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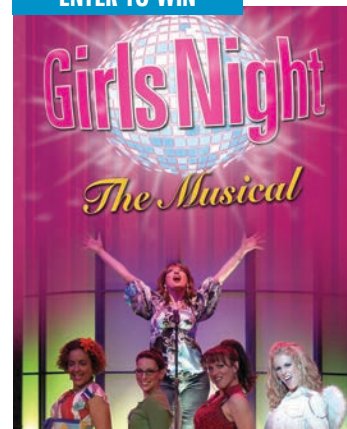
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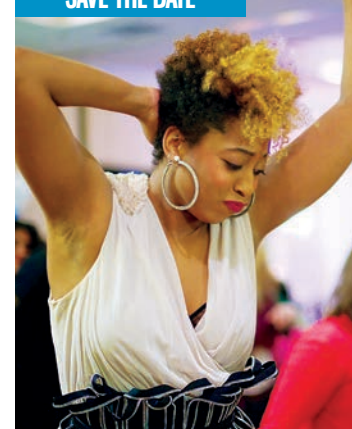
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Ann Arbor gathering with participants celebrating the U.S. Supreme Court decisions advancing LGBT equality last June.

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A lot happened in 2013 in terms of LGBT rights. While equality still has not come to Michigan, the state experienced tremendous progress. Organizations are working together in an unprecedented way, such as the efforts of Unity Michigan and Equality Michigan in fighting for local human rights ordinances, with community centers across the state forming the Community Center Network, and with AIDS Service Organizations joining forces for better care and resource management. There have been some leadership changes, some new programs launched, and

some court cases both in the state and nationally that have impacted LGBT residents.

Case For Adoption And Marriage

A major development in Michigan is the case of DeBoer v. Snyder, wherein a Hazel Park lesbian couple is suing the State of Michigan and Oakland County for the right to jointly adopt their children. The case has also been amended to include the right to marry.

If U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman rules in their favor, it could change the rights of LGBT people through the state. The trial is scheduled for Feb. 2014, and no matter the outcome, it is expected to be appealed. Both sides are bringing in top witnesses from around the country in

what is expected to be a comprehensive look at both sides of the rights being fought for.

Human Rights Ordinances

The movement to implement local human rights ordinances accelerated, with at least nine municipalities this year passing them. Royal Oak was the only city where the ordinance was blocked by a petition and put to a public vote. The proposal passed, but came at a price tag of over \$113,000 in campaign costs. Other cities passed ordinances by a council or commission vote, including Pleasant Ridge, Oshtemo Township, and Linden.

Human rights ordinances protect people in the specific communities and show the state that people increasingly want fairness for everyone. "Until the state legislature amends the Elliot Larsen Civil Rights Act to include sexual orientation and gender identity gay and transgender people are left without any legal protections against discrimination in employment, housing and public



Hazel Park couple will be back in court Feb. 25 hoping for a decision that allows them to legally adopt their children together and to marry.

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accommodations,” said Jon Hoadley of Unity Michigan. “These ordinances remedy that by providing protections on the local level and showing what polling already finds; treating people fairly and equally reflects the values of our state, in every part of our state.” Hoadley has been leading the way along with LEAD (Local Electeds Against Discrimination) and support from Equality Michigan and other organizations.

Community Center Network

The Community Center Network grew out of collaborative activities in 2012, and moved forward this year with the Shore 2 Shore Ride for Equality. They also had discussions around the marriage movement in the state. Affirmations, Detroit Latin@z, The Jim Toy Center, Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, KICK, The Network of Western Michigan and Perceptions of Saginaw Valley are among the centers that meet regularly to strategize coordinated efforts and events.

Orgs Move Forward

Equality Michigan welcomed back Gregory Varnum at the end of 2012 to lead communications and development, and Emily

their Annual Health Expo, Hotter Than July and other groups and events.

AIDS Partnership Michigan and Michigan AIDS Coalition have seen leadership changes recently, with APM appointing William VanHemert to the director position in February, and MAC naming Terry Ryan after Helen Hicks left at the end of 2012. Together they have come up with ideas for collaboration between their organizations and others across the state. For MAC, Ryan said, “Our biggest accomplishment has been the ability to continue providing quality services for people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS in the face of still declining sources of revenue. Second best accomplishment was our best ever DIFFA sponsored Dining By Design, and connecting with new people willing to help us.”

Ruth Ellis Center also got new leadership this year. Gerry Peterson came in the middle of the year from California to take on the task of managing the Detroit area’s only LGBT youth housing project, and the drop in center.

“This year, Ruth Ellis Center worked with more than 500 unique youth from Detroit and Southeast MI and provided over 4,700 service contacts in the Drop In Center alone,” Peterson said. “2013 also marked an expansion of our mental health contract to serve youth ages 7-24 through CareLink. Additionally,

The Gender Identity Network Alliance went through a major change by transitioning from Transgender Detroit to GINA this year. The change was announced in Nov. 2012, and this year the group focused on redefining their mission and growing their audience. Key events included Transgender Day of Empowerment, Transgender Day of Remembrance and the creation of a hormone counseling program through Affirmations.

Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center had a nice accomplishment this year with Executive Director Zach Bauer being selected into an Arcus leadership program. They’ve also helped pass local human rights ordinances, and created a guide to long-term care planning for the LGBT Community.

The Network of Western Michigan also saw a leadership change, with Christina Wade officially taking on the role of executive director in June. Wade stepped up as a volunteer in Oct. 2013 after long time director Pat Ward suffered a stroke. In just a few short months, Wade managed to increase participation in many of the center’s programs and support groups. “The biggest accomplishment in 2013 for The Network is the growth of our Youth group, which averages around 25-30 youth during their meetings and also our new group called “Own Your Gender” which also

quickly becoming a known name in the realm of LGBT research. “A big accomplishment in 2012 was learning that MPIPP’s Know Us Project addresses a need among straight allies - people who support equality but don’t become actively involved because they don’t know what to do. KUP helps them tell their ally stories and figure out how to become activists,” said MPIPP’s Judith Kovach.

Growth Of Pride And Other Events

Pride celebrations grew throughout Michigan. This year there were at least ten across the state. Motor City Pride, in Detroit’s Hart Plaza for the third year, brought tens of thousands downtown and for the first time had national entertainment with Ana Matronic on the Pride Stage. West Michigan Pride celebrated their 25th year with a grand event at Calder Plaza in Grand Rapids, and in August NE Michigan got their first pride with the Harrisville Equality Fest. Ferndale Pride is also poised for change as longtime activist Craig Covey stepped down and turned over leadership of the festival to Julia Music.

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BY CRYSTAL PROXMIRE

Dievendorf rose to the spot of managing director in April. They’re also brought on a strong director of victim’s services, Yvonne Siferd, who started in January.

Affirmations Board President Mark Blanke described achievements of the Ferndale-based community center, saying, “As the end of 2013 approaches, Affirmations continues to strengthen its financial footing and will end the year strong. Affirmations will be celebrating 25 years of community service next year and will continue to strengthen its financial footing to propel the organization into the next 25 years of service.” Affirmations expanded services with an increase in mental health services, social events and youth programming. Usage of the community center building increased in 2013 as more groups claimed it as a place to meet and organize.

The Center is also preparing to say goodbye to Executive Director Dave Garcia who is expected to leave in February. Facilities Manager Jon Fitzgerald will serve as the interim director as the Affirmations board conducts a search.

KICK, the Agency for LGBT African Americans continues to see growth in their LEAD training class for young community leaders, their Talk Tuesdays discussion groups,

we ensured the pipeline of LGBTQ youth of color to leadership through our graduation of 25 summer interns, and facilitated our ‘Trans*Justus’ retreats, one of the only programs in the country geared specifically toward health, safety and positive gender identity for African-American Transgender youth.”

averages around 20-25 members,” said Wade.

The Michigan Project for Informed Public Policy gained volunteers and resources thanks to a new partnership with Affirmations. With an emphasis on sharing psychological research, educating mental health professionals, and teaching people to share their stories while also giving them emotional support, MPIPP is



Domestic Partner Benefits

Domestic partner benefits have been a contested issue in Michigan since Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette determined that state employees should not be allowed to have them based on Michigan’s constitutional ban on same sex relationship recognition. However, two years later, in May 2013 the Michigan Supreme Court ruled the benefits were allowed to stay.

Corporations in Michigan continued to recognize the value of same-gender relationship recognition and support for transgender employees. Lear announced adding domestic partnership benefits this year, and all three major auto companies began recognizing out-of-state marriages for their employee benefits.

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Top Ten National Wins in 2013

Even before 2013 began, everyone knew what the big news story for 2013 would be. The U.S. Supreme Court had, in December 2012, agreed to hear two high-profile marriage cases: One testing the right of the federal government to refuse equal benefits to same-sex married couples, and the other testing the right of a state to ban same-sex couples from marrying.

What no one knew for sure was how the court would rule. And speculation in December 2012 was all over the map. Even long-time court observers who routinely cautioned against predicting how the court might rule couldn't resist predicting how the court might rule.

There was unprecedented media attention and public interest in the oral arguments, held on successive days in March. And then, on June 26, the court ruled. The results were not everything the LGBT community wished



senator spoke against it (long-time gay civil rights opponent Dan Coats, a Republican from Indiana). A Republican-dominated House gives the bill virtually no chance to even reach the floor there, but passage in the Senate signaled that a new and friendlier political landscape had been established in LGBT civil rights.

No. 7: President Obama's second inaugural promotes equality.

He had already "evolved" to the point where he stated publicly, in July 2012, that he supports the right of same-sex couples to marry. And while LGBT leaders always hope a major presidential address will at least mention LGBT people when identifying the nation's strength in diversity, no one had

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for but they were far more than many in the community expected to see in their lifetime.

Those two rulings alone made 2013 perhaps the "Best Year Ever for the LGBT Movement" toward equal rights in this country. Their impact was deep and wide, politically, symbolically, and literally. But there were other breath-taking developments - including the unexpected - that secured 2013 as the most successful year in the movement's seven decades of organized struggle. Here are our picks:



The first openly LGBT member of the U.S. Senate, Tammy Baldwin, greets supporters after the Nov. 2012 elections. She was sworn in, in January 2013.

No. 10: The U.S. Senate gets its first openly LGBT member.

U.S. Rep. Tammy Baldwin, a seven-term representative from Madison, Wisconsin, who embodied the polite, witty, but determined temperament of a Midwesterner, added another "first" to her already long list of accomplishments. Before January, she was already the first open lesbian elected to the Wisconsin Assembly, the first openly LGBT person elected to the U.S. Congress, the first open lesbian in the House, and the first woman elected to Congress from Wisconsin. After being sworn in to the 113th session, she became Wisconsin's first woman senator and the U.S. Senate's first openly LGBT member. Her colleagues praised her diplomacy in the successful effort to get ENDA approved by the Senate and she became the first rookie senator to win the U.S. Senate's "Golden Gavel" award for having presided over the chamber's activities for more than 100 hours.

No. 9: Congress gets its largest ever LGBT Caucus.

Not only was U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin in the Senate, as of the start of the 113th Congress, there were six openly LGBT members in the U.S. House, and by year's end, there was seven. Prior to 2013, the LGBT Caucus numbered four and, with the retirement of Rep. Barney Frank at the end of 2012, it looked like it might dwindle to three: Baldwin and Reps. Jared Polis (D-Colo.) and David Cicilline (D-RI). But fresh off newcomer victories in November 2012, the four new openly LGBT reps were sworn in: Kyrsten Sinema (D-Ariz.), Mark Takano (D-Calif.), Sean Maloney (D-NY), and Mark Pocan (D-Wisc.). And, in November, Rep. Mike Michaud (D-Maine) came out in an op-ed to ward off a whisper campaign by his opponents in the 2014 Maine gubernatorial race. The Caucus size doubled to eight over the previous high.

No. 8: The U.S. Senate passes ENDA for the first time.

The Senate had voted on the Employment Non-Discrimination Act once before in the bill's nearly four decades as the LGBT movement's flagship piece of legislation. In that first tally, taken in 1996, it lost by one vote. This year, it passed 64 to 32, and only one

expected President Obama to go beyond that in his second inaugural. But he went much further: "We, the people, declare today that the most evident of truths - that all of us are created equal - is the star that guides us still; just as it guided our forebears through Seneca Falls, and Selma, and Stonewall. ... Our journey is not complete until our gay brothers and sisters are treated like anyone else under the law - for if we are truly created equal, then surely the love we commit to one another must be equal as well."

No. 6: NJ drops appeal of court ruling that struck state marriage ban.

Following the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in U.S. v. Windsor that the key provision of the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) was unconstitutional, Lambda Legal asked a state court judge in New Jersey to rule in a pending case, Garden State v. Dow, that the state ban on marriage was harming same-sex couples by preventing them from having access to federal benefits associated with marriage. The judge did just that in late September and ordered the state to comply starting October 21. When Republican Governor Chris Christie sought an emergency stay of that order, the state supreme court rejected the request and New Jersey became the 14th state with marriage equality.

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The unanimous and forceful reasoning in the court's refusal prompted Christie to drop his appeal of the ruling, providing another powerful political sign that acceptance of the right of gay people to equal protection of the law was becoming the new expectation.

No. 5: Five state legislatures passed marriage equality laws.

Rhode Island (April), Delaware (May), Minnesota (May), Illinois (November), and Hawaii (November). In the ten years prior, only four state legislatures and the District of Columbia had approved marriage equality legislation and seen it signed into law. The debate in each legislature was marked by emotional and dramatic testimony, much of it from former opponents of same-sex marriage who had evolved on the issue. A



Edie Windsor celebrates with her attorney after the overturn of part of DOMA, advancing recognition of LGBT couples in June U.S. Supreme Court decision

Russia, in February 2014. The boycott idea quickly faded, but many U.S. officials found ways to register their unhappiness over the

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BY LISA KEEN

Rhode Island senator spoke of being a life-long devout Catholic who said, "I struggled with this for days and weeks and have been unable to sleep." In the end, she said, she could not vote against friends and constituents in same-sex relationships. In Hawaii, where same-sex couples mounted one of the first legal challenges in the country in the 1990s, opponents organized an unprecedented flood of citizens to public hearings—literally thousands of people expressed anger and threats of political retribution. But the resolve of legislators willing to stand "on the right side of history" held firm. By year's end, 16 states and the District of Columbia had approved marriage equality.

No. 4: Russia passes laws outlawing 'promotion' of homosexuality.

In June and July, Russian President Vladimir Putin signed laws to prohibit the "propaganda of nontraditional sexual relations around minors," any public displays of affection by same-sex couples, public events related to LGBT people, and any adoptions of Russian children by couples from countries where marriage equality is law. One Russian law even allows authorities to arrest and detain anyone suspected of being gay or pro-gay. LGBT activist groups immediately pushed back, some calling for a boycott of the Winter Olympics scheduled for Sochi,

draconian legislation. President Obama said that countries participating in the Olympics "wouldn't tolerate gays and lesbians being treated differently" during the 2014 Olympics. He also canceled his one-on-one meeting with Putin at a September G-20 summit, citing "human rights and civil society" issues. Pressure on corporate sponsors of the events elicited statements in support of LGBT people and one international human rights organization called on the Obama administration to include LGBT leaders in its official delegations to the opening and closing ceremonies.

No. 3: President Obama responds to Supreme Court rulings.

In 2003, when the U.S. Supreme Court struck down laws prohibiting private intimate contact between same-sex partners (in *Lawrence v. Texas*), then President George W. Bush had nothing to say and his administration took no action to determine to what extent the *Lawrence* ruling might apply to various federal programs. Following the two landmark rulings in marriage equality cases before the Supreme Court in 2013, President Obama issued an immediate statement in support of the rulings and "directed the Attorney General to work with other members of

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my Cabinet to review all relevant federal statutes to ensure this decision, including its implications for Federal benefits and obligations, is implemented swiftly and smoothly.” Two major federal departments announced that their interpretations of the U.S. v. Windsor opinion would bring benefits to married same-sex couples regardless of whether a couple’s state of residence recognizes the marriage. And the Internal Revenue Service announced that legally married same-sex couples “will be treated as married for all federal tax purposes,” including for income tax filing, gift and estate taxes, individual retirement accounts, and in other tax regulations where marriage is a factor.

No. 2: Supreme Court leaves intact ruling that struck down Prop 8.

With Chief Justice John Roberts writing for 5 to 4 majority, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the defenders of Proposition 8, the California voter-approved ban on same-sex marriage, did not have proper federal standing to appeal a district court judge’s ruling that the measure was unconstitutional. It was not, in other words, a ruling on the merits of the underlying legal issue in *Hollingsworth v. Perry*. But by refusing to accept the Yes on 8 appeal, the court left the district court judge’s ruling intact, and same-sex couples began obtaining marriage licenses once again in California. Reaction

was understandably euphoric from LGBT legal activists and the thousands of supporters of same-sex marriage gathered outside the Supreme Court building in Washington and town hall in San Francisco where the case began in 2009. The Perry decision, and another that struck down the key provision of DOMA, were issued on the tenth anniversary of the 2003 *Lawrence v. Texas* decision, which struck down state laws that prohibited intimate relations between partners of the same sex. And while the Perry decision fell short of declaring all state bans on same-sex marriage to be unconstitutional, it set off a tidal wave of new litigation seeking to do just that. At year’s end, Freedom to Marry’s Executive Director Evan Wolfson estimated there are 44 lawsuits in 19 or 20 states “moving forward.”

No. 1: Supreme Court strikes down key provision of DOMA.

With Justice Anthony Kennedy writing for a 5 to 4 majority, the U.S. Supreme Court declared on June 26 that the key provision of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) was unconstitutional. That provision (known as Section 3) had barred any federal entity from recognizing for the purpose of any benefit the valid marriage license of a same-sex couple. The majority opinion in *U.S. v. Windsor* said DOMA Section 3 violated the constitutional guarantees of equal protection and due process. The DOMA decision, said GLAD Civil Rights Director Mary Bonauto who organized the first lawsuit against

Section 3, “not only strikes DOMA but makes clear what we’ve been saying all along —that DOMA is discriminatory and that it is an effort by the federal government to deprive same-sex couples of their rights and to demean them.” The decision began working like the first domino to fall in a long line of laws, state and federal, that deprived same-sex couples if equal benefits. State legislators cited it during debates over marriage equality bills; state and federal courts cited it to strike down other DOMA-like laws and regulations. “It seems fair to conclude that, until recent years, many citizens had not even considered the possibility that two persons of the same sex might aspire to occupy the same status and dignity as that of a man and woman in lawful marriage,” wrote Justice Kennedy. “For marriage between a man and a woman no doubt had been thought of by most people as essential to the very definition of that term and to its role and function throughout the history of civilization. That belief, for many who long have held it, became even more urgent, more cherished when challenged. For others, however, came the beginnings of a new perspective, a new insight. Accordingly some States concluded that same-sex marriage ought to be given recognition and validity in the law for those same-sex couples who wish to define themselves by their commitment to each other. The limitation of lawful marriage to heterosexual couples, which for centuries had been deemed both necessary and fundamental, came to be seen in New York and certain other States as an unjust exclusion.”

'Zero To Five' In 2014

Record Number Of Openly Gay Candidates For State Races

BY CRYSTAL A. PROXMIRE

Currently there are no openly gay legislators in Michigan. But if all goes well in the 2014 elections there could be as many as five – four in the State House and one in the State Senate.

Garnet Lewis could be the first lesbian State Senator. She is running in the 32nd District which includes Saginaw, Zilwaukee, Tidabawassee Township, Frankenmuth and Swartz Creek. Aaryn Richard is running for State Representative in the 85th District which includes Owosso. Jon Hoadley is running for State Representative in the 60th District which includes Kalamazoo and Kalamazoo Township. Jeremy Moss is running for State Representative in the 35th District which includes Southfield and Lathrup Village. And Rudy Serra is running for State Representative for the 27th District which is made up of several South Oakland County communities including Hazel Park, Ferndale, and Berkley.

Mark LaChey, Chair of the LGBT Caucus of the Michigan Democratic Party, is excited about the prospect of increasing the number of gay representatives. All five LGBT candidates are Democrats.

"Not a single piece of pro-LGBT legislation has been passed in a state without any LGBT people in the legislature," LaChey said. "If you're openly gay of course you represent all people in your district. But you also can be a voice for LGBT people. It helps other elected officials to know an LGBT person and understand that the issues affect them."

Issues that could come up in the next couple of years include amending Elliott Larsen, hate crimes legislation, marriage equality, and second parent adoption. Having LGBT people in the legislature can make it more likely that these issues will be heard.

The LGBT Caucus is not set up to give money to the candidates, however they are encouraging people to give directly to any or all of the LGBT candidates. LaChey also said that he's helping the candidates by making it easier for them to connect with leaders in the State Democratic Party by inviting LGBT candidates to gatherings and introducing them to party leaders. They are also considering endorsing the candidates, though they've not formally voted on that possibility yet. That will be decided at their March 15 Endorsement Convention at Cobo Hall.

When deciding how much support to give candidates, some consider the chances the candidate may have to win the race. "None [of the LGBT candidates] are lost causes or longshots," LaChey said. "All five have the possibility to be a legislator."

He explained that four of the five races will likely be decided in the primary, with the exception of Richard's race in Owosso where he is not facing a primary but will go up against a Republican in November. Because of the importance of primary races, LaChey said those who want to see these candidates prevail should "get in their support early." The primary is in August.

Michigan has had only one openly gay State Representative. Christopher Kolb represented the 53rd District, including Ann Arbor, from 2001 to 2007 before term limits barred him from seeking a fourth term.

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Aaryn Richard (coming soon)



Ferndale Mayor Dave Coulter welcomes guests to Ferndale and Affirmations Community Center. Democratic National Chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz came to town to denounce the anti-gay remarks of Michigan's Republican National Chairperson Dave Agema. Seated are Congresswoman Wasserman Schultz, Affirmations Executive Director Dave Garcia, U.S. Rep. Gary Peters (D-Detroit), BTL publisher and Vice Chair of LGBT Democratic Caucus Jan Stevenson, Gubernatorial Candidate Mark Schauer and U.S. Rep. Saunder Levin. BTL photo: Andrew Potter

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DNC Chair, Michigan Dems Rally For LGBT Equality At Community Center Gathering

Wasserman Schultz Speaks Out Against Agema And Republican Intolerance

BY CRYSTAL A. PROXMIRE

FERNDALE - As Republicans continue to condone the hateful, anti-gay comments of their Republican National Committeeman Dave Agema, Democrats brought out the big guns for a community forum at Affirmations featuring Democratic National Committee Chairperson Debbie Wasserman Schultz.

"In Michigan, and all over the country we've seen example after example of the GOP's failure to speak out against intolerant, insensitive remarks like those we heard from Representative Agema a few days ago," Wasserman Schultz said. "Disrespectful comments like his and the GOP's decision to block legislation that protects LGBT Americans from discrimination remind us just how out of touch the GOP is with Michigan and the American people."

Hailing from South Florida, Wasserman Schultz represents what she calls "the straight-friendly city" of Miami Beach. She came to Michigan in response to Agema's most recent remarks, where he said "I stand for traditional marriage, not homosexual ones... The family unit is the basic unit in society. When you tear the family apart, you tear the country apart." He also claimed that gay people want free medical care

because they are dying of AIDS.

Wasserman Schultz stood by other Democratic leaders including Gubernatorial candidate Mark Schauer, U.S. Senate Candidate Gary Peters, Congressman Sandy Levin, and Between The Lines Publisher and LGBT Caucus Vice Chair Jan Stevenson. Each shared their efforts to stand up for equality.

The spirit of the event was summed up by the words of Affirmation's Executive Director Dave Garcia. "I was thinking on my drive here a lot about being on the playground at school and especially when you're gay. But it's not just a gay thing. I think all of us have times in our lives when we're surrounded by a group of people that might be calling us names, who are attacking us in some way. Gay or straight. And I think that when that's happening to you, and you're the only one, it feels like this group could hurt you," he said. "That one person stands up for you and steps in there with you and says 'Alright, but you're going to have to fight me too.' Man you are that person's friend for the rest of your life.

"And we have some folks in Lansing who are surrounding us and calling us names and worse. Their actions are hurting us and what hurts the most is when you look around that group on the playground and you see your friends, and they're staying quiet. That hurts more than the ones calling you names. And



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Peeking At Crystal Balls



Parting Glances

BY CHARLES ALEXANDER

America has had its fair share of celebrity psychics. It's human nature to want to know what the future holds, especially as the old year kicks off its rundown high heels and the new one shimmies into its disposable diaper.

Fifty years ago the psychic-du-jour Jean Dixon predicted the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. (She was buddy-buddy with J.F.K.'s 1960 GOP presidential contender Richard Nixon; but her crystal ball clouded up when it came to predicting Nixon's Watergate scandal and Tricky Dick's downfall.)

Long before Dixon, who passed over in 1993, was astrologer Evangeline Adams who predicted the death of England's King Edward VII in 1911, the stock market crash in 1929, the onset of World War II in 1939. (She somehow missed predicting my gay birth three years earlier.)

In the mid-1940s there was Edgar Cayce, "The Sleeping Prophet," who gave some 2,500 life readings - with spirit channeled health remedies - to 1,600 clients. He also predicted that portions of California would sink in the Pacific Ocean. (Hopefully, not including San Francisco and the Castro.)

My favorite soothsayer is a 19th century English palm reader named Cheiro. He often read without seeing to whom the hand belonged. He sat in a curtained box once when Oscar Wilde, sight unseen, offered his hand for reading. Cheiro saw a lifetime of fame and fortune ending in shame. (Two years, hard labor in prison.)

In our lifetime, and as the 20th Century was turning into the 21st, a group calling itself the Millennium Committee of New York, LLC, sent out 250 postcards to prominent people - artists, musicians, writers, scientists, politicians - for input as to what there so-called brain trustees thought the next 1000 years might bring.

Comments returned include: film-maker Oliver Stone, "Mind culture - and artificial intelligence will replace word culture." Supreme Court Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, "My hope is E Pluribus Unum will become a reality for the people of the United States and the world." Former Texas Governor Ann Richards, "Women will be the majority of heads of state of nations."

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, "International debts will be canceled and poverty will be diminished." And! Mark your desk calendar. This from the quiet Beatle, George Harrison, "You will all be dead is my prediction."

Among gay entries, these. Artist Paul Cadmus, "Privacy is beleaguered, government interference in the lives of all is magnified." Writer Gore Vidal, "I suspect the next major religion will feature a voluntary suicide gospel, to thin it out, as it were, joyously." Playwright Edward Albee, "Just maybe we can do better next time."

Gold Medalist Swimmer/Diver Greg Louganis, "Cure for HIV and cancer. Better understanding of human diversity." Needing little introduction for screwball predictability, Joan Rivers, "In the new millennium interest rates will be higher and my breasts will be lower."

Oy vey! The gravity of it all. To tell truth, my buns sagged long ago. Have a blessed 2014!

(Seduce a Christian.)

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AIDS: Signs Of Progress, But Worries About Cuts In 2014

BY LISA KEEN

More than 9,000 people with HIV were on a waiting list for federal assistance in buying their medications in August 2011. In December, President Obama announced that number is down to zero.

"At one time, the need was so great that over 9,000 people were on the waitlist," said the president, at a White House ceremony marking World AIDS Day. "We vowed to get those numbers down. And I'm proud to announce that we have cleared that waitlist. We are down to zero. And we're going to keep working to keep it down."

Carl Schmid, an official at the AIDS Institute who has devoted considerable voice to shining a light on that waiting list, agreed the Obama administration deserves some credit. Schmid said the administration's re-direction of \$35 million in funding to the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) two years ago "really helped" clear the waiting lists.

The vast majority of names on the waiting lists (96 percent) were in southern states. In August 2011, the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD) showed Florida with 3,751 names on the waiting list; Georgia with 1,718; Louisiana with 961; South Carolina with 896; Virginia with 875; North Carolina with 316; Alabama with 130; Arkansas with 51. The only other states with waiting lists were Ohio with 247, Utah with 40, Montana with 29, and Idaho with 25.

And most of these same southern states have now declined federal funding under the Affordable Care Act to expand their Medicaid programs and to set up state-run exchanges that citizens can use to find affordable health insurance options.

Schmid said the lack of state-run exchanges doesn't hurt so much because people with HIV can seek options through the national exchange. (The AIDS Institute has surveyed the options and is making its recommendations through a mainstream media outlet later this week.)

But the refusal of many states to accept Medicaid expansion does hurt many people with HIV, said Schmid, because "most ADAP clients are low income, and the majority are below the poverty level."

So, said Schmid, it's just not clear how much money will be needed for

ADAP in the future because no one can forecast yet just how many people with low incomes and HIV will be able to get medication assistance under Medicaid or through private insurance in the exchanges.

Schmid and other AIDS activists are also concerned about federal and state budget cuts generally, as well as the looming sequestration cuts that could hit as soon as January. Many analysts are predicting those cuts could be much more dramatic next year than the first round of sequestration cuts that took place this year.

Such AIDS-related funding took on renewed urgency for the LGBT community last week when the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported last month that, among men who have sex with men (MSM), "Unprotected anal sex at least once in the past 12 months [has] increased from 48 percent in 2005 to 57 percent in 2011." Also in 2011, said the report, MSM "accounted for at least half of persons diagnosed with HIV in all but two states." The two states were Pennsylvania and South Dakota, but even in those two states, MSM still accounted for between 46 percent and 49 percent of HIV infections.

In his World AIDS Day remarks, President Obama signaled he understood that urgency for the LGBT community and others particularly hard hit by HIV.

"We need to keep focusing on investments to communities that are still being hit hardest, including gay and bisexual men, African Americans and Latinos," said the president.

He also announced that the National Institutes of Health would re-direct \$100 million in funds over the next

three years toward research seeking a cure for AIDS.

Meanwhile, many of the community's own AIDS organizations are struggling with loss of funding and continued federal budget cuts. The National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) went out of business earlier this year after filing for bankruptcy. Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) in New York suffered a \$66,000 cut in federal funding to its meals program for people with HIV and the state was able to chip in only \$22,676 last week to help make up that deficit.

A survey of 131 AIDS organizations in 29 states, released by the AIDS Institute in October, found that 85 percent of the groups experienced a drop in funding at the same time that 79 percent of them saw an increase in clients seeking help.

AIDS Institute Executive Director Michael Ruppel said his group was urging "Congress and the President to reverse the cuts caused by sequestration and adequately fund critical public health programs, including those that prevent HIV and provide for care and treatment for people living with HIV."

But it's hard to predict whether there's any chance of that happening.

A House-Senate conference committee working on a budget agreement for FY 14 missed its Dec. 2 deadline. The House is due to leave December 13 for the holidays but leaders on both sides of the aisle have indicated they are still optimistic they can come up with a bottom line for the federal FY 14 budget. From that bottom line point, lawmakers then have until Jan. 15, 2014 to work out the details agency by agency.



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we've had some Democrats and allies who have said the right things, but not acted. And I think those are the things we need to change. And so you will have the gay community's loyalty if you fight with us."

From those on stage to the many elected officials in the room, solidarity for LGBT issues is an important part of the Democratic platform.

Shauer said that he would lead on the issue of equality. "The current occupant of the Governor's Office signed a law banning domestic partner benefits. Somehow he thinks we can get better by taking things away from people and marginalizing them. And just yesterday when asked about Elliott Larsen, he said he doesn't plan to lead on the issue. I plan to lead," he said.



Democratic National Chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz arrives at Affirmations Community Center Dec. 17.

Peters spoke of his work in repealing Don't Ask, Don't Tell, giving military personnel the right and freedom to be open about their sexual orientation. He is currently fighting to have discharge statuses changed for those who were "dishonorably discharged" because of being gay. He also spoke of the response Agema got from his fellow Republicans at the Republican State Central Meeting over the weekend, stating that instead of condemning Agema, they gave him a standing ovation.

Wasserman Schultz said, "Intolerance is in the Republican Party's DNA," and poked fun at the RNC's decision to send Rand Paul to do outreach for African American voters. "Of all people to send up here to do an African American outreach, they send the guy who thinks that the Civil Rights Act should never have become law? It just makes you scratch your head and wonder."

She encouraged people to support LGBT-friendly candidates. "We know that the other side thinks the most precious resource they have is money...but as active Democrats we know that the most precious resource that you can give is your time. That's how we ran circles around the Republicans in the last election. That's how we reelected Barack Obama President of the United States," Wasserman Schultz said.

In Michigan a record-number of openly gay candidates are running for the State Legislature. Speaking for the LGBT Caucus, Stevenson informed the crowd of four State House candidates and one State Senate candidate.

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Creep of the Year

Tony Perkins

OPINION BY D'ANNE WITKOWSKI

As 2013 draws to a close, it seems like all anybody wants to talk about is ducks. Well, let me tell you, I really don't care about Phil Robertson and what he thinks about gay people.



I have never seen "Duck Dynasty" and up until now the show has played no role in my life except when I'd occasionally ask myself, "What the fuck is Duck Dynasty?" But then Robertson had to open up to a reporter at GQ and say, "It seems like, to me, a vagina - as a man - would be more desirable than a man's anus. That's just me. I'm just thinking: there's more there! She's got more to offer. I mean, come on, dudes!"

This, in addition to saying that being gay is a sin and likening it to bestiality, angered

a lot of folks.

Then on Dec. 22 Robertson reportedly said in his defense, "I am just reading what was written over 2,000 years ago."

The fact is, equality for lesbians and gays has taken some super huge steps forward in 2013. And there's nothing a reality show quack can say to stop it.

You tell 'em, Robertson. In fact, I believe it was Moses who said, "Thou shalt tap a woman's beaver, not a man's ass."

The fact is, equality for lesbians and gays has taken some super huge steps forward in 2013. And there's nothing a reality show quack can say to stop it.

There are, however, professional bigots who we saw a lot of in 2013 and can expect to see plenty more of in 2014. Which means as long as there is money to be made hating gay people, the Family Research Council's Tony Perkins will be sitting pretty.

Perkins was Creep of the Week not once, not twice, but three separate times in 2013. Runners up: Pat "I wish I had a 'puke' button to click on Facebook whenever I see a photo of gay guys kissing" Robertson and Dave "Gays lie to get healthcare for all of their AIDS buddies" Agema were runners up scoring two Creep Weeks each. Congrats, fellas.

Perkins could have certainly racked up some more Creep Weeks but I felt it only fair to give other haters a chance. Still, it might seem unfair to choose Perkins as this year's Creepstakes Winner since he is, after all, a professional at all things anti-gay. But hey, the man works hard all year, full time, trying to make life worse for LGBT people. That takes a heart of gold. And I mean that literally, not metaphorically, in that Perkins likely has a hunk of some kind of metal behind his rib cage, not an actual human heart. And he can probably afford to get it gold plated.

A run down of Perkins' Creep-complishments this year: Making an argument against gun control legislation by saying that the United States needs more gay sex control legislation instead. Throwing a hissy fit after the Defense of Marriage Act was overturned, claiming that the Supreme Court had hijacked the nation. Declaring that gays should neither have cake nor eat it at their "counterfeit" weddings, especially if that cake was made and supplied by Betty Crocker herself.

So congrats to Tony Perkins on being 2013's Creep of the Year! Your prize is a year supply of penis-shaped cakes so that you can eat a dick all through 2014. And hey, I don't want to offend you, so I'll use only Duncan Hines. Enjoy!

Federal Judge Strikes Utah Ban Utah Couples Begin To Marry, No Stay Issued

BY LISA KEEN

A federal judge in Utah issued a decision Dec. 20 striking down that state's ban on same-sex marriage, and same-sex couples immediately sought marriage licenses and began getting married.

Obama appointee Judge Robert Shelby issued a 53-page decision, in *Kitchen v. Herbert*, saying the state's current definition of marriage is not permissible under the U.S. Constitution.

Noting that a court interferes with a law adopted by voters "only under exceptional circumstances," Shelby said, "Utah's prohibition on same-sex marriage conflicts with the United States Constitution's guarantees of equal protection and due process under the law."

"The State's current laws deny its gay and lesbian citizens their fundamental right to marry," wrote Shelby, "and, in so doing, demean the dignity of these same-sex couples for no rational reason."

Shelby's order immediately enjoined the state from enforcing its ban, but Republican Gov. Gary Herbert's administration vowed to seek an emergency stay of the decision from the 10th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals.

In a brief statement Herbert said only, "I am very disappointed an activist federal judge is attempting to override the will of the people of Utah. I am working with my legal counsel and the acting Attorney General to determine the best course to defend traditional marriage within the borders of Utah."

But Deseret News of Salt Lake City reported that between 115 and 120 marriage licenses were issued to same-sex couples Dec. 20 in Salt Lake County. Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker performed some of the ceremonies.

News of the ruling represented another surge of momentum in the direction of marriage equality in the United States, coming just one day after the New Mexico Supreme Court said that state could no longer interpret its marriage laws to exclude same-sex couples. That decision made New Mexico the 17th state in the country, plus the District of Columbia, to provide marriage equality and putting more than one-third of states and one-third of the nation's population in jurisdictions that treat same-sex

couples the same as straight couples.

Shannon Minter, legal director for the National Center for Lesbian Rights, called the decision "a huge win."

"This is the first decision since the Supreme Court's decision striking down the federal Defense of Marriage Act to overturn a state marriage ban under the federal constitution," said Minter. "To have such a historic ruling take place in Utah speaks volumes about our country's trajectory from discrimination to acceptance and support for same-sex couples and their families. We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to the brave couples who brought this case, as well as to the superb attorney, Peggy Tomsic, who represented them."

Jon Davidson, legal director for Lambda Legal, noted that, "since last November, we have gone from six states and D.C. where same-sex couples can marry to now (including Utah for at least the moment, and Illinois, where couples have a medical need to marry now rather than June can marry), 18 states plus D.C. I never would have predicted that we would see such incredibly rapid change."

A New Jersey Superior Court ruled September 27 that the decision in the DOMA case, *U.S. v. Windsor*, required New Jersey to allow same-sex couples to marry in order to have access to the same federal benefits as straight married couples. That ruling struck down New Jersey's ban, and after the state supreme court refused to grant an emergency stay of the decision, Republican Governor Chris Christie dropped his appeal of the decision, making New Jersey the 14th state to provide marriage equality. New Mexico did not have a ban, but its supreme court cited the Windsor decision in ruling that the state had to treat same-sex couples equally under its marriage laws.

Utah was one of the first states to pass explicit statutory and constitutional bans on same-sex couples marrying. The state legislature first created a ban through statute in 1977. In 2004, it passed a statute barring the state from recognizing the marriage of a same-sex couple licensed elsewhere, and it passed a resolution asking voters to approve a constitutional amendment defining marriage in Utah as being only between one man and one woman. The voters approved the constitutional amendment in November 2004.

Judge Shelby, in discussing Windsor,

noted that the Supreme Court did not decide whether states could ban same-sex couples from marrying. But, citing the landmark *Loving v. Virginia* decision, in which the Supreme Court struck down laws prohibiting interracial couples from marrying, Shelby said, "the Supreme Court has considered analogous questions that involve the tension between these two values in other cases. ... In these cases, the Court has held that the Fourteenth Amendment requires that individual rights take precedence over states' rights where these two interests are in conflict."

"Given the importance of marriage as a fundamental right and its relation to an individual's rights to liberty, privacy, and association," wrote Shelby, "the Supreme Court has not hesitated to invalidate state laws pertaining to marriage whenever such a law intrudes on an individual's protected realm of liberty."

Two Other States

Including Utah, Federal judges in three states advanced marriage equality lawsuits Dec. 23.

One of two lawsuits challenging Virginia's ban on recognizing the marriages of same-sex couples advanced after a federal judge denied the state's motion to dismiss the case. Judge Michael Urbanski of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia (Harrisonburg) issued a 17-page memorandum saying, "It is abundantly clear that plaintiffs' alleged harm is actual, concrete, and particularized."

In Ohio, U.S. District Court Judge Timothy Black issued a 50-page decision, saying the state constitution's ban on recognizing same-sex married couples violates the U.S. Constitution's guarantees of due process and equal protection.

The lawsuit was *Obergefell v. Wymyslo*, in which two surviving spouses sought the right to be identified as such on the death certificates of their spouses.

Citing the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in striking down the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) in *U.S. v. Windsor*, Black said, "It is beyond debate that it is constitutionally prohibited to single out and disadvantage an unpopular group."



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Hear Me Out: Top 10 of '13

BY CHRIS AZZOPARDI



10. Arcade Fire, 'Reflektor'

Winning the big daddy of Grammys for "The Suburbs" didn't just change Arcade Fire's career – an Album of the Year trophy will do that – but it also, in part, changed their sound. The Canadian avant-gardes went bolder and older, harking back to the late '70s for a complex and myth-inspired take on rebirth, post-love and societal standards. The concepts are vast, sure, but so is the sound. "Reflektor" is a sonic behemoth, where the band trots out their choral wallops for the liberating twosome "Afterlife" and "It's Never Over (Hey Orpheus)," tracks that rank as some of Arcade Fire's best. The rocking "Joan of Arc" cautions that, "If you shoot, you better hit your mark." "Reflektor" gets it in the bull's-eye.



9. Kanye West, 'Yeezus'

So about that Kanye West and Kim Kardashian video – it gets better. The music on "Yeezus" – including the inspiration for Kim and Kanye's awkward whatever-that-was on a motorcycle, "Bound 2" – is the most effectively delirious, biggity work of the rapper's already delirious, biggity career. He's angry and horny, he's delusional and deranged; he's everything you love to hate about Kanye West. And yet, he's still a mastermind in the beat department, producing some of his most

vanguard tracks via a palette of punk rock and new wave – hip-hop takes a backseat – that's more maniacal than its creator.



8. James Blake, 'Overgrown'

When James Blake sings, his soulful croon washing over you like water in a warm bath, you're helpless. That sexy thing he does will sweep you away. "Overgrown," the follow-up to his 2011 debut, is a seductive and magically poignant head trip where gospel and R&B inspire the English producer's minimalist approach to electronica. Basically, these compositions won't get you dancing, but hey, they'll probably get you laid. Sultry to the touch with its bottoming bass and synth progression, "Life Round Here" is a musical boner that transports you all the way to a magical place of ... ah, gotta go. Bye.



7. Chvrches, 'The Bones of What You Believe'

Face it, no one does synth-pop like non-Americans, where those Swedes and them Brits know what's up when it comes to crunking. But don't forget the Scottish: Chvrches, a trio hailing from Glasgow, have been rolling out deliciousness since 2012, eventually culminating into "The Bones of What You Believe," where the icicles of lyrical woe melt all over balmy electro anthems. "Recover," a gem of exhilarating '80s-fashioned

electronica with Robyn-type sensitivity, is big, booming and danceable – and it's also a facade. That's hurt you hear in the fragility of Lauren Mayberry's Kate Bush-like voice. Her pain, our gain.



6. Haim, 'Days Are Gone'

One of the best pop albums of this year wasn't from Gaga, wasn't from Katy, wasn't from Britney. It was from Haim. And who is that, you might ask? An underwear brand? Not exactly, though they may motivate you to dance in yours. They're three geeky sisters from L.A. who obviously live for the '90s and let that era's sonic radness wash over a spirited sound so addicting it should probably be illegal. With that punchy hip-hop fever and those humdinger melodies that go down as easy as ice tea on a hot day, Haim is the modern-day answer to everything good having to do with a brilliant and bygone era in music.



5. Jason Isbell, 'Southeastern'

It's only his fourth solo LP, but when people look back at the highs of Jason Isbell's career, "Southeastern" will be way up there. How does it get better than this – an earthy, from-the-gut triumph that already sounds like a classic? Reflecting on the hard knocks – goodbyes, addiction and domestic abuse – and the soul-country crooner's own redemptive state with the sharpest of confessional narratives ("A heart on the run / keeps a hand on the gun

/ can't trust anyone"), this deeply personal work from the former Drive-By Truckers member taps into his soul, his emotions and his heart – and then it taps into yours.



4. The National, 'Trouble Will Find Me'

It's true that The National's latest is slow and slumberous, like a walk that never ends. But keep going and you'll get somewhere. You'll get to some of the most achingly beautiful melodies you've ever heard, like the lonely lament "I Need My Girl." "Don't Swallow the Cap" lets some light into the darkness, which is really where lead singer Matt Berninger likes to sulk. When he closes with "Hard to Find," a wistful daydream, it doesn't get any better for him. It does for us, though. The coda is a quiet reverie that's just about the prettiest thing you've ever heard. As for "Trouble," let it sink in. Play it over and over. It'll find you.



3. Tegan and Sara, 'Heartthrob'

Tegan and Sara ... pop stars? It happened this year, when the songful, great-hair-having lesbian twins busted through the indie barrier, got lost in all the nostalgia of their '90s records and turned out "Heartthrob," a confectionary listen of Greg Kurstin-produced synth-rock with enough trademark touchy-feelies (they're still sad, so that's good) you'll hardly be concerned that the duo has shared the stage with Taylor Swift. From the cotton-candy rush of the Cyndi Lauper-esque "Closer" to their pained plea of rejection – the lovelorn-yet-liberating "How Come You Don't Want Me" – "Heartthrob" is the pop marvel no one saw coming.



2. Patty Griffin, 'American Kid'

It's tough to find any fault with Patty Griffin's artful Americana, except that there's never enough of it. And now she's gone and spoiled us: The "lost" LP, "Silver Bell," finally got its official release, and her stunning "American Kid" used grief and pain as a crux to illustrate, quite poignantly, the experience of letting go. It's raw and transformative, effecting a truth that Griffin and her inimitable voice have delivered since her debut release 17 years ago. The "Faithful Son" who went his whole life underappreciated saddens, the tale of a "Wild Old Dog" is a spiritual godsend, and "Gonna Miss You When You're Gone" conjures classic Judy Garland. That's how legendary Griffin sounds on "American Kid."



1. Kacey Musgraves, 'Same Trailer Different Park'

It's about time country music got their Lady Gaga. Only 25 and easily the most outspoken of her peers, Kacey Musgraves modernized the politics of dated tradition with her major-label debut's "Follow Your Arrow" – reminding folks that it's fine to smoke pot and be gay ("love who you love") – and "Merry Go 'Round," the launch single that gave stark insight to small-town living (it's not all it's cracked up to be). She even surprises with a little ditty about casual lust, "It Is What It Is," the saddest sex song you'll ever hear. Waitress and mobile home stories have heart and humor, but Musgraves also has the simple, old-timing sound to match her impressive wordplay. All the talk of her being "the future of country music"? Yeah, believe it.



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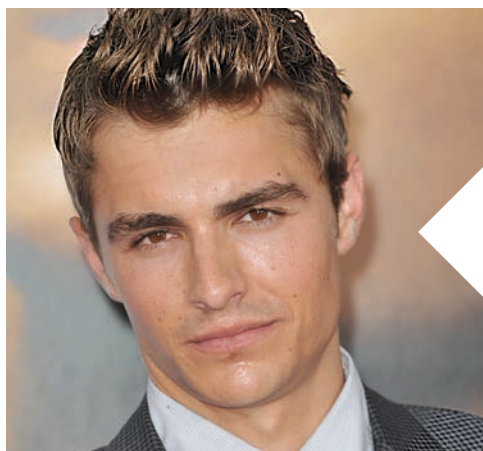
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In her first gay press interview, Christian-crossover legend Amy Grant welcomed the gay community to church, a boy band admitted to being a “fag hag” and Britney Spears called you a girl. Here’s a look back at 2013 and what these celebs – and a whole bunch more – told BTL’s own entertainment editor Chris Azzopardi.



“I’m a straight man with, like, lesbian chemicals.”

– Jack Antonoff of fun.



“There’s nothing subtle, I guess, about how we embrace gay culture – and there basically are no boundaries. We both push the envelope.”

– Dave Franco on he and his brother James

I know that the religious community has not been very welcoming, but I just want to stress that the journey of faith brings us into community, but it’s really about one relationship. The journey of faith is just being willing and open to have a relationship with God. And everybody is welcome. Everybody.

– Amy Grant

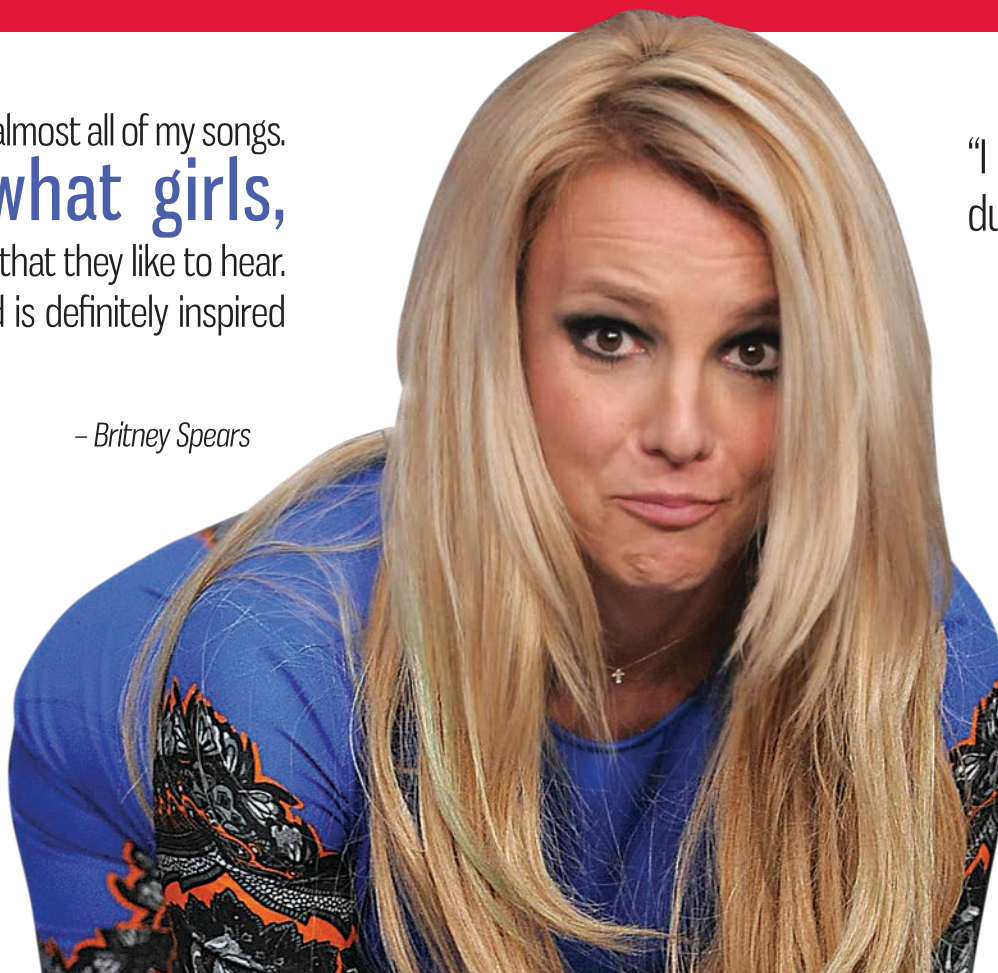
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I get inspiration from them on almost all of my songs. **They’re somewhat girls,** so it’s so inspiring to do stuff that they like to hear. Whatever I do for each record is definitely inspired by them.

– Britney Spears

“There used to be songs about black and white differences and that’s no longer an issue – and it shouldn’t be. And this shouldn’t be either. I would love to change that about country music.”

– Kacey Musgraves on the gay reference in her song, “Follow Your Arrow”



“I find myself being attracted to dudes all the time.”

– Brendon Urie, frontman of Panic! at the Disco

“We both know how it feels to be hated just for who we are – not for doing anything, bothering anyone, murdering anyone or being arrested. Just for being us.”

– Natalie Maines, of the Dixie Chicks, on connecting with gay fans after the George W. Bush “incident”



"I don't know how to make anyone a better gay man. I really don't. What am I supposed to say ... listen to more showtunes?"

- Courtney Love

“ Things are changing. You have to just get your foot in the door so it doesn't close, and then keep widening that door till it opens. ”

- Cyndi Lauper



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

-AJ McLean of the Backstreet Boys

"The hard truth that I could see, and the way I approached it, was him getting HIV is what gave him his purpose in life."

- Matthew McConaughey on playing the real-life Ron Woodruff in "Dallas Buyers Club"

WHAT THE CELEBS SAID

BY CHRIS AZZOPARDI

"I won't allow myself to be a slave to my own interpretation of myself nor the interpretations that people may have of me."

- Janelle Monáe on lesbian rumors



"You have to be proud. In the end, who cares if I was cool or not. Did I make change? Did I help the world? That should be more important."

- Tegan, of Tegan and Sara, on being an out lesbian



"Real life is so much more beautiful and rich and nuanced than those oversimplified fantasies, but you won't feel that beauty if you're too busy comparing it to the 42 reasons why your favorite actor is the perfect man. There's no such thing as a perfect man. Every human being is a unique person."

- Joseph Gordon-Levitt on BuzzFeed's article "42 reasons that prove that Joseph Gordon-Levitt is the perfect man"

“ Do we need Jodie Foster to legitimize our cause? I mean, who fucking cares? Don't expect any one person to be the role model for the entire community. Everybody needs to do that for themselves. ”

- Sandra Bernhard

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Grayson DeJesus on Tophthorn and Michael Wyatt Cox on Joey in "War Horse" at Detroit's Fisher Theatre. Photo: BrinkhoffMogenburg

It Behooves You To See 'War Horse'

BY MARTIN F. KOHN

Joey the horse, the main character in "War Horse," is described as half-draft, half-thoroughbred, which makes perfect sense. Depending on your point of view, he either carries the show or runs away with it.

In this Tony-winning stage version of Michael Morpurgo's tale of the First World War, Joey isn't a he but a they – a life-sized horse puppet operated by three puppeteers: two inside, at its front and back legs, respectively, and one outside at its head. Nor is Joey the only steed in the stable. So skilled are the designers, builders and operators of the puppets – not to mention immersed in the ways of horses – that the animals appear to be real even though you can see the puppeteers.

"War Horse" is your basic boy-meets-horse, boy-loses-horse, boy-joins-the-British-army-to-see-horse story, with much attendant drama along the way. Like the horses, the drama feels authentic even though you're aware of the underlying mechanics, and the whole thing is absolutely wonderful.

On the human side, "War Horse" is about Devonshire teenager Albert Narracott (Michael Wyatt Cox) who instantly bonds with the colt his father brings home one day in 1914. Under

REVIEW

War Horse

Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit. Tuesday-Sunday through Jan. 5; no performances Dec. 24, 25, 31 & Jan. 1. \$30-plus. 313-872-1000.
www.broadwayindetroit.com

Albert's tutelage Joey proves his worth on the family farm, but when Britain enters the war the call goes out for horses as well as soldiers. Spoiler Alert (although the play isn't called "Farm Horse," for pity's sake): Albert's dad sells Joey to the army.

Albert is too young to enlist but, ignoring his mother's admonition not to grow up too fast, eventually goes off to war. Boy and horse have their separate, harrowing adventures. Maybe they reunite at the end. I'll never tell.

A story of courage, loyalty, hardship and unexpected kindness (on both sides of the battle lines), "War Horse" is beautifully mounted (sorry), with the most impressive overall look from stage right to stage left since "Les Miserables." Kudos are due a large and ever-aware cast (nobody ever just stands around), original directors Marianne Elliott and Tom Morris, tour director Bijan Sheibani, director of movement and horse choreography

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Toby Sedgewick, the National Theatre of Great Britain, the Handspring Puppet Company (special local shout-out to associate puppetry director Matthew Acheson, a Detroit native) and platoons of other artists.

It's not a musical but there's plenty of music. It's not a movie, but there are projections on a jagged screen that look like a page torn from history. It's not a puppet show, but it wouldn't exist without puppetry.

There is simply nothing like "War Horse."

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The Sound Of Music Even After The New Year

BY SHELBY CLARK

Holiday concert season might be over, but the music of trumpets, violins and pianos still sound. Several of Ann Arbor's music organizations are bringing both fresh and classical music to the beginnings of 2014.

The Chamber Recital Series from Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra (A2SO) continues into the new year at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17 at the Jewish Community Center of Ann Arbor, 2935 Birch Hollow Drive.

The frequent program includes coffee and dessert a half hour before the show with \$10 ticket purchase. The January performance is titled "The Singing Trumpet," featuring a Chinese folk melody, Mozart's "Queen of the Night" from "Magic Flute," and more.

A2SO will also take part in "Cosi fan tutte: Mozart Birthday Bash," as the symphony becomes "one of the actors" in the semi-staged, narrated comedic opera about fiancée swapping. The performance begins at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25 at the Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor.

For more information on all A2SO shows, visit www.a2so.com.

UMS Hosts Jazz, More

A highlight of the latest UMS program includes "Series:You" with jazz musician Colin Stetson. The Ann Arbor-raised saxophonist has played with acts like Arcade Fire and Feist. He'll be joined by special guest

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Justin Walter, also from Ann Arbor. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 15 at Arthur Miller Theatre, 1226 Murfin Ave., Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$30.

UMS will also host the Kronos Quartet at 8 p.m. Jan. 17 at the Power Center. The string quartet has been playing together for 40 years, and brings a "rebellious" show to "Series:You." The performance will look at historical renegades of music, from Richard Wagner to Laurie Anderson. The show is billed as "string quartet playing as political act."

Tickets for the Kronos Quartet are \$20-50. The Power Center is located at 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor.

Siberian pianist Denis Matsev helps fill the new year with song in his piano concert at 4 p.m. Jan. 26. The musician won the 1998 International Tchaikovsky Competition and was the featured soloist with the Mariinsky Orchestra in Oct. 2010. His program will include Tchaikovsky's "Dumka" (Russian Rustic Scene), "Op. 59" and Rachmaninoff's "Sonata No. 2" in b-flat minor, "Op. 36" (Version 2, 1931) along with other classical pieces.

Tickets for Denis Matsev are \$10-60. The performance will be held at Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor.

UMS ends the month on yet another jazz showcase. The Fred Hersch Trio will play at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 30 at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, 911 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor.

The trio consists of Hersh on piano, John Hébert on bass and Eric McPherson on drums. Hersh has been dubbed "the most arrestingly innovative pianist in jazz over the last decade" by Vanity Fair, and has been nominated for a 2014 Grammy.

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Kerrytown Concert House

Detroit native Dave Sharp brings "The Khalil Gibran Project" to Kerrytown, presenting selections from Gibran's famous "The Prophet" to improvised music. A graduate of University of Michigan, Sharp will be on electric/double bass with other band members adding to the modern jazz performance. Dr. Yvan Silva will narrate. The show begins at 8 p.m. Jan. 3.

Taking a step away from contemporary, Kerrytown Concert House also brings the music of Théodore Gouvy to life with "Forgotten Songs of Théodore Gouvy." Gouvy's works were inspired by the French Renaissance, and deal strongly with love, be it the joy of new love or the depression of love unrequited. MeeAe Nam serves as soprano, John Elwes as tenor, and Joel Schoenhals on piano. "Forgotten Songs" starts at 8 p.m. Jan. 6.

Tickets for both Kerrytown shows range from \$5 to \$25.

Further showcasing the concert house's diverse performances, "WWS XII: The 12th Anniversary Gala Celebrating the KCH Tradition of Wine, Women and Song" comes to Kerrytown. Created and directed by Wendy Bloom, with Jerry DePuit serving as pianist and musical director, the cabaret features locale female talents. Genres that will be performed range from classical to jazz, and will feature many area artists, including Lisa Gray, Carolyn Burnstein, Sue Booth and even the founder of KCH, Deanna Relyea. Tickets for this special celebration are \$20-50. Performance times are 8 p.m. on Jan. 24, 25, 31 and Feb. 1, and 4 p.m. on Jan. 26.

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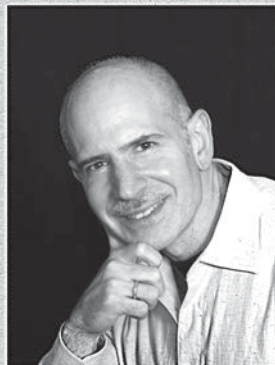
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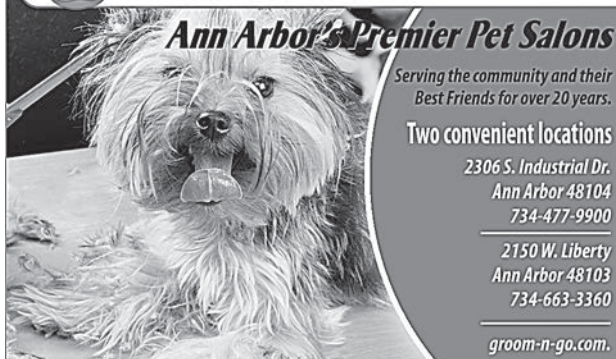
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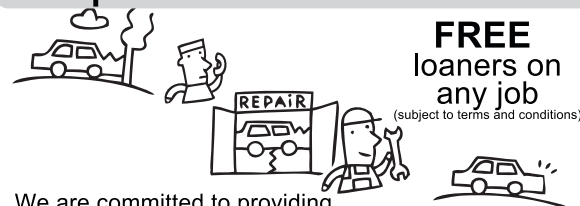
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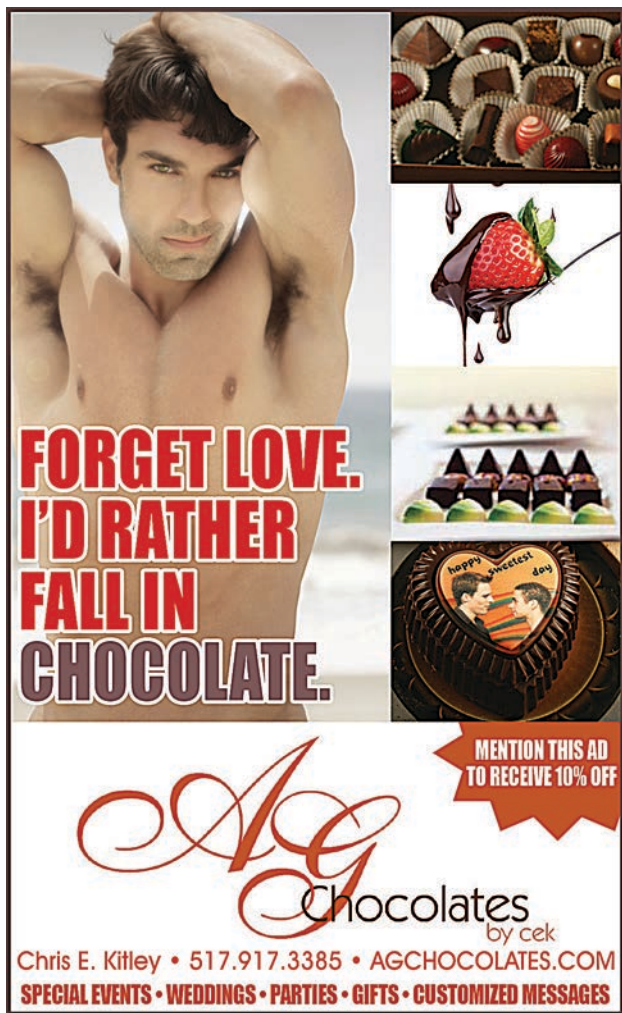
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OUTINGS

Thursday, Jan. 2

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. www.jgnmi.org

Pagan Chat Nights 7:30 p.m. Come socialize with FOCAS members and other area pagans! Michigan Pagans, 21700 West Road, **Woodhaven**. www.Meetup.com/michiganpagans

Drag Queen Bingo Un-Leashed 8 p.m. "No Holds Barred" Thursday edition! 18+. Tickets: \$20. Five15, 515 S. Washington Ave., **Royal Oak**. 248-515-2551. www.Five15.net

Friday, Jan. 3

Womyn's Film Night 7 p.m. Film: Roseanne Barr: Blonde and Bitchin' - Rough and raw comedian Roseanne Barr returns to her roots on the stand-up stage for this HBO Comedy Special. Much has changed since her 1980s hit television series, and Barr's life now includes grown children and grandchildren. But while family is still a central topic in her comedy, loyal fans will be grateful that she hasn't lost her cynical, working-class edge, even after a 14-year absence from the stand-up circuit. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. www.Goaffirmations.org

Bear Trap 9 p.m. All new weekly party for bears, cubs and their admirers. Hayloft Saloon, 8070 Greenfield Road, **Detroit**. 313-581-8913. www.HayloftsSaloon.com

Pride Friday 9 p.m. The one and only gay night. 18+. Guys with college ID get in free before 11 p.m. Cover: \$5+. Necto, 516 E. Liberty St., **Ann Arbor**. 734-994-5835. www.TheNecto.com

Saturday, Jan. 4

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

GLBT AA 8 p.m. Jim Toy Community Center, 319 Braun Court, **Ann Arbor**. 734-995-9867. www.Jimtoycenter.org

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

Drag Queen Bingo 10 p.m. A fun alternative to your usual weekend hot spots. Shows get out just early enough for you to hit the local clubs or bars! Refreshments from our full coffee bar (coffees, teas, smoothies), sodas, water, and more. Tickets: \$20. 18+. Club Five15, 515 S. Washington Ave., **Royal Oak**. 248-515-2551. www.five15.net

Sunday, Jan. 5

Unity of Greater Lansing Open and Affirming. Rev. Kent Lederer, 240 Marshall St., **Lansing**. 517-371-3010. revkent@unityofgreaterlansing.org

All Saints Episcopal Church 10 a.m. Open and Affirming. All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbott, **East Lansing**.



Editor's Pick

Looking to burn off that "holiday cheer"? Nothing burns calories like dancing, which can be done at Necto in Ann Arbor for the "one and only gay night."

The 18-and-over event is famous throughout Southeastern Michigan for its night of fun and inclusion. Necto's pride night features high energy dance music in its main room. In the club's "red room," LGBT can dance to retro pop, UK dance and Top 40.

"Pride Friday" is at Necto beginning at 9 p.m. every Friday. Men with college ID get in free before 11 p.m., otherwise cover is \$5-8. Necto is located at 516 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. For more information, call 734-994-5835 or visit www.thenecto.com.

Edgewood United Church of Christ 10 a.m. Open Affirming. Edgewood United Church of Christ, 469 N. Hagadorn, **East Lansing**.

First Presbyterian Church 10 a.m. LAHR Institutional Member. Open and Affirming. First Presbyterian Church, **Lansing**. tweldon@lansingfirstpress.org

Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church 10 a.m. We are a welcoming congregation. Please join us for services every Sunday at 10am. Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Hwy, **Southfield**. 248-354-4488. office@northwestuu.org www.northwestuu.org

Light House Chapel 11 a.m. Open and Affirming. LGBT friendly. Light House Chapel, 1501 Windsor St., **Lansing**. 517-394-2080.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lansing 11:15 a.m. Open and Affirming. Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lansing, 855 Grove St., **East Lansing**.

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 www.Tashmoodetroit.com

Red Cedar Friends Quaker Meeting Red Cedar Friends Quaker Meeting, **Lansing**. 517-371-1047. www.redcedarfriends.org

A Reception Honoring U. S. Congressman Gary Peters 2 p.m. With special guest the Honorable Barney Frank. Tickets: \$250-2600. Gary Peters for U. S. Senate, 827 E. Fourth St., **Royal Oak**. 248-318-5421. event@petersformichigan.com

Barney Frank to Give Keynote 4:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10-18. Holocaust Memorial Center, 48123 Orchard Lake Road, **Farmington Hills**. 248-553-2400 x24. www.Holocaustcenter.org

Conversation Station 5 p.m. A new topic is discussed each week. As always, if anyone has something they want to talk about, feel free to start a discussion. We are not limited to the chosen topic. We are a group of friends who enjoy each others company and support each other in any way we can. GOAL, 714 S. Washington, **Royal Oak**. 248-981-4227. MarciLWilliams@yahoo.com www.GetOutAndLive.me

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

Regardless Of (Narcotics Anonymous Meeting) 7 p.m. This is a closed meeting for addicts or those who think they might have a drug problem. This may be a Common Needs meeting, but any addict seeking recovery is welcome! The time has come that any addict seeking recovery in the Washtenaw area can find it. The more diverse the fellowship, the more members we are able to reach! The goal is to make the message of recovery available to all so that any addict can come to NA and feel that they too belong in this fellowship! Jim Toy Community Center, 319 Braun Court, **Ann Arbor**. 734-995-9867. www.jimtoycenter.org

Server Sundays 9 p.m. Bring in a paystub or POS card. Discounts for those in hospitality industry. aut Bar, 315 Braun Ct., **Ann Arbor**. 734-994-3677. www.Autbar.com

Monday, Jan. 6

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

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

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

LGBT AA Meeting 7:30 p.m. Lansing Association for Human Rights, 1020 S. Harrison Road, **East Lansing**. www.lahronline.org

Tuesday, Jan. 7

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

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

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

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

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

Karaoke 9:30 p.m. Hosted by KJ Les. aut Bar, 315 Braun Ct., **Ann Arbor**. 734-994-3677. www.Autbar.com

Wednesday, Jan. 8

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

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

Mid-Week Meditation 6 p.m. Suggested Donation: \$3. Michigan Pagans, 195 W. Nine Mile Road, Suite 11B, **Ferndale**. www.Meetup.com/michiganpagans

Orientation and Auditions for New Members 6 p.m. Sistrum, **Lansing**. www.Sistrum.org

Annual Meeting, Board Elections, and Potluck 7 p.m. Open to all. Sistrum, **Lansing**. www.Sistrum.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 www.Michiganaidcoalition.org

Significant Other Support 7 p.m. Discussion and support group for friends and loved ones of LGBT. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. www.goaffirmations.org

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

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Share the fun and laughter at this hilarious, feel-good comedy as five girlfriends go from heartbreak to happiness during a wild night of karaoke. Women are encouraged to get their girlfriends together and come sing along, dance along and sip on cocktails as they take in "Girls Night: The Musical" at the City Theatre Thursday,

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Friday, Jan. 10

Gay Business Networking 8 a.m. To help members increase their business through a structured, positive, and professional word of mouth. Every second Friday.

GOAL, 100 Phoenix Dr., **Ann Arbor.** www.Meetup.com/GOAL-Get-Out-And-Live-LGBT

LGBT AA Meeting 6:30 p.m. Lansing Association for Human Rights, 1120 S. Harrison Road, **East Lansing.** www.lahronline.org

Womyn's Film Night 7 p.m. Film: Last Call at Maud's - A look at the world's longest-running lesbian bar and its colorful and sometimes tragic past, from the the underground days of the 40's to 1989, when it closed its doors for good. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale.** 248-398-7105. www.Goaffirmations.org

Saturday, Jan. 11

Drag Queen Bingo 8 p.m. Reservations

required. 18+. Drag Queen Bentley James. Ticket: \$20. Leaf & Berry, 6385 Orchard Lake Road, **West Bloomfield Township.** 248-671-6011. info@leafnberry.com www.leafnberry.com

Sunday, Jan. 12

Older Lesbians Organizing 1 p.m. Provides older Lesbians with the chance to meet like minded women in their common struggles, to share mutual interests and to play and work together. Meets the 2nd Friday of every month. Older Lesbians Organizing, 319 Braun Ct., **Ann Arbor.** 734-995-9867. jasmithers@sbcglobal.net www.JimToyCenter.org

Singles Sunday 4:30 p.m. GOAL, 306 S. Washington, Second Floor, **Royal Oak.** www.Meetup.com/GOAL-Get-Out-And-Live-LGBT

The Reel Thing - Lesbian Movies at the Emagine 7 p.m. Every second Sunday, a LGBT-themed movie will be played. Title not to be revealed until night of each showing! GOAL, 200 N. Main St., **Royal Oak.** www.Meetup.com/GOAL-Get-Out-And-Live-LGBT

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Kerrytown Concert House "Forgotten Songs of Theodore Gouvy" Tickets: \$5-25. Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Jan. 6. 734-763-4186. www.Kerrytownconcerthouse.com

CONCERTS

Kerrytown Concert House "The Khalil Gibran Project" With Dave Sharp. Tickets: \$5-25. Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Jan. 3. 734-763-4186. www.Kerrytownconcerthouse.com

Olympia Entertainment "Zac Brown Band" Tickets: \$39. 50-79. 50. Joe Louis Arena, 19 Steve Yzerman Dr., Detroit. Dec. 31 - Jan. 1. 313-396-7000. www.Olympiaentertainment.com

The Ark "Mountain Heart" Tickets: \$30. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Jan. 10. 734-761-1800. www.Theark.org

The Ark "The Yellow Room Gang" Tickets: \$20. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Jan. 4. 734-761-1800. www.Theark.org

The Ark "Brother Sun featuring Joe Jencks, Greg Greenway & Pat Victor"

Tickets: \$20. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Jan. 9. 734-761-1800. www.Theark.org

The Magic Bag "Bettye LaVette" Part of The 20th Annual Anti-Freeze Blues Festival, A Benefit For The Detroit Blues Society. Tickets: \$35. The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. 7 p.m. Jan. 4. 248-544-3030. www.Themagicbag.com

The Magic Bag "Ana Popovic" Part of The 20th Annual Anti-Freeze Blues Festival, A Benefit For The Detroit Blues Society. Tickets: \$25+. The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. 7 p.m. Jan. 3. 248-544-3030. www.Themagicbag.com

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Kerrytown Concert House "William Bolcom and Joan Morris" A benefit concert for the house. Tickets: \$15-50. Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. 4 p.m. Jan. 5. 734-763-4186. www.Kerrytownconcerthouse.com

MOCAD "Closing Party for The Past is Present" With music from Breezeze One with Isles of ESP. Free. Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Jan. 3. 313-832-6622. www.Mocadetroit.org

Wharton Center "The Sleeping Beauty"

Moscow Festival Ballet. Tickets: \$15-42. Cobb Great Hall, Wharton Center for the Performing Arts, Michigan State University, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 7:30 p.m. Jan. 9. 800-WHARTON. www.Whartoncenter.com

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12 Angry Men \$12-14. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Dr., Lansing. Jan. 9 - 19. 517-482-5700. www.riverwalk.com

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Bullet Catch \$40+. University Musical Society at Arthur Miller Theatre, 1226 Murfin Ave., Ann Arbor. Jan. 7 - 12. 734-763-3333. www.ums.org

Carrie - The Musical \$30-\$50. Oakland University Dept. of Music, Theatre and Dance at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. 4 p.m. Jan. 5. 313-887-8500. www.musicHall.org

Girls Night: The Musical \$38. Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Jan. 9 - 19. 313-471-6611. www.olympiaentertainment.com

Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde \$12-30. Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. Jan. 10 - March 22. 313-577-2972. www.hilberry.com


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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

7:30 p.m., Eastside Serenity Gay
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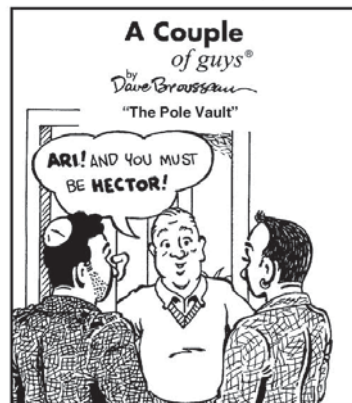
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I Love a Piano \$33-35. Farmers Alley Theatre, 221 Farmers Alley, Kalamazoo. Through Jan. 5. 269-343-2727. www.farmersalleytheatre.com

Jerry's Girls \$27-46. Performance Network Theatre, 120 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor. Through Jan. 5. 734-663-0681. www.performancenetwork.org

My Occasion of Sin \$17-20. Detroit Repertory Theatre, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. Jan. 9 - March 16. 313-868-1347. www.detroitreptheatre.com

The Scullery Maid \$41-48. The Jewish Ensemble Theatre Company at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre on the campus of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Through Jan. 12. 248-788-2900. www.jettheatre.org

War Horse \$30+. Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit. Through Jan. 5. 313-872-1000. www.broadwayindetroit.com

You Just Have No Idea \$15-18. Broadway Onstage Live Theatre, 21517 Kelly Road, Eastpointe. Jan. 10 - Feb. 8. 586-771-6333. www.broadwayonstage.com

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. www.Cranbrookart.edu

Cranbrook Academy of Art and Art Museum "From the Archives: Forging Cranbrook's Gatescape" From peripheral entrance gates to interior ornamental gates executed in wood, wrought iron, cast iron and steel, over 80 gates have been installed on the campus. Walking and bus tour. Tickets: \$30-35. Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Oct. 5 - Feb. 22. 877-462-7262. www.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 30. 877-462-7262. www.Cranbrookart.edu

Dancing Dog Gallery "Making a Splash - Intense, Gestural Art by Sophie Grillet"



work revolves around aluminum, bronze, and even painted cardboard.

Adolph Gottlieb: Sculptor will be on display until Jan. 5 at UMMA, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. For more information, call 734-763-4186 or visit www.umma.umich.edu.

Editor's Pick

The work of Adolph Gottlieb, one of the first artists in the Abstract Expressionism movement, will be on display in Ann Arbor for a limited time. Known for his paintings, Gottlieb (1903-1974) was renowned in the artistic world of the 1930s, particularly in New York.

This particularly series in Ann Arbor will focus on his year-and-a-half long experiment with sculpture. Organized by the Adolph and Esther Gottlieb Foundation, the exhibition at the University of Michigan Museum of Art (UMMA) will feature works such as Pentaloid. The majority of Gottlieb's sculpted

Free. United States, 302 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Dec. 6 - Jan. 11. 734-531-6565. www.Dancingdoggallery.biz/

Detroit Institute of Arts "A Throne for an African Prince" The works of Africa sculptor Olowe of Ise, whose royal throne fills this gallery, are much sought after by museums; the DIA is one of only two museums to own three of his pieces. Detroit Institute of Arts, 2100 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Dec. 1 - March 16. 313-833-7900. www.Dia.org

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. www.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 - April 27. 313-833-7900. www.Dia.org

Downriver Council for the Arts "School District Art Exhibits" Students set forth to promote peace and friendship between the two schools through their art. Allen Park & Melvindale High Schools, Allen Park & Melvindale. Dec. 1 - Jan. 2. www.Downriverarts.org

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

Kerrytown Concert House "Adrienne Kaplan Paintings" Free. Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. 5 p.m. Jan. 8. 734-763-4186. www.Kerrytownconcerthouse.com

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. www.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. www.Krasl.org

Michigan State University Museum "An Extraordinary Document of Our World and Detroit Resurgent" Two related bodies of photographs; the first is a selection of worker portraits made around the world over the last two and half decades while the second is a set of portraits commissioned in 2012 by the Michigan State University Museum and the MSU Our Daily Work, Our Daily Lives program, to document people whose work is part of the resurgence of the greater Detroit economy. Together these portraits explore worker lives before modernity swept away old customs and practices and explore lives of workers whose skills are part of

the new economy of the 21st century. Michigan State University Museum, 409 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. Sep. 8 - Jan. 12. 517-355-7474. www.museum.msu.edu

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

Saugatuck Center for the Arts "The Uncanny Life and Legacy of Harry Brorby" West Michigan artist. Free. Saugatuck Center for the Arts, 400 Culver St., Saugatuck. Dec. 13 - Jan. 31. 269-857-2399. www.Sc4a.org

UMMA "Three Michigan Architects: Part 1 - David Osler" University Of Michigan Museum Of Art, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. Dec. 7 - March 31. 734-763-4186. www.Umma.umich.edu

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 - April 13. 734-763-4186. www.Umma.umich.edu

UMMA "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. www.Umma.umich.edu

UMMA "Adolph Gottlieb: Sculptor" University Of Michigan Museum Of Art, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. Sep. 21 - Jan. 5. 734-763-4186. www.umma.umich.edu

Former U.S. Rep. Barney Frank to Speak at Holocaust Memorial Center

The Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus (www.holocaustcenter.org) announced that former U.S. Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) will be the keynote speaker Jan. 5, 2014, when it opens its newest exhibit, "Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals, 1933-1945." The Holocaust Memorial Center is located at 28123 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills.

The exhibit, which will remain on display through May 4, chronicles the Nazi campaign against homosexuality that targeted more than one million German men who, the state asserted, carried a "degeneracy" that threatened the "disciplined masculinity" of Germany. Denounced as "antisocial parasites" and "enemies of the state," more than 100,000 men were arrested under a broadly interpreted law against homosexuality.

The exhibit opening presentation will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 5. Tickets are general admission and cost \$18 (\$10 for Holocaust Memorial Center members) and must be purchased prior to the event. Contact Lawrence at 248-553-2400 x24 or lawrence.willim@holocaustcenter.org to purchase.

During his 16 terms as a U.S. Congressman, from 1981-2012, Barney Frank became known for his sharp intellect, sense of humor and his willingness to tackle the tough issues. He has been a leader in the fight against discrimination, championed civil rights and financial reform, and was an architect of the financial regulations aimed at preventing a recurrence of the financial crisis.

In 1987, Frank became the first member of Congress to voluntarily come out as openly gay, and in 2012, he married his longtime partner, becoming the nation's first Congressman in a same-sex marriage while in office.

"During the Holocaust, it was not just the Jews who were persecuted, but everyone who did not fit the Nazis description of the 'perfect race'," said Holocaust Memorial Center Executive Director Stephen M. Goldman. "Through exhibits like Nazis Persecution of Homosexuals, our goal is to demonstrate how we can work with one another to make sure that something like this never happens again."

The exhibit and program has been made possible by support of Between The Lines, Anti-Defamation League, Henry M. Grix and Howard W. Israel Fund, Jewish Gay Network, Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, ACLU of Michigan, Ruth Ellis Center, PFLAG, Eastern Michigan University Jewish Studies, Affirmations, University of Michigan-Dearborn Office for Student Engagement LGBTQ and Inclusion Initiative, and Voice/Vision Holocaust Survivor Oral History Archive.

For more information on the Holocaust Memorial Center, visit www.holocaustcenter.org or call 248-553-2400.



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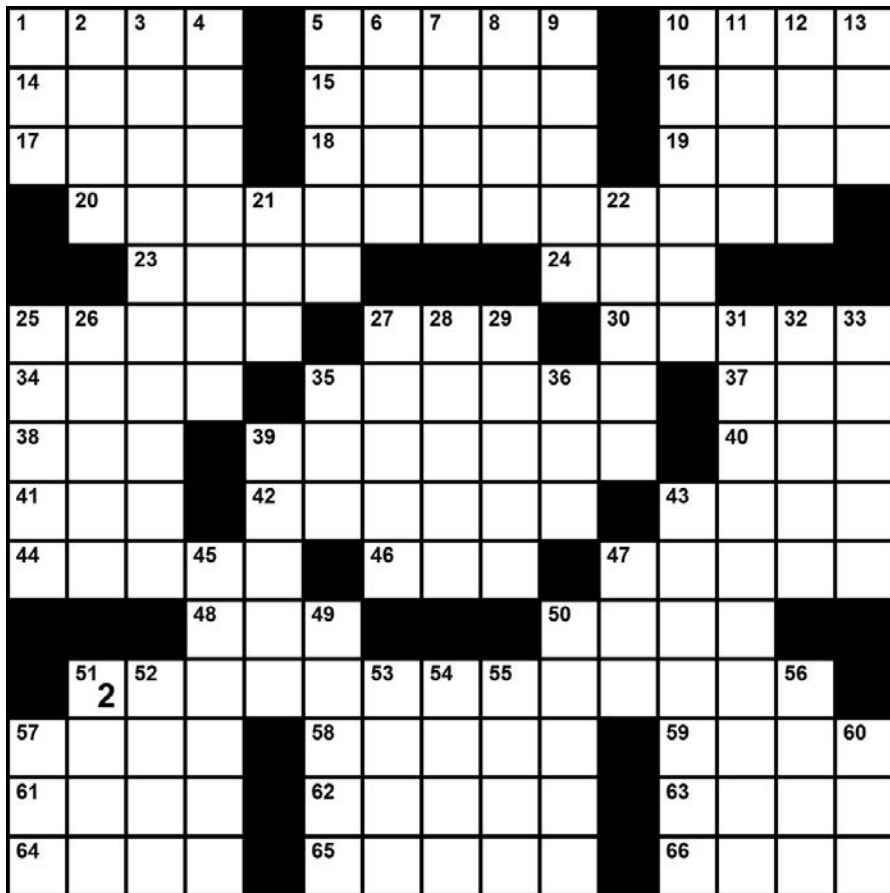


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- 5 Fruit container
- 10 Either of the two O's in 51-Across
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- 15 Miserable dwelling
- 16 Tiger's ex
- 17 Tuft of pubic hair, e.g.
- 18 What straight soldiers do with their eyes in the shower
- 19 "Nick at ____"
- 20 Actor of Cuban descent recently featured in "Da Man"
- 23 Castle in a board game
- 24 "It's ____ for me to say"
- 25 TV series in which 20-Across played a nurse
- 27 Phi Beta Kappa concern, for short
- 30 Fingerprint feature
- 34 Cruising the Atlantic
- 35 Turn on
- 37 Long of "If These Walls Could Talk 2"
- 38 Sch. with a condom for a mascot?
- 39 TV series in which 20-Across plays a former CIA operative
- 40 RN offering
- 41 J. Caesar's tongue, or back muscle
- 42 Like the big top

- 43 Chiang Kai-____
- 44 Big name in bulk food
- 46 Pride's place
- 47 TV series in which 20-Across played a drug dealer
- 48 Top record
- 50 English channel, with "the"
- 51 1999 movie with 20-Across
- 57 Do style
- 58 Woman without a woman, e.g.
- 59 In the pink
- 61 Come clean, with "up"
- 62 Type of probe
- 63 Bus. major's study
- 64 Perry of Metropolitan Community Church
- 65 "West Side ____"
- 66 Where to stick your tool

Down

- 1 Fondle clumsily
- 2 Pg. in a photocopier
- 3 Brings back
- 4 Starchy dessert
- 5 Billiards cube
- 6 Go from one gay bar to another, e.g.
- 7 Spit it out, with confidence
- 8 Six years for a senator
- 9 John of "Aida" fame
- 10 Top
- 11 "A Streetcar Named Desire" director Kazan

- 12 Play about a gay bathhouse, with "The"
- 13 Queen's "Another ____ Bites the Dust"
- 21 Myrna of "The Thin Man"
- 22 Carpenter's rod
- 25 Handles roughly
- 26 Francis Bacon work
- 27 Long piano
- 28 Italian bridge
- 29 Writer Wylan Hugh
- 31 Nevil Shute novel
- 32 Rubbed the wrong way
- 33 Doesn't have
- 35 It may top a queen
- 36 McCullers' "Ballad of the ____ Cafe"
- 39 Greek philosophical type
- 43 Gets hot
- 45 Fastidious
- 47 Astroglide alternative
- 49 Cash drawers
- 50 Fruit on a bush
- 51 "Buy one get one free" offer
- 52 Roughly
- 53 Toe woe
- 54 In the year, to Nero
- 55 Admiral's position?
- 56 Fruit flavor for gin
- 57 Toward the rudder
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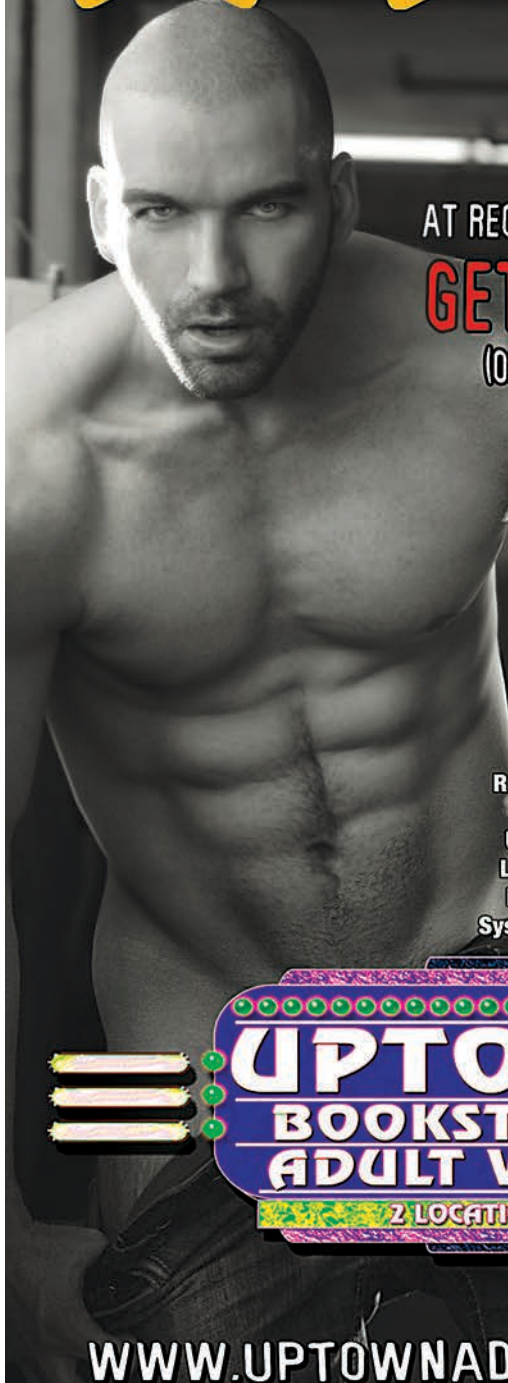



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