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– Rose Byrne, pg. 44



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Motorball Drives Back Into Motown

Detroit isn't necessarily on everyone's radar as a gay summer dance destination, but a non-profit organization is changing that. MotorBall, back for its second year, kicks off LGBT Pride Month with a weekend of events June 5-7.

After a nearly 11 year hiatus, MotorBall was resurrected in 2014 for a 20th Anniversary celebration. With a limited budget and a small group of volunteers, MotorBall 2014 was a success, raising nearly \$7,000 for Michigan AIDS Coalition (MAC). Thrilled with the results, MAC reached out to the founders of MotorBall, Geared For Life (GFL), and brought the event into MAC's portfolio of fundraisers, which provide much needed funds for outreach, education and prevention services in Michigan's HIV/AIDS community.

Originally created in 1994, the "GEAR Party," which stood for "Generating Education, Awareness and Respect," was held at The Majestic Ballroom in Detroit. "The first party was so fun and went off without a hitch – even after two power surges blew the circuits at The Majestic," says Tracy Hoffman, one of the founding members of GFL.

The first event raised more than \$15,000 for area HIV/AIDS organizations providing critical services in the height of the epidemic. The following years continued to raise funds – \$200,000 in total – until the event was retired in 2005.

The parties, in their heyday, were held at various venues throughout Metro Detroit and brought in major DJs, entertainers and out-of-town supporters. Centaur Music even produced three albums for MotorBall in its Party Groove lineup. MotorBall's storied and proud history as one of the great circuit parties in the U.S. has included performances by DJs Susan Morabito, Paulo, Tracy Young, Julian Marsh, Manny Lehman, Teri Bristol, Billy Carroll, Chuck Arida, the late-great BUC, Alyson Calagna, Maryalice, David Knapp and so many more.

The current organizers of MotorBall are a mix of alum from years past and some new faces. Terry Ryan, CEO of MAC, says, "I've always cherished my memories and the friends I made at this event and am glad that we've been able to bring the MotorBall brand back."

Eddie Mulak, MotorBall's Event Director for 2015, remembers the first MotorBall and aims to bring the event back to its former status: "Detroit is primed to host a world-class event for the LGBT community again. I'm proud to be entrusted with guiding this party back to a must-attend event."

Joining the team again this year is Derek Zachariah, who originally became involved with Geared For Life and MotorBall 20 years ago. Zachariah sits on the Board of AIDS Walk Detroit and is deeply involved with Michigan Greyhound Connection and other local non-profits. GFL founders and alum Tracy Hoffman and John Joannette join the team as consultants.

MotorBall kicks off its Opening Party 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, June 5 at Club Gold Coast with DJ Josh Karmin (Detroit/Toronto). Performing from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. on June 6 at St. Andrew's Hall, The Shelter, featuring DJ Chris Spinazzola (Chicago), DJ Steve Dearborn (Detroit), DJ Lena (Detroit) and DJ Mike Trombley (Machos City/Detroit).

MotorBall is an Official After-Party of Motor City Pride. To purchase tickets visit www.MotorBall.org or www.MichiganAIDSCoalition.org.



ACLU plaintiff Tina Seitz, with her son Nick Seitz, describing her history working within the Detroit LGBT community and the many difficulties she has faced due to the incongruence between her identity and her state issued documents.

ACLU Files Lawsuit Over Michigan SOS Gender Policy

BY BTL STAFF

DETROIT – The American Civil Liberties Union and ACLU of Michigan filed a federal lawsuit in Detroit against the Michigan Secretary of State May 21 challenging a department policy that makes it impossible for many transgender individuals to correct the gender marker on their driver's licenses and other forms of identification. The lawsuit seeks a court order declaring the Secretary of State's policy unconstitutional.

"By refusing to provide transgender people with identity documents that match their correct gender identity, the state makes it unimaginably difficult for them to navigate their everyday lives," explained Jay Kaplan, staff attorney for the ACLU of Michigan LGBT Project. "Worse, the policy exposes an already vulnerable group to the risks of repeatedly having to reveal intimate personal medical information that, when divulged in some situations, can lead to discrimination, harassment, violence and even death."

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of six plaintiffs and contends the policy represents a refusal by the state to recognize and respect gender identity. Three of the named plaintiffs are Emani Love and Tina Seitz, two transgender

women, and Codie Stone, a transgender man.

"At one point in time, Michigan recognized my correct gender on my state driver's license. However, when my license was re-issued, I was incorrectly assigned a male gender marker. That was due to the Secretary of State's revised policy. So now if I need to show my driver's license for any reason, whether to cash a check or go through security lines at the airport, I experience extremely high levels of anxiety. It is embarrassing and demeaning, and I live in constant fear of having to divulge what should be private information," Seitz said at the press conference.

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson implemented the current policy in 2011. The state refuses to allow a change of the gender marker on a driver's license or state ID unless the person produces an amended birth certificate showing the correct gender.

However, obtaining an amended birth certificate can be difficult if not impossible. For people who were born in Michigan, state law requires that a person undergo gender confirmation surgery to receive an amended birth certificate. Not every transgender person needs or wants surgery, and many people do not have insurance coverage or the money to pay

for it. Most transgender people do not undergo such a procedure.

Other states currently require a court order before changing the gender designation on a birth certificate. And three states, including nearby Ohio where two of the plaintiffs were born, prohibit gender changes on birth certificates altogether.

"I am a pretty open guy about my gender identity, but it should be my decision whether to tell someone that I was assigned a female at birth. Right now I don't have that choice when I want to buy alcohol, use checks or a credit card in certain stores, or when interacting with state officials who may not need to know that information. That puts me in potentially dangerous positions, and the emotional weight of having to worry about how someone will react to my female identification can be a heavy burden," Stone said.

The lawsuit points out that the Michigan policy is as arbitrary as it is harmful. Federal policy, for instance, doesn't require surgery to change the gender marker on a U.S. Passport or Social Security records. More than 30 states currently permit gender marker changes on state-issued IDs without

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requiring gender confirmation surgery.

The National Center for Transgender Equality and National Gay and Lesbian Task Force released a study in 2011 titled “Injustice at Every Turn: A Report of the National Transgender Discrimination Survey” which found that 59 percent of transgender individuals were able to update the gender marker on their driver’s license with only 41 percent living without ID matching their gender identity.

Seitz is a retiree from GM. During her employment, she and the LGBT employee group worked with GM to add gender identity and expression to its anti-discrimination policy. She also served on the board of Affirmations and is currently very active within her church.

Stone is a Ph.D student at Western Michigan University, studying harassment and micro-aggressions towards the transgender community.

The plaintiffs are represented by Kaplan, John Knight from the ACLU’s LGBT Project, Dan Korobkin and Michael J. Steinberg from the ACLU of Michigan, and Steven Gilford, Michael Derksen and Jacki Anderson from the Chicago office of Proskauer Rose.

Calling All LGBT Couples

DETROIT – Motor City Pride is just one week away and Affirmations, FCA US and FIAT Brand want all LGBT couples in the state to be a part of marriage equality history.

FCA US and FIAT Brand are the sole sponsors of this year’s Motor City Pride parade and invite all interested LGBT couples to walk down the “Pride Parade aisle” June 7 on Griswold Street dressed in their wedding best.

Those interested can gather at 11 a.m. at Chrysler House located at 719 Griswold in Downtown Detroit. The parade will begin at noon and end with a rally at the Pride Stage in Hart Plaza.

For more information contact Ashlie Wells, communications coordinator at Affirmations, at 248-677-7224.

Wayland, Michigan Adopts Non-Discrimination Ordinance

BY BTL STAFF

WAYLAND – The city of Wayland, located between Plainwell and Grand Rapids in west Michigan, became Michigan’s 39th city to adopt a non-discrimination ordinance protecting LGBT individuals.

The Wayland City Council adopted a non-discrimination ordinance on a 6-0 vote May 18 after months of consideration.

According to Wayland City Manager Michael Selden, the ordinance would go above and beyond the non-discrimination protections already offered by federal and state laws.

Sexual orientation and gender identity are two classes not listed in the statewide Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, which

protects individuals against harassment and discrimination on the basis of classes such as height, weight, age, race, sex and many others.

The measure is a response to the outcry after Indiana Gov. Mike Pence signed a law permitting people to discriminate against the LGBT community based on deeply held religious beliefs and was championed by former United Church of Wayland pastor R.J. Hronek and Council President at United Church of Wayland, Coleen Young.

Young worked closely with Hronek and is the former head of the GSA at Wayland Union High School. She and Hronek submitted their request to the city 18 months ago, MLive reports, and believes that LGBT people often worry about discrimination and the possibility

of losing their job, housing or rights due to their sexual orientation and gender identity.

“The city of Wayland, as of a few minutes ago, now has a nondiscrimination ordinance protecting not only people of color but also the LGBT community. This means protection for ALL when it comes to housing, hiring, firing and purchasing goods within the city. The ordinance passed unanimously with no one from the community speaking against the ordinance. Special thanks to R.J. Hronek for all the work you did to get this ordinance to the council,” she wrote on her Facebook following the vote last Monday.

The city of Wayland has a population of around 4,079 and is located in Allegan County.

Anti-Gay Midland Minister Caught On Grindr, Quickly Resigns

BY JASON A. MICHAEL

MIDLAND – A minister known to have made anti-gay remarks was outed last week after being caught on gay hookup app Grindr. Rev. Matthew Makela, an associate pastor at St. John’s Lutheran Church and School since 2010, resigned just as gay news website Queerty broke the story. Queerty posted photos of a shirtless Makela, who is married with five children, as well as screenshots from conversations wherein Makela identified himself as a “bicurious guy” who “loved making out naked” and was also into “oral and massage.”

Queerty claimed in the article it published that Makela confirmed the screenshots were authentic but did not offer comment. Since then his phone has been disconnected and his Facebook account deactivated. Likewise, St. John’s Facebook page has disappeared and its website features only an “open letter to the Midland community.”

In the letter, St. John’s Senior Pastor Dan Kempin confirmed that Makela had resigned

Sunday, May 17, saying it was no longer appropriate for him to serve. Then, two days later, the story began to unfold.

“Beginning on Tuesday, the details of his sin broke public, and the contradiction between what he proclaimed in public forums and what he was involved in personally became a national story,” Kempin’s letter read. “What could we do but grieve at the legitimacy of the accusation, and grieve still more deeply at the way in which his failure was relentlessly and repeatedly brought home to him. We want to be clear that we bear no resentment to those who have reported or commented on this story. But we hope you understand that to us it has been more than a news story – it has been a very real grief.”

Facebook comments and a reply Makela gave to an editorial in the Midland Daily News written by Dan Dickerson, another local pastor. In his reply, Makela said that “sexual attraction to the same sex is a sinful temptation.”

In yet another example of his homophobic statements, Makela once compared being gay to being an alcoholic.

“I love people who have same sex attraction, and so does God,” Makela wrote in reply to an anti-gay column. “We don’t tell a person born with tendencies to abuse alcohol to keep on giving in to his innate desires because he can’t help it. We try to help him in his struggle.”

Now it is Makela who needs help in his struggle.

“We stand by Matt as a fallen but repentant brother and by his family as they seek to recover from this,” Kempin said in his open letter. “He may not, of course, stand in the pulpit any longer, but he is welcome at the altar. We do not believe that public shaming is helpful to anyone, and we pray for their healing.”

History Of Anti-Gay Remarks

Makela’s very public fall from grace was full of bitter irony. In its initial story, Queerty showed many examples of anti-gay remarks Makela had made throughout the years. They included screenshots of

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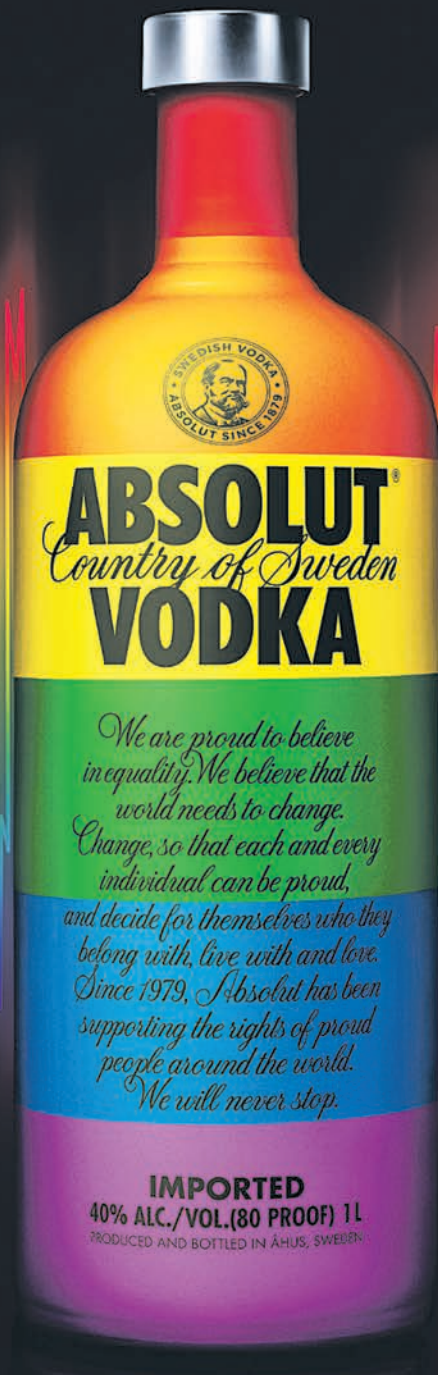
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Forever Faithful Project Designed To Build Welcoming Congregations In Detroit Area Churches

BY JASON A. MICHAEL

It's definitely possible – marriage equality might become the law of the land in a matter of weeks. But many Metro Detroit churches still strongly oppose this and refuse to offer a welcoming environment for gays and lesbians.

"The Freedom To Marry campaign Michigan office thought that we could be a support to change the hearts and minds of people around this issue," said Curtis Lipscomb, executive director of LGBT Detroit.

"We were contracted by them and supported by them to target African-American clergy leaders and lay leaders to prepare them for what could be a positively impactful decision on our end and maybe, perhaps, a not so pleasant experience for people who oppose marriage equality."

To help with the campaign, LGBT Detroit brought on board Rev. Roland Stringfellow, pastor of Metropolitan Community Church Detroit. Stringfellow also wears a second hat. He is head of the Umoja Project, which is a program of the Pacific School of Religion designed to facilitate safe, non-threatening dialogue about the diversity of human sexuality and the tension that sometimes exists within African-American faith communities in relation to LGBT individuals.

LGBT Detroit is also working closely with the Michigan Roundtable and Kevin Hogan, who is in charge of the Roundtable's Faith & LGBT Equality Project. Through Hogan, LGBT Detroit was able to secure funding from the E. Rhodes & Leona B. Carpenter Foundation.

"They're one of the funders of the Faith and LGBT Equality Project," Hogan explained. "We got a grant from the Foundation and we took some of that money and gave it to LGBT Detroit to give them some seed money."

"What we did with this Forever Faith Project is focus on a true model of collaboration," Hogan continued. "We provide tools and resources to assist congregations in their LGBT welcome while engaging all faith traditions in a deeper dialogue of fairness and equality."

In addition to Lipscomb, Hogan and Stringfellow, two others are working on the project. They are Rhiannon Chester, program director for LGBT Detroit, and Andre Guilford, Jr., a graduate of LGBT Detroit's Leadership Academy who is planning to attend seminary school.

"I received a grant from the Forum for Theological Exploration to do LGBT inclusion work," said Guilford. "I've been using the goals that I have to achieve through that grant to help with the Forever Faithful Project. My grant is very much in line with the exact work that's being done through the Project." Guilford said that he would consider the Project a success if at least one congregation decided to move forward toward a fully inclusive and welcoming culture identified through a mission statement or some other public statement to the congregation.

"That would be the most ideal," he said. "But in the timespan in which the project is working, I don't know how practical it is. I'm ok for settling for something smaller, and that smaller picture looks like clergy leaders and lay leaders coming together to wrestle with scripture and theology to understand what those issues are that keep us from fully welcoming our LGBT brothers and sisters in faith communities."

Stringfellow said that opening a dialogue with African-American church leaders is essential, and that while it might not bear fruit immediately, it will at least plant a seed.

"It's crucial that we engage people of faith on issues of justice and equality," said Stringfellow. "Pastors and church leaders know and care about LGBT people. LGBT people are their neighbors, their friends, their family members. This project gives people the opportunity to speak up for their loved ones and actively live out their faith."

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Interfaith Discussion Focuses On Anti-Gay Marriage Myths



Panelists at the Interfaith Marriage Discussion included Rabbi Arnie Sleutelberg from Congregation Shir Tikvah, Central Woodward Christian Church Senior Pastor Bob Cornwall and Kit and George Belvitch from Fortunate Families. (BTL photo: Jason A. Michael)

BY JASON A. MICHAEL

TROY – About 50 people attended an Interfaith Marriage Discussion that took place at Central Woodward Christian Church May 20. The discussion was hosted by the church in cooperation with Michigan for Marriage and moderated by Kevin Hogan of the Michigan Roundtable. Panelists included Rev. Bob Cornwall, Central Woodward's senior pastor, Rabbi Arnie Sleutelberg of Congregation Shir Tikvah and Kit and George Belvitch from Fortunate Families.

While Sleutelberg is openly gay, the other panelists indicated they all had gay relatives. Cornwall said he was forced to take a closer look at himself and his feelings on gay rights when he learned his brother was gay.

"About 12 years ago my life kind of changed," Cornwall told the crowd. "I was pastoring a church in Santa Barbara and I was told by my mother that my brother had come out as gay. So what had always been pretty much an academic, abstract concept for me now became personal."

For their part, the Belvitch family has a gay son.

"My son Michael, from the time he was a baby, I thought he was probably gay," said Kit Belvitch. "I would pray all the time, 'God, don't let him be gay. Don't let him be gay.' Not that I have a problem with gay people, but I didn't want to see him be hated. I didn't think I could stand to see him rejected and mistreated."

Kit Belvitch said her son, who lives in Chicago, is getting married to his partner later this year.

"It's always curious to me when people say that somehow marriage is diminished by allowing gay people to marry. It only strengthens marriage."

- Rabbi Arnie Sleutelberg

"I love him, I know, and God loves him," she said. "I want more than anything for all of my kids to be in a loving relationship. So it just kind of follows that I would want Michael and his partner to be able to get married."

Hogan spent much of the night asking panelists to debunk prevalent anti-gay marriage myths, such as the idea that marriage equality for gays threatens traditional marriage.

"Heterosexuals have done a good job of messing marriage up," Cornwall said. "So I don't think we have to blame our LGBT friends for contributing to that. My hope for a gay or lesbian person marrying their partner is that they have the same opportunity to share the same values and commitment for a lifetime."

"Actually, the fact that so many young gay and lesbian persons are seeking to be married should say to the rest of us that this must be really important and we should take that as encouragement to strengthen our own marriages."

Sleutelberg echoed Cornwall's opinion.

"It's always curious to me when people say that somehow marriage is diminished by allowing gay people to marry," he said. "It only strengthens marriage. It's hard to imagine that when a man or a woman goes to Las Vegas and gets married by Elvis that this is going to diminish heterosexual marriage. I think it will only make it stronger."

Sleutelberg said that marriage should be defined by what it is, not who participates in it.

"The game of baseball is not defined by who plays it," he said. "It's defined by a certain set of rules and certain type of equipment and a certain type of field. Marriage shouldn't be defined by who participates. It should be defined by what it is in its essence: A desire of two people to commit themselves to one another for life with love and commitment."

Hogan also asked the panelists to talk about the claim that if the Supreme Court rules that gays have a constitutional right to be able to get married, it will force straight clergy to officiate at gay weddings or be found to be violating the law.

"No one forces any church to do anything regarding any wedding," said Cornwall. "In the Catholic Church you can't be remarried if you've been divorced. The federal government recognizes divorce but doesn't force any priests to perform any marriage. I'm not forced to marry anybody. The federal government or the state government can't tell me who I can marry. Really, the only group who can tell me what I can do or not do with regard to that is the congregation that employs me."

Sleutelberg said much of the same.

"When it comes to faith traditions, each church has the right to determine what goes on in its church and has the right to determine official policy of their church," he said. "But it does not have the right to dictate policy of the United States government. So for a particular church group or synagogue group to try to influence America, the Supreme Court, the president, the Senate, the House and tell them that, because of my religious beliefs, you may not allow others with different religious beliefs to exercise their religious beliefs is just so wrong."

"My synagogue is open to gay marriage," Sleutelberg continued. "That doesn't mean I would say that this church has to be or should be. That's for this church to decide. But you shouldn't be able to tell us that we can't."

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Come As You Are To Rainbow Pride Prom

BY AJ TRAGER

FERNDALE – “I’ve been to two. Honestly it is a lot of fun. It’s cool that it’s gender inclusive and open to everybody,” said Tyler Beltz, peer educator and intern/assistant to the executive director at Affirmations.

Beltz is one of many youth ages 13-20 who will attend the 2015 Pride Prom at Affirmations. The prom is set up so LGBT and ally youth can enjoy an evening of inclusivity while being young, fearless and fabulous.

This is the first year the celebration will be held the same evening as Ferndale Pride. The change was decided by the youth advisory council of the Carl Rippberger Youth Empowerment Program at Affirmations – a change that Beltz feels will benefit the LGBT youth community.

“Pride is held on a Saturday night. Especially with school winding down, no kid is going to want to be at Pride all day and then go home. Having Pride Prom on the evening of (Ferndale) Pride lowers the risk for high risk situations. Having it be on the same day, it gives a chance for youth who don’t have anything to do after 10 p.m. – when everybody goes to the

bar – something to do,” Beltz said.

Beltz has been to two other Pride Proms hosted by Affirmations. He enjoys the atmosphere and how the event is gender inclusive and open to everybody. Pride Prom allows youth a chance to explore gender identity and expression in ways that may not be acceptable in other spaces. Youth are encouraged to be their authentic selves and will have the opportunity to run for king, queen or ace of the 2015 gender neutral prom court.

The 2015 Pride Prom will feature food, raffle prizes, a photo booth, music by DJ Tone and plenty of dancing. Admission is free and youth are encouraged to show off their Pride spirit and wear every color of the rainbow. Attendees are welcome to wear tuxedos or ball gowns; however, formal dress is not required.

Quinn, a peer educator at Affirmations finishing up his first year in high school, will attend Pride

Prom for the first time. He will be working during the day for Ferndale Pride and then he plans on hitting the dance floor after the vendor booths close down for the day.

“I’m excited because I’m new to



the community, so it is my first pride event. I feel it is a good opportunity to meet people,” Quinn said. “I used to live in Bloomfield Hills and recently moved to Berkley. The high school has a very good LGBT supportive community and so when

I moved to Berkley, I heard about Affirmations in Ferndale. There have been a lot of new resources for me to utilize.”

Since he joined Affirmations and began working with Beltz and the rest of the youth advisory council, Quinn has gained knowledge on LGBT terminology and culture and has spent time training and advising his peers.

“A lot of people aren’t aware of what the Metro Detroit community has to offer for people who identify as LGBT. If

you don’t explore the events and opportunities planned for this specific community, then you aren’t sure of what is out there and you could be missing out on opportunities,” Beltz suggested.

Pride Prom begins at 7 p.m. on

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May 30 in the Pittmann-Puckett Gallery space in Affirmations located at 290 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale.

Visit www.GoAffirmations.org/lgbtyouthprom or contact Youth Program coordinators Lilianna Reyes at LReyes@GoAffirmations.org, Victor Walker via email at VWalker@GoAffirmations.org or either by phone at 248-398-7105.

Being The Authentic ‘You’ At Trans Day Of Empowerment

BY AJ TRAGER

FERNDALE – The Gender-Identity Network Alliance (GNA, pronounced “Gina”) will hold its annual Transgender Day of Empowerment on May 31, following Ferndale Pride, in hopes of connecting trans individuals in attendance with a clearer view of “making themselves real.”

Transgender Day of Empowerment, according to the website, is about “bravely searching for the undiscovered opportunities that lie within life obstacles without surrendering to the injustice, recognizing the most important relationship is between someone and themselves and realizing that the best relationships are dedicated to truthfulness, transparency and talking.”

Co-founder and Executive Director of GNA, Michelle Fox-

Phillips, designed the event to empower the trans community and to present a “day of decision, declaration and doing” by taking ownership of existence and taking one more step in the journey of self-actualization.

“I decided as executive director of Transgender Detroit (now GNA) to turn it into an empowering day,” Fox-Phillips said. “It’s a one day affair. We do it as an antithesis, because in November we do the Transgender Day of Remembrance candlelight vigil. And this is to be the opposite, to have an uplifting day of empowerment versus a downer.”

This year’s theme is “Building It Real.” The event will feature a series of workshops and conversations addressing what it is like to be trans in Detroit, trans ambassadorship, what is “T in the D: Transgender in Detroit,” gender variance, workplace empowerment, trans

history, gender youth and a lunch address by Roz Keith who will discuss her parent support group for guardians of trans youth. Dr. Sandra Samons and Dr. Steven Rossi will return for a third year and discuss inter-marginalization. The keynote address will be delivered by Affirmations’ Executive Director Darrious Hilmon.

Trans Day of Empowerment is geared towards trans individuals, however trans allies and the general community are welcome to attend and gain insight and education into the trans community. For safety, Affirmations will close its doors to the general public not interested in attending the workshops. Between 100-150 people are expected to attend.

“For me, having just one person there is a success,” Fox-Phillips said. “A lot of people need help. They are self conscious, they are afraid

The event will feature a series of workshops and conversations addressing what it is like to be trans in Detroit.

of discrimination against them – of course I don’t blame them – but this is a way for them to gain confidence in themselves.”

The idea for Trans Day of Empowerment came from Tina Seitz, former board member of Affirmations. She saw that the San Francisco community was hosting a Trans Day of Empowerment that resembled an awards dinner, and she wanted to expand the idea in Metro Detroit and turn it into a series of workshops.

Fox-Phillips hopes that, in upcoming years, Trans Day of Empowerment can withstand and evolve into its own sustaining conference, providing extended training and resources.

This year’s presenters include Hannah Hartly, Jodi Allen, Bre Campbell, Amanda Panda, Dr. Rossi, Dr. Samons, Lolita Davis, Julia Marsh and Aspen and Julani, two local youth.

Trans Day of Empowerment begins at 9 a.m. in the Pittmann-Puckett Gallery. Lunch will be provided. In addition to the workshops, vendor tables will be present.

Other organizations supporting this event include PFLAG Detroit, Jewish-Gay Network and Joshua Moore from Detroit Legal Services.

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Between Ourselves

Ferndale Author Launches Second Lesbian Romance Novel

BY AJ TRAGER

Michigan author Carol Popovich (C.A. Popovich) is releasing her second novel, "The Courage to Try."

Popovich began writing as a youth, chronicling her life in Michigan. She graduated from Troy High School and pursued an associate's degree in industrial technology from Macomb Community College. She worked for automotive suppliers as an AutoCAD operator until 2014 when she began writing full time.

Popovich was exposed to a multi-cultural and multi-lingual environment at a young age after her parents adopted her following their immigration to the U.S. from Yugoslavia after World War II. Popovich has written short stories and poems and has recently completed a first draft of her parents' story immigrating to the U.S.

Once she discovered the works of Radclyffe, an American lesbian romance novelist focusing on paranormal and erotic romance and mystery, Popovich transitioned from poetry to more intricate stories.

Her debut novel, "Edge of Awareness," was published by Bold Strokes Books in the fall of 2014 and the sequel is scheduled for release in October of this year.

In an exclusive interview, Popovich revealed to *Between the Lines* that she didn't live an out lifestyle until she was published by Bold Strokes Books. After attending Women's Week in Provincetown, Massachusetts as a published author, she knew she would forever be visible as a lesbian romance novelist.

How do you feel early experiences in journaling helped you become a good writer?

I've kept a journal since I was a teenager, and I think that experience has kept me focused on writing. Journaling is very different from writing a novel. However, I think the act of writing daily, even in a journal, has value.

"Edge of Awareness" touches on divorce, the sexuality spectrum and changing family dynamics. Why is it important to showcase those life events in romance novels?

"Edge of Awareness" began as the story of a dog groomer, Dana, and her journey toward finding love. As I wrote it, my second character began to become more prominent. I know quite a few lesbians who've struggled to reconcile their sexuality with their Christianity, and I decided to make that struggle Maria's. Not all lesbians recognize their



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- Carol Popovich

sexuality at a young age, and many

wrestle with accepting themselves when they find they've fallen in love with a woman. I think it can be especially difficult if they've been married to men and have children.

Fiction is not reality, but it must be believable. It actually needs to be more believable than real life. When I wrote about my character's lives, I chose realistic family dynamics that would fit with who I wanted my characters to be. I wanted my readers to be able to recognize and relate to the characters and to the lives that made them who they were.

Radclyffe was a turning point for the direction of your works. Can you describe what you were feeling as you chose to write romance, specifically LGBT-focused romance?

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Radclyffe and other wonderful lesbian authors. I had only been writing short stories up until then, and it was after reading Radclyffe's romances that I knew what I wanted to read and write. Her work touched me in a way none other had. I saw in her books a reflection of who I was. I felt a validation of my lesbianism and the passion of love.

You've got a sequel coming out in October – what do you think you'll pursue after that release?

My second novel, "The Courage to

Try," is not really a sequel to the first one, but one of the main characters is Dr. Jaylin Meyers who first appeared in "Edge of Awareness." It's her love story with a sexy vet tech who rides an Appaloosa and shoots skeet. It deals a bit with aging parents and the challenge that brings, as well as the struggles of recovery from codependency.

I've been pondering my third book while working on edits. It will probably be the story of one of the characters from the second book, but I haven't finalized the details yet. My intention is to create a new love story for someone from each novel and probably move them around Michigan. I've heard it said often, "Write what you know." I love the lakes and greenery of Michigan, and since I've lived here all my life, I figure I can use it as my stage.

Read more from Popovich and stay connected by visiting her website at <http://capopovichfiction.weebly.com>. Popovich can also be found on Facebook and Twitter; she will have a booth at Ferndale Pride this weekend.



From left to right: Mike Odom, Andrea Felice, Bruce Van Dike, Andrew Valdez and Jason Blake enjoying the 2014 boat cruise. This year's event takes place on June 27.

Motown Invitational Classic Hosts Annual Detroit River Boat Cruise

BY BTL STAFF

Tickets are now on sale for the Motown Invitational Classic (MIC) Eighth Annual Detroit River Boat Cruise and Tea Dance that will set sail – rain or shine – on the Detroit River from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 27.

The event is a fundraiser for Michigan's oldest and largest LGBT bowling tournament that is held every October in Metro Detroit, attracting hundreds of bowlers from across the U.S. and Canada.

The three-hour riverboat cruise accommodates up to 250 guests and includes two cash bars, dancing on the sun deck with music provided by DJ Steve Parsons, light refreshments, a 50/50 raffle and special performances by Miss MIC 2015 Jacqueline Frost.

"We are proud to host an event that has become a summertime 'rite of passage' for guests who return every year to dance, make new friends and help raise funds for one of our community's most recognized LGBT sports competitions," said 2015 MIC Co-Director Bill Havican. "There is no better way to have fun in the sun and enjoy a beautiful panoramic view of the Detroit and Windsor shorelines than taking a riverboat cruise with MIC."

The cruise is open to anyone 21 years of age and older. Boarding for the cruise starts at 12:45 p.m. and will take place at Stroh's River Place, which is located off Jefferson Avenue on Joseph Campau Street at the Detroit River. The Diamond Belle will return to dock at 4 p.m.

The official after-party takes place immediately following the cruise and will be hosted by the new Menjo's Complex located at 928 W. McNichols in Detroit. It will feature drink specials, an outdoor patio, dancing and special surprises for guests.

Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased while supplies last at Menjo's and Steven B's Barber Shop in Ferndale. An optional VIP boat cruise ticket for an additional \$10 can be purchased that includes a free gift, a delicious pre-cruise brunch and secured parking at Menjo's, and transportation to and from the dock. Any remaining boat cruise tickets will be sold at the dock the day of the cruise.

For tickets and information, contact 2014 MIC Co-Director Bill Havican at 313-727-4101 or via email at billhav2003@yahoo.com. For more information regarding the Motown Invitational Classic, visit www.mictournament.org.



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Creep of the Week

Josh Duggar

BY D'ANNE WITKOWSKI

By now you've probably heard about the scandalous revelation that Josh Duggar, the oldest child of the Duggar clan, has admitted to molesting five underage girls when he was a teenager. At least some of these girls were his sisters.



Josh Duggar

The Duggar cult has gotten a lot of flack about how they handled the incident, and what they did clearly indicates that they didn't think it was a very big deal.

Now, Josh was 14-15 years old when he molested the girls, which means he was just a child himself, but definitely old enough to know better. Plus, it's worth noting that molesting your younger sisters is not at all a normal part of a boy's sexual development.

According to reports, Josh didn't seem to face many consequences as a result of his actions, and his parents waited a year after they learned about the molestation before they did anything about it. He did get a talkin' to by a sheriff who

was a friend of the family. Said sheriff was later arrested on child pornography charges. And then they sent Josh away to stay with a family friend. It's unclear what kind of counseling he received – like if he actually saw someone with, say, a master's degree in psychology and social work, or if he just prayed about it with a family friend.

Nor is it clear about his sisters or any of the other girls he violated. The Duggars have been pretty quiet about what they've done, if anything, to provide support for the victims here. Instead, Josh is on display as the victim. Not, say, the girl whose “breasts and genitals” he touched “while she slept.”

But he's said he's sorry now.

Josh told *People* magazine, “Twelve years ago, as a young teenager, I acted inexcusably for which I am extremely sorry and deeply regret. I hurt others, including my family and close

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friends. I confessed this to my parents who took several steps to help me address the situation. We spoke with the authorities where I confessed my wrongdoing, and my parents arranged for me and those affected by my actions to receive counseling. I understood that if I continued down this wrong road that I would end up ruining my life.”

Ah, yes. Clearly he's repented and is doing the Lord's work making sure it's A-OK to discriminate against those perverted homosexuals at the Family Research Council, an organization that advances hatred masquerading as Christian values. Or at least he did, until he resigned in the wake of the scandal. A life well spent.

Josh's parents, Jim Bob and Michelle, told *People*, “When Josh was a young teenager, he made some very bad mistakes, and we were shocked. We had tried to teach him right from wrong. That dark and difficult time caused us to seek God like never before.”

Remember that Josh Duggar is the first-born son to this man and woman who believe it's their God-given destiny to produce as many children as possible (19 and counting!). And they are teaching those children their values: that homosexuals are morally reprehensible. And molesting your little sisters is apparently just a little mistake best kept in the family.

Gays Wake Up To Changed Ireland, Let 'New Normal' Sink In

BY SHAWN POGATCHNIK

DUBLIN (AP) – The gay couples of Ireland woke up Sunday in what felt like a nation reborn – some with dreams of wedding plans dancing in their heads.

Many weren't rising too early, however, after celebrating the history-making outcome of Ireland's referendum enshrining gay marriage in the constitution. The festivities began when the final result – 62 percent approval – was announced Saturday night, and ran until sunrise in some corners of Dublin, with tens of thousands of revelers of all sexual identities pouring onto the streets.

The unexpectedly strong willingness of Irish voters to change their conservative 1937 constitution is expected to lead to a wave of gay weddings in Ireland in the fall. The Justice Department confirmed Sunday it plans to publish a marriage bill this week, and with the support of all political parties, it should be passed by parliament and signed into law by June.

For Ireland's most prominent gay couple, Sen. Katherine Zappone and Ann Louise Gilligan, this victory is emotionally overwhelming. Since 2003 they have fought for legal recognition of their Canadian marriage. They took their case all the way to the Supreme Court, but suffered only setbacks and delays. Now, their day has come.

“For so long, I've been having to dig in my heels and say ... Well, we ARE married. I'm a married woman!” said Zappone, a Seattle native who resettled with her Irish spouse in Dublin three decades ago. “Now that it has happened, at a personal level, it's just going to take a long time to let that acceptance sink in.”

Zappone and Gilligan thrilled a crowd of thousands packed into the results center at Dublin Castle with a playful promise to renew their vows. Zappone dramatically broke off from a live TV interview, stared directly into the camera and asked Gilligan to marry her all over again. Gilligan declared to the rainbow flag-waving revelers: “I said yes to Katherine 12 years ago at our marriage in Canada.



Irish Senator Katherine Zappone, right, and partner Ann Louise Gilligan celebrate as the first results in the Irish referendum start to filter through at Dublin Castle, Ireland, Saturday, May 23. Ireland has voted resoundingly to legalize gay marriage in the world's first national vote on the issue, leaders on both sides of the Irish referendum declared Saturday even as official ballot counting continued.

And now we are bringing the 'yes' back home to Ireland, our country of Ireland! Yes, yes, yes!”

In a more sober mood Sunday, the couple reflected on their long road to social acceptance, the unprecedented joy of the “yes” victory – and the legal work that remains to be done before they can get officially hitched in Ireland later this year.

“It took us hours to get a taxi (Saturday night) because so many people came up to us in tears, wanting to talk to us. They now felt so much freer, and proud,” said Zappone, who became Ireland's first openly lesbian lawmaker when Prime Minister Enda Kenny appointed her to the Senate in 2011.

“There aren't that many moments in life where you are surrounded with an exuberance of joy. These are rare moments. ... We are now entering a new Ireland,” said Gilligan, a former Loreto nun who left the order in her mid-20s to pursue social justice projects as a lay Catholic. She wasn't sure about her sexuality until Zappone walked into their first doctoral theology class together at Boston College in 1981.

“The door opened, and this gorgeous woman came in. I didn't know I was lesbian. I'm a late learner,” Gilligan recalled with a laugh. “I fell in love with Katherine, and I went for it. I simply adored her, and I wanted to be with her forever and ever, and here we are!”

They married in Vancouver and sued Ireland in hopes of winning legal recognition, but in 2006 the High Court ruled that Irish law – while never explicit in defining marriage as solely between a man and woman – universally understood this to be the case. The Supreme Court sidestepped their appeal in 2012.

Months later Gilligan, who is in her late 60s, suffered a brain hemorrhage and was hospitalized. Zappone, yet again, faced bureaucratic presumptions when trying to see her wife, since hospital admissions didn't recognize her as a spouse or family member. She could have lied and said they had an Irish-recognized civil partnership, a weaker form of marriage-style contract enacted into Irish law in 2010, but Zappone insisted on stating uncomfortable

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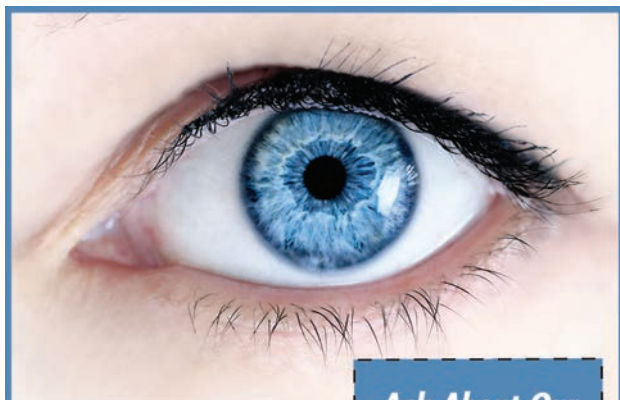
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States Move On Gay Conversion Bans

SALEM, Ore. (AP) – Oregon is now the third state in the country to ban so-called “gay conversion therapy” after Gov. Kate Brown signed legislation outlawing the practice.

The measure makes it illegal for social workers or licensed mental health professional to practice therapy treatments purporting to change the sexual orientation of children younger than 18.

The practice has been widely panned by critics who say it can lead to depression and anxiety in youths.

President Barack Obama has said he supports legislation barring the treatment and similar laws have been enacted in California, New Jersey and Washington, D.C.

Nevada Senate

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) – The Nevada Senate has approved a bill that would ban therapies aimed at turning gay young people straight.

Lawmakers voted 14-5 to approve SB353. The bill now heads to the Assembly

The measure is sponsored by Democratic Sen. David Parks and would prohibit social workers and psychotherapists from providing sexual conversion therapy to people under the age of 18.

Parks said the therapy is unscientific, unethical and can permanently damage

minors during their formative years.

Republican bill opponent Sen. Joe Hardy, who’s a doctor, said the ban is too broad, and therapists asking standard questions might run afoul of it.

The bill was amended to remove language that addressed legal actions a victim of the conversion therapy could take against a therapist.

Illinois House

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) – The Illinois House has approved a ban on therapy supporters say can change the sexual orientation of young gays.

There was no debate on the measure before it was OK’d 68-43. The bill now goes to the Senate for approval.

Rep. Kelly Cassidy sponsors the bill which gay and lesbian advocates support. The Chicago Democrat says conversion therapy can increase the risk of suicide and “mental anguish” in teenagers struggling with their sexuality.

The initiative would prevent mental health providers from using the treatment on anyone under the age of 18.

Just last year, the House defeated a similar Cassidy plan 44-51 – with 22 members not voting.

Montreal Alouettes Sign Openly Gay Defensive End

MONTREAL (AP) – Michael Sam has found a pro football job. In Canada. Sam, the first openly gay player

drafted in the NFL, signed a two-year contract Friday with the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football league.

General manager Jim Popp considered Sam’s sexuality a nonissue.

“Michael Sam is a very good football

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reality: “In those moments, I am married to her, and you have to recognize that,” she recalled.

The medical staff understood and, after Zappone had spent five weeks at Gilligan’s bedside, one of their Chinese doctors wrote them a long note of appreciation, wishing he had what they had.

What they won’t have, for many months to come, is an Irish-recognized marriage.

Article 41 of the family section of Ireland’s constitution now reads, “Marriage may be contracted in accordance with law by two persons without distinction as to their sex.”

But Zappone and her parliamentary colleagues must pass a same-sex marriage bill. Unlike in many other countries, the change faces no significant parliamentary opposition. Potentially thorny issues such as divorce – narrowly legalized in a 1995 referendum – and adoption shouldn’t pose roadblocks. Parliament recently passed another bill permitting couples and single people to adopt regardless of gender, reflecting the reality that more than a third of Irish children are being raised out of wedlock.

“Technically and legally we’ll probably have to wait until towards the end of the year,” Zappone said. “Then we’ll head towards the big day.”

By then, several commentators have noted, a new generation of Irish people should already be accepting the sight of

player, and that’s the reason we signed him,” Popp said. “He’s an outstanding pass rusher.”

He also was unemployed after failing to stick with two NFL teams last season.

Sam came out before last year’s NFL draft. He was selected in the seventh round by the St. Louis Rams and cut in training camp. The Dallas Cowboys signed him to their practice squad but released him in October. Sam then made another unsuccessful attempt at an NFL job at this year’s veterans combine.

“I cannot wait to put on the pads, get back on the field and work hard each and every day with my teammates to bring a Grey Cup to the great fans here in Montreal,” Sam said in a statement.

Judge: Gay Couples Have Right To Marry In Ala.

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) – A federal judge on Thursday ruled that gays and lesbians have the right to marry in all Alabama counties, but placed her decision on hold until the U.S Supreme Court weighs in on same-sex marriage this summer.

U.S District Judge Callie Granade, as she has before, ruled that Alabama’s ban on same-sex marriage is unconstitutional. And this time, she forbade all probate judges from enforcing it. But her decision to stay the order until the high court rules means that, at least for now, same-sex couples still cannot marry in Alabama.

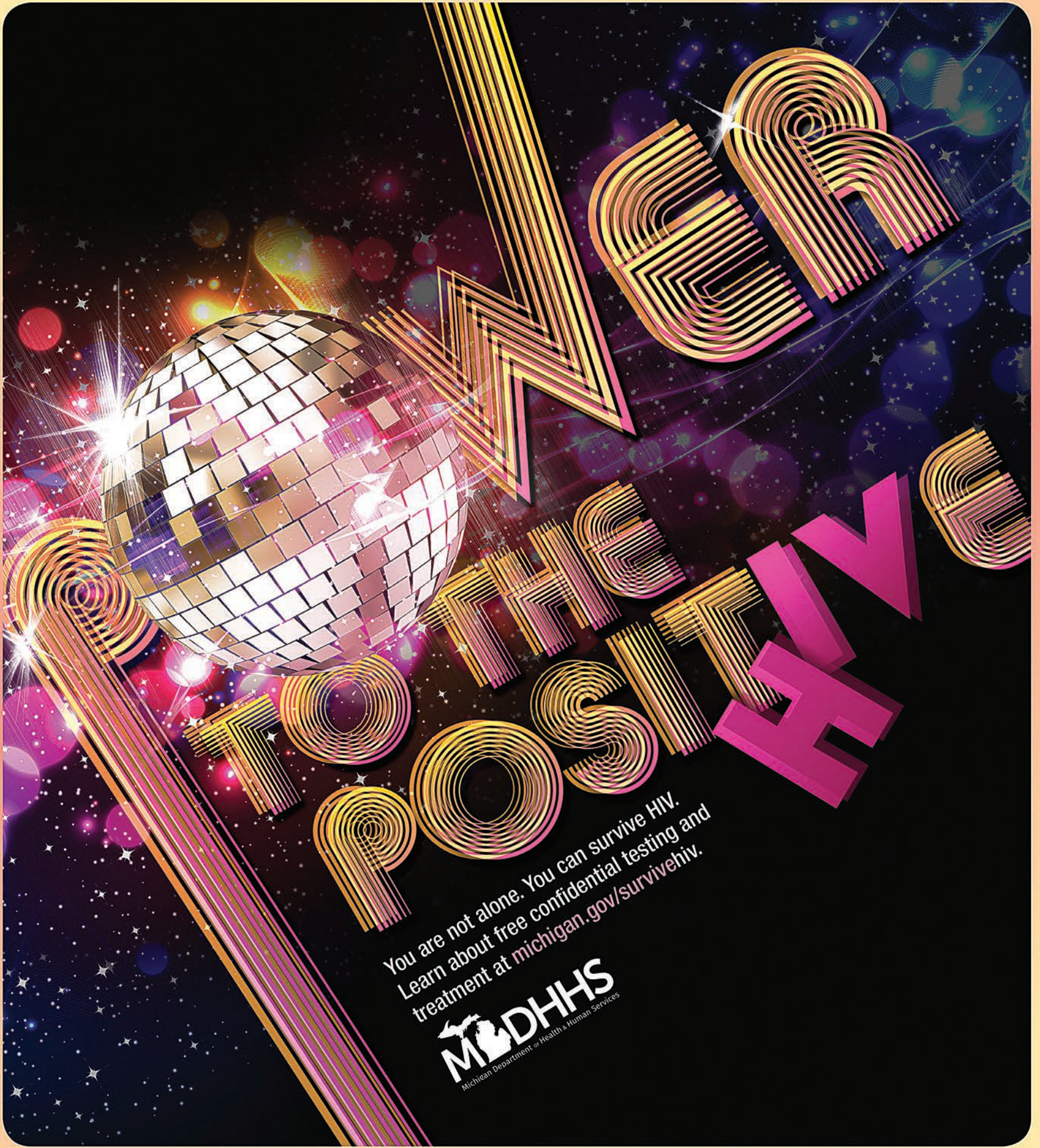
That didn’t stop groups from cheering the ruling as a victory, however, in a state that spent much of the early part of this year in a legal war over the issue.

The ruling is the latest from the federal judge who has been at the center of gay marriage cases in the conservative Southern state. The order could be her final salvo at the state level before the Supreme Court decision.

a gay couple holding hands in the street, or exchanging their vows and kissing in front of their families.

“We’ve made it clear to the world that there is a new normal – that ‘ordinary’ is a big, capacious word that embraces and rejoices in the natural diversity of humanity. LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) people are now a fully acknowledged part of the wonderful ordinariness of Irish life,” wrote Irish Times columnist Fintan O’Toole.

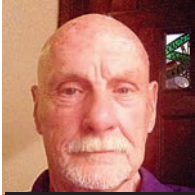
“LGBT people are us: our sons and daughters, mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, neighbors and friends. We were given the chance to say that. We were asked to replace tolerance with the equality of citizenship,” O’Toole wrote. “And we took it in both arms and hugged it close.”



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Parting Glances

OPINION BY CHARLES ALEXANDER

When I was 19, if I slept with a guy twice, I was “in love,” and T.D., the lanky stud I met outside of the downtown Hub Grill gay teenager hangout, soon became my first summer-of-coming-out romance.

Tall Dick – Richard Bowdy – was 25, lived in an upper flat with a gay couple, butch Hank and port-a-belly Rick, and worked nearby at Highland Park General Hospital as an orderly.

Our first night alone T.D. played “Music For Lovers Only,” a monaural LP with Jackie Gleason’s easy listening orchestra, and I took on a sentimental glow that kept me lighthearted for days. Unfortunately, the summer euphoria soon became flat fall champagne.

Some time during July, T.D. and I, Hank and Rick went sailing on the Detroit River. There was a patchouli-scented breeze, and I sat in the back of the boat, held lovingly by T.D. I was content as we drifted serenely past Belle Isle and the Seven Sisters landmark smokestacks.

Screw what the world might think. I was happy to be gay, energetically glad to be alive. Soon I would be 21.

As September neared, T.D. and I saw less of each other. He spent a lot of time with Eleanor, a straight friend his age. They became Ayn Rand Objectivism groupies and planned to move to New York – its center. Fountain Headers.

T.D. warned me I shouldn’t get ‘swoony.’ “You’re young, Al. Someone will bob along, really worth your time.” (The usual distancing technique that I, decades later, would use for ending my own misalliances, mostly because I drank too much.)

Our fledgling affair vanished Halloween Night when the Farmer & Bates streets were cordoned off so hundreds of “tourists” could watch the parading of drag queens, glamour gowns, hand-sewn costumes, glittering show people – swishing, traipsing, bowing, blowing kisses, to rounds and rounds of straight applause. Oohs and aahs.

(In 1968, the year the Tigers won the Baseball World Series, the straights began throwing rocks. Catcalls. Threats. The Halloween parade, which had been a decades-long annual event since the late-1940s, was over. The bar scene began to flee north.)

As I watched from wooden street barricades – trying to pass for a tourist – T.D. stopped grandly, unexpectedly out of the crowd, turned and kissed me neatly on my blushing cheek. I didn’t recognize him at first. He was dressed all in feathers and a tapered silk-and-sky-blue sequined gown.

Graceful. Lovely to look at. Simply stunning. (I felt totally betrayed. A drag queen! How could he? That was that! Not my, don’t-look-too-gay scene.)

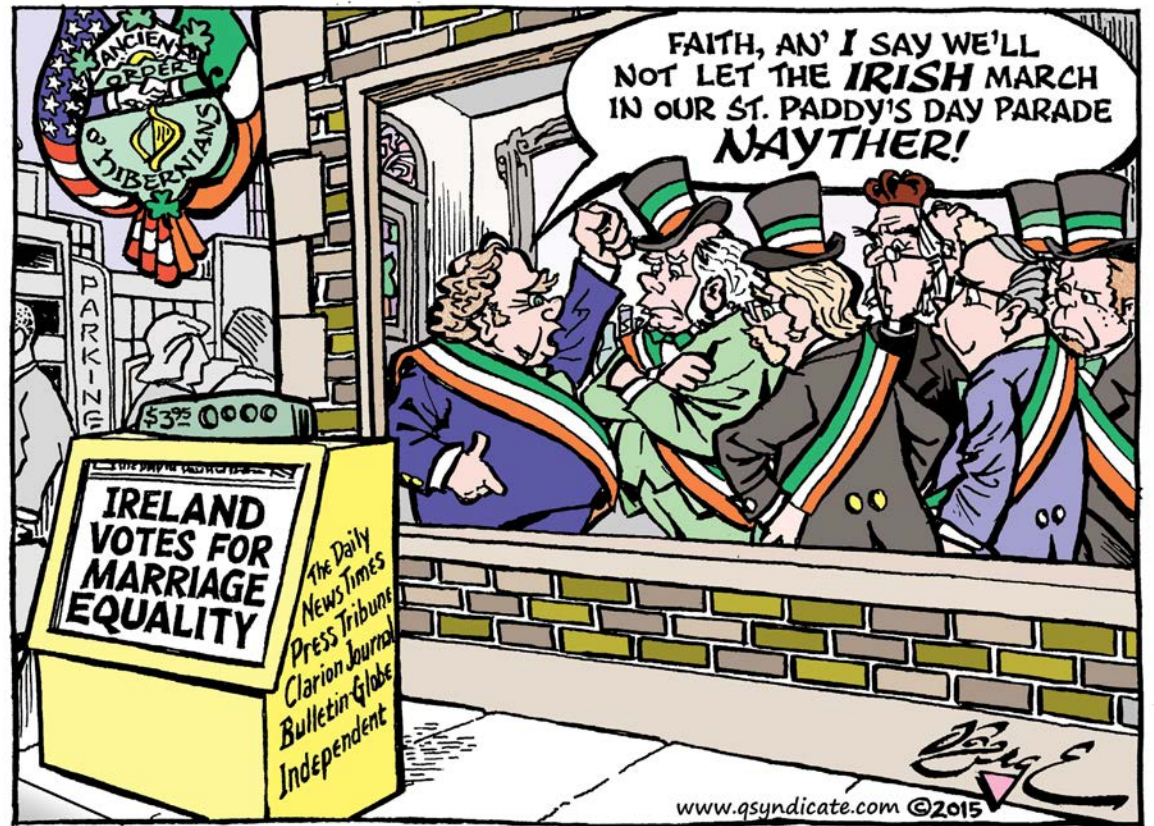
During Detroit’s glory days a half century ago, Washington Boulevard was the setting for exclusive shops, upscale restaurants, stretching sedately from the swank Statler Hotel at Grand Circus Park to the prestigious Sheraton Cadillac on Michigan Avenue.

Both hotel bars catered to a discrete, well-heeled, happy-hour, “piss elegant” clientele. Good manners were expected. No camping it up. No swishy behavior. No untoward touching. No two-shots-and-a-beer buddy-buddying. Pass for straight. (Well, reasonably straight.)

At the Statler, offenders were handed a succinct note: “Your patronage is not wanted here!”

For those who engaged in the covert pastime of dalliance in the sensual stalls of chance, circumstance and occasional low-life charity, the nearby Tuller Hotel restroom was notorious, as were the Telenews theater balcony, two Brass Rail Bars (where popular singer Johnny Ray was arrested for soliciting an undercover washroom vice cop) and Grand Circus Park’s busy, non-stop underground loo.

Soon my gay dance card included other venues. New opportunities for love. And rejection. Toledo. Cleveland. Chicago. New York. Gay life was larger than I had imagined. Or, hoped. I gladly put shiny dimes in my penny loafers.



Ireland: Before And After

With the final ballots counted, the vote was 62 percent in favor of legalizing same-sex marriage, and 38 percent opposed.

The turnout was large – more than 60 percent of the 3.2 million eligible voters cast ballots, and only one district out of 43 voted the measure down. Cheers broke out among the crowd of supporters who had gathered in the courtyard of Dublin Castle when Returning Officer Riona Ni Fhlanghaile announced around 7 p.m. that the ballot had passed, 1,201,607 votes to 734,300.

– Danny Hakim and Douglas Dalby, *NY Times*

This vote was perhaps the clearest proof that the path to gay equality didn’t rely on convincing courts that gays and lesbians are a minority entitled to protection from the majority or winning over a relatively small group of lawmakers. Though three U.S. states had enacted marriage equality by referenda in 2012 – two of which have larger populations than Ireland – the fact that that victory could be repeated outside the U.S. and change an entire country was unprecedented.

Before Ireland, a country whose sodomy law wasn’t struck down until 1993, the goal of changing a nation’s mind about LGBT rights seemed daunting if not impossible. After Ireland, it seems like it may just be a matter of time even in countries where public support for LGBT equality remains very low and where powerful religious institutions are vocally opposed ... This punctures one of the most consistent arguments by LGBT rights opponents against marriage equality: that it is something imposed by judges and political elites over the will of the people. And it will send a message to judges and politicians in countries where partnerships’ rights are most hotly debated, LGBT activists believe.

– J. Lester Feder, *A New Era For Global LGBT Rights Begins After Ireland’s Vote for Same-Sex Marriage*, www.buzzfeed.com

In a world increasingly wracked by violence and economic austerity, Ireland’s vote for LGBT equal marriage rights Friday is a welcome achievement for freedom and

equality. While no minority’s rights should be held hostage to a popularity contest, it is nonetheless gratifying that overwhelmingly Catholic Ireland rejected the church hierarchy’s bigotry and instead voted for equal rights.

In winning the world’s first-ever national referendum on LGBT rights, our community should remember that we would not have won this victory without the solidarity of non-LGBTs. This should not only inspire gratitude on our part, but dedication to actively campaigning for the social and legal equality of ALL other oppressed peoples. As economic malaise grips many countries, we know that scapegoating of immigrants, racial and religious minorities can rise quite rapidly, and so we as LGBTs must respond with solidarity whenever ANY group’s rights are threatened.

Also, while we rejoice in this huge victory, we would be foolish to think or act as though civil rights progress is inevitable. While today northwest Europe basks in the glow of yesterday’s vote, in southeast Europe, proto-fascist parties and organizations have grown at alarming rates in recent years, with LGBTs second only to immigrants as targets of their violence. In the U.S., our LGBT movement has grown alarmingly complacent after several years of back to back victories, and needs to be much more involved in the #blacklivesmatter protests against police violence, the campaigns for economic equality, immigrant rights and other justice struggles.

While many well-meaning people have predicted an “inevitable” win for equal marriage rights in this spring’s Supreme Court decisions, a careful reading of the recent oral arguments before the Court shows the vote will likely be close, and could very well go against us.

So while we rejoice in yesterday’s victory in Ireland, we know that civil rights progress doesn’t magically fall from the sky, but requires activism. As the great anti-slavery activist Frederick Douglass put it, “without struggle, there is no progress.”

Andy Thayer
Co-founder, *Gay Liberation Network*, Chicago
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Pride On Our Terms

This June as we gather and march in Pride events across our state, I invite you to take a moment to reflect on the courage of those who saw a need and stepped in to help. Then, turn around and look towards the future for ways to offer your unique talents to a movement that still needs you – on your terms, by your rules.



Viewpoint

BY FERDALE MAYOR DAVE COULTER

The Stonewall uprising nearly half a century ago, widely considered the start of the modern gay rights movement, was the impetus for the first Pride parade. We've been marching ever since.

We've marched for acceptance, we've marched for justice and we've marched for attention to a deadly disease. And we continue to march today, because marriage equality is an uneven promise, and states still discriminate in the name of religious freedom.

Although the causes change over time, the marches continue, bound by a common determination to walk proudly into a future that includes our full participation.

The author Anne Sweeney wrote: "Define

success on your own terms, achieve it by your own rules, and build a life you're proud to live." Indeed, in the end we march to define our own success, on our terms, by our rules.

As we prepare to celebrate the month of Pride, I'm reminded of some of the many people who have shaped our movement by truly living this creed.

I think about Dr. Henry Messer, discharged from the Air Force during World War II for being a gay man who refused to hide his love for his partner, Carl House. Undeterred, Messer committed himself to a lifetime of fighting for equality, and he lives on in the organization he helped lead (Triangle Foundation, now Equality Michigan) and the soldiers – like Jeff Montgomery and Sean Kosofsky – he helped train for battle.

I think about seven brave people, meeting in private homes at first, who founded a new organization called Wellness Network to confront an emerging disease then dubbed "gay-related immune deficiency," or G.R.I.D. And I remember the words of the feisty woman who became its Executive Director, Barb Murray: "In the late 80s, what we did, bluntly, was to help

people die," although she and her team did far more than that.

I think about the woman who took over a simple switchboard (1-800-398-GAYS) and transformed it into an organization to meet the growing needs of our diverse community. Under Jan Stevenson, Affirmations created a bisexual women's rap group, coming out groups, men's rap, silver foxes, young men's group, youth groups and 12-step groups designed for the unique needs of LGBT people.

More recently, I'm proud to know two brave women and nurses, April DeBoer and Jayne Rowse. Their determination to protect their children's future by demanding marriage equality in Michigan has resulted in extending our march all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The passion of DeBoer and Rowse also motivated another ally in our ever-evolving battle, Lisa Brown, to bravely use her office as Oakland County Clerk to issue the first marriage licenses in our state's history, briefly allowing me the honor to marry same-sex couples in my city.

And I'm reminded that our march towards a better future is in good hands when I watch

the passion and energy with which Julia Music has taken the baton of leadership as she organizes Ferndale Pride with humor, grace and a determination these predecessors in equality would greatly admire.

These people and many, many others have helped create the world we enjoy today because they defined success on their terms, writing the rules as they went and building a movement we can all be proud of.

Just as important, they continue to serve as examples still available for anyone willing to take up the challenge. Tomorrow's causes will demand it, in fact, as there will be no shortage of opportunities to march towards a future we deserve.

This June as we gather and march in Pride events across our state, I invite you to take a moment to reflect on the courage of those who saw a need and stepped in to help. Then, turn around and look towards the future for ways to offer your unique talents to a movement that still needs you – on your terms, by your rules.

Dave Coultter is the Mayor of Ferndale, Michigan, host to Ferndale Pride on Saturday, May 30.



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Positive Thoughts

BY JEFF BERRY

Surviving With Pride



Jeff Berry

leaders and honor achievements in our ongoing fight for equality.

For those like me who are long-term survivors of HIV/AIDS, there is even more to celebrate – the fact that we have survived long enough to be able to continue to achieve our own personal goals, have a career or even start a family. But surviving HIV/AIDS can often come with its own set of issues, such as isolation, depression, substance abuse, stigma and early aging and mortality.

Over the last 30-plus years I've lost hundreds of friends, acquaintances and colleagues to HIV and AIDS. In the 25

The month of June is typically jam-packed with parades, events and festivities that bring many of us in the LGBTQ community together to revel in our uniqueness, pay tribute to our

years since I first tested positive and began treatment, I've developed strange conditions such as thrush, kidney sludge and shingles. I've been poked, prodded and bled, and made out living wills and medical powers of attorney. I've stood in protest lines and marched on Washington, walked marathons and participated in a bike ride. I've fallen in love, and broken hearts.

I've probably been on 10 different drug regimens during that time, which most likely saved my life but definitely have taken their toll. My viral load is undetectable, and my CD4 T-cells and CD4 percentage are near what a normal, healthy HIV-negative person my age might be expected to have. But as the population of people living with HIV and AIDS ages (approximately 50 percent of those living with HIV are now over age 50), we're beginning to understand that there is much more to the story than simply numbers and percentages. Underneath the surface of the syndrome we know as AIDS lies a darker and much more sinister enemy. Those of us who

have come through the fight know that enemy intimately, and we have the battle scars to prove it – but we need new tools and weapons to fight it.

I was first diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) shortly after I tested HIV-positive in 1989 and went into psychotherapy. PTSD, as defined by the Mayo Clinic, is a mental health condition that's triggered by a terrifying event – either experiencing or witnessing it. Not everyone who experiences the event will develop PTSD. Some may just have difficulty coping for a while, but eventually they'll adjust and get back to their “normal” life. It's only when symptoms (which can manifest as intrusive memories, avoidance, negative changes in thinking or mood, or changes in emotional reactions) start to cause significant problems in social or work situations and relationships, that it becomes a more serious issue.

While my PTSD was related to childhood sexual abuse, it was triggered

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by living in the midst of a holocaust and ending up testing positive myself. The disorder was no less real to me, however, and I still struggle with the effects to this day.

Just as veterans who return from war and who may have difficulty re-assimilating, long-term survivors of HIV/AIDS can often feel out of place and useless. In a perfect world we would pay proper respect to our own soldiers, and let them know we appreciate all that they've been through. Programs and services designed and tailored specific to our own unique needs as AIDS veterans are desperately needed. It's time for us to create the structures and support systems that will help our veterans financially, mentally and physically, well into their golden years. They – we – deserve no less.

In June, Positively Aware magazine and its publisher, the

I do think there's another exciting opportunity for long-term survivors of HIV and AIDS, and that is to engage the next generation to talk about some of the experiences we've been through, challenges we've overcome, and triumphs we've achieved, to try to start to bridge the gap that currently exists between us.

Chicago-based HIV service organization TPAN, will launch The Reunion Project (TRP), to help long-term survivors of HIV and AIDS honor our past, examine resilience, and identify and develop successful strategies for living – today and into the future. The Reunion Project will be a series of summits and activities happening across the country, the next one being held in Palm Springs in November.

Those now coming into young adulthood never knew a time when HIV didn't exist, and for their entire life effective treatments for HIV/AIDS have always been available – in other words, for them it's always been a manageable chronic illness, such as diabetes or hypertension. While fear motivated us to fight to survive early on in the epidemic, it's no longer an effective deterrent or motivator for those who aren't experiencing the same sense of loss on a day-to-day basis. The fear of death from HIV/AIDS is now a distant memory, an abstract concept.

They say that with age comes wisdom – I'm not sure if I'm the best example of that, but I do think there's another exciting opportunity for long-term survivors of HIV and AIDS, and that is to engage the next generation to talk about some of the experiences we've been through, challenges we've overcome, and triumphs we've achieved, to try to start to bridge the gap that currently exists between us. And I'm sure we could learn a thing or two from those who are, or will soon be, leaders in their own right.

It's necessary to hear and share our stories with one another, for they define us. It's where we come from; it's who we are. We have the opportunity to learn from our past, and to mentor and guide an entirely new group – while honoring our history, and the fallen.

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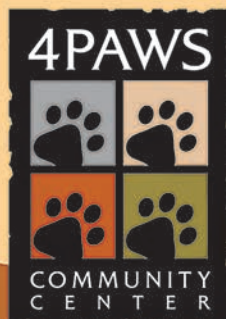
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THE BITCH IS BACK



Detroit Says Pride Is A Celebration Of ‘Self-Love’

BY CHRISTOPHER TREACY

It's hard to believe that it's been a full 20 years since Bitch and Animal first descended upon

indie music audiences with their folksy queercore, a term that matches more in attitude than in sound.

After three discs with “Animal” Prufrock, Bitch (aka Karen Mould)

went her own way, expanding beyond the scope of the duo's sound into something even more eclectic, making better use of her skills on bass, ukulele, keytar (!) and her

signature electric violin.

Her latest project, entitled “BEACH,” is yet another departure – a foray into electronic dancepop, which she's sure to touch on

during her upcoming appearance at 8 p.m. May 30 on the Ferndale Pride Main Stage.

“I changed my writing process

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for the ‘BEACH’ material, and when it started coming together, it was such a departure from my previous work that I decided to name it ‘BEACH,’” she explains during a recent chat. “‘BEACH’ is an open, expansive feeling, and the songs match that in that they are more dance-y, more inclusive than my older stuff. It feels like everything shifted, from touring with a live drummer to using electronic beats; from writing for just my voice, to writing for the whole group to join in; from thinking about ‘I’ to thinking about ‘we.’”

“Plus, I moved to Los Angeles in the middle of writing it, and it felt like everything I was moving toward - the ‘BEACH,’ the shifting of coastlines, the waves, the fun of that.”

One thing that hasn’t changed is her gift for biting, clever, socio-political wordplay. It’s likely what originally attracted Ani DiFranco to the music of Bitch and Animal, resulting in an invitation to open shows for the Righteous Babe in the mid and later 1990s... an especially coveted gig since DiFranco’s star was rising rapidly at that time. It helped introduce Bitch’s work to an audience that would know how to contextualize it, since, well, it’s hard to know what to expect from a gal that names herself Bitch.

“Ultimately, I think it speaks to the heartiness and strength of the personality of my fans,” she says. “It’s amazing how many times you hear the word ‘bitch’ used very casually in our society. But then hearing a woman identify that way is a little too much power for comfort – or something. Naming myself Bitch – a decision I made in my 20s – is definitely a polarizing choice. I would only hope that all 20-somethings are taking such big risks with their art.”

Obviously they’re not, but Bitch can take comfort in the ongoing display of affection from folks that can appreciate her talent and poignant worldview: her last three projects, ‘BEACH’ included, have been funded via successful Kickstarter campaigns.

Bitch hails from the Motor City, so celebrating Pride with a Ferndale appearance seems entirely appropriate. Unlike any number of LGBTQ artists and supporters that have grown wary of the annual celebration, she sees it as a more necessary outlet than ever, especially as a means of unifying Michigan’s gay populous.

“The concept of Pride is about self-love,” she says. “Human beings and all creatures need pride like we need water. As an event, it’s a chance to come and celebrate all of our out-of-the-boxness.

“Being from the suburbs of Detroit, I



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was lucky to have parents who took me into the city to see plays, go to the DIA,” she continues. “It’s such an important city with so much cultural significance that it must rise again from the corruption and poverty that has plagued it.”

Bitch says she feels like we’re reaching a monumental intersection in our culture. She sees now as a time when, despite our differences, we need to show up for one another.

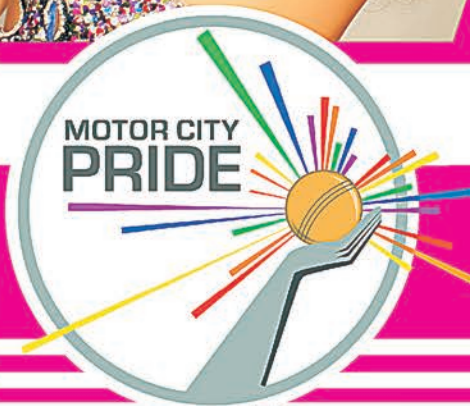
“We’re part of a huge change in our society. People are literally coming out about things they have never, throughout time, been able to come out about. So it’s a very important step in our expansion to allow people to claim space that they

have never been able to before. I say, the more the merrier...”

In an odd twist of fate that perhaps best exemplifies her ongoing mission, Bitch’s music is entangled with that of a metal band’s with the same name on Spotify (and likely elsewhere online as well). With song titles like “Hot and Heavy,” “Fist to Face” and “Be My Slave,” it’s a curious juxtaposition. The metal band was persecuted by Tipper Gore and the P.M.R.C. back in the ’80s and early ’90s, and while front-gal Betsy Bitch definitely was wielding her sexuality for effect, the intention was coming from a decidedly different space.

But this Bitch seems not to care. “I don’t really know their songs, although we know each other because of this mix-up,” she says. “Women are always judged and held through a lens of more scrutiny – like, there are only a certain amount of roles we can fill. Maybe one day Bitch will be a tribe!”

One can only hope.



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- 4:30 PM Jason Michael

Sunday June 6th

- Noon DJ Nikoli
- 1:30 PM Evan Fica
- 2:45 PM DVJ Mark
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Saturday June 6th

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 1:00 PM Dave Wheeler (Underground/ House)
 2:00 PM Motif (Live Band from Tuesday LIVE)
 3:30 PM Larry's Friday Night Live
 4:30 PM Sunday's Eclecticity Dance Party
 5:30 PM Monday's Open Mic/ Karaoke Party

Sunday June 7th

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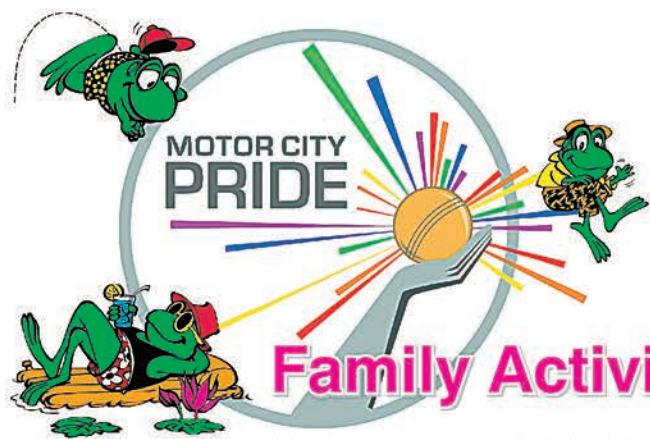
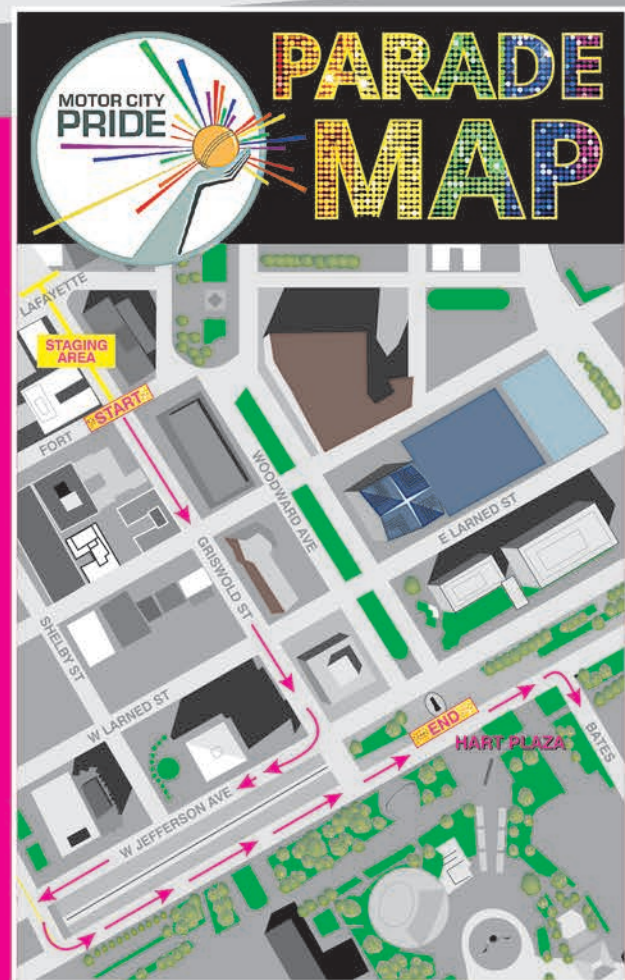
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INTO THE PRIDE GROOVE

DJ Dav Promises To Bring The Beats During Ferndale Pride

BY JEROME STUART NICHOLS

Even though he's a 40-year-old straight guy, DJ Dav knows how to get the gays on the floor.

"Last year was a blast," he says of his previous experience spinning at Ferndale Pride. "I had a bunch of people dancing my entire set. Two guys were having a walk off right in front of me – that was pretty awesome. Things like that make my day. I really love it."

He had so much fun, he didn't hesitate to

accept an extended time slot at this year's Ferndale Pride. His 105-minute set on the Dance Stage begins at 4:15 p.m. during the Saturday, May 30 main event.

Dav's hour-long set at last year's Ferndale Pride was his first experience ever at a gay pride event. He says he wasn't familiar with the festivities, but when someone suggested he DJ during it, he was all for it.

"I'll take any opportunity to support equality and friends who live that lifestyle," says Dav, who resides in Clawson. "If I get

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to play music at the same time, that's more fun for me."

While he was hired to help keep the party

going, it turned out the family atmosphere is what left a lasting impression on him.

"More memorable for me was seeing all the families there that had no problem bringing their kids out to something like Pride. It's refreshing."

Refreshing in a world where a common narrative about the recent Amtrak train derailment blames the engineer's homosexuality. A fact that Dav finds

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disappointing and puzzling.

“I saw some ridiculous thing on the Internet about that Amtrak crash, saying that the engineer’s sexuality might be a factor in the crash,” he says. “To think that people have the mentality to think that stuff like that affects real-world situations blows my mind. So, I like putting it out there that I am on the side of LGBT people and everyone should be equal.”

The way Dav sees it, that sort of thinking is antithetical to a cohesive society.

“The world is getting crazier and crazier it seems, and people are trying to separate each other instead of everybody being one big, happy family. It seems like it would make everything easier if everyone got along instead of having some ridiculous reason to blame somebody for something.”

Plus, like many queer folks, he’s still extremely confused as to why issues like gay marriage are issues at all.

“If you don’t agree with gay marriage, don’t get gay married,” Dav says. “How is it affecting you?”

Like his approach to life, Dav’s approach to music is simple: Have fun.

“I’m just a goofy fool,” he confesses. “I like to have fun, try to make people laugh. I want to be a part of the party. I’m not playing music just for you. I’m playing for me too.”

Long before he officially became a DJ, he was playing for crowds. He developed a reputation for his music tastes by putting together mixes for the house parties he and his friends threw.

When he started working as a sound engineer for a cover band, Insol, in 1997, he was asked to play music between their sets.

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He then got his hands on a full PA system and a trove of records.

“The turntables took a while for me (to learn) because I wasn’t watching anybody else and there wasn’t Internet back then to go on YouTube to figure how to DJ on turntables,” he recalls. “I was thrown right into playing gigs

with lots of people. I made plenty of mistakes when I started. I would practice at the shows, then I would set up at home. It was just a matter of putting in the hours to get songs to match.”

By 1999, he’d begun working as a DJ and sound engineer full-time while finishing up his bachelor’s in telecommunications at Michigan State University.

Dav’s sound and musical taste can best be described as eclectic. A music fan since childhood, he’s always enjoyed the popular genres of the time.

“Eighties new wave sound is when I really started to notice music,” he remembers. “In high school, I got more into industrial, but I also loved the ‘90s hip hop and dance stuff. I was a sponge just taking in all sorts of things.”

His time working as sound engineer/DJ for Insol and then Huckleberry Groove in 2000

challenged him to expand his horizons even more.

“The cover bands played everything from ‘Mustang Sally’ to Beastie Boys,” he recalls. “So, when I played music between sets, I would jump genres – funk, old school, rock, etc., which is still reflected in a lot of my open-format sets today. You never know what you’re going to hear.”

Those broad music tastes and his ability to keep the crowd moving made Dav one of the most sought after open-format DJs in the area.

His local success put him on the national radar, which led to a 30-day residency in Acapulco for student travel agency Student City’s spring break party. There he got the chance to work with DJ AM and DJ Scribble.

After 14 years of working as a full-time DJ, Dav took a day job as a computer programmer in 2011. Even still, he’s been active playing shows around the state. In the 2013 Michigan DJ Olympics, he won silver and bronze, and in 2014 he was invited by UK house legend Grant Nelson to host online radio show “Under the Influence.”

This year, Dav will make his second appearance at Ferndale Pride and, as a 40-year-old straight guy, he’s more excited than one might think. While he doesn’t know what he’ll play just yet, he promises to “keep everyone dancing.”



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'10 Naked Men' Lets It (Almost) All Hang Out

God Bless The Ringwald

BY JOHN QUINN

If LGBT playwright Ronnie Larsen is to be believed, there are uncanny parallels between professional actors and professional “escorts.” Both fields embody the adage, “Practice makes perfect.” Both require ambition, self-promotion and a thick skin when promotion fails. In contrast, one is considered – at least in the modern era – a legitimate vocation, and the other a tawdry, illicit activity suitable only for social pariahs. To you gentle reader, I leave the determination of which is which.

In 2013, The Ringwald Theatre produced “Making Porn,” Larsen’s wickedly funny skewer of the adult film industry. Lisa Melinn garnered a Wilde Award nomination for Best Actress in a Comedy. In a similar vein, Larsen’s 2002 closely meshed vignettes are satires of participants in the broader “entertainment industry” and the West Gomorrah which attracts them.

But down to the gritty details of this show. All you voyeurs asking, “Do we really get our 10 naked men?” Well, yes, in a way. In the course of a prologue, delivered by The Narrator (James E Lee III), the rest of the cast trots out in the buff with only a piece of cardboard for cover. When they had their places on stage, the card spells out “10 Naked Men.” When reversed, they spell out our setting, “Hollywood.” That, as The Narrator cynically notes, got us into the theater. The conceit is gratuitous; the casual nudity that occurs in the course of the play is safely in context.

Robert, a Detroit with a newly-awarded MFA (from WSU and the Hilberry Theater, of course) clutched in his fist, joins his college roommate – Kenny (Richard Payton) – in LA, seeking fame, fortune or at least a few acting roles. That simple beginning spawns a web of convoluted relationships, and the chance for Larsen to tar and feather actors and agents – and

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10 Naked Men
The Ringwald Theatre 22742 Woodward Ave., Ferndale
May 15-June 8; Friday, Saturday and Monday evenings at 8 p.m., Sunday matinees at 3 p.m.
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escorts and “Johns” – with the broadest brush. Brenton Herwat, Alex Hill, Dennis Kleinsmith, Tim Stone, Mark Vukelich, Ben Wright and Chris Young fill out this merry band of misfits.

The cast is pretty strong and very secure in their roles, and also comfortable with the “full monty” those roles call for. Let us note that “10 Naked Men” marks Brandy Joe Plambeck’s return to The Ringwald after a three-year stint at The Hilberry Theatre, where he obtained his MFA in acting. How appropriate, then, he be cast as Robert. Mr. P, you have been a fine comic actor for as long as we’ve been able to catch your work. Based on your performances this season in “Boeing, Boeing,” “The Way of the World,” “The 39 Steps,” and now here, back at home, three years at the Hilberry has turned you into a superb comic actor. Your sense of timing and inflection are extraordinary.

So what can we say about “10 Naked Men?” Bluntly, it’s nowhere near as strong a script as “Making Porn.” Larsen wrote a convoluted plot, illustrated by intertwined vignettes, to achieve the broadest reach for his satire. The result is a scattershot of one-liners that hold the show back from reaching the next level even while the show is directed by the formidable director Joe Bailey who was in the original Los Angeles and subsequent Off-Broadway premiere.

“10 Naked Men” can be appreciated by an audience who is willing to work with the playwright, listen to each character’s story, and pay attention to the rapid interplay of emotional commitment. If there was ever a time to remind you, “Dude, my eyes are up here,” this is it.

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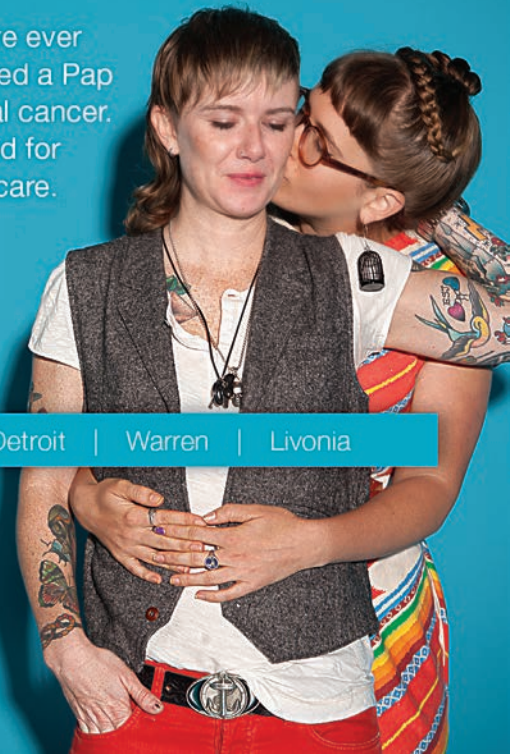
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Sixth Annual Golf Outing

Presenting Organization: Michigan Pride

Time: 9 a.m.

Ferndale Pre-Pride Event: Running Through Color

BY AJ TRAGER

The Ferndale Chamber of Commerce will host their 2015 Rainbow Run the morning of Ferndale Pride for runners and walkers of all ages.

White T-shirts and other parts of the body will be decorated with color as runners and walkers travel along their choice of a 2K or a 5K path through downtown.

"It fits the community and Ferndale. Residents see this as a very integral part of our community. It is an important topic," said Ashleigh Laabs, executive director of the Ferndale Chamber of Commerce. "One probably unique thing: It not only supports diversity and acceptance, but also anti-bullying."

All proceeds from the event go to local non-profit organizations. This year's non-profit benefactors include Affirmations, the Ruth Ellis Center, Ferndale Pride and Defeat the Label.

The color used to coat the T-shirts and bodies is non-toxic and made of corn starch powder that will be scooped out of a bucket and tossed at runners. The color is easily washable; however, it can occasionally stain. Participants are encouraged to wear clothes they do not mind getting color on. To preserve the color on the T-shirt or other bits of clothing, spray the garment with vinegar, let it dry, then iron the fabric before throwing it in the wash.

"It all makes sense for the Rainbow Run to be linked with Pride," Laabs said. "We want people here. We want that partnership and collaboration that makes events like these successful."

Registration for the Rainbow Run will begin at 8:30 a.m. with starting time staggered by category. Participation in the 5K route will cost \$40 and the 2K will cost \$30 per



person if purchased on the morning of the event. Those participating who wish to time their run are encouraged to bring their own timer.

The route will begin on Nine Mile Road at Bermuda. An inflatable arch will mark the starting line. The Ferndale Police department will supervise and create a rolling street closure to block off traffic. Walkers that fall significantly behind are encouraged to walk on the sidewalks and will still get painted. First aid and water stations will be available.

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June 7

Motor City Pride Parade

Presenting Organization: Equality Michigan

Time: 12 p.m.

Location: Fort and Grisworld, Detroit

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Presenting Organization: Equality Michigan

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Contact: www.motorcitypride.org

Tickets: \$5

June 10

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Time: 4 p.m.

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June 12

Kalamazoo Pride

Presenting Organization: Kalamazoo Gay and

Lesbian Resource Center (KGLRC)

Time: 5 p.m.

Location: Arcadia Creek Festival Place, Kalamazoo

Contact: www.kglrc.org/pride

Tickets: \$7-10.

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June 13

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Lesbian Resource Center (KGLRC)

Time: 1 p.m.

Location: Arcadia Creek Festival Place, Kalamazoo

Contact: www.kglrc.org/pride

Tickets: \$7-10.

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June 20

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Presenting Organization: LGBT Older Adult

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Time: 9 a.m.

Location: MSU Detroit Center, 2408 Woodward Ave., Detroit

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June 23

Saginaw Valley LGBT Pride Awards Banquet

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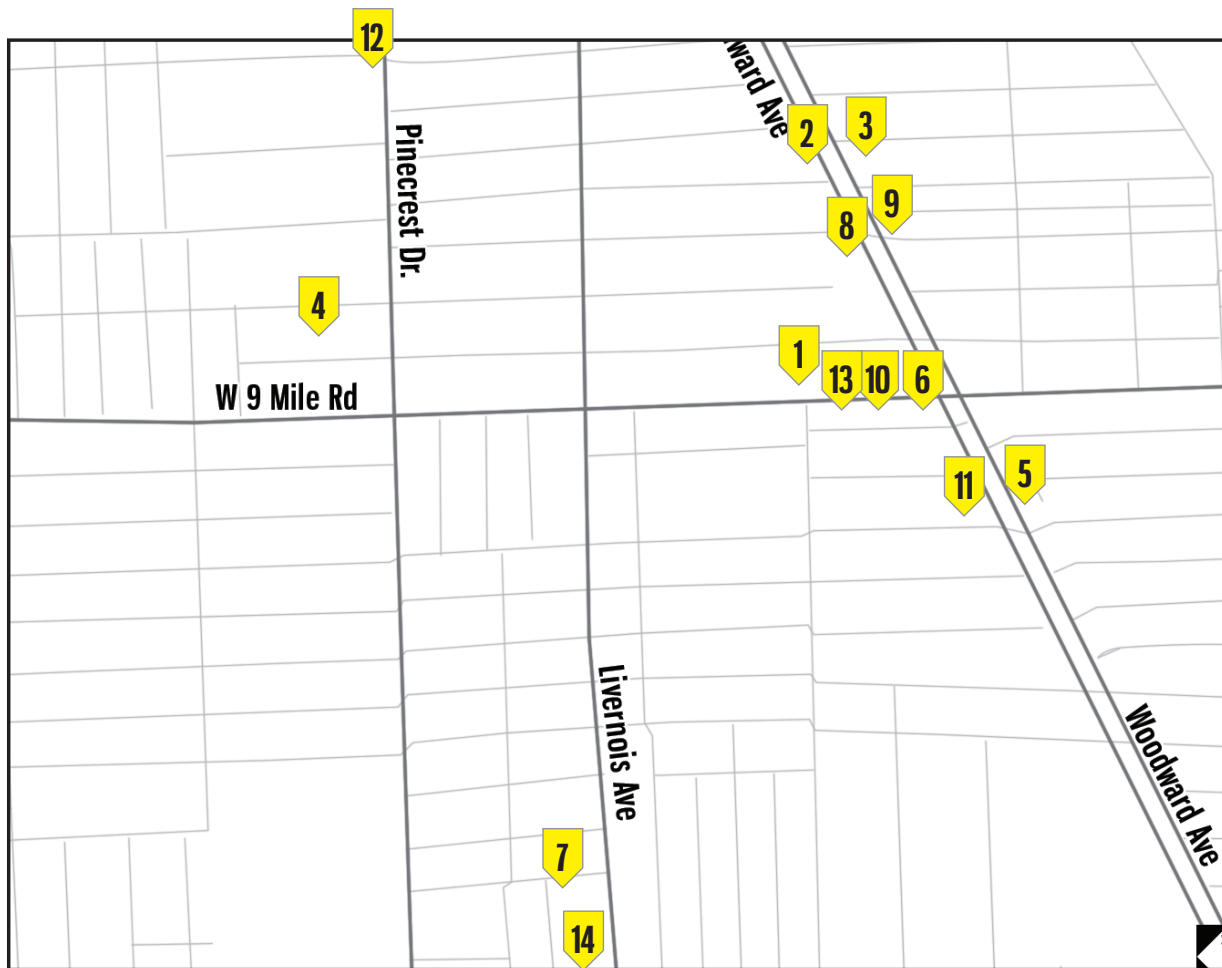
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The evening will include an appetizer reception; dinner and a Pride Program with presentation of awards. Tickets: \$15-25.

June 26

Holland Area PRIDE

Presenting Organization: Holland Pride

Location: The Grounds of Centennial Park and Park Theater, Holland

Contact: www.hollandareapride.org

Featuring: Amy Armstrong & Freddy Allen, comedians Poppy Champlin and Scott Duff, Nobody's Darlin', Maciek the Magician, Motif, MSU Accafellas and a drag show.

June 27

Holland Area PRIDE

Presenting Organization: Holland Pride

Time: 12 p.m.

Location: The Grounds of Centennial Park and Park Theater, Holland

Contact: www.hollandareapride.org

Featuring: Amy Armstrong & Freddy Allen, comedians Poppy Champlin and Scott Duff, Nobody's Darlin', Maciek the Magician, Motif, MSU Accafellas and a drag show.

Flint Pride in the Park

Presenting Organization: Flint Gay Pride Society

Time: 12 p.m.

Location: TBD, Flint

Contact: www.facebook.com/FLINTGAYPRIDE

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Presenting Organization: Motown Invitational Classic

Time: 1 p.m.

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'Bridesmaids' Actress Talks Hollywood Sexism, Her 'Fun' Girl Kiss & Drag-Inspired 'Spy' Role

BY CHRIS AZZOPARDI

Rose Byrne is up to no good again. After driving Kristen Wiig further into cupcake-consuming meltdown mode during 2011's "Bridesmaids," the Australian actress goes full-on diva in "Spy" (out June 5), which reunites her with director Paul Feig and co-star Melissa McCarthy. As McCarthy's dead-serious, fashion-challenged "Spy" foe, Byrne – also known for roles in "Neighbors," "Damages" and the "X-Men" movies – stars as the wickedly divine Raina Boyanov.

During our recent interview, Byrne talked about how her onscreen bouffant caused a hairy situation with the studio, the disparity between women and men in Hollywood films ("It's discrimination") and her caveat when it comes to playing gay.

I know lots of queens who'd kill for your Raina hair in this movie. Who was your drag queen consultant?

(Laughs) I'm very honored and flattered you say that. As long as I have their approval, I'm done! (The studio) didn't actually want my hair like that. Paul and I really had to fight for it. We had a specific idea of where she was from and what she looked like – a lot of money, no taste and very Eastern European. Very Marie Antoinette. And it's a spy film, so style is such an important element of it – even if it's bad style!

I'm glad everyone could agree that bigger is better in this case. How did you convince the studio to see it your way?

Once it was all together and we were on camera. It just all came together – the costume, the makeup, everything. And it just needed a little more. She's quite still as

a character, and I think (the hair)... it says a lot! (Laughs) It was the stronger choice! That's how we convinced them.

What did it feel like on top of your head?

It felt... good! I mean, it was heavy. It would move a lot too. Oh my goodness. It was constantly shifting because it was so big, and if I was waiting around, it would start to, like, deteriorate. Sarah Love, the hair designer on the film, did a brilliant job, because it was a lot.

And how about all those flamboyant costumes you wore? How much fun was it to play dress up? I mean, leopard pants!

My leopard pants! And neoprene, which is an interesting fabric. I don't know if you've heard of it...

What's it like wearing neoprene?

It's weirdly comfortable. A bit like a wetsuit. But yeah – it was a lot of fun. She's a delectably delicious villainous.

Did you feel like a drag queen on set?

(Laughs) The shoes are pretty drag-ish. The shoes were major. They were about 5-inch pumps. *Maaajor!*

Have you had a lot of wig experience prior to this movie?

A little bit here and there. It actually wasn't a wig; it was a piece. It was all my hair, and at the back she had a piece and then that had a big, long tail coming down. I have kind of big hair, so it was a bit of both.

Between this movie and "Bridesmaids," you really know how to play up the diva role. As an actress, where do you go, and who or what do you riff on, to achieve ultimate divadom?

You know, probably RuPaul or someone fabulous like that. That's a great diva! Or someone like Dame Edna Everage – she's a fantastic drag character by Barry Humphries, an Australian comedian/actor.

(Raina's) very humorless. And really psychotic, I suppose! I mean, she has no empathy with regard to anybody. Everyone is a servant. Playing real entitlement – sort of *beyond* entitlement, where she's like royalty – was an interesting place to start from. (Laughs)

"Spy" demonstrates that women can be as fearless and fierce as men in movies. Do you see this film making a feminist statement?

I see it doing a few things. Paul Feig just breaks every convention, and he's such a lover of women and continues to redefine gender roles in film. You see it in his films, which are really big films with big audiences that are entertaining and appealing.

Now, he's putting Melissa, his muse, in the lead, and the lead antagonist is my character, who is also a woman. What other big films are doing that with budgets of this scale? Not many, if any, is the answer. So, I take my hat off to him for how much he's done in the business in a very significant way.

You co-founded an all-female production company called The Dollhouse Creative, and you've starred in several films that pass the Bechdel Test. Why are films like "Spy," films that close the gender gap, important?

The statistics are still so dreadful for women in film. Now the ACLU is doing an investigation into it because they're starting to realize it's actually discrimination – it's not just good ol' fashioned misogyny that everyone's quietly tolerated for years. The business is sort of the wrong way in the sense that the statistics are just really dreadful for women in terms of speaking parts and paychecks for women. All that stuff that was leaked through the Internet when Sony was hacked – it all speaks for itself. So, it is beyond just misogyny. It's legitimate discrimination based on gender, which is illegal. Any discrimination is, whether it's sexuality, race or gender.

With that said, do you plan on producing any films that feature lesbian women in lead roles?

I hope so! I mean, two of my best friends are gay, a man and a woman – and during my life I've been surrounded by people from all different walks of life – so I'd love that. I mean, I just watched all of "Transparent" in a day and a half. It was the most entertaining and moving piece of work I've seen in years. I just thought it was beautiful and brilliant.

Though you've played lesbian on the Australian TV show "Fallen Angels," you've never actually been lesbian on the big screen. What kind of character would intrigue you enough to take on a lesbian role in a film?

I would be honored to do something like that. I suppose it would be interesting to play a character who wasn't defined by that, who just happened to be. Where it's less of a defining thing and more of just a, "Why does it have to be such a big deal?" Like, why is it such a big deal that women are funny. Same thing. I know we're not there yet, but for sure, as an artist, I would love to tackle that.

Your girl kiss with Halston Sage in "Neighbors" nabbed you an MTV Movie Award nomination. Can we talk about that kiss?

(Laughs) I had a lot of fun! A lot of questions about that. I was very lucky. She's a gorgeous young belle.

How much more aware were you of your lesbian admirers after that kissing scene?

Really just when I get interviewed by people, yeah.

That's really the only time it comes up?

Yeaaaah. I'm not kidding. (Laughs)

From your experience with the LGBT community, why do you think gay men are attracted to strong, empowered women like yourself and Melissa in "Spy"?

Probably because we are both part of groups that have been marginalized in some way. People who are gay and people who are women get generally marginalized just simply based on that, with no other merit added to the equation. I think there's definitely a bonding over that.

Last year you helped bring "Annie" back to the big screen. What other musicals would you be interested in starring in?

I'm not sure if you read the reviews for "Annie," but.... (Laughs). It did not get well received.

I did, and I didn't wanna bring those up. But since you did...

(Laughs) No plans yet, put it that way.

Please tell me that you'll at least have a cameo in Paul's all-female "Ghostbusters" reboot.

I know! We'll see. He's such a great guy and I'd be a part of anything he does, so absolutely.

Who are some ladies in and out of Hollywood who empower you?

I admire Glenn Close so much. She's a dear friend, and she's just wonderful. An incredible mother, wife and activist, and she does a lot for the mental health industry. She juggles a lot of hats and does it really gracefully. I really admire Glenn. Also: Rosa Parks and Marie Curie – people who have really changed the world.

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You Are Not Alone: Transgender Youth and Families 7 p.m. Join us for an informative evening about Transgender, Non-conforming and Questioning Teens. Temple Israel will host this warm, informal and informational evening in a safe and secure environment. Let us help you and your family navigate your journey and hear from experts in the field. Jewish Gay Network (JGN), 5725 Walnut Lake Road, **West Bloomfield**. Jccdet.org

Kinky Boots Fundraiser 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$100. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, **East Lansing**. 800-WHARTON. Whartoncenter.com

Friday, May 29

Ferndale Pride Pre-Party 8 p.m. \$5-8. 18+. The Loving Touch, 22634 Woodward Ave., **Ferndale**. Facebook.com/events/378490539001600

Saturday, May 30

Ferndale Pride Street fair. Ferndale Pride, **Ferndale**. Ferndalepride.com

Poppy Champlin Presents The Queer Queens of Qomedy Tickets: \$20. The Acorn, 107 Generations Dr., **Three Oaks**. 269-756-3879.

Rainbow Run 8:30 a.m. The Rainbow Run is a 5k and 2k family-friendly run/walk for acceptance and diversity. The course weaves through the streets of downtown Ferndale. Each participant receives a Rainbow Run t-shirt as they pass along the course through different color stations everyone gets rainbow-colored with bright pigments. Produced by the Ferndale Area Chamber of Commerce, Rainbow Runs proceeds go to local non-profit organizations Affirmations, Ruth Ellis Center, Ferndale Pride and Defeat the Label. The run/walk start times will be staggered by category. Strollers are welcome (no bikes or dogs please.) Registration and pricing details here: <http://eventbrite.com/rainbow-run-2015-registration-15880149956?aff=RainbowRunwebsite> Ferndale Area Chamber of Commerce, Nine Mile and Woodward, **Ferndale**. 248-542-2160. info@ferndalechamber.com Ferndalemicoc.wlinc31.com/events/rainbow-run-199/details?dnh=true

Youth Prom 7 p.m. For ages 13-20. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. Goaffirmations.org

Sunday, May 31

Kinky Boots Wharton Center for the Performing Arts, Michigan State University, 750 E. Shaw Lane, **East Lansing**. 800-WHARTON. Whartoncenter.com

Transgender Day of Empowerment 2015 9:30 a.m. Ferndale Pride, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. Ferndalepride.com

Rosie's Annual After Pride Brunch and Drag Show 11 a.m. Ferndale Pride, **Ferndale**. Ferndalepride.com

Pre-Pride Bowling Extravaganza 2 p.m. Family friendly. Kalamazoo Gay

and Lesbian Resource Center, 5570 Gull Road, **Kalamazoo Township**. Kglrc.org

Monday, June 1

Substance Abuse Weekly Therapy Group 6 p.m. The Center for Relationship and Sexual Health, 25600 Woodward Ave., Ste. 215, **Royal Oak**. 248-399-7447. officemgr@crsh.com

Tuesday, June 2

LGBTQ+ Support Group 4 p.m. For teens age 14-18. Call number for location. True Teen Group, **East Lansing**. 725-222-TRUE. truelgbtq@gmail.com

Leon & Lulu's Girls Night Out 6 p.m. Various events with wine, goodies and more for women. Leon & Lulu, 96 W. Fourteen Mile Road, **Clawson**. 248-288-3600. Leonandlulu.com/girlsnightout

Wednesday, June 3

JGN Annual Meeting 7 p.m. Zooney Sophie Pook will speak on "Transgender Issues in Michigan." Dessert reception to follow. Jewish Gay Network, 28123 Orchard Lake Road, **Farmington Hills**. Jccdet.org

AI Madrigal 7:30 p.m. With special guest Kathie Dunbar. Progress Michigan, **Ann Arbor**. Muto.umich.edu

Thursday, June 4

Free HIV Testing 2:30 p.m. Free anonymous HIV testing in-store at S3 every Thursday 2-8. Call to make an appointment, or walk-ins welcome. S3 Safe Sex Store and HARC, 1209 S. University, **Ann Arbor**. 734-741-1434. info@bak-inc.com S3safesexstore.com

Rent 8 p.m. Tickets: \$13-25. Ann Arbor Civic Theatre, 911 N. University, **Ann Arbor**. 734-971-0605. A2ct.org

Friday, June 5

Beat Your Heart Out! 8 a.m. Don't miss this high-energy concert, featuring the percussion sounds of African, Latin and pop music! Tickets: \$15-20. Sing Out Detroit, 27005 Orchard Lake Road, **Farmington Hills**. 248-943-2411. lindacbrin@gmail.com http://singoutdetroit.org

Love Who You ART 5 p.m. There will be free refreshments and light appetizers to enjoy. Kalamazoo Pride two-day passes will be available for purchase... as will Pride merch. Kalamazoo Pride, 235 S. Kalamazoo Mall, **Kalamazoo**. Kglrc.org

Saturday, June 6

Divas Night Out: The King & Queens Ball Chene Park, 2600 Atwater, **Detroit**. Cheneparkdetroit.com

Motor City Pride Featured headliners include Andy Bell (of Erasure), Alex Newell, and musical performer and Tunde Olaniran, one of MichiganXXs fastest rising musicians. Tickets: \$5 for 21+. Free for under 21. Equality Michigan, **Detroit**. Motorcitypride.org

Re-imaging Gender 15 promising artists take on one of the thorniest challenges facing contemporary art: how to render the modern spectrum of gender, going beyond the simple male/female binary to include a wide variety of identities and sexualities. University of Michigan, Inst. for Research on Women and Gender, 204 S. State St., **Ann Arbor**. 734-764-9537. schwarde@umich.edu lhwg.research.umich.edu/events/exhibitions.html

Bears in Speedos Carwash 11 a.m.

Motor City Bears, 22635 Woodward Ave., **Ferndale**. Meetup.com/Motor-City-Bears/

Detroit Day! 11 a.m. Will be serving some of Detroit's iconic offerings: coney dogs, Bettermade potato chips, Faygo pop and for dessert you can have either a Boston Cooler or a Faygo rootbeer float. Admission: Free for members. Ford Piquette Avenue Plant and Golden Spice Catering, 461 Piquette Ave., **Detroit**. 3138728759. info@fordpiquetteavenueplant.org Fordpiquetteavenueplant.org/?page_id=1253

Rainbow Community Rally 1 p.m. The Rainbow Community Rally is a call to celebrate diversity and love inclusively in Livingston County. Rally sponsors include Livingston PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), Livingston Diversity Council, Community Unitarian Universalists in Brighton, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, New Hope Congregation and The Connection Youth Services. There will be speakers, children's activities, information booths by local organizations and music from special guest Sean Caldwell. Admission is free. Livingston PFLAG, **Brighton**. 734-224-8838. LivingstonPFLAG@gmail.com Facebook.com/events/798658200215855/

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Motor Ball 8 p.m. 18+. Gearing for Life & Wink Detroit, **Detroit**. Saintandrewsdetroit.com

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Organization Name "Hypnosis Unleashed at The Comedy Castle" 18 and over show. Tickets: \$18. Former Ferndale resident Kevin Lepine has been headlining in Las Vegas since 2010. His nightly show, Hypnosis Unleashed, at the Hooters Casino hotel is now a two time Best of Las Vegas Award Winner. Comedy Castle, 310 S. Troy St., **Royal Oak**. 8 p.m. June 1. 248-542-9900. ComedyCastle.com/VegasHypnosisShow.com

Concerts

Blind Pig "William Fitzsimmons with special guest Denison Witmer" 18+. Cover: \$20. Blind Pig, 208 S. First St., **Ann Arbor**. 9 p.m. May 29. 734-996-8555. Blindpigmusic.com

Chene Park Amphitheater "Jazzy Nights". Chene Park Amphitheater, 2600 Atwater, **Detroit**. May 6 - Aug. 12. 313-393-7128. Cheneparkdetroit.com

Detroit Symphony Orchestra "Tosca in Concert". Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., **Detroit**. May 29 - May 31. 313-576-5111. Dso.org

Fox Theatre "A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor" Live performances and comedy skits by Keillor and the "Prairie Home" cast. Tickets: \$38. 50-68. 50. Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., **Detroit**. 5:45 p.m. May 30. 313-471-6611.

olympiaentertainment.com

Royal Oak Music Theatre "An Evening with Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds" Tickets: \$39, 50-75. Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 7 p.m. May 31. 248-399-2980. Royaloakmusictheatre.com

Royal Oak Music Theatre "Brandi Carlile". Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. May 29. 248-399-2980. Royaloakmusictheatre.com

St. James Episcopal Church "Music for Four Hands and Four Feet" Organ duet concert by Joanne Clark and Glenn Burdette. St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple, Birmingham. 4 p.m. May 31. 248-644-0820. Stjamesbirmingham.org

The Acorn Theater "New Orleans Jazz Night with Margaret Murphy and Marilyn Gaza". The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Dr., Three Oaks. 7:30 p.m. May 29. 269-756-3879. Acorntheater.com

The Ark "Trampled by Turtles" Tickets: \$20-40. Royal Oak Farmers Market, 316 E. 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak. 7 p.m. May 27. 248-246-3276. Theark.org

The Ark "An Evening with Raul malo" Tickets: \$50-175. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. May 28. 734-761-1800. Theark.org

The Ark "An Evening with Raul Malo: A Benefit for The Ark!" Tickets: \$50. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. May 28. 734-761-1800. Theark.org

The Ark "Kris Delmhorst" Tickets: \$15. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. June 2. 734-761-1800. Theark.org

The Ark "Joe Ely" Tickets: \$25. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. May 27. 734-761-1800. Theark.org

The Ark "Henry Butler" Tickets: \$20. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. 7:30 p.m. May 31. 734-761-1800. Theark.org

The Ark "Judy Collins" Tickets: \$49, 50-75. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. May 30. 734-761-1800. Theark.org

The Ark "Annie & Rod Capps" Tickets: \$15. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. May 29. 734-761-1800. Theark.org

Unlimited Sky Production "Wednesday Night Jazz & Soul Music Series" Every Wednesday Night Jazz & Soul Music Series featuring some of the best live music in Michigan. Cover: \$5. Harbor

House, 440 Clinton, Detroit. Jan. 21 - June 24. 3139679900. Harborhousemi.com

Other

Ann Arbor Civic Theatre "A2CTS Youth Fun Festival" The festival includes performances and previews of upcoming A2CT Junior Theatre and Spinning Dot Theatre programs, and the chance to meet A2CT's summer camp leaders and Junior Theatre directors. The event is free and includes refreshments. No pre-registration is required. A2CT Studio Theatre, 322 W. Ann St., Ann Arbor. 2 p.m. May 31. 734-971-2228. A2ct.org/events/summer-camps

Michigan Theater "Wine & Film Series". Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. April 29 - May 27. 734-668-8397. Ticketweb.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.

Detroit Opera House "Wild Kratts Live!". Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway St., Detroit. 7 p.m. May 28. 313-237-SING. Motopera.org

THEATER

10 Naked Men Playwright Ronnie Larsen's hit comedy about prostitution in Hollywood focuses on 10 individuals: three hustlers, two producers, two agents, one banker, a single photographer and a lone actor. And yes, they get naked. Tickets: \$10-20. The Ringwald Theatre, 22742 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Through June 8. 248-545-5545. theingwald.com

A Lovely Sunday for Creve Coeur A lovely summer comedy for all ages written by Tennessee Williams. Tickets: \$20-32. Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady St., Northville. May 28 - June 28. 248-347-0003. tippingpointtheatre.com

A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor Live performances and comedy skits by Keillor and the "Prairie Home" cast. Tickets: \$38, 50-68, 50. Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 5:45 p.m. May 30. 313-471-6611. olympiaentertainment.com

Bad Jews This dark comedy about family, faith and legacy is filled with hope, inspiration, wit and laughter. Tickets:

\$41-48. The Jewish Ensemble Theatre Company, in the DeRoy Theatre on the campus of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Through June 14. 248-788-2900. jetttheatre.org

Fridays and Saturdays at Go Comedy! Fridays open at 8 p.m. with a different program each week (\$18), while "The Go Comedy! All Star Showdown" continues to open Saturdays at 8 p.m. (\$18). Following at 10 p.m. each night is "The Go Comedy! All Star Showdown" (\$18) and at midnight by "Name This Show" (free). Go Comedy! Improv Theater, 261 E. Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale. Through May 30. 248-327-0575. gocomey.net

Hamlet Slipstream takes its first leap into "immersive theater" with this all-female version of Shakespeare's classic. Tickets: \$10 in advance only. Slipstream Theatre Initiative, Slipstream Summer Home, 20937 John R., Hazel Park. Through June 7. slipstreamti.com

I Am Here An audio-visual theater creation in collaboration with several cross-disciplinary artists that explores the comedic and tragic aspects associated with aging and questions the socio-political values placed on youth and beauty. Tickets: \$15-20; limited seating. Gina Lori Riley Dance Enterprises, Jackman Dramatic Art Center, 401 Sunset Avenue, Windsor. May 29 - May 30. 519-253-3000 ext. 28. www1.uwindsor.ca/drama/jackman-dramatic-art-centre

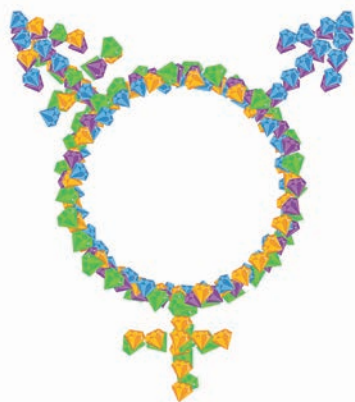
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie A delightful family production exploring the delicious chain reaction set in motion when a little boy offers a cookie to a visiting mouse. Tickets: \$15. Performance Network Theatre, 120 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor. May 30 - May 31. 734-663-0681. Pntheatre.org

Improv Mondays At 8 p.m. the show kicks off with a guest improv troupe, followed by a performance by Planet Ant's resident Home Team. The night closes with The Ant Jam, an opportunity for anyone to improvise on the Planet Ant stage. Tickets: \$5 at the door. Planet Ant Theatre, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. Through June 29. 313-365-4948. planetant.com

Kinky Boots Charlie Price has reluctantly inherited his father's shoe factory, which

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Editor's Pick



Roz Keith – transgender advocate, Ally Moms creator and founder of Stad with Trans – will join "Transgender Youth and Families," an ongoing group, at Temple Israel tonight. The group intends to give parents of transgender youth a place to learn, share and better understand what it means to raise a transgender child.

This group offers a safe and warm environment to share and discover how to travel this journey with transgender children. The event is free and open to the public.

The "Transgender Youth and Families" event will run 7-8 p.m. Thursday, May 28. Temple Israel is located at 5725 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. To RSVP or for more information,

contact Laura Koziol at 248-661-5700 or email laura@temple-israel.org.

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Just because summer is cause to shed the confines of clothing to celebrate the skin you're in, reality is, we can't go commando everywhere. For those times that you legally have to cover your bits, here are our picks for summer essentials to keep you looking fly and having fun.

Shark-Print Swimming Trunks

Like the Republican and Democratic parties, it seems that America is equally divided between two swimwear categories: bulky board shorts or barely-there Speedo-style suits. If you prefer to stay somewhere in the middle, Maui & Sons' Shark trunks let you show a little leg while leaving the size and shape of your little swimmer to your admirers' imaginations. pacsun.com

Polarized Bold-Color Frames

It's a crime against fashion to step into those harmful UV rays without a posh pair of polarized glasses, but the

Westbrook New York Shades in blue can help keep the style citations at bay. Designed by NBA All-Star Russell Westbrook, these funky, chunky wayfarer frames are made from durable acetate and feature five-barrel hinges built to handle summertime wear and tear. jackthreads.com



3-in-1 Beach Game Set

So what if you weren't invited to play volleyball with Chip and all his glistening, bare-chested country-club cronies. Make your own fun with three-in-one game sets that offer hours of friendly competition. The Sportcraft combo pack features quick-and-easy setup of ladder ball, washer toss and beanbag toss games, all housed in one

convenient carrying case. (Besides, you know one of 'em is at least bi, so you're not completely out for the count.) kmart.com

Old Skool Flamingo Sneakers

Rock out with your flock out in the flamingo-print Old Skool sneaks from Vans, inspired by a reissued print from the shoemaker's archives. Constructed in the Van Doren style, these kicks feature a low-top lace-up with a suede upper, padded tongue and lining, metal eyelets and Vans original Waffle Outsole. Something flamboyant this way comes. vans.com

Neon Throwback Shorts

If all this talk about "dad bod" lately has you feeling several sorts of nostalgic, take a trip back in time with the Rooster Tails from Chubbies, rainbow-patterned shorts reminiscent of your pa's sky's-out-thighs-out weekend wear. Made of everybody's favorite '80s fabric – nylon – these fresh vestiges of what once was makes showin' off your

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Editor's Pick

Two married couples – the Martins and the Porters – stand on the verge of becoming “the best of friends” in this Riverwalk Theatre production. A perceived slight over dinner quickly devolves the blossoming relationship into an escalating game of one-upmanship to see which couple can devise a plan that will sever the relationship forever. “Best of Friends” (written by Michigan native Jeff Daniels) deals with the phenomena of best friend couple relationships that go awry – and do they ever go awry!

John and Beth Martin, portrayed by Chris Goeckel and Amy Rickett, are the older, more established couple; they have wealth and are very patronizing to all. Ken and Hannah Porter (Jeff Magnuson and Cassie Little) are the younger up-and-coming couple, wanting and yearning for a couple with whom they can pal-around with, but also seem insecure and inadequate. In a show where the title means the opposite of what it suggests, director Bob Robinson brings “Best of Friends” to Lansing after it first successfully premiered at Daniels’ Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea in 2010.

Performances are 7 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays, May 28-June 7. Tickets are \$8-15. Riverwalk Theatre is located at 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. For more information, visit www.riverwalk.com.

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is on the verge of bankruptcy. Trying to live up to his father's legacy and save his family business, Charlie finds inspiration in the form of Lola, a fabulous entertainer in need of some sturdy stiletos. Tickets: \$34. Wharton Center for the Performing Arts, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. May 26 - May 31. 800-WHARTON. whartoncenter.com

Mamma Mia! On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago. Tickets: \$29-69. The Whiting, 1241 E. Kearsley St., Flint. May 29 - May 30. 810-237-8689. thewhiting.com

Middletown In a small American everytown, a friendship develops between two people standing at the edge of loneliness. A staged reading. Tickets: \$7. Flint Youth Theatre, 1220 E. Kearsley St., Flint. 6 p.m. May 31. 810-237-1530. flintyouththeatre.org

Mother's Nature Three, original, locally written, one-act plays. Tickets: \$15. Ixion, AA Creative Corridor, 1133 S Washington Ave., Lansing. May 23 - May 31. 517-775-4246. ixiontheatre.com

Open Table Series Readings of Stephen Cooper's “Spiritual Bliss” and Joseph Zettelmaier's “Pulp” on May 13 and May 27 respectively. Tickets: Free. Performance Network Theatre, 120 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor. Through May 27. 734-663-0681. pntheatre.org

Outside Mullingar A delightful new work about how it's never too late to take a chance on love. Tickets: \$15-35. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam Road, Williamston. May 21 - June 21. 517-655-SHOW. williamstontheatre.com

Sleeping Beauty A puppet ballet. Tickets: \$5-10. PuppetART, Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River Ave., Detroit. Through May 31. 313-961-7777. puppetart.org

Sundays at Go Comedy! A full night of improv, including “Fresh Sauce,” Go Comedy!'s Sunday open improv jam at 7 p. m., followed by “The Sunday Buffet,” featuring a variety of Detroit's best improv groups (8 p.m.). Tickets: \$10 in advance or pay-what-you-can at the door. Go Comedy! Improv Theater, 261 E. Nine Mile

Rd., Ferndale. Through May 31. 248-327-0575. gocomedy.net

The Bikinis, A New Musical Beach Party In 1964, four friends formed a band and won their local talent contest on the Jersey Shore. Now, 35 years later, the girls are back together one more time. Tickets: \$26-41. Meadow Brook Theatre, 2200 N. Squirrel Road, Rochester. May 27 - June 21. 248-377-3300. mbtheatre.com

The Comedy of Errors West Michigan audiences are given the rare opportunity to view this Shakespeare classic performed in theater architecture from the Bard's own time period. Tickets: \$15-25. Pigeon Creek Shakespeare Company, Rose Playhouse at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, 300 E Crystal Lake Rd., Twin Lake. 2 p.m. May 30. 231-894-5656. peshakespeare.com

Thursdays at Go Comedy! The evening opens with an ever-changing variety of programming at 8 p. m., with additional shows at 9 and 10 p.m. (\$5-10 per show). Go Comedy! Improv Theater, 261 E. Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale. Through May 28. 248-327-0575. gocomedy.net

Wednesdays at Go Comedy! The night begins at 8 p.m. with the “ITTY BITS Tournament” (\$10), followed at 9 p.m. by “Go Labs: Beta Testing” (\$7) and a variety of shows at 10 p. m.. Go Comedy! Improv Theater, 261 E. Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale. Through May 27. 248-327-0575. gocomedy.net

White Ash Falling 9/11 Three actors prepare for an off-Broadway production about the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Tickets: \$17-20. Detroit Repertory Theatre, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. May 28 - June 28. 313-868-1347. detroitreptheatre.com

ART 'N' AROUND

DIA “Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo in Detroit” Tickets: \$24. Detroit Institute of Arts, 2100 Woodward Ave., Detroit. March 15 - May 31. 313-833-7900. dia.org

Flint Institute of Arts “Beauty, Passion and Bliss: 19th Century Masterworks”. Flint Institute of Arts, 1120 E. Kearsley St., Flint. May 17 - Aug. 16. 810-234-1695. flintarts.org

MOCAD “Detroit City: Detroit Affinities” Detroit: Affinities, Speaks and Stages. Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Sep. 12 -

Aug. 2. 313-832-6622. mocadetroit.org

MOCAD “The Obama Paintings and the Lincoln Monument”. Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit. May 15 - Aug. 2. 313-832-6622. mocadetroit.org

River's Edge Gallery “Dream(Face)Land” Bill Morrison, Corey Scillian, Edgar Sterling Wise, Jerome Ferretti, Kyra Wojcik, Mark Julians, Mary Y. Trusel, Niagara, Patricia Izzo, Steve Glazer, Tony Roko. River's Edge Gallery, 3024 Biddle, Wyandotte. May 15 - June 12. artattheedge.com

robert kidd gallery “Kikuo Saito”. robert kidd gallery, 107 Townsend St., Birmingham. May 29 - July 1. 248-642-3909. robertkiddgallery.com

The Scarab Club “2015 Blooms, Bugs, Beasts Exhibition”. The Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. May 20 - June 27. 313-831-1250. scarabclub.org

UMMA “Mine More Coal: War Effort and Americanism in World War I Posters”. University Of Michigan Museum Of Art, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. May 9 - Sep. 20. 734-763-4186. umma.umich.edu

UMMA “Sophie Calle: North Pole”. University Of Michigan Museum Of Art, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. May 2 - Aug. 9. 734-763-4186. umma.umich.edu

UMMA “Hana Hamplova: Meditations on Paper”. University Of Michigan Museum Of Art, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. Feb. 21 - Aug. 9. 734-763-4186. umma.umich.edu

UMMA “HE: The Hergott Shepard Photography Collection”. University Of Michigan Museum Of Art, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. Feb. 14 - June 14. 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 - July 19. 734-763-4186. umma.umich.edu

University of Michigan, Inst. for Research on Women and Gender “Re-imagining Gender” 15 promising artists take on one of the thorniest challenges facing contemporary art: how to render the modern spectrum of gender, going beyond the simple male/female binary to include a wide variety of identities and sexualities. Lane Hall, 204 S. State St., Ann Arbor. Jan. 15 - June 26. 734-764-9537. irwg.research.umich.edu/events/exhibitions.html



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Mini Bluetooth Speaker

You'll want to pump up the jams on that prime piece of real estate you've nabbed on the sand – if only to drown out the sound of all those “pretty girls” – and the iBT72 expandable Bluetooth mini speaker from iHome helps you make that beat drop. This compact, accordion-style sound box has two audio sources: wireless streaming from your mobile device or direct line-in via the included cable and any device with a headphone jack. ihome.com

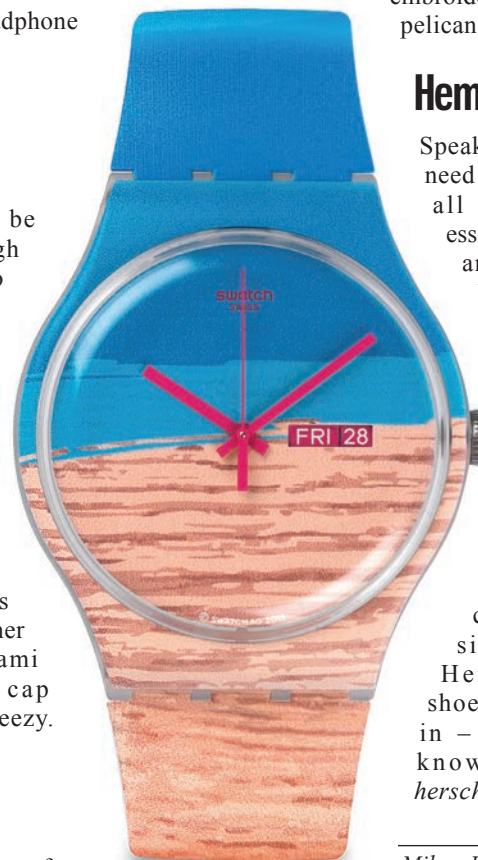


Embroidered Hula and Palms Oxford

Alas, you can't wear flip-flops and tank tops everywhere you go from May to September, so it's best to keep some fancier duds in your duffel. Class up the joint while staying summer-festive in the slim lightweight oxford with embroidered hula and palms from J. Crew, which is easily dressed up or down depending on the occasion. Dapper button-downs also are available in embroidered anchors and woven pelicans. jcrew.com

Tropic Time Snapback Hats

You don't have to be a sports fan (though it doesn't hurt) to appreciate the Tropic Time snapback hats from New Era – full-cap and bill-only floral prints available in MLB and NBA teams. Pick from your favorites or choose one that gels well with your summer style, like the Miami Marlins 9FIFTY cap that's inherently breezy. newera.com



Blue Pine Watch

Watches aren't worn for practical purposes any more – nowadays we're all conditioned to check our pockets for the time – but a whimsical hand clock can add that extra *umph* your outfit might need. Take Swatch's Blue Pine wristwatch, for instance. It's like

looking out from your private cabana in Fiji, wishing that time would stop altogether (and never start again), making it an ideal conversation piece at a seaside dinner with the new friends you've made on vacay. swatch.com

Hemp Duffel Bag

Speaking of duffels, you'll need to conveniently carry all your summer style essentials (and souvenirs!), and the Natural Hemp Novel Duffel from Herschel Supply Co. is both lightweight and heavy duty simultaneously. The natural hemp fabric construction is contrasted by chambray details and features a cotton chambray liner with silver pin detailing. Herschel's signature shoe pocket also is built in – because it already knows and loves you. herschelsupply.com

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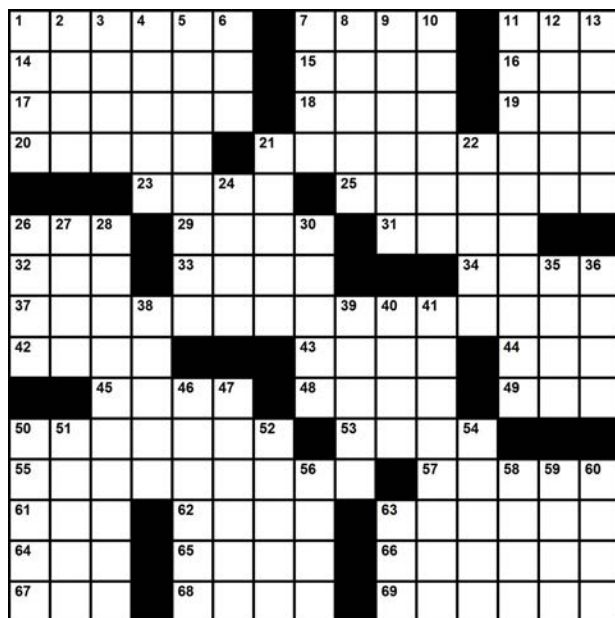
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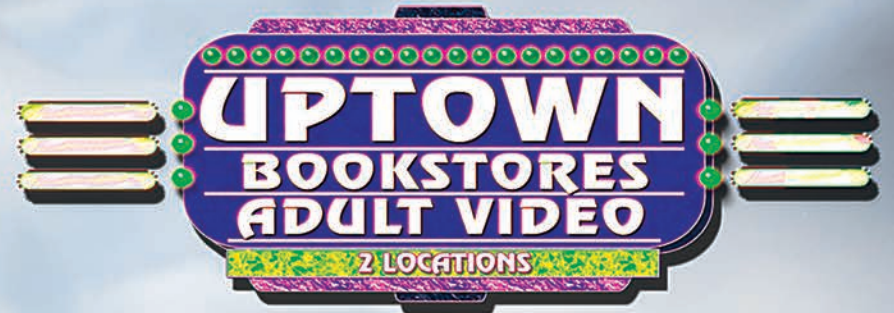
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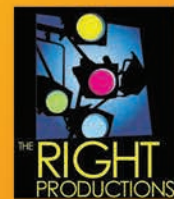


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