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Redistricting means trouble for LGBT community in Michigan

BY TARA CAVANAUGH

LANSING—Gov. Rick Snyder signed a new congressional map into law last Tuesday, and the map has Democrats accusing Republicans of gerrymandering.

Under the new districts, Democrats Sander Levin and Gary Peters, D-12 and D-9 respectively, will compete for the same district.

“It is highly disappointing that Gov. Snyder rubber-stamped the Republican gerrymander of congressional districts for the next 10 years in Michigan,” Congressman Levin said in a statement. “I testified against that map in Lansing and I will actively support every feasible effort to challenge the legality of this decision.

“If legal challenges are unsuccessful in overturning this map, I will run for re-election in the proposed 9th District, which contains three-quarters of the district that I now represent.”

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—Democratic Party Chair Mark Brewer

Peters has said he also plans to run for re-election.

The new plan also redraws the lines of the 14th District so that it meanders in a zigzag pattern from southwest Detroit up to Pontiac.

Michigan loses a House seat next year, due to Michigan’s population decrease.

“At our peak, we had 19 seats in Congress. But systems are made of people. The more people we have involved – from diverse backgrounds and with unique perspectives – the more we can shift that dynamic so that it isn’t the ‘old boy’s network’ anymore.

It’s going to make it more difficult for friends and supporters of the LGBT community to get elected in the state legislature. Not impossible, but more difficult.”

Republicans also created the current congressional map ten years ago, because they held the majority of seats in the state legislature then as well.

“It just points out in the end the importance of elections,” Brewer said. “Because Republicans won the elections last year, they get to draw the maps. We have to re-elect our friends, like President Obama, Debbie Stabenow, win some of these seats back next year so we can continue to try to make progress.”

A lot of the gay community didn’t vote in last year’s elections, said Phil Volk, chair of the Michigan Democratic LGBT Caucus. “We have to impress on the LGBT community how important it is to get active politically,” Volk said. “We have to get to our people that aren’t active, and make them feel like the ballot box is the way to go.”

Volk would also like to see the independent voters – which make up roughly 20 percent of Michigan voters – recognize the importance of voting for pro-LGBT-equality candidates.

“And then, we must work to make it more obvious that I’m a person of color; it’s obvious that I’m a woman. It’s not so obvious that I’m Muslim and it’s not so obvious that I’m queer. I try to bring that to the forefront.

What would you be interested in running for in the next few years?

I want to run for local office. As hokey as it may sound, I believe in the power of community. And I think communities have been systematically stripped of their voice. And by communities, I don’t just mean a geographic location, I mean all communities in an area. I believe in the grassroots level and I think it gets more convoluted as you work up the different levels of government. But I do think you can be a really effective representative or senator at the level. My mentor is Rashida Tlaib; she was the first Muslim-American woman to be elected to the legislature in Michigan. She’s incredibly involved and I’m learning a lot from her. If I were ever to be at the state level, I would like to be as involved as she is.

At what stage are you comfortable with being a public figure?

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By Tara Cavanaugh

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Anika Fassia earned her master’s in social work and social policy at the University of Michigan. She’s taking part in a two-year fellowship with the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities to advocate on behalf of vulnerable communities in Michigan.

Systems are made of people. The more people we have involved, the more we can shift that dynamic so that it isn’t the “old boy’s network” anymore.

1. Tell us about your two-year fellowship at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

We are a legislative advocacy organization, so we provide data on behalf of low-income families and foreign-born residents in Michigan. I also do a lot of work around race equity, and integrating that into policy decisions; I present to a lot of nonprofits that do a lot of the Michigan Minority Health Coalition and Michigan Forward, Detroit Parent Network, talking to?

2. When you go around and present information about underserved populations, who are you talking to?

I do a lot of work with the Alliance for Immigrant Rights and Reform, Global Detroit, Michigan Forward, Detroit Parent Network, the Michigan Minority Health Coalition and the Ingham County Health Department. We present to a lot of nonprofits that do a lot of direct provider work. Since we’re on the policy level, we happen to be disconnected from direct service providers, and direct service providers are disconnected from what’s going on at the Capitol. So I think it’s really important for us to bridge that gap.

3. If you could do anything to improve your job, what would you do?

I think it’s kind of happened by default, because I am queer, so I feel like I have to talk about it. It’s something that’s often looked over, because it’s not always so visibly apparent. It’s
Two Lansing City Council hopefuls earn LGBT endorsements

BY TARA CAVANAGH

LANSING—Two candidates who are running for Lansing City Council seats have earned endorsements from organizations that support LGBT equality.

Rory Neuner, an at-large candidate for Lansing’s 4th Ward, is endorsed by Equality Michigan’s Pride PAC. Martinez is a former state representative and Ingham County commissioner.

“Candidates Rory Neuner and Lynne Martinez have proven to be dedicated leaders in Michigan’s capitol,” Equality Michigan said in a statement. “Their reasoned approaches and ability to work constructively toward quality policy in otherwise tenuous political spheres is a testament to their ability to consider the long-term impact of political changes in their community. The Equality Michigan Pride PAC appreciates Martinez’s tested record of public service and looks forward to witnessing the fruits of newcomer Neuner’s informed investment in Lansing.”


Arts, Beats and Eats – oh my!

Annual entertainment festival gets even bigger this year

BY ZACH CHILDREE

ROYAL OAK—The city of Royal Oak is gearing up for its annual Arts, Beats and Eats festival on Labor Day weekend.

“There are so many amazing things happening at the event this year,” said Jonathan Witz, producer of the festival. “You didn’t think it could go to another level, but you’ll see that it does.”

The festival boasts 250 entertainment acts this year, up 50 from last year. Among the acts performing on the 11 stages around the city are Poison front man and “Rock of Love” star Bret Michaels, alternative rock band Panic! At The Disco, country singer Vince Gill, George Clinton and the P-Funk All Stars as well as ‘80s rock band Starship and the swing band Big Bad Voodoo Daddy. The festival will also feature local band Devin Scillian & the Arizona Suns and indie favorite Dale Earnhardt Jr Jr.

Bringing the “eats” to the festival are nearly 70 restaurants, including Little Tree Sushi, Katana Japanese Steakhouse, Pronto! and Rangoli. The festival will also showcase the culmination of Holiday Market and Mirepoix Cooking School’s “The Duel,” in which chefs from around Metro Detroit compete in a culinary competition. Similar to the television show “Iron Chef,” the chefs will be given a secret ingredient to compose their dishes around. The final rounds will be held Friday, Sept. 2 and Sunday, Sept. 4.

Festival attendees can also help break a world record for the largest Zumba dance and exercise class. A representative from the Guinness Book of World Records will be on hand to verify the record. Event organizers hope to gather more than 1,500 people together for the dance class.

“This is an exciting, high-energy activity to get people moving, have a great time and a chance to make history,” said Susan Stokely, a Zumba instructor and co-owner of Vibe Fit. The current record was set in April this year in Brownsville, Texas, where 1,223 people gathered for a Zumba class.

Also new to this year’s festivities is the Citizens Bank Money Booth, where attendees will have a chance to be selected to step inside an 8-foot-tall wind tunnel booth and grab as much cash and prizes as they can before time runs out.

The festival will feature several activities for kids, including a Moonwalk and Kiddie Carnival. For the Oakland County Parks Kids Stage, featuring Rosco the Clown, will also be a good thing for the community in uncertain times. “We need something positive, something that is a fun diversion,” Brooks said. “Arts Beat and Eats has always offered that fun diversion. It can’t come quick enough.”

Check out artsbeats.eats.com for a complete list of entertainers and events.
Opinions

Put your voting cap on

It may sound silly to be encouraging our community to vote right now, when the next major national election is more than a year away. But now is the perfect time to remind all of us that we must get to the polls.

Last week, Gov. Rick Snyder signed a new redistricting plan into law. What does this mean? It means that Republicans, who have the majority in the state legislature, were able to draw the map that dictates how people choose their representatives in the U.S. House. The GOP used its power to make sure that two popular Democrats will have to compete for the same district next time they run. The GOP also turned the 14th District into a strange zig-zag from southwest Detroit up to Pontiac, which makes no geographical sense but helps the GOP politically.

So why should we care about redistricting? Because this means that Republicans have a more convenient map, drawn to benefit their party, for the next ten years. Often, when we decide to go to elections or sit them out, we think of the immediate effects of voting – of not deciding to go to elections or sit them out, we think of the immediate effects of voting – of not knowing much about the candidates, of hating to waste time waiting to vote on that particular day. But we don’t think much of the long-term effects. One effect of the LGBT community sitting out last year’s elections is that it’s now more difficult for us to elect pro-equality candidates – and it will be for the next decade. That’s a long time.

What is especially frustrating about the new districts is that Republicans were also able to draw the last district map ten years ago, when they also had the majority in the state legislature. This means that Republicans were able to redraw the districts that they crafted to their advantage in the first place.

We know it’s not popular to be political. We also know it’s not easy. Trying to read news stories about politics can be like reading sports stories; if you know little about the team or the sport, it’s hard to follow along. But there’s too much at stake for our community to not care about politics. We can be fired or denied a place to live just because we’re LGBT. We can’t get married, and if we choose to adopt, our children are allowed only one legal parent. Michigan won’t even recognize our marriage if it was performed legally in another state.

We know it’s not popular to be political. We also know it’s not easy. But there’s too much at stake for our community to not care about politics.

We have to wake up and be responsible in choosing the right leaders who will fight for our rights. This means voting – and not just in the national elections, but in our state and local elections too. The more Democrats we have on our city councils and in our state legislature, the better off we will be. Every little bit helps.

It’s so easy to vote: take an hour out of your day to pencil in a few circles or boxes. The effect will be felt for years to come.

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General Gayety

BY LESLIE ROBINSON

Same gender means some problems

You might enter into a same-sex relationship thinking you know all the troubles that lie ahead. Discrimination, rejection by family and friends, spending eternity in hell – none of that is news.

But I’ll bet you never considered the bundle of difficulties caused by being in a relationship with someone who’s a lot like you. Someone with whom you share everything from chromosomes to conditioner.

Here’s an example of what I mean: My partner and I have the same name. Her first name is Anne, which is also my middle name. It took me a while to get comfortable saying her name. I felt like I was calling myself, and having attacks of egomania.

Opposite-sex couples can experience this trouble too, of course. A woman named Jordan can marry a man named Jordan, or a Jean can connect with a Gene. But the chances of twin names are much increased with gay couplings.

We all know a Mike and a Mike, or a Sarah and a Sarah. The other day I heard a lesbian couple referred to as “the Rachels.” Anyone who’s adamant about maintaining individuality might have to rethink this gay thing.

I suppose preventive action is a possibility. A lesbian could legally change her name before starting a relationship, pick a name that no other woman is likely to share. Like Augustina. Or Pittsburgh. Or Cementmixer.

Then there’s the issue of clothing. Back when I was in a straight relationship, my boyfriend was too tall and too male to borrow my clothes.

Now all bets are off.

Anne has borrowed everything from bras to hats. She so covets a shirt of mine she whispers a little when I wear it. I’ll soon know what it means to give someone the shirt off my back.

She and I aren’t the same size, nor do we have identical taste. For these reasons, I know my entire wardrobe won’t go missing.

But I can imagine what it must be like for, say, a femme couple with similar proportions where one woman is constantly pilfering and the other can never find what she planned to wear. On a morning when the latter can locate nothing to wear to work but pumps and a nightgown, the fur will fly.

I’d be remiss if I didn’t note that sometimes it’s a boon, clothing-wise, to be in a same-sex couple. You can double your wardrobe. But only if you have like builds and taste. I suppose there are women out there who assess a potential partner for kindness, respect and to-die-for pencil skirts.

Turning to accessories, our friend Susan recently told Anne and me that she has begun carrying a purse again. The problem is her partner Joyce uses a purse that looks the same. Now each woman can find herself leaving the house with the wrong life.

Straight couples don’t have this trouble.

While anti-gay activists argue that male and female genitalia were meant to go together, they’re ignoring a more compelling biological argument. Two women going through menopause should never live together.

On another subject, while anti-gay activists argue that male and female genitalia were meant to go together, they’re ignoring a more compelling biological argument. Two women going through menopause should never live together.

Between us, Anne and I have every menopause symptom going. When she’s having a hot flash, I’m too busy obsessing over my weight gain to notice, let alone sympathize. In straight households where the woman is experiencing menopause, it’s the man’s job to be sympathetic – when he isn’t driving his girlfriend around in his new Ferrari.

Anne and I don’t get sympathy, but we aren’t being cheated on, so I guess it’s a wash. Overall, though, I feel it’s only right for young people to be alerted to the complications inherent in same-sex relationships. If the prospect of hell doesn’t scare twinks, the prospect of sharing hair gel might.

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“I don’t judge them. I am running for presidency of the United States. I am running for the presidency of the United States. I’m not anyone’s judge. That’s all I can tell you is that I’m not judging. When it comes to marriage and family, my opinion is that marriage is between a man and a woman. I think that’s been my view. All of these kind of questions are not really about what people are concerned about right now.”

–Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-MN, Republican presidential candidate and winner of the Iowa Straw Poll, on Sunday morning talk show Meet the Press, responding to host David Gregory’s questions about her views on gay and lesbian Americans, minnesota.independent.com, Aug. 15.

Bert & Ernie are not gay, and they are not getting married, says Sesame Street. What do you think of the news?

What a lame, corporate response.
–David Paul Rudzinski

Right. And Michele Bachmann’s husband is straight, too.
–Jeanne Ruzzin

Anderson Cooper is not gay, either.
–Nicholas Michael Bashour

Aren’t they supposed to be like 5 years old? I should HOPE they’re not getting married. Sheesh!
–Bridgette Redman

They are puppets for children and are neutral in sexuality. Like Batman and Robin.
–Dan Scaife

Does this mean they are on the “DL”? How disappointing.
–Stephen Jefferson

I call “BULLSHIT”!!!
–Gina M. Driggers

“Coming out is about telling people something very important about who you are, not about flaunting anything. How you do it is one of the most personal decisions you’ll ever make, and it’s a decision you’re likely to have to make over and over again as you come out to different people at different times in your life. There are plenty of ways to come out, and no one way is better than any other. Some people blurt it out in a pent-up burst of emotion, others craft careful letters of explanation and revelation, and others toss it off as casually as a Facebook update. How you handle your own coming out is completely up to you. Whether you’ve been planning for years how to tell your parents you’re gay, or you find yourself exploding with the joy of falling in love and needing to shout it from the rooftops, go ahead – come out!”

–Steven Petrow, author of “The Essential Book of Gay Manners & Etiquette,” gaymanners.com

“Bert and Ernie are best friends. They were created to teach preschoolers that people can be good friends with those who are very different from themselves. Even though they are identified as male characters and possess many human traits and characteristics (as most Sesame Street Muppets do), they remain puppets, and do not have a sexual orientation.”

–Sesame Workshop, in a Facebook statement, commenting on a widely-circulated online petition encouraging the “Sesame Street” roommates to marry, facebook.com/SesameWorkshop, Aug. 11. Best friends and roommates since Sesame Street was created, fans have speculated for years about the close relationship between the popular Muppet pair.

“Tans identical to aegs andles allies, they’re also at odds with themselves. The community is rife with disagreements about whether transsexuals (individuals who change, or wish to change, their gender via medical intervention, and whom some define as simply having a ‘birth challenge’ like, say, a cleft palate) even ought to be grouped, politically, with ‘transgenders’ (an umbrella term that includes cross-dressers and drag queens).”

–Jennifer Finney Boylan, author and civil rights advocate, in her column titled “We Want Cake, Too,” nytimes.com, Aug. 11
Poll shows opposition to NY gay marriage law softening

GOP New Yorkers split on whether law should be overturned

BY MICHAEL GORBULEY

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Now that the protests are silenced, the politics is over and scores of gay weddings are in photo albums, a poll shows opposition appears to be softening against New York’s landmark gay marriage law and even Republicans are split on whether it should be overturned by a pending lawsuit.

Those are the findings of a NY1-YNN-Marist College poll released last Wednesday night. The poll shows Republican voters who had been the strongest opponents are now split — 48 percent to 47 percent — on whether the law should be overturned.

That split exists even though most Republicans — 52 percent — still oppose gay marriage.

The poll also found that 63 percent of adults don’t want the law overturned, almost twice as many adults who do want it overturned. Even 59 percent of New York voters older than 45 years old want the law to stay in place. Older voters had been the most strongly opposed to gay marriage.

Overall, the poll finds that 55 percent of registered voters support the measure signed into law June 24 by Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

The poll also finds that 71 percent of registered voters would attend a gay wedding of a friend or relative — including nearly 7 in 10 Republicans.

“I think that clearly the numbers now don’t reflect the depth of the controversy of the last few months,” said Lee Miringoff of the Marist poll.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed a law allowing gay marriage in New York in June. Recent polls show opposition to gay marriage softening in the state. Photo by Lev Radin.

“It’s still controversial, of course, but there is a much clearer sense across the regions that this is something people support and they don’t want to undo anything or turn the page backward.”

The New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms group is pursuing a lawsuit that would strike down the entire law. The group has opposed gay marriage on religious grounds, but its lawsuit cites violations in the state Senate’s own rules that severely limited debate on the night of the final legislative vote.

The group’s leader, the Rev. Jason McGuire, has said the process showed gay marriage was being forced through the Legislature while many New Yorkers still opposed it.

“If truly the legislation can stand on its own merits, then it should be able to withstand being deliberated publicly,” McGuire said after the vote.

He didn’t immediately respond to a request for comment to the poll.

Opposition remains strongest among older, Republican New Yorkers who are also among the most reliable voters. Forty-three percent of Republican voters say they would be less likely to vote for a state senator who voted for gay marriage, which could be a major factor in heavily Republican districts. Just four of 32 Republicans did, providing the winning margin needed for Democrats.

“There’s been so much publicity regarding marriages that have occurred since it passed and that might have had some impact on people’s sentiments,” Miringoff said. “And there is also the sense that this is done now, let’s move on.”

The poll questioned 516 voters on the phone from July 28 to July 31 and made sure each county was represented in proportion to its population. The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 4.5 percentage points.

Transgender inmates win appeal

Court: denying hormone treatments ‘amounts to torture’

BY SCOTT BAUER

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A federal appeals court on Aug. 5 upheld a ruling striking down a Wisconsin law banning publicly-funded hormone therapy for transgender inmates, saying denying the treatment amounted to torture.

The 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision came in a case brought by a group of female inmates who identify as transgender. They argued they needed the hormones to treat their gender identity disorder and not having them was cruel and unusual punishment because it denies medical treatment.

“Surely, had the Wisconsin Legislature passed a law that DOC inmates with cancer must be treated only with therapy and painkillers, this court would have no trouble concluding that the law was unconstitutional,” the appeals court judges wrote. “Refusing to provide effective treatment for a serious medical condition serves no valid penological purpose and amounts to torture.”

Attorneys from the American Civil Liberties Union and Lambda Legal, a national gay rights group, praised the ruling.

“The too often the medical needs of transgender persons are not treated as the serious health issues that they are,” said ACLU attorney John Knight in a prepared statement. “We are glad that the appeals court has found that medical professionals, not the Wisconsin Legislature, should make medical decisions for inmates.”

A spokesman for Republican Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen said the office was reviewing its legal options. The state could ask the full 7th Circuit court to hear the case or it could appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

“We don’t believe the Constitution requires prison officials to provide hormone therapy and sexual reassignment surgery to prisoners,” DOJ spokesman Steve Means said in a written statement.

Department of Corrections spokeswoman Linda Eggert said the ruling would have to be reviewed before anyone would comment.

While similar prison policies in other states have been challenged successfully, the ACLU and Lambda Legal said the law was the only one of its kind in the nation that denied such medical care to transgender inmates.

Supporters of the law, which passed in 2005 with bipartisan support and was signed by then-Democratic Gov. Jim Doyle, warned that paying for the therapy would open the door for taxpayer-funded sex changes for inmates, which the law also blocked.

Doyle signed the law after an inmate who had received hormone therapy filed a lawsuit to try to force the prison to pay for his sex change.

U.S. District Judge Charles Cleverton issued a temporary order weeks after the law went into effect, blocking prison officials from ending the therapy for inmates already receiving hormones while the lawsuit was pending.

Some of the plaintiffs had been on hormones for years before the law was passed. They included Andrea Fields, who had been taking hormones since 1996. Before the law was blocked, the inmate’s hormone dosage was cut in half, which led to nausea, weakness, loss of appetite and hair growth, according to court records.

Four Michigan schools listed among top gay-friendly universities in the nation

According to the 2011 Campus Pride Climate Index, four Michigan universities are among the top gay-friendly schools in the nation.

Eastern Michigan University, the University of Michigan, Western Michigan and Grand Valley State University each earned a 4.5 star rating or higher on the index’s list. Nationally, only 33 universities across the country received a perfect rating of five stars this year.

“We are incredibly proud of our Campus Pride ranking,” said Mary Larkin, EMU’s LGBT Resource Center program coordinator.

“The assessment provides us an opportunity to really look at the programs, events and services that we offer to our LGBT students and allies. In order to maintain this ranking, we must continually strive to educate our campus community to create and sustain an inclusive environment.”

The Campus Pride Climate Index ranks nearly 300 public colleges and universities based on policies, programs and practices related to inclusion and effectiveness. Each college fills out a voluntary survey submitted to Campus Pride.

Campus Pride, which was founded in 2001, is the leading national nonprofit organization for student leaders and campus groups working to create a safer college environment for LGBT students.

“Campus Pride’s Index is the only one of its kind,” said Campus Pride Executive Director Shane Windmeyer, an author, speaker and researcher on LGBT campus issues.

“Unlike other, commercially-driven rankings, our ratings are done for and by LGBT people and set in a foundation of solid research practice.”

Campus Pride’s 2010 State of Higher Education, a report documenting the experiences of more than 5,000 college students, faculty, staff and administrators, showed that only seven percent of universities nationwide have institutional support for LGBT students.

“According to our national research, more than a third of transgender and 13 percent of lesbian, gay and bisexual students, faculty and staff fear for their physical safety on campuses across the U.S.,” Windmeyer says.

“As a result, more than a third of these students and faculty have seriously considered leaving their school. We must do better.”

For more information on Campus Pride’s Campus Climate Index, visit www.campusclimateindex.org.
A real hum jobber ...

I've occasion to escort friends Roger and Lloyd, visiting from summer-sweltering Florida, to what's euphemistically known among dance mavens as “the Windsor ballet.” Our much anticipated cultural outing, because of family visitation commitments, unfortunately falls on a Tuesday evening, when not much usually happens in first, third, or fifth positions among the scheduled “ballet” dancers.

Roger, Lloyd, and I have passports in hand; agreeing as cover story that our visit is to one-armed mechanical casino bandits rather than for multi-limbed appeasement of our voyeuristic needs (well-mannered visitors representing America's best cultural interests in a foreign country).

As we each focus our smiling, affidavit faces at the checkpoint attendant – a handsome chap, given no doubt to sizing up our touring, equiviocative kind – we’re quickly, merrily, on our way. (“Oh, Canada, Our Home and Native Land, etc.”)

Possessed of an exacting memory for placement, pieced together from multiple previous visits, I guide us directly to our destination, arriving at 9:15, only to be told that show time’s at 10:00; and, apologetically, only one dancer, an athletic 22-year-old, succinctly named Max, is appearing as Maple Fig Leaf soloist.

To pass time before Max’s entre acte takes place on a polished brass pole extending some ten feet to ceiling, center stage, I engage a stranger sitting to my left in conversation. Attentive listener that I am (when you’re my age what else can you do but listen) he provides casual details of his life. Jeremy says he’s a chemist, age 36 (though he looks ten years younger), is involved with a 28-year-old school teacher, who, he sighs, has as yet not asked for a committed relationship.

“I just stopped in for a nightcap after another boring work day,” he adds. He’s friendly. We slip into easy conversation.

“Perhaps it’s the conversational closeness, but I feel an intimacy that triggers my own past relationship thoughts, and how I miss having someone special to care for. It’s vicarious moments, with Jeremy as a surrogate stand in.”

“Dancer Max struts center stage. Scantily clad (to say the least), he quickly climbs to the top, topsy-turvy turns about, and deftly, acrobatically, climbs facing down. I’m impressed. Jeremy’s bored, and, out of the blue (so to speak), says, “Have you heard of the ‘Windsor hum’ in your neck of the woods?” As I haven’t, he explains, “The Windsor hum’s a rumbling sound that comes deep out of nowhere, lasts for annoying minutes at a time. It happens frequently. No one seems to be able to pinpoint where it originates. A mystery. Google ‘Windsor hum’ and see what you get.”

Back stateside, fondly remembering the reverie Jeremy unknowingly touched in my memory bank, I eventually do google. There are several entries, one a Facebook listing. Seems the throbbing phenomenon has been occurring for some time.

“A few days later, I also find to my surprise that the September 2011 issue of my favorite oddball phenomena magazine Fortean Times carries an article, “Durmham (England) is humming: A noise like a distant engine.”

“FT reports the groaning’s not new, with reported cases dating to 1727! “The most famous in the UK was ‘the Bristol Hum’ in the 1970s when more than 2,000 people complained of a consistent drone causing nosebleeds, sleeplessness, headaches.”

“In America, footnotes FT, unexplained rumblings, groaning, growlings, grinds, grinding have been ear plugging for residents in Huacuyta, Ala, Taos, N.M., and Green Bay, Wis. (Just maybe, the Dow-Jones could use a good-freezy hum job, or an agile goose up the NASDAQ brass pole for Max, er, maximum full throbbing effect. With lotsa financial lube, of course.)

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Phillip Hinkle, 64, allegedly found an ad in the men seeking men section on Craigslist by 18-year-old Kameron Gibson that declared, “I need a suga daddy.” Apparently thinking himself such a daddy, Hinkle answered the ad and offered Gibson $80, adding, “for a really good time, you could get another $50, 60 bucks. That sound good?”

Um, no. That does not sound good. Not only does not sound good for Hinkle’s career, but it also falls way short of sugar daddy levels. Granted, I am not myself a sugar daddy nor have I ever sought one, but I think we can all agree that a maximum pay out of $140 does not a sugar daddy make. Also, 50 or 60 bucks? Would a “suga daddy” really quibble over ten dollars?

In any case, this is presumably how Gibson and Hinkle ended up in a hotel room together. One thing led to another and Hinkle ended up wearing nothing but a towel and Gibson ended up retreating to the bathroom to call his sister, Megan, to get him out of there and how Megan ended up retreating to the bathroom to call his sister, Megan, to answer the phone. Gibson was responding from “a prison cell,” according to the Indianapolis Star.

Okay, wait. This kid and his sister are threatening to expose you so you give them your cell phone? Your personal cell phone your wife calls you on and is now being answered by someone who is super pissed at you and who tells your wife you’re a homo? Smooth move, Hinkle.

Hinkle has not denied anything at this point, though he has called the whole thing “a shakedown.” His fellow Republicans are all, “Dude, resign.”

Indiana Stonewall Democrats President Aaron Schaler told the Star, “This is almost a textbook example of what happens when someone is not allowed, by either community attitudes or by personal conflicts, to be open about their sexual orientation or gender identity.”

Perhaps. Though maybe folks like Hinkle don’t actually care any of that openness and acceptance stuff. All of those votes against LGBT rights, all of that co-sponsored anti-gay marriage legislation, all of those claims that gays are nothing but sex perverts with too much political power – maybe it isn’t “hypothesis” after all. Maybe it’s just an accurate representation of their sad, pathetic lives.

Think about it. If your only experience as a gay man was spent steeped in lies and disgust and contempt, why wouldn’t your public policy reflect your private shame? Why wouldn’t you use your political power to shape the world into the vision of the very anti-gay hell you see as your life? It’s no excuse, mind you. But considering the pandemic of anti-gay closet cases in the Republican Party, and the party’s decidedly anti-gay platform, I think it’s fair to say that the entire GOP has a big internalized homophobia problem. And judging from the GOP presidential hopefuls that are parading around, it’s only going to get worse.

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Hundres rally in Nepal for sexual rights

NARAYANGHAT, Nepal (AP) - Hundreds of gay, lesbian, and transgender people marched with supporters in a southern Nepal town Sunday, Aug. 14 to demand equal rights under a new constitution the country is in the process of writing.

The estimated 500 demonstrators danced, chanted slogans and marched around Narayanghat, a town about 100 miles south of the capital of Katmandu on Sunday, which is also Nepal’s traditional festival for honoring the dead.

Gay community has been holding demonstrations on the festival day in the capital, but it was the first time that activists have organized a rally outside the capital.

Gay rights activists and parliament member Sunil Pant said their main aim was to spread their campaign outside the capital city.

Nepal, a traditionally conservative, mostly Hindu nation, has only recently begun accepting homosexuality. The country is also in the process of writing a new constitution which could include provisions to guarantee rights for sexual minorities.

Pant said the major political parties have agreed to include the rights of the sexual minorities in the new constitution. However, the new constitution that was due to be promulgated last year has been delayed following differences among the political parties on various other issues.

In the town of Narayanghat, the rally was led by two decorated elephants which was followed by musical bands drawing the local people to the streets. Many of them wore sari that were bright red, pink, yellow.

“They danced to the music, and holding banners that said: “Sexual rights for all. Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender right are human rights.””

“We want spread awareness among the people in the rural areas. People in the capital mostly accept the idea but we need to spread the awareness,” Pant said.

Anee Lama, who had traveled all night on a bus from her hometown in east Nepal to attend the rally, said it there were positive changes being made in the country but there was still more that needs to be done.

“In the past three years we have seen a lot of changes for people like us. We could not have imagined taking part in a rally like this just few years ago or being accepted by family and friends for who we are,” Lama said. “But now we are campaigning for the people in the villages and rural parts to come out and join us.”

Until a few years ago, gays and lesbian and transgenders were not able to declare their sexual choice in the open. According to the Blue Diamond Society, which advocates for sexual rights in Nepal, transvestites were beaten by both the public and police and were discriminated.

Pant said many people are coming out in the open to declare their sexual preference in the urban areas, but people in rural villages are still afraid.

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Chile leader proposes civil unions, including gays

Big step toward equality lauded in conservative country

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) - Chile’s conservative president proposed civil unions legislation on Aug. 9 that would give unmarried partners many of the rights now enjoyed only by married couples in the South American nation.

Gay and lesbians lauded Sebastian Pinera’s signature on the proposal that he is sending to Congress as a big step toward equality.

But the leaders of Pinera’s center-right coalition were so upset that they refused to attend the signing ceremony.

Chile only legalized divorce in 2004, which is one reason why about 2 million people live together without legal recognition in the socially conservative country.

Pinera, who fulfilled a campaign promise with the civil union bill, insists the initiative doesn’t change the concept of marriage in conservative Chile, which only recognizes marriages between a man and a woman.

But all couples “deserve respect, dignity and the support of state,” he said in a speech at the presidential palace.

If the bill is approved as written by both houses of Congress, then couples who sign “agreements to life as a couple” before a notary or at the civil registry would be able to resolve legal problems with inheritances, social welfare issues and health care benefits.

Leaders of the right-wing Independent Democratic Union and center-right National Renovation party are already uncomfortable with the project, and some lawmakers said they would try to change or stop the effort. Chile’s influential Roman Catholic Church also is opposed. gay rights activists are hopeful it will become law.

“There is a majority in congress that believes that couples of the same sex have the same right to be happy as the rest of the couples in our country,” said Pablo Simonetti, president of the Equality Foundation.

 Rolando Jimenez, leader of the Homosexual Liberation and Integration Movement, still wants gay marriage, but said Pinera’s proposal is a good first step. Argentina went a step further last year, becoming the first country in Latin America to recognize marriages between couples of the same sex. Brazil’s supreme court ruled in May that homosexual couples deserve the same rights as heterosexuals. Ecuador, Uruguay and Colombia also have some version of civil union laws.
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Michigan’s oldest vet clinic howls with history

BY ANDREA POTEET

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surgery, I get to take X-rays and do blood work and give vaccinations. I love all of that. I’m not limited to what I can do.”

Though the hospital is named for dogs and cats, Graham said there are some exceptions. Occasionally, a reptile will show up, but Graham – who, funnily enough, is allergic to most animals – limits the menagerie.

“I don’t see birds or little pocket pets,” she says with a laugh. “I’m really allergic to animals. It’s kind of a silly thing, so I find if I limit my exposure to just a couple of species, I do all right. When I start adding in lots of other furry and feathery creatures, it gets a little out of hand.”

Another important aspect of the hospital, Graham says, is its staff, some who have worked at the office for more than 30 years. Katie Major, a vet technician, says the relaxed atmosphere keeps clients and staff coming back.

“We have people come here for many, many years, longer than I’ve been here,” Major says. “You know their first and last names and all their pet’s names. And then we constantly have new people coming all the time. Dr. Graham basically does the same thing with the clients as she does with us. She really works with you to make you happy.”

Graham said most clients are from the surrounding neighborhood, which she has watched blossom into a thriving, trendy downtown, with nearby Wayne State University drawing lots of foot traffic.

“When I was 15, we didn’t walk out of the building by ourselves,” Graham says. “The doctor that I worked with felt the neighborhood was really dicey. But lots of things have changed.”

What hasn’t changed, though, is her staff’s commitment to its patients.

“They just all love what they do,” she says. “They love working with animals and they love the atmosphere we have. They love our clients and our patients.”

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The Patterson Dog and Cat Hospital first opened in 1844. It’s the oldest veterinary hospital in the state of Michigan, and the oldest continually operating small business in Detroit. The building still has horse stalls and a pulley system for hay, which serve as a reminder of the days when it primarily served horses. BTL photo: Andrew Potter.
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Don’t call Angela Foor’s 30-plus-pound cat fat; that upsets him. Instead, Foor says, he prefers to be called “soft.” Pepper the cat hasn’t always been this big. In fact, when he first came to his Ann Arbor home at three months, he was average-sized at just four pounds. But after getting fixed and declawed, Foor says, Pepper’s pounds just kept piling on.

Foor says her family has tried everything to slim Pepper down, from diet food to outdoor walks on a leash, but still, he’s as “soft” as ever. Pepper isn’t alone in his weight loss difficulties. According to veterinarian Mike Petty, the pet population is seeing higher rates of weight problems in cats and dogs — well, especially in cats. “Cats have really spiraled out of control,” he says. “I have at least a half a dozen (clients’) cats that are having to get insulin injections.” The cats get the injections to treat diabetes, which results from being overweight.

One cause of this, Petty speculates, is that few cats spend time outdoors. When he started practicing at the clinic he now owns, Arbor Pointe Vet Hospital in Canton, Mich., more than 20 years ago, it was unusual to have a totally indoor cat. “Now it’s the exception to have an outdoor cat,” he says. “Partly it’s that people act like it’s evil to let your cat outdoors.”

With traffic, isn’t it dangerous to let a cat out? “It depends on where you live, I guess,” Petty answers. “But I think most of us live in neighborhoods that have low traffic. Cats are usually pretty wary of things like vehicles.”

Getting a cat or a dog to slim down isn’t as simple as encouraging more outdoor time, Petty warns. In fact, with a dizzying array of options — from special diet food to medications — getting a pet back in shape can be as complicated and time-consuming as getting a human back in shape.

“The first thing that someone should do is go to their veterinarian for help, before any animal starts on some kind of a diet, especially cats,” Petty says. “They need to be very aware of the animal’s health status. They also need to know what pitfalls to watch for as they’re trying to get the animal to lose weight.”

What kind of pitfalls? Well, for one: death. Cats can suffer from a fatal liver disease if they stop eating in protest of a new diet food they don’t like, Petty says. If not fatal, it’s expensive to treat, and can result after a just a four-day hunger strike.

“You can’t force a cat to do a lot of things,” Petty muses, “including eating what you want them to eat.” So how does a pet owner get a cat or dog to accept the diet food?

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a time, get that taste in their mind that it’s OK to eat that stuff,” Petty says. Over a period of a week – or even longer, depending on how finicky the pet – owners can start feeding more of the diet food and less of the regular food.

Different food brands take different approaches to weight loss, just like with humans, Petty says: “There’s high fiber diets, there’s low calorie diets, there’s high protein diets, there’s all sorts of approaches to it. And not every one will work for every animal, so sometimes it’s really frustrating.”

Some special diet food is even available by prescription, but even that isn’t always a sure cure.

One prescription that Petty highly recommends is called Slentrol, which is only available for dogs. It targets a molecule in dogs’ bloodstreams that turns off their appetites.

“Dogs that are on this often don’t finish their food, they eat only when they’re truly hungry, and we’ve had some really good successes from it,” he says. But his clients are usually reluctant to put their pet on Slentrol.

“People are emotionally tied in with their animals,” Petty says. “The dog expects five treats a day, and if you suddenly cut those out, they stare at their owners, their owners feel guilty…” Petty trails off. He’s not being judgmental; he understands the difficulty in helping a pet lose weight.

“When I first got out of veterinary school, I said, ‘The dog doesn’t open the refrigerator, the dog can’t get out the can opener and open up a can of food, so what’s the issue here?’ But it’s not just about calories in and calories out,” he says. “It’s about the dynamic between a dog and the owner.”

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Petty says it’s not difficult to convince owners that their pet needs to lose weight, but it is difficult to move the owner to action and to keep up with a pet’s weight loss goals, which can take a year or more to reach. He cites a study from pet food brand Purina, which showed that “dogs that are on the low side of normal – in other words, skinny dogs – live on average two years longer than dogs that are not,” he says. That’s often an incentive that spurs pet owners to action.

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Fat pets

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Scaling down the scale

Weight loss is a gradual process, says Dr. Michael Petty, a veterinarian who has practiced for more than 20 years. “They didn’t put it on in a month, they aren’t going to lose it in a month,” he says. (Sound familiar?) Petty encourages owners to keep up a healthy pet lifestyle for at least one year before achieving big weight loss goals. Along the way, here’s some help:

Diet food

Pet food now comes in as many diet varieties as human food: low fat, low calorie, high fiber, high protein, over-the-counter or by prescription. But what works for one pet may not work for another, Petty warns, so anyone who is trying to help a pet slim down should consult a veterinarian.

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The great outdoors

Yes, even cats – who are natural hunters – can and should go outside to get their exercise.

Medication

Slentrol is a prescription medication for dogs that helps suppress appetite, and is very effective, Petty says. The only side effect clients have reported is that some dogs feel so full they vomit; this side effect usually subsides within a week.

Another pet

“I probably see less overweight cats in two cat households, where they have someone that they play with,” Petty says. Doesn’t this sound like a fabulous excuse to buy another puppy or kitten?
**One (Gay) Day with Anne Hathaway**

*Brokeback Mountain* actress talks new film, Catwoman role and her gay ‘pod’

*BY CHRIS AZZOPARDI*

Gays adore Anne Hathaway for more than her sweetheart sensibility and frumpy-to-fashionable underdog role in "The Devil Wears Prada." She’s practically an honorary member of the community, contributing to the "It Gets Better" project, receiving an award from the Human Rights Campaign and quitting Catholicism for her gay brother.

And then consider the super gay trajectory of her career: "Brokeback Mountain" and, as reported, an upcoming role as Judy Garland in the gay icon’s biopic and a stint on "Glee," as Kurt’s lesbian aunt.

Hathaway is cast as Emma Morley in her latest movie, the lovely screen adaptation of David Nicholls’ bestselling novel "One Day," which chronicles her relationship with Dexter Mayhew (Jim Sturgess of "Across the Universe") on the same day every year for two decades.

The day after the premiere in New York City, the actress cheerfully breezes into a suite at the Waldorf Astoria, appearing so tiny you could put her in your pocket. And lesbians everywhere just might want to after seeing her silyx vacuum-sealed in a vinyl cat suit for "The Dark Knight Rises," which she’s currently filming. When Hathaway sits down, she’s her usual bubbly self, discussing the most significant day in her life, her upcoming role as Catwoman (as much as she can, anyway) and the enduring power of love for all people.

Even though this is a story about a straight couple, how do you think it can resonate with a gay audience?

Love is universal. Anybody who has a heart can relate to what it is to have it broken again and again and again, and like I said, that’s universal — gay, straight, questioning, whatever you are.

Do you know a gay couple that has that type of enduring relationship like Emma and Dexter?

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How did you bring Emma to life?

The accent was key. It informs so much about Emma and Dexter’s relationship that we don’t necessarily talk about in the movie.

To understand her education, one of the things I did was I tried to read as many books that David mentions by name in the novel – but I’m a really, really good reader and they were a little arduous. (Laughs) I much preferred Dexter’s (reading material), like The Face magazine. And then I just went to England as early as I could and went up to every single person that I could meet from Yorkshire and asked them as many questions as I could.

Weren’t you also a big queer role model? You decided to play Anne Hathaway on your life.

I was sent the script first and then, as soon as I read the script, I was deeply in love with it, and then I read the book and I fell even more deeply in love with the whole idea.

Do you think if Emma and Dexter had hooked up in the early days their relationship would have lasted as long?

No, not at all. Definitely not. It’s one of the bittersweet parts of the story – they couldn’t have gotten together a day before they do.

Emma and Dexter change from year to year, but there’s still something about them that stays the same. What about you do you see changing most from year to year and what is something that always stays the same?

I’m happier. I get happier every year. I find that as I get older, I take in life more and I think that’s making me a better person. As I get older, I’m funny enough, become more trusting, but I trust fewer people. The people that I do trust, it’s
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Green Cruise provides eco-friendly alternative to annual Dream Cruise

Event organizers say other ways to travel don’t create pollution

FERNDALE – More than 600 people came out for the 2011 Green Cruise in downtown Ferndale on Saturday, Aug. 13 to celebrate non-motorized forms of transportation and other environmental causes. The annual event featured community bike rides, a Green Parade, a family activity area and a “Green Alley” with many vendors and demonstrations.

The event is held as an alternative to the Dream Cruise taking place next weekend, where up to a million people flood the cities along Woodward Avenue to drive around and look at classic cars. “We want to show people there are many ways to get around that don’t create pollution,” said event coordinator Douglas Christie of the Sierra Club. “Bikes, skateboards, roller skates, they all provide great exercise and do less harm to the environment.”

Shopping locally is another way that people can help sustain the planet. At the parade, family-owned grocer Western Market made a statement about its efforts to recycle and focus on local products. The produce guys pushed giant recycling bins while other employees walked with shopping carts spilling over with hanging basket ferns and Michigan-grown sunflowers spraying from the top. They were led by Whitney Harris, the store’s head cashier, donning a gown and tiara made out of produce.

The lettuce dress was made of a re-used nightgown adorned with stripes of green and purple leaf lettuce and ruffles made of kale. The tiara had a base of kale and points made of wheat grass. Jewelry was made of radish, okra and red pepper. The 25-year-old fashion student carried organic carrots for a bouquet.

“I love fashion because it gives people a way to feel good and express themselves,” Harris said. “But when it can be used to make a statement like this it’s even better. We try to keep things fresh.”

The cruise also featured unique bicycles, including a six-person contraption that resembled a crab crawling along a beach. There were groups of unicyclists, and an over-sized four-person dune-buggy style bike. “I really liked the specialty bikes. The way people customize and personalize their rides can be really interesting. Some even had radios and speakers built into the handle bars. Lots of great ideas,” Christie said.

To learn more about the annual Green Cruise event, check out the Sierra Club’s website at http://michigan.sierraclub.org/semg/Green_Cruise.html.

Ferndale gets ‘Funky’ for annual art fair

Integrity Shows presents the 2011 Funky Ferndale Art Fest from 4-9 p.m. Sept. 15, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sept. 16 and noon-5 p.m. Sept. 17. Artists are located all along Nine Mile from Woodward to Planavon.

The festival is a juried show; over 300 artists from across the country applied for the 100 open spots. Included are paintings, jewelry, photography, sculptures and much more. The work is selected with an eye toward the Ferndale sentiment. “We are twice as ‘funky’ as the average fine art show,” said event coordinator Mark Loeb in a press release. “We focus on quality art, with a focus on work that is a bit more contemporary and edgy.”

One part of the show that is expanding this year is the newly renamed Art Scholars section. Jordan Congligiaro has graduated from being a student artist to coordinating this year’s section. “I have been exhibiting in student art shows for nine years,” she said. “I was ready for a new challenge, so this year I am running the section.” Congligiaro’s duties range from recruiting public school age artists to marketing the section. Her final job will be to select a student artist to train next year to take over the section.

The festival focuses on acoustical music designed to enhance the experience, rather than to compete with the viewing. Food participants are chosen to provide a variety of local flavors, from Ethiopian food to more traditional offerings.

The kids’ art area this year is expanding to include the entire family. Two interactive projects are planned, including toilet paper mache – which is just what you think: Festivalgoers are invited to create a small face out of this specialized paper. When it hardens it becomes a permanent work of art. “We plan to exhibit hundreds of these at the Ferndale Library,” said Loeb. “Since there won’t be time to paint, we will have a variety of food colors that people can dip their paper in to provide some color.”

The second project will be ransom poetry. Essentially, patrons will cut words and pictures out of supplied magazines to create short poems that fit on 5” by 8” cards.

“It’s kind of a mix between Twitter, haiku and mystery novels,” according to Loeb. The Funky Ferndale Art Fest has been a local tradition that has grown each year. Tens of thousands attend the festival, and even more are expected this year. True to its Fashionable Ferndale roots, the event continues to be funky and fabulous.

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Barbra Streisand still going strong on new album. Plus: Joss Stone starts over on ‘LP1’

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‘Glee: The 3D Concert Movie (Motion Picture Soundtrack)’

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gone much deeper. What stays the same? I’m a really curious person. I believe that imagination is not something you grow out of, and I find that stays the same. Oh, and I love books!

How quickly did you and Jim click?

It’s very hard not to get along with Jim. If you don’t get along with Jim, there’s something seriously wrong with you. We have a lot of friends in common, and you know when there are those people that when their name is mentioned everything stops, people grab you by the shoulder, they peer deep, deep, deep into your eyes and they think they’re talking to your soul but really they’re just looking kind of bugged out and they just shake you a little bit and describe their love for this person? That happened to me when I told people I was working with Jim, so I knew I was going to be meeting someone pretty awesome. And he did not disappoint. Now I’m one of those “bugged out, I’m gonna take you and tell you to like Jim Sturgess!” people.

Talk about the costuming in the movie.

In the Persian scenes, everything I wore was vintage or recreated from vintage and the look was informed by the book. You know, we didn’t have a very large budget on this movie, especially considering all the change that had to happen – you would expect over 20 years to have a huge budget but we had geniuses working. I don’t know how they did it. They literally spun gold from pennies.

Who are your favorite designers?

My favorite designers are Valentino, of course, and Isabel Marant, Vivienne Westwood – gosh there’s so many – and Sarah Burton for Alexander McQueen. Thank you so much for giving us Kate Middleton’s wedding dress. It’s been a highlight of this new decade!

You really had to convince director Lone Scherfig to cast you in this film. What was the casting process like for “The Dark Knight Rises,” and how would you describe your interpretation of your character in it, Selina Kyle?

I can’t talk about the interpretation, because that is just a hermetically sealed secret – I mean, if you want to take on (director) Chris Nolan, you’re more than welcome to, but I’m intimidated. But the process for getting “Dark Knight Rises” was: Chris met with a bunch of girls and then he called the list down to do screen tests, so everyone with an XX chromosome in Hollywood was just literally sitting on pins and needles for three-and-a-half months, and then I understood he screen tested a few of us. I felt bad because we tested, I think, on Thursday and the Golden Globes was that Sunday – and I didn’t mean to, but wherever I went that whole weekend I just kept bumping into Chris and I’m like, “I swear I’m not stalking you!”

A few days later I was back in Brooklyn, and my manager called me and I answered the phone and she goes, “Meow.” And I was like, “Haha! Oh no, wait! Really??” And she said, “Yes!” One of the best days in my life. And I really should know that date. January… something. (Laughs)

Do you believe in a soul mate?

Of course I do. What a drab life you would have if you didn’t. I don’t know that I necessarily believe that traditional romantic view that there’s one person out there for everyone. I think that we have many soul mates. But I think there is probably one soul out there that lights up your soul more than any other one, and I think that’s just what a soul mate is – someone who lights you up and who you light up in return.

But traditionally, it’s said that we only have one soul mate and if you don’t meet them, we’ll never be satisfied.

That’s like the most sadness thing ever! So, no! The idea of having a soul mate is truthful, but to limit it to one is a mistake. And by the way, my friends are my soul mates. My dog is my f*cking soul mate!

Do you have a date that’s as significant as the one in the book?

Aug. 3, 2001. That’s when “Princess Diaries” came out, and that date changed my life. Every Aug. 3 for the past 10 years, I just give thanks to the universe – a big, big openhearted thank you – because that was the day that my dreams came true for me. There’s a lot of aspects to my life that are very real, but there are a lot of aspects to my life that are very fairytale, and that was the day when my fairytale started. How embarrassing would it be if it were actually Aug. 5? (Laughs)
Barn Theatre’s ‘Cinderella’ enchants audiences

BY JUDITH COOKS ROBENS

Both little princesses and their adult companions will find something to love about the Barn Theatre’s current production of Rodgers and Hammerstein’s “Cinderella.”

Director Brendan Ragotzy’s ambitious, fresh staging feels plenty modern, while keeping several, must-have traditional elements. In this telling, we get a more in-depth look at favorite characters. There’s the wonderfully helpful Fairy Godmother (here she whizzes by on roller skates and pushes the concept of free will and personal responsibility); A Prince who likes to stroll the streets as a commoner; and a vain Stepmother, with an eye out for her own prince. Oh, and some cute singing mice puppets.

This musical was a smart choice for the Barn, which enjoys a large apprentice cast. The mix of veteran players and up-and-comers means bubbly energy and plenty of hands to make visual magic.

The musical version was created by Rodgers and Hammerstein specifically for TV in 1957 (it starred Julie Andrews), but two later TV movies followed (1965, with Lesley Ann Warren, and 1997, with singer Brandy). The Barn production seems to have combined elements of past movies, while adding some new messages about following your heart and empowering yourself, rather than the “prince will save you” message that so often gets Cinderella in trouble with feminists.

The main players are all standouts. Annie Wessendorp has a true Cinderella-like transformation from first-year apprentice to major star in her title role. She is one to watch and infuses Cinderella with self-confidence and ingenuity. Jamey Grisham makes a wonderfully reflective Prince Christopher, and he doubles as show choreographer. Another first-year apprentice, Amy Harpenau, delivers big laughs as the no-nonsense Fairy Godmother.

Hans Friedrichs has a delightful turn as the prince’s put-upon steward, Lionel, while Emily May Smith and Roy Brown make a fine pair of meddling parents, as the Queen and King.

But it’s the nasty trio of evil stepmother and two stepsiblings who threaten to steal the show from under Cinderella’s very capable glass slipper. Penelope Alex is a deliciously vile and vain Stepmother, constantly picking at her sister, lazy daughters, Minna Henkel-Moellmann, as stepsister Joy, and Natalie Spearbeck, as stepsister Grace, are a superb comic duo and they deliver a pitch-perfect rendition of the “Stepsisters’ Lament,” one of the show’s best numbers.

With such strong acting and tight musical values, this show is already a winner. But the Barn goes further, creating a magical land where singing mice morph into fanciful horses, a pumpkin becomes a sparkling stagecoach, and a pink castle glows in the distance.

Dusty Reeds’ well-designed sets and fantastic props by Amy Harpenau and crew are a big part of the magic. Michael Wilson Morgan’s rainbow-hued costumes harken to vaudeville style, but viewed as a whole in the big ball scenes, they add colorful energy. Wig and hair design by stylist Garylee McCormick (especially the sisters and stepmother) assist the fantasy.

Grisham’s pleasing choreography, especially the grand ball scene, is well suited for the tight constraints of this stage.

Attitude, theatrics give old movie new life

BY SUE MERRELL

Forget everything you remember about Alfred Hitchcock’s 1935 spy thriller, “The 39 Steps.” All you need to know about the outrageous stage adaptation at Saugatuck’s Mason Street Warehouse is all the roles, from the train conductor and hotel maid to the Nazi spy and handsome hero – an estimated 150 characters – are played by four actors.

Four actors with attitude and a lot of good, old-fashioned stage theatrics. David Spencer and Richard Price, the versatile duo who juggle most of the parts, are shuffling three hats apiece at one point to carry on a crazy conversation between constable, conductor, paper boy and train passengers. That’s when Joe Somodi, who portrays the show’s wide-eyed hero, an estimated 150 characters, are shuffling three hats apiece at one point to carry on a crazy conversation between constable, conductor, paper boy and train passengers. That’s when Joe Somodi, who portrays the show’s wide-eyed hero, an estimated 150 characters, are playing by four actors.

Nothing in this film noir spoof is meant to be taken seriously. The plot – Hannay, a bored Brit with too much money and good looks, goes to a theater to see a presentation by the amazing Mr. Memory who can rattle off the answer to any question. Shots are fired and in the ensuing panic, Hannay rescues a beautiful woman who turns out to be a German spy fleeting a Nazi villain with a shortened pinkie finger.

Jamie Morgan does a great job playing the show’s three beautiful women – the overly dramatic German Annabella, the shy Scottish farmer’s wife Margaret and the blonde British bombshell Pamela, who ends up handcuffed to the hero who hates. Morgan seems to have no trouble making her three accents believable – or at least as believable as anything in this over-the-top show.

Something is convincing as the stereotypical spoiled Brit who can slip out a window, scamper over the moor or sleep in a chair without musing his suit or hairstyle.

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Community-focused bookstore Common Language presents “The Last Bookstore Standing,” a fundraising event benefiting their business. Catered by the neighboring DINE (aunt) Catering services, all ticket sales support Common Language in their efforts to support LGBT readers, authors and publishers.

There will be a silent auction of items donated by authors and publishers with a relationship to the bookstore. As independent bookstores become few and far between in Ann Arbor and LGBT bookstores become nearly extinct country-wide, this fundraiser provides the opportunity to support a bookstore which has supported the LGBT community for over 20 years.

“The Last Bookstore Standing” begins 6 p.m. Aug. 25. Tickets are $30 and may be purchased at Common Language at 319 Braun Court in Ann Arbor or online at GLBTbooks.com. More information is available online or by phone, at 734-663-0036.

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Detroit Institute of Arts “It’s A Zoo in Here” more than 150 prints and drawings drawn entirely from the museum’s holdings and designed with fun in mind by qyozn. Detroit Institute of Arts, 2100 Woodward, Detroit. April 3-Sep. 21, 313-833-7908. Dia.org


River Arts Center “Image as Metaphor” 2010 mixed media show. This is a Juried exhibit for southeast Michigan artists who live in the counties: Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne. Each artist has presented a three-piece composition along with a statement showing his or her Metaphor concept. Riverartscenter.com, 76 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti. Aug. 27-Aug. 27, 734-483-7445. Riverartscenter.org

The Gallery Project “Imagined Communities” A multimedia exhibits in which community members have explored ideas of community in the digital world. Artists are invited to represent the myriad forms of new linkages generated by digital social media. The Gallery Project, 215 S. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. Aug. 10-Sep. 18. 734-997-7012. Thegalleryproject.com

UMMA and AAC “Japanese Brush Painting” Techniques and observations on making the dynamic and simple brush strokes of Japanese art, taught by Ron Davies. Registration: $27 UMMA members and AAC members, $27 UM students, $35 general. University Of Michigan Museum Of Art, 520 South State Street, Ann Arbor. 12 p.m. Aug. 19. 734-763-4186. Umma.umich.edu

University of Michigan “Amalia Printa” London-based Art History professor investigations into perception, time, and memory. $30-$120 as a desire to explore how particular gestures remain in different cultural contexts, pursed across a diverse body of work in sculpture, photography, film, and installation, as well as temporary interventions on buildings, monuments, and objects. University Of Michigan Museum Of Art, 520 South State Street, Ann Arbor. Aug. 28-Sep. 18. 734-763-4186.

University of Michigan Museum of Art “Art Making Workshop: Concentrating central themes of Buddhist and Shinto culture as students learn basic woodblock printmaking and create a set of hand printed notecards. Registration: $27 UMMA or AAC members and UM students, $35 non-members. Advance registration required. UMM’s Multipurpose Room, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor, 11 a.m. Aug. 26. 734-763-4186. Annarborartcenter.org

University of Michigan Museum of Art “Multiple Impressions: Contemporary Chinese Woodblock Prints” 114 works by 41 artists, including Xu Bing, Kang Ning, Song Yunwen, Chen Qi, Ku Khan, and Fang Limin, as well as many other accomplished printmakers. University Of Michigan Museum Of Art, 525 South State St., Ann Arbor. July 16-Oct. 23. 734-763-4186.
Pet of the Week

Say hello to Marbles! A year-old Rex rabbit mix, Marbles has a beautifully soft grey coat. Friendly and sweet, Marbles needs frequent attention and handling in order to maintain his confidence and sociability. If you think you might be ready to provide daily bunny snuggling, Marbles is waiting to meet you! The adoption fee includes his medical examination and much more! For more information, visit the Michigan Humane Society’s Rochester Hills Center for Animal Care or call (248) 852-7420 and provide the pet ID number, 13716741.

Oscar Speech

Across
1 They get laid only once
5 Flat tops
10 Barneys event
14 Hide a mike on
15 Off to one side
16 What Israelis may shoot off
17 Artist Schiele
18 Shaft worker
19 Swallow eagerly
20 Start of a quip by Oscar Levant
23 B&O and others
24 Words before about
25 Posed for Annie Leibovitz
28 Peters out
31 Run like a stud
35 More of the quip
38 Green stuff
39 In a lazy way
40 Start of a quip by Oscar Levant
42 With mouth wide open
43 “... a ___ deferred” (Hughes)
45 More of the quip
47 Three couples in bed?
49 Clothing closure
50 Old protest org.
51 Scroll at Beth Chayim Chadashim
53 Cause for overtime
55 End of the quip
61 Request from one’s knees
62 Injures with a horn
63 Hit with hand motions
65 Serengeti sound
66 Totally absurd
67 Terrific, in slang
68 Cry of one in bondage
70 Went tickety-split

Down
1 Meadow mama
2 Colette’s Parisian heroine
3 Pirate drink
4 Madrid mister
5 Wuss
6 Larger-than-life
7 Went down
8 Playground retort
9 Like a muscle Mary
10 Rio’s mountain
11 France’s Côte d’___
12 Composer Boulanger
13 Medium skill
21 Practiced heterosexuality
22 Head given in a bar
25 Losses traction
26 “Corydon” author Gide
27 Old message sender
29 Davis of “Querelle”
30 Eliot’s Marner
32 HRC’s equal sign, and others
33 Supplication start
34 Knights’ attendants
36 He shot off at the OK Corral
37 Eye problem
41 Barbed barricades
44 Sneaky Pie cry
46 Islamic leader
48 Like Shakespeare’s “Romeo and Juliet”
52 In harmony
54 “Aida” setting
55 Fruit flavor for gin
56 Emulate Dr. George O’Malley
57 Russian inland sea
58 Blowhole
59 Point of view intro, at Gay.com
60 Home st. of Maupin
61 Ask too many questions
64 Absorbed, as a loss

Solution on 33

The crossword puzzle was solved by our resident puzzle expert, who kindly shared it with the rest of us. We hope you enjoyed the challenge as much as we did! If you have any questions or comments about the puzzle, feel free to reach out to us at petoftheweek@betweenthelines.com.
Horoscopes

Stay focused, Scorpio!

BY JACK FERTIG

Good news: Sun, Mercury and Venus lining up in Leo promote bold, fun flirtations and creative efforts. Bad news: Mars in Cancer in semi-square to those three undermine confidence and promote ill-considered aggressive efforts. Solution: Be willing to be vulnerable, start amorous overtures with a meal (or share some candy).

ARIES (March 20 – April 19): Some of those voices from your childhood saying “you can’t” could be correct. Just some, not all. Nobody can do everything. Make a list of your talents and another of your weaknesses. Improve where you can and forge ahead with your strengths.

TAURUS (April 20 – May 20): Take the lead on family or community events. Siblings and neighbors might flake. Work around that and forgive them. Are you expecting too much? Sharing a goal doesn’t mean they have your level of enthusiasm. Accept their contributions with good grace.

GEMINI (May 21 – June 20): Is what you’re talking about really important? And does that matter? Idle chatter and gossip can be fun, but what do you really want to discuss? What did you want to learn as a child but never got around to? It’s never too late.

CANCER (June 21 – July 22): “Retail therapy” is just shopaholic double-talk. Whether you take one step back from the counter or 12 steps is up to you. Where is your ego wounded? You already have what you need to heal that. Consider your strengths and resources.

LEO (July 23 – August 22): Charged up and roaring, but about what? Are you fully as bold and confident as you appear or are you covering some hurt, some fear? True courage would welcome a confidant to help resolve that hidden pain.

VIRGO (August 23 – September 22): Friends will disappoint you; they’re only human. Sometimes you disappoint them too. At some point it’s all about forgiveness. Extend that sense of charity. Recruit some of your pals to help resolve that hidden pain.

LIBRA (September 23 – October 22): Problems at work, frustrating your ambitions there, complicate your long-term plans. Some backtracking may be necessary to correct your course. Even if your boss is clearly wrong, remember who’s the boss! You can be critical, but be tactful.

SCORPIO (October 23 – November 21): Opportunities are opening up for you. Stay focused! Be careful of moody distractions, wanderlust and half-baked innovations. Avoid arguments! Your big challenge is to state your opinion with some flexibility, without looking wishy-washy or sycophantic.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 – December 20): Your love of loquacity is cranked up to full blast. You might be even more entertaining than you think, revealing deep personal secrets you’d really rather not. Listening quietly lets you be the one to get the deep insights.

CAPRICORN (December 21 – January 19): You’re a tiger in bed. Your partner may prefer a kitten. Negotiating something mutually satisfying could be very difficult. Being humble and generous is a challenge now, but is sure to have benefits later.

AQUARIUS (January 20 – February 18): Sure, you’re a prize catch, but how well can you clean the kitchen? Relationships blossom on high romance but survive on very dreary details. It’s hard work. Hold up your end in that department too!

PISCES (February 19 – March 19): Trying to make work fun can backfire badly. Better to concentrate on the work at hand and take pride in doing the best you can. Communication with colleagues can get easily confused. Keep it clear and simple.

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Q: I have had a loving, sometimes tumultuous, relationship with “Leslie.” We have had an unconventional relationship, I guess you’d say. Leslie and I have an open relationship. We started out with a monogamous relationship, but a few years into our relationship, it changed. It all started when Leslie had a fling with another woman. I found out about it, but never confronted her. I was really hurt by it but afraid to say anything for fear she’d leave me. After about six months it was all over between the other woman and her.

Then I had a fling. I guess it was my way of getting back at Leslie. My affair went on for quite a while until Leslie found out about it. She wasn’t afraid to confront me, and did. I told her she had nothing to complain about because she had had an affair, too. It was a difficult time in our relationship, but we worked through it, and our relationship has not been the same since. That’s when we agreed that we would allow each other the freedom of other women on the side. Frankly, I wasn’t in love with this idea, but it was the only way I thought that Leslie would stay in the relationship. So, I went along with it, and I have to say, had a few more flings of my own.

We both have had lovers throughout our 16 years of being together. As it has worked out, our lovers have come and gone with no big problems. Though, for sure, there’s been some jealousy at times, resulting in instability in our relationship, it hasn’t been long lasting.

However, this last relationship of Leslie’s has gotten to me. She had been seeing “Ellen” for over a year, I’m guessing. (We don’t tend to announce, to each other, the beginnings of a new relationship.) The problem started about a month ago after Ellen committed suicide. I have no idea what happened, or why.

Anyway, the problem is that Leslie has become very depressed over Ellen’s death. She’s not eating or sleeping well, and is missing a lot of work. I understand that it is difficult to have someone close to you die, especially suicide. I’m not sure what happened to cause Ellen to commit suicide, or if Leslie feels guilty in any way about her suicide, but it has really put Leslie in a funk.

I have always felt it was my duty, as Leslie’s partner, to support her. She has supported me when I’ve needed it. Neither of us has asked for, nor gotten, any support regarding issues with our lovers. But then, nothing this big has happened either.

So, my question to you is: Do you think I am obligated to support Leslie in her grief over the death of Ellen? If so, how?

Just Asking

A: I can understand how difficult it would be for you to support her in this circumstance. However, I think you could support her in some ways, and not in others. I don’t think you should play a big role in the emotional support area, given the circumstances, it probably wouldn’t work well. But you could help her find some resources for emotional support, such as helping her to find a grief counselor and encourage her to go. Also, there are groups for people who have had to deal with suicide in their lives; you could help her find this kind of group.

At some point, you may want to revisit your relationship set-up. You said that you weren’t happy with this kind of open relationship, but entered into it because you didn’t want to lose Leslie. Ask yourself if this is still the case, and are you getting what you need with Leslie, and with an open relationship? If not, you might rethink what you would like to see happen, and discuss it with Leslie. I recommend it be done in a couple’s counseling session.

Whether you go into counseling together, I think you would benefit from counseling, at this time, to help you get through this period and provide you a time to evaluate your needs.

To learn more about open relationships, go to Dear Jody Valley on Facebook.

Jody Valley spent 12 years as a clinical social worker. She worked with the LGBT community both as a counselor and a workshop leader in the areas of coming out, self-esteem and relationship issues. Reach Jody at Dearjodyvalley@hotmail.com. The “Dear Jody” column appears weekly.
CLASSIFIEDS

Rear View

101-ANNOUNCEMENTS

LGBT AA MEETINGS

Ann Arbor-Friday
7:30 p.m., St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Gay AA, 306 N. Division St. Closed/Discussion.

Bloomfield Hills-Thursday
7:00 p.m., Sobriety in The Hills Gay AA, Kirk in the Hills Church, 1240 W. Long Lake Rd. Closed/Discussion.

Detroit-Tuesday / Friday
8:00 p.m., Downtown Gay-AA, Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 West Fort St. Closed/Discussion. (Open 1st Friday of every month)

Farmington Hills-Monday
8:00 p.m., Suburban West Gay-AA, Universalist Unitarian Church, 25301 Habitant (Between 10 & 11 Mile Roads) Closed/Discussion.

Ferndale-Monday / Wednesday / Friday

Ferndale-Wednesday
8 p.m., Diversity Wednesday Gay AA, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 540 W. Livernois @ Grand River. Closed/Discussion.

Ferndale-Saturday
1 p.m., Brown Baggers Gay AA, Affirmations, 290 West 9 Mile Rd Closed/Discussion.

Livonia-Friday
8 p.m., West Side Story’s Gay AA, Providence Medical Center, 7 Mile & Newburgh. Closed/Discussion.

Pontiac-Tuesday / Thursday / Sunday
8 p.m., Pontiac Gay AA, Shrine of St. Joseph, 400 West South Blvd. Closed/Discussion.

112 ANNOUNCEMENTS - VOLUNTEERING

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
DIFFA: DINING BY DESIGN
Detroit’s most original event, involving members of our fabulous design community! Cocktails by Design/Artworks for Life - Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011.
Party by Design - Friday, Sept. 23, 2011.

116 ANNOUNCEMENTS - EVENTS

Calling all Artists!
Affirmations is seeking art submissions for an upcoming Juried Art Contest to be held during the Funky Ferndale Art Show. We will be offering over $500 in prize winnings. For contest rules and how to submit art, please go to www.GoAffirmations.org/funkyart

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Solution to puzzle from page 30

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“Old Stormr-my! Old Stormr-my!” Craig was insufferable. But he was so perfectly Santana that I laughed despite myself. “Shut up!” I begged, but that only spurred him on.

All was not well. Last Sunday afternoon, Sammy blurted out something horrifically specific about my having shtupped Jack Fogg after the four of us – Jack, Sammy, Dan, and me – had spent a perfectly delightful French-sex-farce weekend together during which everyone but Dan knew about mon petit bout a derriere avec Jacques le Brouillard. Well, I suppose it wasn't so delightful for Dan, who was humiliated. He packed up and left while I was still at the beach and drove home alone. (I respect his rage, and I'm totally at fault and all that, but couldn't he at least have driven me back to the city?)

“I'm making the cocktails tonight,” Craig said after crowing the final syllable of the wretched “Stormy.” “Old Stormr-my! Old Stormr-my!”

“Piss off,” I snarled and headed upstairs, inwardly marveling at his talent.

I'd actually had my first Dark and Stormy during the week at Bar Henry, a wonderful place on Houston Street in the Village. Jon, the hunky bartender (blond, cute, middle-weight wrestler’s body, frat-boy-turned-MBA-turned-chic-bar-investor, tragically straight), talked me into trying one. Made of dark rum and ginger beer, it wasn't the sort of drink I usually order, but Jon swore by it, and since I was dazzled by the thick tuft of light blond hair poking out of his open collar, I tried one. It was perfect for a night of guilt, shame and solitude – spicy-sweet and refreshing, the ginger beer’s fizz cutting through the dark rum’s thickness.

I returned from my pout before dinner and made my own Dark and Stormy. Or two. Actually, four. I was plastered from the rum and bursting at the seams from all the ginger beer when Dan stomped in. “It’s my house, too,” he said without glancing in my direction and headed for the unoccupied guestroom off the kitchen. We call it the ABD – short for the Ann B. Davis Suite, in honor of Alice from “The Brady Bunch,” who lived in a similar place. (Question: If the man named Brady was an architect, why did all six kids have to share one bathroom?) He threw his briefcase and backpack on the ABD’s single bed and slammed the door.

Craig made dinner that night – fettucine Alfredo, two loaves of garlic bread, no vegetables and a giant-size bag of Oreos. Paolo and Chipper both gasped at the carbs-'n'-fat menu but ate their share anyway. Dan was so theatrically wrathful that nobody dared talk. Just as Craig ripped open the Oreos, the sky opened too, and we were pounded by a frighteningly intense shoreline thunderstorm. You know you’re in big trouble when nature itself turns against you in a rage.

Dark and Stormy

BY ED SIKOV

Dark rum
Ginger beer
Lime wedge for garnish (optional)

Pour as much chilled ginger beer as you like into a glass with some ice cubes in it, then float the dark rum on top. Or, if you’re on the outs with your boyfriend, pour a large quantity of dark rum over ice and add a splash of ginger beer to the top.
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