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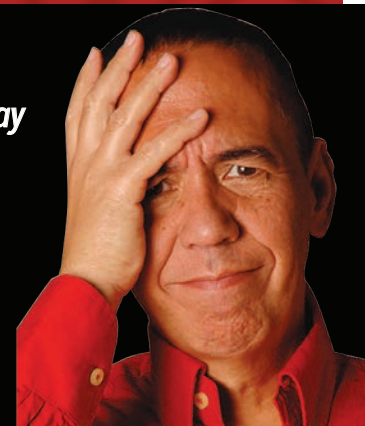
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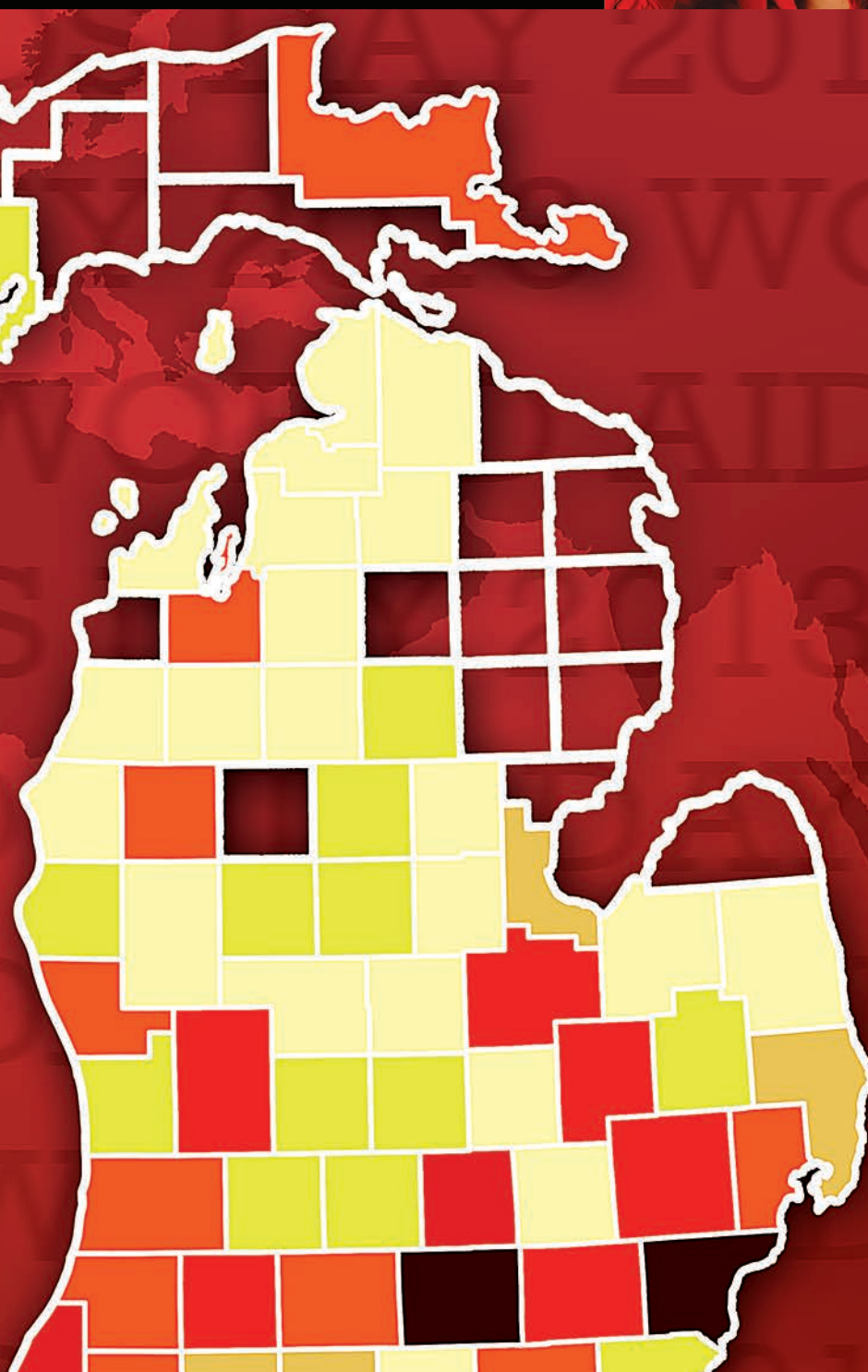
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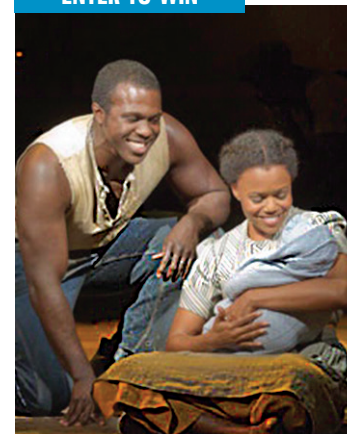


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Funding Of HIV Programs In Jeopardy

This is part 1 of a 2 part series in conjunction with World AIDS Day. Next week BTL will look at prevention and care strategies across the state and the challenges ahead.

BY TODD A. HEYWOOD

LANSING – Over 30 years into the HIV epidemic in the U.S. the number of new infections nationwide

and statewide have stabilized. With the advent of powerful anti-HIV drugs, the number of people living with HIV has continued to increase. But the funding streams that keep the state's HIV prevention and care programs running and the doors open are shifting like sands on the Lake Michigan dunes.

From a state level, the news is a

combination of good and bad. On the one hand, while the federal portion of the funding for HIV programming has been cut in prevention, the state has been able to shift some funds from other programming to cover short falls. The bad news is that this is not a sustainable model in the Michigan Department of Community Health budgets.

The Funding

HIV programming in Michigan is a series of organizations, funded mostly through federal pass through dollars given to MDCH.

The funding on a federal level is generally authorized via the Ryan White CARE Act and distributed through the Department of Health and Human Services Health Services and Resources Administration (HRSA) or through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Generally HRSA dollars are directed towards testing and care, while CDC dollars are directed towards prevention programming in the state.

Under CDC rules, 75 percent of all HIV prevention dollars must be spent on people living with HIV who know they are living with HIV, while 25 percent can be spent on high-risk populations who are not infected or unaware of their infections. All the prevention programs must be scientifically proven as effective and approved by CDC to receive funding.

HRSA dollars fund programs such as case management, AIDS Drug Assistance Programs and medical access programming for those living with HIV.

The money comes to the MDCH, where the staff at the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Intervention Section (HAPIS), dole out the funds in grants to local health departments and AIDS Service Organizations (ASOs). The local health departments and ASOs then deliver many of the services that have come to define the HIV response – testing, counseling, linkage to care, access to care and medications, prevention programming and case monitoring and management. Under federal rules, MDCH is allowed to keep 10 percent of the funding for administrative costs, and grantees are allowed to use no more than 10 percent of the funding for administrative costs.

To fully fund Michigan's AIDS Drug Assistance Program, seen as a key tool in fighting the epidemic by creating access to the expensive drugs used to treat and control the virus, the state leverages taxpayer dollars from the Healthy Michigan Initiative. The HMI was created in the late 70s to divert sales tax revenue

to health specific programming. Michigan uses over \$4 million a year to leverage about \$30 million in federal dollars to fund the program, and an additional \$20 million or so comes from rebates negotiated with pharmaceutical companies.

With looming sequestration cuts and new funding formulas under federal law, this funding scheme is in jeopardy, says Jane DuFrane, manager of the HAPIS at MDCH.

She tells BTL that stop gap measures implemented over the last two years to avoid cutting funding awards to local AIDS Service Organizations “won't last another five years,” and the federal cuts are essentially permanent – the result of a change in funding formulas under the Ryan White CARE Act reauthorization in 2009. Under the new formula, funding was shifted from places like New York and California (and Michigan) to fund programming and responses to the epidemic in 10 southern states that compromise the bulk of new infections nationwide. The new formula for the first time looks at new cases as the basis for funding, rather than the historic tally of cases.

The result has been a 33 percent cut to federal prevention dollars flowing into Michigan by 2014. DuFrane and other health officials on the state level say they have patched this funding shortfall, as well as shortfalls coming down the pike with the sequester, by shifting funding from drug rebates paid back to the state's AIDS Drug Assistance Program by various HIV drug makers and by tapping into the Healthy Michigan Initiative Fund. The HMI fund diverts a small part of Michigan sales tax into a dedicated fund for health programming. That program once faced possible redirection when then state Rep. Dave Agema (R-Greenville) proposed legislation to shift funding from HMI to a new fund to pay for airport upkeep in the state. Those funds are the only state tax revenues leveraged to bring in millions of dollars in federal programming money to fight the epidemic and provide care and drugs for those infected.

DuFrane says she believes that with the full implementation of the Affordable Care Act – including the controversial Medicaid expansion

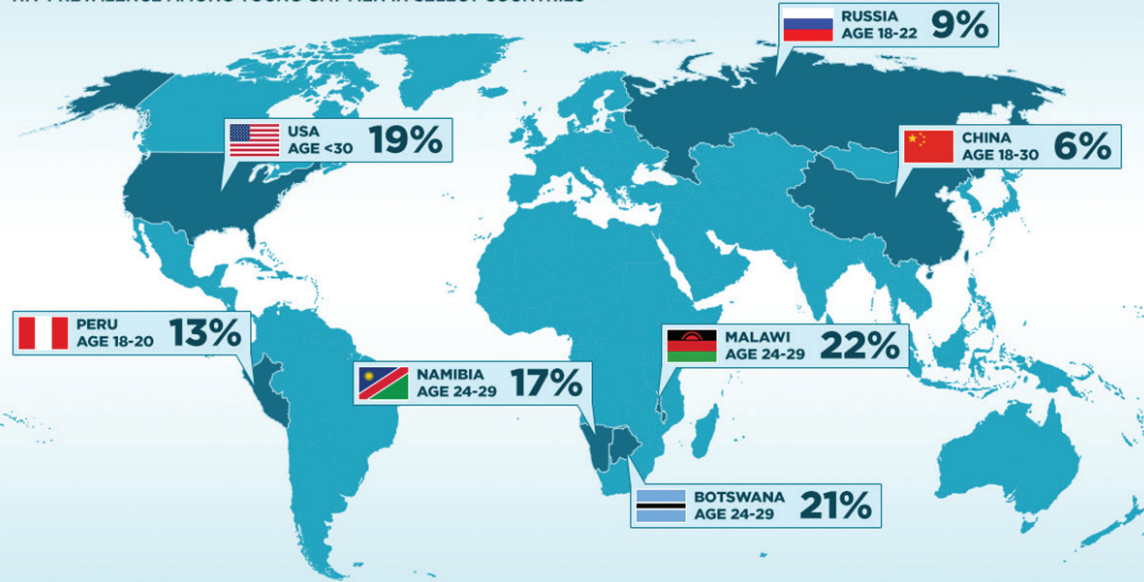
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YOUNG GAY MEN & HIV/AIDS: A GLOBAL EPIDEMIC

In every region of the world, two things are true – gay men are at increased risk for HIV, and so are young people. Due to a confluence of factors, young gay men are often left out of research, policy and programs that are designed for adult gay men, the general pool of youth, or the overall population.

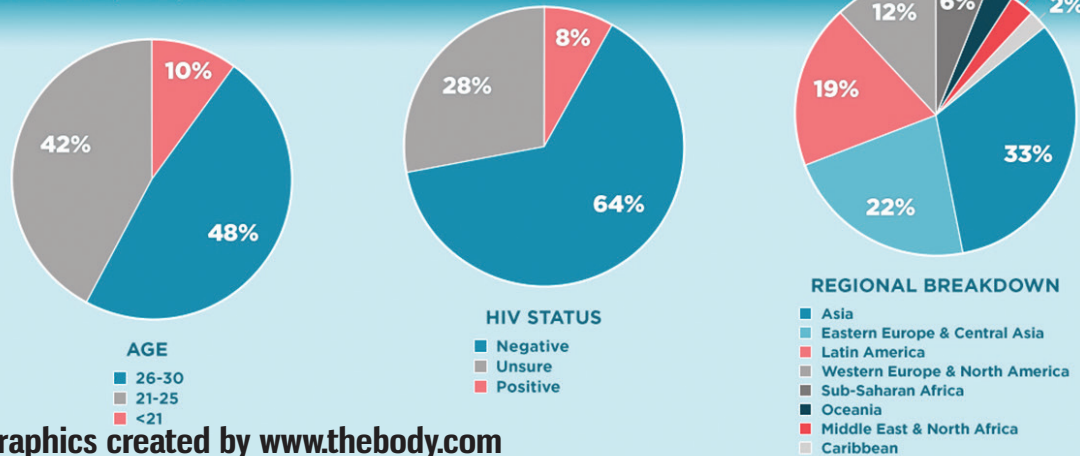
WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATE OF THE GLOBAL EPIDEMIC AMONG YOUNG GAY MEN, AND HOW DO WE ADDRESS IT?

HIV PREVALENCE AMONG YOUNG GAY MEN IN SELECT COUNTRIES



In March 2012, the Global Forum on MSM & HIV (MSMGF) formed a research team to implement a global survey to identify trends among the global gay population. The survey got nearly 2,500 responses.

Who were the participants?



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Stable housing and income are important components of HIV prevention. Many young gay men are dependent on family that may not understand or accept their sexuality, putting them at greater risk of losing housing or financial support, which can lead to increased HIV risk behaviors – the lack of housing and income are strong predictors of HIV infection.

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– the result will be a 60 percent reduction in state spending on HIV drugs and care through the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. But those savings would not see the money shifted from ADAP to prevention programming, because it is restricted. And don't expect to see ADAP begin to offer subsidies for access to HIV drugs to prevent infections, either. Federal rules prohibit using the Ryan White funds for preventative drugs, called non-occupational post exposure prophylaxis for preventing infection after an exposure, and pre-exposure prophylaxis used to prevent infections by taking an HIV drug daily.

Stop gap measures implemented over the last two years to avoid cutting funding awards to local AIDS Service Organizations “won't last another five years.” - Jane DuFrane, manager of the HIV AIDS Prevention and Intervention Section (HAPIS) at MDCH.

The Reorganization

Money woes are not the only concerns for the state's HIV programming. A reorganization shifting the program from the state's department of health wellness and disease control to the department of chronic disease, has resulted in consolidations of office space, cancellation of the department's largest contract and reissuing to another contractor, and rehiring of many of the staff members. This move comes after two years of the HIV programming losing many long-term employees.

The reorganization includes moving HIV programming under the aegis of Division of Chronic Disease and Injury Control, says Linda Scarpeta, acting director of the division. The move comes in order to refocus energy on HIV and some of the common factors shared with other chronic disease, including racial disparities. Scarpeta says a move to consolidate the HAPIS operations in Lansing will have the organization operating like other statewide chronic disease programs.

Despite this, the department has been wracked with internal discord for months before the move to reorganize. Internal documents show management style and conflicts led to the loss of staff. One internal document, a review of complaints against Anna Osman, then director of the Division of Health Wellness and Disease Control of which HIV programming was a section, questioned the use of a contract to Southeast Michigan Health Association (SEMHA).

The report found that the contract was

used improperly to circumvent purchasing guidelines in the state, which in turn resulted in purchases of things like computers which remain unaccounted for. Those findings were never referred to the Auditor General's Office for review.

In October the state announced it was closing HIV program offices in Detroit. The epidemiology program was moved to offices in Southfield, while the contract review and technical assistance programs were moved to Lansing.

Angela Minicuci, public information officer for MDCH, says the closing of two Detroit offices will result in a savings of \$150,842.

“Other costs of keeping two offices are travel expenses for staff going back and forth to Lansing, and the cost of staff time to travel as some staff have office space in both buildings, computers, phone costs, etc.,” Minicuci said in an email in September.

MDCH officials say the reorganization and the loss of long time employees has not resulted in a loss of institutional memory, nor has it harmed ongoing operations. However, county level quarterly analysis of new HIV reports, usually published on the state's website, have not been updated since January of 2013. Reports from county health officials have

been filed in April, July and October although they have not been published on the state website.

Trickle Down Crunch Time

Even as state officials struggle with patching the funding holes appearing in federal funding streams, local agencies that rely on that funding – called AIDS Service Organizations, or ASOs – are still feeling the pinch. The organizations are seeing reductions in funding not only from the federal, state and local levels, but also through charitable giving and corporate sponsorships. The result is programs serving more people but operating with fewer financial resources.

To address this problem, a group of nine agencies across the state announced a \$25,000 grant from Washington, DC based funding giant AIDS United. The agencies are AIDS Partnership Michigan (APM), Community AIDS Resource and Education Services (CARES), Community Health Awareness Group (CHAG), Grand Rapids Red Project, Health Emergency Lifeline Programs (HELP), HIV/AIDS Resource Center, Lansing Area AIDS Network (LAAN), Michigan AIDS Coalition (MAC), and Wellness AIDS Services.

“The grant will assist participating agencies to plan for the future of HIV/AIDS services in the state by addressing the realities of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) provisions, and continued reductions in both direct care and prevention funds from all sources:

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federal, state, and local government, corporations, foundations and individual donors," reads an Oct. 29 press release from the nine groups. "Economies of scale, billable services, linkage to care under ACA, program and administrative collaboration, shared services, and many other areas will be explored in CRI [Community Restructuring Initiative] discussions."

Exactly what this CRI conversation will result in is unclear. Directors of the ASOs involved issued a letter to BTL in response to a series of questions. In the letter, the leaders of those ASOs wrote they were "not in a position to provide commentary relative to the AIDS United grant" beyond what was provided in the Oct. 29 press release.

MDCH officials say the grant will most likely lead to administrative cost sharing between the organizations, but that ultimately it was up to the ASOs and not MDCH.

The ASO leaders were also unwilling

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to discuss the likely impact of the Affordable Care Act, funding cuts from the state and federal level or even the reorganization of HAPIS.

"With the implementation of the ACA, resultant uncertainties relative to the future of the Ryan White Care Act, and restructuring within MDCH (inclusive of HAPIS) there are many unknowns. Because of the tremendous uncertainties on both a federal and state level, any discussion about the resultant impacts on AIDS Service Organizations and other service providers is purely speculative," the leaders wrote in their email to BTL.

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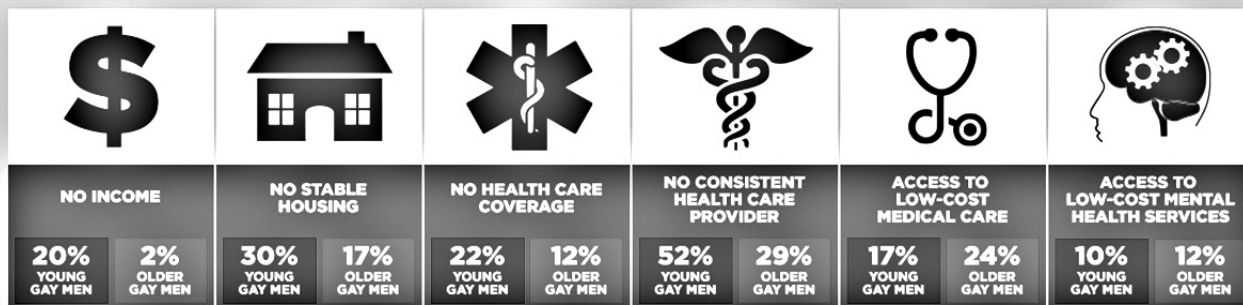
Dec. 4 Brown Bag Lunch on HIV Policy
 By BTL Reporter Todd Heywood

12 p.m. University of Michigan Ford School of Public Policy student groups Out in Public and Students of Color in Public Policy will host a brown bag lunch discussion about HIV policy issues in the state of Michigan. The lunch will feature BTL reporter, and investigative reporter Todd A. Heywood. 5240 Weill Hall. 635 S State Street, Ann Arbor.

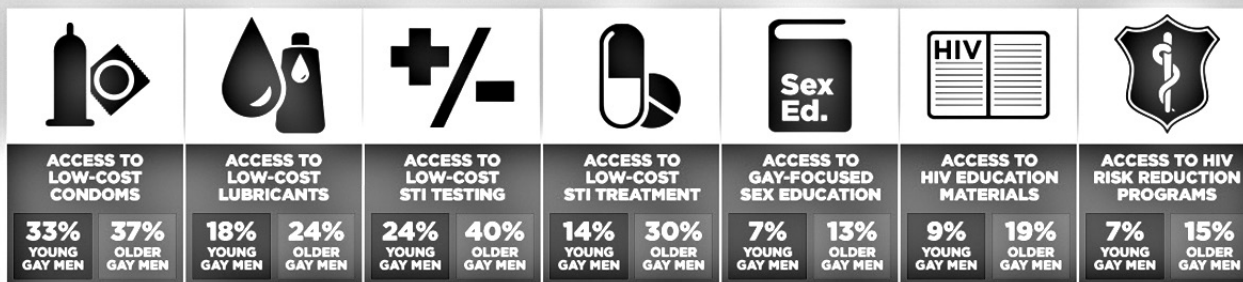
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HOW MANY YOUNG GAY MEN (VS. OLDER GAY MEN) REPORTED:



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Eight Michigan Cities Included In HRC Municipal Equality Index

BY CRYSTAL A. PROXMIRE

Eight Michigan cities have been included in a new report put out by the Human Rights Campaign, rating their LGBT-friendliness. The HRC Municipal Equality Index 2013 looked at 291 cities across the country and rated them based on a number of gay-friendly criteria. It is the second year for the report.

The HRC report does not give a complete picture of equality in the states, simply a sampling. Their goal is to increase the number of cities evaluated each year.

In Michigan there are 31 municipalities that have enacted human rights ordinances. The growing amount of inclusive communities has LGBT leaders like Jon Hoadley of Unity Michigan hopeful. "Municipalities across Michigan are quickly saying yes to giving all hard working people the opportunity to provide for their families and be part of our local communities. In 2013, nine municipalities adopted nondiscrimination ordinances. Places like East Lansing added a domestic partnership registry. Local Electeds Against Discrimination is leading the way.

"HRC did a great job of moving the conversation forward on the role municipal governments can have in creating inclusive communities. Unity Michigan has been educating and advocating on the local level since 2009 for more nondiscrimination protections inclusive of sexual orientation and gender identity. We're excited whenever more attention is drawn to issues of equality at the local level," said Hoadley.

In Michigan, out of a possible 100 points, Ann Arbor scored the highest with 88. East Lansing got 86. Detroit got 72.

Lansing got 66. Pleasant Ridge got 60. Grand Rapids got 56. Ferndale got 45. And Warren got 15.

Scoring

The cities were chosen based on the "Fifty state capitals, the 150 largest cities in the U.S., the 3 largest cities or municipalities in each state, the cities that are home to each state's largest public university and 75 cities and municipalities that have high proportions of same-sex couples."

The scorecards look at criteria including human rights ordinances, inclusive hiring practices, hate crimes reporting, openly gay officials, and relationship recognition as well as having LGBT-targeted programs.

Michigan Scoring

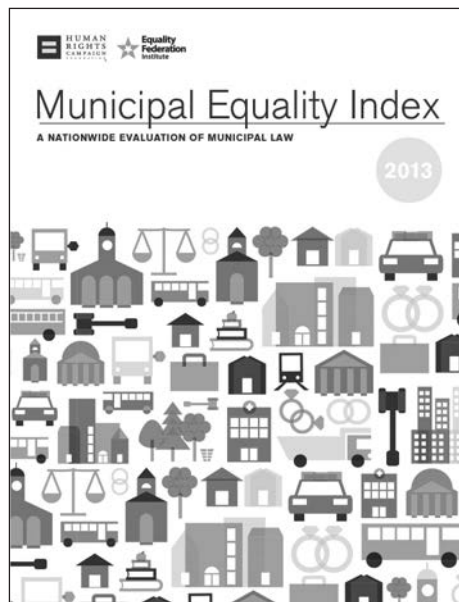
Warren got its 15 points because their school district has an anti-bullying policy that is enumerated, and because their police department reported their hate crimes statistics.

Ann Arbor did well by having a municipal domestic partner registry, having LGBT elected officials, offering transgender-inclusive healthcare benefits to employees, and having a human rights commission. Some of the areas Ann Arbor fell short in were not having an LGBT liaison in City Hall, not having enumerated anti-bullying policies in the schools, and not having an LGBT police liaison or task force.

Pleasant Ridge topped their neighboring city of Ferndale by 15 points due to the more subjective criteria of "Leadership's Public Position on LGBT Equality,"

"Leadership's Pro-Equality Legislative or Policy Efforts," and "City provides services to particularly vulnerable populations of the LGBT community."

Pleasant Ridge also gained five points for having a City Contractor Non-Discrimination Ordinance, and another five for including transgender in their non-discrimination policy for hiring. Additionally Pleasant Ridge was given more points because they offer domestic partner benefits. Ferndale does offer these benefits, though that was left out of this report.



To view the HRC Municipal Equality Index, go to www.hrc.org/campaigns/municipal-equality-index. For more information on Unity Michigan and Local Electeds Against Discrimination, go to www.unitymichigan.org/lead/.

Mich. 31: Trenton Passes Human Rights Ordinance

The City of Trenton became the 31st city or municipality in Michigan to pass a human rights ordinance protecting LGBT people from discrimination. Ordinance 777 was passed on Nov. 12 after a second public reading. There were four yes votes (Stack, Taylor, Teifer and Baun-Cooks) and three no votes (McLeod, Howey, LeFerve).

"It is the intent of the City that no person be denied equal protection of the laws; nor shall any person be denied the enjoyment of his or her civil or political

rights or be discriminated against because of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, height, weight, condition of pregnancy, marital status, physical or mental limitation, source of income, family responsibilities, sexual orientation, gender identity or HIV status," states the ordinance's purpose.

Ordinances like this are being enacted across the state to give people protection as well as to show state lawmakers that there is public support for equal rights. Many of the ordinances come about

because elected officials propose them for their communities. In other cases, such as Royal Oak, the ordinances passed because a majority of voters said yes in a public election on Nov. 5. The municipalities that have enacted protections spread across all sizes and many areas of the state, including Traverse City, Mt. Pleasant, Linden, Detroit, Pleasant Ridge, Muskegon, and Osthemo Township.

To find out more about the spread of equality in Michigan, www.unitymichigan.org/about/

Transgender Day Of Remembrance Lists 242 Killed

BY CRYSTAL A. PROXMIRE

242. That is the number of transgender individuals whose murders and suicides have been reported in the past year around the world. Groups like Gender Identity Network Alliance (formerly Transgender Detroit) know that this number is low due to the under-reporting of the deaths.

Each year GINA, in partnership with other LGBT organizations, comes together for Transgender Day of Remembrance to list the names of the dead. This year Jessica Manko and Marty Howland did the honor while Eric Folkmire lit one candle for each name. According to Transgender Europe, there were 95 transgender people killed in Brazil over the past year, 40 in Mexico, 15 in Venezuela, 12 in Honduras, and 16, possibly 17, in the United States.

On Nov. 8 the body of a person believed to be transgender was found in the Palmer Park area of Detroit, left in a trash bin. The victim's name remains unknown and police have not yet released more details.

Michelle Fox, founder of GINA said, "We need to educate and get legislation done to make it easier for transpeople so that they will be able to get gainful employment. Many youth when they come out to their parents, are thrown out on the streets and out of their house. And then on the streets a lot of them have no choice but to sell their bodies just to have a roof over their head and food to eat. What we need to do is offer more services."

In a poem honoring the "black girls who look like black men," Natasha Miller lamented the loss of a 15-year-old lesbian named Sekia Gunn who was murdered in New Jersey in 2003. "Black men are targets, we are just imitations," she wrote. "Not even worthy of being considered trash. Never wanted to be trash so bad or to at least be noticed, be known. That you are not going to stop killing us, but at least have enough decency to leave records of our deaths. Hang us on trees, near streetlights, give us names. Tell our mothers that you are sorry for their losses. Even if you are not, just talk about us."

Through the pews of the Michigan United Methodist Church in Detroit, people of all ages, races, orientations and genders held candles and listened in reverence. Stephanie Loveless of Ferndale sang about suicide, but only after first noting "Isn't it wonderful to be trans? Isn't it the most wonderful thing in the world? I know it is for me. Learning to love the woman inside myself is probably the best and smartest thing I've ever done and I wake up every morning just so happy that I was able to get to that place. I think it's important to remember that, when on days like tonight, the violence that's done against us, it's easy to be crushed by despair."

Valerie Kleinhekset also sang. For her having a

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- **For a list of brand names for these medicines,** please see the Brief Summary on the following pages.
- **Take any other medicines to treat HIV-1 infection,** or the medicine adefovir (Hepsera®).

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Serious side effects of STRIBILD may also include:

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- **Bone problems,** including bone pain or bones getting soft or thin, which may lead to fractures. Your healthcare provider may do tests to check your bones.
- **Changes in body fat** can happen in people taking HIV-1 medicines.
- **Changes in your immune system.** Your immune system may get stronger and begin to fight infections. Tell your healthcare provider if you have any new symptoms after you start taking STRIBILD.

The most common side effects of STRIBILD include nausea and diarrhea. Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effects that bother you or don’t go away.

What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking STRIBILD?

- **All your health problems.** Be sure to tell your healthcare provider if you have or had any kidney, bone, or liver problems, including hepatitis virus infection.
- **All the medicines you take,** including prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. STRIBILD may affect the way other medicines work, and other medicines may affect how STRIBILD works. Keep a list of all your medicines and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist. Do not start any new medicines while taking STRIBILD without first talking with your healthcare provider.
- **If you take hormone-based birth control** (pills, patches, rings, shots, etc).
- **If you take antacids.** Take antacids at least 2 hours before or after you take STRIBILD.
- **If you are pregnant** or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if STRIBILD can harm your unborn baby. Tell your healthcare provider if you become pregnant while taking STRIBILD.
- **If you are breastfeeding** (nursing) or plan to breastfeed. Do not breastfeed. HIV-1 can be passed to the baby in breast milk. Also, some medicines in STRIBILD can pass into breast milk, and it is not known if this can harm the baby.

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- feel very weak or tired
- have unusual (not normal) muscle pain
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- have stomach pain with nausea or vomiting
- feel cold, especially in your arms and legs
- feel dizzy or lightheaded
- have a fast or irregular heartbeat

2. Severe liver problems. Severe liver problems can happen in people who take STRIBILD. In some cases, these liver problems can lead to death. Your liver may become large (hepatomegaly) and you may develop fat in your liver (steatosis). **Call your healthcare provider right away if you get any of the following symptoms of liver problems:**

- your skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow (jaundice)
- dark “tea-colored” urine
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- stomach pain

You may be more likely to get lactic acidosis or severe liver problems if you are female, very overweight (obese), or have been taking STRIBILD for a long time.

3. Worsening of Hepatitis B infection. If you have hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection and take STRIBILD, your HBV may get worse (flare-up) if you stop taking STRIBILD. A “flare-up” is when your HBV infection suddenly returns in a worse way than before.

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- Do not stop taking STRIBILD without first talking to your healthcare provider
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- oral midazolam
- pimozide (Orap®)
- rifampin (Rifadin®, Rifamate®, Rifater®, Rimactane®)
- sildenafil (Revatio®), when used for treating lung problems
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Do not take STRIBILD if you also take any other HIV-1 medicines, including:

- Other medicines that contain tenofovir (Atripla®, Complera®, Viread®, Truvada®)
- Other medicines that contain emtricitabine, lamivudine, or ritonavir (Combivir®, Emtriva®, Epivir® or Epivir-HBV®, Epzicom®, Kaletra®, Norvir®, Trizivir®)

STRIBILD is not for use in people who are less than 18 years old.

What are the possible side effects of STRIBILD?

STRIBILD may cause the following serious side effects:

- **See “What is the most important information I should know about STRIBILD?”**
- **New or worse kidney problems, including kidney failure.** Your healthcare provider should do blood and urine tests to check your kidneys before you start and while you are taking STRIBILD. Your healthcare provider may tell you to stop taking STRIBILD if you develop new or worse kidney problems.
- **Bone problems** can happen in some people who take STRIBILD. Bone problems include bone pain, softening or thinning (which may lead to fractures). Your healthcare provider may need to do tests to check your bones.
- **Changes in body fat** can happen in people who take HIV-1 medicine. These changes may include increased amount of fat in the upper back and neck (“buffalo hump”), breast, and around the middle of your body (trunk). Loss of fat from the legs, arms and face may also happen. The exact cause and long-term health effects of these conditions are not known.
- **Changes in your immune system** (Immune Reconstitution Syndrome) can happen when you start taking HIV-1 medicines. Your immune system may get stronger and begin to fight infections that have been hidden in your body for a long time. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you start having any new symptoms after starting your HIV-1 medicine.

The most common side effects of STRIBILD include:

- Nausea
- Diarrhea

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

- These are not all the possible side effects of STRIBILD. For more information, ask your healthcare provider.
- Call your healthcare provider for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking STRIBILD?

Tell your healthcare provider about all your medical conditions, including:

- If you have or had any kidney, bone, or liver problems, including hepatitis B infection
- If you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if STRIBILD can harm your unborn baby. Tell your healthcare provider if you become pregnant while taking STRIBILD.
 - There is a pregnancy registry for women who take antiviral medicines during pregnancy. The purpose of this registry is to collect information about the health of you and your baby. Talk with your healthcare provider about how you can take part in this registry.
- If you are breastfeeding (nursing) or plan to breastfeed. Do not breastfeed if you take STRIBILD.
 - You should not breastfeed if you have HIV-1 because of the risk of passing HIV-1 to your baby.
 - Two of the medicines in STRIBILD can pass to your baby in your breast milk. It is not known if the other medicines in STRIBILD can pass into your breast milk.
 - Talk with your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby.

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

- STRIBILD may affect the way other medicines work, and other medicines may affect how STRIBILD works.
- Be sure to tell your healthcare provider if you take any of the following medicines:
 - Hormone-based birth control (pills, patches, rings, shots, etc)
 - Antacid medicines that contains aluminum, magnesium hydroxide, or calcium carbonate. Take antacids at least 2 hours before or after you take STRIBILD
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Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of all your medicines and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist when you get a new medicine. Do not start any new medicines while you are taking STRIBILD without first talking with your healthcare provider.

Keep STRIBILD and all medicines out of reach of children.

This Brief Summary summarizes the most important information about STRIBILD. If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider. You can also ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for information about STRIBILD that is written for health professionals, or call 1-800-445-3235 or go to www.STRIBILD.com.

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Parting Glances

BY CHARLES ALEXANDER

Wise Words About Your Woody

Woody Allen - who takes religion, God, get-saved theology - with a grain of salt (no doubt Epsom) once quipped, "I don't believe in an afterlife, although I am bringing a change of underwear."

(He also said, "I believe that there's somebody out there who watches over us. Unfortunately, it's the government.")

If a poll conducted by the First Amendment Center, a nonpartisan educational group, is any indication there's a possibility that Woody's choice of heavenly, wide-front briefs (assuming he's a wide frontier) might be red, white, and blue striped.

According to FAC, Americans by a 55 percent margin have taken it into their collective salvation/sawdust trail heads that our nation's founders - mostly Deists, agnostics, Masons, or, just as irreverent, Anglicans - wrote Christianity into the Constitution.

If you bother to read it (who does?), the United States Constitution is non-theistic: the word God (or, for that matter, Jesus, Christ, Christianity, Bible, or even Creator) does not appear anywhere in our fundamental (not Fundamentalist) document. The only mention of religion in its original seven articles is (VI) to proclaim "no religious Test shall ever be required as a Qualification to any Office or public Trust in the United States."

Charles Haynes, a senior FAC scholar, says the poll findings are "particularly troubling." And oddly ironic: "Americans were dying to create a secular democracy in Iraq, and simultaneously a growing number of people want to see a Christian state here."

Rick Green spokesperson for WallBuilders, an advocacy group that believes America was built on biblical principals, says these polls don't mean that a majority favors a theocracy, but that the Constitution reflects Christian values, including religious freedom.

"I would call it a Christian document, just like the Declaration of Independence." (How about the Book of Mormon, Ricko?)

Even so, "The scariest thing," says Haynes, "is that only 56 percent [of those polled] agree that freedom of religion applies to all groups, regardless of how extreme their beliefs are." And comments USA Today, "More than one in four say constitutional protection of religion does not apply to 'extreme' groups." (MCC-Detroit? Dignity? Lutherans Concerned?)

One more quote worth sharing. It comes from James Madison, our fourth president - the time-honored Father of the Constitution - "Who does not see that same authority which can establish Christianity, in exclusion of all other Religions, may establish with the same ease any particular sect of Christians, in exclusion of all other Sects?"

Make no mistake! There's a power struggle going on. The Fundamentalist/Evangelical coalition is out, "gentle as doves, sly as foxes," to make their religious beliefs (and you know what they think about us LGBT types) the alpha billy goat on the faith funny farm.

If the Fundygelical religion is to survive in the 21 century its true believers know gosh darn well that separation of church and state must go. Science, psychiatry, history, philosophy, tolerance of non-believers must take a backseat to Jesus. There's no compromise in the cultural warfare.

One last Woody: "If it turns out that there is a God, I don't think that he's evil. I think the worst you can say about him is that basically he's an underachiever." That remains to be seen.

Age Has It's Advice (and Advantages)

One of the highlights of my days working at Wayne State University where I work securing grant funding and go to on-campus classes in Midtown, Detroit has been the gradual process of befriending Charles Alexander, longtime BTL columnist. (We actually first met when I worked seven years ago for the Affirmations LGBT Center.)

When we first started bumping into one another again Charles, who lives just off campus, would give me a simple wave, a quick head nod hello. Over time this evolved to asking questions, "How's life?"; then, "How long have you been at the university?" "Are you partnered?" Eventually our small talk moved on to more meaningful personal exchanges.

Recently Charles asked me to write an article for BTL related to the paper's 20th anniversary. I was hesitant, self-conscious to do so, basically shy in my writing efforts. However, after much reflection it occurred to me that this would be my chance to publicly thank Charles and others in our community who have helped us get to where we are today.

They've certainly been supportive of my growth experiences as a gay man. Some thoughts come to mind...

It has been such an exciting year in the LGBT community in terms of marriage equality. While we in Michigan still have work to do on the equality front, there are several exciting anniversaries to celebrate locally. In addition to BTL's 20th anniversary, this year also marks 30 years of AIDS Partnership Michigan (APM) providing leadership, education, and the provision of effective support services and programs for those infected and/or affected by HIV/AIDS.

Both Affirmations and The HOPE Fund are coming up on landmark anniversaries next year. Affirmations will celebrate 25 years of serving the community and enriching our lives; and The HOPE Fund in the Community Foundation for Southeast



Viewpoint

BY MICHAEL MIRTO

Michigan is getting ready to complete 20 years of strengthening organizations and funding projects that serve the LGBT community by awarding more than \$1.7 million in grants to 128 projects at 45 nonprofit agencies.

Having volunteered and worked for Affirmations during their capital campaign, and volunteering with both APM and The HOPE Fund over the years, I have been fortunate to have benefited from countless mentors and community leaders. I am forever grateful for the knowledge and history to which I have been exposed, and am hopeful that there is a way to introduce more people to the tremendous richness we have in the stories, lessons, and history of our elders.

This brings me to the question, are we are doing enough to celebrate the people who are responsible for creating and building our community over the years? Our LGBT seniors.

I was recently introduced to the Jewish Senior Life's Eight over Eighty event. Between 300 and 450 attendees annually honor eight extraordinary community individuals over the age

of eighty who have practiced Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) throughout their lives. It was so touching to hear the history and life stories of the awardees, and I felt relieved to know that their oral histories were being documented.

Wouldn't it be great if we had a similar event in the LGBT community?

With the number of LGBT seniors set to rapidly increase in the near future, it seems like a great time to increase our community's focus on honoring the elders who have made it safer for us to come out, built a network of organizations and resources, and created the foundation for our recent progress toward marriage equality.

Documenting the stories and our collective history seems essential given the richness and diversity of our community and the increasing pace of change toward our struggle for equal rights over the last three generations.

I would invite any ideas/resources from those interested in facilitating some sort of event, reception or award program to benefit perhaps The LGBT Older Adult Coalition or the local SAGE (Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders) chapter that is in formation. In the spirit of collaboration and shared resources, perhaps a partnership could be formed with an existing community event.

Thanks in advance for entertaining this idea and special thanks to senior citizen Charles for prompting me to speak up. A few decades hence, Michael J. Mirto will himself be a senior. Fortunately, I have had several excellent LGBT role models.



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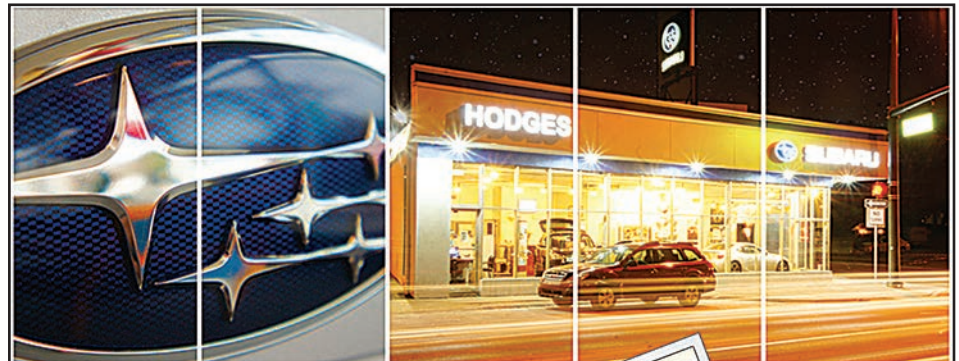
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► Survey

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In Detroit, Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron asked the faithful earlier this month, in a separate survey from the papal synod questionnaire, the laity's views on parish life and issues the church faces. But the Detroit survey sidesteps controversial topics such as contraception, same-sex marriage and women's ordination and married clergy, among other hot-button issues.

In Baltimore, Md., Archbishop William E. Lori has provided a direct online link to the survey, seeking input from parishioners.

Apparently, Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley of the Boston archdiocese is limiting official survey responses to pastors, church officers, and parish council members.

Across the Atlantic Ocean, the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales is seeking countrywide consultation. The conference has invited every diocese, parish, Catholic organization, and individual Catholic to give their input to conference and synod by responding to the nine sets of topics, spelled out in 39 questions.

Bishops Continue Anti-Gay Marriage Campaign

Even before Hawaii lawmakers and governor approved same-sex marriage, the local Catholic bishop in Honolulu warned in a letter to the faithful that gay marriage would open the door to incest, polygamy and lead to "juvenile suicides."

On the same day Governor Pat Quinn signed legislation making same-sex marriages legal in Illinois, the Catholic bishop of Springfield, the state capital, offered prayers of exorcism in Latin during a worship service in opposition to the law.

And San Francisco's Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, at a recent meeting of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) on Nov. 11, continued to denounce equal-marriage rights.

"By advancing redefinition, the decisions harmed marriage and harmed our society," Cordileone told the annual gathering of prelates, going on to say that say court decisions [and legislative actions] have produced "negative effects almost immediately," according to a LifeSiteNews.com report, posted on the archdiocesan Web site.

Such U.S. bishops' anti-gay marriage rhetoric remains out of step with Pope Francis' call to down play contentious social issues and

refocus church concerns on human suffering and poverty, emphasizing compassion.

Furthermore, surveying the laity signals yet another move away from culture-war combat toward collaboration through consultation with the faithful at the same time divisive social issues often present very real pastoral challenges and opportunities.

"I like the idea of consulting the faithful," said Jesuit priest, the Reverend Thomas J. Reese, a policy analyst for the National Catholic Reporter.

"It's always good for the clergy to listen to the people before they do things," he added over the telephone.

"All you have to do is look at public opinion polls in the United States and predict what the response is going to be," said Reese. "Most Catholics on gay marriage have no problem with it.

"On the other hand, there are people who have a problems with [gay marriage]. You're going to get more responses from the activists opposed to it than the normal Catholic laity."

"But the other part," Reese went on to say, "Take gay marriage aside, what's the pastoral response," given same-sex marriage is a "reality pastorally for couples and their children."

That's a "discussion" needed in the Catholic Church, he said, referring to cases whereupon a clergy member learns of gay parents with school-aged children and then refuses to let them attend parochial schools.

In one sense, Reese said, the handwriting is on the wall. "There is this tsunami of young people coming," he explained. "They just don't get the fight over gay marriage." For the bishops, he said, they "have already lost" and are going to have to "adapt."

Based at Santa Clara University in California until the end of this year, Reese is the author of *Inside the Vatican: The Politics and Organization of the Catholic Church*.

Opportunities

Meanwhile, U.S. Catholics in ministry with LGBTs, their families and friends were pleased with yet another positive step forward under Pope Francis' leadership.

"It is important that lay Catholics take part in this consultation process," said Francis DeBernardo, executive director of New Ways Ministry, which he added, "has been calling for such a process for decades. Now that we have a pope who is willing to listen, it is imperative that Catholics participate by offering their opinions. Who knows more about marriage and family life than lay Catholics who are living out these realities in light of their faith day in and day out?"

New Ways Ministry, along with a dozen progressive Catholic-reform-minded organizations, including DignityUSA, has made the survey accessible online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/SynodOnFamilyUS.

Already, "There has been a tremendous response," said Marianne Duddy-Burke,

DignityUSA executive director, who also noted a Spanish-language version is available.

"It's a pretty astonishing thing to get a document from the Vatican," she said in a telephone interview, "that asks how many couples in your parish are cohabitating, without civil or religious recognition for their relationships; to what extent do you think people are following church teaching on birth control; what are the pastoral needs of those divorced and remarried; and do same-sex parents ask for pastoral services for their children."

Overall, "There is a real grounding in reality and a sense of humility and not a place of knowing every thing," Duddy-Burke said, referring to the questionnaire, which is 18 pages and includes 49 questions.

Respondents may answer all questions, but are not required to answer all of them. Questions 29-37 pertain to marriage equality, same-sex couples and their children. The deadline is Dec. 15.

Duddy-Burke said once the results have been compiled, they will be sent to Boston's O'Malley, a consultant to Pope Francis; the Apostolic Nuncio, Bishop Carlo Maria Viganò; Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., the newly elected president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Bladisseri, the upcoming Vatican synod's secretary general.

And while nobody expects the pope to change church doctrine, dogma or policy, concerns remain.

"I am not all that hopeful that something will come out of the synod," said Father Reese, referring to the October 2014 pastoral challenge synod. "Remember, this is not just about responses from the United States" but also "Latin America and Africa."

In Africa, he noted, government officials and evangelical religious activists "are talking about making [homosexuality] illegal and a crime, arresting people and executing them."

Other Misgivings

New Ways Ministry's DeBernardo voiced concerns about the USCCB's lack of encouragement to distribute questions to local churches. That he said, "Is an indicator the U.S. hierarchy is unwilling to ask the laity their opinion."

"I hope the hierarchy will recognize," said DeBernardo, "that many faithful Catholics have strong disagreements with church teaching about marriage, family, gender and sexuality."

"The biggest church problem around LGBT issues is not the expansion of marriage equality," he added.

Rather, "The biggest church problem is homophobia, particularly among many of the hierarchy and other pastoral leaders, which prevents good outreach from happening," DeBernardo said. "A good question about the extent of homophobia and how to combat it would have helped."

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Mo. National Guard Handling IDs For Gay Spouses

(AP) —The Missouri National Guard is processing requests from same-sex partners for military ID cards that are the gateway to accessing benefits.

A Pentagon policy taking effect in early September makes same-sex spouses of gay military members eligible for health care and other benefits that also are available to opposite-sex partners. It followed the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on the Defense of Marriage Act and does not apply to unmarried gay partners.

Although some states have refused to issue the ID cards at National Guard facilities, the Missouri National Guard processes requests for those who can provide proof of marriage. Spokeswoman Maj. Tammy Spicer said cards have been issued to same-sex spouses but that the exact figure is not available. She said the Missouri National Guard is following Department of Defense policies.

"We are issuing ID cards to anyone who is legally married and that would happen to include same-sex couples," she said. "If you are legally married, you are eligible to get an ID card at the Missouri National Guard."

Gov. Jay Nixon earlier this month directed the state Department of Revenue to accept joint tax filings from same-sex couples who get legally married in another state. Missouri's tax code is tied to that of the federal government, and Nixon said married couples who file joint federal tax returns are required also to file state taxes jointly. Federal tax officials determined legally married same-sex couples would be treated as married regardless of where they live.

The Missouri Constitution does not allow for same-sex marriage. Voters in 2004 overwhelmingly approved a measure stating marriages must be between a man and a woman to be valid and recognized in Missouri.

Gay marriage has been legalized in 16 states, including Illinois where it will be allowed starting next summer and in Iowa where the state's high court legalized it. On Missouri's southwestern border, the Oklahoma governor said all marriage benefits would be processed by federal employees at four federally owned National Guard facilities and at the state's five military bases. The governor said that would allow the guard to obey state law without violating federal rules or policies.

U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel in a speech last month criticized states that have not issued ID cards at National Guard facilities. He said it has created a hardship by forcing couples to travel to federal military bases and has caused division among the military ranks.

Creep of the Week

Robert Ritchie

OPINION BY D'ANNE WITKOWSKI

It was only a matter of time before someone made the connection between the fact that Illinois now recognizes marriage equality and the fact that Illinois was recently hit by tornadoes. Such a claim is, after all, in the right-wing whacko playbook. Any major disaster, be it natural or manmade, can always be traced back to the gays.

9-11? Gays, according to Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson.

Hurricane Katrina? Gays, according to Pastor John Hagee.

Sandy Hook? Gays, according to James Dobson.

Sodom and Gomorrah? Gays, according to some book I found at Costco labeled "fiction."

And now Robert Ritchie is laying the blame for the 24 tornadoes that wrecked havoc in Illinois on Nov. 17 where it rightfully belongs: the gays.

Ritchie is the executive director of America Needs Fatima, a Virgin Mary fan club of sorts (Our Lady of Fatima is a code name for Mary, birther of Jesus) that really, really does not like homos.

In fact, Ritchie's Blogger.com profile includes in his long list of interests: travel, wine, cheese, classical music, knights, French bread, arts, painting, and, just in case this list seems a little too gay, "stopping homosexual 'marriage.'"

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AMF's website is also a treasure trove of anti-gay propaganda including articles like, "The Bottom Line on Marriage," "To Keep Our Honor Clean! Why We Must Oppose the Homosexual Agenda for the Military," and "1,049 Reasons to Oppose Same-Sex Marriage."

So I guess it shouldn't be a surprise that on Nov. 18, the day after real people died in real tornadoes, Ritchie posted on the Fatima blog, "Do you think the massive Illinois tornadoes are linked to the passing of the same sex 'marriage' bill?"

Um, no, I do not. But please do go on.

"The massive tornadoes that hit Illinois after the passing of the same sex 'marriage' bill, has stimulated many people to reflection. In it, some see God's chastisement; others see it as yet one more merciful warning from Providence" he wrote. "What do you think?"

What do I think? Well, first of all, I'd like to point out your use of the word "stimulated" and ask you if "reflection" is some sort of euphemism. As in, "He was "stimulated" to "reflection," wink, wink.

Secondly, I think you should be ashamed of yourself. Here you are getting all excited about a violent storm that killed six people and injured about 150 more because you think it might be God's or Jesus's or Fatima's or whoever the fuck's way of throwing a hissy fit about the gays. It's very telling that your blog post expresses no compassion for the victims. No call to aid or prayer. Just a myopic obsession with "the gay menace." You sir, are sick.

For those of you who want to do something besides cast aspersions on the people of Illinois trying to put their lives back together, there's the Red Cross chapter in Illinois (www.redcross.org/il/peoria) or you can find various relief efforts online where you can donate something a little more helpful than "God's chastisement."

Judge Sets June 9 Trial On Penn. Gay Marriage Suit

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) – A federal judge Friday set June 9 as the trial date for a lawsuit challenging Pennsylvania's gay-marriage ban after rejecting a request to delay the proceeding.

U.S. District Judge John E. Jones III also set a timetable for pre-trial motions and other paperwork to be filed before the trial at the federal courthouse in Harrisburg.

Jones said a defense request to delay the trial until August would be unnecessary.

"I'm an optimist by nature," he said.

Pennsylvania is the only northeastern state that bars same-sex marriage.

Nationally, Illinois this week joined 15 other states and the District of Columbia in allowing it.

State Attorney General Kathleen Kane, a Democrat who took office in January, has refused to defend the law in court, saying it violates the state and federal constitutions.

Friday's meeting came a week after Jones denied a motion to dismiss the lawsuit by the two major defendants - the secretaries of the state departments of Health and Revenue.

William Lamb, a former state Supreme Court justice who heads the private legal team that Republican Gov. Tom Corbett hired to defend the state

officials, said he plans to appeal Jones' ruling to the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals by next week.

The defendants' motion cited a 1972 U.S. Supreme Court decision to argue that federal courts lack jurisdiction over state marriage laws. But Jones said that decision has been eroded by the court's subsequent rulings on constitutional challenges based on sex or sexual identity.

"The jurisprudence of equal protection and substantive due process has undergone what can only be characterized as a sea change since 1972," Jones said in his opinion.

Conn. Football Captain Charged With Killing Lover

BLOOMFIELD, Conn. (AP) – A high school football captain has been charged with fatally stabbing his lover with a steak knife after an argument over ending their relationship.

Bloomfield High School student Tarence Mitchell appeared in court Friday to face a murder charge in the death of 27-year-old Ronald Taylor Jr. Mitchell is being held on \$1 million bond.

According to court documents, the 18-year-old Mitchell initially told investigators that the pair was attacked by two men wearing hoodies but later confessed to the crime, WFSB-TV (<http://bit.ly/18wQM3D>) reported.

Mitchell told police that the two had a sexual relationship and that Taylor gave him marijuana and alcohol over the last two years, according to court papers. When Mitchell tried to end their relationship at the end of last year, "Taylor posted a picture of him on Facebook that included a blog of bad things about him, including him being a Bloomfield gay football star," the documents said.

Mitchell also said Taylor got jealous when he texted girls and threatened him with a sword this week, according to the court papers.

On Thursday, Taylor told Mitchell he was coming over, and Mitchell stuck

a knife in his pocket in case he needed to protect himself, the papers said. Mitchell said the attack began when Taylor struck him in the face; Mitchell then stabbed Taylor five times with the knife, which remained in Taylor's back until he pulled it out himself, the papers said.

Jackie Harris, a cousin of Taylor's, said the family is heartbroken over his death.

"My aunt can't even focus," she said. "He's the baby out of three kids."

Mitchell's mother expressed her condolences to Taylor's family but said the charges didn't mesh with what she knew of her son.

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transgender aunt made it easier to be her authentic self when the time came for her to come out as a lesbian. Rev. Ed Rowe led a prayer, saying "God we know you are in charge, we just wish you would make it more obvious."

Emotions ran most deep when Lynice "Mama" Nelson read a poem about her daughter "Treasure." In 2011 Shelly Hilliard (Moore) was kidnapped, beaten, murdered and her body disposed of they the killers in a gruesome way. Hilliard had served as an informant for the Madison Heights police after being caught smoking marijuana in a hotel room. The police told the drug dealer who it was that set him up, and just after being released he went after the 19 year old transgender woman. The brutality of her death sent shock through the transgender community, and while the killers are in prison, Hilliard's family is now suing the police involved for violation of her civil rights for revealing her identity to the killer. Nelson has been working



On Friday Detroit area people gathered for Transgender Day of Remembrance. BTL photo: Crystal Proxmire

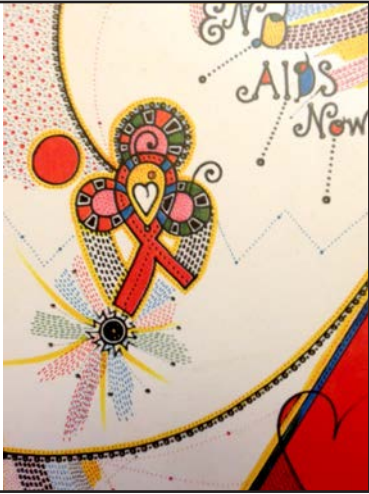
with Ruth Ellis Center to bring support to other transgender youth.

"It's been two years since they took our Shelly from us, my Treasure," Nelson said. "I am here to see one of those days I have fought to stay strong, to be brave, for Shelly's siblings who she loved so much. I loved her

unconditionally as well, to death. To death. I never thought that would ring so true in my heart."

For more on the Gender Identity Network Alliance, visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GenderNetworkAlliance.

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NOV. 27

Free HIV Testing

6 p.m. Presented by Affirmations and Michigan AIDS Coalition. Last test given at 8:30 p.m. Affirmations, 290 W. 9 Mile Road, Ferndale. lhanson@goaffirmations.org.

NOV. 28

The Family & Friends Support Group

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

Wings

7 p.m. Presented by Wings. A support and social group for people living with HIV. Drayton Avenue Presbyterian Church, 2441 Pinecrest Dr., Ferndale. info@wingsmi.org. www.wingsmi.org.

NOV. 29

Help & Heal

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

DEC. 1

Fall Into the Red: World AIDS Day

4 p.m. Presented by Fall Into the Red. Service, performance group, dinner. Free and open to the public. World AIDS event First Methodist Church, 22331 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. www.fallitr.com.

World AIDS Day Commemoration

5 p.m. Presented by Congregation T'Chiyah of Oak Park. Panels from The NAMES Project Quilt will be on display, and a memorial candle lit with menorahs. A dairy/veggie potluck will follow. David and Miriam Mondry Building, Oak Park Jewish Community Center, 15000 W. Ten Mile Road, Oak Park. 248-542-0900. www.tchiyah.org.

Calhoun County World AIDS Day Observance

7 p.m. Presented by Battle Creek Pride. An observance to honor the lives of all people affected by HIV and AIDS living in the area. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 16 E. Van buren St., Battle Creek. 616-836-3971. DiversityArtsLLC@allin1.com.

DEC. 2

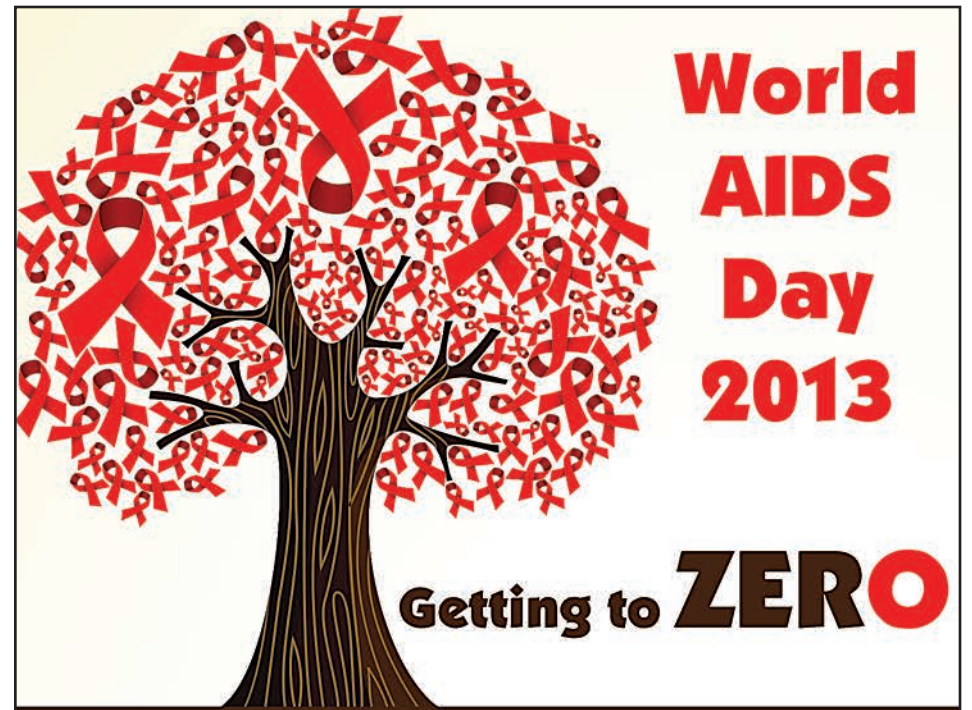
HIV Antibody Testing

1 p.m. Presented by Wolverine Wellness. Walk-in or schedule an appointment. For accuracy of testing, come in 15-30 minutes after eating, drinking, brushing teeth, etc. Free for U-M students, fees vary for others. Suite 2110, Second Floor, U-M University Health Service, 207 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. 734-763-1320. www.uhs.umich.edu/hivtesting.

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Sacred Heart World AIDS Candlelight Service

6 p.m. Anderson Community Center, 120 Ezra Rust Dr., Saginaw. www.pflag.org.

DEC. 3

deepsouth

7 p.m. Presented by University of Michigan - Dearborn. University Center, University of Michigan - Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. www.sao.umd.umich.edu.

SexUs Hold 'Em

8 p.m. Presented by Phi Beta Sigma. Poker with a twist. The purpose of this event is to educate individuals about safer sex practices and other issues surrounding sexual activity while still enjoying the game of poker. Great Lakes South Room, Palmer Commons, 100 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor. www.worldaidsweekum.wordpress.com.

Getting to Zero: Reducing the Stigma

10 p.m. World AIDS Day observance event. Wayne Community College Northwest Campus, 3200 W. Outer Dr., Detroit. 248-834-3387. mdaac13@gmail.com.

DEC. 4

Brown Bag Lunch on HIV Policy

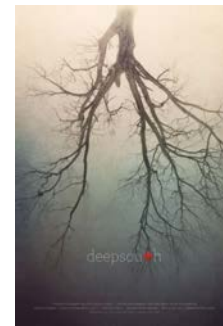
12 p.m. University of Michigan Ford School of Public Policy student groups Out in Public and Students of Color in Public Policy will host a brown bag lunch discussion about HIV policy issues in the state of Michigan. The lunch will feature BTL reporter, and investigative reporter Todd A. Heywood. 5240 Weill Hall. 635 S State Street, Ann Arbor.

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deepsouth

Award-winning film, *deepsouth*, will be shown at University of Michigan-Dearborn. The film, which has won accolades at LGBT film festivals, will be shown with a Q&A. The director, Lisa Biagiotti, and another member of the film's cast will be on sight for the post-screening discussion.



The documentary showcases the rural American south, focusing on four individuals who redefine Southern values. As HIV infections soar in the region, Joshua Alexander, Monica Johnson, Tamela King, and Kathie Hiers all deal with the stigma, ignorance, and bureaucracy that surrounds the issue.

deepsouth will be shown at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 3. The film will be screened in the University of Michigan-Dearborn's University Center, located at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. For more information, visit www.sao.umd.umich.edu or call 313-436-9142.

Film Screening of "Yesterday" with Panel Discussion

7 p.m. Presented by Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center (SAPAC) and RESULTS. A film highlighting the intersection of HIV, women, family, and culture. Following talk Holly Rider-Milkovich, Ryan Wade, and Dr. Oveta Fuller. Rackham Amphitheater, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. kabercro@umich.edu. www.worldaidsweekum.wordpress.com.

DEC. 5

Celebrating World AIDS Day 2013

6 p.m. Presented by Michigan AIDS Coalition. Hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, entertainment

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

COMPLERA can cause additional serious side effects:

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

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

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

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

Additional Information about taking COMPLERA:

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

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

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What is COMPLERA?

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

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

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

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

COMPLERA can cause serious side effects, including:

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

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

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

Who should not take COMPLERA?

Do not take COMPLERA if:

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

What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking COMPLERA?

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

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

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

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

Especially tell your healthcare provider if you take:

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

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

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

The most common side effects of COMPLERA include:

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

Additional common side effects include:

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

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

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

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

How should I take COMPLERA?

- **Stay under the care of your healthcare provider during treatment with COMPLERA.**
- **Take COMPLERA exactly as your healthcare provider tells you to take it.**
- **Always take COMPLERA with food.** Taking COMPLERA with food is important to help get the right amount of medicine in your body. A protein drink is not a substitute for food. If your healthcare provider decides to stop COMPLERA and you are switched to new medicines to treat HIV that includes rilpivirine tablets, the rilpivirine tablets should be taken only with a meal.
- Do not change your dose or stop taking COMPLERA without first talking with your healthcare provider. See your healthcare provider regularly while taking COMPLERA.
- If you miss a dose of COMPLERA within 12 hours of the time you usually take it, take your dose of COMPLERA **with food** as soon as possible. Then, take your next dose of COMPLERA at the regularly scheduled time. If you miss a dose of COMPLERA by more than 12 hours of the time you usually take it, wait and then take the next dose of COMPLERA at the regularly scheduled time.
- Do not take more than your prescribed dose to make up for a missed dose.

This Brief Summary summarizes the most important information about COMPLERA. If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider. You can also ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for information about COMPLERA that is written for health professionals, or call 1-800-445-3235 or go to www.COMPLERA.com

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How To Survive A Plague Comes To PBS

Academy Award nominee *How To Survive A Plague* will premiere on PBS Independent Lens Dec. 30 at 10 p.m. (check local listings). The film is the story of two grassroots coalitions — ACT UP and Treatment Action Group — made up of innovative activists, many of them HIV-positive, who fought to turn AIDS from a death sentence into a manageable condition through their fearless activism.

Despite having no scientific training, these self-made activists infiltrated the pharmaceutical industry and helped identify promising new drugs, moving them from experimental trials to patients in record time. With unfettered access to a treasure trove of never-before-seen archival footage from the 1980s and '90s, filmmaker David France puts the viewer smack in the middle of the controversial actions, heated meetings, heartbreaking failures, and



exultant breakthroughs of heroes in the making. The film premieres on Independent Lens, and will be hosted by Stanley Tucci.

In the dark days of 1987, the country was six years into the AIDS epidemic, a crisis that was still being largely ignored by government officials and health organizations — until the sudden emergence of the activist group ACT UP in Greenwich Village. Largely made up of HIV-positive participants who refused to die without a fight, they took on the challenges public officials had ignored, raising awareness of the disease through a series of dramatic protests. More remarkably, they became recognized experts in virology, biology, and pharmaceutical chemistry. Their efforts would

see them seize the reins of federal policy from the FDA and NIH, force the AIDS conversation into the 1992 presidential election, and lead the way to the discovery of effective AIDS drugs that saved countless lives.

First-time director and award-winning journalist David France, who has been covering the AIDS crisis for 30 years, culls from a huge amount of archival footage — most of it shot by the protestors themselves. Interspersed with contemporary interviews, the film is not just a historical document, but also an intimate and visceral recreation of the period through the personal stories of some of ACT UP and TAG's leading participants. Nominated for an Academy Award for Best Documentary, *How to Survive a Plague*

captures both the joy and terror of those days, and the epic day-by-day battles that finally made AIDS survival possible.

Visit the *How to Survive a Plague* companion website (<http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/>) which features information about the film, including an interview with the filmmaker, and links and resources pertaining to the film's subject matter. The site also features a Talkback section for viewers to share their ideas and opinions, preview clips of the film, and more.

Read the interview by BTL Entertainment Editor Chris Azzopardi online at www.pridesource.com/article.html?article=57004

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and a brief presentation. Honorary chairs include David Coulter, Mayor of Ferndale and Mary Liz Curtin of Leon & Lulu. Blumz... by JR Designs, 503 E. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-5130. ssivanandham@michiganaidcoalition.org.

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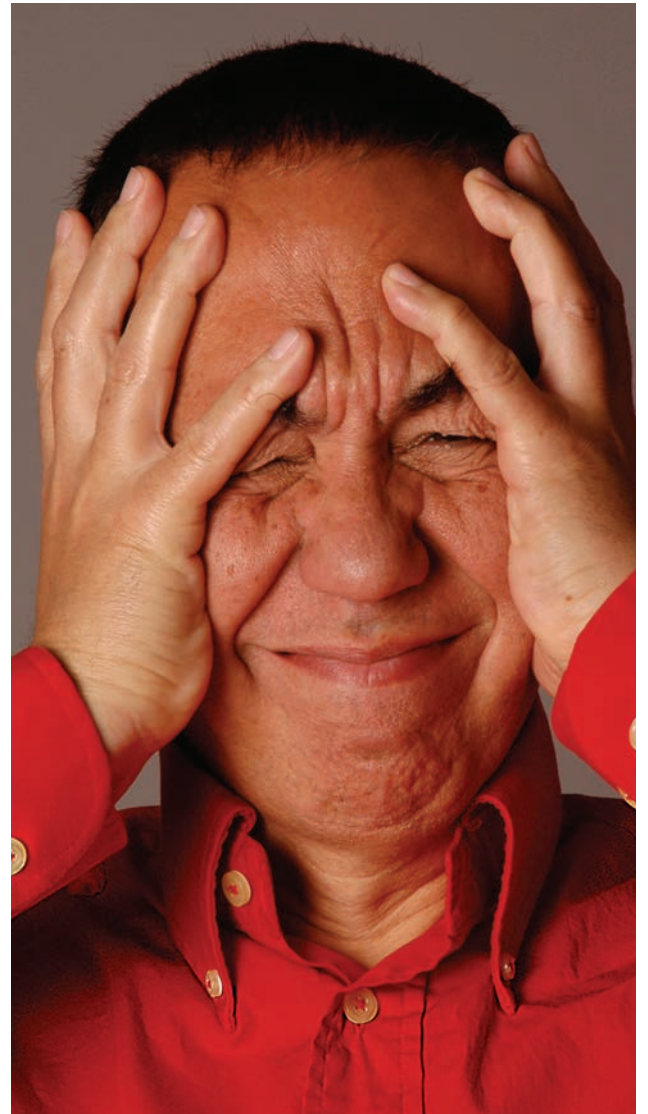
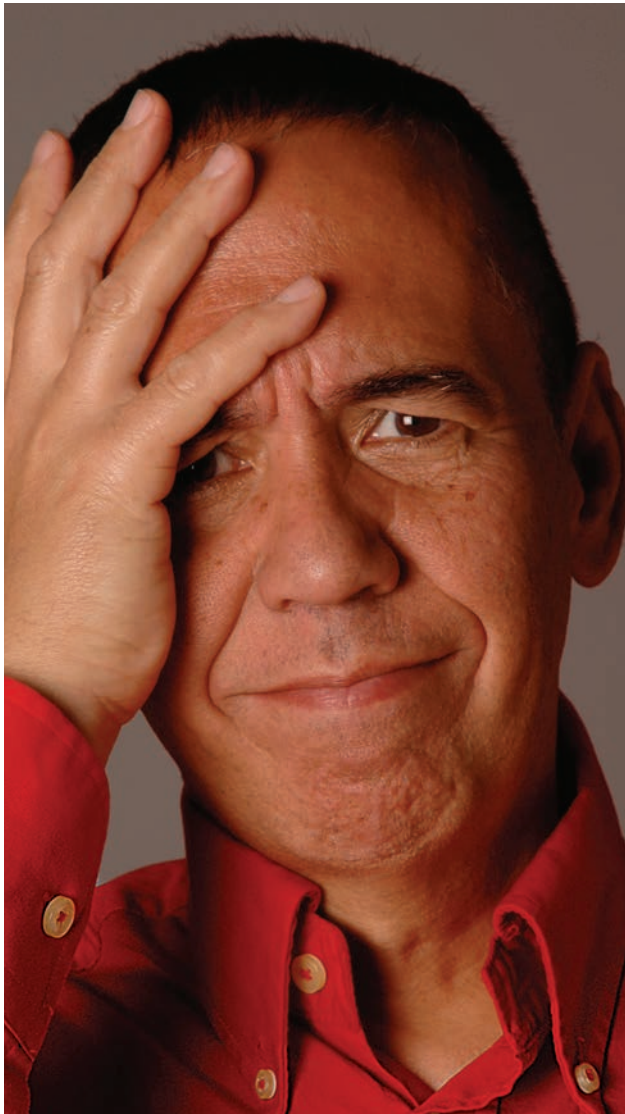

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DUCKING AROUND WITH GILBERT GOTTFRIED

Comedian On 'Aladdin,' Bathhouses & Why Gay Marriage Should Be Legal

BY CHRIS AZZOPARDI

The voice of Gilbert Gottfried is so distinguishable you can practically hear it now: high-pitched and abrasively boisterous, it's like he sucked on a balloon right before he opened his mouth.

It's really no wonder, then, that the cartoony comedian has been both the voice of a duck (remember those Aflac commercials?) and the squawking parrot, Iago, in "Aladdin." But since starting his comedy career at 15 doing amateur stand-up in New York City, before going on to "SNL" and those stints as animated animals, Gottfried has become known for playing a different role: that of your offensive uncle.

When we caught up with the 58-year-old before his gigs at 7 and 10 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Magic Bag, this is how gay it was: It ended with

Gottfried (who is straight-married, by the way) asking for a map to all the gay bars and saunas in the Detroit area. We gladly obliged and told him we had a better idea – we'd take him there.

You're appearing at the Magic Bag in Ferndale, where you performed not too long ago. What do you remember of your time here?

Oh god, I'm like one of those characters in a film where the lead character has amnesia – there are these places I go to where I swear I've never been and then I go to the club and realize I've signed their wall.

How much of this show is gonna be about sex?

Well, I can't talk too much about sex because I like to talk about stuff I know about.

But you've never shied away from it before.

Yeah, if I can go for the cheapest common denominator, I will.

Do you find yourself being more of a pervert with age?

Oh, absolutely. Yeah. In fact, I've been arrested a few times for hanging out in playgrounds.

Are you speaking to me from jail right now?

Yes. I'm being fingerprinted, so someone is holding the phone to my head.

Over the years, have you noticed a gay turnout at your shows?

Wow, I've never really thought of it, but it just reminded me of working at a club in San Francisco. My agent said to me, concerned, "They didn't know if you were OK with this San Francisco gay radio station." And I thought, "... as opposed to what?" It's like, "This is Tel Aviv's Jewish radio station." (Laughs)

Are gays a part of your act at all?

Yeah, I make gay jokes. Any group of people I can offend, I go out of my way for.

Back in 2008, you pranked a gay bathhouse on "The Howard Stern Show." I'm guessing that's not the first time you called a gay bathhouse.

(Laughs) Yeah, it's constant.

What was that bathhouse experience like for you?

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The funny part about that one – if it's the one I'm thinking of – is the "Stern Show" just chops up recordings of me and then presses the button. A lot of times they have a recording of my laugh, and if they're doing a news report on a horrible tragedy that happened, they'll play my laugh. I won't even be listening to "Stern" that day and I'll go to the Internet and I'll get these outraged tweets, like, "Maybe you think a child being kidnapped and killed is a funny thing but I can assure you I don't," and I'll go, "Oh, they're at it again."

Do you recall ever offending gay people over the years?

I'm sure I have. I think I've offended

everybody over the years. If I haven't, then I'm slipping.

You recently said you're not into the vampire fad because it's all too gay.

There's certain things I watch where I think, "This has to be too gay." Like watching "Mamma Mia!"

Even gay people can handle only so much gay before they need a shot of whiskey and an NFL game.

Or some arm wrestling.

Isn't everything a little gayer these days?

Yeah, it sometimes seems strange. Years ago they would avoid anything gay, and then it got to that point where after a while – needed or not – they'd throw in a gay character. Particularly in romantic comedies, the girl will have to have a gay friend. It's become one of the rules that the two things that the lead girl has in romantic comedies are the gay friend and the unattractive girlfriend.

Do you have a gay sidekick?

Yes! (Laughs) I'm a regular Meg Ryan! What's funny is, years ago, what always interested me is that there were always very gay characters in movies and TV shows, but they just weren't ever referred to as gay. They would be very prissy, very official, or faboosh and eccentric, or evil.

You came out last year ...

(Laughs)

Not as gay. I'm not done ...

Yeah, I was wondering, because I've been keeping it a secret for all these years. The movie studios have been paying me to have it hidden. (Laughs)

You also came out in support of gay marriage in one of the best ways possible with this tweet: "Because of Obama, gay marriage may become legal. I'm appalled, and so is the guy who's fucking me in the ass right now."

So I did come out!

See, exactly. What's your take on all this gay marriage stuff?

I think gays should be forced to suffer as much as straight people do. They deserve the same punishment.

You've done film, television, game shows and "Aladdin," of course. Have you ever played a gay character?

Oh, that's interesting. I don't think I ever have. Although it's funny, there's one part in "Aladdin" where the parrot disguises himself as a flamingo and another flamingo is looking at him and he goes, "Ya got a problem, pinky?" Some gay group complained that that was an anti-gay slur.

You've made plenty of jokes that have gotten you in trouble, including the one about the

Japanese tsunami that cost you your Aflac gig. How do these occurrences affect your comedy? Do the filters go up?

The more it happens, the more I get that bad kid feeling. It gives me the urge to say stuff to get people angry even more because I feel like the Internet, it makes me sentimental for old-time lynch mobs. At least with a lynch mob you had to put on a jacket and shoes, leave your house, get your hands dirty, deal with other people and work up a sweat. Now, with the Internet, you can do it at home, on the couch, in your underwear. The Internet has become the new modern state-of-the-art way of ringing someone's doorbell and running away.

When you first started your career, women were not in the forefront of comedy. Now, you look out and see all these successful women who have turned the tables to show they can be just as crude and vulgar as you and other male comedians. What does that feel like? Do you feel like a minority these days?

Yeah, well, I always do. I always feel like I'm left out, like I'm the victim of bigotry in some way. And since I've come out ... (Laughs) But it has become weird with more and more women getting involved in it, and I wonder if now, when women do it, they're trying too hard to be vulgar because they figure that's the way it's supposed to be: "I have to prove I can play in the boys' club."

Is that the impression you get when you see these female comedians?

Yeah, sometimes I get the feeling they're trying too hard.

So your voice is your trademark. How did that happen?

With my delivery on stage, I've just been doing it a long time, and one day you wake up and you go, "Oh, this is good – this is my delivery."

Last year, Howard Stern revealed that your comedy voice isn't your real voice, and I'm just surprised it didn't get out earlier. How did you manage to keep that a secret for so long?

Yeah, I don't know. It's just one of the many things I hadn't come out about. (Laughs)

What else are you keeping in the closet?

You mean while I still play romantic leads? (Laughs) It's a very odd thing in show business that there's a group of actors and actresses that an entire public just accepts as being gay as long as they don't admit it; they're still sort of in the closet about it. These people, if they have actually admitted it themselves and said it to the public, I think it would hurt them as far as romantic leads. If the entire public knows they're gay, but they don't admit to it, they can still be a romantic lead.

I can't believe this is still an issue for actors like yourself.

(Laughs) Even though my first true love is to be in lavish musicals.



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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

Thanksgiving at Wolfgang Puck Steak 5 p.m. Wolfgang Puck Steak will be open on Thanksgiving. To celebrate, in addition to offering their daily menu, they will be preparing Roasted Turkey with Cornbread

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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

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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Friday, Nov. 29

Veteran's Affairs Support Group 3:30 p.m. A support group for any veteran or Veteran's Affairs (VA) patient. Meets every other Friday; call for dates and room location. Veteran's Affairs, 4646 John R. St., **Detroit**. 313-576-1000, ext. 6.

Help & Heal 6 p.m. A monthly support group for HIV-positive gay or same-

gender-loving (SGL) men of color. KICK, 41 Burroughs St., Suite 109, **Detroit**. davidnelson@e-kick.org

Saturday, Nov. 30

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

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Sunday, Dec. 1

Lexhike - Proud Lake 11 a.m. Lexhike, 3500 Wixom Road, **Commerce Township**. Meetup.com/GOAL-Get-Out-And-Live-LGBT

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 Tashmoodetroit.com



Editor's Pick

The Jewish Gay Network of Michigan will be hosting its monthly group meeting of "JGN Family & Friends." All friends and family of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or those questioning their sexual orientation or gender identity, are welcome. Topics at each meeting vary from month to month.

The JGN works to provide community, information, empowerment and education to all LGBT Jews and their loved ones. With offices located in both

West Bloomfield and Oak Park, the network offers multiple safe spaces. At their monthly events, sharing of experiences and discussion is fostered through this caring environment.

JGN Family & Friends is the first Thursday of every month, with the next meeting at 7 p.m. Dec. 5. The event is at the West Bloomfield Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. For more information, call 248-432-5661 or visit www.jgnmi.org.

Fall Into the Red 4 p.m. Service, performance group, dinner. Free. Fall Into The Red, 22331 Woodward Ave., **Ferndale**. Fallinr.com

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

Thanksgivingukah 5 p.m. A dairy/veggie potluck, "traditional" Thanksgivingukah songs and games, and the group lighting of our menorahs. Congregation T'chayah, 15000 W. Ten Mile Road, **Oak Park**. 248-542-0900. Tchayah.org

World AIDS Day Commemoration 5 p.m. Panels from The NAMES Project Quilt will be on display, and a memorial candle lit with the menorahs (bring yours if you have one). A dairy/veggie potluck will follow. All are welcome.

Congregation T'chayah of Oak Park, 15000 W. Ten Mile Road, **Oak Park**. 248-542-0900. tchayahorg@gmail.com tchayah.org

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

Calhoun County World AIDS Day Observance 7 p.m. An observance to honor the lives of all people affected by HIV and AIDS in our area. Battle Creek Pride, **Battle Creek**. 616-836-3971. DiversityArtsLLC@allin1.com

Monday, Dec. 2

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Joe Bailey and Lisa Melinn (right) in "Snow Girls," a holiday parody of the infamous cult film, "Showgirls." Photo: Brandy Joe Plambeck.

The 'Showgirls' Parody You've Been Waiting For

BY DANA CASADEI

In 1995, Elizabeth Berkley of "Saved By The Bell" fame would land a role she would become infamous for, Nomi Malone in "Showgirls." Even though the film would go on to win a then-record seven Razzies, it achieved something else entirely: a cult status comparable to that of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." Along with midnight showings, cult status can also lead to hilarious parodies made with love, such as The Ringwald's "Snow Girls."

Adapted by Richard Read, "Snow Girls," in its Michigan premiere, takes viewers to one of the largest poles, the North Pole. Hitchhiking her way to The Northern Lights, Nomey Maloney (Joe Bailey) is determined to make it in the biz, traveling with her switchblade, big hair and little else.

After Nomey arrives via a sled-ride from slightly creepy Elvis (Alex D. Hill), she meets Ebony Mahogany (scene-stealer Genevieve Jona), who becomes her BFF and roommate. Ebony's also a seamstress at the area's best topless bar, where everyone's a diva, especially the show's lead, the villainess Krystal Berger (the fabulous Lisa Melinn). As Nomey begins her climb to the top, she meets handsome Kyle McLachlan (Brenton

REVIEW

Snow Girls

The Ringwald Theatre, 22742 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday & Monday, and 3 p.m. Sunday through Dec. 16. \$10-20. 248-545-5545.
www.theringwald.com

Herwat), a man that may be able to throw her off her track to fame and fortune. Throw in a lot of sabotage, one candy cane stripper pole and countless sexual advances, and you have the makings of a Christmas parody that rivals the original.

The film flop was 131 minutes long while "Snow Girls" is a little over an hour, making the plot zip as fast as a hunger polar bear chasing down his dinner. Director Dyan Bailey, who also did the sound design, keeps the scenes brisk in the winter wonderland. There's a mix of holiday music and music that sounds like it came from a film called "Naughty Elves 4" breaking up the scenes. Her cast has no problem keeping up with the pace, swiftly switching between roles, and ad-libbing cripple jokes.

Why? Before the show began, Dan Morrison – who plays Jack Frost and others – told the audience that Bailey

took a little bit of a tumble during Friday's opening night performance. Bailey is now sporting a boot during performances and, of course, a fabulous heel. The cast now has to work around the boot, helping him get dressed and undressed on stage, among other things. This also leads to a few slight wardrobe malfunctions, but the cast makes it work, and manages to make a joke about it before they move on. They know it happened, we know it happened, but it doesn't affect the rhythm of the show.

Bailey may be wearing a boot, but it doesn't change how great his performance is. Honestly, if it weren't for the fact that you're told beforehand what happened, you would think the boot was some random character trait. In his cast bio, Bailey said that he never thought he'd be playing this role, but you are going to be glad he did. Any time Bailey dances you can't take your eyes off him, especially with some of the noises he makes while thrusting about.

Is the show perfect? Nah. The set isn't all that impressive, and if you've never seen the film, the show's quick pace may make you feel a little breathless. But its imperfections, much like the flaws of the "Snow Girls" characters, are what make it worth watching.

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Winter Won't Stop Festivities In Birmingham

BY SHELBY CLARK

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Birmingham's Shain Park will be hosting holiday events, starting with the Birmingham Tree Lighting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27. Shain Park is located at the intersection of S. Bates Street and Martin Street in downtown Birmingham.

The weekend of Dec. 6-8 will include live, local entertainment and music, ice sculptures, hot drinks, kids activities and even real reindeer. Traditional German food and drink will also be served.

In addition to the first December weekend festivities, carriage rides and "Santa's House" begin Nov. 27. A horse-drawn carriage will take riders around the downtown area. Carriage rides will end on Saturday, Dec. 21. Running until Dec. 24, Santa's House will be located under the Shain Park pavilion, where children can take their picture with Santa.

Known for shopping, the city is



also catering to the holiday present rush. The Birmingham Winter "Markt" will also feature traditional holiday art, decorations and crafts, holiday foliage, home accessories and other gifts for sale.

The market is open 3-9 p.m. Dec. 6, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Dec. 7 and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 8. Visit www.birminghamwintermarkt.org for further details.

Once the holidays are over, look for Birmingham's restaurant week to take place Jan. 27-31 and Feb. 3-7.

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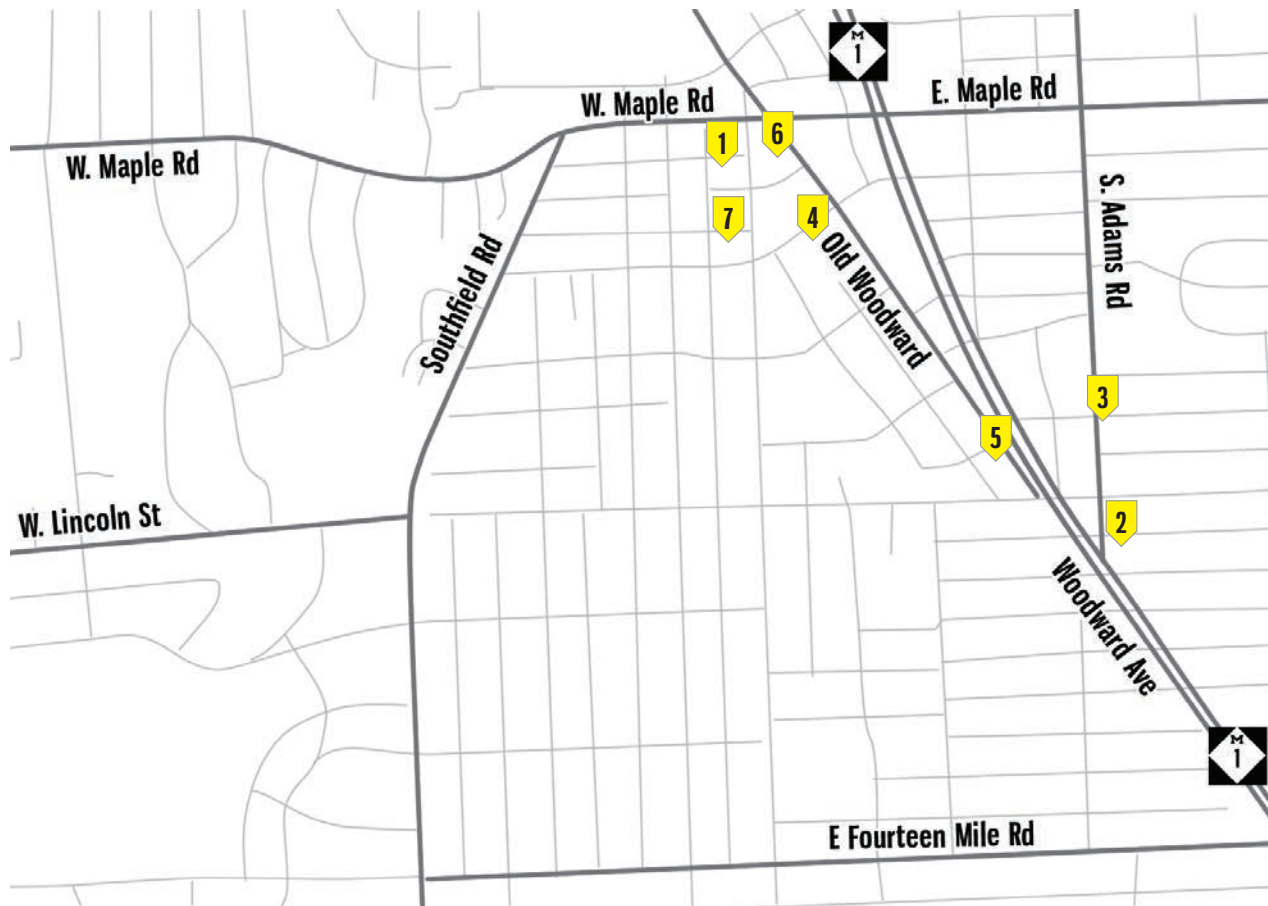
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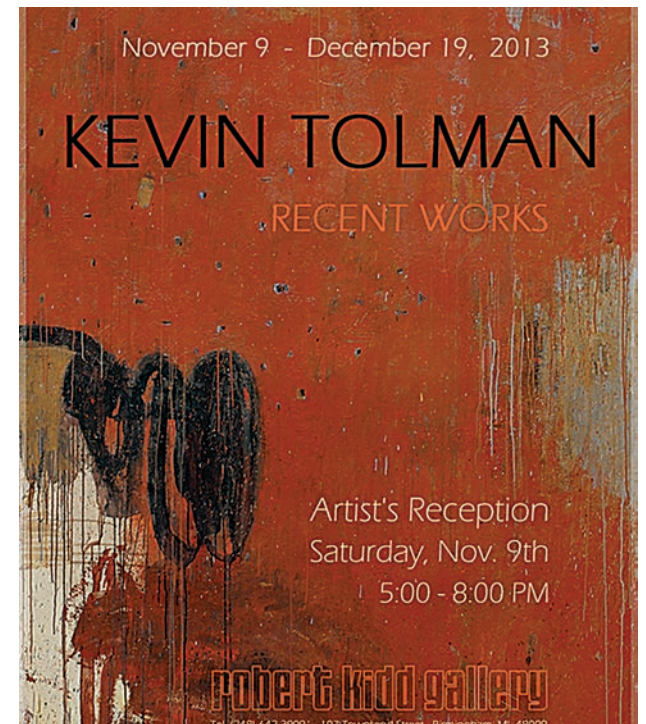
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How An Opera Inspired The Man Who Wrote It

BY CHRISTOPHER TREACY

When I spoke with Jefferson Airplane's Grace Slick years ago, she'd retired from rock 'n' roll in favor of painting. But the trippy subject matter remained - Slick had busied herself painting variations on scenes from "Alice in Wonderland," also the jumping off point for what's likely her most remembered song, "White Rabbit." She defended her enduring enthusiasm for Lewis Carroll's surreal tale by noting its undertones of feminism and independence - girl seeks adventure, follows muse, forges her own path. Fair enough.

But there are always multiple ways to interpret a good story, especially one with as many fantastical happenings as "Alice in Wonderland." For nearly 40 of his 70-something years, New York-based composer David Del Tredici has returned to "Alice" again and again, creating musical works that have broken barriers, blazed new trails and - inevitably - pissed off the purists.

This holiday season he brings his final meditation on

"Alice," an opera entitled "Dum Dee Tweedle," to the DSO for its world premiere at Orchestra Hall on Nov. 30. The performance features soprano Hila Plitmann, tenor Scott Ramsay, baritone Michael Kelly and the Wayne State University Symphonic Choir. Leonard Slatkin, a longtime supporter and music director for the National Symphony Orchestra, will conduct the DSO.

"It's total nonsense," Del Tredici says over the phone from New York

during our recent chat. "There really is no plot, it's not a normal opera. This is what we might call a 'director's opera' - everything is askew. The actual text is from the story's "Through the Looking Glass" chapter, but each chapter is a short story unto itself. There's a ballet of hopping oysters, a snoring machine, a conversation with a Walrus and a Carpenter - the story revolves around the oysters being coerced out of the water."

To further spice up the already surreal storyline, largely taken from a poem read to "Alice" by Tweedeledum & Tweedledee, Del Tredici has also added in a moral from Martin Gardner's "The Annotated Alice," a sort of companion piece to Carroll's saga that was published in the early 1960s.

Although this is the premiere of "Dum Dee Tweedle," Del Tredici wrote the opera some 20 years ago while his then-partner was dying of AIDS. Though he didn't necessarily make the connection at the time, he now admits that the fast, furious pace of the music was likely a respite from the melancholy conditions of

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his personal life. It's just one more way that he's used the "Alice" story as a vehicle to deal with personal issues throughout his career. But it turns out that his fascination has more to do with Carroll's dark side than his beloved heroine.

"At some point early on, I developed an intense connection to Lewis Carroll," he recalls. "I was out, but the 'Alice' compositions have allowed me to express my sexuality through my professional work. Lewis Carroll hung out with little girls, and he used his storytelling as a way of holding their attention. He made up the "Alice in Wonderland" story for a little girl he was likely in love with who happened to be named Alice. There's no evidence that he was ever able to act on his impulses, but here's this man with a penchant for little girls spending time with them and telling them stories to keep them entertained – it's a bit like a closeted gay man handing out towels in a bathhouse.

"In that light," he continues, "his perversion actually created the stories. The pain of having to translate your desire into something more socially acceptable and the double-life that creates – that's what fascinated me. It adds a sting to the Victorian wit and whimsy that colors the story as charming, which also appealed to me."

Audiences in the U.K. prefer that Victorian charm and were taken aback by the not-niceness that Del Tredici lets float to the surface in his "Alice"-related work, but here in the states, the 1976 debut of "Final Alice" elevated his status from an already respected avant-garde composer to that of a ballsy rule-breaker, merely by incorporating greater levels of tonality. It doesn't sound that daring now, in our hybrid-heavy world, but in the pinched circles of the mid-'70s classical elite, Del Tredici had become a loose cannon. Although it was actually his fifth Lewis Carroll-inspired work, which came after his earlier meditations on James Joyce, "Final Alice" blew open the doors to a period of Neo-Romanticism in the contemporary classical world, allowing young composers to incorporate elements of the old guard into new music. A few years later, "In Memory of a Summer Day" won him the 1980 Pulitzer Prize in music. Both produced bestselling soundtracks.

"Dum Dee Tweedle" is being advertised as the last "Alice" piece Del Tredici will do, and he says this is probably true, but he's not closing the door to possibility. It's his first true opera (although some of his previous work lies on the fringes of the form), not to mention the largest and longest of the individual "Alice" pieces, which creates an air of finality.

Either way, he's certainly found a voice to express his concerns as a gay man outside the scope of Lewis Carroll narratives; "Gay Life," "S/M Ballade," "Queer Hosannas" and "Wondrous the Merge" are a few titles that jump out from his prolific list of accomplishments. And just this past summer he premiered a piece called "Bullycide," for piano sextet, inspired by the well-publicized cluster of gay teen suicides in 2010 (which led to the It Gets Better campaign).

"Whatever touches me, I'll write a piece about it," he says. "I think, as gay people, we know what it is to be lonely, afraid and isolated. Straights are more connected to the world, whereas that lack of connection leaves us with much more energy to develop creativity. The trauma of being gay only adds to that, and certainly as composers go, it gives us more to work with, more to turn into music. It's gratifying to have something to show for yourself."

David Del Tredici's "Dum Dee Tweedle," a setting of Lewis Carroll's "Through the Looking Glass," premieres at 8 p.m. Nov. 30 and 3 p.m. Dec. 1 at Orchestra Hall. Note: Sunday's performance will also be webcast live to a global audience via the DSO's Live From Orchestra Hall series of HD webcasts. Hosted by WDET 101.9 FM's Alex Trajano, the broadcast will begin at 10:45 a.m. and will include pre-concert and intermission interviews. Live From Orchestra Hall is viewable by logging on to dso.org/live or via DSO to Go, the DSO's free mobile app.



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

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

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

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

deepsouth 7 p.m. Award winning film of several LGBT Film Festivals. The director Lisa Biagiotti and a member of the film will be on campus and host a Q&A after the film. University of Michigan-Dearborn Office for Student Engagement, 4901 Evergreen, **Dearborn**. 313-436-9142. Umd.umich.edu

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, Dec. 4

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. openarms@michiganaidcoalition.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, Dec. 5

Celebrating World AIDS Day 2013 6 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, entertainment and a brief presentation. Honorary chairs include David Coulter, Mayor of Ferndale and Mary Liz Curtin of Leon & Lulu. Michigan AIDS Coalition, 503 E. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-5130. ssvinandham@michiganaidcoalition.org

KGLRC Fundraiser: Paint By Number (Of Glasses) 6:30 p.m. Includes wine, snacks and your own painting of the masterpiece above. Tickets: \$50. Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, 1924 Whites Road, **Kalamazoo**. 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

Great Female Artists of Detroit 7 p.m. The rich history of Detroit shown through portraits, still life, city-scapes and more, all created by local artists with international careers! Presented by Native Detroiter Suzanne Bilek. She is an author and speaker who specializes in the topic of local art history. Ferndale Public Library, 222 E. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-546-2504. fplrats@ferndalepubliclibrary.org Facebook.com/events/765983216760933/



newest single, "Home Again," gave him the record for most appearances on Billboard's Adult Contemporary chart.

The concert begins at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29 at Joe Louis Arena, 19 Steve Yzerman Dr., Detroit. Tickets range from \$43 to \$166. For more information, call 313-396-7000 or visit www.olympiaentertainment.com.

Editor's Pick

Follow the yellow brick road down to Detroit this week with a concert by Elton John. Complete with his band, John is hitting the city on part of a 13-city tour featuring songs from his five-decade career.

In addition to classic hits like "Your Song," "Crocodile Rock" and "Candle in the Wind," John will be playing newer music. His most recent album, "The Diving Board," features 12 new songs written by the singer and his longtime lyricist, Bernie Taupin. John's

JGN Family & Friends 7 p.m. Topics vary from month to month. This is a gathering of people who have family or friends who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or who are questioning their sexual orientation or gender identity. Join us as we offer support, share our experiences, and learn about the issues impacting the LGBTQ and allied community. The Jewish Gay Network of Michigan, 6600 W. Maple Road, **West Bloomfield**. 248-432-5661. jgnmi.org

Real to Reel: I Am Divine 7 p.m. A definitive biographical portrait of Harris Glenn Milstead, a.k.a. Divine, and honors him in just the way he always craved - as a serious artist and immortal star. Tickets: \$5-7. Saugatuck Center for the Arts, 400 Culver St., **Saugatuck**. 269-857-2399. Sc4a.org

CONCERTS

Olympia Entertainment "Elton John" Tickets: \$e. Joe Louis Arena, 19 Steve Yzerman Dr., Detroit. Nov. 29. 313-396-7000. Olympiaentertainment.com

Royal Oak Music Theatre "Lupe Fiasco" All ages. Tickets: \$29. 50-35. Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 7:30 p.m. Dec. 1. 248-399-2980. Royaloakmusictheatre.com

The Ark "Matt Watroba" Tickets: \$15. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Nov. 28. 734-761-1800. Theark.org

The Ark "Hot Tuna Acoustic" Tickets: \$40. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Dec. 4. 734-761-1800. Theark.org

The Magic Bag "The Smiths United with Playground Twist & Psycho Honey" Tribute bands. Tickets: \$10. The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. 7 p.m. Nov. 30. 248-544-3030. Themagicbag.com

DANCE

Michigan Opera Theatre "BalletMet Columer: The Nutcracker" Tickets: \$25-125. Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway St., Detroit. Nov. 29 - Dec. 1. 313-237-SING. Motopera.org

Wharton Center "The Nutcracker" The Children's Ballet Theatre. Wharton Center for the Performing Arts, Michigan State University, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. Nov. 29 - Dec. 1. 800-WHARTON. Whartoncenter.com

FILM & VIDEO

Michigan Theater "Monday Funnies Film Series" Classic comedies every Monday evening. Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Sep. 9 - Dec. 9. 734-668-8397. Michtheater.org

Shows

Inked Magazine "SuicideGirls Blackheart Burlesque" With stripteases and performances poking fun at Game of

Thrones, The Big Lebowski, Planet of the Apes, and Star Wars. 18+. Tickets: \$32. 50. St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress St., Detroit. 8 p.m. Dec. 1. Ticketmaster.com

THEATER

CIVIC/COMMUNITY THEATER

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

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever \$7-15. The Twin City Players, 600 W. Glenford Road, St. Joseph. Dec. 6 - 22. 269-429-0400. www.twincityplayers.org

The FlutterBy Hour \$15. Barefoot Productions, 240 N. Main St., Plymouth. 8 p.m. Dec. 7. 734-560-1493. www.justgobarefoot.com

White Christmas The Musical \$12-20. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Dr., Lansing. Dec. 4 - 15. 517-482-5700. www.riverwalktheatre.com

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY THEATER

'Twas the Night Before Christmas \$10-20. Bonstelle Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. Through Dec. 8. 313-577-2960. www.bonstelle.com

Late Night Broadway \$5-20. The University Theatre, Williams Theatre on the campus of Western Michigan University, 1903 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo. Dec. 5 - 7. 269-387-6222. www.Wmich.edu/theatre

PROFESSIONAL

'Twas the Night Before Christmas \$10-25. Two Muses Theatre at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Dec. 7 - 22. 248-850-9919. www.twomusestheatre.org

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

A Christmas Carol \$18-41. Meadow Brook Theatre, 2200 N. Squirrel Road, Rochester. Through Dec. 22. 248-377-3300. www.mbtheatre.com

A Facility for Living \$17-20. Detroit Repertory Theatre, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. Through Dec. 29. 313-868-1347. www.detroitreptheatre.com

Big Love \$12-30. Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. Through Dec. 7. 313-577-2972. www.Hilberry.com

Christmas Belles \$15-18. Broadway Onstage Live Theatre, 21517 Kelly Road, Eastpointe. Dec. 6 - 21. 586-771-6333.

www.broadwayonstage.com

Cirque Dreams Holiday \$19-69. Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Dec. 3 - 7. 313-471-6611. www.olympiaentertainment.com

ComedySportz Michigan Actors Studio, 648 E. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 877-636-3320. www.comedysportzdetroit.com

Ebenezer \$29-32. Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady St., Northville. Through Dec. 31. 248-347-0003. www.tippingpointtheatre.com

Elf The Musical \$24-72. Broadway in Detroit at Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway St., Detroit. Dec. 3 - 15. 313-237-SING. www.broadwayindetroit.com

Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some!) \$10-25. Two Muses Theatre at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Dec. 6 - Dec. 22. 248-850-9919. www.twomusestheatre.org

Fast Times at Nazareth High \$20. Planet Ant Theatre, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. Through Dec. 14. 313-365-4948. www.planetant.com

Fridays and Saturdays at Go Comedy! Go Comedy! Improv Theater, 261 E. Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale. 248-327-0575. www.gocomedy.net

Helm \$5-10. PuppetART at Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River Ave., Detroit. Dec. 1 - 8. 313-961-7777. www.puppetart.org

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

I Love A Piano \$33-35. Farmers Alley Theatre, 221 Farmers Alley, Kalamazoo. Dec. 6 - 29. 269-343-2727. www.farmersalleytheatre.com

Improv Mondays \$5 at the door. Planet Ant Theatre, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. Through Dec. 30. 313-365-4948. www.planetant.com

Irving Berlin's White Christmas \$15-28. The Encore Musical Theatre, 3126 Broad St., Dexter. Through Dec. 22. 734-268-6200. 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

Late Night Saturdays \$10. Planet Ant Theatre, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. Through Dec. 14. 313-365-4948. www.planetant.com

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Ann Arbor-Friday

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

Bloomfield Hills-Sunday / Tuesday / Thursday

8:00 pm, 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-Saturday

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

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

Livonia-Friday

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

Warren-Monday

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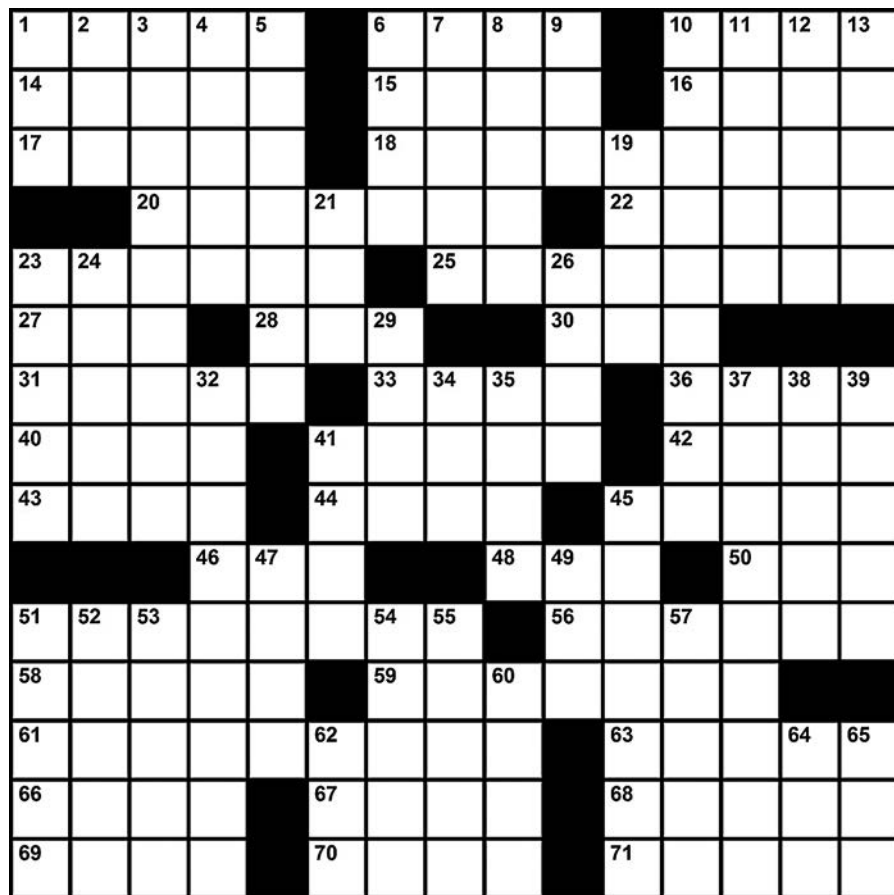
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 6 "The African Queen" author
 10 Last year's frosh
 14 Socrates' market
 15 Cold feet
 16 Scarlett's plantation
 17 Guitarist Eddie Van ____
 18 Turned tail
 20 Where to slap a football player on the butt?
 22 Frida's husband
 23 With 25-Across, "Today" Halloween character of 2013
 25 See 23-Across
 27 Gielgud's john
 28 Fabergé objet
 30 Business mag
 31 Hot blood
 33 About
 36 Bubby home
 40 Brady Bunch prefix
 41 Matt, who portrayed the 3 women of this puzzle's theme
 42 Q-Tip, for one
 43 Neighbor of Senegal
 44 What comes to mind
 45 "Dawson's Creek" characters
 46 Give a chit

- 48 PBS relative
 50 Personal-ad info
 51 With 71-Across, "Today" Halloween character of 2000
 56 See 1-Across
 58 Uranian, for example
 59 Mead studied them on Samoa
 61 Kingdom of Alexander the Great
 63 Vonda Shepard's "It's ____ Kiss"
 66 Believe-not connection
 67 Milk candy
 68 Compensate
 69 Some have electric organs
 70 Poker chip, e.g.
 71 See 51-Across

Down

- 1 "Poppycock!"
 2 Palindromic title
 3 Virginia Woolf, to many writers
 4 Cara of "Fame"
 5 Adam of "I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry"
 6 Do style
 7 Susan's partner in "Thelma and Louise"
 8 Gone from the platter
 9 Pull a boner
 10 Where both gays and straights go down
 11 One of the "Maneater" singers

- 12 Rag' alternative
 13 Wore
 19 Adam and Steve's locale?
 21 Go the other way
 23 Colorless watery fluid
 24 Vital carrier
 26 Contemporary Christian
 29 Cattleman's tool
 32 Willa Cather classic
 34 Feel sorry for
 35 " ____ Saves the World"
 37 Spa?
 38 Brando's last one was in Paris
 39 Dramatist Henrik
 41 Willingly
 45 Of little consequence
 47 Air force
 49 First letter of the F-word, for Socrates?
 51 Billy Elliot portrayer Bell
 52 Tickle pink
 53 Actor Williamson
 54 Cause of "bed death"
 55 Police actions at Stonewall
 57 Slow, to Saint-Saens
 60 Bit of business
 62 Ann Bannan's " ____ Girl Out"
 64 Suffix with Paul
 65 Remarks, slangily

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Editor's Pick

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Set in the not-so-distant future, the play centers around seniors trying to live a meaningful life in an assisted-living facility. Nurse Claudia is a tough-love practitioner who runs Federal Nursing Home #273 by the book. Resentment runs high when Joe joins the residents. Joe's acting history, coupled with the help of facility aide Kevin who wants to make 10-second cell phone movies for viewing at red lights, inspires the residents to take over. Life at the facility, then, becomes a hilarious camp of rebellion.

For tickets (\$17 advance, \$20 day of performance), call 313-868-1347. The Detroit Rep is located at 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. Parking is attended and free.

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Macomb Place, Mount Clemens. Nov. 29 - Dec. 14. 596-954-2677. www.theboxtheater.com

Orphan Train \$20. What A Do Theatre, 4071 W. Dickman Road, Springfield. Nov. 29 - Dec. 14. 269-282-1953. www.whataido.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

She Loves Me \$20. The Snug Theatre, 160 S. Water St., Marine City. Nov. 29 - Dec. 21. 810-278-1749. www.thesnugtheatre.com

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

Sleeping Beauty \$5-10. PuppetART, Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River Ave., Detroit. Through Nov. 30. 313-961-7777. www.puppetart.org

Snow Girls \$10-20. The Ringwald Theatre, 22742 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Through Dec. 16. 248-545-5545. www.theringwald.com

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

The Vast Difference 18.50-\$42. The Purple Rose Theatre Company, 137 Park St., Chelsea. Through Dec. 18. 734-433-7673. www.purplerosetheatre.org

The Wayfarer Pay what you can. Puzzle Piece Theatre, The Russell Industrial Center, Building 2, 1600 Clay St., Detroit. Nov. 30 - Nov. 30. www.puzzlestage.org

The Wizard of Oz \$12-18. Flint Youth Theatre, 1220 E. Kearsley St., Flint. Dec. 6 - 22. 810-237-1530. www.flintyouththeatre.org

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

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

ART'N'AROUND

Cranbrook Academy of Art and Art Museum "Waylande Gregory: Art Deco Ceramics and the Atomic Impulse" Waylande Gregory (1905-1971) redefined

American ceramics in the 1930s and 1940s, creating monumental ceramic sculptures and helping to shape Art Deco design in the United States. Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Nov. 16 - March 23. 877-462-7262. Cranbrookart.edu

Cranbrook Academy of Art and Art Museum "My Brain Is in My Inkstand: Drawing as Thinking and Process" An original exhibition that brings together 22 artists from around the world to redefine the notion of drawing as a thinking process in the arts and sciences alike. Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Nov. 16 - March 31. 877-462-7262. Cranbrookart.edu

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

Detroit Institute of Arts "Foto Europa, 1850 to the Present" Europe was the birthplace of photography in 1839 and has remained a center for progressive ideas about and experimentation with the medium ever since. The more than seventy photographs in this exhibition highlight the contributions of major European artists and photographers from across the continent. 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

Krasl Art Center "Sketches to Sculptures, Rendered Reality: Sixty Years With Marshall M. Fredericks" Marshall M. Fredericks (1908-1998) was a pre-eminent figurative sculptor in American art in the 20th century. Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph. Nov. 8 - Jan.

12. 269-983-0271. Krasl.org

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

MOCAD "Syeda Davidson" Attorney and social justice activist. Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 1 p.m. Nov. 30. 313-832-6622. Mocadetroit.org

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

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

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

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

Saugatuck Center for the Arts "Holiday Market" A variety of gifts, decorations and products for sale. Saugatuck Center for the Arts, 400 Culver St., Saugatuck. 9 a.m. Nov. 30. 269-857-2399. Sc4a.org

The Oakland Center "Art, Book & Gift Fair". Oakland University, 2200 N. Squirrel Road, Rochester. Dec. 4. 248-370-2030. Oakland.edu

UICA "25th Annual Holiday Artists' Market" Open to all artists 18+. Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts, Two Fulton West, Grand Rapids. Dec. 6 - Dec. 7. Uica.org

UMMA "Fragments from the Past: Islamic Art from the Collection of the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology". University Of Michigan Museum Of Art, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. Nov. 30 - March 31. 734-763-4186. Umma.umich.edu

University of Michigan Museum of Art "Performing Still Images: David Claerbout and Matthew Buckingham" Two-dimensional photography becomes an experience in space and time. University Of Michigan Museum Of Art, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. Aug. 28 - Jan. 5. 734-763-4186. Umma.umich.edu

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