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— Chris Azzopardi reviews Idina Menzel’s “Holiday Wishes,” page 32



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Right Rev. Wendell Gibbs To Speak On Marriage Equality

Right Reverend Wendell Gibbs, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, will speak this Tuesday at St. John's Church in Royal Oak. He will discuss the importance and impact of marriage equality in Michigan. The talk is sponsored by the Michigan Coalition for Human Rights.



Right Rev. Wendell Gibbs

A noted supporter of marriage equality, Gibbs has said, "I stand in support of marriage equality and pray that our justice system will work to break down the walls of segregation, promote the humanity of all and calm our irrational fears."

Founded in 1980 by the late social activist Bishop Coleman McGehee, the Michigan Coalition for Human Rights (mchr.org) is an advocacy group committed to human rights through communication, education, community organization and action. MCHR opposes those institutions and individuals which suppress human dignity, freedom and justice locally and around the world.

The event will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 9 at St. John's Episcopal Church, 26998 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Parking is available behind the church. There is no admission fee, but donations will be accepted.

DETROIT

'KICK' Off The Holidays With Annual Gala

KICK, Detroit's agency for LGBT African Americans, hosts its 12th Annual Gala Fundraiser this month dubbed "Holiday in December." The event is both a fundraiser for the nonprofit's programs and also a joyous holiday celebration of family, friends and community. Holiday in December will be held in the Albert Khan-designed "Angel Wings" Hall at the First Congregational Church of Detroit. Features of the winter gathering include fine dining, entertainment and raffles. Dress code is "sexy black and silver."

KICK has been serving the Detroit community since the early 2000s and have been active as a supporter of LGBT African Americans since they were first a publishing company back in 1994. The organization, originally created to inform the community of specific issues, garnered local and national support; this success led to "Hotter Than July!" in the mid-90s, the black LGBT pride event in Detroit held every summer. In 2003, KICK finally became a Michigan non-profit, dedicating itself fully to not just informative publications, but also affirming programs, services, projects and special events. KICK opened their Center in 2011, offering a safe space for the LGBT and allied community. KICK can now be found at 31 Burroughs St., Suite 109, Detroit.

Kick's annual gala will begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13. Dinner will be promptly served at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$75 a person, \$140 per couple. First Congregational Church of Detroit is located at 33 E. Forrest Ave., Detroit. Parking and entrance for the event are in the rear of the church.

To purchase tickets or find out more information, call 313-285-9733 or visit www.e-kick.org.

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Michigan Round Table panelists (L-R) Rev. Dr. Campbell Lovett, Rev. Dr. Michael C.R. Nabors, Attorney Jay Kaplan, Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray and Emily Dievendorf discuss the state of equality in Christian religious practice Nov. 20. BTL photo: AJ Trager

Faith Leaders Discuss Religious Freedom, LGBT Inclusion

BY AJ TRAGER

BIRMINGHAM – Organized by the Michigan Round Table, lead equality activists and top religious experts came together Nov. 20 to discuss the state of equality in religious circles and what the next stages are in the quest for a fully LGBT inclusive state.

Those gathered included Emily Dievendorf, executive director of Equality Michigan; Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, president of Ecumenical Theological Seminary Detroit; Jay Kaplan, ACLU staff attorney for the LGBT project; Rev. Dr. Michael C.R. Nabors, senior pastor at the New Calvary Baptist Church Detroit; and Rev. Dr. Campbell Lovett, conference minister at the Michigan Conference United Church of Christ.

They discussed how the Christian faith is changing and becoming more inclusive of LGBT individuals and how the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) proposed in the Michigan legislature will harm residents. The conversation was moderated by David Crumm, a religious journalist and editor of Read the Spirit and former writer for the Detroit Free Press.

"The work of the Round Table is

a place where we lift up full equality and full civil rights, but we also respect religious freedom and religious liberty. And this Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights act has brought both issues up against each other," said President and CEO of the Michigan Round Table, Steve Spreitzer, in his opening remarks.

Kaplan quickly moved the discussion along by stating the importance of adding sexual orientation and gender identity and expression to the state's civil rights act, including a special mention on the damages of RFRA and how it would allow individuals the right to discriminate based on their own personally held religious beliefs in non-religious incidences. An amendment has been proposed to amend the civil rights act to only include sexual orientation protections.

"Transgender is part of our community and you cannot say that you are serious about preventing discrimination and then single out a particular group for discriminatory treatment," Kaplan said. "A lot of times LGBT people are discriminated against because they do not always adhere to societal standards of acceptable gender representation."

Every citizen has held the right to openly practice their religion since the

U.S. Constitution was ratified. It seems over 300 years later, some Americans are feeling threatened, worried that their rights will be infringed upon by being forced to provide services to LGBT individuals. But when you're in a public system, Kaplan explained, you are subject to more than just freedom of religion.

"When you decide of your own free will to enter into the realm of commerce, you are subject to a myriad of regulations and laws. When you open your building, you are subject to building codes; if you are making food, you are subject to health codes, and so on. You don't get a pass for any of those laws or regulations because you hold a particular individualized religious belief. You are certainly entitled to keep that belief, but it is not absolute that your religious belief may also be acted upon in non-religious settings."

If people say they have a deeply held religious belief, they would not have to follow the law with RFRA, Kaplan said. There have already been incidents of religious hospitals or members of the police force denying aid and services on RFRA grounds.

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Breakfast Kicks Off World AIDS Day

BY AJ TRAGER

DETROIT – Lead HIV/AIDS organizations, medical professionals, community organizers and metro Detroit area mayors gathered together for the fourth annual Mayors Breakfast on Dec. 1 to honor World AIDS Day.

To commemorate and recognize the lives of family and friends, World AIDS Day Detroit hosted a breakfast with special guest Jeanne White-Ginder, mother of Ryan White. White was one of the first children to be diagnosed with AIDS; his name is on the Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act (the CARE Act), now called the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program.

The breakfast brought faces like Dave Coulter, mayor of Ferndale, and Hank Milbourne, chief program officer at AIDS Partnership Michigan, together to prepare for another year ahead in the fight to help those affected and prevent further contraction.

Coulter, previous director of the Michigan AIDS Fund, has attended the Mayors Breakfast since the start and is glad to see numbers improving and interest in the cause maintaining.

“It’s important that our community leaders understand the effect of this in their communities and for them to be present for these events. A lot of people think that the epidemic is over, but of course there is no cure,” Coulter said. “Unfortunately the LGBT community is still the hardest one hit, but I appreciated Jeanne’s comments on the early days when, as a Christian woman, she partnered with gay men not because she had anything in common with them at that point except for a desire to fight the disease. That was a strong reminder of how difficult it was back then and now with the stigma around AIDS, which is still something we have to fight.”

Deputy Mayor of Detroit, Isaiah McKinnon, stood in for Mayor Mike Duggan who was attending a “My Brother’s Keeper” White House initiative meeting to commit to changing outcomes for young men of color in Detroit.

“I lived through you and your son, I lived through my family, I lived through Dr. Alex telling me that there was nothing to be done about this,” McKinnon said in conclusion to a personal story about a family member dying with AIDS. “But I also lived through the great number of people who are finding ways for people to live. We look at Magic Johnson, and he’s still alive.”

Thirty years ago, Ryan White turned



Jeanne White-Ginder addresses attendees of the Mayors Breakfast on World AIDS Day 2014 at the Detroit Opera House. BTL Photo: AJ Trager

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- Mayor of Ferndale Dave Coulter

13 years old. At the time, White-Ginder took her son to the clinic for what she thought was a common cold; eleven days later, White was diagnosed with AIDS.

“We definitely saw the discrimination surrounding this disease,” White-Ginder began, describing her worry and fear approaching their family practitioner for more information, later connecting with Terry Beirn at amFAR, the world’s leading nonprofit organization dedicated to the support of AIDS research, HIV prevention and treatment education.

“I think sometimes we forget about the actual people. We hear numbers and we hear statistics but we forget these people had moms and dads and families, just like all of you. We forget that these people are struggling. Once you have AIDS, you’re just like everyone else who has AIDS; you’re fighting to stay alive.”

An estimated 35.3 million people are

living with HIV worldwide, but despite recent improved access to antiretroviral treatments, the disease continues to claim an approximate two million lives a year.

White-Ginder spoke about the importance of sex education and heightening awareness of drugs such as PrEP that are part of the prevention answer. She stressed how vital it is to educate on transmission rates and be honest and open with sexual partners. She is concerned that the existence of HIV medication causes complacency, removing the fear of contraction from individuals. She wants to see more conversations about HIV/AIDS happen in schools, homes and religious spaces to eradicate apathy and to remove the stigma; is up to everybody to have conversations about AIDS to get the number down to zero.

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PrEP Debate Continues As Advocates Hold Conversations In State

BY TODD HEYWOOD

Jesse Anquiano only wanted an extra layer of protection during sex. The 31-year-old gay man had been hearing about pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for some time from HIV test counselors at the Lansing Area AIDS Network, but when he sought out the pill he ran into barriers.

“It was actually very difficult to access,”



Anquiano said during a phone interview. “A lot of doctors were ignorant in Lansing and unwilling to help.”

PrEP is an HIV prevention intervention that’s been out for more than two years using the anti-HIV drug Truvada. When an HIV-negative person takes the pill daily, it has been shown to be at least 92 percent effective in preventing HIV infection, and in a study from the National Institutes of Health, the efficacy of daily use of the drug was pegged at 99 percent. In May, the CDC released new clinical

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PrEP Debate Panels

Eric Paul Leue, Mr. LA Leather 2014, will appear at PrEP panels at 8:30 p.m. on Dec. 6 in Grand Rapids at Diversions Nightclub, at 7 p.m. on Dec. 7 in Lansing’s Esquire Club and at 7 p.m. on Dec. 8 at the Affirmations Community Center in Ferndale.

guidance on who should take the little blue pill – clearing the way for as many as 500,000 Americans to meet the clinical guidance.

However, Anquiano’s experience is not unique for men who have sex with men seeking out what is considered a new prevention technology by many physicians unfamiliar with the drug – or the unique cultural needs of sexual minorities. He said he rejected three doctors over his pursuit of the drug because they were not culturally sensitive to the gay community.

“PrEP made itself my mission. The science is utterly clear, right? It’s black and white. Take a pill once a day and you’re protected from HIV.”

- Eric Paul Leue, Mr. LA Leather 2014

Anquiano will join Dr. Peter Gulick, an infectious disease doctor in Ingham county; Dwayne Riley, the HIV prevention manager at the Lansing Area AIDS Network; Joel Murr, assistant deputy health officer for Ingham County; and Eric Paul Leue, Mr. LA Leather 2014, for a discussion about PrEP on Sunday, Dec. 7 at Lansing’s Esquire Club, 1250 Turner St. The panel discussion is part of Leue’s national tour to promote conversations about general sexual health for men who have sex with men in addition to specific PrEP talk.

“PrEP made itself my mission,” Leue said. The debate, which has taken on a “moralism” and “judgment” tone, needs to change he said. “The science is utterly clear, right? It’s black and white. Take a pill once a day and you’re protected from HIV.”

However, there is a divide among public health officials, leaders in the gay community and people in the HIV prevention community. Some are concerned that widespread adoption of the drug will result in a spike in other sexually transmitted infections in men who have sex with men – they believe it will empower those men to engage in riskier sexual

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An estimated 35.3 million people are living with HIV worldwide, but despite recent improved access to antiretroviral treatments, the disease continues to claim an approximate two million lives a year.

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“Over all it was a beautiful setting. I hope the message is able to get out to the broader community,” Milbourne said. “It’s always a pleasure to hear Ginder talk and take us back to the early days. I appreciated her saying that it’s not numbers, it’s people that we’re talking about. That meant a lot to hear that. And for them to have a moment of silence to remember the

people who we have lost.”

There’s much more to be done. Donating to local organizations like AIDS Partnership Michigan, CARES, HARC or the Michigan HIV/AIDS Hotline will not only help expedite the eradication of the disease but also have an immediate effect on the lives of those affected.

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activity, called risk compensation in science. Some say the drug has too many potential negative side effects.

Studies show that those on PrEP are not falling into riskier sexual activity than before they were on the drug. In fact, the initial study (iPrEx, which determined Truvada worked as PrEP) found that study participants reported more condom use and less unplanned sexual

Truvada has been shown to have some impact on the acquisition of herpes. Meanwhile, he says, Hep. B and HPV can both be prevented with vaccines.

Both Anguiano and Leue note that PrEP is another layer of protection from HIV. Both men have been on the drug for about four months.

Most importantly for Leue, however, has been witnessing the shifting conversation that PrEP is bringing to the gay community.

“The positive person was always the one charged with

“ You don’t have to be a ‘Truvada whore’ or promiscuous to use PrEP. It’s about taking care of your health and taking responsibility for it. ”

– Jesse Anguiano

activity.

As for the concerns about STIs, Leue points out that condoms don’t necessarily prevent those, either. Syphilis, a growing concern among men who has sex with men, can be spread by skin to skin contact. Gonorrhea and Chlamydia can be transmitted via oral sex.

“People who are on PrEP are being screened for STIs regularly – they are more likely to be diagnosed early,” Leue says. “That means they are less likely to transmit the infection to someone else.”

Viral infections are trickier, but Leue points out that

prevention,” he says. “That divide is being challenged by PrEP. Now it’s about shared responsibility.”

“I would like to inspire people to rethink what prevention means,” Leue says.

Anguiano shares that mission. Before PrEP, he says he was nervous during and after sex. Now, he suffers no such concerns. And he is frustrated by the “moral” arguments he hears from some in the gay community.

“You don’t have to be a ‘Truvada whore’ or promiscuous to use PrEP,” Anguiano says. “It’s about taking care of your health and taking responsibility for it.”

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Affirmations Hosts Information Session On LGBT Foster Parenting And Adoption

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“All children deserve to grow up in a safe and loving home. Ennis Center is looking to meet couples and individuals within the LGBT community who are interested in and passionate about caring for children. We invite anyone who would like to start or expand their family to come learn more about foster care and adoption and how they can help change the lives of children who have experienced abuse, neglect or abandonment,” said Erin Wright, Community Liaison at Ennis Center for Children.

Ennis Center helps create family stability and permanent homes for children of all ages who are in crisis. Most of the children Ennis Center serves come from at-risk backgrounds. All of them have been abused, neglected or abandoned and are emotionally fragile, but these children are able to cope and thrive when they are provided with a stable and nurturing home. Placing a child in a loving foster home is only the first step to creating a brighter future. By providing an array of support programs such as family preservation, mental and behavioral health services, juvenile delinquency prevention and adoption services, Ennis Center addresses a child’s problems at the roots to prevent the need for future intervention. For more information, please visit www.EnnisCenter.org.

The need for foster parents to care for, support and in many

cases provide permanency for Michigan’s abused and neglected youth has never been greater. Ennis Center believes that finding and supporting positive and nurturing homes for vulnerable children is important to child development and community stability.

“Within the LGBT community, the decision to become a parent is made very intentionally and can involve several different factors”, said Cass Varner, Director of Communications. “It’s great to know Ennis Center recognizes the value of quality parenting found in the LGBT community.”

The panel discussion will take place from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 10 at Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. For more information, visit www.GoAffirmations.org or contact Erin Wright at 248-334-2720 or erin.wright@enniscenter.org.

► Faith Leaders

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“The quickest way to play mischief in America is to claim that someone’s religious freedom is in danger,” Crumm said. “You’re experiencing something tonight that is like a 500-year-later glimpse of the reformation as religion changes to become more inclusive to some groups that we have largely beat up on for far too many years.”

Earlier this year in a response to 50 Detroit Baptist pastors coming out together against the LGBT community, Nabors said he was extremely offended these folks were speaking for all the Baptist community. He then “came out of the closet” to stand with the LGBT community and those practicing the Baptist belief.

“As a result of being silent, I began to have this clash of conscience that absolutely tore into my soul. I said, ‘How can I be silent?’ I thought about all of those fighters and clergy members who fought during the

civil rights movement in the 50s and 60s, who had a hardcore wanting of transformation to take place but, because of their specific locale, they remained silent,” Nabors said.

According to Murray, the Bible actually has very little mention of the LGBT experience, with Jesus himself saying absolutely nothing on the topic.

“Want to know how much of a priority it is for Jesus? He never brought it up. And if you look out through the entirety of the biblical witness, homosexuality is mentioned three, maybe four times. But how many times does Jesus talk about the poor? Jesus in the New Testament, in those four gospels, references the poor over 90 times,” Murray said. “That is the focus of where social justice must go. We do not call for the discrimination of others, but we call for the righteousness of the society that looks to its least and seeks best to serve them.”

“We (Baptists) are the originators of the fight for religious freedom, and let’s remember what that fight is

about. It is about the ability to practice one’s own religion in freedom without worry of discrimination. It is not about imposing of one’s own religious beliefs upon a society in which one lives. That determines that others who may or may not be of your religious tradition have to live life by scriptures of what you believe,” Murray explained.

Tom Nelson, 85, and his wife Linda Karle-Nelson, 74, met at a PFLAG event as widowers. They married in 2007. They are both Catholic and work within their circles to promote change and acceptance of the LGBT experience.

“Culture in Michigan is changing; it is changing obviously nationwide,” Tom Nelson said. “And I think the reason culture is changing is because of you folks. I want to thank you for what you do, particularly the pastors. Because it’s a hierarchy in my Church that I have had to confront, educate and somehow change their viewpoint and still love them. That’s hard. My church has changed in the past. I have hope.”

Creep of the Week The Duggars

OPINION BY D’ANNE WITKOWSKI

I’ll admit I’ve never watched “19 and Counting,” the reality show about the Duggar family. But from what I understand, it’s a show about Michelle and Jim Bob Duggar, a woman and man so sex-obsessed that they can’t stop fucking to the point that Michelle is literally pregnant, like, all of the time forever. Anyway, they have anywhere from 19 to 100 children – who can keep track?

If the above description sounds a little inflammatory and sensationalized, well, welcome to how LGBT people feel when right-wingers like the Duggars and the American Family Association describe their families. The fact that two women or two men might – gasp! – want to have



Jim Bob and Michelle Duggar

“Rabid homosexual activists have made America’s favorite family enemy Number One,” the AFA lamented on their website. “The Duggars are under a malicious attack because of their uncompromising stand on marriage and abstinence, the homosexual lobby has

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sex with each other is all of the proof the anti-gay right need to dismiss our families as illegitimate and to campaign for and support discriminatory laws against us.

Personally, I would not want to have 19 children. That is so many children! If the Duggars had cats instead of kids they would still be on TLC, only instead of having their own show they’d be featured on “Hoarding: Buried Alive.”

But you know what? Ain’t none of my business how many kids the Duggars have (I mean, aside from the fact that by being on TV they’re basically making it everybody’s business). I’m a very live and let live kind of person. That is, until Michelle Duggar makes anti-trans robo-calls and the Duggars drop \$10,000 in an effort to reverse an LGBT nondiscrimination ordinance in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

They may be busy popping out kids, but they apparently have time to try to make life more difficult for people and families that they don’t like.

Needless to say, this pissed some folks off and TLC, the TV channel that the Duggars call home, was called upon to cancel their show. Which of course they won’t do because money.

Still, the very idea that the Duggars might have to have their next kid off the air sent the anti-gay stalwarts at the American Family Association into a tizzy and they urged their minions to #DefendTheDuggars.

drawn a bully bead on Jim and Michelle Duggar. Gay activists are publicly labeling Jim and Michelle with words like ‘ignorance’ and ‘fear mongering.’”

Well, if there’s one thing that’s true of “gay activists,” we know “ignorance” and “fear mongering” when we see it. Apparently that hurts the Duggars’ feelings. I have the perfect solution: stop being ignorant fear mongers.

The AFA post continues, “In the past week, homosexuals launched a very frightening and fast-growing petition asking TLC to cancel ‘19 Kids and Counting.’ Already, their hate-filled petition has gathered 130,000 signatures, thanks to the liberal media’s propaganda machine.”

Actually, as of this writing, that number is 172,725. You can sign it here: <http://tinyurl.com/CancelTheDuggars>.

The AFA has a Support the Duggars petition of its own currently with 130,839 signatures.

The best thing to come of all of this, however, is the #DefendTheDuggars Twitter campaign started by Scott Woledge which has raised over \$25,000 for Lucie’s Place, an organization that helps homeless LGBT youth in Arkansas. And with The Duggars fighting against laws to protect the very kids Lucie’s Place serves, they sure can use it. So head over to www.luciesplace.org and send them 19 bucks (or more!) in (dis)honor of the Duggars.

Scores Of Russian Gays Seeking Asylum In US

BY DAVID CRARY

NEW YORK (AP) – Had he stayed in Russia, Andrew Mironov would be settling in to a stable job with an oil company, likely with a newly awarded doctoral degree in electrical engineering.

Instead, he faces an uncertain future in New York City as one of scores of Russian gays seeking asylum in the United States because of hostility and harassment in their homeland.

“In Russia, I would have gotten my Ph.D. this fall, had a job and health insurance,” said Mironov, 25. “Now, here, I’m nobody.”

Yet the sacrifices have been worth it, Mironov says, given the fears that lingered after he was severely beaten by several assailants in the lobby of a gay bar in his home city of Samara.

“Which is more important, happiness or success?” he asked over coffee in midtown Manhattan. “I would say happiness. I feel no fear here.”

There are no firm statistics on the number of gay Russian asylum seekers; U.S. government agencies that handle applications do not report such details. However, the Department of Homeland Security’s latest figures show that overall applications for asylum by Russians totaled 969 in the 2014 fiscal year, up 34 percent from 2012.

The increase is due in part to the worsening anti-gay climate in Russia, according to Immigration Equality, a New York-based organization which provides legal services for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender immigrants.

The organization says the number of inquiries it received from gay Russians seeking U.S. asylum has risen from 68 in 2012 to 127 in 2013 and 161 through Oct. 30 of this year. During that period, gay-rights gatherings in Russia were frequently targeted by assailants, and the parliament passed a law targeting “gay propaganda” that was widely viewed as a means of deterring gay activism.

Said Mironov of that law, “It helped homophobic people feel the government is on their side.”

To get an application approved, an asylum seeker must present a convincing case that he or she has a “well-founded fear of persecution” in their home country. Russia’s anti-gay policies and its record of anti-gay violence are factors that could strengthen an individual’s case.

Aaron Morris, Immigration Equality’s legal director, said most of the recent asylum inquiries came from gay men in their 20s and 30s who had been targeted by anti-gay attacks, while only a handful have come from gays or



In this Oct. 18, 2014, photo provided by Michael Knaapen, Andrew Nasonov hugs Igor Bazilevsky, left, after the couple was married at Meridian Hill Park in Washington. They both came to the U.S. from Russia in July, and are preparing to file an application seeking asylum in the U.S. The increase in the overall applications for asylum by Russians is due in part to the worsening anti-gay climate in Russia, according to Immigration Equality, a New York-based organization which provides legal services for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender immigrants. AP Photo/Michael Knaapen

lesbians raising children.

“If you have kids, it can be really hard to leave everything behind,” Morris said.

In several U.S. cities, programs have been launched to assist gay asylum seekers from Russia and elsewhere as they await processing of their applications, which can take six months or more. For the first five months, the asylum seekers are barred from taking paying jobs, so they often struggle to support themselves, even with resumes illustrating professional success in Russia.

In Washington, D.C., housing is among the major challenges, according to Matthew Corso, who has helped the DC Center for the LGBT Community create a program to assist people who are seeking asylum.

“We have no trouble finding them legal representation, but trying to find someone willing to give part of their home or money for food or transportation is not easy,” Corso said.

Another group aiding gay Russian asylum-seekers in the Washington area is the Spectrum Human Rights Alliance, founded in 2011 by Russian immigrant Larry Poltavtsev.

Poltavtsev, who studied chemistry at the University of North Carolina in the 1990s, is frustrated by the rules that bar asylum-seekers from working. “It makes no sense because most of our arrivals have advanced degrees and speak good English,” he said. “They’re capable of being productive, paying taxes, but we are not letting them do those things while they’re waiting.”

Soon to join the queue of applicants are Andrew Nasonov and Igor Bazilevsky,

longtime partners from the Russian city of Voronezh who wearied of threats, harassment and beatings and came to the United States in July. They’re now assembling the paperwork for their case and getting Russian documents translated into English.

“Of course we are worried, but we hope for the best,” Nasonov said.

Nasonov, 25, was a journalist and human-rights activist in Russia; Bazilevsky, 32, was a graphic designer. They hope to pursue those careers in the U.S. if their asylum applications are approved.

Meanwhile, they’ve been provided with lodging by a gay couple in a Washington suburb and took a step in October that would have been impossible in Russia – they got married.

“We were finally able to say that we are a real family – there are not enough words to describe how wonderful these feelings are,” Nasonov wrote in an email.

“But of course, we are still faced with a lot of difficulties,” he added. “It was hard to leave our relatives, friends and parents behind in Russia. ... We have nothing here, and in many ways are completely dependent on the assistance of the people who surround us.”

In New York City, many asylum seekers have received advice and support from Masha Gessen, a Moscow-born journalist and activist whose family moved to the U.S. in 1981 and who holds U.S. and Russian citizenship.

She said her family, as Soviet Jews, had group refugee status, allowing for an immigration process far easier than that faced

by today’s asylum seekers who must prove their individual case.

“There’s no worse way to immigrate to the U.S. than the way these people are doing it,” Gessen said. “You have nothing, and you have no right to work or public assistance. We’ve seen people end up on the streets.”

She and her allies have lobbied the State Department to extend refugee status to LGBT people from Russia, but thus far to no avail. So for now, asylum seekers arrive unsure of their long-term prospects.

“After your tourist visa runs out, you’re basically undocumented,” Gessen said. “It can be hard to rent an apartment or get a cellphone. You have problems navigating everyday life.”

The United States is among several countries favored as havens by LGBT Russians who emigrate from there. Canada, Finland and Israel are among the others. Gessen said the U.S. is more receptive than many Western European countries, and Aaron Morris, the Immigration Equality lawyer, said his legal team had been able to win approval for most of the Russian asylum cases that it has handled.

Morris commended the Department of Homeland Security for asking Immigration Equality to train its asylum officers on distinctive aspects of LGBT asylum cases. “They understand our community is a little different,” Morris said.

Among the many pending cases is Andrew Mironov’s asylum application, buttressed by photographs showing the injuries he sustained in Russia that required a hospital stay. He’s not sure when he’ll be called for an in-person interview but says his lawyer believes the case is a strong one.

Mironov has been in the U.S. since November 2013, spending his first night in a homeless shelter run by the Metropolitan Community Church of New York. He now lives in Brooklyn but continues to attend the church, which serves the LGBT community.

The past 12 months have been challenging. One obstacle, he said, is a chilly reception from many non-gay Russian immigrants in New York.

“Americans don’t care if you’re gay, but the Russians here, they still have a problem with it,” he said.

Mironov worked for several months as a bartender at a restaurant in Manhattan but said his manager often mistreated him, calculating that he wouldn’t complain because of his uncertain legal status. Now he’s trying to establish a photography business, called Strekoza – Russian for “dragonfly.”

“It’s hard to not be sure about your future,” he said. “In Russia, I’d planned my whole life out.”

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Attorney: Same-Sex Marriages Should Start Soon In Miss.

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) – On Nov. 29 an attorney for two lesbian couples and a gay rights group said marriage licenses should be issued to same-sex couples in Mississippi in about 10 days.

A federal judge threw out Mississippi's ban on same-sex marriages earlier last week but gave attorneys for the state about 10 days to appeal his ruling to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Attorney General Jim Hood and Gov. Phil Bryant have signaled they are preparing those arguments.

Hood says if the 5th Circuit doesn't rule in the case, Mississippi clerks may have to start issuing marriage licenses on Dec. 10 "in derogation of Mississippi's strong public policy favoring traditional marriages."

Hood also suggested that clerks

would have to revise administrative and regulatory programs to accommodate recognition of same-sex marriages.

Roberta Kaplan, an attorney for the lesbian couples in the case, said the clerks give out marriage licenses every day.

"Alleviating a supposed administrative burden – if it exists – cannot counterbalance the significant constitutional rights that are at stake" for gay couples, Kaplan said.

Kaplan said the 5th Circuit can expedite consideration of the state's appeal and decide the case before Reeves' stay expires.

"More than 20 states have managed to do what was necessary to vindicate the equal rights of their gay citizens in marriage ... without wreaking havoc

among the citizenry," she said.

Mississippi has a 1997 law that bans same-sex marriage and a 2004 voter-approved constitutional amendment that defines marriage as being between a man and a woman. Both were thrown out by Reeves. Two lesbian couples and a gay-rights group, Campaign for Southern Equality, sued on Oct. 20 to overturn the ban.

The 5th Circuit, based in New Orleans, is scheduled to hear arguments in January from a ruling that overturned Texas' ban on same-sex marriage but has been put on hold. Gay rights advocates are asking the U.S. Supreme Court to review their case before the 5th Circuit hears it; the Louisiana ban on same-sex marriage was upheld by a federal district judge.

Indian LGBT People March For Their Rights

BY NIRMALA GEORGE

NEW DELHI (AP) – Nearly a thousand gay rights activists marched through central New Delhi on Sunday to demand an end to discrimination against gays in India's deeply conservative society.

Holding balloons, flags and placards, activists and their supporters sang songs and danced to the beat of Indian drums as they held hands and walked in the rally, which has been held annually over the past few years. Many wore multi-colored wigs, while others wore face masks or had painted their faces.

Some activists carried a 15-meter (50-foot) rainbow-colored banner, a symbol of lesbian, gay and transgender pride.

Indian gays are demanding that the government remove a colonial-era law

banning same-sex relations. India's Supreme Court last year reversed a lower court order that decriminalized gay sex.

Supporters of gays, lesbians and transgenders vowed to continue pressing for the removal of the law, which makes gay sex punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

Gay rights activists in the parade said the Supreme Court's decision was a setback. Many people in India are more accepting of gays, especially in big cities where gay-pride parades are now a fixture. Many bars have gay nights, and some high-profile Bollywood films have dealt with gay issues.

In most of the country, however, being gay is seen as shameful, and many gays remain closeted.

"The Supreme Court decision has been a disappointment," said Hilol

Dutta, a gay rights activist who marched Sunday. "We have come together to fight. We should win this case and claim our right to live with dignity."

The Supreme Court ruled that a 2009 decision by the High Court to strike down the law was unconstitutional, saying that it was for lawmakers – not the courts – to decide the matter.

The ruling dealt a blow to gay activists who have fought for years for the chance to live openly in India.

Many at the parade said the decision was a denial of their human rights.

"Living in India, a democratic country, we feel our rights are being violated as we are not allowed to live as we want," said Rudrani Chettri, a gay man wearing a red and black sari, the dress typically worn by Indian women.

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Judge Damon J. Keith Speaks In Detroit

BY BTL STAFF

Michigan Roundtable presents a special evening with Judge Damon J. Keith entitled "Crusader for Justice" on Dec. 8. The organization, known for its dedication to fostering inclusion, diversity and equity in the state, will host Judge Keith over dinner as he share remark on his life's work as told in his book, "Crusader for Justice." He will also be available for book-signing.

The 92 year old is a senior judge for the United States Court of Appeals 6th Circuit and has been since 1977. The Detroit native has been well known throughout the years for his various rulings, including the famous ruling

in *United States v Sinclair* (1971) that Nixon's Attorney General John N. Mitchell would have to disclose the transcripts of illegal wiretaps that Mitchell had authorized without obtaining a search warrant.

Honorary co-chairs of the event include Kathleen Straus, long-time member of the Michigan Roundtable Board of Directors who also sits on the Michigan State Board of Education and Leon Tupper, a past board chair for Michigan Roundtable.

The event featuring Judge Keith begins with registration at 6:30 p.m. followed by the main program from 7-8:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 8 at Schoolcraft College. The event will be in

the DiPonio Room of the college's VisTa Tech Center, located at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

The event fee is \$50 and includes dinner and a copy of Judge Keith's book. Contributions also help support Michigan Roundtable in its own crusade to make sure all people are welcome and treated fairly. Registration can be made online at www.miroundtable.org/crusaderforjustice or by making a check out to "Michigan Roundtable for Diversity & Inclusion" and mailing the organization at 525 New Center One, 3031 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit.

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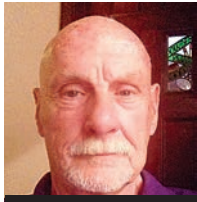
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Parting Glances

OPINION BY CHARLES ALEXANDER

A federally funded study by People & Friends of Cats and Dogs (P-FCD) says that “persons of rainbow personality make the best dog owners, but have little influence on cats, although this should not be misconstrued as homophobia on the part of America’s feline population.”

The P-FCD Study – “Are American Pets at Risk with Gay/Lesbian Owners?” – finds that “dogs owned by LGBT people are happier, better mannered, more likely to heel and fetch than dogs reared by straights. They shed less – the dogs, not the heterosexuals – during summer months and do their gender sniffing and hydrant marking in a covert, more decorous manner.”

Interestingly too is the study finding that most breeds – with the exception of Pekingese, Chihuahuas and Dachshunds – show marked sporting instincts: catching Frisbees, treeing squirrels, chasing unmarked police cars and guarding unattended U-Hauls when raised by lesbians.

“Rottweilers, when dyke raised, tend to be a one-owner breed. They are loyal to a fault. (The dogs, not the dykes.) Curiously, Pitt bulls become remarkably docile when trained by lipstick lesbian owners in suburban settings.

“Breeds raised by gay men seldom bark, or if they do, it’s in quieter tones, and are less likely to eat ill-prepared dinner scraps or TV frozen dinner leftovers. They also show a preference for dog houses that are painted in warmer tones and edged with white lattice work. Collars are preferred with sequins and, in leather outings, studs or spikes.”

The old saying, “You can’t teach an old dog new tricks!,” has been proven “to be utterly false and denigrating to aging canine populations. Old dogs – with gay owners as role models – are actually remarkably adept at doing new tricks.”

A big study disappointment is with finicky cat populations. It’s determined that cats raised by LGBT people are just as likely to be as independent as cats raised by straights. “The truth is that cats just don’t give a rat’s winkle if you’re straight or gay. If you feed them on time, they just couldn’t care less. And whatever you do, don’t smoke their catnip. And please leave their fur balls alone.”

There is a note of progress, however. For some reason “alley cats seem to live longer when kept by gay, single males. This applies whether neutered or not neutered.” (The cats, not the single males.)

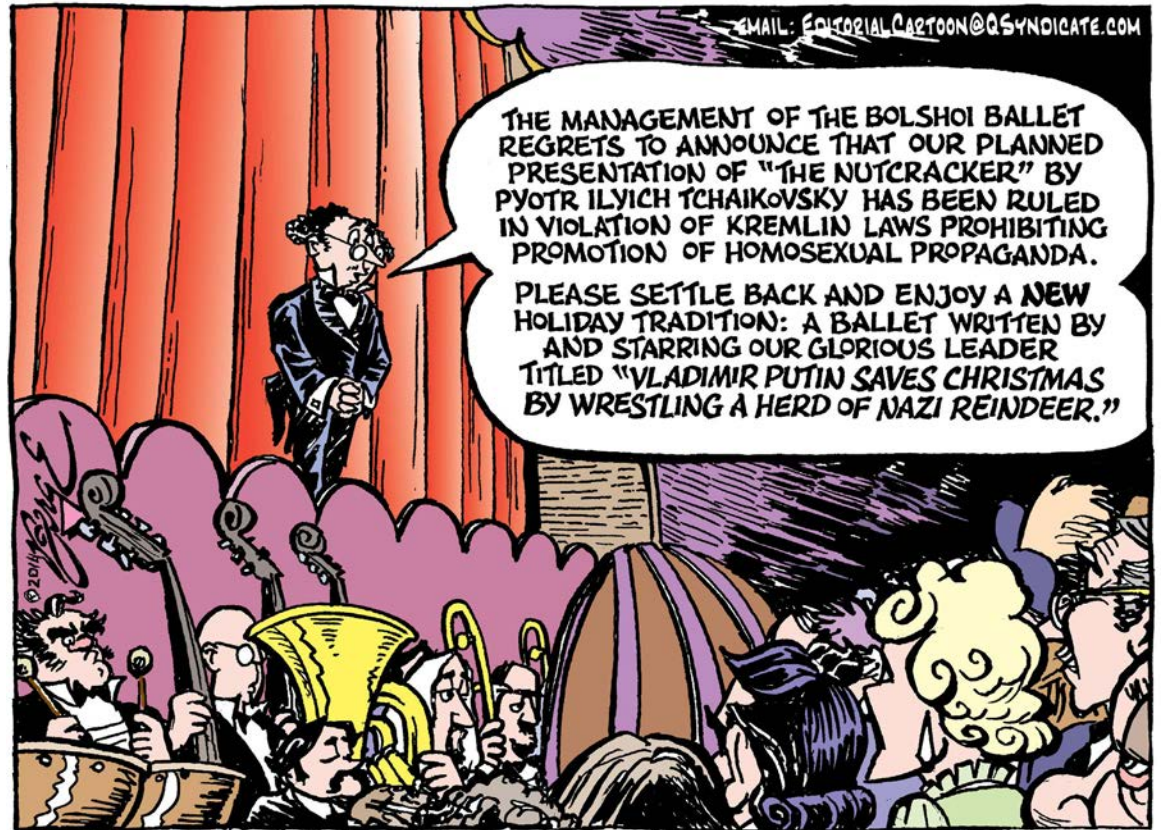
Not everyone is pleased with the P-FCD findings. The Family Way, a right-wing, vigilante organization headquartered in Free-Fall, Montana, expresses outrage at the P-FCD in its monthly newsletter, “The Litter Box.” (Editorial correction: That should be Letter.)

“The Gay Agenda stops at nothing,” opines the editorial. “Not only do they want special political rights, the right to marry and to adopt children, now they want to raise America’s wagtail majority – our innocent dogs and cats – as same-sex, house-broken pets. Maybe a poodle or two, but not a born-again boxer. Never!”

The editorial ends with the usual request for money in the “cultural war to save our four-footed friends from a life of pampering and eternal perdition. Heaven loves a cheerful benefactor.” How true!

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OPINION BY JAY KAPLAN

Religion Should Not Be Used As A Sword To Discriminate

In addition to the bill that excludes transgender people from anti-discrimination protections under Michigan’s Elliott-Larsen’s Civil Rights Act, the Michigan Republican leadership has introduced House Bill 5958, the Michigan Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA). Although not tie barred (making it a condition of passing another piece of legislation) to the Elliott-Larsen bill, the proposed RFRA legislation is being touted by House Speaker Jase Bolger as somehow necessary to protect the religious liberties of individuals who may not believe that LGBT people deserve fair treatment under the law.

At the ACLU of Michigan, we firmly believe this legislation is both unnecessary and dangerous.

To be clear, we have always upheld the principle of religious freedom – which is fundamental to personal liberty and protected under the First Amendment of the United States

We oppose Michigan House Bill 5958 because it allows individuals to use their religious beliefs in the context of non-religious activities as an excuse to harm others. If passed, this bill would excuse any person from any state or local law that they claim “burdens” their exercise of religion.

Constitution. The ACLU has fought for decades to defend true individual religious freedoms from government interference and intrusion. However, the right to act on one’s religious beliefs is not absolute. It is not a free pass to ignore the law or to violate the basic civil rights of others, and it never has been.

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state or local law that they claim “burdens” their exercise of religion. This includes beliefs that do not stem from any established religion. Thus, any religious belief can determine which state and local laws a person chooses to honor.

This bill clearly could and would allow religion to be used to discriminate against LGBT people, allowing people or businesses to deny employment, housing or services based on their religious views. An

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employer, upon discovering that an employee is lesbian, could terminate her employment citing selected biblical scripture that condemns homosexuality. A landlord could refuse to rent an apartment to a same-sex couple. A guidance counselor could refuse to help a gay student because of the counselor's religious belief. A homeless shelter that receives government funding could turn away transgender people or any other people who they believe don't share the organization's religious beliefs.

No doubt you have heard stories from states that permit marriage equality – about county clerks refusing to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples and banquet hall owners refusing to rent them facilities and bakery owners refusing to bake them wedding cakes. All have tried to claim their “religious beliefs” as an excuse.

Other states with similar legislation have seen individuals and groups use religious freedom as a justification for all sorts of behavior, some of it criminal. Here are just a few examples, based on actual cases:

A police officer in Oklahoma asserted a religious objection to his community policing duties at a mosque, citing a “moral dilemma.”

Pharmacists have refused to fill prescriptions for daily birth control medication.

A pastor who helped kidnap a child in Virginia from her legal guardian cited religious freedom as a defense.

In New Mexico, a local religious leader cited the state RFRA when he appealed his conviction for sexually abusing two teenagers.

A federal judge just held that the federal RFRA prevented the Department of Labor from fully investigating possible child labor law violations because the individual under investigation said that his religious beliefs forbade him from discussing those matters with the government.

The city of Dallas is embroiled in an ongoing seven-year battle with a religious group that has used the Texas RFRA to claim that the city's health code and food safety standards burden their exercise of religion when serving food to the homeless.

Aside from being a broadly and poorly written law, Michigan House Bill 5958 allows individuals to sue and collect money damages, challenging any law, policy or regulation that they see as conflicting with their religious exercise. These lawsuits can and will clog up our court system, and our state and local governments will be forced to squander precious taxpayer dollars trying to show that the policy or law in question serves a “compelling governmental interest.”

Religious beliefs are already protected under both our state and federal constitution. Religious organizations and their religious activities are protected from government interference. When an individual or organization voluntarily chooses to engage in non-religious activity, including opening a business, they are subject to various laws, regulations and policies – like civil rights laws – which have been promulgated for the common good.

Unlike the protections already in our constitution, the proposed RFRA would put selected religious beliefs ahead of the common good, going against one of our most important values: treating others the way we want to be treated. House Bill 5958 creates an exemption to laws and policies that mandate fairness and justice.

It is unnecessary and it's bad for Michigan. Contact your legislators and let them know that you oppose this bill.

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STRIBILD is a prescription medicine used to treat HIV-1 in adults who have never taken HIV-1 medicines before. It combines 4 medicines into 1 pill to be taken once a day with food. STRIBILD is a complete single-tablet regimen and should not be used with other HIV-1 medicines.

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

Keep STRIBILD and all medicines out of reach of children.

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

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DIVINE INTERVENTION

Bette Midler Talks Early LGBT Support, 'Diva' Degradation & Equal Wig Rights

BY CHRIS AZZOPARDI

Before the whole world knew her as “The Divine Miss M,” Bette Milder was ours. In the early '70s, bawdy, belt-y Bette was performing for the NYC bathhouse boys, and don't think she's forgotten it, either. “I mean, if I had a nickel for everybody that said they saw me at the baths,” says Midler

in our recent interview, “I would be Joe Billionaire by now!”

Midler would go on to global fame, reaching beyond music to become a celebrated name in film, television and on the stage, winning Grammys, Golden Globes, Emmys and a special Tony Award. And now, the eagerly awaited return of one of show business's most versatile performers has arrived with the release of her first

album in eight years, “It's the Girls!,” a tribute to some of the greatest female harmonies in history.

Midler talked about the anticipated tour she's about to launch in support of this latest effort – and the truck full of hairpieces she's schlepping along (“Cher has 55 wigs; why can't I?!”). She also touched on her early support of the LGBT community, the degradation of the word “diva” and her plan

to avenge Mae West for sending her a cease and desist.

You know how much we gays love our girls. How much do you keep your gay following in mind when you make music, particularly with “It's the Girls!”?

To tell you the truth, it really didn't cross my

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mind. The music I chose is music I had a lot of affection for. Some of these songs I've known since I was a little girl. I feel like if I have a strong feeling for this music, people will also have a strong feeling for it. The truth is, you cannot pander. You have to go with your gut and your heart and be true to yourself, and hope that people like it. They generally do.

You were welcoming to the gay community at a time when many weren't. When you look back at your early support for the LGBT community, what do you recall as being the moment that galvanized you to stand up as an ally?

I had been in the theater for a long time, from the time I was a young person, and I'd always known gay people – and they were just, like, gay people! Just ordinary friends. People that you knew, and that you never thought twice about. You didn't think of them as being different, although looking back on my high school years, I think there were a lot of people in my high school – this is so many years ago; this is 50 years ago – who probably were gay and didn't ever talk about it. As a matter of fact, one of the kids that I went to school with, an enormously popular guy – really funny, really wonderful – who was in my Latin class, wrote me before he passed away from AIDS to tell me that he had been gay and that he had contracted AIDS.

So, I mean, what was the moment when I said that it was time to stand up? Oh my god – it never occurred to me *not* to. These were friends of mine – people that I had worked with, people that I had danced with, people I had broken bread with my whole life – so it never occurred to me not to. You do what you do because there's nothing else to do. There's no other option.

But to stand up for people who were seen as pariahs – that was taboo then. Did you experience any backlash for supporting gay people at the time?

You know, I might have, but I was very well-protected in those days. I actually did not feel it. I remember the first big benefit that anyone had done for gay rights ("A Star Spangled Night for Rights" in 1977). I remember the poster, and it was at the Hollywood Bowl. Lily (Tomlin), Richard Pryor and Tom Waits were on the program, but nobody ever said LGBT then. That didn't exist.

So that night, Tom Waits sang "Standin' on the Corner" and then Richard Pryor came out and Richard Pryor started off great. I don't even know if this is in your history books or anything, but he started off great and then worked himself up into a real frenzy as only he could. He said that the gay community had never supported

civil rights and, "Where were you when we were riding and they were kicking us to the curb and we were being fire-hosed?" Then he said, "You all can kiss my rich, black ass!" and he stomped off the stage. And I had to follow him! I mean, I'm just stripping it bare, but imagine what happened. So I went out and said, "You all can kiss my rich, white ass," and of course then everything was much better, but it was such a curious evening.

I think Stonewall, in the middle '60s, was the first time (the gay community) fought back, but, you know, in history everyone says "I was there." I mean, if I had a nickel for everybody that said they saw me at the baths, I would be Joe Billionaire by now! I would be playing at Madison Square Garden instead of a rickety-tickety little bathhouse on 73rd Street! OK, let's move on. I really do think that this big fundraiser in the late '70s was a little shot across the bow too, and then not long after that, in the middle '80s, AIDS came down and it was so horrible and, even though he knew so many gay people, Ronald Reagan did nothing. *Nothing!*

Right – he wouldn't even publicly acknowledge it was an issue until years later. And hey, Bette, I don't mean to cut you off, but we're on a time limit.

Oh! I'm sorry. I'm waxing poetic. Anyway, enough about you; let's talk about me.

If a gay fan approaches you, which of your projects would they most likely mention?

You wanna know the truth? "Hocus Pocus." Honestly, I cannot believe what happened with "Hocus Pocus." I'm just dumbfounded by the number of people who mention "Hocus Pocus" – and they're young people!

Was your Halloween costume from this year – when you went as your "Hocus Pocus" character, Winifred Sanderson – the closest we'll ever get to a sequel?

I tell them all you must write the Walt Disney Company because I don't have anything to say about it – but they do!

But you'd be up for it?

Oh yeah. The girls and I have talked about it, and we all laugh and say, "Yeah, we'll wait for *that* phone call." But sure, we would all do it. We had a wonderful time.

"It's the Girls!" celebrates and honors female performers who branded a very particular image. I mean, they definitely were not twerking.

Ugh. I don't know what to tell you. I just saw that Jennifer Lopez video with Iggy Azalea – "Booty booty booty..." – and oh, girls, please! What can you say? Girls... please.

How do you compare the girl groups from the era you're channeling to what you're seeing now?

It was a really wholesome era in retrospect. It was sexy, but it was not blatant. It was intriguing and it was mysterious because it

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Tidings Of Comfort & Justice

UUAA Hosts Special LGBT Service

BY SHELBY CLARK PETKUS

Whatever holiday event LGBTQI people and allies plan to celebrate this season, the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor will be around to host; the church will dedicate one particular service to LGBTQI people and their friends, families and allies this month.

The interfaith service themed around “love and justice,” dubbed “Interweave: Interfaith Service of Affirmation,” will take place on Dec. 16. The Hon. Judy Levy, Federal District Judge, will serve as feature speaker. Levy was recently installed as U.S. District Judge for the eastern district of Michigan. The gathered clergy will offer a special blessing to all in attendance, including a group blessing of all the same-sex couples who were able to be married as well as those LGBT couples still yearning to wed. Children are welcome. A social gathering will follow the service, with a free will offering following the event at the Jim Toy Community Center, 319 Braun Court, Ann Arbor.

UUAA has been a vocal and liberal part of the religious community in Ann Arbor since 1865. The multigenerational, multiracial, multicultural religious community currently has over 600 members of diverse individuals, including LGBT people and allies. According to UUAA, “We gather to encourage and inspire each other’s individual spiritual journeys, to honor and care for the natural world around us, and to join forces in furthering social justice in the Ann Arbor area and the wider world. We invite you to visit a Sunday service and fill out a visitor card, sign up to receive our newsletter and



talk with some of us during our coffee hour. Newcomers are always welcome.”

Unitarian Universalists are known for not adhering to a particular creed, but rather affirming the seven principles: the inherent worth of every person, justice, acceptance, the search for truth, peace, respect and the right of conscience. The faith draws from many sources, ranging from Jewish and Christian teachings to the more earth-centered traditions of other spiritual practices. Since 1793, the non-creedal religion has practiced humanist teachings that align with the fundamentals of the movement for LGBT civil rights.

Music at the service will be provided by Katie Geddes, Kath Weider Roos, Laz Slomovitz, David Vaughn, Lori Fithian, Jean

Chorazyczewski and Brandy Sinco. Geddes, who recently sang in a benefit concert for the Clawson United Methodist Church along with Out Loud Chorus, is known for her traditional and contemporary folk, country-folk and folk-pop stylings. Having released the CD “We Are Each Other’s Angels” in 2010, Geddes brings “new life” to the music of John Prine, Buffy Sainte-Marie, John Lennon, Paul McCartney and Michael Nesmith with her “captivating voice and velvety-smooth delivery.”

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"Old Jews Telling Jokes" continues at The Jewish Ensemble Theatre through Dec. 21. Photo: JET

You Could Laugh Your Tuchis Off

BY MARTIN F. KOHN

It's a little confusing, so bear with me. "Old Jews Telling Jokes" is a play in which actors, not necessarily old or Jewish, tell a profusion of very good jokes, mostly Jewish and mostly old. How old? I heard a few of these jokes in high school, a few in middle school and some of them must date back to the era of Fred and Wilma Flintstone – excuse me, Flintstone (they changed their name for business purposes).

Kayla Gordon's staging at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre moves not at a gallop but a canter (no pun intended), which is a good thing. Jokes are told or acted out briskly, but all the words are clearly enunciated and the punch lines land naturally.

The actors, whose Jewish accents are excellent, get into character even in the brief moments it takes to perform a joke. Check out the way Greg Trzaskoma, Fred Burchalter and Eric Gutman are sitting as they portray three Texans on a plane, the way Dorry Peltyn hesitates for a millisecond as she delivers a wife's spin on a doctor's diagnosis, or the way Sandra Birch bats her eyes as a sexy sheep on a desert

REVIEW

Old Jews Telling Jokes

The Jewish Ensemble Theatre Company
at Aaron DeRoy Theatre on the campus of
the Jewish Community Center
6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield
2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17
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island.

Speaking of desert islands, there are quite a few jokes about people marooned and none about an Irishman, an Italian and a Jew, or anyone else, walking into a bar. The implication here may be that Jews are well-acquainted with the wrong end of misfortune, but not so familiar with drinking establishments.

Or not. It's just jokes, culled by Peter Gethers and Michigan native Daniel Okrent from a web site and subsequent book, both called "Old Jews Telling

Jokes."

There is a certain order to the proceedings. The jokes begin with birth and childhood and end with retirement and old age. Among topics visited in between are marriage, divorce, sex, bodily functions (lots of jokes about sex and bodily functions), business, food, religion, assimilation and doctors.

Along the way you'll find out what happens when the Catholic Church offers Jews \$50 to convert; what happens when an Italian, an Irishman and a Jew open competing shoe stores, and why the secret to great sex is rye bread.

The show isn't all jokes. There are a few choice musings (everybody gets one) about the importance of humor, and a song or two, including a sing-along of Tom Lehrer's "(I'm Spending) Hanukkah in Santa Monica."

The laughs are big and frequent, and while it isn't crucial, knowing a few Yiddish words couldn't hurt. Those who are hard of Yiddish will find a helpful one-page glossary in the program.

Those who are hard of humor should do the rest of us a favor and stay home.

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Only 10 a.m. Area Agency on Aging 1-B and Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. Goaffirmations.org

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

Ladies Night 10 p.m. Third Thursdays: For women who love women. Pronto Video Bar, 608 S. Washington Ave., **Royal Oak**.

Friday, Dec. 5

Mistle-tails Black Tie Ball Fundraiser
Benefit for hard to adopt dogs. Tickets: \$60. Teacher's Pet: Dogs and Kids Learning Together, **Clinton Township**. 248-840-5107. Teacherspetmi.org

Getting to Zero 6 p.m. HARC, 1247 Siena Heights Dr., **Adrian**. 734-961-1083. Hivaidresource.org

First Friday @ Vinsetta Garage 6:15



Editor's Pick

As part of continued remembrance of World AIDS Day, the HIV/AIDS Resource Center (HARC) and New Vision Ministries will present "HIV 2.0: Promise Kept?" this weekend. Rev. Jamie D. Hawley, M. Div and pastor of New Vision Ministries will serve as event host. The free event will include refreshments and rapid HIV testing.

Special guests of the event include Dr. Gary Harper of University of Michigan, Dr. Leah Neubauer of DePaul University and Leon Golson of HARC. Rev. Chaka Holley of Heartside Ministry in Grand Rapids and Rev. MacArthur Flournoy of the Human Rights

Campaign will also be a part of the event. John Trimble will be the commemoration's guest artist.

"HIV 2.0: Promise Kept?" will begin at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7 at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 2145 Independence Blvd., Ann Arbor. For more information, contact nvisionministries@gmail.com or visit the Facebook page for New Vision Ministries at COGS.

p.m. Gay Professionals Social Group, 27799 Woodward Ave., **Berkley**. Meetup.com/Gay-Professionals-Social-Group-MI/events/

Friday Night Vibe @ The AFF Cafe, Store & More 7 p.m. The Friday Night Vibe is your original open mic night in downtown Ferndale, whether your singing, acting, dancing or showcasing your talent. DJ ACE will be here playing the hottest club hits. Free. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. TylerBeltz@aol.com Goaffirmations.org

Saturday, Dec. 6

Noel Night 5 p.m. 42nd Annual. Midtown Detroit Inc., **Detroit**.

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Wishing You Peace and Joy A Christmas Concert 7 p.m. Please check out our website or Facebook page for ticket prices and additional information. LanSINGout Gay Mens Chorus, 510 W. Ottawa St., **Lansing**. info@lansingout.org Lansingout.org

Annual Winter Concert 7:30 p.m. Grand Rapids Women's Chorus, 1100 Lake Drive SE, **Grand Rapids**. Grwc.org

Sunday, Dec. 7

Michigan Atheists Meeting 2 p.m. Please join us at our Sunday Gathering in our private room for friendship, food, announcements and reports. Michigan Atheists, 39550 Ann Arbor Road, **Plymouth Township**. 734-459-0880. Michiganatheists.org

Transitions 2 p.m. Free transgender support group. Transitions, 1055 E. South Blvd., **Rochester Hills**. 586-838-0825.

New Vision Ministries 2.0: Promise Kept? 6 p.m. Rev. Jamie D. Hawley, M. Div. Free refreshments and free rapid HIV testing. HARC, 2145 Independence Blvd., **Ann Arbor**. Hivaidresource.org

Drag Queen Addictions 10:30 p.m. LaBelle and Aretha Franklin impersonator April Summers brings her big personality to the stage as she introduces a lineup of drag stars. 18+-. Inuendo Nightclub, Corner of Nevada St. and Southbound I-75, **Detroit**. <https://facebook.com/inuendo>.

nightclub?rf=118209121607517

Monday, Dec. 8

TransPeace 7 p.m. Ruth Ellis Center, 77 Victor St., **Highland Park**. 313-867-6932. Ruthelliscenter.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

Gender Explorers 8 p.m. Spectrum Center, **Ann Arbor**. 734-763-4186. spectrumcenter.umich.edu

Tuesday, Dec. 9

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

Third Annual Bowl-A-Rama 6 p.m. Tickets: \$20-30. Ruth Ellis Center, 3490 12 Mile Road, **Berkley**. Ruthelliscenter.org

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

Wednesday, Dec. 10

Trans & Gender Queer Group 12:30 p.m. Eastern Michigan University, **Ypsilanti**. 734-487-4149. Emich.edu/igbtqc

Senior Koffee Klatch 1 p.m. A lively, discussion and social group for LGBT adults over 45. Group covers topics pertaining to aging and outside speakers. Potluck dinners at members homes, lunches out and holiday parties. Meets ever Wednesday on the upper level of the Affirmations building. Senior Koffee Klatch, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. GoAffirmations.org

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

269-349-4234. Kglrc.org

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St., Ann Arbor. 9 p.m. Dec. 6. 734-996-8555. Blindpigmusic.com

Detroit Opera House "Too Hot to Handel" Tickets: \$20+. Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway St., Detroit. Dec. 21 - Dec. 7. 313-237-SING. Michiganopera.org

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Christmas Caroled \$15-32. The Encore Musical Theatre Company, 3126 Broad St., Dexter. Through Dec. 21. 734-268-6200. theencoretheatre.org

Gift of the Magi \$25-41. Performance Network Theatre, 120 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor. Through Dec. 21. 734-663-0681. pntheatre.org

Ringwald Theatre, 22742 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Through Dec. 8. 248-545-5545. theeringwald.com

The Winter's Tale \$10. Slipstream Theatre Initiative at Michigan Actors Studio, 648 E. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. Dec. 7 - 31. 248-298-9617. slipstreamti.com

This Wonderful Life \$27. Performance Network Theatre, 120 E. Huron St., Ann

Editor's Pick

Grosse Pointe Theatre will build on last season's holiday spectacular by offering "Irving Berlin's White Christmas" to the community, with nine performances from Dec. 13 through Dec. 22.

Two ex-army pals team up with a pair of sisters to put on a show to save a remote Vermont ski lodge that's fallen on hard times. A little mischief, a few misunderstandings and a whole lot of romance are the perfect excuse for a magical evening of laughter, tears, breathtaking



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for general admission. Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort St., Detroit. Dec. 6 - Dec. 7. 313-961-4533. Fortstreet.org

The Ark "Christine Lavin & Don White" Tickets: \$25. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Dec. 6. 734-761-1800. Theark.org

The Ark "Vincent York's Jazzistry Presents a tribute to Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong" Tickets: \$20. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Dec. 5. 734-761-1800. Theark.org

The Majestic "Corrections House featuring STATIOBLOOM". The Magic Stick, 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Dec. 7. 313-833-9700. Majesticdetroit.com

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Leading Ladies \$14-16. Farmington Players, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Through Dec. 20. 248-473-1856. farmingtonplayers.org

Snow Queen \$5-8. Ann Arbor Civic Theatre at The Children's Creative Center Stage, 1600 Pauline Blvd., Ann Arbor. Dec. 5 - 7. 734-971-2228. a2ct.org

Professional

A Christmas Carol \$33-39. Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. Dec. 6. 586-286-2222. macombcenter.com

A Christmas Carol \$19-42. Meadow Brook Theatre, 2200 N. Squirrel Road, Rochester. Through Dec. 21. 248-377-3300. mbtheatre.com

All in the Timing \$10-30. Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. Through Jan. 31. 313-577-2972. hilberry.com

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Home for the Holidays \$35-41. The Dio - Dining and Entertainment, 135 E. Main St., Pinckney. Through Dec. 23. 517-672-6009. diotheatre.com

Invasion! \$10-20. Planet Ant Theatre, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. Through Dec. 20. 313-365-4948. planetant.com

It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play \$5-20. The Theatre Company at University of Detroit Mercy at Grounds Coffehaus, 4001 W. McNichols Road, Detroit. Dec. 5 - 7. 313-993-3270. udmarts.com

Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol \$8-15. Thunder Bay Theatre, 400 N. Second Ave., Alpena. Through Dec. 14. 989-354-2267. thunderbaytheatre.com

Junie B. Jones \$10-12. Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. 1:30 p.m. Dec. 6. 734-668-8397. michtheater.org

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Old Jews Telling Jokes \$41-48. The Jewish Ensemble Theatre Company at Aaron DeRoy Theatre on the campus of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Through Dec. 21. 248-788-2900. jetttheatre.org

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Flint Institute of Arts "The Art of Video Games". Flint Institute of Arts, 1120 E. Kearsley St., Flint. Oct. 25 - Jan. 18. 810-234-1695. Flintarts.org

James Pearson Duffy Department of Art and Art History "Menagerie, or Artwork Not About Love". 480 W. Hancock, Detroit. Oct. 24 - Dec. 12. 313-577-2423. Wayne.edu

Janice Charach Gallery "Pictures of Resistance: The Wartime Photographs of Jewish Partisan Faye Schulman" 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield Township. Oct. 19 - Dec. 14. 248-661-1000. Jccdet.org

Michigan State University Museum "Evolution in Action" 409 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. Aug. 4 - Dec. 31. 517-355-7474. museum.msu.edu

MOCAD "Detroit City: Detroit Affinities" Detroit: Affinities, Speaks and Stages. Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Sep. 12 - Jan. 31. 313-832-6622. Mocadoetroit.org

Neighborhood Service Organization "Through Our Eyes Gallery Opening" Swords into Plowshares Gallery, 33 E. Adams St., Detroit. Nov. 20 - Dec. 13. 313-961-4890. ww.Nso-mi.org

Saugatuck Center for the Arts "Art 'a Loan". 400 Culver St., Saugatuck. Nov. 18 - Dec. 7. 269-857-2399. Sc4a.org



Shakespeare's "The Winter's Tale" is Slipstream Theatre Initiative's inaugural production. Photo: STI

Taking The Stage For Charity

New Theater Company Raises Funds For LGBT Orgs

BY DANA CASADEI

FERNDALE – There are moments, big and small, where lives can change in an instant. For Bailey Boudreau, one of those moments happened over dinner.

His future co-founder, Jennifer Jolliffe, asked him about his life goals. Since he's been working in the business for 20 years, he told her eventually he'd like to start a theater company. Jolliffe continued to ask Boudreau questions about that goal, and Boudreau had answers for all of them.

"She said, 'Well, it sounds like you're ready to do it now. Let's get started,'" he revealed.

The next day the duo began filling out paper work and planning for the Slipstream Theatre Initiative.

First up was trying to figure out how they were going to start a company that would be different. It's made clear quickly that this goal was met in numerous ways.

Boudreau, who is also the company's artistic director, said the company will perform Sunday through Wednesday evenings and start their season in December as to not take away money or audiences from theater companies that have been loyal to him.

Also, Slipstream is a mobile company, meaning shows will be performed in different venues throughout Detroit and Ferndale.

And each of the season's eight shows will have some sort of twist to them, like an all-female version of "Hamlet." The shows were also conceptualized to focus on the intent of the playwright and make them relevant and fresh.

"If (Henrik) Ibsen's intent was to show shock with 'A Doll's House,' we go, 'How do we make that relevant today?'" Boudreau said. "Then we look at current issues happening today and we try to infuse that into our story."

This leads to one of the company's most unique elements, partnering each show with a charity that relates to Slipstream's concept of the show. Boudreau said the company has an active Indiegogo campaign, and the closer they get to having the season pre-funded, the more money

PREVIEW

The Winter's Tale

Slipstream Theatre Initiative
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The idea of giving to charities came up while discussing what their concept would be for "A Doll's House." The group associated it with the Ariel Castro kidnappings, and after more discussion, they were led to The Lighthouse Foundation of Oakland County.

"We thought about that, and then we thought for all of these shows our concept is based around something that is sort of a universal truth," Boudreau said. "There are foundations out there struggling that stand for these universal truths, so why not pair up with them?"

And pair up they did. The company's first show, Shakespeare's "The Winter's Tale," partners with the Ruth Ellis Center in Detroit. The show, which is directed by Boudreau, begins Dec. 7 at the Michigan Actors Studio in Ferndale. Other charities Slipstream teamed up with are The Trevor Project and He For She.

"If we're not giving back in some way to another foundation that is struggling to make a difference in a non-artistic way, then I don't think we are doing our jobs as artists," Boudreau said.

Not only do these charities connect with the shows, but Boudreau strongly believes in each cause as well, like gender and marriage equality. He mentions that half of these charities are LGBT-focused, and speaks passionately about all the charities selected.

"We want to make theater that makes people think and incite some sort of change in them, even if it's momentary," he said.



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► Bette Midler

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wasn't flat out in your face. It was also supremely elegant. You know, I talk about this with my girlfriend Toni Basil, another gay icon: Those voices, the black voices, were not familiar to white ears. They simply never heard those voices singing harmony before. You never really heard those really strong, vibrant black girls singing until The Shirelles, The Crystals, The Chiffons, and then the Motown girls, and the girls who came after: Sister Sledge, The Emotions and down the line. The Honeycombs? Is there a group called The Honeycombs? I personally wanted to cover (The Weather Girls') "Two Tons o' Fun" but everyone said, "No, no, you can't cut that," so I didn't.

You cover TLC's '90s pop hit "Waterfalls," which famously dealt with HIV/AIDS and safe sex. What significance does that song have for you?

The first time I heard it I was really struck by it because it seemed like such an important song. To me, it was one of the saddest songs I'd ever heard on pop radio. So, I wanted to do a stripped-down version of it because I really wanted the story to be clear. I had thought about it for a long time, and when I first heard it, I was so moved by it. I shed a tear myself, and I always use that as a kind of litmus test. If it really moves me, I can bring something to it; I can make it my own.

What about the song in particular hit you? Did you know the original song was inspired by the AIDS-stricken and promoted safe sex?

I do remember that, but it was a dance song. It was for the dance halls. It was for the discos, and yet it really is a song about the mother who can't do anything, who's completely helpless in the face of this. I felt that, and that's the way I wanted to interpret it. I think it worked out wonderfully.

You've been a self-proclaimed diva. In fact, your 1997 HBO special was called "Diva Las Vegas," and during your Las Vegas spectacle at the Colosseum at Caesars Palace, "The Showgirl Must Go On," you said you were the "People's Diva." At this point, has the meaning of the word "diva" changed so much that you no longer identify with it?

It's a word that is just so overused that

it's really lost all currency. It no longer has any meaning at all. Any old slob on the Internet can say, "Well, I'm a 'diva,'" and have some people believing it, but not me. In the old, old, old, old days – you know, during the Civil War when I was just a child – it meant "the star." It was an opera term, and it meant a female opera singer who really could carry the whole opera, and it has been so degraded now. It's a shame because it really was a wonderful word.

What does "diva" mean to you now?

It means nothing. It has absolutely no meaning at all. "Divine" still has meaning because there's still a church, but "diva" has absolutely no meaning at all.



When you hit the road for your first tour in 10 years, how many wigs are you bringing along with you?

Oh my god – I have a truck! I have a whole truck. Well, Cher always does. Cher has 55 wigs; why can't I? To tell you the truth, I have been wearing wigs since, let's see, the very, very old days. Since I first started making motion pictures – movies! – I've always worn wigs. Always, always, always. It really does spare you. It really is a time-saver, and I really enjoy them. And I love makeup and hair. I just love it, love it, love it! I love becoming somebody that I'm not. As they used to say about Mae West: "A little old lady used to come in onto the set and go into the trailer, and four hours later Mae West would come out." It's really kind of like that.

A lot of drag queens would agree with you and Mae. What advice do you have for a guy who wants to dress in Bette drag?

A good pair of shoes – a *really* good pair of shoes – because you'll really hurt yourself. You'll hurt your joints. And a serious undergarment. And if your panties fall down all around your feet, step out of them and keep on singing.

That's good advice even if you're not a drag queen.

(Laughs) Well, I've been accused of (being a drag queen) many times! But I take it with a grain of salt. To me, it's a supreme compliment.

Any chance you'll revisit songs by The Sanderson Sisters or the ladies of "The First Wives Club"? They are, after all, girl groups.

I really do have to think about this. If I go out around Halloween, I'll have to put some effort into it. I've got some surprises up my sleeve.

You mentioned Mae West, and it was announced in late 2013 that you were cast as Mae in an upcoming HBO biopic. How's that project coming along?

I'll tell you something: The script just came in, but I haven't seen it. I'm waiting for the director, Billy Friedkin (director of "The Exorcist"), to make his notes, and then he's gonna hand it off to me and we'll see what happens.

I'm really looking forward to it because I've been reading and doing my due diligence. She's such a fabulous – she's so fucking nuts! I mean, she was so insane. And you know, when I started my career all those many moons ago, I used to do

an impersonation of Mae West, and I did it on "The Johnny Carson Show" – my very first "Johnny Carson Show" – and she sent me a letter telling me to cease and desist, which I swear to god I still have.

I didn't understand it at the time. I thought, "What's wrong with her?" Now that I've done all the reading and am of a certain age, I totally get it. She was protecting what she had made. She was protecting her creation. That was practically a trademark and she didn't want anyone to mishandle her creation. Ultimately, she was right. So I bowed to her wishes; I ceased and desisted. And I think it's so amusing. (Laughs) After all that, if the script actually comes to the point of doing it, it certainly would be revenge. Take that, Mae!



Nicolas Wysocki with Bette Midler in Farmington Hills.

She Put A Spell On Me

Coming Out Of The Closet To Bette Midler

BY NICOLAS WYSOCKI

When you're a 12-year-old gay boy in middle school, you don't really have an overt sexuality, just many flamboyant hobbies. Yes, I still gravitated toward all the hyperfeminized figurines and performed exquisitely executed cartwheels at a very early age, but most of the time I was watching and imitating Bette Midler. That fabulous laugh, that energy, her ferocious tenacity to proudly proclaim "I'm beautiful dammit!" – what is not to adore about the woman?

I didn't know I was gay, or even know what "gay" really was in the mid-'90s, but I knew I didn't fit with my classroom peers, or even with society as I then knew it. I generally heard the word "gay" alongside "AIDS" in schoolyard conversation or at home on the couch while watching the evening news with my parents, so in my naive rationale, "gay" was already taboo.

A premature gay person naturally learns to find his or her defenses very quickly, and so, by the seventh grade I was very well aware of the bus-stop repercussions of not being like the other boys. I wanted Midler's divineness, but foremost I wanted her confidence. If Delores DeLago, Bette's mermaid alter ego, could seem so confident, why couldn't I?

Imagine the day I got the opportunity to meet Bette Midler at a Harmony House meet-and-greet in Farmington Hills for her 1998 album "Bathhouse Betty." It was utterly unnerving, and it didn't feel surreal until the line drew nearer and I actually gained a clear view of The Divine Miss M. She was wearing a couture skin-tight leather jumpsuit. Naturally, I was slightly intimidated holding just a Michigan Wolverines Starter jacket my mom bought me from Kmart.

So there I was, and there Bette was. The only question now: What do I say to Miss M? Do I try to woo her with quotables from "The First Wives

Club"? Do I tell her the first R-rated movie I saw was "Ruthless People"? Before I could make a sound decision, I was signaled by the usher to step forward. Then it happened: I was greeted by the one and only Bette Midler.

She was glowing. She was sweet. She was real.

Shyly, and with a nervous stammer, I told her my name, and that I loved all her music and films since I could remember. I told her I practiced being Winifred Sanderson after school; that I wanted to sing "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" for my sixth grade choir recital, but my teacher didn't take to the idea. Then I confided to her something deeper than my own fundamental understanding of myself at that age. In an awkward rush of words, I remember saying, "You make me happy to be who I am." Bette looked at me warmly, her face melting with tenderness. In a way, I indirectly came out to Bette Midler before I fully understood what coming out was, and in that brief encounter, it's likely Bette understood my own self better than I did.

Bette Midler was the first person that I dared to divulge the most personal thing in my life to, and in my logic she accepted me, so then, at age 12, it was enough for me to do the same. I didn't discover a complete resolve to my life, of course, but, when I met her nearly 20 years ago, I found a purpose. So, I graciously thank you, Bette Midler. And forgive me for the silly cliché, but you're truly and consistently The Wind Beneath My Wings.

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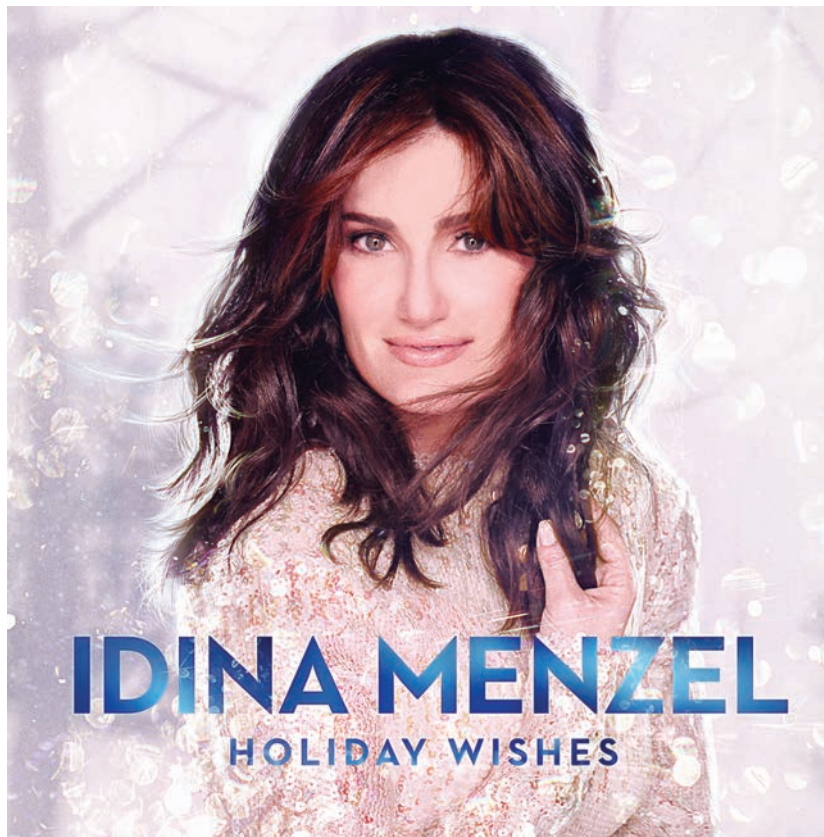
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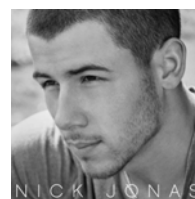
Idina Menzel, Nick Jonas



Idina Menzel, 'Holiday Wishes'

Idina Menzel is the luckiest person to have ever been called Adele Dazeem. The awkwardness of having her name butchered by John Travolta during this year's Oscars telecast gifted the Broadway icon with newfound clout, boosting her out of the gay niche and into mainstream notoriety. Now, Elsa the Snow Queen rides the snowy wave of her wintertime success and releases a Christmas album (because there's nothing else you should be doing after your inner drag queen surfaces and all your repressed powers turn everything to ice). If you're expecting some kind of Christmas version of "Let It Go" from the "Frozen" superstar, well, let it go. "Holiday Wishes" is focused on simple, classic Christmas nostalgia: for instance, "Do You Hear What I Hear?," "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" and "Silent Night" (not exactly the silentest of nights as Menzel can't help but belt). Producer Walter Afanasieff, who made magic with Mariah Carey in the early '90s, and also co-wrote "All I Want for Christmas Is You," heads Menzel's project, which includes a jazzy and not-quite-as-magical version of Carey's staple (with Kenny G on sax). And because Idina knows you want her to sing

something Disney, she doesn't let you down. Her lovely rendition of "When You Wish Upon a Star" is designed as a big ol' fashioned mega ballad that makes everything shine a little brighter. *Grade: B-*



Nick Jonas, 'Nick Jonas'

It's basically impossible to stay hydrated amid all the crotch-grabbing, butt-exposing sexiness Nick Jonas has so generously donated to the thirsty people of the world. Giving you yet another reason to suck down some H2O is the former Jonas Brother's self-titled solo album, the sonic component to the never-ending parade of partial nudity (but really, how many times do you think he cups his junk to reach falsetto?). Nick toys with his sexed-up image on "Teacher," an R&B-tinged, love-gone-sour song where he sounds like he's ready to get the ruler out and give you a nice spankin'. "Take it off for me," he urges on the funky soul number "Take Over," referring to your "disguise" (i.e. clothes). With "Numb," he instigates a bump-and-grind; "Avalanche," with

Demi Lovato, shows he's got soul – and not just vocally. There's a beating heart beyond that flirty façade. Then it's back to the bedroom for the Mike Posner-assisted slow jam "Closer." "Open up and let me in," he demands, making dreams come true. So yeah, if you think you're getting Justin Timberlake vibes, you are. If you're ashamed to get aural pleasure from a Jonas Brother, you shouldn't be. Like his clothes, Nick's shed the Disney act for this rite-of-passage project, indicative of his journey into maturity, into desire, into a girl's pants. The purity ring is off; he's literally and figuratively more naked than ever before. Dig in. *Grade: B+*

Also Out



Damien Rice, 'My Favourite Faded Fantasy'

Following an eight-year absence, Ireland's Damien Rice returns with all new reasons for you to weep rivers of sadness. Maintaining the reflective folk style of his "O" debut and 2006's "9," the Irish troubadour's trademark sound – and all the feels of heartbreak and wistfulness – reemerges on his third release, overseen by producer Rick Rubin. In terms of cohesiveness, "Fantasy" is Rice's best. But, particularly with "I Don't Want to Change You" and "Trusty and True," the album's greatest triumph is its emotional payoff. Grab a pillow and let it out.



Trisha Yearwood, 'PrizeFighter: Hit After Hit'

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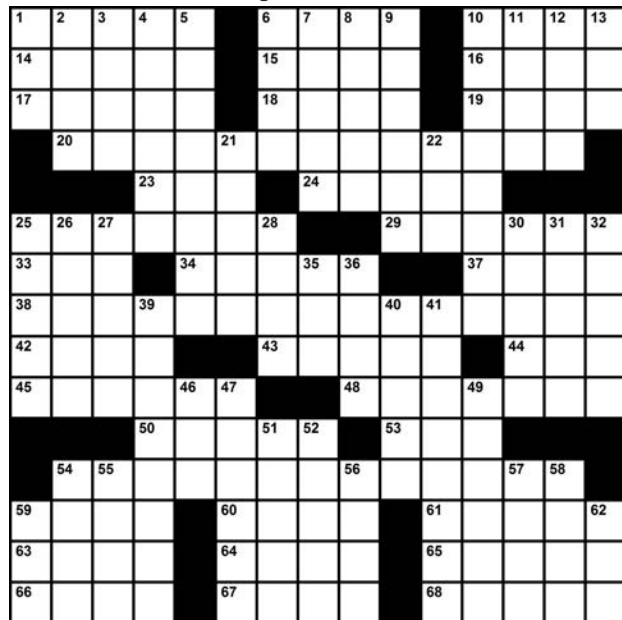
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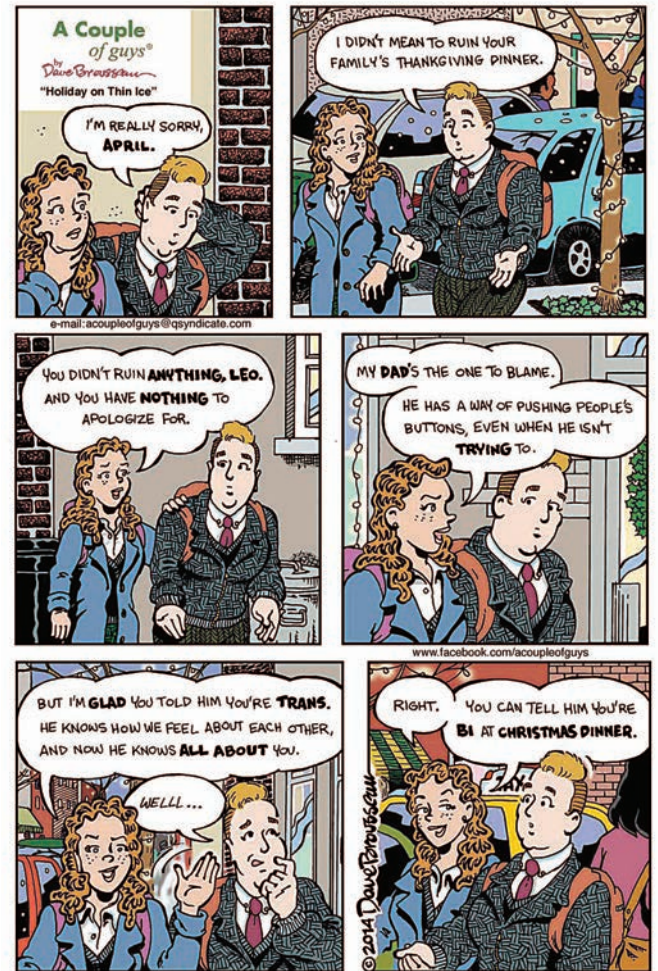
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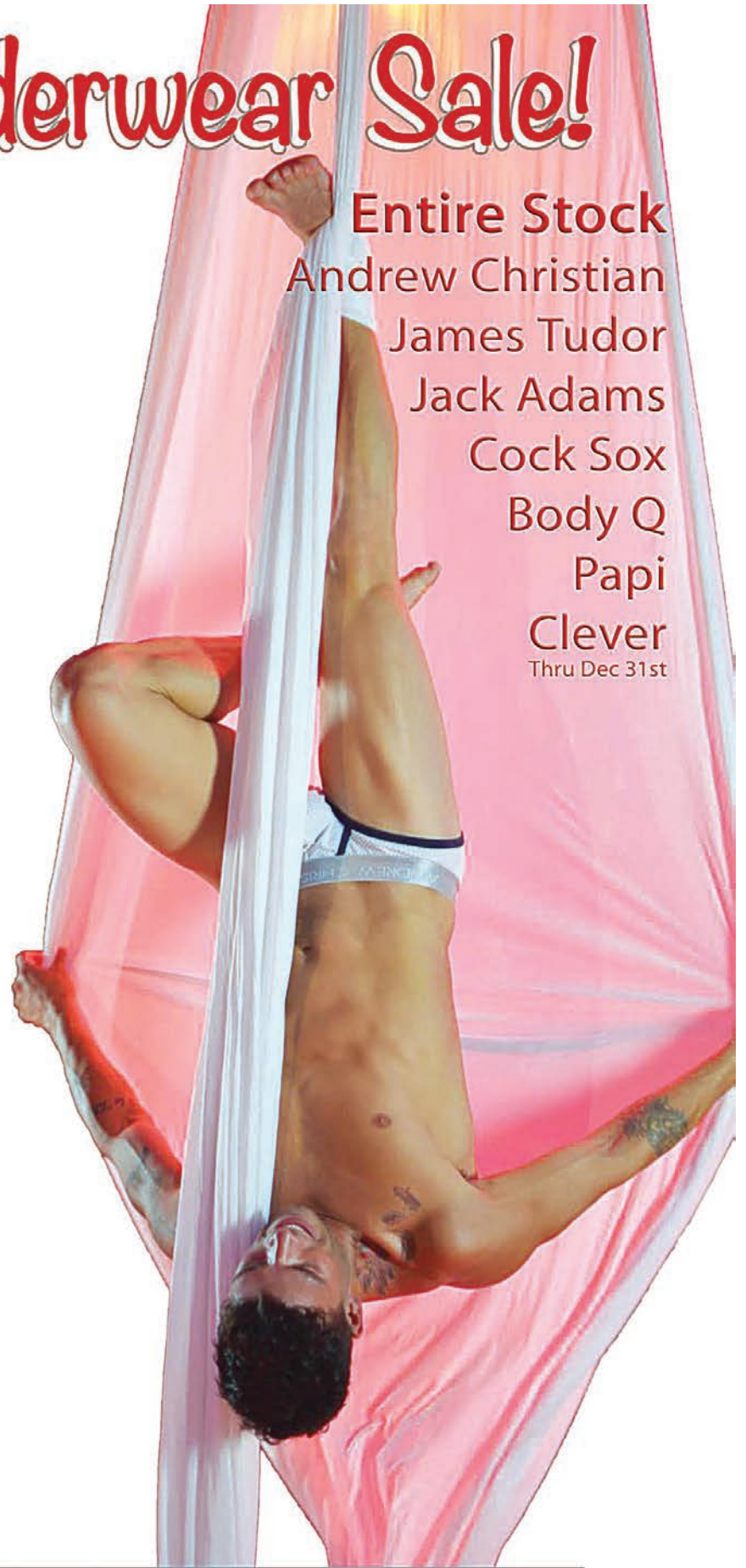
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