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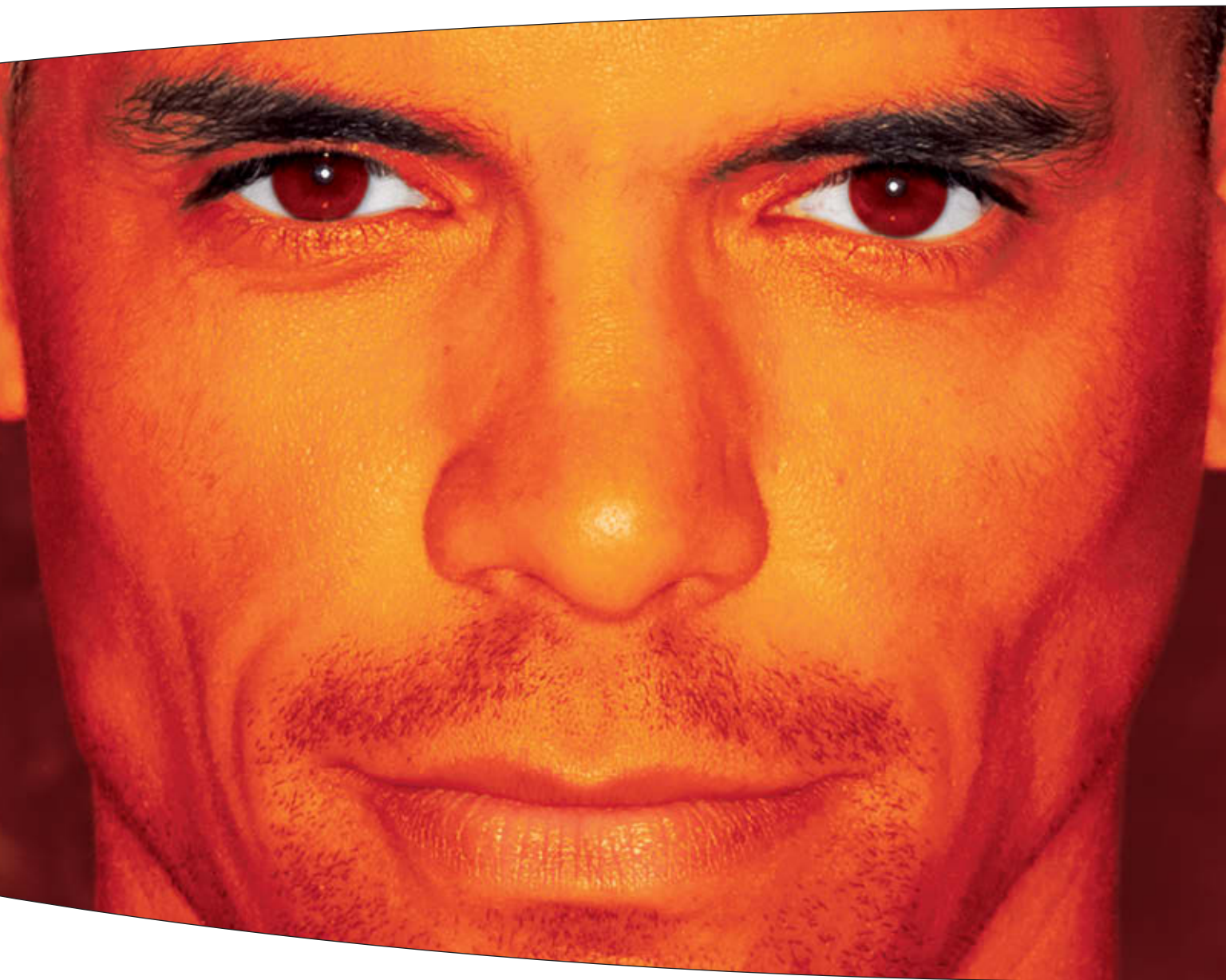
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- EPZICOM, in combination with other antiretroviral agents, is indicated for the treatment of HIV-1 infection in adults.
- EPZICOM is one of 3 medicines containing abacavir. Before starting EPZICOM, your healthcare provider will review your medical history in order to avoid the use of abacavir if you have experienced an allergic reaction to abacavir in the past.
- In one study, more patients had a severe hypersensitivity reaction in the abacavir once-daily group than in the abacavir twice-daily group.
- EPZICOM should not be used as part of a triple-nucleoside regimen.
- EPZICOM does not cure HIV infection/AIDS or prevent passing HIV to others.

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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 additional important information about EPZICOM, including boxed warnings, on the adjacent pages.



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Important Safety Information

EPZICOM contains abacavir, which is also contained in ZIAGEN® (abacavir sulfate) and TRIZIVIR® (abacavir sulfate, lamivudine, and zidovudine). Patients taking abacavir may have a **serious allergic reaction (hypersensitivity reaction) that can cause death**. Your risk of this allergic reaction is much higher if you have a gene variation called *HLA-B*5701* than if you do not. Your healthcare provider can determine with a blood test if you have this gene variation. **If you get a symptom from 2 or more of the following groups while taking EPZICOM, call your doctor right away to determine if you should stop taking this medicine.**

1. Fever
2. Rash
3. Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or abdominal (stomach area) pain
4. Generally ill feeling, extreme tiredness, or achiness
5. Shortness of breath, cough, or sore throat

Carefully read the Warning Card that your pharmacist gives you and carry it with you at all times.

If you stop EPZICOM because of an allergic reaction, NEVER take EPZICOM or any other abacavir-containing medicine (ZIAGEN, TRIZIVIR) again. If you take EPZICOM or any other abacavir-containing medicine again after you have had an allergic reaction, **WITHIN HOURS** you may get **life-threatening symptoms** that may include **very low blood pressure or death**.

If you stop EPZICOM for any other reason, even for a few days, and you are not allergic to EPZICOM, talk with your healthcare provider before taking it again. Taking EPZICOM again can cause a serious allergic or life-threatening reaction,

“EVEN WITH HIV, I AM A DRIVING FORCE.”

“All my life, I’ve powered through any problem that came up. But when I was diagnosed with HIV, it stopped me in my tracks. It took a while, but now I realize I have to keep going. And the more I use my mind, my body, and my strength against HIV, the more I learn how powerful I really am.

“My meds are a big help. When I asked my doctor about my options, he told me about **EPZICOM**.

“Turns out that, in combination with other medications, it’s clinically proven to help keep HIV from making copies and infecting healthy cells. And, 68% of patients taking a regimen with **EPZICOM** had their viral load become undetectable in less than one year. On top of that, they saw a 93% increase in their T-cell counts.*

“Less than a year later, I’ve reached another milestone—my HIV is undetectable.”†

**Ask your doctor if EPZICOM is right for you.
Learn more at www.ForEpzicom.com**

*HEAT study of 688 patients defines undetectable as a viral load less than 50 copies/mL. Baseline median T-cell count for patients receiving EPZICOM was 214 cells/mm³ and at the 48-week mark, patients saw a median increase of 201 cells/mm³ in their T-cell count.

†Not an actual patient testimonial. Based on collection of real patient experiences. Individual results may vary.

even if you never had an allergic reaction to it before. If your healthcare provider tells you that you can take EPZICOM again, **start taking it when you are around medical help or people who can call a healthcare provider if you need one.**

A buildup of lactic acid in the blood and an enlarged liver, including fatal cases, have been reported.

Do not take EPZICOM if your liver does not function normally.

Some patients infected with both hepatitis B virus (HBV) and HIV have worsening of hepatitis after stopping lamivudine (a component of EPZICOM). Discuss any change in treatment with your healthcare provider. If you have both HBV and HIV and stop treatment with EPZICOM, you should be closely monitored by your healthcare provider for at least several months.

Worsening of liver disease (sometimes resulting in death) has occurred in patients infected with both HIV and hepatitis C virus who are taking anti-HIV medicines and are also being treated for hepatitis C with interferon with or without ribavirin. If you are taking EPZICOM as well as interferon with or without ribavirin and you experience side effects, be sure to tell your healthcare provider.

When you start taking HIV medicines, your immune system may get stronger and could begin to fight infections that have been hidden in your body, such as pneumonia, herpes virus, or tuberculosis. If you have new symptoms after starting your HIV medicines, be sure to tell your healthcare provider.

Changes in body fat may occur in some patients taking antiretroviral therapy. These changes may include an increased amount of fat in the upper back and neck (“buffalo hump”), breast, and around the trunk. Loss of fat from the legs, arms, and face may also occur. The cause and long-term health effects of these conditions are not known at this time.

Some HIV medicines, including those containing abacavir (ZIAGEN, EPZICOM, and TRIZIVIR), may increase your risk of heart attack. If you have heart problems, smoke, or suffer from diseases that increase your risk of heart disease, such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or diabetes, tell your healthcare provider.

The most common side effects seen with the drugs in EPZICOM dosed once daily were allergic reaction, trouble sleeping, depression, headache, tiredness, dizziness, nausea, diarrhea, rash, fever, stomach pain, abnormal dreams, and anxiety. Most of the side effects do not cause people to stop taking EPZICOM.



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EPZICOM® (abacavir sulfate and lamivudine) Tablets

MEDICATION GUIDE

EPZICOM® (ep' zih com) Tablets

Generic name: abacavir (UH-BACK-ah-veer) sulfate and lamivudine (la-MIV-yoo-deen)

Read the Medication Guide that comes with EPZICOM before you start taking it and each time you get a refill because there may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking to your doctor about your medical condition or your treatment. Be sure to carry your EPZICOM Warning Card with you at all times.

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

- **Serious Allergic Reaction to Abacavir.** EPZICOM contains abacavir (also contained in ZIAGEN® and TRIZIVIR®). Patients taking EPZICOM may have a serious allergic reaction (hypersensitivity reaction) that can cause death. **Your risk of this allergic reaction is much higher if you have a gene variation called HLA-B*5701 than if you do not. Your doctor can determine with a blood test if you have this gene variation. If you get a symptom from 2 or more of the following groups while taking EPZICOM, call your doctor right away to determine if you should stop taking this medicine.**

	Symptom(s)
Group 1	Fever
Group 2	Rash
Group 3	Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal (stomach area) pain
Group 4	Generally ill feeling, extreme tiredness, or achiness
Group 5	Shortness of breath, cough, sore throat

A list of these symptoms is on the Warning Card your pharmacist gives you. Carry this Warning Card with you.

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If you stop EPZICOM for any other reason, even for a few days, and you are not allergic to EPZICOM, talk with your doctor before taking it again. Taking EPZICOM again can cause a serious allergic or life-threatening reaction, even if you never had an allergic reaction to it before. If your doctor tells you that you can take EPZICOM again, **start taking it when you are around medical help or people who can call a doctor if you need one.**

- **Lactic Acidosis.** Some human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) medicines, including EPZICOM, can cause a rare but serious condition called **lactic acidosis with liver enlargement (hepatomegaly).** Nausea and tiredness that don't get better may be symptoms of lactic acidosis. In some cases this condition can cause death. Women, overweight people, and people who have taken HIV medicines like EPZICOM for a long time have a higher chance of getting lactic acidosis and liver enlargement. Lactic acidosis is a medical emergency and must be treated in the hospital.
- **Worsening of hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection.** Patients with HBV infection, who take EPZICOM and then stop it, may get "flare-ups" of their hepatitis. "Flare-up" is when the disease suddenly returns in a worse way than before. If you have HBV infection, your doctor should closely monitor your liver function for several months after stopping EPZICOM. You may need to take anti-HBV medicines.
- **Use with interferon- and ribavirin-based regimens.** Worsening of liver disease (sometimes resulting in death) has occurred in patients infected with both HIV and hepatitis C virus who are taking anti-HIV medicines and are also being treated for hepatitis C with interferon with or without ribavirin. If you are taking EPZICOM as well as interferon with or without ribavirin and you experience side effects, be sure to tell your doctor.

EPZICOM can have other serious side effects. Be sure to read the section below entitled "What are the possible side effects of EPZICOM?"

What is EPZICOM?

EPZICOM is a prescription medicine used to treat HIV infection. EPZICOM includes 2 medicines: abacavir (ZIAGEN) and lamivudine or 3TC (EPVIR®). See the end of this Medication Guide for a complete list of ingredients in EPZICOM. Both of these medicines are called nucleoside analogue reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NRTIs). When used together, they help lower the amount of HIV in your blood. This helps to keep your immune system as healthy as possible so that it can help fight infection.

Different combinations of medicines are used to treat HIV infection. You and your doctor should discuss which combination of medicines is best for you.

- **EPZICOM does not cure HIV infection or AIDS.** We do not know if EPZICOM will help you live longer or have fewer of the medical problems that people get with HIV or AIDS. It is very important that you see your doctor regularly while you are taking EPZICOM.
- **EPZICOM does not lower the risk of passing HIV to other people through sexual contact, sharing needles, or being exposed to your blood.** For your health and the health of others, it is important to always practice safe sex by using a latex or polyurethane condom or other barrier method to lower the chance of sexual contact with semen, vaginal secretions, or blood. Never use or share dirty needles.

Who should not take EPZICOM?

Do not take EPZICOM if you:

- have ever had a serious allergic reaction (a hypersensitivity reaction) to EPZICOM or any other medicine that has abacavir as one of its ingredients (TRIZIVIR and ZIAGEN). See the end of this Medication Guide for a complete list of ingredients in EPZICOM.
- have a liver that does not function properly.
- are less than 18 years of age.

Before starting EPZICOM tell your doctor about all of your medical conditions, including if you:

- have been tested and know whether or not you have a particular gene variation called HLA-B*5701.
- are pregnant or planning to become pregnant. We do not know if EPZICOM will harm your unborn child. You and your doctor will need to decide if EPZICOM is right for you. If you use EPZICOM while you are pregnant, talk to your doctor about how you can be on the Antiviral Pregnancy Registry for EPZICOM.
- are breastfeeding. Some of the ingredients in EPZICOM can be passed to your baby in your breast milk. It is not known if they could harm your baby. Also, mothers with HIV should not breastfeed because HIV can be passed to the baby in the breast milk.
- have liver problems including hepatitis B virus infection.
- have kidney problems.
- have heart problems, smoke, or suffer from diseases that increase your risk of heart disease such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or diabetes.

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Especially tell your doctor if you take any of the following medicines:

- methadone
- HIVID® (zalcitabine, ddC)
- EPVIR or EPVIR-HBV® (lamivudine, 3TC), ZIAGEN (abacavir sulfate), COMBIVIR® (lamivudine and zidovudine), or TRIZIVIR (abacavir sulfate, lamivudine, and zidovudine).

How should I take EPZICOM?

- Take EPZICOM by mouth exactly as your doctor prescribes it. The usual dose is 1 tablet once a day. Do not skip doses.
- You can take EPZICOM with or without food.
- If you miss a dose of EPZICOM, take the missed dose right away. Then, take the next dose at the usual time.
- Do not let your EPZICOM run out.
- **Starting EPZICOM again can cause a serious allergic or life-threatening reaction, even if you never had an allergic reaction to it before.** If you run out of EPZICOM even for a few days, you must ask your doctor if you can start EPZICOM again. If your doctor tells you that you can take EPZICOM again, start taking it when you are around medical help or people who can call a doctor if you need one.
- **If you stop your anti-HIV drugs, even for a short time, the amount of virus in your blood may increase and the virus may become harder to treat.**
- If you take too much EPZICOM, call your doctor or poison control center right away.

What should I avoid while taking EPZICOM?

- Do not take EPVIR (lamivudine, 3TC), COMBIVIR (lamivudine and zidovudine), ZIAGEN (abacavir sulfate), or TRIZIVIR (abacavir sulfate, lamivudine, and zidovudine) while taking EPZICOM. Some of these medicines are already in EPZICOM.
- Do not take zalcitabine (HIVID, ddC) while taking EPZICOM.

Avoid doing things that can spread HIV infection, as EPZICOM does not stop you from passing the HIV infection to others.

- Do not share needles or other injection equipment.
- Do not share personal items that can have blood or body fluids on them, like toothbrushes and razor blades.
- Do not have any kind of sex without protection. Always practice safe sex by using a latex or polyurethane condom or other barrier method to lower the chance of sexual contact with semen, vaginal secretions, or blood.
- Do not breastfeed. EPZICOM can be passed to babies in breast milk and could harm the baby. Also, mothers with HIV should not breastfeed because HIV can be passed to the baby in the breast milk.

What are the possible side effects of EPZICOM?

EPZICOM can cause the following serious side effects:

- **Serious allergic reaction that can cause death.** (See "What is the most important information I should know about EPZICOM?" at the beginning of this Medication Guide.)
- **Lactic acidosis with liver enlargement (hepatomegaly) that can cause death.** (See "What is the most important information I should know about EPZICOM?" at the beginning of this Medication Guide.)
- **Worsening of HBV infection.** (See "What is the most important information I should know about EPZICOM?" at the beginning of this Medication Guide.)
- **Changes in immune system.** When you start taking HIV medicines, your immune system may get stronger and could begin to fight infections that have been hidden in your body, such as pneumonia, herpes virus, or tuberculosis. If you have new symptoms after starting your HIV medicines, be sure to tell your doctor.
- **Changes in body fat.** These changes have happened in patients taking antiretroviral medicines like EPZICOM. The changes may include an increased amount of fat in the upper back and neck ("buffalo hump"), breast, and around the back, chest, and stomach area. Loss of fat from the legs, arms, and face may also happen. The cause and long-term health effects of these conditions are not known.

Some HIV medicines including EPZICOM may increase your risk of heart attack. If you have heart problems, smoke, or suffer from diseases that increase your risk of heart disease such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or diabetes, tell your doctor.

The most common side effects with EPZICOM are trouble sleeping, depression, headache, tiredness, dizziness, nausea, diarrhea, rash, fever, stomach pain, abnormal dreams, and anxiety. Most of these side effects did not cause people to stop taking EPZICOM.

This list of side effects is not complete. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

How should I store EPZICOM?

- Store EPZICOM at room temperature between 59° to 86°F (15° to 30°C).
- Keep EPZICOM and all medicines out of the reach of children.

General information for safe and effective use of EPZICOM

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for conditions that are not mentioned in Medication Guides. Do not use EPZICOM for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give EPZICOM to other people, even if they have the same symptoms that you have. It may harm them.

This Medication Guide summarizes the most important information about EPZICOM. If you would like more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for the information that is written for healthcare professionals or call 1-888-825-5249.

What are the ingredients in EPZICOM?

Active ingredients: abacavir sulfate and lamivudine

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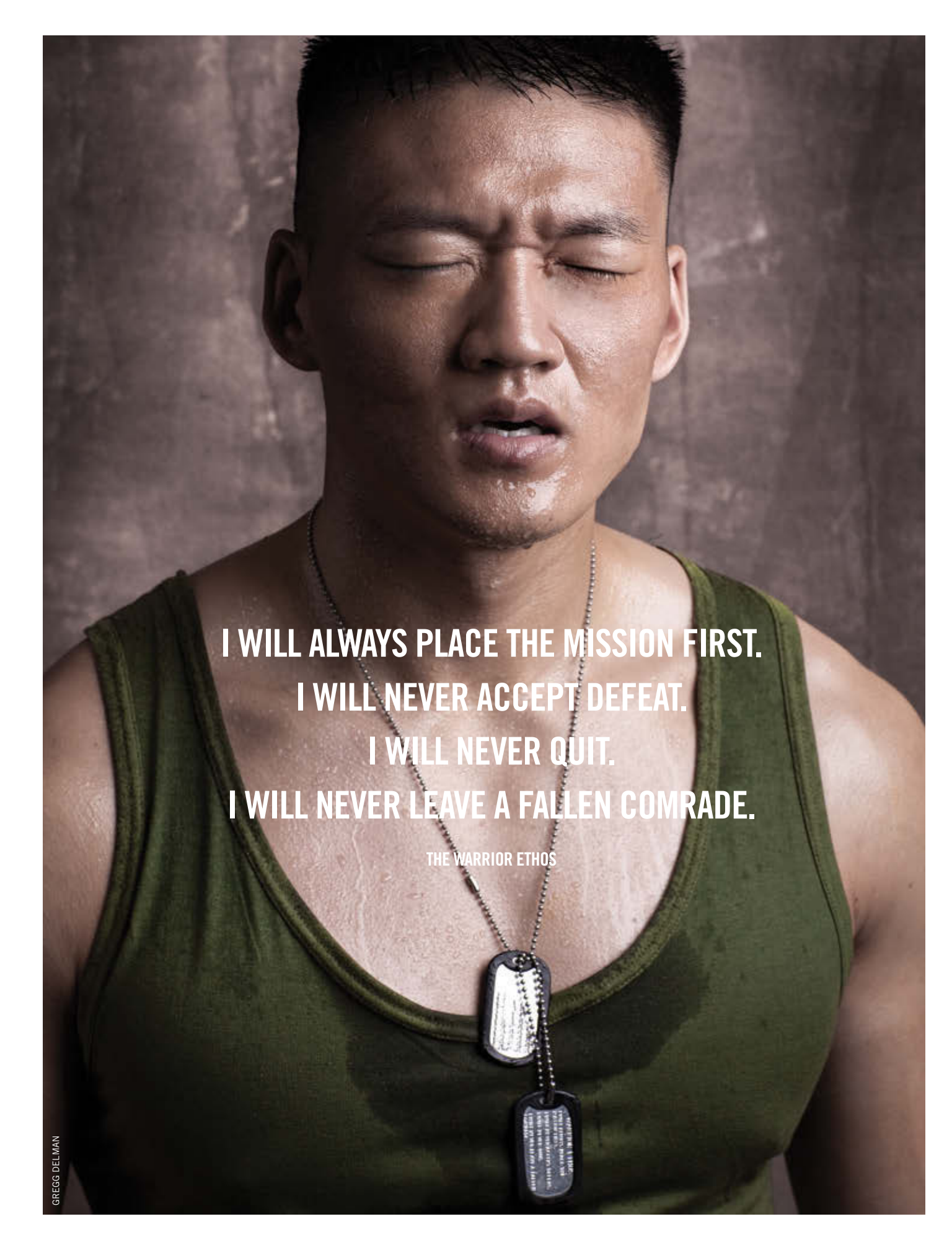
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ANNE-CHRISTINE D'ADESKY



Journalist, activist, filmmaker and author **Anne-christine d'Adesky** returns to *Pride* with a cover story on Army Lieutenant and activist Dan Choi "Lt. Choi Soldiers On." d'Adesky has high praise for Choi: "He's a very sincere, good guy." American-born of Haitian ancestry, Anne's been reporting on the aftermath of the earthquake earlier this year for several media outlets and at her blog, www.haitvox.com. She also recently launched a Haitian Women's Solidarity Movement, which you can follow at www.potofanm.org.

GREGG DELMAN



Those arresting photos of Dan Choi on our cover are the work of **Gregg Delman**, who assisted such stars at Annie Liebovitz and Nigel Parry before striking out on his own. Born in New Jersey, he now makes his home on Manhattan's Lower East Side. Gregg's work has appeared in *Interview*, *Time* and *Elle*.

MICHAEL FAIRMAN



For the skinny on Daytime TV's gay dilemma "Have Soaps Gone Soft?" veteran Soap reporter **Michael Fairman** went straight to the top, interviewing some of the genre's top writers and producers. "It's a nuanced story," he observes, especially when soaps themselves are allegedly on the way out. Michael has his doubts. "Humans are always going to want stories about love, betrayal and trying get through both in one piece." For more, check out www.michaelfairmansoaps.com and his monthly column "Soapside" at www.advocate.com.

AVRAM FINKELSTEIN



Avram Finkelstein has been a stalwart contributor to *Pride*, starting seven years ago with an article on Gran Fury, the art collective responsible for ACTUP's confrontational graphics. Since then, he's been combing the art world for its most distinctive, fresh Queer talents "In and Out" for *Pride* readers. He recently began work on a book about his experiences with Gran Fury, ACTUP and the mobilization around a then-new disease called AIDS.

MATT FURMAN



Photographer **Matt Furman's** career has led him around the world, but "Hell On Wheels" led him to the world of roller derby and the Gotham Girls: a lethal coven of lesbian, straight and bisexual women who wreak weekly havoc on the track. Matt's work has appeared in *Barron's*, *Elle* and *Lucky*, and he blogs at furmanfoto.com.

L. MICHAEL GIPSON



L. Michael Gipson took a break from his duties as an essayist, novelist, playwright, youth advocate, manager of soul music artists Marcell & the Truth, and editor and columnist at www.SoulTracks.com, to return to *Pride* to report on the state of LGBT Youth in "Youthquake." Of the topic he says "There's been incredible progress, but there is still so much to be done."

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LEXIVA does not cure HIV or prevent passing HIV to others.

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

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

- You should not take LEXIVA if you have had an allergic reaction to LEXIVA or AGENERASE® (amprenavir).

- High blood sugar, diabetes or worsening of diabetes, and bleeding in hemophiliacs have occurred in some patients taking protease inhibitors.
- When you start taking HIV medicines, your immune system may get stronger and could begin to fight infections that have been hidden in your body, such as pneumonia, herpes virus, or tuberculosis. If you have new symptoms after starting your HIV medicines, be sure to tell your doctor.
- Changes in body fat may occur in some patients taking antiretroviral therapy. The cause and long-term health effects of these conditions are not known at this time.
- Skin rashes can occur in patients taking LEXIVA. Rarely, rashes were severe or life threatening.
- Opportunistic infections can develop when you have HIV and your immune system is weak. It is very important that you see your healthcare provider regularly while you are taking LEXIVA to discuss any side effects or concerns.
- Kidney stones have been reported in patients taking LEXIVA. Tell your healthcare provider if you have pain in your side, blood in your urine, or pain when you urinate.
- Most common side effects in clinical studies were diarrhea, headache, nausea, rash, and vomiting. In most cases, these side effects did not cause people to stop taking their medicine.

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DRUG INTERACTIONS

- LEXIVA should not be taken with: AGENERASE[®] (amprenavir), Halcion[®] (triazolam), ergot medications (Cafergot[®], Migranal[®], D.H.E. 45[®], and others), Propulsid[®] (cisapride), Versed[®] (midazolam), Orap[®] (pimozide), Zocor[®] (simvastatin), Mevacor[®] (lovastatin), Rifadin[®] (rifampin), Rescriptor[®] (delavirdine mesylate), or St. John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum*). If you are taking Norvir[®] (ritonavir), you should not take Tambocor[®] (flecainide) or Rythmol[®] (propafenone hydrochloride).
- Serious and/or life-threatening events could occur between LEXIVA and other medications, including Cordarone[®] (amiodarone), lidocaine (intravenous only), Elavil[®] (amitriptyline HCl), and Tofranil[®] (imipramine pamoate), tricyclic antidepressants, and Quinaglute[®] (quinidine).
- Women who use birth control pills should choose a different kind of birth control. The use of LEXIVA with Norvir (ritonavir) in combination with birth control pills may hurt your liver. Also, birth control pills may not work if you take LEXIVA or LEXIVA with Norvir. Talk to your healthcare provider about choosing the right birth control for you.
- Patients taking Viagra[®] (sildenafil citrate) or LEVITRA[®] (vardenafil HCl) with LEXIVA may be at increased risk of side effects.

- This list of drug interactions is not complete. Be sure to tell your healthcare provider about all medicines you are taking or plan to take, including over-the-counter drugs, vitamins, and herbals.

RESISTANCE

- Missing or skipping doses of your medicine may make it easier for the virus to mutate and multiply. Your medicines may not work as well against a mutated virus, and you may become cross-resistant to other HIV medicines. It's important to take your medicine exactly as prescribed.



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PATIENT INFORMATION
LEXIVA®
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(fosamprenavir calcium)
Tablets and Oral Suspension

Read the Patient Information that comes with LEXIVA before you start taking it and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking with your healthcare provider about your medical condition or treatment. It is important to remain under a healthcare provider's care while taking LEXIVA. Do not change or stop treatment without first talking with your healthcare provider. Talk to your healthcare provider or pharmacist if you have any questions about LEXIVA.

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

LEXIVA can cause dangerous and life-threatening interactions if taken with certain other medicines. Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

- Some medicines cannot be taken at all with LEXIVA.
- Some medicines will require dose changes if taken with LEXIVA.
- Some medicines will require close monitoring if you take them with LEXIVA.

Know all the medicines you take, including prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Keep a list of the medicines you take. Show this list to all your healthcare providers and pharmacists anytime you get a new medicine or refill. Your healthcare providers and pharmacists must know all the medicines you take. They will tell you if you can take other medicines with LEXIVA. Do not start any new medicines while you are taking LEXIVA without talking with your healthcare provider or pharmacist. You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for a list of medicines that can interact with LEXIVA.

What is LEXIVA?

LEXIVA is a medicine you take by mouth to treat HIV infection. HIV is the virus that causes AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome). LEXIVA belongs to a class of anti-HIV medicines called protease inhibitors. LEXIVA is always used with other anti-HIV medicines. When used in combination therapy, LEXIVA may help lower the amount of HIV found in your blood, raise CD4+ (T) cell counts, and keep your immune system as healthy as possible, so it can help fight infection. However, LEXIVA does not work in all patients with HIV.

LEXIVA does not:

- cure HIV infection or AIDS. We do not know if LEXIVA will help you live longer or have fewer of the medical problems (opportunistic infections) that people get with HIV or AIDS. Opportunistic infections are infections that develop because the immune system is weak. Some of these conditions are pneumonia, herpes virus infections, and *Mycobacterium avium* complex (MAC) infections. It is very important that you see your healthcare provider regularly while you are taking LEXIVA. The long-term effects of LEXIVA are not known.
- lower the risk of passing HIV to other people through sexual contact, sharing needles, or being exposed to your blood. For your health and the health of others, it is important to always practice safer sex by using a latex or polyurethane condom to lower the chance of sexual contact with semen, vaginal secretions, or blood. Never use or share dirty needles.

LEXIVA has not been fully studied in children under the age of 2 or in adults over the age of 65.

Who should not take LEXIVA?

Do not take LEXIVA if you:

- are taking certain other medicines. Read the section "What is the most important information I should know about LEXIVA?" Do not take the following medicines with LEXIVA. You could develop serious or life-threatening problems.
 - HALCION® (triazolam; used for insomnia)
 - Ergot medicines: dihydroergotamine, ergonovine, ergotamine, and methylergonovine such as CAFERGOT®, MIGRANAL®, D.H.E. 45®, ergotrate maleate, METHERGINE®, and others (used for migraine headaches)
 - PROPULSID® (cisapride), used for certain stomach problems
 - VERSED® (midazolam), used for sedation
 - ORAP® (pimozide), used for Tourette's disorder
- are allergic to LEXIVA or any of its ingredients. The active ingredient is fosamprenavir calcium. See the end of this leaflet for a list of all the ingredients in LEXIVA.
- are allergic to AGENERASE (amprenavir).

You should not take AGENERASE (amprenavir) and LEXIVA at the same time.

There are other medicines you should not take if you are taking LEXIVA and NORVIR® (ritonavir) together. You could develop serious or life-threatening problems. Tell your healthcare provider about all medicines you are taking before you begin taking LEXIVA and NORVIR (ritonavir) together.

What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking LEXIVA?

Before taking LEXIVA, tell your healthcare provider about all of your medical conditions including if you:

- are pregnant or planning to become pregnant. It is not known if LEXIVA can harm your unborn baby. You and your healthcare provider will need to decide if LEXIVA is right for you. If you use LEXIVA while you are pregnant, talk to your healthcare provider about how you can be on the Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry.
- are breastfeeding. You should not breastfeed if you are HIV-positive because of the chance of passing the HIV virus to your baby through your milk. Also, it is not known if LEXIVA can pass into your breast milk and if it can harm your baby. If you are a woman who has or will have a baby, talk with your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby.
- have liver problems. You may be given a lower dose of LEXIVA or LEXIVA may not be right for you.
- have kidney problems
- have diabetes. You may need dose changes in your insulin or other diabetes medicines.
- have hemophilia
- are allergic to sulfa medicines

Before taking LEXIVA, tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. LEXIVA can cause dangerous and life-threatening interactions if taken with certain other medicines. You may need dose changes in some of your medicines or closer monitoring with some medicines if you also take LEXIVA (see "What is the most important information I should know about LEXIVA?"). Know all the medicines that you take and keep a list of them with you to show healthcare providers and pharmacists.

Women who use birth control pills should choose a different kind of contraception. The use of LEXIVA with NORVIR (ritonavir) in combination with birth control pills may be harmful to your liver. The use of LEXIVA with or without NORVIR may decrease the effectiveness of birth control pills. Talk to your healthcare provider about choosing an effective contraceptive.

How should I take LEXIVA?

- Take LEXIVA exactly as your healthcare provider prescribed.
- Do not take more or less than your prescribed dose of LEXIVA at any one time. Do not change your dose or stop taking LEXIVA without talking with your healthcare provider.
- You can take LEXIVA Tablets with or without food.
- Adults should take LEXIVA Oral Suspension without food.
- Pediatric patients should take LEXIVA Oral Suspension with food. If vomiting occurs within 30 minutes after dosing, the dose should be repeated.
- Shake LEXIVA Oral Suspension vigorously before each use.
- When your supply of LEXIVA or other anti-HIV medicine starts to run low, get more from your healthcare provider or pharmacy. The amount of HIV virus in your blood may increase if one or more of the medicines are stopped, even for a short time.
- Stay under the care of a healthcare provider while using LEXIVA.
- It is important that you do not miss any doses. If you miss a dose of LEXIVA by more than 4 hours, wait and take the next dose at the regular time. However, if you miss a dose by fewer than 4 hours, take your missed dose right away. Then take your next dose at the regular time.
- If you take too much LEXIVA, call your healthcare provider or poison control center right away.

What should I avoid while taking LEXIVA?

- Do not use certain medicines while you are taking LEXIVA. See "What is the most important information I should know about LEXIVA" and "Who should not take LEXIVA?"
- Do not breastfeed. See "Before taking LEXIVA, tell your healthcare provider". Talk with your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby.
- Avoid doing things that can spread HIV infection since LEXIVA doesn't stop you from passing the HIV infection to others.
- Do not share needles or other injection equipment.
- Do not share personal items that can have blood or body fluids on them, like toothbrushes or razor blades.
- Do not have any kind of 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 are the possible side effects of LEXIVA?

LEXIVA may cause the following side effects:

- skin rash. Skin rashes, some with itching, have happened in patients taking LEXIVA. Swelling of the face, lips, and tongue (angioedema) has also been reported. Tell your healthcare provider if you get a rash or develop facial swelling after starting LEXIVA.

- diabetes and high blood sugar (hyperglycemia). Some patients had diabetes before taking LEXIVA while others did not. Some patients may need changes in their diabetes medicine. Others may need a new diabetes medicine.
- increased bleeding problems in some patients with hemophilia.
- worse liver disease. Patients with liver problems, including hepatitis B or C, are more likely to get worse liver disease when they take anti-HIV medicines like LEXIVA.
- changes in blood tests. Some people have changes in blood tests while taking LEXIVA. These include increases seen in liver function tests and blood fat levels, and decreases in white blood cells. Your healthcare provider may do regular blood tests to see if LEXIVA is affecting your body.
- changes in body fat. These changes have happened in patients taking antiretroviral medicines like LEXIVA. The changes may include an increased amount of fat in the upper back and neck ("buffalo hump"), breast, and around the trunk. Loss of fat from the legs, arms, and face may also happen. The cause and long-term health effects of these conditions are not known at this time.
- kidney stones have been reported in some patients taking LEXIVA. If you develop signs or symptoms of kidney stones (pain in your side, blood in your urine, pain when you urinate) tell your healthcare provider right away.

Common side effects of LEXIVA are nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. Tell your healthcare provider about any side effects that bother you or that won't go away.

This list of side effects of LEXIVA is not complete. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

How should I store LEXIVA?

- LEXIVA Tablets should be stored at room temperature between 59° and 86°F (15° to 30°C). Keep the container of LEXIVA Tablets tightly closed.
- LEXIVA Oral Suspension may be stored at room temperature or refrigerated. Refrigeration of LEXIVA Oral Suspension may improve taste for some patients. Do not freeze.
- Keep LEXIVA and all medicines out of the reach of children.
- Do not keep medicine that is out of date or that you no longer need. Be sure that if you throw any medicine away, it is out of the reach of children.

General information about LEXIVA

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for conditions that are not mentioned in patient information leaflets. Do not use LEXIVA for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give LEXIVA to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

This leaflet summarizes the most important information about LEXIVA. If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider. You can ask your pharmacist or healthcare provider for information about LEXIVA that is written for health professionals. For more information you can call toll-free 888-825-5249 or visit www.LEXIVA.com.

What are the ingredients in LEXIVA?

Tablets:

Active Ingredient: fosamprenavir calcium.

Inactive Ingredients: colloidal silicon dioxide, croscarmellose sodium, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, and povidone K30. The tablet film-coating contains the inactive ingredients hypromellose, iron oxide red, titanium dioxide, and triacetin.

LEXIVA Tablets, 700 mg, are pink in color and are capsule-shaped, with the letters "GX LL7" printed on one side of the tablet.

GX LL7

Oral Suspension:

Active Ingredient: fosamprenavir calcium

Inactive ingredients: artificial grape-bubblegum flavor, calcium chloride dihydrate, hypromellose, methylparaben, natural peppermint flavor, polysorbate 80, propylene glycol, propylparaben, purified water, and sucralose.

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USUALLY, WHEN I sit down to write this letter, I try and make it relevant to the year past or the year looking forward, with a few predictions and insights, etc. etc. Well, this year's letter will be different, because when I look back on the year past, the only coherent thought that enters my mind is "What just happened?"

Recently it seems—at least to me—as though the state of the nation, not to mention the world, defies any attempt at characterization. Has it been a good year? A bad year? Are we making progress, however incremental? Or are we being tossed table scraps when our masters either deem it convenient or see that we're so hungry there's a distinct possibility they might be dinner next?

I think it depends on who is doing the tossing, but as far as this Gay American is concerned, at the moment, my country has been something of a disappointment. Am I proud of my country? No, I'm not. In fact, I'm rather ashamed that my nation—which while never perfect was once on a clear path toward becoming a more equitable place—appears to be headed backwards. At the very least, there seems to be enormous resistance to any and all attempts to bring it into the late 20th Century. And no, that last line is not a misprint.

What I find most galling is idea that we should be "grateful" for the considerable progress we have made in the past two decades. Grateful to whom, exactly? To our lawmakers, who lag public opinion by a decade at least? To our two-party system, which at this point amounts to little more than Kabuki Theater? Or is it to our "leaders," the ones who tell us we must be "patient"?

Long ago, I was lucky enough to realize that waiting for society to confer rights or dignity on people like us was a good way to waste your life. At the same time, it's hard not internalize "the soft homophobia of lowered expectations," to paraphrase. And that's really what it is when we decide to be "patient" about DADT or ENDA or Family Equality or a million other ways in which we are ridden over roughshod because budgets are tight or a church raised a stink or one of our "friends" in government can't afford to take a hit for supporting us.

What I'm saying is if you get told often enough that your concerns don't matter that much, you start to believe it. And once you start believing that, it's a very short leap to believing you don't matter much either. That's when we start believing we can wait—patiently—for the justice and equality that the average white, American, heterosexual Christian male doesn't give a thought to because it's so ingrained in his psyche. We need to remind ourselves, and our leaders, that these are not luxuries: They are the birthright of every human being. The fact that other humans, inside the country and out, lack these rights in varying degrees is immaterial. This is not the deli counter, where we all take tickets and wait for the Man to see us. Our struggle deserves the support of others who seek justice, and theirs deserves ours.

We can't wait for society, or our government to ratify our humanity or our dignity—that we must do ourselves. At the same time, it's crucial that we remember it's not our deficiencies we battle in the struggle for equality before the law: It's society's and our enemies.* And we should remind them—and ourselves—of that whenever possible.

Be Proud!

Peter McQuaid

Peter McQuaid



Photos of bedrooms at the Ali Forney Center

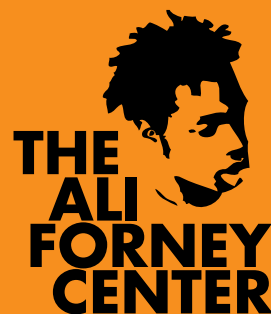
Every LGBT youth deserves a home, even when their parents refuse to provide one.

Thousands of LGBT youth are kicked out of their homes when they come out of the closet. 40% of all homeless youth in the USA are LGBT. Homeless LGBT youth face violence on the streets and in youth shelters, and are at terrible risk of HIV infection.

It is up to all of us to help our youth be safe and protected. Please help the Ali Forney Center, the nation's largest organization dedicated to homeless LGBT youth, in providing them with the safe housing they so urgently need. AFC is dedicated to protecting LGBT youth from the harm of homelessness, and to providing them with the support they need to live healthy independent lives.

To learn how to help visit www.aliforneycenter.org.

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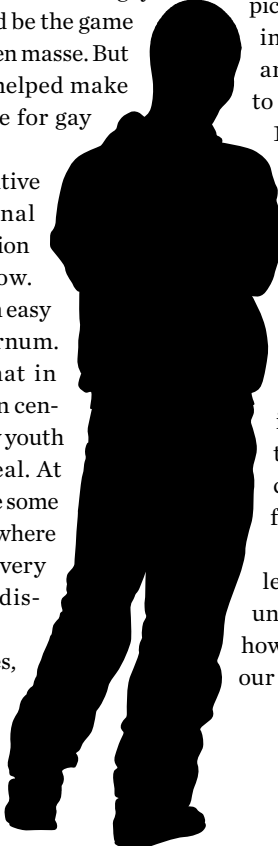
STATE OF THE LGBT UNION

TODAY LGBT KIDS ARE COMING OUT
YOUNGER THAN EVER.

UNFORTUNATELY, THEY'RE STILL FINDING A SOCIETY
—AND SOMETIMES AN OLDER PEER GROUP—

THAT'S LESS THAN SUPPORTIVE.

L. MICHAEL GIPSON REPORTS...

Pumping placards and pink hair, a rainbow coalition of 50 lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) high school student activists and their adult allies gathered in front of Chicago Public Schools (CPS) headquarters on April 13, 2010, to oppose the lack of a formal antiharassment policy protecting gay students. Some of the teen activists—part of LGBT youth advocacy group Gender JUST—met with CPS CEO Ron Huberman and his administrators to lobby for a policy that included the right to file complaints against discriminatory faculty and administrators. Theoretically, openly gay Huberman should have been their ally. Instead, according to ChicagoPride.com, CPS officials stonewalled the young activists after several meetings, explaining that the burden of addressing students' safety concerns would distract them from all-consuming budget problems.

That gay teens were even able to have multiple forums with an openly gay CEO of a major urban school system marks how far we've come. For LGBT youth, most of this cultural shift has occurred in a single generation. In 1990, *Newsweek* published the voyeuristic article "Coming Out Now," which primarily focused on the specter of AIDS and harassment in the solitary life of 18-year-old Daniel Layer. Twenty years later, the Internet generation is less isolated than any gay generation before them—and coming out considerably younger than Layer.

According to Ritch C. Savin-Williams' 2005 book, *The New Gay Teenager*, studies have found that gay boys are having their first sexual experience at age 14 and girls at age 16.

While no one has exact figures on how many LGBT youth live in the United States, Communications Director Anthony Ramos at the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN), an international LGBT student advocacy organization, conservatively places the number at roughly 2 million; others estimate as many as 7 million. A new and robust generation has done what gay activists claimed would be the game changer by coming out en masse. But has all this visibility helped make things better or worse for gay kids today?

Greg Varnum, executive director of the National Youth Advocacy Coalition (NYAC), doesn't know. "I'm not sure that it's an easy call to make," says Varnum. "There's no doubt that in many urban population centers, the climate for gay youth has evolved a great deal. At the same time, there are some parts of rural America where the issue is only in the very early stages of being discussed and explored."

Varnum's best of times, worst of times perspec-

tive is echoed by other LGBT activists, both youth-focused and not-so.

"Today, everyone's clear there is a gay youth population, but what's also clear is they have some unique needs that society remains slow in recognizing," says Tokes Osubu, executive director of the New York-based Gay Men of African Descent (GMAD), the oldest black gay organization in the U.S.

"The need for adult gay organizations to take on youth-related issues cannot be overemphasized. These organizations have a responsibility to proudly assume the role of nurturing and parenting young gays," says Osubu. A growing number of LGBT ethnic minority organizations originally founded to serve adults—such as GMAD, as well as Washington, D.C.'s Us Helping Us and Transgender Health Empowerment—have recently branched out to include youth programs as part of their mission.

DEMANDING RESPECT

Society may have been slow, but a gay movement previously terrified of addressing its young (lest they be accused by the religious right of recruiting) has picked up speed. The 20-year surge in "out" youth has been met with an explosion of programs created to serve them. In 1999, there were 133 such organizations signed to NYAC. According to Varnum, some 2,500 programs exist today, not counting the 4,000 gay-straight alliances worldwide that Ramos says GLSEN has registered.

Despite this explosive growth in organization as well as visibility and sheer numbers, according to Varnum LGBT youth still face challenges getting respect—even from the larger gay movement.

"Many organizations and leaders are either unwilling or unconvinced of the need to address how we can engage young people in our movement today. A lot of [young

people] look at organizations' boards and staffs and do not see themselves represented, nor do the political agendas of these organizations resonate as well with youth as their authors tend to think or pronounce," says Varnum, describing an institutional ageism not unique to gay youth, but to all youth.

VISIBILITY AND VIOLENCE

Huberman's mix of paternalism toward LGBT youth protestors and disinterest in their concerns may merely be an indicator of the ongoing mainstreaming of gay youth, rather than simple homophobia or a political capitulation to the right. Still, Chicago student protestors' experience with official disinterest isn't unusual for urban and rural students. In both settings, the national gay-straight alliance movement has failed to take hold with the success it has in suburban schools. CPS, like many school systems, has a notorious reputation for teachers looking the other way or actively engaging in discrimination against LGBT students, which is why Windy City students are demanding recourse.

Chicago students are not alone. According to GLSEN's 2007 National School Climate Survey that comprised of 6,209 middle and high school students, more than 60 percent of LGBT students who were harassed and assaulted in schools did not report the incident to school staff, and of the 31 percent of students who did, the staff did nothing in response. GLSEN also found that 9 out of 10 LGBT students experience some kind of harassment in schools.

This comes as little surprise to any casual observer of gay media, where stories of antigay violence perpetrated on gay children are common. In Kentucky, two teenage girls were among three charged with kidnapping and attempted murder for trying to push a lesbian peer, Chyenne Williams, off a cliff for being gay. In Baltimore, 15-year-old Jason Mattison Jr. was stabbed to death by a 35-year-old ex-con who had reportedly forced him into a sexual relationship. Eighth grader

Lawrence King made national news when an Oxnard, California, classmate shot him to death in his junior high computer lab, which was full of students. In 2008, 11-year-old Carl Joseph Walker-Hoover committed suicide after enduring constant bullying from classmates who labeled him with a sexual identity he was still unsure of. Sakia Gunn, 15; Rashawn Brazell, 19; Angie Zapata, 18; Jorge Steven Lopez Mercado, 19; Donathyn "Jayla" Rodgers, 19; Simmie Williams Jr., 17: The annals of history since the years of Matthew Shepard are covered in the blood of young martyrs courageous enough to be themselves.

Fortunately, the tragic headlines don't tell the whole story. Ramos notes, "Even as gay youth visibility increases, violence toward students has remained relatively stable over the last 10 years."

While violence still makes front-page news, prom season is fast becoming another fertile source for headlines. The media is taking notice of gay youths demanding the right to do their prom their way. From Constance McMillen in Mississippi to Derrick Martin in Georgia, the big night has become fraught with legal battles. Even when some young activists win, as Martin did earlier this year when he got to bring a boy as his date to the prom, sometimes they still lose: Martin's parents rewarded their son's integrity and courage by kicking him out of the house.

YOUNG, GAY, AND HOMELESS

The Georgia youngster is not alone in experiencing sudden homelessness. According to the National Coalition for the Homeless, at least 20 percent of all homeless youth are LGBT, about double the number of general population youth. This figure is lower than the 40 to 60 percent of homeless youth reported by federal agencies. Homelessness

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among gay youth may be declining, but organizations like GMAD and Cleveland's LGBT youth center, the Beyond Identities Community Center (BICC), are observing an increase in homelessness among gay youth of color—just as the tanking economy has made resources to address their needs increasingly scarce.

"It seems most current youth funders are most interested only in youth's most basic needs, which are important. However, housing, socialization, and community building are just as important to youth development," observes Co-Chief Operating Officer of the AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland Tracy Jones. "Nobody wants to adequately fund those activities," says Jones, who is also co-founder of BICC, a program aimed at LGBT minorities that relies heavily on government AIDS funding to operate. Young gay and bisexual men of color represent the largest percentage of all young people with HIV/AIDS.

"LGBT youth need us to offer them a protective place to listen, to lead by the hand, to set standards and to eventually let them go into the larger world whole," says Osubu.

For better or worse, gay youth have proven they are not going to wait on adults and their institutions to figure out what they need. They'll demand what they need and seize it if they must, just as youth always have—sometimes even winning along the way. A few days following the CPS student protest, the Illinois House of Representatives passed Bill No. 108-0 requiring Illinois schools to adopt and enforce anti-bullying policies and to protect LGBT students. With Governor Pat Quinn stating he'll sign the bill, Illinois will be among 17 states—plus D.C.—with school antiharassment policies inclusive of gay youth. Yes, indeed, the times, they are a-changing. •

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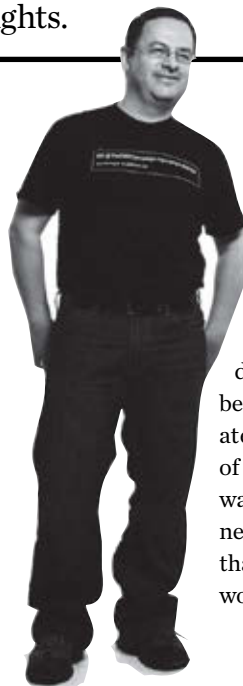
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JOEMYGOD'S JOE JERVIS

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A FEW OF THE KEY E-PLAYERS WHAT THEY THOUGHT ABOUT THAT....

In 2008, veteran LGBT reporter Rex Wockner dubbed the explosion of online LGBT activism as “Stonewall 2.0.” Others are calling it the Facebook Revolution. Coupled with this explosion of digital activism is a growing disdain for oldline LGBT advocacy groups such as the Human Rights Campaign, whom some accuse of being nothing more than puppets for the Democratic Party. Is the future of LGBT activism on the Internet? Can bloggers and other online activists effect real change for our community? PRIDE asked some noted digital activists to share their thoughts.



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A freelance writer, blogger, and LGBT Latino activist, Duque often provides gay press with Spanish translations of LGBT stories from outside the U.S. “The inside/outside activist dynamic is nothing new. I have been on both sides of it and appreciate the strengths and weaknesses of each. But what some call Stonewall 2.0 certainly has given a rise to new voices outside the beltway, and that’s always great. Now if both sides worked better together...”



DR. JILLIAN T. WEISS

BILERICO.COM

Dr. Weiss is an editor and blogger at Bilerico.com, the nation’s largest group LGBT activism blog, where she focuses on transgender rights and the passage of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA). “Digital activism is in its infancy, but there is no question that it is already reshaping the way people respond to events, particularly in politics. The outsiders are closer and more directly connected to the movers and shakers. The resurgence of ENDA after insiders declared it dead is a perfect example of how [digital activism] empowers ordinary people.”



JOHN ARAVOSIS
AMERICABLOG.COM

The founder and editor of AMERICA-blog.com, Aravosis is perhaps the nation's most strident critic of the Obama administration on LGBT rights. "There is no question that an individual activist can accomplish a tremendous amount working on his or her own online. Our movement is at a crossroads. We've finally gotten the Congress and White House we wanted, only to find that they're not very interested in keeping their promises. The advantage of working on the outside is that the White House isn't very interested in inviting us to the cocktail circuit, and the President doesn't speak at our fundraisers—which are usually blog posts linked to PayPal—so we really don't have much to lose by holding the President and the Democratic Party accountable. And we do. Much to their chagrin."



PAM SPAULDING
PAMSHOUSEBLEND.COM

The nation's most widely read lesbian blogger (PamsHouseBlend.com) Spaulding is very active in state and local politics in her home city of Durham, North Carolina, where she lives with her wife. "It surprises me at times how much one person can make a difference in the LGBT movement through digital activism. It doesn't have to be on a large scale. For instance in 2010, North Carolina has a U.S. Senate election and all three top Democratic primary candidates will have engaged with my readers in live blogs. Each candidate has expanded their websites to include additional LGBT position issues as a result of those live blogs. That is unprecedented. How often do you see that happen in the South?"



ROBIN MCGEHEE
GETEQUAL.ORG

The lead organizer of the anti-Prop 8 group Meet in the Middle, which brought the marriage equality fight to California's Central Valley; McGhee is also the cofounder of GetEQUAL (GetEQUAL.org), the group behind last fall's National Equality March on Washington. "After planning a statewide action and the National Equality March, I believe our only course of action is to push back with direct action and nonviolent civil disobedience. We've tried everything and we need to go back to the roots of our social movement, push back, and show we're fed up. Back to the White House fence!"

MICHAEL CRAWFORD
FREEDOMTOMARRY.ORG



As the head of D.C. Marriage Equality, Crawford led the group that spearheaded the legalization of marriage equality in the nation's capitol. Today he sits on the board of directors for the D.C. Center for LGBT Community and also works for Freedom to Marry (FreedomToMarry.org) as its digital communications director. "From GetEQUAL to the D.C. marriage movement to the use of social networking sites to advance the repeal of

ENDA and DADT, online activists have proven that the Internet can be used for more than just hooking up. The best part: This is only the beginning. A new breed of digitally savvy activists is coming to the fore, and they will weave together online and offline tactics into innovative insider/outsider strategies that will blow everything we've seen before out of the water."

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Lt. Choi

SOLDIERS On

Since coming out a year ago, Lt. Dan Choi has been everywhere, including jail—twice.

TO HIM, IT'S ALL PART OF A CALLING TO FOLLOW THE VALUES OF DUTY, HONOR, AND LOVE.

Anne-Christine d'Adesky takes the measure of this young, powerful activist and his personal, public journey.



PHOTOGRAPHS BY GREGG DELMAN







Growing

up in Anaheim, California, best known as the home of Disneyland, Dan Choi, America's new poster soldier for gay rights, didn't pay much attention to the gay wars of the '80s. In fact, he knew nothing about gays or gay life outside of what he eventually learned in the Bible. This middle son of a nurse and a military-man-turned Southern Baptist minister had his own culture wars to think about. The Chois, like millions of immigrants, left a war-ravaged country—in their case, Korea—for the United States. They were drawn by a promise of freedom, democracy, security—and the American dream. With its sunny days, ocean waves, tanned golfing ladies, and mild suburbs, Orange County seemed to fit the bill. There was Los Angeles and Koreatown, a grid of pastel condominiums and mini malls to the north that provided a cultural touchstone, but the Chois were the only Koreans in their neighborhood. Little Dan got tired of the racial taunts and slights, of having to explain that he wasn't Chinese.

When asked about his family, Choi sums it up in a word: "Korean," he says, smiling. "We were just so Korean." Pressed, he sighs. "It was always a conflict. I wanted to be like other kids, you know? Just normal, to assimilate. I didn't want to stick out." From early on, he began living a double life—a secret identity invisible to others. Outwardly, he was a shy American kid with a slight Korean accent, one who preferred hanging with the Latino kids rather than trying to find other Asian friends. Inwardly, he fancied himself a superhero, primed to do battle for good, though more prone to flights of escape than rescue missions. Think Clark Kent with a fondness for kimchi, a talent for drilling into the center of the earth, swimming, and playing the flute (until he decided that was for girly losers). •—————→

IN THE CLOSET HANGS A UNIFORM

Today Choi laughs when he thinks back to his superhero self, but admits his early penchant for heroics, for doing something important, hasn't exactly gone away. Call it his latent drama queen side. In the end, it was near suicidal despair—and love—that pulled him out of a very deep military closet at the age of 27. Today, he's become known to American TV viewers as the gay Arabic linguist who was booted from the military under Obama's tenure. Though he outed himself, he's still fighting his discharge. He plans to remain a soldier.

All this happened just a year ago, but it's already been a wild ride. From the O.C. to D.C. by way of Iraq, his is the journey of a former choirboy, a zealous soldier, a dutiful Christian son who still believes in God but says he's been born yet again, this time into gay action. His new mission is to repeal the Don't Ask, Don't Tell (DADT) policy. As a soldier, his preferred weapon of choice is a bit unusual: love, and the message of self-love, to counter the internalized homophobia of the closet. Choi considers the closet another kind of hate crime, a form of self-inflicted violence that can lead to suicide. Choi should know: He once lived in that despairing place, desperately wishing he could escape himself for years.

ACTIVIST-IN-TRAINING

Since bursting onto the scene in early 2009 through a series of controlled detonations that started with coming out publicly on *The Rachel Maddow Show*, an interview in the *Army Times*, and appearances on Logo TV, Choi has become the new face of the Right to Serve. He's logged hundreds of interviews, hitting the gay media circuit and Pride events like a seasoned politician, shaking hands and serving up sound bites. The difference is, it's all still fresh to Choi, and he cares—a lot—about each and every appearance, each and every possible viewer. It's obvious in the way he weighs his replies and how he takes pains to clarify his views. What might read as ingenuous is actually a strategic activist learning

his chops. The media is the message, he knows, and it has to be wielded smartly. To Choi, the current DADT policy is the closet, which is why repealing it is so essential to him—and so personal. "If I can help even one person with my words, if I can help them come out, to know they aren't alone, then I'll feel I've succeeded." Choi says this with the fervor of the boy missionary he was, his expression at once serious and quiet. "This isn't just about the military. It's about that fundamental human emotion, which is love, and which cannot be denied. It is about life and death."

KOREAN. AMERICAN. PRIDE.

In our instant media era of YouTube and Facebook, Choi seems handpicked by central casting to play the role of the handsome, qualified, well-spoken soldier with the standout record who takes a moral stand, suffers, and in the end prevails. There's no doubt that Choi, an infantryman-cum-linguist, plans to keep fighting until DADT is repealed. At 29, he's also a good-looking gay icon: Army-fit and sporting some serious style. For his interview with PRIDE, he's abandoned his Army dress blues for a nicely-cut dark suit that reads designer and fits him well. He looks strong and sits up very straight. He's serious about his politics, but his face lights up and his eyes twinkle when he laughs. He enjoys being interviewed and moves easily from almost-rehearsed commentary to a pensive reflection on his journey, a story that often ends in the shake of his head and a chuckle. "Where do we begin?" he asks. "I don't even know how to make sense of everything that's happened. There's been so much."

Call it the "Reeducation of Dan Choi," a rocky path that began as a dutiful son who was heavily influenced by his pastor father's religious faith and his parents' culture. "There's a lot of the military in Korean culture," he explains. "My father served in the military. There, you aren't considered a full adult unless you've served in the military. He kept on repeat-

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ing that.” Both Dan and his older brother were taught to value honor, discipline, order, service to others, and attention to one's group or community—all principles compatible with military service.

Choi was also affected by the negative treatment of his parents by others, and by his father's resentment of his perceived second-class status as an immigrant. "My mom finally got her citizenship while I was in middle school, so we got to learn a lot about the process," he explains. His family endured their share of discrimination, "not only racist things, but also made fun of for having accents." He became determined to overcome his own accented English, but he also came



to prize democracy and freedom, which were hard-earned rights for his parents.

In hindsight, it's not a total surprise that young Dan would go on to distinguish himself not only by attending West Point, but by mastering Arabic, a notoriously difficult language. His grandfather spoke several languages; so did his father. Language could be an impetus or an impediment. For Choi, the experience of discrimination pushed him to distinguish himself. "All the other Asians were learning Chinese; I wanted to be different," he says. "This was before September 11th. After I chose it, I realized I'm going to do this with my best effort." He was hoping to work

in Israel, following in his missionary father's footsteps. Along with Latin and Greek, Rev. Choi speaks Hebrew, and preaches understanding between those of different faiths.

CLARK KENT IN THE BOYS CHOIR

As a teenager, Choi appeared to have been a classic straight arrow: choir boy, swim team, a young officer in a Christian fellowship, the guy in charge of the intercultural committee of his student government. Having dropped the flute, he made first chair trumpet in the marching band. He became a drum major. He learned to appreciate the love poetry of the great Lebanese poet, Kahlil Gibran.

While all of that might read *gay gay* to an adult Choi, looking back he says no one in his family had a clue. He later learned that his marching band instructor, a WWII veteran and a role model to Choi, was gay. The day his mentor died was the day Choi completed active duty. “It was the most impactful day of my life,” he says.

His own sexual awakening was a quieter revelation. “I was in third or fourth grade, and I was watching TV and knew it was a man, and it felt natural,” he says of his first inkling of homosexual desire. Since sex was a non-topic in his parents’ household, he kept his secret to himself and pushed for a miracle. “I prayed all the time,” he says. “I would try to conjure up women, but it wouldn’t happen.” Laughing, he adds, “My mom later said, ‘You should have been praying about a Korean girl, and it would have happened.’” Choi never had a girlfriend, but he had friends who were girls. He even took one to the prom. By his sophomore year of high school, he admitted to himself he was gay while away on a Christian retreat. He worried it might prevent him from doing what he hoped to do: become a doctor, or a pastor like his dad—something in a healing field.

Instead, Choi chose the military, which was a personal act of rebellion. His father was thrilled; his mother was worried he’d be killed.

But why would a closeted gay man volunteer to join an institution that is hostile to homosexuals? For the same reason as heterosexuals, or some of them the same reasons?

“There was a lot of patriotism,” says Choi of his feelings about joining the military. “I thought about being an American and that Asians in America should prove their worth.” Inwardly, it was a secret Clark Kent move: to prove his inner superhero. “There’s a stereotype that all Asian men are effeminate. We’re nonexistent in popular culture,” Choi explains. Once again, he wanted to stand out, to play against type. Hiding his gay self wasn’t the hard part—at least at



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first. “I found it easier to be openly gay than openly Korean in the military,” he says, noting that at least at West Point people knew where Korea was because of the war. He felt familiarly torn: He wanted to assimilate and be invisible, yet he also wanted to be acknowledged and understood as a Korean man. It was a familiar sensation, a push-pull current that kept him in the closet, while he yearned to be out.

Choi says that overt gay discrimination—name calling, slurs, sexual baiting—was “wide and robust” in the service, and admits that he participated. “It was my own discrimination against

myself,” he states. “It’s easy to see the victim-perpetrator relationship [among straights and gays], but it’s also there among closeted gay persons.” That experience has shaped his view of suicide among gays as a form of hate crime. Before coming out, he says, “I was suicidal a great bit of the time... I inflicted my own hate crime against myself.”

COMING OUT

Despite the gay taunts, Choi still loves the military: the sense of group mission, of purpose, of all that focused effort put to what is deemed a greater good. How then does he reconcile his strong Christian faith and the religious prohibition against killing with military service? “It’s the Sixth Commandment,” he acknowledges. “You parse it. With war, our purpose is not to perpetuate it, but to be at times so violent and aggressive that we end it as quickly and humanely as possible.” Pausing, he reflects, “It was hard for me to hear a lot of the rationale of [Harry S.] Truman in bombing Nagasaki.” Later, he adds, “To me morality is often gray, not clear-cut black and white. If you judge and guide yourself by principles and values, you’ll always have gray, but you will never go wrong.” I remind him that principled people often go and do wrong, including killing, but that’s the best he’s got for now: a set of principles to help him navigate the gray world of morality.

What does he say to gay people who are opposed to war, want the military-industrial complex dismantled, and sharply disagree with LGBT soldiers’ fight to serve in the armed forces?

“There are gay people who said that to me,” he acknowledges. “They say, ‘You can’t consider yourself on a moral quest if you’re just trying to be in an imperialist entity like the U.S. Army.’ I question their morality, actually. They say they don’t want to fight [against] Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell because it would mean bloodying their hands. But I said, ‘Right now, you can’t join the military openly. If DADT gets repealed, then you can refuse to join the military based on a moral ground.’”

All of which brings us up to the fateful day when Choi decided to come out—to break his own mold, as it were. The trigger, as it so often is, was love. Choi, still closeted, still personally miserable though his career was soaring, met an older gay man. He could no longer contain himself or his happiness. It proved harder to come out to his parents than to his military superiors or the gay world. “My mom took it worse than my dad,” he says. “It was because she couldn’t tell anybody at church. She’s going through a period of grief, what they call the negotiation phase. Or for Koreans, maybe it’s the haggling phase. And my dad—well, it’s because he’s in the church. My parents and I aren’t speaking,” Choi says softly. When I remind him that his coming out—especially on television—means his family has been publicly outed, too, he nods, aware that his journey is painful for his loved ones. Their experience has also shown Choi a new battleground: the Asian community, in and outside America. “With [Proposition] 8, if you look around, the vast majority of Koreans were antigay,” he says. He knows of no PFLAGs for traditional parents like his. So the work is there.

Looking back, Choi shakes his head, still surprised by the path. “Everything is starting to make sense to me,” he says smiling. “For a long time, it didn’t. Isn’t it ironic? I joined the military because I wanted to serve. I felt it was my duty to defend my country. I had no idea it would be to defend it in this way. Now the pieces are falling into place. I’m ready for this.”

FREEDOM IN CHAINS

Before Choi publicly came out in March 2009, he experienced his first real love and romance with an older man, and he slowly came out in private. Their relationship took a break as he came out to his family and later resumed. Choi is currently single but on good terms with his first ex. The DADT cause has put too many demands on his time to make a relationship work right now. But he’s found a new community, and he’s building one for

himself too. One of his first coming out actions was to join a gay men’s chorus. “It was a big deal, to see so many other gay brothers in that room,” Choi says. “That was the first time I’d ever been in any kind of organized activity—a community, a family. I got that feeling again when I was in the March on Washington.”

For Choi, breaking the isolation for LGBT soldiers is a critical service, one that prompted him to set up Knights Out, an organization made up of West Point alumni, staff, and faculty who are united in supporting the rights of LGBT soldiers to openly serve their country.

Choi was informed shortly after he came out that the military was starting discharge proceedings against him, but he has no regrets. If anything, he’s grateful. If he’d waited longer, the moment and the cause—gays in the military, DADT—might have passed him by. He’d have missed a moment to do what he dreamed of as a child: to help, to serve a cause larger than himself, to battle evil and do good, to be a superhero.

His life has changed. He’s a gay superstar, even as a newbie to political activism, and a new role model, particularly for U.S. military members. He constantly receives letters from them, including Koreans and Korean-Americans—even Arabs who are gay or searching the Koran as he once did the Bible.

He’s entered the rough-and-tumble of gay politics and felt the sting of more established activists and groups who don’t appreciate his in-your-face approach to demanding gay equality. He’s pretty frustrated by what he calls the “establishment gays”—specifically the lobbyists for gay causes in Washington who have pointedly asked him to pipe down as they work to push legislation on gay marriage forward. Choi is particularly outraged by what he says is a refusal by “some lobbyists with HRC” to call out Obama on his failure to make good on his promises related to gay rights.

“What good is it if we repeal Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell and we still have Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell in our own hearts and bodies?”

DAN CHOI’S DIGNITY FAST

As *Pride* was going to press, we received word that Lt. Dan Choi and Capt. James Pietrangelo had gone on a hunger strike in hopes of forcing an end to the Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell (DADT) policy.

The big question is, why? At press time, the House had already passed the Military Readiness Enhancement Act, leaving the Senate to pass its own version, which seemed likely, and the president to sign it into law, which seemed even more likely.

But passing the bill is only Step One in the process of ending harassment of LGBT service members whose deception skills aren’t up to par. Before DADT can be terminated, the Pentagon must complete a study by December 1, 2010, examining the ramifications of ending it. The order repealing DADT must be signed by the President, the Secretary of Defense, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, certifying that they have “considered the recommendations contained in the report and the report’s proposed plan of action,” the DOD has “prepared the necessary policies and regulations,” and a study proves that implementation of repeal will not harm “military readiness, military effectiveness, unit cohesion, and recruiting and retention of the Armed Forces.”

In other words, “they all ducked and threw it back to the Pentagon,” says Dignity Fast coordinator Zoe Nicholson. And if the Pentagon comes back with a report hinting at any compromise in said readiness, effectiveness, unit cohesion, or recruiting and retention caused by ending DADT, repeal—which is supported by more than 70 percent of the American public—becomes a hot potato.

Nicholson points out that the effectiveness of this comprehensive working study is compromised by the very nature of the gag rule it purportedly seeks to examine, as the only people being interviewed are those upholding DADT. “Who can they interview for this? They can’t talk to people who are hiding. They can’t ask advocates for LGBT service members, can they?”

“For all the work this took, the firings haven’t ended. No lives were changed,” observes Nicholson.

One thing is certain: While repeal of DADT has become a non-issue for the American citizenry, it remains a white-hot bone of contention in Washington, and a source of continuing misery for LGBT service members.

asks Choi rhetorically. He's on a soapbox now, preaching the gospel of self-empowerment. "I think what's more important than getting legislation passed is the conferring of full dignity on gay people," he says. "Is the biggest opponent Don't Ask, Don't Tell? Is it marriage equality? I think the biggest enemy is [people's inability] to stand up boldly and demand your own equality."

On April 20, 2010, Choi and five other gay rights activists serving in the military upped the ante by chaining themselves to the White House fence to protest DADT and push for its repeal. It was his first symbolic act of civil disobedience done in full view of media cameras alerted to the event. The act landed all six protesters in the clink overnight and put gay leaders and U.S. military officials on notice: Dan Choi and his Knights Out mean business. "My plan is to continue with a plan of nonviolent civil disobedience," says Choi, who emphasizes that "a lot" of thinking went into his decision. "There's the symbolism, but the chains gave me the feeling of truth that I'd wanted," he says.

Looking ahead, Choi plans to enjoy a very busy summer, including more arrests and a stint as grand marshal of New York City's Pride Parade. His DADT discharge case is still pending with the Pentagon, yet to be finalized. Over at Fox News, he comes under regular attack. Antiwar activists, gays included, still disagree with his pro-military stance. The HRC lobbyists continue to push marriage first, DADT later, criticizing Obama third. From the gray zone, Choi offers a parting message from his man Gibran, a bit of love-truth: "You are free before the noonday sun. You are free before the moon, and you are free before the stars... But you are a slave, You are a slave to the one you love, Because you love him, And you are a slave to the one you love because he loves you back."

Fighting words indeed. •

GROOMING: JOSHUA RISTAINO

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DOUG IRELAND REPORTS FROM THE BARRICADES...
PHOTOGRAPHS **JIMMY NICOL**



world-class wit Oscar Wilde may have been a self-absorbed aesthete, but he also cared deeply about workers struggling for their rights. In fact, Wilde publicly supported some of the most infamous political prisoners of his day: the Haymarket Martyrs, eight Chicago anarchists and labor leaders who led a strike in 1886 for the eight-hour workday. Framed by employers and police on bombing charges, the Martyrs faced the gallows; four were eventually executed and one committed suicide in prison. Wilde was an infamous political prisoner himself, having spent two years at hard labor for “gross indecency” with other men.

So Wilde would certainly have smiled approvingly when 56-year-old Stuart Appelbaum, president since 1998 of the 100,000-plus member Retail, Wholesale, and Department Store Union (RWDSU), outed himself in May 2009. Appelbaum

made history as the first president of an international labor union to publically reveal that he was homosexual. Randi Weingarten, the new president of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT)—which in 1970 became the first major union to make a public statement denouncing discrimination against gays and lesbians—had come out in public in 2007 when she was still president of the AFT’s New York affiliate, the United Federation of Teachers.

Appelbaum’s RWDSU is a largely blue-collar union that represents a diverse constituency, from poultry workers in the South to department store workers in the North, and his coming out was saluted by labor’s top leaders.

AFL-CIO president Richard Trumka, who was also president of the United Mine Workers from 1982 to 1995, hailed Appelbaum’s action, declaring that “when a leader of Stuart’s stature comes out, it sends a power-

ful message that LGBT people are a vital part of the labor movement. I think that makes it easier for other LGBT trade unionists to come out.” The president of the 10 million-member labor federation added, “The labor movement is a natural ally of anyone fighting for human rights. Obviously that includes the LGBT community. And it cuts both ways. For example, HRC, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and Empire State Pride Agenda in New York are strong supporters of the Employee Free Choice Act. They recognize that LGBT workers need a strong voice at work and that unions ought to be that voice. The bottom line is that you can’t be pro-gay and antiunion, and you can’t be pro-union and antigay.”

Anna Burger, president of the rival labor coalition Change to Win, representing unions totaling 6 million members that had seceded from the AFL-CIO in 2005, told *Gay City News*’ Duncan

Osborne, “Our unions represent working women and men from all different backgrounds, far too many of whom are denied equal rights and protection under the law simply because of who they love. RWDSU president Stuart Appelbaum’s decision to come out and speak out for justice serves as another reminder to our LGBT friends, family, sisters, and brothers that the labor movement stands at their side in the critical struggle for equality for every man, woman, and child in America.”

RED-BAITING AND GAY-BAITING

There have always been gays at the forefront of the labor movement. In the early 1900s, it fell to feminists to organize the first female unions, and many of the outstanding leaders were lesbians—among them Helen Marot, who helped cofound the New York branch of the Women’s Trade Union League in 1903 and organized office workers in the Bookkeepers, Stenographers and Accountants Union; or Pauline Newman, the first full-time female organizer of the International Ladies’ Garment Workers’ Union, as lesbian writer Sarah Schulman relates in her fascinating book *My American History: Lesbian and Gay Life During the Reagan/Bush Years* (Routledge, 1994).

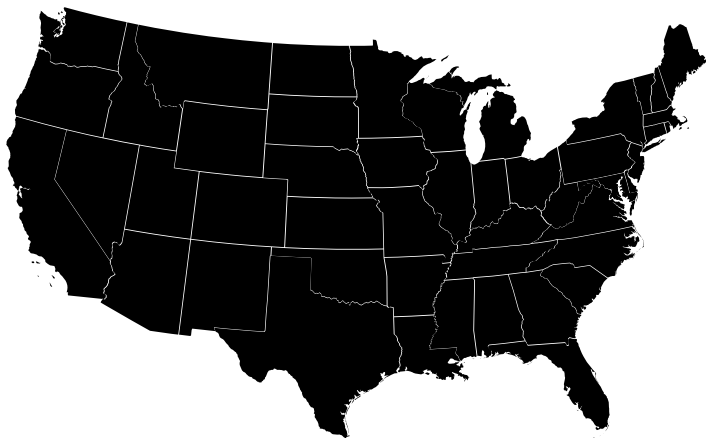
After being discharged from the Army in 1936 for suspicion of homosexuality, the flamboyant Stephen Blair moved to San Francisco and joined the National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards (NUMCS). The small union enabled Blair to earn top wages waiting tables on luxury liners before being blacklisted in the 1950s; it also played a role in introducing Blair to his life partner, Frank McCormick, who served as union officer of the NUMCS as well as vice president of the California Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO). Known for its acceptance of gay and African-American members, the Communist-led NUMCS rejected segregation at a time when Jim Crow laws were the rule, as the late gay historian Allan Bérubé has documented. During the anti-left witch hunts of the McCarthy era, this made it easier for the AFL-CIO—led by conservatives from the Building and Construction Trades Department—to expel the NMCUS in 1955

for its Communist involvement (along with eight other left-wing unions) and imprison or blacklist the NMCUS leaders.

THE STONEWALL AND HARVEY MILK ERA >>

The first major gay-labor coalition in the post-Stonewall history of the modern American gay movement began in 1975 in San Francisco, when Bay Area Gay Liberation (BAGL, the largest local gay group at the time) decided to support a municipal workers strike. This led to a mutual assistance agreement between the city’s Central Labor Council and the organized gay community, whose interests frequently coincided. Later that same year, when the AFL-CIO and the local labor union chapter of the Teamsters boycotted Coors due to its union-busting and labor law-breaking, the boycott had the gay community’s enthusiastic support because of the company’s notoriously antigay policies. (Prospective Coors employees were required to take a lie detector test that included the question, “Are you homosexual?”) •—————→





Support from unions, galvanized by gay labor leader Howard Wallace, provided the margin of victory that enabled Harvey Milk to win his historic election as an openly gay man to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. By the end of the '70s, California's labor movement was a solid gay ally, providing the money and manpower to defeat the 1978 Briggs Initiative, which would have banned homosexuals from teaching in public schools.

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), has lead the way in terms of gay and lesbian workers' representation. In 1982, delegates to the International Convention passed the first resolution in support of homosexuals' civil rights and continues to develop methods of appropriate representation and raising awareness today. According to Ginny Cady, a three-decade AFSCME veteran who has served as international union president Gerald McEntee's gay liaison, in the early '80s this was largely a *pro forma* position: "There wasn't a lot of support or

discussion of gay issues—it just wasn't talked about. Now the vast majority of our contracts have sexual orientation in their non-discrimination clauses and include domestic partnership benefits for same-sex couples."

Today the AFSCME has 1.6 million members and its national conventions now feature an informal gay day, with a gay caucus, workshops, and reception. McEntee has a 12-member gay and lesbian advisory committee, with delegates appointed by the union's regional vice presidents. AFSCME's legal department even filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the successful fight to have the Supreme Court strike down Colorado's Amendment 2, which would have barred gay rights laws in the state.

COMING OUT—AS PRO-UNION >> The 2.2 million-member Service Employees International Union (SEIU) is another union that has undergone a radical transformation into one of the most gay-friendly in the AFL-CIO. "I remember 16 years ago at our convention when, for the first time, an openly gay delegate stepped to the microphone with fear and courage to support a resolution opposing discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation," says Andy Stern, SEIU president from 1996 to 2010. "To see how far gay and lesbian people who stood up for themselves have come in what I like to think of as a more and more progressive union is thrilling." Now, there is a Lavender Caucus in each of the union's three regions—in the Western region alone there are more than 30 such local caucuses.

In 1994, when New York hosted Stonewall's 25th anniversary celebration, gay labor activists met and launched a national gay labor group they called Pride at Work (PAW). By 1997, PAW had become an official part of the AFL-CIO, which gave it office space in the national labor federation's huge headquarters on 16th Street in Washington, D.C., and provided a small stipend to expand its organizing.

Today, PAW counts chapters in 14 states, and its executive board of directors includes official representatives not only from SEIU, AFSCME, and the AFT, but from the International Association

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of Machinists, the United Auto Workers, UNITE-HERE (which represents workers in the hospitality, gaming, food service, manufacturing, textile, laundry, and airport industries), and the Association of Flight Attendants-CWA, which represents 46,000 flight attendants at 26 airlines.

In 30 states, it is still legal to fire someone because of their sexual orientation, and in 37 states it is legal to fire someone because of their gender identity or expression. That's why the strongest protection for LGBT workers is a union contract. PAW has an extensive Union Certification Program for Local Union leadership to ensure that union contracts fully include protection of LGBT workers and those with different expressions of gender identity in every aspect, from general workplace non-discrimination to family benefits. PAW also has a program for transpeople that includes training for transitioning on the job.

PAW is a real-life rebuke to those neocons and neolib who engage in ritual denunciations of "identity politics"—but anyone with grassroots organizing experience knows that all politics are identity politics, including the working-class solidarity that makes unions possible. And the gay labor activists are proving the truth of the late civil rights leader Bayard Rustin's dictum that all successful political coalitions are based on mutual self-interest. For example, the Oregon Pride at Work chapter helped the large statewide gay group Basic Rights Oregon initiate an ongoing progressive voter identification project in partnership with the state's labor movement. The more than 100,000 gay and gay-friendly voters identified by the project helped swell the coalition's roster of progressive voters to over half a million—enabling it to defeat a series of right-wing antigay ballot measures and pass pro-labor referenda and making it a real power in state politics. Similar projects have formed in Michigan, Washington State, Texas, and Florida.

As PAW continues to work to educate the labor movement about LGBT rights, it also endeavors to persuade the institutional gay community to take working-class issues seriously and build

bridges to labor. "Working-class gay and lesbian people get screwed every day, but HRC doesn't care about that," says PAW's national president emerita Nancy Wohlforth. Having served as the secretary-treasurer of the 125,000-member Office and Professional Employees International Union (OPEIU) from 2003 to 2010, Wohlforth was the first openly LGBT international officer in any union.

If you're having problems getting your union local to include LGBT issues in its contracts, are experiencing discrimination on the job, or can't get your gay organization to pay attention to issues affecting LGBT workers, Oscar Wilde would tell you to contact Pride at Work. For more information, visit www.prideatwork.org •

COORS WORKERS WERE REQUIRED TO TAKE A LIE DETECTOR



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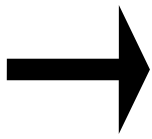
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INTRODUCTION



All Prides around the world play a vital role by telling those with the political power to make change, that it is not okay to treat us as second class citizens and that the atrocities targeted against our brothers and sisters will **NOT** be tolerated. Remember – the Pride movement is global and **YOU** are part of it. Remember also that with visibility comes a great deal of power, and ask yourself how quickly the human rights that have been achieved would disappear if our community was not visible in the eyes of the law makers. We **MUST** continue to be a visible community.

This is particularly pertinent as the world recognizes the **40th anniversary of the Stonewall riots**. The police raid that took place in the early morning hours of **June 28, 1969**, at the Stonewall Inn, in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of New York City, was arguably the beginning of what we now know as the Pride movement. With each anniversary it also reminds us of the importance of standing up and being counted. We owe it to those brave individuals to continue the legacy they set in place and to never forget how powerful our community can be in **creating and maintaining change**.

Please find in the pages following a comprehensive list of Pride events produced by InterPride member organizations from now through to June 2011. We ask you to please continue the support you have given your local Pride to build a **stronger community and a greater global voice**.

For an up-to-date list of members and events, please visit our website at www.interpride.org any time.

Yours in Pride,

Trisha Clymore

&

Mark Fredrick Chapman

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WHY PRIDE



by William Urich

Connecticut Pride
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THE RELEVANCY OF GAY PRIDE

events has been questioned. This is particularly true of Connecticut and more specifically, The Hartford GLBTI Rally and Festival. Why do we DO Pride? We now have protections for gays and lesbians from discrimination in housing and employment. And while the conservative Religious Right feared the worst once full marriage equality was achieved, the awaited fire and brimstone has not been visited upon this, or any other state or nation where full equality for all its citizens has finally been won.

So, why Pride? What's the point? It's been said that the Connecticut gay community has made such significant strides toward social acceptance that Pride has become nothing more than a party, lacking substance, political significance, creativity and relevance. Those who say this, however, have not been to Hartford Pride in a while. We have indeed made profound progress toward social and political equality. We have developed identifiable neighborhoods, social networks and political organizations throughout the U.S. and

abroad. Our issues are now the subject of local and national media coverage. Moreover, we have come a long way from the first Pride events of the 1980s at the Old State House in downtown Hartford where the earliest Pride goers wore masks to protect themselves from being identified, targeted, fired and evicted..... or worse.

But locally, nationally and internationally, our community is still subject to discrimination, persecution and hostility. While in Connecticut our relationships are now legally recognized, our brothers and sisters in Uganda are fighting legislation, sparked by an over-zealous outreach on the part of the American conservative religious movement, that would mandate

government execution of all homosexuals. Furthermore, it would also condemn heterosexual individuals who refuse to turn their gay and lesbian friends and family over to the authorities for extermination to the same fate. This goes far beyond a frightening Orwellian future and returns us to a more horrific Hitlerian past. When will we ever learn?

As of this writing, there are 7 nations which punish homosexuality with death. Nearly 75 more dole out outrageous fines and prison sentences to their citizens simply for being who they are. And while we struggle with the bureaucratic details of the event permit process and production planning snafus, Moscow, Belgrade and other Prides are repeatedly denied their constitutional right to organize and assemble, the "batty man" is hunted and murdered with impunity in Jamaica, Transfolk are persecuted throughout the global theater and gay bashings continue right here in our own country.

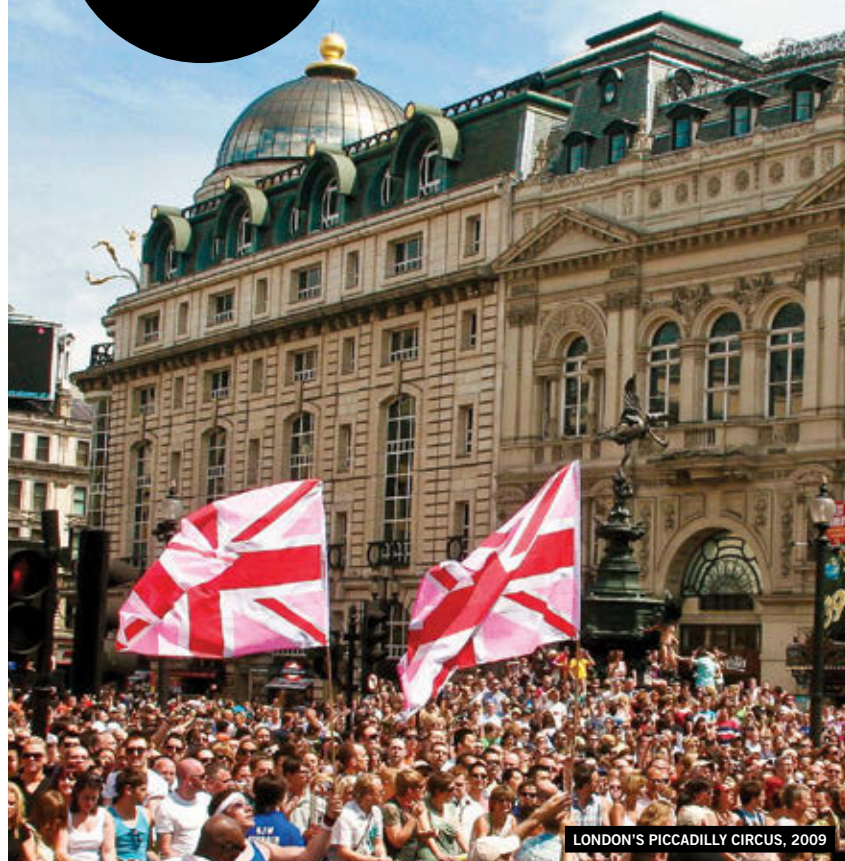
Injustice anywhere threatens justice everywhere and this is why Pride events are not only relevant, they are an ongoing imperative. As Pride event producers, we are educators to the public: we teach and show the members of mainstream society that we are their sons, daughters, mothers, fathers, doctors, lawyers, teachers, clergy, farmers, office workers, store clerks, neighbors, friends..... we are everyone and everywhere. We must continue to be visible and fight for those who are forced to exist between the shadows of their lives. We cannot continue to take our right to gather at Pride for granted when countless others around the world are denied this basic and fundamental freedom. The struggle for our rights is the struggle for your rights and they are all HUMAN rights.

So when we are asked why we do Pride, we answer, "We do Pride because WE can." And we must never forget that.



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LONDON'S PICCADILLY CIRCUS, 2009

Colm Howard-Lloyd

Vice Chair, Communications
Pride London, UK

TRADITIONALLY THE EVENT HAS BEEN awarded to a city with a pretty significant reason to play host. The successful bid from London to host WorldPride in 2012 has demonstrated a new purpose. While London did indeed meet the criteria, with the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee surrounding the event, it was definitely a significant year for the city. But what London's bid showed the InterPride conference was how WorldPride can really be a force for good. The main focus in 2012 will not just be on the city itself—its journey to equality and the party it can put on—it will be about the

global stage for LGBT-issues that hosting the world's media can bring.

There have been two previous WorldPrides. Whilst both were successful, they each suffered massive resistance from inside their own countries and all of the effort was focussed on just putting the event on. 2000 and the dawning of a new millennium saw the Catholic church's home-base Rome play host. The city of Rome and its Mayor were initially supportive, providing funding and use of the city's logo for the event. However over the coming months a heated battle saw the funding and permits removed, then finally restored on the condition the logo remained out of the event publicity.

Inevitably the event was staunchly opposed by Pope John Paul II, who saw WorldPride as an infringement on the

numerous pilgrims visiting Rome for the 2000th birthday of their deity. The Pope addressed crowds in St. Peter's Square during WorldPride 2000, telling them it was an "offense to the Christian values of a city that is so dear to the hearts of Catholics across the world." Nice one JP!

The event was, though, a huge success and saw 250,000 people join the march to the Colosseum and the Circus Maximus, two of Rome's most famous ancient sites. It was one of the biggest crowds to gather in Rome for decades, and so WorldPride was born.

WorldPride 2005 was a little less successful, but certainly generated headlines. Israel's withdrawal from the Gaza Strip meant that Jerusalem wasn't a safe enough place for a major international event and so it was cancelled.

2006 saw them try again, and to a certain degree the event took place. A week of events including numerous conferences, art exhibitions, political events and a film festival were staged. The parade was less successful however. The religious bodies all opposed the march (do you see a theme here?), but given Israel is a secular nation that wasn't enough to prevent it. What finally did prevent WorldPride 2006's march was the Israel-Lebanon conflict; with not enough soldiers to protect the event there was no choice but to replace it with a Silent Rally in the park. A parade of sorts did take place in November 2006.

So what of the future? As Pride organizers, in a relatively equal part of Europe, a common question we get asked is – why do you still need Pride? This is something we've long pondered and beyond the usual answers that we still don't have full equality (an awkward answer to elucidate as the differences become more and more technical), or that it is a celebration; even our own 'community' can struggle to find a purpose to party.

The United Kingdom has always had a rather outward looking aspect; we are a small island the size of Kansas, and we've been partial to a bit of Empire over the →

years (sorry about all that!). And it was to the rest of the world we looked when we first decided, in 2007, to bid for WorldPride.

There are 78 countries where male-male love is still illegal and 44 where our sisters, traditionally ignored in legislation as an improbability, can't get together. Like most people, I assumed as a radical young activist those years ago, that we'd have this nonsense sorted way before 2010. But we haven't and whilst we have some of the biggest events (let alone Pride celebrations) in cities such as Rio, New York, Berlin, San Francisco and many more, LGBT people are still being put to death no more than a few hours plane ride away. This is how Pride London began our journey to bidding to host WorldPride 2012; we wanted to be a platform for the world.

As we stood on stage, at InterPride conference in Vancouver in 2008, we told the assembled delegates about our vision; that we wanted to use an opportunity where almost three-quarters of the world's population would be focusing on one city for good. We showed our short video that highlighted some of the successes we'd had in Riga and parts of the Commonwealth in using our event to put pressure on other cities to allow Pride there.

Fantastically we won, and we've already started the planning. Meetings with everyone from the London Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games, through city authorities and the Mayor, to our tourist board have, given us the confidence that the whole city is as excited for WorldPride 2012 as we are.

Toronto will be host for WorldPride 2014 and I know they are ready to continue the trend. This is very much Pride 2.0, and with EuroPride also shifting away from the "usual suspects" to cities such as Warsaw in 2010, we may just yet become a truly world event.

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PRIDES IN EASTERN EUROPE

THE BITTER TASTE OF THE BATONS

Nikolai Alekseev

Moscow Pride Chief Organizer
InterPride Director for Region 8

MILLIONS OF PEOPLE AROUND the world, both gay and straight, will once again celebrate Pride this year. Some of us are lucky enough to be born in a time and in countries which have already achieved some equality for LGBT people, but some have been part of Stonewall, worked with Milk and remember about the early days the Pride movement before celebrations became commonplace. And while most Pride participants will enjoy peaceful and colourful events throughout this Pride season, some will feel the bitter taste of the batons.

The excellent Canadian documentary "Beyond Gay: the Politics of Pride" directed by Bob Christie reminds us that for many around the world, Prides are still not a celebration, but a way to come out in society and launch one's individual campaign for equality. In that way, Pride organizers convey a political message but also sign up for a painful visibility which



can cause them to be insulted, beaten, and often arrested. Some of you have seen video footage of this horror at InterPride Annual Conferences, Human Rights workshops and at various other events, including Prides.

This year, Eastern Europe will see new Prides taking place. St. Petersburg (Russia), Minsk (Belarus), Vilnius (Lithuania) and Bratislava (Slovakia) will for the first time join the visible Pride movement. EuroPride will also take place in Warsaw, Poland's Capital city. The movement has never been so dynamic in this region.

At the time of this printing, several Eastern European Prides are expected to be targeted by religious leaders, politicians and extremists and it is not yet certain if the municipal authorities will grant permission to rally in St Petersburg, Minsk, Vilnius (Lithuania), Chisinau (Moldova) and Moscow (Russia).

St. Petersburg and Minsk organizers vowed to ignore any threats and will march despite a ban, as has been done in Moscow for the past 5 years.

Ironically, Eastern European Pride

organizers have the law on their side but not the support of those whose job it is to apply those laws equally and fairly. The European Convention of Human Rights, which applies to most of the European continent, and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, a UN treaty, both guarantee freedom of assembly for all citizens.

In 2005, the Mayor of Warsaw banned the first Pride. In 2007, the European Court of Human Rights ruled against Poland in this matter, setting an important precedent in favour of Eastern European Pride organizers. And in 2010, EuroPride is happening there. How historic!

The origins of Pride in one country usually depend on the existence of a small group of individuals ready to endorse this uneasy and not very rewarding campaign.

Pride is often a dilemma in some countries where activists are more likely to be at risk. Carefully weighed decisions must be made: should we march despite the threat of homophobia or should we endorse a more discreet (and safer) approach?

In this respect, Milk had drawn the

line 30 years ago. "We are coming out to fight the lies, the myths, and the distortions." Visibility is how Milk and his team defeated the bigotry of Prop 6, simply by showing who this law would hurt.

Like Eastern European Pride organizers today, Milk used the media to convey his message to society. He understood he was running out of time to knock on every Californian's door to convince them. Instead, he entered their home via TV and radio.

Because Pride initiatives can potentially generate considerable attention, they are a unique chance for activists to enter the mainstream media, especially since the Internet has multiplied the channels. Once you are able to get the topic out to society, you can then start driving your own agenda.

Moscow Pride, for example, regularly brings 100 journalists to its annual press conference. This helps to make the agenda of the GLBT community visible, and pushes campaigns on marriage equality, anti-discrimination legislation and the MSM blood donation ban. Pride is therefore a platform which allows these subjects to be heard.

Pride is the first step of a long journey towards equality. And long before it can be a joyful carnival, Pride is first and foremost a battle against bigotry, homophobia, religious extremism, populist politicians, skinheads and other right-wing antigay groups.

Change to society is always accompanied by ambivalence. However, by enabling the LGBT community to become visible within society, Pride organizers are making the first step in the campaign for LGBT rights in their respective countries. They fight the lies and negative stereotypes of LGBT people that are perpetuated by tabloids. Pride organizers encourage a different message to be sent out to their society: LGBT people are not going to surrender and they are ready to stand up for their rights with courage and conviction.

Times change.

Strategies remain the same.

GLOBAL CALENDAR

Please Note: What follows is a concise listing of InterPride member organizations and their local events. While the listings are accurate as possible at presstime, they range in scope and are subject to change. Last-minute deletions, additions and adjustments to schedules tends to be the rule, rather than the exception. Readers are strongly advised to consult local websites listed here or InterPride's website (www.interpride.org) which furnishes live links to all member sites.

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

ALABAMA

BIRMINGHAM

CENTRAL ALABAMA PRIDE, INC.
June 4 to 13 Central Alabama
Pride Week

June 12 Central Alabama Pride Parade
June 13 Central Alabama PrideFest
www.CentralAlabamaPride.org

MOBILE

MOBILE ALABAMA PRIDE, INC.
April 23 to 25 Mobile
Alabama PrideFest
www.MobileAlabamaPride.com

ARKANSAS

CONWAY

CONWAY GAY PRIDE
June 6 Conway Gay Pride Parade
& Festival
www.ConwayPride.com

ARIZONA

PHOENIX

PHOENIX PRIDE
April 9 to 18 10 Days of Pride
April 17 Phoenix Pride Parade
April 17 & 18 Phoenix Pride Festival
October 10 OUTday PHX
www.PhoenixPride.org

CALIFORNIA

EUREKA

HUMBOLDT PRIDE INC.
September 11 Humboldt Pride
Festival & Parade
www.HumboldtPride.org

LONG BEACH

LONG BEACH LESBIAN
& GAY PRIDE
May 15 & 16 Long Beach
Lesbian & Gay Pride Festival
May 16 Long Beach Pride Parade
www.LongBeachPride.com

MONTEREY

PRIDE OF MONTEREY COUNTY
July 10 Monterey County Pride
Celebration www.MontereyPride.org

SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO LGBT PRIDE
July 17 & 18 San Diego LGBT Pride
Festival www.SDPride.org

SAN FRANCISCO

FOLSOM STREET EVENTS
July 23 to 25 Up Your Alley Week
September 26 Folsom Street Fair
www.FolsomStreetEvents.org

WEST HOLLYWOOD

CHRISTOPHER STREET WEST
ASSOCIATION, INC.
June 11 to 13 L.A. Pride Festival
June 13 L.A. Pride Festival
LAPride.org

CONNECTICUT

HARTFORD

CONNECTICUT PRIDE HARTFORD
RALLY AND FESTIVAL, INC.
June 5 Connecticut Pride Rally
& Festival
www.ConnecticutPride.org

FLORIDA

BROWARD COUNTY

PRIDE SOUTH FLORIDA
March 13 & 14 PrideFest
www.PrideSouthFlorida.org

GAINESVILLE

PRIDE COMMUNITY CENTER OF
NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
October 16 Pride Picnic Gainesville
October 23 Gainesville Pride Festival
www.GainesvillePride.org

PANAMA CITY

EMERALD COAST PRIDE, INC.
June 26 Emerald Coast
PrideFest 2010
September 18 4th Annual
Family Fun Day Pride Picnic
October 16 "Reel" Pride Film Festival
www.EmeraldCoastPride.com

TALLAHASSEE

THE FAMILY TREE
April 10 to 17 Tallahassee PrideFest
www.TallahasseePride.com

GEORGIA

ATLANTA

THE ATLANTA PRIDE
COMMITTEE, INC.
October 9 & 10 Atlanta Pride Festival
www.AtlantaPride.org

AUGUSTA

AUGUSTA PRIDE, INC.
Apr 24 "Out of the Closet"
June 18 to 20 Augusta PrideFest
June 19 Augusta Pride Parade
www.PrideAugusta.org

HAWAII

KAILUA KONA

HAWAII ISLAND PRIDE INC.
June 25 to 27 HIP Gay Pride
Weekend
www.HawaiiIslandPride.com

ILLINOIS

CHICAGO

PRIDE CHICAGO
June 27 Gay Pride Parade
www.ChicagoPrideCalendar.org

INDIANA

INDIANAPOLIS

INDY PRIDE INC.
June 6 to 13 Circle City IN Pride
June 12 Circle City IN
Parade & Festival
www.IndyPrideInc.org



PRIDE CHICAGO



PRIDE ALLIANCE LONG ISLAND

IOWA

DAVENPORT

QC PRIDE, INC.

June 5 & 6 QC Pride Fest 2010

www.QCPride.org

KANSAS

KANSAS CITY

SHOW ME PRIDE

May 31 to June 6 Gay Pride Week

June 4 Power the Light with Pride

June 5 to 6 Gay Pride Festival

www.GayPrideKC.com

KENTUCKY

LOUISVILLE

KENTUCKIANA PRIDE FESTIVAL

June 18 & 19 Kentuckiana
Pride Festival

June 18 Pride Parade

www.KentuckianaPrideFestival.com

MARYLAND

ANNAPOLIS

CHESAPEAKE PRIDE FESTIVAL

August 7 Chesapeake Pride Festival

www.ChesapeakePrideFestival.org



TALAHASSEE PRIDE FEST



LAS VEGAS PRIDE

MASSACHUSETTS

BOSTON

BOSTON PRIDE COMMITTEE

June 4 to 13 Boston Pride Week

June 12 Boston Pride Festival & Parade

June 13 Jamaica Plain & Stuart Street
Block Parties

www.BostonPride.org

MICHIGAN

GRAND RAPIDS

WEST MICHIGAN PRIDE, INC.

Feb 13 Love Stinks Gala

June 19 West Michigan Pride Festival

www.WestMIPride.org

LANSING

MICHIGAN PRIDE, INC.

June 11 to 13 Michigan Pride

www.MichiganPride.org

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KANSAS CITY

SHOW ME PRIDE

June 1 to 6 Gay Pride Week

June 3 Show Me Pride Quilt Dinner

www.GayPrideKC.com

NORTH CAROLINA

ASHEVILLE

BLUE RIDGE PRIDE

October 2 Blue Ridge Pride

www.BlueRidgePride.com

DURHAM/RALEIGH

PRIDE COMMITTEE OF NORTH
CAROLINA

September 25 NC PrideFest 2010

Durham/Raleigh www.NCPride.org

NEW JERSEY

ASBURY PARK

JERSEY PRIDE, INC.

June 6 19th Annual GLBTI Pride

Celebration www.JerseyPride.org

JERSEY CITY

JERSEY CITY LESBIAN
& GAY OUTREACH

August 28 Jersey City's 10th Year
LGBT Pride Festival

www.JCLGO.org

NEW MEXICO

ALBUQUERQUE

ALBUQUERQUE PRIDE, INC.

June 10 to 12 Albuquerque Pride

www.ABQPride.com

SANTA FE

SANTA FE HUMAN
RIGHTS ALLIANCE

June 18 to 27 Santa Fe Pride

www.SantaFeHRA.org

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS

SOUTHERN NEVADA
ASSOCIATION OF PRIDE, INC.

April 18 to May 2 Las Vegas Pride

April 30 Las Vegas Pride Parade

www.LasVegasPride.org

NEW YORK

GREENE COUNTY

RIVER PRIDE: OUT & ABOUT

June 19 River Pride 2010

www.RiverPride.com

LONG ISLAND

LONG ISLAND PRIDE
PARADE, INC.

Jun 5 Pride Dance

Jun 13 20th Annual LI Pride Parade

Jun 26 Rainbow Cruise

www.LIPrideParade.com

PRIDE ALLIANCE LONG ISLAND

Feb 26-28 2010 Northeast Regional
Pride Conference (NERP)

May 22 Long Island CommUNITY

Picnic www.PA-LI.org

JACKSON HEIGHTS (QUEENS)

QUEENS L AND G PRIDE

June 6 Queens Pride Day

www.QueensPride.com

NEW YORK CITY

HERITAGE OF PRIDE

June 19 to 27 NYC LGBT Pride Week

June 26 Rapture on the River

June 27 The March, PrideFest, and
Dance on the Pier: Dance 24

www.NYCPride.org

ROCHESTER

GAY ALLIANCE OF THE GENESEE
VALLEY (GAGV)

July 10 to 18 Pride Week

July 17 Pride Family Day, Pride
Parade, and Pride Festival

July 18 Pride Picnic

www.GayAlliance.org

SYRACUSE

CNY PRIDE

June 19 CNY Pride Parade & Festival

June 20 CNY Pride Picnic

www.CNYPride.org

OHIO

CINCINNATI

GAY & LESBIAN COMMUNITY
CENTER OF CINCINNATI

September 10 Pride Night at Kings
Island CincyGLBT.com

COLUMBUS

STONEWALL COLUMBUS

Jun 18-19 Columbus Pride Festival

Jun 19 Columbus Pride Parade

www.columbuspride.org

OREGON

EUGENE

PRIDE DAY EQUALITY PROJECT

August 14 Eugene/Springfield

Pride Festival www.EugenePride.org

PENNSYLVANIA

ERIE

ERIE GAY NEWS

June 12 Family Pride Picnic

www.Picnic.ErieGayNews.com

July 24 & 25 Erie Gay Pride Weekend

www.ErieGayPride.org

HARRISBURG

PRIDE FESTIVAL OF CENTRAL PA

Feb-Jun Dame Glenda's Pride Tour,
Harrisburg, PA

Apr 17 Pride Festival of Central PA
Spring Fling

July 23 to 25 PrideFest and Parade

www.PrideofCentralPA.org

PITTSBURGH

DELTA FOUNDATION OF PITTS-
BURGH — PITTSBURGH PRIDE

June 4 to 13 Pride Week

June 12 Pride in the Street

June 13 PrideFest & Pride

Awareness March

www.PittsburghPride.org

SOUTH CAROLINA

ANDERSON/SPARTANBURG

UPSTATE PRIDE

June 5 Pride Pageant

June 18 Mr. & Ms Upstate

Pride Debut

June 19 Upstate Pride March

www.UpstatePrideSC.org

CHARLESTON

CHARLESTON PRIDE
ORGANIZATION, INC.

May 15 Charleston's

First Gay Pride Parade

CharlestonGayPride.com

COLUMBIA

SOUTH CAROLINA PRIDE

September 4 South Carolina Pride
Parade, Festival & Rally

September 5 South Carolina Pride
Picnic www.SCPride.org

TEXAS

AUSTIN

AUSTIN GAY AND LESBIAN PRIDE
FOUNDATION

June 3 to 6 Austin Pride

www.AustinPride.org

VIRGINIA

CHESAPEAKE

Hampton Roads Pride

June 27 Out in the Park

www.HamptonRoadsPride.net

RICHMOND

VIRGINIA PRIDE

March 19 to 21 Prides of the
Southeast (POSE) Conference

September 25 VA Pride Festival

www.VAPride.org

ROANOKE

ROANOKE PRIDE

September 19 Pride in the Park
Festival www.RoanokePride.com

WASHINGTON

PASCO

MID-COLUMBIA PRIDE COMMITTEE

July 18 Mid-Columbia Pride Festival

www.MidColumbiaPride.com

SPOKANE

OUTSPOKANE

June 12 19th Annual Pride Parade &
Rainbow Festival

www.OutSpokane.org

TACOMA

OUT IN TACOMA

July 10 Out in the Park

www.RainbowCNTR.org

WEST VIRGINIA

CHARLESTON

RAINBOW PRIDE OF
WEST VIRGINIA

May 28 to June 8 Pride Week

www.PrideWV.org



WISCONSIN

MILWAUKEE

PRIDEFEST

June 11 to 13 PrideFest

www.PrideFest.com

PUERTO RICO

SAN JUAN

COALICION ORGULLO
ARCOIRIS, INC.

June 6 Celebrando y Trabajando

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MEXICO

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GBLT PRIDE

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CANADA

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August 11 to 15 Okanagan Pride

www.OkanaganPride.com

PRINCE GEORGE

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July 14-18 Prince George Pride

July 17 Pride Parade & Festival

July 18 Pride BBQ

www.PGPride.com

VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER PRIDE SOCIETY

August 1 Vancouver Pride
Parade & Festival

www.VancouverPride.ca

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MONTREAL PRIDE
CELEBRATIONS
Aug 12-15 Montreal
Pride Celebrations
www.fiertemontrealpride.com



AUSTRALIA

MELBOURNE

PRIDE MARCH VICTORIA
February 6, 2011 Pride March
www.PrideMarch.com.au

CAMBODIA

PHNOM PENH

CAMBODIA LGBT PRIDE
May 10 to 17 Cambodia Pride
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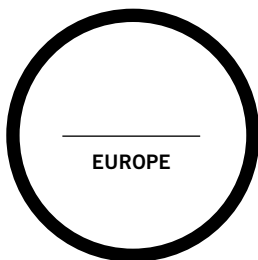
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GAY BELARUS
May 15 Slavic Pride
www.GayBelarus.by

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June 19 Le Festival et Marche de
Fiertés de Toulouse
www.PrideToulouse.com

GERMANY

BERLIN

BERLINER CSD E.V.
May 28 to June 20 Pride Festival
June 19 Christopher Street Day (CSD)
Pride Parade
www.CSD-Berlin.de

BIELEFELD

NETWORK OF LESBIAN AND GAY
GROUPS IN BIELEFELD E.V.
July 17 CSD Bielefeld
www.CSD-Bielefeld.de

COLOGNE

COLOGNE ASSOCIATION OF LES-
BIANS AND GAYS
June 19 to July 4 Cologne Pride
July 4 CSD Parade
www.ColognePride.de

HAMBURG

HAMBURG PRIDE E.V.
July 31 to August 8 Pride Week
August 7 Pride Parade
www.CSD-Hamburg.de

HANNOVER

CSD HANNOVER
August 28 CSD Hannover
www.CSD-Nordwest.de

OLDENBURG

CSD NORDWEST
June 19 CSD Oldenburg
www.CSD-Stuttgart.de

STUTTART

IG CSD STUTTART E.V.
July 23 to August 1 CSD Stuttgart
www.CSD-Stuttgart.de

WUERZBURG

CSD WUERZBURG
July 31 CSD Wuerzburg
www.CSD-Wuerzburg.de

GREECE

ATHENS

ATHENS PRIDE
June 5 Athens Pride
www.AthensPride.eu

POLAND

WARSAW

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July 9 to 18 EuroPride 2010
July 17 Pride Parade
www.EuroPride2010.eu

PORTUGAL

PORTO

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July 10 Porto Pride
www.PortoPride.org

RUSSIA

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LGBT HUMAN RIGHTS PROJECT
GAYRUSSIA.RU
May 29 Moscow Pride 2010
www.MoscowPride.ru

ST. PETERSBURG

EQUALITY
June 26 St. Petersburg Gay Pride
www.SPB-Pride.ru

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NYC ON A DIME

The Village People knew where to stay, but New York native **Tony Adams** has a few more ideas—as well as a list of what to do with the money you'll save.

IT'S TRUE THAT NEW YORK is the most expensive city in the country, and there is no shortage of TV shows like *Gossip Girl* and movies like *Sex and the City* to remind you that no better place in the U.S. exists to live the luxe life. But that shouldn't stop you from visiting. There are more than 8 million people living in the city of New York—millions more in the surrounding areas—and most are far from rich. With a little city savvy, your NYC experience will be as gay and glam as Sean Hayes or Rachel Maddow's. Read on for a few tips that will not only serve you here, but might even come in handy there.

PACKING

Anywhere you go, it's always easy to spot the New Yorker. Why? As a Miami Beach local put it on a recent business trip I took there, "Black T-shirt. Black jeans. Black. Black. Black. It's all you guys wear." He was right, of course, but there's a reason for it: In a city where your itinerary is often double or triple parked, basic black can take you from brunch to a gallery opening to happy hour to dinner to a nightclub and beyond, without wasting any time running home to change outfits. **A high-quality fitted tee in the city's favorite shade** will take you almost anywhere, and you can use it at the gym on day two of your trip. You might even be able to wash it in the sink, but do be sure to pack more than one anyway.

Dark jeans and a single pair of comfortable black walking or running shoes with no ornamentation will be acceptable anywhere. In cooler months, pack layers rather than just one light or one heavy jacket. Each layer can stand alone, keep you warm when combined, or be subtracted and added as you move from indoors to out.

Packing lightly has another benefit: The less you have to lug around, the cheaper it is to get around. **With a small bag, you can easily navigate the subway, bus, and sidewalk**—and this can cut hundreds of dollars off your tab. Besides, it's more fun to use that money for cool gear to augment the basics you packed. While New York is famous for its high-end shops on Fifth Avenue and upper Madison, there are even more stores selling great basics at prices you won't see anywhere else.

STAYING

What little time you spend in your hotel room will be with your eyes closed. Rather than dropping big dough on luxe accommodations, check around for lodging that is located in a neighborhood you intend to frequent and close to a few different subway lines.

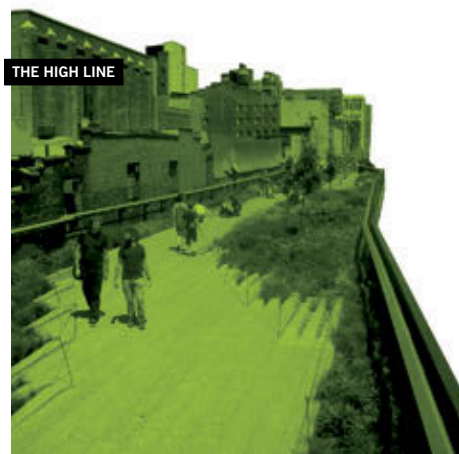
When it comes to lodging in New York, it's especially helpful to think outside the box. **Manhattan alone has three YMCAs:** one in Harlem, the Vanderbilt Y on the East Side, and the West Side Y on West 63rd Street. While none are flashy, all of them are clean, comfortable, and safe. As a guest, you have access to first-class gyms and pools, and the West Side Y is especially convenient to transportation, Lincoln Center, Central Park, and the bars and restaurants of Manhattan's hottest new gayborhood, Hell's Kitchen.

Some rooms come with private baths, and the West Side Y even has a few with killer views of Central Park. One of our favorite memories of staying there was leaning out the window and watching Madonna being photographed on her next-door rooftop terrace.

But New York's YMCAs are just one example of your options. There are hostels, inns, and B&Bs galore, with rooms that start as low as \$89 a night, double occupancy. Some establishments also worth checking out: the **Gershwin, Second Home on Second Avenue, the Murray Hill Inn, and the Colonial House**. Check out the websites for *New York Magazine* and *Time Out New York* (see our list of helpful websites) for recommendations and reviews on other low-cost options.

EATING

Even if you're on a budget, New York has such a wide variety of economical places to eat there's no reason—ever—to resort to fast food. The city is filled with outstanding ethnic eateries, diners, inexpensive restaurants, gourmet grocery stores, and the ubiquitous **Korean deli** (which simply means a food store/steam table establishment that is usually—but not always—owned by Koreans). The best Korean delis are bright, spotless, and carry a variety of tasty, reasonably



THE HIGH LINE

priced hot and cold foods presented on enormous steam tables. You assemble your meal, after which it gets weighed by the cashier and you are charged accordingly.

Many a New Yorker has been saved from starvation thanks to a neighborhood Korean deli, but for special occasions on a budget, take it one step further and buy a variety of treats from a gourmet store (some Korean delis qualify) and **have a picnic**. Simply pick up the necessities for your meal, pair it with the wine or beverage of your choice and bring it to one of the city's many parks for an elegant, languid dinner. Don't forget a blanket!

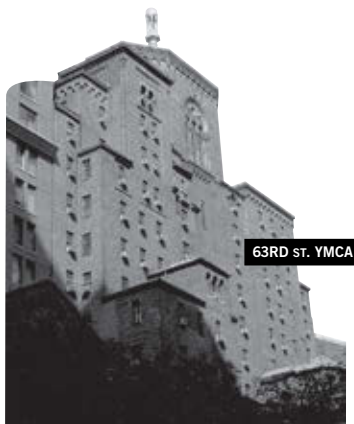
GETTING AROUND

Now that you're wearing only black, fitting your suitcase into an overhead compartment should be a breeze. What that means is that you can use **public transportation** from the airport to the city and back again, which cuts your overhead cost by almost \$100 round-trip. It also saves you time, as the major arteries connecting four of NYC's five boroughs are almost always clogged. If you're flying into **JFK International**, the **AirTrain** will easily connect you to the **A, E, J, or Z** subway lines for only \$5. **Newark International** also has an **AirTrain**, which will get you to Manhattan's Penn Station via NJ Transit for \$12.50 one way. (A taxi from Newark runs about \$75.) **From La Guardia Airport**, you can take the **M60 bus**, which will drop you at Columbia University at 116th Street and Broadway in Manhattan. There you can connect with buses and subways that will take you just about anywhere you want to go in the city.

The fast and cheap way to get where you're going, the subway is the way to go, and if you purchase a multiple trip ticket you'll save even more over the base price of \$2.25 per trip. With most taxi trips in Manhattan running from \$8 to \$10, the subway is a great deal, and unlike most cities' it runs 24/7. Plus, your **MetroCard** can also be used for bus fare.

In recent years, the city has beefed up its bike lanes, **making a bike rental another great transportation option**. Additionally, there's a bike lane running along the Hudson River with fun stops and makes for a great way to people-watch.

Walk or bike across the **Brooklyn Bridge** for one of the most dramatic vistas in the world. Take the Staten Island Ferry (it's free!) for the best view of the Statue of Liberty. **RIDE THE IKEA WATER TAXI** from Manhattan's Pier 11 to the artsy, gritty, "res-industrial" Brooklyn neighborhood of Red Hook. Check the schedule for the free trips, but if you go on a non-free excursion, show your water taxi receipt when you make a purchase at IKEA to have the cost of the trip deducted from the price of what you purchase. But make sure you save that receipt—it will get you a free return trip!



SHOPPING

Do well and do good by shopping at **Housing Works thrift shops**, where you can find serious bargains on high-end clothes and housewares and your money provides services for homeless people living with AIDS. There are also some amazing flea markets in NYC for those who love to haggle, including one in Hell's Kitchen and another on the Upper West Side. More

If you're a talk show addict, see about ordering **free tickets to be part of the studio audience** for your favorite show. NYC options include *The Martha Stewart Show*, *Late Show with David Letterman*, *The View*, *The Wendy Williams Show*, and *Live with Regis and Kelly*.

New York's newest free greenspace, the **Highline**, is a wildly popular promenade and park created from an old elevated train track in Chelsea. It's a great place to grab a cup of coffee and watch the sun set over the Hudson River—or just marvel at the uniqueness of a park elevated 30 feet over the street.

Be sure to check out the art scene in **Chelsea**. A little homework will tell you which galleries are hosting openings during your visit. Art openings offer free entry, (usually) free drinks, as well as the chance to meet like-minded individuals as yourself who may not have dinner plans.

Also worth visiting are the **Leslie Lohman Gay Art Foundation**, at 26 Wooster Street between Grand and Canal streets, and the **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center** on 13th Street at Seventh Avenue, which has lectures, exhibits, parties, dances, as well as an erotic life-drawing class!

Remember that New York is all about its neighborhoods. If you are unfamiliar with the city and want to be efficient with time and money, concentrate on the East and West Villages, Chelsea, and Hell's Kitchen for your lodging, shopping, touring, dining and bar-hopping. Do your homework beforehand to learn about which bars are hot on which nights and any special events that may be going on during your stay, and be sure to consult your favorite NYC bloggers for last-minute insider info and recommendations.



HELPFUL WEBSITES

Transporation Info

www.mta.info
us.megabus.com
www.nycbikemaps.com
www.centralparkbiketours.com

Art Openings and Shows

www.c-monster.net
www.leslielohman.org

General Info

www.gaycenter.org
www.couchsurfing.org
newyork.timeout.com
nymag.com
www.nextmagazine.com
www.villagevoice.com
www.edgenewyork.com
queernewyorkblog.blogspot.com
joemygod.com

Shopping

www.housingworks.org

The High Line

www.thehighline.org



ABOUT PREZISTA

PREZISTA® (darunavir) is a prescription medicine. It is one treatment option in the class of HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) medicines known as protease inhibitors.

PREZISTA is always taken with and at the same time as ritonavir (Norvir®), in combination with other HIV medicines for the treatment of HIV infection in adults. PREZISTA should also be taken with food.

- The use of other medicines active against HIV in combination with PREZISTA/ritonavir (Norvir®) may increase your ability to fight HIV. Your healthcare professional will work with you to find the right combination of HIV medicines
- It is important that you remain under the care of your healthcare professional during treatment with PREZISTA

PREZISTA does not cure HIV infection or AIDS, and does not prevent passing HIV to others.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

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

- **PREZISTA, together with Norvir®, has rarely been observed to cause liver problems which may be life-threatening. It was not always clear if PREZISTA caused these liver problems because some patients had other illnesses or were taking other medicines. Your healthcare professional should do blood tests prior to starting combination treatment including PREZISTA. If you have chronic hepatitis B or C infection, your healthcare professional should check your blood tests more often because you have an increased chance of developing liver problems**

Talk to your healthcare professional about the signs and symptoms of liver problems. These may include yellowing of your skin or whites of your eyes, dark (tea-colored) urine, pale-colored stools (bowel movements), nausea, vomiting, loss of appetite, or pain, aching or sensitivity on your right side below your ribs

- **Skin rashes have been reported in patients taking PREZISTA. Rarely, PREZISTA has been reported to cause a severe or life-threatening rash. Contact your healthcare professional immediately if you develop a rash. Your healthcare professional will advise you whether your symptoms can be managed on therapy or whether PREZISTA should be stopped**

Can PREZISTA be taken with other medications?

- **Taking PREZISTA with certain medicines could cause serious and/or life-threatening side effects or may result in loss of its effectiveness. Do not take PREZISTA if you are taking the following medicines:** alfuzosin (Uroxatral®), dihydroergotamine (D.H.E.45®, Migranal®), ergonovine, ergotamine (Wigraine®, Ergostat®, Cafergot®, Ergomar®), methylergonovine, cisapride (Propulsid®), pimozide (Orap®), oral midazolam, triazolam (Halcion®), rifampin (Rifadin®, Rifater®, Rifamate®), sildenafil (Revatio®) when used to treat pulmonary arterial hypertension, indinavir (Crixivan®), lopinavir/ritonavir (Kaletra®), saquinavir (Invirase®), lovastatin (Mevacor®, Altoprev®, Advicor®), pravastatin (Pravachol®), simvastatin (Zocor®, Simcor®, Vytorin®), salmeterol (Serevent®), or products containing St. John's wort
- **Before taking PREZISTA, tell your healthcare professional if you are taking sildenafil (Viagra®), vardenafil (Levitra®), tadalafil (Cialis®, Adcirca®), atorvastatin (Lipitor®), atorvastatin/amlodipine (Caduet®), rosuvastatin (Crestor®), or colchicine (Colcrys®). This is not a complete list of medicines. Be sure to tell your healthcare professional about all the medicines you are taking or plan to take, including prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements**

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ONCE-DAILY PREZISTA FOR ADULTS TAKING HIV MEDS FOR THE FIRST TIME

In a clinical study* of almost 2 years (96 weeks) in people who had never taken HIV meds before, **ONCE-DAILY PREZISTA** with low-dose ritonavir plus Truvada®...

- Helped 8 out of 10 people achieve undetectable viral load (less than 50 copies/mL)
- May help to increase T-cell count
- Was associated with low rates of diarrhea, stomach pain, nausea, and vomiting
 - Diarrhea (8%), stomach pain (5%), nausea (3%), and vomiting (2%) were reported as moderate to severe

PREZISTA must be taken with and at the same time as 100 mg of Norvir® (ritonavir), and with other HIV meds and with food.

Once-daily dosing of PREZISTA is not recommended for adults who have taken HIV meds in the past.

Please read Important Safety Information below and ask your doctor if once-daily PREZISTA is right for you.

Individual results may vary.

- Tell your healthcare professional if you are taking estrogen-based contraceptives (birth control). PREZISTA might reduce the effectiveness of estrogen-based contraceptives. You must take additional precautions for birth control, such as condoms

What should I tell my doctor before I take PREZISTA?

- Before taking PREZISTA, tell your healthcare professional if you have any medical conditions, including allergy to sulfa medicines, diabetes, liver problems (including hepatitis B or C), or hemophilia
- Tell your healthcare professional if you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant, or are breastfeeding
 - The effects of PREZISTA on pregnant women or their unborn babies are not known. You and your healthcare professional will need to decide if taking PREZISTA is right for you
 - Do not breastfeed if you are taking PREZISTA. You should not breastfeed if you have HIV because of the chance of passing HIV to your baby

What are the possible side effects of PREZISTA?

- High blood sugar, diabetes or worsening of diabetes, and increased bleeding in people with hemophilia have been reported in patients taking protease inhibitor medicines, including PREZISTA
- Changes in body fat have been seen in some patients taking HIV medicines, including PREZISTA. The cause and long-term health effects of these conditions are not known at this time
- As with other protease inhibitors, taking PREZISTA may strengthen the body's immune response, enabling it to begin to fight infections that have been hidden. Patients may experience signs and symptoms of inflammation that can include swelling, tenderness, or redness
- The most common side effects related to taking PREZISTA include diarrhea, nausea, rash, headache, stomach pain, and vomiting. Uncommon but severe side effects such as inflammation of the pancreas and increased blood fat levels have also been rarely reported. This is not a complete list of all possible side effects. If you experience these or other side effects, talk to your healthcare professional. Do not stop taking PREZISTA or any other medicines without first talking to your healthcare professional

- Please refer to the ritonavir (Norvir®) Product Information (PI and PPI) for additional information on precautionary measures

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.

- **For adults taking HIV meds for the first time:** PREZISTA 800 mg (two 400-mg tablets) must be taken at the same time with 100 mg Norvir® once daily *every day*. PREZISTA must be taken with food

Please see Important Patient Information on the next page for more information, or visit www.PREZISTA.com.

If you or someone you know needs help paying for medicine, call 1-888-4PPA-NOW (1-888-477-2669) or go to www.pparx.org.

*343 adult patients (30% women) received combination therapy with PREZISTA/ritonavir. At the start of the study, the average T-cell count was 245, and 66% of patients had a viral load less than 100,000 copies/mL.



IMPORTANT PATIENT INFORMATION

PREZISTA® (pre-ZIS-ta) [(darunavir) (da-ROO-nuh-veer)] Tablets

ALERT: Find out about medicines that should NOT be taken with PREZISTA. Please also read the section “Who should not take PREZISTA?”.

Please read this information before you start taking PREZISTA. Also, read the leaflet each time you renew your prescription, just in case anything has changed. Remember, this leaflet does not take the place of careful discussions with your doctor. You and your doctor should discuss your treatment with PREZISTA prior to the first time you take your medicine and at regular checkups. You should remain under a doctor’s care when using PREZISTA and should not change or stop treatment without first talking with a doctor.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT INFORMATION I SHOULD KNOW ABOUT PREZISTA?

PREZISTA, together with NORVIR® (ritonavir), has rarely been observed to cause liver problems which may be life-threatening. It was not always clear if PREZISTA caused these liver problems because some patients had other illnesses or were taking other medicines. Your healthcare professional should do blood tests prior to initiating combination treatment including PREZISTA. If you have chronic hepatitis B or C infection, your healthcare professional should check your blood tests more often because you have an increased chance of developing liver problems. Please also read the section “What are the possible side effects of PREZISTA?”.

Rarely, PREZISTA has been reported to cause a severe or life-threatening rash. Contact your healthcare provider immediately if you develop a rash. Your healthcare provider will advise you whether your symptoms can be managed on therapy or whether PREZISTA should be stopped.

WHAT IS PREZISTA?

PREZISTA is an oral tablet used for the treatment of HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) infection in adults. HIV is the virus that causes AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome). PREZISTA is a type of anti-HIV medicine called a protease (PRO-tee-ase) inhibitor.

HOW DOES PREZISTA WORK?

PREZISTA blocks HIV protease, an enzyme which is needed for HIV to multiply. When used with other anti-HIV medicines, PREZISTA can help to reduce the amount of HIV in your blood (called “viral load”) and increase your CD4 (T) cell count. HIV infection destroys CD4 (T) cells, which are important to the immune system. The immune system helps fight infection. Reducing the amount of HIV and increasing the CD4 (T) cell count may improve your immune system and, thus, reduce the risk of death or infections that can happen when your immune system is weak (opportunistic infections).

PREZISTA is always taken with and at the same time as ritonavir (NORVIR®), in combination with other anti-HIV medicines. PREZISTA should also be taken with food.

DOES PREZISTA CURE HIV OR AIDS?

PREZISTA does **not** cure HIV infection or AIDS. At present, there is no cure for HIV infection. People taking PREZISTA may still develop infections or other conditions associated with HIV infection. Because of this, it is very important for you to remain under the care of a doctor. Although PREZISTA is not a cure for HIV or AIDS, PREZISTA can help reduce your risks of getting illnesses associated with HIV infection (AIDS and opportunistic infection) and eventually dying from these conditions.

DOES PREZISTA REDUCE THE RISK OF PASSING HIV TO OTHERS?

PREZISTA does **not** reduce the risk of passing HIV to others through sexual contact, sharing needles, or being exposed to your blood. For your health and the health of others, it is important to always practice safer sex by using a latex or polyurethane condom or other barrier method to lower the chance of sexual contact with any body fluids such as semen, vaginal secretions, or blood. Never re-use or share needles.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions on how to prevent passing HIV to other people.

WHAT SHOULD I TELL MY DOCTOR BEFORE I TAKE PREZISTA?

Tell your doctor about all of your medical conditions, including if you:

- are allergic to sulfa medicines.
- have diabetes. In general, anti-HIV medicines, such as PREZISTA, might increase sugar levels in the blood.

- have liver problems, including hepatitis B and/or C.
- have hemophilia. Anti-HIV medicines, such as PREZISTA, might increase the risk of bleeding.
- are pregnant or planning to become pregnant. The effects of PREZISTA on pregnant women or their unborn babies are not known. You and your doctor will need to decide if taking PREZISTA is right for you. If you take PREZISTA while you are pregnant, talk to your doctor about how you can be included in the Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry.
- are breastfeeding. Do not breastfeed if you are taking PREZISTA. You should not breastfeed if you have HIV because of the chance of passing HIV to your baby. Talk with your doctor about the best way to feed your baby.

WHO SHOULD NOT TAKE PREZISTA?*

Together with your doctor, you need to decide whether taking PREZISTA is right for you.

Do not take PREZISTA if you:

- are allergic to darunavir or any of the other ingredients in PREZISTA
- are allergic to ritonavir (NORVIR®)
- take any of the following types of medicines because you could experience serious side effects:
 - alfuzosin (Uroxatral®)
 - dihydroergotamine (D.H.E. 45®, Migranal®), ergonovine, ergotamine (Cafergot®, Ergomar®), methylexgonovine
 - cisapride
 - pimozone (Orap®)
 - oral midazolam, triazolam (Halcion®)
 - St. John’s wort (*Hypericum perforatum*)
 - lovastatin (Mevacor®, Altoprev®, Advicor®), simvastatin (Zocor®, Simcor®, Vytorin®)
 - rifampin (Rifadin®, Rifater®, Rifamate®, Rimactane®)
 - sildenafil (Revatio®) when used to treat pulmonary arterial hypertension

CAN PREZISTA BE TAKEN WITH OTHER MEDICATIONS?*

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take including prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. PREZISTA and many other medicines can interact. Sometimes serious side effects will happen if PREZISTA is taken with certain other medicines (see “Who should not take PREZISTA?”).

Tell your doctor if you are taking estrogen-based contraceptives (birth control). PREZISTA might reduce the effectiveness of estrogen-based contraceptives. You must take additional precautions for birth control such as a condom.

Tell your doctor if you take other anti-HIV medicines. PREZISTA can be combined with some other anti-HIV medicines while other combinations are not recommended.

Tell your doctor if you are taking any of the following medicines:

- bepridil, lidocaine, quinidine, amiodarone (Cordarone®), digoxin (Lanoxin®), flecainide (Tambocor®), propafenone (Rythmol®),
- warfarin (Coumadin®)
- carbamazepine (Tegretol®, Carbatrol®), phenobarbital, phenytoin (Dilantin®, Phenytek®)
- trazodone (Desyrel®), desipramine (Norpramin®)
- colchicine (Colcrys®)
- clarithromycin (Biaxin®)
- ketoconazole (Nizoral®), itraconazole (Sporanox®), voriconazole (Vfend®)
- rifabutin (Mycobutin®)
- metoprolol (Lopressor®, Toprol-XL®), timolol (Betimol®, Combigan®), Istalol®, Cosopt®, Timoptic®)
- midazolam administered by injection
- felodipine (Plendil®), nifedipine (Adalat®), nicardipine (Cardene®)
- dexamethasone, fluticasone (Advair Diskus®, Cutivate®, Flonase®, Flovent Diskus®)
- bosentan (Tracleer®)
- atorvastatin (Lipitor®), pravastatin (Pravachol®), rosuvastatin (Crestor®)
- cyclosporine (Sandimmune®, Neoral®), tacrolimus (Prograf®), sirolimus (Rapamune®)

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- salmeterol (Serevent®)
- methadone, buprenorphine/naloxone
- risperidone (Risperdal®, Risperdal® Consta®, Risperdal® M-TAB®), thioridazine
- sildenafil (Viagra®), vardenafil (Levitra®), tadalafil (Cialis®)
- tadalafil (Adcirca®)
- paroxetine (Paxil®), sertraline (Zoloft®)

Tell your doctor if you are taking any medicines that you obtained without a prescription.

This is **not** a complete list of medicines that you should tell your doctor that you are taking. Know and keep track of all the medicines you take and have a list of them with you. Show this list to all of your doctors and pharmacists any time you get a new medicine. Both your doctor and your pharmacist can tell you if you can take these other medicines with PREZISTA. Do not start any new medicines while you are taking PREZISTA without first talking with your doctor or pharmacist. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for a list of medicines that can interact with PREZISTA.

HOW SHOULD I TAKE PREZISTA?

Take PREZISTA tablets every day exactly as prescribed by your doctor. You must take ritonavir (NORVIR®) at the same time as PREZISTA.

- For adults who have never taken anti-HIV medicines, the usual dose is 800 mg (two 400 mg tablets) of PREZISTA, together with 100 mg (one 100 mg capsule) of ritonavir (NORVIR®), once daily *every day*.
- For adults who have taken anti-HIV medicines in the past, the usual dose is 600 mg (one 600 mg tablet or two 300 mg tablets) of PREZISTA, together with 100 mg (one 100 mg capsule) of ritonavir (NORVIR®), twice daily *every day*. Do not take PREZISTA once daily if you have taken anti-HIV medicines in the past.

PREZISTA and ritonavir (NORVIR®) should be taken together at the same time every day. If you have questions about when to take PREZISTA and ritonavir (NORVIR®), your doctor can help you decide which schedule works for you.

Take PREZISTA and ritonavir (NORVIR®) with food. Swallow the whole tablets with a drink such as water or milk. Do not chew the tablets.

Continue taking PREZISTA and ritonavir (NORVIR®) unless your doctor tells you to stop. Take the exact amount of PREZISTA and ritonavir (NORVIR®) that your doctor tells you to take, right from the very start. To help make sure you will benefit from PREZISTA and ritonavir (NORVIR®), you must not skip doses or interrupt therapy. If you don't take PREZISTA and ritonavir (NORVIR®) as prescribed, the beneficial effects of PREZISTA and ritonavir (NORVIR®) may be reduced or even lost.

Patients taking PREZISTA once daily

If you miss a dose of PREZISTA or ritonavir (NORVIR®) by more than 12 hours, wait and then take the next dose of PREZISTA and ritonavir (NORVIR®) at the regularly scheduled time. If you miss a dose of PREZISTA or ritonavir (NORVIR®) by less than 12 hours, take your missed dose of PREZISTA and ritonavir (NORVIR®) immediately. Then take your next dose of PREZISTA and ritonavir (NORVIR®) at the regularly scheduled time.

Patients taking PREZISTA twice daily

If you miss a dose of PREZISTA or ritonavir (NORVIR®) by more than 6 hours, wait and then take the next dose of PREZISTA and ritonavir (NORVIR®) at the regularly scheduled time. If you miss a dose of PREZISTA or ritonavir (NORVIR®) by less than 6 hours, take your missed dose of PREZISTA and ritonavir (NORVIR®) immediately. Then take your next dose of PREZISTA and ritonavir (NORVIR®) at the regularly scheduled time.

You should always take PREZISTA and ritonavir (NORVIR®) together with food.

If a dose of PREZISTA or ritonavir (NORVIR®) is skipped, do not double the next dose. Do not take more or less than your prescribed dose of PREZISTA or ritonavir (NORVIR®) at any one time.

WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS OF PREZISTA?

Like all prescription drugs, PREZISTA can cause side effects. The following is **not** a complete list of side effects reported with PREZISTA when taken either alone or with other anti-HIV medicines. Do not rely on this leaflet alone for information about side effects. Your doctor can discuss with you a more complete list of side effects.

PREZISTA, together with NORVIR® (ritonavir), has rarely been observed to cause liver problems which may be life-threatening. It was not always clear if PREZISTA caused these liver problems because some patients had other illnesses or were taking other medicines. Your healthcare professional should do blood tests prior to initiating combination treatment including PREZISTA. If

you have chronic hepatitis B or C infection, your healthcare professional should check your blood tests more often because you have an increased chance of developing liver problems.

Talk to your healthcare professional about the signs and symptoms of liver problems. These may include yellowing of your skin or whites of your eyes, dark (tea colored) urine, pale colored stools (bowel movements), nausea, vomiting, loss of appetite, or pain, aching or sensitivity on your right side below your ribs.

Rash has been reported in 10.3% of patients receiving PREZISTA. In few patients, PREZISTA has been reported to cause a severe or life-threatening rash. Contact your healthcare provider immediately if you develop a rash. Your healthcare provider will advise you whether your symptoms can be managed on therapy or whether PREZISTA should be stopped.

Other relevant severe side effects reported at an uncommon or rare frequency were inflammation of the liver or pancreas, increased blood fat levels, diabetes, and changes in body fat.

Some side effects are typical for anti-HIV medicines in the same family as PREZISTA. These are:

- high blood sugar (hyperglycemia) and diabetes. This can happen in patients taking PREZISTA or other protease inhibitor medicines. Some patients have diabetes before starting treatment with PREZISTA which gets worse. Some patients get diabetes during treatment with PREZISTA. Some patients will need changes in their diabetes medicine. Some patients may need new diabetes medicine.
- increased bleeding in patients with hemophilia.
- changes in body fat. These changes can happen in patients taking anti-HIV medicines, including PREZISTA. The changes may include an increased amount of fat in the upper back and neck, breast, and around the back, chest, and stomach area. 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.
- immune reconstitution syndrome. In some patients with advanced HIV infection (AIDS) and a history of opportunistic infection, signs and symptoms of inflammation from previous infections may occur soon after anti-HIV treatment, including PREZISTA, is started. It is believed that these symptoms are due to an improvement in the body's immune response, enabling the body to fight infections that may have been present with no obvious symptoms.

The most common side effects include diarrhea, nausea, rash, headache, abdominal pain and vomiting.

Tell your doctor promptly about these or any other unusual symptoms. If the condition persists or worsens, seek medical attention.

This medication is prescribed for your particular condition. Do not use it for any other condition or give it to anybody else. Keep PREZISTA and all of your medicines out of the reach of children. If you suspect that more than the prescribed dose of this medicine has been taken, contact your local poison control center or emergency room immediately.

This is a brief summary of information about PREZISTA for adult patients with HIV. If you have any questions or concerns about either PREZISTA or HIV, talk to your doctor.

For additional information, you may also call Tibotec Therapeutics at 1-877-REACH-TT or 1-877-732-2488.

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HELL ON WHEELS

A woman with short reddish-brown hair is captured in a dynamic pose, leaning forward as if skating. She is wearing a bright orange short-sleeved shirt, black fishnet stockings, and black roller skates with red laces and blue wheels. The background is a plain, light-colored surface, and the lighting creates soft shadows on the ground.

• **Em Dash.**

Manhattan Mayhem

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She skates for the Mayhem and the Gotham Girls All-Stars and her primary position is Jammer, or point scorer. Even more not-to-be-messed-with than your usual Roller Derby Goddess, Em has been a jock since childhood. She's played lacrosse, field hockey, soccer, tennis, golf, swimming, volley ball and ice hockey. Scarier still, she majored in English literature at Smith College for ultra-brainy women. When she's not skating, she works for an indie book publisher in Manhattan.

Call them the Girls of Roller Derby. Call them the Ladies of Rollery Derby. Call them the Womyn of Roller Derby. They call themselves The Gotham Girls, and they are New York City's only all-female, skater-operated league. Based in the City of New York, there are four teams in the league, designated by borough. They are: The Bronx Gridlock, The Brooklyn Bombshells, The Manhattan Mayhem and the Queens of Pain. There is no team for Staten Island, New York's fifth borough. Two teams within the league compete with outside teams; The Gotham Girls All-Stars skate in official competitions and the Wall Street Traitors skate exhibition bouts and to promote friendship and caring throughout the Women's Flat Track Derby Association. There is also a rookie team in the league called "Meatpacking District." To say the sport is exploding would be an understatement; there are currently 497 adult female flat track roller derby leagues and teams worldwide, and more coming online every month. What follows is just a sampling of the young ladies who make Women's Flat Track Roller Derby such an uplifting and exhilarating experience...

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• **Raggedy Animal.**

Brooklyn Bombshells

#67

She's Captain of The Wall Street Traitors and her primary position is blocker. Another hardcore jock, Raggedy fell in love with gymnastics as a child. Unfortunately, that affair was cut short when she attained a height of five feet and seven inches by seventh grade. She went on to dive competitively, and has since dabbled in boxing, capoeira, dance, yoga and Pilates. Off the track, Raggedy is a college professor who teaches English, speech communications, business writing and computer skills. She is an avid scuba diver, and an un-annoying vegan. She would rather die than hurt and animal; people are another issue.

• **Cheese Burglar.**

The Manhattan Mayhem

#7

She comes to the Mayhem from The Garden State Rollergirls and she also skates with the Wall Street Traitors. This former high school-and-college Drama Club and Forensics Team member plays pivot and inside blocker on the track. Off the track, she mountain bikes and is a regular gym goer, who dreams of a career someday as a beach bum.





• **Bonnie Thunders.**

The Bronx Gridlock

#340

She's a blocker and a jammer, and also Captain of the Gotham Girls All-Stars. She comes to Roller Derby with a background in competitive synchronized figure skating. Off the track, she enjoys gardening, knitting and her cats.



• **nameLes.**

Brooklyn Bombshells

#66

She comes to the Bombshells from Little Rock, Arkansas, where she co-founded the Little Rock Derby girls in 2006. She's a blocker and she also skates with the Wall Street Traitors. NameLes played soccer as a child, ran track, and spent her weekends hanging around roller rinks. From a young age, her path was clear - what else could possibly follow but a career in the Arts? NameLes has a BA in Art History and Fine Arts and a Graduate Certificate in Non-Profit Management. With eight years of experience in a major museum in Arkansas, NameLes moved to Manhattan in 2008 where she works in a Contemporary Art Gallery in Midtown Manhattan.

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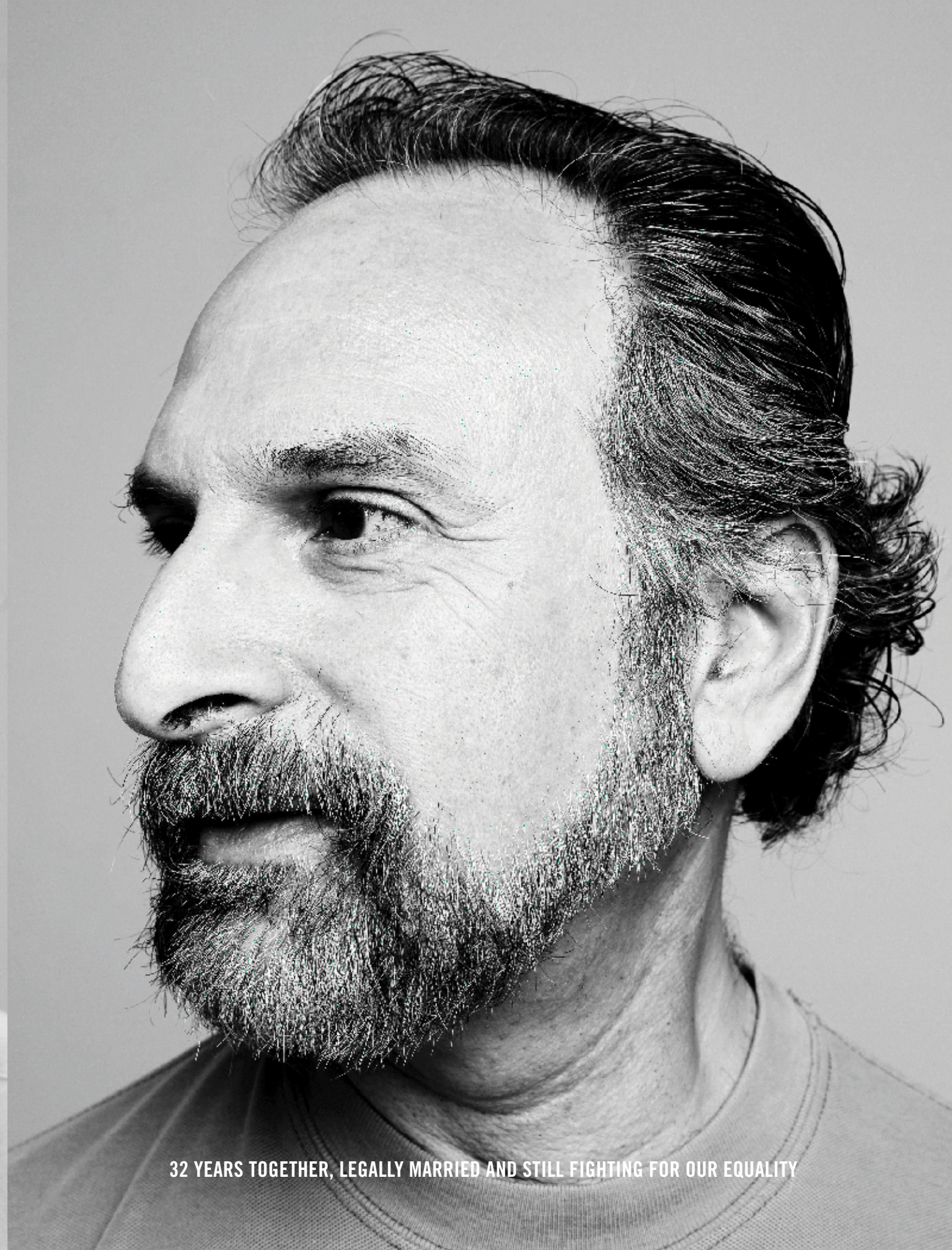
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GLENDA & JAMA



ROBERT & MICHAEL



32 YEARS TOGETHER, LEGALLY MARRIED AND STILL FIGHTING FOR OUR EQUALITY



MARNIE & KATE

**GOING ON 10 YEARS,
WE HAVE HAD OUR
UPS & DOWNS,
OVER, UNDER & SIDEWAYS,
AND WE STILL ENJOY MAKING EACH OTHER LAUGH
WHICH IS CRUCIAL**

JOHN & BILL



17 YEARS FLY BY WHEN YOU MARRY YOUR BEST FRIEND.

SERGE & RICHARD





**IT TOOK US A LONG TIME
TO FIND EACH OTHER,
BUT WE DID.
AND NOW,
THINGS JUST KEEP GETTING
BETTER AND BETTER.**

CORY & PETER





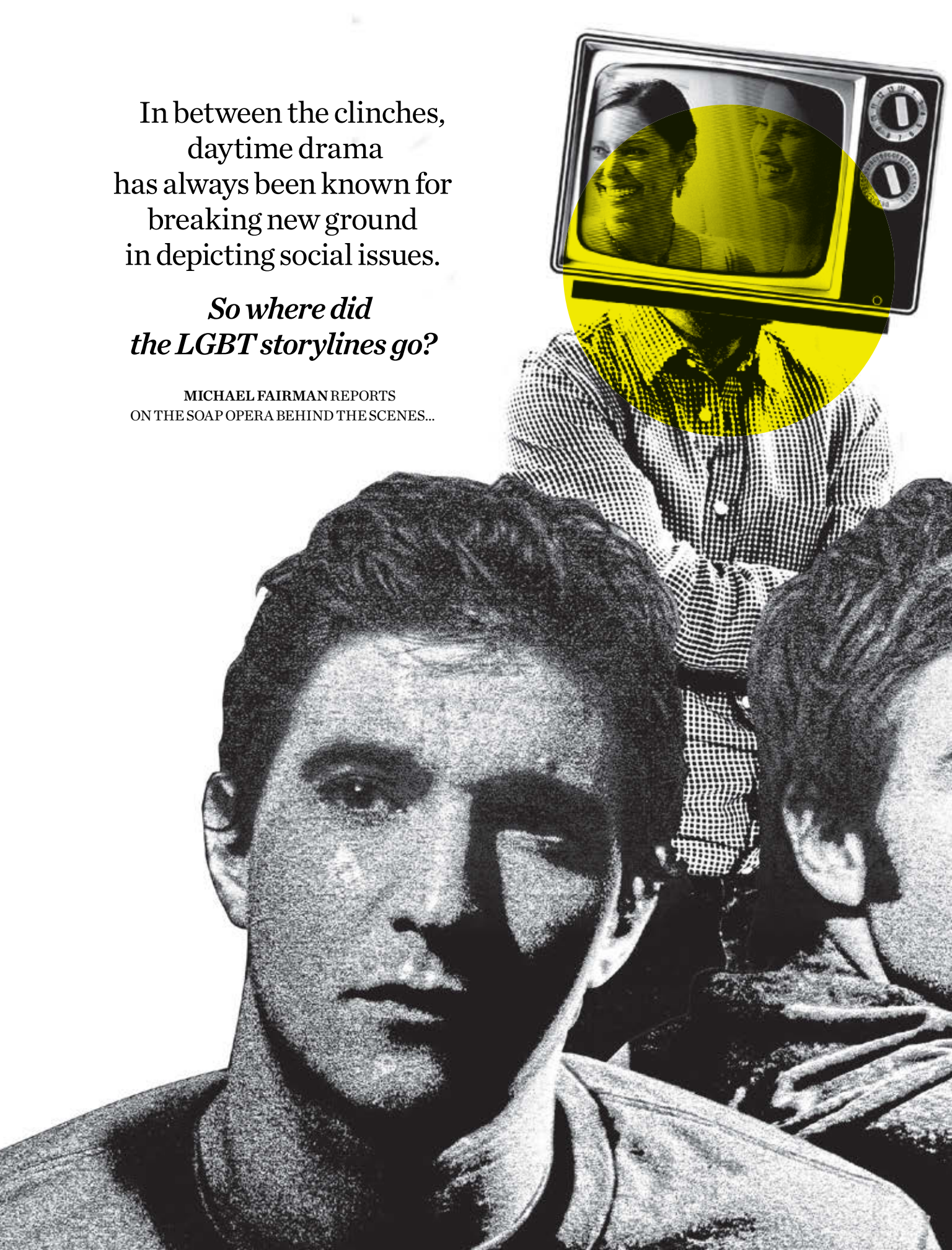
DAVID & DANNY

**HE FLIPPED MY WORLD
UPSIDE DOWN
EVER SINCE
THE FIRST TIME
I LOOKED INTO
HIS BEAUTIFUL BLUE EYES!**

In between the clinches,
daytime drama
has always been known for
breaking new ground
in depicting social issues.

*So where did
the LGBT storylines go?*

MICHAEL FAIRMAN REPORTS
ON THE SOAP OPERA BEHIND THE SCENES...





Throughout its history, the soap opera has been a reflection of the times, grappling with important social issues “ripped from the headlines” long before primetime television even noticed. The future of the genre—like all network-delivered entertainment—is fraught with questions, and the uninitiated still think soap plots revolve around “grandma’s coffee klatch.” The fact is HIV/AIDS, teens coming out, lesbian weddings, and the closet are nothing new to daytime viewers.

Odd, then, that soaps only recently began including gay people in the core issue around which everything in soapdom revolves, be it in Oakdale, Genoa City, or Llanview: the quest for love. But more and more, LGBT characters were getting written into scripts, and by mid 2009 there were a total of four shows with LGBT plotlines.

But just as quickly as LGBT characters started grappling with the same issue as their straight counterparts, their storylines seemed to disappear. As of this spring, only one soap is still telling an LGBT story, in spite of the fact that LGBT fans make up a huge contingent of the viewing audience. Where did they all go? The reasons for their disappearance are varied: shows got canceled; storylines fizzled; and in some cases, the mainstream audience simply wasn’t on board.

Is there any future for LGBT characters on daytime television? To find out, *Pride* spoke to daytime television’s movers and shakers. Their answers—and their take on LGBT characters’ roles—were illuminating, both in terms of how they see the genre’s evolution as well as its audience.

Maria Bell is head writer of *The Young and the Restless*, which for over 21 consecutive years has been the No. 1 show on daytime. In late 2009, two gay characters graced the series—a first in the show’s 37-year history. First came the introduc-

tion of young lawyer Rafael “Rafe” Torres (played by Yani Gellman). Bell says Rafe came onto the canvas in a way befitting the times. “I liked bringing on the character in a naturalistic way. The whole point is, if you had a friend who went, ‘I’m gay,’ you are not going to go, ‘Oh, my God! You’re gay!’” In this day and age? C’mon! I would not rule out a relationship for Rafe this summer. But I did not want to make a big deal out of [him being gay]. I don’t want to underline and punctuate it with exclamation points.”

For an encore, though, Bell shocked the soap world when she decided to bring Phillip Chancellor III back from the dead that May, choosing his original portrayer, out actor Thom Bierdz, to play the role. Although the story was short-lived, Bell had a purpose behind it. “My intention was to show that in 1988, being the son of the most prominent family in town and carrying the name Chancellor—and knowing you are gay—would have been nearly impossible. Now, some 20 years later, it’s a totally different world. It was sort of a coming out story in reverse. It’s a nonevent.” Still, Bell admits there was negative feedback. “The network was inundated with people saying, ‘It’s not that I don’t like gay people, it’s just that I don’t want to see them on my show.’ That’s the climate out there. I don’t care about that. I would do another gay storyline when I have room for it. I just think the way to play it is how it is in real life. I think it’s a problem when soaps do these characters and they want to engage the gay community. They feel like that character can never do anything wrong. I think that’s another form of discrimination. Everybody is human.”

Perhaps no one in the soap genre has championed same-sex storylines more than Crystal Chappell. Her journey to creating the online soap *Venice* demonstrates that soap operas are not evaporating but finding new homes.

As *Guiding Light*, the longest-running show in broadcast history, went off the air last September, it was Chappell’s Olivia and Jessica Leccia’s Natalia who formed ➔

the super couple Oitalia that captivated the soap world. The story: Two formerly heterosexual women fall for each other in a complex love story. However, the storyline had serious obstacles. Even as the show went to soap heaven, the duo was never allowed to kiss. "It was frustrating, and at the same time ridiculous," says Chappell "There was a lack of physical intimacy, lots of foreheads touching and knuckle bumping. 'Give me some of that knuckle,' we would say to each other," she laughs. "It was obviously a truncated version of what a relationship between two women would be like."

But the savvy Chappell realized that there was something bigger transpiring, and farther-reaching than she had ever expected when thousands of her lesbian viewers reached out to her. Whether by letter, e-mail, or through Twitter, Chappell's fans had more than just love to share with their favorite soap opera character. "It was an emotional experience. It wasn't just somebody saying, 'Crystal, can I have a picture?'" It was more of, 'Here is my experience as a police officer. I can't say anything to my coworkers.' You cannot help but feel your throat choke up a bit. For those people who were out, they were grateful to see something that reflected their life. It just seemed right to continue some form of the Oitalia storyline. The Web seemed like the place to go for a couple of reasons: creative control, and we could reach a global audience. Now I am developing a new reality show for the Web for the LGBT community that we hope to launch soon, and *Venice* is coming back for Season 2 at the end of July."

HOPE FOR THE SOAPS

Head writer for *As the World Turns* Jean Passanante has been the driving force in telling the tale of two young men in love, Luke Snyder (Van Hansis) and Noah Mayer (Jake Silbermann), known to viewers as Nuke. It was Passanante's decision to make the beloved character of young Luke Snyder gay. The writer details why ATWT's story worked when others fell by the wayside: "Luke is a very important

BIANCA RETURNS TO ALL MY CHILDREN

As we go to press, *All My Children* announced that they have recast the pivotal character of out lesbian character Bianca Montgomery. The role made famous by Daytime Emmy winner Eden Riegel, who was written out in early 2009 (due to Riegel's decision for a short term return), is now being played by soap opera newcomer Christina Bennett Lind. The actress makes her debut on June 14th, and is on contract.

An AMC spokesperson says that there are major plans for Bianca. "There is a complete and long-term story in the works for the character of Bianca from here-to-kingdom come. Just how and when Bianca's two children, and her partner, Reese, who are currently residing in Paris, will be dealt with remains to be seen, but it will be dealt with and be part of the story."

Lind knows the importance of her role—come fall she will be the lone leading character on a soap carrying the rainbow flag. "I think it's a beautiful thing to see a gay character on a daytime show accepted by her fictional community, but I also think there is an important element of showing what people in this country are still fighting and struggling for, which is basic human rights. I am really proud to take on this role."

So, as we celebrate *Pride*, there is some good news from the soap world after all!

"I WOULD NOT CONSIDER THIS THE ANNIHILATION OF GAY CHARACTERS ON DAYTIME,"

PASSANANTE SAYS.

character. When I was writing for other soaps and we talked about doing this, it was always, 'Make it a character that was on the fringes of the story,' because it was a little too scary 15 to 20 years ago. The fact that we made Luke gay is part of his character, but it does not completely define him."

This September, after a 54-year run, *As the World Turns* will air its final episode, but the writer's commitment to this story remains strong. Recently, Passanante added a third gay male to the series with the entrance of Dr. Reid Oliver (Eric Sheffer Stevens). Now, fans are seeing a love triangle, but with three men. "We are getting positive feedback for Luke and Reid," says Passanante. "Who would've imagined we could bring anyone between Nuke? I thought people would yell, 'You can't do that!' But it's been great. Their story will have a major impact in the culmination of the show." Since ATWT goes off the air this fall, where does Passanante envision the lives of the fictional trio five years from now? "I think Luke would like to get married, and/or one of them wants a child they become attached to. There is an endless supply of stories that would have been done. I have so many gay friends that have complicated and interesting lives. Why can't these characters have that on the soaps?"

Once Passanante completes ATWT, she is headed to her old stomping grounds as associate writer at *One Life to Live*.

Over the past year, OLTL featured a spectacular coming out story, that of officer Oliver Fish, (played by out actor Scott Evans) and his romance with Kyle Lewis (Brett Claywell). OLTL broke new ground when the issue of marriage equality was addressed through a same-sex wedding ceremony with over 24 couples, and even a side story on gay bashing. The Fish romance culminated on New Year's Eve, when the couple had sex. But bliss would prove fleeting: Last March, ABC and OLTL decided to put an end to Fish's story right as the duo won custody of his biological baby girl. While LGBT viewers have been up in arms and fear that no soap will feature their stories again, Passanante offers hope. "It's always sad to see characters go by the wayside, but who knows what the future will bring there? I am a firm believer that these things come in waves. So I would not consider this the annihilation of gay characters on daytime. I don't think when ATWT goes off it will be the end of gay characters. We are far from over when we have a world that has all types of people in it. I think the best soaps will always reflect that." •



WHEN YOU'RE HERE, YOU'RE HOME.

What's beautiful about the Islands is the spirit of welcome that extends to everyone – just as they are. It's what makes Hawai'i Hawai'i, and what makes us Hawaiian.



INSIDE

BY AVRAM FINKELSTEIN

OUT

For artists, the word “insider” isn’t always a compliment. While no one wants to be ignored by the Art World, credibility earned beyond the Academy walls can be golden. Art trends come and go, but being seen as an outsider is never out of style.

Still, if you believe art is everywhere, where you sit is often irrelevant. The artists on these pages prove you can view the world from inside a studio and still see it as it is. They offer us the clearest renderings of the world around us; future and past, high and low, inside and out...



GUYTON/WALKER

If you see shades of Andy Warhol or James Rosenquist in the work of Guyton/Walker, you're not really looking at it. The only Pop in this art lies in the use of the lowly inkjet printer. Guyton/Walker's digital formalism is so densely layered, it's practically Neoclassical.

Much more than a collaboration between artists Wade Guyton and Kelley Walker, Guyton/Walker has a voice of its own, a blend of intellect and topicality that takes on the tension between art and commerce.

Guyton/Walker's work has been featured at the Venice Biennale, The Serpentine Gallery in London, and The Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts at Harvard University.

UNTITLED, 2009

Paint, silkscreen, and inkjet print on canvas, digital inkjet print on drywall, digital inkjet prints on paint cans, and crate with printed drywall

114 x 320 x 70 inches overall

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JESSE ARON GREEN

Ärztliche Zimmergymnastik is Jesse Aron Green's interdisciplinary tome based on the 19th century work of Dr. Daniel Gottlob Moritz Schreber, who posited that physical culture could help steer the psyche. Green's meditation on authoritarian control performs Western notions of social health, and adeptly shuttles between Sigmund Freud and Felix Gonzalez-Torres.

Green's work has been featured at the Whitney Museum of American Art and the Tate Modern in London. The book version of Ärztliche Zimmergymnastik, published to coincide with Green's installation in the 2010 Whitney Biennial, can be found at www.jessearongreen.com/az/book. A full description of the project, along with video and installation stills, can be found on the artist's website, www.jessearongreen.com.

ÄRZTLICHE ZIMMERGYMNASTIK, 2010

Hand bound, hard bound, limited edition of 150 Available through the Whitney Museum of American Art bookshop, The Whitney online, or through the artist directly.

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THE MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT, 2003

Makeup, wig, costume, altered motorcycle,
fake blood 3 hour live performance

Anna Helwing Gallery Los Angeles, CA

Photographed by Suntek Chung

Image Courtesy of the artist

DAWN KASPER

It's true, Dawn Kasper's tableaux "vivants" are not for the fainthearted, but if you turn away, you're missing the point. They're smart, satirical, political, and occasionally funny. In her Evil series—a kind of CSI Artworld—she stages everything from a pitchfork murder to a tragic slip and fall. Her Michelle Franco documents death at an art fair. Her Disaster at Circle K is so personal it makes Cindy Sherman's work look timid.

Dawn Kasper has shown at the J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, Art Basel in Miami Beach, and Leo Koenig Gallery, New York. Kasper's work can be seen at www.dawnkasper.com.



YOU GAVE ME STRENGTH, 2009

Lip stick and nail polish on paper

18 x 24 inches

Image Courtesy of the artist

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HUNTER REYNOLDS

Hunter Reynolds' cosmetic cyclones remind us that in times of disaster, natural or manmade, life can go up in a smear of lipstick. An expert at connecting the spirituality of rage with the wisdom of humor, his practice encompasses everything from painting to found objects, from performance to photo weavings. Reynolds was co-founder of Art Positive, and has shown at White Columns, New York, the New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, and The Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston.



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fake blood 3 hour live performance

Anna Helwing Gallery Los Angeles, CA

Photographed by Suntek Chung

Image Courtesy of the artist

DAWN KASPER

It's true, Dawn Kasper's tableaux "vivants" are not for the fainthearted, but if you turn away, you're missing the point. They're smart, satirical, political, and occasionally funny. In her Evil series—a kind of CSI Artworld—she stages everything from a pitchfork murder to a tragic slip and fall. Her Michelle Franco documents death at an art fair. Her Disaster at Circle K is so personal it makes Cindy Sherman's work look timid.

Dawn Kasper has shown at the J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, Art Basel in Miami Beach, and Leo Koenig Gallery, New York. Kasper's work can be seen at www.dawnkasper.com.



USA, 2003

C-print

32 x 40.5 inches

Edition 1/4+2

Image Courtesy the artist
and Wallspace Gallery

SHANNON EBNER

For Shannon Ebner, the political is where language meets landscape, where text is terrain. In Ebner's America, words matter, and signification is power. Her starkly staged photographs dismantle our tropes where they stand, replacing them with far more convincing low-tech alter egos.

Ebner's homegrown monumentalism outflanks the affectionate critiques of social documentarians like Ed Ruscha. Ebner is far more searing, much more thorough and as clear as a billboard.

Shannon Ebner has been featured at the Whitney Museum of American Art, the P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center in New York, and Wallspace Gallery in New York.



MARCHING MAN, 2010

Carbon, pencil, and ink on printed paper

28 x 36 inches

Image Courtesy of the artist and
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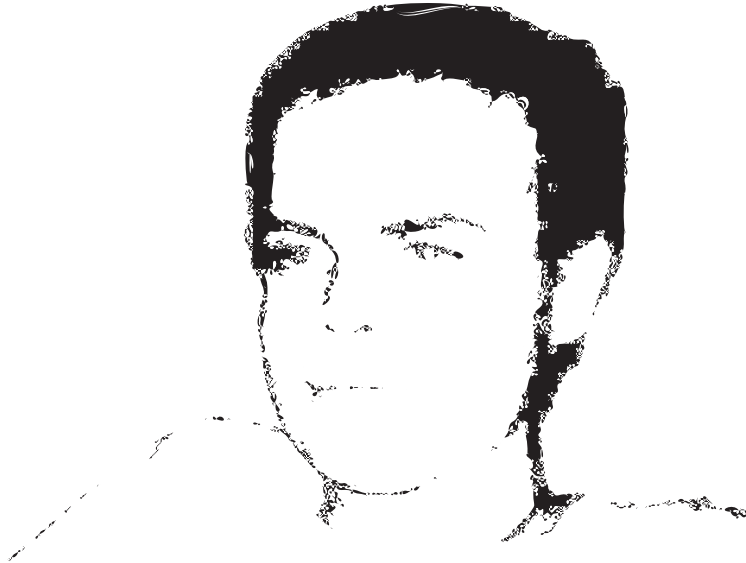
ERIKA VOGT

Erika Vogt's sure-footed, cross-media practice maintains an omniscient gaze. But if it is a view from on high, it's one where scale is essential, the digital coexists with the hand drawn, and archetypes are best seen through the looking glass.

Erika Vogt's *Secret Traveler Navigator* was included in the 2010 Whitney Biennial, and her work has been featured in the *New York Times* and *Artforum*. Vogt has an upcoming solo show at Overduin and Kite in LA called *Geometric Persecution*, a group show at the Henry Art Museum in Seattle called *Image Transfer*, and a solo project at the Room Gallery at UC Irvine.

REMEMBERING Flo McGarrell

BY ANNE-CHRISTINE D'ADESKY



IN the spirit world of Haitian vodou, the animistic religion of dances, there exists the *marassas* (Kreyol for twins) dual-spirited creatures that embody male and female, yin and yang, moving between heaven and earth. To the friends of transgendered artist and activist Flo McGarrell, who died at 35 in the earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12, 2010, there is no question Flo (née Flores) embodied a Haitian marassa.

The American first fell in love with Haitian culture at age 11, when his mother took him to see the vodou films of avant-garde filmmaker Maya Deren. It would prove to be a lifelong affair; in 2008, McGarrell took over as director of Fanal Otantik Sant D'A Jakmel (FOSAJ), an arts center in the quaint, historic city of Jacmel in southeastern Haiti. He'd been

lunching with a friend, Chicago artist Sue Frame, outside at the Peace of Mind hotel downtown when the earthquake struck. McGarrell had dashed back inside the establishment to grab his computer when the hotel collapsed. His body was recovered days later.

"Flo McGarrell was an amazing man—a real leader for us in Haiti," says Zaka, a young dreadlocked Haitian artist and McGarrell's assistant at FOSAJ. Zaka called Flo his best friend. "He did so much to help artists and local people here, especially in agriculture, so his loss to us is huge. We miss him so, so much."

How was McGarrell—openly transgendered, born female, but self-identified as male—welcomed in Haitian society where (despite a belief in the power of *marrasas*) homophobia is deeply rooted?

"Flo was passionate about improving the lives of poor Haitians," says Marjorie Lafleur, a videographer from the Ciné Institute in Jacmel and Flo's first assistant at FOSAJ. "He didn't care if people called him *mesye-dam* ('he-she') or used 'he' or 'she.' He was comfortable with himself and he loved Haitians. It's what he did to help everyone here that spoke so loudly."

Today the future of FOSAJ is uncertain. As Jacmel begins to rebuild and preserve the famed wooden gingerbread structures that are part of its historic legacy, what's clear is McGarrell's legend as a leader and visionary. "There is no one like Flo. He was so special," says Lafleur. "You see, he was like a Haitian—he understood us, he accompanied us. Now he'll always be with us." •

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