’s good eye candy *we’re* being given. Is Manganiello clued into just how good? “I have a NewNowNext Award from the Logo channel,” he says, “and I spoke at the Human Rights Campaign as a straight man in favor of gay marriage. I’m well aware of the gay fan base.”

As Alcide on the Alan Ball juggernaut, he really got our blood flowing – though, Manganiello says, the gay community first latched onto him during VH1’s “So NoTORious,” because Tori Spelling “is somewhat of a gay icon.”

### ► Rufus Wainwright

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Montauk – that’s where I go to reboot.

**And it also works as a commentary on gay parenting.**

Yes. Arguably, that could be the first big major song about having two dads on a mainstream level.

**You’re getting married to longtime partner Jörn Weisbrodt in August. What finally sold you on the idea of marriage?**

I’m not on the fence about it, of course; it’s happening, but I do think we’re still in the process of defining what gay marriage is, and it’ll take some time. But you can really only define it by doing it, you know? (Laughs) So I don’t think anything is set in stone about what it means or how it’s going to go down, but I do think we need to move forward and figure that out.

**For you, what’s the most important part of the ceremony?**



Joe Manganiello in “Magic Mike,” out June 29. Photo: Warner Bros.

“But definitely ‘True Blood,’” he continues. “That’s when I really felt it.”

Tatum has done some pretty gay stuff in his career, too. Besides a goof-off scene in “Magic Mike” where, in Marilyn Monroe drag, he tries charming the sister of his new stripper-in-training (played by Alex Pettyfer of “I Am Number Four”), he also simulated butt sex on Jonah Hill in his big-screen comedy reboot of “21 Jump Street.” The hard question comes: Which is gayer?

He silently deliberates, and then makes his decision: “Humping Jonah, probably.”

As for the Marilyn scene, of all the things in the movie that weren’t make-believe, one of Tatum’s best roles might be as the blonde bombshell ... because this wasn’t his first time doing her. “I actually did that in my real life to a buddy of mine. It was his birthday and he was at Denny’s and I totally bum-rushed the table and

embarrassed the hell out of him in public.”

And his reason for dressing as Marilyn should be obvious, but we ask anyway. “Because she sang ‘happy birthday’ to the president. Come on.” Channing, you’re so gay. “Damn right – and proud of it!” he kids.

Drag queen, stripper, lovebird – no wonder these ladies at the revue, and the gay men watching them, want to put a few bucks in his thong. There’s no alpha male in him.

“I don’t think you need to act tough, and I don’t think you need to cry to show you’re emotional and have feelings; that’s not the case either,” he says. “I love my life and I’m about as happy as I could ever be, and so I’m bringing that to my characters.”

Coming up is a movie with Mark Ruffalo about Olympic wrestlers called “Foxcatcher.” Tatum teases, “That gets pretty dirty.”

Two words: damn right.

I don’t know. I am in the process of picking who I want to marry me, meaning, do we want the priest, do we want the sheriff – or do we want the pope? (Laughs) I don’t think we’re going to get the pope. So that’s where I am right now, figuring out who’s actually going to do the ceremony, and that’s bringing up some questions for me. I’m kind of shying away from the religious end of it at the moment.

**Your idea of gay back in the day was this old-school personification, kind of like Oscar Wilde. How has your idea of gayness evolved from then till now?**

I still love that Oscar Wilde persona and I haven’t put that to bed yet in certain ways, but I also think that my belief in maturity is more of a Hindu theory, where over the years you become all of these different people and by the end, you’re sort of this cast of characters. I learned a lot from those bohemian days and respect it tremendously, but nonetheless, I want to survive and go onto the next level and experience other things. It’s more of just

adding things to the recipe.

**You used to have a thing for cigarettes and chocolate milk. What are your current cravings?**

My boyfriend just got a job in Toronto and I have this thing now for maple syrup. I just tip it into my mouth and guzzle it straight from the bottle.

**Would you take back your comments on Gaga?**

I don’t dislike her. There’s just not a single song (that I like) there. I can’t hum one of her tunes. And her whole, “You’re like me” thing? How can you say that with a piece of cheese on your head? I certainly had an appreciation for Madonna, but Madonna wasn’t like that. She wasn’t all, “You’re like me.” She was, “You’ll ‘never’ be like me.”

**Won’t it make it awkward should you and Gaga attend the same gay benefit?**

Perhaps if she sings one of my songs, that would rectify it. (Laughs)

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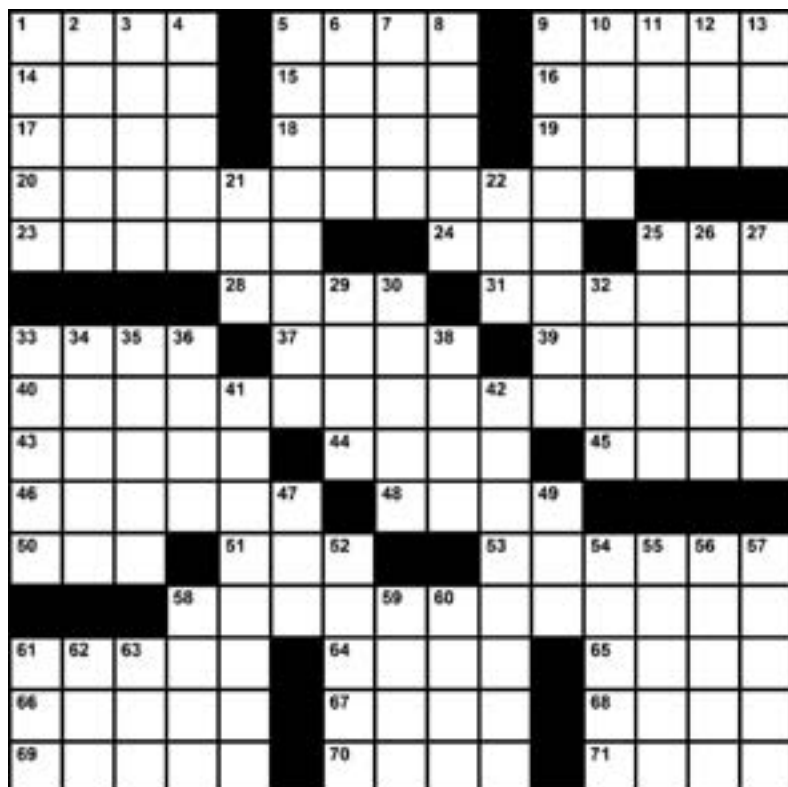


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- 25 Rita's second name
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- 31 Dykes on Bikes, e.g.
- 33 Salty white stuff from the Greeks
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- 43 O'Neal of "The Bad News Bears"
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- 50 Courtroom VIPs
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- 58 40-Across, for one
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- 11 Draw from
- 12 Tea, on the Thames
- 13 Shakespearean prince
- 21 DC figure
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- 26 Inside tongue?
- 27 Former NFL player Tuoalo
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- 32 Boxes of calendars
- 33 Stale and then some
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- 35 Shakespeare's Andronicus
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- 38 Quaint sigh
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- 42 Like babies born without heterosexual activity
- 47 "Scram!" in Auden's land, with "off"
- 49 Half a drink
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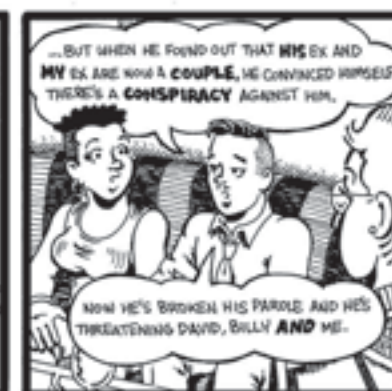
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# Horoscopes

## Easy does it, Gemini!

BY JACK FERTIG

*Sun and Venus aspecting Pluto and Uranus illuminate current crises. Look for ways to speak for your community and reach out to others.*

**ARIES (March 20 – April 19):** Feeling disconnected can tempt you to try too hard to fit in. You're too individualistic to conform and your efforts at charm can be too assertive. Focus on your own work and well-being. The trick to fitting in is not to worry about it.

**TAURUS (April 20 – May 20):** Setbacks or cutbacks at work would make anyone nervous, but you'll be OK, even if that means working a bit harder. Stress and worry are your biggest dangers. Meditate and take some self-indulgent downtime to relax.

**GEMINI (May 21- June 20):** You may be a little too gorgeous for your own good, and simple flirtation can easily be taken as a lot more landing you on either side of unwanted sexual attentions. Easy does it, Tiger!

**CANCER (June 21- July 22):** Negotiating private space with your roommate can be hard, even more so with your partner. Some time alone can give you space to find a solution. It's not about negating your ego, but getting it in balance.

**LEO (July 23 – August 22):** Don't let meditation slide into future tripping. Focus on whatever creative efforts in the present can make the future more of what you want it to be. Efforts at being sexy and provocative can come off as just bitchy and horny.

**VIRGO (August 23 – September 22):** Spiritual and personal insights are probably best kept to yourself or just shared with a close friend. Sharing them too widely in efforts to help others will likely be misunderstood and backfire. Be alert and those new ideas could point to great opportunities.

**LIBRA (September 23 – October 22):** Your words could be as shocking to you as they are to others, disrupting personal and professional relationships. That may seem to create problems, but it's really just identifying trouble that's already there. With patience

and responsibility, solutions can come in a few weeks.

**SCORPIO (October 23 – November 21):** Your natural erotic charisma is running higher than usual. With correct prophylaxis there's nothing wrong with cheap thrills, but how cheap do you want to be? What really matters to you? Unsatisfying efforts at pleasure will just leave you cranky and argumentative.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 – December 20):** One can be too inclusive. Rather than trying to expand your family or community, focus on your identity and your own roots. Dig up family secrets and learn better how those have shaped the way you communicate with others.

**CAPRICORN (December 21 – January 19):** Feeling underappreciated at work at least means you're probably not slacking. Keep up the good work. They'll notice in time. In the meantime, balance your travails with some fun escapes. Staying mentally and physically fit is first priority.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 – February 18):** Trying to shake up the routine at work with new ideas probably creates more problems than it solves and could cause serious accidents. Feeling like a misfit among co-workers will pass. Save your complaints and outbursts for friends where they won't have serious repercussions.

**PISCES (February 19 – March 19):** Knowing where you come from is useless if you don't use that knowledge to move forward. Feeling a bit lost is the first step in finding yourself. Let your work and ambitions be your compass.

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## Deep Inside Hollywood

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### Janet Jackson produces trans doc 'Truth'

You knew you liked Janet Jackson, but did you know how much? Maybe it's because throughout her career, she's always been the most cautious of the Jackson clan, the least willing to turn her life into a public spectacle in between work projects. She acts, she sings, she dances, she does commercials for NutriSystem, but otherwise she keeps to herself. And alongside that wise approach to her personal life she's maintained an activist's stance as an ally to the LGBT community, a bond that will only deepen as she enters a new role: executive producer of "Truth." That's the title of an upcoming documentary about transgender people and their treatment around the world. New York's Brainchild Films and director Robert Jason are behind the feature, which will focus on the lives and struggles of transgender people in North America, Latin America, Europe and Australia. In a written statement, Jackson says that she attached herself to the project to help eradicate discrimination against the trans community. This calls for a YouTube transgender flash mob dance video set to "Rhythm Nation!"



Janet Jackson. Photo for Nutrisystem by Ruven Afanador.

genuine game-changer professionally. You may remember an earlier report where we said that "it doesn't get crazier" than the combination of "American Psycho" author Bret Easton Ellis, "Taxi Driver" screenwriter/"Cat People" director Paul Schrader and alt-porn star James Deen, but now that Lindsay Lohan has been added to the mix of what is now going to be called "The Canyons," it all just totally did. Ellis describes the upcoming feature as a story about people in their 20s chasing "power, love, sex and success in 2012 Hollywood," which sounds like the perfect vehicle for Lohan, even if her co-star is more known for focusing exclusively on the sex part of that equation. Nothing's set in stone yet, but this one is only going to get more interesting.

### 'Mockingbird Lane' gets its cast of munsters

It started with, "Huh? A reboot of "The Munsters"? We need this?" And then we learned that Bryan Fuller, the wildly inventive creator of "Pushing Daisies," was behind it and extending trust to his left-of-center credentials was much easier. And now there's a cast so cool and so queer (and queer-adjacent) that NBC's dramatically different reimagining of the vintage sitcom, now titled "Mockingbird Lane" just became must-watch TV for the fall. Jerry O'Connell will star as Herman Munster and Portia De Rossi will play Lily, while Eddie Izzard will star as Grandpa. Daisies alum Beth Grant ("Sordid Lives") will play a suspicious neighbor and Cheyenne Jackson has just signed on to guest as a local Scout Master with eyes for Lily. Casting is ongoing, so expect more updates as the weeks roll on. But for now all you have to remember to do is set your DVR this fall and stop confusing them with the Addams Family.

### Kevin Smith: The 'Groovy' Straight Bear gets animated

Kevin Smith was apparently kidding when he said he was quitting filmmaking. After last year's speaking tour where he also showed his horror film, "Red State," to audiences along the way, he said that his hockey comedy, the upcoming "Hit Somebody," would be his last film. But you can't keep the man away from his ardent fan base, and now it looks like "Jay and Silent Bob's Super Groovy Cartoon Movie" will be a reality in 2013. Not only is the hetero Smith an honorary gay bear by this point, having conducted hockey-themed same-sex weddings on his "Smodcast" podcast and produced documentaries like Malcolm Ingram's "Small Town Gay Bar," but there have never been two gayer Smith creations than the perpetually high, heterosexual life partners Jay and Silent Bob. We have no idea what the film is going to be about, but it's almost certain to be R-rated, raunchier than everything else in the multiplex, and filled to the brim with homosexuality. If not, "that" will be the most shocking thing he's ever done.

### 'The Canyons' welcomes Lohan... for now

If her time shooting "Liz & Dick" is any indication, Lindsay Lohan might not yet be ready to return to work. Erratic behavior, car accidents, lateness, bouts of unconsciousness: all of it distracts from the project and the fact that this talented young woman is fully capable of good work. But assuming she makes it through this one and comes out the other side stronger and back on track, her next project could be fascinating, a

Romeo San Vicente's most shocking moment has been reposted on dozens of Tumblrs. He can be reached care of this publication or at [DeepInsideHollywood@qsyndicate.com](mailto:DeepInsideHollywood@qsyndicate.com).

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