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World AIDS Day Detroit Revitalizes Awareness

DETROIT – “World AIDS Day Detroit provides a platform to stand together, as one community, and commemorate World AIDS Day in a major way. We urge everyone to take part,” said Wayne State University School of Medicine medical student Phillip Kucab.

“I am thrilled World AIDS Day Detroit has become the largest awareness event of its kind in Detroit.”

Launched by Kucab in 2011, WADD – acknowledged on Dec. 1 – is a grassroots campaign to provide a day of reflection, awareness and education.

Kucab reminds the community that HIV and AIDS is still here: “HIV and AIDS is a big problem and we need to be talking more openly about it,” he said. “HIV is 100 percent preventable, yet we are still seeing 50,000 new infections each year. Overall in the United States, one out of 200 people have HIV, but it is three times that rate here in Detroit. One in four people with HIV do not even know they have it. Treatment and care is accessible, yet less than half of the people in and around Detroit who have HIV are being treated. We can do much better than that.”

With unprecedented collaboration among metropolitan Detroit community-based organizations, institutions, business and government leaders and national entertainers, WADD seeks to revitalize awareness regarding HIV/AIDS and its impact on individuals and communities.

WADD events will take place at the Garden Theater at 3929 Woodward Ave. in Detroit

from 8 a.m.-11 p.m.

The day will begin with the annual kickoff event for WADD, the Giving Breakfast, with keynote address from the Deputy Director of the Detroit Health Department, Leseliey Welch, MPH, and Dr. Richard Baker, Vice Dean of Medical Education at the WSU School of Medicine. Metro Detroit mayors, elected officials, community-based organizations, university and business leaders will attend this event. Tickets are \$50 and available to purchase online.

WADD will also host a symposium at 11:30 a.m. This is a special opportunity for students to participate in World AIDS Day while learning about HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention.

The event is free and open to the public. Schools and students interested in participating should visit the website.

The organization will host their evening benefit, Winter Wonderland, at 7 p.m. The event will include musical performances by the Detroit Children’s Choir and will feature a presentation of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. Tickets for the Wonderland event only are \$15 online or \$20 at the door.

For event details, to purchase tickets or make donations, visit WADD online www.worldaidsdayus.org.

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Participate In LGBT and Caregiving Survey

BY BTL STAFF

In an effort to better understand caregiving with LGBT older adults, members of the community are invited to participate in the LGBT and Caregiving Survey.

The online questionnaire was designed in a collaboration between SAGE Metro Detroit and the three Area Agencies on Aging-Area Agency on Aging 1-B, Detroit Area Agency on Aging, and The Senior Alliance.

A caregiver is defined as any adult who is providing physical and/or emotional support and care to an individual who is chronically ill, disabled, or who needs assistance with personal or household care.

To participate, these organizations simply ask that members of the community meet at least one, or both, of the following criteria: a

caregiver for an LGBT older adult or an LGBT older adult and caregiver for someone else.

The survey takes 5-10 minutes to complete and closes on Nov. 30. By answering the questions, members of the community will help these organizations learn more about how to best serve and support the care of LGBT older adults. Survey takers are encouraged to answer with as little or as much information as they feel comfortable. The survey can be exited at anytime. Individual survey results will be kept confidential. To help ensure confidentiality, individual IP addresses will not be collected.

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Affirmations Community Conversation Inspires Action

BY KATE OPALEWSKI

FERNDALE - The Ferndale Love March on Sunday brought together around 1,000 people ready to take peaceful action following weeks of post-election community conversation about what to do next. During a recent discussion at Affirmations in Ferndale on Nov. 14, the one question people in attendance kept asking is “What do we do now?” Lilianna Reyes, program services director at the community center, explained to more than 100 people that this was the purpose of the gathering - to figure out how to take action. “In this space we are able to talk raw about our emotions and how we feel, then transition to action steps,” said Reyes, adding, “We will take notes and share your concerns with the organizations that we work with.”



The Community Speaks Out

Jeynce Poindexter, the transgender victims advocate for Equality Michigan, proposed the community start loving people and remember their faith. “Don’t give Trump more power than he deserves,” she said.

Pam Laity of Royal Oak spoke about her gay son who has been to every protest in New York City so far. “He said at the Trump Tower it was so loud with so many people there, the buildings were shaking. He knows we’re there, and I don’t think we should wait. We can’t wait and see. He has to hear our voice. He has to know we’re here and that we deserve our rights to be preserved... My beloved son knew he was gay when he was 4 and we raised him in a house to be proud of who he is and never use such definitive terms. And he grew up in West Michigan in the Bible Belt and it was a bitch. Let me tell you, he got bullied every day and I went to see the principal everyday and we moved over here so he’s safe. Now he’s a designer in NYC and he’s doing phenomenal. We have to fight to preserve what we already have. We can’t wait. Are we going to wait for him to put more Steve Bannons in office? Are we going to wait for him to surround himself with



Crissy Gardner



The Ferndale Love March on Nov. 20 brought together people of different races, faiths, sexual orientations, genders, abilities, viewpoints and more. The march - organized by Allison Alexander along with Mindy Domke, Laura Hameson Rice and others - was peaceful and free of negative incidents along West Nine Mile Road in Ferndale. BTL photo Andrew Potter

those people? We need to shake those damn buildings in NYC.”

Crissy Gardner of Madison Heights talks about her experience of wearing a mask. She shared her feelings about being herself even though she is “scared and uncertain” about what her future holds.

“I feel betrayed and I feel angry. Two times in the last 16 years, the person who gets the most votes loses and we do nothing about it as Americans,” said **Joe Fedorczyk** of Farmington Hills. “The last two years, 1 million more votes went to Democratic congressmen than went to Republicans, but the Republicans get a super majority because of gerrymandering, which is legal, but it’s rigged. Then we have a Supreme Court justice who dies, the Senate denies the president to place someone on the Supreme Court and now the Supreme Court is being taken away from us and it’s all 100 percent legal. Now I can handle one and maybe I can stomach two, but all three branches of the government have been stolen and the one thing I agree with Trump on is that the system is fucking rigged. I am tired. I did not lose. I allowed myself to get screwed. This has been going on for years.”

Kristine Diven of Detroit said she is “going

crazy. I haven’t made it two hours without crying in the last week. I am losing my mind, worried about other groups that are not necessarily being addressed. Our community, the LGBT community, is very, very important, but there are other groups that are going



Donna Silk

to get picked on that we should also protect. Muslim women who are having hijabs pulled off of them, and that really bothers me, and I wanted to represent that community and I’m really torn on how to do so. We have to find a way to let people know that, even if their group doesn’t represent us, we will not tolerate violence against them either.”

Donna Silk of Birmingham, a survivor of abuse, a heterosexual married woman and the mother of a gay son, came forward to share her support for the LGBT community as an ally.

Di Schuetzler of Royal Oak said, “When this first happened, I was embarrassed and

ashamed to be an American. I was very angry because I couldn’t believe how people voted against the core values and principles that make up Americans.”

Melissa Farrell of Dearborn said she spent Nov. 9 in tears because “it feels like an immediate danger, like you said, it’s front burner, and not just because of the figurehead that we have decided to elect, but all of the things: the hatred that’s been spewed that has been allowed to be OK, and the things we’re hearing in the media about people being targeted and violence and aggression. It made it OK for a lot of people who needed one little excuse, so it’s not just about politics. Then there’s



Than Nguyen

the everyday people in the communities who now feel that this is OK - that bullying, that prejudice. And then after the fear subsided a little bit comes the shame because not only do I know people that did this, but people

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who I also care about: other minority groups who are saying, ‘Welcome to the party, we’ve been afraid forever, thanks for just signing on.’ So I feel like there’s all the feelings,” said Farrell.

“I think, like a lot of people, I felt shocked that night. I even was so bold as to play video games thinking that Clinton would be elected and history would be made,” said **Than Nguyen** of Novi. “Watching the election unfold was too much. I woke up in fear, spent the whole day barely even able to collect myself. I took the day off work. I felt sadness ... On Thursday, ready for the challenge, I felt like this is my opportunity to stand up and do what’s right ... I texted many people so they don’t feel like they’re alone. If anyone wants to harm you, I will stand up for you and do what I can. I felt like finally, today, I can feel like there’s hope and opportunity for all of us to sit down with one another. Speak up for one another, stop this arguing – we’ve endured before.”



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Where to Seek Assistance

Between The Lines has compiled a list of contacts in Michigan where members of the community can access support and find answers to their questions about transgender name changes, second-parent adoptions, and how their civil rights

might be affected in the days, weeks and months ahead. Anyone interested in being more progressive and proactive can contact the following local organizations.

LGBT Detroit

Nonprofit organization serving African-American LGBT population of Detroit, and nearby communities.
20025 Greenfield Road
Detroit, MI 48235-1804
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www.lgbtdetroit.org

Know Your Rights Project

Jim Toy Community Center
319 Braun Court
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www.jimtoycenter.org/know-your-rights

Ruth Ellis Center

A youth social services agency with a mission to provide a short-term and long-term residential safe space and support services for runaway, homeless and at-risk LGBTQ youth.
77 Victor St.
Highland Park, MI 48203
313-252-1950
www.ruthelliscenter.org

ACLU of Michigan

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Detroit, MI 48201
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www.aclumich.org/

Fair Michigan

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P.O. Box 6136
Plymouth, MI 48170
313-556-2300
www.fairmichigan.org

Anti-Defamation League

Combats anti-Semitism and bigotry of all kinds in Michigan.
P.O. Box 252166
West Bloomfield, MI 48325-2166
248-353-7553
www.michigan.adl.org

ACCESS

Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services.
2651 Saulino Court
Dearborn, MI 48120
313-842-7010
www.accesscommunity.org

Affirmations Community Center

Located in Ferndale, the center offers a safe space to gather and connect.
290 W. Nine Mile Rd.
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www.goaffirmations.org

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“ This election did not create divisions in our country. It really exposed them. And our job is to see them for what they are, and to heal them. That is what we’re called to do. ”

- Ferndale Mayor Dave Coulter on Sunday.



U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisc.) at the Democratic Convention in Philadelphia. Washington Blade file photo: Michael Key.

Baldwin Advances Up Democratic Leadership

BY LISA KEEN

The U.S. Senate's only openly LGBT member earned a leadership spot Nov. 16, as Senate Democrats re-organize following the Nov. 8 election.

Shortly after his election as Senate Democrats' new Minority Leader, U.S. Senator Charles Schumer of New York announced Senator Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin would take over as Secretary of the Senate Democratic Conference (aka Senate Democratic Caucus). The position is charged with keeping minutes of the Caucus meetings and helping organize its meetings. On the Senate organizational chart, it is the fourth ranking position among the Democrats.

Baldwin replaces outgoing Secretary Patty Murray of Washington, who has served in the role for nine years. Murray becomes Assistant Minority Leader, the third-ranking Democrat behind Schumer and Minority Whip Dick Durbin of Illinois.

Schumer replaces outgoing Minority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada, who is retiring.

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported last month that Baldwin was on Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton's list of potential running mates. The paper said more than three dozen names were on the original list.

Baldwin was elected to the Senate in 2012, after seven terms in the House, representing the Madison, Wisconsin, area. Her election to the House seat was the first time an openly LGBT person had been elected to Congress. Other LGBT members of Congress at that time had come out after being elected and serving several terms.

Baldwin was on a list of 36 names sent from John Podesta to Cheryl Mills on March 12. The email does not identify the names as potential running mates but only "people worth looking at" and "people worth considering." The list included Clinton's tough Democratic challenger, Senator Bernie Sanders, who had just days before won the Michigan primary. At that point, Clinton had secured about half of the delegates she need to win the nomination. There were also some names on the list which suggest seem very unlikely considerations for vice president: openly gay Apple CEO Tim Cook and both Bill and Melinda Gates of Microsoft fame.

Obituary: David Walter Adamany (Sept. 23, 1936–Nov. 10, 2016)

BY JASON A. MICHAEL

Former Wayne State University President David Adamany died Nov. 10 following a brief illness. He was 80 years old.

At Wayne, Adamany was the university's longest serving president. He led the university from 1982–1997 and oversaw over \$300 million worth of expansion and building projects.

"I would like to be remembered as laying the foundation for a great national university in Detroit," Adamany told the Detroit Free Press in 1997. "I'm actually a little concerned that I'll be remembered as a developer of buildings and not as the developer of a national research university. But buildings are important. Wayne had too little space and very poorly maintained space in the 1980s. So it was necessary to both upgrade the existing buildings and build new ones."

Adamany was born in Janesville, Wisconsin. The son of Lebanese parents who emigrated from Canada, Adamany received his bachelor's degree from



David Walter Adamany

Harvard University. He went on to earn his law degree there before eventually earning master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Wisconsin.

When he came to Detroit in the early 1980s, Adamany found a university in desperate need of revitalization and expansion. While he took on the role with great zeal, his attempts at union busting and tough negotiations left

him with a reputation as competent but controversial.

"Dr. Adamany was a force for change at Wayne State, and his energy and focus helped revitalize the university during a challenging period in its history," said Michael Wright, WSU's chief of staff and vice president for marketing and communications, in a statement. "His tireless approach to advancing the university occasionally met with resistance, but no member of the Wayne State community could ever doubt his passionate commitment to helping Wayne State realize its potential as a premier, urban research university."

His lasting legacy at Wayne was the David Adamany Undergraduate Library, a facility that was completed shortly before his exit from the school.

Adamany was widely recognized as a community leader and stalwart civil rights advocate. He was a longtime member of the American Civil Liberties Union and, as a proud gay man, a strong supporter of equal rights for the LGBT communities. In 1997, he was awarded the Martin Luther King Jr. Award from Detroit's Plymouth United Church of Christ, which is presented "to persons, churches or organizations that... exemplify best the legacy of Dr. King."

In 1999 he briefly served as interim CEO for Detroit Public Schools. The following year he moved to Philadelphia to take the position of president of Temple University. He led the university for six years but stayed on after stepping down to teach at the university's Beasley School of Law and in political science department.

"Temple is nationally recognized today for the quality of its education because of David's determination," said Temple University's Board of Trustees Chairman Patrick J. O'Connor in a statement. "We owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude."

Ingham County Seeks Assistance in Murder of Man who Sought Sex with Other Men

BY TODD HEYWOOD

Officials from the Ingham County Sheriff's Department are asking for assistance in identifying a suspect in their investigation into the murder last month of 69-year-old David Fluke.

Authorities are seeking an individual who may present as either masculine or feminine. They've released a composite sketch of the suspect, whom they describe as being white, in their 20s and between five foot eight inches and six foot tall. Officials said when the suspect presents as masculine, the suspect has short blond hair. When presenting as a feminine, the suspect wears a blond, shoulder length wig. They say the suspect drives a black Pontiac car.

"The investigation has revealed that Mr. Fluke had contact with the LGBT community and homeless/transient people in the Lansing area," a press release from the department reads. "Mr. Fluke used various social media outlets seeking male companionship."

Ingham County Sheriff authorities were

called to Fluke's apartment Oct. 11. The apartment is located in Holt, Michigan, a postal code identification for a portion of Delhi Charter Township, just south of Lansing. The apartment is in a senior living community.

Det. Brad Delaney, lead investigator on the case, said that officials have one witness who has "only seen the subject dressed as a man," and another witness who has "only seen the subject dressed as a woman."

Fluke does have a criminal history in Illinois and Minnesota for improper contact with minors, a google search reveals. Delaney said investigators were aware of his past, and investigated any role that may have played in his murder, but it did not result in any leads.

"I don't have any concern about what



Artist's sketch of a person of interest. Ingham County Sheriff's Department is offering a reward for information.

the sexual orientation or the gender identity of the person is, I just want to solve this murder," Delaney said in an interview in Mason Thursday. "I need help to solve this."

The department is now offering a reward to anyone who provides information which leads to an arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the crime. Those who may be able to identify the suspect are asked to call Crime Stoppers at 517-483-STOP or a detective at 517-230-3120.



Donald Trump has nominated Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama for attorney general this week alarming many in the social justice community. Associated Press File Photo by: John Bazemore

LGBT Activists Denounce Sessions Nomination

BY LISA KEEN

One LGBT legal activist called it “chilling.” Others called it “alarming” and “extreme.” Even outside the LGBT community, the reaction was unusually harsh. The NAACP called it “deeply troubling,” and the Center for American Progress said it was a “dangerous choice.”

The focus of their concern: President-elect Donald Trump announced Friday that he will nominate U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions for U.S. Attorney General.

Sessions’ hostility to equal rights for LGBT people goes back at least 20 years. In 1996, as Alabama Attorney General, he tried to stop

or actions prohibited by the sodomy and sexual misconduct laws.” The courts eventually struck down the law, but Sessions went on that same year to be elected to the U.S. Senate.

There, he earned the Human Rights Campaign’s Congressional Scorecard’s lowest possible score – zero – on LGBT-related voting and issues. (In 2011, he did vote to confirm openly gay nominee J. Paul Oetken to become a U.S. district court judge in New York and raised his grade for one session to a 15.) He has consistently voting for anti-LGBT measures and against pro-LGBT measures.

He voted for various attempts to amend the U.S. Constitution to limit marriage to only opposite-sex couples and for an amendment that sought to delete services to LGBT victims of domestic violence.

He voted against an effort to advance the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) and against the repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.”

In a 2004 Senate floor speech in support of the anti-LGBT Federal Marriage Amendment, Sessions derided a

Massachusetts ruling that allowed same-sex couples to marry. Sessions said it would lead to sisters marrying each other or a mother marrying her daughter.

“It is deeply disturbing that Jeff Sessions, who has such clear animus against so many Americans – including the LGBTQ community, women and people of color – could be charged with running the very system of justice designed to protect them.”

– Chad Griffin.

an LGBT student conference from meeting on the University of Alabama campus, citing a newly enacted law that prohibited any university from spending public funds or using facilities for a group that “promotes a lifestyle

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Parting Glances

OPINION BY CHARLES ALEXANDER

Inaugural Sermon on the Mountebank

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1. And so gathered Trump, the Last-Days Prophet Elect at Mount Rushmore, under the stoic, eternal stone faces of America’s prophets past: Saints Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson, Teddy Roosevelt.

2. And there among them stood Prophet Trump. He spoke to the thousands of Electoral College disciples so gathered. Mostly white. Mostly male. Many hooded. All straight in their concordance to total alignment of religious thought, belief and divinely sanctioned political participation and theocratic clout.

3. So spake the blond halo’d holy prophet, thus. Being straight himself, he minced no words.

4. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for they shall become poorer, not in hope or anticipation of our nation’s future, but poorer in lack of possessions, wealth, health care, equal employment opportunities.

5. Blessed are they who mourn, for what passes for comfort bestowed by us and our zealous disciples, will be for these mourners to be allowed to mourn even more for the next four, possibly eight, possibly 12 years.

6. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth, that for the collective burden of their sins of disobedience in accepting Climate Change will be allowed to be abused further as punishment by wealthy and corporate continental interests.

7. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they will be taught to adhere to the Gospel of Exclusion and Bigotry of other non-true faiths and beliefs. Should they choose to burn holy books, it’s a theocratic privilege.

8. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be shown the richness of the absence of such mercy; as penance for past mistaken belief that all men and women, regardless of sexual and rainbow orientations, are created equal.

9. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness – but only if they are born-again, evangelical, tax-free Christians – for such shall be allowed to persecute, shun and name-call others.

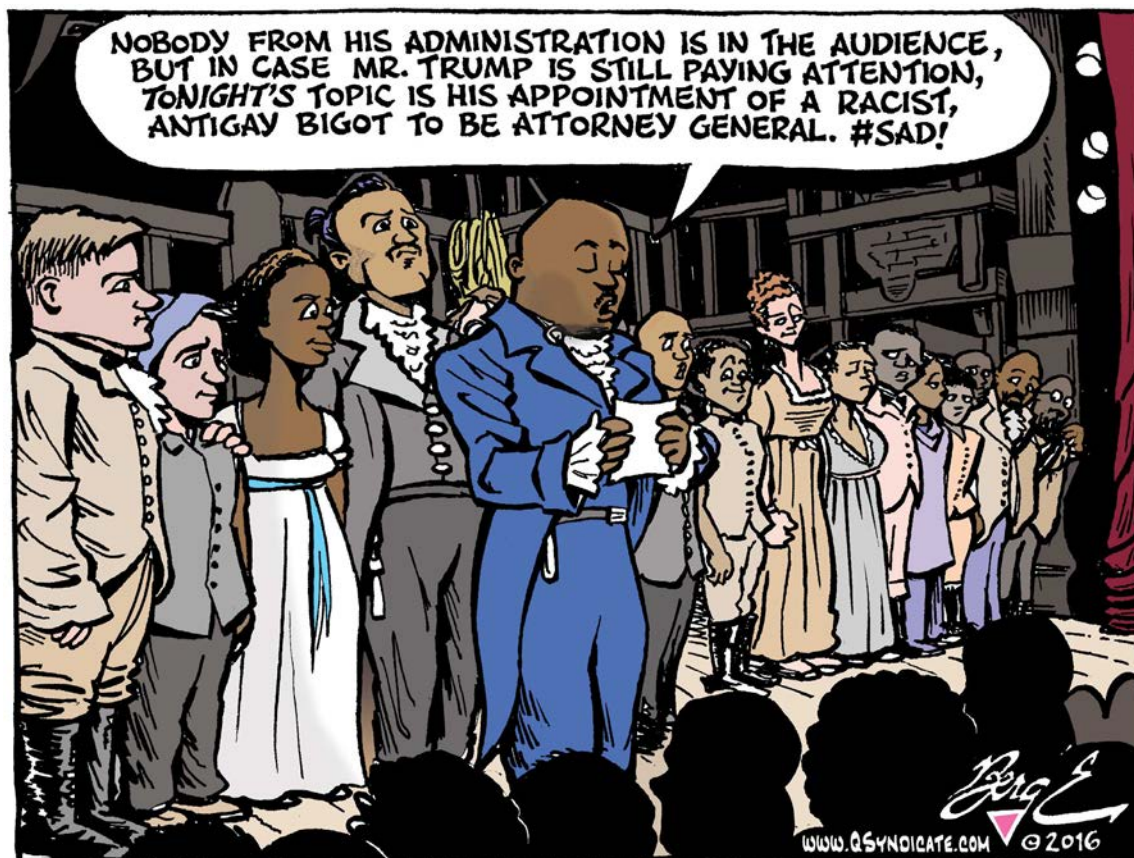
10. Blessed are you when others insult you by voting non-sanctioned political beliefs and say all kinds of media evil against you falsely because of me. Vengeance is mine. I will repay. The IRS be damned.

11. Rejoice and be glad because it is your reward in Seventh Heaven, for in the same way they persecuted true believers Il Duce, the Fuhrer, Kim Davis, Ann Coulter, Pat Robertson and other Left Behind prophets before you.

12. Be blessed.

13. My past is your prologue! Putania forever. Amen.

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Mombian



Picking Up the Shards

BY DANA RUDOLPH

I made a cake on Nov. 8 to celebrate what I thought would be Hillary Clinton’s election. For decoration, I melted sugar into sheets and broke it into shards to represent the glass ceiling that I hoped she would shatter. On Nov. 9, however, I found myself looking at the remains of the cake and wondering if it better represented an earlier event on that date: Kristallnacht, when Nazi-led mobs vandalized hundreds of synagogues, Jewish homes, schools, businesses, hospitals and cemeteries, leaving the streets littered in broken glass.

We are not at that point yet in the United States, but it feels like we have taken a step in that direction. Donald Trump’s racist rhetoric, constant name-calling and general demagoguery have set a tone that some have compared to that of Hitler. I would like to believe that the checks and balances we have in this country – and

the fact that more than half of the country did not vote for Trump – will keep us away from a racist dictatorship, but the echoes are nonetheless disturbing. Whether we can heal our nation and create a more hopeful future depends on all of us, not just President-Elect Trump.

None of us can predict, of course, exactly what Trump’s presidency will mean for ourselves or our country, but here are some fragments of what I do know:

My family is still a family. No matter what the law or anyone else says, nothing can change that.

We must tell our kids that when bullies win, the good people try harder.

We must tell them that change takes time, but we will always love and protect them.

Good people have been standing up against what

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“Others in this country have more to fear from a Trump presidency than I, and I must keep fighting for them, too. I feel extra pain this week thinking of my friends of color and those who are Muslim or immigrants. I know they wouldn't want my pity, however, but my allyship.”

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Trump stands for – bullying, name calling, racism and misogyny – and will keep doing so.

Hillary Clinton may not become president, but we can still help deliver on her vision of “Stronger Together” – a vision with roots in the “one out of many” that our country’s founders promised. We must work to bring together a nation that has become deeply divided – not only by the election, but by a history that separates people and has allowed racism, sexism and all of the other “-isms” to flourish.

Others in this country have more to fear from a Trump presidency than I, and I must keep fighting for them, too. I feel extra pain this week thinking of my friends of color and those who are Muslim or immigrants. I know they wouldn't want my pity, however, but my allyship. I am privileged in being white and middle class and not currently disabled, despite being a lesbian and a Jew. I must use the privilege I have to support those who have less. I must listen to their perspectives and learn from them how best to help advance their rights and opportunities.

Many who voted for Trump did so because of a discontent with our current system and their place in it. We must listen to their fears and concerns, too, for only by understanding other perspectives can we work to create a more equitable society for all. This does not mean we need to tolerate racist or sexist comments or actions, or forgive Trump supporters for voting in someone who will likely set back social justice in many ways. We do, however, have to try to understand why they did so. Only then will we have a chance to help find different solutions.

We parents have a key role to play here. All

of us want to protect our children, to help them learn, to give them opportunities. That is an immediate commonality across every political persuasion. That means we have a starting point for conversation.

We have to keep telling our own stories. We cannot expect others to understand us if we do not share our experiences as well. Stories can lead to understanding, and that can drive action.

Communication is best when we check the facts. Misinformation about both sides was flying around during the election. On a very basic level, we should read through articles and watch videos before forwarding, reposting or retweeting them. We should try to confirm from multiple sources. We shouldn't assume that just because something supports our worldview, it's true.

I have confidence that we will make progress towards a more just and equitable society – perhaps not in the short term, but in alignment with the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., when he said, “We shall overcome because the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.”

The obstacles are daunting, but I am also thinking of Dr. King's observation, “Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.” Pair that with the words of Harry Potter's Albus Dumbledore: “Happiness can be found even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light.”

Many of us are feeling a little broken right now. Therefore, we should remember: Shards of glass may appear to be broken, but they are sharp, there are many of them, and they reflect the light.

Light and love to all of us.

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Creep of the Week Jeff Sessions

BY D'ANNE WITKOWSKI

ALong, long time ago, in 1986, Jeff Sessions was nominated to be a federal judge in Alabama. But the Senate Judiciary Committee was all, “Uh, no, you're way too racist.”

Fast forward 30 years and Donald Trump is all, “There's no such thing as *too* racist! Here, have the whole Justice Department, Jeff!”

So what if Sessions called the ACLU and NAACP “unAmerican” for forcing “civil rights down the throats of people”? So what if he called a white civil rights lawyer a “traitor to his race”? So what if he brought trumped up voter fraud charges against three civil rights workers for the “crime” of registering black voters? All of this stuff happened SO, SO LONG AGO. Nobody who was alive in 1986 is even still alive today so what's the big deal?

Ha. Just kidding. 1986 is, like, yesterday historically speaking. Fun fact: Trump was a wee 40-year-old back then.

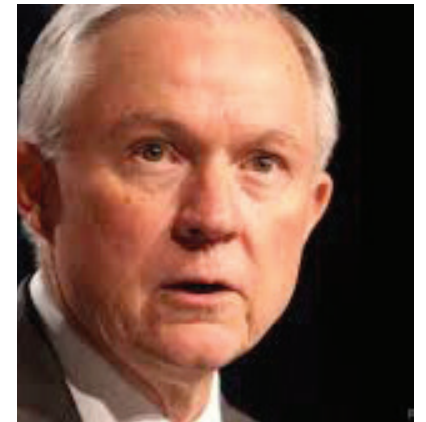
Another fun fact: in the 1970s, the Justice Department sued Trump's company for discriminating against black people trying to rent apartments. Twice. Putting Sessions in charge of the Justice Department really would be the ultimate revenge, eh?

Of course, a person can change a lot in 30 years. Some people who were racist/sexist/anti-gay/thought “The Clan of the Cave Bear” was a great movie have, through a willingness to be educated and an ability to admit they were wrong, changed for the better.

But not Sessions. After getting rejected by the Senate, Sessions went on to become Alabama's attorney general and then U.S. senator where, get this, he's on the Judiciary Committee. The same committee that told him to go pound sand in 1986. He's pretty much spent his career being racist and demonizing immigrants. All you have to do is look at his voting record and it's pretty clear that 1986 Sessions is alive and kicking.

And, of course, no surprise: Sessions is not exactly down with the LGBTQ crowd. Marriage equality? Against it. Repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell? Against it. Hate crimes protections for LGBTQ people? Against it. Employment Non-Discrimination Act? Against it. Trans people using public restrooms? Against it.

The Human Rights Campaign



Congressional Scorecard gives Sessions a big ol' zero, which is not surprising considering his support for an anti-gay marriage amendment to the U.S. Constitution as well as the so-called First Amendment Defense Act which allows people to discriminate against LGBTQ people under the guise of “religious freedom.”

“It is deeply disturbing that Jeff Sessions, who has such clear animus against so many Americans – including the LGBTQ community, women and people of color – could be charged with running the very system of justice designed to protect them,” said HRC President Chad Griffin in a press release.

You know who has a total boner for Sessions, though? The white supremacist Nazis who call themselves the “alt right” like they're some kind of cute little indie band. Racist scumbag Richard Spencer said of Sessions, “The fact that he is going to be at such a high level, I think, is a wonderful thing.” Spencer is the head of the National Policy Institute, a white power think tank, and is a proponent of “peaceful ethnic cleansing,” an oxymoron if there ever was one.

Also so excited is Family Research Council President Tony Perkins, professional LGBTQ hate monger. “FRC has worked with Sen. Sessions on a number of issues and could not be happier to watch him usher in a new era at DOJ – one that cherishes the Constitution and its protection of our freedom from government oppression,” Perkins said in a statement, apparently forgetting to add “for heterosexual Christian men only, of course.”

Sessions will need Senate confirmation to become Attorney General. Time to put your senators on speed dial like it's 1986.

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After Trump Win, Massachusetts Becoming a Hub of Resistance

BOSTON (AP) - As Republican Donald Trump prepares to take over as president, Massachusetts is fashioning itself into a hub of resistance, with politicians and advocacy groups vowing to battle what they see as the extremes of a Trump agenda.

U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren - who once likened herself to "Star Wars" rebel leader Princess Leia - is helping lead the opposition.

In a letter sent to Trump Tower this week, the Massachusetts Democrat excoriated the incoming president for relying on what she described as "insiders, lobbyists, and other special interests" to help shape his administration.

She called on him to replace them with advisers who will fight for the interests of the American people.

"Should you refuse, I will oppose you, every step of the way, for the next four years. I will champion the millions of Americans you will fail to protect," Warren wrote. "I will track your every

move, and I will remind Americans, every day, of the actions you take that fail them."

Warren wasn't alone.

Since Election Day, the state attorney general has set up a hate crimes hotline, local officials have pledged not to cooperate with stepped-up deportation efforts, and abortion rights and health care advocacy groups have vowed to fight any Trump-led effort to curb access to both.

It's a dramatic shift for a largely Democratic state whose political leaders have enjoyed strong relations with Democratic President Barack Obama and who nearly uniformly rejected Trump, including Republican Gov. Charlie Baker, who refused to vote for his party's nominee.

On election night, Massachusetts backed Clinton by about a 27-point margin.

While some leaders, Warren included, acknowledged the economic pain that

helped drive some of Trump's support, they said they were concerned by the tone Trump set during his campaign and by his pledges to eliminate Obama's health care law and to deport millions living in the country illegally.


Attorney General Maura Healey, a Democrat and a supporter of Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton, set up the hate crimes hotline just days after the election following reports of harassment and intimidation of "racial, ethnic and religious minorities, women, LGBTQ individuals and immigrants."





"Such conduct has no place in Massachusetts," Healey said.

Democratic Senate President Stan Rosenberg stuck a similar note, warning of what he called the "repeated expression of bigoted views" during the campaign, which he said targeted women, racial minorities, people of the Jewish and Muslim faiths, immigrants, members of the LGBT community, and people with disabilities.

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Sessions is best known for his failed nomination to be a judge on the federal district court for Alabama. During his confirmation hearing in 1986, an African-American attorney who worked with him said Sessions had referred to him as "boy." He said Sessions told him that the KKK was "OK until I found out they smoked pot." Sessions denied the claims but his nomination, by President Reagan, was effectively lost and withdrawn.

"Trump's nomination of Sessions for the highest law enforcement officer in our land is chilling," said National Center for Lesbian Rights Legal Director Shannon Minter. "His record of opposing racial justice, reproductive freedom and basic equality for women and LGBT people should be disqualifying - and would have been disqualifying at any time in the past five decades. His abysmal record on civil rights issues was disqualifying when President Reagan tried to appoint him to the federal bench. Someone who was not fit to be a federal judge is not fit to enforce the civil rights laws of our country."

Chad Griffin, president of the Human Rights Campaign, issued a statement, calling Sessions "vehemently anti-LGBTQ."

"It is deeply disturbing that Jeff

Sessions, who has such clear animus against so many Americans - including the LGBTQ community, women and people of color - could be charged with running the very system of justice designed to protect them," said Griffin.

Jon Davidson, national legal director for Lambda Legal, said Sessions' nomination is "alarming."

"We are greatly concerned about the selection of Sessions, given the Attorney General's role in determining the position of the federal government in lawsuits in which it is sued," said Davidson. He noted the U.S. Attorney General also decides how the Department of Justice will enforce the Constitution and federal statutes and is in charge of filling high level positions at the Department of Justice.

President Obama's appointees to U.S. Attorney General - Eric Holder and Loretta Lynch - have appointed openly LGBT people to important positions within DOJ. They have also put the DOJ on the side of equal rights for LGBT people in important civil rights cases. Most recently, Lynch filed suit against the state of North Carolina for enacting a state law (HB2) that was specifically aimed at allowing discrimination against LGBT people. Holder announced that the Department of Justice would argue that Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 also extends to prohibit gender identity

discrimination. Following the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling striking down the Defense of Marriage Act, he instructed DOJ attorneys to respect the marriages of same-sex couples regardless of the laws of their state of residence. And mostly notably, in 2011 Holder issued the letter stating that the administration believes Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) is unconstitutional and would no longer defend it.

"We expect tough times ahead," said Davidson. "Jeff Sessions has a lengthy history of opposing civil rights."

He also has a lengthy record of opposing openly LGBT judicial nominees and grilling other nominees who made decisions that upheld equal rights for LGBT people.

He spoke and voted against the Hate Crimes Act in 2009, saying, "I don't think it (is) ever appropriate" to bring up such legislation on the defense bill. He also said the bill was "unwarranted," that it would "cheapen the civil rights movement," and that it "creates a new system of justice for individuals because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, providing them with a special protection..."

"Gays and lesbians," said Sessions on the floor of the Senate, "have not been denied basic access to things such as health or schooling or to the ballot box."

Listless to Blissful: The Non-Traditional Bride(s)

Local lesbian couple shares their journey to wedding excitement

BY KATE OPALEWSKI

Amanda Lehman-Faber said she was never “that girl” – the girl who dreamed and imagined every little detail of her wedding day.

“Now don’t get me wrong: I love hosting fabulous parties and attending weddings, but I did not believe I would ever experience my own,” said Amanda. “Perhaps, it was never feeling as if I would find that person, or even if I did, that I was not able to have the dream as a lesbian. It didn’t help that after being out for 10 years, my family was not very accepting and I never imagined they would be in attendance and supportive if I were to get married.”

Some of her family members including her mother, a Catholic woman from the Deep South, were not in favor of her marriage to Jamie.

“I told her if you’re going to regret this for the rest of your life, then show up,” said Amanda. On May 29, 2016, “It was like a wedding miracle happened. She was able to see and experience our love and how happy we truly were. She said to me, ‘How can I deny that?’ I feel like she shared in something important in my life.”

Moving to New York City as a teenager helped Amanda overcome the “small town mentality” that kept her from realizing her own happiness.

“I knew I could not live my life like that. It’s not easy to be as open and genuine and authentic as I am,” said Amanda. “I am still hesitant, but I am not going to not live my life. I’m not going to cheat Jamie from that experience either. Her family is supportive, and that is really appealing to me.”

Jamie admits this part of Amanda’s life wasn’t always easy to handle.

“I am so fortunate to have such a supportive family and it was what I had always known. It is always tough for me to understand, but I knew it wasn’t anything I could hold against Amanda. In fact, I admired her strength in the face of such adversity and that did not stop her from living her truth. That said, it is wonderful to now have her family’s support. They have been really great,” said Jamie.

Opposites Attract

Amanda and Jamie met six years ago in NYC at a “Broadway Prom”-themed birthday party under the most ironic circumstances. As the room sparkled with sequins and crowns, Amanda said it was clear Jamie was not planning on attending prom that night in her boots and black jeans.

“I guess the old saying is true – opposites do attract. She works in finance and was one of the more recent transplants into New York City. Our instant connection was real despite my love for all that sparkles and shines and her love for the grunge of the East Village,” said Amanda. “I always felt like I could be myself with her and knew early on into our relationship, there was no one else I wanted by my side on this journey we call life.”

In April of 2014, Jamie pulled off the most amazing surprise proposal.

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The Amanda and Jamie Lehman-Faber wedding highlight video was done by Modern Touch Media featuring “Seasons of Love” from the Broadway musical “Rent,” “I Choose You” by Sara Bareilles and “Halo” by Beyonce.

Amanda and Jamie Lehman-Faber were married on May 29, 2016 at Café Cortina in Farmington Hills. Photo courtesy of Kerby Lou

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“I just knew I wanted to spend my life with Amanda, but this specific weekend was one of the few I felt I could truly surprise her since I used the excuse of my birthday,” said Jamie. “This was not easy with Amanda. I had to create a new email address and remember to delete texts messages, which I never do. I bought her ring from my fabulous cousin, Sarah Markle, at Thomas Markle Jewelers in Texas and had it sent to our friends apartment in Brooklyn so Amanda wouldn’t see it. I gave the excuse of wanting to go to City Winery to do a tour of their winery for my birthday that was a couple days after the proposal.”

And, of course, Amanda said yes.

“But you saw that one coming. So, now what? Neither of us had been that girl that had their wedding day all planned out since we were little kids playing dress up in our mothers’ heels,” she said, adding that they took an annual trip to the sunny beaches of Mexico, which was “a meaningful place to us and I liked the idea of a beach wedding.”

But something didn’t feel quite right, and while Amanda said she was hesitant to have the wedding in Michigan initially, she realized



Many friends and family members were present at the Lehman-Faber wedding to love, support and advocate for the newly married couple. Photo courtesy of Kerby Lou

just how important it was to Jamie, who was worried her extremely supportive family members would not be able to make the trip.

“In the end, it was perfect because it allowed many of my friends and even my family, who have started to come around seeing how happy

I am, to be able to experience our new home and life in Michigan,” said Amanda.

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“One piece of advice we can offer is to try to avoid too many life changes and decisions at the same time,” said Amanda about their choice to relocate, build a house, start new jobs, plan a wedding, and survive the loss of her beloved father all in the course of six months.

“Our relationship was certainly tested, but it forged us together as we divided and conquered an incessant number of decisions. It also helped to have the support of our amazing friends and family.”

One of those friends recommended Café Cortina in Farmington Hills based on the intimate setting the couple was searching for. Having their wedding and reception at a

full-service restaurant also allowed them to reduce the overall decisions and vendors they needed to engage. Amanda’s Type A personality allowed her to stay organized and track ideas throughout the process using Pinterest boards, Etsy, binders, and iPhone notes.

Amanda and Jamie knew their style was “rustic chic” and agreed on a neutral color palette of sandstone, champagne and gray.

“I really tried to pay attention to unique details that captured us as a couple. We added personalized touches from wooden décor to photos of us around the café to create a warm environment,” said Amanda.

The next step was selecting the look for the bridal party. They wanted something mismatched yet cohesive with shades

of color. They attempted to achieve this look themselves by hand selecting dresses, but ended up choosing the Jenny Yoo Annabelle convertible dress that can be worn in a variety of styles.

“We selected three different colors in sandstone, mink and shadow gray. It achieved the unified look yet gave enough variety for our large wedding party of 15 to look and feel amazing,” said Amanda.

As for her own dress, she said it was difficult. Accustomed to a life of glamorous costumes in theater, she said she “likely tried on more than 50 dresses at various NYC bridal salons. It didn’t help that I also had to have a costume change, or two,

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on my big day.”

Amanda found the perfect jumper from BHLDN for the cocktail hour, and a strapless A-line Watters Too ballgown for the ceremony. She completed her wedding wardrobe with a rhinestone sweetheart open back dress at Nordstrom online for the reception. Jamie wore one simple, yet beautiful, ethereal dress.

Amanda said their primary focus was trying to keep the wedding personalized and meaningful for themselves and their guests.

“For me, it was all in the details. We spent a lot of time organizing and preparing the weekend experience for our guests from the host hotel location to the coordination of events and transportation. We took pride in the food and music – we had a friend play live guitar during cocktail hour and created both dinner and dancing playlists. We kept the speeches and vows short and sweet but spent time making sure they were meaningful and personal,” she said.

For entertainment value, the couple performed a surprise first dance telling their love story.

“We did not want to miss a moment of time with our loved ones, so we hosted a rehearsal brunch, welcome party, and a farewell brunch the day after. We had heard from so many how your wedding day is over in the blink of an eye and they were right. Making it a weekend celebration was one of our best decisions,” said Amanda, adding, “It was easy to get caught up in all the planning and lose sight of what was really important – love. Due to the fact I hadn’t dreamed of the perfect wedding, I never understood why people referred to their wedding day as the best day of their life. Even leading up to it, Jamie and I had a few moments questioning what on Earth we were doing adding all this stress into our busy lives for something that lasts one day. Once again, we were wrong. It truly was the best day of our lives.”



For Amanda and Jamie, it was all in the details. They spent a lot of time organizing and preparing to keep their wedding personalized and meaningful for themselves and their guests. Photos courtesy of Kerby Lou




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Finding Nathan Sykes

Boy Bander on Self-Discovery, Gay Rumors & His Sometimes-‘Bromosexual’ Relationship with Tom Daley

BY CHRIS AZZOPARDI

Since serenading queer crowds at gay clubs as a teenager, Nathan Sykes has been the subject of prurient curiosity regarding his own sexuality. He’s British, so there’s that. And the whole boy band thing, which began in 2009, when Sykes joined Eurodance group The Wanted, didn’t exactly disband “is he or isn’t he?” rumors.

Now, with his solo debut “Unfinished Business” out in the midst of a band hiatus, the giggly 23-year-old opens up about ongoing interest in his sexuality (“I didn’t know I was gay, but OK!”), his sometimes-“bromosexual” relationship with Tom Daley and being “really drunk” at a gay club at 4 a.m.

You’re 23, but you sound like you’re 30, and that’s a compliment.

Thank you so much. That’s a marvelous compliment. It’s been part of this journey of self-discovery as an artist, which has been incredible.

What does your journey to self-discovery involve?

Just really figuring out for the first time who I am. I knew who Nathan from The Wanted was, and I lived my life for five years as Nathan from The Wanted. I’d be walking down the street (and people would say), “Oh

my god, that’s Nathan from The Wanted!” (Laughs) Then, for the first time, I sat there, especially after the band decided to take a break, and I went, “Who the hell is Nathan Sykes?” And it was for me to figure out who that was, and it was an amazing journey of figuring out who I am as an artist, what music I wanted to create, how I want to be portrayed, how I want to look, how I’d like to come across. And then I was like, “Just be yourself,” and even that was a breakthrough moment. Because when you’re working so hard with four other people, it’s amazing for the first time to focus on being myself.

In so many words, you recently said that after you turned 21, gay men have been less subtle with their thirst for you.

(Laughs) I didn’t mean that in an arrogant way. That’s not a thing at all. I mean, I wish people had thirst for me! That would be amazing. It’s just a massive compliment. I can go out with my friends and have an amazing time, whether that’s at a straight or gay club. We always have an amazing time when I’m with people who are gay, who are just so amazing and so flirty as well, which is fun. So, what I was trying to say is that people don’t see me as a baby anymore; they don’t necessarily see me as the youngest member of a boy band. People are seeing me as an adult now for the first time, which is cool.

What's been your best night at a gay club?

(Laughs) There's been quite a few really, really amazing ones. I think just ending up in G-A-Y in London, drunk at 4 o'clock in the morning, because I've got loads of friends who are gay. It's just fun and nice, and everyone is up for a good time and fun to be around. It doesn't matter to me what the company is, whether you're straight or gay, as long as everyone is happy and in a good place and having a good time. I draw off people's energy, so as long as people are having a good time, I'll have a good time as well.

How do you handle a gay man who makes a pass at you?

I mean, it's a compliment for anyone to make a pass at you. I think people always say it as a passing comment, and it's the same as if anyone flirts with you: You take it as a compliment and you're very nice back.

When were you first aware that gay fans had an appreciation for you?

I don't think ever. I still wouldn't think that, because I never think that anyone would have an appreciation for me because I always go about my life just being me, so I wouldn't really expect or acknowledge people having an appreciation. But when they do in person, that's amazing. And when I see gay fans, it really is amazing. I make music for everyone, whether you're straight, gay or any member of the LGBT community. Anybody who is a fan of me and likes my music, I'm always very grateful for them.

What was your introduction to the gay community?

You know what, I've been fortunate to have had a fantastic and open-minded upbringing, so I'll always be grateful for that. I started performing at a very young age, and even from the age of 6, when I'd be performing and ended up on TV shows, I'd be around gay people. So, I've always been surrounded by gay people. When I went to Sylvia Young Theatre School in London – obviously being at theater school, I was around people who were gay. They've always been part of my life.

As a boy band member, how often did you get pegged as the gay one?

When you're in a boy band, there's always speculation that you're gay. I think at one point there was speculation that all of us were gay – probably in relationships with each other!

It did not help matters that your bandmate Jay McGuinness said in 2013 that "most of us would have a dabble" with a guy.

(Laughs) That is a very Jay comment. Obviously, people thought (we were gay) straightaway when we started off as a band.

We started playing club shows and school gigs; we really started from the ground up. We'd be doing two schools a day and then probably two clubs in the evening, probably one straight club and one gay club, then potentially another one later. So, we were always very much aware of our gay fan base and the gay community, and had a lot of respect for any fan who came to see us because we obviously started out without any fans at all. Any fan we could get – I mean, we started off with more members in the band than we did fans! (Laughs) To build on that and have great success and sell something like 11 million records as a band is just a humongous compliment. And to have support from a fantastic gay fan base was obviously a massive part of that, so we'll be forever grateful for all the support that we had as a band.

Ariana Grande, your collaborator on "Over and Over Again," is a very vocal supporter of LGBT issues. She once called homophobes "dumb as fuck."

I mean, I completely agree. I think as equal members of the community, everyone should be seen as an equal and there should be a lot of support. And also, I think education is important to bring awareness at a younger age because that's when people are discovering who they are, and there needs to be the support there from friends, teachers and the community. Anything that can be done to help any issues in the LGBT community is incredible, and it's one that I feel strongly about and that I think is massively important.

I'm someone who really prides himself on being close with my fans. I've grown up with a lot of them, and I've seen people go on their own journey of self-discovery. There was a fan the other day who turned up to a gig and introduced me to her girlfriend, and it was just the most amazing moment because I've seen this very quiet girl go through this journey and come out a wonderful, confident human being. And to introduce me to her girlfriend, which you could tell she was a tiny bit nervous about, it really was an incredible moment. It really got me, and I was like, "I'm just so proud of how confident and how comfortable you are."

What did you make of people thinking you were the gay ex-boyfriend Ariana was referring to during her song "Break Your Heart Right Back"?

That was news to me! I'm not gonna lie. I woke up with a lot of messages on Twitter congratulating me, which I was quite confused about. Then, when I looked into it, I was very confused because it was news to me. I was like, "I didn't know I was gay, but OK!" I think it was a misunderstanding that she later went back and (acknowledged).

Are you familiar with the term "bromosexual"?

I'm not, no.

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It's basically a straight guy who has gay friends. Would you say you have a bromosexual relationship with Tom Daley?

You know what, I think I have a bromosexual relationship with quite a few gay men, but I'm not sure Tom is one of them. Tom is a lovely, lovely lad. I haven't seen him in a while. Every now and then we cross paths, so I think when we do cross each other we probably have a bromosexual relationship. That's gonna be a word I'm gonna be wrapping my head around. I'm out for a friend's birthday tonight who's gay and that's definitely going to be a topic of conversation. I'm going to be like, "I learned a new word today and I need to share it with you." So, thank you very much.

You've expressed interest in recording music with your friend, Sam Smith. What's the latest on that venture?

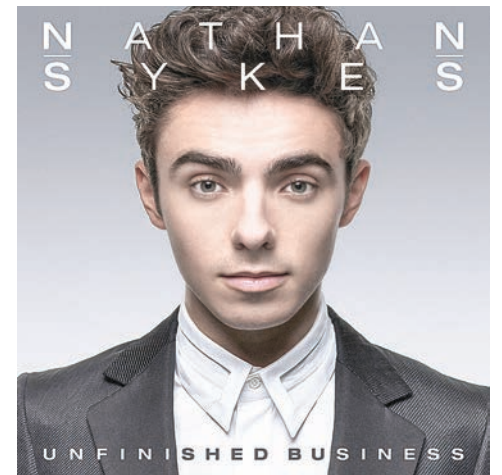
Nothing further, really. Whenever I see Sam, it's as a friend. He's one of the nicest guys you could ever meet. He really is just the sweetest person, so whenever we do see each other, it's as friends and not as potential collaborators. As a massive fan of Sam's, I'd love to collaborate with him. He's phenomenal in so many ways, so it'd be an honor, but it's not something we've both spoken about. I think it could be really cool!

Lastly, I want to acknowledge your shirtlessness in videos for "Give It Up" and "Over and Over Again."

Yeah, sorry about that. I do apologize.

Was it just really warm on set?

It was really, really warm. During "Give it Up," it got so hot I had to get in the shower just to get away any sweat. You know, you do get very nervous and quite self-conscious because you have quite a few people (there). My manager is never going to forgive me for saying this, but at one point I had two pairs of boxers over each other for the "Give it Up" video. I walked into the room and went, "Should I wear these



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boxers?" and then I took them down and went, "... or these boxers?" Of course, she had the fright of her life because she thought I was just taking them off completely, but yeah, I mean, you do get quite nervous and like, "Should I contour my abs?" But in the end, I was like, it's natural and everyone has different bodies and everyone's body should be celebrated. People shouldn't feel pressured into looking a certain way, so I was like, I'm not going to try to contour my abs into something they're not, because if people see them in real life, they will be disappointed. (Laughs) I am who I am who, and I'm just gonna be that way.

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ROYAL OAK – Comedian and author Paula Poundstone said she wishes her new book, “Totally Unscientific Study of the Search for Human Happiness,” was out now instead of on May 9.

“I think it could help. It’s a funny book. A sense of humor is essential to survival,” said Poundstone about moving on post-election.

“Be with one another. Put down your screen devices. Limit your screen time. Give a hug. Go outside. Exercise. Love people that you don’t even know and volunteer. There. I guess that was more than one thing. Oh, yeah, and drink some water.”

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On Dec. 17 comedian Paula Poundstone said, “I shall be the court jester at the Royal Oak Music Theatre in Royal Oak, Michigan, Sire.” Photo courtesy of Michael Schwartz

“The others cheat,” she said magnanimously. “You wouldn’t think NPR would put up with that.”

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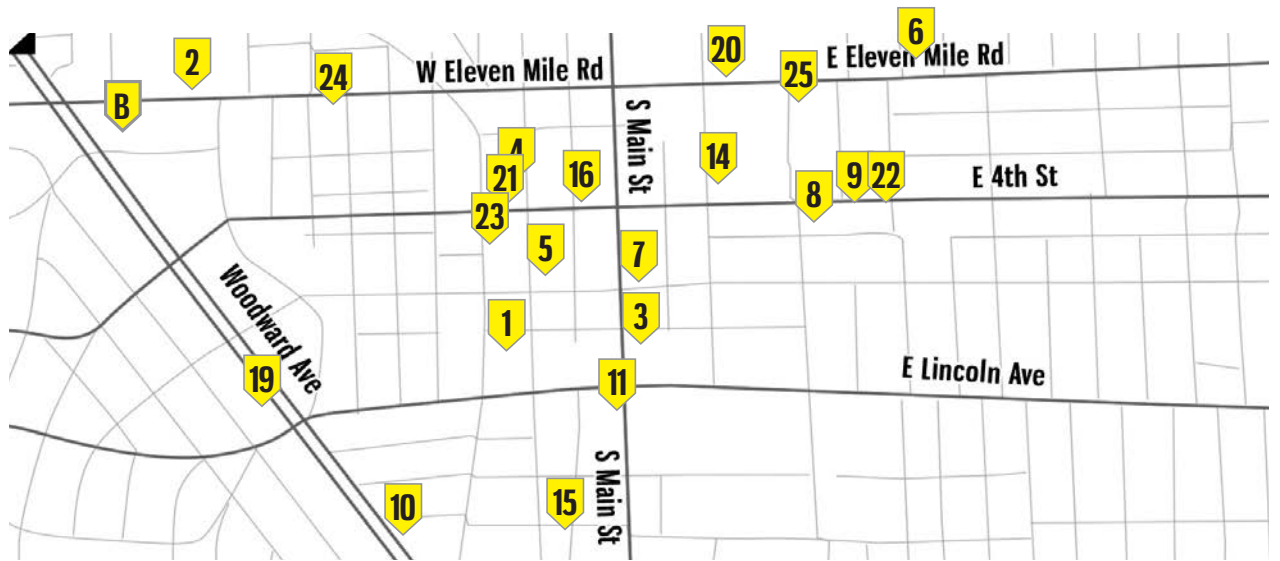
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red Congress may delay social progress (like transgender-rights bills and anti-discrimination laws), but it will never fully quell it – because the majority of American people have never and will never allow it.

3. Donald Trump isn't as anti-LGBT equality as you may think

There's plenty of volley on whether or not Trump is LGBT-friendly – and we can argue for days about the myriad other verbal atrocities he's committed – but back in April he expressed support for one of the most contentious talking points of 2016: the genderless bathroom. On NBC's "Today" show, Trump went against the general consensus of his party when asked how transgendered people should use restrooms in public. They should "use

the bathroom they feel is appropriate," he said, according to the New York Times. Staunch conservative advocates of acts like North Carolina's economically devastating law that prohibits individuals in the state from using a restroom that does not correspond to their biological sex railed Trump for the position, but he never rescinded his statements – and we'll keep our fingers crossed that he never does.

4. Children born this year will have never known a time without LGBT equality

Do we still have trails to blaze in the name of equality? Absolutely. But in the past five years alone we've made more progress toward that goal than in all of modern history. ALL of it. Children born today and every day afterward will never know a United States where LGBTs can't serve openly in the military or legally marry one another – and that's something of which to be proud. While naysayers are cautious that everything will remain as is given the pending administration transition, it's prudent to stay optimistic that we are and will remain on the right side of history.

5. We can express ourselves in public (without much) persecution

I know what you're going to say – it's *still* not safe out there for LGBT people. Notwithstanding the fearmongering – which, I will contend, the basis for which isn't entirely irrelevant – I would argue that we've never been so protected. Yeah, some backwoods hick might fling a derogatory term your way now and then, and violence has been levied (though these instances aren't regular occurrences), but it's important to remember that we're not alone in the fight for equality. There's still a mountain of injustice in this country and around the world – just ask people of color – but those tides *are* turning, whether or not you can see that yet. Our friends and family are standing up to those who attempt to denigrate us, consumers are fighting homophobia with their wallets, and more and more young LGBT people are coming out at an earlier age because they feel safe enough to do so. In other words, our reality is not always how the media portrays it – a lesson we all learned on Nov. 8, and will be wise to remember moving forward.

Mikey Rox is an award-winning journalist and LGBT lifestyle expert whose work has been published in more than 100 outlets across the world. Connect with Mikey on Twitter @mikeyrox.

5 Things You Should Be Thankful For as a Modern LGBT Person

BY MIKEY ROX

If you believe post-election social media, the world is going to hell in a deplorable hand basket. Our LGBT brothers and sisters are frightened for the rights they've fought for over the past several decades, which is only exacerbated by a now Republican majority within the United States government led by a "conservative" president and a far alt-right vice president.

The fear is palpable.

Yet the reality of this situation is that nothing has happened yet. While our hard-won freedoms may be jeopardized in the near future (and that's a BIG maybe), they're not currently in the line of fire – but if and when we're called to battle in the name of equality, we will fight like we always have. Until then, however, let's give thanks during this time of year when thankfulness is especially important for that which we can count our blessings.

Because breathe, gurl – everything will be OK.

1. Your right to marry

There's a lot of talk about rolling back the marriage-equality ruling now that Trump is president-elect, and if the National Organization for Marriage has its way (its dastardly plan is already drawn up), that conjecture could become Constitutional. But when asked what gratitude he has as a modern LGBT person, a friend of mine helped put this long-shot prospect into perspective: "[I'm] thankful that a conservative Supreme Court approved same-sex marriage rather than Congress, which means it's just as safe as *Roe v. Wade* has been since 1973," he said. Let's hope so.

2. The majority of American citizens are still on our side

Based on Electoral College votes, Donald Trump will be our next president, but the popular vote chose Hillary. It stands to reason, then, that most Americans – the voting public, at least – sides with us on issues of equality. A Pew Research Center poll in 2016 found that 55 percent of Americans favored same-sex marriage – and that figure is not likely to dip into the minority now that marriage rights are firmly in place. Sure, a

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Friday, Nov. 25

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Saturday, Nov. 26

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

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

Tuesday, Nov. 29

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

Gamenight 7 p.m. Gay Geeks Social Group, 4636 15 MILE RD Apt. xxx, **Sterling Heights**. www.meetup.com

Collegiate Recovery Programs Supporting Second Chances 7:30

p.m. By Mary Jo Desprez, director of Wolverine Wellness, University Health Service, University of Michigan and Matthew Statman, University of Michigan Collegiate Recovery Program Manager. 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>

Wednesday, Nov. 30

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

Thursday, Dec. 1

World AIDS Day Detroit Giving Breakfast 10 a.m. Tickets: \$50. World AIDS Day Detroit, 3929 Woodward Ave, **Detroit**. bit.ly/2g0qVJM

World AIDS Day Detroit: Youth Symposium 11:30 a.m. Hear from community leaders, medical providers, and experts on a number of topics related to HIV/AIDS today, including HIV in our community, stigma, discrimination, and PREP. Free to attend. Registration necessary. World AIDS Day Detroit, 3929 Woodward Ave, **Detroit**. 313-757-1733. bit.ly/2g2S7YT

Affirmations Community Meeting 6 p.m. Discuss what is working and what needs to be changed to make Affirmations more of "your" center. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale**. 248-398-7105.

PFLAG Trans Meeting 7 p.m. First Thursday monthly PFLAG Tri-Cities, 815 N. Grant, **Bay City**. leishashaler@gmail.com www.pflag.org

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Friday, Dec. 2

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Saturday, Dec. 3

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

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

Perceptions 15th Annual Holiday Gala & Silent Auction 5:30 p.m. Tickets: \$50 per person includes drinks, dinner, dancing, silent auction and more. Performances by Harmony Diversity Choir with MC Miss Ace DeVille. Perceptions, 8390 Midland Road, **Freeland**. www.perceptionsmi.org/gala.php

Perceptions Holiday Gala 5:30 p.m. Tickets: \$50 PFLAG Tri-Cities, 8390 Midland Rd., **Freeland**. 989-891-1429. leishashaler@gmail.com www.perceptionsmi.org/gala.php



'Fun Home' Nov. 29 – Dec. 11

Five-time Tony Award winner "Fun Home" comes to the Fisher Theatre Nov. 29 - Dec. 11.

The landmark production, inspired by best-selling graphic artist Alison Bechdel's book of the same name, introduces audiences to Bechdel at three different stages as she explores and unravels the many mysteries of her childhood, her coming out and the suicide of her domineering and violent

father Bruce. See how Bechdel reconstructs their relationship in her mind and wonders what part her revelation played in his death. The show is written by Lisa Kron, who also penned "Voyage to Lesbos," with Jeanine Tesori's '70s-inspired score.

"Fun Home" runs Nov. 29-Dec. 11 at the Fisher Theatre. Tickets are \$15-\$130. Recommended for ages 13 and up. Under 5 years of age not admitted.

The Fisher Theatre is located at 3011 W. Grand Blvd. in Detroit. Visit www.broadwayindetroit.com/shows/fun-home for tickets.

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

Sunday, Dec. 4

Fun Home 7:30 p.m. Winner of Five Tony Awards including Best Musical. Inspired by the life of Alison Bechdel. Not recommended for children under 13. Under 5 not admitted. Tickets: \$15-\$130. Broadway In Detroit, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., **Detroit**. 313-872-1000. www.broadwayindetroit.com/shows/fun-home

Michigan Center for Early Christian Studies "Panel: Looking Inside Handel's Messiah: A Director's Perspective" Scott Hanoian, music director of the UMS Choral Union, gives an insider's look at conducting Handel's Messiah. Held before the Saturday evening performance. Rackham Bldg., 915 E. Washington St. 4th floor, Ann Arbor. 6 p.m. Dec. 3. 734-763-3333. <http://bit.ly/2eVds6R>

R&B LIVE DETROIT "Adam Ness" Tickets: \$15 in advance; \$20 online. Vendors will be available. Jazz Cafe at the Detroit Music Hall, 350 Madison, Detroit. 8 p.m. Nov. 26. 313-471-4724. www.facebook.com/events/1762526607331609/

Classical

Fort Street Chorale "Fort Street Chorale and Chamber Orchestra present 38th annual performances of Handels Messiah" Incoming director and organist at Fort Street Presbyterian Church, Marilyn Biery, conducts. Soloists are soprano Carol Ambrogio Wood, alto Dorothy Duensing, tenor Pablo Bustos, and bass Steven Henrikson. Tickets are \$20, \$15 for

groups of 10 or more. Wheelchair accessible. Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort Street, Detroit. 3 p.m. Dec. 3. 313-961-4533. www.fortstreet.org

Concerts

Live Nation "Steel Panther" Tickets: \$15-\$40. The Fillmore Detroit, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 7 p.m. Dec. 3. www.thefillmoredetroit.com

Unlimited Sky Production "The 16th Annual Billie Holiday Revue ft. Sky Covington" Join in a celebration of one of the most daring and infectious stylists of our time Billie Holiday performed by Sky Covington. Tickets: \$20. Berts Motown Room, 2727 Russell, Detroit. 7 p.m. Nov. 27. 248-445-1277. www.skycovington.com

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► Poundstone

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the country. Although her interchanges with the audience are never mean or done at a person's expense, she is known for doing "crowd work," asking questions and putting (willing) people on the spot.

She even manages to handle politics without provoking the pall of disapproval received by less artful comics. "With the exception of that one time," she claims.

Poundstone voiced the character "Forgetter Paula" in Disney Pixar's 2015 Academy Award winning animated feature film, *Inside Out*. Her first double-live CD, "North By Northwest: Paula Poundstone Live" debuted this year at #1 on both Amazon's "Hot New Releases - Non Fiction" and "Comedy CD" lists, and charted on Billboard's Comedy Albums. "It's a joyous romp through a field of cheeseheads and hipsters," said Poundstone, who also appeared on the hit television drama, *Major Crimes* this year, and has done commentaries for CBS Sunday Morning.

Over the years Poundstone has amassed a list of accolades and awards. In 1992, she became the first woman to share the stage with President George H.W. Bush and host the prestigious White House Correspondents dinner, a role not until then offered to a woman in its 72-year history. Only four other women have followed in her pioneering footsteps. That same year, she rocked the

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comedy establishment when her HBO special, "Cats, Cops and Stuff" won the Cable ACE Award for Best Standup Comedy Special. Poundstone is the first woman to ever receive that award.

Setting quite the example for young women in her trademark suit, men's shirt, suspenders and red lipstick, Poundstone shares a bit of advice.

"When they ask me, I always tell other young stand-up comics not to worry about the politics and prejudices of getting hired or not hired. I encourage them to simply focus on being the best they can be at their craft. It takes practice and experience. I tell them to do every open-mic they can, and to read and to write. Eventually, using this technique, a performer will become undeniable. Someone not hiring them will look stupid. I think this theory applies to every job," she said.

"The truth is, not as many women take the risk to do certain jobs. I have no idea why that is. Certainly stand-up comedy, as well as most other jobs, are genderless. Angela Merkel is about to have another

go at it. Just keep swimming."

Which is more important now than ever as Poundstone said she agrees the arts have a huge role to play in protecting the country from a downward nationalist spiral.

"Sometimes, especially in neighborhoods that are quite segregated, the only way we learn about someone's experience that is different from our own is through a movie, a play, a song, a television show, or a comic," she said. "We also need to seek out really good journalism, instead of so much editorial news-talk-infotainment."

Poundstone is included in Comedy Central's list of 100 Greatest Stand-Ups Of All Time about which she said is, "especially meaningful because lots of other Neanderthals were overlooked." And when she won an American Comedy Award for Best Female Standup Comic she said, "they ran out of people to give it to."

Known for her self-deprecating style, she has established quite the reputation for being brainy and smart on stage. Still, she considers her greatest achievement being a mom of three children. She lives in Santa Monica where she also has two dogs, 14 cats, and one ant left from her ant farm.

The ROMT is located at 318 W. 4th St. Tickets are \$32-60 in advance. Doors open at 8 p.m. For more information, visit ROMT online at www.royaloakmusictheatre.com or call 248-399-2980.

► Happenings

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drinks and fun. Bakers Keyboard Lounge, 20510 Livernois, Detroit. Oct. 12 - Dec. 28. 313-345-6300. www.theofficialbakerskeyboardlounge.com

Cabaret 313 "An Evening with Megan Hilty" Tickets: \$25 for guests under 40, \$60-125. Music Box, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Nov. 26. 313-576-5111. www.cabaret313.org

THEATER

Christmas Carol Step back in time to see Tiny Tim and a handful of ghosts melt Ebenezer Scrooge's frozen heart and show him what Christmas really means. Tickets: \$20-\$42. Fun for the whole family. Meadow Brook Theatre, Meadow Brook Music Festival, 3554 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills. Through Dec. 24. 248-377-3300. www.ticketmaster.com

An Evening with Megan Hilty See a rare glimpse of the women behind the voice of *Wicked*, *Noises off*, 9 to 5 The Musical, *Shrek the Third*, and NBC's *Smash* in this up-close and personal, special edition performance. Cabaret 313, The Cube at the Marjorie S. & Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. 8 p.m. Nov. 26. 313-405-5061. <http://cabaret313.org/shows/megan-hilty-nov-26-2016/>

Sugar Plum Panto Tickets: suggested

\$20 donation. Fun for the whole family. Featuring brand new songs by R. MacKenzie Lewis, "Kick Butt" and "Tick Tock," and classical pieces from the Nutcracker Ballet by Tchaikovsky, and reimagining of modern songs. Theatre Nova Ensemble, The Yellow Barn, 416 W. Huron St., Ann Arbor. Nov. 25 - Dec. 22. 734-635-8450. www.theatrenova.org

College/University Theater

Mannheim Steamroller Christmas by Chip Davis Tickets: \$33 plus applicable fees. Wharton Center for the Performing Arts, Michigan State University, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 7:30 p.m. Nov. 30. 800-WHARTON. www.whartoncenter.com

Professional

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

2.5 Minute Ride by Lisa Kron Tickets: \$20 adult, \$15 student and senior. Matrix Theatre Company, 2730 Bagley St., Detroit. Through Dec. 4. 313-967-0599. www.matrixtheatre.org

Wicked See the untold story of the witches of Oz in the Broadway production of *Wicked*. Fun for the whole family. Tickets starting at

\$45. Broadway, Wharton Center for the Performing Arts, Michigan State University, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. Through Nov. 27. 800-WHARTON. www.whartoncenter.com/events/detail/wicked

ART 'N' AROUND

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

Ann Arbor Art Center "Silver Snowflake Earrings Workshop" Join jewelry artist Christine Bossler to make your own set of beautiful and bold silver snowflake earrings. Ages 15 and up. Tickets: \$110. Ann Arbor Art Center, 117 W. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. 10 a.m. Dec. 3. 734-994-8004. <http://bit.ly/2g4eTmj>

Ann Arbor Art Center "Art Off The Wall 2016: Holiday Shopping Exhibition" Free entrance event to see a two-floor exhibition featuring unique artwork by over 200 local and regional artists! Get started on the holiday shopping and give one-of-a-kind gifts while supporting local art. Ann Arbor Art Center, 117 W. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Nov. 18 - Jan. 7. www.facebook.com/events/1807900772828520/?active_tab=discussion

Cranbrook Academy of Art "John Glick: A Legacy in Clay" More than 200 pieces represent all phases of Glick's work. Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. June 18 - Nov. 30. 877-462-7262. www.cranbrook.edu

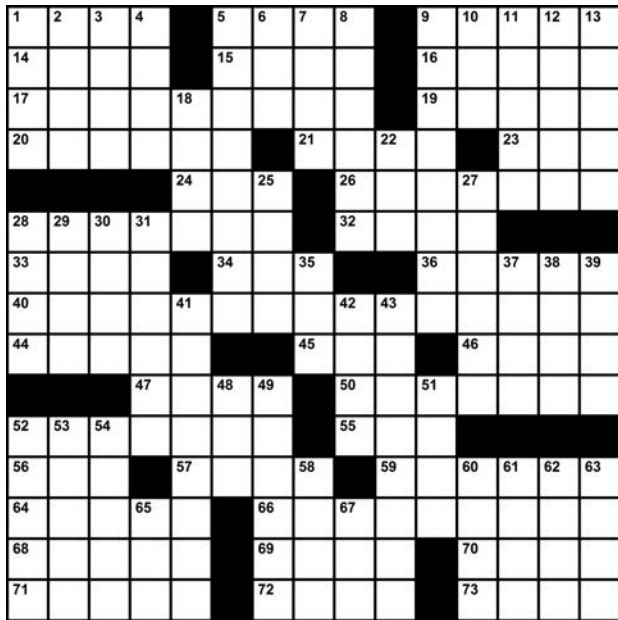
Giving Tuesday "Giving Tuesday" #GivingTuesday is a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. Visit the website to see local participating organizations. Giving Tuesday, Detroit. 9 a.m. Nov. 29. www.givingtuesday.org/

Lawrence Street Gallery "Kinka Snow and Patricia Simpson" Free admission. Lawrence Street Gallery, 22620 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Nov. 2 - Nov. 26. 248-544-0394. www.lawrencestreetgallery.com

Lawrence Street Gallery "Think Small 2016" All media and work is 12 inches in any direction or smaller and created by local artists. All work created by area artists. Lawrence Street Gallery, 22620 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Nov. 30 - Dec. 24. 2485440394. www.lawrencestreetgallery.com

Ypsilanti Historical Museum "Meredith Bixby's Marvelous Marionettes" Puppets will be on display through spring of 2017. Ypsilanti Historical Museum, 220 N. Huron, Ypsilanti. July 10 - Dec. 31. 734-482-4990.

Q Puzzle



One Mississippi

Across

- 1 Dick of "Bewitched"
- 5 NG: Speak like a tough guy
- 9 Rock-bottom
- 14 "East of Eden" director Kazan
- 15 Out partner
- 16 Cockamamie
- 17 Writer of the TV series "One Mississippi"
- 19 Family of Chaz

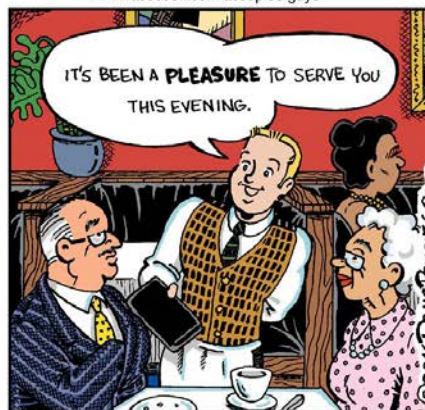
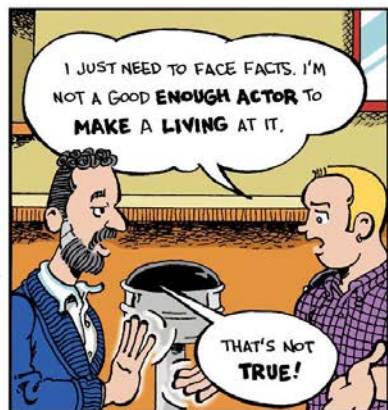
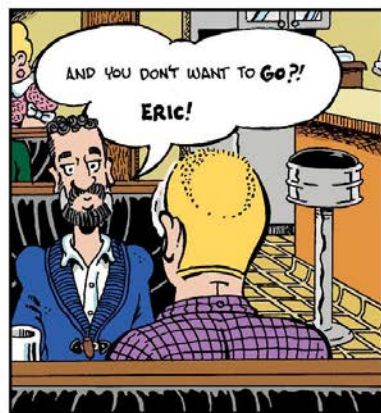
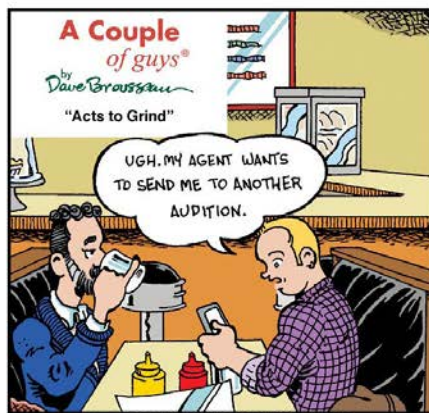
- 20 Top, to bottom
- 21 "Perry Mason" star Raymond
- 23 NG: Decimal point
- 24 NG: Get a load of
- 26 Start of a comment by the mom of 17-Across about her not eating much as a child
- 28 One of the Elton John tunes that "say so much"
- 32 The Tin Man's best friend
- 33 Mabi-us of "Ugly Betty"
- 34 Organ pleased by Bernstein
- 36 Family room piece
- 40 More of the comment

- 44 Rock-like
- 45 One ruled by a queen
- 46 Cicero's queer
- 47 Olivia cruiser
- 50 Emma Peel was one
- 52 More of the comment
- 55 Came upon
- 56 NG: Suffix with profit
- 57 Historic Stonewall event
- 59 Michelangelo's land
- 64 Penetrate
- 66 End of the comment
- 68 TËa of "Spanglish"
- 69 NG: River to the Caspian Sea
- 70 Girl who goes both ways?
- 71 Turns on
- 72 Sit for Mapplethorpe
- 73 Stud poker demand

Down

- 1 NG: Abominable snowman
- 2 "Brothers & Sisters" producer Ken
- 3 Fits your first mate's mast
- 4 Lucci's Erica in "All My Children"
- 5 More like something in the state of Denmark
- 6 NG: Gardener on screen
- 7 NG: Balkan dweller
- 8 Novelist Marcel
- 9 Words sung by an opera queen
- 10 Bowie collaborator
- 11 Network of "Wedding Wars"
- 12 You might stick it where it doesn't belong
- 13 NG: Proctor's handouts
- 18 NG: Estimate ending
- 22 P on Socrates' paper
- 25 NG: Actor Richard
- 27 NG: Wield authority
- 28 Salty bodies
- 29 His grandmother had a Woody
- 30 Spice for your pickle
- 31 NG: Sharp divide
- 35 Obstacle, to Shakespeare
- 37 Zipper problem
- 38 NG: French 101 verb
- 39 Peter the Great, for one
- 41 Oscar nominee for "The Hours"
- 42 Lions or Tigers or Bears
- 43 It arouses soldiers in the sack
- 48 NG: Three on a sundial
- 49 NG: Support
- 51 Caesar's last question
- 52 NG: Has a hunch
- 53 O'Connor of _Xena_
- 54 Halliwell's partner
- 58 NG: Dangerous charger
- 60 Opposite of loads
- 61 Dotterman's "Antonia's ____"
- 62 NG: New Rochelle, N.Y. college
- 63 Like a meticulous bottom?
- 65 NG: Put a halt to
- 67 Vegas opening

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