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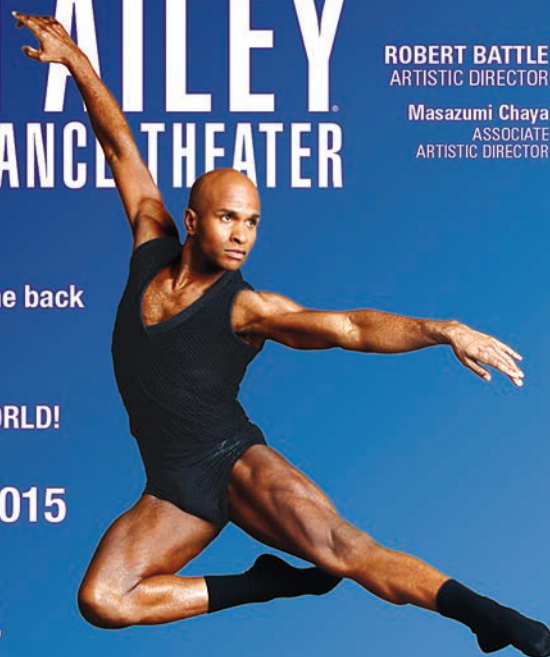
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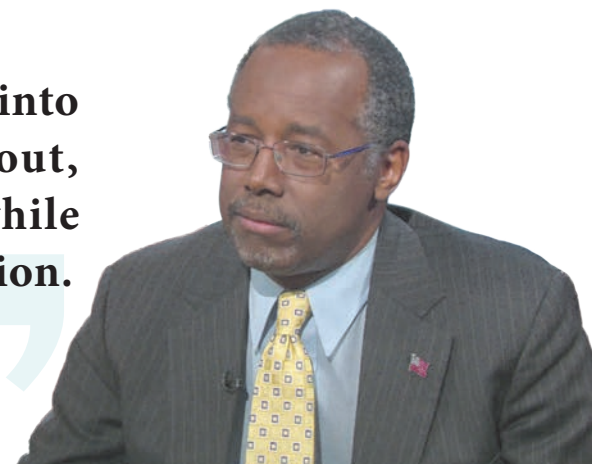
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resounding success

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(A) lot of people who go into prison, go into prison straight – and when they come out, they’re gay. So, did something happen while they were in there? Ask yourself that question.

– Ben Carson, this week’s
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April DeBoer and Jayne Rowse with their family. The DeBoer v Snyder case will be heard by the U.S. Supreme Court in late April. A decision that will impact marriage equality for all 50 states is expected by the end of June.

This year BTL's 5th Annual Expo falls on the one year anniversary of the historic decision by Federal Judge Bernard Friedman which struck down the Michigan anti-gay marriage amendment, declaring it unconstitutional.

Admission is free this year with registration (online or at the door.)

In lieu of admission, BTL asks that you consider a donation to the National Marriage Challenge supporting the legal team for the DeBoer-Rowse case now before the U.S. Supreme Court.
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The Marriage Case, Its Impact, The Future 11 a.m. A Pre-Expo Presentation

Three years ago, April DeBoer and Jayne Rowse just wanted to co-adopt their three children. But since it is not legal for unmarried couples to co-adopt in Michigan, they sued the state. That simple case has now evolved into one of the biggest civil rights cases in American history, and certainly the one that is having the greatest impact on LGBT equality. Come learn about the case, the issues impacting marriage equality, what the impending decision from the U.S. Supreme Court really means for same-sex couples and what the future holds for our families, our work lives and our status as LGBT Americans.

Professor Robert Sedler is a leading expert on constitutional law and an engaging speaker. Sedler has litigated a large number of civil rights and civil liberties cases, mostly as a volunteer lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union. A distinguished professor at Wayne State University, Sedler has consulted with the attorneys in the DeBoer case and can explain what it all means when the U.S. Supreme Court decision comes down this June.

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2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
The Fashion Show

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3 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
The Anniversary Party

Celebrate the one year anniversary of Judge Bernard Friedman's historic decision that declared Michigan's marriage ban to be unconstitutional. Over 300 same-sex couples were legally married in Michigan on March 22, 2014. Anniversary cake provided by Sweet Dreams Bakery. There will be singing and – of course – dancing!

3 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Salsa Dance Party

The celebration revs up with the vivacious Motif singers and the salsa dancers of Argentine Tango Detroit.



The Fashion Show 2 p.m.

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in Birmingham are pulling out all the stops to present an edgy, exquisite and unexpected fashion show that is sure to delight and surprise. Skaters from the Detroit Derby Girls will be dressed as bridesmaids assisting the models as they negotiate the stage – on skates!

And as a nod to the challenging legal realities of LGBT life in Michigan, several political celebrities will model the fantastic gowns and tuxes. Modeling gowns will be Oakland County Clerk Lisa Brown, who opened her offices on Saturday, March 22, 2014 and married as many same-sex couples as she could before Attorney General Bill Schuette was able to get an emergency stay imposed. As a candidate last year for Lieutenant Governor, Brown was a vocal champion for marriage equality.

Last November we elected two openly gay men to the Michigan House of Representatives. Jon Hoadley and Jeremy Moss will both be modeling (gowns or tuxes??) as will State Rep. Kristy Pagan and Brian Stone, who is running next year for a seat in the House. Community activists Emily Dievendorf, Kevin Heard and Alicia Skillman will also be strutting the runway in formal attire.



One of this year's models will be Oakland County Clerk Lisa Brown who married over 140 couples on March 22, 2014. The first couple to marry was Frank Colasonti, Jr. and Frank Ryder. BTL file photo: Andrew Potter

Motif Singers & Salsa Dancing 3 p.m.

Expo Dance Party 2013



Admission is free this year with registration.
(Register online or at the door)

Michigan LGBTQ&A Career Expo Resounding Success

BY AJ TRAGER

DEARBORN – Thirty-seven corporate leaders of Michigan's top businesses, including the State Department, came together in the first LGBTQ&A Career Fair hosted by the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Hundreds of job seekers attended the LGBT Career Fair held March 5 by Affirmations, the Detroit LGBT Chamber of Commerce, Out & Equal Detroit Affiliate, Pride Source Media Group and the university. Many of them were seeking accepting and progressive attitudes in future employers in a state known for its anti-LGBT measures. LGBT activists have pushed for a change in the statewide non-discrimination act for years with no success but are staying positive as more and more companies are "coming out" as LGBT allied.

Lashiya Kennedy, 21, has a long history working in customer service and is actively looking to expand her career opportunities in that field once she graduates from Schoolcraft College in 2016. While at the fair, she spoke with Sprint, Enterprise, Herman Miller, Blue Cross and the automotive companies.

"I like making sure that everybody has good quality service wherever they go," Kennedy said after making her rounds. "I have a certain guarantee interview with Sprint and Verizon as well. I am really focusing on those two because they are big on customer service, sales and technology. Those two would be perfect places for me."

Working in an inclusive environment is important to Kennedy who, like many who



Members of the Detroit Police Department were among 37 companies that participated in the LGBTQ&A Career Fair at U-M Dearborn campus March 6. Over 250 people signed up looking for employment. BTL photo: Chris Coleman

attended the career fair, has been let go from a job due to her sexual orientation.

"I would like to feel comfortable and equal as everyone else. I don't want to be discriminated against because I like the same gender. If I were straight this wouldn't be an issue, so why because I like girls?"

"Tolerance and appreciation of diversity, providing the basic rights like the right to marry and love who you want – those are messages that we as a state need to send," said John Austin, president of the Michigan Board of Education. "It is painful for me to watch and see people who have a choice choose not to be in Michigan because of our somewhat

reactionary public policies that are repellant, not attractive, for people when they are LGBTQ&A. This is a celebration here today. This is so much what we need to do."

Austin gave the keynote address at the luncheon provided by the University of Michigan-Dearborn for the participating companies. He believes that many negative messages exist in the job market against the LGBT community, conveying that LGBT identities aren't valued and aren't equal.

"There is nothing more important to our economy and the ability of the state that provides economic opportunity, provides jobs and creates jobs, than if we are sending

a clear and unambiguous message that we not only welcome, but we also keep and support, all of our wonderful talented people," Austin said.

Big companies like Ford, Chrysler, Blue Cross Blue Shield, EY, Comerica Bank, DTE Energy, Quicken Loans, the CIA and the U.S. Department of State were also in attendance at the four hour networking event. Many of Michigan's top grossing companies being in attendance proves that businesses and organizations are ready for LGBT inclusions, even if the state is not ready for full equality.

Looking For Talent

The Henry Ford Health System employs thousands of people, from medical professionals to administrative staff, and is constantly looking for new talent. Shannon Marzolf, the talent selection college coordinator and John Poma, who represents the Henry Ford Macomb Campus, came to the career fair because the health system's

mission statement values diversity and lists that quality as one of the main standards of excellence for the company.

"I feel that a diverse candidate pool and diverse workforce fosters great ideas and it isn't all just cut and dry," Marzolf said. "Everybody sees things from a different angle. I think it's important to have diversity and a different make-up of the workforce. That's one of our strong initiatives to be out in the community looking to get the best employees for Henry Ford Health System."

Herman Miller also attended the event. As a major office supply manufacturer based out of Zeeland, they have received a 100 percent rating on the Human Rights Campaign's Corporate Equality Index for a few years in a row. The company is committed to maintaining a workforce that includes all people and takes personality into account, encouraging employees to be true to who they are at work.

"Our founders really believed in bringing the whole person to work and not just saying 'OK, you are an engineer,'" Julie Smith, senior talent management consultant, noted. "We have a really strong LGBT community at Herman Miller."

Companies like Herman Miller and the Henry Ford Health System are paving the way for smaller companies to change their policies and practices to be more LGBT aware and accepting.

Process Development Corporation, a small engineering and manufacturing firm out of Canton, attended the career fair represented by Ara Hachigian, the executive manager of human resources. Hachigian set a goal for PDC to have a HRC CEI score by the end of 18 months. The family owned company has been around for 30 years and has an international presence. Hachigian is a member of the LGBT community himself and says this is the first time that the company has had a member of the community in an executive role.

"For me, it's that personality difference in someone who has experienced many different things," Hachigian said. "Someone who knows what inclusion means. We are a community that is often times excluded. We know what exclusion looks like and what inclusion looks



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A recruiter luncheon featured John Austin discussing how diverse communities help grown a state's economic well- being. BTL photos: Chris Coleman

like. That's how I look at the value of having members of our community in our workplace."

Hachigian says that the automotive industry is still male dominated. The big three (GM, Chrysler and Ford) have made huge strides including LGBT protections and benefits for employees, but he says it would be great to have more of the LGBT community in highly skilled and specialized roles.

"Smart businesses are diversified. You are stupid to not leverage our community – in my opinion. It's bad business to not have same-sex marriage, for the economy in the state, for all the businesses that support the state, for all the people that pay taxes," Hachigian said.

He currently has a trans candidate from Lawrence Tech looking to go into design engineering. The company hasn't really focused on employee diversity until now, Hachigian says. That isn't to say it isn't diverse, but more so that PDC is now actively looking for new, exciting minds to fill the gaps in employment.

Twenty-five years ago, Jan Stevenson, publisher of Between The Lines and a co-organizer of the LGBT Career Fair, decided to quit her job working as a commercial loan officer at a well known bank after a superior showcased his blatant homophobia. Since then, she has been a full time activist for LGBT inclusion.

"In a span of nearly three decades of work,

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– John Austin, president of the Michigan Board of Education.

we've seen a sea change in how the corporate workplace addresses LGBT issues," Stevenson said. "Study after study has found that a workforce that is inclusive of LGBT people is more productive, creative and responsive to their customers' demands. And the LGBT consumer market is now recognized as a major economic force."

Dr. Ann Lampkin-Williams, senior advisor to the chancellor for inclusion and special projects at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, joined the luncheon before the start of the career fair. On behalf of the university, Lampkin-Williams expressed gratitude for all the hard work that made the Career Fair so successful and hopes that the event continues on in subsequent years.

"This is a pivotal turning point for these universities and who we are and what we believe in. Know that if you want this to be a tradition on campus, the office of the chancellor wants this to be a tradition."


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

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

STRIBILD can cause serious side effects, including:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Who should not take STRIBILD?

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

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

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

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

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

What are the possible side effects of STRIBILD?

STRIBILD may cause the following serious side effects:

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

The most common side effects of STRIBILD include:

- Nausea
- Diarrhea

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

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

What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking STRIBILD?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Keep STRIBILD and all medicines out of reach of children.

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

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SCOTUS Sets Date For Same-Sex Marriage Hearing

WASHINGTON D.C. – The Supreme Court of the United States has scheduled oral arguments to determine the constitutionality of marriage equality.

Legal teams from Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee will present their arguments before the high court on April 28. This landmark decision will determine if hundreds of Michigan families will be recognized by state law and no longer be a legal stranger to their spouse and their children.

Thirty-six states and the District of Columbia currently allow LGBT individuals the right to marry – a huge increase from when SCOTUS invalidated the Defense of Marriage Act in 2013.

In November, the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals became the first federal court in over a year to rule against marriage equality, determining the states' bans on same-sex marriage constitutional. That decision created an appellate court split, which was a powerful factor in SCOTUS's decision to hear the case.

SCOTUS has asked the legal teams to answer two questions: Does the 14th Amendment require a state to license a marriage between two people of the same sex and does the 14th Amendment require a state to recognize a marriage between two people of the same sex when their marriage was lawfully licensed and performed out-of-state?

Only two of the plaintiffs attorneys, out of a pool of 36, will address the two questions placed before them. They will have roughly 45 minutes each. As of now, there has been no determination as to who will present the arguments.

The arguments will provide the first clues as to how SCOTUS will rule on marriage equality. SCOTUS will make oral arguments available later the same day. A decision is expected to be issued by late June.

East Grand Rapids Adopts Non-Discrimination Ordinance

EAST GRAND RAPIDS. (AP) – A city in western Michigan is adding sexual orientation and gender identity to an existing non-discrimination ordinance on housing and employment.

WXMI-TV reports city leaders in East Grand Rapids voted March 2 to approve the amendment with no votes against adopting the ordinance.

Mayor Amna Seibold says it “will ensure there is no discrimination.”

The vote comes after East Grand Rapids leaders expressed disappointment that state lawmakers failed to pass legislation to do the same. The Grand Rapids Press reports part of the proposed ordinance was copied from similar measures in Ann Arbor, Kalamazoo and Traverse City.

Republican Gov. Rick Snyder has called for legislative discussion to amend the state's civil rights law to prohibit discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in employment, housing and places open to the public, but bills died last session.

State Democratic Parties File Joint SCOTUS Brief

BY AJ TRAGER

WASHINGTON D.C. – The Michigan Democratic Party and the Ohio Democratic Party have signed an amicus brief in the DeBoer v Snyder case that is now before the U.S. Supreme Court with 156 elected officials, former place holders and political organizations. Oral argument for the case, combined with other cases in the 6th Circuit, is set for April 28.

The brief urges the Court to reverse the judgment of the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals and reject the argument made by the 6th Circuit and the Ohio and Michigan Attorneys General that the basic constitutional rights of same-sex couples and their children should be subject to popular vote.

The brief reads: “Amici hasten to note that the issues in these cases transcend partisan politics and do not divide along party lines. At times in our history, both Democrats and Republicans, and their political parties, have perpetuated anti-gay discrimination and sought to use anti-gay animus for political advantage. Governors from both parties are defending the marriage bans now before the Court. On the other hand, many Democrats and Republicans have come to realize the fundamental unfairness of discrimination

based on sexual orientation.”

“Here in Michigan, far too many families have been denied liberty and justice for too long, because of the out of touch actions of Republicans Bill Schuette and Rick Snyder,” said Lon Johnson, Michigan Democratic Party Chair.

The case, which arose when a lesbian couple in Michigan sought joint adoption of their children, could establish same-sex marriage rights across the country when the Supreme Court issues its decision in June. However, Gov. Rick Snyder and Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette have insisted on siding against marriage equality by defending Michigan's ban on same-sex marriage.

“We are proud to stand with so many other elected officials and private citizens to say that we support full equality for all American citizens,” House Democratic Floor Leader Sam Singh, D-East Lansing, said. “We are hopeful for a favorable ruling from the Supreme Court that affirms that the protections and privileges of marriage are open to all people, and that everyone has an equal right to form a loving family.”

The amicus brief is signed primarily by elected Democratic officials in Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee but is

joined by one Republican, former Ohio Attorney General Jim Petro, who is known for supporting marriage equality.

“For two years now, the state of Michigan has argued that the children at issue in the Michigan case would be better off as orphans than have two gay parents. That's wrong. The rights of these kids – so many of whom are special needs – to have two loving parents should not be decided at the ballot box,” said Mark Totten, one of the attorneys who authored the brief and a former candidate for Michigan attorney general.

The deadline for friend of the court amicus briefs was March 6. Elected officials and the general populous have already filed their briefs signaling support for marriage equality.

“While I have the responsibility to pass laws that affect over 11 million Ohioans as a State Representative, I am denied the dignity and protections to marry Jean Kosmac, my partner of 20 years. It's time to value all families in Ohio,” said Nickie Antonio, the first openly gay state representative for Ohio.

Find the brief online at: <http://www.michigandems.com/sites/default/files/publicimages/DeBoerVSnyderJointAmicusBrief.PDF>

Gary Glenn Threatens As Planet Fitness Defends Trans Rights

BY BTL STAFF

MIDLAND – Planet Fitness has made top headlines this past week after a woman from Midland vehemently spoke up about her issues with a trans woman using the locker facility Feb. 28. After days of complaining, the corporate offices of Planet Fitness called to discuss the atmosphere she was creating at the Midland location.

“I wanted to know why there was a man in the women's locker room,” Yvette Cormier told CNN. “He (sic) looked like a man, and that's what stopped me in my tracks.”

Planet Fitness, known for their “No Judgment” policy, then promptly revoked Cormier's membership stating that her continued attempts to raise awareness about the “man” using the women's locker room was creating an atmosphere in violation of the gym's guidelines. Cormier had been contacting other women frequenting the facility with her “awareness” campaign.

“Planet Fitness is committed to creating a non-intimidating, welcoming environment for our members,” read

State Representative for Midland and known anti-LGBT activist Gary Glenn told MLive, “Planet Fitness obviously should rethink its anti-woman, anti-reality policy. If they don't, they shouldn't be surprised in a conservative family-friendly community such as Midland if they lose more female members.”

a statement released by the company. “Our gender identity non-discrimination policy states that members and guests may use all gym facilities based on their sincere self-reported gender identity. The manner in which this member expressed her concerns about the policy exhibited behavior that management at the Midland club deemed inappropriate and disruptive to other members, which is a violation of the membership agreement and as a result

her membership was cancelled.”

Cormier suggests the use of a third, unisex bathroom would be best for transgender individuals to use while they are preparing for their workout. However, Char Davenport, chair of the Mid-Michigan chapter of Transgender Michigan, disagrees.

“Really what we are talking about is privacy,” Davenport said. “Some people just don't like their bodies looked at. The trans woman deserves privacy as well and deserves to be comfortable as well.”

State Representative for Midland and known anti-LGBT activist, Gary Glenn, said that the gym's policy is an “in your-face policy” that threatens the safety and security of its female customers.

“Planet Fitness obviously should rethink its anti-woman, anti-reality policy,” Glenn told MLive. “If they don't, they shouldn't be surprised in a conservative family-friendly community such as Midland if they lose more female members.”

Glenn states that his wife has been a member of Planet Fitness for some time and does not plan on returning for her weekly exercise.

House Committee Tells Kids Awaiting Placement Their Needs Don't Matter

BY TODD HEYWOOD

LANSING – In a series of party line votes last Wednesday morning, Republicans on the House Families, Children and Seniors Committee told kids waiting in the state's adoption line that religious beliefs of adoption agencies are more important than the kids' need for a stable home.

Five Republican members of the committee passed House Bills 4188, 4189 and 4190 over the objections of the committee's three Democrats. The bills are now on their way to the House floor for action.

Reps. Tom Hooker, R-Wyoming; Jim Runestad, R-White Lake Township; Kathy Crawford, R-Novi; Anthony Forlini, R-Harrison Township; and Henry Vaupel, R-Fowlerville, rejected amendments offered

agencies follow all federal and state civil rights laws.

State officials say there are 3,000 children awaiting adoption in Michigan's foster care system.

In a press release last week, Democrats lambasted the proposals.

"At a time when there are 3,000 Michigan children waiting for a permanent, loving family, these bills are not in the best interest of children," said Hovey-Wright, the Democratic vice chairwoman of the House Families, Children and Seniors Committee. "Instead of helping these kids find loving homes, we're making it even harder for them to find families. Michigan's kids deserve better."

"As legislators, we have a duty to pass laws that help instead of hinder our citizens," said Tinsley-Talabi.

"These laws threaten to harm our most vulnerable citizens – children without a family of their own. We should be making it easier for them to find loving parents, not driving a wedge between them and adults who want to adopt."

The bills are a Republican response to federal action by two lesbians from Hazel Park. The couple sued in federal court for the right to adopt each other's children. The federal court judge directed the plaintiffs, April DeBoer and her partner Jayne Rowse, to amend their complaint to challenge Michigan's ban on

same-sex marriage. That case will be heard by the Supreme Court later this year, with a ruling expected by the end of June.

"Michigan should not be making it more difficult for children waiting for adoption to find a permanent home. We should be promoting policies of inclusion rather than exclusion," said Rep. Robert Wittenberg, D-Oak Park, whose constituents include DeBoer and Rowse. "When responsible, loving adults want to adopt children who need a family, we should stand behind them, not put roadblocks in their way."

Residents opposed to the legislation descended on the Capitol last Thursday for a rally from 12 to 2 p.m.

"It's a sad day when we realize our state would consider bills that aren't in the best interest of it's children," said Nicole Gestwite, protest organizer from Adrian College. "As a former foster child of Michigan, I can speak on how full those homes are. Discrimination is a horrible thing. And it is even more wretched when we realize how far some people are willing to go to spread that hate – to the point of keeping children out of loving homes."



A small dedicated number of people showed up to protest recent adoption bills last Thursday. Above State Rep. Jeff Irvin, D-Ann Arbor, spoke out against the bills.

by Democratic Lawmakers Reps. Marcia Hovey-Wright, D-Muskegon; Alberta Tinsley-Talabi, D-Detroit; and Frank Liberati, D-Allen Park. Those amendments would have changed the legislation to require, among other things, adoption agencies to approve adoptions based on the best interests of the children and that



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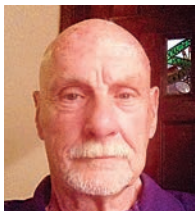
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Washington Goes We'what?



Parting Glances

OPINION BY CHARLES ALEXANDER

Gays and lesbians have been welcomed to the White House during the Clinton and the Obama administrations. BTL co-publishers Jan Stevenson and Susan Horowitz attended one such gathering and shook hands with President Obama.

I had asked Jan and Susan not to wash their hands until I could shake the President's hand by proxy. Unfortunately, on their return flight – joining the Mile High Club of Democratic Celebration – they forgot. (I herewith publicly forgive them.)

The first “gay” guest at the White House dropped in under the President Grover Cleveland administration 129 years ago. He was also a Democrat, and his guest was a Zuni Native American named We'wha. “She” was in reality a third-gender, cross-dressing, spiritual advisor to her people.

The first “gay” guest at the White House dropped in under the President Grover Cleveland administration 129 years ago. Cleveland was also a Democrat, and his guest was a Zuni Native American named We'wha.

We'wha was in Washington in 1896 taking a performance part in a program presented at the city's National Theater. She also demonstrated basket weaving, of which she was highly skilled, at the Smithsonian Museum.

A sponsor for We'wha was anthropologist Matilda Coxe Stevenson – no relation to BTL's Jan – who met with We'wha several times over a period of many years, recording intimate impressions. We'wha “performs masculine religious and judicial functions at the same time that she performs feminine duties, tending to laundry and the garden.”

Stevenson, whose interest mellowed gradually into a happy friendship, lived with We'wha for six months without realizing that she was actually physically male.

“We'wha was the most intelligent person in the pueblo,” writes Stevenson. “Strong character made his word law among Zuni men and women, both of whom he spiritually led. Though his wrath was dreaded by all, he was very loved by children with whom he was very kind.”

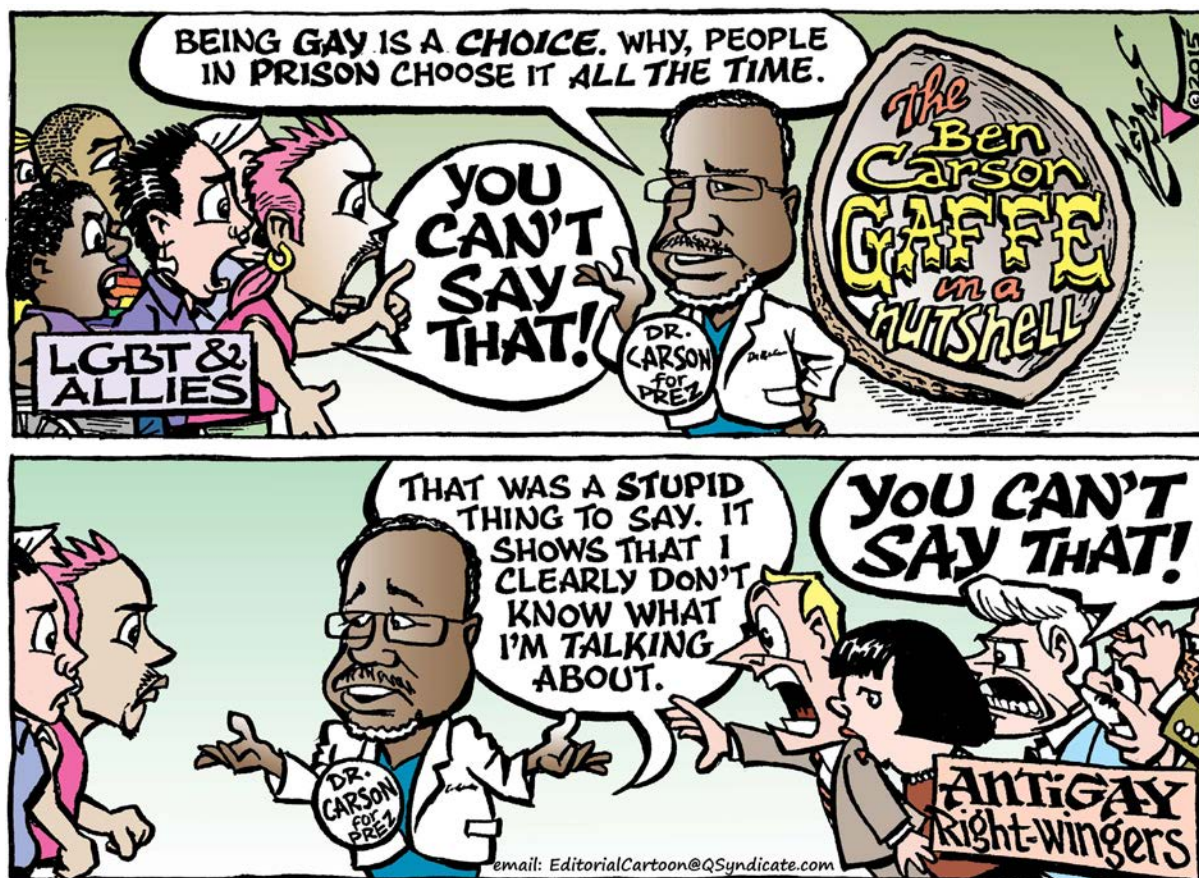
We'wha's own community believed he/she was “two spirited.” Anthropologists call this inter-sex status a berdache. Two-spirited persons – precursors of today's transgendered M to Fs – were found in 130 Native American tribes and were often married to other males.

We'wha made a big hit in Washington, D.C., although few knew anything about her tribal function. The press called her – over 6-feet tall with a commanding gentle presence – a “Zuni Princess.” Her basket weaving and pottery were admired, but because she was a Native American, she was patronized.

We'wha, in turn, was shocked to learn that some women in Washington society had false teeth and wore braided “rats” in their hair.

Looking back, what has been done to Native Americans is a sordid affair. Their land has been taken. Their food source destroyed by hunters (60 million buffalo). Their religion and customs demeaned.

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A Local, Global Jewel: Freedom House Detroit

Home To Survivors Of Persecution And Torture



OPINION BY TJ ROGERS

John's 12-hour shift ended, and he changed out of his uniform. He exchanged “good nights” with his co-workers and headed out a side door. It was 11 p.m. He could be home in 15 minutes. But as he turned the corner from the alley to the side street, a rancid burlap sack was placed over his head; he was carried into a motor vehicle where he was transported for what felt like hours to an unknown location that seemed far beyond city limits.

John was placed under illegal detention and endured unimaginable torture. He was hung by his wrists from the ceiling for over 24 hours. A handful of men wearing police uniforms beat him, delivering endless punches to his stomach, ribs and genitals. When he was finally dropped to the floor, they dragged him into a trailer and locked the doors behind him. John thought he

had a few moments of respite, only to then begin feeling hot, burning, stinging sensations on his legs – “I was being bitten by red ants,” he said.

John's story is not unique. Discrimination and torture – state-imposed and community enforced – is rampant throughout his home country of Uganda, especially among the LGBT community. It's not uncommon for people to be brutally attacked by a group of men because of rumors and suspicions of their sexuality. Some citizens and political leaders condone this mob and vigilante justice. The victims, assuming they are able or willing to make it to a hospital, are often denied healthcare treatment due to their sexuality.

At a young age, when John accepted who he was, he vowed never to stray far from the city capital, Kampala, with the hopes that the presence of tourists would protect him and help conceal his identity. This is a common mindset,

equating a tourist presence with security. John's place of employment, a hotel with a restaurant and bar inside, is a place where members of the LGBT community frequently patronize. When not at work, John volunteered at a non-governmental human rights organization that is a part of a coalition that aims to secure the respect of minority groups and their rights, particularly healthcare. Due to his activism, John is well-known among the LGBT community and, consequently, often a first-responder to situations of abuse. He would then take necessary precautions to contact the local LGBT-rights organizations and request assistance.

Working at the hotel and volunteering with the NGO was John's reality for more than five years. This ‘arrangement,’ which was undeniably unfortunate in its very existence, afforded him with the ‘luxury’ of being

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a bit more open with his identity, albeit still discrete.

Nevertheless, John's torture in jail went on for nearly one month, until he managed to escape and ultimately flee to the United States to save his life.

According to the latest United Nations Global Trends Report, by the end of 2013 there were approximately 51.2 million individuals worldwide with stories like John's who had been displaced by violence, oppression and persecution. Of that, close to 1.2 million were asylum seekers, or individuals with a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race/ethnicity, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership within a particular social group (e.g. LGBT), by their home governments or an entity the government cannot or will not control.

Fortunately, for John and 159 others from 30 different countries, they found what some have rightfully called the local, global jewel that is Freedom House Detroit.

Nestled next to historic Ste. Anne de Detroit Catholic Church at the foot of the Ambassador Bridge, the nonprofit Freedom House is home to both survivors of persecution and torture from around the globe who are seeking asylum in the United States and Canada, and victims of human trafficking. Founded in 1983, Freedom House is the only organization in the U. S. to provide quality comprehensive services including shelter, food, clothing and toiletries, legal aid, case management, medical and psychosocial care, English

as a Second Language, financial literacy and job training, acculturation, recreation and offsite housing. All help is free of charge for this unique, courageous population.

Under current U.S. immigration law, asylum seekers have one year from date of entry in the country to submit their applications and are not permitted to work until asylum is

John's story is not unique. Discrimination and torture – state-imposed and community enforced – is rampant throughout his home country of Uganda, especially among the LGBT community... Fortunately (he) found Freedom House Detroit.

granted or Employment Authorization Document is granted at least six months after application submission. Freedom House staff and volunteers journey with residents through the arduous legal process preparing them for self-sufficiency and employment once asylum is obtained.

The micro-global community at Freedom House is best described as a family. Everyone has his or her respective role: mama, papa, brother, sister, auntie, uncle, niece or nephew. And like every family, we fight over the little things like chores and cooking. But most importantly, we are there for one another during the good times and the bad: when an asylum is granted or a birthday arrives. For happy occasions, we dance, eat special meals and celebrate. For sad events, like when a resident received word that her father was murdered back home for helping

gather evidence for her application to help prove her claim, we grieve and mourn together.

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And we proudly do it because no one else does.

Thomas "TJ" Rogers came to Freedom House in 2011 and presently serves as Program Manager, where he assists the Executive Director. Some duties include program development, supervision, case management and coordination of volunteers. TJ also assists with fund development. To support Freedom House and make a donation, or volunteer, please email him at trogers@freedomhousedetroit.org. (Photo: Rosamaria Zamarron)

► Parting Glances

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They have been subjected to imported diseases, killing 96 percent of their population.

(According to Latter Day Saints theology, based on Prophet Joseph Smith, Jr.'s "Book of Mormon" translated Golden Plates, Native Americans are descendants of Israelite tribes who came to America by boat. Following his resurrection, Mormons believe, Jesus appeared to these Holy Land exiles, preached, baptized and sanctioned a new-found worship.)

Since 1987, hundreds of LGBT Native Americans gather yearly in the Pacific Northwest for celebrating an International Two-Spirit Gathering. In the tradition of We'wha, participants meet to pray, dance, share sweat lodge initiations, honor their sexuality and traditions and mourn AIDS losses that have further so decimated their communities.

Today there is also a strong Gay American Indian Coalition. Co-Founder Randy Burns observes of LGBT Native American Spirituality, "We are perhaps a little more spiritual than our straight native counterparts because that is the traditional role we played." A time-honored role, indeed.

In spite of the White Man's singular mean spiritedness.

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Obituary: Malcolm Boyd

Former Detroit One Of First Prominent Gay Clergy

BY JASON A. MICHAEL

Rev. Malcolm Boyd was many things. He was a freedom rider who marched with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King in the Deep South. He was the author of over two dozen books and collections of poetry and prayers, including the 1965 bestseller, "Are You Running With Me Jesus?" And, eventually, he was an openly gay Episcopal priest at the time when such a thing was virtually unheard of. Boyd died in Los Angeles on Feb. 27 from complications of pneumonia. He was 91.

Boyd was born in Buffalo, New York in 1923 to Beatrice and Melville Boyd. His mother was a fashion model, his father an investment banker. When his parents divorced in the 1930s, Boyd moved with his mother to Colorado Springs, Colorado, and then onto Denver.

Bronchial problems kept him out of World War II. Instead, Boyd graduated from the University of Arizona in 1944 with a degree in journalism before making his way to Hollywood. He did publicity work for Republic Pictures before moving onto producing. He formed a production company with friend and former silent screen star Mary Pickford. He counted among his friends the likes of Elizabeth Taylor and Gloria Swanson and went on to become the first president of the Television Producers' Association of Hollywood.

Then, in 1951, he shocked most who knew him by leaving the industry and turning to ministry instead. He studied at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, California, and later, after a few years abroad, Union Theological Seminary in New York. He was ordained an Episcopal priest in 1955. Two years later, Boyd's first book, "Crisis in Communication," was published by Doubleday.

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More 'Religious Freedom' And Schuette On Duty

Political Hors D'oeuvres

BY TODD HEYWOOD

'I Can't Treat That, Because Of Religious Freedom'

That might be what you hear from medical providers if legislation introduced last week in the state House gets approved. House Bill 4309 of 2015 was introduced by Rep. Cindy Gamrat, R-Plainwell, with sponsorship by Rep. Gary Glenn, R-Midland, and Todd Courser, R-Lapeer.

"A health facility may assert as a matter of conscience an objection to participating in a health care service and may decline to participate in a health care service that violates its conscience pursuant to this section," the legislation reads. The shorter version – "my beliefs trump your right to live."

This legislation was introduced on March 5 (see related story, p.13). That legislation would allow state funded adoption agencies to refuse to adopt to otherwise qualified adoptive parents because of the agency's sincerely held religious beliefs. A broader "Religious Freedom Restoration Act" was entered into the record in January. It was the fourth bill introduced by the Senate.

Hull's Voice

The territorial governor of Michigan, most known for his surrender of Detroit to the British in the War of 1812, also has a small role in this whole "religious

freedom" debate at the Capitol. Nestled in the basement of the Capitol, under the rotunda and feet away from the tour and State Police desks, is a display on the history of the U.S. government. One of the last panels of the display is Gov. William Hull's writings regarding the rights of Michiganders.

"It is expressly provided that no person demeaning himself in a peaceable and orderly manner Shall ever be molested on account of his mode of Worship, or Religious Sentiments; here you have secured to you the important privilege of worshipping your God agreeable to the dictates of your own conscience," Hull's words read.

Perhaps those words need to be amended now – maybe just a parenthetical – "Unless a small vocal majority has determined that their religious values and beliefs are better and more important than yours – then, you have no privilege except to join them or lose health care, adoption rights and other rights enjoyed by most free people of the state of Michigan – like commerce, housing and employment."

But why let some old, white Christian guy – long dead – dictate state policy when there is a threat to America – Sharia Law! Gays! Gays! Gays! Sharia Law!

Schuette: On Duty For Future?

Republican Attorney General of Michigan, Bill Schuette, appears to be laying the fundraising bedrock to follow Republican Gov. Rick Snyder in the governor's seat in 2018. Yeah, this is the guy who has yet to meet a lawsuit against

Obamacare he doesn't fall in love with, has a woody for denying gay families the right to access marriage and generally disdains everyone who is not a straight white Christian male who worships in exactly the same charismatic Christian foot stomping way he does. He wants to be the next governor.

He started last week with a fundraiser at the Republican Attorneys General Association gathering in Washington, D.C. Then he came back to Michigan and knee-capped Snyder's road funding ballot proposal. He said that plan was full of potholes.

That move resulted in a slap down by the Detroit Free Press editorial board.

"If you're asking yourself why Schuette has swerved so sharply out of his lane – we can make terrible road puns, too! – you need look no further than 2018. Despite his assertion that his stance on Proposal 1 is simply a matter of policy, even the most obtuse of political watchers could easily surmise that Schuette intends to run for governor," the editorial team wrote. "The attorney general, who is also term-limited, recently held a Washington, D.C., fund-raiser. Why would a term-limited elected official without steep campaign debts raise cash? "What Schuette's opposition comes down to, his spokeswoman said, is that the attorney general is concerned about the tax increase. Not, apparently, a craven attempt to court conservative voters in 2018.

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Groups Ask Judge To Order Gay-Marriage Licenses In Alabama

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) – A group of civil rights organizations filed a motion Friday asking a federal judge to order Alabama probate judges to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples, and to expand a suit challenging the state's gay-marriage ban.

The motion filed to U.S. District Judge Callie Granade in Mobile includes Americans United for Separation of Church and State, the American Civil Liberties Union of Alabama, the National Center for Lesbian Rights and the Southern Poverty Law Center. The motion asks Granade to order Alabama judges to issue marriage licenses regardless of a couple's sexual orientation, and to give equal protection to marriages of same-sex couples.

It also asks for three couples to be added as plaintiffs to a suit that was filed in November challenging the state's ban. The motion says the couples sought marriage licenses in Baldwin, Mobile, Houston and Marshall counties, but were turned down.

“Alabama couples deserve the security and protection that marriage provides,” National Center for Lesbian Rights Legal Director Shannon

Minter said in a statement. “We hope that the court will act quickly to provide certainty to couples throughout the state and establish once and for all that Alabama's same-sex couples have the freedom to marry.”

Granade is the same judge who ruled in January that Alabama's ban on same-sex marriage is unconstitutional. Forty-eight of the state's 67 counties began issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples after the ruling. But the Alabama Supreme Court on Tuesday ordered probate judges to stop issuing licenses, saying the state retains authority over Alabama law, not a federal trial judge.

The state Supreme Court's response to Granade's ruling drew sharp criticism from gay rights advocates. Alabama is the only state to resist a federal trial or appeals judge where bans against same-sex marriage have been ruled unconstitutional.

Alabama's Supreme Court justices have said that state courts may interpret the U.S. Constitution independently or contrary to federal courts. The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to settle the issue later this year.

Officials Could Refuse To Perform Marriages Under New Bill

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) – A proposal that would allow Utah government employees to refuse to marry same-sex couples passed its first hurdle Friday.

The bill, which was unanimously approved by a Senate committee, would allow officials to opt out of marrying same-sex couples only if they give up their right to marry any couples.

It would also require every county to have a designated person on hand to perform marriages, even if the county clerk opts out.

Bill sponsor Sen. Stuart Adams, a Layton Republican, also helped negotiate a landmark anti-discrimination bill that won the endorsement of both the Mormon church and LGBT activists.

Adams said Friday that with both bills, he wants to “do what's right, do what's fair, do what's

balanced.”

Representatives from the LGBT advocacy organization Equality Utah and the local chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union expressed concerns with certain parts of the marriage legislation, but told lawmakers that they were positive that Adams had good intentions.

Equality Utah's Troy Williams said some sections of the marriage bill appear to allow discrimination against LGBT individuals in certain contexts, such as at religious hospitals and doctor's offices.

Adams said he has addressed those concerns in a revised version of the bill.

The legislation also states that religious organizations do not have to recognize marriages that violate their beliefs.

reading poetry. He performed at the Newport Jazz Festival in 1966, reading his work while guitarist Charlie Byrd accompanied him. He picked up the moniker “Espresso Priest” for the time he spent reading his work in coffeehouses.

As the 70s began, Boyd expanded to activism to include protesting the war in Vietnam. But it was in 1976 that he took his boldest move yet: coming out as a gay man. He wrote about the experience in his 1978 book, “Take Off the Masks.” Though he had trouble finding a position at a church for some time after his announcement, Boyd kept busy. He held consciousness-raising groups for gays and organized one of the first Christian masses for people with AIDS in 1984.

Since 1996, Boyd had been a writer in residence at the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles. He wrote a regular column for the Huffington Post, including a recent one in which he asked for a meeting with Pope Francis to discuss gay rights. He is survived by his husband, Mark Thompson.

► Obit: Boyd

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By the start of the 1960s, Boyd had become deeply involved in the civil rights movement. He traveled to the Deep South frequently on voter's registration drives and fought for the end of segregation. He moved to Detroit in 1961 to become the Episcopal chaplain for Wayne State University.

While at Wayne, Boyd held weekly open houses and encouraged others to take up the cause of civil rights. One of those meeting regulars was Viola Liuzzo, a housewife and mother of five who had recently began attending WSU. Liuzzo was so inspired that she traveled to Selma, Alabama for a voter's rights march in 1965. She would never return to Detroit. Instead, she was shot dead by a member of the Klu Klux Klan just outside of Montgomery while attempting to pick up marchers waiting to return to Selma.

Boyd traveled throughout the 60s, lecturing and

Creep of the Week

Ben Carson

Years ago, long before her role as Big Boo on “Orange is the New Black,” Lea DeLaria had a bit in her stand-up act that went something like, “Say what



Ben Carson

you want about prison, but it's a great place to meet girls.” It was, of course, a joke that is funny because of the completely ridiculous premise that lesbians would see prison not as a punishment but as a 24/7 all-expenses-paid Olivia cruise.

Unfortunately, there are plenty of people who don't get the joke. I once had a well-educated and fairly liberal straight guy tell me that he thought gay men who got sent to prison had, in a sense, hit the lottery. Because dicks everywhere, I guess. When I asked him if he thought a straight woman thrown into a men's prison would also be thanking her lucky stars, he didn't understand the comparison.

Prison is, by its very design, dehumanizing. And so it makes sense that those who seek to dehumanize gays and lesbians would picture prison as their “natural” habitat; a place where homos would feel right at home.

It doesn't take a neurosurgeon to see why such comments would be offensive.

And yet on March 4, Ben Carson, a retired neurosurgeon and a GOP presidential hopeful, had no problem playing the gay prison card to support his claim that homosexuality is a choice.

“(A) lot of people who go into prison, go into prison straight – and when they come out, they're gay. So, did something happen while they were in there? Ask yourself that question,” Carson told CNN.

First, there is no evidence of a parade of formerly straight men turned gay streaming out of this nation's prisons. Second, Carson's comment reveals such profound ignorance it's pretty astounding, but let's play along and ask ourselves, “Did something happen while they were in there?”

Well, yes. A lot happens in prison. Some consensual sex happens in prison, and so does rape. Lots and lots of rape. And, newsflash to Dr. Carson, rape is actually a huge problem in this country, especially in this country's prisons. Oh, and rape doesn't make people gay.

But don't worry! Carson has since apologized. “I do not pretend to know

OPINION BY D'ANNE WITKOWSKI

how every individual came to their sexual orientation,” he wrote on Facebook. “I regret that my words to express that concept were hurtful and divisive. For that I apologize unreservedly to all that were offended.”

A couple things: uh, he does so pretend to know how people “choose” to be gay or not. And nowhere in his apology does he acknowledge that what he said was wrong. He's just sorry if his homo-prison-truth-bomb hurt your gay feelings.

On March 4, Ben Carson, a retired neurosurgeon and a GOP presidential hopeful, had no problem playing the gay prison card to support his claim that homosexuality is a choice.

“I am not a politician and I answered a question without really thinking about it thoroughly. No excuses,” he continues.

Hmm, “I am not a politician” sounds a lot like an excuse. And a very strange one, at that. Because last time I checked, politicians are basically famous for saying stupid shit without thinking. It's part of the Republican Party Platform, actually.

“I deeply regret my statement and I promise you, on this journey, I may err again, but unlike politicians when I make an error I will take full responsibility,” he continues.

An interesting claim considering that Carson told Sean Hannity that talk about gay rights was off the table “because every time I'm gaining momentum, the liberal press says, ‘Let's talk about gay rights,’ and I'm just not going to fall for that anymore.”

Apparently “take full responsibility” means “blame the liberal press for bringing up the topic.”

He concludes the Facebook apology with, “As a human being my obligation is to learn from my mistakes and to treat all people with respect and dignity.”

He's right, of course. Human beings make mistakes. But Carson's “prisons are homo factories” comment really makes me wonder if treating “all people with respect and dignity” is something he is actually capable of.

Pop Star Talks New Album, Gay-Baiting & Sharing A Sweater With Sam Smith

BY CHRIS AZZOPARDI

A veteran of nakedness, Olly Murs was fueling our straight-boy fantasies long before Nick Jonas. Stripping at London's prestigious G-A-Y club, frequent underwear-only selfies, a leather jacket-clad cover photo in December's Attitude magazine – we're as addicted to Murs' sex appeal as we are to his pop confections.

Following the release of the British "X Factor" alum's fourth studio album, "Never Been Better," Murs spoke candidly about how he and other artists use sex to market their music, his biggest regret in life and how he considers fans grabbing his junk a "compliment."

You were one of the original Nick Jonases – you got naked for the gay community years before he did.

(Laughs) Yeah! I've done a few naked shots for the gay magazines. My body is in demand by the gay folks – I can't complain! I don't think I've got the best body in the world, but no, it's very flattering. It's always great to do those magazines and also to show people that – even though I'm a straight guy – I'm very comfortable with my sexuality, so I think that's a great thing to do in those magazines, and it's great fun.

I did a gig once at G-A-Y in the UK – a very renowned club, and a lot of artists go there to perform – and obviously when you do a performance there are girls screaming and going crazy for you, and obviously at a gay club it was a lot of men and it was quite strange, a different sort of noise, you know? It's very, "RAWR!"

Are we gay men more touchy-feely than the girls?

I think you are actually. You're a bit more forward. You have a lot more confidence. And that's a good thing!

What's the grabbiest a fan has gotten at a show?

When we did the 2012 tour and I walked into the audience, one of my fans went to grab my bits, which was quite interesting and quite funny.

How do you react to grabby fans?

Oh, it's fine. It's cheeky and playful. And a compliment!

HOOKED ON OLLY

Photo: Columbia Records

When Nick Jonas started showing more skin, people claimed he was gay-baiting. As someone who's straight but open to getting naked for the gay community, I'm curious: What are your thoughts on "gay-baiting"?

I don't know why people would say that. You're just giving people what they want, and sure, there are a lot of gay men out there that love Nick Jonas and wanna see him, but women wanna see him naked as well. At the end of the day, it's up to the artists. I don't have to take my top off, but when I was asked by a magazine like Attitude to do it, I was like, "Why not?" I'm not against it, and you hope you get a good reaction out of people, but as artists we're always trying to promote and win new fans over. It's playful, and also, what's wrong with an artist taking his top off?

What's the trick to shooting a nude photo?

Make sure you have a good diet before you do it. Make sure you feel good with your body and you're comfortable with it. Obviously I wasn't massively comfortable the last time I did it because it was the first time I got naked in about two years, so my body changed a little bit. I wasn't quite as fit as I was before, but it was good though. Tuck that stomach in at all times!

You've been hitting the gym. Where have you seen the most progress?

Well... day one started yesterday. I'm on day two today. (Laughs) And it's going well! I'm getting there, you know?

In an age where the stigma of male body hair is in flux, you seem to embrace yours.

Always. I think we always talk about hair on bodies, and sometimes when you take it off you just look a bit too young. I'm quite proud of a bit of masculine hair.

When you measure the success you've had globally, where does America fall? How do you feel about your success here versus worldwide?

Everywhere is different – for example, in Europe I've got a much bigger fan base, and obviously Australia too – but I don't try to compare places. I just know certain markets are a little bit harder, and America is one of them. Every time I've come back, though, it's been amazing. Just gotta keep working hard. And I think the fans in America are amazing – a really great bunch of people.

Will you be touring America?

Yeah, we hope so. At the moment we haven't announced it, but we're hoping to come back to the U.S. at some point later on in the year.

Around Christmas of last year you were in a sweater foursome with not only Demi Lovato and One Direction's Niall Horan, but also Sam Smith – all of you shared an oversized ugly sweater, and it was amazing.

Yeah, I got to share a sweater with him, and it was a beautiful thing! I don't think people realize how tall Sam is. He's a very tall man! But he's also very charming and really honest. Sam's great.

How tall are you?

I'm about 5-foot-9 on a good day. He's about 6 foot, maybe.

How did you and Sam initially meet?

I met Sam at a gig. I can't remember (exactly where), but then during "X Factor" (in December 2014) we had a good chat again and he's a lovely guy. Really great singer, and obviously

had an amazing week at the Grammys. He deserves it.

During the song "Stick with Me," you refer to regrets and how we all have a few. What's your greatest regret?

I don't live life by regrets, but I went to college in the UK and didn't go to university, and I'd love to have done that and experienced that. I really didn't work hard enough in school to do it, and I regret a bit that I didn't. But, obviously, I'm really happy where my life got me to now, so I can't complain. I'm in a really great place as a person now, and I've never really had many tough times in my career where it's been terrible; it's always been quite positive with me. This album really is a true reflection of me realizing what I've got.

Would you say this is your most serious and personal album?

Yeah, definitely the most serious, and it definitely has a lot of balls behind it. It's exciting to do an album and put your life and soul into it, and it's bigger and better than the last three albums. It's the best one I've done. I'm excited to hear what all the American fans think of it.

Describe the album as if it were a candy.

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Annual Shakespeare Festival In Royal Oak Announces Auditions

ROYAL OAK – Water Works Theatre Company announces that auditions for its 15th season of Shakespeare Royal Oak in Starr Jaycee Park will take place March 23 and 24. This season, Water Works will present “All’s Well That Ends Well” July 30-Aug. 9 as the festival’s main stage performance. For its popular daylight family show, the theater company will present “As You Like It” Aug. 1-9.

Auditions for “All’s Well That Ends Well” and “As You Like It” will take place March 23 and 24 at Starr Presbyterian Church at the corner of 13 Mile and Crooks Road in Royal Oak. Interested actors should prepare two contrasting Shakespeare monologues (up to two minutes each with one comedic) and email a preferred date and time to artisticdirector@waterworkstheatre.com. Appointments will be scheduled in five minute intervals from 6 to 10 p.m. Call backs will be scheduled for March 30 and 31.

“All’s Well That Ends Well” will be directed by Water Works veteran Terry Carpenter who returns to Water Works this year after directing “As You Like It” and “Comedy Of Errors” in 2005 and 2006. An award-winning director and stage manager with Meadowbrook Theatre, he will set Shakespeare’s tale of love and intrigue in a time of war in the “Downton Abbey” era. “All’s Well That Ends Well” will appear in Starr Jaycee Park with performances at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sundays from July 30 until Aug. 2.

Travis Reiff returns to Water Works after his exceptional portrayal of Horatio in 2014’s “Hamlet.” Water Works’ first stage manager in 2001 and a founding member of Planet Ant Theatre, Reiff will direct Water Works daylight family show, “As You Like It,” in an abridged length fitting for audiences of all ages. “As You Like It” will appear in Starr Jaycee Park

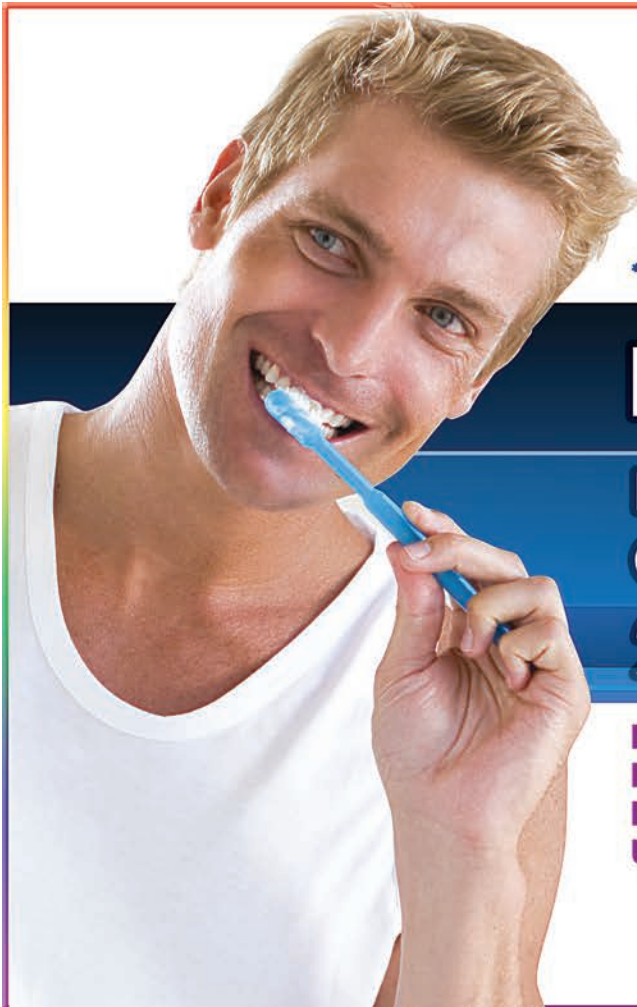
Aug. 1-9. Performances will run at 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Both shows are open to Actors’ Equity and non-equity performers. All roles are available. Equity members will work under a special appearance contract and non-equity actors will be paid a small stipend. Rehearsals will begin June 29.

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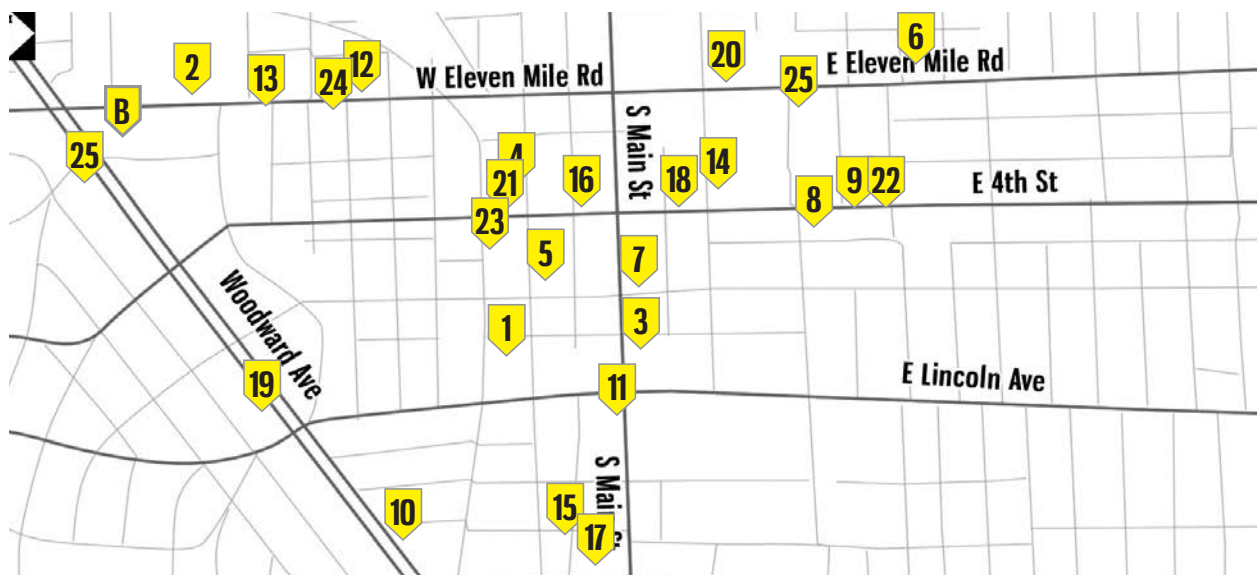
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Local Events To Honor Annual Transgender Day Of Visibility

BY AJ TRAGER

ROYAL OAK – Executive Director of Transgender Michigan, Rachel Crandall, started the International Transgender Day of Visibility (TDoV) in 2009 when she noticed that the major holidays honoring trans identities were all centered around remembrance and calling out injustice. She wanted a day where transgender people could be proud of who they are and be out and be visible.

After six years, the holiday has changed and grown significantly and is celebrated internationally in countries like Russia, Brazil and France. Through outreach and education, TDoV has influenced policy changes, broadened acceptance of the transgender community and changed hearts and minds.

“It’s not just a holiday anymore – it’s a movement,” Crandall said. “Being visible is the only way people are going to understand us, to actually see us and to actually meet us. If all they do is read about it, it’s not going to feel real to them. They need to see our faces.”

But being visible, Crandall cautions, isn’t the right path for everyone and she suggests taking time. Trans Day of Visibility is that leap for some individuals.

“I am a psychotherapist. And I tell people to seek out a therapist, to try and go to support groups and to try and come to one of our many events or actions,” Crandall said. “Every year we have people at these events who say they have never been outside of the house like ‘this.’ And I want to say that this is their day. I want to say, ‘This day is for all trans people on our planet.’”

Crandall, with the help of Affirmations, is putting together a transgender art show that opens on March 26 in the Pittmann-Puckett gallery located in Affirmations as a precursor to the yearly event.

“We’re all artists, and we’ve all done some writing, poetry or drawings. I’m encouraging people to take what they can

make and to show it to everyone, so they can appreciate it,” Crandall said.

This will be the first time that she has attempted an art gallery exhibit for the event but is positive that art will prove as a good medium to showcase trans voices like they have never been heard before.

“I think trans voices are really silenced,” Crandall said. “So we really want to showcase them. We want to let trans people know that they do have a voice.”

East Michigan is hosting additional events to honor TDoV. On March 13, Char Davenport, trans activist and president of the Mid-Michigan chapter of Transgender Michigan, will give her talk, “Trans Visibility: No Plan B,” at the University of

Michigan, where she will discuss the transition from invisibility to visibility, being an unapologetic activist, opportunities to create change and the warning signs of trouble ahead for the trans community. The event starts at 6 p.m. in room 1405, East Quadrangle at 701 E. University Ave. in Ann Arbor.

The flagship event is a night of poetry that will be held at Five15 in downtown Royal Oak on March 31. In previous years, the event has attracted around 60 people and she expects about the same number this year.

– Rachel Crandall

On March 30, Affirmations will host a

trans ally training and Crandall will give a keynote address on the Michigan State University campus at 6:30 p.m. March 29, where she will emphasize specific trans issues that affect the world globally and how the LGBT community and allies can grow and strengthen support for the trans community.

“If I can make an impact, anyone can make an impact,” Crandall said. “There are so many things that we can do, and these days a lot of them are online. If I could create an international holiday on Facebook, imagine what others can do.”

For more information and to get involved in the Trans art show, call Meg Hollowell at 248-398-7105.

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BY CHRIS AZZOPARDI

Kelly Clarkson, Brandi Carlile



Kelly Clarkson, 'Piece by Piece'

Kelly Clarkson's seventh studio album finds the "American Idol" champ at a crossroads. Does she fix what's not broken? And if not, how does a 32-year-old pop star demonstrate she's evolved 13 years after her "Idol" conquest? More importantly, does it even matter? "Piece by Piece," then, is a crucial moment in Clarkson's career, which, so far, has been a hit-factory dependent on the singer's two most alluring qualities: lung power and every-person appeal. We like her because we want to be BFFs with her. And she makes us feel fierce. And she can sing for real. It's a winning combo. For the most part, anyway. The best-friend-who-can-belt formula isn't quite as convincing on her latest release, a departure that has her joining forces with music-makers du jour – Sia and Greg Kurstin – for shiny '80s-esque pop songs that, too often, come off as mere radio stock. During a pair of the album's most majestic tracks, the glitchy "Take You High" (note 4:20 runtime) and the aimless "Someone," Clarkson's powerful presence melts into the scenery, dissolved by an electronic sheen that overwhelms her voice. "Heartbeat Song" has punch, at least, as does the neon-bright EDM peacemaker "Dance With Me." The same is true for "I Had a Dream," a rousing anthem co-written by Clarkson, whose

voice here, backed by a gospel choir, is as powerful as the galvanizing message of the song itself. Talk about taking you high. I'm still flying. *Grade: B-*



Brandi Carlile, 'The Firewatcher's Daughter'

Now that her major-label days are over, Brandi Carlile can get her hands as dirty as she wants.

Indulging entirely in the authenticity of the sound she's been honing since her second album – the T-Bone Burnett-produced "The Story," released in 2007 – this latest ATO outing was recorded mostly in single takes without any previous rehearsal. The raw effect is immediate, as "Wherever Is Your Heart" – launched as a simple guitar ditty – ascends into a rousing drum-powered belter that tears itself open just before the last refrain. It crawls, builds, and, for dramatic effect, pauses. And then boom. Busting out the guttural chops, Carlile thrusts the song's joyfulness straight into your heart, where most of these songs end up, actually. With well-established bandmates, the Twins, in tow for the three-part harmony on "The Eye," the trio's performance makes for one of the best songs of Carlile's decade-long

career – a tender showcase for all three of them. At its core, "The Firewatcher's Daughter" revels in bittersweet feelings familiar to the singer's fans: nostalgia, growing up, growing old, love, and now family. "Murder in the City," an Avett Brothers' cover rewritten to reflect Carlile's own life, comforts the living in the midst of a person's death. The love we leave behind – that's what matters, Carlile affirms. On "Daughter," there's plenty to go around. *Grade: B*

Also Out



Rumer, 'Into Colour'

If Rumer's third full-length, "Into Colour," had been released during the era of Carole King and James Taylor, she'd be a legend by now. Alas, the British songstress was born in 1979, and the easy-listening sounds of late-'60s aren't, unfortunately, a mainstay – they're now a niche. Certainly, however, a niche the singer has mastered, as she imprints her own trademark onto yesteryear's twinkly pop. On the plaintive "Butterfly," Rumer is strikingly candid about her miscarriage, and then there's the disco-lite "Dangerous" and "Pizza and Pinball," a jaunty imagery-driven number that has her waxing nostalgic about "how things used to be." After listening to "Into Colour," you will be too.



The Unthanks, 'Mount the Air'

Bringing exquisite newness to the folk genre via otherworldly orchestration and lyrical intrigue is English five-piece band The Unthanks, who, for their first studio album in four years, mingle jazz and Celtic flourishes to create a lush body of work. Pure and poignant, the haunting "Hawthorn" gently pings with piano and then, as if to open the song up to the heavens, brassy horn licks. The campfire sing-along "Magpie" showcases the Unthanks sisters' stunningly eerie harmonies, and "Foundling" is a moving 11-minute ode to an outcast. Undoubtedly, this is an ambitious album, and thanks is in order to The Unthanks for the weirdly wonderful "Mount the Air," one of the year's early standouts.



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Friday, March 13

CardioVista: Detroit Street Photography 1 a.m. Featuring photos on LGBTQ culture in Detroit, the city and more. University of Michigan-Dearborn, **Dearborn**. Umd.umich.edu

Friday Night Drinks 7 p.m. Queer Young Professionals of Ann Arbor/ Ypsilanti, 213 S. Ashley St., **Ann Arbor**. Meetup.com/queer-young-professionals-ann-arbor-ypsi/events/

Saturday, March 14

Shower of Stoles Exhibit Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. Goaffirmations.org

Alcohol Abuse Weekly Therapy Group 2 p.m. The Center for Relationship and Sexual Health, 25600 Woodward Ave., Ste. 215, **Royal Oak**. 248-399-7447. officemgr@crsh.com

Bowling Social 3:30 p.m. Tickets: \$25 (advance purchase required). Michigan Panthers, 600 E. Nine Mile, **Ferndale**. Facebook.com/events/323993021144652

LGBTQ-Friendly Yoga Class Just B Yoga, 106 Island Ave., **Lansing**. Justbyoga.com

Own Your Gender 7 p.m. The Network, 343 Atlas Ave. SE, **Grand Rapids**. 616-458-3511. Grlgbt.org

Spotlight on a Cure 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20-25. Spotlight on a Cure, 1 Lafayette St., **Pontiac**. 586-530-6762. Hdsa.donordrive.com/event/misc/

Diversity in Love 7:30 p.m. Play about an uncle coming out to his niece. Tickets: \$10-30. Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church (GPUC), 17150 Maumee Ave., **Grosse Pointe**. Gpuc.us

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Sunday, March 15

Dirty Work at the Cross Roads 2 p.m. Motor City Theatre, 27555 Grantland, **Livonia**. Eventbrite.com

Monthly Support and Program Meeting 2 p.m. PFLAG, 306 N. Division, **Ann Arbor**. 734-741-0659. Pflagaa.org

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

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? 2 p.m. The action unfolds in a small college town as history professor George, and his wife, Martha, daughter of the college president, return home from a boozy celebration. Tickets: \$18. Birmingham Village Players, 34660 Woodward Ave., **Birmingham**. 248-644-2075. Birminghamvillageplayers.com

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HIV/STI Community Dialogue 1:30 p.m. Join our community discussion about the biggest HIV/STI issues facing young gay and bisexual men and transgender women in Southeast Michigan. Food will be provided. MFierce, 1 City Square South, **Warren**. 855-764-6653. mfiercemail@umich.edu MFierce.org

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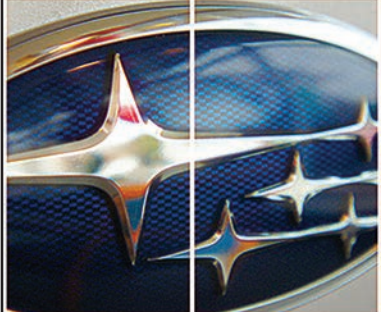

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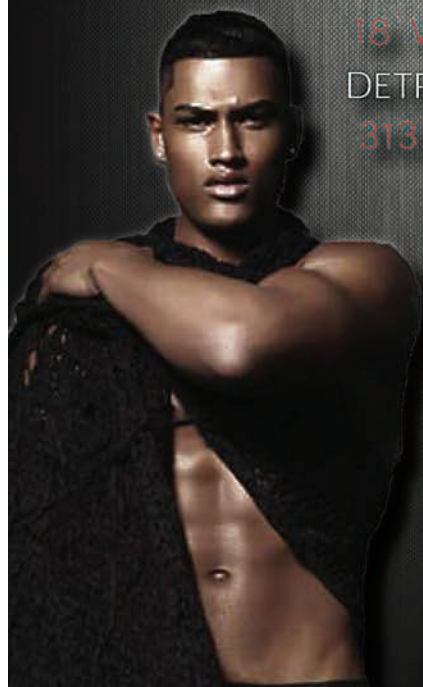
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The Elizabeth Theatre (located above the Park Bar and Bucharest Grill in downtown Detroit) will be hosting "The Search for Ron Mims," written and performed by native Detroit Mike Targus. "The Search for Ron Mims" is a wild collection of stories, monologues and characters assembled during a 10-year booze-induced "blackout" that Targus experienced while living in Detroit, Chicago and New York. Just as warning, there may be a few shots of whiskey along the way.

Mike Targus graduated from Wayne State

University in 2006 with a BFA in acting. While pursuing his acting degree, Mike studied with the Upright Citizens Brigade in New York City, Improv Olympic in Chicago and Second City in Detroit. After graduating he helped Jerry Belanger open the Park Bar. The travels that inspired his work followed soon after.

The show begins at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 13. Tickets are \$10. To find the theater, go to Park Bar and Bucharest Grill at 2040 Park Ave., Detroit. For more information, call 313-454-1286 or email info@parkbardetroit.com.

► Happenings

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Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit. March 12 - March 13. 313-577-2960. Finearts.wayne.edu

Michigan Opera Theatre "Alvin Ailey". Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway St., Detroit. March 19 - March 22. 313-237-SING. Michiganopera.org

The Whiting "Rhythm in the Night: The Irish Dance Spectacular" Tickets: \$29-45. The Whiting, 1241 E. Kearsley St., Flint. 8 p.m. March 14. 810-237-8689. Thewhiting.com

University Musical Society (UMS) "Kyle Abraham". Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. March 13 - March 14. 734-764-2538. Ums.org

Other

Historical Society of Michigan "57th Annual Michigan in Perspective: The Local History Conference". Historical Society of Michigan, Sterling Heights. March 13 - March 14. Hsmichigan.org

Musica Hall for the Performing Arts "Jazz Feast" Tickets: \$105-135. Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. 6 p.m. March 15. 313-887-8500. Musicahall.org

Ruhala Performing Arts Center "Reiki for Teens" Fee: \$120. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. Jan. 28 - March 25. 517-337-0464. Ruhalacenter.com

Ruhala Performing Arts Center "Reiki for Kids" Ages 6-12. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. Jan. 29 - March 26. 517-337-0464. Ruhalacenter.com

Trinity Divine Healing "Health & Wellness Classes" Cost: \$5-10. Grace is Sufficient Ministries Neighborhood Center, 13345 Joy Road, Detroit. Jan. 12 - May 30. 313-451-2472.

THEATER

Sweet Pea's Mama Tickets: \$17-20. Detroit Repertory Theatre, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. Through March 15. 313-868-1347. Detroitreptheatre.com

The Garage Sale Tickets: \$13-20. Starlight Dinner Theatre, 225 Leland Place, Lansing. March 13 - March 15. 517-243-6040. Starlightdinnertheatre.com

The Search for Ron Mims Tickets: \$10. The Elizabeth Theatre, Park Bar, 2040 Park Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. March 13. Parkbardetroit.com

Civic/Community Theater

Don't Dress for Dinner Tickets: \$18. Grosse Pointe Theatre, Grosse Pointe War Memorial Fries Auditorium, 32 Lakeshore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms. March 14 - March 21. 313-881-4004. Gpt.org

Lucky Stiff Tickets: \$19-25. Ann Arbor Civic Theatre, A2CT Studio Theater, 322 W. Ann St., Ann Arbor. March 12 - March 15. 734-971-2228. A2ct.org

Lucky Stiff Tickets: \$13-25. Ann Arbor Civic Theatre, Arthur Miller Theatre, 1226 Murfin Ave., Ann Arbor. March 12 - March 15. 734-971-2228. A2ct.org/showa/lucky-stiff

The Diary of Anne Frank Tickets: \$7. DYPAC, Trenton Village Theatre, 2447 W. Jefferson, Trenton. March 13 - March 15. 734-771-7945. Dypac.com

Professional

A Doll's House Tickets: \$10. Slipstream Theatre Initiative, Michigan Actor's Studio, 648 E. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. Through April 2. Slipstreamti.com

Best of Enemies Tickets: \$15-20. Matrix Theatre Company, 2730 Bagley, Detroit. Through March 15. 313-967-0999. Matrixtheatre.org

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Flashdance the Musical . Broadway in Detroit, Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit. March 10 - March 22. 313-872-1000. Broadwayindetroit.com

Good Men and True Tickets: \$10-20. Planet Ant Theatre, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. Through March 28. 313-365-4948. Planetant.com

Macbeth . The Whiting, 1241 E. Kearsley

St., Flint. 7 p.m. March 13. 810-237-8689. Thewhiting.com

Rumors Tickets: \$18-20. Stagecrafters, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette Ave., Royal Oak. March 13 - March 29. 248-541-6430. Stagecrafters.org

Steel Magnolias . The Purple Rose Theatre Company, Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park St., Chelsea. Through March 14. 734-433-7673. Purplerosetheatre.org

Stones in His Pockets Tickets: \$25-41. Performance Network Theatre, 120 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor. Through April 5. 734-663-0681. Performancenetwork.org

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The Glass Menagerie Tickets: \$20. Puzzle Piece, Abreact Performance Space, 1301 W. Lafayette #113, Detroit. Through March 29. 313-454-1542. Puzzlestage.org

Theater for Young Audiences

Bud, Not Buddy . Flint Youth Theatre, 1220 E. Kearsley St., Flint. Through March 15. 810-237-1530. Flintyouththeatre.org

Dreamtigers . PuppetART Theater, Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River Ave., Detroit. March 14 - March 29. 313-961-7777. Puppetart.org

ART 'N' AROUND

Ann Arbor Film Festival "Jane Cassidy: Fits of an Easy Reflexion". Work Gallery, 306 S. State St., Ann Arbor. March 14 - April 4. Aafilmfest.org

Cranbrook Art Museum "The Cranbrook Hall of Wonders: Artworks, Objects and Natural Curiosities". Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Nov. 23 - March 22. 877-462-7262. Cranbrook.edu

Cranbrook Art Museum "Theater of the Mind". Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Nov. 23 - March 29. 877-462-7262. Cranbrook.edu

Detroit Artists Market (DAM) "2015 DAM Annual Scholarship Awards & Exhibition - College for Creative Studies". Detroit Artists Market, 4719 Woodward Ave., Detroit. March 1 - April 11. 313-832-

8540. Detroitartistsmarket.org

DIA "Ordinary People by Extraordinary Artists: Works on Paper by Degas, Renoir and Friends". Detroit Institute of Arts, 2100 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Jan. 1 - March 29. 313-833-7900. Dia.org

DIA "Photographs from the Detroit Walk-In Portrait Studio by Corne Vermeulen". Detroit Institute of Arts, 2100 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Jan. 1 - May 17. 313-833-7900. Dia.org

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Downriver Council for the Arts "Artycycled" Reuse! Recycle! Rethink!. Downriver Council for the Arts, 81 Chestnut, Wyandotte. March 21 - March 27. 734-720-0671. Downriverarts.org

Flint Institute of Arts "Common Ground: African American Art Exhibition". Flint Institute of Arts, 1120 E. Kearsley St., Flint. Feb. 8 - April 26. 810-234-1695. Flintarts.org

HotWorks.org "Professional Artist Deadline for Orchard Lake Fine Art Show" Focus is original work. No buy/sell policy strictly enforced. HotWorks.org, West Bloomfield. March 15. 248-684-2613. Zapplication.org

MOCAD "Radical Scavengers: the MOCAD Quilting Bee Project" This winter the Mobile Homestead space transforms into a contemporary quilt making workshop for the community. Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Jan. 25 - May 24. 313-832-6622. Mocadetroit.org

N'Namdi Center for Contemporary Art "Dick Goody: The Making of the Dauphine". N'Namdi Center for Contemporary Art, 52 E. Forest, Detroit. March 9 - March 14.

N'Namdi Center for Contemporary Art "Michael Luchs, Christine Hagedorn and Anita Bates". N'Namdi Center for Contemporary Art, 52 E. Forest, Detroit. Jan. 16 - March 14.

Pewabic Pottery "Ware Wolves in Sheep's Clothing". Pewabic Pottery, 10125 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. Jan. 23 - March 29. 313-626-2000. Pewabic.org

The Scarab Club "2015 Silver Medal Exhibition". The Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. Feb. 18 - March 28. 313-831-1250. Scarabclub.org

UMMA "Hana Hamplova: Meditations on Paper". University Of Michigan Museum Of Art, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. Feb. 21 - June 30. 734-763-4186. Umma.umich.edu

UMMA "Medicinal Plants and Gardens: The Matthaei Botanical Gardens & Nichols Arboretum". University Of Michigan Museum Of Art, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. Jan. 25 - May 3. 734-763-4186. Umma.umich.edu

UMMA "Guido van der Werve: Nummer veertien, home". University Of Michigan Museum Of Art, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. Jan. 1 - April 26. 734-763-4186. Umma.umich.edu

UMMA "Flip Your Field: Objects from the Collection" An exhibition from the Museum's collection of three-dimensional objects. University Of Michigan Museum Of Art, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. Jan. 24 - June 30. 734-763-4186. Umma.umich.edu

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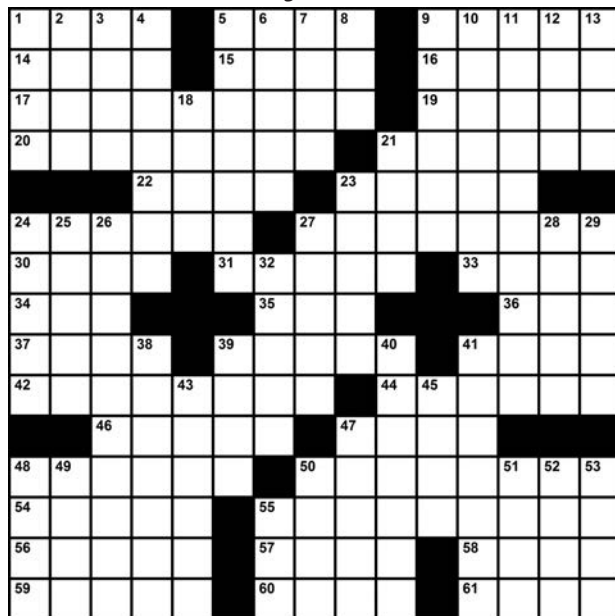
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Q Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Queen's beehive, e.g.
5 NG: Neighbor of Pakistan
9 They won't pose for nude photos
14 Sometime defender of gay rights
15 Oral gratification from the fridge
16 NG: "Me too"
17 Lesley's song about getting a

- rebound lover
19 Come next
20 Sexy one at a bar, e.g.
21 NG: Scales
22 Hail Mary ____
23 Like the Oscars?
24 NG: Vocalist Vic
27 Study hard, as erectile dysfunction?

- 30 NG: " ____ first you don't succeed ..."
31 Golf classic Dinah
33 NG: Lots of
34 Myrna of "The Thin Man"
35 With 55-Across, Lesley's feminist anthem
36 Initials of Stonewall Jackson's boss
37 WNBA star Rebecca
39 NG: Salon jobs
41 NG: "What's ____ you?"
42 "Angel of the Waters" sculptor Emma
44 Deep crack in Mother Earth
46 NG: Ex of "The Donald"
47 Lesbian ____ fiction
48 Orally appealing, perhaps
50 Crack down
54 Tried to tackle tight ends, e.g.
55 See 35-Across
56 NG: Overplay a part
57 Russian river
58 NG: Schedule guesses, briefly
59 Tool for Edith Head
60 Cut
61 Dancer Reagan and Wood of the Stones

Down

- 1 It's stuck under G-strings
2 Two foursomes, to Lorca
3 NG: "Why should ____ you?"
4 NG: Stickler for details
5 NG: Flavors by soaking
6 Tops of houses
7 NG: Dating from
8 Org. that makes Stanley wear a

- cup?
9 NG: Nutrition writer Davis
10 Two drinks, at some gay bars
11 Lesley's song about a stolen beau
12 Broadway ticket souvenir
13 Tools for cultivating pansies
18 NG: ____ all-time high
21 NG: Movie theater
23 "Julius Caesar" setting
24 Stick them in with your pickle
25 NG: In the works
26 Lesley's song about a cheating lover
27 NG: Ill-bred individuals
28 ____ a customer
29 Material on a drag queen's legs
32 Whoopi, in "The Lion King"
38 NG: Render unnecessary
39 Mulan's male persona
40 Send to the bottom
41 Like a queen on the throne
43 NG: Playful talk
45 Karen Carpenter, for one
47 Like an institution for penile penetration?
48 NG: Hawkish deity
49 Word before "sex," in marriage discussions
50 Lesley, who sang "Judy's Turn to Cry"
51 NG: Golden Rule word
52 Guy under Hoover
53 NG: Big name in oil
55 You won't get a bang out of it

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