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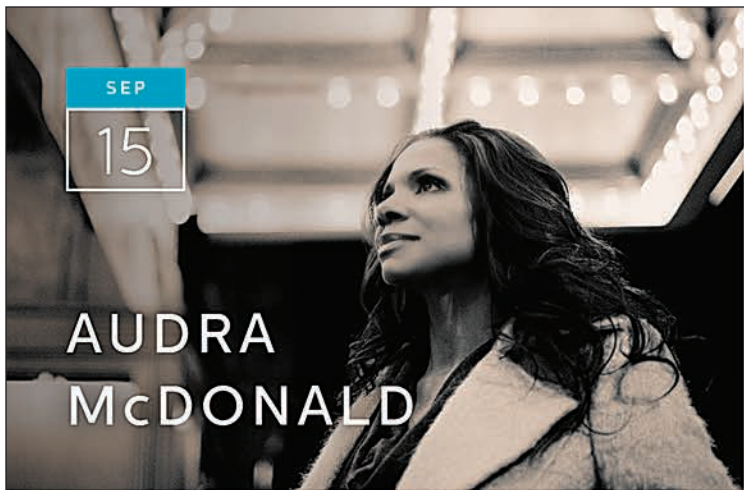
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U.S. Representative Sander Levin, D-Royal Oak, addresses Shore-2-Shore riders on Sept. 4 at Affirmations Community Center in Ferndale. BTL photos Crystal Proxmire.

First Shore-2-Shore Bike Ride Raises Awareness For LGBT Equality Across Michigan

BY CRYSTAL PROXMIRE

For four days the riders of the Shore-2-Shore Equality Ride pedaled their way across the state, riding from Affirmations Community Center in Ferndale to Camp It in Fenville to raise money for LGBT community centers and to raise awareness about the need for equality and acceptance. Cycling over 200 miles, they burned a lot of calories, learned a lot from each other, and promoted diversity in ways they had not even expected.

Wednesday

The ride kicked off on Sept. 4 in the morning, with a gathering at Affirmations attended by U.S. Representative Sander Levin who stopped by to wish the nine riders luck. Comerica Bank executives were also on hand, enjoying

the opportunity to meet the riders they were supporting as a sponsor.

Regional Vice President of Comerica Jim Lafiago, shared his sentiments about why their bank became a presenting sponsor and why they set up welcome stations in places where the bike route was near their branches.

"Diversity is one of our key components that helped Comerica grow and be successful. We have a lot of programs that promote diversity within our group, diversity roundtables, through our diversity initiatives where we look for women, disabled veterans, or LGBT suppliers to us, to purchase our supplies and goods," he said. "Comerica is very proud to support the Michigan LGBT community centers, obviously Affirmations and the Jim Toy Center. We take a lot of pride in being involved with this today."

Affirmations Executive Director Dave Garcia explained the impetus for the ride.

"You can be fired for being gay," he said. "You can be fired for being perceived to be gay. You can be denied housing. You can be denied public accommodations. We cannot get married. We can't even jointly adopt with our partners that we love. And so a lot of people that I talk to out there, they're like 'no, that can't be true. You can't be fired for being gay.' They don't even realize that it's happening, that it can happen, and that it legally can happen. And so events like this give us an opportunity, just like right now, to talk to folks and remind them and to say that, yes, it does happen in our state."

Volunteers rode in vans to provide

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- Affirmations Executive Director, Dave Garcia

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support for the riders and transport their gear. Victor Walker was among them. “The main reason I wanted to be a part of the ride was because I wanted more racial diversity on the ride. Some people feel left out and think ‘white’ when they think of the movement toward LGBT rights. Equality is for everyone and I wanted more people to see that and feel like they can be included,” Walker said.

The riders who came along were of different ages, backgrounds, colors, and abilities. Some came from Ann Arbor to start off with the group. Some joined in later in the ride. Others just did day trips. Before they left they shared their reasons for riding. Bobby Tenorio of Ann Arbor said he was riding because his boyfriend was still in the closet. Deb Hol of Ferndale rode in honor of transgender people and those who are unable to ride bikes due to disabilities.

And beyond the obvious motive of wanting to promote equality, riders like Linda Brincat of Southfield and Theresa Brodoski of Ferndale rode because they wanted a challenge.

Brincat, who runs an LGBT meetup site GOAL (Get Out and Live) said she hopes the event will take off next year. “There are so many people in our community that are into riding,” she said. “There should be more of us coming out next year to do this.”

Tagging along for the first day, making sure riders made it safely from Ferndale to Ann Arbor, was Ron Schmidt of Fraser Bicycle. He checked the bicycles for safety and met riders at various points along the route to make sure things were okay.

Riders were greeted with a party when they arrived in Ann Arbor. Braun Court had tables full of supporters, and food from the Aut Bar to feed the hungry riders. Representatives from the Jim Toy Center and Comerica mingled with them and made them feel welcome.

Coincidentally just a block away the Washtenaw County Commission was taking a vote on whether to expand their county-wide human rights ordinance to include transgender individuals, so some of the riders went over there to join the packed chambers to show their support.

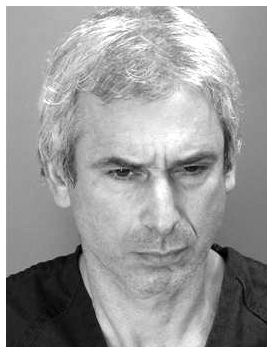
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Volunteer Victor Walker and Regional Vice President of Comerica Jim Lafiago. Walker was one of several volunteers who rode in vans with supplies and food for the riders. Lafiago said Comerica's commitment to diversity was one of the bank's core components helping it grow.

BIRMINGHAM

Former Mayor Faces Drug Charges



Former Birmingham Mayor Seth Chafetz has been charged with possession of ecstasy and methphetamines according and was arraigned on Aug. 28 according to an article in The Daily Tribune.

The 53-year-old gay male served on Birmingham's city commission and was appointed as the city's first openly gay Mayor for the last year of his term back in 2003. He was then unsuccessful at another commission run. At the time Chafetz told BTL he was disappointed that the LGBT community did not support him more.



Chafetz's roommate, Brian Brook, 40, of Ferndale, is at large and believed to have fled to the West Coast according to the article.

The men were the target of a sting operation at their Bloomfield Township home after Oakland

Top Former Birmingham Mayor Seth Chafetz after his arrest Aug. 28. Below is then Mayor Seth Chafetz, the city's first appointed gay Mayor.

County's Narcotics Enforcement Team got a tip that the men were selling meth - a recreational drug known for being highly addictive.

"After further investigation and obtaining a search warrant, NET investigators arrested the pair and seized almost four grams of meth, a gram of marijuana, several syringes, cash and other documents from the home," the article states.

Chafetz was charged in the 48th District Court and will be in court again on Sept. 23 for a preliminary exam.

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Legislators Seek Roadblocks To Stop Gays From Adopting

BY CRYSTAL PROXMIRE

Republicans in Lansing are preparing to discuss the possibility for legalizing discrimination against LGBT people who want to adopt children. If passed, House Bills 4927 and 4928 would give adoption agencies the ability to deny an adoption placement based on that agency's "moral or religious beliefs."

The "religious exemption" tactic has been tied to legislative attempts in the past, including laws about bullying, healthcare, contraception and counseling.

On Sept. 11 the House Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors is expected to hear the bills that would give adoption agencies a legal avenue to discriminate. The bills would also protect the ability for anti-gay agencies to continue receiving government funding.

"It's sad to think that with all of major issues Michigan faces that our legislature is pushing for 'protections' that will further restrict adoption. If this bill goes further than just wasting our legislature's time; it has potential to stop adoptive parents from seeking out agencies that chose not to discriminate. Unfortunately, I have heard of instances where parents were discouraged from adoption by agencies that were not interested in them for vague reasons. Since these potential parents are focused on having children there is little probability that the agency will be reported. Luckily, in Michigan, there are lots of great adoption

agencies that support GLBT, single parent and interracial adoption," said Julia Music, founder of Ferndale Adoption Network.

Equality Michigan's Managing Director Emily Dievendorf remains vigilant in tracking when anti-LGBT bills are introduced and heard. The organization is urging people to get involved, with information on how to do so on their website action.equalitymi.org.

"A license to discriminate is destructive and unethical. With 14,000 children in Michigan's foster care system at any one time and at least 3,000 in our foster care system actively seeking a safe home to prosper in, our focus should be on cultivating stable environments to raise these children. We should not be turning away capable and willing families eager to love and support a child in need. The strength of one's convictions is not justification in and of itself for any action - and it is a despicable excuse for damaging another human being," said Dievendorf.

She added, "Representatives Kurtz and LaFontaine are, again, wasting our money on bills which do nothing to help the 14,000 children residing in foster care in Michigan. Anyone who stands between a child and the loving and capable family they so desperately need is not focusing on solutions, but instead adding to the problems of these young people. We can do better at caring for our most vulnerable, and we owe it to these children and to Michigan to spend more time trying."

Adoption in Michigan is already a complicated matter, as the state does not allow second parent adoption. This means that only a married man and woman are permitted to adopt a child together. Individuals, regardless of their relationship status or sexual orientation, are also permitted to adopt. But couples who are not legally married in Michigan cannot. There are thousands of cases across the state where an adopted child has two loving parents in the home, but only one of them has legal parental rights. The other is a stranger in the eyes of the state.

In at least 20 states children can be adopted by two parents, regardless of the parents' gender. Yet across the country there are still approximately two million children being raised by LGBT people who do not have legal parental rights.

Michigan could move toward allowing second parent adoption, with the most immediate hope being placed on a Hazel Park lesbian couple and their lawsuit. Jayne Rowse and April DeBoer have sued Oakland County and the State of Michigan to allow them to adopt each other's children. The judge in that case could rule as early as October, though there is expected to be a higher court appeal. If this case is successful, a religious exemption clause can still prevent same gender couples from jointly adopting.

For more information go to action.equalitymi.org and www.facebook.com/groups/112375997645.

Kalamazoo's Zach Bauer Selected as Arcus Leader

BY CRYSTAL PROXMIRE

The Arcus Foundation has started a nation-wide leadership training program called Arcus LGBT Leadership Initiative, and one of Michigan's community leaders has been chosen to take part. Zach Bauer, executive director of the Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center is among the twelve who were selected to receive special training and support to help advance LGBT rights. There were over 80 applicants to the program

ALLI will provide a suite of resources to support this group's ability to reach out to key partners, build effective alliances and develop their professional expertise. The initiative is part of the Foundation's commitment to advance the strength, diversity and effectiveness of U.S. social

justice leadership.

They will be placed in a mentorship and peer networking system, go on a goal-setting retreat, and develop an ongoing network of support.

Bauer has managed KGLRC for just under two years, bringing youthful energy to the center. His focus has been on building collaborations within the Kalamazoo community and among community centers throughout Michigan as part of the Community Center Network. He helped secure new sponsorships for Kalamazoo Pride, and has done youth mentoring.

Also chosen for the Arcus program was Wade Davis, an 'out' former NFL player who recently visited Michigan to be part of the Equality Michigan dinner. B. Cole of the Brown Boi Project has also toured the country with a stop in Detroit to talk about

transgender men of color.

ALLI participants chosen were: Zachary Bauer, E.D., Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center; B. Cole, E.D., Brown Boi Project; Wade Davis, E.D., You Can Play Project; Ted Farley, E.D., It Gets Better Project; Christopher Paige, E.D., Interfaith Working Group (Transfaith); Malika Redmond, E.D., SPARK Reproductive Justice NOW; Andrea Ritchie, Co-Coordinator, Streetwise and Safe; Chris Sgro, E.D., Equality NC; Felipe Sousa-Rodriguez, Co-Director, GetEQUAL; Joseph Ward, Director & Editor, Believe Out Loud; and Monna Wong, E.D., API Equality Northern California.

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Thursday

After a relaxing night at the Campus Inn, riders were welcomed into the Bethlehem United Church of Christ, where Pastor Greg and his volunteers had a homecooked meal waiting for them. "We've never had a bike group come through before, but it's a great idea," Pastor Greg said. "We're glad to see people doing this kind of thing."

From there the group rode on another 53 miles, passing just south of Jackson, to Swain's campground in Concord. Along the way they saw plenty of trees and creeks, and made their way up and down plenty of hilly terrain. The night was spent camping beneath stars and sharing their feelings around a campfire.

A couple of people, less accustomed to the wild, were startled by an opossum. And another was saddened at having hit a chipmunk that ran under her bike tire. But beyond that, there were no other wildlife-related incidents on the trip.

Friday

Friday was the longest day, with a 59 mile ride from camp into Kalamazoo. The day started with breakfast at the Concord Café, where one rider struck up conversation with folks at a neighboring booth, sharing the purpose of the ride. "Once I knew they were friendly I told them about it," Holbrook said. "They were really supportive and said that they had gay friends." Along the ride similar conversations happened naturally as people inquired about the bicyclists' and their trips.

"I think the best part is letting random people know who we are," Tenorio said. "It's nice seeing the people from the Jim Toy Center and stuff, but it's when you talk to people out in the red counties that you don't know how they're going to react that it's making more of a difference. Giving them something to talk about."

Friday ended with a rendezvous at Disciples of Christ Church in Kalamazoo where they

were hosted by both the church and another congregation that meets there called Phoenix. Pastor Ruth Moerdyk of Disciples, and members of Phoenix Jim Shoud and Fran Fornoffa shared a homecooked meal, complete with an assortment of delicious fruit pies and homemade caramels, and opened up the church for the campers to sleep overnight.

Saturday

The final stretch of the journey was an easier 46.6 miles, mostly along a picturesque trail through the woods. At the end was Camp It, a campground that caters to LGBT people



Riders Bobby Tenorio of Ann Arbor and Linda Brincat taking a break on the 200 mile route. Brincat will be helping interested individuals who want to train for next year's bike event. See her website Get Out and Live (GOAL) to learn more. Tenorio is riding because his partner is in the closet. BTL photos Crystal Proxmire

and allies. The riders were met by dozens of campers ready with food, drinks and an atmosphere of celebration. The financial totals are not in yet, but organizers consider the event a successful pilot for future, larger rides.

Next year the Shore-2-Shore Equality Ride will take place the last week of June. Garcia said he hopes to see it grow to be a large ride, similar to ones in major cities that attract thousands of riders and raise millions of dollars.

"I think this was an amazing idea, a great way to raise awareness," Tenorio said. "After I learned what this trip was about I started telling people. Not a lot of people know that you can still be fired for being gay. Crazy! As Dora put it from Finding Nemo... 'just keep swimming,' or in our case peddling."

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Battle Creek Becomes Municipality Number 26, Passes Human Rights Ordinance

Sea Of Blue Shirts Cheers City Commission 8-1 Vote

BY CRYSTAL A. PROXMIRE

Organizers of the One Battle Creek wanted “a sea of blue shirts” in the audience for the Sept. 3 City Commission meeting to let elected officials know about support for their proposed human rights ordinance. After a contentious meeting last month with supporters and dissenters speaking, Larry Dillon of Battle Creek Pride simply asked that those who supported protections for LGBT people in housing and employment to stand. Dozens did. And the Commission responded.

The Commission voted 8-1 to adopt the ordinance, with only Vice Mayor Elizabeth Fulton in opposition. “I don’t think it’s the government’s role,” Fulton said. “We have to start with each and every one of us. We have to change our hearts. Government shouldn’t tell you how to feel. That’s your job to make that decision... If we don’t change our hearts, discrimination is going to continue whether there is a law or not.”

Among those speaking in favor of the ordinance was One Battle Creek Chair Charlie Fulbright, who presented signatures of 1,100 people who supported the ordinance at the last Commission meeting. “This human rights ordinance is a necessity to the growth and equality for all in Battle Creek. Regardless of personal religion or philosophical beliefs, the issue at hand is equality in housing and employment for all in Battle Creek. We have many supporters that are in each of your wards that want each of you to support this human rights ordinance,” he said. Fulbright added, “I can’t be fired for being black, but I can be fired for being gay. That doesn’t make any sense to me.” He also quoted John F. Kennedy



“I can’t be fired for being black, but I can be fired for being gay. That doesn’t make any sense to me.”

- One Battle Creek Chair
Charlie Fulbright



Among those speaking in favor of the ordinance was One Battle Creek Chair Charlie Fulbright top, who presented signatures of 1,100 people who supported the ordinance at the last Commission meeting. The City Commission voted 8-1 for the human rights ordinance on Sept. 3.

stating, “The rights of every man are diminished when the rights of one man are threatened.”

A young lady named Abbey Flora spoke as well. “It’s immoral that somebody is treated differently just because of their sexual orientation and gender identity,” she said. “It’s your job to take our voices and make this city great and it’s the political system’s job to protect us.”

Kate Florez of Voices in Spanish said that her organization “strongly stands in support of promoting inclusion and equal opportunity for all.”

Dillon called out fellow supporters saying, “In the LGBT world we have a saying. Because we have been under a

lot of stress in society we feel that we share a common bond and therefore we are one family and our allies have joined that family. So we feel very strongly as kindred brothers and sisters... There are a lot of people inside of this who have not been able to stand up and say we are gay or we are lesbian. There might be retribution visited on them. For me, a couple of years ago that would have been true.”

The decision makes Battle Creek the 26th municipality to adopt such an ordinance. At press time BTL learned that the city of Linden in Genesee County had become the 27th municipality in the state to pass a human rights ordinance.

Other cities include Kalamazoo, Ann Arbor, Ferndale, Detroit, and Muskegon. The ordinances not only protect people in those cities, but they help show legislators at the state level that there is support for making Michigan’s nondiscrimination statute inclusive of LGBT people.

Royal Oak’s ordinance is currently in limbo, with the matter going to a public vote in November. One Royal Oak is looking for support in that fight.

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Vt. Gay Couples In Legal Clear After DOMA Ruling

BY DAVE GRAM

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) – Two same-sex married couples in Vermont are celebrating their new immigration status after a U.S. Supreme Court ruling cleared the way for the foreign-born spouse in each to gain legal residency in the country.

“It is so amazing the position we are in today,” said Peru-born Christian Pinillos, who got his green card from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services this past week. “Sometimes I feel like we’re living in a dream. We’ve been waiting so long for this. It’s been eight years we’ve been together.”

Pinillos and his spouse, Jason Kirchick, of Stowe, and Japan-born Takako Ueda and Frances Herbert, of Dummerston, were interviewed in August at the St. Albans office of CIS, and both couples were given strong indications they would be approved to live in the United States as binational married couples.

The decisions came about two months after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the section of the Defense of Marriage Act that denied federal benefits to same-sex spouses.

The worries of Pinillos and Kirchick, both 32, were heightened this past winter when the ski lodge where they worked ran into financial trouble and it appeared both would lose their jobs. Pinillos was in the U.S. on a work visa and feared that a job loss would cause him to lose his legal status and that federal authorities would demand he leave the country.

Ueda did get such a demand in December 2011, a few months after the student visa she had been relying on expired. She later got a deferral of deportation but remained in legal limbo until the federal court decision.

Also hailing the development were Vermont’s U.S. senators and lone congressman.

Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy was in the forefront of the fight, introducing his Uniting American Families Act to change federal policy on same-sex binational couples every year since 2003. Those efforts always were unsuccessful, including earlier this year, when he tried to include his legislation in a comprehensive immigration reform bill as it moved through the Senate.



Frances Herbert, right, and her wife, Takako Ueda, at their home in Dummerston. Dummerston’s Select Board is urging federal immigration authorities to allow Ueda to remain in town without a spousal green card. AP photo: Matthew Cavanaugh

“I know from years of working with them about the hardship and worry that has been part of their everyday lives. I share the great happiness they feel today.”

- Vermont Senator Sen. Patrick Leahy

Leahy, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, withdrew the measure in frustration after he failed to garner support for it from his fellow majority Democrats.

Weeks later, the Supreme Court decision made the change Leahy and the Vermont couples had sought.

Leahy called the news that Ueda and Pinillos had been given the green light to remain in the country “a joyful and long-awaited moment for these couples.”

In a statement issued by his office, he said, “I know from years of working

with them about the hardship and worry that has been part of their everyday lives. I share the great happiness they feel today.”

He added that many of the estimated 36,000 binational same-sex couples living in the U.S. had long been forced “to choose between the country they love and being with the one they love. This destructive policy was tearing families apart and forcing couples to make the heart-wrenching choice no American should have to make.”

Officials with CIS said they couldn’t say how many same-sex binational couples had received green cards since the June decision since the form couples fill out to sponsor their spouses makes no such designation.

Talking on speakerphone from their home, Ueda, 58, and Herbert, 52, said a huge burden was lifted from their shoulders when they got the call Tuesday that a green card was in the mail. Ever since Ueda’s visa expired, they had feared she could be arrested and deported.

Now, “Takako doesn’t have to have a heart attack every time she sees the police,” Herbert said with a laugh.

Ueda added, “To release that kind of energy is a tremendous - ah! - relief.”

Gay Rights Backers Begin Marriage Campaign In Ohio

BY ANN SANNER

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) – Gay rights supporters said Monday that they plan to build support for same-sex marriage in Ohio, while remaining separate from a ballot effort to overturn the state's gay marriage ban next year.

Backers of the issue are split over when to put a constitutional amendment before voters in the perennial presidential swing state.

The group FreedomOhio is seeking to repeal and replace Ohio's prohibition on gay marriage by amending the state constitution to allow two consenting adults to marry regardless of gender. The proposal also wouldn't require churches and other religious institutions to perform or recognize a marriage.

Supporters of the replacement amendment have been circulating petitions for more than a year. They need more than 385,000 valid signatures by next July to get the issue before voters in November 2014.

An April poll by Quinnipiac University found that 48 percent of Ohioans support same-sex marriage, while 44 percent said they were opposed. The phone survey of 1,138 registered voters was taken April 10-15 and had a sampling error margin of plus or minus 2.9 percentage points.

Those numbers and other polls have indicated support is not strong enough yet, said Elyzabeth Holford, executive director for Equality Ohio.

Holford said her advocacy organization for gay, bisexual and transgender people will instead focus on voter education, along with the national group Freedom to Marry, the Human Rights Campaign Foundation and the

American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Ohio.

Ohio's ban on gay marriage was supported by 62 percent of voters in 2004.

The leader of a conservative group that promoted passage of the ban has said its backers began organizing last year and were prepared to defend the current amendment.

Equality Ohio and its coalition said Monday they would have robust campaign in support of same-sex marriage. They planned to share couples' stories through door-to-door canvassing and possibly paid advertisements.

"We have to get this message out," Holford said. "We have to change the numbers. We have to be a part of changing the hearts and the minds of Ohio."

The groups announced their separate campaign, called Why Marriage Matters Ohio, at events Monday in Columbus, Cincinnati and Cleveland. Holford declined to discuss the amount of financial support behind the effort.

Ian James, co-founder of FreedomOhio, welcomed the campaign. He said it would help voters become more aware of the issue.

"We're glad they're working in Ohio," James said in a telephone interview. "We think Ohio will be ready to go in November 2014, but there are still 14 months to work toward that end. And we're going to make every single day count."

Both FreedomOhio and the other advocates contend each has asked the other to get involved their initiatives.

"There will be an amendment on the ballot, the question is when," Holford said. "And when is when the time is right. And when the time is right in Ohio is when the numbers are good."

Lawsuit Claims Charleston Teacher Bullied Student

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) – A lawsuit against the Charleston County School District claims a high school teacher bullied a male student by repeatedly calling him gay, causing the student to attempt suicide.

The Post and Courier reports (<http://bit.ly/17FH9KG>) the boy's mother filed the suit Aug 30. Her attorney, Philip Hammond, declined to say why the teacher wasn't sued. A district spokesman declined to comment on pending litigation.

The lawsuit alleges the bullying began in April. The mother says the West Ashley High teacher repeatedly belittled her son in front of his classmates and encouraged other students to pick on him during class.

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"I've been doing the AIDS Walk for more than 12 yrs. I started while a student at UCLA and have never stopped. Finding out recently that one of my closest friends was HIV-positive brought to home the fact that the disease spares no one."
- Daniela, San Francisco

"[I walk in] honor of my Uncle James who passed away of AIDS nine years before I was born. I wish I could have met him, but this way I feel close to him."
- Liam, age 8

"I walk for my friends who are no longer here. I came out in 1987, and very quickly my closest friends were members of the drag community - most were drag queens. They helped me grow and learn and become who I was meant to be - and I could never forget them. Of all my friends, those mentors, I'd say 90 percent of are now gone, and that saddens me not only for my personal loss, but for our community as a whole."
- Kevin Cook, Seattle

"I walk to make a difference, to feel connected, to make noise. It's been over 20 years since I first tested HIV-positive. I've watched dear friends and acquaintances pass over the years. For me, however, walking is not about those lost - it's about tomorrow. I feel like we can truly change the course of this epidemic when we're all in it together."
- Michael K.

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"My brother passed away from AIDS in 1993. He was 31 years old. I don't think I really realized Richard was going to die until one day in the hospital. We were cleaning him up and I lifted his gown a bit and saw his leg. It was just so, so small."
Monique Apolinar, Denver

Thinking Out Loud



BY ABBY DEES

I often joke that I'm a professional gay. What I mean is that I have this-regular LGBT column, I've written a book on communication about LGBT issues, and I'm a host on IMRU, the longest continually running LGBT-themed radio show in the country. I'm totally out, obviously, and presumably just as proud. With a few small exceptions, my public life is totally queer.

Except that I still get kind of embarrassed to tell straight people about it. I'm quick to point out that it just happens that I'm doing all this gay-themed stuff and that I'd really like to stretch out a bit and write about other things that are important to me, like the history of free speech law, or the Beatles. So when I tell people, "I'm a professional gay," I'm saying it with a smile, a bit of irony, and absolutely no gravitas. I'm meaning, "I'm much more than a lesbian, really I am. I'm so chill about it that half the time I forget I'm gay. Please don't think I'm one of those people who can't get past it."

Ugh. Now I'm ashamed of being ashamed. As I sat down to write this week's column, I got stuck scrutinizing this knee-jerk embarrassment and questioning my sense of pride - or lack thereof. Instead of writing about anything worthwhile, I detoured into flagellating myself for being a hypocrite and a bad, bad lesbian. And having accomplished nothing, I gave up and tuned into a Law and Order: SVU rerun instead. (May I briefly observe that Law and Order is like the ramen noodle package in the back of your cupboard? You're hungry, nothing's in the fridge except salsa and limp celery, and suddenly ramen noodles seem palatable.) It was a ghastly episode from earlier this year, all about pathologically somber, bland-attired, tortured lesbians protesting the patriarchy and who only know how to be angry. Not a wisecracker or Olivia party cruise habitué in the bunch - if you don't count the unintentionally hilarious casting of Kathy Griffin as the closeted bisexual who hits on absolutely everyone she meets.

I shouldn't be surprised. These are some seriously ingrained old tropes, going all the

More Than Gay

The delicate balancing act of showing people that my life isn't totally defined by my sexual orientation

way back to the invention of media. I'm just amazed that no one whipped out a cigar and cracked a beer open with her teeth. While SVU researchers did somehow manage to dig out the apparently real existence of a small lesbian subgroup called "aggressives" (who knew? I didn't, though I'm guessing that SVU isn't really the best source of information on these badassesses), they completely missed the boat when it came to portraying your more typical lesbian: lesbians who are concerned about our state of affairs in society AND whose lives aren't completely ruled by this feeling. You know, three-dimensional people. We can even poke fun at ourselves. To wit: I'm a professional gay. It doesn't pay much, if you were curious.

This was the medicine I needed. I realized that I'm not ashamed of being gay at all. Nor am I ashamed of anything I've written about it either, except the occasional typo (look closely - there might be one right about here). I'm just always aware that of this entrenched idea out there that lesbians, by definition, have massive chips on our shoulders about

it, and therefore that our sexuality completely defines us.

Where I tripped up was by confusing the fact that my personal identity is a comprised of lots of parts - including being a lesbian, as well as being a word wonk, Beatles geek and a lawyer - with thinking I needed to downplay my fabulous lesbian self. By contrast, I don't feel inclined to downplay my word wonkiness because people don't have seriously messed up and destructive stereotypes about how word wonks only ever care about Scrabble or that Beatles nuts will try to convert your children (which I will indeed try to do if given the chance). But I shouldn't downplay any of it.

Sometimes, though, I admit that I feel ashamed about being a lawyer. Maybe it's time for the Good Wife to start again.

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Memento Mori Pt. 2



Parting Glances

OPINION BY CHARLES ALEXANDER

Though perhaps unspoken among gay men and doctors thirty years ago when the AIDS crisis started, the presumption of a death sentence was understood.

When the HIV-3 retrovirus was identified and infection modes publicized: unprotected oral and anal sex, drug usage, multiple partners, STDs, over reliance on therapeutic antibiotics, gay men were told if they tested positive it was time to get personal effects in order.

AZT was the first powerhouse drug offered, hopefully to extend life expectancy for a few precious months, perhaps a year, often just weeks. AZT was developed at Detroit's Cancer Center, used briefly for cancer patients but soon abandoned because of highly toxic side effects; iatrogenic pathologies that mirrored, or, some pharmacists maintained, caused all of the AIDS-related symptoms . . .

radical weight loss, pneumocystis pneumonia, purple lesions, dementia, low platelet counts . . .

AZT was the drug-of-choice. Take it or leave it! How many gay men died of doing just that is a legitimate question. In spite of the physician's Hippocratic Oath to "do no harm," AZT was scripted. (The chemist who invented AZT lived in the same Cultural Center apartment building where I lived for 24 years. He was gay, had an extensive classical music collection, frequently quarreled with his much younger partner.)

The stigma of being HIV positive or, dramatically worse, of exhibiting unmistakable AIDS symptoms like Kaposi sarcoma contributed to a mutual silence of shame among gay men. The Reagan White House saw the pandemic as unfortunately deserved. If gay men weren't so promiscuous they wouldn't be dying by the thousands.

(Hollywood name star Rock Hudson, who died of AIDS in 1985, was a personal friend of First Lady Nancy Reagan. Other prominent personalities who received "hush hush" treatment include attorney Roy Cohen and Liberace. They were deemed acceptable persons, even though they just might happen to be, well, er, you know, gay.)

For conservative politicians, AIDS was putting a dramatic end to the Gay Power Liberation Movement and in-America's-face leather militancy exhibited in places like San Francisco, New York, Chicago, cities with large gay populations. "AIDS will shove them back into the closet or, better still into an early grave!"

There is in currency an AIDS genocide conspiracy theory: that the retrovirus, or a lethal variant, was introduced during the mid-1970s hepatitis inoculation programs in the East and West coasts. Documentation for this alarming so-called "biowarfare" viewpoint can be read in "The Secret AIDS Genocide," by Alan Cantwell, M.D. Cantwell is himself gay. Equally controversial is his expose "Queer Blood."

(A recent meningitis inoculation program - "get inoculated before 2013 Pride Celebrations" - for New York and San Francisco gay men raises fear and concern among those who subscribe to AIDS conspiracy theories, such as those advocated by Dr. Cantwell.)

During the early decades of the AIDS crisis the government initiated little public support or funding. It wasn't until AIDS activists became loudly vocal, demanding, marching, staging sit-ins, that things changed. Gays, lesbians, straight allies took charge, developing education and testing programs, buddy one-on-one systems, safe-sex strategies, fund-raisers, shelters for AIDS care; and, importantly, offering loving support with requisite human dignity.

Memento mori. Lest we forget. Dare we?

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Creep of the Week

Ray Rooney Jr.

OPINION BY D'ANNE WITKOWSKI

When it comes to heterosexuals and homosexuals, there is a glaringly obvious difference between the two. And, no, it isn't that gay men are far more likely to do drag than straight men or that lesbians tend to populate drumming circles more than straight women.

Nope, the answer is: relationships. You see, heterosexuals form relationships with people. And homosexuals just have sex with them. This explains why when you go to a heterosexual couple's home there are frequently photos hung on the wall of the husband and wife, perhaps at their wedding, or maybe a casual snapshot of the two embracing.

However, if you go to a homosexual couple's house you'll see that, yes, they also have photos hung on the wall, but unlike the happy vacation photos their opposite-sex counterparts display, gays and lesbians only hang photos of genitalia on their walls. Dick pics and beaver shots plaster every available inch of wall space. Because gays and lesbians don't "love" other people, they just fuck them. And then snap a photo of their crotch suitable for framing.

Of course, few people outside of the homosexual coven know this closely guarded secret. And it may well have stayed hidden forever if it weren't for the bravery of intrepid American Family Association blogger Ray Rooney Jr.

On Sept. 6, the AFA website published a blog post by Rooney titled, "The Real Problem with Homosexuality" in which he tore the veil off of this sordid subject.

"What I find perverse about homosexuality is the insistence from the gay community that I should know about their sexual proclivities," Rooney wrote. "Normal people understand that sex is an extremely intimate and therefore private act. I would find it troubling, if not disgusting, for anyone to talk publicly about what kind of sex they like to practice. Normal people do not want to broadcast to the world the details of their sex lives. There is something wrong with those who want complete strangers to know who they like to have sex with."

In other words, homosexuals are icky because they just won't stop it with the sex talk already. It's as if poor

Rooney is trapped in a gay episode of *Taxi Cab Confessions*.

Keep in mind that Rooney's criteria for sexual disclosure does not apply to opposite-sex couples. A man can hold hands with a woman or display a photo of her and the child they created together on his desk at the office

“What I find perverse about homosexuality is the insistence from the gay community that I should know about their sexual proclivities.”

and no one accuses him of shoving his "sexual proclivities" down their throats.

But if you dare be public about your sexual orientation, then you are perverse, abnormal, disgusting, and have something wrong with you, according to Rooney.

"I believe homosexuality is wrong," Rooney continues. "But even though I believe I have good reasons for opposing homosexuality as a normative lifestyle based on science, medicine, and faith, that is not why I strongly oppose it. I believe anyone who insists everyone know what they do in their bedroom and with whom is perverse. Normal people do not define themselves solely on the basis of who they are sexually attracted to."

First of all, Rooney does not have real, actual science or medicine to back him up. But facts and the AFA have never really cared much for each other, so that's to be expected.

Secondly, the idea that "normal" people aren't defined "solely on the basis of whom they are sexually attracted to" is an interesting claim considering how strongly Rooney defends "traditional" (a.k.a. "one penis/one vagina") marriage. Under his own definition, he is flaunting his sexuality and is therefore a pervert.

Conveniently, Rooney ignores his argument's flawed logic, choosing, instead, to demonize gays and lesbians by reducing their relationships to some kind of perverted animal instinct. He does not see gays as human and so sees no reason to afford them some humanity. There is definitely something wrong with *him*.

Obama Meets With Russian Gay Rights Advocates

CNN WIRE

President Barack Obama met with leaders of several Russian social activist groups Friday, an event that likely touched on the sensitive subject of gay rights in the nation amid tensions over Syria.

Earlier this year, Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a law passed by parliament that bans the public discussion of gay rights and relationships where children might hear it. Violators can be fined and, if they are foreigners, deported.

Obama, who has advocated gay rights and same-sex marriage, has said that "nobody's more offended than me" by the Russian law.

In connecting with the nine activists, Obama spoke about his own foray into politics.

"I got my start as a community organizer, somebody who was

working in what would be called an NGO in the international community," he said. "I got elected president by engaging people at a grass-roots level."

He further called the activists' work "critically important" to open society.

"I'm very proud of their work," Obama said. "Part of good government is making sure we're creating a space for civil society."

Critics say the Russian law is so vague that anyone can be prosecuted for wearing a rainbow T-shirt or holding hands in public with someone of the same sex.

At the event Friday in Russia, Obama met with representatives of groups that support a range of causes, including media freedom, protection of the environment and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights.

The controversy over the law is one of several disputes between

the United States and Russia, including the question of possible military action against the regime of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and Moscow's decision to shelter National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden.

Obama and Putin met briefly Thursday at the Group of 20 summit meeting in St. Petersburg, Russia, shaking hands and exchanging a few words. Officials said the two leaders could have a longer meeting on the margins of the event.

Obama had previously canceled a summit meeting with Putin scheduled around the G20 event after Russia gave temporary asylum to Snowden, whom the United States wants to prosecute for leaking documents about NSA surveillance programs. It said at the time that considerations on a variety of issues went into the decision to cancel the meeting.

Sochi Asks IOC To Help Stop Gay Law 'Speculation'

BY TALES AZZONI

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) – The head of the Sochi Olympics asked the IOC on Sunday to help "stop this campaign and this speculation" related to the anti-gay law that has been overshadowing preparations for next year's Winter Games in Russia.

A senior IOC member, meanwhile, said sponsors are "afraid" of the fallout of possible demonstrations in Sochi.

"I think this could ruin a lot for all of us," marketing commission chairman Gerhard Heiberg said. "We have to be prepared."

IOC President Jacques Rogge said the Olympic body will remind athletes to refrain from any protests or political gestures during the Feb. 7-23 Sochi Games. Sochi organizing chief Dmitry

Chernyshenko was asked at the IOC general assembly about the possible impact of the legislation that bans gay "propaganda."

He said the Russian government had made clear the law would not affect the games, and he urged the IOC to convey the message to "those who are still trying to speculate on this very transparent and very clear topic."

"It's very important to have your support to stop this campaign and this speculation regarding this issue," Chernyshenko said.

Russia's law prohibiting promotion of "nontraditional" sexual relations has been denounced by activists and criticized by President Barack Obama. Activists have called for a boycott of the Sochi Games, although Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron have ruled that out.

Chernyshenko reiterated that the law doesn't ban homosexuality in any way and "doesn't contradict any element of the Olympic Charter."

He noted that President Vladimir Putin has assured that the Russian constitution "guarantees the equality of rights and freedom for everybody" in the country, including guests, visitors, athletes, fans and the Olympic family.

"We are absolutely confident that there will be no conflicts in that regards," he said. "It will not stop (Sochi) 2014 from proudly upholding the Olympic values, I promise you."

Rogge said the IOC is satisfied with Russia's explanations of the law so far.

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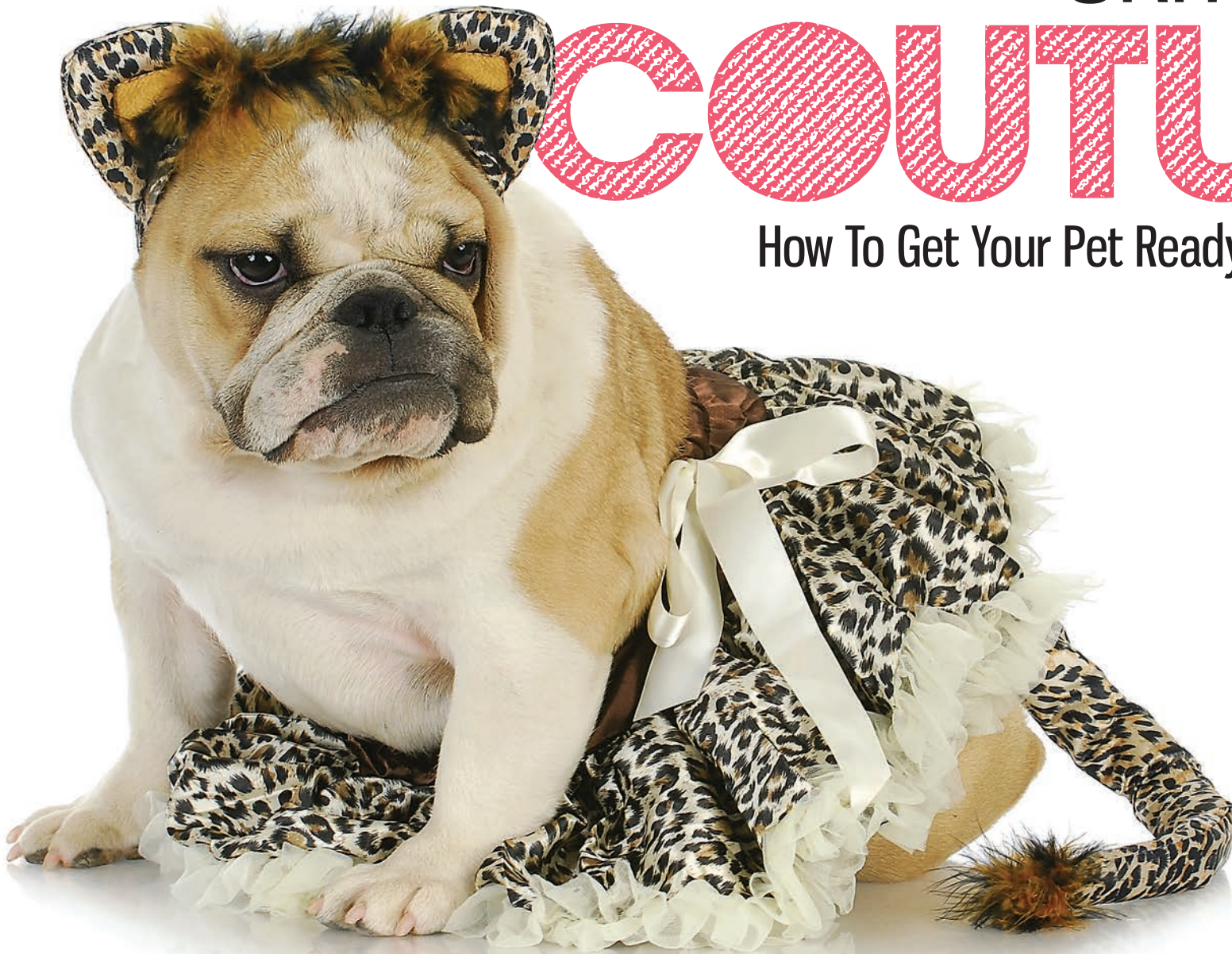
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FALL PET GUIDE

BY KATE OPALEWSKI

Our canine companions are taking over the world of fashion. Stylish clothes, creative costumes, functional travel gear and accessories are flying off retailer shelves helping pet owners to keep their furry friends in fashion throughout the year.

We dress them up for warmth, to protect them, to bond with them – or to create a miniature version of ourselves. Whatever the reason, local pet supply stores are making it easy to provide the best for our beloved pets.

“We were determined to create a resource for pets and their companions while supporting local businesses

and the community,” said Sean Robinson, who co-owns Groovy Paws in Saugatuck with his husband Chuck. The couple left Washington, D.C., to move back to their roots in the Midwest and settle closer to family and friends – and also to provide a better life for their dogs, Sparky and Rusty.

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the best product at a reasonable price,” said Robinson.

With fall right around the corner, Robinson said people are looking for coats and sweaters to outfit their dogs. “We carry coats by Barka’s Parkas in Indiana. They use repurposed fabrics whenever possible so not only are they sustainably produced, but it means that almost every coat is one of a kind. We love working with Barka’s Parkas because they will custom design a coat to fit the pup, rather than forcing buyers to purchase a small or medium and trying to make it work,” he said. “If you have ever tried to find a coat that will fit a Whippet with the long, slender body, you understand that a typical large or extra-large coat just doesn’t cut it. They understand the importance of a coat fitting like a

glove.”

The autumn season is the perfect time for knitted pullovers, waterproof jackets and fuzzy sweaters, but many pet owners look forward to Halloween when they can dress up their pet in funny or cute costumes and show them off in pet parades.

“I enjoy dressing Helen up because she is so darn cute. I love to photograph her so I can always hold on to the memories,” said Amber Scholtz of Lake Orion about her 6-and-a-half-year-old American Longhair cat. “What I don’t enjoy about dressing her up is that she is very uncooperative. She really doesn’t enjoy it.”

Whether they like it or not, Lynn Kemmer of Sterling Heights keeps her dogs fashionable with an array of coats, T-shirts, dresses and holiday

wear. Siblings Lucy, 5, and Ethyl, 6, are Poochi’s, a cross between a Poodle and a Chihuahua. “We like to dress them up because it’s funny to see how they react to different outfit – and the reactions you get from people,” said Kemmer.

Premier Pet Supply in Beverly Hills carries many different types of Halloween costumes. But it’s the handmade creative costumes that owner Mike Palmer likes the best. “Our store is full of both hard-to-find items and the staples for all pets with a focus on natural and holistic,” Palmer said.

When asked about the wildest fashion statement he’s seen, Palmer remembers a smaller Poodle with

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her hair dyed purple and her nails done. “That may be too outrageous for some, but it may be a form of self-expression. Sometimes people don’t have the guts to dress a certain way and dogs aren’t self-conscious like we are.”

Established in 1992 by Palmer’s uncle Ray Hesano, Premier Pet Supply is one of the highest-volume independently owned pet supply stores in the Midwest. Always an advocate for buying local, Palmer has made a concerted effort to carry any and every product available that’s made in Michigan. He and his staff are highly involved in community outreach. Low-cost vaccination clinics, among other events, are occasionally offered to raise money for local animal shelters in need.

A popular item at his store currently is the vest-style harness, which comes in fleece, many prints like plaid, and may even be bedazzled with bling. “It’s a nice looking item that is soft, breathable and more comfortable. It’s better for the dog

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with great functionality,” Palmer said.

Even when our economy took a turn for the worse, pet owners continued to spend money, according to Palmer. “People treat their pets better than they treat themselves these days. If it’s done in a humane way and it makes them happy, it’s justified.”

Dress Up Your Pet Day

National Dress Up Your Pet Day is Jan. 14, 2014. The day was founded in 2009 by celebrity pet lifestyle expert and animal behaviorist Colleen Paige and sponsored by the Animal Miracle Foundation as a fun way to celebrate our beloved pets

and to support the pet fashion community.

Paige says on the day’s official website: “It’s important to remember though that it’s not a day...to disrespect our pets with uncomfortable, vulgar and/or seasonally inappropriate costumes for the sake of a laugh or photo shoot. Have fun with your pets by dressing them in cute outfits and safe costumes, but keep your pet’s comfort level in mind when involving him/her in this fun novelty day. Make sure that your pet can see and hear properly and that they aren’t wearing something that might overheat them or incorporate any parts that they may chew off and swallow.”



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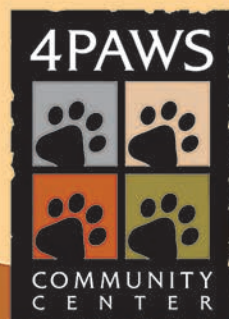


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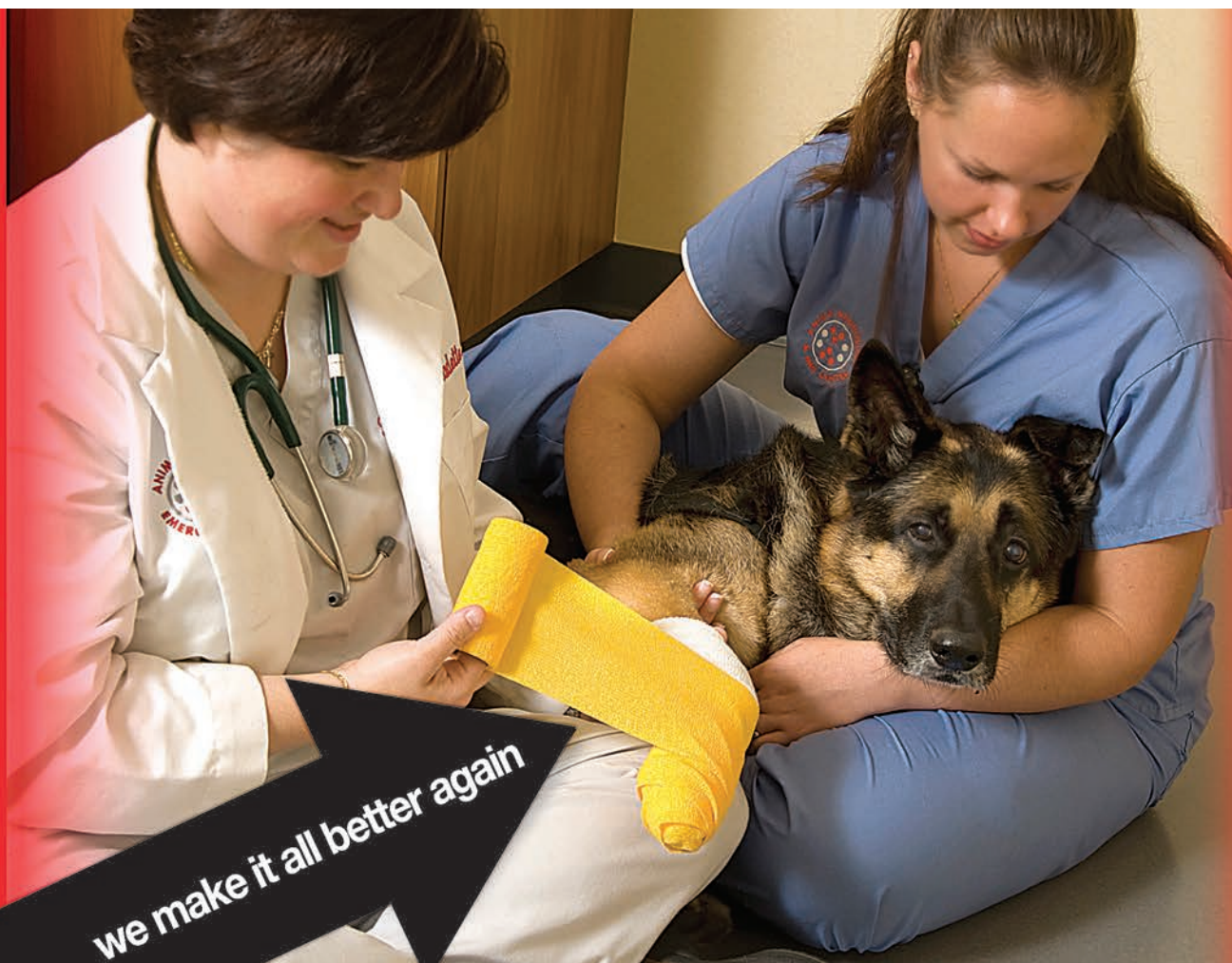
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SEPTEMBER

Bark for Life of Monroe

Presenting Organization: American Cancer Society

8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 14. Monroe County Community College, 1555 S. Raisinville Road, Monroe. www.facebook.com/BarkForLifeMonroe

A noncompetitive walk event for dogs and their owners to raise funds and awareness. Demonstrations, contests and games.



Dogfest 2013

Presenting Organization: Dogfest 2013

10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 14. 11211 Dexter-Pinckney Road, Pinckney. 734-878-1928 or arisedogpark@hotmail.com

hotmail.com. \$5-10 per car.

Demonstrations, agility and triathlon courses, music, games, vendors and dog play in the Arise Church Community Dog Park.

Motor City Harley Davidson & Pug Rescue Network Adoption Event

Presenting Organizations: Motor City Harley Davidson and Pug Rescue Network

10 A.M. Saturday, September 14, Motor City Harley Davidson, 34900 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Free. www.pugrescuenetwork.com

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Meet Your Best Friend At The Zoo

Michigan Humane Society Offers Adoption Opportunities

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ROYAL OAK – Looking for a four-legged best friend? The Michigan Humane Society and Detroit Zoological Society invite you to Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo on Sept. 20 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Sept. 21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dogs, cats, puppies and kittens from more than 30 animal welfare organizations will be available for adoption. The event takes place at the Detroit Zoo and is presented by Purina ONE and sponsored by PetSmart, PetSmart Charities and Henry Ford Health System.

“Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo brings together dozens of groups who are working hard for animals in need, maximizing the opportunities for hundreds of dogs and cats to find loving homes,” said Michael Robbins, MHS Vice President of Marketing and Communications. “If you’re looking for a best friend, Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo is the place to be!”

Friday will also feature special “Yappy Hour” festivities from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Event guests will have a chance to win great giveaway items, and adopters will receive a free family photo taken on-site with their new best friends.

There is no charge for admission or parking for the adoption event, which takes place under large tents in the front



parking lot. However, regular admission and parking fees apply for those visiting the Zoo. The Detroit Zoo is located at 8450 W. 10 Mile Road in Royal Oak.

Because puppies are often in high demand, “puppy passes” will be given on Saturday morning to the first 25 adoption event guests who are looking specifically to adopt a puppy. Those with puppy passes will be allowed to enter the adoption tents at 9:45 a.m. Doing so will prevent a “puppy rush” and ensure that all adopters – and the adoptable animals – will have a wonderful experience.

Adoption fees and policies are set by each participating group and not by event

hosts or sponsors. Animals will be adopted only to qualified homes. Adopters must present a driver’s license or state ID card. All dogs and cats will have received a medical check-up and age-appropriate vaccinations. For health and safety reasons, please leave current pets at home.

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Backstreet 'Fag Hag' Talks Screaming Gays, Doing Drag & Mistaking Men For Women

BY CHRIS AZZOPARDI

When the Backstreet Boys dropped their latest album's title track, "In a World Like This," they did something special with the video: They ended it with a victorious moment in LGBT history, as an older lesbian couple finally celebrated their right to marry.

We caught up with self-proclaimed "fag hag" AJ McLean, a founding member of one of the biggest-selling boy bands in history, to chat about how his queer friends (and "Same Love" rapper Macklemore) inspired that video, doing Marilyn Monroe in the nude for an upcoming book and the time the band performed with men they thought were women.

The video for the album's first single, "In a World Like This," celebrates marriage equality. Why was it important to take that stance with that music video?

It stemmed from me personally. I have a lot of gay friends and two of my best friends have been together for almost 10 years. And living

in California, it's been so friggin' frustrating to me that they could not get it right; they couldn't pass the bill. Then, literally, right after we dropped the video, they actually passed the bill (allowing LGBT people to get married) in California, and I was just ecstatic. I just love the fact that people love each other, no matter if they're the same sex or not. I think everybody's equal, period.

I had just seen the Macklemore video for "Same Love" and that really inspired me. Knowing what the subject was about for "In a World Like This" – about love conquering all – we had talked with the director about basically having different moments in history that really were very impactful. We had done the first two, and then we were like, "What's the last one gonna be?" I was like, "Why don't we do something about same-sex marriage? We have a huge gay following and it's a huge deal." The guys were all on board and we made it happen. I was so happy about it.

When were the Backstreet Boys first aware they had a gay following?

We did a show years ago in Ybor City in Tampa

and Divine Brown – the girl who messed around with Hugh Grant back in the day (laughs) – was hosting a drag show. We actually had no idea. We were all really young. Kevin (Richardson) was obviously older, so he had been around all his gays at Disney (when he worked there before Backstreet Boys) and he had been around drag queens before Nick (Carter) and me. We were in our trailer and we were watching these guys changing. We thought these were chicks – and all of a sudden they were taking off their clothes and I'm like, "Wait, that girl's got, like, pecs. And oh, that's a penis." I was like, "What the hell is going on?"

We did three or four songs, the crowd went nuts and I was standing next to this 6-foot-6 drag queen who gave me a hug and a kiss. I was beside myself, and that was when we first knew that we had a big gay following. I was just like, "Wow, this is kind of friggin' crazy." Thinking back on it, I've been in this business since I was 3 and I grew up in musical theater, so I was raised and surrounded by gay men and gay women. I was hardly around anyone straight.

It's amazing you're straight, actually.

It kind of is. Everyone always says, "When you look at a boy band, one of them has to be gay." No, they don't. Instead of me being gay, I'm the fag hag.

What do you think of all the interest and hope from fans that there is a gay member in the Backstreet Boys?

I think it's awesome. It's great. I've worn a dress at my wedding. I've worn 6-inch Louboutins. I've got no fear and no shame. There's one guy named Matt and he's a big, big Nick Carter fan. He's this older gentleman from Tampa and he's gay, and he's been following us during this whole tour from China to Japan and now through the U.S. I think he really hopes that Nick might have a little bit of gay.

What's the verdict on that?

I don't think he does. I'm gonna say no.

You've performed at G-A-Y in London recently, and you've done San Francisco Pride in the past. Who's

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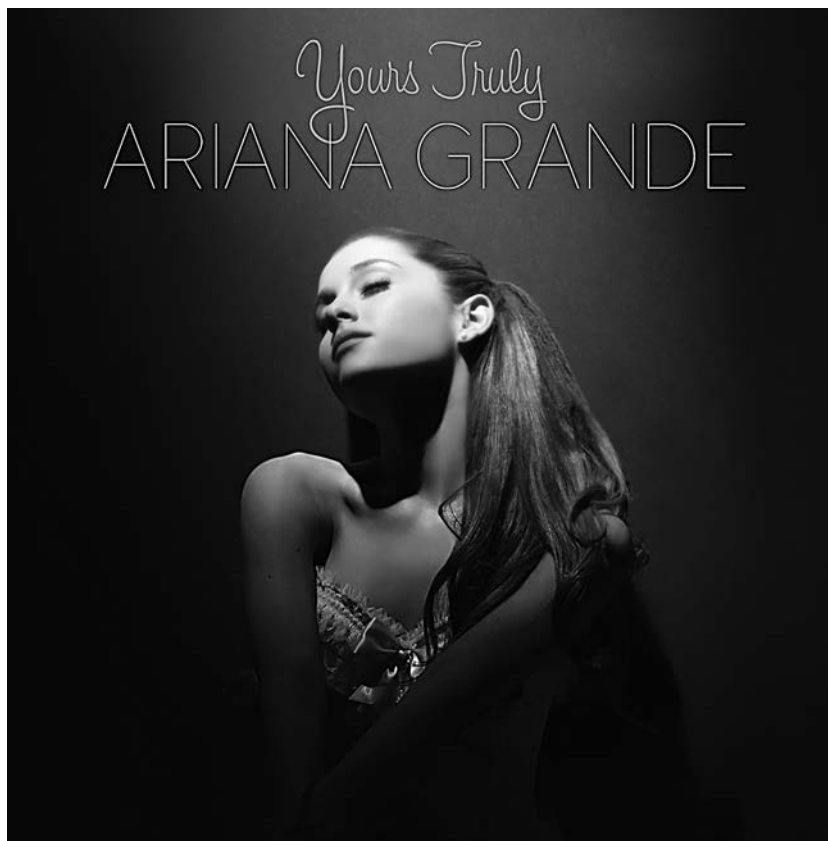
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Hear Me Out

BY CHRIS AZZOPARDI

Ariana Grande, Janelle Monáe



Ariana Grande, 'Yours Truly'

Hold up, people. Ariana Grande, even with all the belts and coos and high notes, is not the new Mariah Carey. As good as the onetime child actress can be – and she has many earth-shattering, stratospherical vocal triumphs on her debut – she's her own singer, and she's not yet reached Carey-at-the-height-of-her-career caliber. Not that she doesn't come close on "Yours Truly" (just listen to the last bit of "Baby I," where she goes for M.C.'s signature whistle note), especially when she breaks from the trends to deliver – with the help of '90s-diva guru Babyface – a throwback to a classier, twerk-less time in music. "Tattooed Heart" swoops with the doo-wop sound of the early '60s; it's a lovely listen as its finger snaps and piano line reach a steady rhythm, so it's easy to overlook the silly title and the track's altogether nauseating mawkishness. The better ballad, "Almost is Never Enough" with The Wanted's Nathan Sykes, goes subtler and turns in a sophisticated, handsomely produced sound that's a definite highlight. What's surprising – and pleasantly so – is that those are the only outright slow tempos. "Piano" is a buoyant delight that dances on air, "Right There" falls back to '90s hip-hop and then, for the last song, the unnecessary

"Better Left Unsaid," it's to the club with a slow-building bounce. "Yours Truly," an exciting, very respectable debut that almost gets everything right, will give Ariana the platform and cred to make her next release the pop knockout this one so desperately wants to be. *Grade: B*



Janelle Monáe, 'The Electric Lady'

Janelle Monáe is a consummate singer, rapper, performer, dancer, suit-wearer and ... actress? She is if

you've been following her idiosyncratic mythology of an alter-ego android named Cindi Mayweather, who's basically a badass standing for the liberation of the "others," much like Monáe herself. The third chapter in this ambitious sci-fi saga is a prequel to her other two outings, 2010's "The ArchAndroid" and its predecessor, the "Metropolis" EP. This time, though, themes previously addressed – individuality, equality, self-empowerment and freedom from oppression – rise to the surface in Monáe's musical vision to unify through song. It's also the gayest of the three, with an interlude insisting that "robot love is queer," an allusion to lesbian "undercover love" on "Givin Em

What They Love" with Prince, and a crush on a girl in tights during the funky drag-anthem "Q.U.E.E.N.," a morphing swag song featuring Erykah Badu and a fierce rap outro. Though far less psychedelic than on "ArchAndroid," Monáe doesn't forsake art for commercial appeal even as she vends her Afro-futuristic queerness – and opens up her sound – to the world. Slicking up the sonic palette with shades of straight-up R&B power-ballad adornment ("Primetime"), "oooh-oooh" girl-group melodies ("Electric Lady") and retro-inspired synths ("What an Experience"), there's still an air of cool hovering atop Monáe's pompadour that tells you – with a thrilling, multifaceted and intellectual approach to performance – this android is the real deal. *Grade: A-*

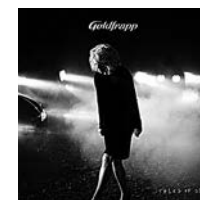
Also Out



John Mayer, 'Paradise Valley'

Dressing the songs similarly to his cowboy-in-the-field look on the disc's pastoral cover, John

Mayer's rustic Americana transition takes full flight on the follow-up to 2012's also-country-inspired "Born and Raised." But the wonderfully sincere "Paradise Valley," with guests Katy Perry ("Who You Love," an old-soul song where Perry sounds refreshingly raw) and Frank Ocean (who stuns on the "Wildfire" interlude) is a more laid-back, well-rounded and approachable set that reestablishes John Mayer as a top-tier music maker.



Goldfrapp, 'Tales of Us'

You could say the English duo's last album, heavy on the Xanadu-inspired '80s pop, was just a phase. On their daringly different "Tales of Us," Will Gregory and Alison Goldfrapp reel it way, way in and go neo-folk with a musically mysterious and lyrically rich work that finds the pair creating sonic portraits of an androgynous boy secretly yearning to be a girl (the wondrous "Annabel") and a Hollywood actress married to a serial killer ("Laurel"). The beats won't stick in your head this time, but the stories – and the seductive vocals bringing them to life – will.



The big, bad Wolf (Jonathan West, right) peers over the shoulder of Jack (Artun Kircali, left) in Steve Yockey's "Wolves" playing at Ferndale's Ringwald Theatre. Photo: Brandy Joe Plambeck.

Who's Afraid Of The Big Bad World?

BY MARTIN F. KOHN

The bible tells us that perfect love casteth out fear. But what does perfect fear casteth out? Pretty much everything, playwright Steve Yockey tells us in "Wolves." Love, friendship, sanity...

As in the story of Little Red Riding Hood, from which Yockey takes his inspiration, the world can be a scary place. Instead of the edge of a deep, dark forest, the main character, Ben, lives in the heart of a big, nameless city, where there's nothing wrong about being cautious. But there's cautious and then there's Ben.

Ben lives with another young man, Jack. They used to be lovers, but now they're just roommates. Still, there's more than a little jealousy in play when Jack gets up to leave the apartment and heads for the corner bar and Ben tries to stop him, worried about all the wolves out there.

To make the audience feel similarly uneasy, director Brandy Joe Plambeck has done something clever in his Ringwald Theatre production. He has fashioned a play before the play, a foreplay if

REVIEW

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you will.

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“To make the audience feel similarly uneasy, director Brandy Joe Plambeck has done something clever in his Ringwald Theatre production. He has fashioned a play before the play, a foreplay if you will.”

They are clearly friends, touching affectionately, but something's off, besides the disconcerting feeling that

you've come late: She's dressed for an evening out, in a little black dress with sparkles, and he's dressed for an evening in, in T-shirt and jeans. And there's something ominous in their singing a Damien Rice song about a loaded gun.

Once the official play begins the man (Robbie Dwight) turns out to be Ben, and his BFF (Lisa Melinn) turns out to be the sly, enigmatic narrator. She's also the playwright's BFF, because she saves him the trouble of making his characters anything more than one-dimensional. They're effective spokesmen for their points of view, but as human beings they're blank slates.

This is not to take anything away from Dwight, Melinn, Artun Kircali as Ben, or Jonathan West as the man Jack brings home from the corner bar, a man he insists on calling Wolf, although that's not his name. The actors perform with intensity and commitment.

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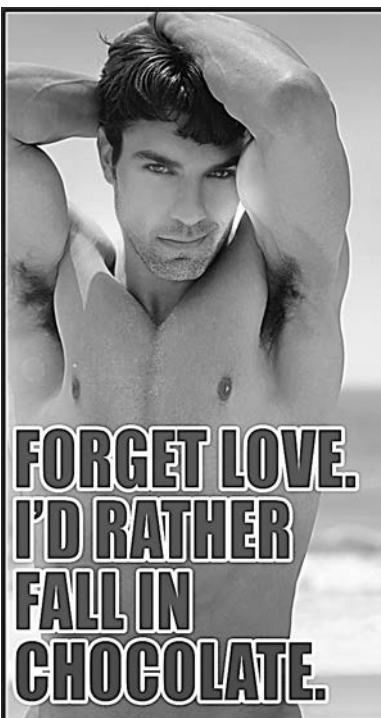
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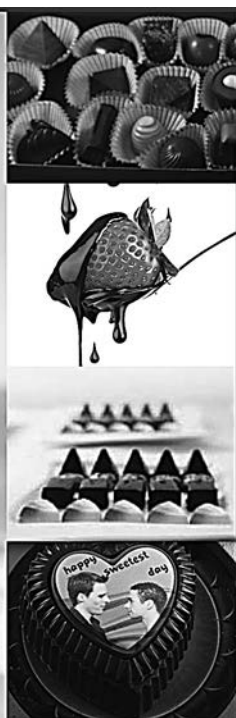


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Gay Pageant Makes Michigan Debut

Miss Gay Great Lakes America To Serve Integrity, Class And Insane Competition Sept. 19-21

BY JEROME STUART NICHOLS

To a lot of people, drag pageants seem like a childish hobby for the self-absorbed. For those in the know, pageants are part sport, part community service. It's a game where the cleats are stilettos and the only stats that matter are beauty, glamour, elegance, sophistication, talent, class and a desire to do good within your community.

With Miss Gay America's newest regional preliminary pageant Miss Gay Great Lakes America, local and national talent get one more chance to serve realness to the judges and their community.

"Pageantry is all about self-betterment; you have to push yourself to become a better person," reigning Miss Gay America Sally Sparkles says. "With female impersonation, you have to push yourself to be a better entertainer. Those people that win get to be a role model and a source of inspiration for all those around them, if they're in it for the right reasons."

Among the many national titles available to female impersonators, MGA is widely considered the pinnacle of traditional drag competition. As such, the inaugural MGGLA, which takes place Sept. 19-21 at the Cavern Club in Ann Arbor, is something of salute to the caliber of talent in the area.

"Drag pageantry is a reward for being one of the best in your craft," Miss Gay America owner Terry Eason says. "Obviously being booked at the best bar is great, but pageants can give you something to strive for."

When it comes to drag pageantry, the level of completion borders insanity. With so much talent pooled from all over the country, MGA proves to be one of the fiercest title fights around. That fierce competition is also what ensures competitors are in top form when they hit the stage.

"When it's as difficult to win Miss Gay America as it is, it keeps you grounded,



Miss Gay America Sally Sparkles.

it makes you motivated," Eason says. "It can give you something to strive for. At the same time, it rewards you when you overcome those obstacles and get better at your craft."

It also makes sure that, even though only one woman will walk away with the title and prizes, the audience is the one who really wins.

Motown legends Martha and the Vandellas will be kicking off the three-day event, which includes a parade, five-part competitive portion, crowning ceremony and a performance from Sally Sparkles. Even with all that, the competitors have no chance of getting lost in the crowd.

"There's going to be some good talent there, some that have placed in the top 10 of Miss Gay America before. I think the competition is going to be there," Eason says.

Eason made sure to note that, just like everyone outside MGGLA, he has no idea who will actually take the stage. In fact, during regional qualifying competitions,

the names of entrants and judges are kept under wraps. The names of the judges will be released the morning of the event, but the contestant's identities won't be known for sure until they set their impeccably pedicured feet on the stage.

The secrecy may seem extreme, but it's an attempt to enhance and maintain the integrity of the competition.

"We really hold true to our integrity and we follow the rules and we try to make it as fair as a pageant can be," Sparkles says proudly, her sweet-as-Southern-sun-tea accent never more pronounced. "People can always cry foul and that it's rigged, but the America system does everything in its power to make sure that the integrity is held within our pageants."

As a pillar of old school drag values, MGA and MGGLA hang their hats on that competition integrity and the professionalism with which their selected contestants perform.

"Those that are familiar with pageantry in general, I think they're going to come and be surprised by, number one, the professionalism," Eason says.

Although he didn't directly produce MGGLA, Eason is proud of the show they're putting on.

"I think they've worked really hard to show Ann Arbor a top-notch, quality pageant," Eason says. "I think whoever wins and gets first alternate, they're going to represent the city well at Miss Gay America."

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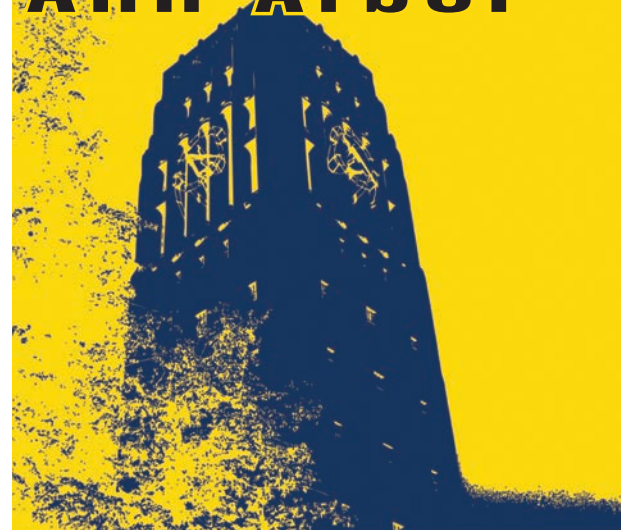
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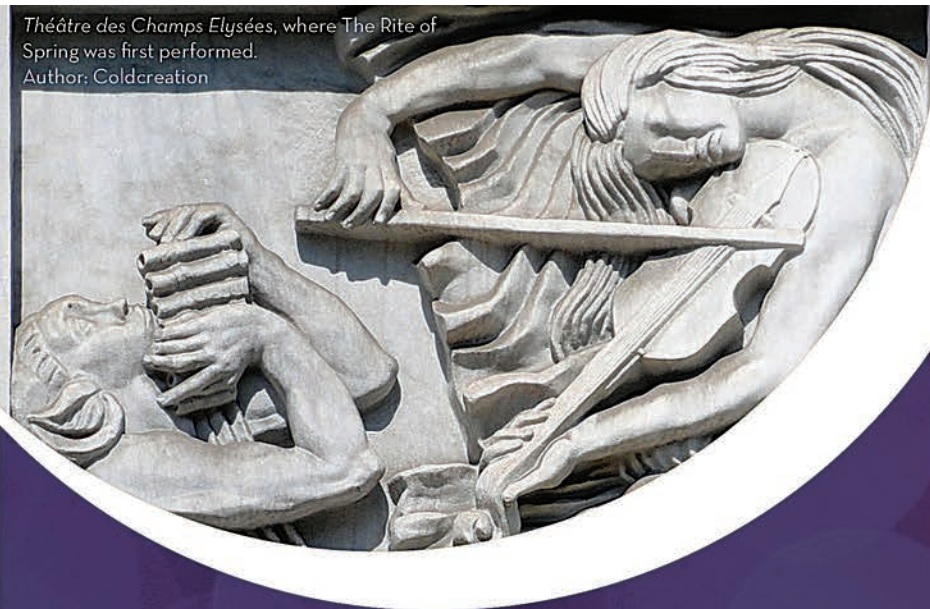
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Thursday, Sept. 12

Moms in Motion 11 a.m. Bi-weekly support group for parents living with HIV. DMC/AIDS Partnership Michigan, 471 St. Antoine, **Detroit**. 313-993-3444.

Voices... An Evening of Fashion and Expression 5 p.m. Fifth Annual Ruth Ellis Center Fundraiser. Strolling dinner and drinks. Tickets: \$75-350. Ruth Ellis Center, 460 W. Baltimore, **Detroit**. 313-252-1950. info@ruthelliscenter.org

The Family & Friends Support Group 5:30 p.m. Support group for family and friends of people living with HIV. Community Health Awareness Group, 1300 W. Fort St., **Detroit**. 313-963-3434.

Wings 7 p.m. A support and social group for people living with HIV. Self-Run, 2441 Pinecrest Dr., **Ferndale**. info@wingsmi.org

Friday, Sept. 13

GLSEN 6 p.m. Social and discussion group for members of local high school LGBT groups. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. Goaffirmations.org

Woman 2 Woman 6 p.m. Free. KICK, 41 Burroughs St. 109, **Detroit**. 313-285-9733. e-kick.org

Friday Night Socials: Euchre Night 7 p.m. Snacks and drinks available for purchase. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. goaffirmations.org

Personal Training Workout & Nutritional Counseling 7 p.m. Special discount rate available for members of GOAL. GOAL, 1035 Hilton Road, **Ferndale**. Behaveweightloss.com

Womyn's Film Night 7 p.m. Film: Gender Rebel. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. Goaffirmations.org

Fright Night & Pancake Breakfast 9 p.m. Haunted Hayrides and adult tricks and treats. Site decorating and costume contests. Music and dancing. Sunday morning pancake breakfast. Windover Women's Resort, 3596 Blakely Road, **Owendale**. 989-375-2586. obisite8@yahoo.com Windoverwomensresort.com

Saturday, Sept. 14

Open Meditation Saturdays 9 a.m. A communal, non-hierarchical meditation space open to all. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. goaffirmations.org

GOAL Meetup at Michigan Renaissance Festival 10 a.m. GOAL members meet for a day at the Michigan Renaissance Festival. GOAL, 12600 Dixie Hwy., **Holly**. Meetup.com/GOAL-Get-Out-And-Live-LGBT

Next ALIVE Youth Group Meeting 2 p.m. For LGBTQ youth (14-20). OutCenter, 132 Water St., **Benton Harbor**. 269-925-8330. outcenter.org

50+ Proud 5:30 p.m. A new movie each month. Please bring a dish for six people to share, as well as plates, cutlery and cups. Bottled water and soft drinks will be available at minimal cost. Windsor-Essex Pride Fest, 422 Pelissier St., **Windsor**. alanloughlin@live.ca windsorpride.com

Men's Discussion Group 6 p.m. Lighthearted or in-depth discussion on a variety of topics. For gay, bi-affectional, and transgender men 18 and up. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. goaffirmations.org

Out4Equality - Collage Project 6 p.m. Collaborative art project incorporating community created art. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. goaffirmations.org

Crossroads 7 p.m. Dedicated to serving the needs of transgender individuals. Meets the second Saturday of every month. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. GoAffirmations.org

Motor City Bears 7 p.m. Social group for metro area bears. Meets every second Saturday of the month. Motor City Bears, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. Goaffirmations.org

Sunday, Sept. 15

Dykes on Bikes Harsen's Island. Ferry Fees apply. This ride takes us around Anchor Bay to the Ferry across the North Channel to the Beautiful Michigan Island. 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. meetup.com/GOAL-Get-Out-And-Live-LGBT

There's Something About Saugatuck Car Show Connect with GLBT car enthusiasts and enjoy automotive beauty with a selection of cars from the 40s, 50s, and 60s. Michiana Dunes Region, Lambda Car Club International, **Saugatuck and Douglas**. Michianadunes.com

AIDS Walk Detroit 8:30 a.m. 5k through downtown Royal Oak. AIDS Walk Detroit, 316 E. Eleven Mile Road, **Royal Oak**. 248-399-WALK. ckeyes@aidswalkdetroit.org Aidswalkdetroit.org

Get Out Bike - Harsen's Island 10 a.m. Joining with Dykes on Bikes for lunch. GOAL, 2600 Pointe Tremble St., **Algonac**. Meetup.com/GOAL-Get-Out-And-Live-LGBT

Flag Football 10:30 a.m. All levels of play are welcome, beginners, too! We provide a recreational, fun and supportive environment. Our travel team is competitive and competes at the national level. Michigan Panthers, 19550 Sunset St, **Livonia**. MDFFL.org

Fall Fab Fest 1 p.m. Handouts, music, games and food. Free. WMU Office of LGBT Student Services, 1903 W. Michigan Ave., **Kalamazoo**. Facebook.com/WMULGBT

Volleyball 1 p.m. With warm weather. Located north of the Lansing Mall. Lansing Association for Human Rights, **Lansing**. beachherb@sbcgloball.net

Conversation Station 5 p.m. GOAL, 714 S. Washington, **Royal Oak**. 248-981-4227. MarciLWilliams@yahoo.com GetOutAndLive.me

Monday, Sept. 16

Career Club Two 1 p.m. Focused on planning and accountability to help move job seekers along in the process. Appropriate for any point in the job search. Highlights include goal setting, the job search toolkit, action planning, and evaluation of your process. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. goaffirmations.org

Higher Ground 6:30 p.m. Weekly support group meetings for people living with HIV/AIDS. Each meeting includes meditation and peer discussions. Self-Run, **Royal Oak**. 586-427-1259. info@hgshiv.org

New Member Night 7 p.m. Washtenaw County's original mixed LGBT chorus. Opportunity to join LGBT chorus group. No commitments, just see if we're the right group for you. No sight reading skills or audition are required. Out Loud Chorus, 1400 W. Stadium Blvd, **Ann Arbor**. 734-265-0740. Olconline.org

Sistrum, Lansing Women's Chorus 7 p.m. Lansing Association for Human Rights, 1020 S. Harrison Road, **Lansing**. haston@lcc.edu lahronline.org

Tuesday, Sept. 17

Positive Support Organization (PSO) 6 p.m. A support group for people living with HIV. Free parking in the back. Meals provided. Self-Run, 2727 Second Ave., Suite 101, **Detroit**. 313-341-5989.

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. Grlgbt.org

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Editor's Pick



Interested in singing and socializing? Come out to Ann Arbor for Out Loud Chorus' "New Member Nights." The chorus is looking for all LGBT and allies interested in performing for the upcoming season, offering a no commitments opportunity to try out.

Out Loud Chorus is Washtenaw County's original mixed LGBT chorus. The community chorus emphasizes fun, but offers practice CDs and sectional rehearsals for stellar music. Out Loud Chorus is currently directed by Paul Haebig.

New Member Nights will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 16 and Monday, Sept. 23. The events will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1400 W. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor. For more information, visit www.olconline.org.

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Come Out, Help Out

OUTFest Returns To Support Washtenaw County LGBT Community

BY JEROME STUART NICHOLS

For a long time, coming out as gay or lesbian was seen as a statement of political defiance. But in a post-“It Gets Better” world, the idea of coming out as an important political statement seems a bit antiquated. Many people forget Matthew Shepard’s death was just 15 years ago. While the gay right has made many strides toward equality, visibility remains as important as ever.

“As marriage equality spreads across the country, one of the most significant factors is whether or not somebody knows a gay person,” said Keith Orr, co-proprietor of aut BAR in Ann Arbor and a founding organizer of National Coming Out Day celebration OUTFest. “That is coming to fruition – this whole idea of the importance of coming out. To this day, it remains an important thing. It’s something to both celebrate and encourage.”

OUTFest, which kicks off at 5 p.m. on Sept. 28 at Braun Court in Ann Arbor, began as an idea to create a celebration in honor of National Coming Out Day. As time rolled on, it became an annual celebration of community and progress. It also serves as a major fundraiser for Ann Arbor’s Jim Toy Community Center, one of the best and most used resources for Washtenaw County’s LGBT community.

In terms of Michigan LGBT community

visibility, few people have had as big of an impact as Jim Toy. The same could be said of his namesake community center, which serves as a home for numerous LGBT community groups. For youth, those in recovery and other people outside the mainstream LGBT community, these community groups are an invaluable resource.

“We don’t live in a post gay world yet – not even here in liberal Ann Arbor,” Orr said. “In Washtenaw County we have some excellent youth programs for the general population. It’s really important that the LGBT youth have a space that they’re comfortable in.”

“Neutral Zone runs a really excellent program, Riot Youth. Yet, when they come over to Braun Court, there’s something about it. For them it’s like, ‘Wow, this is all our space. This is truly a queer space.’”

Although proceeds from the event go to a good cause, OUTFest is mostly a celebration. While there’ll be a silent auction and a place to give donations, visitors can also attend the free event simply to enjoy the three-hour Necto dance party, beer garden and drag show.

“It’s a celebration of gay pride and outness,” said Terry McGinn, former president and current JTCC board member. “Fall is a great time of the year in Ann Arbor ... school, football, energy (is) in the air. This is an opportunity, in the midst of that type of environment, to celebrate being LGBT.”

▶ Happenings

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Talk Tuesdays 6 p.m. Free. KICK, 41 Burroughs St. 109, Detroit. 313-285-9733. e-kick.org

Euchre at Esquire Club 6:30 p.m. Lansing Association for Human Rights, 1250 Turner St., Lansing. 517-487-5338. lahronline.org

Life’s a Stitch 6:30 p.m. Open to those who Crochet, Knit, Quilt, Needlepoint, Macrame and Jewelry. Free. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. Goaffirmations.org

Michigan LGBT & Straight Allies of Faith Working for Justice for All 6:30 p.m. Different Lansing spiritual places each month. Lansing Association for Human Rights, Lansing. 586-801-5427. kspellman@afsc.org

Greater Lansing Gay Men’s Chorus Rehearsal 6:45 p.m. Lansing Association for Human Rights, 510 W. Ottawa St., Lansing. info@glgmc.org

Coming Out Over Coffee 7 p.m. Casual discussion group about “coming out.” Welcomes anyone at any point in their journey. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine

Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. goaffirmations.org

ACT 7:30 p.m. Allies of the LGBT community coming together for support, education and action. Allies of the LGBT community coming together to support each other and our LGBT loved ones. To educate ourselves, our community and advocate for a more inclusive world. The Network, 343 Atlas Ave. SE, Grand Rapids. 616-458-3511.

A2 TNG (Next Generation of Kinkster) 7:45 p.m. A kink and fetish oriented group for younger kinksters. The group focuses on support, the sharing of information in the form of demonstrations or discussion groups and socializing. Meets on the third Tuesday of every month. Open to all. A2 TNG, 319 Braun Ct., Ann Arbor. 734-678-2478. CuteSubToy@Yahoo.com JimToyCenter.org

Tea & Talk 8 p.m. Open discussion with free tea and treats. Triple Goddess New Age Bookstore, 1824 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-347-2112. triplegoddessbookstore.net

Wednesday, Sept. 18

Senior Koffee Klatch 1 p.m. A lively, discussion and social group for LGBT adults over 45. Group covers topics pertaining to aging and outside speakers. Potluck dinners at members homes, lunches out and holiday parties.

Meets ever Wednesday on the upper level of the Affirmations building. Senior Koffee Klatch, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. GoAffirmations.org

GLSEN Mid-Michigan 4:30 p.m. Lansing Association for Human Rights, Lansing. lahronline.org

Co-Gender Rap Discussion 6 p.m. Light refreshments and good fellowship between men and women, young and seasoned. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. Goaffirmations.org/

Open Arms 7 p.m. Weekly support group for all people infected and affected by HIV; provides monthly informational speakers and monthly dinners. Michigan AIDS Coalition (MAC), 429 Livernois, Ferndale. 248-545-1435.

Sistrum Weekly Rehearsal 7 p.m. Sistrum, Lansing Women’s Chorus, 215 N. Capital Ave., Lansing. Sistrum.org

Young@Heart 7 p.m. Socializing and conversation for those 45 and older. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. goaffirmations.org

Volleyball 7:30 p.m. Friendly pick-up volleyball at Elbel’s sand courts. May go out for dinner/drinks after. Team Michigan, 355 Hill St., Ann Arbor. info@TeamMichigan. US TeamMichigan. us



Editor's Pick

With the days getting shorter, head to the Saline Farmer's Market before the cool winds of winter take over Michigan. The market is held in two locations and two different days for convenience. As the months grow colder, an indoor farmers market will take place beginning in November.

Created in 2000, the Saline Farmer's Market brings fresh and local produce, crafts, goods and more. Master gardeners from Michigan State University

are on hand to answer questions, while local artisans share their works. Look for Ed's Bread's homemade granola and Prochaska Farms' homemade sauerkraut!

The Saline Farmer's Market is held at 3 p.m. every Tuesday in September at the Saline District Library, 555 N. Maple Road, Ann Arbor. The market is also held at 8 a.m. every Saturday through October in downtown Ann Arbor on S. Ann Arbor Street, a half block south of Michigan Avenue. For more information, visit www.cityofsaline.org.

Thursday, Sept. 19

Faith Alliance Meeting 12 p.m. Welcoming new members who would like to be involved with the intersection of faith, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, 2208 Winchell Ave., Kalamazoo. Kglrc.org

Lansing Community College Gay Straight Alliance 5:30 p.m. Bingo after at Esquire. Lansing Association for Human Rights, Lansing. spennyj@lcc.edu lahronline.org

Connections 6 p.m. Open to all LGBTQ and Ally youth from 13-18. Join us to meet other LGBTQ and Ally teens and socialize in a safe space. Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, 629 Pioneer St., Kalamazoo. 269-349-4234. Kglrc.org

The Parent Network 6 p.m. This group aims to assist parents in understanding their child's identity, while also giving parents the opportunity to socialize with other adults who have LGBT children. Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, 629 Pioneer St., Kalamazoo. 269-349-4234. Kglrc.org

Gender Non-Conformists 7 p.m. A social and discussion group for transgender, genderqueer, genderneutral and gender-exploring individuals. Space also available to significant others. Meets every Thursday. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. JJenkins@GoAffirmations.org GoAffirmations.org

Men's Film Group 7 p.m. Social group to meet and discuss films of interest to men. Meets every Thursday at Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. Goaffirmations.org

Soccer 7 p.m. We promote the growth of soccer and foster a sense of community for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and LGBT-friendly players. We pursue these goals by providing a venue for the play of soccer where we encourage players of all levels (especially beginners/first timers) to participate and improve their skills through club-sponsored soccer academy sessions and pick-up play. Out For Kicks Detroit, 27725 Greenfield Road, Southfield. info@OutForKicksDetroit.com OutForKicksDetroit.com

Womyn's Poetry Fest 7:30 p.m. Ann Arbor poets Dawn Richberg, Jill Halpern, and Charlotte Young Bowens are joined by performance artist Callie McKee in this celebration of womyn and their creative spirits. Open Mic. Free refreshments. Common Language Bookstore, 325 Braun Ct., Ann Arbor. 734-663-0036. dawnrichberg@gmail.com

Drag Queen Boxing 10:30 p.m.

Qualifying matches every third Thursday of the month. Semi-finals every following Tuesday. Club Liquid Detroit, 3537 E. Seven Mile Road, Detroit. 313-826-1192. facebook.com/ClubLiquidDetroit

MUSIC & MORE

CONCERTS

Ann Arbor Arts & Culture Series "Susie Duncan Sexton & Roy Sexton" Susie Duncan Sexton will read from her book "Secrets of an Old Typewriter" as part of the Ann Arbor Arts and Culture Series. She will be joined by son Roy Sexton who, accompanied by pianist Rebecca Biber, will offer a selection of his mom's favorite show tunes. Tickets: \$4-5. Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin Ave., Ann Arbor. 1 p.m. Sept. 15. 734-794-6250. A2gov.org/government/communityservices/ParksandRecreation/seniors/

City of Farmington Hills "A Special Tribute to Frank Sinatra" Peter Oprisko. Tickets: \$17-19. Farmington Players Barn Theatre, 32332 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. 7:30 p.m. Sept. 14. 248-473-1848. Recreg.fhgov.com

Franke Center for the Arts "The Good Lovelies" Tickets: \$18-20. Franke Center for the Arts, 214 E. Mansion St., Marshall. 8 p.m. Sept. 12. 269-781-0001. Frankecenterforthearts.org

Kerrytown Concert House "Andrew Rathbun Trio" Andrew Rathbun, saxophone. Jeff Hirshfield, drums. Scott Lee, bass. Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Sept. 13. 734-763-4186. Kerrytownconcerthouse.com

Kerrytown Concert House "Etienne Charles" CD Release Concert for "Creole Soul." Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Sept. 14. 734-763-4186. Kerrytownconcerthouse.com

Meadow Brook Music Festival "Imagine Dragons" Tickets: \$35. 55-48. 35. Meadow Brook Music Festival, 3554 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills. 7:30 p.m. Sept. 17. 248-377-0100. Palacenet.com

Meadow Brook Music Festival "St. Jerome's Laneway Festival Detroit" Featuring Sigur Ros, The National, and more. Tickets: \$91. 25. Meadow Brook Music Festival, 3554 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills. 11 a.m. Sept. 14. 248-377-0100. Palacenet.com

MOCAD "Strange Beautiful Music VI" Tickets: \$10. Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 4 p.m. Sept. 14. 313-832-6622. Mocadetroit.org

Motor City Casino "Funky Ferndale Art Fair". Downtown Ferndale, Nine Mile and Woodward, Ferndale. Sept. 13 - Sept. 15. Facebook.com/pages/Funky-Ferndale-Art-Fair/121350791208698

MSU College of Music "Russell Sherman" Tickets: \$0-20. Michigan State University, Cook Recital Hall, East Lansing. 3 p.m. Sept. 15. Music.msu.edu/event-listing

Live Green Fair "Fourth Annual Live Green Fair and Health and Wellness Expo". Street Festival, 9 Mile and Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Sept. 13 - Sept. 15.

Oakland University "Mark Stone Trio". Oakland University, 2200 N. Squirrel Road, Rochester. Sept. 15. 248-370-2030. Oakland.edu

Royal Oak Music Theatre "Blondie & X" Tickets: \$38-62. 50. Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 7:30 p.m. Sept. 12. 248-399-2980. Royaloakmusictheatre.com

Royal Oak Music Theatre "Zedd" 16+. General Admission. Tickets: \$29. 50-32. Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8 p.m. Sept. 13. 248-399-2980. Royaloakmusictheatre.com

Royal Oak Music Theatre "Rodney Carrington". Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 6 p.m. Sept. 14. 248-399-2980. Royaloakmusictheatre.com

Saugatuck Center for the Arts "Ann Hampton Callaway" Tickets: \$35. Saugatuck Center for the Arts, 400 Culver St., Saugatuck. 8 p.m. Sept. 12. 269-857-2399. Sc4a.org

The Ark "The Battlefield Band" Tickets: \$20. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Sept. 18. 734-761-1800. theark.org

The Ark "Drake White and the Big Fire" Tickets: \$17. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Sept. 17. 734-761-1800. Theark.org

The Ark "Tribute to John Denver: Ted Vigil with special guest Steve Weisberg" Tickets: \$22. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Sept. 12. 734-761-1800. Theark.org

The Berman Center for the Performing Arts "Musical Movie Mondays" "Funny Girl" is a 1968 romantic musical film directed by William Wyler. It is loosely based on the life and career of Broadway and film star and comedienne Fanny Brice (Barbara Streisand) and her stormy relationship with entrepreneur and gambler Nicky Arnstein (Omar Sharif). Tickets: \$12 (including service fees). The Berman Center for the Performing Arts, 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield. 7:30 p.m. Sept. 16. 248-661-1900. theberman.org

The Magic Bag "2 Tone Ska Icons: The Selector featuring Pauline Black & Arthur 'Gaps' Hendrickson" Tickets: \$25. The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. 8 p.m. Sept. 15. 248-544-3030. Themagicbag.com

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► Backstreet Boys

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louder: a bunch of screaming girls or a bunch of screaming gays?

If we did a full arena with the LGBT community, I bet you they'd be louder. When we did G-A-Y, there was about 2,200 people crammed into this little club, and they went buck wild. I feed off of a crowd anyway, but it was just so cool to sing a love song and grab this guy's hand. He about melted.

You really rock a tutu, A.J. After wearing one for a series of photos, have you considered a side career as a drag queen?

I thought about it. I thought it might be fun to do a music video where I'm a drag queen, but I got a thing with my facial hair. I don't like to shave. Also, I might be the ugliest drag queen you've ever seen.

You'd have to shave your legs too, you know.

Oh, trust me, I've shaved my legs before. My poor wife hates me because she's like, "You have better legs than most women I know."

See, you'd be the perfect queen.

And I can walk in heels. I was a little wobbly at first. I was like a baby calf, but then I figured it out. I don't see how women walk heel to toe in friggin' heels, so, for me, I walk toe to heel. It's weird. I walk like a stork, but at least I'm not falling down.

What inspired the Tyler Shields drag photo shoot?

Tyler and I have been friends with each other for about eight years. We're always trying to push the envelope with each other and push each other to the next level. Once Tyler said he was gonna marry my wife and I, I was like, "You know, I'm gonna wear a dress in our wedding."

We went to downtown L.A., I was in the full outfit with the hat and the heels, and he's like, "You look too pretty. I want you to look all cracked out." So we sat down on the curb — there's a homeless guy pissing in the corner — and we took about 15 shots and that's about it.

There's gonna be more. You're gonna see a lot more of me than you probably ever wanted to. Tyler is doing a coffee table book. It's due out at the end of this year and it's called "The Dirty Side of Glamour." You just might see me completely naked in nothing but heels.

Well, you gotta one-up the Jonas Brothers and their shirtless pics with some full frontal, right?

There's no frontal, but you will see my little nonexistent ass. I'm in some very interesting poses a la the old Marilyn Monroe pinup look. It's pretty funny.

You've been outspoken about bullying and the suicides that have resulted in the LGBT community by making an It Gets Better video. A song on the new album, "Madeline," was inspired by someone who was bullied into suicide, too.

What do you hope fans who are or who've been bullied gain from that song?

I just hope that it shows that there are mean people in this world that will never understand or even try to understand what you're going through, but there is always going to be more people who do. Unfortunately, people that get bullied as much as some of these fans of ours have, or many of these young gay teens that got bulled into committing suicide, there comes a point where it starts on the other end — it starts on the bully side. You don't have to like what someone's gender is and you don't have to like what they believe in. And if you don't, don't say anything. Just shut the fuck up. Let them do their thing.

I just hope the bullying stops. I hope that these young teens, or even full-grown gay men and gay women that are still struggling with bullying and still struggling with being looked down upon, know that you can do this as long as you surround yourself with the right people and believe in yourself and stay true to who you are.

When you see other boy bands who've risen to the top in the last few years, does it remind you of the early days of the Backstreet Boys?

Oh, absolutely. We obviously miss certain parts of our career, and there are certain parts we don't miss, but I think we wouldn't be the men that we are today or the band that we are today had we not gone through all the shit we've been through, both highs and lows. It's definitely cool to sit back and watch One Direction, The Wanted, Big Time Rush, Jonas and all these different groups. There are a lot of similarities, from the songs to the music titles to the producers that they work with to image. Everything. It's like looking in a mirror. The only difference is 90 percent of the new boy bands don't dance, and not all of them play instruments. But that doesn't take away from their natural talent. They all sound great, they all look great and obviously they've got a bunch of screaming girls going buck wild for 'em. It is very reminiscent of us in our early days.

Do you prefer where you're at now in your career?

I do. We all have a newfound respect for each other. And we still act like a bunch of friggin' twatsicles. I mean, I'm 35 years old and I just bought a friggin' remote control car just to race around backstage. So we're still kids at heart. We'll always have that little piece of youth for the rest of our lives.

Also, being fathers now, we don't want to be all chiseled and old. We still play jokes on each other. There's an app called Burner where you can basically text someone from a fake number and really fuck with them. Nick really got me good talking about this fucking fan that I had slept with 10 years ago who has a kid that's mine. I was having a friggin' panic attack and sure enough, he came and knocked on the door and he's like, "I'm that fan." I'm like, "You son of a bitch."

Classifieds

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Ann Arbor-Friday

7:30 pm, St. Andrews Episcopal Church Gay AA, 306 N. Division St. Closed/Discussion.

Bloomfield Hills-Sunday / Tuesday / Thursday

8:00 pm, Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, lower level classroom - enter first walkway off Woodward entrance. Big Book/12 & 12 Meeting.

Detroit-Tuesday / Friday

8:00 pm, Downtown Gay AA, Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 West Fort St. Closed/Discussion (Open 1st Friday of every month).

Farmington Hills-Monday

8:00 pm, Suburban West Gay AA, Universalist Unitarian Church, 25301 Halstead (Between 10 & 11 Mile Roads) Closed / Discussion.

Ferndale-Monday / Wednesday / Friday

11:30 a.m., Brown Baggers Gay AA, Affirmations, 290 West 9 Mile Rd. Closed/Discussion.

Ferndale-Wednesday

8 p.m., Diversity Wednesday Gay AA, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 540 W. Lewiston @ Livernois. Closed/Discussion.

Ferndale-Saturday

1 p.m. Brown Baggers Gay AA, Affirmations, 290 West 9 Mile Rd. Closed/Discussion.

8 p.m. Go After Your Sobriety Gay AA, Drayton Ave Presbyterian Church, 2441 Pinecrest. Closed/Discussion.

Livonia-Friday

8 p.m., West Side Story's Gay AA, Providence Medical Center, 7 Mile & Newburgh. Closed/Discussion.

Warren-Monday

7:30 p.m., Eastside Serenity Gay AA, Odd Fellow's Hall, 830 S Monroe St Closed/Discussion.

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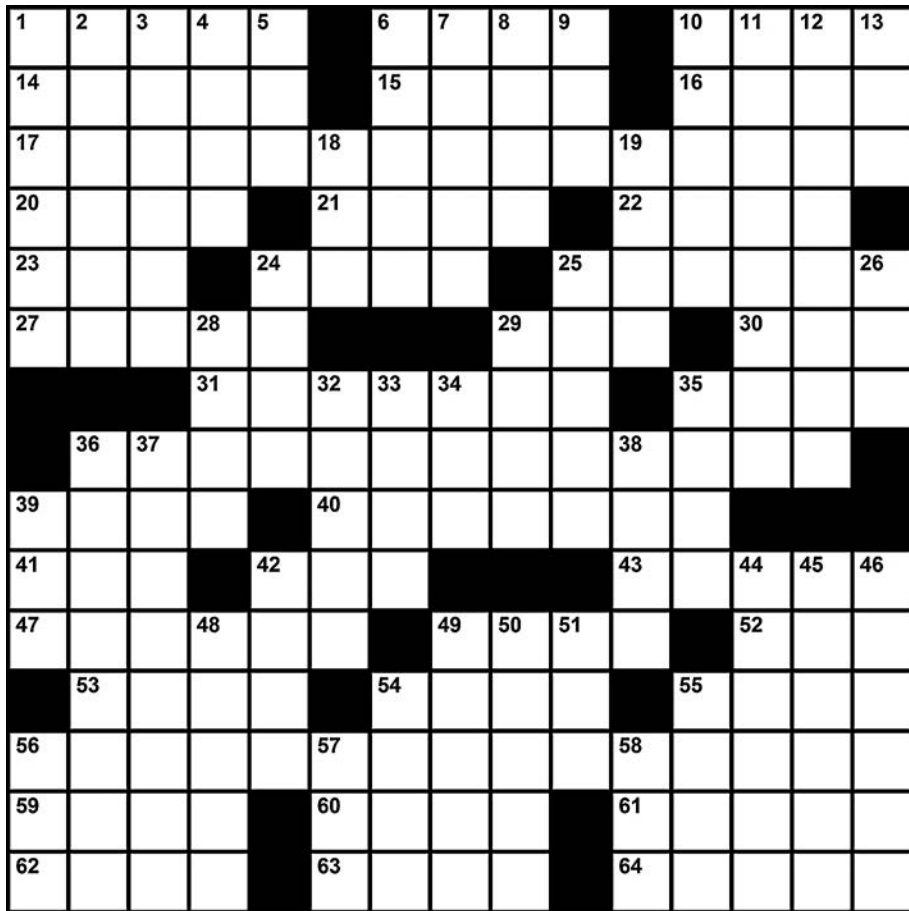
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- 1 Morgan Fairchild's "Roseanne" character
- 6 Slangy turndown
- 10 They aren't straight
- 14 Fields of interest
- 15 Some
- 16 Hot stuff
- 17 Start of a quote by Troy Perry
- 20 Mapplethorpe model, maybe
- 21 Tops a cupcake
- 22 "Kiss of the Spider Woman"'s William
- 23 Bring to bear
- 24 More of the quote
- 25 One you may see in a shower
- 27 Tennessee Williams' lover Frank
- 29 Lush meadow
- 30 Some forensic evidence
- 31 Minnelli movie
- 35 Goes down on
- 36 More of the quote
- 39 Signs of "The Lion King"?
- 40 Stops, as a yawn
- 41 Pull a boner
- 42 Mom-and-pop org.
- 43 Initiates golden showers, e.g.
- 47 Pleasures oneself, with "off"
- 49 More of the quote
- 52 Figured out

- 53 Game groups, to Mauresmo
- 54 Wine partner
- 55 ___ as Dick Button?
- 56 End of the quote
- 59 Scottish family
- 60 Out partner
- 61 Yearned
- 62 "Money ___ object!"
- 63 Not hard to get in bed
- 64 Loads

Down

- 1 Selleck TV role
- 2 Turn on
- 3 Having caught more rays at South Beach
- 4 Fill with freight
- 5 Sophie B. Hawkins' "___ Lay Me Down"
- 6 Walker of "Rhoda"
- 7 You can blow them among the reeds
- 8 Cherry stones
- 9 And so forth
- 10 Alaskan tongue
- 11 Approved, like a pride
- 12 Really like, in "Gone With the Wind"?
- 13 Mary, in Montmartre (abbr.)
- 18 Frida day
- 19 Daughter of Uranus
- 24 "Bend It Like Beckham" score
- 25 It may be picked up in a bar
- 26 Dorm VIPs
- 28 Some watch faces
- 29 Son of Eric the Red
- 32 Eclipses
- 33 Early movie dog
- 34 Glenn Burke stat
- 35 Gas brand in Canada
- 36 Hairspray, and others
- 37 Viking shipmate
- 38 Campbell of "Party of Five"
- 39 Kenan's "___ the Dead Bury Their Dead"
- 42 Pain in the ass
- 44 Williams' nocturnal reptile
- 45 Like some lines
- 46 Well-hung ones beneath jockeys
- 48 Pool party?
- 49 Gregory of "Will & Grace"
- 50 Really pissed
- 51 Doc for lions and tigers and bears
- 54 Mariah or Madonna
- 55 All the rage
- 56 Bio. or chem.
- 57 Gardener's long tool
- 58 Word after photo or special

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