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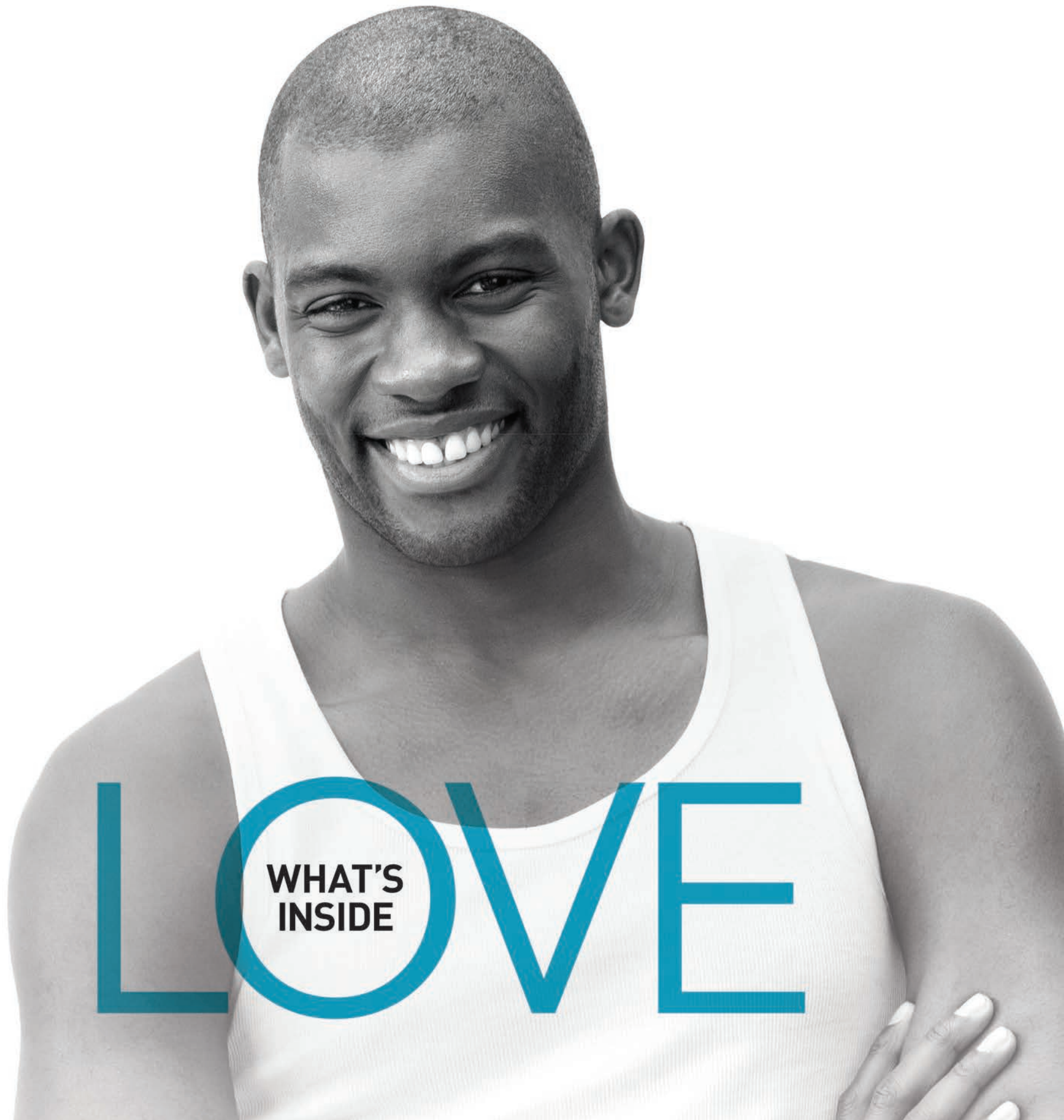
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- Changes in your immune system.
- New or worse kidney problems, including kidney failure.
- Bone problems.

The most common side effect of DESCOVY is nausea.

These are not all the possible side effects of DESCOVY. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any new symptoms while taking DESCOVY.

Your healthcare provider will need to do tests to monitor your health before and during treatment with DESCOVY.

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Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take:

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In this Thursday Nov. 10 photo, from left, Celeste Ramirez, 20, Erin Ckudre, 21, Ronald Elliott, 18, Patricia Romo, 22, and Rose Ammons, 18, hold up signs during a rally at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas, to protest Donald Trump's presidential election victory. For the combatants in America's long-running culture wars, the triumph of Trump and congressional Republicans was stunning - sparking elation on one side, deep dismay on the other. Protests continue nationwide at presstime. Jay Janner/Austin American-Statesman via AP.

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Fair Michigan Justice Project special prosecutor Jaimie Powell Horowitz, transgender outreach coordinator Julisa Abad, and clinical therapist Tonya Griffith host a panel discussion during the Michigan Response to Hate Conference on Oct. 24 in East Lansing. Photo courtesy of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights.

First Transgender Interaction Policy Created in Michigan

BY KATE OPALEWSKI

DETROIT – A new Transgender Interaction Policy requires employees in the Wayne County prosecutor's office to treat transgender, intersex and gender-nonconforming individuals in a manner appropriate to the individual's gender identity, which may be different from the sex the individual was assigned at birth or listed on official identification documents.

Prosecutor Kym Worthy in association with Fair Michigan - a Michigan nonprofit corporation seeking to end discrimination against persons based on sex, sexual orientation, gender and gender identity - announced the issuance of the policy on Nov. 3.

Regardless of the individual's appearance, prosecutor's office employees should classify an individual's gender identity in accordance with statements or requests made by the individual, such as if the individual asks the employee to use different pronouns.

In addition, employees should address transgender individuals by their chosen name, which might differ from the name that is on their government-issued identification. Employees shall not refer to any person in a derogatory manner because of their gender identity or gender expression.

"We strive at this office to treat everyone that walks through our doors with dignity and respect. This is a great tool to facilitate this," said Worthy. "We want to make sure that we do not unknowingly offend anyone that we are trying to help. No one is immune from the guidance that this policy provides. Hopefully this can be adopted widely."

"The Transgender Interaction policy marks a significant step forward for the rights of Michigan residents," said civil rights attorney

Dana Nessel, president of Fair Michigan and a former Wayne County assistant prosecutor.

"This policy is the first in the state to require prosecutors and staff to recognize a basic human right for transgender individuals: recognition of, and respect for, a core aspect of their identity. Fair Michigan is proud to have assisted the prosecutor's office in developing this essential and transformative policy."

Fair Michigan Justice Project special prosecutor Jaimie Powell Horowitz worked closely with the prosecutor's office to develop the policy, which promises to enhance productive interactions between prosecutors and crime victims and witnesses who are transgender.

FMJP investigates and prosecutes cases of serious criminal conduct involving LGBTQ victims targeted based on their sexual orientation or gender identity.

"It is impossible to overstate the importance of this action," said Julisa Abad, Fair Michigan's transgender outreach coordinator. "A person's gender identity involves one's innermost concept of how individuals perceive themselves and what they call themselves. This policy requires that each person's gender identity be recognized and respected."

Nessel predicted that the policy will serve as a model for law enforcement and prosecutors' offices throughout the state.

"By implementing the Transgender Interaction Policy, Wayne County is demonstrating to the rest of Michigan how to ensure that gender identity is never again ignored or misconstrued when gender-nonconforming people interact with criminal justice officials."

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Community Leaders React Post Election

BY KATE OPALEWSKI

Many of us are searching for a way to get up after being knocked down on Nov. 8. Feeling defeated and uncertain, we look to our leaders in the community for guidance, some who have dedicated their lives to making progress. They share their thoughts about what happened and what we can do. In the coming days, weeks and months there will be many ways to take action, strategize and help. Stay tuned to BTL for more information.

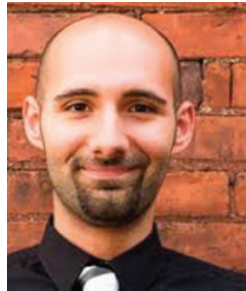
“As the parent of a transgender teen and an ally to many, I worry about this new presidential term and what will play out in real time...We will not shrink away. We will continue to educate and support and communicate the importance of rights for the trans (and all LGBTQ) community. Diversity is to be celebrated not attacked or belittled. Stand with Trans is here for the community. We have parent support, we have youth support, we



have ally support. There are Ally Moms across the United States who can offer support and guidance when looking for resources. Now, more than ever, we need to make our voices heard. There is strength in numbers and we need to use our voices in a positive, proactive manner.”

- Roz Keith, founder of Stand with Trans

“Freedom House is emboldened by the outpouring of support we’ve received in recent weeks. Longtime supporters and strangers alike have made contributions, donated home-baked goods, or sent messages offering words of solidarity and strength. These acts of kindness provide our residents with a sense of relief. They are like an embrace from the community. As an organization, we remain dedicated to delivering high quality, compassionate services to all those ‘yearning to breathe free,’ and we stand firm in our commitment to asylum seekers and refugees.”



- T.J. Rogers, program manager at Freedom House Detroit



“Many of us are disappointed, disillusioned and downright angry about the results of the national election. We need time to process what this could mean for progressive advancements that have been made over the past decade. You don’t have to know where we go from here, that is why we have God.”

- Rev. Roland Stringfellow of the Metropolitan Community Church of Detroit.



“I’m both heart broken and disheartened with this result. But election results cannot take away my values, my ethics, my sense of what is fair and just, nor my determination to

keep fighting. And I remain proud to work for the ACLU of Michigan which will continue

to protect and defend the rights of the LGBT community no matter who is President. We will have some difficult, daunting days ahead of us, but we the LGBT community and our allies have to remain vigilant, invested and involved.”

- Jay Kaplan, LGBT Staff Attorney at the ACLU of Michigan.

“I am proud of the campaign we ran. We fought hard for a vision to rebuild our public education system, make higher education accessible and affordable for all, and be a welcoming and inclusive state that respects the civil rights and dignity of our LGBT children. In a year which Donald Trump and my opponents spread a message of divisiveness and fear, we came up short. I look forward to helping our state work towards a more prosperous, better educated and more welcoming and inclusive Michigan.”

- State Board of Education president John Austin.

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Election 2016: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

BY TODD HEYWOOD

The impacts of the 2016 election on the local, state and national level are going to be felt for a long time. The results are going to cause both parties to shift – but in uniquely different ways.

Nationally, GOP Nominee Donald Trump is ascending to the presidency leaving Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton wondering what went wrong. And along with Clinton are a whole lot of party leaders and thinkers now scrambling to make sense of a party that was delivered a stinging rebuke in national and statewide elections in 2016.

Trump apparently had coattails, dragging along with him a majority in the U.S. House and barely eeking out a majority in the U.S. Senate. That leaves Democrats in the minority, focused on defense, while the GOP is poised to ram through a series of GOP priorities including the immediate repeal – and some leaders say replacement – of Obamacare. What that might look like, and whether or not provisions of that law mandating coverage for people with pre-existing conditions will remain are unknowns. It could also

mean a move by the GOP to stop funding the federal government with continuing resolutions, instead passing a full budget. That would mean the Congress would have to renew some budgetary acts, including Ryan White. It’s unclear if this GOP controlled Congress will renew that act which provides prevention funding, medical care and access to medications to 1.2 million Americans living with HIV.

“I am not hopeful about that,” said Susan Demas, the publisher and editor of Inside Michigan Politics, regarding renewal of Ryan White.

Nor does she see much hope for LGBT equality issues on a national or state level.

“The LGBT community is definitely going to be playing defense,” she said. “There is no offense at this point.”

She pointed to Vice President-Elect Mike Pence, who was serving as Indiana governor, as evidence of how difficult a Trump administration could be on the LGBT community. Pence is “the most anti-gay Republican there is right now,” she said, noting he’s been tapped to set the White House’s domestic policy agenda moving

forward.

Meanwhile, in Michigan, there is some good news to report. Three openly gay men will take seats in the State House Jan. 1. Reps. Jon Hoadley, D-Kalamazoo, and Jeremy Moss, D-Southfield, were returned to office by voters; Democrat Tim Sneller from Genesee County will be sworn in as state representative to complete the trio.

Unfortunately the trio will be face a GOP controlled House, with an anti-gay leadership. State Rep. Lee Chatfield, R-Levering, had been elevated to Speaker Pro-Tem of the House. Chatfield ousted former state Rep. Frank Foster two years ago in a primary because of Foster’s support of amending Elliott-Larsen to include sexual orientation. Foster refused to support inclusion of gender identity, which resulted in the legislation dying in committee two years ago.

Demas said, “Anyone who thinks this legislature is going to move on Elliott-Larsen is smoking something.”

Democrats elevated longtime LGBT ally and East Lansing Democrat Sam Singh to the post of minority leader.

But it’s not just the state House that is

going to be impacted by the election. The State Board of Education will now include former Republican State Rep. Tom McMillin, a virulently anti-gay lawmaker. Demas said to expect to see the gutting of the controversial new guidance for schools on working with trans students, and “the bathroom bills will come back,” she said.

But in the darkness, there is some light. Voters returned Brian McGrain, an openly gay county commissioner, in Ingham County, and elected Ryan Sebolt, also an openly gay man, to the Commission. In Delta Township, Howard Spence, an Eaton County Commissioner, was re-elected despite an anti-gay slur campaign tied to his right wing opponent.

Voters in the Lansing Community College district – the state’s second largest community college – also elected an openly gay man, Ryan Buck, to serve a six year term on the board.

In Kalamazoo Democrats are celebrating installing openly LGBT people in all levels of government in the community – city, county and state. They’re also excited about the election of three women to the County Commission there.

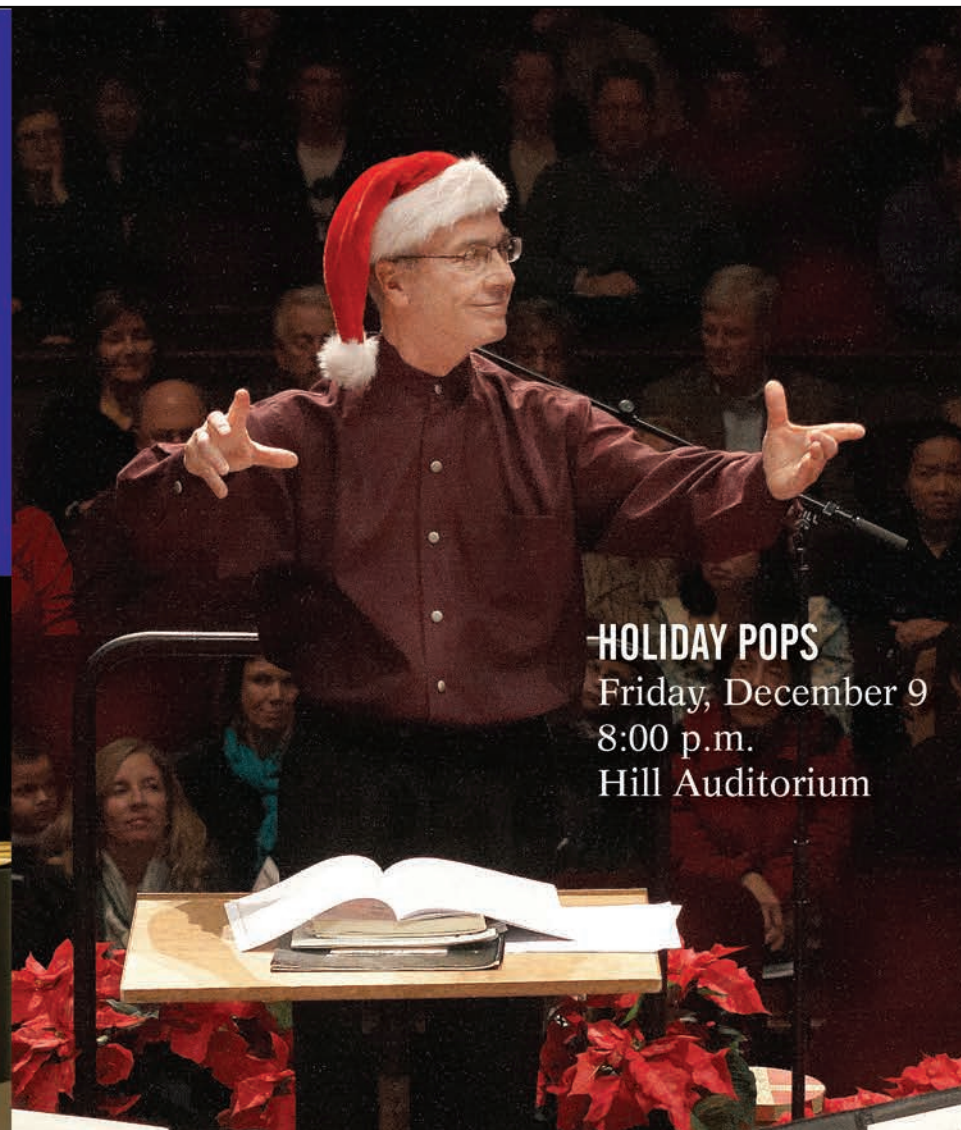
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STUNNER: Defying Polls, Trump Wins Election

LGBT advocates bracing for fallout

BY CHRIS JOHNSON

To the shock of political observers and LGBT rights supporters who expected his defeat, Donald Trump claimed a surprise victory Nov. 8 against Hillary Clinton in his bid for the White House.

Speaking to supporters in New York City, Trump said Clinton called him to concede the election and he congratulated her on a “very, very on a hard-fought campaign.”

“Now it’s come for America to bind the wounds of division, who have to get together, to all Republicans and Democrats and Independent across this nation, I say it is time for us to come together as one, united people,” Trump said.

Trump’s victory could place in jeopardy the advances on LGBT rights seen during eight years of the Obama administration, many of which were accomplished as a result of executive action from President Obama that Trump could undo. Also threatening LGBT rights is continued Republican control of both chambers of Congress, which will now have an unimpeded path to pass anti-LGBT legislation with no Democrat in the White House.

Rea Carey, executive director of the National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund, said in a statement many people in the United States and worldwide “will be shocked, disappointed and frankly frightened by the election of Donald Trump.”

“His remarks over the course of the campaign including his sexist, racist, and xenophobic comments, as well as his mocking of people with disabilities and his dehumanization of Muslims leave many of us deeply disturbed,” Carey said. “Make no mistake about it, this

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What Trump Didn’t Say on 60 Minutes

BY LISA KEEN

President-elect Donald Trump said in a post-election interview that marriage equality is “settled” and “it’s law,” and he expressed no interest in pursuing an agenda to reverse the U.S. Supreme Court decision that struck down state bans on marriage licenses for same-sex couples.

That was welcome news to many LGBT people, as were the rumors Monday that Trump is considering naming an openly gay man to a cabinet-level position. But neither piece of news was enough to assuage the deep concern of most LGBT legal activists that the incoming Trump administration is poised to inflict enormous damage to civil rights gains from the past eight years for LGBT people.

Trump’s comment on marriage equality came in an interview broadcast Sunday on CBS’s 60 Minutes with newswoman Leslie Stahl. This was Trump’s first interview since winning enough states Nov. 8 against Democrat Hillary Clinton to lay claim to 290 electoral votes. (Clinton won the popular vote but, under the constitution, the candidate with 270 electoral votes wins.)

Stahl told Trump that LGBTQ people are “expressing fear” of his impending presidency. Trump interrupted to express surprise about this, noting that he “mentioned” LGBT people during his speech at the Republican National Convention.

“Everybody said that was so great,” added Trump. “I have been, you know, I’ve been a supporter.”

At the GOP convention in July, Trump vowed to do “everything in my power to protect our LGBTQ citizens from the violence and oppression of a hateful, foreign ideology.” He was referring to the massacre at the Orlando LGBT nightclub Pulse by an American citizen whose parents emigrated from Afghanistan. But Trump sent other messages during his campaign that suggested his administration would not be a beneficial one for the LGBT community. He said he would appoint a Supreme Court nominee in the mold of Antonin Scalia, who had the most anti-gay voting record of any justice in history. He said the treatment of transgender people in regards to public restrooms should be “left to the states.” He said he would sign the anti-LGBT First Amendment Defense Act. And he vowed to “cancel every unconstitutional executive action, memorandum, and order” issued by President Obama.

Stahl did not press President-elect Trump on any LGBT matter other than marriage in her interview, but LGBT legal activists are “expressing fear” about a truckload of issues, not just marriage equality.

Anti-gay Forces

“The Trump administration has the ability to affect an awful lot more than the fundamental right to marry,” said Camilla Taylor, an attorney and spokesperson for Lambda Legal. She noted the Trump administration could wreak havoc over important gains for LGBT people under the Obama administration, including its filing a lawsuit against the LGBT-hostile North Carolina law HB2, the interpretation of Title IX to protect gender identity, and its willingness to stand up for LGBT equality in cases before the U.S. Supreme Court.

“This is a terrifying time to be an LGBT activist,” said Taylor.

And while Trump may say that marriage equality is a matter of settled law, Taylor said activists must anticipate the possibility that anti-LGBT forces will attempt to mount new challenges against marriage as they have against *Roe v. Wade* and a woman’s right to seek an abortion.

“It’s very unlikely we’ll see the Supreme Court’s *Obergefell* decision overruled,” said Taylor, in reference to the high court’s ruling in 2015 that state bans on marriage licenses for same-sex couples were unconstitutional. “But,” she said, “there are a number of ways in which a hostile administration could try to chip away at those rights. We’re extremely concerned.”

Like Taylor, Gary Buseck of GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders, doesn’t think the Supreme Court is poised to overturn last year’s decision on marriage equality. But he, too, sees the prospects for anti-LGBT activists to employ *Roe v. Wade* type strategies to undermine it.

“Even without a Trump presidency, we have those who oppose marriage equality and have been working and will continue to work to reverse our gains,” said Buseck. “I am sure they continue to look for vehicles to set the question up for Supreme Court review in the future.”

That increases worry around who Trump will appoint to the Supreme Court seat vacated in February when Scalia suddenly died. LGBT legal activists are concerned that a Scalia-like appointee, confirmed with relative ease by a Republican-dominated Senate, could be on the bench when many upcoming battles arrive. The court has already accepted a case over Title IX protections for transgender students and it is likely to take up one of several cases over whether religious beliefs can be used as an excuse to deny services to LGBT people in restaurants, hotels, and other public accommodations.

Executive Orders

Even beyond the court, LGBT legal activists are concerned that Trump may reverse executive orders signed by President Obama that ensured protections for LGBT people in important areas, including federal employment, health care, and basic recognition of their relationships in hospitals.

In 2014, President Obama signed an executive order (E.O. 13762) prohibiting contractors who do business with the federal government from discriminating based on sexual orientation and gender identity. The same order also added gender identity to existing an existing order (E.O. 13087, signed by President Clinton) that prohibited discrimination against federal employees based on sexual orientation.

President Obama also signed a “memorandum” in 2010, directing the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure that all hospitals receiving Medicaid and Medicare enable LGBT patients to designate their partners and families for visitation privileges.

He also signed a “memorandum” in 2009, directing federal agencies to extend “as many benefits as possible under the law” to gay federal employees with same-sex partners.

And every June during his administration, President Obama has signed a “Pride Month” proclamation.

Anti-LGBT activists have been calling on Trump to reverse the Departments of Justice and Education memorandum, interpreting Title IX as prohibiting discrimination based on gender identity. They also want him to reverse a determination by Health and Human Services that require insurance providers to cover gender transition medical expenses.

Meanwhile, Associated Press reported Monday morning that Trump is considering appointing Richard Grenell as the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. The position has been considered part of the president’s cabinet in most administrations (but not those of the two Presidents Bush) and is currently held by Samantha Power. Grenell, who is a political commentator for Fox News and was a Trump delegate to the GOP convention in July, was an openly gay advisor to 2012 Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney. Grenell resigned that position after only two weeks, reportedly after “a full-court press by anti-gay conservatives” to get rid of him.

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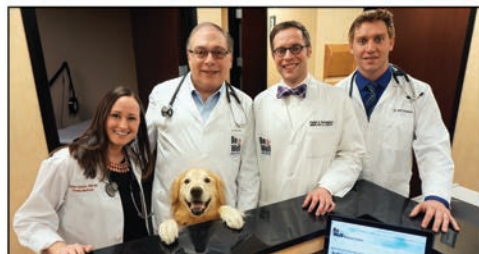
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OPINION BY CHARLES ALEXANDER

Tamara A. Rees: Transgender Bronze Star Hero

Tamara A. Rees is 92. She leads a reasonably quiet, uneventful, grandmotherly life with her adopted children's children in Los Angeles, California.

In 1954, two years after serving as a Bronze Star decorated U. S. Army paratrooper, then Robert Rees, age 33, transitioned in Holland from male to female.

The transition was made after years—long introspection, determination, inner self trust – and against much cautious, ignorant, expensive, psychiatric opinions – to international media fanfare. The notoriety would be short-lived.

Most know about Christine Jorgensen. Army Sergeant George, who transitioned M—to-F in 1953. These days only a handful of LGBT history buffs, know who Tamara Rees is (or, was, for a brief two years as celeb “tranny nightclub entertainer”).

I made Tamara's acquaintance by a chance, thumbing through reading of an article in an old copy of a Sexology Magazine anthology. The article is dated 1959. It's title: “Male Becomes Female: The life story of one of the most widely publicized cases of sex change in recent history.”

The Sexology piece is among the first published accounts to deal openly with what it means to be a trans person.

A true confession of sorts, this first-person confession carries the byline Tamara A. Rees, with photographs of a visibly awkward young Robert in paratrooper gear, contrasted with a fully convincing Tamara, in a sequined gown, ample cleavage uplifted in a here—I-am, I'll-show-one-and-all who I've at long last become.

Tamara speaks openly of her early fascination with a neighbor girl's clothes and pretty ribbons. Her innate desire to play with dolls. Of being bullied by school boys. Of secretly dressing in her sister's and mother's clothing. Of her great success at Halloween as a 14-year-old dressed as a woman. Of parental misunderstanding and censure. Of her rebellious year of running away from home.

Her initial adult visits to three psychiatrists in search of answers proved frustrating. Their responses varied from disbelief, belittlement, Freudian psychobabble, and get-over-it—Robert advice. While in service in Europe, he found a German psychiatrist who recommended operative advances then currently being made in Holland to persons like himself and Christine Jorgensen.

Summing up, Tamara observes, “The road is a long hard one, full of heartaches, disappointments and great expense. Surgical transition is a prolonged and complicated one. The surgery does not create a woman where the patient was once a biological male, nor can the patient hope to have children. It merely brings the physical appearance of the patient into harmony with the mental pattern.”

The publicity that Tamara received when returning to America for a time unfortunately proved to be problematic. She embarked upon a show business career that was almost her psychological undoing. “Upon my return to this country, I had hoped to escape publicity and start a new life, my past unknown to anyone. Unfortunately, this was not the way matters turned out.

“With the temptation of large sums of money and contracts offered to me, I must admit that I strayed from the course and was almost lost by my decision to enter show business. After two years of nightclub appearances I became ill as a result of the fast pace and irregular hours.

“During this illness I had the opportunity to reexamine the situation and came to realize that I would never find peace and happiness as long as I remained in the public spotlight.”

So said, one can only wonder: Caitlyn Jenner, is there a lesson to be learned here?

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BY SUSAN HOROWITZ

BTL Viewpoint

The Way Forward Now

Let's start with one day at a time, remembering that as long as we are able to breath, speak our mind and take action we are going to be okay. As President Obama told the nation the day after the election, we get up, lick our wounds and continue on this journey, each of us trying to do better the next time around. He cautioned about disengaging and growing too cynical and rightfully so. As soon as we give into cynicism, we become vulnerable to isolation and resentment and go down the road filling up our time with inaction.

This is not to say we should not grieve right now and be scared for our country and indeed the world. We need to mourn what might have been, take a much-needed break and then agree to recommit ourselves to building a world that is fully inclusive and just. A world that takes care of all of its people and the environment we live in.

This election was brutal. It was the most vulgar, racist, misogynist Presidential election in modern times. As one NYC protestor, a twenty-something self-identified Latina woman told the media in response to Trump's call for unity, you simply cannot put what he said these past 18 months back in a bottle. She was one of tens of thousands, in at least 7 cities, inspired to take to the streets in protest the day after the election.*

Language matters – it reveals, it connects and it also destroys. Those of us who have witnessed or been assaulted by it, understand its destructive power. Insert

We want answers to how half the country could vote for someone lacking in basic decency – seeming to possess no moral compass. Someone who stoked racial divide courting white nationalists, insulting immigrants, threatening nonwhite Americans with stop and frisk tactics and denying refugees seeking asylum from entering our country's relative safe haven, escaping violence and war. Someone who is a self-identified sexual predator.

whatever the many horrible words heard out of Trump's mouth here – the list is shamefully long – and it's easy to know why half the country is scared. Pundits, historians, pollsters and others will try for decades to come, to evaluate the impact this election's language has had and will continue to have on our country.

Naturally our minds seek to understand, maybe find hope in any of what we have just witnessed. We want answers to how half the country could vote for someone lacking in basic decency – seeming to possess no moral

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The Band-Aid's Been Ripped Off

Time to Cleanse and Heal

BY MICHELLE E. BROWN

Many are wondering what the holy hell happened Nov. 8. Progressive/liberals/dreamers believed, as a society, we had grown – evolved to be inclusive and more embracing of our nation's expanding diversity.

After all, we had elected Barack Obama, an African-American, not once but twice as president of the United States.

Don't Ask, Don't Tell was gone, so LGBTQ Americans could serve with pride in the military and the Supreme Court had secured the right for LGBTQ couples to stand before friends and family declaring their love as legally married spouses. Women, African-Americans, Latinos and other communities of color were heading businesses, colleges and being elected to legislative seats at local and national levels.

We had taken steps to ensure that our neighbors had access to affordable healthcare. Our country had welcomed immigrants from around the world (as many as 42.4 million in 2014) who added diversity and strength to communities across the nation.

Even though some detractors pushed back, we

were, despite our differences, recognizing that we could be stronger together.

There were still problems but outwardly it looked like we were evolving even ready at last to break that glass ceiling. Many finally recognized that the glass ceiling wasn't a single clear pane. It was/is thick and wide, more of a prism than a clear pane and represents not just inequality for women but for black, brown, LGBTQ, disabled, immigrants, poor and everyone for whom opportunities and access have been denied.

It couldn't have been clearer! So what happened? Why did it happen? And, more importantly, where do we go from here?

First of all, let's take a deep breath.

I'm going to leave the rehash to the pundits and analysts who are happy to tell you who voted, how they voted and where they voted. They have relentlessly been giving their point of view since things started to go south on election night. The reasons and explanations are many and nuanced but let's talk about the real.

The real is that this is America 00 a country founded on great principles. Principles we believed transcended time and their literal meaning to represent beliefs, truths that we held

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compass. Someone who stoked racial divide courting white nationalists, insulting immigrants, threatening nonwhite Americans with stop and frisk tactics and denying refugees seeking asylum from entering our country's relative safe haven, escaping violence and war. Someone who is a self-identified sexual predator. The sheer magnitude makes me recoil as I write this.

We are entering a time when embracing the language of hope, inclusivity and multiculturalism and the results it delivers, will have to be advanced more as outsiders than insiders once again. I have been here before. In fact advocating for social justice has mostly been fought from the outside looking in speaking truth to power. Advancing human rights and human dignity has never been easy. History is filled with so many examples of those who sacrificed so much, including their lives, to advance this cause. In the U.S. we have seen so much progress over the past decade – from the first black president to marriage equality and often changes like these are followed by backlash. It is clearly where we find ourselves now and unraveling it will take time and everyone's involvement.

On the most basic level, ideology aside, Trump is someone with no experience to do the job he has now been handed. We have every reason to

worry about his temperament and where it might take us. He demonstrated it was anything but steady during the campaign. The non-stop shock show on display left little time to learn about what Trump's policies actually are in any depth and we have no idea how he will govern. So far what we have learned does not bode well for doing more good than harm. Bullies tend to turn out badly for vast numbers of people. We will have to wait and see and be ready to resist and rise up as needed.

Historians have been trying to help sort out current events and put it in context, I suppose to reassure us and prove that we may have been here before, that there are examples of other times in history far worse that we have come through as a country. I suppose it offers some assurance – not much but some. We are all here now at this moment and what history writes about this time will be up to us. So please stay engaged, connected, unified and remain hopeful. They all go hand in hand. Commit to sharing your time somewhere in community with others in any way you can.

As Hillary Clinton said in her concession speech, "Never stop believing that fighting for what's right is worth it."

**Since I wrote this last Thursday, hundreds of thousands of people across the U.S. and internationally, have taken to the streets protesting Trump's election. It's a movement!*

Creep of the Week

Donald Trump

BY D'ANNE WITKOWSKI



But never underestimate the power of racism and sexism in America. After all, that's literally what this country was built on.

equality being overturned, Trump said the fear was "irrelevant."

"These cases have gone to the Supreme Court, it's settled and I'm fine with it," Trump said.

Keep in mind that Trump has said he's against same-sex marriage and during his campaign said that he'd appoint Supreme Court justices that would overturn the ruling.

But now he's fine with it, so no worries, right?

Wrong. If anything Trump's answer is further proof that he has no idea how government works and that he has been president confused with being king. President Trump doesn't get to pick and choose which cases are heard before the Supreme Court or how they will be settled. Trump's list of potential Supreme Court nominees is a who's who list of right-wingers.

Since the election, Trump has reiterated his goal to see Roe v. Wade overturned and abortion criminalized and expressed his commitment to appointing justices who would do just that. Never mind that the right to choose is also "settled." Not surprisingly, right-wing judges who are against abortion rights are almost certain to be against LGBTQ rights, too. So the idea that Trump being "fine" with marriage equality now somehow protects that law is ludicrous.

I think the best advice I've heard since Trump was elected is to keep vigilant and don't become complacent. Trump is {BOLD not} a normal president and Americans who believe in justice and equality and think that diversity is a thing to be celebrated – not a problem to be solved – have an obligation to resist and to speak out. And I don't mean just re-Tweeting the crazy shit Trump says with a "WTF?" attached to it. Get out of your houses and volunteer your time to organizations who work for what you believe in. Send them your money. We can't afford to retreat.

Do not shut up. Do not give up. Do not lose hope. But do fight like hell.

Hey, so how is everybody doing today? Feeling optimistic about the future? If the target audience for this column was KKK members and fans, the answer would be, "Heil yes!" Because they got their man in the White House! Faced with the choice between a woman with experience and intelligence, and a completely unqualified man who doesn't like brown people, ladies, or thinking very much, America essentially told Hillary Clinton to go make Donald Trump a sandwich.

I admit I was shocked that Trump won. I didn't see this coming. I was so sure that Clinton would prevail. Any other outcome seemed positively insane.

But never underestimate the power of racism and sexism in America. After all, that's literally what this country was built on.

And so now what was once a nightmare scenario is now a nightmare reality. Trump is going to be our next president. It's going to be a long and ugly four years.

LGBTQ Americans have a very uncertain future ahead of us because Trump is filling his administration full of LGBTQ foes. Not to mention the fact that Vice President-elect Mike Pence is one of the most anti-gay elected officials ever. And he's the guy in charge of picking who's going to work for Trump. And so far it also looks like Pence is going to actually be the guy running the country.

Which is why it really doesn't matter that Trump said that he's "fine" with marriage equality and considers it "settled."

When Lesley Stahl told Trump during a "60 Minutes" interview that LGBTQ people were concerned about marriage

ACLU's Moss Defiant, Committed to Fight After Election Delivers Trump

KARY MOSS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MICH, ACLU

Transcript of Nov. 11 speech delivered at ACLU of Michigan 2016 Annual Dinner, Henry Ford Museum

Good evening and thank you for coming to our annual dinner.

I suspect none of us got much sleep these last few nights.

Luckily for me, I had something to keep me busy – rewriting tonight's speech.

Tonight we're dispensing with our usual program format.

For those who have been coming to this dinner for years, you know we always set this night aside to tell you about our accomplishments. I will tell you about some, but this year feels different because it is.

Let's get some things out of the way:

This was a presidential campaign unlike any other – it was a campaign that sowed fear (and) put a bullseye on the back of our friends, our neighbors, our families, our communities.

I'll be honest with you. Thinking about all the issues and causes I've cared about and worked on for my entire professional life — there are some dark days ahead. It feels like a repudiation of the progress we've made.

But every one of us in this room tonight knows we cannot dwell in the darkness. We have too much work to do. Fortunately, there are lanterns lighting the way if we leverage the brilliance and passion in this room and around the state, and if we work creatively and collectively.

So I want to tell you a story:

Last week, ACLU of Michigan Legal Director Mike Steinberg and I went to Washington because the U.S. Supreme Court had taken one of our cases involving a girl named Ehlena Fry who has cerebral palsy. While she uses a walker, her doctor had prescribed a service dog who could help her achieve independence.

Unfortunately, when Ehlena started school at the age of 5, the school refused to allow the dog, saying that adults could help her. We filed a case under a federal disability law on her behalf and lost in the trial court and then we lost in again the Court of Appeals.

To our surprise, the Supreme Court took the case. So last week we took Ehlena – who is now 13 – and her family to the Supreme Court.

As is the usual practice, we waited in line for several hours to enter the courtroom with no accommodation for Ehlena who had to stand, leaning on her walker, that entire time.

The argument went well – it was a lively bench – and after it was over we went to meet the press outside on the massive Supreme

“I'm here to tell you: We in the American Civil Liberties Union did not spend the past 10 decades defending our Constitution, standing up for the disadvantaged and protecting the dispossessed – only to turn back now. We are going to fight like hell. Turning back is not an option.”



Third grader Linda Brown, the named plaintiff in the 1954 Supreme Court case *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*, in which the Court declared state laws establishing separate public schools for black and white students to be unconstitutional.

Court steps.

After navigating the wheelchair accessible route, which takes you around the building – about a quarter of a mile – we were deposited in the middle of the front steps near a fountain where the press usually waits. But that day, they had been told to congregate at the bottom of the steps – another 50 steps down.

Ehlena had a choice – to go back and walk another quarter mile or so to circle back – or we could carry her down those steps. Mike looked at her mother – who said, “Let's do it” – and Mike and her dad carried her, with a huge smile on her face, to the waiting press corps below.

We lost in the schools; we lost in court – twice – but we kept going. We came up against difficult physical obstacles – but we kept going. We did everything we had to do to make sure that Ehlena's voice was heard and she had her chance to shine.

On behalf of Ehlena and so many others, I'm here to tell you: We in the American Civil Liberties Union did not spend the past 10 decades defending our Constitution, standing up for the disadvantaged and protecting the dispossessed, only to turn back now.



Edith Windsor was the lead plaintiff in the 2013 Supreme Court case, *United States v. Windsor*, which successfully overturned Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act and was considered a significant legal victory for the same-sex marriage movement in the United States. She is pictured here holding a portrait of her deceased wife, Thea Spyer.

Like many of you, I've spent the past several days thinking and talking about what comes next. The road ahead will be hard; its murky and full of hazards.

'We Are Going to Fight Like Hell'

The first thing I want to say is that we have to tell our children, and all children, that we will make this right. There's a little girl who is 5 years old here tonight, Hala Khogali, who her mom told me is feeling nervous and so, Hala, I want to say to you that everything is going to be OK and that everyone in this room loves you and your family.

In the weeks and months again there will be soul searching but we are not going to do that tonight. Here's what I do know and can tell you: We are going to fight like hell. Turning back is not an option.

As I watched Ehlena speak to the press on the steps of that imposing courthouse, I thought of ghosts that had walked these same steps – Justice Thurgood Marshall, Justice Earl

Warren – the giants of civil rights law.

I thought of all the people who had climbed up or down steep paths to get to that Court with the ACLU and NAACP Legal Defense Fund over the last almost 100 years:

– Mildred and Richard Loving who stood up for the right to marry.

– Linda Brown who took on legal segregation in public schools.

– High school teacher John Scopes who stood up for the right to teach evolution in public science classrooms.

– Fred Korematsu who challenged the internment of Japanese Americans.

– Ernesto Miranda who stood up for the right to remain silent.

– Planned Parenthood Executive Director Estelle Griswold who stood up for the right to contraception.

– Clarence Gideon who stood up for the right to a court appointed attorney if you can't afford one.

– Norma L. McCorvey – of *Roe v. Wade* – who stood up for the right to decide whether and when to have a child.

– Edie Windsor, whose advocacy brought down the Defense of Marriage Act — or the many LGBT couples who stood up for the right to marry.

All these people overcame great obstacles – racism, legal segregation, community hostility, violence, uncontrolled police power – to tell their story, make their case, stand up for their rights.

But they did not do it alone. They were part of a larger movement – Seneca Falls, Montgomery, Selma, Stonewall. They were supported by lawyers, activists, family members, friends, neighborhood associations, churches, synagogues, and mosques.

'Presidents Come and Go, but the Constitution Stays'

It's in our collective power and the brilliance of our Constitution that we will not turn back, that we will move forward. We will come out stronger.

We have a genius Constitution that gives us mechanisms to correct ourselves over and over again. It gives us the values that guide us on the long road to fairness, equality and freedom. It is a great system, though not perfect. And it has held America together for over 200 years.

Presidents come and go, but this document stays – there are reasons that people like Khizr Khan hold it up.

The United States is the only country in which the officers of government and officers of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines swear their allegiance to the Constitution. They

do not swear to a King or to the State or the nation. The Constitution is our only law made BY THE PEOPLE of the United States. For that reason it is sacred.

I know that tonight you are worried about how resilient the Supreme Court is. So am I. But I have faith and trust in this document.

James Baldwin once said, "Ignorance, allied with power, is the most ferocious enemy justice can have." Well it's our job to challenge that ignorance and check uncontrolled power.

This document is our shield and our sword. It is the American experience, the struggle for democracy, the centrifugal force that defines the concepts of equality, liberty, freedom and justice.

We have been through difficult times before and this has always been our engine.

The ACLU was founded a hundred years ago during the Palmer Raids of the Red Scare: a time in which people were truly scared about the future of this country and the world.

We lived through – and took on – Joseph McCarthy, J. Edgar Hoover, and the anti-terrorism policies of the Bush Administration that crammed the USA Patriot Act through Congress, led to FBI round-ups of Middle Eastern men, and tried to close deportation hearings to the press and public.

At all those times the outlook was bleak. But we marshalled our resources, we built coalitions, we filed cases, we organized, and we held the line.

Our collective power is at its greatest when we come together around a shared vision, combine forces, and use whatever tool will get the job done.

Again and again, in my years doing this work, I have seen lawyers, social workers, librarians, teachers, doctors, journalists, students, elected officials, and scientists stand up – cross party lines – to do the right thing, and not only in the courts. I have watched wonderful coalitions come together – our allies like Planned Parenthood, Equality Michigan, American Constitution Society, ACCESS, NAACP, Anti-Defamation League, Freedom House, and so many others including many traditionally conservative organizations. We have sat down and sat in; we have marched; we have dissented; we have organized; and we got creative.

Just one year ago exactly we were here – in this very room – honoring Flint community activists, Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, Miguel del Toral, pastors, and the ACLU's investigative reporter Curt Guyette for their work bringing to light the water crisis in Flint. It was because of their collective action that the city was forced to return to the Detroit water system and the world was given the language to describe the horror of Flint citizens' existence.

Dr. Mona has said, "We thought our research, that science, would be enough. It wasn't ... but with all these voices beside me, the state backed down."

What a year. Who could have guessed how it would unfold: that some good old investigative reporting, science, diligence, and community organizing would call into account

government inaction, delay, intransigence, arrogance, and incompetence?

With the Immigrant Rights Center and 60 other organizations, we stopped the state from requiring residents to produce identification in order to get water.

Who would have guessed that we could force the state to translate public health information into different languages?

Who could have guessed that we could persuade the Department of Human Services to implement "deportation-free" zones so people can get bottled water?

We were nimble. We opened a temporary office in Flint to investigate conditions for immigrants, the public schools, and people living in public housing.

We filed a lawsuit with the Natural Resources Defense Council to replace the lead pipes and just yesterday a federal judge ordered that bottled water be delivered to every home in Flint.

And just last month we filed a federal class action to try to ensure that the public schools are safe for children – lead free – and (are) delivering a quality education to all children in this city.

'We Know this Fight'

What we will need to do is what all of us have always done – maybe bigger, bolder and better – but we know **how** to challenge systems in the courts, legislatures and communities. We know **how** to demand and get accountability and to defend and protect the most vulnerable. Folks, we know how to do this.

I know that during this campaign I was particularly disheartened, demoralized and enraged by Trump's challenge to the legitimacy of our country's first African-American president. I will never get over it.

But let's be real. The underbelly of racism we have seen this year is not new in America; it's not new in Flint; it's not new in Detroit. We've seen this before.

Right now Detroit is facing the largest tax foreclosure crisis since the Great Depression – a crisis that is leading to thousands of evictions because of unpaid taxes that should not have been assessed to begin with.

For two decades, our client Julia Aikens worked to make sure others were cared for. A medical assistant in a nursing home, Ms. Aikens spent the better part of her career looking after the elderly. Now, at age 67, she is at risk of losing her home.

Our client Walter Hicks was denied a poverty exemption because another person with the same name owned a separate piece of property, which the city counted as his asset. Even though it was the city's error, he's at risk of losing his home.

Our client Spirlin Moore, 77, who relies on Social Security, has been asked to pay mounting tax bills on a home that has been grossly overvalued. He is at risk of losing his home.

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And our client Edward Knapp, a Navy Veteran who served in Vietnam and has since struggled with homelessness, bought a home five years ago which he now may lose.

We are representing them in one of the most important cases ever filed under the Fair Housing Act. Each of them stepped up, not just for themselves, but for their neighbors, their neighborhoods, their Detroit. They formed neighborhood associations; they raised money to help each other out; they found allies. And they turned to the law.

I want to express our deep appreciation to all of them, who are here with us tonight. Being a party in a lawsuit is not easy work, especially if you have health challenges, transportation challenges, and are spending every ounce of energy and every dime on trying to hold onto your home – when you feel hopeless and when the system is stacked against you.

I want to ask our courageous clients to be recognized for your heroic efforts to save thousands of Detroit families from losing their homes. And I want to thank attorneys at Covington and Burling who have worked so hard to file this case, donating thousands of hours of time, dedicating partners to the litigation, and assigning stellar associates willing to work around the clock. They have been true partners and generous team players on this case and other cutting edge high impact civil rights cases here in Michigan – getting driver’s licenses for Dreamers and challenging ethnic profiling.

What these two stories – Flint and Detroit – tell us is that we are the most powerful when we work together, when we use new and different tools, when we organize across identity and focus on issues.

When we do that we know we will succeed. We saw that on Tuesday (Nov. 8).

Some Victories Last Tuesday

The attacks on immigrants mobilized people in Arizona to vote out of office the infamous racial profiler Sheriff Joe Arpaio in Maricopa County.

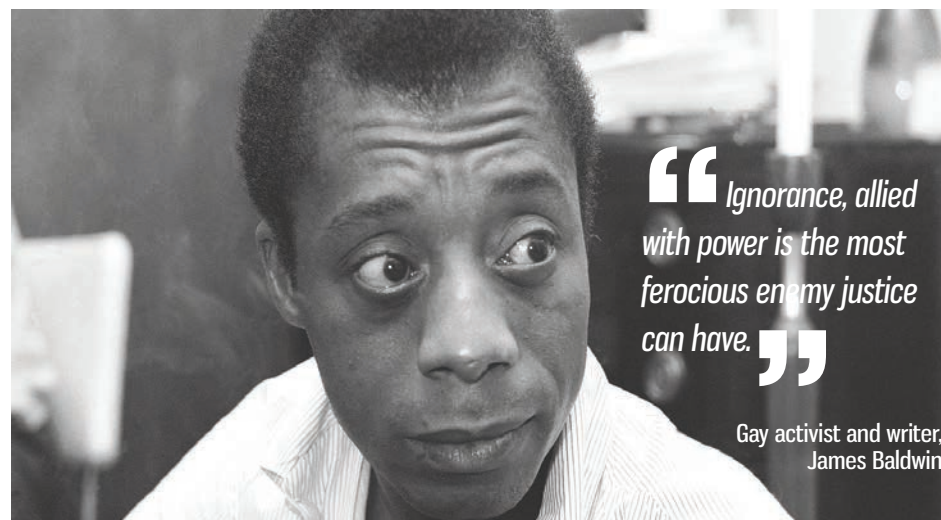
In Oklahoma, despite voting overwhelmingly for Trump, citizens passed two progressive criminal justice reform initiatives that will change felony and property drug offenses to misdemeanors.

In five states, voters decided to increase the minimum wage.

In Alaska, voters approved an initiative that automatically registers the many U.S. citizens who apply for benefits.

In California, voters passed major parole and juvenile justice reform which could mean freedom for thousands of people currently incarcerated.

“ Our collective power is at its greatest when we come together around a shared vision, combine forces, and use whatever tool will get the job done. ”



Plaintiffs Mildred and Richard Loving. Their 1967 Supreme Court case *Loving v. Virginia* overturned a law that made it illegal for a white person to be married to someone of another race.

In New Mexico, voters passed bail reform to stop detention of defendants solely because of financial inability to pay bail.

District attorneys who argued for less incarceration and for addressing racial disparities won races in Houston, Tampa, Cook County, and Orlando.

We are most powerful when we are unapologetically committed to our values – the values embedded in the Constitution and in our hard won civil rights laws.

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‘So This is My Promise’

So this is what I and the ACLU – from coast to coast – promise you tonight.

President-elect Trump will have to contend with the full firepower of the ACLU at his every step.

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We will strategize and devise plans to protect our constitutional and civil rights.

We will protect Supreme Court precedent.

We will redouble our efforts in Congress and state legislatures.

We will ensure equal treatment for women, and people of color, and LGBT individuals, Latinos, and Muslims and other religious minorities, immigrants and all marginalized people.

We will stand with children like Ehlena, who deserve a full and free education, just like every other child.

We will stand with women who fight for control of our own bodies.

We stand with the LGBTQ community.

We will protect the right to vote. We will fight to protect all of the hard won gains we have achieved. We are not turning back.

If we get justices who don’t support the Bill of Rights, we will go to the legislatures, we will go to the street, we will go the ballot box.

We will climb every step it takes – up or down, no matter how steep – to stand up for justice.

We will lift your voice no matter what it takes. That is my promise to you tonight.

“ What we will need to do is what all of us have always done – maybe bigger, bolder and better – but we know HOW to challenge systems in the courts, legislatures and communities. We know HOW to demand and get accountability and to defend and protect the most vulnerable. Folks, we know how to do this. ”

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How LGBT Candidates Across the Country Fared Election Day

BY LISA KEEN

Kate Brown became the first openly LGBT person to be elected governor, winning the office in Oregon Nov. 8. Elsewhere in the nation, there were only a few scattered “firsts” to be celebrated, and 61 percent of 188 openly LGBT candidates this year won their races.

By comparison, in 2012, out of 152 LGBT candidates on the ballot, 77 percent (118) won, while 22 percent (33) lost.

In addition to Brown, the winners included Leslie Herod, the first openly LGBT African-American elected to the Colorado House; Carlos Guillermo Smith, the first openly LGBT Latino to be elected to the Florida state Legislature, representing Orlando; and Sam Park, the first openly gay man to be elected to the Georgia Legislature.

All six incumbent LGBT members of Congress won re-election Nov. 8, but other candidates for federal office had tough fights: None of the 12 newcomers seeking seats in Congress won. Two sought U.S. Senate seats, and 10 sought House seats. Businesswoman Angie Craig was expected to beat a Trump-like radio talk show host for Minnesota’s 2nd Congressional district, but fell short 45 percent to Jason Lewis’ 47 percent. Eight percent of the vote went to an independent candidate.

Candidates for State House and Senate seats fared much better: 74 percent of the 89 candidates won. Among the winners was newcomers Daniel Hernandez, the aide who

helped save the life of then U.S. Rep. Gabby Giffords during a 2011 shooting incident in Tucson, Arizona. Hernandez won a seat to the Arizona State House. Toni Atkins, who was term limited out of her position as Speaker of the California Assembly, won a seat in the State Senate. Among the incumbents to win re-election was Minnesota State Rep. Karen Clark. Clark was elected in 1980 and has now been re-elected 18 times, representing the south Minneapolis area.

In local office elections, 33 out of 60 LGBT candidates won. Among them was newcomer Jimmy Flannigan who unseated an incumbent for a seat on the City Council in Austin, Texas.

And half of 16 LGBT candidates for elective judicial seats won election Tuesday. Kim Ogg beat out an incumbent to become Houston’s new district attorney. And, in Washington State, lesbian Mary Yu won re-election to her seat on the Washington Supreme Court.

But the biggest victory by far for the LGBT community on Nov. 8 was that of Kate Brown, in her first run for governor of Oregon. Brown won with 51 percent of the vote. Her Republican challenger took 44 percent, and three other candidates took the remaining five percent.

“Kate Brown’s win in Oregon is one for the history books,” said Aisha C. Moodie-Mills, president of the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund.

Brown, a bisexual married for almost 20 years to her husband Dan Little, is the first openly LGBT person to be elected as



Kate Brown became the first openly LGBT person to be elected governor, winning the office in Oregon Nov. 8. File Photo: Michael Key, Washington Blade.

governor anywhere in the country. (The first LGBT person to serve as governor was Jim McGreevey, who came out as gay after being elected governor of New Jersey and then resigned office.)

Brown has been elected a state representative, a state senator, and then twice as Oregon’s Secretary of State but stepped into the governor’s position in 2015, after then Gov. John Kitzhaber resigned following an ethics scandal.

Brown, 56, embraces the opportunities she has to help the LGBT community. She told the Washington Post Nov. 9, “I will, within my role at the National Governors’ Association and other organizations like the Western Governors Association, continue to use that voice and my experiences as a member of the LGBT community, as well as my female voice, to help us push forward as a nation.”

The 188 LGBT candidates spanned 36 states plus the District of Columbia. California had the greatest number of LGBT candidates by far, with 50; followed by Washington State with 10, and Georgia with nine. Michigan had six LGBT candidates, and all won. Three won re-election or election to the State House: Jon Hoadley, Jeremy Moss, and newcomer Tim Sneller. Three others won local offices: Brian McGrain in Ingham County, Jason Morgan in Washtenaw County, and Richard Renner in Pioneer.

One candidate this year came out during his re-election campaign: North Carolina State Rep. Cecil Brockman of Greensboro publicly acknowledged being bisexual in an interview with his local paper Nov. 3. Brockman, 32, was running unopposed for his seat in the General Assembly.

Brockman told the News & Record, “I always felt that I tried to stick up for the LGBT community, even when I wasn’t ‘out.’ I want to do more of my part, to be stronger and admit to the world that I’m actually a member of this community as well.”

► Stunner: Trump Wins

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will also give us a roadmap for fair-minded, moral, compassionate people to come together like never before and fight. It will take longer, it will be harder, but rest assured that united and working in partnership with people of good conscience, we will get there.”

Despite his campaign being criticized for its racist appeals, Trump developed a reputation for largely avoiding opposition to LGBT rights. Unlike many of his 16 competitors for the Republican presidential nomination, Trump refused to endorse a U.S. constitutional amendment against the Supreme Court’s marriage decision. When Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) ahead of the Indiana primary stoked fears of transgender people using the restroom, Trump stayed away from that line of messaging.

In the week before the election, Trump at a Colorado rally unfurled and waved an upside-down rainbow Pride flag bearing “LGBTs for Trump,” although he never backed up

that action with any explicit commitment to LGBT rights.

For abstaining from explicit LGBT attacks over the course of his campaign, Trump’s (admittedly few) LGBT supporters dubbed him the most pro-LGBT Republican presidential nominee in history.

National Log Cabin Republicans, which had withheld its endorsement from Trump, congratulated the president-elect in a statement upon news of his victory.

“Mr. Trump’s unprecedented and repeated overtures to ‘the LGBTQ community’ were invariably lauded by our organization, and we look forward to seeing those words turn to action in a Trump administration,” the statement says. “We likewise stand firm in our unwavering commitment to working with our country’s president-elect to ensure the historic advances in LGBT freedom we have fought for and secured will continue.”

But Trump, in addition to cultivating relationships with social conservative leaders known for their opposition to LGBT rights, pledged to appoint to the Supreme Court

justices in the mold of the late U.S. Associate Justice Antonin Scalia. The candidate endorsed federal “religious freedom” legislation known as the First Amendment Defense Act, said he’s “with the state” on North Carolina’s HB2 law and threatened to roll back the Obama administration’s executive action on behalf of LGBT people.

In a February 2016 interview with the Christian Broadcasting Network’s David Brody, Trump urged social conservatives to trust him to oppose same-sex marriage, calling the Supreme Court decision in favor of gay nuptials “shocking.”

“I was very much in favor of having the court rule that it goes to states, and let the states decide,” Trump said. “And that was a shocking decision for you and for me and for a lot of other people, but I was very much in favor of letting the states decide and that’s the way it looked it was going and then all of a sudden out of nowhere came this very massive decision and they took it away. But I was always in favor of state’s rights; states deciding.”

Chad Griffin, president of the Human Rights

Campaign, called upon Trump in a statement to cast aside the divisiveness of his campaign and choose a different path for his presidency,

“Over the last 18 months, Donald Trump and Mike Pence have intentionally sowed fear and division for cynical political purposes. They now face a decision about whether they will also govern that way. We hope, for the sake of our nation and our diverse community – which includes women, people of color, those with disabilities, immigrants, and people of all faiths and traditions – they will choose a different path.

Clinton and Trump were granted the same opportunity to participate in an interview with the Washington Blade, but Trump, unlike Clinton, never delivered responses after being sent questions even though his campaign said he would answer them.

Inauguration Day is Jan. 20.

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today we will continue to walk down a brave path - we cannot do it alone though. The development of our #SafeBraveSpace can only continue with your continued support and partnership. The need for a space for our community to come together with an accepting, affirming, and transformative atmosphere is essential now more than ever.”
- Curtis Lipscomb, executive director of LGBT Detroit.

“Our businesses will continue to thrive, our community will continue to be more visible and our commitment to equality is even stronger. We need the corporations and business community, now more than ever, to invest in minority and LGBT organizations and trust that doing the right thing is pushing forward towards true equality in every community around this country. The Detroit Regional



- Kevin Heard, president of Detroit Regional LGBT Chamber of Commerce.



“The entire election cycle has been an emotional experience for many in the LGBTQ community and I would like people to know that Affirmations is dedicated to supporting individuals as they process the many feelings evoked as a result. As with most elections, there is a potential for anti-LGBTQ legislation on a local, state and national level which has led to anxiety in many. Affirmations is a safe space available 12 hours a day, 6 days a week, 52 weeks a year.”
- Susan Erspamer, executive director at Affirmations

LGBT Chamber of Commerce will continue to represent the LGBT businesses and people of this region with strength, integrity, and leadership, whomever is president.”



Trump as our next president has me worried about what this means for those of us who are LGBTQ and our allies in the other marginalized communities like immigrants, Muslims and people of color, to name a few. What we do know, is that division and tribalism strain the fabric of our American community. We have a lot of work to do. No matter how daunting the task is, we have to keep fighting for our dignity and equality and for the dignity of everyone.”

- Steph White, executive director of Equality Michigan



“Last night was a sad and sobering wake up call for those of us who value diversity and enlightenment. I don't know about you, but the election of Donald

“Now more than ever, we need to come together. We need to support each other. More than that, we need to unite and show Donald Trump and all his supporters that we won't stand

for this. We won't stand for racism. We won't stand for sexism and misogyny. We won't stand for homophobia and transphobia and bathroom panic. Before Tuesday, it had been more than a year since someone had directed a homophobic or transphobic slur towards me (at least to my face). Since Tuesday, I have been called a faggot, a tranny, a piece of shit queer, and told to leave the country. All that in just two days. That's the message this country sent when they elected Trump - that bullying is ok. That mistreating people is ok. That physical violence is an appropriate response to anger. That racism and sexism and homo/transphobia are ok. So now we are left with the task of showing them that we won't stand for it. We need to come together. We need to organize and protest and use the voices they're trying to take away from us.”

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to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, endowed with certain unalienable Rights, including Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

Believing in this promise, we took “Men: to mean humankind and despite being written in a time when patriarchy was the rule, we credited our “founding fathers” with the wisdom and foresight to use words that were expansive, would evolve to include all who called America home.

There’s no escaping it. Now we must deal with the ugly bleeding wound that has always been there underneath our bandages festering in the hearts and minds of faces we thought were friends, family and neighbors while caring for and supporting those most vulnerable who will surely feel the brunt of the tumultuous days ahead.

But the real is that although the words were expansive the politics/laws that developed, this promise were designed to maintain a system that did not include future Americans.

We tried to fix it but it’s became like a wound on our country’s skin. It started unblemished, then it got that scrape. We put a Band-Aid on it, but it never healed and the injustices/inequities festered under our well intentioned fixes.

We put the 13th amendment bandage on it and abolished slavery and involuntary servitude, but left a little bit of dirt in the wound which left the door for mass incarcerations of African-Americans under Jim Crow and continues to ooze with the inequities of the school-to-prison pipeline on communities of color.

We put the 19th amendment bandage on it giving women the right to vote, but left that little bit of dirt that did not ensure they would receive equal wages for equal labor, or protect their reproductive rights.

And we can’t forget that 12th amendment bandage that established the Electoral College which I’m sure made sense in 1804, but our expanding, mobile, diverse society in 2016 once again is superseding the vote of the people for an archaic formula that no longer has relevancy.

For years we have been slapping one Band-Aid after another on this broke system. The Obama Band-Aid was supposed to move us into a post-racial society but didn’t heal the blood from the wounds that that had seeped out with the murders of Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Sandra Bland and far too many murdered for being black.

It didn’t heal the wound that festered from the blood of African-Americans incarcerated at nearly six times the rate of whites or the scourge of 58 percent African-Americans and Latinos comprising all prisoners even though, in 2008, African-Americans and Latinos made up only approximately one quarter of the U.S. population.

The LGBTQ movement got its Band-Aids too. The Matthew Shepard-James Byrd Law, repeal of Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell, and marriage equality. But left behind bubbling unhealed wounds caused by the damage of the lack of workplace non-discrimination rules; “ex- gay” conversion therapy; LGBT youth homelessness; and widespread anti-trans violence that has seen over 20 deaths in 2016.

The Band-Aids quit sticking. The wound was too deep, too messy. The progressive/liberal/dreamers wanted to ease it off

so we could get in there and clean things up. But on Nov. 8 it got ripped off, snatched off. The seepage from our nation’s unhealed wounds didn’t ooze out: it exploded in anger, hate and fear.

This election and the ugly rhetoric building up to Nov. 8 has left many of us in shock.

There’s no escaping it. Now we must deal with the ugly bleeding wound that has always been there underneath our bandages festering in the hearts and minds of faces we thought were friends, family and neighbors while caring for and supporting those most vulnerable who will surely feel the brunt of the tumultuous days ahead.

So now what? We/our country is a bloody, nasty mess. We have to get in there and honestly look at what divides us, what scares us and what will bring us together. We have to clean out/

up our broken democracy, find ways to build bridges – even forgive.

It will be hard work. It will probably get worse before it gets better. There will be more blood and ugliness, but with vigilant attention, consistent care/action, fresh air/voices, gained understanding, and love for all humankind we can heal.

We have to because we can only be stronger together.

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Playwright Tarell Alvin McCraney at the Miami premiere of "Moonlight." Photo: Getty Images

Meet the Playwright Whose Life Story Inspired This Year's Gay-Themed Hit 'Moonlight'

BY CHRIS AZZOPARDI

"It was a lot," Tarell Alvin McCraney says of his oddly coincidental evening recently, when the out playwright attended the premiere of "Moonlight" in Miami, where he grew up.

Family he hadn't met before came out in droves. His brother showed up, and longtime

friends too. It also happened to be the birthday of "Kevin," a childhood confidante from his youth who was the basis for an influential character in "Moonlight."

"I'm like..." he starts, grunting with frustration at an experience he calls "difficult" and "complicated."

"I mean, it was a full moon," McCraney continues. "It was a year to the day it started

filming, it was my birthday weekend – and there was a storm, but then there were, like, clear skies."

That day, as he watched the film adaptation of his semi-autobiographical stage piece, "In Moonlight Black Boys Look Blue," in a theater just a quick jaunt from where he was raised, the intersections between reality and film were palpable. So were his feelings.

During the premiere in Miami, "a lot of me wanted to be like, 'It's happening, go to sleep,'" but in London, he says, "It was easy to tell the lineal space between reality and myth and fiction."

McCraney wrote "In Moonlight Black Boys Look Blue" in 2003, while experiencing "depression" and "sadness" as he grieved the loss of his mother, who died that summer.

Like the film's protagonist, Chiron, whose life unfolds in three chapters, the playwright has always preferred expressing himself outside of conversation.

"I can talk ad nauseam about art, but ask me how I feel that day and I can barely say about five words," he says, chuckling. For McCraney, making his press rounds for "Moonlight" is a new, unnerving process. "Normally people ask the same five questions about the play and you kind of go, 'Thanks so much, and it's about this and come see it,' but this is different."

McCraney wrote his first play at age 13. Later, he graduated from Yale School of Drama's playwriting program, receiving the Cole Porter Playwriting Award upon graduation. In 2013, the playwright garnered the MacArthur "Genius" Grant. Though McCraney, now 36, has written several plays since his teenage years, including "The Brothers Size," which earned him the 2009 New York Times Outstanding Playwright Award, "In Moonlight Black Boys Look Blue" reflects his life most intimately and explores a question he has a better grasp of now: "Why wasn't I brave enough to become like the men I knew in my life?"

Directed by Barry Jenkins, who also grew up in Miami's Liberty City, just blocks away from McCraney, "Moonlight" chronicles Chiron's discovery of identity and sexuality through a multi-tiered, age-shifting narrative: "I: Little," when we meet small, shy Chiron, who lives with his drug-addicted mother and essentially becomes the adopted son of a compassionate crack dealer, Juan; "II: Chiron," when he first sexually engages with his friend, Kevin; and "III: Black," which ends with grown Chiron, hardened and on the same path as Juan, though still sexually conflicted.

"The original piece," McCraney says, "was and is a kind of meditation on what my life could be, less about what my life actually is." He unleashes a hearty laugh. "Clearly, I was trying to do some sort of inner excavation. But for me, it's about watching how identity plays out and looking at chaotic portions of my childhood and trying to figure out when there were other alternatives and what did those alternatives look like."

Few existed for young McCraney, who snuck ballet lessons behind his father's back and admits he would've felt ashamed to tell

this story during his adolescence.

"I think, for me, if there is a someone like me out there..." he says, trailing off. "I feel like this piece talks so much about an American phenomenon of hyper masculinity that exists in so many forms."

Because "I was not that brave," he continues, McCraney admires the brazen nature of child actors Alex R. Hibbert (the first chapter's "Little") and Jaden Piner (the first chapter's Kevin), who he calls "my heroes."

"Kids are already so much more exposed and integrated than I was in terms of just understanding the voices of the world," he says. "It's important for me to see that these young people are finding avenues and platforms in which to speak their truth, not just about their own sexual identity, but that they want a diverse community and that their community is full of the voices that sometimes get siloed and stifled."

The voice of the black, gay man is finally being heard in "Moonlight," as demonstrated by its initial rollout at the end of October, when the film banked an impressive \$414,740 on just four screens in New York and Los Angeles.

"People are walking away feeling like they've met somebody," he says. "I think that's what the film does. Barry was really adamant about making sure that you lived with Chiron and all of his iterations in a way that you probably might not have if this film was made by

somebody else."

For McCraney, "it preserves all the things that are important to me."

As for the film's success – both commercially, and as a projected Oscar contender – it's not something he or Jenkins expected, the playwright says.

"I guess I wasn't really thinking, 'Oh, we're gonna be talking about it at film screenings across the world,'" McCraney admits. "I just thought, 'We're telling a really good story, so I'm into it and you're into it, and we're into it in the same way, so let's tell it.'"

Chris Azzopardi is the editor of Q Syndicate, the international LGBT wire service. He can proudly say Mariah Carey once called him a "daaahhhling." Reach him via his website at www.chris-azzopardi.com and on Twitter (@chrisazzopardi).

“It's important for me to see that these young people are finding avenues and platforms in which to speak their truth, not just about their own sexual identity, but that they want a diverse community and that their community is full of the voices that sometimes get siloed and stifled.”

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Love Wears On

BY KATE OPALEWSKI

Love loud and proud. That's the message Michigan-based clothing company Closets are for Clothes is sending with their custom T-shirt designs made to support the LGBTQ+ community and its allies.

"If our support can inspire even one person who has been struggling, if we can give them a voice, if we can open just one closed mind, it will all be worth it," said Ang Frank of Plymouth and co-founder of CAFC, about their designs that make a statement.

Frank and her business partner Jessie Eskildsen of Westland started screenprinting T-shirts three years ago in a Garden City basement then sold them out of their backpacks at various Pride festivals throughout the states.

"When we first started selling them, we sold about 20 shirts. During our next Pride we sold over 100. Our online sales increased and we were reaching a much larger audience than originally intended," said Eskildsen, adding that CAFC became "official" in May 2014. Since then, the company has sold T-shirts to people in 36 out of 50 states in the country. The goal is to cover the map. To accommodate this growth in sales and maintain the quality of their product, CAFC collaborates with custom printed apparel provider Underground Printing in Ann Arbor.

"We feel that Pride should be celebrated regularly. That's why each one of our shirts is designed to promote love and acceptance," said Frank. "Our everyday Pride apparel is our little way of keeping the parade going all year long."

The pair understands the importance of operating with honesty and integrity despite the way they have been treated. Both young entrepreneurs were fired

from previous jobs based on their sexual orientation.

"We realized that if CAFC is going to ask for your bravery, then the very least we can do is be brave ourselves" said Frank, a student who also works as a nanny. "We promise to continue living out loud in hopes to encourage others to do the same."

That includes helping each other.

"The day after the election, Jessie was having a meltdown. She said she was going to go back in the closet, she was terrified of becoming a target," said Frank. "I had to talk some sense into her, reminding her to love out loud as you always have. People depend on you for your courage. Lead by example. Yeah, it's scary, but you can't go back in the closet. You're not going to find happiness there. No matter what, love who you love, do things for you. You can't let this change the way you live."

So she didn't. In fact, since Nov. 8 Eskildsen is feeling more secure, specifically at work as a graphic and web designer, where her coworkers have publicly showed their support.

"People who I work with have said 'hey, I have your back.' We do have allies out there where we least expect it," she said noting her responsibility to be a role model for the next generation. "The kids voting in our next election don't feel like they should have to hide so I can't hide. We are stronger together."

The T's

The idea behind their most popular T-shirt design, Love Outlaw, is simple – to love outside the law, to create a movement encouraging others to live and love out loud.

"There is so much shame that fills

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Closets are for Clothes Co-Founders Ang Frank and Jessie Eskildsen. Photo courtesy of CAFC

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BY BTL STAFF

The Between The Lines Holiday Gift Guide is full of the best entertainment ideas and the hottest gift ideas for the LGBT community, thanks to the many advertisers who support the publication. But, it is also important to recognize that the idea of giving gifts this year might be challenging when the election cycle has left some friends and families battered. Many local organizations will provide the opportunity for members of the community to come together over a holiday meal together or simply give the gift of their time and love to help others in need.

TLGB Thanksgiving Dinner

On Nov. 24 from 1:30-4:30 p.m., all TLGB individuals are invited to Affirmations at 290 W. Nine Mile Road in Ferndale to see

some of their family from the community as well as those that have no one else to spend Thanksgiving with. The Gender-Identity Network Alliance will host this potluck event. Turkey will be provided. Feel free to bring a dish to pass. For more information, visit the Affirmations Facebook page



Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The First Congregational Church at 145 Capital Ave. in Battle Creek invites the LGBTQA community for a complete Thanksgiving meal with all the sides and trimmings, plus the opportunity to enjoy the company of friends and chosen family. Battle Creek Pride's Fifth Annual event happens on Nov. 25 from 5-8 p.m. Check out their website www.battlecreekpride.org for more information.

Save the Date for #GivingTuesday

After the excesses of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, Transgender Michigan offers their community a chance to show their gratitude by participating in #GivingTuesday. On Nov. 29, support the nonprofit organization with a tax-deductible contribution online at www.networkforgood.com. Transgender Michigan is able to continue working to ensure that transgender

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Capuchin School Night Out

For young adults, ages 21-35, looking for an opportunity to give back to those in need, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen invites them to their Second Annual Capuchin School Night Out event on Dec. 8 at 5:30 p.m. at Brew Detroit at 1401 Abbott St. in Detroit. CSK consists of its Meldrum and Conner kitchen and dining room sites, Capuchin Services Center, Rosa Parks Children & Youth program, Earthworks Urban Farm, On the Rise Bakery, and Jefferson House.

Network with friends over heavy hors d'oeuvres, drinks, music and a brewery tour.

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This community-based group made by and for transmasculine identified people in the greater Detroit and Southeast Michigan area invites members of the community to celebrate a belated turkey day with them. Bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish to pass and they will supply the turkey on Nov. 27 from 6-10 p.m. at 313 W. Webster in Ferndale. Check them out at www.facebook.com/FtMDetroit/ or email them at ftmdetroit@gmail.com.

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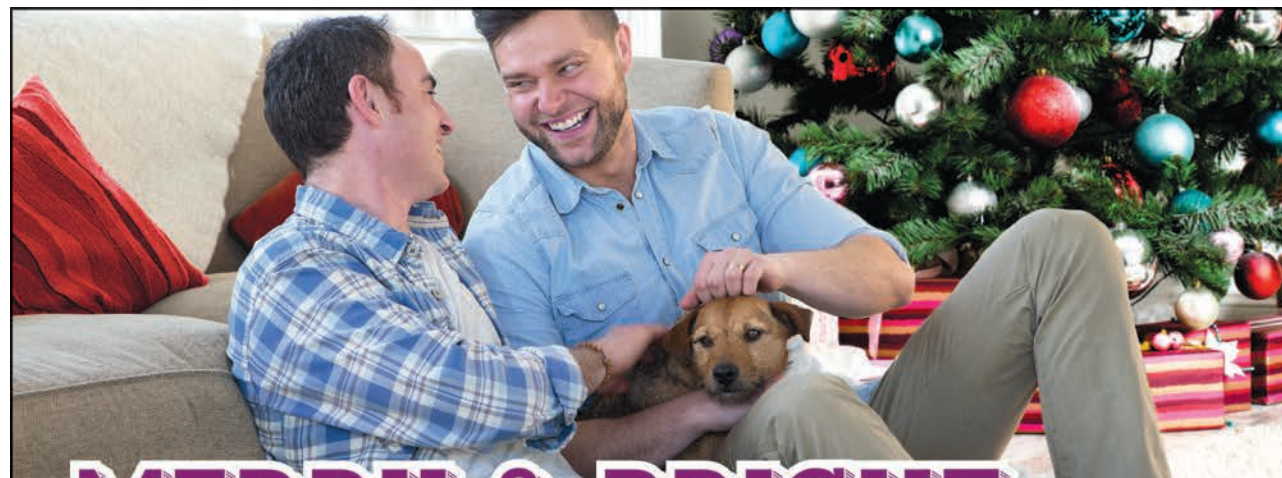
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Share what your Al-Anon program has given to you and why you're grateful at St. Margaret's Church at 21201 E. 13 Mile Road in St. Clair Shores on Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Purchase a Michigan-themed holiday card

The Forgotten Harvest in Oak Park recently unveiled their Michigan-themed holiday cards to benefit the organization. Options include: a brand new "Happy, Healthy Christmas" design, which reinforces FH's focus on fresh food rescue; the popular "Michigan Mitten" and "Motor City" cards, designed by Matt LeBarre Illustration; and the "Detroit Holiday Spirit" card, designed by Detroit Free Press cartoonist Mike Thompson. Last year, holiday card purchases helped FH provide over 100,000 meals to the hungry. Cards are available for a donation of \$28 (in packs of 20) and can be purchased by contacting Nicky Heins at 248-268-7521.

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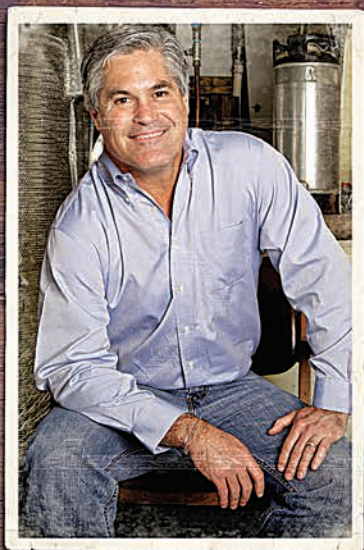
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the hearts of those within the LGBTQ+ community. What we wanted to do, more than anything, was to erase it," said Frank. "Together we form an army of lovers, following our hearts instead of the path that society expects us to follow. We are Love Outlaws, and we're proud to be authentic."

The Olly Olly Oxen Free T-shirt is CAFC's battle cry to anyone that has ever been made to feel like who they are is something to hide. For those who have found themselves, and those who are still searching.

It seemed right to pay tribute to their roots so Frank and Eskildsen created the MI Love Is Equal T-shirt during the fight for marriage equality. "We have a special place in our hearts for the mitten," said Frank.

CAFC's everyday Pride apparel is gender neutral and is offered in a few different colors and styles, such as v-necks, crewnecks or tank tops.

Looking ahead, Eskildsen said they are discussing new T-shirt ideas to unveil in 2017 to include transgender and ally designs. Proceeds from the sale of T-shirts, which are \$25 each, will help CAFC continue inspiring the LGBTQ+



made possible with help from family members and several friends to include CAFC volunteers – creative contributor James Danger, social media manager Tiffani Edwards, office manager Jett Taylor and event coordinator Jackie Mack.

Frank said, "It was our hope, that by sharing these stories, it could inspire others to find courage to share their own."

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A diverse team of love outlaws volunteered as LGBT models for various CAFC photo shoots. Photos courtesy of Kelly Karnesky

community.

"We're not worried about money," said Eskildsen. "We're all about spreading love."

Coming Out of the Closet

In an effort to support the LGBTQ+ community, CAFC does more than just sell T-shirts. As noted on their website, CAFC "hopes to continue to serve as a light in the dark, to find your way out, and to be proud when you get there." Because coming out can be such a difficult process, CAFC teamed up with SC Visual Productions to create a two-part documentary on YouTube called "From Here on Out." The video contains a collection of heartfelt coming out stories

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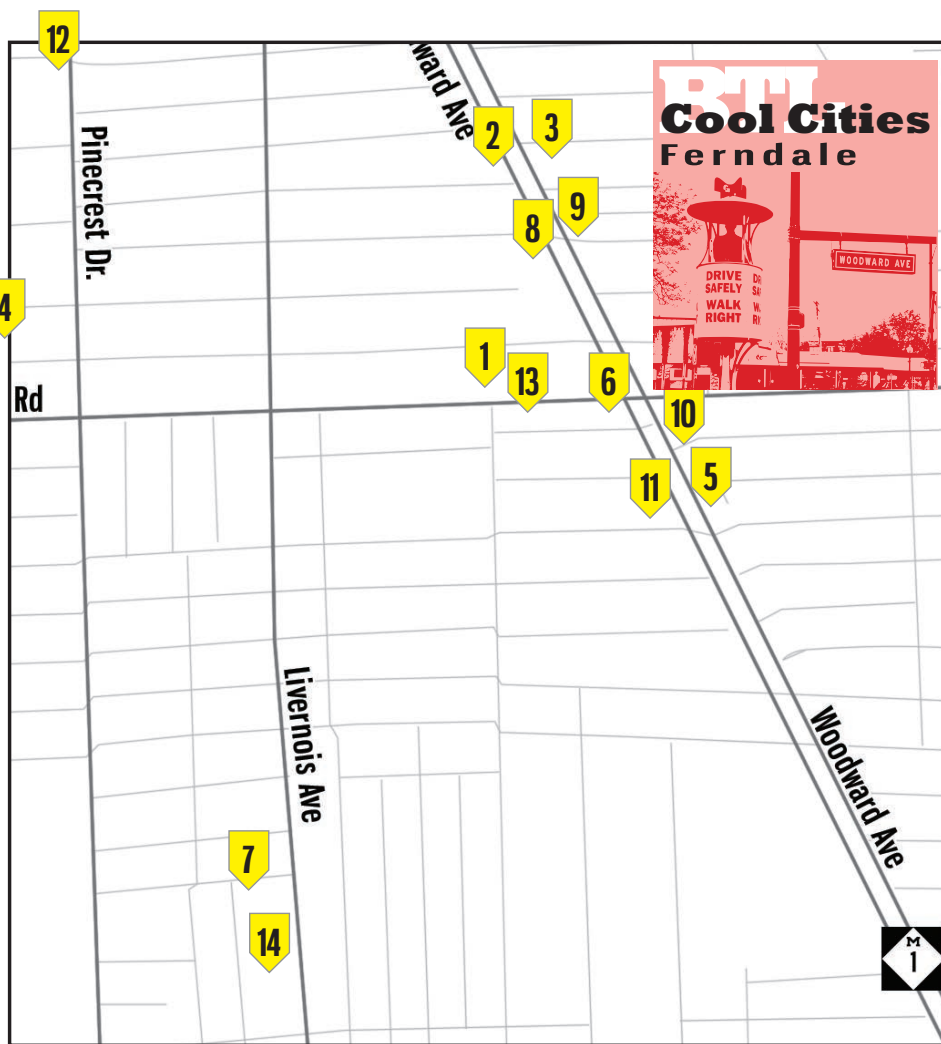


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The first is to identify a family in need of assistance by sending their contact information via email to Syeda Davidson at sdavidson@goaffirmations.org. Davidson will reach out the family to confirm that they want to be part of this project. No families

entered will be forced to participate.

Another way to help is to be willing to purchase gifts, clothes or a meal guided by the request of a family in need as provided by Davidson, who will connect givers with one of the identified families. Details about that family will be provided including what kinds of gifts the family may need along with other household supplies or gifts specific to children and the elderly. Demographic information about the family will be sent by Davidson no later than Nov. 23.

Participants have until Dec. 16 to acquire all of the gifts they would like to donate and have them delivered to Affirmations. Those who want to participate but cannot commit to purchasing gifts have the opportunity to assist in gift wrapping on Dec. 17 or gift delivery Dec. 19-23. To sign up, contact Davidson.

More Ways to Spread Holiday Cheer

There are many opportunities for to help in the metro Detroit area this year at local churches and by contacting local organizations who are accepting a variety of donations.

Goodfellow Fund of Detroit: Call 586-775-6139. Goodfellow Fund is accepting children's toys, clothing and food. Girls aged 4-10 also receive a doll dressed by an area volunteer.

Toys for Tots, local Detroit chapter: Visit www.detroit-mi.toysfortots.org.

United Way of Southeastern Michigan: Visit <http://volunteer.truist.com/uwsem/org/dir-a-l.html>.

2 HANDS: www.2hands.org is a free resource for registered members.

The Information Center: Offers Adopt-A-Family resources where donors are supplied with the first names and the wish list of a local family. Also accepts gift certificates and cash donations. Call 734-282-7171 or email info@theinfocenter.info.

Adopt A Family 2011 Volunteers of America Michigan: Call 248-353-4862. Apply online for assistance.

Focus HOPE: Share with a Senior program. Call 313-494-5500.

Heart to Heart Ministries: Call 313-573-9076.

Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan: Call 248-353-8222.

“True Meaning of Christmas” Dinner: William Ford Senior Activity Center. Call 313-291-7740

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Goodfellows of Ferndale: Call 248-546-2510 “Let No Child Be Without A Christmas” is the Goodfellow's motto. For Ferndale and Pleasant Ridge families only.

Washtenaw Community Elves: Visit help@washtenawelves.com www.washtenawelves.com

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Detroit Elders 5 p.m. Attendance is free. SAGE Metro Detroit, 4750 Woodward, Detroit. 313-833-1300 ext. 15. <https://sagemetrodetroit.org>

Jane Fulton Suri Inspired by Life 5:10 p.m. Partner Emeritus and Executive Design Director at IDEO uncovering insight to inform and inspire design for organizations worldwide. Free & open to the public. Penny W. Stamps School of Art & Design, 603 E Liberty St, Ann Arbor. http://stamps.umich.edu/stamps/detail/jane_fulton_suri

Friday, Nov. 18

Discussion on cell phone addiction. 7:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Mark McMillan, LLMSW, 25600 Woodward Avenue, Suite 215, Royal Oak. (248) 399-7447. OfficeMgr@crsh.com <http://www.crsh.com/workshops/ls-your-partner-addicted-to-their-phone>

Kickshaw Karaoke 9 p.m. This informal party will celebrate Kickshaws community of artists, connectivity partners, and supporters to sing, dance, and get to know each other better. Attendees must be over 21 to enter, admission is free, and singing is encouraged but not required. Kickshaw Theatre, 3530 Jackson Rd, Ann Arbor. 734-203-0556. curious@kickshawtheatre.org

Red Hot Fridays 9 p.m. No cover charge before midnight. Password "Red Hot." Red Door Night Club, 22901 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. 248-541-1600. info@reddoornightclub.com www.reddoornightclub.com

Sunday, Nov. 20

Dr. Elsey's CFA International Cat Show 11 a.m. More than 41 breeds of cats who will be competing for numerous prizes and honors. Tickets: \$5-\$10. Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave, Novi. www.cfa.org/AboutCFA/News/PressReleases/PressRelease2016InternationalShow.aspx

A Drag Queen Christmas 8 p.m. A Drag Queen Christmas starring Kim Chi, Naomi Smalls, Alyssa Edwards, Latrice Royal, Pearl and Roxxy Andrews. Hosted by Bob The Drag Queen! All ages welcome. Tickets are \$20 - \$75 plus applicable fees. Limited VIP meet and greet tickets are also available. Murray & Peter, 303 Monroe Ave., Grand Rapids. 1-800-745-3000.

Monday, Nov. 21

Transgender Day of Remembrance 5 p.m. Visit the website to see various Day of Remembrance celebrations around southeastern Michigan. Transgender Michigan, Detroit. www.transgendermichigan.org/events/remembrance.html

Alcoholics Anonymous 5:45 Serenity 5:30 p.m. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. www.goaffirmations.org/programs-services/support-discussion-groups

FTM Detroit 7 p.m. This discussion provides trans men an opportunity to discuss a fuller image of transition within their larger life including deconstruction of doubt, male privilege, vulnerability and more. Attendance restricted to FTM/transgender men, anyone who identifies on the transmasculine side of the spectrum. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road,

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Tuesday, Nov. 22

Care To Dance? 7 p.m. Learn to urban ballroom. Sisterhood Social Excursions, 8670 Grand River Ave., Detroit. www.meetup.com

Narcotics Anonymous 7 p.m. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. www.goaffirmations.org/programs-services/support-discussion-groups

Transgender Life Support 7 p.m. An open discussion group for people identifying as transgender and their allies. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. www.goaffirmations.org/programs-services/support-discussion-groups

Newly Single 7 p.m. A support and discussion group for those who are newly single and are coping with the loss of a relationship. The group offers support, resources, skill building opportunities and social events. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. www.goaffirmations.org/programs-services/support-discussion-groups

Thursday, Nov. 24

All Genders Film Night 6:30 p.m. A social group to view and discuss films that relate to the unique challenges in the LGBTQ community. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. www.goaffirmations.org/programs-services/support-discussion-groups

Gender Non-Conformists 7 p.m. A social and support group for genderqueer, genderfabulous, transgender, gender-exploring folks and all those who transgress gender binaries. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. www.goaffirmations.org/programs-services/support-discussion-groups

Parent Support Group 7 p.m. Dr. Melissa

Editor's Pick

Fitz and the Tantrums Comes to Fillmore Detroit



Indie pop and neo soul band from L.A., Fitz and The Tantrums, comes to the Fillmore Detroit one night only on Nov. 19. Their debut 2010 studio album, "Pickin' Up the Pieces," received critical acclaim and reached No. 1 on the Billboard Heatseekers chart.

The band was founded by Michael Fitzpatrick in 2008 after he purchased an old Conn electric organ and wrote the song "Breakin' the Chains of Love." Shortly after he contacted saxophonist and old college friend James King, who recommended singer Noelle Scaggs and drummer John Wicks. Wicks later brought in bassist Joseph Karnes and keyboardist Jeremy Ruzumna. They immediately clicked and Fitz and The Tantrums was born. Until their studio album was launched six years ago, the band toured with Hepcat and Flogging Molly and opened eight concerts on the Maroon 5 "Back to School" Tour.

See the band perform live at The Fillmore. Tickets: \$15-\$65. For more information and to purchase tickets before the show, visit <http://livemu.sc/2ep18Q9>.

Ferndale. 248-398-7105. www.goaffirmations.org/programs-services/support-discussion-groups

Sexual Addicts Anonymous 7 p.m.

In Our Midst The Opioid Epidemic, and a Community Response 7:30 p.m. By Dr. Stephen Strobbe, PhD, RN, PMHCNS-BC, CARN-AP Clinical Associate Professor, University of Michigan. Free open to anyone with personal or professional interest. Dawn Farm, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. 734-485-8725. info@dawnfarm.org <http://www.dawnfarm.org/programs/education-series>

Farrell, LCP and Roz Keith facilitate ongoing group for parents of trans youth to better understand what it means to be transgender. Event is free. Stand With Trans, 5725 Walnut Lake Rd, West Bloomfield Twp. 248-661-5700. laura@temple-israel.org

Friday, Nov. 25

Black Friday Band Bazaar 8 a.m. Support local bands, artists, and vendors! Shop local this holiday season! Tickets: \$6. Static Network, 715 E. Milwaukee, Detroit. 313-873-2955. suestatic@aol.com www.Tangentgallery.com

Saturday, Nov. 26

Smart Recovery 10 a.m. Smart Recovery offers people with any type of addiction a place to learn how to change unwanted behaviors through cognitive based methods. This is a non-12 step program, led by Smart Recovery trainers, and does not require abstinence. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. www.goaffirmations.org/programs-services/support-discussion-groups

Wednesday, Nov. 23

Senior Koffee Klatch 1 p.m. A discussion and networking group for people 45 years of age and older. Various discussion topics, social outings and potlucks are incorporated throughout the year. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. www.goaffirmations.org/programs-services/support-discussion-groups

Middlepath Meditation 6 p.m. Guided meditation covering various topics and methods followed by silent meditations. \$5 suggested donation. No registration needed. This is a drop-in event. Michigan Pagans, 224 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-548-1415. www.bostontearoom.com

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Editor's Pick

Join the Center for Relationship and Sexual Health in a Social Media Focused Relationship-Workshop

Social media apps like Facebook, SnapChat and Periscope are three of 65-80 apps on an average iPhone/Android phone. Is your partner constantly looking down and not looking up at you? Did you know there is a new word to describe this behavior? It's called "phubbing," coined as part of a campaign by Macquarie Dictionary to describe the habit of snubbing someone in favor of a

mobile phone, an issue facing so many of us today. Join Mark McMillan, LLMSW, in a safe and confidential space as he shares the latest theories about this new social phenomenon and its impact on relationships and other mental-health issues. McMillan will also examine helpful and useful tricks to help with improving relationships by utilizing better communication and coping skills.

The workshop is offered Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m. and is free of charge. For more information and to sign up, email officemgr@crsh.com. The Center for Relationship and Sexual Health is located at 25600 Woodward Ave., Suite 215 in Royal Oak.

▶ Happenings

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Coming Out Over Coffee 10:30 a.m. A casual discussion group covering all aspects of coming out and the effects it may have on your life. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. www.goaffirmations.org/programs-services/support-discussion-groups

Alcoholics Anonymous Brownbaggers 1:30 p.m. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. www.goaffirmations.org/programs-services/support-discussion-groups

Smeared Lipstick 3 p.m. A discussion group for self identified feminine lesbian women to identify issues specific to them. The group also does a monthly community service project to increase their visibility in every community. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. www.goaffirmations.org/programs-services/support-discussion-groups

Men's Discussion Group 6 p.m. Group for gay, bisexual and transgender men ages 18 and up. This group frequently offers holiday parties and outings such as movie nights in addition to regular meetings. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105. www.goaffirmations.org/programs-services/support-discussion-groups

Retro Fevre Saturdays 9 p.m. Music from 80s, 90s, and today. Red Door Night Club, 22901 Woodward Ave, **Ferndale**. 2485411600. <http://www.reddoorclub.com/events/>

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Southeastern Michigan Jazz Association "SEMJA tribute to Michael G. Nastos" Tribute will feature musical performances by two groups made up of some of the area's best jazz players: the Spangler/Paxton Quintet and RB3+2, led by Ron Brooks. Suggested donation of \$20. Kehr Auditorium in the VisiTech Center, 18600 Haggerty Rd, Livonia. 3 p.m. Nov. 20. 734-668-7470. www.semja.org

Concerts

Live Nation "Fitz & The Tantrums" Tickets: \$25-\$49.50. The Fillmore Detroit, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 7:30 p.m. Nov. 19. 313-961-5451. www.livenation.com

Live Nation "Machine Gun Kelly" Tickets: \$34-49. The Fillmore Detroit, 2115

Woodward Ave., Detroit. 7 p.m. Nov. 17. www.thefillmoredetroit.com

Live Nation "Two Door Cinema Club" Tickets: \$29-35. The Fillmore Detroit, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Nov. 23. www.thefillmoredetroit.com

The Majestic "The Dickies, The Queers" Tickets: \$18. Majestic Theater, 4120-4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Nov. 21. 313-833-9700. <http://tktwb.tw/2bswe5R>

Dance

Eisenhower Dance Company "Eisenhower Dance Company: The Light Show" Pairs four choreographers with four lighting designers for a visually stunning evening of dance. Tickets: \$30. The Whiting, 1241 E. Kearsley St., Flint. 8 p.m. Nov. 18. 810-237-8689. www.TheWhiting.com

Shows

Bakers Keyboard Lounge "Bakers Keyboard Lounge Presents Every Wednesday OGD ft. Sky Covington" Join the Detroit Jazz Greats OGD (Gerard Gibbs, Perry Hughes & Gene Dunlap) ft. Sky Covington for live jazz, drinks and fun. Bakers Keyboard Lounge, 20510 Livernois, Detroit. Oct. 12 - Dec. 28. 313-345-6300. www.theofficialbakerskeyboardlounge.com

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A2CT's Improv Fall Showcase A Fall Showcase, with all three Civic Improv troupes performing in four shows. Tickets: \$10. Due to limited seating, ordering tickets in advance is recommended. Ann Arbor Civic Theatre, A2CT Studio Theatre, 322 W. Ann St., Ann Arbor. Nov. 18 - Nov. 19. 734-971-2228. www.a2ct.org/events/improv-troupes

Civic/Community Theater

The Best Man Directed by Sharlan Douglas. Stagecrafters, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette Ave., Royal Oak. Through Nov. 19. 248-541-6430. www.stagecrafters.org

College/University Theater

100 Saints You Should Know Please secure tickets early due to limited seating. Tickets: \$10-\$30. Season ticket packages are available. The Theatre Company at University of Detroit Mercy, The Marlene Boll Theatre at the Boll Family YMCA, 1401 Broadway St., Detroit. Through Nov. 19. 3139933270. www.thetheatreco.com

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2.5 Minute Ride Tickets: \$20. Matrix Theatre Company, 2730 Bagley, Detroit. Through Dec. 4. 313-967-0999.

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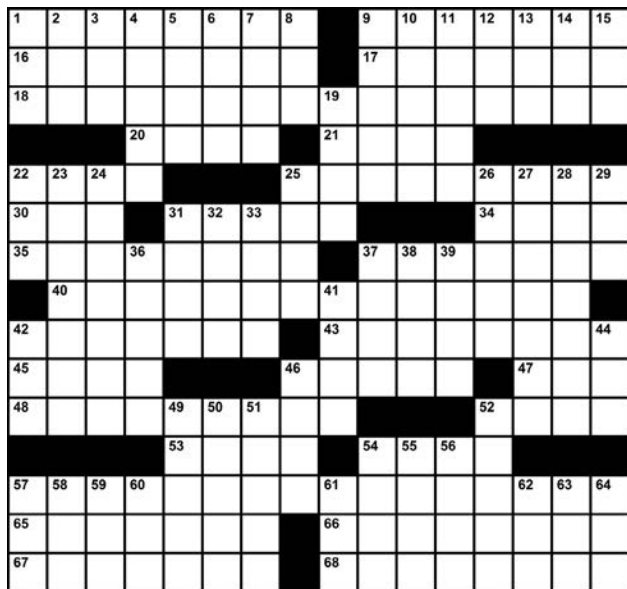
Affirmations "Gender X Show" Open to all transgender and gender queer artists. Pittman-Puckett Gallery, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. Nov. 12 - Jan. 7. 2483987105. www.goaffirmations.org

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Q Puzzle



- 52 Pt. of DOS
 53 Shakespeare's "anon" updated
 54 "Casablanca" role for Ingrid
 57 End of the comment
 65 Kane, for Orson Welles
 66 Pious ejaculation
 67 Advocate
 68 Filling a crack

Down

- 1 Non-Judy garland
 2 Six in., e.g.
 3 AP rival
 4 Pink shades
 5 Sea eagles
 6 Crabs residue
 7 Stephen King's killer canine
 8 Meat source Down Under
 9 Evita portrayer on stage
 10 Dorian Gray creator Wilde
 11 Dice markings
 12 Curry of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show"
 13 Psychic Geller
 14 ___ Tin Tin
 15 E. John's tongue
 19 Line of clothing
 22 The, to Socrates
 23 Lend dignity to
 24 Passed up
 25 Diced meat
 26 Pink Triangle ___
 27 Luxury hotel of San Francisco

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CoverGirl Boy

Across

- 1 Olivier of "Marathon Man"
 9 Pose for a Mapplethorpe photo, e.g.
 16 Variety store
 17 Prop for "I have a headache, honey..."
 18 Start of a comment on representing CoverGirl as a gay male, per James Charles
 20 Canadian oil company
 21 State, to Renee Vivien
 22 Word on either bride's towel

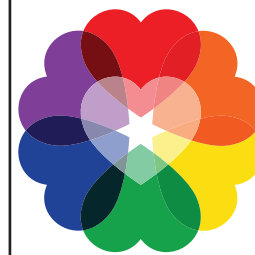
- 25 Musical based on a John Waters' film
 30 "A Chorus Line" song
 31 Muslim faith
 34 Troy Perry and others
 35 Dastardly deeds
 37 Dakar's nation
 40 More of the comment
 42 Removes (oneself)
 43 Cause of shrinkage for skinny-dippers
 45 Guilty or not guilty, to Perry Mason
 46 Drags along
 47 Early man's opening
 48 AIDS awareness symbol



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