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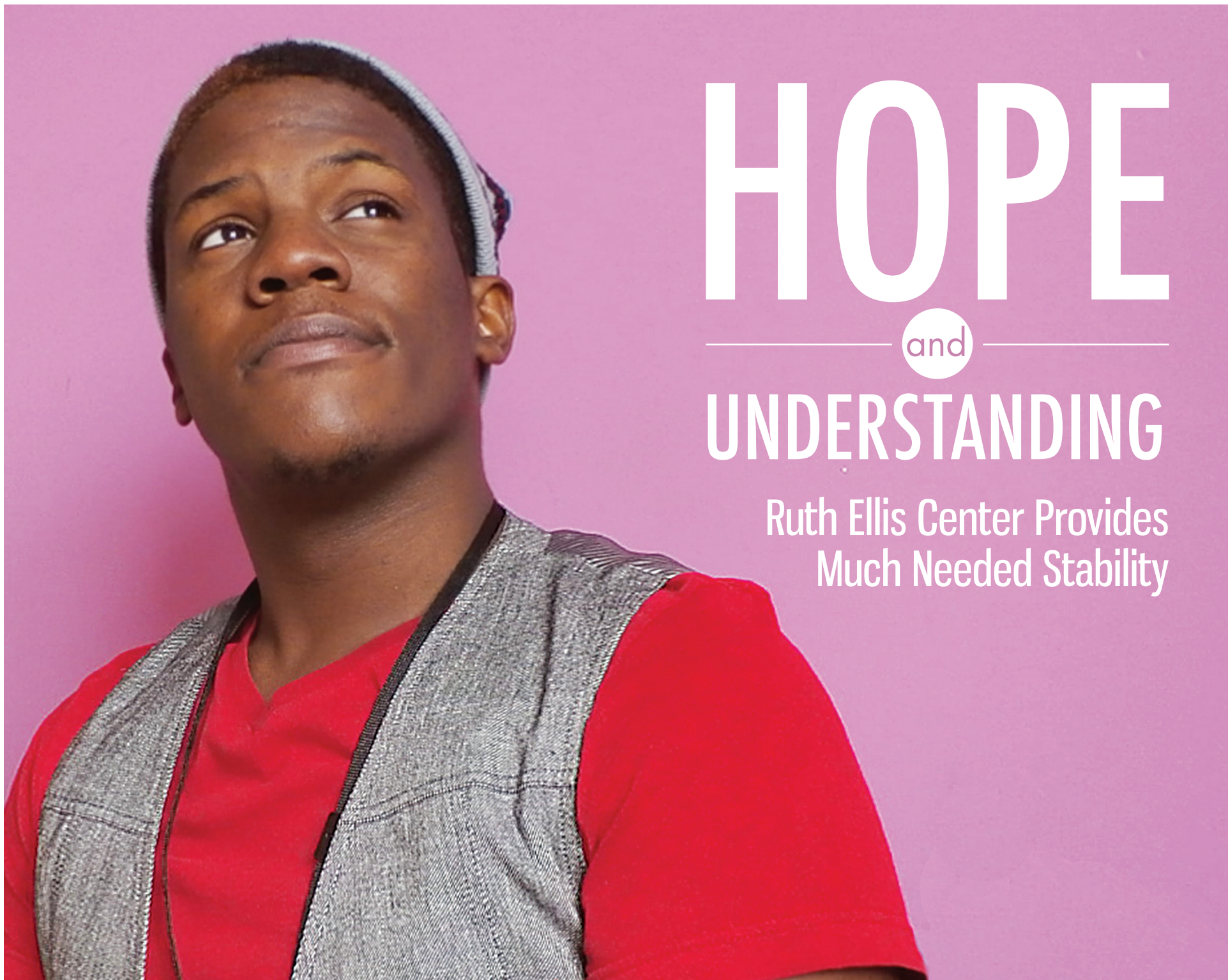


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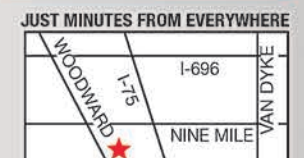
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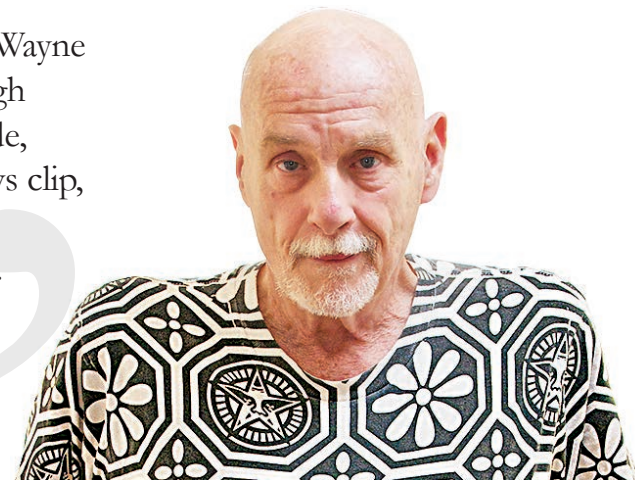
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Aaron Brown: resident, volunteer, intern and now REC staff member. BTL photo: Crystal Proxmire



I was 27 when Kennedy was assassinated and working at Wayne University. As media news coverage spread it was as though someone had taken a collective stun gun to America's pride, traditions, self-esteem. The shock, repeated with each news clip, each grim telecast, was numbing, disabling, unbelievable. We were participants in an unending walking dead theater.

- Charles Alexander, pg. 15



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# Offering Hope And Understanding For ‘Unstably Housed’ REC Youth

## Throughout The Year Ruth Ellis Center Provides Much Needed Stability

BY CRYSTAL A. PROXMIRE

“Unstably housed.” That’s the term Ruth Ellis Center Executive Director Jerry Peterson uses to describe the living situation of many of the youth who seek out services at the drop in center and housing program. “Approximately 800 – 1,000 LGBTQ youth are unstably housed and are either on the street or could be on the street at any moment,” Peterson said.

“They get bounced around among family members, they live with friends or people who offer to help them, or they sleep on people’s couches as they can. When we think of ‘homeless youth’ we picture kids sleeping under bridges or in abandoned buildings. But this is more accurate. These youth that have no stability in their lives and could find out on any day that they are out on the street.”

By focusing on this situation, Ruth Ellis Center more succinctly can assess the stability and the needs of the youth who come in to use the drop-in center. Some need just a little support, while others need a regular roof over their head, a place they can call home.

Aaron Brown, now 21, has been there. For several years, he was homeless. It was not that he did not have a roof over his head on any given night, but he lacked the stability of a regular place to call home.

When he was 16 years old he came out to his mother. “I wrote her a letter and I gave it to her. My aunt came by, and it gave her some time to think about it. My mom kind of always knew, but she was emotional about it. She said that it was okay, but not to tell anyone else,” Brown said. “I was pushed from my mom to live with my dad. It was my dad, his wife and kids. Although they were accepting, it felt like I didn’t belong.

“Then I went and lived with an older brother who was homophobic. I had brought a friend home one day when we were waiting for a ride to pick us up, and he said that my friend had to stay on the porch, that he wasn’t welcome inside. It didn’t feel right, so I moved in with my aunt, but then she put me out.

“I moved in with an older brother who is gay. It was pretty good there, but he got into an altercation with a friend of mine.”

Brown did his best to remain stable. He attended the Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences where he was a dance major. He served on the yearbook committee and was part of the marching band. “I was one of



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- Aaron Brown, 21, resident, volunteer, intern, now a REC staff member

the first openly gay young men from my graduating year,” he said.

Sometimes other students would make fun of him, but he also had a lot of support and teens that would stand up for him there.

“There are people who have it a lot worse,” Brown said. “I didn’t have bullying experiences there. The only thing you can be is yourself. At the end of the day you have to drive your own car and get to your own destination. I’ve never been the crying type. That is one thing I got from my parents. My momma said ‘pay it no mind,’ and my dad said ‘you’re a man of God, so nothing here can faze you.’ I learned not to dwell on things. Just face it, or put it aside to face it later.”

### REC Residential Housing

In 2011, stability finally came into Brown’s life when he started coming to Ruth Ellis Center and entered their residential housing program.

“In the program it was like being in a home, like a real home. We had chores and rules, and people that were like family in a way,” he said. “We had to be productive. We had to use time

each day to work or to be out looking for work. We did skill-building workshops. We cooked, we cleaned.”

And on top of it, Brown said, “being there gave us a space to really be ourselves.”

Due in large part to his experience at Ruth Ellis Center, Brown was able to finish high school and move on to an apartment of his own. He also went from being a resident, to a volunteer, to an intern, to a staff member of the Drop In Center.

“We make sure the youth check in. We serve food. We make sure the youth have anything they need. I also run the What’s T, a group where we meet and have a monthly discussion topic,” Brown said. “My current challenge is to keep the What’s T group interesting. Last month we did our own coming out stories, and they made posters to express their coming out stories in a creative way.”

Brown said he feels his place at Ruth Ellis Center is to have a calm, steady presence for youth that need it. “I’m a really peaceful person and in our community that’s really hard to find. I give them support they need and bring a positive influence.”

He said that sometimes when youth come in,

it could be hard to tell if they are homeless or not. “People try to keep up an image until they realize people here are not judgmental at all. But you really have to get to know the youth before they’ll tell you what is really going on in their lives.”

The Drop In Center offers a clothes closet, laundry, kitchen, cyber center, activity space, resource area, personal hygiene products, counseling and other services that unstably housed and at risk youth need. It also provides a safe space for activities and interpersonal connection. Some nights there are 50-100 youth visiting the center. The housing program is at a separate location, and that gives stability to those who need it most.

Peterson said that of the 800-1,000 unstably housed youth in Detroit, about 500 of them visit Ruth Ellis Center at some point during the year. On average they access services ten times, though of course there are some who use services much more and some much less. “It’s an astounding reach,” he said. “We are lucky that we have so many strong partners in the area that make this work possible. Everyone in charge of systems that have significant impacts on children and youth in Wayne County are absolutely committed to treating LGBTQ fairly.”

Brown is certainly grateful. “Without Ruth Ellis Center, a lot of other people would be at a loss. We have groups here. Without these groups, there isn’t a common ground for us. No matter what happens out there, we all get along here.”

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# Justice For Shelly: Civil Rights Complaint Filed Against Police In Gruesome Murder

BY CRYSTAL A. PROXMIRE

**MADISON HEIGHTS** – The October 2011 death and dismemberment of 19 year-old Shelly Hilliard (Moore) sent shockwaves through the community and has reappeared in media reports this week, as Detroit investigates another brutal murder of a transgender individual that took place Nov. 7. The Hilliard murder occurred after she had served as an informant in a marijuana delivery case.

A civil rights lawsuit filed in District Court in February and amended on Oct. 7 against the Madison Heights Police Department and Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team, claims that officers told the killer who it was that set him up.

“Officers made these disclosures to Red (the killer) through Red’s associate and companion, despite knowing that doing so would significantly increase the risk, and indeed the likelihood of serious bodily injury and/or death to Shelly Hilliard,” states the complaint.

Kathryn Bruner James of Goodman &

Hurwitz, PC is on the legal team representing Lynice Nelson, Hilliard’s mother. Bruner James said it is important to bring such cases to trial to prevent further civil rights violations in the future.



Shelly Moore was brutally murdered. Her mother Lynice Nelson is suing law enforcement for disclosing Moore’s identity instead of protecting her in her role as an informant.

seeking punitive damages and has not named

“When someone is a confidential informant, the police are supposed to protect that person’s identity, and in this case they let the killer know who it was, greatly increasing the risk to Shelly’s safety and life,” said Bruner James.

The estate is

a dollar amount.

“Often in cases like this we don’t know what the jury will value, and we don’t know if more information could come forward that may make the damages higher,” Bruner James said.

The complaint gives the gruesome details of the crime, which Bruner James said cost Hilliard her civil rights, right to due process and of course her life.

It states, “In October 2011, officers smelled marijuana at a Motel 6 in Madison Heights and found Hilliard, a male companion, Michael Slaughter, and a bag of marijuana in Room 236,” Nelson told BTL.

“Defendants Wolowiec and Koehler threatened to arrest Shelly Hilliard and subject her to jail and/or prison - a notoriously dangerous place for any transgender individual - unless she assisted defendants by identifying the person who sold her and/or Slaughter the marijuana,” the complaint states.

“Defendants then demanded that Ms. Hilliard call the marijuana dealer and order a delivery of marijuana to the motel room. To avoid arrest, Ms. Hilliard agreed to do this.

“Thus, working in conjunction with and under the direction of Wolowiec and Koehler, Shelly Hilliard called Qasim Raqib (‘Red’), whom she identified to defendants as the marijuana dealer, and summoned him to the Motel 6.

## Gruesome Details Outlined

“As Red arrived at the Motel 6 to meet with Shelly Hilliard, defendant Koehler, who was lying in wait for him, pulled Red’s car over into a parking lot across from the motel. Red’s associate and companion, Marquita Clark, was also in the car.

“The police found marijuana in Red’s car and charged him and Clark with possession with intent to distribute marijuana, according to the complaint.

“At the police station, Defendants Wolowiec and/or Koehler spoke with Clark and at that time told her that she and Red had been arrested because defendants had ‘used a lady’

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at the Motel 6 to ‘set up’ Red and ‘that he was basically set up,’” the complaint states.

“Defendants knew at the time that they were disclosing the identity of plaintiff’s decedent Shelly Hilliard - their ‘confidential’ informant - to a person or persons who were likely to cause her serious injury or death,” the complaint continues.

Red and Clark were released from the police station a few hours later, Nelson said in the complaint.

“In the early morning hours of Oct. 23, 2011, three days after defendants Wolowiec and Koehler disclosed the information about Red’s informant, Shelly, Red - acting on that information and in concert with an individual named James Matthews - cruelly and brutally murdered Shelly Hilliard,” the complaint states.

“In an effort to cover up their crime, they then dismembered her body, scattered the parts around the city of Detroit, and burned her torso.

“Red and Matthews accomplished this horrific task by luring Ms. Hilliard to a house on the 900 block of Longfellow Street in Detroit, on the premise that one of the men wanted a date with her. A cab driver that Ms. Hilliard frequently used for transportation dropped her off at approximately 1:20 a.m. Ms. Hilliard was wearing a silver party dress for her date.

“Red and Matthews were waiting for Shelly Hilliard outside of the house on Longfellow Street. She immediately became concerned when she saw the men waiting and asked her cab driver to stay on a cellphone call with her. As he drove away, the cab driver heard Shelly Hilliard say, ‘What are you doing?’

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- Attorney Kathryn Bruner James

and then scream ‘No!’ over the phone. Her phone fell out of her hand and went dead after a few muffled noises. By the time the cab driver turned around the corner to return to Shelly Hilliard’s drop-off location, no one was in sight.

“The cab driver was the last known person to see Shelly Hilliard alive, other than her murderers.

“Red and Matthews forced Shelly Hilliard into a car and drove off. Red held a gun to Ms. Hilliard and, according to information and belief, beat her with the gun. At some point while they were in the car, one of the men may have choked Ms. Hilliard.

“According to information and belief, the two men took Shelly Hilliard to an abandoned house on Longwood Street in Detroit and tied her up. They continued to assault her.

“At some point during this brutal assault and due to the assault itself, Shelly Hilliard died.

“Matthews’s hands were covered with scratch marks from Shelly Hilliard’s attempt to prevent her homicide, so Red and Matthews decided to cut off Ms. Hilliard’s hands in order to hide the DNA evidence under her fingernails. Red and Matthews cut off Ms. Hilliard’s arms and legs with an axe and placed her limbs in trash bags. They rolled Ms. Hilliard’s torso into a sheet and placed it in the trunk of their car.

“Red and Matthews then dumped Shelly Hilliard’s torso in the area of Interstate 94 and Bewick Street in Detroit, Michigan. They doused her torso in gasoline, lit it on fire, and drove off.

“Later that day, on Oct. 23, 2011, Red and Matthews scattered Shelly Hilliard’s limbs in the area of 6 Mile Road and Dakota Ave. Based upon information and belief, they also burned down the abandoned house on Longwood Street to hide the blood that had soaked into the structure.

“Shelly Hilliard remained missing until approximately Nov. 9 or 10, 2011. Although police officers discovered Shelly Hilliard’s burned torso later in the day on Oct. 23, 2011, they were unable to identify her body for several weeks. They were ultimately able to do so only from on a cherry tattoo on a portion of her upper right arm that remained connected to her torso. Her limbs were not discovered until early March 2012.

“Both Red and Matthews were arrested, convicted and sentenced for their involvement in Shelly Hilliard’s murder.

“Plaintiff’s decedent, Shelly Hilliard, suffered indescribable fear, fright and conscious pain and suffering, all proximately caused by the knowing disclosure of her identity by Defendant officers to her killers...”

Bruner James said that civil rights cases such

as this take a long time to work themselves out in court and that it can be hard to predict what the outcome might be.

“One of the hard things about civil rights law is that it is such a slow process. You want to be able to give the loved ones of victims some closure and sense of justice, but it can take years,” she said.

## Transgender Workers Are At A High Risk Of Unemployment And Poverty

Recent Center for American Progress polling shows that 73 percent of voters support protecting transgender people from discrimination in employment. Despite this strong public support, no federal law provides explicit legal protections for transgender workers based on gender identity/expression—and only 17 states and the District of Columbia offer these protections. As a result, transgender workers face higher rates of unemployment and are at greater risk of poverty.

In a new report released in September, *A Broken Bargain for Transgender Workers* shows:

Transgender workers report unemployment at twice the rate of the population as a whole (14 percent vs. 7 percent at the time the workers were surveyed).

More than four in 10 transgender people (44 percent) who are currently working are underemployed.

Transgender workers are nearly four times more likely than the population as a whole to have a household income of under \$10,000 (15 percent vs. 4 percent at the time the workers were surveyed)

Find the full report online at <http://lgbtmap.org>

# Transgender Woman Murdered In Detroit

**DETROIT**—According to an Equality Michigan press release, a murder victim found last Friday, Nov. 8, discarded in a trash receptacle off Woodward Ave. in Detroit has not yet been identified, but is believed to be a member of the transgender community.

“We are saddened and angry to hear of the murder of another transgender woman of color who has yet to be identified,” said Yvonne Siferd, director of victim services for Equality Michigan. “The undignified way in which her body was dumped speaks to the larger issue of anti-transgender hostility in our society, and the vast amount of work we, as supporters of the LGBT communities, have in front of us. We know that transgender women of color are the most disproportionately affected by violence and hate against the LGBT communities, and this latest incident is a

tragic reminder of that reality.”

According to the 2012 National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs (NCAVP) Hate Violence Report, the most comprehensive data on hate violence affecting LGBT communities nationwide, transgender women are 2.14 times as likely to experience discrimination and 1.75 times as likely to experience threats and intimidation as compared to survivors and victims who did not identify as transgender women.

Equality Michigan is a founding member of NCAVP and has contributed annually to its data collection and findings.

“Tragically, we know the more progress we achieve, the more violence we see perpetrated against our communities. Resistance to ending the unequal treatment of LGBT people too often manifests as transparent and

gruesome acts of dehumanization,” said Emily Dievendorf, Equality Michigan’s managing director. “Equality Michigan will be there to help the transgender community with this latest attack, continue to work with police and local officials to bring an end to the severe and pervasive violence that transgender people face on a daily basis, and will not stop working to amend Michigan’s Ethnic Intimidation Act to be LGBT inclusive and finally protective of all Michiganders.”

Later this month, gatherings will be held in Detroit, Traverse City, Ann Arbor, and other Michigan communities for Transgender Day of Remembrance. The annual event memorializes transgender individuals killed because they identify with the transgender community.



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**MSNBC Suspends Alec Baldwin's Show For 2 Episodes**

LOS ANGELES (AP) – Alec Baldwin's new weekly MSNBC talk show was suspended for two episodes after the actor was videotaped using an anti-gay epithet against a photographer during a New York street encounter.

The cable channel didn't specify the reason it yanked Friday night's "Up Late with Alec Baldwin" from its schedule this week and next, but the decision came the day after the Thursday run-in.

In a statement on MSNBC's website, Baldwin wrote that he "did not intend to hurt or offend anyone with my choice of words, but clearly I have - and for that I am deeply sorry."

He said his actions came as he tried to protect his family - presumably from the photographer - but were unacceptable and undermine "hard-fought rights that I vigorously support."

The video, which was posted on TMZ, also drew a tweeted apology from Baldwin in which he claimed he was unaware the term he used was offensive to gays.

MSNBC declined further comment. Baldwin's representative said in an email Friday night that the actor would decline to comment.

The incident came during the week a Canadian actress was convicted in New York of stalking Baldwin with calls, emails and visits over a two-year period. Genevieve Sabourin was sentenced to six months in jail in addition to a month she's already serving for her courtroom outbursts.

Baldwin's wife, Hilaria, said in a statement afterward that the two "feel safe, relieved and happy to move forward" with the case resolved.

But Baldwin reportedly lost his cool again Friday when a reporter for a New York TV channel asked about the trial and, according to Variety.com, Baldwin called him "dumb." The exchange took place outside Baldwin's apartment building, the website said.

**Methodist Bishops Seek Complaint Over Gay Wedding**

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N.C. (AP) – The United Methodist Council of Bishops on Friday said it plans to file a complaint against a retired bishop who performed a wedding for two gay men in Alabama.

Bishop Melvin G. Talbert of Nashville, Tenn., performed the wedding last month, even though the local bishop and other leaders asked him not to, saying it violated church law.

The council said in a statement that it addressed the issue at its annual meeting this week in North Carolina. It said that it asked its president, Bishop Rosemarie Wenner, to file the complaint against Talbert for "undermining the ministry of a colleague and conducting a ceremony to celebrate the marriage of a same gender couple."

Talbert did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment.

The council said in its statement that Talbert's actions gave rise to a lot of conversation, reflection and prayer among its members.

"The Council recognizes the deep divisions and pain in our church over these issues," the statement says. "United Methodists are not of one mind, and followers of Christ and people of conscience hold conflicting views. These issues require continuing honest and respectful conversation as well as prayer throughout the church."

The council also said it recommended that a task force be formed "to lead honest and respectful conversations regarding human sexuality, race and gender in a worldwide perspective in our shared commitment to clear theological understanding of the mission and polity of the United Methodist Church."

Joe Openshaw said he and longtime partner Bobby Prince asked Talbert to marry them when they were refused permission to marry in their United Methodist church. Talbert performed the wedding Oct. 26 at the Covenant Community Church, a United Church of Christ congregation.

Talbert and other Methodist supporters of same-sex rights have been encouraging their denomination to recognize gay marriages for years. Alabama does not recognize same-sex marriage.

The men wed legally in Washington, D.C., in September, but Prince said he and his partner wanted a religious ceremony as well.

# Ferndale Pride Leadership Changes: Covey Steps Down And Julia Music Steps In

BY CRYSTAL A. PROXMIRE

Ferndale Pride is now under new leadership. Craig Covey has stepped down as Chairperson of the event, and Julia Music has taken over the role.

Music is a 35 year-old community activist who helped create Ferndale Pride in 2011 after Motor City Pride moved from Ferndale to Hart Plaza in Detroit. She's served as the entertainment Chair of Ferndale Pride, put together conferences for Youth to Youth, run the silent auction for Taste of Ferndale, and was one of the founders of Ferndale Adoption Network.

"I first met Craig when I was 16 years-old when we were both working in the HIV education field. We became friends a few years later and instantly began volunteering for each other's events," Music said about her longtime mentor. "Because I was interested in organizing events, Craig made sure I was involved with negotiations with sponsors from the

beginning. He taught me that we can take these street fairs that have fun for the community and support businesses, and also make it so they give back to their nonprofits with the proceeds."

Covey has a long history of politics and activism in the LGBT community and other progressive causes. He recently ran unsuccessfully for Mayor of

parades in Ohio and Detroit, pride banquets, and Ferndale Pride, but after 32 years, it is time to pass the torch. I plan to continue my efforts putting on the annual Blues & Music Festival in Ferndale, chairing Ferndale Youth Assistance, and doing environmental programs with my position with Oakland County Water Resources Commission.

And I will always support LGBT pride programming wherever I am," Covey said.

Ferndale Pride is "Gay in May" next year, with the event being held May 31, 2014. "We are hoping to expand the event while keeping the small town feeling. We are looking to add some new entertainment surprises as well," Music said. Ferndale Pride was started in 2011 by Craig Covey, Monica Mills, Greg Pawlica and Julia Music and the event benefits various organizations including Michigan AIDS Coalition, Ferndale Community Foundation and Affirmations.

Learn more at [www.ferndalepride.org](http://www.ferndalepride.org).



Craig Covey and Julia Music. File photo Crystal Proxmire

Ferndale, a position he held previously, against incumbent Mayor Dave Coulter.

"I have been organizing Gay pride events every year since 1982, including

## AIDS Partnership Michigan's Hank Milbourne Recognized as POZ Magazine 100

AIDS Partnership Michigan's Hank Milbourne was recognized as one of the POZ 100 for 2013. The Chief Program Officer works hard to oversee HIV Prevention programs, mental health services, early intervention, grant writing, report writing, developing relationships with other agencies and consulting with the Centers for Disease Control.

POZ magazine, an award-winning print and online brand for people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS, announced the fourth annual POZ 100 Monday. This year, POZ asked individuals and organizations to nominate an HIV-positive person in their community who is an unsung hero in the fight against AIDS. For the first time, the list is made up

completely of people living with the virus. The list includes individuals of all ages, ethnicities, genders and sexual orientations from across the U.S. and Puerto Rico, at organizations large and small. It comprises a variety of careers, from bloggers and activists to doctors and educators, and spans across many diverse populations affected by the virus.

Milbourne, 59, has been with APM for 24 years. "It's nice to be recognized for the work you do, and I love the work I do. It's important because there's a notion that HIV and AIDS is no longer important, that it's gone away, but that's not true." Milbourne noted that there is a steady rise in infections among black MSMs age 13-24. "We need to let people know that there is a risk."

"The individuals on this year's list may

not consider themselves to be heroes, but we do," said Oriol Gutierrez, POZ's editor-in-chief. "Each person—in his or her own

unique way—is taking a brave stand against the virus. They are fighting back. From people who volunteer for AIDS service organizations or work as policy advocates, to those who act as educators to promote prevention and treatment, this list represents an incredibly diverse spectrum of people living with HIV and making a difference on the front lines in their communities," Gutierrez said.

To learn more visit [www.poz.com](http://www.poz.com).





# Affirmations Executive Director Dave Garcia Announces Departure

BY BTL STAFF

**FERNDALE** -Antonio David Garcia, executive director of Affirmations Community Center, has announced his resignation effective Feb. 1, 2014, in order to allow time for the Center to transition to new leadership.

Garcia advised the Board of Directors at its monthly board meeting that, "I have been fighting for and working with the LGBT community for over 15 years. Affirmations has provided immense challenges and rewards and I feel we have accomplished a great deal together. Now that the center is in a secure financial position, it's important that I allow plenty of time to ensure a proper and healthy transition for the center."

Under Garcia's leadership Affirmations implemented a new strategic plan and expanded its hours of operation and programming. Highlights of Garcia's tenure include facility upgrades, Affirmations' Vineyard fall event, and his involvement with the "Hungry for Equality" campaign, which brought international media attention to the community center and increased engagement from the LGBT community and it's allies.

Staying with Affirmations through early 2014 will allow Garcia to guide the organization through a final budget cycle, orient Affirmations' newly hired Development Director, and ensure the framework is in place for Affirmations' 25th anniversary celebration at Spring Bash 2014.

Garcia joined Affirmations as its executive director in August 2011 after a national search. During his tenure Garcia was responsible for providing leadership, strategic vision, goals and objectives for Affirmations' staff and volunteers.



"As Dave concludes his service as our executive director, we look forward to building on our success as we move into 25 years of service to the southeast Michigan LGBT and ally community. Dave has provided a strong foundation to propel our strategic vision forward with solid community partnerships and great leadership. Dave will be missed and we look forward to leveraging the foundation he has built to propel Affirmations into the next 25 years," said Board President Mark Blanke.

## Search and Interim Director

The Board will create a subcommittee to lead the organization's search for a new executive director. The subcommittee will be directed to undertake a search process that efficiently identifies an excellent candidate with input from Affirmations' diverse stakeholders.

Jon Fitzgerald, Affirmations' current Chief Administrative Officer, will serve as Interim Executive Director after Garcia leaves his position, until a permanent executive director has been selected. Having been with the organization for just under five years, Fitzgerald is familiar with the organization's development goals, operations and programming. The board is confident Fitzgerald can continue to execute the organization's strategic plan in this period of transition.

"Dave has been a wonderful mentor, leader and friend throughout the past couple of years and I will deeply miss him. Fortunately, he has assembled a great team and I am confident that collectively we will be able to continue to build on what he started and move forward as the board searches for our next executive director," said Fitzgerald.

“*Dave has provided a strong foundation to propel our strategic vision forward with solid community partnerships and great leadership. He will be missed and we look forward to leveraging the foundation he has built to propel Affirmations into the next 25 years.*”

- said Board President Mark Blanke

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# Health Expo Discussions Go Beyond The Basics

BY CRYSTAL A. PROXMIRE

**DETROIT** – When Alfredo Smith of AIDS Partnership Michigan laid down the rules of his sexual health discussion at the Nov. 16 KICK Health and Wellness Expo, no one really expected “Don’t yuck my yum” to apply.

He clarified the need to avoid making negative comments and faces, and to temper any discomfort for the sake of learning and discussion. And though there was a room full of adults, there was still plenty of squirming and giggling. But there was also an open excitement and curiosity as participants talked about issues rarely discussed at all, let alone in a public setting in mixed company.

While most presentations on sexual health tend to focus on the importance of STD prevention, Smith took time to engage the audience in a holistic view of the many ways bodies and minds are connected to sexual selves.

Other concerns were over mental and social sexual health, how a healthy body can improve sexual performance, and how to have the hard conversation in asking a potential partner about their past. The conversations engaged folks regardless of their gender. “It’s important to know about men and women’s parts. You never know when you’re going to have these conversations,” Smith said. He also stressed the ability of knowledge and good discussion in helping counter myths and pop culture expectations of gender and sex.

“I grew up watching the L Word,” said one of the discussion participants. “I thought this is how lesbians should be. It’s so sexualized. ... And as I’m older I realize we don’t have as much sex. Women like to cuddle, and do stuff together. It’s not just about sex.”

The day-long expo featured discussions on a variety of other health topics, including a celebration of the ongoing health-focused programming at KICK throughout the year.

Rhiannon Chester facilitates the Talk Tuesdays program at KICK, where people gather to discuss a variety of topics each week. Among the recent discussions was a visit from Dr. Ravi Perry from the University of Mississippi, who talked about navigating personal spaces and looking at circles of influence, and Healthy Outing which looked at ways to be “out” and true to one’s self.

The Talk Tuesday for the recent election day focused on politics and policies. “We talked about how politicians don’t do what we want, but we also talked about how people can hold them accountable. Most people don’t think about how we pay their paychecks out of our taxes,” Chester said.

Another KICK program with a health focus is the



Kezia Curtis of Feedom Freedom, an urban farm near Jefferson and Manistique in Detroit, talked about food justice and the barriers some have to getting good meals as part of a day-long series of topics on health presented by KICK. BTL photo: Crystal Proxmire

Woman2Woman group for lesbian and bi-attractional women of color. Tashi Kali Acket shared successes from that group. “We did a Poetry on the River outing and the women were happy to feel safe. This was on the river in a tent, and many said they would come to other events outside of the center as long as they felt safe.”

Other Women2Women discussions have included Getting Priorities Right, Being Transgender, and What If? “We continue to see a sense of womanhood brewing,” Acket said.

Physical health was also an important part of the day. On hand were groups doing hepatitis B and C screenings, syphilis screenings, blood pressure and glucose screenings and testing for HIV. Terrell Thomas of The Thomas Group led a calisthenics activity session and a healthy breakfast and lunch were served.

## Food Justice

Kezia Curtis of Feedom Freedom, an urban farm near Jefferson and Manistique in Detroit, talked about food justice and the barriers some have to getting good meals. Her parents started the urban garden four seasons ago, and they work to

teach others about farming and a love of natural foods.

“At first I did not think it was a good idea. There were bugs and dirt, and bugs. But I developed a healthy relationship with the earth and with food. After the second season I considered myself a farmer,” she said.

Curtis facilitated a brainstorming session where participants considered obstacles to healthy eating. Among the barriers are transportation issues, lack of grocery stores in urban areas, people not knowing how to cook, lack of access to the internet to get information they need, and costs.

Urban gardens like Feedom Freedom offer inner-city families healthy options and empower them to grow food in their own homes or yards. Curtis suggested that people find community gardens in their neighborhoods and connect with the people who run them if possible. More on Feedom Freedom can be found at [www.facebook.com/FeedomFreedom](http://www.facebook.com/FeedomFreedom).

And while healthy bodies are important, there is also a connection between physical health and spiritual health. Makini Acket of Cultural Roots Art Camp spoke about the importance of finding inner peace and connection with the universe. Acket spoke about Buddhism, pointing out that it is a philosophy and that it pairs well with religions including Christianity and Muslim faiths.

“The ailing mind brings the ailing body,” she said. “It is crucial that we get to the point where we know ourselves and get rid of the delusion of the mind.”

Acket recommends chanting over simply thinking positively. “Chanting helps us reveal our Buddha nature. The vibrations of sound connect our lives to the fundamental rhythm of the universe.”

Acket has been practicing Buddhist philosophy for 37 years. She leads a meeting of 50-60 women each week at her home in Detroit where they meditate, congregate, break bread and share in the spirit of community that nourishes their souls. Her organization Cultural Arts Roots Camp engages youth in creation and expression. Find out more at [www.facebook.com/pages/Cultural-Roots-Art-Camp](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Cultural-Roots-Art-Camp).

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# Sochi Olympic Sponsors Face Pressure Over Anti-Gay Law

BY DAVID CRARY

**NEW YORK (AP)** – The campaign protesting Russia’s ban on “gay propaganda” is entering a new phase, as human rights activists try to pressure the Olympics’ top corporate sponsors to speak out before the Winter Games in Sochi.

The Worldwide Olympic Partners – among them Coca-Cola, McDonald’s and Visa – have thus far avoided requests to explicitly condemn the law, rebuffing efforts that included behind-the-scenes meetings and correspondence with Human Rights Watch.

“It’s taken months for the sponsors to formulate lawyerly responses that say nothing,” said Minky Worden, director of global initiatives at Human Rights Watch. “We’re going to work hard between now and Sochi to not let them off the hook.”

The focus of the protests is a law passed with near unanimous support by Russian lawmakers and signed by President Vladimir Putin in June. It bans the “propaganda of nontraditional sexual relations” and imposes fines for providing information about the gay community to minors.

Its critics say the law reflects broad hostility toward gays and lesbians in Russia, fueling harassment and occasional acts of violence.

The protest movement has raised awareness about the gay-rights situation in Russia and has boosted hopes among activists that the International Olympic Committee will be more attentive to human rights issues in selecting future Olympic hosts.

Nonetheless, activists acknowledge some frustration that the law remains in place – spared direct criticism by some of the Olympic movement’s major players.

Both Human Rights Watch and the Human Rights Campaign have written to all of the Worldwide Olympics Partners, urging the corporations to call for repeal of the Russian law.

To date, according to the two rights groups, none of the companies has taken that step, though several have expressed general support for human rights and promoted their own nondiscrimination employment policies. There are 10 Worldwide Partners in all – including General Electric, Procter & Gamble,

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- Fred Sainz, Human Rights Campaign

Dow Chemical, Omega, Panasonic, Samsung and the French-based technology company Atos.

“The responses failed to recognize that their brands are propping up an event that will go down in history as the anti-gay games,” said Fred Sainz of the Human Rights Campaign, the largest U.S. gay-rights group.

Activist leaders say there is little interest at this stage in proposing formal boycotts of the corporate sponsors, but they hope to find other ways to intensify the pressure. Some activists have suggested a new wave of protests as the games begin in February, targeting Russian diplomatic missions and the corporate sponsors’ offices.

“No one is prepared to back down,” said Andre Banks of AllOut, one of the protest groups. “Consumers will hold these companies responsible.”

Human Rights Watch made available to The the letters sent by several of the corporations in response to its requests. In general, the letters – and separate statements sent by the sponsors to the AP – conveyed the companies’ disapproval of any form of discrimination and cited assurances provided by Russian authorities to the IOC that everyone would be welcome at the Winter Games regardless of sexual orientation.

“There’s no room for discrimination under the Golden Arches,” said a statement from McDonald’s. “We support the IOC’s belief that sport is a human right and the Olympic Games should be open to all, free of discrimination.”

Visa provided a similar statement to the AP.

Coca-Cola, the target of recent gay-rights protests in Atlanta and New York City, noted that its employment practices had earned praise from the

Human Rights Campaign over many years.

“We do not condone intolerance or discrimination of any kind anywhere in the world,” it said.

Protest leaders said those practices did not excuse any reluctance to speak out against the Russian law and to take a stand on human rights in Russia beyond the Olympic context.

“You can’t support gays and lesbians in one country, then stay silent on the issues in the places where gays and lesbians need vocal, powerful allies the most,” said Andre Banks.

In an early phase of the protest campaign, activists called for a boycott of the company that produces Stolichnaya vodka. The CEO of the company that produces Stolichnaya subsequently criticized the anti-gay law and said his firm had no ties to the Russian government.

Among gay-rights activists in Russia, there have been mixed views of the protests unfolding in the U.S. and Western Europe.

“These boycotts and protests have not made any gains for the Russian LGBT community and won’t in the future,” said Nikolai Alexeyev, a pioneer of Russia’s gay-pride movement. “I believe that a lot of people in the West have been doing PR for themselves using Russian issues.”

He suggested that Western governments ban entry to any Russian politician involved in passing the anti-gay law.

There are 10 Worldwide Partners in all – including General Electric, Procter & Gamble, Dow Chemical, Omega, Panasonic, Samsung and the French-based technology company Atos.

# Ky. Guard Allowing Benefits For Same-Sex Marriages

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)** – Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear has accepted a recommendation from the state’s adjutant general to allow spouses of gay National Guard members to apply for federal marriage benefits, a newspaper reported Saturday.

Kentucky Adjutant General Edward Tonini recommended the state follow Defense Department policy and a U.S. Supreme Court ruling, despite Kentucky’s ban on gay marriages, The Courier-Journal reported. Beshear spokeswoman Kerri Richardson said the governor affirmed the recommendation.

“They’re service members applying for benefits, so we give them to them,” said Lt. Col. Kirk Hilbrecht, a Guard spokesman.

Since the benefits became available in September, four have received them in Kentucky, the Louisville newspaper reported.

The Defense Department policy says gay spouses should be given the same federal benefits as heterosexuals.

The directive from Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel came after the Supreme Court struck down the part of the Defense of Marriage Act that prohibited the federal government from recognizing same-sex marriages.

Beshear’s decision is being applauded by gay-rights activists.

“We’re proud Gov. Beshear has affirmed our state’s responsibility to service members and their spouses,” said Chris Hartman, director of the Fairness Campaign, which supports gay rights.

Stephen Peters II, president of the Washington-based American Military Partner Association, a support group for gays in the military, said that since the benefits are paid with federal funds, Beshear made the right decision – and the legally correct one.

Supporters of Kentucky’s ban on gay marriages are denouncing the decision.

State Rep. Stan Lee, R-Lexington, who sponsored the amendment that voters passed in 2004, said those serving in the armed forces deserve to be honored and respected for putting “their lives on the line to protect the values upon which this great country was founded.”

But he said those values include “the institution of marriage, ordained by God, as being between one man and one woman ... and to the extent policies of politically correct bureaucrats in the Pentagon conflict with state law, I believe that the governor has a duty to enforce the laws of the commonwealth, including the marriage amendment to the Kentucky constitution.”

For Chris Rowzee and her spouse, Master Sgt. Novia Engelhardt, who works full time for the Kentucky Air National Guard in Louisville, the benefits provide savings of about \$1,600 a month for the couple and their 18-month-old son, C.J. Rowzee.

Chris Rowzee said she and the baby are now covered by her spouse’s military health insurance plan, and they get a housing allowance for a family.

But she said the intangible benefits are just as good. She said she “now feels like part of the military family” because she is eligible for support that helps military spouses cope during deployments.

Rowzee and her partner lived together for 12 years before they married in Washington on Sept. 1, then applied for benefits two days later on the first day it was allowed. She said the couple have received “nothing but positive response from her unit and leadership.”



## Thankful For The Blessing To Give

In the days and weeks leading up to Thanksgiving, most everyone we know looks forward to gathering with family and friends to enjoy a feast full of turkey and sides, giving thanks for the year's blessings. Sometimes in our busy holiday excitement it's easy



BY LAURIE "ELF" AMALFITANO

to forget those without family or a place to call home.

In 2009, I joined Metropolitan Community Church of Detroit (MCCD), with no idea the impact the church and its members would have on my own ability to give to others. It proved an opportunity for me to realize that being thankful wasn't just about what I had been blessed with in my life. It was also importantly about what I was able to give and to share of myself and these blessings with others less fortunate.

In December 2010 MCCD adopted five families for Christmas through Volunteers of America, and "Elf Laurie" was officially christened. With the help and generosity of MCCD congregants we gave each family the Christmas they never thought would be possible. Children smiled when wrapped presents appeared by the sackful. Parents cried when their holiday dinner was set on their table.

The look of wonderment in the eyes of the little ones when we all began singing "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" was enough to touch even the tiniest heart of Grinch!

That Christmas event started what is now an MCCD "tradition" of giving to the less fortunate. The church provides home cooking for Ruth Ellis Center tenants and also provides backpacks filled with necessities for the Center's homeless youth. We collect blankets for Higher Ground, gather warm coats for area senior citizens, invite needy and lonely persons – straight and LGBT – to share a holiday meal by opening our own homes to them. That's what giving is about. After my first year of such focused giving I've truly never been the same. I look forward each year to such holiday outreach.

Personally one-on-one, I sat down with each family and interviewed members to find out immediate needs; sometimes by candlelight because they couldn't afford paying the electric bill or in the cold because they couldn't afford to heat their home. Many times I walked away and cried in my car because I was going home to sleep under

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# Detroit And Region Will Grow Vibrant Through Full Inclusion



BY ERIC RADER

## Viewpoint

The 2013 off-year elections are over and now we look ahead to 2014. Voters in Detroit elected Mike Duggan, the former head of the Detroit Medical Center, to be their next mayor as the city moves along the path toward hopefully solving its fiscal mess. As much as some suburbanites may think that Detroit is beyond hope, or that the fate of their cities is not linked to Detroit's, the reality is that all of us in southeast Michigan, and indeed the entire state and the country, need a vibrant and functional Detroit. The city will certainly never be as large in population as it once was, but it remains a vital part of the nation's economy, both because of its historic role in putting America on wheels, and its potential leadership in the emerging knowledge-based economy of the 21st Century.

This region's gay community has strong roots in Detroit, the site of the earliest pride events in our region. For many years, LGBTs have gone to the bars in the city. In 2011, Motor City Pride moved to Detroit, going back to the city where gay liberation began in Michigan. "Hotter Than July" has been a feature of the Detroit summer event landscape for nearly 20 years, celebrating the pride of African American LGBTs. While so much of the social and political life of the Michigan LGBT community has been rooted in our state's largest city, many gay people have waited to hear strong words of inclusion and welcome from the leader of the city. In his election night victory speech, Mayor-elect Duggan spoke of the need to include all Detroiters in his efforts to move the city forward, and he explicitly listed the gay community in his remarks. It is clear that the LGBT community has an important role to play in the efforts to revitalize the city of Detroit, and its new mayor welcomes our participation.

Several of Detroit's suburbs have also been leaders in the fight for LGBT equality and fairness. On Nov. 5, Ferndale citizens reelected David Coulter, the city's second openly gay mayor, to another term as leader of a city long known for its progressive and inclusive values. The sexual orientation of the winning candidate and that of his chief rival, Ferndale's first openly-gay mayor Craig

Covey, was never an issue in the campaign. In the same election, Greg Pawlica, also a gay man, was elected to serve on the Ferndale City Council. Meanwhile, Royal Oak citizens voted in favor of the city's LGBT-inclusive human rights ordinance, defeating the efforts of anti-gay groups that wanted to deny equal treatment for all people in public accommodations and businesses in the city.

As sociologists, economists, political scientists and others have observed, the most economically prosperous and thriving communities are those that value inclusion in all aspects of civic life. In this area, we need only look at Ferndale, Royal Oak, and other local cities to see that people want to live, work, shop, eat, and play in communities where everyone is accepted for who they are. In Detroit, much of the media attention focused on the fact that Mike Duggan is the first white mayor of the city in 40 years. Yet just as sexual orientation was not an issue in Ferndale's mayoral contest, race and ethnicity was not a serious consideration in the Detroit election. Ultimately, what people want most is a government that values them and wants to unite our communities.

Of course, the importance of race, sexual orientation, gender, and gender identity should never be minimized in the lives of average people, especially given the sad history of discrimination in this country and state. Bigotry, hatred, and discrimination are, unfortunately, very much alive, and we need to fight hard to continue to make progress on these issues and fight the forces that would hold people back.

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Detroit, Ferndale, Royal Oak, and other communities have proven that it's possible to look forward on these matters and focus on the real problems in front of us. While the city of Detroit faces unprecedented financial challenges in the coming months and years, it will return to vibrancy, especially if its leaders continue to emphasize the necessity of creating opportunity for all people. However, those of us who live in the suburbs need to work with our sisters and brothers in the city of Detroit to ensure that progress happens. Economic and social advancements will only happen when we all recognize the interdependence that exists between Detroit and its suburbs. If Detroit succeeds, we all will benefit, and we should work hard to make that happen.





## 50 Years This Friday



### Parting Glances

BY CHARLES ALEXANDER

Back in the mid-80s a group of friends gathered monthly for dinner and sharing at Detroit's historic artist venue, the Scarab Club. We called ourselves "The Friends of Dorothy Kilgallen".

Our campy title was a play on the old closet question, "Are you a friend of Dorothy?" Meaning, Are you gay? The title also referenced once-famous Ms Kilgallen, syndicated journalist, panelist for TV's 1960s popular What's My Line? guessing game show.

Two years after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963, Ms Kilgallen announced that she was going to "blow the lid" off who was really behind his murder with details divulged to her. On November 8, 1965, she was found dead from a supposed prescription drug OD. Her death was curious to say the least.

A new book, "Hit List: An In-Depth Investigation Into the Mysterious Deaths of Witnesses to the JFK Assassination," by Richard Belzer and David Wayne (Skyhorse Publishing), offers startling documentation about Ms Kilgallen's mysterious death. And! The sudden, untimely deaths of 40 others who "knew a little too much" for their own good (and America's supposed good as well).

"Hit List" is one of many published on the 50th anniversary of JFK's assassination. Two others in my collection are "Who Really Killed JFK?" and "They Killed Our President: 63 Proof Reasons," the latter by former Minnesota governor Jessie Ventura.

A consensus is that Lee Harvey Oswald, who claimed he was a "patsy," himself killed by Dallas night club owner and underworld associate Jack Ruby, was not the lone JFK assassin; if his assassin at all. Implicated are the CIA, anti-Castro Cuban exiles, the drug-

dealing mafia cartel, the industrial/military complex, supporters of the Vietnam War, and, according to some, Vice President Lyndon Baines Johnson and FBI head J. Edgar Hoover.

Among those "off'd" for their knowledge and/or participation was gay cargo pilot David Ferrie.

Other gays suspected, but never proven, by investigating New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison, who believed there was a JFK murder conspiracy, include Clay Shaw and Guy Bannister. They happened to be friends of Lee Harvey.

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I was 27 when Kennedy was assassinated and working at Wayne University. As media news coverage spread it was as though someone had taken a collective stun gun to America's pride, traditions, self-esteem. The shock, repeated with each news clip, each grim telecast, was numbing, disabling, unbelievable. We were participants in an unending walking dead theater.

America's beloved, charismatic, youthful, leader was no more. "Ask not what your country can do for you," he said in one of his many inspiring speeches. "Rather, ask what you can do for your country." Indeed.

Item for sharing: in 1965 I was sitting at the Woodward Bar next to an Army Sergeant on leave. He spent the night with me. When Larry got out of service, he moved in. Turns out, Larry was an Honor Guard in the Kennedy funeral at Arlington Cemetery. He witnessed the lighting of the Eternal Flame. Fired his rifle in farewell salute.

That flame still burns. Sadly, it also burned through the Bobby Kennedy assassination and that of Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1968, five years after November 22, 1963. Lest we forget.

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# Creep of the Week

## Thomas John Paprocki

What a wonderful day for an exorcism!

OPINION BY D'ANNE WITKOWSKI

On Nov. 20 in Springfield, Illinois, Gov. Pat Quinn will sign the bill to legalize marriage for same-sex couples.

But not if the head of the city's Roman Catholic diocese can help it! Bishop Thomas John Paprocki opposes marriage equality and he knows just the thing to stop this evil scourge: a good ol' fashioned Linda Blair-style exorcism.

Yes, while Gov. Quinn is using a pen to turn Illinois into a den of inequity, Bishop Paprocki (not to be confused with Bishop Poprocks, who is in rehab after a Coca Cola binge nearly killed him), will use the power of his imagination to save the state from doom.

Paprocki is plenty pissed at Illinois lawmakers, especially the Catholic ones.

**Paprocki can stomp his feet all he wants. This "moral obligation" he claims "all politicians" have is clearly not going his way. Instead, Illinois politicians are choosing the moral obligation of equality.**

"It is scandalous that so many Catholic politicians are responsible for enabling the passage of this legislation and even twisting the words of the pope to rationalize their actions despite the clear teaching of the church, Paprocki lamented in a statement. "All politicians now have the moral obligation to work for the repeal of this sinful and objectionable legislation. We must pray for deliverance from this evil which has penetrated our state and our church."

Ha. He said "penetrated." As far as "twisting the words of the pope," Paprocki is referring to some recent statements made by Pope Francis that were interpreted by many as pro-gay simply because they were not rabidly anti-gay like the words of the previous Holy See, Pope Ratched. Oops, I mean Pope Benedict.

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And so Paprocki is doing what anyone throwing a hissy fit about not getting his way does: he's holding an exorcism. I am not making this up.

According to a press release from the Catholic Diocese of Springfield, "Bishop Thomas John Paprocki will offer 'Prayers of Supplication and Exorcism in Reparation for the Sin of Same-Sex Marriage' at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception ... on Wednesday, Nov. 20, from 4 to 5 p.m. Clergy, religious and laity are invited to attend."

Oooh. I hope there will be cookies and punch afterwards.

In order to justify the exorcism, the press release continues, "The presence of the Devil and other demons appears and exists not only in the tempting or tormenting of persons, but also in the penetration of things and places in a certain manner by their activity, and in various forms of opposition to and persecution of the church."

I don't totally understand what all of that means, but I have a pretty good idea what the gay-sex obsessed church means by "the penetration of things and places in a certain manner by their activity." And because two guys or two ladies getting married is clearly the work of Satan, an exorcism is in order.

If you're reading this after Nov. 20 and feel sad to have missed the festivities, worry not. Either you were physically at the exorcism or you're living in a post-exorcism world where gay marriage has been driven out of this land and anyone who has a problem with that can go suck cocks in Hell.

### ► Decade Of Marriage

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marriages unconstitutional. Opponents made doomsday predictions about how gay marriage would damage traditional marriage and lead to problems with children raised in same-sex households.

But as the years have passed, public opinion has shifted. Supporters have won in the courts, in state legislatures and on state ballots amid intense lobbying, activism and advertising campaigns filled with gay couples' personal stories.

"With more same-sex marriages, you saw more people changing their minds," said Mary Bonauto, civil rights project director at Boston-based Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders and the lead attorney on the lawsuit that resulted in the gay marriage ruling in Massachusetts.

"Seeing gay people with their extended families, seeing the commitment, that's what has turned this around."

Opponents have shifted tactics as more and more states have legalized gay marriage. Initially, opponents of gay marriage focused on the predicted erosion of traditional marriage, but in recent years they have pushed concerns about school curriculums and religious objections.

In New Mexico, the state Supreme Court ruled in August that an Albuquerque business owned by gay

marriage opponents violated a state anti-discrimination law when it refused to photograph a same-sex couple's commitment ceremony. A law firm representing the business has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to hear its appeal.

Opponents say they plan to do a better job of telling similar stories of people who believe their religious freedoms have been infringed upon by the legalization of same-sex marriage.

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"I think we still have to do litigation, we still have to do legislation, but we also have to do education as well," said Mathew Staver, founder and chairman of the Christian legal group Liberty Counsel.

Since same-sex marriages began in Massachusetts in 2004, approximately 100,000 gay couples have gotten

married across the U.S., said Lee Badgett, a professor of economics at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. At least 16,000 of the marriages have taken place in Massachusetts.

Evan Wolfson, founder and president of Freedom to Marry, said 38 percent of Americans will live in states where same-sex marriage is legal once Illinois's governor signs the bill on Wednesday. The group has a goal of bringing that up to more than 50 percent by the end of 2016.

"What we have to do - like other civil rights movements and social justice causes - is win a critical mass of states and a critical mass of public support, which together creates the climate for the Supreme Court to bring the country to national resolution," Wolfson said.

Wolfson said Oregon is expected to be a key battleground in 2014 as supporters hope to repeal a constitutional ban on gay marriage passed in 2004 during a rush of similar amendments in other states including Michigan, after the Massachusetts' ruling.

But Staver said he believes the momentum of the gay marriage movement will slow.

"Same-sex marriage represents a classic conflict with religious freedom," he said. "I think there will come a tipping point where the pendulum will swing the other way as people begin to see the impact of same-sex marriage."

### ► To Give

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nice warm blankets, and the family I just left behind had no beds or lights in their home or were sitting with layers of clothes on because they were cold.

These are the images for me that cannot be erased. These are the images of the less fortunate. There are so many, many out there.

MCC-Detroit since 2009, has adopted more and more families through various area organizations, or from within our own community reference, to ensure that these unfortunate families can enjoy a feast at the holidays and open wrapped gifts from Santa. It starts with basics: clothes for family, toys for kids, food for the table, followed by Christmas carols sung by church members hauling Santa sacks through the streets of Ferndale and beyond.

**Are you thankful for your ability to give? Do you feel it's important to share life's blessings with others? If so, you too can help make somebody's holiday as festive as your own. MCCD is accepting unexpired non-perishable food items until Dec. 15 to make up large baskets with Christmas Feasts for families in need.**

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Come by and drop off your donations any Sunday at 11a.m., or if Sunday's don't work for you, bring donations to the church office during hours 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. The church office is located at: 2441 Pinecrest, Ferndale. Use the parking lot entrance,

Oh, yes! Mark your calendars to join us on Dec. 18 as we deliver Santa sacks and sing Christmas carols with and for our adopted families. It's an experience I guarantee you will never forget! Giving is something we can all be thankful for this Thanksgiving holiday, because we ALL have the ability to "just do it" Thanks! God Bless!



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# The Ultimate Guide To Gay Gift Giving

BY MIKEY ROX

What do you get a gay who has everything? Take your pick from these ideas, perfect for LGBT homebodies, adventurers, activists and more.

## Spirit of the Glen

Scotch connoisseurs engage in a three-pronged process – swirling, sniffing, and sipping – before savoring their single malts, and now they can add spritzing to the routine with HYLNDS



Spirit of the Glen, a new fragrance from perfumer David Moltz and The Glenlivet. With notes of pear and pineapple weed that culminate in waves of vanilla-infused wood, Spirit of the Glen captures the rich, lingering taste of the legendary whisky maker's

18-year-old – much like your own days of yore. (\$180; Barneys.com)

## RoBo 3D Printer

Now that 3D printers are commercially available at a relatively affordable price, this Christmas is the perfect time to snatch one up for the hot nerd in your life. One of the sleekest models on the market, the RoBo Personal 3D Printer allows users to transfer their digital imagination from the computer and bring it to life in a tangible and touchable real-world context. With this incredible technological innovation, users can create professional-quality prototypes, models, objects and more with features that include quality additive manufacturing at 100 micron-layer resolution, a build volume of 720 cubic inches, and the ability to print with multiple materials. Who knows – hot nerd might just invent the next big thing; next to this, of course. (\$599-\$699; RoBo3DPrinter.com)

## Stache Spoons

November may be over, but a good moustache never goes out of style. Nobody knows that better than Treehouse Illustrator, a too-hip-for-your-upper-lip Etsy shop offering sets of five wooden

spoons featuring various types of iconic 'staches that'll add a little whimsy to whatever you're whipping up. Set includes one bandwagon moustache Beachwood spoon and four wooden spoons with mini-moustaches. (\$25; Etsy.com/listing/96732664)

## Cuipo Tees

You don't have to be a card-carrying member of Greenpeace to help save the world's dwindling rainforests. This year, give the gift of fresh air via fresh fashion with Cuipo tees, one adorable design of which features a cuddly gorilla with the slogan "I Love Trees." Cuipo's preservation efforts are centered on the belief that the best way to stop deforestation is to buy rainforest and preserve it, which is exactly what they do. With revenue from numerous product lines and partnerships, the company purchases large parcels of land for permanent preservation; for every shirt sold, one square meter of rainforest is saved. (\$28; Cuipo.org)



homegrown gift shop is, of course, Grandma's hearty chicken soup with a soul-soothing broth and a generous portion of chicken chunks and fresh veggies, but there are many other oh-happy-day options from which to choose, including chocolate-chip cookies, mac and cheese, fresh Challah bread, gourmet caramels, and brownies, along with a wide selection of other get-well goodies. (\$29.95-\$102.95; GrandmasChickenSoup.com)

## ShaveTech Cordless Rechargeable USB Travel Shaver

Keeping well groomed while traveling can be a hassle: You either have to pack your bulky electric razor from home, or spend your hard-earned vacation time lathering up and shaving the old-fashioned way. The jet-setting men in your life can put both those scenarios to bed, however, with the ShaveTech Cordless Rechargeable USB Travel Shaver, an innovative electric razor that packs comfortably in a dopp kit to save time and space while globetrotting. Available in two sleek colors – lustrous black and brushed silver – ShaveTech includes a cleaning brush and carrying pouch, and its contemporary design is all the more complemented by its ability to charge via any USB port. (\$39.99; GadgetsGo.com)

## Grandma's Chicken Soup

'Tis the season for the sniffles, but you can turn a holiday sick day into a holiday smile day with gift packages from Grandma's Chicken Soup.

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## Handmade Gifts from Hatch

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MICHIGAN MADE  
BY SHELBI CLARK

## A Paw-Some Idea

Sure, Spot and Fido might "appreciate" the elf costume they have to wear every year, but there are different ways to support four-legged loved ones. The Michigan Humane Society is offering holiday cards featuring three local animals who found homes – a dog named Prince and two kittens, Sterling and Veronica. Fifteen 5-inch-by-7-inch cards are available for \$12.95 at all MHS locations (Rochester Hills, Westland and Sterling Heights) or online at [www.shopmichiganhumane.org](http://www.shopmichiganhumane.org). Each purchase helps support MHS. Don't worry about disappointing Sparky – MHS also offers a variety of merchandise for both pet and owner. -S.C.





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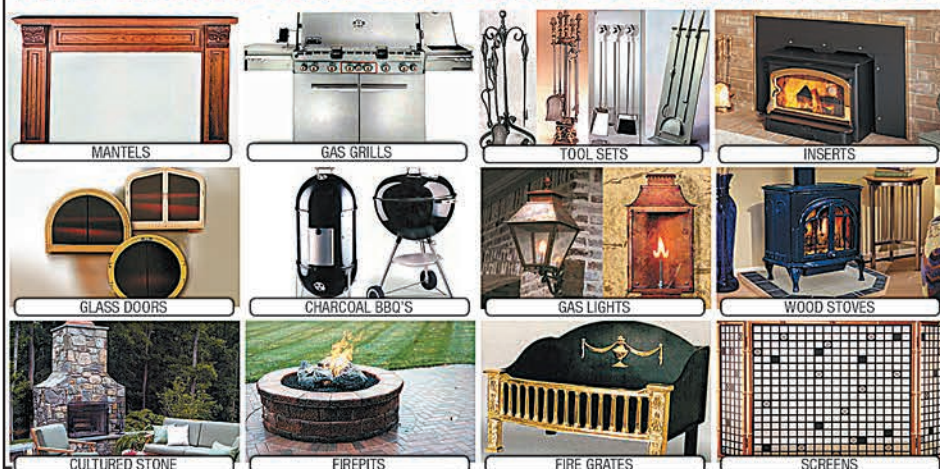
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(Home, Art, Jewelry and Apparel), and most everything in store is a standout – like the custom vintage globes from artist Wendy Gold (\$200) or the one-of-a-kind recycled license plate maps of the United States by Design Turnpike (\$2,360), for instance. Whatever you choose, rest assured that these gifts will quickly become prized possessions. (Prices vary; Hatch.co)

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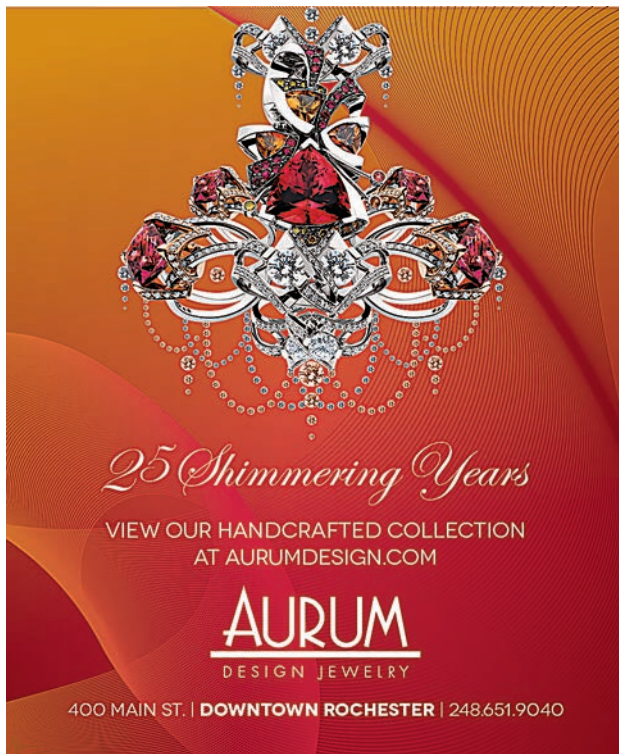


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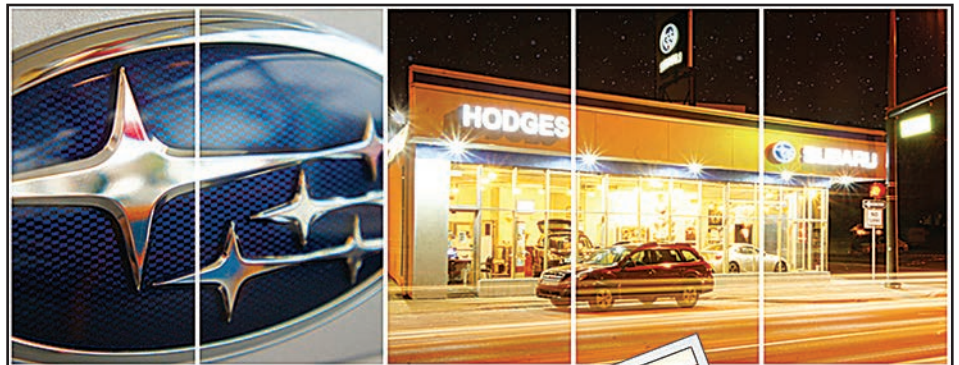


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# Gloria Estefan

## Lives For Loving You

The Queen Of Latin Pop On Covers Album, Being 'Saved' By Gays & Broadway Musical

BY CHRIS AZZOPARDI

You'd be lucky to see Gloria Estefan busting out the conga these days, but that doesn't mean she's not keeping on her toes. A spot on "Glee" last year, a new album, an upcoming Broadway musical, restaurants, hotels – the singer's busier than ever, she says.

We caught up with Estefan to chat about plans for her upcoming autobiographical stage show, being "saved" by gay fans and punking people with Gloria drag queens.

**What's life like now for you compared to what it was in the '80s?**

Supposedly I'm leading a quieter life, but I'm busier than I've ever been! (Laughs) In the '80s, I was on the same cycle: write, go into the studio, record, then go on tour. All I could do was sleep, exercise and sing in the shows. I could do absolutely nothing else. Now, we just do so many other things. Back then we didn't have two hotels and seven restaurants – all that came later – so in essence, we're probably busier now than we've ever been. Plus: We're working on that Broadway show. It's very exciting.

**The Broadway musical is inspired by your own life. How did the idea first come to you?**

We've had many offers through the years to do something like this, so we've been working on an idea for a Broadway-type show for over 10 years. You can't do it on your entire life. We've been able to synthesize what part of our story would make a great Broadway show. It's really on the fast track, and we hope to be done with the book by January. It's being written by Alex Dinelaris, who just did "The Bodyguard" in London. He wrote that and he really gets it. I really loved his approach. We're incorporating the songs (of mine) with a meaning into the storyline, and of course I'll do some rewrites, some interesting little turns and some new music as well. I love that, because the creative process for me



is my favorite part of everything. Also, we're very excited about finding a young Gloria and Emilio (Estefan, her husband). Whoever plays me already has their work cut out for her!

**There's been talk of Jennifer Lopez playing you. How likely is that?**

I don't know where people get all these rumors, quite honestly. I don't think J. Lo would wanna do eight shows a week on Broadway. I don't think that's high on her list of priorities! (Laughs) But yeah, it's an iconic role and I would love to find somebody new – a breakout. I honestly think there's a reality show in the search for them, so we may even do that. It'd be a fun thing to share. After seeing "Smash" – I used to love that show and I don't know why it got canceled – it'd be cool to do something like that.

**You mention writing new music. So despite doing this covers album you just released, "The Standards," you must feel like you still have more to say musically?**

I sure hope so. Music is my life. It's always been. Your life evolves, your career evolves, and you can't always be at the top. But I love music, so I might take a step back from the performance angle – and have done that already when my daughter was in school. But now she's off to college, and so I wanna stay busy as hell!

**People used to say you were too American for the Latins and too Latin for the Americans. What did it feel like living between those two worlds? Did you feel like an outsider?**

Because I've lived in this bubble, sometimes you do. Early on, when I was a very little girl, I still remember trying to look for an apartment in Miami – you're talking 1960 – and there were signs that said "No children, no pets, no Cubans," and my mom would cry. I would say, "Mommy, what's happening?" And I could see it. She tried to keep it away from me, but I saw discrimination back then. I've led a kind of sheltered experience, and there's always gonna be bigotry and racism – that's just the way human beings are. People feel better about themselves if they put somebody else down. They're always gonna find a group to accomplish that.

**Last season, you guest starred as Santana's mom on "Glee." I loved that you were the mother of a lesbian daughter.**

Me too! I have no qualms about any of that. My son's already married, but if my daughter were to be gay, to me, it makes no difference. My daughter is the most wonderful human being in the entire world, and all I want her to be is happy and I will love whomever she loves.

**I wish every parent could say the same.**

People have a tough time with things they don't understand.

**What was your experience on "Glee" last year?**

I loved it and I hope that it happens again. They've pretty much gone to a different arc and Naya (Rivera, who plays Santana) has a new girlfriend this season, but I'm a big Ryan Murphy fan – and a "gleek" – so I'm really hoping I get back on. It was wonderful. I got to meet Cory (Monteith, who died earlier this year from an overdose). Poor thing. He was very sweet and so talented, and what a shame. It's just really a shame because it's a waste. We lost a lot of great people that way.

**What's the story behind how "The Standards" came to be?**

The idea really goes back 25 years when I did "Conga" on "The Johnny Carson Show." I sang "Good Morning Heartache" as the second tune because they wanted us to do a second song but they didn't want it to be an original because we weren't that well known. "Conga" was just breaking through. So I sang "Good Morning Heartache" with my piano player.

I've sung this genre since I was a kid. I grew up listening to all this music with my mom at my home, and then when I could play guitar I would play these songs for my dad and my mom. When I started having a career, I thought one day I would love nothing more than to do an album like this.

**How do you put your own spin on songs that have been covered so often already?**

I literally bought six to seven versions that I was doing – the biggest versions of all the songs – because I wanted to make sure I wasn't gonna make choices that weren't mine. I just went inward and focused on the reasons I had chosen the songs and the inspiration for them and just let myself be free. Also, listening to those musicians was a big inspiration. They took me certain places. It was just about bringing the most me I could to the songs.

**You can't do an interview with Gloria Estefan for gay press without bringing up the video for "Everlasting Love," which starred just drag queens.**

(Laughs) Lemme tell you, baby, that was my favorite video – because they saved me! I was so, so pregnant, and there was no way I could even put my face in there. It was my idea, actually. I go, "Who does me better than my gays?" I mean, I have seen a few of them through the years at different places, and at shows, where they would do different phases of me, and I thought, "Oh god, this would be so cool." Then I took a couple of them on the road with me. And they would fool people! People would think it was me! (Laughs)

**At what moment in your career did you know a lot of gay people loved you?**

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# Happenings

## OUTINGS

### Thursday, Nov. 21

**Coming Together 2013: A Conference on Addiction and Recovery** 8 a.m.  
Tickets: \$95. Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, **Kalamazoo**. [comingtogetherkalamazoo.org](http://comingtogetherkalamazoo.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.

**Trans 201: Exploring Gender and Identity** 11:30 a.m. Workshop. Light lunch provided. College for Creative Studies, **Detroit**. [Rebeccakling.com](http://Rebeccakling.com)

**Free HIV Testing** 2 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](http://Info@bak-inc.com)  
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**The Parent Network** 6 p.m. This group aims to assist parents in understanding their child's identity, while also giving parents the opportunity to socialize with other adults who have LGBT children. Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, 629 Pioneer St., **Kalamazoo**. 269-349-4234. [Kglrc.org](http://Kglrc.org)

**An Evening with Timothy Pachirat, PhD** 7 p.m. "Every Twelve Seconds: Industrialized Slaughter and the Politics of Sight" presented by Dr. Timothy Pachirat, Assistant Professor in the Department of Politics at The New School for Social Research. Tickets: \$20. Animals & Society Institute and Michigan Humane Society, 1202 Livernois Street, **Ferndale**. 248-283-5671. [JSwaney@michiganhumane.org](mailto:JSwaney@michiganhumane.org)  
[Michiganhumane.org/site/NewHollandBeerDinneratToastBirmingham](http://Michiganhumane.org/site/NewHollandBeerDinneratToastBirmingham)  
7 p.m. A celebration of Toast's fifth anniversary. The menu will feature a variety of dishes paired with New Holland beer. Tickets: \$65. Toast Birmingham, 203 Pierce St., **Birmingham**. 248-258-6279. [info@eatattoast.com](http://info@eatattoast.com)  
[Eatattoast.com](http://Eatattoast.com)

**Storms Beneath Her Skin** 7 p.m. Rebecca Kling. College for Creative Studies, **Detroit**. [Rebeccakling.com](http://Rebeccakling.com)

### ► Gloria Estefan

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seventh album, which was our fourth Sony album. Someone told us there was a guy in Puerto Rico that was DJing at a gay club there and that he was doing amazing things with our Spanish hits, because we hadn't had any English hits yet. So the gay clubs were very much onto our music even before the English stuff came out. We knew they were always cutting-edge and Pablo Flores did many remixes for us over the years, from "Conga" to "Rhythm is Gonna Get You" to, more recently, "Hotel Nacional" and "Wepa." He's been huge in our lives.

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

### Friday, Nov. 22

**LGBT AA Meeting** 6:30 p.m. Lansing Association for Human Rights, 1120 S. Harrison Road, **East Lansing**. [lahronline.org](http://lahronline.org)

**Womyn's Film Night** 7 p.m. Film: She Likes Girls 3 - 8 Great Lesbian Short Films. The sexy lesbian-vampire short "Twilight" leads this collection of eight fantastic shorts from an eclectic group of leading lesbian talents. In this installment of the venerable "She Like Girls" series, directors include the Tina Scorzafava, maker of the acclaimed short, "Gillery's Little Secret"; Guinevere Turner, writer of Go Fish and "The L Word"; as well as Julie Goldman of the "Big Gay Sketch Show Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. [Goaffirmations.org](http://Goaffirmations.org)

### Saturday, Nov. 23

**FestivALE** 12 p.m. A holiday celebration highlighting the release of special Christmas Beers. One-Eyed Betty's, 175 W. Troy St., **Ferndale**. [Oneeyebetys.com](http://Oneeyebetys.com)

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

**OutCenter 10 Year Anniversary** 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$35. OutCenter, 601 Main St., **St. Joseph**. [Outcenter.org](http://Outcenter.org)

**Monthly Dinner Outing** 7 p.m. Black and White Men Together-Detroit, 29101 Greenfield Road, **Southfield**. [Sweetlorraines.com/Southfield.html](http://Sweetlorraines.com/Southfield.html)

**LCC GSA Drag Show: Feeling Lucky?** 8 p.m. 2013 Drag Show Supporting Betsy Lou Robson Memorial Scholarship. Tickets: \$5. Lansing Community College Gay Straight Alliance and LAHR, 500 N. Capitol Ave., **Lansing**. [atvacaf@email.lcc.edu](mailto:atvacaf@email.lcc.edu)  
[Lcc.edu/givenow](http://Lcc.edu/givenow)

**Sandy Mulligan & The Gypsies** 8 p.m. GOAL, 26721 W. Seven Mile Road, **Redford Township**. [Meetup.com/GOAL-Get-Out-And-Live-LGBT](http://Meetup.com/GOAL-Get-Out-And-Live-LGBT)

**Open Meditation Saturdays** 9 p.m. A

communal, non-hierarchical meditation space open to all. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. [goaffirmations.org](http://goaffirmations.org)

### Sunday, Nov. 24

**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](http://Kglrc.org)

**Tashmoo Biergarten** 12 p.m. Pop-up European style beer garden with Detroit sensibility. Food, beer, games, and more. Location often varies. Tashmoo Biergarten, 1420 Van Dyke, **Detroit**. [guten-tag@tashmoodetroit.com](http://guten-tag@tashmoodetroit.com)  
[Tashmoodetroit.com](http://Tashmoodetroit.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](http://Kglrc.org)

**Transgender Day of Remembrance** 4 p.m. Candlelight vigil. Keynote speaker Sandra L. Samons, Ph.D., L. M. S. W., L. M. F. T. Local artists will also perform music and poetry at the event. Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, **Kalamazoo**. [Kglrc.org](http://Kglrc.org)

**Conversation Station** 5 p.m. A new topic is discussed each week. Not limited to the chosen topic. We are a group of friends who enjoy each others company and support each other in any way we can. GOAL, 714 S. Washington, **Royal Oak**. 248-981-4227. [MarcilWilliams@yahoo.com](mailto:MarcilWilliams@yahoo.com)  
[GetOutAndLive.me](http://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](mailto:info@fellowshipfortoday.org)

**Regardless Of (Narcotics Anonymous Meeting)** 7 p.m. This is a closed meeting for addicts or those who think they might have a drug problem. This may be a Common Needs meeting, but any addict seeking recovery is welcome! The time has come that any addict seeking recovery in the Washtenaw area can find it. The more diverse the fellowship, the more

members we are able to reach! The goal is to make the message of recovery available to all so that any addict can come to NA and feel that they too belong in this fellowship! Jim Toy Community Center, 319 Braun Court, **Ann Arbor**. 734-995-9867. [jimtoycenter.org](http://jimtoycenter.org)

### Monday, Nov. 25

**Fun Run & Walk Program** 6:30 p.m. Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, **Kalamazoo**. 269-349-4234. [Kglrc.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://Kglrc.org)

**Pride NA** 6:30 p.m. Confidential and anonymous. Open to all individuals impacted by addiction. Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, 629 Pioneer St., **Kalamazoo**. 269-349-4234. [Kglrc.org](http://Kglrc.org)

**Mad Hatter's Writing Group** 7 p.m. This group meets the fourth Monday of each month. It's a working group focused on using various tools and techniques to move any current project forward toward completion. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. [Goaffirmations.org](http://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](http://goaffirmations.org)

**Trembling Before God** 7 p.m. Film. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. [Goaffirmations.org](http://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](http://goaffirmations.org)

**LGBT AA Meeting** 7:30 p.m. Lansing Association for Human Rights, 1020 S. Harrison Road, **East Lansing**. [lahronline.org](http://lahronline.org)

### Tuesday, Nov. 26

**People of Victory** 12 p.m. A bi-weekly

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### Do you keep gay audiences in mind while making music, then?

Yes, totally! We knew we had an avenue to really express ourselves in a whole other genre in the dance market. Now the dance market is really mainstream, but back then people didn't hear dance remixes unless they were in a club. That was the way it was. It was very much cutting-edge and very much its own genre.

**Early last year you made a pit stop at a gay club in Miami to thank your gay fans and introduce your new single at the time, "Hotel Nacional." What's it like being in a room full of gay Gloria fans?**

A blast! They're the best. The gay community has always been first on all my records and they were the ones

who gave my dance music a shot to begin with, so they are an amazing consumer of music, they're very savvy and they're always ahead of the curve. They're very important to me. And I had a lot of fun there!

**What does it mean to have an audience that's been so loyal over the last three decades?**

It's wonderful. I'm all about family – and my fans are family. The only reason I actually toured was to cement those relationships. It was grueling for me, but so worthwhile to be there on the stage so we could share more than just the music, because for that they could stay at home. I'm very appreciative of that (relationship). I don't take it for granted.





The Hilberry Theatre presents "A Doctor in Spite of Himself" in rotating repertory through Feb. 8. Photo: Hilberry Theatre

# Laughter: The Best Medicine

BY JOHN QUINN

The beauty of an academic arts program is how well it educates artist and audience alike. It is especially fascinating when the project forces artists out of their comfort zone, challenging them to toss out everything they've learned about "Building a Character" and "Creating a Role." Frankly, reality is over rated. Thus the Hilberry Theatre, having plumbed the depths of epic theater last season with "Marat/Sade," explores the origins of slapstick comedy with Moliere's 1666 satire, "A Doctor in Spite of Himself."

Like Madonna, Jean-Baptiste Poquelin became a one-name celebrity, "Moliere." He wrote, directed and starred in a string of successful comedies before dying of tuberculosis shortly after a performance as the title character of, of all things, "The Imaginary Invalid." His rapier wit and cynical eye have placed him among the heavyweights of the theater. But can comedy that brought down the house during the reign of Louis XIV resonate in 21st century America? Well, if you've been following the comedy of errors surrounding the Affordable Care Act, the answer is, "Oh, yes, indeed."

"Le Medecin Malgre Lui" was translated and directed by Arne Zaslove, who has successfully updated Moliere's sensibilities by preserving the master's blend of sophisticated French comedy with the older – and cruder – genre of commedia dell'arte. Rather than translating 17th century French into 17th century English, Zaslove has produced a script rich in modern idioms but rather timeless in its delivery. Moliere's characters are not

## REVIEW

### A Doctor in Spite of Himself

Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit.  
8 p.m. Nov. 16, 22, 23, Jan. 23, 24, 25,  
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original; they are recognizable Commedia archetypes. Their lines are formally declaimed; audience and cast alike are constantly aware that this is a play. By dispensing with any hint of reality, the cast is free to milk the comedy for all it's worth. The results are zany – not unexpected; that word derives from the name of a classic commedia clown, Zanni.

Sganarelle (Brandon Grantz) is a lazy, drunken wood cutter; who if asked, "When did you stop beating your wife?" would answer "Not yet." His dabbling in petty domestic violence infuriates his long-suffering wife, Martine (Sarah Hawkins Moan), who plots revenge. She overhears two servants, Valere (Topher Payne) and Lucas (David Sterritt), complain that their master, Geronte (Brandy Joe Plambeck), is searching for a great physician. Martine passes her ignorant but wily husband off as a miracle worker so convincingly that the clowns are eager to convince Sganarelle of his prowess – even if they have to beat the notion into him.

The patient, though, is not Geronte but his daughter, Lucinde (Danielle Cochrane), who is passive-aggressively feigning muteness because Daddy demands she marry the wealthy Horace (Scott Wilding)

rather than Leandre (Alec Barbour). Yes, it's all rather boilerplate, but the superficial plot doesn't slow down the madcap comedy. It's rude; bawdy but never vulgar, and quite literally slapstick. (The slapstick is a paddle that has a business end composed of two hinged pieces of wood. The stick doesn't have to hit a body to produce a satisfying "crack." It ritualizes the violence, and never fails to evoke a laugh.)

Moliere's intent was to poke fun at the supercilious, avaricious doctors of his day, who clouded communication with sonorous Latin and considered themselves a cut above the hoi polloi. One of his most devastating lines is, "Whether you do good or bad, you get paid just the same." Brandon Grantz has the character down pat. But he's ably aided and abetted by the awesome physical and vocal talents of Topher Payne, as the hapless Valere and Bevin Bell-Hall as Valere's bosomey, coquette of a wife, Jacqueline. Her seduction by Sganarelle right under her husband's nose, largely played in pantomime, is a highlight of the evening.

John Woodland's costumes give more than a passing nod to conventions of the commedia, particularly in the repetitive use of diamond patterns, stripes and "little poof balls." Yet like Zaslove's script, the costumes are really timeless, and we can readily play along with the gag of a "doctor" and "apothecary" dressed for the 1930s instead of the 1660s. While the choice was the director's subtle homage to the Marx Brothers comedies, "A Doctor in Spite of Himself" is so surreal, their appearance seems "normal."

As I wrote above, reality is overrated.



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support group for all women living with HIV. People of Victory, 4201 St. Antoine, **Detroit**. 313-805-7061.

**Grand River Connection** Creative class. Lansing Association for Human Rights, **Lansing**. grandriverconnection.com

**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.

**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

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

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

**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

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA) 7** p.m. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. goaffirmations.org

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

### Wednesday, Nov. 27

**Jam Sessions 3** p.m. Bi-weekly support group for youth (13-24) years of age living with HIV. The Horizons Project (WSU School of Medicine/Children's Hospital of Michigan), 3127 E. Canfield, **Detroit**. 313-966-2589.

**COBO Support Group 5** p.m. Coming out, being out. EMU LGBTRC, **Ypsilanti**. 734-487-4149. emich.edu/lgbtrc

**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

**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.



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**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

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

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

**Whiskey Wednesday 8** p.m. Country line dancing. Free juke box. MaleBox Michigan, 23365 Hoover Road, **Warren**.

586-806-2390. Facebook.com/Male

**Karaoke Night 9** p.m. Lansing Association for Human Rights, 1250 Turner St., **Lansing**. 517-487-5338. lahronline.org

### Thursday, Nov. 28

**Thanksgiving Family Fun Fest 7** a.m. Enjoy a delicious breakfast buffet as you watch America's Thanksgiving Parade march down Woodward! Tickets: \$15-20. The Majestic, 4120-4140 Woodward Ave., **Detroit**. 313-833-9700. Majesticdetroit.com

**Thanksgiving at Palette at MGM Grand Detroit 11** a.m. Palette Dining Studio will be serving Thanksgiving favorites from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. The weekly Prime Rib and Shrimp Night will start

at 4 pm. The menu will feature Corn Chowder, Beet & Mandarin Orange Salad, Arugula & Pear Salad, Roasted Turkey Breast with Giblet Gravy, Turkey Thigh, Seafood, Fusilli Pasta with Vodka Cream Sauce, Stuffing, Candied Yams, Loaded Scalloped Potatoes, Grilled Asparagus, Praline Pecan Cream Tarts, Pumpkin Rum Raisin Bread Pudding w/ Vanilla Anglaise. Tickets: \$22-32. MGM Grand Detroit, 1777 Third St., **Detroit**. 877-888-2121. Mgmgranddetroit.com/restaurants/palette.aspx

**Thanksgiving at TAP at MGM Grand Detroit 11** a.m. TAP at MGM Grand Detroit will be open for Thanksgiving. Tickets: \$22. MGM Grand Detroit, 1777 Third St., **Detroit**. 313-465-1234. Mgmgranddetroit.com/tap/default.aspx

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**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

**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

**20 Somethings 7** p.m. Social group for young adults. Followed by an evening out. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. goaffirmations.org

**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

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The show begins at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23 at Dart Auditorium, 500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. Tickets are \$5. For more information, e-mail [szmadzic@lcc.edu](mailto:szmadzic@lcc.edu) or [vaca@lcc.edu](mailto:vaca@lcc.edu).

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**The Magic Bag** "Kim Simmonds and Savoy Brown" Tickets: \$25. The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. 7 p.m. Nov. 22. 248-544-3030. [themagicbag.com](http://themagicbag.com)

**UMMA** "Mark Webster Reading Series". Helmut Stern Auditorium, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. Oct. 11 - Nov. 22. 734-763-4186. [Umma.umich.edu](http://Umma.umich.edu)

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### CONCERTS

**AEG Live and React** "Crizzly & Figure" 16+. Tickets: \$22-25. Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8 p.m. Nov. 22. 248-399-2980. [Royaloakmusictheatre.com](http://Royaloakmusictheatre.com)

**Blind Pig** "Joe Hertler & The Rainbow Seekers" With The Fever Tongues & DJ Robert Lux. 18+. Tickets: \$10. Blind Pig, 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. 9 p.m. Nov. 27. 734-996-8555. [Blindpigmusic.com](http://Blindpigmusic.com)

**Olympia Entertainment** "The Fresh Beat Band: Live in Concert" Nickelodeon's The Fresh Beat Band. Tickets: \$35-59. 50. Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 5:30 p.m. Nov. 24. 313-471-6611. [Olympiaentertainment.com](http://Olympiaentertainment.com)

**Olympia Entertainment** "Brian Setzer Orchestra performs "Christmas Rocks 10th Anniversary Tour"" Tickets: \$30-50. Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Nov. 23. 313-471-6611. [Olympiaentertainment.com](http://Olympiaentertainment.com)

**Royal Oak Music Theatre** "Timeflies with special guest ChiddyBang" All ages.

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**Royal Oak Music Theatre** "Gramatik with special guest HeRobust + Ex Mag" 16+. Tickets: \$20-25. Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8 p.m. Nov. 23. 248-399-2980. [Royaloakmusictheatre.com](http://Royaloakmusictheatre.com)

**The Ark** "Caravan of Thieves" Tickets: \$17. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. 7:30 p.m. Nov. 24. 734-761-1800. [Theark.org](http://Theark.org)

**The Ark** "Birds of Chicago" Tickets: \$15. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Nov. 21. 734-761-1800. [Theark.org](http://Theark.org)

**The Franke Center** "The Moxie Strings" Americana and Celtic. Tickets: \$15-17. The Franke Center, 214 E. Mansion St., Marshall. 8 p.m. Nov. 23. 269-781-0001. [Frankecenterforthearts.org](http://Frankecenterforthearts.org)

**The Magic Bag** "Michael Nesmith" Tickets: \$50. The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. 7:30 p.m. Nov. 21. 248-544-3030. [Themagicbag.com](http://Themagicbag.com)

**The Magic Bag** "Bombino" Tickets: \$15+. The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. 7 p.m. Nov. 24. 248-544-3030. [Themagicbag.com](http://Themagicbag.com)

**The Majestic** "Bone Thugs-N-Harmony" 18+. Tickets: \$28. 50-35. The Garden Theater, 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Nov. 23. 313-833-9700. [Majesticdetroit.com](http://Majesticdetroit.com)

**The Majestic** "Every Time I Die" With LetLive and Code Orange Kids. All ages. Tickets: \$15. The Magic Stick, 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 7 p.m. Nov. 23. 313-833-9700. [Majesticdetroit.com](http://Majesticdetroit.com)

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### FESTIVALS

**Saugatuck Center for the Arts** "11th Annual Children's Film Festival" Free. Saugatuck Center for the Arts, 400 Culver St., Saugatuck. Nov. 18 - Nov. 22. 269-857-2399. [Sc4a.org](http://Sc4a.org)

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**Michigan Theater** "Monday Funnies Film Series" Classic comedies every Monday evening. Michigan Theater, 603

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**MOCAD** "Shani Peters" Moving Murals: Moving Pictures Travel The City, Moving The People Along the Way. Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Nov. 13 - Nov. 27. 313-832-6622. [Mocadetroit.org](http://Mocadetroit.org)

### OTHER

**MOCAD** "Detroit 1968" Book release. Free. Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 7 p.m. Nov. 22. 313-832-6622. [Mocadetroit.org](http://Mocadetroit.org)

**Penny W. Stamps School of Art & Design** "Antony Gormley". Penny W. Stamps School of Art & Design, 2000 Bonisteel Blvd., Ann Arbor. 5:10 p.m. Nov. 21. 734-764-3464. [umich.edu](http://umich.edu)

### SHOWS

**Macomb Center for the Performing Arts** "The Macombers Fall Extravaganza" Tickets: \$10-18. Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. 3 p.m. Nov. 24. 586-286-2222. [Macombcenter.com](http://Macombcenter.com)

**Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts** "Hungarian State Folk Ensemble" Tickets: \$30-250. Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Nov. 23. 313-887-8500. [Musichall.org](http://Musichall.org)

**UMMA** "Karen Russell" Fiction reading. Helmut Stern Auditorium, Ann Arbor. 5:10 p.m. Nov. 21. [Umma.umich.edu](http://Umma.umich.edu)

**Wharton Center** "Rachel York: A Cabaret Performance" Tickets: \$37. Wharton Center for the Performing Arts, Michigan State University, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 7 p.m. Nov. 24. 800-WHARTON. [Whartoncenter.com](http://Whartoncenter.com)

## THEATER

### CIVIC/COMMUNITY THEATER

**Hollywood and Hyde** \$12-15. Emergent Arts, Mix Studio Theater, 130 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. Through Nov. 22. 734-961-8704. [www.emergentarts.com](http://www.emergentarts.com)

**Peter Pan** \$7-24. Kalamazoo Civic Theatre at Civic Auditorium, 329 S. Park St., Kalamazoo. Nov. 29 - Dec. 15. 269-343-1313. [www.kazooicivic.com](http://www.kazooicivic.com)

### COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY THEATER

**'Twas the Night Before Christmas** \$10-20. Bonstelle Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. Nov. 22 - Dec. 8. 313-577-2960. [www.bonstelle.com](http://www.bonstelle.com)

**American Soldiers** \$10-12. WSU Studio Theatre, Lower level of the Hilberly Theatre, 4743 Cass Avenue, Detroit. Through Nov. 23. 313-577-2972. [www.wsustudio.com](http://www.wsustudio.com)

**Blithe Spirit** \$8-14. Oakland University Dept. of Music, Theatre and Dance at Varner



Studio Theatre, 2200 N. Squirrel Road, Rochester. Through Nov. 24. 248-370-2030. [www.oakland.edu/mtd](http://www.oakland.edu/mtd)

**Ragtime** \$5-20. The University Theatre at Shaw Theatre inside The Gilmore Theatre Complex at Western Michigan University, 1903 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo. Through Nov. 24. 269-387-6222. [www.wmutheatre.com](http://www.wmutheatre.com)

**Snow White** \$8-15. Henry Ford Community College Theatre Arts, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. Through Nov. 24. 313-845-9817. [www.theatre.hfcc.edu](http://www.theatre.hfcc.edu)

#### PROFESSIONAL

**4000 Miles** \$41-48. The Jewish Ensemble Theatre Company at Aaron DeRoy Theatre on the campus of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Through Dec. 1. 248-788-2900. [www.jettheatre.org](http://www.jettheatre.org)

**A Christmas Carol** \$18-41. Meadow Brook Theatre, 2200 N. Squirrel Road, Rochester. Through Dec. 22. 248-377-3300. [www.mbttheatre.com](http://www.mbttheatre.com)

**A Doctor in Spite of Himself** \$12-30. Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. Through Feb. 8. 313-577-2972. [www.hilberry.com](http://www.hilberry.com)

**A Facility for Living** \$17-20. Detroit Repertory Theatre, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. Through Dec. 29. 313-868-1347. [www.detroitreptheatre.com](http://www.detroitreptheatre.com)

**Buddy's Big Adventure** \$17.50-32.50. Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Nov. 22 - Nov. 22. 313-471-6611. [www.olympiaentertainment.com](http://www.olympiaentertainment.com)

**ComedySportz** Michigan Actors Studio, 648 E. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. Through Dec. 28. 877-636-3320. [www.comedysportzdetroit.com](http://www.comedysportzdetroit.com)

**Defending the Caveman** \$38. City Theatre, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Through Nov. 24. 313-471-6611. [www.olympiaentertainment.com](http://www.olympiaentertainment.com)

**Ebenezer** \$29-32. Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady St., Northville. Nov. 21 - Dec. 31. 248-347-0003. [www.tippingpointtheatre.com](http://www.tippingpointtheatre.com)

**Fast Times at Nazareth High** \$20. Planet Ant Theatre, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. Nov. 22 - Dec. 14. 313-365-4948. [www.planetant.com](http://www.planetant.com)

**Godspell** \$60-65. Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. Nov. 22 - 23. 586-286-2222. [www.macombcenter.com](http://www.macombcenter.com)

**Home for the Holidays** \$32-39; includes dinner, non-alcoholic beverage, dessert & show. The Dio - Dining and Entertainment, 135 E. Main St., Pinckney. Nov. 29 - Dec. 23. 517-672-6009. [www.diotheatre.com](http://www.diotheatre.com)

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

**Irving Berlin's White Christmas** \$15-28. The Encore Musical Theatre, 3126 Broad St., Dexter. Nov. 21 - Dec. 22. 734-268-6200. [www.theencoretheatre.org](http://www.theencoretheatre.org)

**Jerry's Girls** \$27-46. Performance Network Theatre, 120 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor. Through Jan. 5. 734-663-0681. [www.performancenetwork.org](http://www.performancenetwork.org)

**Jigsaw Jones: The Case of the Class Clown** \$10. Flint Youth Theatre, 1220 E. Kearsley St., Flint. 7 p.m. Nov. 22. 810-237-1530. [www.flintyouththeatre.org](http://www.flintyouththeatre.org)

**La Traviata** \$25-125. Michigan Opera Theatre, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway St., Detroit. Through Nov. 24. 313-237-SING. [www.motopera.org](http://www.motopera.org)

**Late Night Saturdays** \$10. Planet Ant Theatre, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. Nov. 23 - Dec. 14. 313-365-4948. [www.planetant.com](http://www.planetant.com)

**Orphan Train** \$20. What A Do Theatre,

4071 W. Dickman Road, Springfield. Nov. 29 - Dec. 14. 269-282-1953. [www.whatado.org](http://www.whatado.org)

**Over the River and Through the Woods** \$15-25. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. Nov. 29 - Dec. 29. 517-655-SHOW. [www.williamstontheatre.org](http://www.williamstontheatre.org)

**Sister's Christmas Catechism: The Mystery of the Magi's Gold** \$38. City Theatre, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Nov. 29 - Dec. 8. 313-471-6611. [www.olympiaentertainment.com](http://www.olympiaentertainment.com)

**Sleeping Beauty** \$5-10. PuppetART, Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River Ave., Detroit. Through Nov. 30. 313-961-7777. [www.puppetart.org](http://www.puppetart.org)

**Snow Girls** \$10-20. The Ringwald Theatre, 22742 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Nov. 22 - Dec. 16. 248-545-5545. [www.theringwald.com](http://www.theringwald.com)

**The Firebird** \$10-15. Wild Swan Theater at Towsley Auditorium at Morris Lawrence Building on the campus of Washtenaw Community College, 4800 E. Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor. Nov. 21 - 24. 734-995-0530. [www.wildswantheater.org](http://www.wildswantheater.org)

**The Hound of the Baskervilles** \$18. Broadway Onstage Live Theatre, 21517 Kelly Road, Eastpointe. Through Nov. 23. 586-771-6333. [www.broadwayonstage.com](http://www.broadwayonstage.com)

**The Vast Difference** 18.50-\$42. The Purple Rose Theatre Company, 137 Park St., Chelsea. Through Dec. 21. 734-433-7673. [www.purplerosetheatre.org](http://www.purplerosetheatre.org)

**The Wayfarer** Pay what you can. Puzzle Piece Theatre, The Russell Industrial Center, Building 2, 1600 Clay St., Detroit. Nov. 30. [www.puzzlestage.org](http://www.puzzlestage.org)

**This is How it Goes** \$5-20. UDM Theatre Company at Marygrove Theatre, 8425 W. McNichols Road, Detroit. Through Nov. 24. 313-993-3270. [theatre.udmercy.edu](http://theatre.udmercy.edu)

**Two Guys and a Christmas Tree** \$40 with turkey dinner; \$35 show-only. Cornwell's Dinner Theatre, 18935 15 1/2 Mile Rd., Marshall. Through Dec. 21. 269-781-4293. [www.turkeyville.com](http://www.turkeyville.com)

**Visiting Mr. Green** \$15-20. Matrix Theatre Company, 2730 Bagley, Detroit. Through Nov. 24. 313-967-0599. [www.matrixtheatre.org](http://www.matrixtheatre.org)

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**Cranbrook Academy of Art and Art Museum** "The Islands of Benoit Mandelbrot: Fractals, Chaos, and the Materiality of Thinking" One of the most notable mathematicians of the twentieth century, this exhibition explores the role of images in scientific thinking. Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Nov. 16 - March 31. 877-462-7262. [Cranbrookart.edu](http://Cranbrookart.edu)

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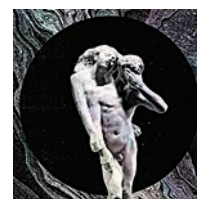
## Lady Gaga, Arcade Fire



### Lady Gaga, 'ARTPOP'

So much for that high-concept, post-modern ingenuity that "ARTPOP" promised even before Lady Gaga hawked it as the album of not the year, not the decade, but of the millennium. This isn't that album. Not even close. Not when it comes to the innovativeness it touted, anyway. If this is art, so is "Poker Face." And so is dressing up in a frock made of dead cow. This is Gaga to the extreme; everything is done with more cartoonish flamboyancy, and – if it's even possible at this point – exaggerated to the fullest. But while "Born This Way" was at least, despite its exhausting preachiness, an evolution that demonstrated sophisticated vanguard where self-importance at least felt musically validated, this takes three steps back. Neither as clever nor avant-garde as it thinks it is, "ARTPOP" is a straightforward, '80s-fashioned electro-pop piece that, with a satirical edge, riffs on fame, drugs and other vapidness – the very themes of queen Gaga before she led her misunderstood Monsters down the road to empowerment. With B-52s camp, "Donatella" and "Fashion!" fit the homo bill, and they're both amusing ... if you too were amused by the unintentional awesomeness of "Showgirls." Part horror show, part whore show, "ARTPOP" is gaudy (see "Swine," where this meat

obsession of hers translates into metaphor), but it's hard to turn away from something that tries so hard to be tacky and messy and just so ... weird. Even an R. Kelly cameo, on "Do What U Want," seems out there – and then it all comes together pretty perfectly. But it's "Dope," a rollicking power ballad that endears, and the smashing Springsteenian "Gypsy" that our Mother Monster should keep in mind next time she tries to hustle pop music as high art. *Grade: B-*



### Arcade Fire, 'Reflektor'

Not long into Arcade Fire's 80-minute epic of rhythmic mythology – where themes of rebirth thrive amidst the usual sociopolitical go-tos – is an empowering statement of visibility that can't help but be heard as a queer affirmation. With frontman Win Butler championing the oppressed, the song is called "We Exist," but it's not the only one that's outcast-minded: David Bowie vibes pipe through the garage-rockery of outsider anthem "Normal Person," a challenge to societal conformity. But the Montreal troupe doesn't just tackle the bigger picture; they look inward and tear down their own conventions –

BY CHRIS AZZOPARDI

their own "normal." "Reflektor" breaks the band's rules, abandoning the Neil Young-inspired '70s sounds of "The Suburbs," their Grammy-winning LP and last release, for an adventuresome, dance-inspired work that radically shifts from quintessential Arcade Fire. With former LCD Soundsystem frontman James Murphy on board as producer, "Reflektor" breaks into the dance-punk that is Murphy's forte, winding up somewhere in the realm of the band's older "Sprawl II (Mountains Beyond Mountains)," an electro triumph. Here, a frantic parade of noise simmers into a charged punk anthem on the defiant "Joan of Arc," disco-era strings line the slow-burn of "Porno," and "Afterlife" – with Butler and wife Régine Chassagne's poignant exchanges, also heard on the transcendent standout "It's Never Over (Hey Orpheus)" – is a euphoric jaunt of survival on the album's back, and better, half. *Grade: B+*

### Also Out



### Mason Jennings, 'Always Been'

There's always been a refreshing lack of sentimentality to Mason Jennings' sweetness. On the Minneapolis folkie's 10th album, he again avoids Hallmark triteness despite delivering songs that are among some of his most sensitive – and also, his best. "Patti and Robert" is a powerful portrait of love inspired by the punk poet's relationship to Robert Mapplethorpe, and "Dreaming" evokes the simple-but-tenderhearted classics of the '60s. Less melancholic than his usual sad-man sounds, this is Jennings' most consistently melodic release. He should be happy more often.



### Avril Lavigne, 'Avril Lavigne'

Avril Lavigne can't quite figure out if she's ready to grow up. After a modest expression of adult-ish emotions on 2011's "Goodbye Lullaby," it's back to being the badass. Before the album's chanty single, "Here's to Never Growing Up," the feisty Canadian pop-rocker, at nearly 30, is all teen-rebel boasts on "Rock N Roll." Both songs don't do anything to advance Avril's artistic image, but they're nowhere as excruciating as the big, ugly ballad featuring Nickelback frontman/husband Chad Kroeger, "Let Me Go" ... or just about anything else during the rest of this identity crisis.



# Classifieds

## 01-ANNOUNCEMENTS LGBT AA MEETINGS

### Ann Arbor-Friday

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

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

### Detroit-Tuesday / Friday

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

### Farmington Hills-Monday

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

### Ferndale-Monday / Wednesday / Friday

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

### Ferndale-Wednesday

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

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

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

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### Solution to puzzle from page 42

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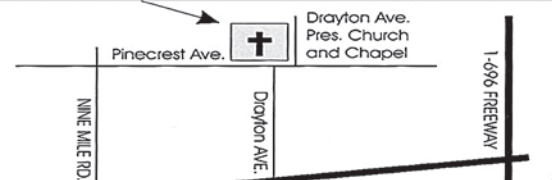
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**Cranbrook Academy of Art and Art Museum** "What to Paint and Why: Modern Painters at Cranbrook, 1936-1974" Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Aug. 4 - Feb. 28. 877-462-7262. Cranbrookart.edu

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**Cranbrook Academy of Art and Art Museum** "From the Archives: Forging Cranbrook's Gatescape" From peripheral entrance gates to interior ornamental gates executed in wood, wrought iron, cast iron and steel, over 80 gates have been installed on the campus. Walking and bus tour. Tickets: \$30-35. Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Oct. 5 - Feb. 22. 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. Detroit Institute of Arts, 2100 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Oct. 25 - March 30. 313-833-7900. Dia.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 for the next three years. Flint Institute of Arts, 1120 E. Kearsley St., Flint. Sep. 14 - Feb. 22. 810-234-1695. Flintarts.org

**Grand Rapids Art Museum** "Friday Night Conversations" Unique collaborations with artists and organizations in the community. Programs have included performances, gallery talks, activities, presentations, and more. Grand Rapids Art Museum, 101 Monroe Center, Grand Rapids. Aug. 9 - Feb. 28. 616-831-1000. artmuseumgr.org

**Grand Rapids Art Museum** "Saturday All Day with The Arts" Drop-in family activities. Grand Rapids Art Museum, 101 Monroe Center, Grand Rapids. Aug. 3 - Dec. 28. 616-831-1000. artmuseumgr.org

**Krasl Art Center** "In the Artlab: Andrews University Place Making Studio" Place making is a multi-faceted approach to planning, designing and utilizing spaces. Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph. Nov. 8 - Jan. 12. 269-983-0271. Krasl.org

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**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

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**MOCAD** "Jess Daniel" Scholar and food justice activist. Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 1 p.m. Nov. 23. 313-832-6622. Mocadoetroit.org

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**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** "Kevin Tolman: Recent Works" These paintings invite viewers to peer through tonal, multi-layered spaces to glimpse more frenetic underlying figures. Robert Kidd Gallery, 107 Townsend St., Birmingham. Nov. 9 - Dec. 19. 248-642-3909. Robertkiddgallery.com

**Saugatuck Center for the Arts** "Art a Loan" Juried student exhibition. Saugatuck Center for the Arts, 400 Culver St., Saugatuck. Nov. 13 - Dec. 8. 269-857-2399. Sc4a.org

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**UICA** "Pulso: Arte de las Americas / Art of the Americas" Rooted in an exploration of the ways in which regional boundaries affect the perception of art. Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts, Two Fulton West, Grand Rapids. Oct. 30 - Dec. 4. Uica.org

**University of Michigan Museum of Art** "Brett Weston Landscapes" One of the iconic photographers of the 20th century. University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. Aug. 17 - Dec. 1. 734-763-4186. umma.umich.edu

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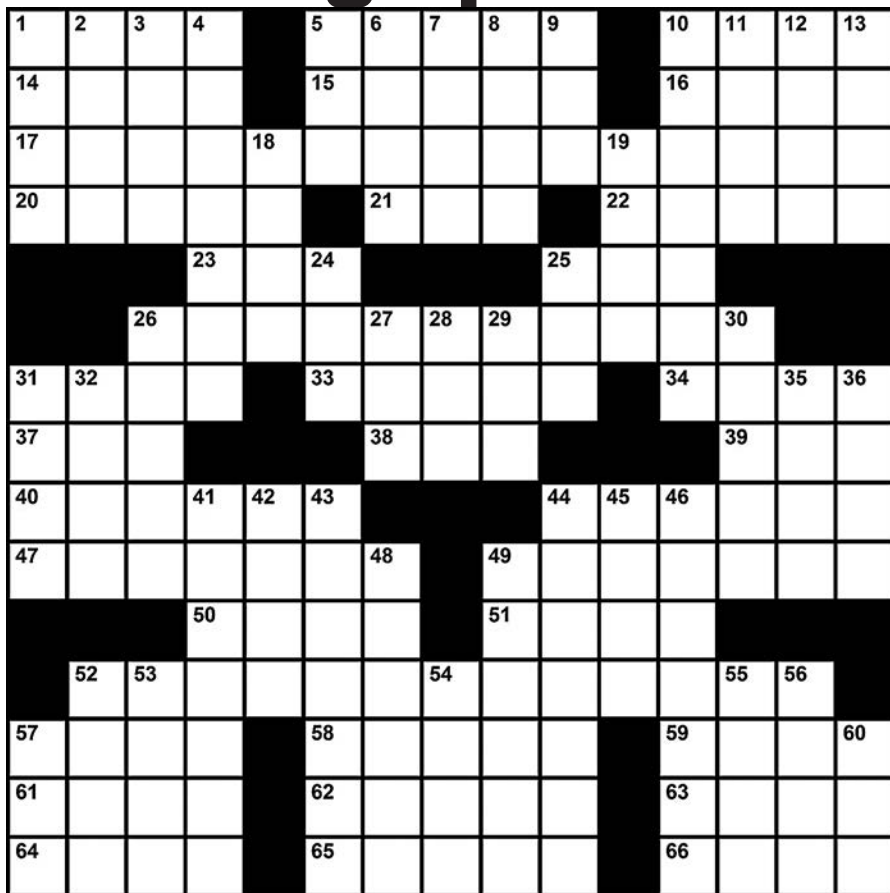


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- 5 Anal insert from a UFO?
- 10 Cole Porter's "Well, Did You \_\_\_\_"
- 14 Hollywood canine
- 15 Early caucus participant
- 16 Abercrombie & Fitch event
- 17 Portrayer of Ted
- 20 "Suburgatory" daughter
- 21 Org. offering AIDS coverage
- 22 Fashion photographer Herb
- 23 PC display
- 25 "Modern Family" family member
- 26 Portrayer of Ben
- 31 Warming in relations
- 33 Lorde of verse
- 34 Give some lip to
- 37 Female flyer
- 38 Like the "fruit loop" section of a city
- 39 Mouth, slangily
- 40 With 44-Across, portrayer of Jorge
- 44 See 40-Across
- 47 Pittsburgh pro
- 49 Some may be iron
- 50 Tool with jaws
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- 52 2013 movie about two married gay men forced to live apart
- 57 Jodie Foster's "\_\_\_\_ Driver"
- 58 Cowboy's rope
- 59 Cinder suffix
- 61 Where to find hot buns
- 62 Everglades wader
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- 64 Computer company's erection?
- 65 Catch in a trap
- 66 Defied radar

## Down

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- 2 Queens tennis stadium
- 3 Versatile vehicles
- 4 Shags on the carpet?
- 5 Wrestler's victory
- 6 Gossip columnist Barrett
- 7 Got a little behind
- 8 Lower, to Lorca
- 9 Bambi's aunt
- 10 Nose rubbers
- 11 Bottomless
- 12 Gobs
- 13 Layers in the barnyard
- 18 Apiece
- 19 Spot on a cliff
- 24 Hereditary chain

- 25 Antonio's "Evita" role
- 26 Novelist Rona
- 27 One of a wheel's nuts
- 28 Lupino of "Women's Prison"
- 29 Take a crack at
- 30 Entree
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- 32 "Hold your horses!"
- 35 Performed like Rufus Wainwright
- 36 Sites for three women in a tub
- 41 Stationary acceleration
- 42 Peace Nobelister Wiesel
- 43 Streetcar and more?
- 44 Change places
- 45 Russian saint
- 46 Nala, for one
- 48 Give up an office
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