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A Perfectly Normal Guy: Teacher/Theater Impresario Paul Bruce

BY AMY J. PARRENT

If you’re going to read Paul Bruce’s list of accomplishments out loud, take a big breath first. You’ll need it. He’s a fantastic teacher who works mostly with students of immigrant families. He’s an ex-Up With People member, a theatrical multi-threat and a serious doll collector. And a new husband to Jim Kirwan.

Bruce teaches world geography and U.S. history at Salina Intermediate School in Dearborn. After working with first graders for 10 years, he was given the opportunity to teach social studies, his favorite subject.

“Most people think, ‘Oh, junior high school monsters.’ But they’re the sweetest kids,” he said.

Back in the late ‘90s, Bruce took a two-year break from teaching to do theater in New York. His revue “A Perfectly Normal Boy (Every Gay Man’s Life in Thirty Musical Numbers or Less)” played off-Broadway at the Sanford Meisner Theater, and his cabaret act “Bachelors and Broads,” a celebration of gay men and women of size, played The Duplex.

Within a month of returning to Michigan – “the day after Thanksgiving,” he remembers – he met Kirwan.

After 14 years together, they had a practical reason for getting married: Last year they discovered the IRS would allow any two married people to file jointly, no matter where they live. So last fall, when Bruce’s school was closed for a three-day Muslim holiday, they traveled to Niagara Falls and were married at the clerk’s office.

“I saw the line of [gay] couples waiting with us and thought, ‘My state is losing a fortune,’” he said.

The frustrations of Michigan’s laws leave the couple in a limbo in other ways – for instance, Kirwan’s healthcare.

“Our governor – that asshole – attempted to keep same-sex couples from getting [a partner’s] benefits,” said Bruce. “A judge rightly threw that out, saying he couldn’t tell private companies what to do. But I’m a teacher, a public employee, so I can’t get those benefits for Jim.”

But because their marriage is recognized by the Federal government, their combined income, not just Kirwan’s, is used to determine an ACA premium, putting it over what they want to pay.

So for now, Kirwan is without health insurance.

Asked whether discrimination had ever been a concern when he went into teaching, Bruce acknowledged, “That was something you didn’t talk about. It wasn’t until we got married that I learned how loved I am at school.

“When I came back after the wedding, a little girl – and you have to remember she’s dressed traditionally, she’s covered – came up to me and said, ‘Congratulations.’ I turned around and I was surrounded by a gaggle of girls. I was thinking, ‘You do know I married a man?’” But they had seen the couple’s

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Michigan Faith Leaders Forge Coalition To Support Same-Sex Marriage, Educate Public And Media

Group Calls On Press To Expand Christian Message As One Of Acceptance

BY PAULETTE NIEMIEC

DETROIT - Over 40 clergy from several faith traditions gathered on May 22 at Salem Memorial Church in support of same-sex marriage. The press conference was sponsored by the Michigan for Marriage coalition and featured churches, pastors, ministers and people of many faiths who are in support of same-sex marriage.

Those gathered asked the press to address years of the media portraying Christians as a group of people who fight against those who are lesbian, gay and transgender.

“We demand the press stop portraying hateful voices as the mainstream Christian voice,” said Rev. Matthew Bode. He summarized the theme of the conference and the reason for having the event. “We call on all members of the media to pause before uplifting those who are hateful church groups. To pause before showing Christians as being those who hate. If you want stories, if you want quotes from the Christian community, we will give them to you,” he said.

Recently, a group comprised mostly of African-American pastors made remarks against same-sex marriage and homosexuality. Throughout the last three decades, the popular view portrayed in the media has been mostly negative. Christian leaders have often been heard quoting from the Bible and speaking out against homosexuality in general and same-sex marriage in particular.

“We are here as Christian leaders to say, ‘This is NOT our voice,’” said the Rev. Lindsey Anderson, who opened the ceremony. The theme of the press conference was, “God is Love,” with these words projected on screens on both sides of the assembly.

“We are here to say we are on the side of the God of compassion,” Anderson continued. “We believe in a God who is not on the side of division.”

As a sign of Christian unity, five other ministers spoke at the conference from a variety of Christian denominations including Lutheran, Episcopal, Baptist, Metropolitan Community Church, United Church of Christ and several others. The most visible of these were two African-American pastors who stated they were opposed to the portrayal in the media of Christians who represent hate and mistrust of the LGBT community.

“I am an African-American Reverend Minister, and I am a leader of a community that has endured slavery and I stand behind those who are lesbian, gay and transgender,” said Pastor Michael Johnson of Salem Lutheran Church. “Our Christian tradition supports love and same-sex marriage is about love.”

Anderson made an emotionally charged speech for several minutes describing how Christians have used scripture passages to support acts of discrimination, hate and even violence towards those who are lesbian, gay or transgender. He explained how the Bible has been used to support such acts as slavery, the holocaust, abuse of women and many other forms of hate and acts of violence. “The black community needs to stand up and fight for the rights of all people, because God is a God who is for all,” he said.

Another African-American preacher, Michael Nabors, a Baptist pastor from Detroit, echoed his sentiments. “If we don’t learn from history we are doomed to repeat it,” he explained after the conference. “We don’t want people to think the Church is on the wrong side of the issue.”

There were some surprises at the conference as well. The Rev. Donald Kreiss, Bishop of the Southeast Michigan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Christian Association, was possibly the biggest of them all. He addressed all in attendance by making several references to how the Christian Church is supposed to be a place where people can go to feel safe. He also made a clear statement of support for same-sex marriage. “When a loving couple comes together to make a commitment as a couple, opposite-sex or same-sex, it strengthens our community and it strengthens our Churches,” he exclaimed.

The most impassioned speech came from openly gay Pastor Matthew Bode, an Evangelical Lutheran pastor from Detroit. “We are Christian leaders who support gay, lesbian and transgender people who have been abused and beaten down by Christians for a long time. The LGBT community has been fighting against those who may be here to fight... but we are here to love and embrace.”

Michigan for Marriage, the campaign that sponsored the event, said in a press release, “Our faith traditions and our values have taught us to love God, not to judge and to treat others the way we want to be treated. Our values - love, welcoming, justice, commitment and family, lead us to affirm the freedom to marry for all loving and committed couples. Granting the freedom to marry in Michigan will change nothing. Some faith traditions will choose to marry same-sex couples, while others choose not to. Passing marriage equality in Michigan would not affect religious marriages, religious institutions or clergy in any way... Religious freedom will remain protected.”

Anderson summarized the message towards the end: “We Christians believe in a God of love and justice. We stand with all our Christian brothers and sisters who are lesbian, gay or transgender. That’s how it should be.”

For more information on Michigan for Marriage visit www.michiganformarriage.org.
said she supports the right of same-sex couples to marry

Delicate line on same-sex marriage in Georgia. She has

of former U.S. Senator Sam Nunn, is walking that same

constitutional amendment."

issue, and here in the state of Kentucky we already have a

Court -- they've already ruled on this, it's a state sovereign

and ... I think that if I've been committed than others should

have been married seven years, and the Supreme Court

Grimes said: "I want to be honest ... my husband and I

clearly tried to find position somewhere between being

farmers whether she supports same-sex marriage, Grimes

has a zero rating from the Human Rights Campaign on LGBT

Republican leader Mitch McConnell in November. McConnell

Tuesday's primaries, Democrats in Kentucky chose business

pass May 28, reports KHOU-TV.

Annise Parker and other supporters of the bill. They have

threatened to organize a recall election against Mayor

proposed non-discrimination ordinance in Houston have

support such attack ads: "Oh, did all three of them chip in?"

Forbidding development in the state, thus denying thousands of jobs

with the average Coloradoan when he opposes natural gas

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Facebook profile.

"Later one student said, 'I saw your

husband, he's handsome.' Another

student brought wedding gifts to school,

saying, 'My father and I went shopping

for you.' This spring a girl came up to me

all excited, asking if I'd heard 'the news."

I thought maybe the volleyball team had

won or something, but she was excited

about the same-sex marriage ban being

struck down."

He said this points out the

misconception people have about the

Muslim religion, that it is always ultra-

I don't have a problem with same-sex marriage, she

said, "I mean, it's how they choose to live."

"They detest Islamic extremists the

way Christians feel about the Westboro

Baptist Church," he said.

A Collecting Passion

Bruce has been interested in music

since childhood. "I was in Sing Out

Dearborn as a kid. I toured for a year in

Up With People. But I didn’t really learn

what theater was until later."

He started teaching and eventually

found his way to Northville’s Marquis

Theatre. Acting there led to directing

and designing.

"I made the quantum leap to

choreography too," he said. "And then

morphed into writing scores."

Younger Americans are more

supportive than older ones, with

about half of those under age 50 in

favors of legal gay marriage in their

state compared with just 33 percent

of seniors. That trend holds across party

lines, with Republicans under age 30

nearly three times as likely to support

legal gay marriage as Republicans

age 65 and older. Among Democrats,

78 percent under age 50 support legal

gay marriage compared with 55 percent

age 65 or older.

The AP-GfK Poll was conducted May

16-19, 2014 using KnowledgePanel,

GfK’s probability-based online panel

designed to be representative of the U.S.

population. It involved online interviews

with 1,354 adults, and has a margin of

sampling error of plus or minus 3.0

percentage points for all respondents.

Respondents were first selected randomly using phone or mail

survey methods, and were later interviewed online. People selected for

KnowledgePanel who didn’t otherwise

have access to the Internet were provided

with the ability to access the Internet at

no cost to them.

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Baptist Church,” he said.

He’s worked with Dearborn’s Players

Guild, as has actor/designer Kirwan.

That company is considering producing

his original musical of “Little Women.”

Another Bruce show, “Madame X,”

has been performed at Chicago Center

for Performing Arts. Recently, he was

contacted about the rights to a South

Korean production. “Evidently they’re

crazy about doing new works there,”

he said.

On top of all this is his active

involvement in collecting and selling

fashion dolls, in this case vintage and

mod Barbies.

“Back in the day, I was a Borders

and saw a big coffee table book, an

collection of Barbie. I read it for a half hour, went home, went

back and bought it.”

Bruce, who’s never seen a

garage sale he didn’t like, started

noticing these dolls at such sales,

like a Ken doll worth $250 going for

a pittance.

He began a serious collection,

became active in clubs and writes

articles for hobby magazines, featuring clothing and a “set” he

designs, photographed by Kirwan.

“I taught myself how to sew

doing this,” he said, showing off

an upcoming Halloween-themed

collection highlighted by a set of

dolls in a candy-corn look.

The collectors benefit more

than Bruce and Kirwan; At this year’s Great Lakes Fashion Doll

Club convention, Bruce helped

run an auction that raised $38,000 with

proceeds going to local charities.

Bruce and Kirwan live just blocks

from the childhood home where Bruce’s

parents still reside, in a white two-story

renovated farmhouse. They share it with a

striking cat and what seem to be some

friendly spirits who make their presence

known, but are not intimidating.

Recalling tales he’s heard of past

tragedies there, Bruce said, “This house

had a bad history. I think (the ghosts) are

glad there’s happiness here now.”
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Stringfellow Installed As New MCC-D Senior Pastor And Teacher

BY JASON A. MICHAEL

FERNDALE – It’s been a few months since he stepped into the position, but Rev. Roland Stringfellow was officially installed as senior pastor and teacher of Metropolitan Community Church - Detroit at a special service Saturday at the Drayton Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Just days before the service, Stringfellow spoke with Between The Lines about the future of MCC-D.

“It’s been really great,” Stringfellow said of his time at the church so far. “We have seen an increase in people who are attending the church for the very first time. We’re also seeing a lot of people who had been longstanding members return to the congregation.”

MCC-D’s last senior pastor, Rev. Mark Bidwell, left the church in September 2011. Though he is credited with growing the church greatly during his almost 20 years as pastor, he left embroiled in scandal and tragically died just a few months later. An interim pastor, Jim Lynch, served for most of 2012 and 2013. Now, with the appointment of a new senior pastor, the church is entering into a new phase and, according to Stringfellow, its resilience is shining through.

“I took the time to interview all the team leadership of the church to really get to know them,” Stringfellow said. “With all that has happened, many, many church people would have fled and left the church. But that’s not the case here. We really have this unity and that really inspired me as a leader and let me know that I have come into a very healthy congregation.”

Now, Stringfellow looks toward the future with great excitement.

“My plan for the congregation is twofold,” he said. “First, to continue to strengthen the core of the congregation, and, second, I would like to see us become a teaching congregation. You, as an LGBT person, can go down the street to a Lutheran church that is welcoming and hold your partner’s hand. However, what you’re not going to get at that church is how then do you recover from all the violence from Bible bashing that has occurred, where people have not been trained in queer theology? I want us as a congregation to be that teaching church for not only the LGBT community, but to other ally congregations as well.”

“I’m being installed as senior pastor and teacher,” Stringfellow continued. “If you look at the invitation, that’s what it says. Even on my business card I want ‘senior pastor and teacher,’ which is a little unusual. Education is my passion. I would like to see us become a teaching congregation. You, as an LGBT person, can go down the street to a Lutheran church that is welcoming and hold your partner’s hand. However, what you’re not going to get at that church is how then do you recover from all the violence from Bible bashing that has occurred, where people have not been trained in queer theology? I want us as a congregation to be that teaching church for not only the LGBT community, but to other ally congregations as well.”
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feel that when it comes to being LGBT or straight, or if you have a gay child, many, many people really want to understand these Biblical passages that have used to clobber and separate the people. They get so turned off from reading scripture because of how it’s mistaught...

“The Bible] gives us our identity, our courage and our place. So I want us as an inclusive community to really embrace what’s there. And the only way we can do that is if it’s not taught so high shelf that everyone can get it and so people can say, ‘You know what? I get that and see the application to my daily life.’ My goal is to try to attract people through good teaching. When people are inspired to see themselves better than they are now, they can get really electrified and say ‘Yes, I want to be in this place because I can see myself growing under this teaching.’”

So far, the church appears to be with Stringfellow in this endeavor.

“It’s a new MCC-D,” said member Paul Mattson. “MCC is known as the gay church. Last year at MCC’s general conference, it was kind of undertaken as a mission to be known as the ‘inclusive church’ rather than the ‘gay church.’ That’s what the focus is now. I think with us electing Rev. Roland as our new pastor that change is really coming into fruition at the local level. We’ve got more straight people coming into our congregation, more transgender people and more people of color. And it’s really nice to see the face of MCC-D change in that way.”

The national leadership of MCC is convinced Stringfellow can make a difference.

“Rev. Roland has that rare combination of being brilliant, well-educated, thoughtful and also kind and compassionate with pastoral skills - as well as a powerful spokesperson and activist - that is perfect for MCC-D,” said Rev. Elder Dr. Nancy Wilson, MCC’s moderator. “He will bring a new level of excellence and hope to MCC-D.”

It was Wilson, in fact, who encouraged Stringfellow to apply for the position of senior pastor after seeing him at last year’s convocation. She didn’t make the recommendation lightly. MCC-D holds a special place in Wilson’s heart, having gotten her ministerial start there many years ago.

“I came to MCC-D as a 25-year-old,” she said. “We were less than 30 people, about five years old, and one of the earliest institutions serving the very nascent LGBT community in Detroit. Some of those folks who were there then are still around now. One of those members introduced me to my wife, Paula, now of 36 years. I learned so much from MCC-D.”

“I love that the church has been so resilient through ups and downs, HIV/AIDS, tragedies, victories and defeats,” Wilson continued. “All along, they have been there for each other and for the community. They are the best of MCC, and they have a great future, especially in attracting the kind of energized and highly qualified leadership they have in Rev. Roland. As the city of Detroit, and the surrounding metropolitan area, moves into a time of recovery and re-invention, I am so hopeful that MCC-D is committed to re-invention as well, in a way that honors their legacy and faces the future with joy.”

Make no mistake, Stringfellow said he is committed.

“My challenge is how to inspire our community to see the value of inclusive worship,” he said. “How I’m hoping to do this is to really say whoever you are, if you have been excluded from any type of worship, whether you’re LGBT, a child out of wedlock, you’ve been incarcerated, you have a disability, the list goes on and on. We want to be your place. If other churches have turned their backs on you, you have a seat here.”
Legal Fight Over Gay Marriage Spreads To 30 States

BY CARSON WALKER AND BRADY MCCOMBS

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) - Federal lawsuits filed this week in Montana and South Dakota leave just one state - North Dakota - with a gay marriage ban that's not facing some form of legal challenge.

State marriage bans have been falling around the country since the U.S. Supreme Court last year struck down part of the federal Defense of Marriage Act. Now, in 30 states, judges are being asked whether gays should have the right to marry.

"Even though it's happening all around us in other states, this is us, this is real," Nancy Rosenbrahn of Rapid City, South Dakota, told The Associated Press May 22.

She and Jennie Rosenbrahn married in April in Minneapolis and were among the six couples who sued in South Dakota Thursday to overturn that state's gay marriage ban.

In 19 states and the District of Columbia, gay couples can already wed, with Oregon and Pennsylvania becoming the latest to join the list this week when federal judges struck down their bans and officials decided not to appeal.

But opposition in some places remains strong. A spokesman for Montana Attorney General Tim Fox said he will vigorously defend the state's constitutional ban against the lawsuit brought by four gay couples.

In Utah, Gov. Gary Herbert said at a news conference he is also committed to defending his state's ban, and he blasted decisions against doing so by leaders in other states.

"For elected officials, governors or attorney generals to pick and choose what laws (they) will enforce I think is a tragedy and is the next step to anarchy," Herbert said. "We have an obligation as a state to defend those laws."

Here's a look at where things stand with other legal challenges across the country:

Arkansas

A state judge in Arkansas' largest county earlier this month struck down the state's gay marriage ban, saying the state has "no rational reason" for preventing gay couples from marrying. The state Supreme Court brought the marriages to a halt and is weighing state officials' appeal.

Idaho

State officials announced this week they will appeal last week's decision from a federal judge overturning the state's same-sex marriage ban. The appeal goes to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Indiana

State attorneys have asked the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago to review a federal judge's recent order requiring Indiana to recognize the out-of-state marriage of a lesbian couple in which one woman is terminally ill. That ruling applies just to one couple - not to others who were legally wed elsewhere and are seeking to have Indiana recognize their marriages.

Kentucky

After a federal judge ordered Kentucky to recognize same-sex marriages performed in other states, attorney general Jack Conway said he would not defend the state's law. But, the state has hired outside attorneys to handle the case and is appealing to 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati, which has not yet scheduled a hearing.

Michigan

The 6th Circuit is reviewing Michigan's same-sex marriage ban that was overturned by a federal judge in March following a rare trial that mostly focused on the impact of same-sex parenting on children. Arguments have not been scheduled.

Nevada

Eight gay couples are challenging Nevada's voter-approved 2002 ban that was upheld by a federal judge in 2012. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco hasn't scheduled arguments yet. Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto is refusing to defend the ban.

Ohio

The 6th Circuit appeals court is reviewing two gay marriage cases from Ohio. The first involves recognizing gay marriages on death certificates, and the second involves an order for Ohio to recognize all out-of-state marriages. Arguments have not been scheduled in either case.

Tennessee

A federal judge ordered the state to recognize three same-sex couples' marriages while their lawsuit against the state works through the courts. Tennessee officials are appealing the preliminary injunction to the 6th Circuit.

Texas

A federal judge declared the state's ban unconstitutional, issuing a preliminary injunction. The state is appealing to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court in New Orleans.

Utah and Oklahoma

The 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver is reviewing same-sex marriage bans that were overturned by federal court judges in these two states. The appeals court heard arguments on both cases in April, and a ruling is expected soon. Utah and Oklahoma voters overwhelmingly passed the bans in 2004.

Virginia

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond heard arguments this month about Virginia's overturned ban and is expected to rule soon. Virginia's attorney general, Mark Herring, is one of seven in the country who has refused to defend a state gay marriage ban. A county clerk who was sued in Virginia is defending the ban.

Elsewhere

Other states with court cases demanding recognition of gay marriage are: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Most lawsuits challenge same-sex marriage bans or ask states to recognize gay marriages from other states.

BRIEFS

Milk Stamp Draws Line At San Francisco Post Office

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) – The post office in San Francisco's Castro District is selling more stamps than usual now that a neighborhood icon is the face of the nation's newest Forever Stamp.

The U.S. Postal Service on Thursday started issuing stamps honoring the late San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk, who was one of the first openly gay men elected to public office and represented the Castro before he was assassinated in 1978.

AIDS Memorial Quilt creator Cleve Jones, who was an aide to Milk, and screenwriter Dustin Lance Black, who won an Oscar for the 2008 movie "Milk," joined dozens of people who lined up at the Castro post office to buy the new stamp.

Thursday would have been Milk's 84th birthday. He and San Francisco Mayor George Moscone were shot to death at City Hall by Dan White, a former city supervisor.

New Anti-Gay Remarks By 'Duck Dynasty' Star Emerge

NEW YORK (AP) – A&E has declined to comment on new video of ‘Duck Dynasty’ star Phil Robertson revinging past anti-gay remarks. His comments are included in a sermon delivered at his church in West Monroe, Louisiana on Easter Sunday. Robertson includes homosexuals with other groups such as thieves and adulterers as hell-bound sinners.

Robertson is the bearded patriarch of a clan that manufactures duck calls and became reality-TV stars. In December, he set off a firestorm after GQ magazine quoted him linking homosexual behavior to bestiality. He also made racist statements.

A&E suspended him for nine days. Robertson issued an apology.

The video was posted Thursday by RadarOnline. It was posted to YouTube by the Whites Ferry Road Church on April 21. “Duck Dynasty” is scheduled to begin its sixth season on June 11.

Small Town Bullies

The Porterville City Council meeting attracted a crowd Monday, as many members of the public showed up to express their anger at Mayor Cam Hamilton's remark last week that child victims of bullying should just "grow a pair" rather than ask for help from the council. The Porterville Recorder said Hamilton walked during the public comment session to do an interview with CNN. In the CNN interview, he said he wished his remarks had been a "little less colorful," but he said a proposal to create “safe zones” in schools doesn’t help victims once they leave the safe zones. He said kids need to learn how to “stand up for themselves.”
I'm not quiet sure if it was 12:06 or 12:07 a.m. in my heavenly sojourn. It seems like a century between these 60 seconds.

Believe it or not, two seemingly angelic things are happening to my earthly, cleverly planned obsolescent cellphone.

It chimes in with The Hills Are Alive With The Sound of Music – not my choice for caller ID – apologies to Julie Andrews – and at the same instant my cellphone turns to 14K gold in my hand. (Hope against heavenly hope I've recharged its battery.)

"Hi! It’s your old friend Dan Stevens. Remember me? We last chatted in 1981 at Beaumont, almost 35 years ago. I just want you to know I’m fine. Your memory has kept me alive all these years. Remember Larry Gaynier, Jim Hohmann, Jim Profitt, Tom Bartley, Robert Cunningham? Friends from MCC-D. They’re here too. If you like, I’ll put them on."

Somehow suspecting that my minutes in Heaven are unfortunately about to run out, I regretfully decline, but suggest that leaving brief voicemails in turn for each sadly happening to my earthly, cleverly planned obsolescent cellphone.

Jim Profitt, Tom Bartley, Robert Cunningham? Friends from all these years. Remember Larry Gaynier, Jim Hohmann, Jim Profitt, Tom Bartley, Robert Cunningham? Friends from MCC-D. They’re here too. If you like, I’ll put them on.”

"What’s happening?" I ask a guy wearing a slightly tilted neon-rainbow halo who looks a tad like myself as a teen.

The report, co-authored by the Center for American Progress (CAP), the Center for HIV Law and Policy and Streetwise & Safe, had input from more than 50 organizations working on LGBT and criminal justice policy and “provides an extensive outline of policy measures that federal agencies can adopt to address discriminatory and abusive policing practices, improve conditions for LGBT prisoners and immigrants in detention, decriminalize HIV and prevent LGBT youth and adults from coming in contact with the system in the first place.”

"The policing of gender and sexuality pervades law enforcement and the operation of courts and the penal system, often in tandem and in service of racial profiling, targeting of homeless and low-income communities and mass incarceration of people of color," says Andrea Ritchie, coordinator of Streetwise & Safe and co-author of the report.

"Addressing discriminatory policing and punishment of LGBT people, and particularly LGBT people of color, should be at the center of the administration’s LGBT and criminal justice policy agendas. These are LGBT issues because they affect LGBT lives." According to the report, 73 percent of all LGBT people and PLWH recently surveyed had face-to-face contact with police during the past five years. For LGBT people of color, more than one-third of these interactions featured some form of harassment or abuse. Five percent of the respondents also reported spending time in jail or prison, a higher rate than that of the nearly three percent of the total U.S. adult population who are under some form of correctional supervision - jail, prison, probation or parole - at any point in time.

CeCe McDonald – a transgender woman who was released from prison earlier this year after serving 19 months in a men’s prison for defending herself against a racist and transphobic attack – contributed the foreword to the report. She wrote, "Police officers use many stereotypes of black trans people to dehumanize me, such as assuming that I am a sex worker." She goes on to say, "People of color and trans people are seen as ‘unfit for society,’ and are therefore targeted by our justice system.”

"Legal equality has not translated into lived equality for LGBT people, especially poor people and people of color,” said Dean Spade, co-author and visiting professor at Columbia Law School’s Center for Gender & Sexuality Law. “There is still little justice for LGBT people such as CeCe McDonald and countless others who are driven into the criminal legal system by pervasive poverty and systemic discrimination in the distribution of life chances."

“The United States arrests and prosecutes more people on the basis of their HIV status than the rest of the world combined,” noted Catherine Hanssens, founder and executive director of The Center for HIV Law and Policy and also a co-author of the report. “The policies that drive these arrests spring from profoundly phobic misconceptions about the actual routes, risks and consequences of HIV transmission and federal health officials’ refusal to promote frank, accurate information about sex, sexual orientation and gender identity.”

The report, which took 18 months to produce, consists of six main sections - Policing and Law Enforcement, Prisons, Immigration, Criminalization of Youth, Criminalization of HIV and Drivers of Incarceration. The recommendations in each section are very specific, drawing from historical context and providing solid solutions to existing issues like this example from the Drivers of Incarceration section:

(Health and Human Services) should develop anti-LGBT discrimination guidelines for substance use treatment programs and ensure that no one is denied access to treatment because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, and that residential substance use programs receiving federal funds are respecting the gender identities of their participants.

For more information, check out the full report online at www.americanprogress.org/issues/ext/2014/05/07/89117/a-roadmap-for-change-federal-policy-recommendations-for-addressing-the-criminalization-of-lgbt-people-and-people-living-with-hiv
Gates: Would Have Allowed Gay Adults In Scouts

BY NOMAAN MERCHANT

DALLAS (AP) - Robert Gates, the new president of the Boy Scouts of America, said he would have moved last year to allow openly gay adults in the organization but said he opposes any further attempts to address the policy now.

Gates took over an organization this week that serves about 2.5 million youth but faces continued membership declines and fights over its inclusion of openly gay boys, but not adults. Gates, the former secretary of defense who oversaw the end of the military’s ban on openly gay soldiers, addressed those issues Friday, a day after Scouting’s national leadership elected him president.

“I was prepared to go further than the decision that was made,” Gates told The Associated Press in an interview in advance of a speech before the group’s annual meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. “I would have supported having gay Scoutmasters, but at the same time, I fully accept the decision that was made,” Gates said in prepared remarks.

Gates, 70, who also served as director of the CIA, is a visible advocate for Scouting as it faces a storm of bad publicity.

The Scouts reached out to Gates as he was retiring from the Defense Department and asked him to join their leadership, said Wayne Perry, the departing BSA president. AT&T CEO Randall Stephenson, who was expected to become president this year, agreed to wait another two years to allow Gates to serve now, Perry said.

“We need America to know what the Boy Scouts can do for the youth of America,” Perry said, adding that Gates “immediately can reach an audience that we wouldn’t otherwise reach.”

Gates earned his Eagle Scout award as a 15-year-old growing up in Wichita, Kansas. He has long credited that achievement for giving him the confidence to excel in nearly five decades of public service, and he stayed involved in Scouting during his career. He has recalled scouting shooting with young Scouts while he was director of the CIA.

Along the way, Gates became known as someone willing to speak frankly about problems in the institutions he led, often at the risk of offending others. Gates warned BSA’s leaders Friday that “maybe it’s time for blunt talk.”

Over the last decade, the Scouts have faced small, but consistent, declines in membership. Also, high-profile sponsors and corporate donors, including Disney and Lockheed Martin, have cut funding over the exclusion of openly gay adults. Meanwhile, a handful of conservatives who opposed the inclusion of openly gay boys started their own organization, Trail Life USA.

Gates told the AP that he wanted to move the Scouts past that debate and focus on what unites the membership. He said he would push for a heavier focus on local marketing and sharing positive stories about Scouting efforts that are sometimes drowned out by debates over gay rights or child abuse lawsuits filed against the Scouts in several states.

He said he would emphasize to sponsors that “welcoming gay youth is an important step forward.”

Gates led the Defense Department when it phased out the ban on openly gay soldiers known as “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,” something gay-rights groups have criticized as a hopeful sign for them. But Gates said Friday that the Scouts were different from the CIA or the military, where “I could give an order and people would follow it, at least most of the time.”

In an organization driven almost entirely by volunteers, officials have to respect differences in opinion, he said.

“The key at this point is to keep focus, again, on the top priority, which is, how do we develop the best possible program for kids, and how do we keep their interests at the forefront?” Gates said.

Boy Scout Membership Up in Utah Since Gays Allowed

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Membership in the Boy Scouts of America has increased in Utah since its ranks were opened to gay youths a year ago, the state’s three Boy Scouts councils said.

The councils all reported membership hikes since the organization’s national council approved the new policy.

In the Great Salt Lake Council, Scout numbers grew 1.5 percent in 2013, while membership in the Trapper Trails Council increased by 2.1 percent.

The Utah National Parks Council, which includes small portions of Nevada and Arizona, reported a 4.5 percent increase in membership during that time.

“Every indicator for us has been very positive,” said Allen Endicott, a Scout executive with the Trapper Trails Council. “Scouting is something that is loved in our area and really does make a difference.”

Dave McCammon of the Great Salt Lake Council told the Deseret News in a story Thursday that the past year has been relatively free of controversy over the new membership policy.

Utah’s jump in membership bucks a national trend. The state is home to the Mormon church, which has close ties to the Boy Scouts and is the organization’s largest sponsor.

Creep of the Week

Dr. Robi Ludwig

Another day, another terrible thing happening in this world and another person trying to pin it on the gays.

Dr. Robi Ludwig

Piece of shit garbage person Elliot Rodger murdered six people in Isla Vista, California, stabbing three to death in his apartment, and shooting three others. He injured a bunch more. He also killed himself.

Unlike so many mass killings, where we are left wondering why the killer did what he did, Rodger left behind a very detailed explanation via YouTube videos and a written manifesto.

Rodger made clear that he hated women because they would not fuck him even though he, in his own word, was “beautiful.” He felt entitled to all the pussy in the world and because women are withholding bitches, he had to kill them. He then methodically planned what he called “The Day of Retribution,” which he carried out on May 23.

If you have had the displeasure of reading Rodger’s writing or watching his videos, then it is abundantly clear to you why women rejected him. There was clearly something very wrong with him. He was creepy as fuck. Unfortunately, he did not see himself as the problem.

“The Day of Retribution,” he wrote in his manifesto, “is mainly my war against women for rejecting me and depriving me of sex and love. If only one girl had given me a chance, tried to get to know me, let me take her out on a date.”

Clearly women and girls brought this, like all of the violence they face, on themselves.

Rodger also wrote, “I will destroy all women because I can never have them. I will make them all suffer for rejecting me. I will arm myself with deadly weapons and wage a war against all women and the men they are attracted to. And I will slaughter them like the animals they are.”

Clearly this guy is fucked up. Any armchair psychotherapist could tell you that. But it takes a special kind of psychotherapist to look at this evidence and declare that Rodger was probably a repressed homo.

But that’s just what Dr. Robi Ludwig did just two days after the murders during her appearance on Fox News.

“When I was first listening to him, I was like, ‘Oh, he’s angry with women for rejecting him,’” Ludwig said on Fox. “And then I started to have a different idea: Is this somebody who is trying to fight against his homosexual impulses?”

What gave her this idea? She doesn’t say.

“I in NO way meant to indicate being a homosexual or having homosexual impulses is a cause for spree killing.”

Then she asked, “Was he angry with women because they were taking away men from him?”

It’s a novel theory. And by novel I mean “out of the fucking blue.” There’s no evidence that Rodger was gay. So for Ludwig to suggest such a thing and offer absolutely no support suggests that her primary interest is in throwing red meat to Fox News viewers.

“Was he angry at the men for not choosing him?” she continued. “This is a kid who was just angry in general and probably felt rejected, he couldn’t connect, he couldn’t feel loved, he couldn’t feel successful. Maybe he didn’t feel like a real man.”

Ah, yes. Maybe he didn’t feel like a real man, because he wasn’t. He was a terrible human being. Sexist, racist, entitled, narcissistic. But what Ludwig seems to be suggesting here is that real men aren’t gay.

On May 26 Ludwig took to Twitter to defend herself, claiming she “was misunderstood.”

“I in NO way meant to indicate being a homosexual or having homosexual impulses is a cause for spree killing,” she wrote.

And while that might not have been her intention, that’s exactly what she did. As if only something truly heinous like homosexuality would drive someone to go on a mass murder spree. As if raging misogyny isn’t enough cause.
What is STRIBILD?

STRIBILD is a prescription medicine used to treat HIV-1 in adults who have never taken HIV-1 medicines before. It combines 4 medicines into 1 pill to be taken once a day with food. STRIBILD is a complete single-tablet regimen and should not be used with other HIV-1 medicines.

STRIBILD does not cure HIV-1 infection or AIDS. To control HIV-1 infection and decrease HIV-related illnesses you must keep taking STRIBILD. Ask your healthcare provider if you have questions about how to reduce the risk of passing HIV-1 to others. Always practice safer sex and use condoms to lower the chance of sexual contact with body fluids. Never reuse or share needles or other items that have body fluids on them.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

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

STRIBILD can cause serious side effects:

- **Build-up of an acid in your blood (lactic acidosis), which is a serious medical emergency.** Symptoms of lactic acidosis include feeling very weak or tired, unusual (not normal) muscle pain, trouble breathing, stomach pain with nausea or vomiting, feeling cold especially in your arms and legs, feeling dizzy or lightheaded, and/or a fast or irregular heartbeat.

- **Serious liver problems.** The liver may become large (hepatomegaly) and fatty (steatosis). Symptoms of liver problems include your skin or the white part of your eyes turn yellow (jaundice), dark “tea-colored” urine, light-colored bowel movements (stools), loss of appetite for several days or longer, nausea, and/or stomach pain.

- **You may be more likely to get lactic acidosis or serious liver problems if you are female, very overweight (obese), or have been taking STRIBILD for a long time.** In some cases, these serious conditions have led to death. Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any symptoms of these conditions.

- **Worsening of hepatitis B (HBV) infection.** If you also have HBV and stop taking STRIBILD, your hepatitis may suddenly get worse. Do not stop taking STRIBILD without first talking to your healthcare provider, as they will need to monitor your health. STRIBILD is not approved for the treatment of HBV.

Who should not take STRIBILD?

- **Do not take STRIBILD if you:**
  - Take a medicine that contains: alfuzosin, dihydropyridine, ergotamine, methylergonovine, cisapride, lovastatin, simvastatin, pimozide, sildenafil when used for lung problems (Revatio®), triazolam, oral midazolam, ritamipril or the herb St. John’s wort.
  - For a list of brand names for these medicines, please see the Brief Summary on the following pages.
  - Take any other medicines to treat HIV-1 infection, or the medicine adeovir (Hepsera®).

What are the other possible side effects of STRIBILD?

Serious side effects of STRIBILD may also include:

- **New or worse kidney problems, including kidney failure.** Your healthcare provider should do regular blood and urine tests to check your kidneys before and during treatment with STRIBILD. If you develop kidney problems, your healthcare provider may tell you to stop taking STRIBILD.

- **Bone problems,** including bone pain or bones getting soft or thin, which may lead to fractures. Your healthcare provider may do tests to check your bones.

- **Changes in body fat** can happen in people taking HIV-1 medicines.

- **Changes in your immune system.** Your immune system may get stronger and begin to fight infections. Tell your healthcare provider if you have any new symptoms after you start taking STRIBILD.

The most common side effects of STRIBILD include nausea and diarrhea. Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effects that bother you or don’t go away.

What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking STRIBILD?

- **All your health problems.** Be sure to tell your healthcare provider if you have or had any kidney, bone, or liver problems, including hepatitis B virus infection.

- **All the medicines you take,** including prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. STRIBILD may affect the way other medicines work, and other medicines may affect how STRIBILD works. Keep a list of all your medicines and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist. Do not start any new medicines while taking STRIBILD without first talking with your healthcare provider.

- **If you take hormone-based birth control** (pills, patches, rings, shots, etc).

- **If you take antacids.** Take antacids at least 2 hours before or after you take STRIBILD.

- **If you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.** It is not known if STRIBILD can harm your unborn baby. Tell your healthcare provider if you become pregnant while taking STRIBILD.

- **If you are breastfeeding (nursing) or plan to breastfeed.** Do not breastfeed. HIV-1 can be passed to the baby in breast milk. Also, some medicines in STRIBILD can pass into breast milk, and it is not known if this can harm the baby.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch, or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

Please see Brief Summary of full Prescribing Information with important warnings on the following pages.
STRIBILD is a prescription medicine used as a complete single-tablet regimen to treat HIV-1 in adults who have never taken HIV-1 medicines before. STRIBILD does not cure HIV-1 or AIDS.

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tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 300 mg) tablets

Brief summary of full Prescribing Information. For more information, please see the full Prescribing Information, including Patient Information.

What is STRIBILD?

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

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

STRIBILD can cause serious side effects, including:

1. Build-up of lactic acid in your blood (lactic acidosis). Lactic acidosis can happen in some people who take STRIBILD or similar (nucleoside analogs) medicines. Lactic acidosis is a serious medical emergency that can lead to death. Lactic acidosis can be hard to identify early because the symptoms could seem like symptoms of other health problems. Call your healthcare provider right away if you get any of the following symptoms which could be signs of lactic acidosis:
   - feel very weak or tired
   - have unusual (not normal) muscle pain
   - have trouble breathing
   - have stomach pain with nausea or vomiting
   - feel cold, especially in your arms and legs
   - feel dizzy or lightheaded
   - have a fast or irregular heartbeat

2. Severe liver problems. Severe liver problems can happen in people who take STRIBILD. In some cases, these liver problems can lead to death. Your liver may become large (hepatomegaly) and you may develop fat in your liver (steatosis). Call your healthcare provider right away if you get any of the following symptoms of liver problems:
   - your skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow (jaundice)
   - dark “tea-colored” urine
   - light-colored bowel movements (stools)
   - loss of appetite for several days or longer
   - nausea
   - stomach pain

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

3. Worsening of Hepatitis B infection. If you have hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection and take STRIBILD, your HBV may get worse (flare-up) if you stop taking STRIBILD. A “flare-up” is when your HBV infection suddenly returns in a worse way than before.
   - Do not run out of STRIBILD. Refill your prescription or talk to your healthcare provider before your STRIBILD is all gone
   - Do not stop taking STRIBILD without first talking to your healthcare provider
   - If you stop taking STRIBILD, your healthcare provider will need to check your health often and do blood tests regularly for several months to check your HBV infection. Tell your healthcare provider about any new or unusual symptoms you may have after you stop taking STRIBILD

Who should not take STRIBILD?

Do not take STRIBILD if you also take a medicine that contains:
- adenosine (Hepsera®)
- alfuzosin hydrochloride (Uroxatral®)
- cisapride (Propulsid®, Propulsid Quicksol®)
- ergot-containing medicines, including: dihydroergotamine mesylate (D.H.E. 45®, Migranal®), ergotamine tartrate (Cefergot®, Migrergot®, Ergostat®, Mediheal Ergotamine®, Wigraine®, Wigrettes®), and methylergonovine maleate (Ergotrate®, Methergine®)
- lovastatin (Advicor®, Atorvastatin®, Mevacor®)
- oral midazolam
- pimozide (Orap®)
- rifampin (Rifadin®, Rifamate®, Rifater®, Rimactane®)
- sildenafil (Revatio®), when used for treating lung problems
- simvastatin (Simcor®, Vytorin®, Zocor®)
- triazolam (Halcion®)
- the herb St. John’s wort

Do not take STRIBILD if you also take any other HIV-1 medicines, including:
- Other medicines that contain tenofovir (Atripla®, Complera®, Viread®, Truvada®)
- Other medicines that contain emtricitabine, lamivudine, or rilpivirine (Atripla®, Complera®, Emtriva®, Epivir® or Epivir-HBV®, Epzicom®, Kaletra®, Norvir®, Trizivir®, Truvada®)

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

What are the possible side effects of STRIBILD?

STRIBILD may cause the following serious side effects:

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

Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.
- These are not all the possible side effects of STRIBILD. For more information, ask your healthcare provider.
- Call your healthcare provider for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking STRIBILD?

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

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements:
- STRIBILD may affect the way other medicines work, and other medicines may affect how STRIBILD works.
- Be sure to tell your healthcare provider if you take any of the following medicines:
  - Hormone-based birth control (pills, patches, rings, shots, etc)
  - Antacids that contain aluminum, magnesium hydroxide, or calcium carbonate. Take antacids at least 2 hours before or after you take STRIBILD
  - Medicines to treat depression, organ transplant rejection, or high blood pressure
    - amiodarone (Cordarone®, Pacerone®)
    - atorvastatin (Lipitor®, Caduet®)
    - bepridil hydrochloride (Vascor®, Bepadin®)
    - bosentan (Tracleer®)
    - buspirone
    - carbamazepine (Carbatrol®, Epitol®, Equetro®, Tegretol®)
    - clarithromycin (Biaxin®, Prevpac®)
    - clonazepam (Klonopin®)
    - clorazepate (Gen-xene®, Tranxene®)
    - colchicine (Colchicine®)
    - medicines that contain dexamethasone
    - diazepam (Valium®)
- digoxin (Lanoxin®)
- disopyramide (Norpace®)
- estazolam
- ethosuximide (Zarontin®)
- flecainide (Tambocor®)
- flurazepam
- fluticasone (Flovent®, Flonase®, Flonase® Diskus®, Flovent® HFA, Veramyst®)
- itraconazole (Sporanox®)
- ketoconazole (Nizoral®)
- lidocaine (Xylocaine®)
- mefloquine
- oxcarbazepine (Trileptal®)
- perphenazine
- phenobarbital (Luminal®)
- phenytoin (Dilantin®, Phenytoin®)
- propafenone (Rythmol®)
- quinidine (Neudexta®)
- rifabutin (Mycobutin®)
- rifampin (Rifadin®)
- risperidone (Risperdal®, Risperdal Consta®)
- salmeterol (Serevent®) or salmeterol when taken in combination with fluticasone (Advair Diskus®, Advair HFA®)
- sildenafil (Viagra®), tadalafil (Cialis®) or vardenafil (Liviala®, Staxyn®), for the treatment of erectile dysfunction (ED). If you get dizzy or faint (low blood pressure), have vision changes or have an erection that last longer than 4 hours, call your healthcare provider or get medical help right away.
- tadalafil (Adcirca®), for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension
- tolterodine (Ketek®)
- thioridazine
- voriconazole (Vfend®)
- warfarin (Coumadin®, Jantoven®)
- zolpidem (Ambien®, Edular®, Intermezzo®, Zolpimist®)

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

Keep STRIBILD and all medicines out of reach of children.

This Brief Summary summarizes the most important information about STRIBILD. If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider. You can also ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for information about STRIBILD that is written for health professionals, or call 1-800-446-3235 or go to www.STRIEBILD.com.

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S
ome stories just don’t have happy endings.
A transgender teenager only identified as “Jane Doe,” has been in the custody of the Connecticut Department of Children and Families for roughly 11 of her 16 years. Her father was in prison, her mother was heavily involved in drugs and she was physically abused. The state stepped in, taking her into their custody.

I like to think that - after being removed from a dangerous, abusive household - she would by now have a “sweet sixteen” party or something with her loving adoptive parents. I want to believe in that Cinderella story of the ill-treated child being rescued by a fairy godmother in the guise of a court-appointed social worker.

It’s a good fantasy that is nothing like the truth. Instead of escaping abuse, Jane Doe faced rape, physical assault and other abuse as a ward of the state. She’s seemingly faced much worse in custody than in the environment she was pulled from.

She was sent home to her mother at age 15 and ended up in sex work to survive. She again found herself in DCF custody.

Then, at the beginning of 2014, things changed. Jane Doe ended up in a quarrel with a staff member of the DCF. Things got very physical, and the staff member was reported to have suffered a broken jaw and temporary blindness due to the attack.

The story doesn’t get better here, however. At this point, the DCF decided to simply throw in the towel. They determined they could not provide care for Jane Doe within their facilities.

She’s been held at the York Correctional Institute for Women for evaluation. This has included days of prison lockup and isolation. In Connecticut, prisoners – including transgender prisoners – are segregated based on their genitals. While Jane Doe has been housed at York currently, it is quite likely she would be transferred to an all-male prison in the near future.

Now there’s a couple of things that, if you have been reading closely, I have not mentioned. She has not been convicted of a crime. There are no charges against her, including for the assault of a DCF staffer in January. She should not be facing a prison sentence.

Also, should she be sent to prison – again, without any charges being held against her – this 16-year-old transwoman would be sent to an adult prison. All because the Department of Children and Families decided they cannot do their job in regards to Jane Doe.

“While in DCF custody, I have suffered immensely,” Jane Doe was quoted in The Advocate. “I feel that DCF has failed to protect me from harm, and I am now thrown into prison because they have refused to help me.”

I find myself baffled by this story. Who is being served here? Certainly not Jane Doe herself. I fail to see how sending her to an adult, all-male prison, without so much as being charged for a crime, will improve her life.

If anything, I see this being yet another situation that will lead to yet more abuse.

I cannot help but think of the story of Jewlyes Gutierrez, another 16-year-old transwoman. While at her high school in Hercules, California last November, she was assaulted by a number of other girls at the school. This was part of a pattern of bullying that went back over several years – and one to which school officials seemingly turned a blind eye.

This last time, Gutierrez fought back against her tormentors. As a result, she was charged with battery for defending herself. Her attackers did not face any charges.

I also think of CeCe McDonald, a 25-year-old transwoman of color living in Minnesota. She, and several friends of hers, passed a local tavern where a group of people shouted homophobic, transphobic and racist slurs at McDonald and her friends. A fight ensued, instigated by the individuals in front of the tavern. In the course of the altercation, one of the tavern goers, Dean Schmitz, was fatally stabbed.

In the aftermath, McDonald ended up sentenced to 41 months in a men’s prison.

Gutierrez and McDonald – both young transwomen – were defending themselves from violence. Both ended up charged for their troubles. Their prison stories, however, have happy endings.

Gutierrez has seen the battery charges against her dropped with her completion of a conflict resolution program. This program included her working through some of the issues with one of the girls who bullied her.

McDonald was released in January, just 19 months into her sentence. She is now working with transgender actress and advocate Laverne Cox on a documentary about her experience.

Perhaps with the help of McDonald and so many others, Jane Doe will also get a happy ending. Like I said, I want to believe that some sort of justice will prevail. As of this writing, Connecticut Governor Dan Malloy has issued a statement asking that Jane Doe be moved out of prison “as quickly as possible.”

Yet I also wonder how many John or Jane Does we have never heard of. With the prevalence of social media now, it is harder for such cases as these three to fall through the cracks – yet I cannot help but assume more are out there.

How many other stories have no happy end? We may never know – but I’d like to see a world more of them do: a world where transpeople don’t end up incarcerated simply for defending themselves or – worse yet – because someone decides they just don’t care about them.
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Allies Must Rise Up As We Welcome All To Ferndale Pride

As I watched my friends rush to the courthouses to marry on March 22nd, my heart swelled with joy; when the stay came down just hours after lifting the ban, I felt a sick pit in my stomach. I watched helplessly as friends’ Facebook feeds read “rushing to the court house, just found out I can’t get married anymore...devastated.” As an outspoken ally of the LGBTQ community, it pains me to see LGBTQ people constantly denied the right that I am afforded because I was born straight.

Here we are in the 21st century, and yet it is still legal to fire someone in Michigan because they are not part of the majority. It’s time for the majority to come out in droves to support our LGBTQ friends and family so that they never have to face job, marriage, adoption or any other form of discrimination for simply being LGBTQ.

As an active member of the City of Ferndale and a council member, I am proud that Ferndale has been at the forefront leading the way for equality and recognition of all people. While I am proud of my city for taking a positive stand, our city remains the exception, not the rule. We can change this, but we can’t leave it on the backs of only LGBTQ people.

Simply having LGBTQ friends helps but is not enough. Giving personal support to LGBTQ friends helps but is also not enough. Allies must rise up with a strong and visible voice of support to bring other allies out of the ally closet. We must show up at events, we must show up at rallies and we must show up in the voting booths. We have so much power to change the world for our LGBTQ friends and family simply because there are statistically more of us. We can be a real force for change and we can accomplish this mission quickly.

This year May 31st will kick off the pride season in Ferndale. Ferndale Pride allows the LGBTQ community to celebrate their identity and essence through this festival, in a supportive family-friendly environment. As thousands take to the streets to celebrate individualism and diversity, do not come to the event in silence. Allies proclaim it if you are there. Come enjoy the festival, but also seek out ways that you can make changes that will last longer than our weekend’s festivities.

Ferndale Pride is a free event thanks to many local businesses such as Motor City Casino Hotel and Blue Care Network of Michigan who sponsor the event. These companies, who are on the forefront of providing an equal work environment for their employees, are taking a stand for equality.

Of course, Ferndale Pride is not just about taking a visible stand for equality; it is about joining with family, friends and neighbors to celebrate our mutual community. Real inclusion is not successful if it is not practiced. Ferndale Pride is, at its heart, a celebration of love and of hope for a vision of justice that we as a society keep moving toward. It’s also about celebration and having fun. You cannot leave Ferndale Pride without feeling uplifted and more optimistic. You will leave exhausted but energized, powered by the spirit of the wonderful group of people Ferndale Pride draws.

We allies need to be as supportive as we can of this cause during this critical time. These are our brothers and sisters, our mothers and fathers, our children and our friends. While we cannot speak from a position of knowing exactly what they are experiencing in their discrimination, we can act against a wrong when we see and know one. If we do anything else, we are as guilty as those who would continue to perpetrate hateful actions and beliefs. Ferndale Pride is important for all of us as a way to engage and carry that advocacy forward in our daily lives. This is probably the greatest reason that Ferndale Pride is so important.

On May 31st, join us for Ferndale Pride and then continue to be a voice for change at Ally Rush Week at Affirmations, which will kick off May 31st as well.

We will also have an incredible amount of fun. Please come out and join us in downtown Ferndale and bring your friends and family. I can’t wait to see you there.

Dan Martin is the Mayor Pro-Tem of the City of Ferndale and Chairperson of the Ferndale Community Foundation.

BY DAN MARTIN

Viewpoint

As an outspoken ally of the LGBTQ community, it pains me to see LGBTQ people constantly denied the right that I am afforded because I was born straight.
Ally Rush Week Begins During Ferndale Pride
Affirmations First Ever Event Series Seeks To Recruit, Raise Awareness

BY AJ TRAGER

FERNDALE – Affirmations is recruiting! Starting with Ferndale Pride May 31 and stretching to June 6, Affirmations will be hosting a daily event to celebrate the ally community and their support of the Center and the LGBT community. This is the first time the Center is setting aside an entire week during the Pride season to honor allies working in the LGBT community.

Throughout the coming year, Affirmations will work to develop a larger ally base that is willing to speak up and out for the LGBT community.

Affirmations Director of Development Angela Gabridge is an ally who believes it is the responsibility of the ally community to speak up and support the end of oppression of the LGBT community and their families. She says many allies are unaware of the issues or they feel powerless to affect change, let alone get involved.

Rush Week is a great way to get informed and start to learn how to engage.

“Many haven’t even heard the term ‘ally’ before, or if they have, don’t realize this term applies to them. So much of what we are trying to do with this campaign is to raise awareness – what is an ally, why get involved, what specifically can one person do to create change? Obviously we are looking to generate financial support as well. You can’t run an effective political campaign without a sizable war chest; advocacy, engagement and affecting change are no different,” said Gabridge.

Allies are friends, family members and supporters of the LGBT community who believe in civil rights and equality. Affirmations wants to bring the entire community together and inspire them with stories of triumph, overcoming adversity and life after bullying when the heavy shadow starts to fall off the shoulders of those affected.

There will be something for everyone and, according to Gabridge, it means the world to the LGBT community and the Center when allies show up and help out.

“We encourage EVERYONE to grab a friend or come on your own and check it out,” she said. “We’ll have stations set up where you can make a video or take a selfie to post on social media expressing your support, learn about buddy or date night volunteering, join one of our new cross cultural teams or just hear about what a tremendous difference $10 is making in someone’s life. Just show up, I promise it makes a difference.”

“It’s true, we’re recruiting,” says Jon Fitzgerald, interim executive director of Affirmations. “The simple fact is, without our allies, we’ll never reach full equality in Michigan or anywhere else. We need our allies to get invested in the work that Affirmations and other local groups are doing to bring about positive change and create safe, supportive environments for our youth, seniors and others in the LGBTQ community.”

For more information about Affirmations, or to learn more about the Ally Campaign, contact Angela Gabridge, Director of Development, at 248-677-7211, visit www.GoAffirmations.org or stop by the Center at 290 W. 9 Mile in Ferndale anytime for a personal tour.

Ally Rush Week Events
May 31 Ally Rush Kick Off event: All Day at Affirmations. Learn more about allies and take photo, sign up for opportunities and pocket give-a-ways.

June 2 Bring an Ally to Affirmations Day: All Day at Affirmations. Get informed and find more about the impact that friends and allies can make and how to make the first step in “coming out.”

June 3 Tying the Knot: Movie screening, 7-9 p.m. at Affirmations. Come watch how the meaning of marriage has evolved in today’s hot political war between the LGBT community and those that want to stop marriage equality.

June 4 New Volunteer Training: 5:30-7 p.m. at Affirmations. Guided tour of the Affirmations facility and hear about ways to use skills and passion to make a difference in the LGBT community.

June 5 Dining out at Logan’s Roadhouse: Support Affirmations by dining at any of the seven locations, 4-10 p.m. Locations include Troy, Roseville, Shelby Twp, Auburn Hills, Southgate, Canton and Livonia. Dine in or carry out.

June 6 Gallery Opening and Reception: Pittman-Puckett Art Gallery, 7-9 p.m. See the 25 years of Affirmations history in serving the Metro Detroit LGBT community.
Talking to Tony Lucca, it’s clear he has his head on straight. Though the Pontiac-born musician was a finalist during the second season of “The Voice,” he hasn’t been jaded by fame. He’s still a family man, and he’s still standing up for what he believes in.

So much so that Lucca, who recently moved to Nashville, is returning to Michigan to perform at 7:40 p.m. May 31 during Ferndale Pride.

Born to a family populated by more instruments than humans, it was almost inevitable that Lucca would find himself rolling out a few melodies. Before he’d even hit his teen years, he was already careening toward his musical destiny.

“So fourth or fifth grade we were getting up with our guitars and taking a crack at it. We started putting bands together as early as sixth grade, hiring and firing drummers and bass players. You know, taking it seriously,”

Tony Lucca, Michigan-Born Finalist Of ‘The Voice,’ On Being An Ally
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Lucca says, laughing. “Certainly by junior high there was no looking back.”

At 15, he was cast in “The All-New Mickey Mouse Club” alongside Keri Russell, JC Chasez, Christina Aguilera, Ryan Gosling, Justin Timberlake and Britney Spears.

“That was an explosion for me, career-wise,” Lucca recalls. “That took me to a whole other stratosphere of potential. I realized this was something I could really do for a living for the rest of my life.”

After his run on “The All-New Mickey Mouse Club” came to a close in 1995, Lucca did just that. Between 1997 and 2013 he released nine studio albums, one live disc and seven EPs.

In 2012, he was reunited with “MMC” cast member Christina Aguilera when he competed in the second season of NBC’s hit sing-off “The Voice.” While he didn’t win, he ended up coming in second place, getting a record deal, gaining a multitude of new fans and starting a new chapter in his career.

“It really felt like I was made for that opportunity,” he says. “I was familiar with a lot of that terrain going in: the cameras and the press and the interviews and how to really connect to a song, how to give a really compelling performance. That’s what I’ve been doing my whole life.”

Lucca’s next move is to finish his upcoming Kickstarter-funded album, which is tentatively due out in October. Right now he’s in the very early pre-production stages but has a solid idea of where he’s headed.

“It’s coming out extremely eclectic,” he says. “I shied away from that for many years, but I feel like it’s more interesting.”

West Hollywood had the pleasure of popping his Pride cherry, this will be his first time taking the stage.

Like many handsome, sometimes-bearded singers, Lucca has his fair share of gay fans. But his connection to the gay community started with his family members, most notably his mother.

“My mom was really wonderful with my sister and I when we were kids, teaching us how to live and love without prejudice,” he says. “She went out of her way to introduce us to folks from diverse walks of life.”

Those are lessons that he’s carried with him his entire life. As an adult he’s taken part in the NOH8 campaign and speaks proudly about his support for gay rights.

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With his strong views on equality for all people, he’s making sure that he teaches his children the same values.

“It’s never too early to walk them through those topics and ideas,” Lucca says. “My wife and I have always tried to introduce things in a way that there’s nothing strange about the things we believe in. My kids understand that love is a wonderful thing.”

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BY EMELL DERRA ADOLPHUS

Sam “DJ Maestro” Anderson has been busy promoting his latest club hit “Birthday Slide,” a dancehall remix featuring Jamaican artist Phillip T2k. And if you haven’t heard the song, it’s a deliciously simple rhythm with a clubby baseline that gives a zodiac shout out to everyone to get off your ass and dance – even if it’s not your birthday.

“But somehow in between kicking off parties across the globe and churning out hits, Anderson finds time to return home for the Detroit gays. For four years he has donated a $1,500 music production setup to the annual Ferndale and Motor City Prides, making him one of our most valuable allies.

For Anderson, it’s about returning the favor to a community that made him famous. As he explains, “the LGBT community is what got me back on my feet.”

“In 2000, a guy came to me and wanted me to DJ at this club called the Power Plant in Highland Park. I started DJing there and I kind of changed the game up a little bit, because they weren’t hearing a lot of hip-hop and R&B,” says Anderson, 53. “I am a mixologist, so I put the songs together really crazy. And I just took off. The LGBT community is what got me back on my feet and got my music going again. That’s why I am so loyal to them.”

Anderson has been a DJ since 1980. Learning the skill while in the Marines, soon he was christened “Maestro” from a “Spanish guy” he met in 1982.

“He said I was real good at what I did,” Anderson says. “He told me I sounded like a maestro. And it just stuck with me.”

Speaking like a true maestro, Anderson says with his age he has a wisdom that keeps him one beat ahead of other DJs.

“I have seen the music business change and come back around,” says Anderson, who started off working with house music legends like The Electrofying Mojo. As he explains, the boom of technology still threatens to put him out of work.

“The way that everything with technology is changing – that’s the hardest part. Back in the day we just played records. Now, it’s just too easy for everybody to become a DJ,” says Anderson. “When we first started out, we had to go to the record store and stand in line for two or three hours to get that special record. It’s not like that anymore. The DJ doesn’t have as much power.”

Among the flood of wannabe DJs and producers, Anderson says he stands out because he consults the gay community first.

“The strategy that I had, when I first started to make line dance music, would be to channel it through the gay community first. If they vibe to it, I know I have a hit,” he says.

Anderson recently signed with Universal Records in Canada, so he rarely gets back home. But when he is home, he’d rather party with the gays.

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BY AJ TRAGER

It doesn’t take a genius to figure out why Bride Stripped Bare is glamming up the Ferndale Pride stage, but in case you haven’t figured it out, Ely3000 explains: “Our show is very fabulous. Pride is very fabulous. It’s a good match.”

The vocalist, keyboardist and guitarist of the glam band will be joined by fellow bandmates Noel Rivard, percussion, drums and piano; Tamara Marla, drums, bass guitar and vocals; and Twinkle Twinkle, their “Head of Theatre.” (Ely3000 and Rivard have been playing together since 2008, after meeting at a mutual friend’s funeral.)

For Pride, the Detroit-based band will bring aspects of Theatre Bizarre, The Detroit Fire Guild, Boylesque and Cabaret, incorporating their own signature synth-heavy, glam-rock sounds. Ely3000 describes the band as being high energy, an all-immersive, encompassing experience that brings the audience into the performance. But that’s not all, folks: There’s spark guns, confetti-shooting cannons, condoms and glitter. The band will also have three demo tracks from their upcoming August full-length debut, “With Ghosts,” available at Pride, along with stickers and T-shirts screen-printed by hand. The Pride gig, according to the band, will include never-before-performed covers and Ely3000 in drag.

“We try to play with stereotypes and make it so it’s more fun than political,” Rivard says. “Although it is very political, we want people to be entertained by it instead of disgusted by it. Our performance bridges that gap.”

Influenced by “Hedwig and The Angry Inch” and “The Rocky Horror Picture Show,” Bride Stripped Bare aims for being accessible to audiences that don’t watch “RuPaul’s Drag Race.”

“Everybody has different feelings about it. Hardcore people who are in the drag community may or may not like it. That’s a chance you have to take as an artist,” Rivard says.

Ferndale Pride is their gay debut – the band has never performed at a LGBT-specific event – but they’re looking forward to seeing how the audience reacts to their incongruous nature.

“The reaction is really important,” Rivard laughs, “but that’s not the only thing we’re working on. We don’t want our spectacle to be the only thing that people come for. We want people to hear the message in our songs as well. That facilitates more audience participation.”

Rivard describes herself as “really gay” and feels events like Pride are extremely important for not just the LGBT community but society as a whole.

“Each one of us in our own way wants to facilitate development and growth in the community. We break norms in terms of how we dress, what we sing about and how we sound,” Rivard says. “And in certain ways we are iconoclastic. I think that Pride is a good place to apply what we’ve already been doing. It’s something that I am very proud of.”
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5:30 PM Mike Munich
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1:00 PM ArtLab J
1:30 PM Out Loud Chorus
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6:30 PM Boylesque
7:00 PM Marquis

Sunday, June 8, 2014

12:30 PM Interfaith Singers
1:00 PM Beautiful Strangers
2:00 PM Mike Meddows
3:00 PM Mother Cybil
4:00 PM Stacey Hall

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Saturday, June 7, 2014

2:00 PM Kimo Fitness
3:30 PM Line Dancing
5:00 PM Maestro

Sunday, June 8, 2014

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Saturday, June 7, 2014, 2:00 PM
Sunday, June 8, 2014, Noon

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Saturday, June 7, 2014
2:00 PM
Michelle Elizabeth Brown
Andrea Najarian
Sandy Mulligan and the Gypsies
Nikki Holland
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6:30 PM

Sunday, June 8, 2014
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Thursday, June 5, 2014
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Kalamazoo Pride Euchre Tournament
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Location: Metro Diner & Nightclub, 411 N. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo
Contact: www.kglrc.org/pride

May 30
Motor City Bears Charity Dinner and Silent Auction
Presenting Organization: Motor City Bears
Time: 5 p.m.
Location: Zion Lutheran Church, 143 Albany St., Ferndale
Contact: www.meetup.com/Motor-City-Bears/
Tickets: $7.50-15
All you can eat dinner of classic American food.

Pride Prom
Presenting Organization: The Friends of the Ferndale Library
Time: 8 p.m.
Location: Ferndale Public Library, 222 E. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale
Contact: www.ferndalepride.com
Tickets: $25-30
21 and over. DJ, cash bar, refreshments and more.

Leather & Lace Charity Ball
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Time: 10 p.m.
Location: R&R Saloon, 7330 Michigan Ave., Detroit
Contact: www.mrursaloon.com
Specials, 50/50 raffle and more.
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May 31
Rainbow Run
Presenting Organization: Ferndale Area Chamber of Commerce
Time: 8:45 a.m. registration; 10:30 a.m. races
Location: Downtown Ferndale
Contact: 248-542-2160 or www.rainbow-run.com
Registration: $15-35
2K and 5K fun runs and walks featuring multi-color paint. Benefits area non-profits.

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Time: 10:30 a.m.
Location: St. John's Golf and Conference Center, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth
Contact: www.equalitymi.org
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Dykes on Bikes - Ferndale Pride
Presenting Organization: Dykes on Bikes
Time: 12 p.m.
Location: Affirmations Parking Lot, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale
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Resurrecting Jane
Lesbian Folk-Rock Duo Talks Debut, Ferndale Pride Gig

BY JEROME STUART NICHOLS

A lot can change in a year. For all-lesbian folk-rock duo Jane of Arc the past year has been one of departure, resurrection and release. Although many bands would falter under all the changes, Chelsea Carter and Elida Quesada are refreshed and ready to storm the world with their brand new debut album and a live performance at 6:25 p.m. May 31 on the Ferndale Pride stage.

A little Tracy Chapman, a pinch of Stevie Nicks and a smidge of Vanessa Carlton, their recently released debut, “Freedom in Falling,” represents the culmination of months of hard work. Before they even set foot in the studio they’d worked on the album over several months, finessing each layer until it was just right. Then, they really got to work, recording the album in a proper studio at a breakneck pace.

“Most of the album was recorded live over the course of three weekends, and it went really, really well,” Quesada says. “For the album, we approached it pretty meticulously. We brought on some other musicians and friends of ours that have played with us previously so we could record our album in a live setting. I think that we ended up with a product that was consistent and cohesive and – in essence – the fullest realization of all the songs.”

Carter adds: “The album is a journey. We tried to take people on a journey of love, loss and all the different emotions that come with those...”
**Ferndale Pride**
Presenting Organization: Ferndale Pride
Time: 1 p.m.
Location: Downtown Ferndale
Contact: www.ferndalepride.com

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**JUNE 1**
Third Annual Bowling Extravaganza
Presenting Organization: Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center (KGLRC)
Time: 3 p.m.
Location: Eastland Bowl, 5570 Gull Road, Kalamazoo
Contact: http://haven-oakland.maestroweb.com or events@haven-oakland.org

Family-friendly event.

**JUNE 6**
Inaugural Gala
Presenting Organization: HAVEN
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Detroit Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy
Contact: http://haven-oakland.maestroweb.com or events@haven-oakland.org
Tickets start at $150

An event honoring HAVEN’s long history of providing hope to survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Cocktail attire.

**JUNE 7**
Bears in Speedos Carwash
Presenting Organization: Motor City Bears
Time: 12 p.m.
Location: Level One Bank, 22635 Woodward Ave., Ferndale
Contact: www.meetup.com/Motor-City-Bears

Motor City Pride
Presenting Organization: Equality Michigan
Time: 2 p.m.
Location: Hart Plaza, Detroit
Contact: www.motorcitypride.org
Tickets: $5

Featuring Andy Bell of Erasure

**JUNE 8**
Motor City Pride Parade
Presenting Organization: Equality Michigan
Time: 11 a.m.
Location: Fort and Grisworld, Woodward Ave., Ferndale.

Contact for more information or find them on Facebook

**JUNE 11**
Kalamazoo Pride Euchre Tournament
Presenting Organization: Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center (KGLRC)
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Metro Diner & Nightclub, 411 N. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo
Contact: www.kglrc.org/pride
Tickets: $7-10.
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Featuring drag queens, Lady Bunny and Manila Luzon, DJ Matt Downey, ABBA Salute and more.

**JUNE 13**
Kalamazoo Pride
Presenting Organization: Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center (KGLRC)
Time: 5 p.m.
Location: Arcadia Creek Festival Place, Kalamazoo
Contact: www.kglrc.org/pride
Tickets: $7-10.

Featuring Alex Newell from “Glee”

**JUNE 14**
Kalamazoo Pride
Presenting Organization: Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center (KGLRC)
Time: 1 p.m.
Location: Arcadia Creek Festival Place, Kalamazoo
Contact: www.kglrc.org/pride
Tickets: $7-10.
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**JUNE 15**
Kalamazoo Pride Euchre Tournament
Presenting Organization: Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center (KGLRC)
Time: 1 p.m.
Location: Arcadia Creek Festival Place, Kalamazoo
Contact: www.kglrc.org/pride
Tickets: $7-10.
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**JUNE 16**
Kalamazoo Pride Euchre Tournament
Presenting Organization: Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center (KGLRC)
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Metro Diner & Nightclub, 411 N. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo
Contact: www.kglrc.org/pride
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**JUNE 24**
Saginaw Valley LGBT Pride Awards Banquet
Presenting Organization: Perceptions and Equality Michigan
Time: 6 p.m.
Location: Andersen Enrichment Center & Garden, 120 Ezra Rust Ave., Saginaw
Contact: www.equalitymi.org

The evening will include an appetizer reception; dinner and a Pride Program with presentation of Awards.

**JUNE 25**
Kalamazoo Pride Euchre Tournament
Presenting Organization: Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center (KGLRC)
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Metro Diner & Nightclub, 411 N. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo
Contact: www.kglrc.org/pride

**JUNE 25-28**
Shore to Shore Equality Ride
Presenting Organization: Affirmations
Location: Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale to Saugatuck
Contact: www.goaffirmations.org

The Equality Ride is a four-day bicycle adventure that will start in Ferndale and conclude with a closing ceremony in Saugatuck.

**JUNE 27-30**
World Pride Toronto Ride
Presenting Organization: Dykes on Bikes
Location: Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Contact: www.dykesonbikesdetroit.com

**JUNE 28**
Holland Area Pride
Presenting Organization: Holland Pride
Location: The Grounds of Centennial Park and Park Theater, Holland

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**Jane**
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fundamental things in life.”

While the product is a point of pride, it wasn’t easy to get there.

“It’s been a little bit of a difficult journey,” Carter says. “We finished the Indiegogo campaign a little bit shy of our goal but we were able to head into the studio and make a product that we’re really proud of and happy with.”

They also had to deal with the departure of longtime Jane member Kelly Rons.

“We decided after some conflicting future goals and future plans that it was best to part ways. The split was pretty amicable,” Quesada says.

“It all sort of happened at the same time.” Carter says. “It was a little bit difficult, but we’re doing really good right now.”

While their Indiegogo campaign didn’t reach its funding goal, they still see it as a great resource for other queer artists.

“The beauty of doing Indiegogo and Kickstarter is that it allows the artist to keep a level of control that has been missing in the music industry for a long time,” Quesada says. “These crowd funding platforms allow us to pool all our resources together and then go into the studio with complete creative control. In our case it was absolutely paramount that we had that.”

Now that “Falling” has been released, they’re spending their energy on getting the word out. Their 30-minute set at Ferndale Pride will serve as a launching pad. For the performance, they plan to bring almost all musicians they worked with for the album.

A time of celebration for the queer community, Pride season also allows for reflecting on the progress made and to come in the gay community. For Quesada and Carter, the recent marriage rulings in Michigan are at the front of their minds.

“I think both of us are really hopeful that the tides are turning in a permanent way,” Quesada says. “The trial in February was a roller coaster, for sure. It took an unexpected turn; we thought the state would have better evidence, but it just didn’t. That was really promising because, from what I’ve gathered, the trial was a great way to build a foundation for the rest of the process.”

Although the legal up and down with gay marriage laws have been tiring, they find hope in the great leaps made regarding queer acceptance.

“People just don’t think to care anymore … it’s not really a big deal,” Quesada says. “There’s obviously a lot of big-picture things going on, but I’m proud of the fact that the people I’ve met in my life have been really wonderful.”

Carter says she’s proud of how sexuality isn’t as big of a deal these days. “Most people don’t give a shit whether we’re gay. They wanna hear the music.”
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Queen Of The Night

Bianca Del Rio On Life After Winning ‘Drag Race’

BY JEROME STUART NICHOLS

The sixth season of “RuPaul’s Drag Race” featured the densest well of talent to ever grace its main stage. While all 14 queens brought something fierce to the runway, those with the biggest voices made the biggest impression this year. Unfortunately, for runners up Courtney Act and Adore Delano, it was the most hateful bitch you know, Bianca Del Rio, who snatched the crown.

Over the past five seasons, it’s become tradition for the winning queen – and every other one on the show – to immediately hop in the studio after the finale. Luckily for our already promo-filled Facebook feeds, it seems Del Rio will be staying out of the booth for the foreseeable future.

“Oh, god, never,” Del Rio says, practically gagging. “I’m not going to do that bullshit. I have no desire to do that. You don’t need another rancid queen singing another horrible song – no.”

Although she has made the decision to deprive the world of yet another throbbing dance mediocrity, she’s still got a lot to say. Specifically, about you, your weave and every bad decision you’ve ever made. With a one-woman/man show in the works, and her new web series “Bianca Hates You,” she’ll have plenty of opportunities to say what’s on her mind.

Del Rio’s hate has become so popular, she offers personal insult videos as a “thank you” for donating to her crowd-funded film project “Hurricane Bianca.” Of course, if funds are low, catching her in town at 8 p.m. May 29 at the Andiamo Event Center in Novi with fellow contestant Darienne Lake will almost certainly make your shadiest dreams come true.

“All you have to do is show up and breathe,” she says.

On “Drag Race,” Del Rio’s quick wit was the star, but her fierce looks and sickening sewing skills always helped keep her on top. Regardless, she still got a lot of pushback for not being more varied. Like most things, Del Rio laughs off the criticism.

“Everybody has a fucking opinion and thinks they know better than you. You get on the show, you wear what you fucking want and prove me wrong. They can say whatever the fuck they want – the comments, YouTube, critics, blogs. I don’t have to explain myself.”

Her words may be harsh, but Del Rio also managed to be one of the most helpful and caring queens in the competition. Even though she’s been praised for taking Trinity K Bonet and Adore Delano under her wing, she sees it as just a kind gesture.

INFO

Bianca Del Rio and Darienne Lake
Doors 8 p.m. May 29
Andiamo Event Center
42705 Grand River Ave., Novi
Tickets: www.neptix.com

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"On the show, it’s not so much taking people under my wing," she explains. "It was just a moment that they needed help and I thought, ‘Why not?’ I would have done that for anybody. It was just common sense – they needed help. I didn’t change the world; I didn’t cure cancer. Every drag queen is not a douche."

Throughout the competition, Del Rio’s unique versatility helped her sail through the sea of lesser queens. While she’s not a trained singer or dancer like her fellow finalists, she’d took her limited experience and made it work. Also, unlike many famed queens from “Drag Race” history, she was more than willing to take a critique.

"The show is the show and I think you need to play the game. When people made suggestions, I didn’t take it as something completely insane. I thought, ‘Sure, why not try it?’ You can’t go in there thinking you’ve got all the answers. The majority of the time, all they want to do is see that you’re listening.”

Every season, there’s a queen or two who stun, even when they take their face off. From day one of “Drag Race,” that was Del Rio.

"People are weird," Del Rio says. “I think it’s interesting, for me, because I’m 38 and all of a sudden you have people interested in what you’re about. I think it’s very sweet and very kind. I’m grateful and appreciative, but you always have to question people who are a little too eager. I haven’t really dissected it but I’m not dating anybody, so…”

With all that’s been happening for Del Rio in the last year, it’s surprising to think that she was close to hanging up her wig. With her 20th drag anniversary and 40th birthday around the corner, the plan was to settle into a calmer, drag-less life. Luckily for fans, it looks like her “Drag Race” win has put retirement on hold.

“I did the show at 37 and I was like, ‘Well, let’s see what happens with this.’ Now that it’s snowballed, 40 is impossible at this point. I have a while to run. This has opened a million doors for me. I’m kind of excited about this next journey.”

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**Bianca**

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**JUNE 28**

*Flint Pride in the Park*

Presenting Organization: Flint Gay Pride Society

Time: 11 a.m.

Location: Pavilion Rink & Adjacent Riverfront Park, Flint

Contact: www.facebook.com/flintgaypride

Suggested Donation $5

**JULY 18-20**

*Windover Ride*

Presenting Organization: Dykes on Bikes

Location: Windover Camp Ground

Contact: www.dykesonbikesdetroit.com

Women’s only camp ground. Fees apply.

**JULY 22-27**

*Hotter Than July*

**JULY 22**

*Candlelight Vigil*

Presenting Organization: KICK

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Blue Spruce Memorial Tree, Palmer Park, Detroit

Contact: 313-285-9733 or hotterthanjuly.org

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**JULY 23**

*Boat Ride*

Presenting Organization: KICK

Time: 6:10 p.m.

Location: Rivard Plaza, Downtown Detroit Riverwalk, Detroit

Contact: 313-285-9733 or hotterthanjuly.org

Tickets: $55

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**JULY 24**

*Film Festival*

Presenting Organization: KICK

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Cass City Cinema, 3420 Cass Ave., Detroit

Contact: 313-285-9733 or hotterthanjuly.org

Tickets: $20

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**JULY 26**

*Palmer Park Picnic*

Presenting Organization: KICK

Time: 9 a.m.

Location: Palmer Park, Detroit

Contact: 313-285-9733 or hotterthanjuly.org

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**JULY 27**

*Worship Service*

Presenting Organization: KICK

Time: 11 a.m.

Location: WHOSOEVER Ministry, 2930 Woodward Ave., Detroit

Contact: 313-285-9733 or hotterthanjuly.org

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**SUNDAY BRUNCH**

Presenting Organization: KICK

Time: 1 p.m.

Location: TBD

Contact: 313-285-9733 or hotterthanjuly.org

Tickets: $50-90

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**AUG. 8-10**

*Windsor-Essex Pride Fest*

Presenting Organization: Windsor Pride

Location: Riverfront Festival Plaza, Downtown Windsor, Ontario, Canada

Contact: www.wepridefest.com

**AUG. 9**

*Transgender Picnic in the Park*

Presenting Organization: Transgender Michigan

Time: 12 p.m.

Location: Donald Red Geary Park, Ferndale

Contact: 855-345-TGMI or transgendermichigan.org

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**AUG. 17**

*Cement City Ride*

Presenting Organization: Dykes on Bikes Detroit

Time: 10:45 a.m.

Location: Meet at Affirmations, Ferndale

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**AUG. 22**

*White Party*

Presenting Organization: Michigan Pride

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Old Town, Lansing

Contact: www.michiganpride.org

Tickets: $10

White or silver attire

**AUGUST 23**

*Michigan Pride Festival in Old Town*

Presenting Organization: Michigan Pride

Time: 12 p.m.

Location: Old Town, 206 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing

Contact: www.michiganpride.org

Michigan-based musicians, food, games, crafts and more. All ages welcome.

*March to the Capitol*

Presenting Organization: Michigan Pride

Time: 12 p.m. Set-Up

Location: 200 N. Grand Ave., Lansing

Contact: www.michiganpride.org

The March will be held rain or shine and should last approximately 30 minutes.

*Commitment Ceremony*

Presenting Organization: Michigan Pride

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location: State Capitol Steps, Lansing

Contact: www.michiganpride.org

Rev. Kent Lederer of Unity of Greater Lansing will lead a group-style commitment ceremony in which couples will receive a certificate following the ceremony

*Rally at the Capitol*

Presenting Organization: Michigan Pride

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location: State Capitol, Lansing

Contact: www.michiganpride.org

Michigan Pride’s Capitol Rally will celebrate the LGBTQ community’s progress in achieving civil rights and uniting against housing, workplace and marriage discrimination.
**Outings**

**Thursday, May 29**

Twisted Games Party and fully nude strippers. 18+. Spiral Dance Bar, 1247 Center St., Lansing. 517-894-1315. Spiraldancebar.com

Zoo Brew 6 p.m. 21+. Tickets: $40+. Detroit Zoo, 8450 W. 1 Mile Road, Royal Oak. 248-541-5717. Detroitzoo.org

Blanca Del Rio and Darienne Lake 8 p.m. of RuPaul’s Drag Race Season 6 featuring Deanna Shango, Deja Von Everett, Bentley James and Crystal Harding. Tickets: $25. Murray & Peter, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi.


**Friday, May 30**

Motor City Bear Charity Dinner and Silent Auction 5 p.m. This year’s menu will feature a Classic American Homestyle dinner with Roast Pork Luncheon Chops, Chicken and Roast Beef. The full dinner also comes with potatoes and a vegetable side. Salads, rolls, assorted desserts, ice tea, punch and coffee are also included. All you can eat. Tickets: $7. 50-15. Motor City Bears, 143 Albany St., Ferndale. 313-505-7963. MCBOfishers@yahoogroups.com MotorCityBears.org

Ferndale BBQ 6 p.m. Free hot dogs & burgers, music, dancing and friends Connect ME, 983 Allen, Ferndale. Facebook.com/event/14314657117156/

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A silent auction will include many donated gift cards from area businesses, fine art and member services. Money raised from the dinner and auction will go to the Affirmations Gay and Lesbian Community Center in Ferndale and The Ruth Ellis Center in Highland Park.

For more information, visit www.motorcitybears.com.

**Saturday, June 1**


Bottomless Bloody Mary and Mimosa Brunch 8 a.m. Ferndale, 22740 Woodward Ave. Ferndalepride.com


Outpouring 12:30 p.m. LGBT-affirming service. Non-denominational Christian. Affirming Love Ministries, 9550 Oakland Ave., Detroit. Affirminglove.org

Backyard Birthday Bash 2 p.m. Celebrating 45 years. Free and open to the public. Ozone House, 1700 W. Lakeview Ave., Ann Arbor. ozonehouse.org

**Monday, June 2**

Women’s Words: 6:30 p.m. Looking for volunteers to make homemade chili for cook off. BDPCC, 16 E. Van Buren St., Battle Creek. BattleCreekpride.com

Restorative Yin Yoga with Meditation 6:45 p.m. Get pampered. GOAL, 2145 Paulding Blvd., Ann Arbor. Meetup.com/GOAL-get-out-and-live-LGBT

**Tuesday, June 3**

Aff Action Night 6 p.m. Educating others about how to make Michigan an equal state. Pizza provided for volunteers. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. goaffirmations.org


**Wednesday, June 4**

Tea and Cookies 6 p.m. Open to those who Crochet, Knit, Quilt, Needlepoint, Macrame and Jewelry. Free. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 248-398-7105. goaffirmations.org

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The eighth annual “Motor City Bear Charity Dinner and Silent Auction” will take place on May 30 at Zion Lutheran Church at 143 Albany St. in Ferndale. This year’s menu will feature a classic American homestyle dinner with roast pork loin chops, baked chicken and roast beef. The full dinner also comes with potatoes and a vegetable side. Salads, rolls, assorted desserts, ice tea, punch and coffee are also included. All you can eat. Tickets: $7 to $15 (kids 10 and under $7.50).

A silent auction will include many donated gift cards from area businesses, fine art and member services. Money raised from the dinner and auction will go to the Affirmations Gay and Lesbian Community Center in Ferndale and The Ruth Ellis Center in Highland Park.

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BY AMY J. PARRENT

Gary Lehman has a theory why so many people, including so many gay people, are attracted to the world of improv comedy. “I think it’s all about acceptance,” he says. “No one cares if you’re gay, straight or trans, as long as you’re not a dick.”

In improv, Lehman explained, you have to accept what is given to you or it doesn’t work. “The more you study, the more you perform, the more there’s that sense of acceptance.”

Lehman has been performing at Go Comedy! Improv Theater in Ferndale since it opened, and also, for the past four years, he’s been teaching teaching improv there. “We have a lot of openly gay men and women teachers and performers at Go,” he says. “We’ve had gay weddings at the theater. That’s the type of place it is.”

Part of learning comedy is what’s actually funny and what you think is funny, Lehman said. “People can come off as making inappropriately racist, sexist, homophobic comments, maybe not meaning it in a mean way, but trying it out for a laugh.”

Lehman likens the teaching of improv and comedy to teaching the difference between making fun of something and commenting on it in a satirical way. “It’s being sensitive to what the audience is responding to. They don’t come and pay $15-40 to get insulted about their race, sexuality or gender.”

“A big thing in improv in North America is the perception that it’s only a straight white male genre,” he continues. “That’s been slowly and quickly changing to more women, more minorities, more gay people. A Second City show that just opened has two openly gay men for the first time, including John Hartman from Detroit.”

Lehman has been using humor to deal
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with life since middle and high school. “I went through some bullying,” he says. “I was a late bloomer, always smaller than a lot of the guys. I was not much of a fighter. Humor became my only outlet and weapon to deal with it. I remember hearing Bill Cosby and Eddie Murphy talk about getting out of fights. I thought, if I can make them laugh, they’re less likely to punch me. But I never ‘laughed it (the bullying) off.’ I always knew it sucked and hurt.”

Lehman grew up in Sault Ste. Marie and attended college in the U.P. at a time when there weren’t that many outlets for theater and comedy.

“I remember performing in a school circus in first grade,” he says. And I’d invariably get up and perform at church camp talent shows. There’s a picture of me dressed up like ‘The Church Lady.’ I was obsessed with ‘SNL’ starting in high school, right when it got back into its prime with people like (Dana) Carvey and (Phil) Hartman.”

The young Lehman was always willing to take center stage doing impressions. “I was well known for my Muppet impressions,” he deadpans. “I liked Fozzie Bear. He’s a comedian, if not a good one.”

But then I got out of performing. “My high school did one show a year. A senior who’d graduated the year before came back to direct it. So the same people got cast.”

Meaning he didn’t? “I made the mistake of learning how to run the light board,” he said. “I was the only one who could.”

The arts-related dry spell continued at Lake Superior State, where he earned a bachelor’s in business administration, with minors in marketing and computer science. Afterward, he received a teaching certificate from Northern Michigan.

“I got my practical degrees. The fun came later,” he said. “I got back into performing when I moved to Ann Arbor.”

He was part of an improv group at Performance Network and also studied in Toronto, then went through the entire program at Second City Detroit.

At Greenhills, an independent school for grades 6-12, he’s the technical director and adviser to the student theater, and he also runs the improv club and coaches forensics.

Wait, back up. There’s an improv club in his school? Yes, and they love it.

“When I teach improv to middle school, it’s their favorite moment when I tell them, ‘The less you think, the better you’ll be at it.’”

And then there’s the teaching at Go Comedy!

“Nyima Funk (now a Los Angeles actress) was my first improv teacher” he says. “Now I’m teaching one of her nieces.”

He’s also studying for a master’s in children’s theater. “I began working on an M.F.A. because I got more interested in theater in general. I want to teach theater and direct shows. The M.F.A. would allow me to teach college or work at a theater that has a training program as the educational director.

“I rediscovered theater in my 30s,” he said. “Now I want to make that more of my life.”
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Dykes On Bikes Cruises Ferndale And Beyond

BY SHELBY CLARK PETKUS

With the sun finally making a regular appearance, it’s time to get out into the good weather. What’s a better way than to hop on a Harley and cruise to Michigan’s Pride fests with Dykes on Bikes?

The LGBTQ women’s motorcycle club, Dykes on Bikes Detroit, began in 2008 with Heather O’Brian as president, Marianne Waugh as vice president, Tracy Brown as treasurer and Ronda Wright as secretary.

The women worked for a number of years to get the Detroit chapter approved from the “mother club” in San Francisco. As a whole, Dykes on Bikes has a large Facebook following, 17 patch holding members and is steadily rising as a prominent lesbian group both locally, nationally and even internationally with chapters in Australia.

Since then, Wright has become president, with Duffy Williams coming on as secretary and Wendy Berry serving as the group’s Sargent of Arms. Former president, O’Brian, was granted lifetime membership after her retirement in 2013. It’s considered the highest honor and recognition given to any active member. According to Wright, to even be considered for the achievement, one must be a senior member, having served five or more consecutive years of membership.

Memorial requirements include voting for the board and riding in at least one Pride festival with the Dykes on Bikes patch displayed on a black vest.

Over the last six years, the group has grown to help the community, including the Ferndale area, through volunteer work, donations to local charities and other forms of support for charitable organizations.

Much of the group’s support is seen with the women’s presence at Pride festivals. Dykes on Bikes will be riding in the Motor City Pride parade on Sunday, June 8. The group will have a booth at Ferndale Pride on Saturday, May 31 as well as a stall at Motor City Pride on Saturday, June 7.

All rides begin at Affirmations in Ferndale, including an upcoming ride to World Pride in Toronto from June 27-30. Other upcoming rides include a Windover ride from July 18-20 and their most popular ride to Cement City at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 17. Fall rides include one in September that will be determined by July and one on Oct. 5 including a chili cook off in Plymouth.

Wright lets prospective members know that the group isn’t limited to Michigan’s relatively short period of good weather. “We don’t let the fun stop when the weather gets cold. We plan various social events for the group, and we have a yearly holiday party. Our vision is that this organization grow long into the future and continue to be a supporting faction for the LGBT community.”

Dykes on Bikes meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month in Room 201 at Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. Follow Dykes on Bikes’ rides by visiting www.dykesonbikesdetroit.com or e-mail heather@dykesonbikesdetroit.com for more information.

Many of Dykes on Bikes meetings and rides can also be found in BTL’s calendar at www.pridesource.com/calendar.html.

Crossword: Giovanni’s Room

Across
1 Peters out
5 Word used by grabbers
9 Plotting group
14 Wife of Buck’s Wang
15 Carbon compound
16 You must remember this
17 Start of James Baldwin’s definition of home in “Giovanni’s Room”
19 Card of the future
20 Spin like a top
21 Hymn to a Greek god
23 Island necklace
24 Place for a stud
26 Sugar pill, at times
27 Chin dimple
29 More of the definition
31 Animal bite worry
33 Cut out
34 Watched intently
35 Seaman
36 Verne hero Phileas
40 Lambda ___ Defense and Education Fund
43 Decide on
45 More of the definition
49 “Phoeey!” to the Bard
50 Most intimate
51 Renting out
54 German white wine
56 “If I Were a ___ Man”
57 One-named pop singer
59 End of the definition
62 Provide new equipment for
63 “Blowjob” filer Warhol
64 Make more potent
65 No-tell motel meeting
66 Give the slip to
67 Sommer of film

Down
1 Awfully long time
2 Thrill with oral sex?
3 Postcoital garment
4 One who comes slowly
5 Martin of the Daughters of Billis
6 All worked up
7 Frida’s mouth
8 More ready for bed
9 Breaks for pussies and toms?
10 Home of T. Bankhead
11 Beermaker’s grain
12 Microscopic critter
13 It’s for skin
14 Wife of Buck’s Wang
15 Carbon compound
16 You must remember this
17 Kind of maneuver
18 Anal insert from a UFO?
20 To be in Rimbaud’s arms
22 Soprano Gluck
26 To be in Rimbaud’s arms
28 Heather’s mommy count
30 Milano opera house, with “la”
31 Animal bite worry
34 Watched intently
36 Verne hero Phileas
37 Dave Pallone, to a baseball game
38 Become a debtor
39 Eldest Brady boy
41 Rupture of “Stage Beauty”
42 “Hey, I never thought of that!”
43 Joel’s huzzah
44 Kind of dish
45 To some extent
46 Woolf’s “The Common Reader”
47 Thin out
48 Becomes part of the crowd, with “in”
50 Owner’s document
52 Owner’s document
55 Denial for Nanette
58 Fleur-de-___
60 Head job?
61 Born, to Bonheur

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In this off-beat musical by the award-winning team Howard Ashman and Alan Menken, a down-and-out skid row floral assistant, Seymour, becomes an overnight sensation when he discovers an exotic plant with a mysterious craving for fresh blood. Named for Seymour’s secret crush, Audrey II grows into an ill-tempered, foul-mouthed, R&B-singing carnivore. As this Faustian fable spews out of control, Seymour and the audience are swept up in a comedic maelstrom of campy humor and ’60s doo-wop music.

Performances are Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday and Sunday. Friday and Saturday Sunday tickets are $25, with tickets at $22 for seniors and $13 for students. On Thursday only, all seats are $19, with $13 tickets for students. Tickets and information are available A2CT office at 734-971-2228.

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ART ‘N’ AROUND


Detroit Institute of Arts “Let Me Show You What I Saw: American Views on City and Country, 1912-1963” Whether they were captivated by quiet fields or looming buildings, artists’ visions were becoming increasingly personal and abstract, going beyond the merely visible to suggest a world filled with feeling and meaning. Detroit Institute of Arts, 2100 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Dec. 1 - June 29. 313-833-7900. Dia.org


Level One Bank “Art Exhibit Featuring Anthony Bacon” Mr. Bacon presents images depicting Detroit & S. Michigan. The artist opening will be on Friday, May 30 from 3 - 6 p.m. The artist works vary in style and range from abstract to realistic. Many music & techno related themes will be shown. Level One Bank, 22635 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. May 30 - July 28. 248-414-6500.

MOCAD “Steve Locke: there is no one left to blame” Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit. May 16 - July 27. 313-832-6622. Mocadetroit.org


MOCAD “Mobile Homestead” A permanent artwork by the late Mike Kelley, Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit. May 16 - June 30. 313-832-6622. Mocadetroit.org


Pewabic Pottery “Martha Grover & Kala Stein Exhibition” Executing two different approaches, these artists explore the vessel by creating sculptural forms and installations through their traditionally utilitarian function. Pewabic Pottery, 10125 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. May 16 - June 29. 313-626-2000. Pewabic.org

Saugatuck Center for the Arts “Fiber Workshop with Jennifer Gould” 16+, Tickets: $70. Saugatuck Center for the Arts, 400 Culver St., Saugatuck, 9:30 a.m. May 31. 269-857-2399. Sc4a.org

South Oakland Art Association (SOAA) “Monthly Meetings” Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 814 N. Campbell Road, Royal Oak, 3 - June 2. Sooaklandart.com

The Scarab Club “Pictorialism and the Photograph as Art” Part of Cyde Burroughs Dinner Lecture Series on American Art & Design, Tickets: $50-65. The Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. 6 p.m. May 31. 313-831-1250. Scarabclub.org

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A new doctor show is coming to television. Yes, yes, we know, there’s always a new doctor show coming to television. But “The Night Shift,” premièring May 27 on NBC, has a new wrinkle in its ongoing story line: a closeted doctor. The series revolves around a San Antonio hospital and its night staff, which includes Brendan Fehr (former ‘90s teen heartthrob from the show “Roswell,” remember?) as a young veteran of the war in Afghanistan, now a doctor with a big gay secret. Meanwhile his character’s boyfriend is still on active duty in Afghanistan but coming home to stay, which will put a dent in that closet door. Luke MacFarlane, “Brothers & Sisters” star and openly gay actor, will play that handsome soldier. If this narrative seems a touch dated now that Don’t Ask Don’t Tell is well over and marriage equality is quickly coming to pretty much every state in the union, so be it. We trust TV to make us care about hot dudes no matter what sort of contrived problems and angst they deal with. We’ll be watching.

We’re entering a significant moment in the push forward for awareness and equal rights for the “T” members of the LGBT community. A new wave of transgender awareness, activism and media presence is opening eyes and minds every day. And now Tyra Banks will lend her name and media clout to a docuseries about trans women. Alongside producing partner Gay Rosenthal, Banks will bring “TransAmerica” (the current working title) to VH1. The eight-part reality series will follow the lives of a group of women in Chicago united by the experience of being transgender. A graduate student, a cosmetics consultant, a medical student, a club kid and a model (look, it’s still Tyra’s show) will open up their lives to the cameras for a look at the variety of life directions taken the cast as they progress through transitioning and beyond. The show is scheduled to air in late 2014/early 2015. And will the trans man show be far behind?

Don’t rain on Lea Michele’s parade

You probably don’t watch “Glee” anymore, but if you were you’d know that, according to the show, Lea Michele’s character Rachel is burning up Broadway in a revival of “Funny Girl” and making Barbra Streisand weep tears of joy. Here’s another thing you might not know: “Glee” creator Ryan Murphy owns the rights to “Funny Girl.” And power-players like Murphy don’t just snap up rights to stuff like that for kicks. He wants to make that revival happen. He’s said as much recently in the press. And he’s got his star. Of course, that pesky day job of creating a musical TV show will have to run its course – happening soon enough, thanks to “Glee”’s final season coming round the bend – and there’ll need to be suitable arrangements made for director and co-stars. But considering that Michele’s non-TV work so far has been a horrible Garry Marshall movie (“New Year’s Eve”) and a horrible children’s cartoon (“Legends of Oz”) and the unconfirmed rumor of a starring role in the film version of “Wicked,” she should be gunning for this opportunity with everything she’s got. Broadway loves you, Lea Michele; come back and grab yourself a Tony.

When the criminally underrated and underwatched “Happy Endings” was cancelled, we wept and we cursed. We hoped we’d see the hilarious cast again soon, somewhere just as good (OK, almost just as good, whatever). Well, co-star Elisha Cuthbert has landed herself a job at Power Lesbian, Inc., starring on the new NBC series “One Big Happy.” Ellen DeGeneres executive produces the series, created by “2 Broke Girls” writer Liz Feldman and the premise involves a lesbian (Cuthbert) planning to have a baby with a straight male friend (Nick Zano). Relationship complications ensue, both the hetero and homo varieties. It’s the third LGBT-themed sitcom NBC has offered audiences (“Sean Saves The World” and “The New Normal” came first), which means they’re committed to making at least one of them stick. Third times a charm and all that – and the second show for Cuthbert with the word “happy” in the title. That has to be a good sign, right? Either way, we’re rooting for this one.

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