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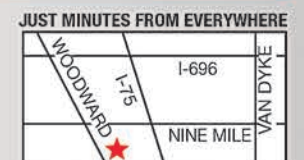
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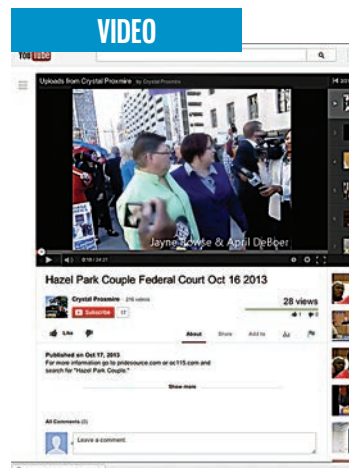
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# Cover: A Growing Hope Postponed For Hazel Park Couple And Supporters

BY CRYSTAL A. PROXMIRE



**DETROIT** - At a rally before their court case on Oct. 16, Jayne Rowse and April DeBoer were cautiously optimistic. "This is the beginning of the end for our journey. We know we have a long fight, but we're hoping that we get some start of an answer today," DeBoer said.

The Hazel Park couple began their journey nearly two years ago when they sought the right to jointly adopt each other's adopted children. Since making their first claim against the State of Michigan and the Oakland County Clerk's Office, the case has blossomed with complexities and connections beyond what could happen for this one family.

The most notable change came when U.S. District Court Judge Bernard Friedman nudged the couple forward in amending their claim to

include same-sex marriage. Then the decision was put off until after The U.S. Supreme Court made their rulings on similar marriages in other states. A new Oakland County Clerk took office, changing the County's response to the claims by firing corporation counsel and bringing on an attorney to state that the office supports the couple's claim. And alongside the legal twists and turns, the family has found more support than they ever could have imagined.

The support was evident Oct. 16 as nearly 200 people rallied on W. Lafayette St. across from the Federal Courthouse in Detroit. Among them were a dozen clergy members from varying faith traditions, many same-sex couples, and even DeBoer's mother Wendy who spoke passionately about the grandchildren she has - both legally and unrecognized. "The message is equality for all people. The U.S. Constitution was written for all the people, not a select group," she said. "This is the time, the place, for all to be

protected under the Constitution. No matter how many laws are passed that include exclusions such as my beautiful grandchildren that Jayne and April have blessed me with, who don't have the same rights as my other three beautiful grandchildren because their birth circumstances were different. These children were chosen for April and Jayne by the grace of God. They love their Mamma and Mommy, as I do. And they should have the same rights."

Missing from the gatherers were the three young children whose legal rights are at stake in the case. DeBoer explained, "Unfortunately we were not able to bring our kids... they're at home. Many people have asked if they know anything. They know that we're at court. They know that they've had their pictures taken quite a few times in the last couple of days. But they don't know the impact of this. And they won't for quite a few years. And I'm kind of happy that they don't know right at this point in time what's going on. I'm happy

that they don't know that they don't have the same rights as all the other kids they're going to school with. It's kind of nice and I'm hoping by the time they do realize that, that we will have equality in Michigan and that our children will be protected, and our relationships will be protected. That's the goal of this."

Attorney Dana Nessel spoke to the crowd also, hopefully that a resolution might come. "This has been such a long struggle and we're so excited to get to the point where we are today. We know we really haven't achieved anything yet, but we are so hopeful that at long last there will be some relief for very long-suffering families like our family, like April and Jane's family, like all these families across the state," she said.

Across the street, one solitary woman stood with a sign condemning gays as sinners.

Beyond the courthouse, other gatherings were forming across the state as a potential legal loophole might allow for a small window

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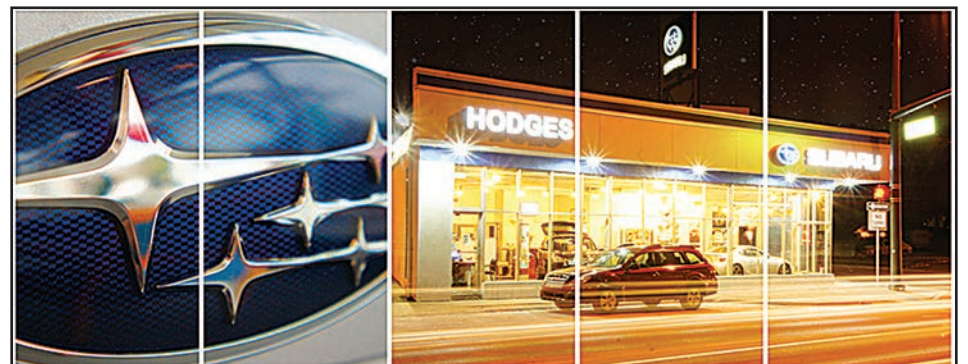
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of time where same-sex couples in Michigan could legally marry.

Had Judge Friedman ruled in the Hazel Park couple's favor, and also not issued a stay, it would have made gay marriage legal. A stay is an order that puts a ruling on hold pending an appeal. Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette has already made it clear that he intends to appeal if the case does not go his way. The window of opportunity, if it happened at all, might have been anywhere from minutes, to hours, to likely less than a day. But in places like Oakland, Washtenaw and Ingham County, people in love lined up and waited. Equality Michigan even set up a page on their website letting people know more whether their county intended to issue licenses or not pending a positive outcome on the case.

In an effort to discourage County Clerks, Schuette's office released a statement to all clerks on the afternoon of the court appearance answering the question on whether or not clerks could issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

"The short answer is that until the matter reaches final disposition on appeal from any adverse order, you are forbidden by Michigan law from issuing a marriage license to same-sex couples during the pendency of the appeal."

Speaking outside the courthouse, Oakland County Clerk Lisa Brown expressed her frustration at not being able to grant same-sex couples. "People come up to the counter to apply for a marriage license and I have to say no to some people just based on who they want to marry and I don't think that's right."

While legal opinions may differ on the validity of marriages that could have been performed in that time, Judge Friedman ultimately did not allow for a summary judgment in the case and instead set a date for a full trial.

Judge Friedman said in court, "I can't grant the motions today. I'm in the middle. I have to decide this as a matter of law. I intend to do so."

Now both sides will set witness lists and argue the facts in the case. The trial is set to begin Feb. 25.

"We welcome the opportunity to present our experts in the case," Nessel said. "Honestly we have an overwhelming amount of evidence to present to the court to show that same-sex parents are every bit as good as opposite-sex parents. We know that to be the truth. We have an incredible amount of sociologists, psychologists, and so many professionals out there who virtually unanimously agree this to be the case... We look forward to seeing who, if anyone, the State has to offer for their proposition that same-sex parents are not good enough, not good enough to parent children, are not good enough to adopt children, and that same-sex couples ought not to be permitted to marry because their parenting is not adequate. We don't think there's anyone who's going to be able to credibly suggest that that's the case."



Above 66 couples in Ann Arbor took numbers hoping to be able to marry Oct. 16 at the Washtenaw County Clerk's office. Photo by Alex Chapin-Smith. Right: People gathered outside the federal courthouse in Detroit in support of same-sex marriage and adoption. BTL photo: Crystal Proxmire.

Outside the courtroom, and across social media, people were surprised and disheartened by the Judge's decision. Lauren Brutenell of Berkley had come with her young child to hear the case. She cried outside of the courthouse. "Postponing this until February, you know, you don't know what tomorrow brings. If something happens to me, my partner Tiffany, she has no rights. She has nothing. She can't adopt our child who we've brought up who we both love so much. It's just, it's terrible."

Emily Dievendorf, director of Equality Michigan, was not happy with the judge's decision to move to a full trial. "I think that this is another case of justice delayed, justice denied. And working on social justice and civil rights for the LGBT community we're trying to stop suffering and today the judge perpetuated suffering."

Brown said she is not sure yet how her legal team will proceed. "I think we're all still kind of surprised that this is what the judge decided today. He could have done this in the summer when we had a hearing. In all the scenarios that we imagined of what would happen today, this was not one of them."

Affirmations Executive Director Dave Garcia was in Ann Arbor where he had volunteered to serve as a witness for marrying couples in Washtenaw County. "The courthouse was packed, and outside the courthouse was packed and they were handing out these little tickets like plastic tickets like you would get at the Secretary of State but a little bit bigger, and these couples who'd been together for 55 plus years, and

many of my friends that have been together 10 or 15 years, they all were holding on to these and there were 64 of them that were passed out. And all they needed was that, and to walk into the Deed's office. Keith and Martin, the owners of the aut Bar, asked if I would be a witness, so everyone was getting their witnesses lined up and they were getting their little cards - and then it didn't happen, again. And they were crying. And it was very very sad. But also to remind them that it's going to happen. You know, we're winning."

There were about 15 couples lined up ready to get married at the Oakland County Clerk's office, including Kat and Jennifer LaTosch who came dressed up and with their two sons, all set to celebrate a wedding.

"We are disappointed," said Kat. Jennifer, an attorney, said, "I'm confident that we will eventually be able to marry. It will give our children added security they deserve and need. I'm hopeful that when this case goes to trial in February that marriage equality will become law in Michigan."

Jay Kaplan, staff attorney for the ACLU put Judge Friedman's decision to go to trial in a larger context.

"While of course we would have loved to see a decision today in favor of marriage equality for LGBT people in Michigan, the judge's decision to have an evidentiary hearing with experts from both sides, ultimately will strengthen a favorable marriage decision when it is appealed by the Attorney General. As we saw in the California marriage challenge, the State of Michigan in opposing marriage equality, will have a difficult time



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To contribute towards the fight for same-sex marriage and second-parent adoption, visit the Nessel and Kessel Law Firm website at <http://nesselandkessel.com/deboer-rowse-fund/>.

finding reputable experts who can support with scientific evidence why same-sex couples should be denied the right to adopt their children and the fundamental right to marriage," Kaplan said.

LGBT activist Dustin Lance Black was in town doing speaking engagements, and he shared his insight on the issue. "Probably a lot of people were disappointed that marriages didn't begin yesterday and today. But in my experience, we as a community really thrive and benefit from story-telling and truth-telling. It's how we're hurt every time our issues go up for a vote at the ballot box because the opposition can lie. And what this judge did - yes they delayed equality and justice - but he also said we're about to shine a big bright light on the lies that the opposition tells. They have to come into court, and raise their right hand, and tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but. And I would challenge all of you...to do what you can here to make sure this state knows what happens in that courtroom because I have faith that when we start telling the truth on this issue, we as a community win."

Between now and Feb. 25, Nessel and her team have the challenging task of gathering expert witnesses to present at trial. The cost to bring in experts can be expensive, and a legal fund has been set up to help with the costs.

# Mi Court: Lesbian Co-parent Has No Legal Standing To Claim Visitation, Custody

BY TODD A. HEYWOOD

**LANSING** – The Michigan Court of Appeals ruled Friday that a lesbian parent has no legal standing to sue her former partner for visitation or custody rights related to a child born to the couple while the upper peninsula couple was legally married in Canada.

The court ruled in *Stankevich v. Milliron*, that Jennifer Stankevich did not have any legal claims to a child conceived by Leanne Milliron after the two were married in Canada in 2007. The couple split in March of 2009. The two initially agreed upon visitation rights, but when they could not agree on scheduling, Stankevich filed for visitation in Dickinson County Circuit Court.

Stankevich claimed in her complaint with the court that she fully participated in the “care and rearing” of the child. That’s a legal standard for custody and visitation claims in Michigan.

Milliron filed for summary judgment dismissing the claim. Her attorneys argued that her former partner did not have standing. The circuit court concurred with Milliron, and dismissed the case. Stankevich

“*[The ruling is] Extremely disappointing but yet another example of how the State of Michigan harms LGBT families by its failure to recognize same-sex relationships and parent-child relationships.*”

- Jay Kaplan, staff attorney for the ACLU of Michigan LGBT Project

appealed, but the higher court also found that she had no standing.

In the Appeals court ruling, judges ruled that Stankevich was not a parent because she was not related by blood. The court relied on a 1987 decision – called the Van decision – in which the equitable parent doctrine was found to apply only to married couples. The appeals court then reasoned because Michigan law and the state constitution prohibit marriage for same-sex couples that the recent Supreme Court ruling in Windsor did not apply.

“The Court affirmed that “[t]he definition of marriage is the foundation of the State’s broader authority to regulate the subject of domestic relations with respect to the protection of offspring, property interests, and the enforcement of marital responsibilities,” the judges of the Michigan court wrote of the June Supreme Court ruling.

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Filmmaker Dustin Lance Black visited Michigan last week, stopping at EMU and Oakland University. He spoke with Affirmations supporters Oct. 10. BTL photo: Crystal Proxmire. Video of talk available online at pridesource.com.

# Dustin Lance Black Shares His Coming Out Story At Affirmations

## Filmmaker Praises Community Centers For Providing Essential Foundation For Change

BY CRYSTAL A. PROXMIRE

**FERNDALE** – The importance of LGBT community centers can sometimes be taken for granted, but the center partners and other donors who keep Affirmations Community Center doors open seem to ‘get it.’ So does award-winning screenwriter Dustin Lance Black who visited the center on Oct. 12 for a tour and a reception.

Black, best known for writing the screenplay *Milk* and other LGBT themed projects, was in Michigan doing speeches at U of M Dearborn and Oakland University. The multi-talented 39-year-old spends part of his year making movies and the other part traveling the country doing activism work.

“I do a spring and fall tour, but I only say yes to certain states,” he said. “Michigan is a state I know the world is watching...Michigan is on the brink, and we need to get things in place like employment nondiscrimination, so that

“*You know, the self-worth and self-confidence, the sense of community and pride that a place like this gives, not just to young people but to all people, I think we cannot underestimate the amount of change that has come, that has its foundation in organizations like this.*”

Dustin Lance Black

when marriage comes it will be safe for people to come out.” He added that Michigan is special because he had a gay older brother who moved here. “He lived and struggled here, and ultimately passed away here,” Black said.

The fiery speeches at the college campuses helped rally the masses last week, yet the intimate gathering at

Affirmations Community Center gave Black a chance to share a story he’s never told publically before. Feeling warm and sentimental from a special punch that was donated by The Oakland in Ferndale, Black told the room of donors, “When I was 19 or 20 years old, in college at UCLA, I came from Texas. I

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# Holland Anti-Discrimination Ordinance Could Rest On Nov. 5 Council Race Outcome

BY JIM LARKIN

Attempts to get an anti-discrimination ordinance protecting lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in the City of Holland could well rest on the Nov. 5 City Council election.

All five of the Holland City Council members who voted against such an ordinance in 2011 are up for election this year, and two opponents – 3rd Ward challenger Richard Burlingame and At-Large candidate Donald Martin – are in favor of passing one. Current council members Wayne Klomprens, Jay Peters, Dave Hoekstra and Bob VandeVusse – who are not up for election this year – are all in favor of an ordinance protecting LGBT residents.

So if either Burlingame unseats 3rd Ward Councilman Brian Burch or Martin upsets At-Large incumbent Nancy DeBoer – or both win – the majority of the council would favor the LGBT protections.

Martin, who is openly gay, has stressed that all Holland residents and businesses deserve equal protection under the law. An AT analyst for Johnson Controls and program coordinator for Latin Americans United for Progress (LAUP), Martin has a master's degree from Western Michigan University and is in the midst of earning a master of business administration from WMU.

Martin, 34, teaches the MAS Adelante Youth Program for LAUP and serves on the city's International Relations Commission and Holland is Ready, a community group that was formed in 2010 to make the Holland area more inclusive of LGBT residents. But Martin, is campaigning on more than just LGBT rights.

"I want people to know that this city belongs to the entire tapestry of Holland: for our Hispanic community, our African-American community, our LGBT community, our immigrants, our high school students,



Donald Martin

for every resident who wishes for the most vigorous and fullest representation that their elected officials can provide," he said.

DeBoer, who cast a key vote against protecting LGBT residents from discrimination, turned down requests to take part in a Voters' Guide and Candidate Forum sponsored, in part, by four Holland LGBT groups. But the former music teacher in Holland Public Schools and Hope College, has a well-known name in Holland and has lived in the city for 27 years. She has her teaching degree from Calvin College and has done graduate work at WMU.

Burlingame, 43, said he is running for council because he felt it was important that the city had a choice of candidates after all the divisive issues it has faced in the last three years – including the anti-discrimination ordinance and a more recent incident in which the property of two different black men was damaged. He works for Staffing Inc. at Bilco and expects to receive his associate's degree from Davenport University this year.

His stance on the anti-discrimination ordinance is decidedly different than Burch's. He supports protections for LGBT people and wants the ordinance worded so it protects all people.

"Much as the terms 'race' or 'religion' do not single out any particular groups or individuals, I think that the term 'sexual orientation' is the language that I would like to see used," Burlingame said.

Burch, meanwhile, continues to state that people within the community – not the government -- need to make changes to address workplace and housing discrimination.

"A new law, forcing specific behavior, would abruptly introduce a new rule that would unnecessarily put an end to a very productive state and local movements happening to make our community more inclusive," he said.

Burch works in public relations and has a bachelor's degree in advertising and promotion from WMU. He serves on the city planning commission and neighborhood advisory committee. In addition to voting against the anti-discrimination ordinance, he also voted in favor of reducing the city's

human relations coordinator to a part-time position.

The only other challenged city council position in Holland is for the 5th Ward, where incumbent Todd Whiteman faces Darlene DeWitt. Whiteman, who was an outspoken opponent to the anti-discrimination ordinance, also did not respond to the Voters Guide request nor participate in the Candidate Forum. DeWitt said in the Voters Guide that "no one should be discriminated against due to their sexual preference or sexual orientation" but then in the Candidate Forum said she was against an ordinance change because "everybody is already included." LGBT people, however, are not included among the protected classes in the city's ordinances and policies.

Mayor Kurt Dykstra and 1st Ward Councilman Myron Trethewey are unopposed in the Nov. 5 elections.

## Holland Races Draw Partisan Response, Emails 'Corrosive'

BY JIM LARKIN

A Holland City Council candidate is taking Mayor Kurt Dykstra and Councilman Brian Burch to task for injecting partisanship into the nonpartisan City Council election, but his harshest criticism was reserved for Burch's use of militaristic terms in an email sent to Hope College Young Republican group members.

Donald Martin, who is running against

incumbent Nancy DeBoer for an at-large council seat, said the email sent out to about 100 people was "blatant, corrosive partisanship." Someone who received the email sent him a copy, he said.

"My primary concern was the militaristic and violent language used in the email," Martin said. "The fact that it came from a sitting City Council member is alarming."

The email contained an open letter from Burch, who is being opposed in the Nov. 5

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## Female Pastor Resigns After Marrying Woman

**DETROIT (AP)** – A Christian leader resigned Oct. 18 from a Detroit church after disclosing that she married a woman.

Bishop Allyson Nelson Abrams stepped down from Zion Progress Baptist Church. The church's first female pastor told congregants Oct. 6 that she married a pastor affiliated with a Washington, D.C., church.

Abrams married Diana Williams, a bishop emeritus with Washington's Imani Temple African-American Catholic Congregation, which has separated from the Catholic Church. They wed in Iowa, where same-sex marriage is legal.

Abrams, who once was married to a man, said leaving was necessary to prevent further division in her church. She said some urged her to stay but others had learned about her marriage before the announcement and were making an issue out of it.

"I know how important it is for congregations to stay together," she said. "I didn't want to split the church any further over this issue."

She said she's considering joining two other denominations but declined to identify them. The Birmingham, Ala., native was ordained in 2001.

The resignation came two days after a federal judge in Detroit said he needs to hear from experts before settling the fate of a 2004 Michigan constitutional amendment that recognizes marriage as being only between a man and a woman. A lawsuit was brought by two Detroit-area nurses in a lesbian relationship.

Fourteen states and the District of Columbia allow gay marriage with New Jersey allowing same-sex marriages beginning Oct. 21. In June, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down parts of a federal law that restricted the rights of gay couples.

## Award Winning Film To Screen Nov. 5

On Nov. 5 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., the Ann Arbor downtown library, located at 343 S. Fifth Avenue, will screen the Oscar-nominated documentary *How To Survive A Plague* in the 4th floor meeting room. The winner of many awards including Best Documentary Awards from the Boston Society of Film Critics and the Gotham Independent Film Awards, the film was featured on over 15 top-ten lists. The 2012 documentary is the story of the brave young men and women who successfully reversed the tide of an epidemic, demanded the attention of a fearful nation, and stopped AIDS from becoming a death sentence. This improbable group of activists bucked oppression and infiltrated government agencies and the pharmaceutical industry, helping to identify promising new medication and treatments and move them through trials and into drugstores in record time.

For more information, call the library at 734-327-4555 or visit the website at [aadl.org](http://aadl.org).



The Delta Township community packed an Oct. 21 meeting where attendees filled two overflow rooms. Township leaders voted unanimously to approve a human rights ordinance protecting LGBT citizens. BTL photo: Todd Heywood

## Delta Township Becomes Michigan's 29th Protected Community For LGBT Citizens

BY TODD A. HEYWOOD

**DELTA TWP.** – After months of consideration, hours of testimony and numerous drafts, Delta Township became the 29th municipality in Michigan to enact a comprehensive nondiscrimination law that includes protections for the LGBT community.

"I believe we have the moral obligation to act," said Township Supervisor Kenneth Fletcher just before the vote was cast.

Township leaders voted unanimously – with one Trustee absent – to approve the ordinance Monday night after over an hour of public testimony. The township's meeting room was full to capacity with concerned citizens, as people spilled out into the hallway and two additional meeting rooms to listen to testimony and the final vote.

Over two dozen people spoke about the ordinance prior to its adoption, with supporters asking the township to protect the LGBT community from discrimination, while the opposition argued passage of the law would violate their religious liberties and conscience.

For township resident Cathy Griffin, being a lesbian was "bondage." She claims to have been "freed" of her unwanted "lesbianism."

Greg Vaughn, a resident who home schools his children, said the new ordinance would force him to allow

members of the LGBT community to "influence" his children through teaching.

"We're talking about a moral issue," Vaughn told the board. "As a home-schooling parent the law tells me who can influence who we have teaching our kids."

Other residents expressed a concern that without a religious exemption, the law would be used against Christians.

"It has some loopholes that will be exploited," Joe Jackson said. "We would like the right of religious conscience."

MSU mechanical engineering graduate student Chris Clark told the board should the law pass, he would move out of the township. "I don't plan to live here if this passes."

Trustee Doug Fedewa dismissed concerns about religious liberties and calls for an exemption in his prepared remarks prior to the vote.

"I believe we've researched and appropriately answered the principle concerns of constitutionality, freedom of speech and religious freedom," he said. "And this ordinance does not intend nor have unintended consequences which infringe upon these rights and principles."

Despite making the motion to adopt the ordinance, Fedewa expressed frustration with the process – which he called a "rush" – and decried what he observed was a failure of advocates to push LGBT equality protections on a state level.

"In order to protect all Michigan LGBT community citizens, this needs

to be enacted on a state level. If a 70 percent plurality of Michigan citizens is supportive of this civil rights protection, I urge One Capital Region and its allies also focus their energies to a statewide solution," Fedewa said. "If you've given up on the legislature amending the Elliot-Larsen Act, I suggest One Capital Region and its allies pursue with equal vigor, a citizen-driven initiated law change through a statewide ballot proposal."

Legislative proposals to amend Michigan's civil rights law, Elliot-Larsen, have languished in the legislature since 1981.

Emily Dievendorf, managing director of Equality Michigan, dismissed Fedewa's call for a ballot move.

"Taking employment discrimination to the voters is an unnecessary use of time and energy when amending Elliott Larsen is an easy change of law that the legislature can make and a change that legislators on both sides of the aisle are currently open to talking about," she said in an email comment to *Between The Lines*. "Until the Michigan legislature moves we ask that any and all local leaders protect us but we do not once again put the question of our humanity on the ballot. The next time we go to the ballot over human rights it will be to correct the embarrassing mistake made in 2004 and to put in place full marriage equality. Our next visit to the constitution is to make it right again."



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## What is COMPLERA?

**COMPLERA**® is a prescription HIV medicine that is used as a complete regimen to treat HIV-1 in adults who have **never** taken HIV medicines before **and** who have an amount of HIV in their blood (this is called “viral load”) that is no more than 100,000 copies/mL. COMPLERA contains 3 medicines – rilpivirine, emtricitabine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate. It is not known if COMPLERA is safe and effective in children under the age of 18 years.

**COMPLERA**® **does not cure HIV-1 infection or AIDS.** To control HIV-1 infection and decrease HIV-related illnesses you must keep taking COMPLERA. Avoid doing things that can spread HIV-1 to others: always practice safer sex and use condoms to lower the chance of sexual contact with body fluids; never reuse or share needles or other items that have body fluids on them, do not share personal items that may contain bodily fluids. Ask your healthcare provider if you have questions about how to reduce the risk of passing HIV-1 to others.

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

### What is the most important information you should know about COMPLERA?

**COMPLERA**® can cause serious side effects:

- **Build-up of an acid in your blood (lactic acidosis)**, which is a serious medical emergency. Symptoms of lactic acidosis include feeling very weak or tired, unusual (not normal) muscle pain, trouble breathing, stomach pain with nausea or vomiting, feeling cold, especially in your arms and legs, feeling dizzy or lightheaded, and/or a fast or irregular heartbeat.
- **Serious liver problems.** The liver may become large (hepatomegaly) and fatty (steatosis). Symptoms of liver problems include your skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow (jaundice), dark “tea-colored” urine, light-colored bowel movements (stools), loss of appetite for several days or longer, nausea, and/or stomach pain.
- **You may be more likely to get lactic acidosis or serious liver problems** if you are female, very overweight (obese), or have been taking COMPLERA for a long time. *In some cases, these serious conditions have led to death.* Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any symptoms of these conditions.
- **Worsening of hepatitis B (HBV) infection.** If you also have HBV and stop taking COMPLERA, your hepatitis may suddenly get worse. Do not stop taking COMPLERA without first talking to your healthcare provider, as they will need to monitor your health. COMPLERA is not approved for the treatment of HBV.

### Who should not take COMPLERA?

**Do not take COMPLERA if you have ever taken other anti-HIV medicines.**

**COMPLERA may change the effect of other medicines and may cause serious side effects.** Your healthcare provider may change your other medicines or change their doses.

**Do not take COMPLERA if you also take these medicines:**

- **anti-seizure medicines:** carbamazepine (Carbatrol, Equetro, Tegretol, Tegretol-XR, Teril, Eptol); oxcarbazepine (Trileptal), phenobarbital (Luminal), phenytoin (Dilantin, Dilantin-125, Phenytek)
- **anti-tuberculosis medicines:** rifabutin (Mycobutin), rifampin (Rifater, Rifamate, Rimactane, Rifadin) and rifapentine (Priftin)
- **proton pump inhibitors for stomach or intestinal problems:** esomeprazole (Nexium, Vimovo), lansoprazole (Prevacid), dexlansoprazole (Dexilant), omeprazole (Prilosec), pantoprazole sodium (Protonix), rabeprazole (Aciphex)
- **more than 1 dose of the steroid medicine dexamethasone or dexamethasone sodium phosphate**
- St. John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum*)

**If you are taking COMPLERA you should not take other HIV medicines or other medicines containing tenofovir (Viread, Truvada, Stribild or Atripla); other medicines containing emtricitabine or lamivudine (Emtriva, Combivir, Eпивir, Eпивir-HBV, Epzicom, Trizivir, Atripla, Stribild or Truvada); rilpivirine (Edurant) or adefovir (Hepsera).**

**In addition, tell your healthcare provider if you are taking the following medications because they may interfere with how COMPLERA works and may cause side effects:**

- certain antacid medicines containing aluminum, magnesium hydroxide, or calcium carbonate (examples: Rolaids, TUMS). **These medicines must be taken at least 2 hours before or 4 hours after COMPLERA.**
- medicines to block stomach acid including cimetidine (Tagamet), famotidine (Pepcid), nizatidine (Axid), or ranitidine HCL (Zantac). **These medicines must be taken at least 12 hours before or 4 hours after COMPLERA.**
- any of these medicines: clarithromycin (Biaxin); erythromycin (E-Mycin, Eryc, Ery-Tab, PCE, Pediazole, Ilosone), fluconazole (Diflucan), itraconazole (Sporanox), ketoconazole (Nizoral) methadone (Dolophine); posaconazole (Noxafil), telithromycin (Ketek) or voriconazole (Vfend).
- medicines that are eliminated by the kidneys like acyclovir (Zovirax), cidofovir (Vistide), ganciclovir (Cytovene IV, Vitrasert), valacyclovir (Valtrex) and valganciclovir (Valcyte).

## COMPLERA. A complete HIV treatment in only 1 pill a day.

COMPLERA is for adults who have never taken HIV-1 medicines before and have no more than 100,000 copies/mL of virus in their blood.

Ask your healthcare provider if it's the one for you.

These are not all the medicines that may cause problems if you take COMPLERA. Tell your healthcare provider about all prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins, or herbal supplements you are taking or plan to take.

**Before taking COMPLERA, tell your healthcare provider if you:**

- Have **liver problems**, including hepatitis B or C virus infection, or have abnormal liver tests
- Have **kidney problems**
- Have ever had a **mental health problem**
- Have **bone problems**
- Are **pregnant or planning to become pregnant**. It is not known if COMPLERA can harm your unborn child
- Are **breastfeeding**: Women with HIV should not breastfeed because they can pass HIV through their milk to the baby. Also, COMPLERA may pass through breast milk and could cause harm to the baby

**COMPLERA can cause additional serious side effects:**

- **New or worsening kidney problems, including kidney failure.** If you have had kidney problems, or take other medicines that may cause kidney problems, your healthcare provider may need to do regular blood tests.
- **Depression or mood changes.** Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any of the following symptoms: feeling sad or hopeless, feeling anxious or restless, have thoughts of hurting yourself (suicide) or have tried to hurt yourself.
- **Changes in liver enzymes:** People who have had hepatitis B or C, or who have had changes in their liver function tests in the past may have an increased risk for liver problems while taking COMPLERA. Some people without prior liver disease may also be at risk. Your healthcare provider may need to check your liver enzymes before and during treatment with COMPLERA.
- **Bone problems** can happen in some people who take COMPLERA. Bone problems include bone pain, softening or thinning (which may lead to fractures). Your healthcare provider may need to do additional tests to check your bones.
- **Changes in body fat** can happen in people taking HIV medicine.
- **Changes in your immune system.** Your immune system may get stronger and begin to fight infections that have been hidden in your body for a long time. Tell your healthcare provider if you start having new symptoms after starting COMPLERA.

The most common side effects reported with COMPLERA are trouble sleeping (insomnia), abnormal dreams, headache, dizziness, diarrhea, nausea, rash, tiredness, and depression. Some side effects also reported include vomiting, stomach pain or discomfort, skin discoloration (small spots or freckles) and pain.

This is not a complete list of side effects. Tell your healthcare provider or pharmacist if you notice any side effects while taking COMPLERA, and call your healthcare provider for medical advice about side effects.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit <http://www.fda.gov/medwatch> or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

**Additional Information about taking COMPLERA:**

- **Always take COMPLERA exactly as your healthcare provider tells you to take it.**
- **Take COMPLERA with food.** Taking COMPLERA with food is important to help get the right amount of medicine in your body. (A protein drink does not replace food. If your healthcare provider stops COMPLERA, make certain you understand how to take your new medicine and whether you need to take your new medicine with a meal.)

**Stay under the care of your healthcare provider during treatment with COMPLERA and see your healthcare provider regularly.**

Please see Brief Summary of full Prescribing Information with important warnings on the following pages.



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## Brief Summary of full Prescribing Information

### COMPLERA® (kom-PLUH-rah) (emtricitabine, rilpivirine, tenofovir disoproxil fumarate) tablets

Brief summary of full Prescribing Information. For more information, please see the full Prescribing Information including Patient Information.

#### What is COMPLERA?

- **COMPLERA** is a prescription HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) medicine that is used to treat HIV-1 in adults
  - who have **never** taken HIV medicines before, **and**
  - who have an amount of HIV in their blood (this is called ‘viral load’) that is no more than 100,000 copies/mL. Your healthcare provider will measure your viral load.

(HIV is the virus that causes AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome)).

- COMPLERA contains 3 medicines – rilpivirine, emtricitabine, tenofovir disoproxil fumarate – combined in one tablet. It is a complete regimen to treat HIV-1 infection and should not be used with other HIV medicines.
- It is not known if COMPLERA is safe and effective in children under the age of 18 years old.
- **COMPLERA does not cure HIV infection or AIDS.** You must stay on continuous therapy to control HIV infection and decrease HIV-related illnesses.
- **Ask your healthcare provider if you have any questions about how to prevent passing HIV to other people.** Do not share or re-use needles or other injection equipment, and do not share personal items that can have blood or body fluids on them, like toothbrushes and razor blades. Always practice safer sex by using a latex or polyurethane condom to lower the chance of sexual contact with semen, vaginal fluids or blood.

#### What is the most important information I should know about COMPLERA?

##### COMPLERA can cause serious side effects, including:

- **Build-up of an acid in your blood (lactic acidosis).** Lactic acidosis can happen in some people who take COMPLERA or similar (nucleoside analogs) medicines. Lactic acidosis is a serious medical emergency that can lead to death. Lactic acidosis can be hard to identify early, because the symptoms could seem like symptoms of other health problems. **Call your healthcare provider right away if you get any of the following symptoms which could be signs of lactic acidosis:**
  - feel very weak or tired
  - have unusual (not normal) muscle pain
  - have trouble breathing
  - have stomach pain with nausea (feeling sick to your stomach) or vomiting
  - feel cold, especially in your arms and legs
  - feel dizzy or lightheaded
  - have a fast or irregular heartbeat
- **Severe liver problems.** Severe liver problems can happen in people who take COMPLERA. In some cases, these liver problems can lead to death. Your liver may become large (hepatomegaly) and you may develop fat in your liver (steatosis). **Call your healthcare provider right away if you get any of the following symptoms of liver problems:**
  - your skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow (jaundice)
  - dark “tea-colored” urine
  - light-colored bowel movements (stools)
  - loss of appetite for several days or longer
  - nausea
  - stomach pain
- **You may be more likely to get lactic acidosis or severe liver problems if you are female, very overweight (obese), or have been taking COMPLERA for a long time.**

- **Worsening of Hepatitis B infection.** If you have hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection and take COMPLERA, your HBV may get worse (flare-up) if you stop taking COMPLERA. A “flare-up” is when your HBV infection suddenly returns in a worse way than before. COMPLERA is not approved for the treatment of HBV, so you must discuss your HBV with your healthcare provider.

- Do not let your COMPLERA run out. Refill your prescription or talk to your healthcare provider before your COMPLERA is all gone.
- Do not stop taking COMPLERA without first talking to your healthcare provider.
- If you stop taking COMPLERA, your healthcare provider will need to check your health often and do blood tests regularly to check your HBV infection. Tell your healthcare provider about any new or unusual symptoms you may have after you stop taking COMPLERA.

#### Who should not take COMPLERA?

##### Do not take COMPLERA if:

- your HIV infection has been previously treated with HIV medicines.
- you are taking any of the following medicines:
  - **anti-seizure medicines:** carbamazepine (Carbatrol, Equetro, Tegretol, Tegretol-XR, Teril, Eptol); oxcarbazepine (Trileptal); phenobarbital (Luminal); phenytoin (Dilantin, Dilantin-125, Phenytek)
  - **anti-tuberculosis (anti-TB) medicines:** rifabutin (Mycobutin); rifampin (Rifater, Rifamate, Rimactane, Rifadin); rifapentine (Priftin)
  - **proton pump inhibitor (PPI) medicine** for certain stomach or intestinal problems: esomeprazole (Nexium, Vimovo); lansoprazole (Prevacid); dexlansoprazole (Dexilant); omeprazole (Prilosec, Zegerid); pantoprazole sodium (Protonix); rabeprazole (Aciphex)
  - more than 1 dose of the steroid medicine dexamethasone or dexamethasone sodium phosphate
  - St. John’s wort (*Hypericum perforatum*)
- **If you take COMPLERA, you should not take:**
  - Other medicines that contain tenofovir (Atripla, Stribild, Truvada, Viread)
  - Other medicines that contain emtricitabine or lamivudine (Combivir, Emtriva, Epivir or Epivir-HBV, Epzicom, Trizivir, Atripla, Truvada, Stribild)
  - rilpivirine (Edurant)
  - adefovir (Hepsera)

#### What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking COMPLERA?

##### Before you take COMPLERA, tell your healthcare provider if you:

- have or had liver problems, including hepatitis B or C virus infection, kidney problems, mental health problem or bone problems
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if COMPLERA can harm your unborn child.
  - **Pregnancy Registry.** There is a pregnancy registry for women who take antiviral medicines during pregnancy. The purpose of this registry is to collect information about the health of you and your baby. Talk to your healthcare provider about how you can take part in this registry.
- are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed. **You should not breastfeed if you have HIV because of the risk of passing HIV to your baby.** Do not breastfeed if you are taking COMPLERA. At least two of the medicines contained in COMPLERA can be passed to your baby in your breast milk. We do not know whether this could harm your baby. Talk to your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby.

**Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take**, including prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

- **COMPLERA may affect the way other medicines work, and other medicines may affect how COMPLERA works, and may cause serious side effects.** If you take certain medicines with COMPLERA, the amount of COMPLERA in your body may be too low and it may not work to help control your HIV infection. The HIV virus in your body may become resistant to COMPLERA or other HIV medicines that are like it.

**Especially tell your healthcare provider if you take:**

- an antacid medicine that contains aluminum, magnesium hydroxide, or calcium carbonate. If you take an antacid during treatment with COMPLERA, take the antacid **at least 2 hours before or at least 4 hours after** you take COMPLERA.
- a medicine to block the acid in your stomach, including cimetidine (Tagamet), famotidine (Pepcid), nizatidine (Axid), or ranitidine hydrochloride (Zantac). If you take one of these medicines during treatment with COMPLERA, take the acid blocker **at least 12 hours before or at least 4 hours after** you take COMPLERA.
- any of these medicines (if taken by mouth or injection):
  - clarithromycin (Biaxin)
  - erythromycin (E-Mycin, Eryc, Ery-Tab, PCE, Pediazole, Ilosone)
  - fluconazole (Diflucan)
  - itraconazole (Sporanox)
  - ketoconazole (Nizoral)
  - methadone (Dolophine)
  - posaconazole (Noxafil)
  - telithromycin (Ketek)
  - voriconazole (Vfend)
- medicines that are eliminated by the kidney, including acyclovir (Zovirax), cidofovir (Vistide), ganciclovir (Cytovene IV, Vitrasert), valacyclovir (Valtrex), and valganciclovir (Valcyte)

**What are the possible side effects of COMPLERA?****COMPLERA can cause serious side effects, including:**

- See “What is the most important information I should know about COMPLERA?”
- **New or worse kidney problems, including kidney failure**, can happen in some people who take COMPLERA. Your healthcare provider should do blood tests to check your kidneys before starting treatment with COMPLERA. If you have had kidney problems in the past or need to take another medicine that can cause kidney problems, your healthcare provider may need to do blood tests to check your kidneys during your treatment with COMPLERA.
- **Depression or mood changes. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any of the following symptoms:**
  - feeling sad or hopeless
  - feeling anxious or restless
  - have thoughts of hurting yourself (suicide) or have tried to hurt yourself
- **Change in liver enzymes.** People with a history of hepatitis B or C virus infection or who have certain liver enzyme changes may have an increased risk of developing new or worsening liver problems during treatment with COMPLERA. Liver problems can also happen during treatment with COMPLERA in people without a history of liver disease. Your healthcare provider may need to do tests to check your liver enzymes before and during treatment with COMPLERA.
- **Bone problems** can happen in some people who take COMPLERA. Bone problems include bone pain, softening or thinning (which may lead to fractures). Your healthcare provider may need to do additional tests to check your bones.
- **Changes in body fat** can happen in people taking HIV medicine. These changes may include increased amount of fat in the upper back and neck (“buffalo hump”), breast, and around the main part of your body (trunk). Loss of fat from the legs, arms and face may also happen. The cause and long term health effect of these conditions are not known.
- **Changes in your immune system (Immune Reconstitution Syndrome)** can happen when you start taking HIV medicines. Your immune system may get stronger and begin to fight infections that have been hidden in your body for a long time. Tell your healthcare provider if you start having new symptoms after starting your HIV medicine.

The most common side effects of COMPLERA include:

- trouble sleeping (insomnia)
- abnormal dreams
- headache
- dizziness
- diarrhea
- nausea
- rash
- tiredness
- depression

Additional common side effects include:

- vomiting
- stomach pain or discomfort
- skin discoloration (small spots or freckles)
- pain

Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.

These are not all the possible side effects of COMPLERA. For more information, ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 (1-800-332-1088).

**How should I take COMPLERA?**

- **Stay under the care of your healthcare provider during treatment with COMPLERA.**
- **Take COMPLERA exactly as your healthcare provider tells you to take it.**
- **Always take COMPLERA with food.** Taking COMPLERA with food is important to help get the right amount of medicine in your body. A protein drink is not a substitute for food. If your healthcare provider decides to stop COMPLERA and you are switched to new medicines to treat HIV that includes rilpivirine tablets, the rilpivirine tablets should be taken only with a meal.
- Do not change your dose or stop taking COMPLERA without first talking with your healthcare provider. See your healthcare provider regularly while taking COMPLERA.
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Co-host John Corvino, left, with mayoral candidate Mike Duggan, co-host Mike Einheuser and Mike Higgins who opened his penthouse condo for the fundraiser. Photo by Jan Stevenson.

# LGBTs Raise Dollars For Duggan

BY JAN STEVENSON

**DETROIT** - Over 100 LGBT people and allies attended a high ticket fundraiser to support Mike Duggan's mayoral campaign Oct. 16. The event was at the spectacular penthouse apartment of the Broderick Tower, with an amazing view of Comerica Park as the fourth game of the ALCS series kicked off. Hot dogs and Cracker Jack were served, in keeping with the baseball theme.

"Mike Duggan is going to be a great Mayor. Let's all look forward to being part of an inclusive and progressive turnaround of our beloved city," said attorney Mike Einheuser, one of the co-hosts along with Wayne State Univ. Prof. John Corvino.

"My administration with reach out to everybody. It doesn't matter if you are black, brown, Christian, Muslim, straight or gay. I want the City of Detroit to be welcoming to anybody who wants to come live and work here," said Duggan. He was there with his wife, Lori, and two of their three children, as well as Patty and Lois, Duggan's lesbian couple in-laws.

"Duggan clearly has the turnaround experience and the intellectual and political chops one needs to be an effective mayor for the city," said Corvino. "He also has an inclusive vision, one that will move us beyond black/white, city/suburb, gay/straight and other divisions that have held us back for a long time.

## ► Holland Email

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election by Richard Burlingame, in which he encouraged a "quiet 'call to arms' so we can keep their numbers down, completely dominate the conversation and the tone" of Monday night's League of Women Voters' candidate forum.

"Take no prisoners. Accept no substitutions. TOTAL EFFING DOMINATION," Burch wrote.

The call to arms didn't quite work as planned. There were approximately 150 people at Monday's candidate forum and a Hope Young Republicans representatives told The Grand Rapids Press that "a little more than 10" people were from the Republican group.

Burch said the email was private and sent to four friends, not the Hope Young Republicans. In it he said "we need the ENTIRE group of Hope Young Republicans." He defended his

use of the militaristic terms, saying those who were upset by his vote against a non-discrimination ordinance protecting LGBT residents started the fight.

"There has been a coordinated effort to get me fired (because of my vote), so that gets me a little worked up," Burch said.

Leaders from PFLAG Holland/Lakeshore, Holland is Ready, Holland Area PRIDE and Hope is Ready said that they have made no attempts to get Burch fired and noted that is not the way any of the groups operate. Holland is Ready was awarded by the city's Human Relations Commission for its work trying to get an anti-discrimination ordinance passed, in part because of the respectful way it conducted itself.

Burch reiterated his opposition to an anti-discrimination ordinance protecting LGBT residents at the forum while his opponent, Richard Burlingame, said he would support it. Incumbents Todd Whiteman and Nancy

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DeBoer also said they would vote against such an ordinance once again while Martin, who is openly gay, gave his unqualified support. Whiteman's opponent, Darlene DeWitt, said she would vote the way her Ward 5 constituents wanted her to vote.

The email sent out prior to the forum also said that Mayor Kurt Dykstra was buying "free pizza and beer" for any members over 21 who attended a party tied to the candidate forum and added "the mayor is totally counting on us." Dykstra said he offered to

host a post-forum pizza gathering as a way of expressing his appreciation for students who have provided help and assistance and to encourage turnout to the forum. He added that no city dollars were used.

Dykstra, who is unopposed for re-election and has contemplated seeking the GOP nomination for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Carl Levin, said although the election is nonpartisan, partisanship often sneaks into a contested race.

"Even in races for non-partisan offices, especially with contested races, partisan activity and partisan participants tend to get involved on both sides," Dykstra said.

Martin, however, said up until the email sent to the Young Republicans the City Council race had been nonpartisan. He said he sought the support of both Ottawa County Republicans and Ottawa County Democrats and said some of the Hope Young Republicans who received the email support his candidacy.

## ► Black

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came from a Mormon family. It was very, very conservative. And as I was slowly coming out to friends, it actually wasn't getting easier. It was getting a little harder because there was this openness I had in LA that I couldn't bring home. And I was very close with my family. And I was very afraid of rejection. Some of that rejection was very real and some of it was imagined. I didn't quite know how to make sense of it. I got very, very depressed. I started to kind of shut down. I wasn't doing so well in school.

"And I went to a community center in Los Angeles, much like this. They started to talk with me, and for free because I didn't have any money. They hooked me up with a counselor

who started to talk with me about being gay. And what it meant and how to find my voice. By just being there, and being the strength for me when I did come out to my family.

"And I'll tell ya, because of a community center like this, I was able to come out. I was able to find the strength, to find my voice. I don't know what I would have done without that strength, but I certainly wouldn't have started making gay and lesbian themed projects, like the Pedro's and Moore story, like Milk. I certainly wouldn't have had the strength to sue the state of California in federal court to bring marriage equality to the state of California had it not been for a community center like this. . .

"And most importantly about that story is it's not unique to me. You know, the self-worth and self-confidence, the sense of community and pride that a place like this gives, not just to young people but to all people, I think

we cannot underestimate the amount of change that has come, that has its foundation in organizations like this. So thank you so much for being strong enough and for being generous enough to keep a place like this going."

Affirmations Executive Director Dave Garcia also thanked the donors, sharing with them some of what their contributions go to fund.

"Your community center doesn't just do advocacy," he said. "When we're sitting in a room where we have Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, Narcotics Anonymous and the LGBT seniors meet next door, and I could go on and on about our mental health programs which we can now build, and bill those services, and the kids that call and are being bullied that call our front desk and get help. From cradle to grave your community center gives programs that are very, very important.

And this organization has been around - in January - 25 years. A lot of you in this room were part of the center when it was down the street. Some of you were a part of it when it was just a helpline in someone's basement. So welcome."

Among those visiting the center, was Miranda Divozzo of Oakland University. She helped book Black for his speaking engagements in Michigan. "I brought my parents with me," she said of the OU talk. "My grandparents are very Edith and Archie Bunker. Even though my parents are very accepting, there's something about having someone right in front of you that makes it more personal." She was impressed with the way Black told his coming out story and shared ways that students could take the initiative on their own campuses.

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# NJ Gov. Ends Gay Marriage Fight As Couples Wed

BY GEOFF MULVIHILL AND ANGELA DELLI SANTI

**TRENTON, New Jersey (AP)** – New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie dropped his legal challenge to same-sex marriages on Monday, removing the possibility that the vows of couples who began getting married hours earlier could be undone by a court.

New Jersey became the 14th U.S. state to allow gay marriages, three days after the state Supreme Court unanimously rejected Christie's request to delay the start of the nuptials. He has said residents, not a court or legislators, should decide on the issue.

"Although the governor strongly disagrees with the court substituting its judgment for the constitutional process of the elected branches or a vote of the people, the court has now spoken clearly as to their view of the New Jersey Constitution and, therefore, same-sex marriage is the law," Christie's spokesman Michael Drewniak said in a statement.

The announcement was unexpected from a Republican governor who is a possible 2016 presidential candidate and has for years opposed gay marriage while supporting the state's previous civil union law.

It was met with jubilation from gay rights advocates including Steven Goldstein, the founder and former leader of Garden State Equality, who asked "How much happiness can I stand?" Conversely, the legalization of gay weddings was scorned by conservatives like National Organization for Marriage President Brian Brown.

"This is just another example of the courts making law out of thin air," he said. "Obviously, Christie should have continued the lawsuit."

## Pa. Pastors To Defy Church, Perform Gay Marriage

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** – A group of Methodist ministers will jointly officiate the marriage of a same-sex couple - in violation of church doctrine - to show solidarity with a colleague facing possible dismissal for presiding at his gay son's wedding.

More than 30 pastors from Lancaster to Reading to Philadelphia have pledged to officiate the same-sex marriage next month, despite the risk it poses for their careers, The Philadelphia Inquirer reported on Sunday.

"The more we get, the harder it will be for the church - it's not impossible - the harder it will be to go after any one person to take away their (religious) orders," said the Rev. David Brown, of Arch Street United Methodist Church in Philadelphia.

The group is acting to support the Rev. Frank Schaefer, who leads Zion United Methodist Church of Iona in Lebanon. He faces a church trial on Nov. 18 for officiating his son's 2007 wedding in Massachusetts, where gay marriage is legal.

The United Methodist Church, which has about 12 million members worldwide, accepts gay members. However, it bars openly gay pastors and the blessing of same-sex unions.

A member of Schaefer's congregation filed a

Brown said his group could look into whether it could continue the legal fight that Christie dropped but said he doubts the courts would allow anyone to intervene.

Advocates have been making a major push to override the veto before a Jan. 14 deadline. Before Christie's announcement Monday, they were expecting a vote by lawmakers sometime after the Nov. 5 election.

New Jersey's courts and politicians have been deliberating over whether to allow gay marriage for more than a decade. The answer has changed quickly in the past month.

In September, a state judge ruled that New Jersey must allow the nuptials in light of a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that made the federal government recognize same-sex marriage.

The state's top court ruled Friday afternoon that it would not delay Monday's implantation date.

And at 12:01 a.m., couples in a handful of communities wed.

In Newark, Mayor Cory Booker, in one of his last acts before joining the U.S. Senate in coming weeks, led a ceremony for seven gay couples and two heterosexual couples.

"Tonight we have crossed a barrier, and now, while you all have fallen into love, I want to say that the truth is, that the state of New Jersey has risen to love," he said. "This state now is resonant now with the core values of our county, with the idea that there is no second class citizenship in America, that we're all equal under the law."

complaint against him in April, less than a month before the church's statute of limitations expired. The complaint is confidential, said Bishop Peggy Johnson, one of three Methodist bishops in Pennsylvania.

"I am in prayer for all involved in this process, and I urge everyone to join me in lifting up in prayer each of the persons involved," Johnson said in a statement.

Schaefer's trial would be the first such proceeding in the church since the U.S. Supreme Court struck down parts of a federal law restricting the rights of gay couples.

"Once again," he said, "society is bringing this to the church as a challenge."

Schaefer said he would not help officiate the same-sex wedding next month. Ceremony details were not disclosed, including the name of the couple or where it will take place. Gay marriage is not legal in Pennsylvania, though several lawsuits are challenging that prohibition.

Ten other ministers are considering joining the 31 who have already pledged to officiate, Brown said. Names of participating pastors will be made public on the marriage certificate.

## Creep of the Week

Kevin Swanson

OPINION BY D'ANNE WITKOWSKI

I was just reading about a middle school student who shot and killed his math teacher in Nevada. And



Kevin Swanson

like all decent Americans I thought, "God damn Girl Scouts." Reports estimate that the government shut down cost the United States \$24 billion. When I heard this I Tweeted, "Are you happy now, Girl Scouts? #MoGirlScoutsMoProblems."

A man in Los Angeles spent his life savings getting plastic surgery to look just like Justin Bieber, yet does not look at all like Justin Bieber. He may have been successful if it hadn't been for those meddling Girl Scouts.

Everything terrible is the fault of the Girl Scouts. Granted, you might not be aware of this sash-clad menace, but that's because they've lulled you into submission with their \$100 boxes of Thin Mints and Samoas. While you're busy stuffing your face with cookies, they're busy turning your daughters into godless lesbians.

But hey, don't take my word for it. I'm just a lady with silly lady thoughts. Instead, here's Kevin Swanson, a man who voices his man thoughts on right-wing radio.

"I don't want to promote a wicked organization that according to its own website doesn't promote godly womanhood," Swanson says. "The vision of the Girl Scouts of America is antithetical to a biblical vision for womanhood."

And what's the biblical vision for womanhood? Shut your whore mouth and make your man a sandwich. Amen.

Now, I know what you're thinking: But, but... does this mean no Girl Scout cookies?

Yep.

"I don't want to support lesbianism, I don't want to support Planned Parenthood and I don't want to support abortion, and if that be the case I'm not buying Girl Scout cookies," says Swanson.

FACT: Every time you buy a box of Trefoils a girl swears off boys forever and gets an abortion.

Look, I know this is going to be

hard for a lot of you. Thankfully, Swanson offers a workaround.

"I suppose if you take a big, fat, black magic marker and you say, 'Give me that box,' and you start marking out all of the references to the Girl Scouts of America on all the boxes then maybe we're not promoting that organization anymore and I'd be willing to buy it," he says.

It's the perfect plan. If you think about it, all you really need is to carry a Sharpie around to "correct" what you don't like anywhere and everywhere and voilà! The world conforms to your worldview.

Drive an old gas-guzzler that spews black exhaust as you tool down the

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highway? Just write "PRIUS" on the bumper.

Feeling guilty about smoking? Just cross out the Marlboro logo on your pack and write "KALE CHIPS."

Spend too much time watching TV and not enough time exercising? Grab that sharpie and scrawl "TREADMILL" across the cushions of your couch.

When every girl in America is just a Thin Mint away from becoming a raging bull dyke, arming ourselves with permanent markers is the only sensible thing.

In fact, as support for anti-gay conversion therapy dries up, I suspect that the Sharpie Cure™ might be the best bet for "ex-gays," too.

Now if you'll excuse me, I have some cookie boxes to deface. For God.

Bishop Allyson D. Nelson Abrams stepped down from Zion Progress Baptist Church, where she had served for five years as its first female pastor. Her announcement from the pulpit earlier this month that she had married a woman stunned many local Baptists.

“I say we need more Allyson Abrams on the planet, and a little more ‘progressive’ on the Baptist mentality. Congratulations on your marriage.”

Susan Hunt, High School student

“As the assistant to the Pastor of Zion Progress MBC I would like to say that we still love Pastor Abrams but this work that we do is bigger than pastor Abrams... its even bigger than myself; I want to thank the leaders and officers for their unwavering commitment to uphold the moral fabric of the church... sin is sin no matter how you slice it...we are dedicated to move forward in Jesus name....”  
James Stalling, assistant to the pastor

“I am so outraged at the hatefulness and bigotry I am seeing here with regards to my fellow Detroiters... I am grateful to you for your courage. You are who you are and there is absolutely nothing wrong with who you are. People have taken scripture and tried to twist it, to make it fit their sentiment. God is love and not hate and there is nothing wrong with being a lesbian.”  
Nedrea Scott, graduate social work student

“God is just freeing her up to do a greater work without the hypocrisy that is so embedded in the Christian church.”  
Darlene Franklin

“To be in accordance with scripture, she would have to give up that type of homosexual lifestyle.”  
Pastor Elder Levon Yuille of The Bible Church in Ypsilanti

“Bishop Abrams is a very intelligent, conscientious and progressive minister. She has done a lot to people.

She, herself did not seek to make this an issue. It was an issue that from my understanding was ignited by rumors and innuendos ... somebody looking up the marriage certificate on the Internet.”

Rev. Charles C. Adams, pastor of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church

# When The Personal Becomes Political



Viewpoint

BY JAN STEVENSON

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I was at the Oakland county courthouse Oct. 16 waiting for the ruling that never came from Judge Friedman which could have allowed for marriage equality in Michigan. There were about 30 people waiting patiently in line, hoping for the chance to get a marriage license from the county clerk’s office. Some were dressed up, some came casual. One couple brought their two young children to share in this most intimate of family affairs.

They were not there to make a political statement about the rights of LGBT people. They were not there for the TV cameras or the many news reporters who were circling the group, looking for quotes and photo ops. In fact, more than half of the couples told me they were uncomfortable being “outed” in BTL, despite the fact that they were at a government agency, standing up together to request – even demand - that their relationship be recognized in the public sphere.

One woman told me that she would surely lose her job if her superiors learned she is a lesbian. Another person said they were not out to their family yet. And one person is a prominent public figure who did not want to be identified for fear that it would be interpreted as some sort of endorsement by their employer.

They were excited, hopeful – and scared. I’ve described this to many people since last week and have received the same surprised reaction. In 2013, who would be worried about what someone would think about them being LGBT? Aren’t we all past that?

The answer is clearly no. Even if Judge Friedman had allowed a window of opportunity for marriage, there would still be no job protections in Michigan. By putting a photo of one’s wife or husband on their desk they might lose their job. These couples, some together for many decades, risked their livelihoods in their simple desire to be married to the person they feel is their rightful spouse.

The couples who showed up at the county clerk’s office that morning were not the people who march and picket for LGBT rights. They were not the activists from the front lines. They were committed, same-sex couples who heard there was a chance they could marry that day. It was intimate, personal, special and beautiful.

After a few hours of waiting and chatting,

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word came down that Judge Friedman would not rule that day. There would be no marriages. Everyone should just go home.

Their faces said it all. Disappointment. Rejection. Pain. Even embarrassment.

They put away their birth certificates and passports they’d brought for the marriage license application and made the way to their cars. Some were crying. Some were angry. They did not talk to each other much. It was a silent disbursement.

Most avoided the reporters waiting outside the courthouse who sought their reaction to the non-ruling. “How do you feel about not being able to marry today?” they asked. Those who could not afford to be out scurried away, not answering the reporters or even looking their way, for fear that a camera might catch an image of their tears and rage.

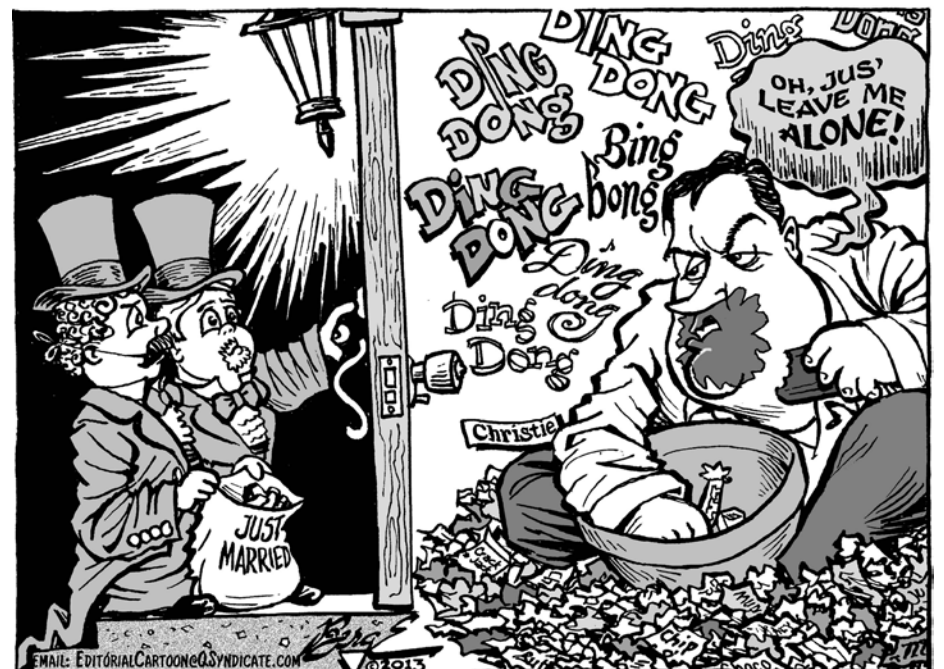
My heart broke for them. Their lives, their loves, their families of choice – back to the silence.

I shed a tear for myself and Susan, too. I had our birth certificates ready in my briefcase. We

had been married eight years ago in Canada, but we thought there was a chance we could marry that day in our home state too. As long-time activists both of us are used to losing a fight, and we are tough enough to deflect the anti-marriage rhetoric and continue the struggle for LGBT equality. We believe we are making progress. The setbacks are offset by the huge gains we have made in recent years, and the victories we expect to come in the months and years ahead.

But it still hurt. Watching the other couples leave the courthouse I wasn’t thinking about legal strategy or political maneuvering. I was imaging what they would tell their children that night at dinner, or what they might say to each other as they got ready to lie down for the night.

It is so intimate, so delicate and so important how we treat each other – privately and in the public sphere. In the struggle for marriage equality the personal is political, and that was clearly etched on all our faces leaving the courthouse that day.





## View From 2,665 Feet



### Parting Glances

BY CHARLES ALEXANDER

\$9.49 is pittance to pay for a glamorous trip down memory lane. (The older I get the more trips I take; the intervals growing shorter and shorter, with an occasional shady rest stop in between.)

So, among the movies on sale during my Royal Oak's Barnes & Noble weekly visit I chose "The Razor's Edge." It's dated viewing. Hokey in its groping American seeks life's meaning at 2,665 feet in a mountain retreat in Southern India, but true to British author Somerset Maugham's book.

A David O. Selznick's 1946 postwar production, the movie cost a hefty \$4 million dollars back then – about \$12 million pre-recent stock market nose-diving dollars, and employed over 18,000 extras to compliment its stellar cast.

I wanted to see Tyrone Power – just out of the U.S. Marines at peak of his handsome good looks – Gene Tierney's breathtaking loveliness at 26, and Clifton Webb's faggy waspiness, made so initially memorable in the 1944 "Laura," his first Hollywood venture, again with Tierney.

Apart from Webb's Academy Award-nominated Best Supporting Actor performance in "Razor," losing out to Harold Russell for "Best Years of Our Lives," the film has other gay historical subtexts.

(My Cass Tech homeroom teacher Lawrence Timothy Ray was a Webb look-alike. He had also been a Broadway chorus boy with Webb in the 1920s.) Mr. Ray often began English Lit class, black horn-rimmed glasses in hand for elegant emphasis, with, "all right, teenagers let's take interactive dictation!"

Actor Tyrone Power was bisexual, gossiped to have had an S/M fling with swashbuckling actor Errol Flynn. And there's a brief passing comment – which only early movie fans sophisticatedly "in the know" might pick up on – made by Tierney about author Maugham being "a rather queer sort of man."

Maugham was indeed that. Married and father of a daughter, he said of his homosexuality, "It was only later in life that I realized I was a quarter straight and three quarters gay."

It was also Maugham who tattled that British Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill had slept with wildly popular music hall entertainer and actor Ivor Novello (every bit as photogenically-handsome and rugged as Power) and who described the encounter to Maugham as "musical." Musical, indeed.

Picking up on that note (and because Halloween's a week away), here's a warming antidote about Sir Winston I chanced to blog across.

One morning Winston Churchill was woken by a Prime Ministerial aide, who nervously informed him that a backbench member of Parliament had been arrested in the bushes with a guardsman, and that the newspapers had got hold of it. (The item, not the organ.)

Mr. Churchill ruminated for a moment, and then asked whether he was right in thinking that it had been particularly cold the previous night.

The aide shakily confirmed that it had been one of the coldest February nights on record. Before turning over and going back to sleep, the Prime Minister exclaimed, "Makes you proud to be British!" (Or, if the snowshoes fit, American.) May all your tricks be treats!



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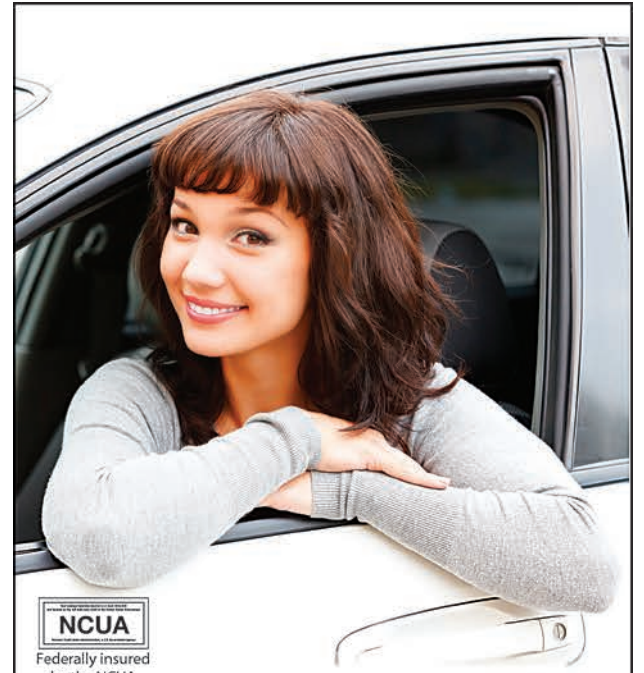
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## ► Co-Parent Ruling

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ruling. "Consistent with Windsor, the Michigan Legislature has delineated the scope of marriage within this state. MCL 551.1 defines marriage as between a man and a woman, and invalidates marriages between same-sex individuals."

The ruling drew condemnation from advocates and lawmakers.

"I think the court missed," said Rep. Jeff Irwin (D-Ann Arbor), who has introduced legislation to make second parent adoption legal. "I think [passage of the bill] is more urgent and more necessary."

Irwin said the ruling flew in the face of legal concepts such as determining what is in the best interest of the children, and is "anathema to American values."

"[The ruling is] Extremely disappointing but yet another example of how the State of Michigan harms LGBT families by its failure to recognize same-sex relationships and parent-child relationships," says Jay Kaplan, staff attorney for the ACLU of Michigan LGBT Project. "What is so faulty about the Court's damaging opinion in Van is that the majority elevates marital status above everything else, including the best interests of the child, disregarding any harm that might come to a child who never gets to see his/her other parent again."

This is the legal precedent in Michigan and it needs to be changed either legislatively or the Michigan Supreme Court needs to overturn this decision. The Court of Appeals here believed that it had no choice but to follow the Van decision. I would say that both the Court of Appeals and the Michigan Supreme Court have let kids down here."

Emily Dievendorf, managing director of Equality Michigan, also slammed the ruling.

"The relegation of LGBT citizens to second-class status by Michigan's courts is disappointing, but not surprising. This decision is yet one more clear example of the incredible power of the marriage document to lend credibility, under law, to our relationships," she said in an email statement to BTL. "It shouldn't be so. Two loving supportive parents willing to provide for a child are the structure a child needs to thrive regardless of a license or of the gender of either parent, but as long as the law continues to define guardianship and partnership through civil marriage LGBT families must be granted equal access to marriage or they are clearly being treated as unequal under the law. Denying children the right to have both parents legally empowered to protect them only harms families and makes our children unnecessarily vulnerable."

Read the ruling online: [http://publicdocs.courts.mi.gov:81/OPINIONS/FINAL/COA/20131017\\_C310710\\_23\\_310710.OPN.PDF](http://publicdocs.courts.mi.gov:81/OPINIONS/FINAL/COA/20131017_C310710_23_310710.OPN.PDF)

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# Fighting Fire With Fabulous

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## The Dambacher Brothers Target Westboro Baptist Church With New Rock Musical

BY DANA CASADEI

The Westboro Baptist Church has been challenged before for their vile hate mongering, and now two brothers – Dave and Scott Dambacher of Port Huron – are about to take them on, too, with, well, what else but fabulousness.

Sitting on the back patio of the St. Clair Inn, Dave and Scott chat about their latest project, “The Freaka in Topeka”: “This piece is gonna be a celebration of diversity,” Scott says. “They’re kind of the epitome of intolerance. So why not go right for the jugular?”

The “they” Scott speaks of is the Westboro Baptist Church, who have their home base in Topeka, Kan. (Note the show’s title.)

The show will also premiere in the Sunflower State, hopefully in late spring 2014, they say. The idea is to do a short run, with one show Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

“We’re gonna take a bus and a truck with the set and drive right into their town and do it,” Dave says.

Though the show will premiere in Kansas, everything else about it will be connected back to their homestate. The music will be Detroit influenced – think Iggy and the Stooges and Jack White – and the cast, which includes Scott, will all be local. There will be an open call, probably in February, to fill the rest of the 15-20 roles.

“Late spring in Kansas should be nice,” Dave says. “I’m sure the people of Kansas are just awesome, cool people – except for the WBC.”

“I think the old guy (Fred Phelps) that runs the joint, he’s gotta be dying soon, right? His daughter (Shirley Phelps-Roper) is kind of being groomed to take over, and I think she’s even wackier than her father. I think it’s time to start countering their influence on people.”

The group, which held its first public service in 1955, is constantly making headlines for protesting pretty much everything, from gays to a 5-year-old’s lemonade stand.

“God hates lemonade,” Scott laughs.

“God hates lemonade, God hates fags, God hates America,”

“We’re not playing into that hate thing. We live in such a crazy time. To parody that, along with these Westboro people, and fighting against intolerance and celebrating freedom, I think it’s an important thing to do right now.”

– Scott Dambacher

Dave adds. “God hates everything. God’s gonna hate me eventually if he doesn’t already.”

It’s easy to joke about something so ridiculous, but the guys get serious when asked what they think will happen when they arrive in Topeka, and how the Westboro folks will react.

“I’m hoping that ... I’m not sure. I don’t know what I’m hoping,” Dave says. “I don’t want to pimp it like they do.”

But if the group did protest the show, Dave said that it would be a plus.

“It would be fun, because I’d really like to see them in person and meet them,” Dave says. “(I’d say), ‘Come on in and see our show. Check it out, we might change your mind.’”

The show, which Dave describes as a “rock ‘n’ roll piece,” is currently being written by the brothers, with Scott working on the story and Dave doing the score. The duo will also be working with their other brother Brian and his fiancée, Sarah, making this the fourth project for the group.

Scott said the first act will mainly be introductions to who the characters are, including the story’s protagonist. They will be people who are targeted by a group like Westboro, and then outed by that group. The second act will follow that story and have the protagonist get involved with a “freaka” group of people.

The setting of the show will probably take place at “a happening” or festival, with a diverse group of people. “Artists, musicians, freaks, everybody,” Dave says. “The original concept was like Burning Man, but much cooler, much gayer, and way shorter – and free.”

“The Freaka in Topeka,” which has the

tagline “fight fire with fabulous,” may be free for the public to attend, but Dave estimates that it will cost about \$50,000 in total to produce. The plan is to hold some sort of fundraiser; one idea is to fund it through Kickstarter that would have awards. If the fundraiser doesn’t raise enough, they will fund it themselves.

Both brothers agree that this has been more arduous than previous shows, but the payoff is immense.

“We’re not playing into that hate thing,” Scott says. “We live in such a crazy time. To parody that, along with these Westboro people, and fighting against intolerance and celebrating freedom, I think it’s an important thing to do right now.”

Once they have more material written, they plan on putting bits and pieces of it on their website and Twitter account. The idea is to post musical ideas, story lines, etc., and then have an online community give input as the show progresses. This way the show would “almost (be) written as a collective thing,” Dave says. “Everyone would have some sort of ownership. If someone sees our piece or hears about it and they think, ‘Wow, that’s a really cool idea, I’d love to be a part of that,’ then I would love to have them be part of it.”

When discussing the possibility of this going worldwide, both brothers beam with pride, with Scott adding that this could be a “revolution through art.”

“It’s lofty,” Dave says, “but I would like to change people’s viewpoints.”

Hey, you gotta start somewhere.

For more information on “The Freaka in Topeka,” visit [freakatopeka.com](http://freakatopeka.com).



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# Painting Helps Fight Against Domestic Violence In Royal Oak

BY SHELBY CLARK

Paint Party Royal Oak celebrates their second anniversary this Wednesday with a fundraiser for HAVEN.

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Based out of Oakland County, HAVEN has offered shelter, classes and

more for victims of sexual and domestic violence for over 40 years. Like many nonprofits, funds are crucial in the crusade to end these forms of assault.

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Owners Tim and Kathy Pare, the latter a member of the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce, enjoy sharing their art experience with the public. The Pares bring diverse artistic knowledge with backgrounds in graphic arts and concrete and foam sculpture.

Doors open for the fundraiser for HAVEN at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 23.

Paint Party Royal Oak is located at 2514 W. 14 Mile Road, Royal Oak, with free parking available at the rear entrance.

Admission is \$40, with half of all proceeds going directly to the HAVEN. No coupons or daily deals are accepted on this night.

The event is open to ages 16 and up. Alcohol is permissible for 21 and over.

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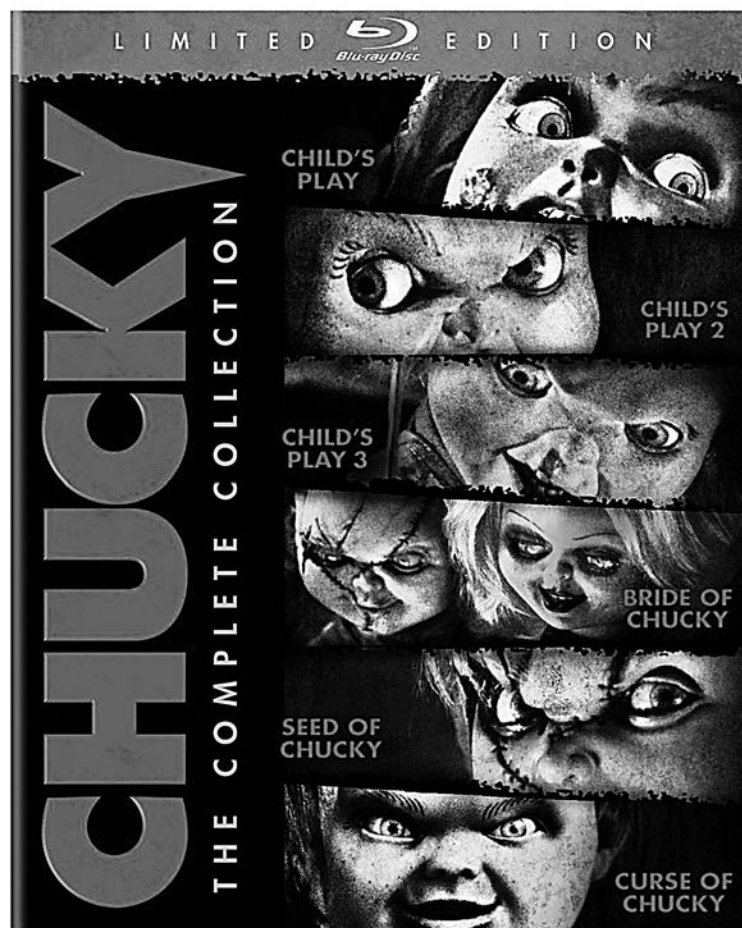


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# Screen Queen

## Halloween Edition

BY CHRIS AZZOPARDI



### Chucky: The Complete Collection

Dolls used to be disposable. Toss 'em, sell 'em, give 'em to Goodwill. Not Chucky. The little ginger shit just won't go away. A quarter-century after "Child's Play" made a very convincing argument that those cuddly Cabbage Patch Kids may not be so cuddly, the horror icon demonstrates that nothing – decapitation, combustion, bad sequels – can keep him away from preying on little kids' souls. And so we have "The Curse of Chucky," the sixth installment in this franchise box set and the first to go direct to disc. That it's a high point for the saga – maybe even the best – says a lot about filmmaker's Don Mancini's passion to please the fans by making Chucky your worst nightmare again. "Curse," where the savage plaything ties up some loose ends, is a maniacal nightmare, but also, and to Mancini's credit, a slick and stylish dovetail to the original. If he was a jokey goof after the campy-fun "Bride of Chucky" and campy-crappy "Seed of Chucky," now, the "Good Guy" returns to remind you that no one toys around with this pint-sized punk. Well, except for maybe one person (after the credits, you'll see who's

back for a killer epilogue). The rest of this Blu-ray collection includes both "Seed" and "Bride" (look for John Waters, Alexis Arquette, Katherine Heigl and Jennifer Tilly) and the trio of "Child's Play"-titled films. Most of the extras, and there's a fair share, are either DVD hold-over commentaries or related to recent installments: the making of "Curse," bringing this mean mofo to life, lots of Tilly and "The Chucky Legacy." Chucky wants to play. Do so if you dare.



### This Is the End

If you witnessed the drabness of "The Road," you know one thing: The world ending ain't all that funny.

Everything and everyone everywhere dies. And life looks a lot like the saddest Instagram filter. That's some bleak stuff. But it doesn't have to be. It can be effing hilarious if it's happening to James Franco, Jay Baruchel, Seth Rogen, Danny McBride, Craig Robinson and a pretty cool bunch of other comic gods and Hollywood hotshots who all play exaggerated almost-cartoon

versions of themselves. An outrageous, gut-busting gas, the apocalyptic bro comedy runs with the most basic of premises – Judgment Day crashes a Franco party and takes Rihanna, etc. into the pits of hell – and has ghastly gore, a "Rosemary's Baby"-inspired homo-demonic takeover, canoodling, cannibalism, a Whitney Houston song and, in a wet-dream-making cameo, an A-list actor leashed, tonged and on all fours. And because you can't have a Franco film without a trace of gayness, "This Is the End" – written by Rogen and co-screenwriter/co-director Evan Goldberg ("Superbad") – pleases with giant penis art in Franco's place and jokey accusations of his fellatio habits. If this is how the world ends, all pervy and hilarious and even kind of tenderhearted, do it already – bring on that rapture, damn it. Extras, including a Rogen/Goldberg commentary and the rompy Line-O-Rama, abound, but it's the short "Cannibal King" that's four minutes of kinky delight.



### Friday the 13th: The Complete Collection

When it comes to the immortalization of horror franchises, "Friday the 13th" kills the competition. No other whack job – not Michael Myers, not even Freddy – has as many reincarnations as Jason Voorhees, the machete slice-and-dicer who's been drowned and burned and frozen and hilariously sent to space. But a dozen movies in, and the dude's probably still at the bottom of Camp Crystal Lake waiting for his next sequel so he can refurbish his hockey mask and mangle more teens while they get their hanky-panky on. This comprehensive set should help his cause: This nifty collectible tin case features every movie – from the low-budget 1980 original with a bulgy-crocheted Kevin Bacon to Jason's faceoff with Freddy (poor Kelly Rowland) and the 2009 reboot – in a foldout Blu-ray book with a retrospective insert, 3D glasses for "Part III" and a camp counselor patch. Having all 12 of the franchise's flicks in hi-def, some of them for the first time ("Jason X"!), is a horror buff's dream, and the special features – commentaries, trailers and a "Killer Bonus" disc featuring special-effects secrets and chats with Jason's victims, all carryovers from previous DVD releases – do justice to one of the genre's most menacing and iconic villains.



## American Horror Story: Asylum

Even with the wicked cast of witches currently stirring trouble on FX, there's still no shaking the psychologically darker-than-dark last season of TV horror anthology "American Horror Story," where a psych ward was the setting for Jessica Lange's ex-gay therapy, a rapey doctor who dismembered the limbs of one of his patients, and a hideous new terror icon known as Bloody Face. And to think: this all from the guy who brought you "Glee." Ryan Murphy – who, let's face it, has guts – goes back in time to the '60s, to Briarcliff Mental Institution, and to the insanity of Catholic loons running a facility with gross narrow-mindedness and evil malice. Oh, and aliens – there's those, too. Murphy even exercises his musical flair with one of the season's best scenes: the patients' random dance break during "The Name Game." "Asylum" was a descent into the deliciously disgusting corners of Murphy's warped mind, and all of it brought to life (and death) by one helluva cast: Lange, Sarah Paulson, Zachary Quinto, Dylan McDermott, Frances Conroy and James Cromwell, who won an Emmy for his role. They discuss their characters during a compendium of interviews. Other extras include the ridiculous/fun set tour "The Orderly," a look at the production design and the series' use of monster makeup.

## Also Out Maniac



You know Elijah Wood from "Flipper." And you know him as Frodo, and as the voice of a penguin in "Happy Feet." Now, with the remake of William Lustig's 1980 slasher, you'll know him as a creepy, panting Norman Bates-type serial killer with a thing for lady hair, which he scalps and then uses for the mannequins in his boutique shop. Frank's reason for such savagery? Mommy issues ... obviously. What follows is a sadistic stomach-churner with some very sickening sequences of human-wig-making gore and horrifying turns of psychological darkness, all seen through the eyes of Frank. The POV adds an unsettling effect, but otherwise it's "Psycho" for a new generation of "Saw"-obsessed thrill seekers. Extras skimp, but there's an interesting interview with director Franck Khalfoun on the source material that inspired his remake.



## Hannibal: Season One

The debut season of NBC's Hannibal Lecter spinoff was as much about cannibalism as it

was Hugh Dancy in his underwear. That's not a plot spoiler – that's a reason to watch. And there are many of those in this twisty creep show. "Hannibal," from "Pushing Daisies" creator Bryan Fuller, is a sickening mind game, where every dinner turns another carnivore into a strict vegetarian and where every interaction between FBI agent Will Graham (Dancy) and the iconic Dr. Lecter (Mads Mikkelsen) gets a little gayer. Adding to the queer factor is Scott Thompson of "Kids in the Hall," who butches up as a crime-scene investigator. Uncut episodes, a peek into the series' development and a humorous piece on the cannibalistic subtext are among the bonus features.



## The Fog (Collector's Edition)

Jamie Lee Curtis pretty much hates "The Fog," which is kind of funny because she's in it. In a thorough new

interview on the 1980 film's Blu-ray debut, the "scream queen" is amusingly frank about John Carpenter's second tier slow-go follow-up to "Halloween." Curtis is, perhaps, a tad harsh on this ghost story about a town swept up in a thick ... well, you know. Without trying to be more than a mysterious little fable, "The Fog" has its simple goose-bumping pleasures, leave-it-to-your-imagination spooks and a lasting impression. What comes to mind every time you drive through a cloud of white smog? Yeah, this creepiness. Full of supplements, including a Carpenter commentary, the "Collector's Edition" is an impressive set.



## Halloween (35th Anniversary Edition)

Michael Myers just keeps coming back ... to DVD/Blu-ray, that is.

Thirty-five years after he brought Halloween-night terror to Laurie Strode (Jamie Lee Curtis), and to the rest of the spooked-out world, the masked man gets a fancy hi-def book-style edition with 20 pages of archival photographs and the awesomely monstrous Myers art on the front. It's the best-sounding, best-looking version (so far, anyway) of one of horror's undying classics, and some all-new extras justify this as a must-have rerelease: Curtis is joined by director John Carpenter for a revealing commentary, and the engaging "Night She Came Home" travels to a fan convention with Curtis, where she hangs with "Halloween" diehards. Long live the king/queen of horror!

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# Happenings

## OUTINGS

### Thursday, Oct. 24

**Pronoun Visibility Day** 1 a.m. Campus Wide. EMU LGBTRC, **Ypsilanti**. 734-487-4149. emich.edu/lgbtrc

**Voter Engagement Forum VI** 8 a.m. KICK, 41 Burroughs St. 109, **Detroit**. 313-285-9733. E-kick.org

**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.

**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.

**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

**Nerd Nite Ann Arbor** 6:30 p.m. Monthly event including discussions and more. Tickets: \$5. Nerd Nite Ann Arbor, 102 S. First St., **Ann Arbor**. annarbor.nerdnite.com

**Whole Lives, Healthy Lives Adult Support Group** 7 p.m. This one-of-a-kind program in Berrien County helps attendees support each other in healthy ways through active listening and caring feedback. OutCenter, 132 Water St., **Benton Harbor**. 269-925-8330. Outcenter.org

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

### Friday, Oct. 25

**Understanding Diverse Houses of Worship** 10 a.m. Tickets: \$119. Feet on the Street Tours, **Southfield and Detroit**. Enjoythed.com

**Riot Youth** 4 p.m. A youth-led, safe space for LGBTQ youth and their allies. Riot Youth also is a space for youth to talk and find support about their struggles as LGBTQ youth. They have workshops on various issues such as gender identity/expression, intersections of LGBTQ identity with race and other social identities, LGBTQ history and writing workshops. They also play theater games, host movie nights, and have parties. The Neutral Zone, 310 E. Washington, **Ann Arbor**. 734-214-9995. neutral-zone.org

**Help & Heal** 6 p.m. A monthly support group for HIV-positive gay or same-gender-loving (SGL) men of color. KICK, 41 Burroughs St., Suite 109, **Detroit**. davidnelson@e-kick.org

**13th Annual Black Tie & Tails Gala** 7 p.m. Charity fundraiser. Dearborn Animal Shelter, 20301 Oakwood Blvd., **Dearborn**. 313-943-2697. Dearbornanimals.org

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

### Saturday, Oct. 26

**Saline Farmer's Market - Saturdays** 8 a.m. Saline Farmer's Market, S. Ann Arbor St., South of Michigan Ave., **Ann Arbor**. Cityofsaline.org/

**Addressing the Incarceration Epidemic** 8:30 a.m. La'Ron Williams will speak. Presentations, expo, and continental breakfast and lunch. Free. Woodside Church, 1509 E. Court St., **Flint**. 810-767-4911. Woodsidechurch.net

**LAHR Breakfast Club** 10 a.m. Meet at Flap Jack near Frandor. Lansing Association for Human Rights, **Lansing**. beachlerb@sbcglobal.net lahronline.org

**OutCenter Volunteer Orientation & Training Session** 12 p.m. OutCenter, 132 Water St., **Benton Harbor**. 269-925-8330. outcenter.org

**Fall Festival** 3 p.m. Membership appreciation party. Afterparty at HayLoft Saloon. Free. Black and White Men Together-Detroit, 2301 Martin Road, **Ferndale**. 734-308-7304. bwmtedetroit@sbcglobal.net

**Spooktacular Evening** 4 p.m. Apple orchard meetup, dinner, and more. GOAL, 5565 Merritt Road, **Ypsilanti**. Meetup.com/GOAL-Get-Out-And-Live-LGBT

**T-Party** 7 p.m. A great opportunity for those in the Transgender community and their allies to get to know each other. Coffee, tea and soft drinks available. Windsor-Essex Pride Fest, 422 Pellissier, **Windsor**. 519-973-4656. windsorpride.com

### Sunday, Oct. 27

**TransCend** TransCend provides support and resources to the Southwest Michigan transgender community, their significant others, family, friends, and allies. Meetings occur twice per month on the 2nd Wednesday and 4th Sunday. Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, 629 Pioneer St., **Kalamazoo**. 269-349-4234. Kglrc.org

**Addressing the Incarceration Epidemic** 10 a.m. Franklin Elmer sermon, talk back session, carding childcare provided. Luncheon to follow. Woodside Church, 1509 E. Court St., **Flint**. 810-767-4911. Woodsidechurch.net

**Guardians for Animals Pet Expo** 10 a.m. Adoptions, pet contests and prizes, photography, shopping, microchipping, auction and more. Guardians for Animals, 876 Horace Brown Dr., **Madison Heights**. Guardiansforanimalspetexpo.org

**Fifth Annual Books & Authors** 11 a.m. 50 authors on hand to mingle with readers and discuss their books. Free. Leon & Lulu, 96 W. 14 Mile Road, **Clawson**. 248-288-3600. Leonandlulu.com

**Queer Women's Committee Potluck** 1 p.m. Monthly potluck on fourth Sunday of each month. All lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and ally women welcome. Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, 629 Pioneer St., **Kalamazoo**. 269-349-4234. Kglrc.org

**Conversation Station** 5 p.m. A new topic is discussed each week. GOAL, 714 S. Washington, **Royal Oak**. 248-981-4227. MarciLWilliams@yahoo.com GetOutAndLive.me

**Fellowship for Today** 5:30 p.m. Open and Affirming. Lansing Korean United Methodist Church, 2400 E. Lake Lansing Road, **East Lansing**. 517-337-4070. info@fellowshipfortoday.org

### Monday, Oct. 28

**Fun Run & Walk Program** 6:30 p.m. Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, **Kalamazoo**. 269-349-4234. Kglrc.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@hghiv.org

**Nest Bible Study** 6:30 p.m. Monthly Bible study focusing on LGBTQ issues. Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, 508 Denner St., **Kalamazoo**. Kglrc.org

**God and Gays** 7 p.m. Film. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. Goaffirmations.org

**Movement with Kristi Faulkner Dance** 7 p.m. A different genre of movement each week, including modern dance, ballet, jazz, hip hop/breaking, soft shoe tap dance, and stretch and strengthening. Workshops are designed for beginning/intermediate movers ages 16-55. Tickets: \$5. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. goaffirmations.org

**Writing Group** 7 p.m. Different focus for each meeting. Meets fourth Monday of every month. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. goaffirmations.org

### Tuesday, Oct. 29

**Older Adult and Senior Helpline** 4 p.m. Provides peer counseling, empathy and community resources for LGBT adults. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 1-800-398-4297. goaffirmations.org

**Trans/Genderqueer Peer Group** 4 p.m. EMU LGBTRC, **Ypsilanti**. 734-487-4149. emich.edu/lgbtrc

**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

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

**Because We Are Worth It (Sex Addicts Anonymous LGBTQ Meeting)** 6:30 p.m. Jim Toy Community Center, 319 Braun Court, **Ann Arbor**. 734-995-9867. jimtoycenter.org

**Eucre 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

**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

**Psychiatric Disorders in Chemically Dependent Individuals: Diagnostic and Treatment Considerations** 7:30 p.m. This program will provide an overview of co-occurring addiction and psychiatric illness, including standard diagnostic criteria; individual considerations for determining the appropriate course of treatment; available psycho-social and pharmacologic treatment interventions; and the perspectives of both the person with addiction and the treatment provider on addiction and psychiatric illness. Free. The Dawn Farm Education Series, 5305 Elliot Dr., **Ypsilanti**. 734-485-8725. Dawnfarm.org/programs/education-series

**Tea & Talk** 8 p.m. Open discussion with free tea and treats. Triple Goddess

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Allison Megroet stars in Magenta Giraffe Theatre's "Saint Joan" at The Abreact Performance Space. Photo: Chuk Nowak

# Much At Stake In Magenta Giraffe's 'Saint Joan'

BY MARTIN F. KOHN

The old joke notwithstanding - if you can remember the '60s, you probably weren't there - I don't remember any productions of George Bernard Shaw's "Saint Joan" during that tumultuous decade. This is surprising because, along with Sophocles' "Antigone," "Saint Joan" is the classic question-authority, bleep-the-establishment drama.

Director Matthew Turner Shelton brings this idea home in his powerhouse adaptation at Magenta Giraffe Theatre. (Incidentally, there were two Broadway productions of "Saint Joan" in the '60s, though neither lasted very long.) Shelton has done some judicious editing and eliminated a slew of minor characters, with just six actors playing all the others: Allison Megroet in the title role and five men - Dax Anderson, Michael Lopetrone, Keith Kalinowski, Joe Hamid and Jonathan Davidson - doing double- or triple-duty.

The story arc of Joan of Arc, France's 15th-century national hero, has long intrigued playwrights, from Shakespeare in the 1500s ("Henry VI") to Shaw in the 1920s, to Maxwell Anderson ("Joan of

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Lorraine") in the 1940s to Jean Anouilh ("The Lark") in the 1950s, among others. No wonder. Hers is a story of war, national pride, courage, faith, rugged individualism, gender stereotyping, challenging authority and what might be called Klum's Hypothesis: One day you're in and the next day you're out.

So it goes for Joan of Arc. Inspired by voices of the saints, which only she can hear, the teenager persuades French nobles to let her lead soldiers in battle against the occupying English. Victorious at Orleans with apparent divine assistance, she goes on to additional military triumphs before the tide turns against her. That's when the establishment - the church and the nobility - decide to put an end to her in a sham of a trial (for heresy) that

constitutes the most gripping scene of Shelton's staging. The nobility, anything but noble, hate how the people see Joan as a political leader; the nobles are supposed to lead. The churchmen, anything but holy, hate how Joan can be in contact with God; nobody can be in touch with God without the church hierarchy as intermediaries.

Well, we all know how this ends; no play about Joan of Arc depends on suspense to be effective. The impact of Magenta Giraffe's "Saint Joan" comes from its performances, with a special nod to Allison Megroet; her Joan, despite hearing voices, comes across as the most rational character amid an array of cowards, hypocrites, blowhards and fools. Anderson, Lopetrone, Kalinowski, Hamid and Davidson play them accordingly and convincingly.

Consequently, not only is there much to think about, there is much to feel.

Note: In the program and in publicity materials, Magenta Giraffe attempts to draw parallels between 15th-century France and present-day Detroit. Aside from the likelihood that certain members of the Detroit City Council are hearing voices, I'm not buying it.

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# DIFFA Dazzled Detroit

BY JAN STEVENSON

**DETROIT** - Exquisite dining room installations, fabulous food, beautiful people, soaring music and entertaining clowns and acrobats dazzled hundreds of partygoers at the fourth annual DIFFA Detroit event. It was at the old Federal Reserve Building in Detroit, recently purchased by Dan Gilbert's real estate holding company. The first floor space was stripped out to its I-beam studs, creating a gritty atmosphere that conveyed a work in progress image - which the building actually is in fact. The three-day celebration raised over \$160,000 for the Michigan AIDS Coalition, a 75 percent increase from the 2012 DIFFA Detroit event.

"Profit from the event was up considerably from last year because our expenses were so much lower. Quicken gave us the building, all the signage, the valet parking all for free. That really helped the profit side," said MAC's Executive Director Terry Ryan. Quicken Loans and Rock Financial were the presenting sponsors and major underwriters. "We had higher attendance and more sponsored installations which also helped the bottom line," said Ryan.

Celebrations started Sept. 26 with Cocktails By Design that featured 29 of the area's best restaurants, each offering a special hors d'oeuvre or dessert. Over 500 guests strolled around viewing the dining room installations

and artwork displayed throughout the first floor and mezzanine venue, while tasting each of the restaurant's offerings. And no one missed the mouth-watering chocolates given out by AG Chocolates of Jackson.

The next night Artwork By Design raised over \$30,000 for MAC at a live and silent auction. Over 100 local artists and 16 collectors donated original art for the auction.

The next night was the signature gala dinner with over 500 people seated at 26 different dining rooms, each created by an interior designer and sponsored by a corporate underwriter, at \$10,000 per table. "We raised almost \$100,000 just from table sponsors alone this year," said Ryan. The designers let their imaginations go wild and their creations varied from ultra modern to traditional, and even a faux outdoor woods and picnic table setting.

Plans are already underway for next year's DIFFA Detroit, and Ryan is hoping that Dan and Jennifer Gilbert will return as co-hosts and their companies as presenting sponsors. "We couldn't have had better partners than they were. They were terrific to work with, and incredibly generous," said Ryan.

The Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS is a New York based foundation that raises money to grant to organizations that fight HIV/AIDS. They co-sponsor with local HIV/AIDS organizations at similar events in 13 cities across the nation.





1. Acrobats from the Detroit Flyhouse Circus School welcomed and delighted arriving guests.
2. Seated at the BTL's sponsored table are (L to R) interior designer Steven Quinsart, Kurt Eddy, Darin Lenhardt from Blossoms and the designer of the table, BTL's Chris Azzopardi and Jan Stevenson, Willie Jew, Kick's Executive Director Curtis Lipscomb, Ruth Ellis Center's Executive Director Jerry Peterson and attorney and AIDS Partnership Michigan Board Member Tom Wilczak.
3. MAC Executive Director Terry Ryan with DIFFA event co-chair and MAC board member Ann Duke from Tappers Jewelers.
4. DIFFA Detroit event co-chairs Ann Duke, director of marketing at Tappers Fine Diamonds and Jewelry, Kelly Deines, Principle of Rosetti Architects, and Jennifer Gilbert, founder and CEO of Doodle Home .
5. These models are wearing haute couture made of old grocery bags, Yellow Pages, MAC fliers and bubble wrap. Mathew Richmond, creator of a unique line of dresses made entirely of recycled materials, created these dresses for the DIFFA event. See more of Matt's creations at [www.thepaperdresscode.com](http://www.thepaperdresscode.com).
6. Kick's Executive Director Curtis Lipscomb with his long time partner Willie Jew.
7. Some of the DIFFA event volunteers posed with the DIFFA Event Coordinator Shanthy Sivanandham, center.

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An emotionally fragile young woman reeling from the death of her brilliant but mentally ill father, a famous mathematician, wonders if she shares his same fate. As the story unfolds, she finds herself haunted by the memories of her father, smothered by her meddling sister, and in a complicated relationship with her late father's protegee.

"I love the different kinds of relationships the playwright explores with each character," says director Kimberly Wallace. "I also like how Catherine spends time figuring out who she is, who she wants to become, and what her past has to contribute to her future."

Call 248-541-6430 for tickets.

### ► Happenings

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New Age Bookstore, 1824 E. Michigan Ave., **Lansing**. 517-347-2112. [tripleodessbookstore.net](http://tripleodessbookstore.net)

#### Wednesday, Oct. 30

**COBO Support Group** 5 p.m. Coming out, being out. EMU LGBTRC, **Ypsilanti**. 734-487-4149. [emich.edu/lgbtrc](http://emich.edu/lgbtrc)

**Arcus Youth Group** 7 p.m. This is for middle and high school age youth who enjoy socializing with people their own age, going through the same issues as them. Some of the topics covered are current events, families, communication, and decision making. No one over the age of 20 please. The Network, 343 Atlas Ave. SE, **Grand Rapids**. 616-458-3511. [Grlgbt.org](http://Grlgbt.org)

**Newly Single Support Group** 7 p.m. Group for all dealing with the end of a relationship and want to talk - or listen - to others who share similar experiences. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. [Goaffirmations.org](http://Goaffirmations.org)

**Open Arms Support Group** 7 p.m. Southeast Michigan's lonest running peer-run HIV/AIDS support group for those infected or affected by HIV or AIDS. Michigan Aids Coalition, 429 Livernois, **Ferndale**. 248-545-1435. [openarms@michiganaidcoalition.org](mailto:openarms@michiganaidcoalition.org) [Michiganaidcoalition.org](http://Michiganaidcoalition.org)

**Significant Other Support** 7 p.m. Discussion and support group for friends and loved ones of LGBT. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. [Goaffirmations.org](http://Goaffirmations.org)

**Sistrum Weekly Rehearsal** 7 p.m. Sistrum, Lansing Women's Chorus, 215 N. Capital Ave., **Lansing**. [Sistrum.org](http://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](http://Goaffirmations.org)

**Whiskey Wednesday** 8 p.m. Country line dancing. Free juke box. MaleBox Michigan, 23365 Hoover Road, **Warren**. 586-806-2390. [Facebook.com/MaleBoxMichigan](http://Facebook.com/MaleBoxMichigan)

**Karaoke Night** 9 p.m. Lansing Association for Human Rights, 1250 Turner St., **Lansing**. 517-487-5338. [lahronline.org](http://lahronline.org)

#### Thursday, Oct. 31

**Fearless Project** For the month of October, artist Jeff Shengs "LGBT Athletes" photo exhibition will be on

display. Free. Center for the Study of Equality and Human Rights, RECIM, **Ypsilanti**. 734-487-3032. [equality\\_humanrights@emich.edu](mailto:equality_humanrights@emich.edu) [emich.edu/equality](http://emich.edu/equality)

**Free HIV Testing** 5 p.m. Free, anonymous HIV testing is available at S3 Safe Sex Store every Thursday until 9 p.m. Testing is performed by HARC staff. Call to schedule an appointment, but walk-ins are more than welcome. S3 Safe Sex Store and HIV/AIDS Resource Center, 1209 S. University, **Ann Arbor**. 734-741-1434. [Info@bak-inc.com](mailto:Info@bak-inc.com) [S3safesexstore.com](http://S3safesexstore.com)

**Transgender Helpline** 6:30 p.m. A representative from Transgender Michigan is available to answer questions on helpline. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. [Goaffirmations.org](http://Goaffirmations.org)

**Weekly Support Group** 7 p.m. Weekly support group for members of the HIV/AIDS community. Wings, 2441 Pinecrest Dr., **Ferndale**. [Wingsmi.org](http://Wingsmi.org)

## MUSIC & MORE

### CLASSICAL

**Detroit Symphony Orchestra** "Benjamin Britten Centennial" WAGNER - Overture to Flying Dutchman. BRITTEN - Piano Concerto No. 1. SIBELIUS - The Oceanides. DEBUSSY - La Mer. Tickets: \$12. 50+. Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Oct. 25 - Oct. 27. 313-576-5111. [dso.org](http://dso.org)

**Michigan Philharmonic** "The Phantom, a Witch and a King." Walled Lake Northern High School, Walled Lake. 7:30 p.m. Oct. 25. [Michiganphil.org](http://Michiganphil.org)

**University Musical Society** "Andras Schiff" Piano. Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Oct. 25. 734-761-1800. [ums.org](http://ums.org)

### CONCERTS

**Blind Pig** "Tera Melos with special guest Zorch" 18+. Tickets: \$12-14. Blind Pig, 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. 9 p.m. Oct. 24. 734-996-8555. [Blindpigmusic.com](http://Blindpigmusic.com)

**Cathedral Choir** "Choral Evensong" The beloved traditional service of Choral Evensong sung by the Cathedral Choir. The service is followed at 5:00 p.m. with a thirty-minute organ recital. Ample, well-lit parking is available by entering the Cathedral complex via eastbound Warren Avenue. Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Sep. 29 - Oct. 27. 313-833-7547. [Facebook.com/detroitcathedralmusic](http://Facebook.com/detroitcathedralmusic)

**Detroit Symphony Orchestra** "Halloween Mystery Party" Breaking news: The

composer is dead and the culprit is lurking within the orchestra! grab your favorite Halloween costume and get ready to solve a mystery, meet the instruments of the orchestra, and enjoy some spooky tunes that will keep the whole family on the edge of their seats! Tickets: \$13+. Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 11 a.m. Oct. 26. 313-576-5111. [dso.org](http://dso.org)

**Detroit Symphony Orchestra** "Rock O'ween with Candy Band" Back by popular demand! Come dressed in your favorite Halloween costume and get ready to rock with four metro Detroit moms as they play punk covers of nursery rhymes and other children's favorites, along with original tunes. Tickets: \$10+. Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 10 a.m. Oct. 26. 313-576-5111. [dso.org](http://dso.org)

**Detroit Symphony Orchestra** "Danny Elfman's Music from the Films of Tim Burton." Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 7:30 p.m. Oct. 30. 313-576-5111. [dso.org](http://dso.org)

**Michigan Philharmonic** "The Phantom, a Witch and a King." The Haunted House at Steppingstone, Farmington Hills. 7:30 p.m. Oct. 26. [Michiganphil.org](http://Michiganphil.org)

**MSU College of Music** "Symphony Orchestra." Cobb Great Hall, Wharton Center, East Lansing. 8 p.m. Oct. 25. [Music.msu.edu/event-listing](http://Music.msu.edu/event-listing)

**MSU College of Music** "Wind Symphony." Cobb Great Hall, Wharton Center, East Lansing. 7:30 p.m. Oct. 24. [Music.msu.edu/event-listing](http://Music.msu.edu/event-listing)

**MSU College of Music** "Faculty Recital" Yuri Gandelman, viola, Molly Fillmore, soprano, Michael Callahan, harpsichord, with Jana Gandelman, piano. Cook Recital Hall, East Lansing. 3 p.m. Oct. 27. [Music.msu.edu/event-listing](http://Music.msu.edu/event-listing)

**MSU College of Music** "Symphony Band" Free. East Lansing High School Center for Performing Arts, 509 Burcham Dr., East Lansing. 7:30 p.m. Oct. 29. [Music.msu.edu/event-listing](http://Music.msu.edu/event-listing)

**Olympia Entertainment** "Brian Wilson & Jeff Beck" Co-headlining North American tour. Joined by Al Jardine and David Marks. Tickets: \$29. 50-79. 50. Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Oct. 25. 313-471-6611. [Olympiaentertainment.com](http://Olympiaentertainment.com)

**Royal Oak Music Theatre** "The Head and the Heart" With special guests: Thao & the Get Down Stay Down and Quiet Life. All ages. Tickets: \$25. Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 7 p.m. Oct. 29. 248-399-2980. [Royaloakmusictheatre.com](http://Royaloakmusictheatre.com)

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## Editor's Pick



Head to Michigan State University's Museum this Oct. for "Extraordinary Ordinary People: American Masters of Traditional Arts." The exhibit showcases various artists who have won the National Heritage Fellowship, an award given by the National Endowment for the Arts. Since 1982, the award has been granted to artists who contribute to the cultural legacy of America.

Everyday people create the folk and traditional work that is on display, highlighting the "ordinary" element of the exhibition. Displayed art comes from individuals who master their art forms in their free time.

Extraordinary Ordinary People: American Masters of Traditional Arts is on exhibit through Dec. 20 at the MSU Museum. The science and cultural museum is located at 409 W. Circle Dr., East Lansing. For more information on the exhibit or museum, call 517-355-7474 or visit [www.museum.msu.edu](http://www.museum.msu.edu).

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**Royal Oak Music Theatre** "MTV Artist to Watch Presents: Austin Mahone with special guests Becky G, Midnight Red and W3 The Future" All ages. Tickets: \$29. 50-32. Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 6:30 p.m. Oct. 30. 248-399-2980. [royaloakmusictheatre.com](http://royaloakmusictheatre.com)

**Saugatuck Center for the Arts** "Cowboy Junkies" Tickets: \$39. Saugatuck Center for the Arts, 400 Culver St., Saugatuck. 8 p.m. Oct. 25. 269-857-2399. [Sc4a.org](http://Sc4a.org)

**The Ark** "Bettye LaVette" Tickets: \$30. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Oct. 30. 734-761-1800. [Theark.org](http://Theark.org)

**The Ark** "Lucius" Tickets: \$13. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Oct. 29. 734-761-1800. [Theark.org](http://Theark.org)

**The Magic Bag** "The London Souls" Tickets: \$12. The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. 7 p.m. Oct. 27. 248-544-3030. [Themagicbag.com](http://Themagicbag.com)

**The Majestic** "Desaparecidos" Featuring Conor Oberst of Bright Eyes. Tickets: \$25. Majestic Theater, 4120-4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Oct. 27. 313-833-9700. [majesticdetroit.com](http://majesticdetroit.com)

**The Majestic** "A Loss For Words and Handguns" All ages. Tickets: \$12+. The Magic Stick Lounge, 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Oct. 27. 313-833-9700. [Majesticdetroit.com](http://Majesticdetroit.com)

**The Palace of Auburn Hills** "Rod Stewart" With Steve Winwood "Live the Life." Tickets: \$60. 60-168. 80. The Palace of Auburn Hills, 5 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. 7:30 p.m. Oct. 26. 248-377-0100. [Palacenet.com](http://Palacenet.com)

**University Musical Society** "The Maganiyar Seduction" Roysten Abel, creator. Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. Oct. 26 - Oct. 27. 734-764-2538. [ums.org](http://ums.org)

**Vinology** "Carl Michel Trio" Modern mainstream jazz. Vinology, 110 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. 9 p.m. Oct. 24. 734-222-9841. [Vinology2.com](http://Vinology2.com)

**Wharton Center for the Performing Arts** "An Acoustic Evening with Lyle Lovett and John Hiatt" Tickets: \$27-52. Wharton Center for the Performing Arts, Michigan State University, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 7:30 p.m. Oct. 29. 800-WHARTON. [Whartoncenter.com](http://Whartoncenter.com)

### FILM & VIDEO

**Detroit Institute of Arts** "Watch Me Move: The Animation Show" With Watch

Me Move, the Detroit Institute of Arts brings to metro Detroit the most extensive animation show ever mounted, featuring both iconic moments and lesser-known masterpieces from the last 150 years. Visitors will have the rare opportunity to see an incredible array of animation techniques in over 100 animated film segments from across generations and cultures. Ticket exhibition. Tickets: \$10-20. Detroit Institute of Arts, 2100 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Oct. 6 - Jan. 5. 313-833-7971. [Dia.org](http://Dia.org)

**Michigan Theater** "Monday Funnies Film Series" Classic comedies every Monday evening. Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Sep. 9 - Dec. 9. 734-668-8397. [Michtheater.org](http://Michtheater.org)

**MOCAD** "The Shining Forwards and Backwards" Free. Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 7 p.m. Oct. 30. 313-832-6622. [Mocadetroit.org](http://Mocadetroit.org)

**MOCAD** "Romance" 1999. Catherine Breillat. Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 7 p.m. Oct. 24. 313-832-6622. [Mocadetroit.org](http://Mocadetroit.org)

**Oakland University's Center for Autism Research** "2013 Red Carpet Film Premiere" Tickets: \$25. Oakland Center, Oakland University, 2200 N. Squirrel Road, Rochester. 7 p.m. Oct. 26. 248-370-2030. [Oakland.edu](http://Oakland.edu)

## THEATER

### CIVIC/COMMUNITY THEATER

**Dracula** \$2-16. Farmington Players, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Through Nov. 2. 248-553-2955. [farmingtonplayers.org](http://farmingtonplayers.org)

**Dracula** \$7-15. The Twin City Players, 600 W. Glenlord Road, St. Joseph. Through Oct. 27. 269-429-0400. [twincityplayers.org](http://twincityplayers.org)

**Evil Dead: The Musical** \$15-20. Dexter Community Players at Copeland Auditorium, 7714 Ann Arbor St., Dexter. Oct. 25 - Nov. 2. 734-726-0355. [dextercommunityplayers.com](http://dextercommunityplayers.com)

**Les Miserables** \$18-24. The Kalamazoo Civic Theatre at Civic Auditorium, 329 S. Park St., Kalamazoo. Through Oct. 27. 269-343-1313. [kazooicivic.com](http://kazooicivic.com)

**Nancy Drew: Girl Detective** \$7-24. Kalamazoo Civic Youth Theatre, Parish Theatre, 426 S. Park St., Kalamazoo. Oct. 18 - Oct. 26. 269-343-1313. [kazooicivic.com](http://kazooicivic.com)

**Over the River and Through the Woods** \$13-25. Thebes Players at Larkin's Other Place, 301 W. Main St., Lowell. Through Nov. 2. 616-897-8545. [Lowellartsmi.org](http://Lowellartsmi.org)

**Proof** \$16-18. Stagecrafters at Baldwin

Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette Ave., Royal Oak. Through Oct. 27. 248-541-6430. [stagecrafters.org](http://stagecrafters.org)

**Sleepy Hollow** \$5-7. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Dr., Lansing. Through Oct. 27. 517-482-5700. [riverwalktheatre.com](http://riverwalktheatre.com)

**Sonnets Onstage** \$10-12. Ann Arbor Civic Theatre at A2CT Studio Theater, 322 W. Ann St., Ann Arbor. Oct. 25 - 27. 734-971-2228. [A2ct.org](http://A2ct.org)

### COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY THEATER

**Dead Man's Cell Phone** \$10-12. Theatre & Dance at Wayne at Studio Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. Through Oct. 26. 313-577-2972. [Wshadows.com](http://Wshadows.com)

**Pride and Prejudice** \$5-20. The University Theatre at Williams Theatre, Western Michigan University, 1903 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo. Oct. 24 - Nov. 3. 269-387-6222. [wmtheatre.com](http://wmtheatre.com)

### PROFESSIONAL

**Alton Brown Live! The Edible Inevitable Tour** \$22-95. Wharton Center's Cobb Great Hall, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 8 p.m. Nov. 1. 800-WHARTON. [whartoncenter.com](http://whartoncenter.com)

**An Iliad** \$22-41. Performance Network Theatre, 120 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor. Through Oct. 27. 734-663-0681. [performancenetwork.org](http://performancenetwork.org)

**Big Love** \$12-30. Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. Oct. 25 - Dec. 7. 313-577-2972. [Hilberry.com](http://Hilberry.com)

**Blithe Spirit** \$20. The Snug Theatre, 160 S. Water St., Marine City. Through Oct. 26. 810-278-1749. [thesnugtheatre.com](http://thesnugtheatre.com)

**Children of the Corn, The Musical** \$8-12. The Stark Turn Players at Dog Story Theater, 7 Jefferson SE, Grand Rapids. Oct. 24 - 27. 616-894-1252. [starkturnplayers.org](http://starkturnplayers.org)

**ComedySportz** Michigan Actors Studio, 648 E. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 877-636-3320. [comedysportzdetroit.com](http://comedysportzdetroit.com)

**Evil Dead: The Musical** \$29.50. The Ringwald and Olympia Entertainment at City Theatre, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Through Oct. 26. 800-745-3000. [olympiaentertainment.com](http://olympiaentertainment.com)

**Firebird** \$5-10. PuppetART at Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River Ave., Detroit. Through Oct. 27. 313-961-7777. [puppetart.org](http://puppetart.org)

**Fridays and Saturdays at Go Comedy!** Go Comedy! Improv Theater, 261 E. Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale. 248-327-0575. [gocomedy.net](http://gocomedy.net)

**Improv Mondays** \$5 at the door. Planet Ant Theatre, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. 313-365-4948. [planetant.com](http://planetant.com)

**Little Women** \$5-20. What a Do Theatre,

4701 W. Dickman Road, Springfield.  
Through Oct. 26. 269-282-1953.  
whataado.org

**Love, Loss and What I Wore** \$35.  
Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady St.,  
Northville. Oct. 25 - 27. 248-347-0003.  
tippingpointtheatre.com

**Mark Twain's All Hallow's Eve** \$25.  
The Kristine Thatcher Fund at Riverwalk  
Theatre, 228 Museum Dr., Lansing. 7:30  
p.m. Oct. 30. 517-482-5700. ktfund.org

**Nunsensation** \$40; \$35 show-only  
tickets. Cornwell's Dinner Theatre, 18935  
15 1/2 Mile Rd., Marshall. Through Oct.  
26. 269-781-4315. turkeyville.com

**reasons to be pretty** \$10-20. The  
Ringwald Theatre, 22742 Woodward Ave.,  
Ferndale. Through Nov. 4. 248-545-5545.  
theringwald.com

**Saint Joan** \$15-18. Magenta Giraffe  
Theatre Company at The Abreact  
Performance Space, 1301 W. Lafayette,  
#113, Detroit. Oct. 18 - Nov. 9. 313-408-  
7269. magentagiraffe.org

**Sundays at Go Comedy!** Go Comedy!  
Improv Theater, 261 E. Nine Mile Rd.,  
Ferndale. 248-327-0575. gocomey.net

**Talley's Folly** \$20. Puzzle Piece Theatre  
at The Box Theater, 90 Macomb Place,  
Mt. Clemens. Through Oct. 27. 313-303-  
8019. puzzlestage.org

**The Addams Family** \$45-58. Miller  
Auditorium, 1903 W. Michigan Ave.,  
Kalamazoo. Oct. 22 - 23. 269-387-2300.  
millerauditorium.com

**The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao**  
\$30. The Whiting, 1241 E. Kearsley St.,  
Flint. 7 p.m. Oct. 29. 810-237-8689.  
Thewhiting.com

**The Flying Dutchman** \$25-125.  
Michigan Opera Theatre at Detroit  
Opera House, 1526 Broadway St.,  
Detroit. Through Oct. 27. 313-237-SING.  
motopera.org

**The Game's Afoot** \$25-40. Meadow  
Brook Theatre, 2200 N. Squirrel Road,  
Rochester. Through Oct. 27. 248-377-  
3300. mbtheatre.com

**The Hound of the Baskervilles** \$15  
opening night, \$18 all others. Broadway  
Onstage Live Theatre, 21517 Kelly Road,  
Eastpointe. Oct. 25 - Nov. 23. 586-771-  
6333. broadwayonstage.com

**The Miracle Worker** \$12-18. Flint  
Youth Theatre, 1220 E. Kearsley St.,  
Flint. Through Nov. 3. 810-237-1530.  
flintyouththeatre.org

**The Table** \$35. University Musical  
Society at Performance Network Theatre,  
120 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor. Oct. 29 - Nov.  
3. 734-764-2538. ums.org

**The Turn of the Screw** \$10. The AKT  
Theatre Project at The Wyandotte Arts  
Center, 81 Chestnut, Wyandotte. Oct. 25 -  
Nov. 2. 734-258-8370. aktheatre.com

**The Vast Difference** 18.50-\$42. The  
Purple Rose Theatre Company, 137 Park  
St., Chelsea. Through Dec. 14. 734-433-  
7673. purplerosetheatre.org

**The Woman in Black** \$15-25.  
Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St.,  
Williamston. Through Nov. 3. 517-655-  
7469. williamstontheatre.org

**This is the '60s** \$29-\$49. The Whiting,  
1241 E. Kearsley St., Flint. 8 p.m. Nov. 1.  
810-237-7333. thewhiting.com

**Thursdays at Go Comedy!** Go Comedy!  
Improv Theater, 261 E. Nine Mile Rd.,  
Ferndale. 248-327-0575. gocomey.net

**Tomas and the Library Lady** \$5-10.  
Macomb Center for the Performing Arts,  
44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township.  
Oct. 24. 586-286-2222. macombcenter.  
com

**Visiting Mr. Green** \$15-20. Matrix Theatre  
Company, 2730 Bagley, Detroit. Nov. 1 - 24.  
313-967-0599. matrixtheatre.org

**War of the Worlds** \$15. The Acorn Theater,  
107 Generations Dr., Three Oaks. 7:30 p.m.  
Oct. 30. 269-756-3879. acorntheater.com

**Wednesdays at Go Comedy!** Go Comedy!  
Improv Theater, 261 E. Nine Mile Rd.,  
Ferndale. 248-327-0575. gocomey.net

## ART'N'AROUND

**4731 Gallery** "The 2013 Painting  
Invitational." 4731 Gallery, 4731 Grand  
River Ave., Detroit. Oct. 19 - Oct. 26.  
313-355-3273.

**Border Crossings** "Charles Novacek  
Paintings." Saline District Library, 555 N.  
Maple Road, Saline. Oct. 1 - Oct. 31.

**Cranbrook Academy of Art and Art  
Museum** "What to Paint and Why: Modern  
Painters at Cranbrook, 1936-1974"  
Painters at midcentury faced fundamental  
questions of their medium: realism or  
abstraction? Flatness or depth? Intimacy  
or grandeur? Cranbrook Art Museum,  
39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield  
Hills. July 4 - Feb. 28. 877-462-7262.  
cranbrookart.edu

**Cranbrook Academy of Art and Art  
Museum** "Anders Ruhwald at Saarinen  
House: The Anatomy of a Home" 39221  
Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. July 4 -  
Oct. 31. 877-462-7262. Cranbrookart.edu

**Detroit Institute of Arts** "Francis of  
Assisi in Ecstasy" Michelangelo Merisi  
da Caravaggio. Detroit Institute of Arts,  
2100 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Oct. 1 -  
Jan. 13. 313-833-7900. Dia.org

**Detroit Institute of Arts** "Foto Europa,  
1850 to the Present" Europe was the  
birthplace of photography in 1839 and  
has remained a center for progressive  
ideas about and experimentation with  
the medium ever since. The more than  
seventy photographs in this exhibition  
highlight the contributions of major  
European artists and photographers  
from across the continent. 2100  
Woodward Ave., Detroit. Oct. 25 - March  
30. 313-833-7900. Dia.org

**Downriver Council for the Arts** "Open  
Studio" DCA members are invited to  
drop in every Thursday afternoon to  
paint and socialize with their fellow  
member artists. Admission: Members  
- Free. Non-Members - \$10. Downriver  
Council for the Arts, 81 Chestnut,  
Wyandotte. July 4 - Oct. 31. 734-720-  
0671. Downriverarts.org

**Flint Institute of Arts** "Free Saturdays"  
FirstMerit bank has issued a grant that funds  
free admission to the museum's galleries  
and exhibitions every Saturday. Flint Institute  
of Arts, 1120 E. Kearsley St., Flint. Sep. 14 -  
Feb. 22. 810-234-1695. Flintarts.org

**Grand Rapids Art Museum** "Saturday  
All Day with The Arts" Drop-in family  
activities. Grand Rapids Art Museum, 101  
Monroe Center, Grand Rapids. July 6 - Dec.  
28. 616-831-1000. artmuseumgr.org

**Kerrytown Concert House** "Nancy  
Wolfe and Michael Nagara." Kerrytown  
Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann  
Arbor. Oct. 1 - Oct. 30. 734-763-4186.  
Kerrytownconcerthouse.com

**Lawrence Street Gallery** "Our Mothers'  
Worlds: The Works of Suzanne Allen and  
Maureen Cassidy Keast" Will feature the  
multimedia works of two artists who  
explore the many influences of--and  
on--their mothers. Lawrence Street  
Gallery, 22620 Woodward Ave. Suite A,  
Ferndale. Oct. 2 - Oct. 31. 248-544-  
0394. Lawrencestreetgallery.com

**Michigan State University Museum**  
"An Extraordinary Document of Our  
World and Detroit Resurgent" Two  
related bodies of photographs; the first  
is a selection of worker portraits made  
around the world over the last two and  
half decades while the second is a set  
of portraits commissioned in 2012 by  
the Michigan State University Museum

and the MSU 409 W. Circle Drive, East  
Lansing. Sep. 8 - Jan. 12. 517-355-  
7474. museum.msu.edu

**Michigan State University Museum**  
"Extraordinary Ordinary People:  
American Masters of Traditional Arts" A  
journey across America through the lives  
of people whose creativity is rooted in a  
deep sense of cultural identity. Michigan  
State University Museum, 409 W. Circle  
Drive, East Lansing. Sep. 3 - Dec. 20.  
517-355-7474. museum.msu.edu

**Michigan State University Museum**  
"Evolution in Action" New exhibit  
explores evolution of biological systems  
and technologies - evolution in living  
things, and also in computers and  
engineering. A new exhibit, "50,000"  
reveals an ongoing experiment where  
scientists have observed bacteria  
growing, competing, and evolving for  
50,000 generations in only 23 years.  
Michigan State University Museum,  
409 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. July  
4 - Oct. 31. 517-355-7474. museum.  
msu.edu

**MOCAD** "The Past is Present" New  
murals based on the history of Detroit.  
Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit,  
4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Sep. 6 -  
Jan. 5. 313-832-6622. Mocadoetroit.org

**Pewabic Pottery** "Made by Hand:  
Detroit's Ceramic Legacy." Detroit  
Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward  
Ave., Detroit. Oct. 19 - Jan. 12. 313-  
833-1805. Pewabic.org

**River Gallery** "Finding True" Graceann  
Warn. Paintings and Assemblages.  
River Gallery, 120 S. Main St., Chelsea.  
Oct. 12 - Dec. 1. 734-433-0826.  
Chelsearivergallery.com

**Robert Kidd Gallery** "Icons: A  
Retrospective" Jef Bourgeois. robert kidd  
gallery, 107 Townsend St., Birmingham.  
Oct. 12 - Nov. 16. 248-642-3909.  
Robertkiddgallery.com

**Saginaw Art Museum** "Fall In... Art  
and Sol" A month-long celebration  
to encourage people to "fall in" and  
experience the depth of cultural  
opportunities available across  
Michigan's Great Lakes Bay Region.  
Saginaw Art Museum, 1126 N. Michigan  
Ave., Saginaw. Oct. 1 - Oct. 31. 989-  
754-2491. saginawartmuseum.org

**Saugatuck Center for the Arts** "Point  
Counterpoint" Cyril Lixenberg screen  
prints. Free. Saugatuck Center for the  
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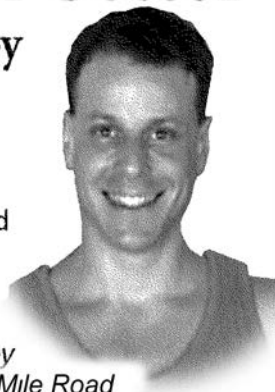
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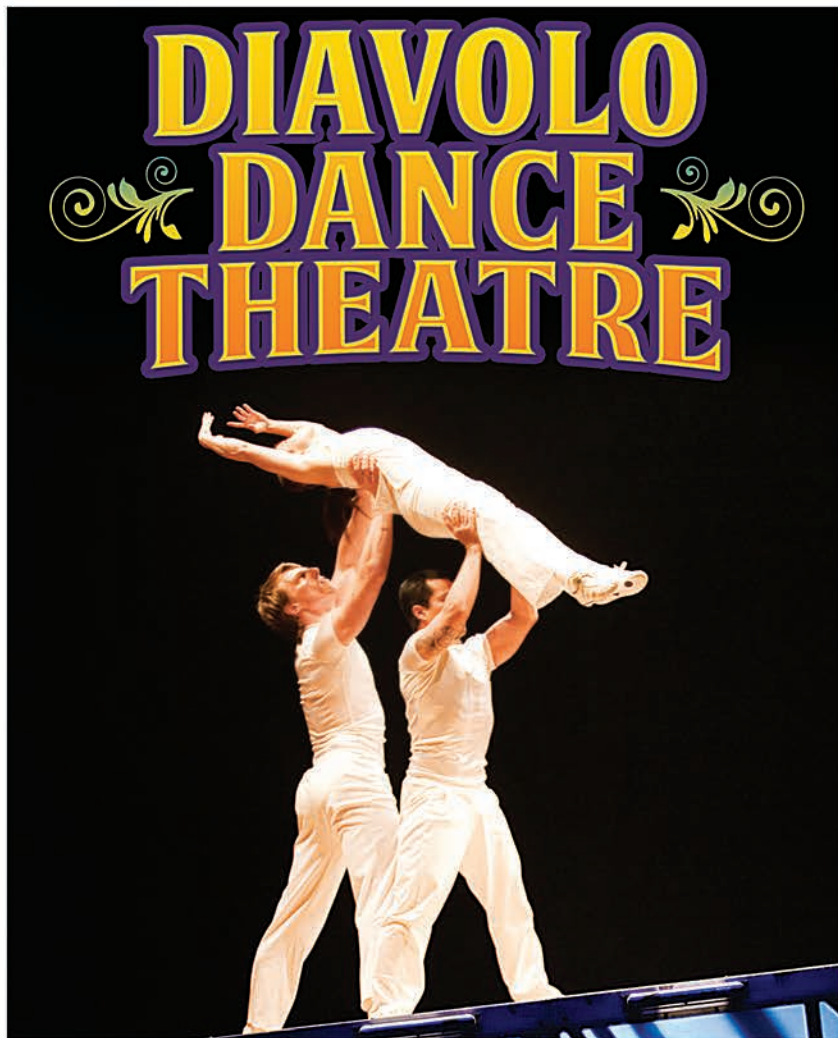
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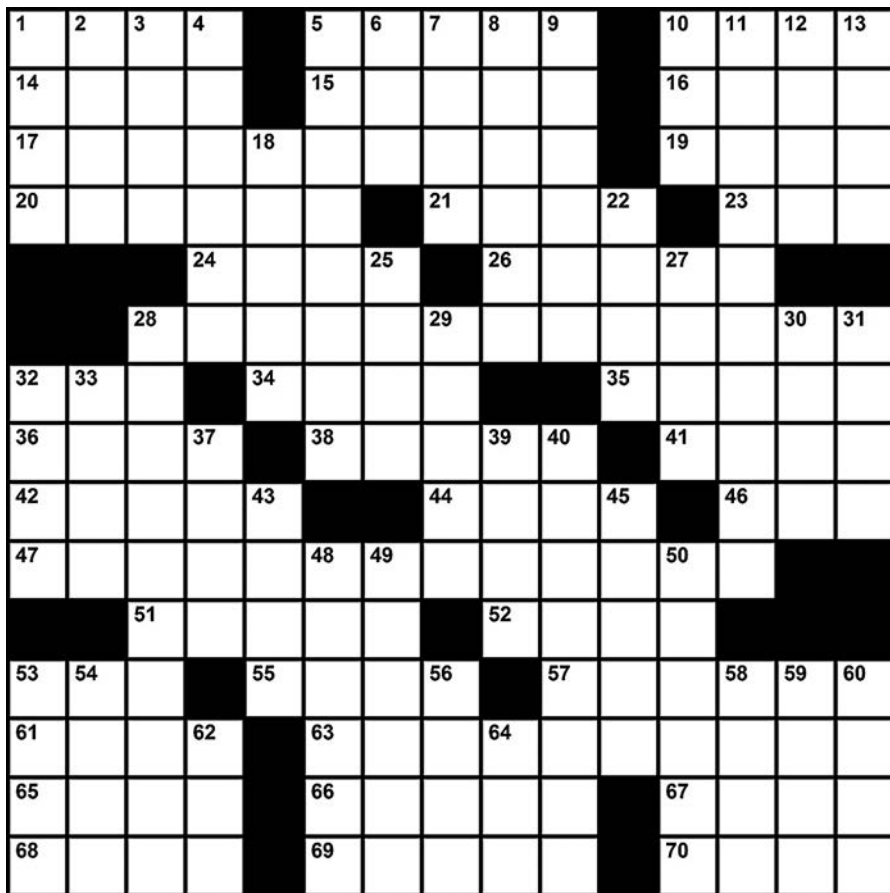
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## Across

- 1 Caesar's admission of orgasm?
- 5 Big bangs
- 10 "Hamlet" quintet
- 14 Angers
- 15 Annoy during a blow job?
- 16 Peter Pan's foe
- 17 Start of a quip about why lovers who move in no longer have sex
- 19 It comes before date?
- 20 "Margaret Mead Made Me Gay" author Newton
- 21 He did Jackie's clothes
- 23 Holiday's "\_\_\_ Bless the Child"
- 24 Giant table
- 26 Male-on-male kissing target of Bugs
- 28 More of the quip
- 32 Dam agcy.
- 34 Something to build on
- 35 Triangular desert
- 36 Train track
- 38 Streisand's "Prince of Tides" costar
- 41 Poet Teasdale
- 42 Laura of "ER"
- 44 It follows Mardi Gras
- 46 South Beach souvenir
- 47 More of the quip

- 51 Bridge bid, briefly
- 52 "No \_\_\_\_, no foul"
- 53 "The Simpsons" storekeeper
- 55 Some of Sappho's vowels
- 57 Firenze's land
- 61 "South Park" composer Shaiman
- 63 End of the quip
- 65 Go, to the dogs
- 66 Lincoln Center's Walter \_\_\_\_ Theater
- 67 Brother of Jermaine
- 68 Bars for gay chefs
- 69 Cut leaves of grass, marginally
- 70 Obey the red light

## Down

- 1 Tarzan's transport
- 2 Boy who shoots off arrows
- 3 Candace Gingrich's half-brother
- 4 Atlas strips
- 5 Hairy guy's hide?
- 6 Morsel for a mare
- 7 Guy that goes either way?
- 8 Composer Gustav
- 9 "Remington \_\_\_\_"
- 10 Palindromist's exclamation
- 11 Gather at the Cathedral of Hope
- 12 The Tin Man's best friend
- 13 TV listings

- 18 Drag spikes
- 22 FBI workers, slangily
- 25 Memo start
- 27 Some of Mary's lambs
- 28 Principal presentation for Stephen Pyles
- 29 Gent
- 30 Wang in fashion
- 31 Wolfson of Freedom to Marry
- 32 Chi-town's paper
- 33 Weathercock
- 37 Clinton aide Panetta
- 39 Stage crew worker, briefly
- 40 Put into the backside?
- 43 Opponent of Tinkerbell
- 45 Rich cake
- 48 Uncut
- 49 Extended credit
- 50 Contents of a good head
- 53 What guns shoot off
- 54 Dancer Taylor
- 56 Deer guy
- 58 Brest milk
- 59 Keen on
- 60 Opposite a bottom
- 62 Margaret of this puzzle's quip
- 64 It may be Sapphic

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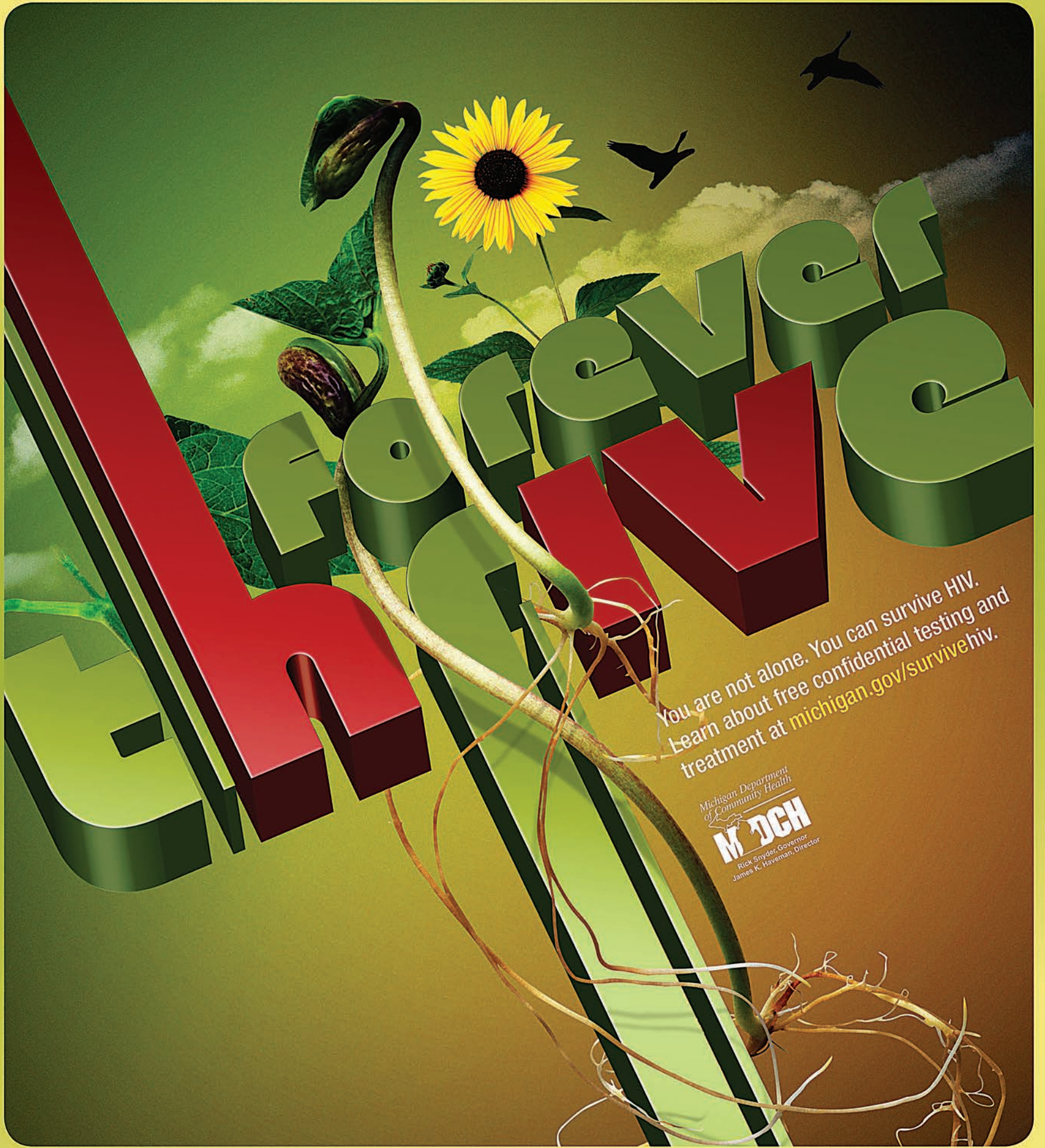


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