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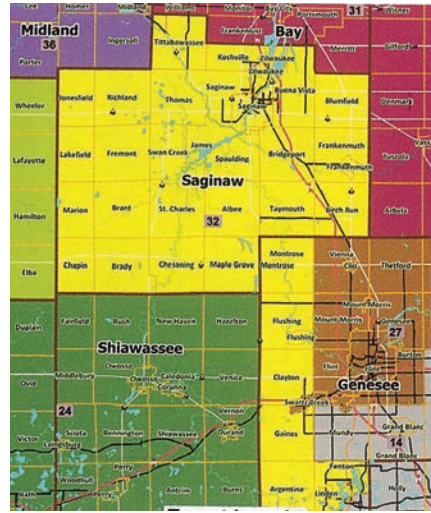


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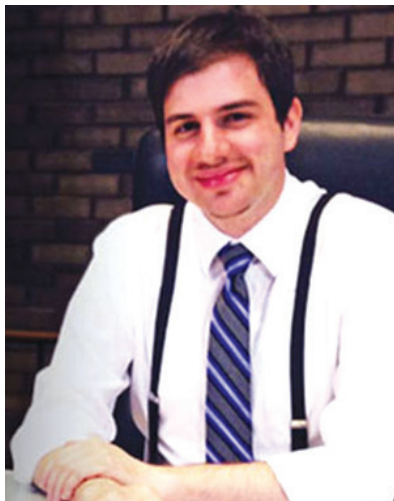
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Garnet Lewis, 32nd Senate District

Over the course of her career Lewis served on the Saginaw Commission on Aging's meals on Wheels, was a Founding organizer of the Saginaw Area Democratic Club, Chaired the Saginaw County Democratic Party, was the Vice-Chair of the 4th Congressional District Democrats, Director for the Joint Legislative Campaign in the Michigan Democratic Party from 2011-2012 and served on the Board of Michigan Equality.

In this last leg of campaigning before the Primary, Lewis has gotten her family on board and they, along with many volunteer members from her district, are working hard at mail programs, absentee voters program and

fundraising. All the elements, according to Lewis, that one needs for a campaign. Lewis is a long distance runner and equated the campaign trail to training for a marathon. "You build up the mileage, and at this point you're ready for the run. That's exactly how I feel."

Along with her crew of volunteers, Lewis has hired four interns to work tirelessly. On the day BTL spoke with Lewis, the team had knocked on 10 thousand doors.

"We're working it hard, connecting with the voters," Lewis said. Her family has come out in support, including three nephews who have come up for the summer to aid Lewis. "We have a good crew and a good representation of young people, which I find energizing because they

have all kinds of enthusiasm. They stay up all night," Lewis laughed. "My family keeps me grounded in reality."

Lewis and Important Issues: Two of the major concerns for Lewis are economic improvement and educational funding which she says go hand in hand; there can be no business development and growth without furthering education. She wants to fix up the roads and strengthen the infrastructure of Michigan's small businesses. "Our roads suck," Lewis said. Biting the bullet and investing in programs that mean the most to the state are right at the front of her political view. Lewis wants Michigan to be known for its education

platforms rather than the incarceration rates.

"Without an education you cannot possibly have the wherewithal to understand what it means to establish a young business, let alone maintain one," Lewis stated.

Lewis Endorsements

Among a list of many, some of the most notable endorsements Lewis has received come from Representative Terry Brown, Gretchen Driskell, Charles Brunner, Lewis Dodak, Cheryl Hadsall, Gloria A. Fulsher and Eric Welsby. Lewis has also been endorsed by Between The Lines and the Victory Fund.

Jon Hoadley, State Rep 60th District

As the President of Badlands Strategies, a public affairs strategy firm specializing in coalition management, Hoadley is no stranger to making plans and implementing them. He comes from a family of teachers and wants to see education support grow in Michigan. He has worked with labor and women's rights groups and was the Executive Director of National Stonewall Democrats.

"We are working hard so that folks understand that we are a campaign that invests in people, so that big corps don't play by a separate set of rules, where Michigan is a leader in environmental and SJ rules," Hoadley said.

The Primary race is neck-in-neck, Hoadley said. Many West Michigan folks are undecided, but Hoadley believes that the voices and support from family, friends and volunteers really helps the undecided understand that Hoadley is running for a Michigan that invests in people.

Hoadley says he is getting a lot of support in the neighborhoods, but he and his campaign are hoping that folks who care a lot about social justice, education and working families will turn out.

"Educators trust me to get the job done. I've been endorsed by middle class workers; they're really backing the campaign," Hoadley said. "I'm proud that we're racking up local support with progressive organizations."

Hoadley on the Issues: With his extensive education background, it's no shock that Hoadley is focusing on increasing education funding and strengthening the education system. Once in the MI House, Hoadley will work on adding an LGBT clause to the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, repealing the 2014 "Rape Insurance" bill and ensuring that Michigan stays welcoming to everyone by passing marriage equality. He wants to see that corporations are held accountable for their environmental impact and wants to provide benefits to those companies that help to a more sustainable bottom line. Hoadley will work hard to protect the state's environment from any further harm.

Hoadley Endorsements

Hoadley has been endorsed by the Michigan Education Association, Michigan Nurses Association, Western Michigan College Democrats, Democracy for America, Kalamazoo Alliance for Equality, Equality Michigan, Michigan Federation of College Democrats, Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights and the Victory Fund. Hoadley has been endorsed by many community members, among that list: Cherie Seitz, Kalamazoo Township Trustee Mark Miller, Reverend Dr. Mary Beth Sarhatt, Kalamazoo City Commissioner Stephanie Moore, Pastor Strick Strickland and Tracy Hall.

Jeremy Moss, State Rep 35th District

As the youngest of the Southfield City Council Members, Moss, 28, is ready to serve Michigan even further by being elected as the 35th District House Representative. During his time at Michigan State University, Moss studied abroad in South Africa. While there, he learned about the political and social history of the nation that grew from apartheid towards democracy and worked with a pioneer group of students to establish a Children's Center to assist at-risk children orphaned by HIV/AIDS. Moss has worked in the offices of Mayor Brenda Lawrence and former Rep. Paul Condino. He served as District Director for Rep. Rudy Hobbs and gained a seat on the Southfield City Council in 2011, making him the youngest elected

official in Southfield's history.

"We've put together a very winning coalition of community members, the right campaign," Moss said. "We started the campaign a year ago when we put the infrastructure in place. The work won't stop after the Primary. We're going to work to help other Democrats get into the House."

Moss wants to put together an LGBT caucus and has spoken to other legislatures who also want to be a part.

"The state is ready to embrace equality," Moss said. "This is not a partisan divide, it's a generational divide. It'll be easier for the next set of candidates. We've already begun breaking through some barriers."

Moss believes there is a great team of legislatures up in Lansing and wants to see more progress towards equality.

Moss on the Issues: Moss wants to work towards restoring state funding to local communities so that neighborhoods can be maintained and remain safe, as well as fix local roads. He believes in education and wants to protect school funding and ensure every child has access to a quality education. Moss wants to see Michigan get on board with equal rights in passing marriage equality. As a young person, Moss wants Michigan to attract and retain young talent who are going to other states for work and life; he wants to grow a 21st century workplace. He also supports efforts to give unemployed and underemployed residents an opportunity to succeed.

Moss Endorsements

Among a list of many, Moss has been endorsed by Maxine Berman, Paul Condino, Buzz Thomas, Kathy Angerer, Andy Meisner, Marcia Gershenson, Nancy Banks, Mayor Donald Fracassi, Linnie Taylor, Tim Mercer, James K. Ralph and Muriel and Warren Sweigel. Moss has a list of many corps and groups that have endorsed him, including: AFT Michigan, Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 2 of Michigan, Detroit Regional Chamber of Congress, Michigan AFL-CIO, Michigan Democratic Party Youth Caucus, Michigan Education Association, Michigan Professional Firefighters Union, UAW Region 1, Metropolitan Association of Realtors, Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Craftworkers Local Union 25 and Victory Fund.

Rudy Serra, State Rep 27th District

Serra is a double major graduate from Central Michigan University with a Doctorate from Wayne State. Serra's father was a U.S. Army Airborne Ranger in Special Forces in World War 2, Korea and Vietnam. Serra has spent his career as a former Ferndale school board member, substitute teacher, former Oakland County Commissioner representing Ferndale and Royal Oak and is also a former Human Rights Commissioner for the City of Detroit. Serra was elected Michigan Lawyer of the Year for 2000 and was a Torch Bearer in the 2002 Winter Olympic Torch Marathon. He has been published by many academic and national human rights journals and, in addition to practicing law for 30 years, is a former Adjunct Professor of Communication Studies at the University of Detroit Mercy.

"Michigan has no openly LGBT legislatures. This [the Primary] will decide the next six years," Serra said. "We have obsolete, unconstitutional criminal laws that need to be taken care of."

Being a member of the Michigan legislature will give Serra an opportunity to change laws, which he really wants to fight for.

"We're still a minority member," Serra said. "What we can do for constituents is very important. I have a license to practice social work, and as far as

constituent services, I think I can offer more in terms of advocacy skills."

Serra is the only openly gay candidate in his district and is the first openly gay District Judge in Michigan.

"It's been a huge journey, lots of things have changed," Serra jested. "But the battle isn't over. We continue to fight over and over again, and I hope we make the right choices and the right votes."

Serra on the Issues: Along with introducing legislation to reform the unconstitutional anti-gay criminal laws and to add sexual orientation and gender identity to the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, Serra will fight for improving the job market and strengthening public schools when he gets into office. He wants to add more preschool programs and basic college courses. Serra opposes Gov. Snyder's tax on retirement income and will work to repeal Snyder's "Right to Work" law. He will work hard for a woman's right to choose and will fight against air pollution and chemical dumping in the water supply.

Serra Endorsements

Nan Melke, Paul Stevenson, Nancy Skinner, Jack Faxton, Eric Wilson, Patrick and Diane Dengate and Robert A. Sedler are on the long list of individual endorsements that Serra has received. Most notable of which are former governor Jennifer Granholm and former Governor James Blanchard. Serra has been endorsed by The Justice Caucus.

Learn more at Michigan Democratic LGBT & Allies Caucus www.facebook.com/TheLGBTACaucusoftheMDP

Two More Faces Emerge

As BTL began looking into the openly LGBT primary candidates, two more faces, Susan Grettenberger, running for the 8th Senate District and Nathan Morrish running for the 34th House District, were discovered as out and proud, openly LGBT.

Grettenberger is a professor at Central Michigan University and has a Ph.D in Social Work from MSU. She is bilingual and bicultural and has served as a trainer and educator for the Michigan HIV office. Once elected into office, Grettenberger will fight to increase minimum wage, work towards more job creation, find a solution to make social security funding last longer, increase healthcare for women and stand for their right to choose, ensure there is accessible, high quality education for everybody and fight to eradicate LGBT discrimination and amend the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act.

Morrish is a longstanding EMT for the Lapeer County EMS and has served on the Lakeville Community Schools Board of Education and served as Community At Large Member for the Flint Civil Service Commission. He started and co-chartered a Compassionate Friends Chapter and helped fundraise and volunteer for associations such as Relay for Life, American Hart Association and The Special Olympics. Once elected, Morrish will work to repeal Right to Work, The Emergency Manager Law and see that Flint is removed from the "Worst Cities in America" list. He will work towards marriage equality for all, better education systems and finding a fix for Michigan's overcrowded jails.

Look for future BTL coverage on these two candidates in upcoming issues.

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BTL Strongly Endorses the following openly gay candidates in Aug. 5 primary:

Garnet Lewis is running in the 32nd District which includes Saginaw, Zilwaukee, Tidabawasse Township, Frankenmuth and Swartz Creek. Check out the campaign website www.garnetlewis.com

Jon Hoadley is running for State Representative in the 60th District which includes Kalamazoo and Kalamazoo Township. Check out the campaign website www.jonhoadley.com

Jeremy Moss is running for State Representative in the 35th District which includes Southfield and Lathrup Village. Check out the campaign website www.jeremyforsouthfield.com

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. Check out the campaign website <http://rudyserra.ngpvanhost.com>

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Tuesday, Nov. 4 – General Election
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BRIEFS

The World On Woodward: Concert Of Colors Brings Diversity To Midtown

BY SHELBY CLARK PETKUS

Metro Detroit's 22nd Annual Diversity Festival, the Concert of Colors, runs July 10-13. The free festival, which had a July 5 opening, fills Midtown Detroit with a variety of sounds from different cultures and music genres.

The festival has grown over the years. When Ismael Ahmen, then head of human services organization ACCESS, created the concert in 1993, the one-day event in Chene Park brought a decent crowd. Now, the five day long event spreads across venues located on or near Woodward Ave. in Detroit and brings in around 80,000 people.

Venues hosting the concert festival include New Center Park on West Grand Blvd. and Second Ave., the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History at 315 E. Warren Ave., the Scarab Club at 217 Farnsworth Ave., the South Lawn of the DIA at 5200 Woodward Ave. and the Max M. Fisher Music Center (presenting both indoor and outdoor performances) at 3711 Woodward Ave.

Some highlights of the festival are the Latin jazz and salsa performance by PanaMO at the DIA at 5 p.m. Friday, followed by "baroque avant garde" at 7 p.m. with Cuddle Magic and Phyllis Chen. Saturday will include kids crafts and a food truck rally, both on Parsons St. by the Max M. Fisher Music Center. The well-known local act, the Howling Diablos, will perform a rock set at 4 p.m. on Sunday at the Wolverine Outdoor Stage in the courtyard behind the Orchestra Place building, also on Parsons St.

Artists to look out for throughout the week include Enema Squad, a funk act hitting the Wolverine Outdoor Stage at 6 p.m. on Saturday. The DSO will host a special gospel and blues show at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday with Thornetta Davis and special guest conductor, John McLaughlin Williams. For more information on performance dates and times, call 313-582-2266 or visit www.concertofcolors.com.

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The HIV/AIDS Resource Center (HARC) is holding a pantry drive. The center, which serves the people of Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston and Washtenaw Counties, is looking for the following cleaning items and personal care products for clients: household cleaning supplies, paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, laundry detergent and fabric softener, toothpaste, mouthwash, floss, shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, deoderant/powder and more. These items are especially important for clients with compromised immune systems.

Financial contributions are also welcome and can be made at <http://hivaidresource.org/get-involved/donations>. Donations are tax-deductible. All items can be dropped off at HARC's Ypsilanti center at 3075 Clark Road, Suite 203. HARC recommends calling to let the center know when planning to drop off items.

For more information on the center or donations, call Chris at 800-578-2300, ext. 261 or visit www.hivaidresource.org.

New LGBT Groups In Michigan

Women of Color Same Gender Loving 40 & Up group begins. Visit www.meetup.com/Women-of-Color-Same-Gender-Loving-40-UP.

Looking for suggestions for monthly meet-ups. Ideas include museum visits with lunch/dinner, walks along the river, hang outs in Ann Arbor area, horseback riding and more.

Gay Single Men Over 21 Metro Detroit Canada. Email gaysinglemenover21@gmail.com or 248-217-9000. Looking for someone else to run group, as well as ideas for future outings.

Traverse Lesbians group starting. Visit traverselesbians@gmail.com. Interested in starting a social group for area lesbians living in or near Traverse City. Geared towards gay women, singles or couples and 50-70 years old (though all ages are welcome).

Netroots Connect: National LGBT Community To Converge On Detroit

BY TODD HEYWOOD

Every year, since December of 2008, a group of LGBT leaders in media, activism and the internet – as well as from national organizations – have convened to discuss strategy, messaging and ideas to promote LGBT equality in the US and beyond.

That meeting – Netroots Connect LGBT Pre-Conference – will be in Detroit July 16 at the Renaissance Center. The meeting registration is still open and costs \$45 for an individual. Participants must pre-register at www.lgbtnetrootsconnect.org. Pre-registration allows the organizers to adequately prepare space and food for the event.

The event is the brain child of blogger and activist Michael Rogers. Rogers, best known for his decade old Blog Active work which included outing closeted politicians, says the idea was the result of an invitation to attend a similar event of state bloggers sponsored by the New Organizing Institute in DC.

"I almost didn't go," Rogers said in a phone interview. "I met great people... My big take away was: If we're doing this for state bloggers, we should be doing this for LGBT bloggers."

And the event was born. The first meeting was a stand-alone event held in Washington D.C. Beginning in 2009, the event was tied to Netroots Nation. Netroots is an annual gathering of progressive activists and bloggers. This year the three day event will be held in Detroit.

The meetings have brought different groups of people together in new ways, Rogers says.

"The most important thing that happens is that it brings all the people together who are doing all the right work. They learn from each other. They create with each other. They make important business and activist connections and develop new power to activism and media work," Rogers says.

He is particularly proud of two programs that grew out of Netroots Connect meetings. The meeting in 2011 in Providence, Rhode Island resulted in the creation of Scouts for Equality. That group went on to push the Boy Scouts of America to create a new policy allowing gay scouts to serve in the organization. It continues its advocacy to get the organization to allow openly gay scout

masters and adult assistants.

In 2013, the meeting produced the #TestMe campaign encouraging HIV testing. The program was developed in San Jose, California and resulted in over 2.5 million Twitter mentions. It was endorsed by former Republican presidential candidate Fred Karger and former Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean. The project was also used by the Office of White House engagement.

Sommer Foster, director of political

“Netroots Connect was at the forefront of addressing the intersection between LGBTQ equality and immigration reform, and has been key in starting to look at the ways in which labor, climate justice and many other issues impact and intersect with LGBTQ lives.”

- Heather Cronk, co-director at GetEqual, has been engaged in the Netroots Connect event from the very beginning.

advocacy for Equality Michigan, attended the event in San Jose last year.

"As an ally, I found the pre-conference particularly enlightening because I was unfamiliar with a lot of the history in the LGBT movement and we talked about that last year," she said. "As the saying goes, you don't know where you are going till you know where you've been. I think if anyone has the opportunity to go, they would be wise to take the opportunity. The relationships that can be made are invaluable to all arenas of the progressive movement."

Heather Cronk, co-director at GetEqual, has been engaged in the Netroots Connect event from the very beginning. She also helps to facilitate the meetings each year.

"For me, Netroots Connect has been vitally important to addressing the

intersectionality of our issues, though there's certainly more work to do in order to fully address the intersectionality of our lives," Cronk said in an email. "Netroots Connect was at the forefront of addressing the intersection between LGBTQ equality and immigration reform, and has been key in starting to look at the ways in which labor, climate justice and many other issues impact and intersect with LGBTQ lives. However, we have more work to do in order to have real, honest conversations about the ways in which LGBTQ individuals are impacted by policies like stop-and-frisk and other attempts to criminalize people – and I look forward to pushing those conversations forward."

And Cronk encourages those who attend to come with an open mind.

"I think the most accurate expectation to have is to be a bit uncomfortable," she wrote. "No matter what your experience in the LGBTQ movement, there will undoubtedly be new information or new connections that surface – my advice would be to lean into those moments, and to seek out those who have more experience than you might. Netroots Connect is a wealth of knowledge and experience, so uncover as much of it as you can."

Rogers says he is excited that this year will see many newcomers to the Netroots Connect community, broadening the coalitions and conversations that have already begun as a result of the meetings. He said he looks forward to welcoming Michigan activists, regardless of their skill or experience level, to the table, the conversation and the full movement.

Reporter Todd Heywood has been an attendee at many of the Netroots Connect meetings over the years, often traveling on full scholarship provided by the organization. He will be attending the meeting this year as well.

SAVE THE DATE

Netroots Connect LGBT Pre-Conference

July 16 • Detroit Renaissance Center

>> www.lgbtnetrootsconnect.org

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Michigan To Revisit HIV Prevention Plan In Light Of Advances

BY TODD HEYWOOD

The Michigan Department of Community Health says that a plan to address the HIV epidemic in the state will be revisited 18 months early as a result of “rapidly changing” landscapes of the epidemic.

“Michigan has a Statewide Coordinated Statement of Needs and HIV/AIDS comprehensive plan that was written to cover the period of 2012 through 2015,” Angela Minicuci, spokesperson for MDCH wrote BTL in response to an inquiry about New York state’s recently announced plan to dramatically cut new HIV cases in the state by more than two-thirds by 2020. “Although for Ryan White we do not have to develop another plan until 2016, we believe this needs to be updated as the landscape is rapidly changing, and so we are planning a State Needs Assessment this fall. The results of that assessment will be used to update a statewide comprehensive plan that focuses on the entire HIV care continuum.”

The New York plan includes negotiated pricing for drugs, assuring that people with HIV are linked to and kept in care and accessing medications and developing systems to give access to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) drugs. The plan was announced during New York City pride celebrations late last month.

MDCH has undergone a dramatic shift in public stances related to PrEP. The intervention uses the anti-HIV drug Truvada, taken daily, to prevent infection. Using the drug every day can be up to 99 percent effective in preventing HIV transmission, the National Institutes of Health reports. While the drug has been



On June 27, Michigan AIDS Service agencies, BTL and The Red Project launched a new initiative across Michigan to raise awareness and work to increase HIV testing through a website www.PrEP4itNow.com.

approved as a preventative since July 2012, MDCH was not embracing the intervention as recently as two months ago. However, in May, the CDC released broad new guidelines for prescribing PrEP. The new guidance could expand the drug’s use to some half a million at risk for HIV. MDCH announced it would begin to follow the new CDC guidance.

The news comes just weeks after BTL, in conjunction with local AIDS service organizations around the state, launched a new HIV testing and prevention program called PrEP4ITNow.com. The event was launched to support National HIV Testing Day events held on and around June 27. The Lansing Area AIDS Network reports the event it created around the new program resulted in over 50 HIV tests being conducted – one of the best such events at the agency in years. Red Project reports it conducted over 100 tests at local bars over two nights, while CARES reported a testing event in Benton Harbor resulted in 30 tests.

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STRIBILD does not cure HIV-1 infection or AIDS. To control HIV-1 infection and decrease HIV-related illnesses you must keep taking STRIBILD. Ask your healthcare provider if you have questions about how to reduce the risk of passing HIV-1 to others. Always practice safer sex and use condoms to lower the chance of sexual contact with body fluids. Never reuse or share needles or other items that have body fluids on them.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

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

STRIBILD can cause serious side effects:

- **Build-up of an acid in your blood (lactic acidosis),** which is a serious medical emergency. Symptoms of lactic acidosis include feeling very weak or tired, unusual (not normal) muscle pain, trouble breathing, stomach pain with nausea or vomiting, feeling cold especially in your arms and legs, feeling dizzy or lightheaded, and/or a fast or irregular heartbeat.
- **Serious liver problems.** The liver may become large (hepatomegaly) and fatty (steatosis). Symptoms of liver problems include your skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow (jaundice), dark “tea-colored” urine, light-colored bowel movements (stools), loss of appetite for several days or longer, nausea, and/or stomach pain.
- **You may be more likely to get lactic acidosis or serious liver problems** if you are female, very overweight (obese), or have been taking STRIBILD for a long time. In some cases, these serious conditions have led to death. Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any symptoms of these conditions.

- **Worsening of hepatitis B (HBV) infection.** If you also have HBV and stop taking STRIBILD, your hepatitis may suddenly get worse. Do not stop taking STRIBILD without first talking to your healthcare provider, as they will need to monitor your health. STRIBILD is not approved for the treatment of HBV.

Who should not take STRIBILD?

Do not take STRIBILD if you:

- **Take a medicine that contains:** alfuzosin, dihydroergotamine, ergotamine, methylergonovine, cisapride, lovastatin, simvastatin, pimozone, sildenafil when used for lung problems (Revatio®), triazolam, oral midazolam, rifampin or the herb St. John’s wort.
- **For a list of brand names for these medicines,** please see the Brief Summary on the following pages.
- **Take any other medicines to treat HIV-1 infection,** or the medicine adefovir (Hepsera®).

What are the other possible side effects of STRIBILD?

Serious side effects of STRIBILD may also include:

- **New or worse kidney problems, including kidney failure.** Your healthcare provider should do regular blood and urine tests to check your kidneys before and during treatment with STRIBILD. If you develop kidney problems, your healthcare provider may tell you to stop taking STRIBILD.
- **Bone problems,** including bone pain or bones getting soft or thin, which may lead to fractures. Your healthcare provider may do tests to check your bones.
- **Changes in body fat** can happen in people taking HIV-1 medicines.
- **Changes in your immune system.** Your immune system may get stronger and begin to fight infections. Tell your healthcare provider if you have any new symptoms after you start taking STRIBILD.

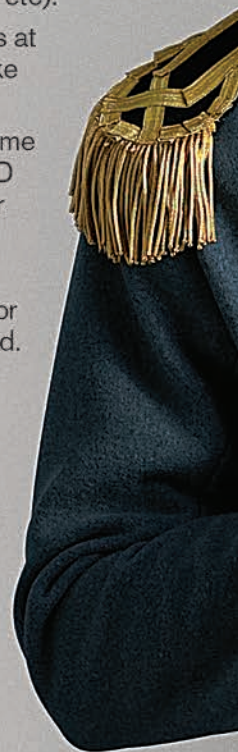
The most common side effects of STRIBILD include nausea and diarrhea. Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effects that bother you or don’t go away.

What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking STRIBILD?

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

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

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





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

What is STRIBILD?

- **STRIBILD is a prescription medicine used to treat HIV-1 in adults who have never taken HIV-1 medicines before.** STRIBILD is a complete regimen and should not be used with other HIV-1 medicines.
- **STRIBILD does not cure HIV-1 or AIDS.** You must stay on continuous HIV-1 therapy to control HIV-1 infection and decrease HIV-related illnesses.
- **Ask your healthcare provider about how to prevent passing HIV-1 to others.** Do not share or reuse needles, injection equipment, or personal items that can have blood or body fluids on them. Do not have sex without protection. Always practice safer sex by using a latex or polyurethane condom to lower the chance of sexual contact with semen, vaginal secretions, or blood.

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

STRIBILD can cause serious side effects, including:

- 1. Build-up of lactic acid in your blood (lactic acidosis).** Lactic acidosis can happen in some people who take STRIBILD or similar (nucleoside analogs) medicines. Lactic acidosis is a serious medical emergency that can lead to death. Lactic acidosis can be hard to identify early, because the symptoms could seem like symptoms of other health problems. **Call your healthcare provider right away if you get any of the following symptoms which could be signs of lactic acidosis:**

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

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

- your skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow (jaundice)
- dark “tea-colored” urine
- light-colored bowel movements (stools)
- loss of appetite for several days or longer
- nausea
- stomach pain

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

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

- Do not run out of STRIBILD. Refill your prescription or talk to your healthcare provider before your STRIBILD is all gone

- Do not stop taking STRIBILD without first talking to your healthcare provider
- If you stop taking STRIBILD, your healthcare provider will need to check your health often and do blood tests regularly for several months to check your HBV infection. Tell your healthcare provider about any new or unusual symptoms you may have after you stop taking STRIBILD

Who should not take STRIBILD?

Do not take STRIBILD if you also take a medicine that contains:

- adefovir (Hepsera®)
- alfuzosin hydrochloride (Uroxatral®)
- cisapride (Propulsid®, Propulsid Quicksolv®)
- ergot-containing medicines, including: dihydroergotamine mesylate (D.H.E. 45®, Migranal®), ergotamine tartrate (Cafergot®, Migergot®, Ergostat®, Medihaler Ergotamine®, Wigraine®, Wigrettes®), and methylergonovine maleate (Ergotrate®, Methergine®)
- lovastatin (Advicor®, Altoprev®, Mevacor®)
- oral midazolam
- pimozide (Orap®)
- rifampin (Rifadin®, Rifamate®, Rifater®, Rimactane®)
- sildenafil (Revatio®), when used for treating lung problems
- simvastatin (Simcor®, Vytorin®, Zocor®)
- triazolam (Halcion®)
- the herb St. John’s wort

Do not take STRIBILD if you also take any other HIV-1 medicines, including:

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

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

What are the possible side effects of STRIBILD?

STRIBILD may cause the following serious side effects:

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

The most common side effects of STRIBILD include:

- Nausea
- Diarrhea

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

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

What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking STRIBILD?

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

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

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

- STRIBILD may affect the way other medicines work, and other medicines may affect how STRIBILD works.
- Be sure to tell your healthcare provider if you take any of the following medicines:
 - Hormone-based birth control (pills, patches, rings, shots, etc)
 - Antacid medicines that contain aluminum, magnesium hydroxide, or calcium carbonate. Take antacids at least 2 hours before or after you take STRIBILD
 - Medicines to treat depression, organ transplant rejection, or high blood pressure
 - amiodarone (Cordarone®, Pacerone®)
 - atorvastatin (Lipitor®, Caduet®)
 - bepridil hydrochloride (Vascor®, Bepadin®)
 - bosentan (Tracleer®)
 - buspirone
 - carbamazepine (Carbatrol®, Epitol®, Equetro®, Tegretol®)
 - clarithromycin (Biaxin®, Prevpac®)
 - clonazepam (Klonopin®)
 - clorazepate (Gen-xene®, Tranxene®)
 - colchicine (Colcrys®)
 - medicines that contain dexamethasone
 - diazepam (Valium®)

- digoxin (Lanoxin®)
- disopyramide (Norpace®)
- estazolam
- ethosuximide (Zarontin®)
- flecainide (Tambocor®)
- flurazepam
- fluticasone (Flovent®, Flonase®, Flovent® Diskus®, Flovent® HFA, Veramyst®)
- itraconazole (Sporanox®)
- ketoconazole (Nizoral®)
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- mexiletine
- oxcarbazepine (Trileptal®)
- perphenazine
- phenobarbital (Luminal®)
- phenytoin (Dilantin®, Phenytek®)
- propafenone (Rythmol®)
- quinidine (Neudexta®)
- rifabutin (Mycobutin®)
- rifapentine (Priftin®)
- risperidone (Risperdal®, Risperdal Consta®)
- salmeterol (Serevent®) or salmeterol when taken in combination with fluticasone (Advair Diskus®, Advair HFA®)
- sildenafil (Viagra®), tadalafil (Cialis®) or vardenafil (Levitra®, Staxyn®), for the treatment of erectile dysfunction (ED). If you get dizzy or faint (low blood pressure), have vision changes or have an erection that last longer than 4 hours, call your healthcare provider or get medical help right away.
- tadalafil (Adcirca®), for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension
- telithromycin (Ketek®)
- thioridazine
- voriconazole (Vfend®)
- warfarin (Coumadin®, Jantoven®)
- zolpidem (Ambien®, Edlular®, Intermezzo®, Zolpimist®)

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of all your medicines and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist when you get a new medicine. Do not start any new medicines while you are taking STRIBILD without first talking with your healthcare provider.

Keep STRIBILD and all medicines out of reach of children.

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

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Dropping In For Won Ton



Parting Glances

OPINION BY CHARLES ALEXANDER

I'm sitting in a popular Somerset Mall Chinese restaurant where I'm distracted by two improbabilities: an astounding free fall record I'm reading about and a waitress named Susie who persists in calling me Honey.

Honey, this. Honey, that. Over servings of Won Ton Soup, Sweet & Sour Pork. Tons of rice.

The paperback, "180 fascinating Questions and Amazing Answers about Science, Health, and Nature," blows my mind when I read its subtitle: "Can You Drill A Hole Through Your Head and Survive?" (Simon Rogers, ed.; Skyhorse Publishing.)

I'm probably to blame for Susie's billing and cooing because, hoping to get attentive service in a crowded restaurant, I order by Power-of-Positive-Thinking: "I take it you're the young, attractive, personable, intelligent, eager waitress who's going to efficiently take my order."

Susie's first 'honey' is barely audible. The next ten come with increasing articulation and allurements as it gets nearer to my fortune cookie time.

Reading "Drill-Hole" pages between soup (the bowl could easily serve three) and Sweet & Sour dish (enough for two Pekinese doggy bags), I come across this Q&A: "How big a fall can a person survive?" Indeed? I muse, sipping my Oolong tea in Zen-like koan contemplation . . .

Turns out the distance is 30,480 ft. The lucky, lucky person to eventually land in Guinness Bookland is stewardess Vesna Vulovic, who in 1972, age 22, survived a terrorist bomb planted (sound familiar?) aboard a JAT DC 9 flying from Copenhagen to Belgrade. Crew 29 passengers and her parents, perished without a trace.

(The Vesna entry is followed with a less spectacular item, nonetheless memorable, considering the party's age and, one supposes, senior citizen's determination to beat acrobatic odds: "A 102 year-old woman survived after toppling from her fourth-floor balcony in Turin. Fortunately, her fall was broken by a children's playhouse.")

Intrigued, wanting more details about Miss Vesna (worried too that waitress Susie – mistaking me for a straight, wealthy, aging lothario – is either about to kiss-me-quick-it's MSG or ask me for my cellphone number.) I hastily pay my tab, deducting 10 cents tip for each 'honey' endured. At home online I find . . .

Vesna survived in the JATDC 9 fuselage wreckage. She told reporters, "The man who found me said that I was in the middle part of the plane. I was found with my head down and a colleague on top of me. One part of my body with my leg was in the plane and my head was out of the plane.

"A catering trolley was pinned against my spine and kept me in the plane. The man who found me, said I was very lucky. He was with Hitler's troops as a medic during the War. He was German. He knew how to treat me at the site of the accident."

Was Vesna, who later married and after ten years with no children divorced, lucky? "No," she claims readily at age 64, "I'm not lucky. Everybody thinks so, but they're mistaken. If I were lucky I would never have had this accident and my mother and father would be alive."

Over my next-day's Sweet & Sour leftovers, I wonder how my own life might have been lived differently if I had survived a six-mile tumble like Vesna? Oh, yes: my fortune cookie: "Keep travel plans to a minimum. (Honey!)"



Hobby Lobby Backlash

PEOPLE SOUND OFF ONLINE

The June 30 U.S. Supreme Court ruling in the "Hobby Lobby" case has resulted in controversy. The 5 to 4 decision found that commercial employers may have religious exemptions from covering contraception in company health insurance plans.

Many sounded off on Facebook about the case:

"This isn't a war on women it, it is about Christian rights, men go buy their protection, insurance does not pay for it, women can do the very same thing!"

"We the people are not LAWYERS why should WE read between the LINES what's right is RIGHT and what's WRONG is WRONG and this is all WRONG the JUDGES that settle this are GOD WHAT DO YOU THINK!"

"What is the big deal! If men want to have sex 24/7 why can't women protect themselves from getting pregnant? Why are companies and government getting into our private lives? Leave us women alone. If the good old boys want their sex toys let us have ours."

"What other procedures will a corporation deem not accommodating its religious/moral belief system? Will corporations in the future look to deny hiring employees whose actions, beliefs, don't match a corporate's 'religious beliefs'?"

The Hobby Lobby Facebook page has been inundated with varying views, including:

"You never actually lost your religious freedom. You've deprived your employees of a benefit that you don't have to administer yourselves, and that they can get from any one of your competitors. Your beliefs were never threatened, just your ability to impose those beliefs on your employees to their detriment. Here's wishing you reap the whirlwind of your misguided views."

"You have my full support Hobby Lobby. I loved your store before but now you will be my primary Hobby store. Keep the faith."

"Hobby Lobby, I have two daughters with health conditions that require them to take specific forms of birth control. You are not physicians. You are not a church. You have no business dictating what medications AND doctor's appointments women should have access to. I will never again shop at a business that presumes that it's 'corporate' religion is more important than a woman's right to access her healthcare. While my daughters are

“ Why is Hobby Lobby blocking the free speech of people they disagree with on their FB page. I've had two friends now unable to post on this site. Bad enough HL wants to take away medical choices from women, impose their brand of so-called 'christianity,' NOW they want to prohibit free speech. Disgusting! ”

not Hobby Lobby employees, that Supreme Court ruling applies to any 'closely held' corporation and affects all women. I have lost all respect for you, Hobby Lobby and will never support your quest to force your religious beliefs on your employees and through your lawsuit, all American women."

"Hobby Lobby, I will not buy any of your products again. Please be aware that you have lost another customer."

See BTL's coverage of the Supreme Court ruling at <http://www.pridesource.com/article.html?article=66841>.

Creep of the Week

So-Called Religious Freedom

Dear Religious Freedom: Fuck off. Actually, that should say “so-called religious freedom” (or “so-called religious liberty”) since I happen to like living in a country that allows its citizens to choose to worship whatever imaginary friend they want, or to choose not to have any imaginary friends at all. The problem, of course, is that in America “religious freedom” is code for Christian dominance. Under this guise we’ve seen policy enacted and court decisions handed down that make it easier to discriminate against gays and lesbians. But it doesn’t stop there: women, Muslims, even the poor are fair game.

When conservatives cry that there’s a war

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on religious liberty in this country, they’re only partially right. There is a war, to be sure, but the attacks are coming from the religious side, not against it. You have to be willfully ignorant to believe that Christians have it rough in America.

Unfortunately, many Christian conservatives can’t tell the difference between not having any power and not having all the power.

Gays and lesbians, of course, present a real problem for people who want the right to discriminate and who feel that such a right is granted by God. For so long it was totally cool to just tell a homo, “You make Jesus puke” and then refuse to, say, give them a job or rent them an apartment or make them a wedding cake. But that’s getting harder to do legally. And so these folks are losing their shit.

This is on shining display in Kansas where legislators are scrambling to build a wall of “religious freedom” around the kingdom of Jesusland. Seeing that courts across the country are ruling in favor of marriage equality, these lawmakers want to

OPINION BY D’ANNE WITKOWSKI

protect themselves from the inevitable law allowing same-sex couples in Kansas to say, “I do.” And, no doubt, opening the door for absolutely fabulous Wizard of Oz-themed wedding receptions.

Michael Schuttloffel, executive director of the Kansas Catholic Conference, told the Associated Press that “the writing is pretty much on the wall” when it comes to the inevitability of marriage equality. And that makes him as scared.

“We think the need for the Legislature to protect people’s religious freedom is more urgent than ever,” he said.

Interestingly, Kansas, which has had an anti-gay marriage ban since 2005, has a Republican-dominated legislature, and they still weren’t able to push a so-called religious freedom bill through this year that would have allowed businesses to refuse service to icky gay people. Because Jesus. You may recall that a similar bill was deemed too extreme for Arizona Governor Jan Brewer earlier this year.

But have no fear. Brave Kansas legislators plan to bring the bill back up again because conservative Christians (and, let’s be clear, that’s really the only religion that counts to these folks) can have legal protection from the big bad gays once gays actually get legal protections of their own.

Kansas probably won’t be the last state to try to stonewall LGBT equality. And who knows? When the “turn the gays away” bill comes up again maybe it will actually pass this time. Or maybe it won’t. But one thing is for sure: desperate times call for desperate measures. And these are desperate times for bigots who want to cloak themselves in religion in order to discriminate against LGBT people.

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Court Sides With Ex-Partner Of Girl's Birth Mother

CONCORD, NH (AP) - The New Hampshire Supreme Court ruled July 2 that the ex-partner of a 12-year-old's girl's mother has made her case to be considered a parent under the law.

The unanimous ruling makes New Hampshire the fourth state in the country to extend similar parental protections to same-sex parents, including a parent with no biological tie to the child.

The case pitted Madelyn B.'s birth mother, Melissa, against her former partner, Susan. Wu said Susan did not want to comment.

"The state Supreme Court is the end of the line for her," Gordon said. The court noted that Susan's presence in Madelyn's life had been constant before Melissa moved to end it.

The ruling notes the couple searched for a sperm donor that reflected Susan's Irish heritage, sent out birth announcements naming them both as parents, obtained legal guardianship for Susan in 2002 and jointly made decisions about Madelyn's health care, religion and education. Melissa is known to Madelyn as "Mommy" and Susan as "Momma."

The family court in April 2013 suspended guardianship at Melissa's request and barred Susan from intervening in the adoption proceedings.

US Rep. Polis, Partner Announce Birth Of Daughter

DENVER (AP) - U.S. Rep. Jared Polis has announced the birth of a new daughter named Cora.

While few details of the birth were made available, the Democratic congressman from Boulder said in a statement Friday "I think I'm going to miss the fireworks for the first time in my life, but my first daughter is far more thrilling."

The Denver Post reports Polis and his partner, Marlon Reis, already have a son, Caspian Julius, who is 2-1/2 years old and is nicknamed "CJ."

It was unclear whether Cora was adopted or born through a surrogate.

Mormon Gay-Rights Advocate Facing Excommunication

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A well-known Mormon gay-rights advocate faces excommunication as he meets with a regional church leader in Utah to discuss his case.

John Dehlin also has operated a website for years that provides a forum for church members questioning their faith.

He expects to find out Sunday if he'll face a disciplinary hearing or be exonerated.

His meeting comes six days after Kate Kelly, the founder of a prominent Mormon women's group, was excommunicated in a case that sent ripples throughout the country.

Kelly is appealing that ruling.

Dehlin was told in early June to resign as a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or face a disciplinary committee. His church leader in Logan, Utah has agreed to meet before deciding the next

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US Gay Marriage In The News

North Dakota Seeks Dismissal Of Gay Marriage Suit

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) - State officials are asking a federal judge to dismiss a lawsuit challenging North Dakota's constitutional prohibition on same-sex marriage, despite a wave of court decisions striking down bans in other states.

The state attorney general's office filed the motion July 1 in U.S. District Court in Fargo. North Dakota Solicitor General Doug Bahr argues in court documents that states have the right to define and regulate marriage.

"Nothing in the United States Constitution prevents the people of North Dakota from defining marriage as the legal union between a man and a woman," Bahr wrote in his 50-page response.

North Dakota voters overwhelmingly approved a state constitutional ban on same-sex marriage 10 years ago. Since then, gay rights advocates have won 18 cases in federal and state courts.

North Dakota Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem on Wednesday said his office is duty bound to defend the ban, despite what appears to be a growing national tide in support of gay marriage.

North Dakota is the last state with a gay marriage ban to be sued by same-sex couples. A second lawsuit challenging North Dakota's ban has since been filed in federal court by a Fargo couple legally married in Minnesota.

Bahr argues that the U.S. Constitution doesn't require North Dakota to recognize legal same-sex marriages in other states.

"The fact North Dakota's marriage laws are different from the marriage laws of some other states does not establish a viable claim that the challenged provisions violate the right to interstate travel," he wrote.

Indiana AG Cautions Clerks

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - The Indiana attorney general's office says county clerks who issued marriage licenses last week to same-sex couples should not grant any more of those licenses.

A federal appeals court on July 1 ordered Indiana to recognize the marriage of one lesbian couple. That emergency order applies only to Amy Sandler and Niki Quasney, who's fighting advanced ovarian cancer.

That move came after the same court on Friday stayed a federal judge's ruling striking down Indiana's ban on same-sex marriage as unconstitutional.

The attorney general's office says the stay put hundreds of marriage licenses issued to same-sex couples and gay weddings performed in Indiana before the stay in legal limbo.



The office is advising clerks not to issue any more marriage licenses to same-sex couples or perform any more gay weddings.

Colorado Attorney General Sues

DENVER (AP) - Colorado's Republican attorney general on July 3 followed through with his threat to sue the Boulder County clerk for issuing same-sex marriage licenses.

Suthers and Democratic Gov. John Hickenlooper have said same-sex marriages should wait until the U.S. Supreme Court settles the question.

Boulder County District Judge Andrew Hartman will hear Suthers' lawsuit Wednesday morning.

In a statement after the lawsuit's filing, Hall said Suthers is "seeking to force me to violate the fundamental rights of gay and lesbian couples who apply for a marriage license."

Hall went on to say that it's Suthers' prerogative to take legal action until the Supreme Court rules on the issue, but she made clear she would not stop issuing licenses to gay couples.

The office had issued 105 licenses by the end of Thursday.

While the governor has not criticized Hall's actions, he said Thursday that because the decision from the appeals court is on hold, officials should wait until a higher court issues a definitive ruling.

ACLU To Judge: Lift Wisconsin Stay

MADISON, Wis. (AP) - The American Civil Liberties Union wants a federal judge to lift a stay on gay marriages in Wisconsin.

U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb declared Wisconsin's gay marriage ban unconstitutional in an ACLU lawsuit June 6.

Crabb issued an injunction a week later barring clerks from enforcing the ban but granted Republican Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen's request for a stay pending appeal.

The ACLU filed a motion Thursday to lift the stay, arguing Van Hollen has had weeks to file notice of an appeal but has done nothing in hopes of delaying a ruling as long as possible. The motion was referred to U.S. Magistrate Judge Stephen Crocker.

Van Hollen has until July 21 to file notice under court rules. His spokeswoman says the ACLU's impatience won't affect his timing.

Sides Square Off On Fla. Ban

MIAMI (AP) - Attorneys for gay couples, the state of Florida and proponents of so-called traditional marriage squared off July 2 in a lawsuit seeking to overturn a ban on same-sex marriage enshrined in the state constitution by voters in 2008.

Attorney Jeffrey Cohen, representing the six same-sex couples who filed the lawsuit, asked Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Sarah Zabel at a hearing to issue a ruling like those in 21 other cases nationwide declaring the ban unconstitutional.

Attorney General Pam Bondi, whose office intervened in the case just last week, takes the position that U.S. Supreme Court rulings - including the one last year that struck down the federal Defense of Marriage Act - give states sole power to define marriage. Zabel asked a lawyer for groups supporting the current ban.

"Peace and love!" shouted opponents of the ban. Staver also questioned the legal reasoning of the numerous state and federal judges who have recently voided other gay marriage bans and said society is better off with opposite-sex marriage.

"Without opposite-sex marriage, there is no procreation."

There are currently 19 states and the District of Columbia that allow same-sex marriage. A separate lawsuit filed in federal court in Tallahassee seeks an order forcing Florida to recognize legal same-sex marriages performed in other states. That case is also pending.

US 6th Circuit News

US Judge Strikes Down Kentucky's Gay Marriage Ban

BY BRETT BARROUQUERE

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky (AP) – A federal judge in Kentucky struck down the socially conservative state's ban on gay marriage on July 1, though the ruling was temporarily put on hold and it was not immediately clear when same-sex couples could be issued marriage licenses.

U.S. District Judge John G. Heyburn concluded that the state's prohibition on same-sex couples being wed violates the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution by treating gay couples differently than straight couples.

Also Tuesday, a federal appeals court ordered Indiana to recognize the marriage of a lesbian couple on the death certificate that is issued when one terminally ill partner dies. The ruling came after the court stayed a federal judge's order setting aside Indiana's prohibition of gay marriage as unconstitutional.

Same-sex marriage now is legal in 19 U.S. states, including several socially conservative ones, following an impressive legal winning streak for proponents since the Supreme Court last year struck down a key part of the Clinton-era federal Defense of Marriage Act. Recent polls show a majority of Americans support gay marriage.

The issue of whether a state can ban same-sex marriage is expected to eventually reach the high court.

Heyburn previously struck down Kentucky's ban on recognizing same-sex marriages from other states and countries, but he put the implementation of that ruling on hold. That decision did not deal with whether Kentucky would have to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples. Instead, Tuesday's ruling dealt directly with that question.

Heyburn noted that every federal court to consider a same-sex marriage ban has found it unconstitutional. The U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals has scheduled arguments on rulings from Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Tennessee in a single session, on Aug. 6. Although the cases are unique, each deals with whether statewide gay marriage bans violate the Constitution.

Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear said the state will appeal the decision.

In the Indiana case, the women, who were

legally married in Massachusetts last year, filed a lawsuit seeking to force Indiana to recognize their marriage. They were granted emergency recognition last month while their case proceeded, in part so Amy Sandler's name could appear on Niki Quasney's death certificate as her spouse. The couple fears Sandler's ability to collect pension and other death benefits would be harmed if their marriage isn't recognized.

The appeals court did not rule on the overall issue of the constitutionality of Indiana's gay



Michigan's DeBoer-Rowse family will have another day in court Aug. 6 when the 6th Circuit Federal Appeals court hears their case along with cases from Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee.

marriage ban.

Last week, a federal appeals court for the first time upheld a ruling that overturned another state's same-sex marriage ban. The state of Utah plans to appeal the appellate court's ruling.

Utah has become one of the focal points for the gay marriage movement, and an international conservative group that opposes homosexuality is planning its first worldwide conference in the predominantly Mormon state next year. The four-day gathering of the U.S.-based World Congress of Families follows previous world conferences that were in Madrid, Amsterdam, Warsaw, Mexico City, Geneva and Prague.

The World Congress of Families promotes what it calls the "natural human family," which it believes consists of a man and woman raising children with love and discipline.

The Human Rights Campaign, which supports gay rights and gay marriage, is an outspoken critic of the organization. Ty Cobb, the Human Rights Campaign's director of global engagement, said the World Congress of Families is a network of extremist groups that has been working to promote anti-LGBT rhetoric and legislation abroad including in Russia and several African countries. Cobb called Salt Lake City a strange choice for the worldwide conference.

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Dance Duo Talks Gay Influences, Sam Smith's 'Classy' Coming Out

BY CHRIS AZZOPARDI

English dance prodigy Disclosure isn't simply aware that club music is steeped in queer culture – they're inspired by it. The Grammy-nominated duo, Howard and Guy Lawrence, is still lighting up the charts with songs off their debut, "Settle" (recently released as a deluxe edition), which, according to its creators, leans heavily on the unique gay roots found in house music.

Makes sense, then, that they're getting their groove on with Madonna. If chummy Instagram photos with the legend are any indication, presumably they'll be working

with the icon on her next album. Word broke just after I spoke with Guy for this gay press exclusive (Howard couldn't be reached for our scheduled interview, so like a good brother, Guy stepped in for him last minute). Though he didn't acknowledge Madonna at the time, the 23-year-old did reveal what other pop icon he's drunk in love with: Beyoncé.

How much has the gay community influenced your sound?

Honestly, the history of the music that we take influence from, like house and garage, obviously originated in gay clubs like The Warehouse in Chicago and Paradise Garage

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(in New York City). I don't go to gay clubs now, but I feel like gay clubs just seem to be very forward-thinking, in terms of music anyway, and they're always pushing boundaries. If you look back at the last 25

years or so, they're playing the most original, creative stuff.

The gay community is often recognized as having its finger on the pulse. You hear people say we know when something is gonna be big before it actually is.

From what I've seen, I would agree. I don't only look to the gay community for where I'm gonna go next, but generally, London is such a step ahead of most places in the world musically, especially with dance music. Wherever we travel, producers and DJs are always looking at London and the UK to see what's coming up next. That's really why I

love living here. We just have such a great buzzing young producer community going on over here – it's such a good vibe.

You say you don't go to gay clubs much now, but it sounds like you have. Was that for research purposes?

I used to go to Brighton a lot. It's on the south coast of England, a five-minute drive from where I used to live. It was cool – there's a big gay community in Brighton. I can't really remember which were gay clubs or not, but it didn't really matter – there was always great DJs playing at them. I used to drive down there and there was definitely some research involved. When I was really into dubstep and grime and that kind of thing, I'd go down and slowly but surely everyone started playing house music and garage music. It was just a really good place to go out, especially when I was just turning 18 and wanting to learn about dance music, where it came from and the history. It was the perfect place for that.

What differences did you notice, music-wise, between gay clubs and mainstream clubs?

To be honest, man, I never ever went to clubs for the vibe of the club. I would only ever go to enjoy who was playing. I would always check the lineup first, and wherever it was that that person was playing, I would go. It didn't matter what club it was. As long as it was near and had a good sound system, it was like, I'm there.

Would you and your brother go together?

No, not at all. And we don't really go that much anymore because we're always touring, or we're always busy. We spend pretty much every evening of our lives in a club, and going to a club is the last thing you wanna do when you have a day off. (Laughs) You just kind of want to chill. But yeah, when I was going out, I was just turning 18 – but I was obviously going out a little bit before I was 18 thanks to my fake ID. Howard was 14 years old – he wasn't ready to go to a club – so I don't think we've ever really gone clubbing as such together. We've always just played in clubs together.

Who's the better dancer, you or your brother?

(Laughs) Seeing as I'm the only one the phone, I'm gonna say me.

Hey, Howard had his chance.

Exactly. I think he's gotta take this one on the chin.

Mary J. Blige laid down some soulfulness on your track "F For You." How did working with her come about?

She was just watching TV and heard the song and loved it. She wanted to find out who we are. She found out who we were, got in contact and basically through our management said she wanted to do a cover of the original song. I sent her all the parts to the song and then she sent back a big

folder of a cappella where she had rewritten the words and rewritten the verses. She was like, "I kind of redid it rather than covered it, so here's all the parts. Do whatever you want with it." Howard took all the parts, sifted through these different variants and different ad-libs, and that's the song we have today. It just worked out really nicely. She comes and does it live with us sometimes, and it's just a really nice, refreshing take on the original song.

Her voice really fits that house vibe. She hasn't really done a lot of straight up dance music, but she needs to do a whole album of it, and you guys need to produce it.

Man, if I had some time, I would love to. She's always been into her dance music, especially her house, but I don't necessarily think she's been releasing much of it, or any of it. I hope she does because she really, really knows her shit. She knows way more than you'd think.

Who are some other major female artists you'd like to collaborate with?

It's a difficult one because there's so many. I don't know, man. Mary is basically setting the bar extraordinarily high, so we're pretty happy with her for now. We haven't gotten into writing the next record yet – that's gonna happen later in the year – but I think we'll have a better idea of who we wanna work with at that point.

Maybe Beyoncé? Maybe Madonna?

I'd love to work with Beyoncé – I don't know who wouldn't.

What pop music informs your sound? What are you listening to currently, and who did you grow up on?

Anything with class, anything with soul. Nothing cheesy and formulaic. Anything that has a touch of originality to it but is also really catchy – that's what really impresses me. Making an eight-minute techno song is an art form but writing a three-minute pop song is also an art form in itself. Both are equally difficult to do, and it's rare you can find someone who can do both of those things. So, for me, obviously Beyoncé and people like that who are just working with amazing producers and have a really good vision about what they wanna do. Her latest album is fucking brilliant. Modern-day people like her and obviously Sam Smith, whose album is so soulful and classy and has some amazing ballads on there. In the past it was people like Stevie Wonder and Michael Jackson. Anything with soul and good songwriting is what we're into.

You worked with Sam Smith before he became this enormous phenomenon. What's he like to work with?

He's brilliant, man. The day I met Sam was the day we wrote "Latch." He was still

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The New Kid

Breakout Star Michael Willett On Reliving High School, Gay Clichés & Fearing Fame

BY CHRIS AZZOPARDI

You know what's so fetch? A gay character who isn't merely a fashion-crazy, Broadway-worshipping sass master. A gay character who is more than simply an accessory. A true-to-life "Gay Best Friend."

So, when Tanner Daniels (Michael Willett), a mousy-turned-fabulous high schooler, was introduced as the affable lead when "G.B.F." premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival in April of last year, audiences weren't just charmed — they were pleasantly surprised.

Like the queerer cousin to "Clueless" and "Mean Girls," the critically acclaimed indie (from Darren Stein, director of "Jawbreaker") satirizes age-old gay stereotypes, riffs on the cultural

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zeitgeist with zingy quotables and ushers in a bright, young new star: 24-year-old Michael Willett.

Following a screening of "G.B.F." at 9:30 p.m. July 16 at Emagine Royal Oak, Willett will hang with local fans ... and maybe make a few G.B.F.s of his own.

You've talked previously about how difficult it is to find a gay character that you're interested in playing. Can you talk about your experience looking at scripts with gay characters, and why you've turned some of them down?


After (playing gay on) "United States of Tara" I was getting a lot of scripts for roles of characters that are gay, but I found the storylines to be relatively two-dimensional, or even just sort of

not necessary. When I look at a good piece of art, I'm like, has this been done before? Is this necessary for society? Does this need to be made? And I don't know — a lot of them, I didn't feel that way about until I read "G.B.F." I was genuinely intrigued by this character and by the whole storyline, because it was like a teen film that I would've wanted to watch in high school, except the camera was turned on the gay character, or the outsider, rather. So, I think that this film was definitely necessary and needed to be made.

And your character, Tanner, isn't just a walking stereotype — he's a complete person who just happens to be gay.

Actually, that's something I've talked a lot about with various writers and directors who are either gay or are advocates of the LGBTQ community. We've all felt this way: where a lot of times these TV shows and films, even if they do include gay characters, it's through the eyes of the straight people. It's "How do these gay characters affect


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Lana Del Rey, 'Ultraviolence'

The feigned public image adapted by Lizzy Grant (better known as Lana Del Rey) extends to the singer's latest album, "Ultraviolence," where her divisive commentaries on greed, danger and dying complement her made-up mystique. To like Lana's music is to like Lana, which is especially true when it comes to her languid, third full-length released under the "Lana Del Rey" moniker. Fleshing out the persona introduced on 2012's "Born to Die" (and then later on her EP, where we learned she has a carbonated vagina, or something), Rey's follow-up feels like a hallucinatory acid trip – it could levitate you to the sky on its feathery sound pillows. Lulling you are bittersweet, nostalgic songs like "Old Money" and "Pretty When You Cry," where Rey, resembling a sad, woozy bird, sings over guitar. In keeping with the dangerously-in-love muse she's been drawing from, "Ultraviolence" reels in the sonic boom of the less-cohesive "Born to Die"; its intent, even more so than its predecessor, seems to be to conjure a linear mood, and it does this by illustrating, quite brazenly, the tragic effigy of disillusioned women ruined emotionally, and even physically, by men. From the title track's abusive retelling ("He hit me and it felt like a kiss") to Nina Simone's wistful "The Other Woman," Rey goes darker

than she did on "Born to Die," making "Ultraviolence" not just fascinating, complex and uncomfortable, but also bold and beautifully tragic. *Grade: B+*



Sam Smith, 'In the Lonely Hour'

On "Stay with Me," British song-slayer Sam Smith politely asks a prospective boyfriend to do just that. It's suitably vulnerable and full of feels, the case throughout his chart-topping debut, but staying – at least through his first album – is easier said than done. And it's obviously not his sweet tenor – that particular tone is capable of expressing emotions previously unknown to man. The promise of that passionately resonant croon goes unfulfilled on "In the Lonely Hour," where the blandness of the music and even the writing – it's all a little too black and white – can't quite live up to his brilliant voice. Taken in full, the lethargic, ballad-bloated production on Smith's first venture keeps his heart-on-sleeve outpourings from making the impression they should. The gospel-powered "Stay with Me" is, by far, the album's standout – a tour de force, even.

BY CHRIS AZZOPARDI

Smith has revealed that "In the Lonely Hour" is a reflection of unrequited love, and here, particularly, you sense that. It's real; it's wrenching. And the choir coming in at the chorus? It's the kind of lift the rest of this sonic snooze needs. Opening with the refreshingly spry "Money on the Mind," the sameness of the album's minimalism falls into a monotonous loop of lovelorn misery, where every contemplative moment hardly differs from the one preceding it. By the time Smith gets to "Lay Me Down," you're longing for something as much as he is – in this case, a better album. *Grade: C+*

Also Out



Jennifer Lopez, 'A.K.A.'

The best that can be said of Jennifer Lopez's 10th outing – besides the surprisingly not-awful ballad "Let It Be Me" – is how it achieves a level of inadequacy all its own. Indeed, you'd have to try really hard to be this bad. "Jenny from the Block" is in street-slang mode on "I Luh Ya Papi" – not "love" (get it right) – and then there's the Pit Bull-assisted "Booty," a thundering Middle Eastern-inspired throw-down with hilariously cringe-worthy rump references ("I wanna take that big ol' booty shopping at the mall / I wanna pick it up and put that booty in my car"). But "TENS," a Gaga wannabe, is the song bound to live on in gay infamy. When it's all said and done – and you'll be glad when it is – "A.K.A." is the "Gigli" of music.



Birdy, 'Fire Within'

It's hard to imagine a version of "Skinny Love" that grazes the brilliance of Bon Iver's woody original, but on just piano, Birdy pulls it off. Turning her debut single into a blatant ballad, its emotional underbelly is still heavy – maybe even heavier. Along with "People Help the People," the song is a carry-over from her 2011 debut, presumably in light of newfound notoriety thanks to her ubiquitous "Fault in Our Stars" single. That said, the 18-year-old English songstress' sophomore disc doesn't exactly break any new ground. But, particularly with "Wings," it suggests Birdy may one day really take flight.



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Indigo Girls with the DSO Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 3711 Woodward Ave., **Detroit**. 313-576-5111. dso.org

After Hours Mix & Mingle 5:30 p. m. Mix and Mingle with members of the community. If you own a business, bring your cards. If you just want to socialize and meet new people, this is where you want to be. GOAL, 418 S. Washington Ave., **Royal Oak**. Meetup.com/GOAL-Get-Out-And-Live-LGBT

Toastmaster's International SpeakOUT! Club 7 p. m. Toastmasters will show you how to listen more effectively, think on your feet and speak confidently Jim Toy Community Center, 319 Braun Court, **Ann Arbor**. 734-995-9867. Jimtoycenter.org

Friday, July 11

Gay Business Networking (GBN) 8 a. m. Meets monthly to unite LGBT Business owners and professionals and encourage us to support each other by doing business together and referring our friends to members of the networking group. Jim Toy Community Center, 319 Braun Court, **Ann Arbor**. 734-995-9867. Jimtoycenter.org

Free, Confidential HIV Testing 7:30 p. m. Provided by licensed professionals from C. A. R. E. S. If this service is not used at the Pride Center, it cannot be continued so please come out and be tested and support this program. Battle Creek Pride Resource Center, 16 E. Van Buren, **Battle Creek**.

Movie Night 7:30 p. m. Movies of an LGBT nature. Free. Battle Creek Pride Resource Center, 16 E. Van Buren St., **Battle Creek**. Battlecreekpride.org

Fabulous Friday Night in Windsor 10 p. m. Performing live will be Windsor's very own Miss Ala Mode plus DJ Jon Jon & DJ g. william rex. Drink specials. Cover: \$5. Windsor Pride Community, Education and Resource Centre, 156 Chatham St. W., **Windsor**. 519-973-4656. amanda@windsorpride.com Facebook.com/events/699419820106539/?ref_dashboard_filter=upcoming

Saturday, July 12

Color Party Each party themed around a different color of the rainbow. A portion of proceeds to benefit Battle Creek Pride. Partners Bar, **Battle Creek**. 269-964-7276. Partnersbar.com

Come Hungry, Leave Happy Strolling and tasting food tour. Meet at Rocky's or Mootown Ice Cream. Tickets: \$29. Meet on the Street Tours, 2489 Russell St., **Detroit**. 248-353-8687. Enjoytheday.com

Henry Ford Firearm Exhibit 10 a. m. Tickets: \$13. 50-18. Metro Detroit LGBT Gun Owners, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., **Dearborn**. Meetup.com/Metro-Detroit-LGBT-Gun-Owners

Relay for Life 2014 10 a. m. Battle Creek Pride Resource Center will participate. Relay for Life, **Battle Creek**. 269-420-7157. mocounum@yahoo.com

X the Line-Peer Educators 2 p. m. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. dsmti@goaffirmations.org Goaffirmations.org

Motor City Bears Monthly Meeting 6:30 p. m. Non-members welcome. Motor City Bears, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. Meetup.com/Motor-City-Bears/

Sunday, July 13

Metra Picnic 10 a. m. 35th Anniversary. All new shows, male dancers, food vendors and more. Tickets: \$10-20. Metra Magazine, 62000 Gratiot Ave., **Lenox Township**. 248-543-3500. metramag@aol.com

Last Hike with Liz as Leader 11 a. m. Lezhike, 16345 McClure Road, **Chelsea**. Meetup.com/GOAL-Get-Out-And-Live-LGBT

Bardic Jam 12 p. m. Clothing optional rustic campground. Weekend long event. Tickets: \$45+. Michigan Pagans, 11110 Imlay City Road, **Emmett**. Meetup.com/

Regardless Of (Narcotics Anonymous Meeting)

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



Miss Ala Mode

The Fabulous Friday Night in Windsor begins at 10 p.m. July 11 at The Loop, 156 Chatham St. W., Windsor, ON. Cover is \$5. For more information, call 519-973-4656 or visit www.windsorpride.com.

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Outpouring 12:30 p. m. LGBT-affirming service. Non-denominational Christian. Affirming Love Ministries, 9550 Oakland Ave., **Detroit**. Affirmingloveministries.webs.com

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 JimToyCenter.org

Monthly Meeting 2 p. m. After the meeting, or anytime on our meeting day, enjoy a Pizza & a beer or any other fine menu items at Shield's Of Troy and help support PFLAG Detroit at the same time. PFLAG Detroit, 3333 Coolidge, **Troy**. Pflagdetroit.org

Rainbow Book Club 4:30 p. m. Book club dedicated to reading and discussing classic and contemporary lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer literature. Meeting since before 1998, every second Sunday of the month. Rainbow Book Club, 319 Braun Ct., **Ann Arbor**. 734-995-9867. Catherine.herne@gmail.com

Potluck and Euchre Tournament 6:30 p. m. Battle Creek Pride Resource Center, 16 E. Van Buren St., **Battle Creek**. Battlecreekpride.org

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

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**. Meetup.com/GOAL-Get-Out-And-Live-LGBT

Monday, July 14

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

Center Open-Drop In 7 p. m. Jim Toy Community Center, 319 Braun Court, **Ann Arbor**. 734-995-9867. Jimtoycenter.org

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

Tuesday, July 15

Aff Action Night 6 p. m. Educating others about how to make Michigan an equality state. Pizza provided for volunteers. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. goaffirmations.org

Circle of Life: Pet Ownership Discussion and Support Group 6:30 p. m. Led by a licensed counselor. Share stories, frustrations, grief and successes. Tail Waggers 1990, 28402 Five Mile Road, **Livonia**. 734-855-4077. Tailwaggers1990.org

Life's a Stitch 6:30 p. m. Open

to those who Crochet, Knit, Quilt, Needlepoint, Macrame and Jewelry. Free. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. Goaffirmations.org

Public Issues Forum 7 p. m. This group studies and profiles local and state political issues and candidates. Battle Creek Pride Resource Center, 16 E. Van Buren St., **Battle Creek**. Battlecreekpride.org

Transgender Life Support 7 p. m. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. Goaffirmations.org

A2 TNG (Next Generation of Kinkster) 8 p. m. A kink and fetish oriented group for younger kinksters. The group focuses on support, the sharing of information in the form of demonstrations or discussion groups

Interested in starting a social group for area lesbians living in or near Traverse City? Group will be geared for gay women, singles or couples, 50 to 70 years of age, but all ages are welcome. If you have an interest, please email. Once we achieve a critical mass, we'll hold our first meet and greet. Traverse Lesbians, **Traverse City**. traverselesbians@gmail.com Website

\$6 at 6 a. m. 6 a. m. Cash only or class passes. Tickets: \$6. Namaste Yoga, 399 S. Troy St., **Royal Oak**. 248-339-9642. Namaste-yoga.net

Detroit Elders 5 p. m. Discuss and address issues specific to the LGBT community as we "age in the D." Detroit Elders, 4750 Woodward, **Detroit**. 313-833-1300. belcrest5440@yahoo.com

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

Free HIV Testing 6 p. m. The AIDS Service Organization, **Lansing**.

Polyamory Network 7 p. m. Open and inclusive community of people living polyamorously, people interested in polyamory and people of, friendly to and curious about polyamory. Welcomes diversity of sexual orientation and gender identity. Meets the third Thursday of every month. Polyamory Network, 319 Braun Ct., **Ann Arbor**. 734-995-9867. jimtoycenter.org

Friday, July 18

Ninth Annual Neuroots Nation Conference Each year, thousands of bloggers, newsmakers, social justice advocates, labor and organizational leaders, grassroots organizers and online activists for four days of thought-provoking panels, practical trainings and fun networking opportunities. Plus, some of the brightest minds in progressive politics go to Neuroots Nation to speak with (and hear from) people just like you. Tickets: \$275-850. Neuroots Nation, 1 Washington Blvd., **Detroit**. neurootsnation.org

Windover Women on Wheels Porker Run Meet at Affirmations then ride to women only camp ground. Fees apply. Dykes on Bikes, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. Dykesonbikesdetroit.com

SCA Farmer's Market 9 a. m. Those wishing to sell fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, and eggs, including baked goods, cheeses, honey products, flowers, and related food products made regionally or by the vendor should apply. A limited number of hand-crafted items can be included; goods that relate to the serving or enjoyment of food products will be given priority consideration in this category. Saugatuck Center for the Arts, 400 Culver St., **Saugatuck**. 269-857-2399. sc4a.org

Old Town Farmer's Market 3 p. m. Old Town Farmer's Market, Corner of E. Grand River Ave. and Center St., **Lansing**. lloveoldtown.org

Home & Garden Soiree 6 p. m. Strolling supper and tour of home and garden. Tickets: \$75. Detroit's Historic Palmer Woods Garden Tour, **Detroit**. Palmerwoods.org

Lake Effect Pride 6 p. m. Pride in July. DJ Dance party with wedding bells. OutCenter, 201 Graham Ave., **Benton Harbor**. 269-925-8330. Outcenter.org

Friday Night Socials at the AFF 7 p. m. Join us every Friday 7pm-9pm. Euchre-First & Third Fridays. Open Mic-Second & Fourth Fridays. Hosted by Michelle Brown. Everyone Welcome! Food & Drink available. The AFF Store &

More, 290 W Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. rickh@bsumi.com GoAffirmations.org

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. Thenecto.com

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 (coffee, teas, smoothies), sodas, water, and more. Tickets: \$20. 18+. Five15, 515 S. Washington Ave., **Royal Oak**. 248-515-2551. Five15.net

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Concerts

822 Gallery "Poetry Reading Series" Call gallery for exact times. 822 Gallery, 822 W. 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak. Feb. 14-July 11. 248-202-6073. Sooaklandart.com

Blind Pig "Into It. Over It." All ages. Tickets: \$12-14. Blind Pig, 208 S. First St., **Ann Arbor**. 7 p. m. July 14. 734-996-8555. Blindpigmusic.com

Concert of Colors "Concert of Colors". Various, **Detroit**. July 10-July 13. 313-582-2266. Concertofcolors.com

Cranbrook Art Museum "Modern / Moderna: Amie Siegel and Terence Gower". Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. June 21-Aug. 31. 877-462-7262. Cranbrookart.edu

DTE Energy Music Theatre "Aretha Franklin". DTE Energy Music Theatre, 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston. 7:30 p. m. July 12. 248-377-0100. Palacenet.com

Hulbee Gardens Historical and Educational Foundation "Amy Petty Live In Concert" Tickets: \$15. Hulbee Gardens Historical and Educational Foundation, 4699 S. Lake George Road, Metamora. 7 p. m. July 12. 586-291-6293.

Live Nation "An Evening with Jackson Browne". Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., **Ann Arbor**. 7:30 p. m. July 10. 734-668-8397. Michtheater.org

Meadow Brook Music Festival "Sarah McLachlan". Meadow Brook Music Festival, 3554 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills. 8 p. m. July 12. 248-377-0100. Palacenet.com

Royal Oak Music Theatre "Neutral Milk Hotel". Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., **Royal Oak**. July 17. 248-399-2980. Royaloakmusictheatre.com

The Acorn Theater "Casey Abrams". The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Dr., Three Oaks. 8 p. m. July 13. 269-756-3879. Acorntheater.com

The Ark "Nickel Creek" Tickets: \$35-55. Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., **Ann Arbor**. 8 p. m. July 12. 734-668-8397. Michtheater.org

The Ark "Dave Mason's Traffic Jam" Tickets: \$35-55. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., **Ann Arbor**. 7:30 p. m. July 13. 734-761-1800. Theark.org

The Ark "Marcia Ball" Tickets: \$30. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., **Ann Arbor**. 8 p. m. July 12. 734-761-1800. Theark.org

Festivals

Ann Arbor Art Fair "Ann Arbor Street Art Fair". Downtown Ann Arbor, **Ann Arbor**. July 16-July 19. Artfair.org

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► New Kid

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the lives of the straight characters?" But it's a new era, and we have different stories to tell.

I understand "G.B.F." screenwriter George Northy scoped you out after seeing you on "United States of Tara." What do you think he saw in your role as Lionel on "Tara" that made him think you were right for Tanner?

That's a really great question. I don't really know, but I can imagine that it's because Lionel had soft, tender moments. Originally they had only written Lionel for two episodes – he was just the bad guy, the antagonist for Marshall's storyline – but I think they realized they could do a lot with my character and it could really be entertaining, to say the least. And I wanted to show that he was multi-dimensional, that he wasn't just mean – that he came from a real person. That's what I try to do with all my characters, which is also why I probably don't get – oh, maybe I shouldn't say that – but a lot of guest star roles. They just want you to come in, say your line and leave so you don't interrupt the main storyline. But that's what I think is so cool about "Faking It" and "G.B.F." – it's not like that at all (Willett plays Shane on MTV's "Faking It"). It's completely the opposite. Their storylines are integral to the whole plot.

Was your high school experience similar to Tanner's?

Yes and no. I mean, in some ways I really relate to Tanner. In other ways, I don't. I feel like Tanner was how I was internally when I was younger – much more introverted. I felt very comfortable with who I was; it was everyone else making it a thing, wanting to talk about it. So in that way I did really relate to Tanner. I didn't have those same situations that Tanner did. It's still a fantasy, and it's still larger than life.

Did you want to be a Tanner when you were in school?

I think in some ways that's why I did the film, because yeah, this is my retribution. I got to relive my high school experience, be popular and have a makeover montage. (Laughs)

At what point in your life did you transition from introvert to extrovert?

It was a conscious decision. I am constantly pushing myself to be more extroverted and more open because I

think that with most things in life, if you're afraid of something you should probably do it. There's probably a lesson to be learned there.

I used to be terrified of fame, which is why for a long time I didn't want to have the exposure, you know? I wanted to remain under the radar as much as possible, but I realized there was a part of me that was still unhappy, and it was because I was feeling like I was hiding. Not necessarily my sexuality, but just me in general. Just hanging out in the open for all eyes to see – that's very scary. So, I think it's natural to be more private and reserved, to sit back and take the world in. That's where I learned to act – just from watching people.

What was it about fame that terrified you?

I was always raised to not look at it as something desirable, so that kind of messed with my head a little bit. Yeah, you can do the things that you love to do – and, yes, they are in front of a lot of people – but it's no better or more important than any of my siblings' jobs. That helped me keep my head on straight.

Because "G.B.F." mocks gay stereotypes, tell me this: What gay stereotypes are you guilty of?

Well, recently, I've really liked Kylie Minogue, aaaand ... I secretly want to make bracelets that say, "What would Gwen do?" – as in Gwen Stefani. Because, you know, we're on a first-name basis. (Laughs) In my mind we have this island where we have our own community of people that all dress in black and white stripes.

Oh, you've really thought about this.

Trust that this is all well thought out. (Laughs) But yeah, there are plenty of (gay stereotypes I'm guilty of) – I think that's sort of the point. I don't know if we can talk about this in this interview, but I actually do get more pressure – not more, but some – from the gay community about either not being gay enough or being too gay. It's this constant line. It's really not even something I think about anymore because it's basically impossible to please everyone – and it's irrelevant! It doesn't matter.

Who in the gay community is putting this pressure on you?

Oh, plenty of people. Fans. I mean, lots of people – gay and straight.

How about the industry?

Yeah, I had an interview, and I don't want to put them on blast, but they questioned me on whether I feel pigeonholed by playing gay characters. They even

insinuated that all the characters are the same. I blatantly said, "Just because they're gay doesn't make them the same person." I don't think you would ever ask a straight actor, "Do you think you're pigeonholed because you're playing all these straight guys all the time?" I don't even think it's a question. They would never be asked that.

Because of this pressure, are you self-conscious about how gay you act?

In my real life? No. I just try to address each character as honest as they need to be. I don't look at it like, make it gayer or make it less gay; it lies in their interest and in the way they think about the world and the way they think about themselves.

From your own experience, why is this a good time to be a gay actor?

There are more gay roles right now, and that's something to look at as groundbreaking. We keep saying there's so many clichéd storylines and it's time for something else. There was a time when they weren't even around, at least they weren't acknowledged as gay, but I think that it's an opportunity to tell more stories.

Has there been any talk of a "G.B.F." sequel?

Yes, I've heard rumors about it, but I don't know if it's happening.

Would you be up for it?

Yeah, why not?

You sing, you act – had you ever considered "Glee"?

Yeah, it was something I auditioned for several times and to no avail. I probably just wasn't the right fit, but now I'm on music television! I feel pretty at home.

And you feel vindicated?

Yeah! (Laughs)

What can you tell me about the upcoming season of "Faking It"? Do you know anything yet?

Mwahahaha. I do! But I can't tell you anything! All I'm gonna say is it's hot and steamy.

At the very least, please tell me the matador costume makes its return.

(Laughs) I know! I was thanking them for that. I was like, "Thank you for reading my mind. I've always wanted to dress like a matador!"

Did you at least get to keep that costume?

No, no. But they definitely bedazzled it exclusively for Shane. I mean, what boy doesn't want that?

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BY SHELBY CLARK PETKUS

The fifth annual Taste of Downtown, held July 19 in the heart of Michigan's capital city, Lansing, will once again bring the heart of good food to Michigan foodies. The event includes an afternoon of food samples, over 100 different wines from around the world and live entertainment on an outdoor stage.

Of the food samplings, over 40 restaurants, pubs and cafes will be offering samples. Featured restaurants include Clara's Lansing Station, Midtown Brewing Co., Firehouse Subs, Grand Traverse Pie Company, P Squared Wine Bar and Bistro, Troppo, Taven on the Sq., Juice Nation and even Jimmy John's.

In addition to the expansive list of wines, Taste of Downtown will have a selection of Coca-Cola products for sale and many handcrafted micro-brews, such as Marshall, Michigan's Dark Horse Brewing Co.

Entertainment for the day consists of Taylor Taylor at 3 p.m. The 17-year-old Lansing native performs jazzy-pop stylings on her guitar. Mighty Medicine follows with their soul-rock band fusion of pop,



blues, jazz and reggae. Party at downtown's only wine bar, P Squared. The wine bar and bistro is at 107 S. Washington Square, Lansing. For more information, visit www.p2winebar.com.

Taste of Downtown runs 3-8 p.m. on July 19 in the 100 block of S. Washington Square in downtown Lansing. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 closer to the event. \$5 children's tickets are also available for visitors 12 and under. Children under the age of 2 are free.

Each ticket comes with four food tickets, a keepsake Taste of Downtown wine tasting glass and six wine sampling tickets (with valid I.D.). Each child's ticket includes two food sample tickets. Tickets can be purchased online or at the Downtown Lansing Inc. Office, 401 S. Washington Square.

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working in a bar at that point and hadn't really started his career, so we've gotten to see his whole journey, which has been great. I watched his show in London recently and it was just amazing to see the amount of people and the amount of love. It's been a mad journey, but he's the same person as when we met him – really grounded, loads of fun and just a really, really nice guy, and also immensely talented. I'm not worried about him. He'll be fine. (Laughs)

He also recently acknowledged publicly that he's gay. What did you think of the way he subtly came out to the world with the video for "Leave Your Lover"?

I think he did it in an amazingly classy way with that video. He's just being Sam. It's just Sam being Sam, and it's great. I'm just really happy that he's doing what he wants to do.

People have questioned your credibility because you're inspired by sounds that existed before you were even born. How do you feel about the skepticism?

I don't know if it's skepticism or more so just general interest of how we got there. In this day and age with the Internet it's just incredibly easy to learn about anything you wanna learn about. We had dubstep and grime going on here when we were just starting to go to clubs and we really liked it and just wanted to learn how the scene arrived at that, how it got there. If you just go back in time throughout dance music, dubstep takes you to garage, garage takes you to house, house takes you to disco. We spent a lot of time buying old records online and just generally researching how the people back then were making the music, what machines they were using, where they got their influences from, how they were playing live, basically everything. It was five years ago and all we wanted to learn about was everything in the electronic world, and everything leads back to Chicago and Detroit.


So you just completely immersed yourself in that type of music?

Yeah, which is, I guess, why our music comes out sounding a little different than everyone else's, because we grew up on pop music, not (dance). It's only recently that we learned about that stuff, whereas most producers and DJs grew up listening to that through maybe having a dad or an uncle who was a DJ back in that time. With us, we learned to write songs first and then decided to make them in that style, in that house-y way, so I think that's why they come out sounding a bit different.

You've really started this dialogue regarding what differentiates dance music from pop music nowadays, and it's really not much. The two styles have really merged, especially lately. Have you noticed a melding of the two genres?

Definitely. That's exactly what we wanted to do – make a pop record with those influences on it. I think us and a few other people were sort of the first people making that happen with a bit of commercial success, and actually hearing it on the radio and not just in clubs. Since then, loads of people in the UK especially have had No. 1 singles and top 10 hits with songs that as little as maybe a year or two years ago wouldn't have even touched the charts. It's been really cool seeing how the public responds, especially kids who haven't really done the research necessarily. They don't even know where it comes from, they don't know house music is from Chicago, but they just really enjoy the music and the sound of it. It's just great. I love turning on my radio and hearing some jackin' house tunes. I can't think of anything better.

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BY SHELBY CLARK PETKUS

Honoring the recent health trend of organic and vegan foods, Good Cakes and Bakes, LLC brings a variety of animal-free, locally sourced products to the "Avenue of Fashion" in Detroit. Michelle and April M. Anderson, recently married in New York, opened the bakery to bring joy and organic goods to the city.

April, who holds a MBA, attended Macomb Community College for Pastry Arts to expand on her love of baking. She left her previous job in social work to focus on baking for Good Cakes and Bakes, which she co-owns with Michelle.

Michelle currently works part-time at the bakery while serving as the Ruth Ellis Center's director of residential and health services.

April decided to make the career change when she realized baking brought her more joy than her previous job. "There is nothing better to me than turning flour, sugar and a few other ingredients into delicious treats to share," says April.

The couple's personal joy with the business venture has only been furthered by the city's enjoyment of their products. Having faced no struggles in opening the bakery, the couple have been thrilled by the warm reception from the city.

April notes, "The future is bright for LGBT businesses in the metro Detroit area; we hope to inspire and offer encouragement to LGBT business owners."

Providing both baked goods and catering, the bakery plays host to cupcakes, cookies and other wholesome treats. The couple is open to requests and willing to bake anything from s'mores to cake pops.

For those hesitant to delve into



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the vegan/organic food market, April suggests trying their Goopy Butter Cake or their Vegan Red Velvet Cupcake: "Most people are pleasantly surprised and shocked to taste such a wonderful dairy free baked good!"

Good Cakes and Bakes, LLC is located at 19363 Livernois Ave.,

Detroit. For more information on the bakery, call 313-468-9915 or visit www.goodcakesandbakes.com.


To find other LGBT-run businesses, check out BTL's Yellow Pages at www.pridesource.com/directory.

PRIDE SOURCE YELLOW PAGES

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Equality Michigan	313-537-7000
Flint Crisis Line	810-257-3740
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Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center (KGLRC)	269-349-4234
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Stonewall Bar Association (LGBT lawyers and allies)	313-578-6812
The LGBT Network of Western Michigan	616-458-3511
Transgender Michigan Help Line	517-420-1544
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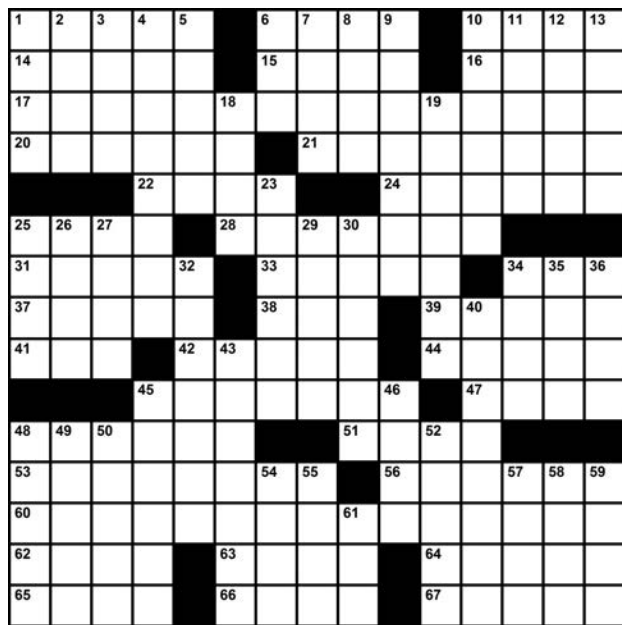

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- 1 Bea sitcom
6 Aid's partner
10 Mardi ___
14 Had title to
15 Festive fete
16 C&W gay fave McEntire

- 17 Start of the disadvantage of being bisexual, per Bernard Manning
20 Soft seat
21 Area of Amelia Earhart
22 Uncle Sam's mail org.
24 Linked with
25 Barbra's "Funny Girl" guy

Down

- 1 Crowds at the Stonewall riots
2 ___ bit (slightly)
3 Body of soldiers
4 Old people may take them out for a blow job
5 Rims
6 Hawk-chicken difference

- 28 Bird over P'town
31 Causeless Dean character
33 Playground retort
34 Article for Frida
37 Light, woody material
38 More of the disadvantage
39 "Gone with the Wind" guy
41 Porky's place
42 E.M. Forster's "Where Angels Fear to ___"
44 Guy with three ho's?
45 Earphones
47 1966 Joe Orton play
48 Go back to homophobic views, e.g.
51 "Rocky Horror"'s ___ Raff
53 Worshipping Caleb Johnson, perhaps?
56 A.D. part
60 End of the disadvantage
62 Andrew Van de Camp, for one
63 First name in stunts
64 Hamilton Burger to Perry Mason, usually
65 Alan of "And the Band Played On"
66 Opening for cheap
67 Make noise in bed
- 7 Like California, in Mexico
8 How far up it goes (abbr.)
9 "Annals" author-historian
10 Fairy-tale daughter
11 Took advantage of a decorator
12 Monks' head
13 Decline
18 Muscle Mary stat
19 Suit makers
23 Like drag queen nylons of old
25 Heavenly balls
26 Sexual partners, crudely
27 With skill
29 Calculation for carpet layers
30 It may be reassigned
32 Toward the side
34 Host before Fallon
35 Comics dog that goes either way?
36 9 inches, e.g.
40 One butt cheek?
43 Shook up
45 Montana's capital
46 Like half of the Odd Couple
48 Gay rodeo accessory
49 Ford lemon that was not fruitful
50 Promised
52 Birdcage dwellers
54 Sitarist Shankar
55 North Sea feeder
57 Britney Spears' "___ Curious"
58 Not e'en once
59 Opening noted at the office
61 Short-order sandwich for porkers?



Solution on pg. 27

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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 AA, Odd Fellow's Hall, 830 S Monroe St Closed/Discussion.

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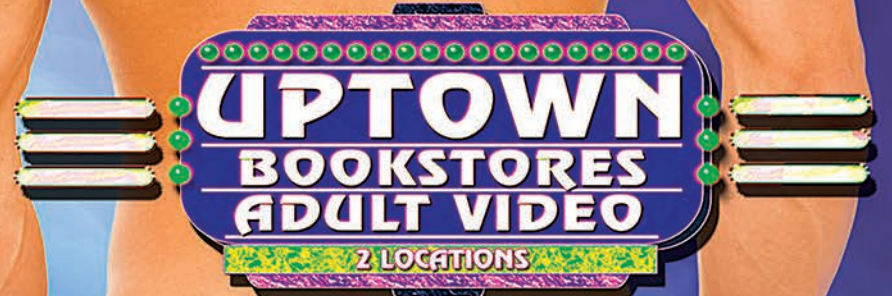
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Editor's Pick

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Metra Magazine is a Michigan-based LGBT magazine focusing on local LGBT nightlife. Printed every two weeks and found online, the magazine is found in many LGBT bars

and venues in the Midwest and Canada.

The picnic will begin at 10 a.m. on July 13 at Salt River Park. The park is located at 62000 Gratiot Ave., Lenox Township. For more information, call 248-543-3500 or visit www.metramagazine.com.

Happenings

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ElvisFest Tickets: \$5-30. Riverside Park, 5 E. Cross St., Ypsilanti. July 11-12. Mielvisfest.com

Royal Oak Farmers Market "Armenia Fest". Royal Oak Farmers Market, 316 E. 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak. 5 p. m. July 12. 248-246-3276. Ci.royal-oak.mi.us

THEATER

Civic/Community Theater

2014 Macomb Senior Follies \$13-16. Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. July 11 - 12. 586-286-2222. macombcenter.com

The Complete History of America (abridged) \$10-12. Emergent Arts at The Mix Studio Theatre, 8 N. Washington St., Ypsilanti. Through July 20. 734-985-0875. emergentarts.com

The Crucible \$7-15. The Twin City Players, 600 W. Glenlord Road, St. Joseph. July 11 - 20. 269-429-0400. twincityplayers.org

Professional

A Chorus Line \$28-32. Tibbits Summer Theatre, 14 S. Hanchett St., Coldwater. July 10 - 19. 517-278-6029. tibbits.org

A Midsummer Night's Dream Free. Shakespeare in Detroit at New Center Park, 2998 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit. 8:30 p.m. July 12. shakespeareindetroit.com

Beauty and the Beast \$7. Tibbits Popcorn Theatre, 14 S. Hanchett St., Coldwater. Through July 12. 517-278-6029. tibbits.org

Carousel \$15-32. The Encore Musical Theatre Company, 3126 Broad St., Dexter. July 10 - Aug. 10. 734-268-6200. theencoretheatre.org

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

Coriolanus \$15. Pigeon Creek Shakespeare Company at Creative 360, 1517 Bayliss St., Midland. 2 p.m. July 13. becreative360.org

Coriolanus Pigeon Creek Shakespeare Company at Seven Steps Up, 116 S. Jackson St., Spring Lake. 7:30 p.m. July 18. 616-850-0916. Peshakespeare.com

Elektra \$10. Penny Seats Theatre Company at West Park Band Shell, Seventh St., Ann Arbor. July 10 - 26. 734-926-5346. pennyseats.org

Ernie \$20-25. City Theatre, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. July 10 - Aug. 17.

313-471-6611. olympiaentertainment.com

Gypsy \$20. The Snug Theatre, 160 S. Water St., Marine City. July 11 - 27. 810-278-1749. thesnugtheatre.com

Hot Mikado \$15-30. Hope Summer Repertory Theatre at DeWitt Theatre, 141 E. 12th St., Holland. July 11 - Aug. 9. 616-395-7890. hope.edu/hsrt

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

Jack and the Beanstalk \$7. Tibbits Popcorn Theatre, 14 S. Hanchett St., Coldwater. July 18 - 26. 517-278-6029. tibbits.org

Steam Heat \$39-42. Mason Street Warehouse, Saugatuck Center for the Arts, 400 Culver St., Saugatuck. Through July 13. 269-857-2399. sc4a.org

Stories in the Lounge \$10. The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Dr., Three Oaks. July 17. 269-756-3879. acorntheater.com

Suds \$42 (show and meal); \$37 show only. Cornwell's Dinner Theatre, 18935 15 1/2 Mile Rd., Marshall. Through Aug. 16. 269-781-4293. turkeyville.com

The Big Bang \$15-25. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam Road, Williamston. July 10 - Aug. 17. 517-655-SHOW. williamstontheatre.org

The Book of Mormon \$34-95. Broadway in Detroit, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway St., Detroit. Through July 13. 313-237-SING. broadwayindetroit.com

The Doll People \$15. Hope Summer Repertory Theatre at DeWitt Studio Theatre, 141 E. 12th St., Holland. July 9 - Aug. 8. 616-395-7890. hope.edu/hsrt

The Importance of Being Earnest \$31-40. Michigan Shakespeare Festival at Baughman Theatre at Potter Center,

Jackson College, 2111 Emmons Road, Jackson. July 19 - Aug. 15. 517-796-8600. michiganshakespearefestival.com

The Sound of Music \$15-30. Hope Summer Repertory Theatre at DeWitt Theatre, 141 E. 12th St., Holland. Through Aug. 7. 616-395-7890. hope.edu/hsrt

Whatever, Baby Jane \$10-20. The Ringwald Theatre, 22742 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. July 11 - Aug. 4. 248-545-5545. theringwald.com

[title of show] \$31-33. Farmers Alley Theatre, 221 Farmers Alley, Kalamazoo. July 18 - Aug. 3. 269-343-2727. farmersalleytheatre.com

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Detroit Institute of Arts "Detroit -- Bruce Weber" Photographs. Detroit Institute of Arts, 2100 Woodward Ave., Detroit. June 20-Sep. 7. 313-833-7900. dia.org

Flint Institute of Arts "Kathleen Gilje: Portraits of Paintings" Meticulously rendered new incarnations of old masterpieces. Flint Institute of Arts, 1120 E. Kearsley St., Flint. May 2-July 20. 810-234-1695. flintarts.org

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Michigan State University Museum "Michigan and the Civil War" Exhibit highlights Michigan connections in the Civil War. Michigan State University Museum, 409 W. Circle Dr., East Lansing. Aug. 4-Dec. 31. 517-355-7474. museum.msu.edu

MOCAD "Dara Friedman: Projecting". Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit. May 16-July 27. 313-832-6622. Mocadetroit.org

Scarab Club "Bugs Blooms, Beasts exhibition" Featuring artwork "Winged Pharaoh," by Charles Alexander. The Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. May 22-July 27. 313-831-1250. <http://scarabclub.org/>

South Oakland Art Association (SOAA) "Royal Oak Outdoor Art Fair" The Art Fair offers an excellent opportunity to purchase an original item for your home, office or as a gift. Enjoy daily light entertainment and food concessions. Royal Oak Memorial Park, Corner of Woodward Ave. and 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak. July 12-July 13. SoOaklandart.com

University Of Michigan Museum Of Art (UMMA) "Three Michigan Architects: Part 2-Robert Metcalf" Robert Metcalf's domestic and commercial buildings represent some of the most important and recognizable modern architecture in Michigan. University Of Michigan Museum Of Art, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. April 1-July 13. 734-763-4186. Umma.umich.edu

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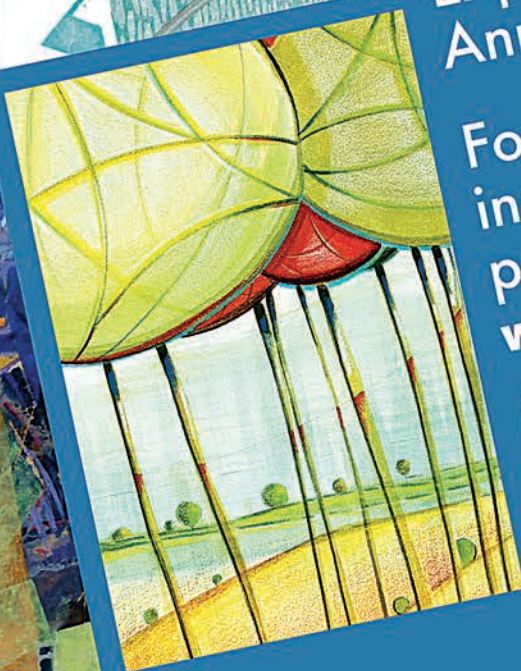
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