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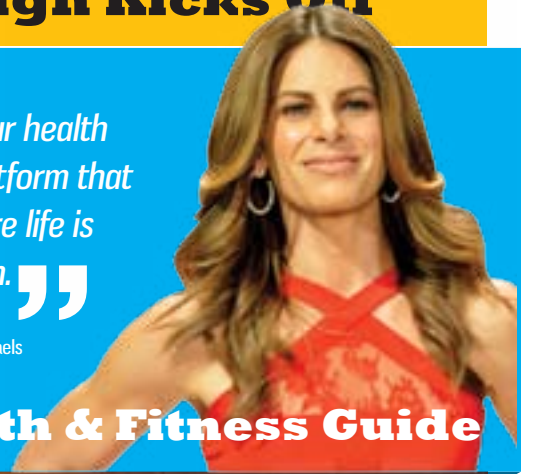
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On March 26 and 27, the U.S. Supreme Court will consider two cases that are fundamentally about whether LGBT Americans should have the same rights as everyone else. The two cases will decide the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) and Proposition 8.

Several cities are planning to gather across the state. In Grand Rapids, on March 23 (this Saturday), in coordination with the March for Equality-Columbus, Ohio and United for Marriage, Grand Rapids, a March For Equality will take place from 12 - 2 p.m.

People are asked to meet in the parking lot of Rumors Night Club, located at 69 South Division at noon, and march through the city.

The march will proceed north on Division Ave. to Pearl Street, West on Pearl Street to Monroe Ave, south on Monroe street to Fulton street, East on Fulton Street to Division Ave, and finally south on Division Ave. to return to Rumors parking lot. Organizers stress participants need to obey pedestrian traffic laws, which includes not blocking intersections or driveways along the route. Organizers said, "This is not a rally, just a simple peaceful march through the city." They encourage participants to bring signs to show their pride. Learn more at [www.facebook.com/events/509524319097857](http://www.facebook.com/events/509524319097857)

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The Oakland/Macomb Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) in partnership with Oakland University Gender & Sexuality Center, Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Michigan and Northland Family Planning Clinic to present the second annual "It's Not An Easy Choice" – an event offering a collection of perspectives regarding reproductive rights as human rights.

The event will take place March 21, at 7 p.m. at the Oakland Center of Oakland University, Lake Superior Room A.

Subtitled "Herstory: Dispelling the negative stigma of abortion," the program will depict multiple perspectives, medical, activist, as well as personal, to combat the harmful attitudes surrounding abortion.

The program will include keynote speakers Renee Chelian, CEO of Northland Family Planning Clinics, Lindsay Maas, field organizer for Planned Parenthood, as well as Grace Wojcik, Center Coordinator of Gender and Sexuality Center of Oakland University. The event is free and light snacks and refreshments will be provided. Donations are welcome. Other participating organizations include ACLU, UniteWomen.org, Scotsdale Women's Center. Learn more: email [oakmacnow@gmail.com](mailto:oakmacnow@gmail.com)

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# Signatures Put Royal Oak Inclusive Ordinance At Risk

## Decline To Sign Campaign Launches To Educate On Issue

BY CRYSTAL A. PROXMIRE

**ROYAL OAK** – The battle for equal rights protections in Royal Oak continues, as the Human Rights Ordinance that was passed by the City Commission on March 4 is on hold thanks to a petition of 100 signatures turned in last Tuesday.

The signatures came in at 3 p.m. on March 13, just within the ten-day window for residents to block an ordinance. One hundred signatures puts it on hold, giving those opposed to the ordinance an additional 21 days to collect a percentage of signatures based on the voter turnout of the most recent municipal election. Petitioners must get over 800 signatures to comply. If this is accomplished, the ordinance would then go back to the Commission who could either vote the ordinance down completely, or put it on the ballot for November.

Commissioner Jim Rasor, who introduced the original bill that would prohibit discrimination in housing, employment and accommodations, is disappointed but not shocked. Twelve years ago Royal Oak residents voted down a similar ordinance, with the opposition being led by resident Fred Birchard and backed by the American Family Association. Birchard turned in the signatures this time around as well.

Birchard is falsely labeling the ordinance an "anti-privacy bill," and has written letters to the editor of the Daily Tribune and the Royal Oak Review with the misnomer. "The Royal Oak City Commission is in the process of passing the most radical anti-privacy law in our history. Women and girls are going to be subjected to men and boys who think they are women and girls using their public bathrooms, dressing rooms, showers and playing on their sports teams. This also includes inside our schools," Birchard wrote in the Daily Tribune.

### Decline To Sign

Rasor urged the public "don't be scared into signing something without reading it." He also said that if there are petition-gatherers out there, people are within their rights to stand near them and tell people what they are really signing up for. "Don't sign for hate, don't discriminate," Rasor said. He and others hope that the mantra "Decline to sign" will catch on in the coming weeks.



Royal Oak residents turned out to help educate the public about the ordinance battle. The Decline To Sign campaign launched March 14 at the Royal Oak Post Office. Royal Oak Commissioner Jim Rasor urged people to "reject hate and discrimination," by declining to sign petitions circulating in the community. BTL photos: Crystal Proxmire.



"There is a very small minority of people who do not believe in equality and want to discriminate and hate. I don't think that group represents the people who live here in Royal Oak because of the cosmopolitan, diverse nature of our city," Rasor said. "It's unfortunate that outside hate group money is behind this effort to promote discrimination. Hopefully people in Royal Oak will not be tricked into signing this petition. But we're not afraid of a fight at the ballot box if it comes to it."

An impromptu gathering was held at the Royal Oak Post Office on March 14 by supporters of the ordinance to inform the media and the public about the anti-ordinance petitioners. Among them was Royal Oak resident MaryAnn Dunmeier, who told BTL, "I came out because I support the ordinance. I think that people, if they are signing a petition against it, there's a serious possibility that they have been misled. And so I just want to make sure that people know the truth about the situation and hopefully they decline to sign."

Royal Oak is the 22nd city to enact a human rights ordinance in Michigan. Pleasant Ridge is also considering an

ordinance. The Royal Oak ordinance includes protections for LGBT people and other groups at high risk for discrimination covering areas of housing, employment and public accommodations. The ordinance makes it a civil infraction to discriminate, and carries a \$500 fine if violated. The ordinance is on hold pending the outcome of the petition drive. If the opposition fails to gather enough signatures, the ordinance stays. If enough are collected the issue will be likely placed on the ballot in November by the Commission.

### INFO

#### Decline To Sign

Unity Michigan partners and citizens In Royal Oak are working to educate the public about this petition effort to stop a Human Rights ordinance from being implemented in the city. Learn more at <http://dontchangeyourself.com/decline-to-sign>.

# Odawa Indians Perform First Michigan Same-Sex Marriage

BY CRYSTAL A. PROXMIRE AND WIRE REPORT

After thirty years as a couple, Tim LaCroix, 53, of Boyne City, and his partner Gene Barfield, 60, originally of Long Island, New York became the first same-gender couple to marry in Michigan thanks to new recognition of same-sex marriage by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

The two met when they were both serving in the Navy and are military veterans. Under the new Odawa statute, at least one partner must be a member of the tribe. LaCroix is a citizen of the LTBB, a federally recognized Native American tribe.

The Petoskey News first reported that on March 3 the tribe voted 5-4 to allow

same-gender marriages. Native American tribes are sovereign states and may govern themselves independently of Michigan and U.S. government. They are the third native nation to allow gay marriage, joining the Coquille Tribe of Oregon (2009) and Suquamish Tribe in Washington (2011).

"Nationwide and statewide, same-sex (marriage) seems to be becoming a more important issue everyday," said Odawa Tribal Chairman McNamara to the Petoskey News, before signing the new marriage statute. "I think real soon we are going to see a real change in the laws that are being passed."

LaCroix and Barfield were married the same morning that the tribal chairman signed the legislation into law. On a cold, sunny morning, both men wore casual open-necked shirts and white sweaters with flowers attached for the ceremony.

"After reciting pledges to each other, they were presented with a slender maple limb bent into a hoop that represents the four stages of life. Using ribbon of different colors, they knotted sacred plants — tobacco, cedar, sage and sweetgrass — to the wood," according to wire reports.

The couple lives in Boyne City on a 30-acre farm that has been in LaCroix's family for generations. LaCroix told CNN, "We didn't want to go to another state to get married. We always wanted to have the wedding here in the state of Michigan. It's our home."

The relationship is still not recognized by the State of Michigan due to the 2004

Constitutional amendment that prohibits recognition of same-gender couples for any purpose.

"The Michigan Constitution defines marriage as a union between one man and one woman. Same-sex marriages performed in other states, countries, or in sovereign tribal nations are not valid in the state of Michigan,"



Tim LaCroix and Gene Barfield were married the same morning that the tribal chairman signed the legislation into law. They have been together for thirty years.

said Joy Yearout, spokeswoman for Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette.

Michigan ACLU Attorney Jay Kaplan reflected on the news noting it shows the great progress and momentum that is happening with marriage equality. "Of course the tribe has its own jurisdiction and like other marriages between same sex couples in other states, Michigan will not recognize this marriage, nor will the federal government currently under DOMA. However, the symbolism of this development and the tribe treating same-sex couples with dignity and fairness cannot be overlooked," said Kaplan.

The Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) absolves the state of having to recognize same-gender marriages performed in other states or countries, which includes those in native sovereignties. The legality of DOMA will be reviewed by the U.S. Supreme Court next week.

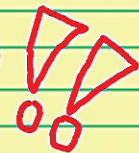
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# Conference Addresses LGBT Issues And Impact For Educators

BY CRYSTAL A. PROXMIRE

Oakland University's conference area was packed with counselors, teachers and school administrators for the second annual SOGI (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) Issues in Education Conference earlier this month. The daylong series of speeches and workshops explained topics that affect LGBT students and provided resources for those who want to make school environments more affirming.

Among those presenting was an administrator from Dublin Schools in Ohio who partners with the American Institute for Research to do trainings around the country for educators. Principal Dustin Miller's workshop focused on strategies to help enhance conditions for learning by LGBT students. He discussed the 10 Standards of Practice from a recently published book *Improving Emotional and Behavioral Outcomes for LGBT Youth: A guide for Professionals*. The book focuses on the key pieces organizations may want to consider when looking at inclusiveness.

As he explained each component, Miller gave examples that some in the audience hadn't considered, including taking care to not assume that a boy may be interested in girls.

"One thing that makes me itchy is when there's a boy in the office for picking on a girl and the principal asks, 'Do you like the girl?' That's a common response to those situations, but what does that do for the student? That question slams the door shut and puts him in a cage. He thinks 'Oh, I am supposed to like the girl,' and it causes confusion or isolation if he doesn't."

Miller said that in his experience, everyone comes to these issues with good intentions, and that most things that cause oppressive feelings are never intended to be hurtful in the first place. One example he pointed out is when teachers have artwork on their wall that shows heteronormative boy-girl interaction, like the common photograph of a little boy in overalls kissing a little girl. While the intention is not malicious, it can make students who are LGBT or questioning feel at odds with expectations.

Instead Miller recommends more inclusive artwork, or art that is more gender-neutral, such as a poster in the hallway of his school, which is a close up of two hands, held together where the



Members of Novi High School GSA presented training at the conference for students and teachers who want to set up GSAs at their school. BTL photo: Crystal Proxmire.

gender is not obvious.

Attendees were provided with a copy of an assessment survey that American Institute for Research came up with to give administrators and individuals a good starting point for evaluating where they are in terms of creating a welcoming environment where students feel empowered to grow. More information on this publication can be found at AIR's website at [http://www.air.org/focus-area/human-social-development/index.cfm?fa=viewContent&content\\_id=1969](http://www.air.org/focus-area/human-social-development/index.cfm?fa=viewContent&content_id=1969).

## Novi GSA

It wasn't just administrators and grown-ups doing all the talking. Micaela Dunbar-Gaynor and Destiny Douglas, co-presidents of the Novi High School GSA were also on hand to talk about their experiences running their school's inclusivity-focused organization. Mainly they gave tips for others who may want to start a GSA in their school, including the need for goals, consistency and a structure where older students mentor the younger ones.

Dunbar-Gaynor and Douglas were freshmen when the GSA started as an interest group at their school. It took two years before it was finally approved as an official club. Through their four years at Novi High School they learned about public speaking, organizing and standing up for themselves and others through the older students in the group. Now, as they prepare to move on to graduation and college, they are working to train the

leaders who will take their place.

"We have layered leadership," Dunbar-Gaynor explained. "The two upcoming presidents are younger students we're training. We have them run meetings and we'll watch and take notes and give them feedback on how they're doing. That way we're slowly integrating them into the leadership role."

Both young women have experienced taunting, but have learned to stand up for themselves. Dunbar-Gaynor, who is an ally, said sometimes other students make assumptions about her because of her leadership in the GSA.

"I face a little confusion, and people are apprehensive about asking. But it's an important cause and you just need to be strong so that other allies can be strong too. When we have more allies, more people will get it," said Dunbar-Gaynor.

Douglas has gotten better at helping other kids understand the hurt they cause when they use gay slurs or treat people differently. "It depends on the situation, but pretty much in general you say 'Hey, watch what you say,' but you explain to people you don't know who you will affect or offend so be respectful of others."

Dunbar-Gaynor added, "That's so gay" phrase is used a lot and young people don't even know what it means. People just say what they hear. Once you educate them about what it means and the history, it makes some people not use it any more."

The Novi High School GSA has

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helped create a more welcoming environment for everyone. When they started in 2009, only about 10 percent of the teachers would post a “Safe Space” sticker on their classroom door. Now they estimate that it’s up to 90 percent.

But the path has not always been all that easy. In 2010 they tried to convince the school board to add inclusive language and information into the health curriculum. “A few students came and talked to the board. We talked about why it is important to have lessons that are relevant to us,” Douglas said. “Then there was a line of kids who stepped up and came out to the school board.” The school board was not accommodating.

Successes include having inclusive discussions about bullying and suicide prevention, and holding fundraisers to raise money for the Ruth Ellis Center in Detroit.

## Dearborn GSA

Bill Harrison, a social studies teacher and GSA advisor at Dearborn High School, attended the conference to learn more about what other educators were doing to increase inclusiveness and watch former students give presentations.

The Dearborn GSA started nearly a decade ago, and has had a relatively smooth ride. “One thing that surprised me when we started the group was that no one objected,” Harrison said. “I’m hearing about the problems at Rochester Hills and Troy and I’m really surprised because we don’t really have a problem here.”

To Harrison the benefit of a GSA is obvious. “Anytime you have a GSA in schools you tend to see the student population in general feels safer. People that are not LGBT still benefit from less bullying and more acceptance of everyone.”

He said that most recently Dearborn High School has benefitted from having a GSA because when talks about bullying came to the forefront of education discussion, they were already equipped with bullying awareness

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- Micaela Dunbar-Gaynor

and experiences. “We already know the risks of bullying – risk of suicide, missing school. When there was a large push for bullying awareness we were able to piggyback on the LGBT issues.”

## Sex Ed and Bathrooms

Two hot topics during the conference were inclusivity in sex education and health classes and inclusivity in school rest rooms. Janet Lane, a teacher in the Ann Arbor schools district was among the attendees. She is part of a volunteer discussion group in her community that is looking at how to encourage inclusive health lessons.

“What we’ve found is that teachers

aren’t sure where the boundaries are of what they can talk about,” Lane said. Added to the complexity of the sex education conversation is the fact that “there is not standard curriculum. But there are stand-alone lessons and supplemental materials that teachers can get.”

She said, “anecdotally we know that youth in sex ed classes who are LGBT do not get as much out of the classes because they feel like it doesn’t apply to them.” Lane said that while there may not be concrete answers, there are many groups looking at how to make health class more inclusive. “People are hungry for ideas,” she said.

Inclusive restrooms for transgender students was another area of concern for teachers and administrators. Miller spoke about this problem in his 10 Standards of Care discussion. While there is a push for gender-neutral facilities, administrators need to consider how to do this without compromising student safety. At Miller’s school they turned a multi-stall restroom into a gender-neutral one, but switched it back after a female student went into the room and was followed, unwelcomed, by her ex-boyfriend. While no physical contact took place, the experience was unsettling and parents for both students were called in and had reasons to defend each of their children’s positions. Single-use restrooms may be a more practical option.

*This was the second year for the SOGI Conference. For information on the SOGI initiative at Oakland University, visit <http://www.oakland.edu/SOGI>.*



## 10 Standards of Practice

Principal Dustin Miller (right), a conference presenter, uses the 10 Standards of Practice from a recently published book *Improving Emotional and Behavioral Outcomes for LGBT Youth: A guide for Professionals*. The book focuses on the key pieces organizations may want to consider when looking at inclusiveness.

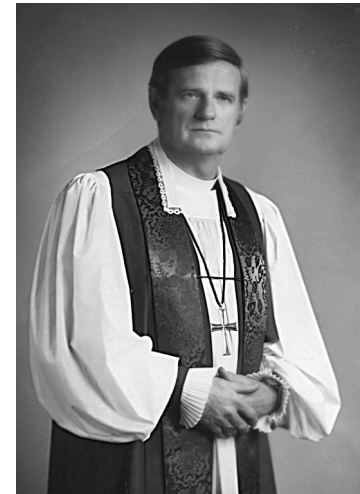
The standards are:

1. Self-assessment and ongoing continuous quality improvement efforts
2. Nondiscrimination policies
3. Staff knowledge and development
4. Intake process, data collection, and information sharing
5. Safe, supportive and culturally and linguistically competent environments
6. Practices that affirm identity
7. Healthy and supportive peer connections
8. Family connections
9. Access to affirming services and supports
10. Community outreach and engagement

# Supporter of Human Rights Bishop McGehee Dies

BY CRYSTAL A. PROXMIRE AND JAN STEVENSON

The Rev. H. Coleman McGehee, 89, a retired bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, died March 14 after a short illness. McGehee, of Bloomfield Hills, served with the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan from 1973 to 1990 and continued his activism even into retirement.



Bishop McGehee was a strong, progressive voice within the Episcopal Church, and an early advocate for both the ordination of women and inclusion of gays in church life.

“He was a man of great courage and faith. He was among the first to ordain women as deacons and priests and he bravely ordained gay people to the priesthood when it was a highly controversial thing to do,” said Rev. Rod Reinhart, rector at St. Clement’s Episcopal Church in Harvey, Ill. located just outside Chicago. “Bishop McGehee ordained me in 1984 and I was one of the very first openly gay

people to be ordained in the Episcopal Church.”

Bishop McGehee’s son, Alex, was active in the Gay Liberation Movement at Michigan State University in the early 1970s. Bishop McGehee wrote a letter of support to John Francis Cardinal Dearden, the archbishop of Detroit, in support of Brian McNaught during his 1974 hunger strike to protest treatment of gays and lesbians by the church. Bishop McGehee was celebrant and featured speaker at the 10th anniversary dinner for the Catholic and Episcopal LGBT group Dignity-Integrity/Flint, in 1986.

In 1977, Bishop McGehee ordained Rev. Meredith Hunt, the first female priest for the Diocese of Michigan after leading the charge nationwide to change Episcopal Church laws so women could be ordained. He was also a supporter of organized labor, and in 1995 picketed alongside Detroit News and Detroit Free Press employees who were on strike.

Bishop McGehee, along with now-retired Detroit Catholic Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Gumbleton and the late Rabbi Richard Hertz, founded the Michigan Coalition for Human Rights in 1980.

“His courage and his forward thinking faith have been a great inspiration to church people and even un-churched people all across America. I will deeply miss him and I will always look at him as being a great friend, a wise mentor and a powerful and life-giving leader of the church,” said Reinhart.

“In addition to his decades of service to the Episcopal Church, the Bishop was an early supporter of LGBT equality and a long-time chair of our Advisory Board,” said Equality Michigan’s Development Coordinator Gregory Varnum. “He was a visionary and courageous leader whose personal convictions inspired those around him. Our condolences to his friends, family, and his fellow Episcopalians mourning this loss.”

Bishop McGehee was born in Richmand, Va., and served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during World War II, then received a law degree from the University of Richmond. He served as deputy attorney general of the Commonwealth of Virginia before following a calling for faith. Prior to coming to Michigan, Bishop McGehee was rector of Immanuel-on-the-Hill Episcopal Church in Alexandria, Va., from 1960 to 1971, where he was the pastor to President Gerald R. Ford and Betty Ford.

Bishop McGehee is survived by his wife, June, their daughters, Lesley and Cary; sons Alexander, C. Harry and Donald; and four grandchildren.

A requiem Eucharist will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward, Detroit. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Coalition for Human Rights, 9200 Gratiot, Detroit 48213 and the Opportunity Resource Fund, 330 Marshall St., Ste. 105, Lansing, MI 48912.

## HIV Testing and Care

Here at BTL we feel the same betrayal, anger and frustration as many of our readers do, over the recent revelations that the Michigan Department of Community Health has been improperly collecting personal information about people testing for HIV in the state. But we cannot, we must not, allow this gross violation of privacy to stop the very important work of addressing the HIV crisis in the gay, bisexual and other communities impacted by HIV/AIDS.

We must not allow this to get in the way of testing, early intervention and treatment.

### We urge readers:

- **Get tested ANONYMOUSLY.** Michigan law requires testing centers to offer you the option to test anonymously - that is a test that does not use your personal information. Demand anonymous testing when you come in and refuse to accept any other test than what you would receive for confidential testing.

- If you are HIV positive, you must **maintain your case management.** Care is complicated enough, but letting go of the infrastructure that has been put together to help is self-defeating. The hard working and dedicated staff of the AIDS Service Organizations are here to help you connect all the available resources. Don't do this alone. AIDS Service Organizations have, in most cases, been providing services for over 25 years. They often grew out of a grassroots effort from our own communities and have consistently attended to the HIV care and prevention needs of their clientele in a considerate and confidential manner.

- If you have **recently tested HIV positive**, health officials are going to try to get you to name your sexual and/or needle sharing partners. Partner Services Notification is voluntary in Michigan. You do not have to answer, and you should not provide names or other identifying information about partners to health officials. This does, however, leave you in the position that you have to tell your partners. Find the means that you are most comfortable with in notifying partners be it, individually, with the assistance of an ASO or CBO, or a health department that you are comfortable with that agrees, in writing, not to enter partner data into the HIV Event System

- **BTL and the community which it serves calls on the Michigan Department of Community Health to respond to these issues in a public manner.** The concerns and frustrations that have given rise to this commentary could have devastating consequences relative to HIV Prevention and Care Services in the State of Michigan. Just as the nation is embracing a National AIDS Strategies, just as "Getting to Zero" seems more than a notion, it is the responsibility of MDCH to address these concerns publically and respond accordingly, in a manner that allays fears and ensures that HIV testing, early intervention, and treatment services are provided in a considered manner.

# Platonically Star-Crossed Lover For Sale

OPINION BY EVELYN DYKES

*Editor's Note: Evelyn is a 15-year-old girl in the Berkley area. After writing a letter to the paper requesting a voice for youth, BTL has agreed to publish some of Evelyn's thoughts as a young member of the LGBT community.*

I came out, stupidly, because I fell in love with my best friend.

Because I don't want to totally give away her identity, I'm going to rename her Violet, which is equally obvious to her real name, seeing as she has brilliantly byzantium colored hair. I looked it up. Byzantium. It's a real color.

Violet was delicate and pretty with red nail polish and gray eyes and a face that was like a paper doll. You never knew how it was going to move - not exactly - so every little difference in movement was beautiful and bizarre.

To the oblivious, our relationship was just simple friendship. To the gossips of middle school, it was obvious—at least, my intentions were. We both were stereotypes—short hair, artistic viewpoints, all sorts of differences in the atypical that we could muster. I would sacrifice for her - stupid things, little things, a candy bar, a Lady Gaga poster (the one where she was oh-so gorgeous with her fantasy mole just off), little stuffed animals I made.

At age eleven, I confessed to our orchestra teacher - tears in my eyes - that I wanted to kiss Violet on the mouth and, after that, I tried to repress my feelings for an entire year. For one year, I dated a boy, weaved flowers into my hair, and tried hard to ignore the way she ate mulberries behind the school on the last day of school. I tried.

I failed.

A month into the eighth grade, I took her into the library and whispered that I was lesbian.

"Okay," she whispered back, her expression a fairy tale waiting to be rewritten. Oh God.

"That's it?" I asked in return. Can you take a fib-nipping clue?

I really overdid it that year. I glimpsed through a metaphorical looking glass at another girl, a prettier girl, named Lily, and I tried to distract myself with her dark brown eyes and curly waves of hair that fell around her fair and elegant shoulders. Of course, she didn't like me, so it didn't

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much as acquaintances — what we had was a little bit one-sided, I'll admit, maybe even obsessive — I learn that she has a boyfriend now, and works for a various number of charitable organizations. I'm not sure if she's happy, though. I know I'm not.

I know that in the time that we've been broken, several deeply personal occurrences have played out in a rather dramatic format. I still wonder what went wrong, and if it'll ever be the same. Part of me — the weird, semi-formed adult — knows the truth, knows that it'll never, ever, under any circumstances whatsoever (except for those in which she miraculously declares her everlasting love for me and I feel strong enough to accept the consequences of the responsibilities associated with sharing a closet someday) be the same. The other half, A.K.A, the loping a galumphing immature monster, is overcome by such a desire for hugs and her face that it is hard to breathe most times, and even harder to see straight when doing so.

Anyhow, now that the rambling is done, it is safe to say that now, Violet is doing well, or at least I think she is. Every day I see her at school, either with a small smile of regality or one of fabulous elegance, but it doesn't matter, because she is always holding hands with someone, usually her boyfriend, and she looks happy, and that's all I want for her.

really matter. Nothing really mattered if Violet didn't like me back.

In the ninth grade, I tell Violet how I feel.

It isn't immediately that her face changes.

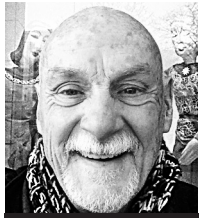
In fact, it doesn't change at all, which is weird, because I've found Violet to be the one person who I can find some kind of truth in, and now, she's trying to conceal it. "Oh," she says, a single round syllable, and she takes a step back. The curtains fall. It is intermission.

We don't talk for a few months. From some friends who aren't really friends as



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# Fruit-flavored Banking



## Parting Glances

OPINION BY CHARLES ALEXANDER

The following quote is just too, well, fabulous - to use an overworked gay adjective - not to bring it out of the celluloid closet to coincide the HBO's planned May airing of "Behind the Candelabra," its sequined salute to the most flamboyant entertainer of the 20th Century.

So, for what it's worth, enjoy this \$22,000 printed bit of English poisoned hemlock: "the summit of sex - the pinnacle of masculine. feminine, and neuter. Everything that he, she, and it can ever want ... a deadly, winking, sniggering, snuggling, chromium-plated, scent-impregnated, luminous, quivering, giggling, fruit-flavored, mincing, ice-covered heap of mother love."

Who else? The recipient of this 1956 put down is glitter-and-be-gay, musical/entertainer/ high camp Vladziu Valentine Liberace. His off-quoted rejoinder to Cassandra (aka William Connor) who published the eventually deemed libelous taunt in the British paper, "Daily Mirror," is something of a rhinestone gem: "What you said hurt me very much. I cried all the way to the bank."

It's hard to believe that once upon a time in this fairy tale of sorts Liberace could deny that he was gay and sue Cassandra and the "Daily Mirror," but sue Liberace did. And won! The printed insinuation of homosexuality is in the wording "fruit-flavored." A jury decided that "fruit" implied gayness and that Cassandra and company had best pay up.

Twenty-seven years later a lawsuit of another kind - a palimony suit - to the off-key tune of \$113 million, was brought against Liberace by Scott Thorson, whom Liberace met when the comely lad was 16, courted, hired as chauffeur, recruited into showbiz performances, allegedly bedded - and, maintained Thorson, six years later at 22 - dumped him. Settlement: \$95K. Liberace died of AIDS-related causes in 1987.

The HBO "Behind the Candelabra" will air all the glittery and sordid details, with Michael Douglas as Liberace, and Matt Damon, as Scott Thorson. (Whether a flamboyant Douglas can tickle Matt's fancy, or a free-wheeling Matt can fondle Douglas's keyboard sharps and flats remains to be seen.)

My own personal "encounters" with Liberace are two. The first concerns my grandmother, who herself played the piano and, earlier in her long life, church organ. The year was 1954, her last year alive. My folks had black-and-white TV, and Liberace's weekly syndicated show was a big event for my grandmother. One hour before the program, Granny powdered her face, brushed her long silver-grey hair, put on her best dress, and sat happy in anticipation before the set.

For Lottie Lee Alexander watching "my darling Libby," as she called him, was a courtship of sorts. When Liberace looked her way and smiled, she'd smile back. When he waved, she'd wave back. After each number she'd clap softly. And sigh audibly. It was a musical bit of friendly, in-house showmanship. We hadn't the heart to tell Granny that TV reception did not include viewing by Liberace into our living room.

My own encounter with the great showman was at Detroit's famous Diplomat Bar, sometime in the 1960s. Liberace, in town for a sell-out concert, stopped with friends to take in the Dip's famous drag show. (As once did Ethel Merman. Another story.)

I watched Liberace intently from a table or two away. Surprise of surprise. His manner was subdued and - I kid you not - masculine. Relaxed. Almost butch. Certainly not fruit flavored. (Or, libelous for that matter.)



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## Hillary Clinton Comes Out In Support Of Marriage Equality

Former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton announced her support for marriage equality for same-sex couples in a video posted to the Human Rights Campaign YouTube channel on March 18.

"LGBT Americans are our colleagues, our teachers, our soldiers, our friends, our loved ones," Clinton says. "And they are full and equal citizens and deserve the rights of citizenship.

"That includes marriage."

She continues, "To deny the opportunity to any of our daughters and sons, solely on the basis of who they are and who they love. Is to deny them the chance to live up to their own God-given potential."

In Dec. 2011, before the United Nations Human Rights Council, Clinton advocated for gay rights claiming, "It should never be a crime to be gay." However, Clinton's March 18 announcement is her first official and explicit endorsement of same-sex marriage.

Clinton's announcement places her in the company of several potential Democratic presidential candidates on the issue of same-sex marriage.

## ACLU Alleges Gay Students Harassed At High School

The American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California on Monday demanded that San Bernardino County school district officials step in to end discrimination against gay students by teachers and administrators at a district high school.

In an 11-page letter to Hesperia Unified School District Interim Superintendent David McLaughlin, the ACLU and law firm Nixon Peabody charged that Sultana High School administrators foster a hostile and harassing climate for gay students.

McLaughlin did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the allegations.

Teachers and administrators have made discriminatory comments about gay people, and have not stepped in to stop bullying by students, the letter stated.

In one incident, a teacher told a student who commented that he did not have a valentine on Valentine's Day, that that's "because you're gay and nobody wants to be with you." In another, an administrator referred to a gay student's campaign for homecoming queen as a "joke." Another teacher told a student to "take the gay headband off."

The letter also states that girls are being told they must wear dresses to the prom and boys tuxedos and students are instructed to wear gender-specific attire for their yearbook photos, in violation of state and federal laws.

Additionally, administrators have censored the Gay Straight Alliance's public announcements, flyers and activities such as movie screenings.

The letter also noted that a gay teacher, who was advisor to the alliance, was told she was "a bad fit" after she helped a student file a complaint against a teacher and her contract was not renewed.

The lawyers want written assurances from the district by March 25 that discrimination will end at the school.

# HIV Data Collection Violates Intent Of Statute, Says Lawmaker Who Helped Create Law

BY TODD HEYWOOD

**LANSING** - Michigan's health department is violating the legislative intent of an HIV-related statute - and maybe the law itself - by indefinitely collecting information on people who test for HIV at federally funded clinics, says a former state lawmaker, who helped pass sweeping health reforms in the wake of the AIDS epidemic.

"The intent of the law was to encourage people to know what their status was, but also to protect people's privacy," said former Rep. Susan Grimes Gilbert, a Republican, in a phone interview. Grimes Gilbert - whose last name was previously Grimes Munsell before she remarried - represented the city of Howell from 1987 to 1996.

"The fact that they've clearly had a violation of privacy means that the department better review - should review - their operations and procedures," she said. "And it's not just the violation [of privacy]; it's the fact they're keeping this data that it was never the intent of the legislature that they keep."

In short, Grimes Gilbert said, "I think they are in violation of the statute."

At issue is a provision of Michigan's Public Health Code, which requires local municipalities to destroy, after 90 days, information collected in voluntary partner-notification programs. That provision went into effect in 1988.

But since 2003, the Michigan Department of Community Health has been requiring local health departments to enter that data into the state's HIV Event System - where it is stored indefinitely and can be accessed at any time by local health authorities, The American Independent reported recently. As of June 2012, the HIV Event System has collected nearly 7,000 entries of partners identified through the voluntary partner-services program, according to records obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request. The partner-services program was set up to help those infected with HIV contact current and former needle-sharing

and sexual partners who may have been exposed to the virus. Some of the partner-services entries are anonymous, but about 4,000 of them can be traced to individuals' names.

The information in the HIV Event System is entered by local health

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department employees or state-certified HIV test counselors at local AIDS service organizations. These officials enter a person's name, date of birth, and gender into the database, which generates a coded "unique identifying number" that is assigned to that individual. All subsequent files in the system are linked to that number. Therefore, if someone with access to the database knows the appropriate variables - a person's name, date of birth, and gender - the database can provide the unique number for that person. Then it would be possible to access all other files associated with that person, including the identities of his or her sexual and needle-sharing partners.

Grimes Gilbert was instrumental in pushing through sweeping legislative reform in 1988 to address the growing AIDS epidemic in Michigan. The 1988 AIDS legislative package included Michigan's HIV disclosure law - which makes it a felony for a person who knows he or she is infected with HIV to engage in sexual penetration, "however slight," without first disclosing that status. She served as

co-chair of the Michigan House Republican Task Force on AIDS in 1987. And in 1988 she served on the American Legislative Exchange Council's AIDS Working Group, helping to write a series of state-based model legislation that was instrumental in creating HIV-criminalization statutes around the country.

Health department spokeswoman Angela Minicuci said the HIV data collection does not violate state law.

"Requiring local health departments to enter partner services data into the HIV Event System is consistent with the Public Health Code, sections 5114 and 5114a (MCL 333.5114 and 333.5114a)," Minicuci said in an email. "The system automatically encodes and encrypts names so no personal identifying information is retained by either the local health departments or the state health department."

Others, including a sitting lawmaker, disagree.

"This clearly is an end run around the law," said state Sen. Steve Bieda (D-Warren), who sits on the Senate Judiciary Committee. "While technically legal, it appears to be a very blatant action to get around the state's law."

Bieda said the data collection does not meet the legislative intent of Michigan's laws.

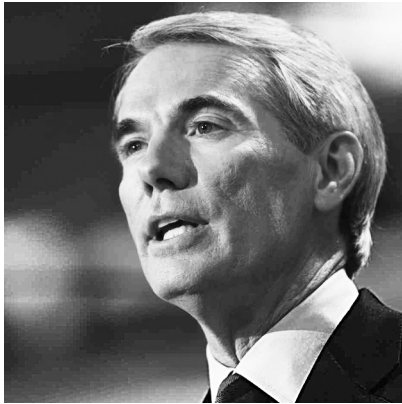
State officials say the database does not contain identifiable personal information, despite evidence that the database has been used to institute "health threat to others" actions against persons living with HIV.

Michigan law requires those recently diagnosed with HIV to inform former sexual and needle-sharing partners of their infection. The partner-services law was designed to provide assistance in contacting partners and is designed as a voluntary, confidential program. The goal of such programs is to identify those who are at risk of, or may in fact be infected with, HIV to prevent further transmission of the virus.

Joshua Moore, a lawyer at Detroit Legal Services, which works specifically on HIV-related legal issues, also said the data collection is a way around the law. He is advising newly diagnosed HIV-positive persons not to participate in the voluntary

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# GOP Sen. Portman Of Ohio Now Supports Gay Marriage



**“** *I have come to believe that if two people are prepared to make a lifetime commitment to love and care for each other in good times and in bad, the government shouldn't deny them the opportunity to get married.* **”**

**CINCINNATI (AP)** — Republican U.S. Sen. Rob Portman is now supporting gay marriage and says his reversal on the issue began when he learned one of his sons is gay.

Ohio's junior senator disclosed his change of heart in interviews with several Ohio newspapers and CNN. In an op-ed published Friday in The Columbus Dispatch, he said the decision came after a lot of thought.

“I have come to believe that if two people are prepared to make a lifetime commitment to love and care for each other in good times and in bad, the government shouldn't deny them the opportunity to get married,” he wrote.

As a member of the House in 1996, Portman voted in favor of the Defense of Marriage Act, which defines marriage as between a man and a woman and bars federal recognition of same-sex marriage.

Portman said his views on gay marriage began changing in

2011, when his son, Will, then a freshman at Yale University, told his parents he was gay and that it wasn't a choice but “part of who he was.” Portman said he and his wife, Jane, were very surprised but also supportive.

He said it prompted him to reconsider gay marriage from a different perspective, that of a father who wants all three of his children to have happy lives with people they love.

He said he talked to his pastor and to people on both sides of the gay marriage issue, including Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., who is opposed to gay marriage, and former Vice President Dick Cheney, who supports it. Cheney's daughter is a lesbian.

Portman told reporters Thursday that his previous views on marriage were rooted in his Methodist faith.

“Ultimately, for me, it came down to the Bible's overarching themes of love and compassion and my belief that we are all children of

God,” he wrote.

The well-known Ohio conservative, a former U.S. trade representative and White House budget chief, was considered but not chosen as Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney's running mate. Portman told the newspapers Romney was informed about Will's sexuality last year.

Portman's reversal comes as the U.S. Supreme Court is expected to hear arguments this month in a challenge to a provision of the Defense of Marriage Act.

Portman said he would like Congress to repeal the provision of the DOMA that bans federal recognition of gay marriage, though he still supports the part of the law that says states should not be forced to recognize such marriages.

A group working to overturn Ohio's ban on same-sex marriage praised Portman's comments.

places the burden of notification on the newly diagnosed person.

“The law is clear that data related to the partners of people living with HIV must be destroyed after 90 days,” said Emily Dievendorf, policy director of the LGBT-rights group Equality Michigan, in an email. Over half of HIV infections in Michigan are attributed to men who have sex with men. “Equality Michigan demands that the state review all HIV data collection efforts to ensure that they honor the laws and confidentiality, which

are the cornerstone of our trust as patients in the healthcare system.”

The health department, however, is declining to review its data-collection program.

“The HIV Event System and its data elements are constantly under review for quality assurance and quality improvement,” Minicuci said, “however, no extraordinary actions are underway at this time because the system is sound.”

*Got tips? Email them to Heywood@americanindependent.com.*

## Creep of the Week

OPINION BY D'ANNE WITKOWSKI

### Andrea Lafferty

**A**s you may have heard, Senator Rob Portman (R-Ohio) has come out of the closet. Not as gay, but as the father of a gay son. And not only as the father of a gay son, but also as a born-again marriage equality supporter. As you can imagine, this new stance has caused quite the stir in conservative circles.



But I'm sure that a man like Portman with his longstanding conservative record is getting plenty of support from fellow conservatives.

Ha. I kid. They are freaking the fuck out.

For example, take Andrea Lafferty, president of the Traditional Values Coalition, who issued a mock press release with a revelation of her own.

“Earlier this week one of my children came to me and told me something which was shocking,” she wrote. “He is a drunk driver and has been driving drunk regularly since college. I have taken several days to reflect on this and I have decided to reverse my earlier opposition to drunk driving.”

Get it? Because drunk driving is the same thing as being gay. A totally fair and logical comparison!

Lafferty goes on to further ridicule Portman's claim that his shift on marriage equality is a direct result of having a gay son. “My child is a drunk driver,” Lafferty writes. “That has personalized the issue for me and taken me above the whole discussion of the morality of it.”

And to the drunk driving haters, Lafferty has this to say: “(D)runk driving will make all of us stronger drivers. Think of how much more interesting driving will be in the future if more people have the freedom to drive drunk. It will sharpen the defensive driving skills of the rest of us.”

But don't worry, everybody, Lafferty is just having a laff at the expense of homos trying to ruin marriage. In case it wasn't clear from her idiotic analogy, Lafferty writes at the end of her bit, “Drunk driving is immoral. I abhor it. I also believe homosexuality is immoral and sinful.”

Lafferty claims she was trying to use the same “twisted, self-serving logic” as Portman to justify his about-face on marriage. And she wants to make clear that only losers allow their kids to influence their beliefs.

“Our children are learners and unable to determine morality and then hand it down to their parents,” she writes. In other words, “Shut up, kids! You will learn adult bigotry and ignorance and like it, damn it! Because I said so!”

“There are absolutes. There is right and there is wrong,” Lafferty asserts. “The tough part of being a parent is telling one of those young souls whom we have been charged with raising that he or she is wrong.”

Yeah! Hear that, Portman? There is right (continuing to vote against your own son's civil liberties and happiness in order to save political face) and there is wrong (putting the son you love ahead of your political aspirations and risk the wrath of ignoramuses like Lafferty). There is no in between!

“Our children look to us for direction and we owe them more than a collective shrug,” Lafferty writes. As if Portman's announcing that, after years of voting against LGBT people, he's changed his mind about gay marriage because his son is, in fact, a gay counts as a “shrug.”

“I wish no harm to either Senator Portman or his son but they are wrong,” Lafferty writes, in what feels like an obligatory pre-emptive strike against the kind of reactive hate invective like hers inspires. “And Senator Portman's attempt to use his position in the Senate to affect the future path of our culture and the lives of other Americans compounds the wrong.”

Sorry, Lafferty, but that's what Senators are hired to do. Mostly in the interests of heterosexual, white, rich men. If only Portman's son had come out as black, poor, and female, too. Alas.

#### ► HIV Data Collection

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partner-services programs offered by local health departments.

“In light of knowing that the information is being kept permanently by the State of Michigan I as an attorney would advise an individual to not disclose this information,” Moore said an email.

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**Training For A New Life**

**Mentorship Guides Ruth Ellis Youth Member To New Career**

**HEALTH & FITNESS**  
BY CRYSTAL A. PROXMIRE

When Kyle Williams lost his breath walking up a flight of stairs, he got scared and knew that something had to change. At 300 pounds he did not feel very healthy in his size 46 jeans.

At the time he was living in Georgia with his grandmother, and he started using the naturally hilly landscape as his personal gym. He trained himself to be "addicted" to fruits and vegetables and kept focused on his goals.

Soon after he began the journey toward good health, Williams' grandmother died and the 21-year-old Detroit native found himself jobless, homeless and family-less in a city that he barely knew. Williams had graduated from the Detroit School of Arts High School and he made his way back north to live with the family of a classmate temporarily. He got a job at Randazzo's while he struggled to figure out what he was going to do.

"I don't really know what made me do it, but when Charles Pugh came into Randazzo's, I thought that maybe I should write him, and I did. I thought he might know what I should do," Williams said. He wrote the Detroit City Council President a letter that, as he described, "was so long that I went on and on. I just poured everything into it. I told him about my grandma, and how I had nowhere to go. I don't know what I expected, but he used his connections and got me into Ruth Ellis Center. I was so lucky."

Because of his age, Williams could only spend a few short months in the Ruth Ellis Center's Transitional Living Program. The program has several young adults sharing a house while they prepare for life on their own. They get help with job searches, counseling, food and internships and training and other things they need to learn self-sufficiency. "I had a job, but I was always trying to do better. It's like a rule that at Ruth Ellis Center you wake up every day and look for work. I wanted to make sure I used every resource they had available while I was there."

Williams also kept focused on his health. Through mindful eating and exercise, the once 300-pound youth slimmed down to 180 pounds. "I'd be in the kitchen and other people would be like 'Why are you eating squash?'" and I'd try to tell them why. This girl at the center wanted to lose weight.

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## Fitness Guru's Tour Coming To Fox Theatre May 9

**HEALTH & FITNESS**  
BY BTL STAFF

Promising an evening of inspiration that will forever motivate and change lives, America's health and wellness guru, Jillian Michaels, will bring her first ever "Maximize Your Life Tour" to the Fox Theatre at 7:30 p.m. May 9.

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Finally, Jillian will supply the information and action plan that will empower you to conquer any challenge and achieve every goal. You will learn the science of shedding pounds, the impact of hormones on weight loss and how to bring them back into balance. She demonstrates the how, what and why of workouts, sharing her most effective methods of burning fat and calories. And most importantly, she will teach you how to shift your attitude, behavior and mindset to maximize your life.

Inspiring and motivating initially through television, Jillian Michaels has become the world's leading health and wellness expert. She has appeared on 11 seasons of NBC's "The Biggest Loser," seen in more than 90 countries around the world. As a motivator and role model, Jillian has made a unique connection with her audience, one that stems from her own personal journey.

Before becoming a media sensation, she struggled with her own weight as

a teenager. With her empowering information and tools, she now motivates millions through multiple media platforms. Jillian is a New York Times best-selling author, having sold more than 3.5 million books worldwide, including such titles as "Master Your Metabolism" and "Unlimited: How to Build an Exceptional Life." Her newest book "Slim for Life: My Insider Secrets to Simple, Fast, and Lasting Weight Loss" has just been released. In addition, Jillian's DVDs are global bestsellers.

Through extensive charity work, Jillian serves as an ambassador for Stand Up 2 Cancer and the NFL's Play 60. She also works with military families through the USO, and is a champion of the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, a program dedicated to eradicating the childhood obesity epidemic in the United States. In addition, Jillian is a member of the Clinton Global Initiative, working to protect the rights and welfare of children.

Jillian's call to action: "It's time to ask why not you? When are you going to say 'Enough is enough,' and step into the limitless possibility for joy and abundance that your life does hold? If you are a person who feels your health could improve or there is any facet of your life where you feel dissatisfied and unfulfilled, the question is how can you not come to the show?" says Jillian.

Tickets (\$35, \$55 and \$200 VIP) are on sale now at The Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices, at all Ticketmaster locations and Ticketmaster.com. To charge tickets by phone, call 800-745-3000.

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Kimo Frederiksen (back) teaches Kyle Williams how to be a personal trainer. BTL photo: Crystal A. Proxmire

► **Training**  
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She saw how I was always using the weights there and eating healthy, so she asked me if I could help her. So I started doing unofficial training for her and other people there. I guess someone at Ruth Ellis Center noticed and talked to Kimo. They asked me if I would like this opportunity and I thought it was a dream come true."

The opportunity was the chance to train with Kimo Frederiksen at True Body Fitness located at 1434 Michigan Ave. in Detroit. For the past four months the experienced trainer and small business owner has taken Williams under his wings and taught him how to be a personal trainer himself. Within the next few weeks Williams will be taking a test to become certified, and he'll be able to build up his own client base while working out of Frederiksen's facility.

Williams is happy with personal training as a career path. His own journey was so rewarding. "It validated that I can do anything. Nothing is an impossibility," he said. "I love being here. It's the environment I was always searching for. It's like the law of attraction. I've always known about True Body Fitness, but I could never come here, and now this is where I'm at."

Frederiksen started his business in Howell, near his hometown of Brighton. But he moved to Corktown in Detroit because he was excited by all that was going on there. For the past two and a half years, business has been "building up more and more," he said. "You watch the news and Detroit seems just awful. But it's not. People here support each other and they're really proud of keeping their money here. I get people that come from all over, but I get a lot of business here from Corktown because people really keep it local."

He's passed along some of the fruits of his success to the Ruth Ellis Center, with donations to the organization and by attending their

fundraisers. "A lot of it is as an openly gay man there is that fear in the back of your head that people will disown you just because you're gay. When you think about that there are parents out there that would do that to their own child, it's really sad."

This is the first that Frederiksen has done mentoring. "Kyle is first, kind of like an experiment," he said. "It's worked well. I'm glad to be bringing him on as a contractor so he can own his own business and have his own clients and give him the space to do it. This will give him a set income and a business he can grow."

Williams is on his way out of Ruth Ellis Center, having found his own apartment and the income from both the personal training and a second job. And though he does not have a biological family to support him, he's gained the skills to create a family of his choosing.

Jessie Fullenkamp, director of Drop-in Services with Ruth Ellis Center, is happy when she can see a business and a youth partnership turn out so successfully. "The Ruth Ellis Center is always open to working with businesses and organizations to create opportunities for youth that will also be an asset to our partners. Businesses that approach us understand the importance of investing in LGBTQ youth who experience homelessness. A mentorship interaction with youth is an effective model for a life-long learning experience. We are looking for businesses that understand how transformative an opportunity paired with mentorship can be," she said. Two of the center's biggest internship partners are DTE and Youth Employment Solutions. More are welcome.

Williams is looking for clients to train once his certification is complete. Those who are interested in letting him guide them toward better health can contact Kyle Williams at True Body Fitness through their email form at [tbfdetroit.com/contact](mailto:tbfdetroit.com/contact).

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**4** This party isn't just for queers. Or couples. If you're an ally, LGBTQIAO(ETC), single and hoping, single and not caring, engaged or disengaged, you're still welcome to join the fun! Where else can you interview a prospective attorney or caterer over a glass of champagne?

**5** The Windsor Experience Lounge. Get a taste of Canadian hospitality and Canadian equality while learning everything you need to know to tie the knot, officially even, in Windsor.

**6** A free workshop on protecting your joint finances. Michigan still isn't out of the Stone Ages as far as equality is concerned, but you can still learn how plan your future!

**7** A look at the State of LGBT equality in Michigan. We may have a great Supreme Court decision just in time for the Expo (and what a wedding gift that would be)! This workshop is a chance to find out what's next for equality in Michigan - and how to make things better.

**8** Support the businesses that support you! When we spend money on LGBT and allied companies, those companies

return the favor. Did you know that more than 100 corporations signed an amicus brief urging the Supreme Court to strike down California's anti-marriage Prop 8? That's the power of our dollars talking.

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# Understanding ObamaCare

## How The Affordable Care Act's Healthcare Reform Affects LGBT Americans

**HEALTH & FITNESS**  
 BY CRYSTAL A. PROXMIER

The biggest challenge with healthcare reform is the abundance of rumor and misinformation that is out there. That's why Michigan Consumers for Healthcare and the Center for American Progress are traveling around the state explaining the law to various target communities, including LGBT residents.

Kellan Baker of the Center for American Progress was part of a Feb. 11 outreach held at Oakland University. His presentation outlined many provisions of "Obama Care," a term that the administration is re-claiming as Baker said, "because after all he does care."

Baker explained "almost all individuals must have coverage by January 2014. The way a health insurance system works is if you want it when you're sick you have to pay for it when you're well. Too few people are paying into the system right now." He said there are 1.2 million uninsured in Michigan residents and 50 million across the U.S.

LGBT people face health a number of discrepancies, which the administration acknowledges. They face less coverage, less benefits for partners, no legal protection for employment, increased discrimination, violence, poverty and homelessness. There are many plans that exclude transgender health services. There is also a lack of data, which would inform a basis for funding and targeted services. And there is a problem with health care providers who are not culturally competent in dealing with LGBT clients.

There are ten provisions of the Healthcare Act, which are particularly important to LGBT people.

**1. Data Collection**  
 "If there is no data, and you can't show a problem, then there is no problem," Baker said. In 2011 the Department of Health and Human Services announced a LGBT Data Progressive Plan that includes sexual orientation and sexual identity be included in patient forms and surveys.

**2. Patient Bill of Rights**  
 The Patient Bill of Rights ends lifetime limits on insurance. It ends rejection based on pre-existing conditions. It ends arbitrary withdrawal of insurance coverage. And it gives rebates if executives spend too much

on overhead costs and executive salaries at insurance agencies.

**3. Public Coverage Expansion**  
 Medicaid has been reformed and will be setting Medicaid coverage for all individuals making \$15,000 or less for individuals and \$31,000 for a family of four. Previously it was only available to those who had children or were disabled.

**4. Private Coverage Expansion**  
 The Act allows for Federal subsidies for people in the \$15,000-\$45,000 income range. Plans cannot discriminate against people based on sexual orientation. The coverage must meet ten requirements: Essential Health Benefits plans must include coverage within the following 10 categories:

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**5. Preventative Care**  
 Health insurance plans are now mandated to cover preventative care, HIV/STD testing, depression screenings, vaccinations, tobacco use screening and cholesterol screenings. The Women's Health Amendment covers contraception and violence screening.

**6. Information Services**  
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Obamacare provides \$11 billion to support new community health centers, which will increase access to “essential community providers,” including those who use Ryan White HIV and AIDS funding.

The Affordable Care Act also triples the size of the National Health Service Corps, a group that gets specific LGBT competency training.

**8. HIV/AIDS**

A big change is the elimination of “medical disability” as the requirement for Medicaid. Previously someone would have to be debilitating ill to qualify for medical care. With Obamacare a person can begin treatment early in their diagnosis, which greatly impacts patient life expectancy. The act also prohibits exclusion based on pre-existing conditions such as HIV/AIDS. The creation of electronic health records system will also streamline the process of understanding a patient and their medical history.

**9. Nondiscrimination Protections**

The Civil Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Age Discrimination Act and Title IX are all tools the government can use

to protect LGBT Americans. These include HIV/AIDS status and sex. Baker explained that the Department of Health and Human Services is interpreting these broadly to include LGBT people in sex discrimination cases.

**10. Community-Based Prevention**

The act has allocated \$15 billion in prevention and public health grants, with some granting money going to projects with LGBT communities as a priority population. Baker noted that for every \$1 spent on prevention you save \$5 in terms of healthcare spending down the road.

**Marketplaces**

Another key thing to know about the new law is the Healthcare Marketplace. In Michigan the marketplace is a partnership between the State and the Federal government where qualified health care plans will be offered. Despite Michigan’s ban on marriage recognition, some private health care plans can offer domestic partner benefits.

The marketplace is expected to launch in October 2013, giving residents three months to find insurance to comply with the insurance requirement.

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# Tina & Paul



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## The Dream Duo

### 'Admission' Stars Talk New Film's Acceptance Theme, First Jobs & Shower Scene

BY CHRIS AZZOPARDI

They say dreams come true, and that one where Tina Fey and Paul Rudd act (and shower) together on the big screen – it's really happening. Two of the most charismatic, gay-loved actors team up for "Admission" (out March 22), about a college admissions officer (Fey) and her could-be biological son who she meets through an old classmate (Rudd).

"It's a movie about chasing acceptance. That formal outward acceptance shouldn't be valued as much. That's the message: Just be who you are," says Fey, a GLAAD winner for "30 Rock" who recounted her gay musical-theater origins in her "Bossypants" memoir.

of My Affection." And that's just the beginning of his homo happenings.

"Yes, it's true. It's really true," he says, reflecting on the increasingly gay apex of his career at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City, seated next to Fey.

What does he have to say about that important message of self-love and acceptance, then? Surely something gay, right? In goofy Rudd-style, just what you'd expect: "Lily Tomlin's in it!" he quips with his sly smirk, referring to the comedian's role as Fey's mother. "There's your answer."

**What did you see as the biggest challenge of taking on these characters?**

**Tina:** For me, it was just trying to do a good job of what I felt was the dramatic arc of the movie. There were certainly scenes that were

more emotional than anything I have ever had to do before.

**Paul:** Just doing it – that was the challenge. (Laughs) That you buy me in the part and it works in the context of the story, and that the conflict seems legit and the character is not one-dimensional – all those things that I think kind of existed in the script. The challenge is just bringing the material to life. Oh god, did I just say that?

**Tina:** You did.

**Paul:** Forgive me.

**Can you relate to the admissions process?**

**Tina:** I wasn't growing up in some kind of private-school world where it was expected of you to try to get into an Ivy League school or something. I think there are people who grow up in a family where it's like, "If you

don't get into Harvard or Yale or Princeton, you're done!" I think that's craziness.

**Paul:** I never grew up with that at all. I didn't apply to any of those schools – mainly because I know I wouldn't have gotten in. I was just out to lunch when it came to all that stuff. Living in New York City, I'm certainly much more aware of it now. I'm much more aware of it having friends that went to those schools and even having young kids and seeing how they're being groomed for these schools.

**What was it like to come from Kansas City and head to New York to become an actor?**

**Paul:** Well, I wasn't born in Kansas City; I was born here. I lived in Kansas and then California and then went back to Kansas. Nobody in my family did this, but it felt normal to me because I was pursuing what I

wanted to do. I had as much false confidence as I possibly could muster, because my parents told me as a young kid that I could be anything I wanted to be – and I actually believed them.

**Were you doing the waiting tables thing, then?**

**Paul:** I was working in the kitchen at a Bannigan's. I didn't even get to wait tables. I was in the back expediting and making salads.

**You also DJed. What records were you playing that got the girls and boys on the floor?**

**Paul:** MC Hammer's "U Can't Touch This" was pretty popular, and Right Said Fred's "I'm Too Sexy" was a huge crowd pleaser. There were those two, and then there were classics like "Mony Mony" and "What I Like About You" by The Romantics. I've been out of the bar mitzvah DJing game so I don't know if those are still popular, but they were big hits when I was spinning.

**Do you regret not having those experiences, Tina?**

**Tina:** I made cheesesteaks at a swim club snack bar so that my mom could have free access to the pool. (Laughs) My brother did it for a year, and then she transitioned me into doing it so she could continue to have employee access.

**As an actress, and even more so as a writer, what do you think the secret is to great comedy?**

**Tina:** Oh gosh. Obviously try to surround yourself with people who are really funny and good at it. Like Paul.

**Paul:** Aww.

**Tina:** Yes! And trust your own instinct.

**Was it hard to shoot the shower scene?**

**Tina:** There are so many built-in humiliations in a thing like that. We shot that shower scene very late in the evening.

**Paul:** And it was cold.

**Tina:** Just out of frame, I'm wearing a rolled-down bikini top they gave me; they're like, "We have a skin-colored one just in case." Then jams and Crocs. So it's already ridiculous. We don't need to add to it.

**Paul:** I didn't have the rolled-down bikini top, but I did have the jams – and I think I might've had the Crocs, too.

**Tina:** Because it was, like, not clean.

**Paul:** No. We were in a barn!

**Tina, do you see this as act three in your life now that "30 Rock" is done?**

**Tina:** I see it as a series of increasingly larger grifts that I'm running. "30 Rock" was more of a shell game; this is more of a Ponzi scheme. This happened while "30 Rock" was on a summer hiatus, and it felt like a really lucky thing to be offered to do – a part that always made sense. I'm always pleased when I see a part where people speak intelligently and speak like adults and also, I go, "College admissions lady – do I look like that?" Yeah, I look like that more than, perhaps, Denise Richards would.

**Yet you got called "cougar" in the movie.**

**Tina:** It's in my contract.

**Did you talk to anyone in admissions?**

**Tina:** I did. Jean (Hanff Korelitz), who wrote the book, worked in admissions and I met her many times, and I did talk to one or two other people who worked in admissions. One thing that was interesting: Someone who wasn't connected to the movie, who was an admissions person, said, "People think we really want to say 'no' to everyone when really what we want is to be saying 'yes.'" Their happiest moments and their goal was to be able to say "yes" to as many kids who they think will thrive.

**What makes a comedy a classic?**

**Paul:** It has to be really funny, and funny over a long period of time. If it was funny 10 years ago, it has to have been funny 20 years ago.

**Tina:** I saw "Trading Places" on TV recently, and Eddie Murphy in the first five minutes of that movie, where he's pretending to be homeless – so funny! That holds up.

**"Clueless" is still popular with the teens.**

**Paul:** Well, I have no perspective on that one! (Laughs)

**What would you tell a kid who's going through the admissions process?**

**Tina:** Do your best, but also know that the results don't define your value as a person or your future as a student or an adult in the world. It does not define what you're gonna be. It's interesting because I think there are so many kids who do all the right things to get on the right track now, and there are just too many of them on the right tack. As the schools make a genuine attempt at diversity, I think some kids are taking the old-school path and getting bumped out. Hopefully that shuffling will make them more interesting people on a more interesting path.

**As a woman who's able to get movies made in Hollywood versus the indie world, are you getting the offers you want?**

**Tina:** Sure, yes. Because I don't expect to be the person who's like, "Let me see my offers today." A part like this, I feel so lucky to have been offered. There are a lot of real movie stars in the world, and I'm always thrilled any time the phone rings. Ahem ... no one from "Anchorman 2" has called, so if you could pass that on.

**How do you juggle everything, Tina? Doing this movie, writing scripts, taking care of children ...**

**Tina:** Well, I mean, I try to take care of my children, yeah. (Laughs) But I have help with that. I wasn't writing anything at the same time (as doing "Admission") because I wanted to make sure I was focused. But you just take as much help as you can get and go to sleep whenever anyone's not looking.

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BY DONALD V. CALAMIA

After a Mormon family moved in across the street from me many years ago, I became accustomed to finding smiling, neatly pressed and overly friendly pairs of handsome young men at my door offering to introduce me to Jesus Christ. I knew little about The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints other than what I'd heard or read in the media, but I always politely declined their invitation. Little did I know I'd eventually learn quite a bit about their faith from a rather unlikely source – the smash-hit Broadway musical "The Book of Mormon" that seemed to turn even the most skeptical patron into a fan following the official opening night performance at Detroit's Fisher Theatre.

The production is the brainchild of Trey Parker, Robert Lopez and Matt Stone – two of whom (Parker and Stone) are the creators of the long-running "South Park" on Comedy Central. For those of us familiar with Stan, Kyle, Eric and Kenny, it comes as no surprise that "The Book of Mormon" is a scathing satire about blindly following religious dogma. Others, however – such as the few souls with scowls on their faces I observed at intermission – are likely stunned by the irreverent plot, the vulgar lyrics and a character's name I wouldn't dare print in full. (Let's just say "The Book of Mormon" wouldn't have lasted more than a few minutes had it premiered on Broadway throughout much of the 20th century; the cops would have shut it down. But in the more enlightened 21st century, the 2011 musical earned nine Tony Awards, including Best Musical. My, how times have changed!)

So why is "The Book of Mormon" so popular, you might be wondering? Because rarely does a clever, new musical hit town and fire all its cylinders so consistently and successfully as this production does – and you'll even leave the theater humming a handful of tunes! How often does THAT happen these days?

In "The Book of Mormon," described by co-creator Stone as "an atheist's love letter to religion," 19-year-old Mormons Kevin Price (Mark Evans) and Arnold Cunningham (Christopher John O'Neill) are given their two-year missionary assignment – and rather than being sent to Orlando as Elder Price has prayed for, the two find themselves in Uganda where a warlord (Derrick Williams) is terrorizing local villages and circumcising their women. The missionaries are a mismatch



"The Book of Mormon" continues at Detroit's Fisher Theatre through March 24. Photo: Joan Marcus

## PREVIEW

### The Book of Mormon

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of major proportions: Elder Price is a handsome and popular overachiever with an inflated sense of self importance, while Elder Cunningham is a pudgy underachiever – "a follower," he proudly proclaims – and a liar with no friends. As earlier-arriving missionaries have had no luck converting the villagers, Price is determined to make a name for himself – yes, himself – by converting the entire village to the church.

As Price learns the hard way, his goal is easier said than done!

What sells this show to fans and initial skeptics alike is not just the unique plot, the often-ingenious lyrics, the catchy tunes or the clever (but raw) dialogue. Or even the sets by Scott Pask or the costumes by Ann Roth, both of which are flawless. (Set and costume changes occur in a blink of an eye.)

No, what's endearing about the show are the performances by its uniformly excellent cast.

Evans is particular sharp as the braggadocio Price. There are plenty of nuances built into his character, and he finds them all – and has plenty of fun bringing them into focus. That's especially visible in "You and Me (But Mostly Me)," an early number in which his character becomes truly defined for the audience. And later, his "I Believe" is a showstopper.

O'Neill, often a scene stealer, warms hearts with his honest and passionate

performance. His Cunningham is the underdog everyone roots for – even when his actions cause more harm than good. And that's what Cunningham does best, as seen in the hilarious "Making Things Up" that opens Act 2 in which he gives Mormon history a twist he'll later regret. (His voice seemed to be a little tired later in the song "Baptize Me," but given the hectic pace he keeps throughout the show, that's not surprising; most of us would have passed out from exhaustion more than an hour earlier.)

Another standout is Samantha Marie Ware as Nabalungi, a beautiful village girl who helps turn the tide for the missionaries – and then screws it up big time when the Mission President comes to view his troops' accomplishments. Among the musical's showstoppers – and there are a handful of them – is her number "Joseph Smith American Moses" in which she and the villagers celebrate their newfound Mormon beliefs (as they understand them) through song and dance. I suspect Joseph Smith – the religion's founder – spins in his grave every time this scene is performed.

Then there's Grey Henson, who plays Elder McKinley, the secretly gay missionary leader. His solution to pretending he's not gay and that life in Uganda doesn't suck is yet another show highlight, the first act's "Turn It Off."

All in all, "The Book of Mormon" is blessed with a tight-knit, energetic and highly skilled cast – and when combined with the expert work of the musicians and behind-the-scenes technical craftspeople, the result is one heck of a fine and entertaining show. But don't let the flash and razzle-dazzle mislead you: Its message is an important one that applies to far more than just a church's dogma – no matter how crazy-sounding it might be! (Mormons, though, might disagree with that assessment...)

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**Livingston County PFLAG Meeting** 7 p.m. Meets the third Thursday of every month. Please park behind the church, use the handicapped entrance, and follow the signs to Room 127. All are welcome! Livingston County PFLAG, 400 E. Grand River Ave., **Brighton**. 517-548-0839. LivingstonPFLAG@aol.com Facebook.com/pages/Livingston-County-PFLAG

**Resource Center Health Group** 7 p.m. LGBTQ and allied teens 13-18. E-mail for more info. Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, 629 Pioneer St., **Kalamazoo**. 259-381-2437. Youth@KGLRC.org Kglrc.org

**Polyamory Network** 7:30 p.m. Open and inclusive community of people living polyamorously, people interested in polyamory and people of, friendly to and curious about polyamory. Welcomes diversity of sexual orientation and gender identity. Meets the third Thursday of every month. Polyamory Network, 319 Braun Ct., **Ann Arbor**. 734-995-9867. Jimtoycenter.org

### Friday, March 22

**Youth Only HIV Testing** 6 p.m. Free anonymous testing for individuals 21 and under. Available the second and fourth Friday of every month. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. GoAffirmations.org

**Womyn's Film Night** 7 p.m. Film: Hardcore; Filmmaker Dennis Iliadis takes a page from American indie films and refashions the genre to make his mark in this dark tale about prostitution starring Katerina Tsavalou, Danaï Skiadi and Andreas Marianos. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. GoAffirmations.org

### Saturday, March 23

**T.A.F.F.Y.** 2 p.m. A new support group for Transgendered individuals, their allies, family, friends and young people. Talk about problems one might have, jobs, legal issue or any issue to know about or want help with. Son of a Witch Craftings, 3600 S. Dort Hwy STE 28, **Flint**. 810-336-5589. Taffy\_group@yahoo.com Facebook.com/groups/511946272181648/

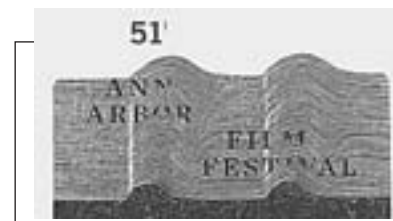
**PURIM Party & Pot-Luck** 5:15 p.m. Bring a box of pasta or can of nuts to shake as a grogger. They will be donated after to Yad Ezra. Costumes encouraged. There will be a costume contest and parade for the kids. Purim Spiel, singing, games and Purim Bingo. Megillah reading by See-My Enchilada. Congregation Tchiyah (Reconstructionist), 15000 W. 10 Mile Road, **Oak Park**. 248 542-0900. Tchiyah.org

### Peace Prom 2013

8 p.m. Jackson High School's Gay Straight Alliance, 801 S. Mechanic St., **Jackson**. PFLAG. Jackson2011@gmail.com

### Sunday, March 24

**Equality Band of Michigan First 2013 Rehearsal** 4 p.m. Musicians wanted to join the Equality Band of Michigan as we kick off our 2013 season. Performing at Pride events across the state this summer. No auditions required. Equality Band of Michigan, 201 E. Grand River Ave., **Old Town Lansing**. 517-525-1732. Equalitybandmi@gmail.com Equalitybandmichigan.com



## Editor's Pick

Don't miss the Ann Arbor Film Festival, already in full swing this week, with a full line-up for its 51st festival, presenting over 200 films, videos and live performances over six days.

Thursday's Films in Competition 2 features new works from legendary animator Lawrence Jordan, 50th AAFF award winner Charlotte Pryce, Nicky Hamlyn and Naoko Tasaka. Friday's The Animated Films in Competition program presents over a dozen new short animated films from around the world. Films in Competition 5 features North American premieres of new works by Ana Vaz and Stephen Connolly, a new film by Ben Rivers and a restored print of the United States of America, a 1976 masterpiece by Bette Gordon and James Benning.

Saturday's Films in Competition 6 features 50th AAFF juror Michael Robinson's latest film Circle in the Sandalongside Chicago filmmaker Lori Felker, Jesse McLean and London-based James Lowne. Sunday, Films in Competition 9 will play in the late morning and feature engaging new experimental and animated films including Lili Carré's Like a Lantern, Dear Pluto by Joanna Priestley and Jodie Mack's Blanket Statement #1: Home is Where the Heart Is.

For a full list of all festival events and to purchase tickets, visit [www.aafilmfest.org/51](http://www.aafilmfest.org/51).

**Conversation Station** 5 p.m. Discussion group with facilitator. LGBTQ (and allies) 35 and over - join GOAL each week for discussion, food and fun. Topic: What magazine cover would you like to show up on the cover and what would the headline be? Get Out And Live!, 714 S. Washington St., **Royal Oak**. 248-981-4227. GetOutAndLive.me

### Monday, March 25

**It's Not Just Social: Using Social Media in the Job Search** 1 p.m. Savvy job seekers know that social media is a powerful tool for the job search. Discover how you can use your favorite social tools to build a network, promote your personal brand, and get access to great career opportunities. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. GoAffirmations.org

**One Voice Chorus** 7 p.m. LGBT Choral group. Meets every Monday. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. GoAffirmations.org

**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

**LGBTG Gender Explorers Group** 8 p.m. Meets the second and fourth Mondays of every month. Spectrum Center, 3200 Michigan Union, 530 S. State St., **Ann Arbor**. Pajehou@med.umich.edu

**Tuesday, March 26**  
**Gay Business Networking** 8 a.m. Networking for LGBT business owners and professionals. Every fourth Tuesday

of the month. Get Out And Live!, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. GetOutAndLive.me

**SWEAT** 6 p.m. A weekly support/social group to encourage those of us who need to achieve wellness and or weight loss. The Network, 343 Atlas Ave. SE, **Grand Rapids**. 616-458-3511. Grlgbrt.org/calendar/

**Transgender Life Support** 7 p.m. Offering support, education, resources and a social structure for Transgender individuals. Facilitated by Arlene Kish, Lorraine Brown, Jessica Manko, Tracy Hoover, Marty Howland and Colt F. McIssac. Affirmations,

Gail@dedicatedtomakeachange.com  
Dedicatedtomakeachange.com

**PL.U.S. Youth Group** 9 p.m. For Middle and High school age youth who enjoy socializing with people their own age, going through the same issues as they. Meets every Wednesday. The Lesbian and Gay Community Network, 343 Atlas Ave. SE, **Grand Rapids**. 616-458-3511. Grlgbrt.org/calendar/

### Thursday, March 28

**Free HIV Testing** 5 p.m. Free, anonymous HIV testing is available at S3 Safe Sex Store every other Thursday until 9 p.m. Testing is performed by HARC staff. Call to schedule an appointment, but walk-ins are more than welcome. S3 Safe Sex Store and HIV/AIDS Resource Center, 1209 S. University, **Ann Arbor**. 734-741-1434.

## Keeping Abreast Of The Oscars

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- Highland headgear
- 2013 Oscars Host
- City of "The Bird Cage"
- Asian prefix
- Keystone figure
- Queer, literally
- Forego sleep
- Stats from "A League of Their Own"
- Jogs
- Los Angeles group that sang with 20-Across
- "Brokeback Mountain" setting
- Practice for a boxing match
- Mapplethorpe often shot them
- Home of the "Jailhouse Rock" star
- Cold war prog.
- Red-ink figure

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- Tape over
- Piece of Aaron Copland
- Wrist bone
- Mature, as fruit
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- One side of Ed Wood
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- Gambling game for drawers
- It may come at the end of a love letter
- Right to the ass
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- Beach's partner Monnier
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- They scatter their seed afar
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- Trial copies
- Much ado about nothing
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## Editor's Pick

Be swept away by love in the romantic-comedy "Almost, Maine" appearing through March 23 at St. Dunstan's Guild of Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills. In this endearing play, writer John Cariani introduces us to the people of northern Maine, their life experiences, their feelings and their love stories. As the northern lights hover in the sky, the residents of Almost, Maine find themselves

falling in and out of love in unexpected and hilarious ways. The play consists of nine vignettes, all of which take place simultaneously on a snowy mid-winter evening, at a time when the town's denizens are experiencing "magical moments." The audience will recognize aspects of their own lives and relationships as the scenes unfold.

Performances are at 8 p.m. March 22-23. St. Dunstan's Guild is located at 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills.

Tickets are \$18-\$20. For tickets or information, call 888-71-TICKETS.

## Happenings

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**James Choir** with string quartet Fleur de Lys. Freewill offering. St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple, Birmingham. 4 p.m. March 24. 248-644-0820. Stjamesbirmingham.org

## CONCERTS

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**Kerrytown Concert House** "University of Michigan Creative Arts Orchestra" Tickets: \$5-25. Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. March 30. 734-763-4186. Kerrytownconcerthouse.com

**Olympia Entertainment** "Easter Jazz Spectacular" George Duke and Stanley Clark reunite to celebrate with Boney James and Incognito featuring Maysa Leak and Najee. Tickets: \$45.50-85.50. Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. March 30. 313-471-6611. Olympiaentertainment.com

**The Ark** "Suzanne Westenhoefer" Tickets: \$26. The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. March 29. 734-761-1800. TheArk.org

**The Majestic** "Stars" Over the course of more than a decade together, Stars have consistently proven themselves adept at producing incisively sharp, beautifully orchestrated pop music. Their music has been described as "breath-takingly effervescent." Tickets: \$20. Majestic Theatre, 4120-4140 Woodward Ave, Detroit. 8 p.m. March 22. MajesticDetroit.com

## THEATER

**CIVIC/COMMUNITY THEATER**  
**Almost, Maine!** \$18-20. St. Dunstan's

Theatre Guild of Cranbrook, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Through March 23. 1-888-71-TICKETS. StDunstansTheatre.com

**Compulsion, or the House Behind** \$10-15. Peppermint Creek Theatre Company, Miller Performing Arts Center, 6025 Curry Lane, Lansing. March 21 - 24. 517-372-0945. PeppermintCreek.org

**My First Time** \$10. Fancy Pants Theater at Studio 246, 246 N. Kalamazoo Mall, Kalamazoo. Through March 24. 269-599-6437.

**The 39 Steps** \$8-14. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Dr., Lansing. Through March 24. 517-482-5700. Riverwalktheatre.com

## COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY THEATER

**Dead Man's Cell Phone** \$8-14. Oakland University Theatre at Varner Studio Theatre, Varner Hall, Rochester. Through March 24. 248-370-2030. Oakland.edu/Theatreseason

**The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later** \$5-10. Lansing Community College at Dart Auditorium, 500 N. Capitol Avenue, Lansing. Through March 23. 517-372-0945. http://lcc.edu/cma/events/

**Time Stands Still** \$10. The Studio Theatre Downstairs at the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Avenue, Detroit. March 28 - April 6. 313-577-2972. Wayne.edu

## PROFESSIONAL

**33 Variations** March 28-30 & April 3-4 (\$22-32). \$18.50-42. The Purple Rose Theatre Company, 137 Park St., Chelsea. March 28 - June 1. PurpleRoseTheatre.org

**Action Sports News** \$20; \$10 March 26 only. Planet Ant Theatre, 2357 Caniff St., Hamtramck. Through March 30. 313-365-4948. planetant.com

**Detroit** \$12-\$30. Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. Through April 5. 313-

577-2972. hilberry.com

**Dreamtigers** \$5-10. PuppetART at Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River Ave., Detroit. Through March 23. 313-961-7777. PuppetArt.org

**Ella Mentry and the Case of the Missing Scientist** \$10 adult, \$7 child. Performance Network Theatre, 120 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor. 1 p.m. March 23. 734-663-0696. PerformanceNetwork.org

**Good People** \$27-41. Performance Network Theatre, 120 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor. Through April 7. 734-663-0681. PerformanceNetwork.org

**How The Other Half Loves** \$18. Broadway Onstage, 21517 Kelly Road, Eastpointe. Through March 23. 586-771-6333. BroadwayOnStage.com

**Land Me A Tenor** Previews March 28 (\$18), \$25-32. The Encore Musical Theatre Company, 3126 Broad St., Dexter. March 28 - April 20. 734-268-6200. TheEncoreTheatre.org

**Of Mice and Men** \$42. Wharton Center for the Performing Arts, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. March 22 - 23. 800-WHARTON. WhartonCenter.com

**Peter Rabbit** \$12 adults, \$8 youth and seniors. Wild Swan Theater at Towsley Auditorium, Morris Lawrence Building, 4800 E. Huron Dr., Ann Arbor. March 21 - 23. 734-995-0530. WildSwanTheatre.org

**Phoenix** \$20. Matrix Theatre Company, 2730 Bagley, Detroit. Through March 24. 313-967-0999. matrixtheatre.org

**Rain** \$29.50-49.50. Wharton Center for the Performing Arts, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 8 p.m. March 29. 800-WHARTON. WhartonCenter.com

**The Book of Mormon** \$49+. Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit. Through March 24. 313-872-1000. BroadwayinDetroit.com

**The Fantasticks** \$22-24. The Box Theater, 90 Macomb Place, Mount Clemens. Through March 30. 586-954-2677. TheBoxTheater.com

**The Vagina Monologues** \$15. Shawn P. Entertainment at International Institute, 111 E. Kirby Ave., Detroit. 6 p.m. March 24. 313-433-8384. Brownpapertickets.com

## ART 'N' AROUND

**Ann Arbor Art Center** "Graphically Speaking: Recent Work By Frank Jones Fisher" 117 W. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. March 8 - April 7. AnnArborArtCenter.org

**Charles H. Wright Museum** "Visions of Our 44th President" 315 E. Warren, Detroit. Dec. 1 - April 30. 313-494-5853. TheWright.org

**Cranbrook Art Museum** "From Here to There: Alec Soth's America" 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. 877-462-7262. CranbrookArtMuseum.org

**Detroit Institute of Arts** "Motor City Muse: Detroit Photographs, Then and Now" 2100 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Jan. 1 - June 16. 313-833-7900. DIA.org

**Flint Institute of Arts** "Around the World with 80 Objects" 1120 E. Kearsley St., Flint. Jan. 1 - June 30. Flintarts.org

**Hot Works, LLC** "11th Annual Orchard Lake Fine Art & Craft Show" 6668 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. March 27 - July 26. 248-684-2613. Hotworks.org

**Motown Museum** "Girl Groups: The Grit, The Glamour, The Glory" 2648 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit. March 1 - April 30. 313-875-2264. MotownMuseum.org

**Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit** "Voice of the City" 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Dec. 1 - March 31. 313-832-6622. MOCADetroit.org

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# The Lollipop Kid



## Dating Diet

BY ANTHONY PAULL

“We need to stop at the Sugar Shop,” I tell Greg. Meeting in Vegas for the weekend, we’re ready for a night of dancing and debauchery when he reveals that he’s been having a hard time nailing his hotel roommate. The two have a hush-hush hookup history, but that was long ago. Their once sordid love affair has all but turned into a casual friendship with occasional flirting. “Then why are you two sharing a bed?”

“Because I’m testing the waters,” Greg says, sauntering along the strip in cowboy boots. “I decided Vegas would be the perfect place to put myself out there, but he needs to make the first move so I can blame him when it all goes to shit.” We take the thousandth flight of stairs into the thousandth mall for the day but he doesn’t complain. He likes the way it tightens his butt. “I want the cock... his cock! Do I have to spell it out for him?”

“Some men need a prompt,” I advise, heading into the Sugar Shop, where I purchase a red lollipop in the shape of a gaming die. “Try this,” I say, handing it to him. “It’s a no-brainer. He’ll be tired from gambling when he comes home. He’ll be drunk, horny... unguarded. And you’ll be on the bed casually licking an innocent lollipop. Taking it in ever so gently.”

He eyes me dully. “A little obvious, isn’t it?” I push him to the outside, where colors and light sparkle in a fountain, reflecting on a billboard for the Bellagio Hotel. “Get over it. Sometimes obvious is all a gay boy has,” I tell him. “Besides, it can be a great tool, especially when defenses are down. Now, let’s talk about positioning.”

“Positioning? This is too complicated,” he protests, as a woman in a dirt-stained Hello Kitty costume panhandles nearby, causing him to contemplate. “Do you think Hello Kitty has these problems?”

“Hello Kitty has a lot of problems, beginning with hygiene. My God. I can’t believe people let their kids near that thing. The prostitutes in this city are cleaner.” I steer him to the other

side of the sidewalk, beyond the men dressed like Superman and Iron Man. “Now, again, think positioning. You need to be ass up on the bed when he comes home. And make sure you’re wearing slinky undies.”

“OK. Ass up. Slinky undies. Lollipop,” he agrees. “Got it.”

He’s primed, ready and lubed for action ‘til the next morning when I get a frantic phone call. Things didn’t go according to plan. He awoke with the ability to sit without pain. He didn’t get butt-punched and he isn’t happy. He meets me at the casino. “I did everything you told me,” he says.

“Lollipop?”  
“Yes.”  
“Sucking gently?”  
“Yes.”  
“What about the slinky undies?”  
“Boxer briefs.”

“Boxer briefs!!!!?”  
“Nothing else was clean.”

“Well, no wonder he wouldn’t fuck you. Nothing says ‘I’m going to bed’ like boxer briefs. You might as well have shit on the floor.”

Upset, he puts a quarter into a slot machine and pulls the handle. “So much for waking up in Vegas. That Katy Perry song made it sound so fun.”

Things only get worse later that night when Greg’s man begins flirting at the casino with some random guy. The incident leads to an argument, which Greg calls a heart-to-heart conversation. It’s more entertaining than the Celine Dion show ‘til the two begin rehashing all that went wrong the first time they fucked. Then it plays out like the Titanic. We’re all sinking. And I’m the bastard for taking the only life preserver, returning to my room.

“I can’t believe you left me,” Greg says, sunbathing at the pool the next day. “It’s your fault this started. We were up all night.” He rolls his eyes. “Talking.”

I sigh. “I don’t get it. You must be the only person alive who can’t get laid in Vegas.”

“I know. It’s pathetic,” he admits, sipping a red cocktail. “But I tried everything.”

I roll over to allow the sun on my back, thinking how many times have I heard this, from how many friends? He never calls me. He doesn’t seem interested. He doesn’t give me enough attention. Why won’t he fuck me? At some point in every friendship there comes a time when someone starts drowning. It takes tough love to air the truth.

“Well, you know what they say in Vegas. When you’re down on your luck...” I give him a wink, tossing him a pocket vibrator. “Try another machine.”

“Well, no wonder he wouldn’t fuck you. Nothing says ‘I’m going to bed’ like boxer briefs. You might as well have shit on the floor.”

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**4/4 Darius Milhaud's Oresteia of Aeschylus**  
*L'Agamemnon, Les Choéphores, Les Euménides*  
Thursday, April 4, 2013, 7:30 pm  
Hill Auditorium

A co-production of UMS and the U-M School of Music, Theatre & Dance To celebrate Hill Auditorium's centenary, UMS and the U-M School of Music, Theatre & Dance present Darius Milhaud's work for orchestra, choir, percussion ensemble, and soloists. Featuring over 400 performers, this rarely-performed work is a massive, musical interpretation of the Greek drama by Aeschylus.

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**4/6 Esperanza Spalding Radio Music Society**  
Saturday, April 6, 8 pm  
Michigan Theater

Esperanza Spalding returns to Ann Arbor with music from her new album, *Radio Music Society*, winner of the 2012 Grammy for Best Jazz Vocal Album.

"Whether exploding into vocalese or making her bass solo sound like a horn, she's a spark plug who dances as she grooves through a funk-ed-up and rocked-w/out repertoire" (*Billboard*)

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**4/12 Takács Quartet**  
Alan Gilbert, conductor  
Jan Vogler, cello [Sunday]  
Friday, April 12, 2013, 8:00 pm  
Rackham Auditorium

Recognized as one of the world's great ensembles, the Takács Quartet plays with a unique blend of drama, warmth, and humor, combining four distinct musical personalities to bring fresh insights to the string quartet repertoire. They return for their 16th UMS performance since 1984 and their first since their terrific three-concert Schubert series two years ago. "Every time one is blown away by the rightness and freshness of everything they do." (*The Guardian*)

**Program:**  
Haydn Quartet in B-flat Major, Op. 76, No. 4 ("Sunrise") (1796-97)  
Britten Quartet No. 3 in G Major, Op. 94 (1975)  
Beethoven Quartet in c-sharp minor, Op. 131 (1825)

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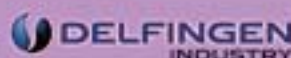
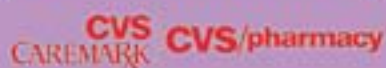
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