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COMPLERA (emtricitabine/rilpivirine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate) is a prescription medicine used as a complete single-tablet regimen to treat HIV-1 in adults who have never taken HIV medicines before. COMPLERA does not cure HIV or AIDS or help prevent passing HIV to others.

The **one**  for me

Patient model. Pill shown is not actual size.

INDICATION

COMPLERA® (emtricitabine 200 mg/rilpivirine 25 mg/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 300 mg) is a prescription HIV medicine that contains 3 medicines, EMTRIVA® (emtricitabine), EDURANT™ (rilpivirine), and VIREAD® (tenofovir disoproxil fumarate) combined in one pill. COMPLERA is used as a complete single-tablet regimen to treat HIV-1 infection in adults (age 18 and older) who have never taken HIV medicines before.

COMPLERA does not cure HIV and has not been shown to prevent passing HIV to others. It is important to always practice safer sex, use latex or polyurethane condoms to lower the chance of sexual contact with any body fluids, and to never re-use or share needles. **Do not stop taking COMPLERA unless directed by your healthcare provider. See your healthcare provider regularly.**

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Contact your healthcare provider right away if you get the following side effects or conditions while taking COMPLERA:

- Nausea, vomiting, unusual muscle pain, and/or weakness. These may be signs of a buildup of acid in the blood (lactic acidosis), which is a serious medical condition
- Light-colored stools, dark-colored urine, and/or if your skin or the whites of your eyes turn yellow. These may be signs of serious liver problems (hepatotoxicity), with liver enlargement (hepatomegaly), and fat in the liver (steatosis)
- If you have HIV-1 and hepatitis B virus (HBV), your liver disease may suddenly get worse if you stop taking COMPLERA. Do not stop taking COMPLERA without first talking to your healthcare provider. Your healthcare provider will monitor your condition

COMPLERA may affect the way other medicines work, and other medicines may affect how COMPLERA works, and may cause serious side effects.

Do not take COMPLERA if you are taking the following medicines:

- other HIV medicines (COMPLERA provides a complete treatment for HIV infection.)
- the anti-seizure medicines carbamazepine (Carbatrol®, Equetro®, Tegretol®, Tegretol-XR®, Teril®, Epitol®), oxcarbazepine (Trileptal®), phenobarbital (Luminal®), phenytoin (Dilantin®, Dilantin-125®, Phenytek®)
- the anti-tuberculosis medicines rifabutin (Mycobutin), rifampin (Rifater®, Rifamate®, Rimactane®, Rifadin®) and rifapentine (Priftin®)
- a proton pump inhibitor medicine for certain stomach or intestinal problems, including esomeprazole (Nexium®, Vimovo®), lansoprazole (Prevacid®), omeprazole (Prilosec®), pantoprazole sodium (Protonix®), rabeprazole (Aciphex®)
- more than 1 dose of the steroid medicine dexamethasone or dexamethasone sodium phosphate
- St. John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum*)
- other medicines that contain tenofovir (VIREAD®, TRUVADA®, ATRIPLA®)
- other medicines that contain emtricitabine or lamivudine (EMTRIVA®, Combivir®, Epivir® or Epivir-HBV®, Epzicom®, Trizivir®)
- rilpivirine (Edurant™)
- adefovir (HEPSERA®)

In addition, also tell your healthcare provider if you take:

- an antacid medicine that contains aluminum, magnesium hydroxide, or calcium carbonate. Take antacids at least 2 hours before or at least 4 hours after you take COMPLERA
- a histamine-2 blocker medicine, including famotidine (Pepcid®), cimetidine (Tagamet®), nizatidine (Axid®), or ranitidine hydrochloride (Zantac®). Take these medicines at least 12 hours before or at least 4 hours after you take COMPLERA
- the antibiotic medicines clarithromycin (Biaxin®), erythromycin (E-Mycin®, Eryc®, Ery-Tab®, PCE®, Pediazole®, Ilosone®), and troleandomycin (TAO®)
- an antifungal medicine by mouth, including fluconazole (Diflucan®), itraconazole (Sporanox®), ketoconazole (Nizoral®), posaconazole (Noxafil®), voriconazole (Vfend®)
- methadone (Dolophine®)

This list of medicines is not complete. Discuss with your healthcare provider all prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins, or herbal supplements you are taking or plan to take.

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COMPLERA. A complete HIV treatment in only 1 pill a day.

Ask your healthcare provider if it's the **one** for you.

Before taking COMPLERA, tell your healthcare provider if you:

- have **liver problems**, including **hepatitis B or C** virus infection
- have **kidney problems**
- have ever had a **mental health problem**
- have **bone problems**
- are **pregnant or plan to become pregnant**. It is not known if COMPLERA can harm your unborn child
- are breastfeeding; **women with HIV should not breast-feed** because they can pass HIV through their milk to the baby

Contact your healthcare provider right away if you experience any of the following serious or common side effects:

Serious side effects associated with COMPLERA:

- **New or worse kidney problems** can happen in some people who take COMPLERA. If you have had kidney problems in the past or take other medicines that can cause kidney problems, your healthcare provider may need to do blood tests to check your kidneys during your treatment with COMPLERA
- **Depression or mood changes** can happen in some people who take COMPLERA. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any of the following symptoms: feeling sad or hopeless, feeling anxious or restless, or if you have thoughts of hurting yourself (suicide) or have tried to hurt yourself
- **Bone problems** can happen in some people who take COMPLERA. Bone problems include bone pain, softening or thinning (which may lead to fractures). Your healthcare provider may need to do additional tests to check your bones
- **Changes in body fat** can happen in people taking HIV medicine. These changes may include increased amount of fat in the upper back and neck ("buffalo hump"), breast, and around the main part of your body (trunk). Loss of fat from the legs, arms and face may also happen. The cause and long-term health effect of these conditions are not known
- **Changes in your immune system (Immune Reconstitution Syndrome)** can happen when you start taking HIV medicines. Your immune system may get stronger and begin to fight infections that have been hidden in your body for a long time. Tell your healthcare provider if you start having new symptoms after starting your HIV medicine

Common side effects associated with COMPLERA:

- trouble sleeping (insomnia), abnormal dreams, headache, dizziness, diarrhea, nausea, rash, tiredness, and depression

Other side effects associated with COMPLERA:

- vomiting, stomach pain or discomfort, skin discoloration (small spots or freckles), and pain

Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away. These are not all the possible side effects of COMPLERA. For more information, ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist. Call your healthcare provider for medical advice about side effects.

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.

Take COMPLERA exactly as your healthcare provider tells you to take it

- **Always take COMPLERA with a meal.** Taking COMPLERA with a meal is important to help get the right amount of medicine in your body. A protein drink does not replace a meal
- **Stay under the care of your healthcare provider during treatment with COMPLERA and see your healthcare provider regularly**

Please see Patient Information for COMPLERA on the following pages.

*The co-pay program covers up to \$200 per month for 1 year from card activation or until the card expires, up to \$2400 in a calendar year. The program is subject to change or cancellation at any time.



COMPLERA®
emtricitabine 200mg/rilpivirine 25mg/
tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 300mg tablets

Learn more at www.COMPLERA.com

FDA-Approved Patient Labeling

Patient Information

COMPLERA® (kom-PLEH-rah)

(emtricitabine, rilpivirine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate) Tablets

Important: Ask your doctor or pharmacist about medicines that should not be taken with COMPLERA. For more information, see the section “What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking COMPLERA?”

Read this Patient Information before you start taking COMPLERA and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking to your healthcare provider about your medical condition or treatment.

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

COMPLERA can cause serious side effects, including:

1. Build-up of an acid in your blood (lactic acidosis). Lactic acidosis can happen in some people who take COMPLERA or similar (nucleoside analogs) medicines. **Lactic acidosis** is a serious medical emergency that can lead to death.

Lactic acidosis can be hard to identify early, because the symptoms could seem like symptoms of other health problems. **Call your healthcare provider right away if you get any of the following symptoms which could be signs of lactic acidosis:**

- feeling very weak or tired
- have unusual (not normal) muscle pain
- have trouble breathing
- have stomach pain with
 - nausea (feel sick to your stomach)
 - vomiting
- feel cold, especially in your arms and legs
- feel dizzy or lightheaded
- have a fast or irregular heartbeat

2. Severe liver problems. Severe liver problems can happen in people who take COMPLERA or similar medicines. In some cases these liver problems can lead to death. Your liver may become large (hepatomegaly) and you may develop fat in your liver (steatosis) when you take COMPLERA.

Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any of the following symptoms of liver problems:

- your skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow (jaundice).
- dark “tea-colored” urine
- light-colored bowel movements (stools)
- loss of appetite for several days or longer
- nausea
- stomach pain

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

3. Worsening of Hepatitis B infection. If you also have hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection and you stop taking COMPLERA, your HBV infection may become worse (flare-up). A “flare-up” is when your HBV infection suddenly returns in a worse way than before. COMPLERA is not approved for the treatment of HBV, so you must discuss your HBV therapy with your healthcare provider.

- Do not let your COMPLERA run out. Refill your prescription or talk to your healthcare provider before your COMPLERA is all gone.
- Do not stop taking COMPLERA without first talking to your healthcare provider.
- If you stop taking COMPLERA, your healthcare provider will need to check your health often and do regular blood tests to check your HBV infection. Tell your healthcare provider about any new or unusual symptoms you may have after you stop taking COMPLERA.

What is COMPLERA?

COMPLERA is a prescription HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) medicine that:

- is used to treat HIV-1 in adults who have **never** taken HIV medicines before. HIV is the virus that causes AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome).
- contains 3 medicines, (rilpivirine, emtricitabine, tenofovir disoproxil fumarate) combined in one tablet. EMTRIVA and VIREAD are HIV-1 (human immunodeficiency virus) nucleoside analog reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NRTIs) and EDURANT is an HIV-1 non-nucleoside analog reverse transcriptase inhibitor (NNRTI).

It is not known if COMPLERA is safe and effective in children under the age of 18 years.

COMPLERA may help:

- Reduce the amount of HIV in your blood. This is called your “viral load”.
- Increase the number of white blood cells called CD4+ (T) cells that help fight off other infections.

Reducing the amount of HIV and increasing the CD4+ (T) cell count may improve your immune system. This may reduce your risk of death or infections that can happen when your immune system is weak (opportunistic infections).

COMPLERA does not cure HIV infections or AIDS.

- Always practice safer sex.
- Use latex or polyurethane condoms 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 healthcare provider if you have any questions about how to prevent passing HIV to other people.

Who should not take COMPLERA?

- Do not take COMPLERA if your HIV infection has been previously treated with HIV medicines.
- **Do not take COMPLERA if you are taking certain other medicines.** For more information about medicines that must not be taken with COMPLERA, see “**What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking COMPLERA?**”

What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking COMPLERA?

Before you take COMPLERA, tell your healthcare provider if you:

- have liver problems, including hepatitis B or C virus infection
- have kidney problems
- have ever had a mental health problem
- have bone problems
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if COMPLERA can harm your unborn child
- **Pregnancy Registry.** There is a pregnancy registry for women who take antiviral medicines during pregnancy. Its purpose is to collect information about the health of you and your baby. Talk to your healthcare provider about how you can take part in this registry.
- are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that mothers with HIV not breastfeed because they can pass the HIV through their milk to the baby. It is not known if COMPLERA can pass through your breast milk and harm your baby. Talk to your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby.

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

COMPLERA may affect the way other medicines work, and other medicines may affect how COMPLERA works, and may cause serious side effects. If you take certain medicines with COMPLERA, the amount of COMPLERA in your body may be too low and it may not work to help control your HIV infection. The HIV virus in your body may become resistant to COMPLERA or other HIV medicines that are like it.

Do not take COMPLERA if you also take these medicines:

- COMPLERA provides a complete treatment for HIV infection. Do not take other HIV medicines with COMPLERA.
- the anti-seizure medicines carbamazepine (CARBATROL®, EQUETRO®, TEGRETOL®, TEGRETOL-XR®, TERIL®, EPITOL®), oxcarbazepine (TRILEPTAL®), phenobarbital (LUMINAL®), phenytoin (DILANTIN®, DILANTIN-125®, PHENYTEK®)
- the anti-tuberculosis medicines rifabutin (MYCOBUTIN®), rifampin (RIFATER®, RIFAMATE®, RIMACTANE®, RIFADIN®) and rifapentine (PRIFTIN®)
- a proton pump inhibitor medicine for certain stomach or intestinal problems, including esomeprazole (NEXIUM®, VIMOVO®), lansoprazole (PREVACID®), omeprazole (PRILOSEC®), pantoprazole sodium (PROTONIX®), rabeprazole (ACIPHEX®)
- more than 1 dose of the steroid medicine dexamethasone or dexamethasone sodium phosphate
- St. John’s wort (*Hypericum perforatum*)

If you are taking COMPLERA, you should not take:

- other medicines that contain tenofovir (VIREAD®, TRUVADA®, ATRIPLA®)
- other medicines that contain emtricitabine or lamivudine (EMTRIVA®, COMBIVIR®, EPIVIR® or EPIVIR-HBV®, EPZICOM®, TRIZIVIR®)
- rilpivirine (EDURANT™)
- adefovir (HEPSERA®)

Also tell your healthcare provider if you take:

- an antacid medicine that contains aluminum, magnesium hydroxide, or calcium carbonate. Take antacids at least 2 hours before or at least 4 hours after you take COMPLERA.
- a histamine-2 blocker medicine, including famotidine (PEPCID®), cimetidine (TAGAMET®), nizatidine (AXID®), or ranitidine hydrochloride (ZANTAC®). Take these medicines at least 12 hours before or at least 4 hours after you take COMPLERA.
- the antibiotic medicines clarithromycin (BIAXIN®), erythromycin (E-MYCIN®, ERYC®, ERY-TAB®, PCE®, PEDIAZOLE®, ILOSONE®), and troleandomycin (TAO®)
- an antifungal medicine by mouth, including fluconazole (DIFLUCAN®), itraconazole (SPORANOX®), ketoconazole (NIZORAL®), posaconazole (NOXAFIL®), voriconazole (VFEND®)
- methadone (DOLOPHINE®)

Ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist if you are not sure if your medicine is one that is listed above.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of your medicines and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist when you get a new medicine. Your healthcare provider and your pharmacist can tell you if you can take these medicines with COMPLERA. Do not start any new medicines while you are taking COMPLERA without first talking with your healthcare provider or pharmacist. You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for a list of medicines that can interact with COMPLERA.

How should I take COMPLERA?

- **Stay under the care of your healthcare provider during treatment with COMPLERA.**
- **Take COMPLERA exactly as your healthcare provider tells you to take it.**
- **Always take COMPLERA with a meal.** Taking COMPLERA with a meal is important to help get the right amount of medicine in your body. A protein drink does not replace a meal.
- Do not change your dose or stop taking COMPLERA without first talking with your healthcare provider. See your healthcare provider regularly while taking COMPLERA.
- If you miss a dose of COMPLERA within 12 hours of the time you usually take it, take your dose of COMPLERA with a meal as soon as possible. Then, take your next dose of COMPLERA at the regularly scheduled time. If you miss a dose of COMPLERA by more than 12 hours of the time you usually take it, wait and then take the next dose of COMPLERA at the regularly scheduled time.
- Do not take more than your prescribed dose to make up for a missed dose.
- When your COMPLERA supply starts to run low, get more from your healthcare provider or pharmacy. It is very important not to run out of COMPLERA. The amount of virus in your blood may increase if the medicine is stopped for even a short time.
- If you take too much COMPLERA, contact your local poison control center or go to the nearest hospital emergency room right away.

What are the possible side effects of COMPLERA?

COMPLERA may cause the following serious side effects, including:

- **See “What is the most important information I should know about COMPLERA?”**
- **New or worse kidney problems** can happen in some people who take COMPLERA. If you have had kidney problems in the past or take other medicines that can cause kidney problems, your healthcare provider may need to do blood tests to check your kidneys during your treatment with COMPLERA.
- **Depression or mood changes. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any of the following symptoms:**
 - feeling sad or hopeless
 - feeling anxious or restless
 - have thoughts of hurting yourself (suicide) or have tried to hurt yourself
- **Bone problems** can happen in some people who take COMPLERA. Bone problems include bone pain, softening or thinning (which may lead to fractures). Your healthcare provider may need to do additional tests to check your bones.
- **Changes in body fat** can happen in people taking HIV medicine. These changes may include increased amount of fat in the upper back and neck (“buffalo hump”), breast, and around the main part of your body (trunk). Loss of fat from the legs, arms and face may also happen. The cause and long term health effect of these conditions are not known.
- **Changes in your immune system (Immune Reconstitution Syndrome)** can happen when you start taking HIV medicines. Your immune system may get stronger and begin to fight infections that have been hidden in your body for a long time. Tell your healthcare provider if you start having new symptoms after starting your HIV medicine.

The most common side effects of COMPLERA include:

- trouble sleeping (insomnia)
- abnormal dreams
- headache
- dizziness
- diarrhea
- nausea
- rash
- tiredness
- depression

Additional common side effects include:

- vomiting
- stomach pain or discomfort
- skin discoloration (small spots or freckles)
- pain

Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.

These are not all the possible side effects of COMPLERA. For more information, ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 (1-800-332-1088).

How do I store COMPLERA?

- Store COMPLERA at room temperature 77 °F (25 °C).
- Keep COMPLERA in its original container and keep the container tightly closed.
- Do not use COMPLERA if the seal over the bottle opening is broken or missing.

Keep COMPLERA and all other medicines out of reach of children.

General information about COMPLERA:

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Patient Information leaflet. Do not use COMPLERA for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give COMPLERA to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

This leaflet summarizes the most important information about COMPLERA. If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider. You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for information about COMPLERA that is written for health professionals. For more information, call (1-800-445-3235) or go to www.COMPLERA.com.

What are the ingredients of COMPLERA?

Active ingredients: emtricitabine, rilpivirine hydrochloride, and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate

Inactive ingredients: pregelatinized starch, lactose monohydrate, microcrystalline cellulose, croscarmellose sodium, magnesium stearate, povidone, polysorbate 20. The tablet film coating contains polyethylene glycol, hypromellose, lactose monohydrate, triacetin, titanium dioxide, iron oxide red, FD&C Blue #2 aluminum lake, FD&C Yellow #6 aluminum lake.

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In the community

- In 2011, we supported 45 Pride parades and celebrations across the country
- Helped GLESN distribute 15,000 Safe Space Kits to schools nationally
- Founding Corporate Partner of the National Gay Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC) and the first financial services company to lend support

In the workplace

- Our PRIDE Team Member Network has 37 chapters and 3,328 members across the company



- Member of the Business Coalition for Workplace Fairness supporting passage of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act

- #2 on Diversity Inc's 2011 Top 10 Companies for LGBT Employees
- Scored 100% on the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Corporate Equality Index for the last 9 consecutive years
- Provides for transgender treatment, including mental health counseling, hormone therapy, medical visits, and short-term disability after surgical procedure

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- Our *LGBT Financial Guide* includes topics such as money management, homeownership, starting a business and tools like estate planning guidance and a domestic partner checklist



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YOU'VE WORKED TO CONTROL YOUR HIV. NOW, TIME TO WORK ON YOUR HIV-RELATED EXCESS BELLY FAT.



In two separate clinical trials of HIV-infected people with lipodystrophy, each lasting 6 months, **EGRIFTA®** (tesamorelin for injection) reduced HIV-related excess belly fat by an average of 18% in the first trial, and 14% in the second trial.

This reduction in excess belly fat resulted in an approximate 1-inch reduction in waist size. Individual results may vary. On average, patients on **EGRIFTA®** did not lose weight.

Like HIV, HIV-related excess belly fat is a chronic condition. In clinical studies:

- People who used **EGRIFTA®** continuously for 1 year maintained their results over this time period
- People who stopped taking **EGRIFTA®** after 6 months had their HIV-related excess belly fat come back

EGRIFTA® is believed to work with your own body to produce natural growth hormone to reduce your excess belly fat.

Indication:

EGRIFTA® is a daily injectable prescription medicine to reduce the excess abdominal fat in HIV-infected patients with lipodystrophy.

Limitations of use:

- The impact and safety of **EGRIFTA®** on cardiovascular health has not been studied
- **EGRIFTA®** is not indicated for weight-loss management
- It's not known whether taking **EGRIFTA®** helps improve compliance with antiretroviral medications
- **EGRIFTA®** is not recommended to be used in children

Important Risk Information

Do not use **EGRIFTA®** if you:

- Have pituitary gland tumor, pituitary gland surgery, or other problems related to your pituitary gland
- Have active cancer (either newly diagnosed or recurrent) or are receiving treatment for cancer
- Are allergic to tesamorelin or any of the ingredients in **EGRIFTA®**, including mannitol or sterile water
- Are pregnant or become pregnant

Before using **EGRIFTA®**, tell your healthcare provider if you:

- Have or have had cancer
- Have diabetes
- Are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed
- Have kidney or liver problems
- Have any other medical condition
- Take prescription or non-prescription medicines, vitamins, or herbal supplements

EGRIFTA® may cause serious side effects, including:

- Serious allergic reaction. Stop using **EGRIFTA®** and get emergency help right away if you have any of the following symptoms: rash over your body, hives, swelling of your face or throat, shortness of breath or trouble breathing, fast heartbeat, feeling of faintness or fainting
- Swelling (fluid retention). **EGRIFTA®** can cause swelling in some parts of your body. Call your healthcare provider if you have an increase in joint pain, or pain or numbness in your hands or wrist (carpal tunnel syndrome)
- Increase in glucose (blood sugar) intolerance and diabetes

- Injection-site reactions, such as redness, itching, pain, irritation, bleeding, rash, and swelling. Change (rotate) your injection site to help lower your risk for injection-site reactions

The most common side effects of **EGRIFTA®** include:

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| • joint pain | • numbness and pricking |
| • pain in legs and arms | • nausea |
| • swelling in your legs | • vomiting |
| • muscle soreness | • rash |
| • tingling | • itching |

EGRIFTA® will NOT cure HIV or lower your chance of passing HIV to others.

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 Consumer Brief Summary of **EGRIFTA®** on following page.

Ask your healthcare provider if **EGRIFTA®, the first and only FDA-approved medicine for HIV-related excess belly fat, may be right for you. For more information, visit www.egrifta.com or call the AXIS Center at 1-877-714-AXIS (2947).**



Consumer Brief Summary for **EGRIFTA®** (tesamorelin for injection)

EGRIFTA® (eh-GRIF-tuh)

(tesamorelin for injection) for subcutaneous use

Read the Patient Information that comes with **EGRIFTA®** before you start to take it and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This leaflet does not take the place of talking to your healthcare provider about your medical condition or your treatment.

What is **EGRIFTA®?**

- **EGRIFTA®** is an injectable prescription medicine to reduce the excess in abdominal fat in HIV-infected patients with lipodystrophy. **EGRIFTA®** contains a growth hormone-releasing factor (GRF)
- The impact and safety of **EGRIFTA®** on cardiovascular health has not been studied
- **EGRIFTA®** is not indicated for weight-loss management
- It is not known whether taking **EGRIFTA®** helps improve compliance with antiretroviral medications
- It is not known if **EGRIFTA®** is safe and effective in children. **EGRIFTA®** is not recommended to be used in children

Who should not use **EGRIFTA®?**

Do not use **EGRIFTA®** if you:

- have pituitary gland tumor, pituitary gland surgery, or other problems related to your pituitary gland
- have active cancer (either newly diagnosed or recurrent) or are receiving treatment for cancer
- are allergic to tesamorelin or any of the ingredients in **EGRIFTA®**. See the end of this leaflet for a complete list of ingredients in **EGRIFTA®**
- are pregnant or become pregnant. If you become pregnant, stop using **EGRIFTA®** and talk with your healthcare provider. See "What should I tell my healthcare provider before using **EGRIFTA®**?"

What should I tell my healthcare provider before using **EGRIFTA®?**

Before using **EGRIFTA®**, tell your healthcare provider if you:

- have or have had cancer
- have diabetes
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if **EGRIFTA®** passes into your breast milk. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that HIV-infected mothers not breastfeed to avoid the risk of passing HIV infection to your baby. Talk with your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby if you are taking **EGRIFTA®**
- have kidney or liver problems
- have any other medical condition

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. **EGRIFTA®** may affect the way other medicines work, and other medicines may affect how **EGRIFTA®** works. Know the medicines you take. Keep a list with you to show your healthcare provider and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

How should I use **EGRIFTA®?**

- **Read the detailed "Instructions for Use"** that comes with **EGRIFTA®** before you start using **EGRIFTA®**. Your healthcare provider will show you how to inject **EGRIFTA®**
- Use **EGRIFTA®** exactly as prescribed by your healthcare provider
- Inject **EGRIFTA®** under the skin (subcutaneously) of your stomach area (abdomen)
- Change (rotate) the injection site on your stomach area (abdomen) with each dose. Do not inject **EGRIFTA®** into scar tissue, bruises, or your navel
- Do not share needles or syringes with other people. Sharing of needles can result in the transmission of infectious diseases, such as HIV

What are the possible side effects of **EGRIFTA®?**

EGRIFTA® may cause serious side effects including:

- Serious allergic reaction. Some people taking **EGRIFTA®** may have an allergic reaction. Stop using **EGRIFTA®** and get emergency help right away if you have any of the following symptoms:
 - a rash over your body

- hives
- swelling of your face or throat
- shortness of breath or trouble breathing
- fast heartbeat
- feeling of faintness or fainting

- Swelling (fluid retention). **EGRIFTA®** can cause swelling in some parts of your body. Call your healthcare provider if you have an increase in joint pain, or pain or numbness in your hands or wrist (carpal tunnel syndrome)
- Increase in glucose (blood sugar) intolerance and diabetes. Your healthcare provider will measure your blood sugar periodically
- Injection-site reactions. Change (rotate) your injection site to help lower your risk for injection-site reactions. Call your healthcare provider for medical advice if you have the following symptoms around the area of the injection site:
 - redness
 - itching
 - pain
 - irritation
 - bleeding
 - rash
 - swelling

The most common side effects of **EGRIFTA® include:**

- joint pain
- pain in legs and arms
- swelling in your legs
- muscle soreness
- tingling, numbness, and pricking
- nausea
- vomiting
- rash
- itching

Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.

These are not all the possible side effects of **EGRIFTA®**. For more information, ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist.

Call your healthcare provider for medical advice about side effects. To report side effects, contact EMD Serono toll-free at 1-800-283-8088, ext. 5563. You may report side effects to the FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

Keep **EGRIFTA® and all medicines out of the reach of children.**

General information about the safe and effective use of **EGRIFTA®:**

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Patient Information leaflet. Do not use **EGRIFTA®** for a condition for which it was not prescribed.

Do not give **EGRIFTA®** to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

Do not share your **EGRIFTA®** syringe with another person, even if the needle is changed.

Do not share your **EGRIFTA®** needles with another person.

This Patient Information leaflet summarizes the most important information about **EGRIFTA®**. If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider. You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for information about **EGRIFTA®** that is written for healthcare professionals.

For more information about **EGRIFTA®**, go to www.EGRIFTA.com or contact the AXIS Center toll-free at 1-877-714-2947.

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Inactive ingredients: mannitol and Sterile Water for Injection

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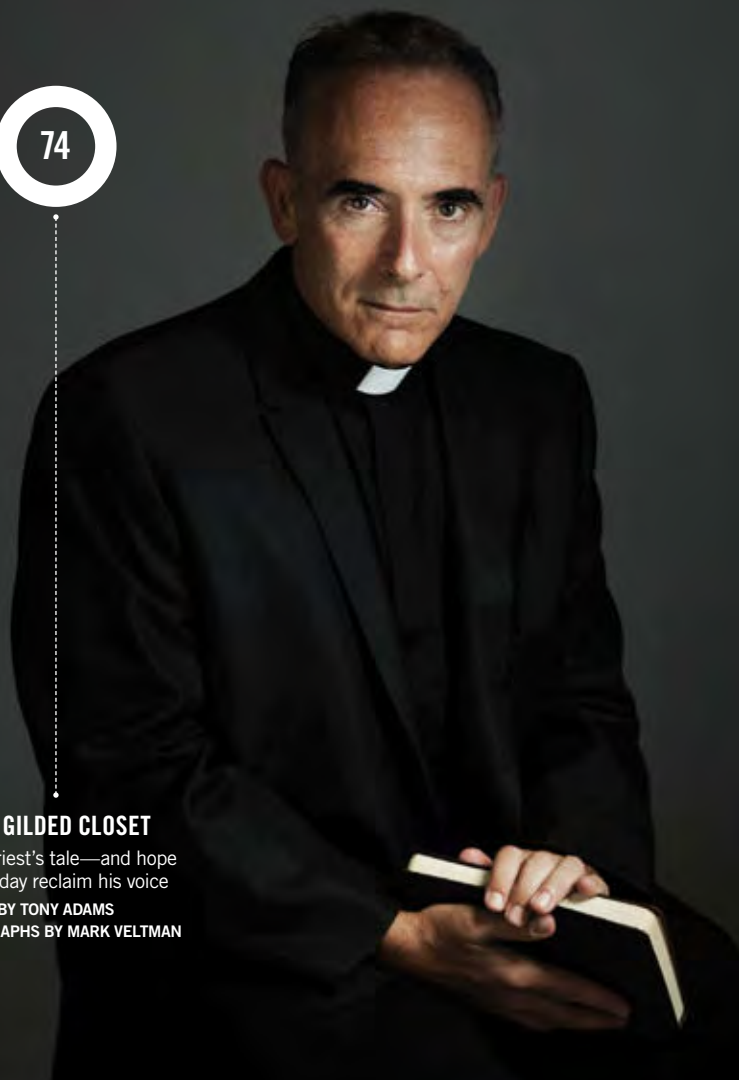
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A group of diverse people, including a woman in a black dress and bow tie, smiling. The background features the text "HIV ENDS WITH US." repeated in a light gray font.

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Bringing a New Focus to the Global Fight against HIV/AIDS

How one company's commitment is helping to address the current – and future – challenges associated with this disease



There's no debating the fact that the HIV epidemic is one of the most significant public health crises facing the modern world. In 2006, UNAIDS reported that since the first cases of AIDS were documented in 1981, the disease had gone on to kill more than 25 million people. While the number of new infections has gone down, the overall infection level remains disturbingly high: 2.7 million people worldwide were newly infected in 2010. According to UNAIDS research findings, that same year saw an estimated 1.8 million AIDS-related deaths and found nearly 34 million adults and children living with HIV. In today's increasingly volatile and constantly changing world, addressing this situation requires a new and highly specialized approach.

This is where ViiV Healthcare comes in.

Established in 2009 as an independent company, ViiV Healthcare is the only pharmaceutical company wholly committed to HIV. With that dedication, the company brings a unique and innovative approach to researching effective HIV medicines, to improving access and care, and to supporting individuals affected by HIV.

"ViiV Healthcare is unique in the pharmaceutical industry, because it's a pharmaceutical company 100-percent dedicated to HIV and AIDS," says ViiV Healthcare CEO, Dr. Dominique Limet. "We have this single-minded approach because we believe passionately that the new challenges posed by HIV—challenges we have never faced before—require new ways of delivering new solutions."

ViiV Healthcare is rising to meet these challenges by drawing on the cutting-edge research and development departments of its parent companies, GSK and Pfizer, and its partners throughout the drug industry. To this end, ViiV Healthcare is significantly investing in R&D aimed at introducing new HIV medicines, which will be critical for the effective management of HIV infection and is part of the company's long-term strategy to ensure better outcomes for people affected by HIV/AIDS.

ViiV Healthcare is also dedicated to having an impact on HIV education, prevention, care and treatment-related activity such as treatment literacy and community/clinical engagement. The company's Positive Action program supports community projects that reach those most affected by HIV,



particularly in marginalized or vulnerable populations.

To help meet the pressing need for a global effort to address the barriers to scaling up and treating those in need, ViiV Healthcare has launched groundbreaking initiatives designed specifically to support access and care for people living with HIV. The approach covers all Middle Income and Low Income countries, all Least Developed Countries, and sub-Saharan Africa—a total of 135 countries presently.

“Because HIV touches so many people’s lives, we actively support a wide variety of HIV-related programs around the world, to make a real difference at the grass-roots level,” Dr. Limet

explains. “We also have an industry-leading approach with our royalty-free voluntary medicine license program and our not-for-profit drug pricing approach in regions of need, which enable access for the people in the countries that are the hardest hit by the epidemic.”

Additionally, ViiV Healthcare collaborates with businesses, individuals, academic institutions, and nonprofit healthcare community organizations to broaden and enhance its work in the field of HIV treatment. Firmly focused on conducting its business with integrity, the company’s dedication is a core value built into every level of its operation.

“At ViiV Healthcare, we never forget why we are here,” Dr. Limet says. “We put people living with HIV at the center of all we do and at the core of all our decisions. We invite everyone to visit www.viivhealthcare.com, and www.viivhealthcareeffect.com to find out what makes our company a fresh force in HIV.”



IT'S AN INTERESTING TIME TO BE A GAY AMERICAN.



At the time I'm sitting down to write this, it's just a few weeks after President Obama came out in support of gay marriage. Even before his announcement, polls showed an ever-growing percentage of the population was also on the right side of history.

At the same time, there's an enormous amount of hate in the world—hate that's directed right at us. Even within America, heinous people mouth off on blogs at an alarming rate, spouting the most horrible sorts of bile.

It would be easy to let these stories get you down. But I refuse to let that happen to me, and I hope you feel the same way. To stay strong and hopeful, I think we need to embrace the good that's around us, and all the ground that we as a community have already covered in the relatively brief history of gay rights. We're at a crucial turning point in society. The younger generation gets it. Most of our parents, friends, neighbors and co-workers get it. Our ally community is bigger than ever. We have support. And we are loved by many. And we will continue to be.

That's the message I wanted to bring to *Pride* in my first issue as editor. Throughout these pages, you'll see stories celebrating what may end up being one of the biggest and most successful years ever for gay rights and gay pride. In our cover story, starting on page 39, we let some of the biggest LGBT allies speak—in their own words—about why they support gay rights and will continue to until everybody is treated equally. Since 2012 is an Olympic year, we also turn our focus toward 16

outstanding individuals in the world of sports, all of whom are pushing to bring equality to the field. Check out their efforts, beginning on page 50.

As America embraces equality, our next effort will be promoting LGBT rights across the globe. The movement got a huge jump-start with a remarkable speech Secretary of State Hilary Clinton gave earlier in the year. For an on-the-ground look at what her speech has done to worldwide rights policies as a whole, flip to page 68.

Those are just a few of the highlights in an issue I hope you'll find jam-packed with real voices, real stories and real signs of increasing change and acceptance on the horizon.

With that said, it's essential that we still continue to fight and to be vigilant in our efforts to keep the progress we've made from slipping away. First and foremost in this election year, that means getting out to vote this fall for every LGBT-friendly candidate on your local ballot. It also means standing up for yourself—and everyone else represented within our motley rainbow-hued community—every chance you get. And most importantly, that means embracing your identity: who you are, who you love and your right to be exactly the person you were born to be.

And when you're out showing your pride this year among your LGBT brothers and sisters—and everyone else who's decided to come along for the ride—don't forget to also celebrate that we're all amazing beings with so much to offer to the world.

Happy Pride!



Keep the conversation alive. E-mail us at pridemagazine2012@gmail.com or tweet what Pride means to you at [#pridemeans](https://twitter.com/pridemeans).

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LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER PRIDE MONTH, 2012

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

From generation to generation, ordinary Americans have led a proud and inexorable march toward freedom, fairness, and full equality under the law -- not just for some, but for all. Ours is a heritage forged by those who organized, agitated, and advocated for change; who wielded love stronger than hate and hope more powerful than insult or injury; who fought to build for themselves and their families a Nation where no one is a second-class citizen, no one is denied basic rights, and all of us are free to live and love as we see fit.

The lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community has written a proud chapter in this fundamentally American story. From brave men and women who came out and spoke out, to union and faith leaders who rallied for equality, to activists and advocates who challenged unjust laws and marched on Washington, LGBT Americans and allies have achieved what once seemed inconceivable. This month, we reflect on their enduring legacy, celebrate the movement that has made progress possible, and recommit to securing the fullest blessings of freedom for all Americans.

Since I took office, my Administration has worked to broaden opportunity, advance equality, and level the playing field for LGBT people and communities. We have fought to secure justice for all under the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr., Hate Crimes Prevention Act, and we have taken action to end housing discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. We expanded hospital visitation rights for LGBT patients and their loved ones, and under the Affordable Care Act, we ensured that insurance companies will no longer be able to deny coverage to someone just because they are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender. Because we understand that LGBT rights are human rights, we continue to engage with the international community in promoting and protecting the rights of LGBT persons around the world. Because we repealed "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," gay, lesbian, and bisexual Americans can serve their country openly, honestly, and without fear of losing their jobs because of whom they love. And because we must treat others the way we want to be treated, I personally believe in marriage equality for same-sex couples.

More remains to be done to ensure every single American is treated equally, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. Moving forward, my Administration will continue its work to advance the rights of LGBT Americans. This month, as we reflect on how far we have come and how far we have yet to go, let us recall that the progress we have made is built on the words and deeds of ordinary Americans. Let us pay tribute to those who came before us, and those who continue their work today; and let us rededicate ourselves to a task that is unending -- the pursuit of a Nation where all are equal, and all have the full and unfettered opportunity to pursue happiness and live openly and freely.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim June 2012 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month. I call upon the people of the United States to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists, and to celebrate the great diversity of the American people.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this first day of June, in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-sixth.

BARACK OBAMA

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PRIDE MEANS BEING ABLE TO SAY "MY HUSBAND" - DAN

IT MEANS SHOWING THE WORLD WHAT WE OFFER SOCIETY AND INVITING STRAIGHT AND EXPERIENCE FOLKS TO JOIN IN THE PARTY THEIR OWN FABULOUSNESS RIGHT ALONG WITH US - JD

PRIDE MEANS NO LONGER HAVING TO SAY I JUST HAVEN'T MET THE RIGHT GIRL - JOHN

FINALLY BEING FREE FROM SHAME - MATT



WHAT DOES

PRIDE

MEAN TO YOU?

♡♡♡
PRIDE MEANS THAT AFTER ALL THE STRUGGLES AND PROTESTS AND PRIDE PARADES, MY 16-YEAR-OLD NEPHEW CAN WALK DOWN THE HALLS OF HIS HIGH SCHOOL HOLDING HIS BOYFRIEND'S HAND, AND NO ONE GIVES THEM ANY GRIEF ABOUT IT.
- FREDERICK ♡♡

TO ME, GAY PRIDE IN 2012 SHOULD REMIND US TO CONTINUE EXPRESSING OURSELVES AND DEMAND OUR RIGHTS. IT ALSO MEANS BEER.



LOTS OF BEER!
- GYEONG

PRIDE IS A FREEDOM TO FINALLY BE ABOVE YOUR OWN EXPECTATIONS. PRIDE IS INDESCRIBABLE.
- ERIN

LOTS OF
MARGARITAS
AND HOPEFULLY A CABANA
BOY OR TWO -DEAN

PRIDE TO
ME MEANS
EVERYTHING

HONORING THOSE
FIERCE FUCKING
DRAG QUEENS WHO
FOUGHT TOOTH AND
NAIL (literally) FOR
MY EQUALITY
BACK IN THE
SUMMER
OF '69
-W

THERE'S NOTHING
MORE IMPORTANT
-ERIK

PRIDE IS WHEN I LOOK
AT MY 16-YEAR-OLD SON AND SEE A MAN
- NOT SOMEONE ASHAMED OR AFRAID
BECAUSE OF HIS SEXUAL IDENTITY -TINA

LIVING
FEARLESSLY
BEING YOURSELF.

pride means
-we are all
free to love
and be exactly
who we
are!
-NAURA

AND REMEMBERING THAT
LIFE IS GOOD -JAN

HOP
I SEE HOPE
IN A LOT OF
PLACES
~ALEX-JON

GAY

PRIDE MEANS
TO ME THAT
WE SHOULD PAT
OURSELVES ON THE
BACK AND TAKE A

WELL-DESERVED RETRO-
SPECTIVE TOUR OF OUR
STUNNING SUCCESSSES!
GAY PRIDE ALSO MEANS WE
NEED TO TAKE A SERIOUS, NON-
COMPLACENT LOOK AT HOW
MUCH FURTHER WE HAVE TO GO.
MY LIFE IS CERTAINLY DIFFERENT
AND BETTER THAN IT WAS IN
1980, 1990, AND 2000.
I HOPE YOURS IS TOO! -BEAR

GAY PRIDE
IS BEING SO
FABULOUS

THAT WE HAVE
TO BE AS MUNDANE AS
EVERYONE ELSE
-STEFANI

BEING ABLE TO
CHECK OUT GRINDR
ON MY PHONE
WITHOUT HAVING
TO SHIELD THE
SCREEN -TOMM



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Photos of bedrooms at the Ali Forney Center

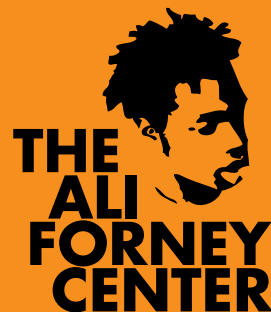
Every LGBT youth deserves a home, even when their parents refuse to provide one.

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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MSNBC's Thomas Roberts weighs in on his top eight most overlooked gay stories of the year (so far)

As a midday anchor on MSNBC and frequent contributor to NBC's *Today*, Thomas Roberts sees more headlines every day than most of us catch in a month. And so far in 2012, that's meant good things for the gay community: Obama's endorsement of marriage equality; strikes against DOMA, DADT and Prop 8; and growing public support for LGBT rights in general. And those are just the biggies. Sure, there are still plenty of terrible stories making headlines every day, but the good could finally be starting to outweigh the bad. We asked the 40-year-old out-and-proud journalist what other stories from the first half of the year he considers to be positive signs of even bigger change ahead and why each one matters so much.

President Obama endorses the Student Non-Discrimination Act

WHAT HAPPENED: Nearly two years after it was introduced by Senator Al Franken, SNDA was officially endorsed by Obama. The act is comprised of a series of bills designed to combat the bullying of students in elementary and secondary schools based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity.

WHY IT MATTERS: *"This endorsement proves the Obama administration wants to shed light and add structure to help*

prevent an epidemic of bullying for future generations. But with SNDA not yet approved by the Congress, it remains to be seen if it actually becomes a reality."

Twitter "angel" encourages fellow students who are bullied for being LGBT

WHAT HAPPENED: When an anonymous student in Marion, Iowa, took to Twitter and started harassing other kids and spreading lies, gay sophomore Matt Shankles decided to join in the

fight himself. He created an anonymous Twitter handle of his own and used the account to reach out to bullied teens in an attempt to provide support and lift their spirits. When Shankles finally came forward and admitted he was behind the account, he was amazed by the waves of support from across the country.

WHY IT MATTERS: *"This proves the power of social media can be a double-edged sword, connecting us but also able to cut us to shreds at the same time. It is heart-warming to see it used in such a positive and reassuring way."*

Ballot boxes across the U.S. turn pink

WHAT HAPPENED: This may finally be the year gay politicians break through the glass ceiling. From the local to the state to the national level, a historic number of out gays and lesbians have made their way onto the November ballots—legislators like Pennsylvania's Brian Sims (who will become the state's first gay representative) and Kyrsten Sinema, a seven-year vet of the Arizona Senate who could become the first openly bisexual member of Congress. The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund has already backed more than 100 such LGBT candidates who are up for election in the fall. That number's expected to double by November.

WHY IT MATTERS: *"It's the wave of the future... LGBT politicians who are willing to be present and accounted for, and who are helping to stand up for an under-represented part of the American fabric."*

Marriage equality passes in even more states

WHAT HAPPENED: The year began with civil unions becoming legal in Delaware and Hawaii. By February, Washington's governor, Chris Gregoire, was signing his state's same-sex marriage bill while New Jersey's governor, Chris Christie, was vetoing a similar bill that had recently been passed by his state's legislature.

“It will be very telling how certain states really feel come November.”

Then came Maryland, where Governor Martin O’Malley also signed marriage equality into law. The final verdict in all three states is still unknown, with the outcomes hanging on proposed public votes that will take place in the fall.

WHY IT MATTERS: *“Marriage equality continues to spread! However, with upcoming referendums on the ballot for later this year, Americans will witness majorities voting on the rights of a minority. It will be very telling how certain states really feel come November.”*

Bully movie rating lowered to PG-13

WHAT HAPPENED: After initially being slapped with an R rating that would have kept it from being viewed by the very kids it was trying to help, Miramax (the company behind *Bully*’s production) and the MPAA finally agreed on a slightly edited version of the film, giving it a teen-friendly PG-13.

WHY IT MATTERS: *“Bully shines a bright light in some very dark places for our kids. This movie makes you think—and undoubtedly makes a difference.”*

Tennessee abandons ‘Don’t Say Gay’ bill

WHAT HAPPENED: After massive public outcry, Tennessee lawmakers decided to drop the debate of bill SB49, which would have prohibited the discussion of all sexual activity not related to “natural human reproduction science”—even

in cases where students were attending one-on-one counseling in an attempt to deal with their own self-identity.

WHY IT MATTERS: *“Lawmakers reconsidered and decided not to bring the bill up for a vote. However, it doesn’t mean that people within the Tennessee legislature won’t try to revive something similar another day.”*

Airman Anthony Loverde returns to active duty

WHAT HAPPENED: After seven years of exemplary service starting when he was just 20 years old, Loverde was discharged from the Air Force in 2008 as a result of DADT. Fortunately, the end of Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell policies meant he was free to re-enlist, and in April he did just that—becoming the second service member reinstated to active duty after being discharged as a result of their sexuality.

WHY IT MATTERS: *“Lesbian and gay service members discarded under DADT have such a love of this country that many want to sign back up now that the law has been repealed. That is American Pride!”*

Ellen DeGeneres beats a million moms

WHAT HAPPENED: After hearing that Ellen DeGeneres had been hired as a JCPenney spokesperson, a group billing itself as “One Million Moms” (but actually far less) attempted a boycott of the family brand. It claimed that JCP would lose customers, as the majority of the store’s customers would not align with DeGeneres’ values. On the contrary, the boycott ignited a traditional and social media firestorm, with support for DeGeneres and JCP greatly surpassing the One Million Moms boycott—showing that U.S. citizens care more about what someone stands for than their sexuality.

WHY IT MATTERS: *“One Millions Moms faced a ‘common sense’ backlash from Americans who support Ellen! And we all won. Rock on, Ellen!”*

IN CASE YOU MISSED THEM

[Three more upbeat picks, courtesy of DAN AVERY of queerty.com](#)

Brandon Morgan’s homecoming from military deployment, and his loving jump into the arms of his boyfriend, Dalan, was three deployments and four years in the making. That the moment spread across the ‘net like crazy following the death of DADT only helps to make their kiss that much sweeter—and more meaningful to anyone who’s ever served in uniform.

Less than a year after New York passed marriage equality, Stephanie Figarelle and Lela McArthur (of Alaska) and Shawn Klein and Phil Fung (of New York) took part in another Big Apple tradition: They got married overlooking the city as one of six couples who won the chance to celebrate Valentine’s Day with a marriage in the sky, literally.

If one photo is worth a thousand words, then the pic of a marine raising a rainbow flag over an Afghan base (and posted on the Facebook page for “Wipe Out Homophobia”) says everything we need to know about what’s in the world today—from a growing acceptance for equality in the country’s younger generation, to Wipe Out Homophobia’s spread throughout the military, conservative politics and the world itself. Good work, Marine!



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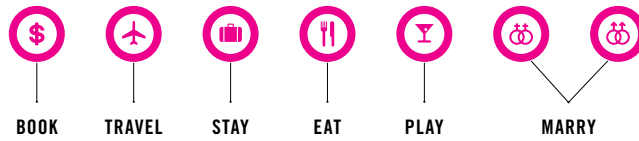


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WE DO

*Celebrate your love with a destination wedding to one of these scenic
getaways (all of which have fully embraced marriage equality)*

BY JONATHAN BENDER



NEW YORK CITY

The quintessential Manhattan marriage ceremony has been a staple of books, TV shows and rom-coms since before most of us were born. And now that Marriage Equality is celebrating its first anniversary in the Empire State, that ideal wedding is an option for everybody, whether you're a native New Yorker or just visiting for the weekend. Here's a quick primer on planning your event:

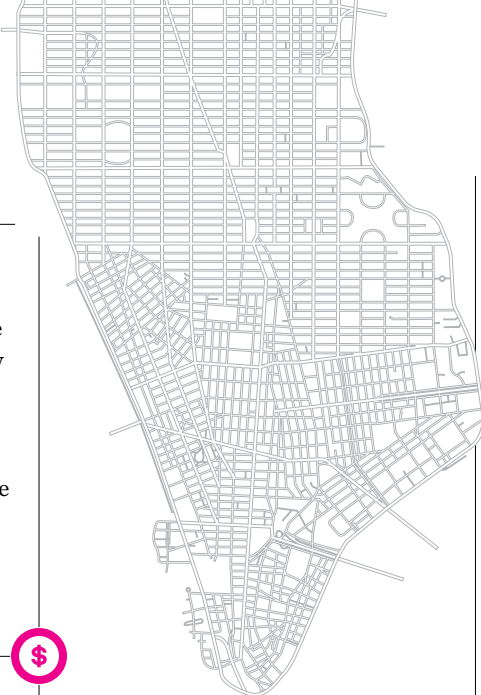
WHERE TO BOOK

There are almost as many great locations for a wedding in NYC as there are people, but the most popular options for vow exchanging usually include the city skyline in one form or another. Consider the waterfront-based River Café in Brooklyn Heights or the Mandarin Oriental Hotel's grand ballroom for their breathtaking cityscapes. Or, to get right in the middle of things, opt for the Top of the Rock in Midtown West, where you can get a bird's-eye view of the city from the 67th floor of Rockefeller Plaza. Not a fan of concrete and glass? Nature lovers will fall head over heels in love with the exquisite views at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

WHERE TO STAY

W Hotel Union Square

As soon as gay marriage became a reality in New York, Mayor Mike Bloomberg suggested tourism would spike even higher for NYC, which was already the hottest spot on the wedding circuit. He was right. The first spot to embrace the trend? The W New York, which created its "Right to Unite" package. Guests receive a suite loaded with amenities, a car service from City Hall, a customized wedding cake and a bottle of champagne. It even comes with a Flip cam to document the couple's nuptials. (Use it to piece together a YouTube short on your time in the city for those who couldn't make it in to town.)



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The Surrey

Nestled between the townhouses of the Upper East Side, the Surrey is the kind of spot Bridezillas crave. The suites are cozy, with a fashionable edge, and each has a private rooftop garden overlooking Central Park. Spa offerings can be customized to suit any visiting couple (but nothing beats their traditional deep-tissue massage). Looking to host an intimate pre-wedding meal? Take advantage of their in-house restaurant, Café Boulud, which can create an elegant evening that seats between 18 to 40 guests.

Merchant House

HUDSON VALLEY, NY

This chic and modern boutique spot is just across the river from NYC proper and offers gasp-worthy views of the Catskill Mountains. The local restaurants are Manhattan-quality (or better) and the posh rooms and luxurious bedding are perfect for you and your honey to crash in after an afternoon of enjoying the city—or just spending time with each other.

WHERE TO EAT

Cafeteria

For the couple that plans to take the Manhattan bar and club scene by storm and winds up hankering for a juicy burger at 3 a.m., Cafeteria (and its menu of amped-up comfort food) can't be beat. The wait might be daunting some nights, but it's worth it—especially if you stick around for dessert, and a slice of their famous red velvet cake or fried Oreos. Just don't forget to share. —>



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Momofuku Milk Bar

If there's a place to go based on customer satisfaction while you're in town, it's got to be Momofuku. Some come for the "cereal milk"-flavored soft serve, some prefer the crazy marshmallow/corn flake/chocolate chip cookies, but most agree it's the famous Crack Pie that's the must-try item on the menu. So addictive and satisfying you'll feel as if you're cheating on your spouse (even if you've just tied the knot), the indulgence is completely worth the hype.

Malatesta

Enjoy authentic Italian without breaking the bank. This romantic European-style hot spot located in Manhattan's West Village provides a charming ambiance with top-notch service—at an affordable price. Skip the menu. All you need for a perfect evening is an order of their gnocchi, some sweet talk with the one you love and a full-bodied glass of red.

WHERE TO PLAY

XL

The club of the moment is The Out NYC's XL, created by John Blair (the man of legendary Roxy fame). What to expect on your night out on the town? The usual crowded hoards of queen-bees and wannabes, complete with shirtless men dancing in a waft of Sephora-mixed colognes. Expect a late night, and plan to get your groove on, whether you visit as a couple or with your whole wedding party in tow.

WHERE TO UNWIND

If you're looking to escape within Manhattan with your sweetheart, it's easy to plan out an entire day that doesn't involve hitting Gotham's sidewalks or subways. The Great Jones Spa offers several couple-friendly packages that are designed for sharing. Their Deluxe Suite includes an ideal candle-lit couple oasis with two treatment tables, private steam shower and a Jacuzzi that has discretion written all over it. ➔



THE BIG QUESTIONS

5 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IF YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT MARRIAGE

Finding the right person is still the hardest part of getting hitched. Once you've got your other half, it's just a matter of navigating all those state laws temporarily holding us up from full-fledged married life. We asked Dean Dafis, director of legal affairs & policy for Marriage Equality USA, to weigh in on a few of the most pressing questions. "Marriage equality is novel territory for the courts and for society at large," he says. "We're part of history in the making. In that way, there are still a lot of issues waiting to be resolved." Here's what has been hashed out so far:

Can I still get married in a state that recognizes marriage equality, even if my home state doesn't?

Yes. One can get married in a state that has legalized marriage equality, even if you're not a resident of that particular state. In fact, most states do not have residency requirements for marriage, especially those where same-sex marriage has been legalized.

There are a few key things to remember: First, only the state can marry you. While marriages can be celebrated following civil or religious ceremonies, only the official filing and issuance of a valid marriage license by your county clerk's office designates you as legally married.

When you apply for a marriage license, there may also be special marriage requirements within a state that differ from those in your home state. Check with the local county clerk's office in the location you want to get married and ask about possible fees, mandatory blood tests, required counseling courses and potential waiting periods (typically anywhere between one and five days from the time you apply for a marriage license and the time the clerk's office officially issues it—although they can be waived in some areas).

If I do decide to get married, will my marriage be legal in any way in my state or nationwide—or is it just symbolic?

It depends. Same-sex marriages are legal only in the state in which you're getting married. However, if you live in Maryland, New Mexico or Rhode Island, your marriage will be recognized if legally performed in another gay marriage state. However, because of the Defense of Marriage Act, same-sex marriages are not recognized by the federal government in any way.

What happens if I marry in a state with marriage equality and then move out of state?

You're no longer married—unless you are moving to MD, NM or RI (the three states which recognize gay marriages legally performed elsewhere). Because of the Defense of Marriage Act, gay marriages aren't portable from state to state.

If marriage equality is ever passed in my state or on a national level and I'm already married, will my marriage be recognized retroactively?

Your marriage will be recognized. You will not need to marry again.

What's the most important thing I can do to help promote nationwide marriage equality for all?

Get involved either in your state and/or on the federal level. Go to freedomtomarry.org or meny.us, and show your support with your dollars or—even better—active grassroots engagement (such as phone banking, collecting signatures for petitions, organizing rallies or contributing to a political blog or newsletter). Also, make sure you always stay tuned to your local elections and keep tabs on where your local representatives stand on LGBT equality. And never be afraid to talk about the issue at work, at home, at your local school or at your local community board. Above all else, educate yourself and pass it on. Knowledge is power. And knowledge changes minds!



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Dubuque, IA

Iowa isn't all corn fields and farm living. Located on the northeast side of Iowa's tri-state region, Dubuque is actually one of the oldest European settlements on the western side of the Mississippi River. Today, the city is a progressive college town that's proud of its past—much of which has taken place in the Hotel Julien Dubuque. The cornerstone of Dubuque's historic Old Main District, the hotel got its start as a four-story luxury hotel in 1839. Since then, everyone from Abe Lincoln and Mark Twain to Al Capone have stayed within its walls. A recent \$30 million renovation has restored the boutique hotel to one of the most luxurious and sophisticated locales in the Midwest (so much so that *Martha Stewart Living* magazine has named it one of the country's 50 best wedding destinations, thanks to options like its "Romance is in the Air" custom wedding package).

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Washington, CT

Located just two hours outside of New York City, rural Connecticut is the perfect spot for getting hitched in the most natural setting possible. Surrounded by Steep Rock Nature Preserve and the Shepaug River, the region is a favorite for biking, hiking and kayaking—but with spots like the Mayflower Inn, it's also an idyllic place for any couple to share their love. An old-school English country house, the Mayflower offers a plethora of locations for any ceremony, along with top-notch dining and a one-of-a-kind spa (sweet-violet facials are a favorite). Plus, quaint, romantic rooms and lush, rambling gardens are sure to lead to an extra-special day—and an amazing new life together.

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Woodstock, VT

No, it's not that Woodstock. Despite sharing a name with New York's music mecca, this village, with a population of under 3,500, is famous for a different reason: It's the most picturesque small town in America. (Don't believe us? *Ladies' Home Journal* and *National Geographic* have both awarded the town the honor in the past.) Home to mom-and-pop vintage book shops and gourmet coffee shops, tranquility is the name of the game. Foodies will enjoy holding hands and sifting through the farmer's market finds and picking up local goodies to haul to their new home or gift away to wedding guests. Organic sophisticates looking for a venue or custom catering options should look first and foremost to The Prince and The Pauper, which pairs stunning contemporary gardens with privately cooked meals and hand-selected wines.

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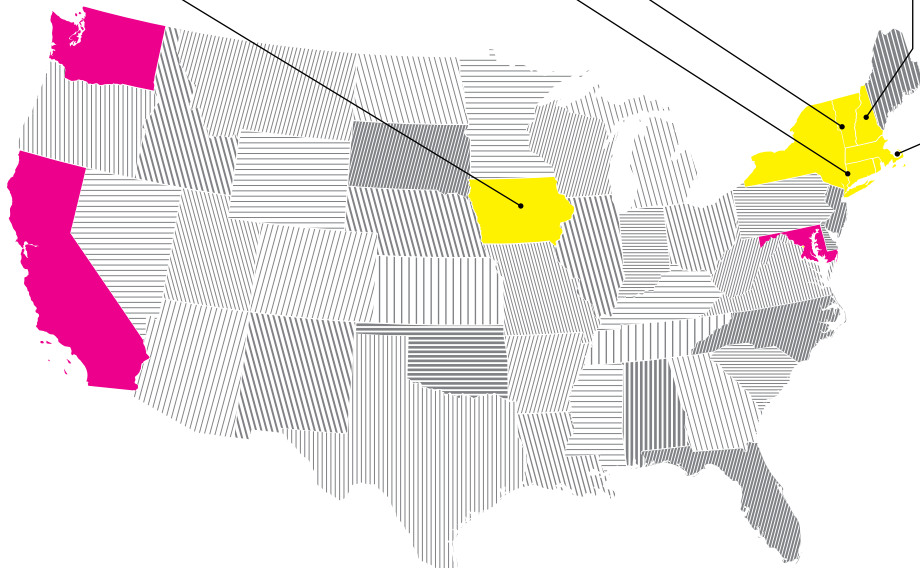
Albany, NH

Based at the entrance to the 780,000-acre White Mountain National Forest, the enchanting Darby Field Inn is one of the best places in all of New Hampshire for viewing rugged Mount Chocorua. With working fireplaces and Jacuzzis, perennial gardens, terraces overlooking thick forests and a "weekend at Grandma's" kind of appeal, it's also an ideal wedding venue. Rental packages include a homemade country breakfast every morning, run of the entire inn for two full days and a full house staff. Fall is a perfect time for an outdoor wedding, thanks to the deep crimson and burnt orange foliage. After your ceremony, stop by the 120-foot covered bridge over the Swift River for a once-in-a-lifetime photo op.

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Cape Cod, MA

If you're looking for a romantic New England waterfront wedding, Cape Cod is your place. With miles of beaches, hundreds of hidden cottages and dozens of stately reception halls, this historic maritime-themed region is equally suitable for black-tie events or simple barefoot-in-the-sand ceremonies. For a touch of both worlds, consider the Wequassett Resort and Golf Club. Nautical-inspired interiors with unreal views of the ocean bay make it an easy sell to countless couples each year. The biggest draw? The English-style gardens and fire-pits that line the property, providing a prime opportunity to host a small clam bake following your wedding ceremony. And really, who wouldn't want to chow down on seasonal lobster while hidden in the picturesque coves of New England's finest escape?



- Gay marriage not allowed
- Allow gay marriage
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INDICATIONS

ISENTRESS is a medicine used to treat the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). **ISENTRESS must be taken with other HIV medicines** to improve your chances of fighting the virus. You must remain under your doctor's care.

ISENTRESS has not been studied in children.

ISENTRESS **will not cure** HIV or reduce your chance of passing it to others.

IMPORTANT RISK INFORMATION

Severe, life-threatening, and fatal skin reactions and allergic reactions have been reported in some patients taking ISENTRESS. If you develop a rash with any of the following symptoms, stop using ISENTRESS and contact your doctor right away: fever, generally ill feeling, extreme tiredness, muscle or joint aches, blisters or sores in mouth, blisters or peeling of skin, redness or swelling of the eyes, swelling of the mouth or face, problems breathing.

Sometimes allergic reactions can affect body organs, like the liver. Contact your doctor right away if you have any of the following signs or symptoms of liver problems: yellowing of the skin or whites of the eyes, dark or tea colored urine, pale colored stools/bowel movements, nausea/vomiting, loss of appetite, pain, aching or tenderness on the right side below the ribs.

Changes in your immune system (Immune Reconstitution Syndrome) can happen when you start taking HIV medicines. Your immune system may get stronger and begin to fight infections that have been hidden in your body for a long time. Tell your doctor right away if you start having new symptoms after starting your HIV medicines.

Contact your doctor immediately if you experience unexplained muscle pain, tenderness, or weakness while taking ISENTRESS. This is because on rare occasions muscle problems can be serious and can lead to kidney damage.

I am ambitious. I am driven. I am a business owner. I am HIV positive.

You are special, unique, and different from anyone else.
And so is your path to managing HIV. When you're ready to start HIV therapy, talk to your doctor about a medication that may fit your needs and lifestyle.

In clinical studies lasting 96 weeks, patients being treated with HIV medication for the first time who took ISENTRESS plus *Truvada*:

- ◆ Had a low rate of side effects
 - The most common side effect of moderate to severe intensity (that interfered with or kept patients from performing daily activities) was trouble sleeping
 - This side effect occurred more often in patients taking ISENTRESS plus *Truvada* (4%) versus *Sustiva* plus *Truvada* (3%)
- ◆ Experienced less effect on LDL cholesterol ("bad" cholesterol)
 - Cholesterol increased an average of 7 mg/dL with ISENTRESS plus *Truvada* versus 21 mg/dL with *Sustiva* plus *Truvada*
 - When they began the study, the average LDL cholesterol of patients on ISENTRESS plus *Truvada* was 96 mg/dL versus 93 mg/dL for those on *Sustiva* plus *Truvada*

Ask your doctor about ISENTRESS.

Not sure where to start? Visit isentress.com/questions

When ISENTRESS has been given with other anti-HIV drugs, side effects included nausea, headache, tiredness, weakness, trouble sleeping, stomach pain, dizziness, depression, and suicidal thoughts and actions. People taking ISENTRESS may still develop infections, including opportunistic infections or other conditions that occur with HIV infection.

Tell your doctor about all of your medical conditions, including if you have any allergies, are pregnant or plan to become pregnant, or are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed. ISENTRESS is not recommended for use during pregnancy. Women with HIV should not breast-feed because their babies could be infected with HIV through their breast milk.

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription medicines like rifampin (a medicine used to treat infections such as tuberculosis), non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

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 read the Patient Information on the adjacent page for more detailed information.

Need help paying for ISENTRESS? Call 1-866-350-9232

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ISENTRESS[®]
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Patient Information

ISENTRESS® (eye sen tris) (raltegravir) Film-Coated Tablets

ISENTRESS® (eye sen tris) (raltegravir) Chewable Tablets



Read this Patient Information before you start taking ISENTRESS and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking with your doctor about your medical condition or your treatment.

What is ISENTRESS?

ISENTRESS is a prescription HIV medicine used with other HIV medicines to treat adults and children 2 years of age and older with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV-1) infection. HIV is the virus that causes AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome).

When used with other HIV medicines, ISENTRESS may reduce the amount of HIV in your blood (called “viral load”). ISENTRESS may also help to increase the number of CD4 (T) cells in your blood which help fight off other infections. Reducing the amount of HIV and increasing the CD4 (T) cell count may improve your immune system. This may reduce your risk of death or infections that can happen when your immune system is weak (opportunistic infections).

It is not known if ISENTRESS is safe and effective in children under 2 years of age.

ISENTRESS does not cure HIV infection or AIDS. People taking ISENTRESS may still develop infections or other conditions associated with HIV infection. Some of these conditions are pneumonia, herpes virus infections, and Mycobacterium avium complex (MAC) infections.

Patients must stay on continuous HIV therapy to control infection and decrease HIV-related illnesses.

Avoid doing things that can spread HIV-1 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 to lower the chance of sexual contact with semen, vaginal secretions, or blood.

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

What should I tell my doctor before taking ISENTRESS?

Before taking ISENTRESS, tell your doctor if you:

- have liver problems.
- have phenylketonuria (PKU). ISENTRESS Chewable Tablets contain phenylalanine as part of the artificial sweetener, aspartame. The artificial sweetener may be harmful to people with PKU.
- have any other medical conditions.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if ISENTRESS can harm your unborn baby.
- **Pregnancy Registry:** You and your doctor will need to decide if taking ISENTRESS is right for you. If you take ISENTRESS while you are pregnant, talk to your doctor about how you can be included in the Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry. The purpose of the registry is to follow the health of you and your baby.
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed.
 - Do not breastfeed if you are taking ISENTRESS. You should not breastfeed if you have HIV because of the risk of passing HIV to your baby.
 - Talk with your doctor about the best way to feed your baby.

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including: prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Taking ISENTRESS and certain other medicines may affect each other causing serious side effects. ISENTRESS may affect the way other medicines work and other medicines may affect how ISENTRESS works.

Especially tell your doctor if you take:

- rifampin (Rifadin, Rifamate, Rifater, Rimactane), a medicine commonly used to treat tuberculosis.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure whether any of your medicines are included in the list above.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of them to show your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new medicine. Do not start any new medicines while you are taking ISENTRESS without first talking with your doctor.

How should I take ISENTRESS?

- **Take ISENTRESS exactly as prescribed by your doctor.**
- You should stay under the care of your doctor while taking ISENTRESS.
- Do not change your dose of ISENTRESS, switch between the film-coated tablet and the chewable tablet or stop your treatment without talking with your doctor first.
- Take ISENTRESS by mouth, with or without food.
- If your child is taking ISENTRESS, your child's doctor will decide the right dose based on your child's age and weight.
- ISENTRESS Chewable Tablets may be chewed or swallowed whole.
- ISENTRESS Film-Coated Tablets must be swallowed whole.
- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. If you do not remember until it is time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular schedule. Do not double your next dose or take more than your prescribed dose.
- If you take too much ISENTRESS, call your doctor or go to the nearest emergency room right away.
- Do not run out of ISENTRESS. Get your ISENTRESS refilled from your doctor or pharmacy before you run out.

What are the possible side effects of ISENTRESS?

ISENTRESS can cause serious side effects including:

- **Serious skin reactions and allergic reactions.** Severe and life-threatening skin reactions and allergic reactions have been reported in some patients taking ISENTRESS. If you develop a rash with any of the following symptoms, stop using ISENTRESS and contact your doctor right away:
 - fever
 - muscle or joint aches
 - redness or swelling of the eyes
 - generally ill feeling
 - blisters or sores in mouth
 - swelling of the mouth or face
 - extreme tiredness
 - blisters or peeling of the skin
 - problems breathing

Liver problems may be caused by an allergic reaction. Contact your doctor right away if you have any of the following signs or symptoms of liver problems:

- yellowing of the skin or whites of the eyes
- dark or tea colored urine
- pale colored stools/bowel movements
- nausea/vomiting
- loss of appetite
- pain, aching or tenderness on the right side below the ribs
- **Changes in your immune system (Immune Reconstitution Syndrome)** can happen when you start taking HIV medicines. Your immune system may get stronger and begin to fight infections that have been hidden in your body for a long time. Tell your doctor right away if you start having new symptoms after starting your HIV medicine.
- **Phenylketonuria (PKU).** ISENTRESS Chewable Tablets contain phenylalanine as part of the artificial sweetener, aspartame. The artificial sweetener may be harmful to people with PKU.

The most common side effects of ISENTRESS include:

- headache
- trouble sleeping

Less common side effects include:

- nausea
- dizziness
- tiredness
- depression
- weakness
- suicidal thoughts and actions
- stomach pain

Tell your doctor right away if you get unexplained muscle pain, tenderness, or weakness while taking ISENTRESS. This may be a sign of a rare but serious muscle problem that can lead to kidney problems.

Tell your doctor if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.

These are not all the possible side effects of ISENTRESS. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

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 ISENTRESS?

Film-Coated Tablets:

- Store ISENTRESS Film-Coated Tablets at room temperature between 68°F to 77°F (20°C to 25°C).

Chewable Tablets:

- Store ISENTRESS Chewable Tablets at room temperature between 68°F to 77°F (20°C to 25°C).
- Store ISENTRESS Chewable Tablets in the original package with the bottle tightly closed.
- Keep the drying agent (desiccant) in the bottle to protect from moisture.

Keep ISENTRESS and all medicines out of the reach of children.

General information about ISENTRESS

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

This leaflet gives you the most important information about ISENTRESS.

If you would like to know more, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for information about ISENTRESS that is written for health professionals.

For more information go to www.ISENTRESS.com or call 1-800-622-4477.

What are the ingredients in ISENTRESS?

ISENTRESS Film-Coated Tablets:

Active ingredient: raltegravir

Inactive ingredients: microcrystalline cellulose, lactose monohydrate, calcium phosphate dibasic anhydrous, hypromellose 2208, poloxamer 407 (contains 0.01% butylated hydroxytoluene as antioxidant), sodium stearyl fumarate, magnesium stearate.

The film coating contains: polyvinyl alcohol, titanium dioxide, polyethylene glycol 3350, talc, red iron oxide and black iron oxide.

ISENTRESS Chewable Tablets:

Active ingredient: raltegravir

Inactive ingredients: hydroxypropyl cellulose, sucralose, saccharin sodium, sodium citrate dihydrate, mannitol, red iron oxide (100 mg tablet only), yellow iron oxide, monoammonium glycyrrhizinate, sorbitol, fructose, natural and artificial flavors (orange, banana, and masking that contains aspartame), crospovidone, magnesium stearate, sodium stearyl fumarate, ethylcellulose 20 cP, ammonium hydroxide, medium chain triglycerides, oleic acid, hypromellose 2910/6cP, PEG 400.

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They've stood up for our rights and defended our equality. They've fought back with those who rally against us. They've made us think. They've made us laugh. They've made us cheer, standing beside us, day in and day out, joining in our struggle to be treated just like everyone else.

They're our allies—straight supporters who understand that equality is something everyone deserves—and are helping us to achieve it, minute by minute, day by day and year by year. They're entertainers, comedians and musicians; business people and political leaders; mothers, fathers, siblings and friends.

To the men and women included in the pages that follow, all sharing their messages of equality in their own words, and to every other ally out there—whether you're a CEO, a stay-at-home mom in a small country town, or somewhere in the middle, doing your own thing to help with the fight—we thank you for the love and encouragement. And when everything is said and done, hopefully in the very near future, we promise you one hell of a party! —————>

BARACK OBAMA
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Wednesday, May 9, 2012. It's the day the 44th president of United States made history, becoming the first U.S. president to ever announce support of marriage equality for everyone. After the mainstream media and politicians everywhere weighed in with their opinions on what it will mean for his upcoming reelection bid, it's still impossible to know just what the eventual fallout will be. What we do know is that, in a highly volatile election year, nobody was forcing Obama to make LGBT rights part of his platform. He did it because it was something he believed in and because it was the right thing to do. And for that—for having the courage to stand up for your convictions (even if it took a while)—Mr. President, we salute you!

"I've always been adamant that gay and lesbian Americans should be treated fairly and equally. That's why, in addition to everything we've done in this administration—rolling back Don't Ask, Don't Tell so that outstanding Americans can serve our country... No longer defending the Defense Against Marriage Act...—I've stood on the side of broader equality for the LGBT community."

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"When I think about members of my own staff who are incredibly committed, in monogamous relationships, same-sex

relationships, who are raising kids together. When I think about those soldiers or airmen or Marines or sailors who are out there fighting on my behalf and yet feel constrained—even now that Don't Ask, Don't Tell is gone—because they're not able to commit themselves in a marriage. At a certain point, I've just concluded that—for me personally, it is important for me to go ahead and affirm that—I think same-sex couples should be able to get married."

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"When I meet gay and lesbian couples, when I meet same-sex couples, and I see

how caring they are, how much love they have in their hearts, how they're taking care of their kids; when I hear from them the pain they feel that somehow they are still considered less than full citizens when it comes to their legal rights, then, for me, I think it just has tipped the scales in that direction."

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"The winds of change are happening. They're not blowing with the same force in every state. But I think that what you're gonna see is states coming to the realization that if a soldier can fight for us, if a police officer can

protect our neighborhoods, if a firefighter is expected to go into a burning building to save our possessions or our kids, the notion that after they were done with that, that we'd say to them, 'Oh, but by the way, we're gonna treat you differently.' That you may not be able to enjoy the ability of passing on what you have to your loved one, if you—if you die. The notion that somehow if you get sick, your loved one might have trouble visiting you in a hospital. You know, I think that as more and more folks think about it, they're gonna say, you know, 'That's not who we are.'"

HILLARY CLINTON
SECRETARY OF STATE

"We have to continue to stand up for the rights and the well-being of LGBT people, and sometimes it's hard when you're in the middle of a long campaign to see where you're getting. But I've always believed that we would make progress because we were on the right side of equality and justice.... This is one of the most urgent and important human rights struggles of all times."

"Like being a woman, like being a racial, religious, tribal or ethnic minority, being LGBT does not make you less human. And that is why gay rights are human rights, and human rights are gay rights." [For the fallout from this quote, and what it's done to U.S. foreign policy, turn to page 68.]

JOE BIDEN
VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

"I am absolutely comfortable with the fact that men marrying men, women marrying women and heterosexuals—men and women marrying—are entitled to the same exact rights, all the civil rights, all the civil liberties. And quite frankly, I don't see much of a distinction beyond that."



ILLUSTRATION BY STEVE WILSON



The accolades for this former D-Lister are pretty impressive: two-time Emmy winner; New York Times best-selling author; four-time Grammy award nominee; possibly the woman with the most bans from daytime and nighttime talk shows of all time. Yet, spend a few minutes talking to her, and it's easy to see that "Best friend of the gays" may be the title she's most proud of. (Well, after the Emmys and maybe those bans from The View.)

From Obama and Hillary to GaGa, it seems like more and more public figures are standing up for gay rights. Why is this happening now?

- Look, "gay rights" has always been an important hot-button issue, and it's always had its supporters. But, it's 2012, and we have so many more ways of getting the word out. Besides having your own talk show—and let me remind you that mine, *Kathy*, is on Bravo, Thursday nights at 10 p.m.—you can use Facepunch [Kathy's mom, Maggie's, name for Facebook], you can send a twat on Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram, YouTube, the outlets for free expression are endless. The point is this; there are lots of ways voices can connect to each other and the world at large...and people are listening.

When you're prepping new material, do you make a conscious effort to get certain messages out there? Is a joke always just for the laugh first, or are you also trying to plant seeds and change people's opinions?

- A lot of times a joke is just a joke, especially when it comes to my girl Ryan Seacrest. But I'm well aware that I have a platform, and sometimes that platform can become a soapbox. I'd love it if sometimes my opinions affected change. But I also know that people come to my shows to laugh.

You're possibly the most LGBT-friendly entertainer out there. Is being this inclusive a conscious effort?

- It's just part of my DNA. Remember, I'm the girl who dated and went to prom with a guy who turned out to be gay. We have always found each other, and I believe it comes from us feeling like outsiders growing up. The gays and I have always gravitated toward each other. We have a similar sense of humor—and we have a mutual love of Cher.

What is it about the LGBT world that you relate to most or that you find the biggest connection to?

- I always say I am the "A" in the LGBTQIA [Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Transgender, Questioning, Intersex, Ally].

I think people in the LGBT world are outspoken like me. They have a great sense of humor about themselves. And, not to make sweeping generalizations, but they love reality television...especially those toddlers and their tiaras.

Your mom is great with “the Gays” today. Has she always been? What about your dad? Was equality a message they passed down to you?

• Absolutely. We grew up in a fiercely Democratic household at a time when being a Democrat didn’t mean you were a terrorist. My father was very active in politics—he campaigned for Kennedy and several other Democratic candidates—and while gay marriage and LGBT issues weren’t necessarily part of table talk in Forest Park, Illinois, at that time, civil rights always were.

What about you—have your feelings on gay rights changed over time?

• Nope. I’ve always felt the same way.... Gay people and straight people are totally the same. Only Kardashians shouldn’t be allowed to marry.

If you could get a message out there to anybody who is struggling with their identity and feeling like it’s never going to get better, what would it be?

• This is a problem that affects everyone: kids who are gay, kids who are perceived to be gay, even straight kids who are different in their own ways. Did you know that every year, the U.S. Dept. of Education estimates that 13 million American kids are bullied? To those kids, I would say that I see you at my stand-up shows. I read your tweets and Facebook mes-

sages. I’ve been there—I know how you feel. You’re not “less than” anything, you’re not worthless. You’re different, and by the way, who the fuck isn’t?

Is part of life getting better for you being able to talk to the Limbaughs and Kirk Camerons of the world, and put them in their place?

• Look, everyone deserves a voice. I just wish some people wouldn’t say such ignorant things, and I’m not talking about Teresa Giudice. I think they should be called out. Just like sometimes people tell me I’ve crossed the line.

Do you plan on attending any Pride events this year?

• Even though I am currently shooting the *Kathy* show—remember, Thursday nights on Bravo!—I’m still on the road touring. You can find dates at kathygriffin.net, so I am a busy gal. But I try to still get out there and participate. That’s my community—and I love any excuse to look really hot in a bikini.

You’ve got the talk show now. You sell out theaters across the country. You’ve written best sellers. What arena are you taking over next?

• Obviously, I’m planning a series of Kathy Griffin theme parks. They’ll be a cross between Dollywood and the trampoline park that Alexis Bellino of the *Real Housewives of Orange County* has in the works.

Anything else you want to tell us that you haven’t gotten to yet?

• Keep watching *Kathy*! And come see me on tour; it’s Grindr on steroids.



KATHLEEN TURNER ACTRESS

[There was a time when this sexy star of 1981’s *Body Heat* quipped “On a night when I feel really good about myself, I can walk into a room, and if a man doesn’t look at me, he’s probably gay.” Thirty years later, after iconic gay roles like Beverly Sutphin in John Waters’ *Serial Mom*, she’s had to revise her statement just a little, joking “now, if I walk into a room and a man still looks at me, he’s probably gay.”](#)

• The message of your new movie, *The Perfect Family* (about a daughter coming out to her Roman Catholic mother) is very positive. And you’ve been in a lot of movies over your career that have a pro-gay message, as well. Is that something you look for at all when picking roles?

No, I don’t necessarily look for it. I just thought that this story had a really fascinating conflict—a good woman who isn’t prejudiced but who rigidly follows the tenets of the Catholic Church, and what she does when her lesbian daughter wants to get married.

• Where do you focus your energies when you aren’t acting? I work very, very hard for Planned Parenthood and People for the American Way, which is a protector of the First Amendment and a watchdog of the religious right. We do a lot of work there for gay laws and protection.

• Speaking of politics, what are your thoughts on November?

I’m just afraid that women and gays will forget that the Republicans have been so anti our health and our protection, and that they’re going to try to make real nice to us, you know—so don’t forget to vote!

“We as Americans are completely obsessed and wrapped up in a lot of the wrong values: looking good, having cash in the bank, being perceived as rich and famous, or just being famous. It’s the most superficial part of the American dream, and who would know better than me? The only thing that’s going to bring you happiness is love, how you treat your fellow man and having compassion for one another.”

MADONNA POP ICON

...On “traditional” American values



CYNDI LAUPER
MUSICIAN

Few could have anticipated that the woman behind “Girls Just Want to Have Fun” would someday become one of the country’s most ardent supports for gay and lesbian rights. We caught up with the ‘80s icon as she was putting the finishing touches on two hotly anticipated projects: her first musical (*Kinky Boots*, debuting in Chicago this fall, based on the hit English comedy) and an autobiography (*Cyndi Lauper: A Memoir*, out Sept. 18).

Congrats on being named a marshal for this year’s NYC Pride. Does the honor have any added significance, knowing how hard you’ve worked for LGBT equality over the years?

• I’m honored to do it, especially in my hometown. Pride is one of my favorite times of the year. It’s a time when I get to celebrate a community that I love. I can’t wait to march down Fifth Avenue along with my brothers and sisters in the community!

Have LGBT rights been a passion from the start of your career, or did your activism evolve over time?

• I burned my bra at the age of 13. I watched in awe as black and white people marched together during the Civil Rights movement. Equality has mattered to me my entire life. I’ve just been fortunate to have some celebrity that I can use to hopefully make things better so that everyone is treated equally, regardless of sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, race, religion—whatever.

“True Colors” has become an all-time favorite LGBT empowerment anthem. How have your opinions on the song changed since the time you wrote it?

• I didn’t realize how big of an impact it had on the gay community until I was home pregnant with my son and was able to read more of my fan mail than normal. There was letter after letter of how the song helped them come out and helped them overcome the ignorance they faced because they were gay. I was so moved that the song has had such an important impact—and I have embraced what that song has meant to people. It also re-inspired me to do more and played a big role in the inspiration behind the True Colors Tour and the True Colors Fund.

You’ve done so much advocacy work. Is there one achievement or event that you feel most proud of?

• There are many. With the True Colors Fund, the work we have done through the “Give a Damn” campaign to engage everyone, especially straight people, to get involved in supporting equality has been a huge achievement. Also, the new program, the Forty to None Project, that we are launching in conjunction with Pride this year, will be the first national program to raise awareness and engage the public in helping to end the epidemic of gay and transgender youth who are homeless. Overall, the forward momentum is our greatest achievement—we are on our way to

achieving full equality for the community. We just have to stay strong and keep doing all we can.

Growing up, it seems as if your family really supported your creativity and individuality. But there are a lot of families where that doesn't happen.

- This is the thing that we've gotta be working on if we want future generations of the community to be happy and healthy. It has to start in the home. We need to be doing more to help families accept their kids if they are gay or transgender. Just look at the epidemic of homelessness for these kids. Up to 40% of all homeless youth identify as LGBT, yet only 3 to 5 percent of the general youth population does the same. These kids are being kicked out or running away because they are afraid. We have to help families understand that even a little bit of acceptance while they come to terms with the fact that their kid is gay can make such a huge difference.

What would you say to anybody out there now who's reading this and dealing with some of those same issues?

- Keep your head up. Look for someone you can trust and confide in them about how you are feeling. It really does get better. It's not just a saying. There have been many people who have tried to knock me down, but I keep fighting. You have to do the same.

You were a big supporter of Obama in 2008. What are your thoughts on the job he's done so far?

- I love the guy, and I am still a big supporter. He was handed a big mess, and he's been working to fix all of that—and it takes time. He has been the best president with regards to LGBT issues. He repealed Don't Ask, Don't Tell, signed the hate crimes bill into law, and he is no longer defending the so-called Defense of Marriage Act. And to have a sitting president for the first time publicly express his support for marriage equality is incredible. He has done a lot—and I am confident that he will do even more in his second term.



“You get to the point where you evolve in your life, where everything isn't black and white, good and bad—and you try to do the right thing. You might not like that. You might be very cynical about that. Well, fuck it, I don't care what you think. I'm trying to do the right thing. I'm tired of Republican-Democrat politics. They can take the job and shove it. I come from a blue-collar background. I'm trying to do the right thing, and that's where I'm going with this.”

ROY MCDONALD NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

...On his vote for New York marriage equality

“I think it's funny, but the last thing you'll ever see me do is jump up and down, saying, ‘These are lies!’ That would be unfair and unkind to my good friends in the gay community. I'm not going to let anyone make it seem like being gay is a bad thing. My private life is private, and I'm very happy in it. Who does it hurt if someone thinks I'm gay? I'll be long dead, and there will still be people who say I was gay. I don't give a shit.”

GEORGE CLOONEY ACTOR

...On rumors he's gay

“I've always thought of it as something that is still holding the country back. What people do in their own homes is their business and you can choose to love whoever you love. That's their business. It's no different than discriminating against blacks. It's discrimination, plain and simple.”

JAY-Z RAPPER

...On Obama's endorsement of marriage equality

“Those who oppose gay marriage believe deeply that marriage is sacred and divine, a blessed sacrament between man and woman as ordained in the Bible. If they are right, then the entire concept of marriage has no place in our civil society, which recognizes the separation between the sacred and the secular, between church and state. Just as states do not participate in other religious sacraments—such as baptisms, circumcisions, fasting or Communion—they should not participate in the sacrament of marriage.”

ALAN DERSHOWITZ HARVARD UNIVERSITY LAW PROFESSOR

...On civil vs. religious marriage

**“YOU SHOULD BE
ASHAMED OF
YOURSELVES!
MY GOD LOVES GAYS!”**

KELLY OSBOURNE REALITY TV STAR

...On anti-gay protestors



BEN COHEN
FORMER RUGBY PLAYER

BEN COHEN, the straight 34-year-old English Rugby World Cup champion, has never been bothered by the fact that gay men constitute a huge percentage of his beefcake calendar-buying fan base. In a world in which many homophobic athletes still worry about showering with gay teammates, Cohen is refreshingly free of sexual hang-ups—always willing to donate a signed jockstrap for auction or to be photographed in his underwear in support of his favorite causes: anti-bullying and the elimination of homophobia in sports.

Having retired from rugby in 2011, the married father of 4-year-old twins decided to create the Ben Cohen StandUp Foundation (standupfoundation.com), a group dedicated to raising awareness of the long-term, damaging effects of bullying and homophobia.

“It’s about using sports icons at every level from international and professional to local small-town schools,” he

says. “Coaches, teachers and players have to understand that there is always someone young and impressionable looking up to them. Our foundation asks them to look at bullying and homophobia and commit to combating them.”

His efforts are already paying off. He’s partnered with England’s Home Office and successfully urged many English sports teams to sign a charter that declares their intolerance for bullying, homophobia and transphobia.

“It’s fantastic what sports clubs can achieve in their own communities,” he says. “Homophobia and bullying begin with the earliest schooling. That is where we need to provide the most education. The whole infrastructure that molds a child’s feelings about sports and sexuality is where we should concentrate our efforts to make sure that teachers and coaches are on board with our message of intolerance for bullying and homophobia.” —*Tony Adams*

“I shudder to think what would have happened if the civil rights movement gains, heroically established by courageous lawmakers in the 1960s, were instead conveniently left up to popular votes in our 50 states. Equal protection under the law—for race, religion, gender or sexual orientation—should not be subject to the most popular sentiments of the day. Marriage equality is not a choice. It is a legal right.”

CORY BOOKER MAYOR

...On the majority voting on rights for the minority

“This is not a Republican or Democratic issue. Not a conservative and not a liberal issue. It’s a human rights and civil rights issue. This was a great victory for gays and lesbians and the children that they raise. It’s also a great victory for all Americans, for anybody who has ever been discriminated against because they are of a different color, different sect or different creed. Indeed, it’s for all Americans who have an interest in equality. I think that is a common value for all of us, not just conservatives, not just liberals. And I would hope that the Supreme Court, like everybody, would rejoice in this kind of advancement of constitutional civil rights.”

DAVID BOIES

LAWYER AND CHALLENGER OF CALIFORNIA’S PROP 8
...On Prop 8’s initial repeal

“We’ve got to stop thinking about equality in terms of conservative or liberal. We need to start thinking about the fact that gay and lesbian citizens are our brothers and sisters. They’re entitled to equal places in our society. That should be a conservative value. It is also a liberal value. It is not something that should split us.”

TED OLSON

LAWYER AND CHALLENGER OF CALIFORNIA’S PROP 8
...On the politics of Prop 8

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LISA LAMPANELLI
COMEDIAN

She may be known as an insult comic, but there's a big heart lurking just under the surface in this "Queen of Mean."

- You just finished the last of *Celebrity Apprentice*, where you were playing for the Gay Men's Health Crisis. How'd that happen? Last year, I was playing a show in Topeka, Kansas, and the Westboro Baptist Church was there to protest me because of my gay followers. And I was like, you know what, *Fuck them!* For every protester from your asinine organization that comes out, I'm going to donate \$1,000 to GMHC. Forty-four protesters showed up, so then I think, fuck it, let's make it an even 50, and I wrote 'em out a check for 50 Gs—so I could be a hero for at least one day.
- Your humor is very controversial. Lots of people love it; lots of people are offended by it. How much of that is deliberate? When I do stuff about the different stereotypes of gay, straight, black, white, Asian—whatever—it's pretty

deliberately done in an ignorant way to show ignorance. I think the more blunt and obviously parodied it is, that's really the best way to get the point across.

- Where does your connection to LGBT causes come from?

Growing up, I felt like I never really fit in anywhere—like I never really had a group. And I think a lot of gays have felt that way, too. As a group, most have had a bit of a struggle fitting in, to a certain extent, and I relate.

- Ever gone to a Pride event before? I'm going to be on GMHC's float during the parade in New York City! It's my first time! I'm so excited! Don't worry—I won't take my boobs out! There are enough gay men already. We don't need to turn the other ones.

- You never know—by the time you're at the end of it you may be tempted!

[Laughs] From what I hear, I might!



"Everyone should have the same rights. They say gay marriage ruins families and hurts kids. Well, I've had the privilege of seeing my gay friends being parents and watching their kids grow up in a loving environment."

BRAD PITT ACTOR
...On gay families

"WHEN I WAS GROWING UP, MY MOTHER'S GAY FRIENDS HAD FAMILIES JUST LIKE OUR FAMILY. AND SO IT NEVER OCCURRED TO ME THAT WE SHOULD DISCRIMINATE AGAINST GAY MEN AND WOMEN FOR WHO THEY ARE, FOR WHO THEY LOVE."

KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND U.S. SENATOR
...On her upbringing

"These people who are making a big deal about gay marriage? I don't give a fuck about who wants to get married to anybody else! Why not? We're making a big deal out of things we shouldn't be making a deal out of. Just give everybody the chance to have the life they want."

CLINT EASTWOOD ACTOR
...On anti-gay protestors

"WHAT WOULD JESUS DO? I BELIEVE HE WOULD LOVE US ALL!"

CHER MUSICIAN/ACTRESS
...On religion

"I did not yet know the passion and the fervor for equality and social justice that would grow so deeply inside of me. As I become closer to each and everyone of you, through music, dance, art, fashion and the celebration of our individuality, it has become clear to me that my greater mission is to be part of the joyous mobilization of the LGBT community worldwide!"

LADY GAGA MUSICIAN
...On why she fights for equality

"NOM's underhanded attempts to divide will not succeed if black Americans remember their own history of discrimination. Pitting bigotry's victims against other victims is reprehensible. The defenders of justice must stand together."

JULIAN BOND SOCIAL ACTIVIST AND CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER
...On the National Organization for Marriage attempting to turn African-Americans against gays

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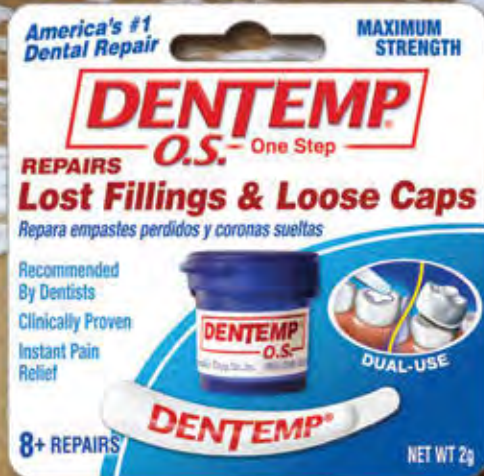
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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: KYLE ALLUMS; MITCHELL LAYTON; MARTINA NAVRATILOVA; GETTY IMAGES

The '70s were host to two watershed moments in the history of sports: In 1974, the best-selling novel *The Front Runner* was published. (The saga details an ex-Marine track coach and his Olympics-bound athlete turned lover.) And in 1975, former NFL running back David Kopay came out of the closet—a first in the history of pro athletics. Since then, thousands of men and women have carried on their efforts, working tirelessly to tackle homophobia in sports. While it would be impossible to list all of the amazing athletes, coaches, allies and supporters who have contributed to the cause, here are the Sweet 16 who are still giving their all for LGBT athletes everywhere.

THE PIONEER

Kye Allums

In November 2010 women's basketball player Kye Allums became the first openly transgender athlete in Division 1 sports history. A year later, Allums received the National Center for Lesbian Rights' Spirit Award for the courage he showed in telling his story publicly on *outsports.com*. Having graduated from George Washington University, Allums is now dedicated to ending the transphobia he faced in college. In addition to speaking to student groups and athletic departments, he is starting his own organization aimed at supporting transgender people, including athletes. He's dubbed 2012 his "Transition Tour," as he brings his message of trans awareness to universities across the country. Speaking to *The Advocate* at the time his story first broke, Allums said he looks forward to his future and "hopefully making a difference in the world in some kind of way."

THE OUTFIELDER

Billy Bean

Imagine having to play a baseball game on the day your lover died. That's what Billy Bean went through while signed with the San Diego Padres in the late 1990s. Deeply in the closet at a time when no other professional baseball player had ever declared his sexuality, Bean tried to keep his emotions inside—but the stress of the closet was too much. Within a year, he decided to walk away from the sport entirely, leaving at the peak of his career. Then, he did something even more unthinkable. He sat down with *20/20* and the *New York Times* and confirmed that he was gay. Looking back, Bean believes he could have done things a bit differently. "If only I had told my parents, I probably would have played two or three more years and understood that I could come out a step at a time," he says. Still, he has no regrets. Since those fateful interviews, he's become an author, a spokesman for the HRC and an overall activist for LGBT rights, determined to help others feel comfortable coming out and not make the mistakes he did. "The people who are the heroes to me today," he says, "are those 15-year-olds in junior high

school in middle America who are able to look at who they are and tell the truth."

THE BROTHER

Patrick Burke



Brendan Burke made headlines around the globe when he came out publicly in 2009. The son of famed U.S. Olympic hockey general manager Brian Burke, Brendan wasn't just a student manager for Miami University's RedHawks, the men's ice hockey team, he was also the closest person to professional hockey to ever confirm that he was gay—and his efforts were praised by many. The celebration, however, was short-lived. Brendan was killed in a car crash in February of 2010. Determined to keep Brendan's efforts alive, his older brother, Patrick—a scout with the Philadelphia Flyers—committed to doing his part to help end homophobia in sports. In March 2012, Patrick founded the "You Can Play Project," a platform to help promote the voices of straight allies in sports. So far, Burke has enlisted more than 50 pro athletes to take part in the campaign, which creates PSAs that air nationally during televised events. Their message: It doesn't matter what your sexual orientation is. If you can play the game well, that's all that matters. "This is something Brendan wanted," Patrick says. "I hope he would be proud."

THE RUNNER

Anna Agenes

A former team captain for the University of Pennsylvania's women's track and field team, Agenes has been an advocate for LGBT equality for as long as she can remember. In her freshman year at Penn, Agenes immediately came out to her teammates in an effort to promote unity and team cohesion. From there, she joined the school's Queer Student Alliance and, ultimately, moved on to chair the group PATH (Penn Athletes and Allies Tackling Homophobia), founding the school's first-ever Pride Games. After graduating in 2010 she joined the leadership team for Our Group, a support and advocacy organization for LGBT athletes and allies in high school

and college. Today, she travels regularly as a speaker promoting inclusion and diversity, meeting with LGBT athletes and allies, and leading workshops and conferences, including a recent panel discussion at the NCAA Gender Equity and Inclusion Forum in New Orleans. "I believe that LGBTQ student athletes and allies have the unique opportunity to become voices for acceptance and for change on our college campuses," Agenes says. "It's not just about winning games: Athletes can become heroes and role models each time they decide to speak out against homophobia and anti-gay language."

THE COACH

Helen Carroll



Helen Carroll speaks the language of the locker room and the coach's office. Her 1984 University of North Carolina-Asheville team won the NAIA women's national college basketball championship, a first for a female coach. This on-the-court experience gave her tremendous insight into sports culture and was an invaluable way to help prepare for her current job as sports project director for the National Center for Lesbian Rights. In that role, Carroll has been on the front lines against homophobia, fighting for the rights of LGBT athletes and coaches in cases that range from equal rights for transgender collegiate athletes to stopping the mistreatment of a lesbian high schooler in a small desert town. No matter the issue, no case is too small for Carroll's attention. "Guiding collegiate athletes as a coach and guiding coaches as an athletic director has been an incredible journey," she says. "Now, with the tremendous support of NCLR, I work to make sure that LGBT athletes, coaches and sports professionals at all levels are given an equal shot to reach their potential and play the sports they love."

MORE GAME-CHANGING MOMENTS IN SPORTS HISTORY



Bill Tilden wins Wimbledon and goes on to become one of the best tennis players of the 20th century.

1920

Openly gay army physician **Tom Waddell** places sixth in the Olympic decathlon.

Waddell and partner Charles Deaton are the first gay men featured in *People* magazine's "Couples" section.

L.A. Dodger **Glenn Burke**, who popularized the high five, traded from the team due to his homosexuality.



First **Gay Games** take place in San Francisco.

Bob Paris wins Mr. Universe and Mr. America. He later weds longtime partner Rod Jackson.

LPGA veteran **Muffin Spencer-Devlin** tells *Sports Illustrated* she's a lesbian.

Rudy Galindo wins U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

David Kopay comes out in a *Washington Star* interview.

Billie Jean King outed by former lover.

Despite having tested positive for HIV, diver **Greg Louganis** wins gold in Seoul Olympics.

Magic Johnson confirms his HIV status.

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THE FRESHMAN

Craig Cassey

Being selected as high school prom king is quite an honor for anyone, let alone an openly gay athlete. But that's just what happened to Craig Cassey in 2011. And the feat shows just what kind of impact Cassey has had on those around him—whether it's his classmates, or strangers reading his popular blog halfway across the country. That site, Craig's Gay Word (craiggay.wordpress.com), chronicles Cassey's life as an out track athlete, first in high school and now as a freshman at Georgetown. More than just another blog, Craig's Gay Word is a how-to guide for young people struggling with coming out, offering practical advice from the front lines. As for Cassey, he's leading a new breed of teenage athletes—out, confident and happy to be sharing their stories, and in the process, becoming role models and guides for other struggling with their identity.

THE ORGANIZER

Shamey Cramer

Behind the scenes and off the field, one name has been synonymous with Pride in sports for decades—Shamey Cramer. It all started in 1982 when Cramer founded Team Los Angeles to compete in San Francisco's inaugural Gay Games. On the heels of that event, he went on to organize L.A.'s Festival Games from 1983 to 1985. Run in conjunction with Los Angeles Pride, it was the first annual LGBT multisport festival in America. A cyclist, speed skater, wrestler and middle-distance runner himself before a traumatic ski accident left him without the use of his right leg, Cramer was also the chair for the first U.S. AIDS Ride and has been a key member of the Federation of Gay Games for years. Most recently, he represented the FGJ at the fifth World Conference on Women and Sport in Los Angeles, where he spoke about his efforts over the years. "Sports are as unifying a force as music is," he says, "and I'm proud to represent an organization that for 30 years has stood

for the use of sport to eradicate homophobia, racism and sexism around the globe."

THE EDUCATOR

Pat Griffin



Few people on earth have done more to combat homophobia in sports than Pat Griffin.

A Professor emeritus in the social justice education program at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Griffin has been working in this area for almost 30 years, publishing the groundbreaking book *Strong Women, Deep Closets: Lesbians and Homophobia in Sport* in 1998. For several years after that, she led the Women's Sports Foundation's "It Takes a Team" education campaign, which targeted homophobia among student athletes. Today, Griffin serves as project director for GLSEN's "Changing the Game," which targets homophobia in sports and physical education all the way from kindergarteners up through high school seniors. In that role, she travels the country speaking at conferences and meeting with administrators, talking about the best strategies to end the name-calling and other homophobia that drives so many young LGBT kids away from athletics. "I'm spending my retirement doing what I can," she says, "to make sure that younger generations of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender athletes and coaches can live openly, be recognized for their talents and be respected for their character instead of hated, misunderstood or feared for their sexual orientation or gender identity."

THE INNOVATOR

David Kopay

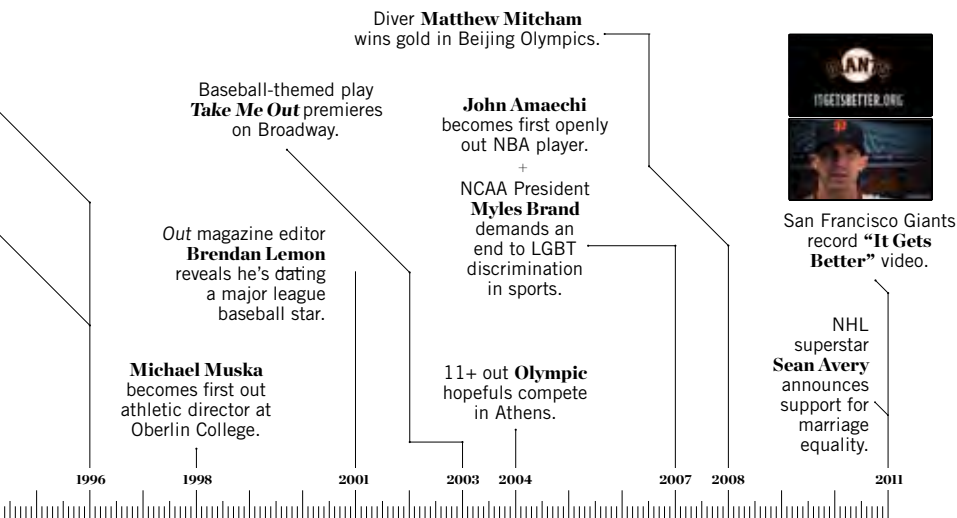
Even if you don't follow sports or politics—or weren't even born in the '70s—you've probably heard David Kopay's name. And there is a reason for that. He is, by almost all accounts, the single most important figure in gay sports history. An all-American running back at the University of Washington in

1964, he later signed with the San Francisco 49ers, playing with them for nine years and earning a reputation as one of the toughest players in the NFL at the time. His coming out in 1975 shattered the stereotype that gays weren't masculine enough to play a sport like football. His biography, *The David Kopay Story* (published two years later), detailed his life in the closet and was a surprise best-seller that has gone on to inspire gays and lesbians for nearly 40 years. In a sport where only two other players have ever publicly acknowledged their sexuality, Kopay's story is as relevant now as it was then, and he still is a regular on the speakers' circuit debating the issue of gays in sports.

THE AUTHOR

Robert Lipsyte

No member of the mainstream media has done more to raise the visibility of gay athletes, perhaps, than Bob Lipsyte, who's worked for years as a sports columnist with the *New York Times*, *USA Today* and ESPN. In between stories on the Mets and the Yankees, his profiles of out athletes like baseball player Billy Bean and high school football player Corey Johnson have become front-page material—a signal of their cultural importance. (The day after his column on Johnson ran in 2000, thousands marched in Washington, D.C., demanding gay equality.) In his columns, and in the young-adult novels he writes on the side, Lipsyte's work continually explores the nexus of sports and society, breaking down self-worth, body image and jock culture, while never shying away from homosexuality. With columns like his 2003 piece for *USA Today* ("For sake of straight kids, quit tyrannizing gay sports stars"), it's easy to imagine thousands of readers being exposed to a subject like LGBT equality for the first time ever, and then being positively swayed through his powerful and insightful words. "Sports are supposed to be about fair play," Lipsyte says. "Once you accept that, all you need to do is let everybody join the team."



THE LOBBYIST

Karen Morrison

As the NCAA's director of gender inclusion, Karen Morrison is the point person for finding new athletic opportunities for women at colleges and universities—a remarkable feat for equality in and of itself. But in 2011 she took that quest one step further, helping the NCAA adopt a landmark policy that clarifies how transgender student athletes can participate on college athletic teams in accordance with their gender identity. Over and over again, Morrison has pushed the NCAA, the most powerful group in college sports, to commit to diversity, inclusion and gender equity with just one goal in mind: creating an institutional environment where LGBT athletes can participate in the sports they love, no matter what, knowing they have the backing of their schools.

THE VETERAN

Martina Navratilova

There may be no higher-profile out athlete in the world than Martina Navratilova. In 1981 she came out of the closet at the height of her professional tennis career—losing millions of dollars in endorsement deals in the process. But that revelation didn't stop her from winning more career titles and more Grand Slam titles than anyone else in history, including 18 Grand Slam singles titles and 31 Grand Slam women's doubles titles. In addition to her life behind the racquet, Navratilova has dedicated her life to the quest for equality, fighting the antigay Amendment 2 in Colorado in the early '90s and becoming the spokesperson for Bank of America's Rainbow Card, which raised more than \$2 million for LGBT charities. Most recently, Navratilova has announced her successful battle against breast cancer, appeared on ABC's *Dancing with the Stars* and became a fitness ambassador for the AARP—all the while helping further the cause of LGBT equality with classic poise, confidence and a dry sense of humor.

THE BLOGGER

Pete Olsen

A recent grad from Ohio State University, Pete Olsen is also the man behind *widerights.com*. Just a couple of years into the site's history, the blogger has already helped break major stories like the inclusion of anti-LGBT-discrimination language in the NFL's latest collective bargaining agreement and the Buckeye football team's use of lavender jerseys to motivate players. Olsen also served as president of the OSU law school's Sports and Entertainment Law Association during his senior year, hosting a forum on homophobia in sports. "I know that being in the closet and the state of homophobia in sports and society affected the way I pursued and enjoyed sports growing up," Olsen says. "I want to do whatever I can to make it better for the next generation."

THE BUSINESS MAN

Paul Tagliabue

The most powerful man in America's most popular sport is not someone you'd expect to see honored at an LGBT event. But that's exactly what happened to Paul Tagliabue, who served as commissioner of the NFL from 1989 to 2006. While pro football is far from progressive, Tagliabue's contributions to promote equality are commendable. The proud father of a gay son, he's been honored with a leadership award by the Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays; he's also a driving force behind "Stay Close," a campaign co-founded by his son that features celebrities and their gay relatives. In addition, he and his wife have endowed the LGBTQ Resource Center at his alma mater, Georgetown University, with a \$1 million gift. Tagliabue described this act as "making a statement, to say this center is a priority, and it's

permanent." The former commissioner also recognizes the importance of straight allies, serving frequently as a speaker at gay-straight athletic conferences across the country.

THE FATHER

Kirk Walker



In 2007 Oregon State head softball coach Kirk Walker became the first Division 1 coach to come out of the closet publicly. Five years later, he is still the only male Division 1 head coach to have done so. Since he came out, Walker has led by example, living openly with his partner, Randy Baltimore, and their daughter, Ava—who was actually the trigger for his journey: Walker and Baltimore were beginning Ava's adoption process, and Walker remembers not wanting his daughter to grow up feeling the need to hide. "Virtually all my peers around the country know, and I've seen no changes in the relationships," he says. In fact, Walker believes his coming out has helped him to work with other gay coaches—both closeted and out—who are trying to get a handle on their own sexuality. "The fact that this has been a big deal is OK with me," he says. "I'm comfortable in that role."

THE PHILOSOPHER

Hudson Taylor

As a straight three-time NCAA All-American wrestler at the University of Maryland who was also studying acting, Hudson Taylor found himself in the center of two very different worlds. And after seeing the discrimination that went on within his athletic pursuits, it didn't take him long to embrace the movement for gay equality. He started small, wearing the HRC's equal-sign sticker on his headgear. After graduating last year, Taylor went on to form his own nonprofit organization—Athlete Ally—which helps to educate and empower straight athletes so they can speak out against homophobia and transphobia in sports. In just over a year, almost 5,000 athletes have signed the Athlete Ally pledge. Taylor's also become a sought-after speaker on college campuses. In early 2012 the NCAA partnered with Athlete Ally, a move which culminated with Taylor speaking at the NCAA's annual convention before hundreds of athletes, spreading his message of inclusion and acceptance. Riffing off Princeton philosophy professor Kwame Anthony Appiah's work, Taylor says he sees a growing need for all of America to get along better. "One day, people will find themselves thinking not just that an old practice was wrong and a new one was right, but that there was something shameful in the old ways," he says.



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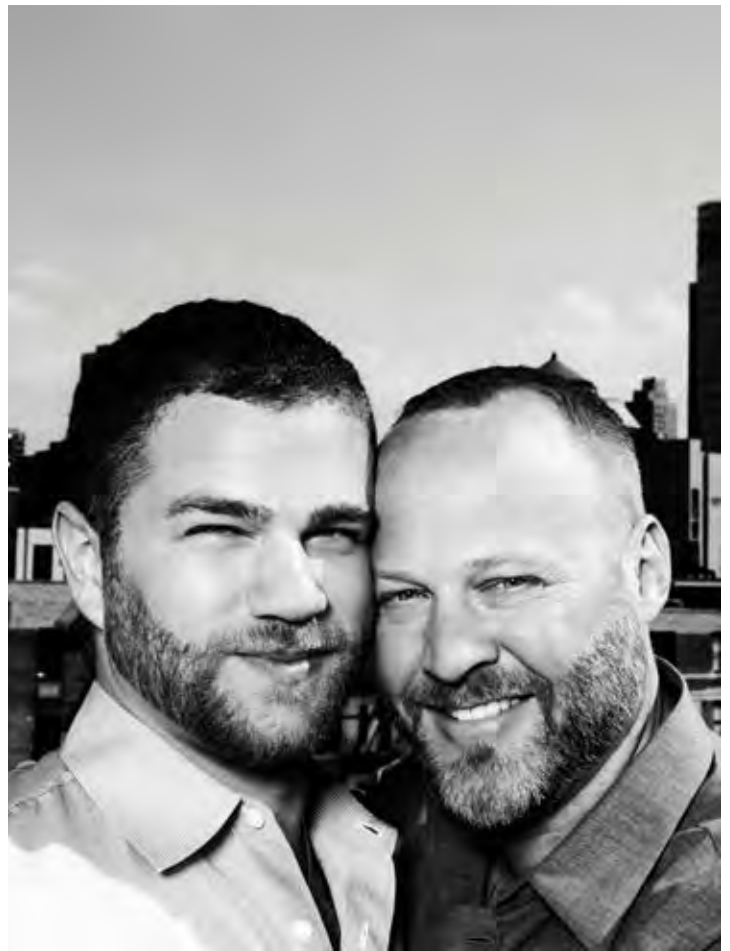
We also support each other in our hopes and dreams for the future.

AUSTIN & BRAD

1 YEAR

What attracted you to one another?

Everything!



ANDREA & PEI

6 YEARS

What's kept you together?

Loving my wife for all the ways she is wonderful and all the ways she is not praying and committing my life and marriage to God.



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CATE & BRIT

1 YEAR

What's kept you together?

We have very similar likes and dislikes, which leaves to laughing and having fun most of the time. We are completely comfortable with each other. We don't have to pretend to be something we're not.



CHRIS & GIAN

4 YEARS

What attracted you to one another?

I know it sounds corny, but it seems like fate brought us together.

What keeps you together?

Love. Just like any other couple.



GUY & ROBERT

6 YEARS

How did you meet?

We met at a birthday party—we were both escorting our friend to a party for her birthday, and we both thought we were her ‘date.’ We were unwittingly recruited into her entourage. We both found each other to be the most interesting ones there.



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ERIC ANDREW & DOUGLAS

22 YEARS

What attracted you to one another?

*Well, we were our perfect “types”....
and our chemistry is magic. It sounds like
witchcraft—maybe it is—but that’s the best way
to describe it. We also both have tremendous
amounts of energy, and we love to dance.
I think we went out dancing several times a week
For the first 15 years of our relationship.*



JUDENE & ROSE

17 YEARS

What's kept you together?

Open, honest and frequent communication.



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DANIEL & CHRIS “GO GO” HARDER

3 YEARS

What do you do for fun as a couple
Watch Weeds and imagine what it'd
be like to be a MILF

LAURA & JESSICA

20 YEARS

What's kept you together?

Our knack of being completely different individuals, yet working as a team—we used to own a business together—and sharing the same goals and objectives in life. Oh, and our mutual love of scoring a really good gift bag!



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I like Chocolate and he likes vanilla :)

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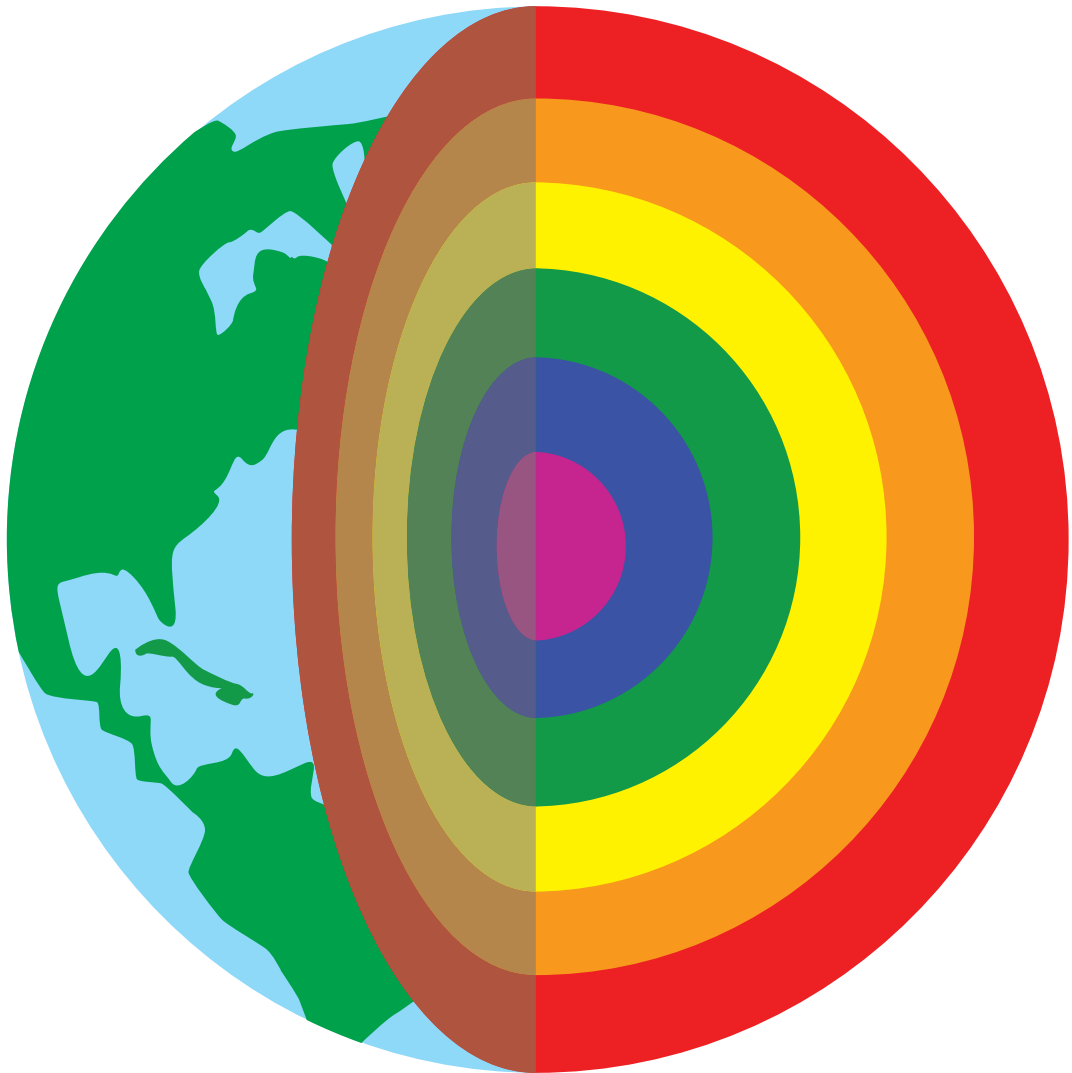


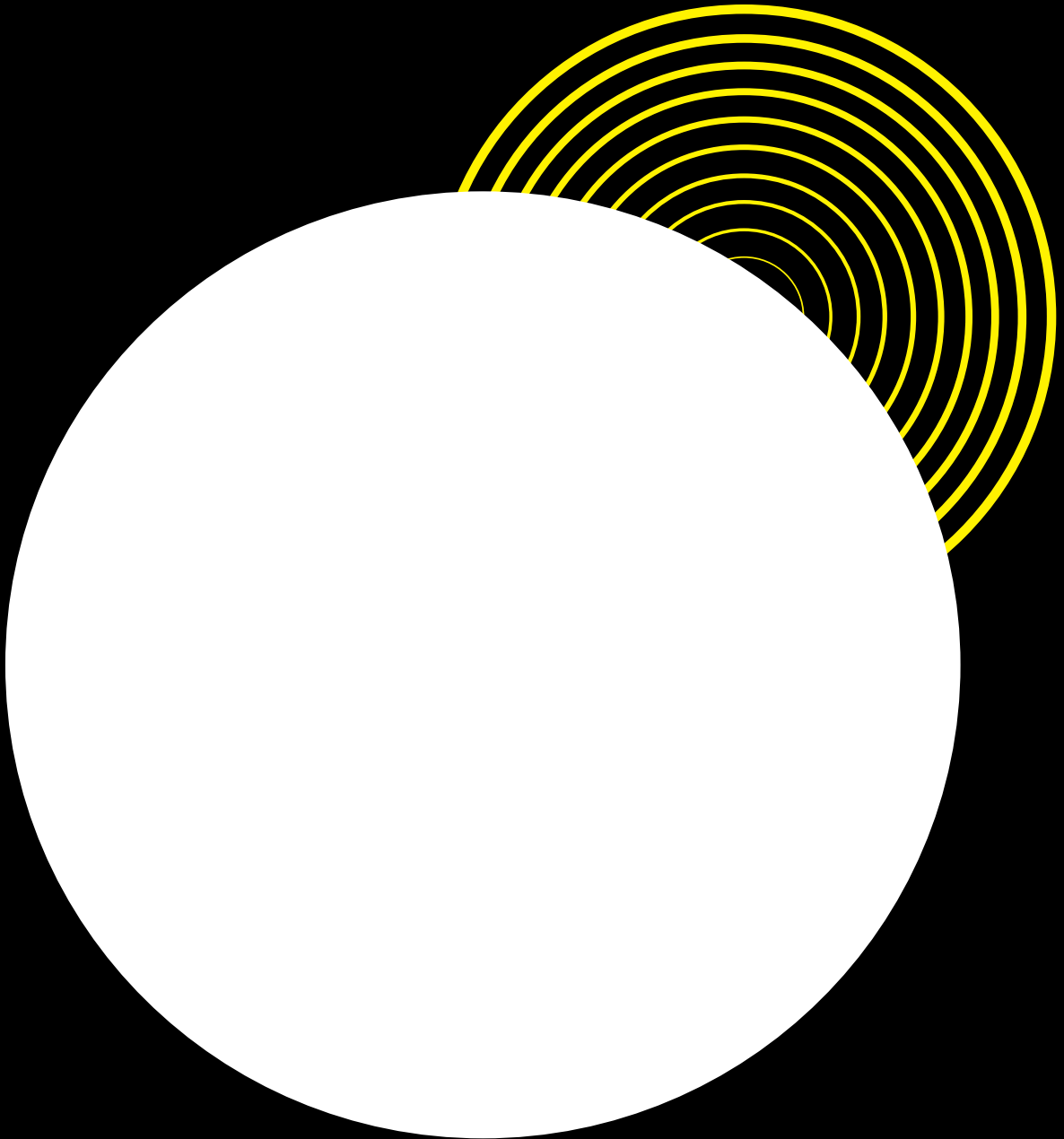
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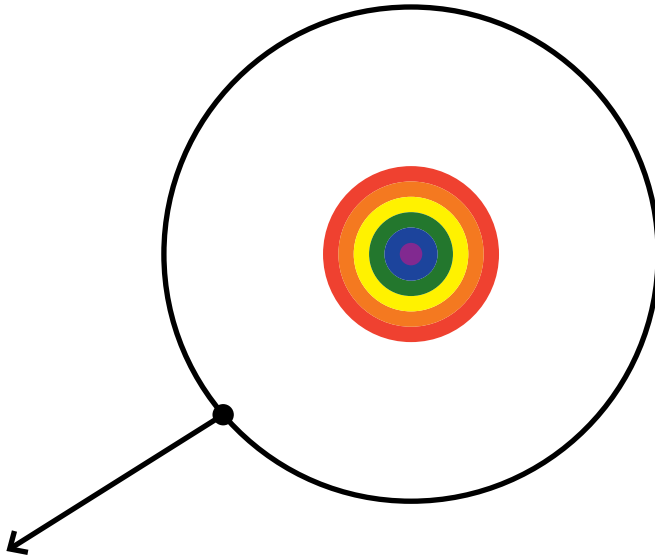




A BOLD

NEW WORLD

*In a dramatic step forward, world leaders
are backing gay rights abroad. But at what price?*



When it comes to revolution, it's not always easy to pinpoint the exact turning point in the battle. But there's no denying a historic sea change and the positive global momentum that's afoot now for the gay rights movement—a kind of Arab or African Spring. The big shift started last summer, marked by several major statements and policy declarations by U.S., British and UN leaders, including Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon. He used the African Union summit in Addis Ababa in January to tell African leaders “the time has come” to end discrimination against individuals on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity and their treatment as “second-class citizens and criminals.” While the revolutionary events in Egypt and elsewhere captured more headlines, those remarks represent a radical juncture for gay equality.

While nobody really knows yet what President Obama's acceptance of gay marriage may trigger on a global scale, most activists credit Secretary of State Hillary Clinton for initially pushing the issue to its tipping point.

Last December, she drew a standing ovation for a watershed speech in Geneva marking International Human Rights Day, where she declared, “Gay rights are human rights and human rights are gay rights”—a longtime movement mantra. In passionate, frank remarks, she urged world leaders to take up an “honest

discussion” about the beliefs that “all gay people are pedophiles, that homosexuality is a disease that can be caught or cured, or that gays recruit others to become gay.” Those beliefs, she said, “are simply not true.” She then unveiled the Obama administration's new foreign policy that makes protecting LGBT rights a U.S. government priority. That sent a very clear message that the U.S. is now ready to protect individuals from overt discrimination with an overall U.S. human rights agenda, but also to fund grassroots LGBT groups abroad who are engaged in human rights advocacy for LGBT individuals.

Clinton's speech came on the heels of an earlier October 2011 warning by U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron that Britain would make foreign aid contingent on countries upholding LGBT rights—another milestone. That threat was echoed soon after by Obama to anti-gay Nigerian lawmakers who had passed a now-pending bill that calls for a 14-year jail sentence for same-sex relations. It was also meant to warn groups and governments in Cameroon, Uganda and Iraq who were also taking fresh steps to criminalize gay life and identity. Cameron's threat was quickly and roundly criticized by conservative groups and some lawmakers in Africa, who staunchly oppose the notion of “conditionality” for LGBT rights. Even African LGBT activists were quick to reject the idea. “The imposition of donor

sanctions may be one way of seeking to improve the human rights situation in a country but does not, in and of itself, result in the improved protection of the rights of LGBT people,” states a coalition of African activists. They would prefer to see world leaders invest in Africa and fund local LGBT groups.

Still, it's clear from the howls of protest that the aid threat has power; after all, money talks. So does an executive order putting all U.S. agencies on alert about its new zero-tolerance LGBT policy.

“There's no question that all of this has been huge,” says Julie Dorf, senior policy advisor at the Council for Global Equality, about recent developments, including the new U.S. foreign policy. “My experience is the 90 percent of the response has been positive,” she states, “From the big groups to the little groups in all the corners of the world... I've either gotten phone calls or side conversations. People seem pretty excited.” At the same time, Dorf notes that not only critics but pro-gay activists are opposed to the notion of “conditionality”—cutting off foreign assistance to force governments to improve their LGBT rights—and worry it could hurt more than help the cause. “Our hope is that, with the presidential memorandum and the Secretary's speech, anything aid related is all about the carrot, not the stick,” says Dorf. “As a movement, we can't afford to be hurting groups within countries that we really need as allies. We need to build LGBT civil society, too.”

LIMITS OF DIPLOMACY

How do gays within the U.S. government feel? At the State Department, Dan Baer is an openly gay young diplomat, a close aide to Secretary Clinton and the designated go-to spokesperson on the new U.S. LGBT foreign policy. Clinton's speech, says Baer, was a home run—something he's tracking via social networking sites, including Twitter and YouTube. “It was viewed by 10 times as many people as the next most popular speech by her,” he explains. More privately, global diplomats are also wel-

coming the initiative. “There have been a number of foreign ministers who have reached out to ask, ‘How can we work on this?’” explains Baer. “There are also countries that have been positive but not necessarily that active.” Given that it can be very dangerous to be tarred with a gay brush in many countries, officials abroad may not openly back the policy but use it in their behind-the-scenes diplomacy and legislation. For now, it’s still early to judge the impact of the U.S. foreign policy, but Baer stresses, “It means something when the Secretary of State says your cause is legitimate. It’s harder to question whether this is a human rights issue when it’s backed by statements of the Secretary or the President.”

Well, yes and no. By the time Ban Ki-Moon delivered a second speech via video message at a historic UN Human Rights Council hearing on LGBT equality in March, while many applauded, several Islamic and African delegates pointedly walked out. They are part of a growing chorus of critics, especially in Africa, that not only question the new U.S. policy, but are vocally opposed to it. African leaders brand the West’s new support for LGBT rights a “form of colonialism” designed to implement “an immoral lifestyle” and “un-African” values on Africans. “We have a culture. We have religious beliefs

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and we have a tradition,” says Zakari Mohammed, a Nigerian lawmaker backing the new anti-gay law there. He was responding to Obama’s threat of an aid cutoff, which has ignited fresh anti-U.S. sentiments. “We are black people. We are not white, and so the U.S cannot impose its culture on us. Same-sex marriage is alien to our culture and we can never give it a chance. So if [Western nations] withhold their aid to us, to hell with them.”

While such remarks ignore that President Obama is a U.S. black president with Kenyan roots, and that South Africa has led the UN effort on LGBT rights, they still strike a popular nerve in Africa—and have given fresh energy to a virulent anti-gay counteroffensive. Today, some 76 countries have laws on the books outlawing same-sex activities. Like the Arab Spring, which was met with violent repression in Egypt and Iraq, LGBT

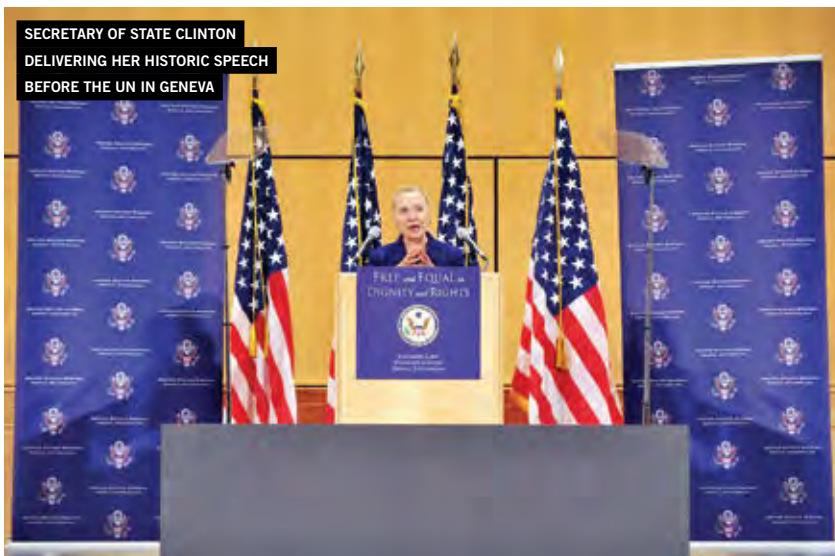
activists in Iraq, Russia and Liberia, among other hot-button LGBT conflicts, are facing new gay raids, arrests and death threats. As of March, more than 60 Iraqi youth who were perceived to be gay or “emo” (goth) had been murdered by militia in an organized six-week campaign that has not stopped. Meanwhile, in Uganda, the draconian “Kill the Gays” bill shelved last year due to global pressure has been reintroduced. It’s also led to copycat legislation and an LGBT witch hunt in Liberia, replete with front-page tabloid photos of graphic gay sex and the names of individuals assumed to be gay.

This time, however, those facing murder threats can count on help from the U.S.—and maybe other UN member-states, at least on paper. According to Baer, the U.S. is prepared to make good on its policy of protection of LGBT cases, as it does for other human rights asylum cases meeting a criteria of imminent danger. “If there were someone who, because of public debate, has come under physical threat, we can help them out quickly with temporary assistance,” explains Baer. Behind the scenes, U.S. diplomats are also taking steps to oppose renewed efforts to criminalize LGBT activities, and have earmarked \$3 million of new funding to support local LGBT groups abroad.

“There is a range in types of engagement,” says Baer of the new diplomacy, which includes “facilitating conversations...not only across national borders but also inviting people into embassies” to exchange views. State Department officials also seek input from local LGBT advocacy groups and seasoned global groups like IGLHRC, the U.S.-based International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, as well as ARC International and the Council for Global Equality.

LIMITS OF DIPLOMACY

The American government’s current embrace of LGBT rights actually doesn’t extend to the social and cultural aspects of gay life or institutions such as gay marriage. It’s more narrowly an extension of the human rights umbrella →

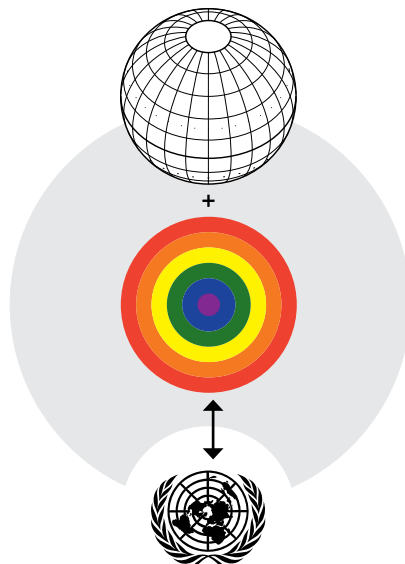


that demands protection and freedom from discrimination for individuals on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation. For that reason, conservative African clerics have a leg to stand on when they accuse Western leaders of hypocrisy. It was only in April that President Obama publically backed gay marriage; he's also struggled with the issue of gays in the military. Of course, all countries have checkered histories of criminalizing gay lives. It wasn't so long ago, after all, that U.S. and British diplomats were forced to stay in the closet or threatened with exposure and blackmail if they were suspected of being gay. While Baer represents a new, younger generation of openly gay U.S. diplomats with decent job protection in a newly pinked State Department, it's not clear how safe those working in countries with stiff sodomy laws feel about coming out.

"Are we surprised? No. No one expects things to change overnight," Dorf says, putting the growing backlash in perspective. "I think it's important to take a long-term view of how the (U.S.) policy will impact LGBT people." Echoing Baer, she says, "This issue is out in the open now... it's being debated at the UN and LGBT people are no longer invisible."

THE UGANDA TRIGGER

Looking back, what sparked the current diplomatic revolution in gay rights? Many fingers point to Uganda's notorious 2009 "Kill the Gays" proposed bill and the brutal murder of Ugandan lawyer David Kato, an LGBT rights defender with the Sexual Minorities Uganda group (SMUG). It put a human and African face on the growing war on LGBT citizens and served as a global wake-up call for global leaders and citizens. It also spawned new civil-society alliances between LGBT, human rights, and progressive faith groups that upped the pressure on national and international leaders. Major media coverage also exposed a behind-the-scenes campaign by U.S. far-right Christian



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evangelical groups to finance and export homophobia to Uganda and elsewhere—a so-called cultural proxy war at odds with global human rights policy (see “The Lessons of Uganda,” in PRIDE 2011). Night after night, on left-leaning news casts like MSNBC's *The Rachel Maddow Show*, Americans learned how U.S. evangelists such as Scott Lively of Abiding Truth Ministries flew overseas to screen anti-gay videos to Ugandan religious groups and stoke homophobia, coaching Africans in the finer points of anti-gay legislation.

AFRICAN LEADERSHIP AT THE UN

Largely overlooked by the media, however, is the fact that African leaders were actually the key actors responsible for pushing forward LGBT rights at the UN

and in their own countries, and nudging Obama officials to act. Last year, for example, South Africa led the effort to create the UN's first-ever resolution on violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation, which produced a historic UN report and high-level UN panel where Ban Ki Moon spoke out. So did African LGBT activists. Today, South Africa is one of the only African countries not to criminalize same-sex relations.

“Over the last year and a half some pretty amazing things have happened at the [UN] Human Rights Council,” says Cynthia Rothschild, a veteran LGBT activist who keeps close tabs on the UN process. “There's a momentum now that is undeniable. South Africa really took a major leadership role in all of that,” she states, citing that both the major UN LGBT study and a later panel were very significant. “It's the symbolic fact of [the report] and its recommendations,” adds Rothschild, “to investigate and punish killings, stop torture, pass comprehensive laws that include sexual orientation and gender identity...these are tried-and-true human rights recommendations.”

“When you see the leadership of South Africa, well, that's very heartening, as is the role that some [other] countries have taken on these issues,” states Kim Vance, co-director of ARC International in Canada, a leading non-government organization that has helped rally civil input into the UN debate on LGBT rights. South Africa's actions, she adds, “are consistent with their domestic policy and their Constitution, which are very progressive.” But on LGBT issues, she explains, South Africa has also led the UN without its traditional support of other African countries. Instead, it's taken on the more conservative members of the regional African bloc at the UN.

For its part, ARC is now working to make the inner machinations of the UN “more close and meaningful” to global LGBT activists, she states, so that they can be more engaged with the agency. For the UN's report to have real muscle, its recommendations have to be translated

and implemented into national policy. To do that, Vance adds, activists must also learn to link LGBT issues to other national priorities facing countries, from economics and trade to security and peace issues. “Our mandate has been on sexual rights; but in the human rights community, everyone sort of works together,” Vance explains about ARC, advising others to embrace “an intersectional approach” to LGBT rights. Her advice reflects an important lesson learned by international advocates, one that equally applies to U.S. LGBT groups who are looking to do more global work.

“We’ve been doing this stuff for 22 years,” says IGLHRC director Cary Alan Johnson, “some of it through trial and error.” IGLHRC is currently working to support LGBT activists in 12 countries, who, Johnson stresses, are the critical actors to lead the way forward. “My firm opinion is that time is the big factor in all this,” he says of the current tide, cautioning against unrealistic expectations of radical overnight change. “It happens slowly, based on relationships. It’s going to take time for organizations like SMUG (in Uganda) and other groups

to mature and to have the strength to fight their case in their own countries.”

A NEW ROLE FOR U.S. GROUPS

Dorf and other seasoned activists foresee a greater role for U.S. LGBT groups, progressive faith groups, human rights groups and private sector groups going forward. How? Here, the experts agree, the consensus is clear. What’s welcome are real partnerships and direct funding for southern LGBT groups to lead the conversation and agenda abroad. On U.S. soil, the gay movement needs to more actively monitor and confront U.S. evangelical groups who are funding and exporting homophobia. They can also learn a lesson from SMUG; the Uganda group recently filed a lawsuit against U.S. evangelist Scott Lively that is a test-case of international law—one that’s taking place in a U.S. court (see box below).

Other African LGBT activists also hope to share strategies and lessons with U.S. colleagues. Stephanie C. Horton, a U.S. activist with Liberian roots, has worked with other Liberians to organize a coalition to speak out and offer support to colleagues in the Republic of Liberia who are under siege at home. They’ve

gotten support from colleagues at IGLHRC and other advocacy groups and are taking their message to world leaders and the U.S. media. A self-described leftist activist, Horton says of the LGBT attacks, “This is the only time in my lifetime where you see clear violations of people’s human rights and the human rights groups [in Liberia] are totally silent.” Among civil-society groups, she adds, “There has been a resounding silence.”

Like many in Liberia and the rest of Africa, Horton’s hope is bolstered by the shift in U.S. policy for LGBT rights, but she’s also worried by the backlash. Her take-home message is clear: “We need to educate people about LGBT lives. Right now, they’re being shown the most homophobic and degrading images and lies. We need people who are willing to speak out. The Liberian LGBT community is terrified.” But the only people who are going to change what’s going on in Africa are Africans, she says. And the same is true in Russia, the Middle East and everywhere else gays are under attack. “We need solidarity from international groups with security and human rights training.”



UGANDANS FIGHT BACK

- In a legal case on U.S. soil that is being closely eyed by both pro- and anti-gay groups, the African LGBT rights group SMUG (Sexual Minorities Uganda) recently sued a U.S. citizen, the archly homophobic evangelist Scott Lively of Abiding Truth Ministries in Temecula, California, for committing “crimes against humanity” that took place in Uganda. Aided by the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR), SMUG is basing its case on the Alien Torts Statute, an international law that allows a U.S. citizen to be tried for crimes committed in another country. The case will be tried in the U.S. District Court. (In the past,

CCR has successfully used the torts law in lawsuits involving ex-dictators and others accused of genocide and serious human rights abuses.)

- SMUG has accused Lively, an author, attorney and self-described expert on “the gay movement,” for his decades-long involvement in fomenting homophobia and violence against LGBT individuals in Uganda, including his role in helping to draft their draconian “Kill the Gays” bill. It initially called for the death penalty for homosexuality and was watered down, then tabled last year after a global outcry and direct pressure on Uganda’s president and cabinet. The bill was

recently reintroduced.

- SMUG’s lawsuit states that its members have been persecuted and deprived of their fundamental human rights as a result of Lively’s homophobic campaign, and that he acted “to persecute persons on the basis of their gender and/or sexual orientation and gender identity.” They cited the case of David Kato, a SMUG lawyer who was brutally murdered with a hammer blow to the head in January 2011—four months after his photo was printed under the tabloid banner headline “Hang Them” in a news “expose” of LGBT people. The tabloid also published the names and

addresses of individuals suspected of being gay—actions that prompted one Ugandan official, the Shadow Minister of Information and National Guidance, Christopher Kibansanga, to state, “We must exterminate homosexuals before they exterminate society.”

- Rev. Canon Albert Ogle is an openly gay pastor and president of San Diego-based St. Paul’s Foundation for International Reconciliation who is closely allied with Ugandan churches. After Kato’s murder, he invited Bishop Christopher Senyonjo—Uganda’s Desmond Tutu equivalent—to the U.S. to speak to UN, U.S. government, church and LGBT

groups, and did the same last year as part of a new “Compass to Compassion” tour. “I hope they win,” Ogle says of SMUG’s lawsuit, which he wants televised. “It’s really important that we confront the crimes being committed to LGBT people in the name of religion.” With an eye on the pending bill in Uganda, he is working to link U.S. LGBT and faith groups into a stronger advocacy coalition. “The progressive faith groups have a big role to play in this fight,” he says. “We need to do more to invite them in. We also can’t let the ball drop on Uganda or these other countries. Lives are at stake.”





THE GILDED CLOSET

A Gay Priest's Tale—and Hope to One Day Reclaim His Voice

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BY TONY ADAMS

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→ At the high altar of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, at Christmas Eve Midnight Mass in 1976, I received the blessing of Pope Paul VI. Then, I turned to the podium to proclaim, via satellite to the entire world, the story of the nativity of Jesus. There was a bright ribbon of scarlet cardinals in the front row. Behind them sat a purple pool of bishops, followed by ranks of priests in black. In the distance, behind the Swiss Guards and the barricades, stood a packed crowd of many thousands more, all holding their cameras high—the flash bulbs creating a glittering wall-to-wall diamond bracelet just above their heads. As I calmly placed my hands on the gospel book and waited for the crowd to hush, I looked around at the clergy surrounding me, paused, and then glanced back out at the crowds. What would they think, I wondered, if they knew the man about to speak before them was gay? What would they think if they knew that most of the men around me that night were gay as well? At this point, I had already been in Rome for three years and had been awarded a place on the Vatican's ceremony team by my mentor (a man who is now a cardinal and the archpriest of St. Peter's). Later that week, when the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, described my accent during the midnight mass as “bellissimo,” I thought I'd found my destiny. Little did I know that just six years later, back in the States, I would leave it all behind, acquiring in one summer a job, a car, a house, a dog, and a lover. Thirty years later, that lover is now my husband. I don't miss the careers and possessions we collected and have shed along the way, but I would like to reclaim just one thing:

my place in the Roman Catholic Church. And I'd like to do it as an out, married priest. A priest who has never doubted his role in the Church, his love of Jesus, or his role as good pastor with a clean record and the desire to guide and comfort his flock. A priest who just happens to be gay.

MORE MAN THAN GOD

As a child, I saw reverence on my parents' faces as they left the church every Sunday morning, shuffling by the smiling pastor. His greeting, laced with care and concern for everyone who passed before him, seemed to reassure my parents. Who was this man, I wondered, and why did my father bow his head slightly in his presence? Why were my mother's eyes so trusting as she presented me before him, scrubbed and dressed on a Sunday morning? I would watch him at the altar in his flowing silks, descending from a cloud of incense down marble steps to where we knelt on the common side of the railing to be fed the consecrated host from the golden and jewel-encrusted vessel he clutched. Did this man grow up in a house like mine, I wondered, or had he always been special and magical? As I grew older, my feelings concerning my pastor began to evolve. In addition to awe, there was curiosity. What sins, I pondered, did my parents commit and confess to only this man—a man who had the power to forgive and erase wrongs. Up to now, I was convinced that our priest was sinless. But like all myths you believe as a child, that was about to change. My reverence for the priest ended on a Saturday afternoon when I entered the darkness of the confessional, nervously prepared to ask forgiveness for what the nuns had mysteriously taught us to refer to as “touching oneself impurely.” A friend of mine had shown me the mechanics of this sin, and I had taken to it like a duck to water. Through the screen and in the dim light of the box, the priest leaned toward me, curious about how many times I had done it. When I admitted that I had performed the act twice earlier that day, I saw him rake his hair and shake his head with disgust. “Yeah. Like you never did it,” I thought but dared not say. With the smoke of incense cleared from my eyes, I began to finally see

the priest without illusion. He was more man than god. He had flaws. But I also knew what he meant to the people around me, and the good he brought into their lives. And I knew I wanted to be like him. I wanted to be a priest, too. But I also vowed that when I took his seat on the other side of the screen, I would be different. I would never make a boy feel miserable—no matter what he confessed.

IN MY TRIBE

In September of 1965, as a naïve 14-year-old about to enter puberty, I went to live in a seminary full of boys and men who were of my tribe. We were the kids who did not spit, did not tell dirty jokes, and didn't fantasize about girls—the good boys, respectful of authority, and eager to please. It was during those first few weeks, while I was still eager to learn and embrace my new life, that I first encountered the terrifying word “homosexual.” I found it one day while researching in the library. Later that night, I sat in the dark privacy of my room and thought about what I'd uncovered. No one had to tell me the frightening truth. I forced myself to whisper, “I am a homosexual.” I fell back upon my pillow, relieved and finally able to sleep peacefully. While I slept, a team of angels sent from some celestial cable company hooked up my gaydar. At breakfast the next morning, as I surveyed the 650 seminarians and 20 priest-faculty members in the refectory, I realized that almost all of them were gay. At first, I doubted my perception, but the 12 years I spent in the seminary brought constant and repeated proof. That December, the choir prepared a Christmas concert to be attended by family, parish priests, and the bishop. We practiced the song “Do-Re-Mi” from *The Sound of Music*. The performance ended with my clear soprano running from the bottom of the scale to the top. At the concert, the bishop led the church's thunderous applause. I'd discovered the currency of my priesthood: showmanship. But the dramatic illusion of Sunday Mass rarely applied to our private lives. The show presented to the faithful was not what we rehearsed in private. At home, my parents, like all Catholics, assumed their priests to be chaste, celibate heterosexuals who heroically

give up women, marriage, and family to be more like Jesus. But I found myself surrounded by young men who fell in love with other young men; by older students who selected lovers among the freshmen, establishing a sort of ownership over them (usually through the gift of a bottle of cologne that was then displayed proudly on the bureau of the chosen one). There were also the priests who seduced students and kept the framed photos of their prey by their bedsides. Having sex with other seminarians or with faculty members was a minefield that few could navigate. The trick was to tell no one, not even your closest friend, because if word spread, you would become instantly inconvenient, and you would be “sent home to your people.” I learned that being gay and having gay sex was acceptable—and even admirable among the good-looking—as long as it was never mentioned, admitted, or discovered. Throughout my 12 years of preparation for the priesthood, there was never any instruction about how a priest should manage the nuts and bolts of his personal sexuality. The unspoken assumption was



Carrying a tray loaded with red hats to Pope Paul VI, who will place them on the heads of his newly ordained cardinals.



*Receiving
a card from
Pope Paul VI
on Christmas
morning.*



*Pope Paul VI's
American deacon
at Midnight Mass,
Christmas Eve, St.
Peter's Basilica,
Rome 1976.*



that I would learn these things independently; with a classmate on the dark spiral staircase leading up to the choir loft; at dusk in the woods behind the tennis courts; in the steam of the last stall of the shower room; in the tower bedroom of a seminary rector; or in the Vatican apartment of a prelate of the papal household who gazed at me while putting out a cigarette saying, “I love these American cigarettes. They are called More, and that is what I want from you. I want more.”

THE VATICAN AND BACK

Because I was always the one to land a juicy part in a play, write a song parody, or direct a special seminary show, no one at home or at my school was surprised when it was announced that I was being sent to Rome to study theology. As I travelled to my new home, I worried that unlike my seminary school, the culture of the Vatican might be predominately heterosexual. I was afraid that now, in a new environment, I would have to work hard to suppress my real voice. Those fears were needless. Within just a few months of reaching the Vatican, I was on the back of a motorcycle holding on to a handsome Swiss Guard. Later in my first year, I was picked

up by an Irish priest who revealed that he was the pope’s librarian. His free time, which consisted of a few hours every other Sunday afternoon, was spent with me. I also caught the eye of the Papal Master of Ceremonies. He even devised a title for me, “Adetto Ceremoniere” (Deputy Master of Ceremonies) and provided me with credentials that gave me access to the business side of the Vatican. And when I was assigned to carry an ornate silver tray of red hats up to the pope for the new cardinals he was appointing, I knew that I was completely in my element. I carefully climbed the steps, avoiding tripping by skillfully kicking out my long black cassock with all the skill of a pageant contestant navigating a runway. Was the Vatican gay? Please. As much as I enjoyed it, my stay in Vatican City was brief. I returned to the States in 1977 and began working as a parish priest. It was a position I’d hold for just five years. The Catholic Church and America itself had changed drastically since the day I entered the seminary. The Second Vatican Council had modernized and demystified traditional Mass. Altars were flipped so the priest could face his flock and address the faithful in the modern-day vernacular. The sexual revolution of the ’60s had placed Catholicism at odds with pop culture. Women had begun taking the pill, which was forbidden. Still, every priest I knew was, in the privacy of the confessional, telling women to pray about contraception and then to follow their own consciences. As for “the tribe,” the Stonewall revolution of 1969 launched in gay men a self-respect that had decimated our numbers in seminaries and in the ranks of the clergy. Career options in public service, teaching, politics, and community leadership were now easily within reach of openly gay men—the same men who often would have previously chosen the priesthood as a convenient way to cloak their sexuality. The strongest memory I have of my final year as a parish priest was a party to which I was invited by a pastor I barely knew. I arrived at the large rectory of his parish in a nearby city to find dozens of priests whom I knew to be gay—and many more whom I suspected were. They looked at me with quizzing eyes, and I

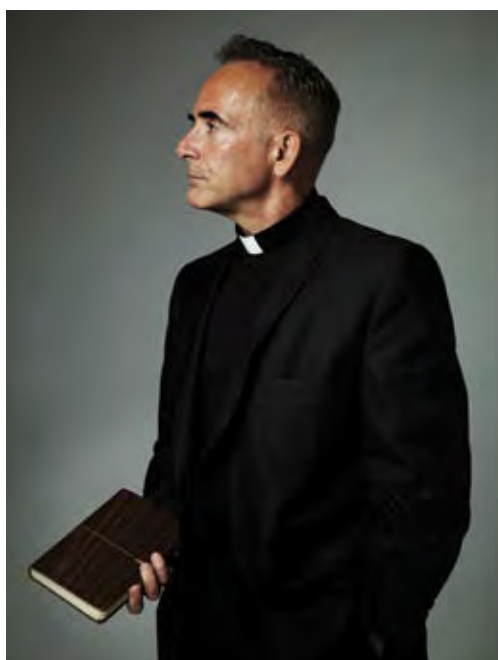
could tell what most were thinking: “We wondered when we’d see you here.” I was surprised to discover that this was an annual gathering of gay priests. The pastor of that parish, the host of the party, insisted on giving me a private tour of the upper floors. In one of the bedrooms, he pinned me against the wall and attacked me with his unwanted advances. Returning to the party, disheveled, disappointed, and ready to make my exit, I studied the faces of the other priests in attendance. Through their rueful, drunken words, I also saw for the very first time their sadness. They were trapped. And they were terrified—afraid that if they left the priesthood as middle-aged men, they would either fail to establish new lives or careers or, even worse, be doomed to a less comfortable form of the loneliness and regret than they already had. In others, I saw something even more frightening: satisfaction. Personal pride at having lived successfully on the down low for decades. These were the faces of men who had come to love and cherish their secret sex lives, and considered it a ministerial accomplishment. They had no desire at all to come out of the closet. They liked it in there. I walked out of the rectory that night sad with the realization that even though these gay priests were mostly a compassionate, dedicated and careful lot, for my own sanity, it was time to leave this priestly fraternity built of self-loathing and duplicity. I was unable to continue the charade that all the priests around me seemed so content with. I did not consider myself more virtuous than they. Rather, I thought I was more selfish in my desire for honest romance, love and personal happiness. I did not hate or blame them. I simply no longer wanted to be one of them.

TIME FOR CHANGE?

Unlike my parents, young Catholics today do not fear or revere the clergy. The worldwide priest-pedophile scandal did irreparable damage to the blind respect priests once enjoyed. For young Catholics, the pope is a distant and tiny man; a relic of an age when the temporal power and splendor of the church almost suffocated religion

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itself. Many of these young Catholics will not be getting out of bed early on a Sunday morning to get their kids cleaned up, dressed and in the car in time for Mass, and they will not be throwing their hard-earned dollars into the collection basket. They will discourage their sons from even considering the priesthood as a vocation. Today, American bishops brazenly insert themselves into politics, preaching messages of hate and intolerance, stripping rights from women and forcing the priests below them to read letters from the pulpit ordering Catholics to behave in certain ways, such as voting against marriage equality. Whenever a priest refuses to read such a letter, I am filled with hope that other priests—gay or straight—will stand up with him and will together take a courageous stand against the homophobia of the hierarchy. We live in a time where the sheep must lead the lost shepherds. But my hope is that when those confused old shepherds have passed away, a new generation of Catholic priests, bishops, cardinals, and popes will include openly gay, straight, single and married men and women—people who will not be interested in sticking their noses in Catholic bedrooms but will instead be focused on amplifying the unconditional love of Jesus. I hope I live to see that day. I would not mind receiving the blessing from such a pope and being asked again to step up to that pulpit on the high altar of St. Peter’s Basilica to proclaim the truth of Jesus with the voice he gave me for exactly that purpose. —





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WINNING THE HIV WAR

Thirty years in, have we finally reached a turning point in the quest to **STOP AIDS?**

BY ADAM BIBLE

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Nelson Vergel calls himself a “dinosaur.” At 53, he’s one of a handful of survivors from HIV’s early introduction in America. He contracted the virus in 1983—before there was a test for it; before the virus was even called HIV.

He’s outlasted the estimated 30 million people who have succumbed to HIV since its discovery in 1981, 40 of them his close friends. But for Vergel—a leading treatment advocate on HIV and founder of the Program for Wellness Restoration (PoWeR), the Body Positive Wellness Center in Houston, and PozHealth, a huge HIV health-discussion listserv on Yahoo—his time may be short. He’s already gone through a gauntlet of medications in his quest to →



rid the virus from his body—“I’ve taken all commercially available medications for HIV,” Vergel says. “I’m still here, but who knows for how long.”

As a chemical engineer, Vergel was very enthusiastic and aggressive about pursuing clinical trials to get on the newest and, in the beginning, the first drugs available for the HIV-infected. That willingness to become a guinea pig led to some unforeseen consequences, as he is now in what is called “deep salvage”—his body is home to a multi-drug-resistant form of the HIV virus. Before the multi-medication approach of HAART (highly active antiretroviral therapy), the gold-standard in HIV treatment, was recognized as the best way to kill the virus and keep it down; the first patients with HIV seeking treatment were given only a single drug. “I developed resistance to the first drug class, nucleosides, because I used them in sequential monotherapy, before protease inhibitors and non-nucleosides came to market in 1996,” he says.

After joining a study of Saquinavir, the first of its class, Vergel then developed resistance to protease inhibitors. “It was found that only 2 percent of the drug got absorbed in the blood stream,” he says, “so all of us exposed to it did not have enough drug in our blood, which only made the virus mutate faster.” After that, Vergel tried non-nucleosides, but he became resistant to those as well. He then got on Fuzeon, a twice-a-day injectable, but again—with a drug combination that was not active for his virus—he developed a resistance to it. “Sequential, or functional, monotherapy is one of the main reasons there are still people like me,” Vergel says.

Vergel’s viral load became undetectable only three years ago, and in that time it has “blipped above undetectable three times,” he says. His virus has proven to be very resilient and his battered immune system is worn out. There is still hope for Vergel: He’s on Ibalizumab, an experimental drug that’s not yet approved by the FDA, but his options are dwindling. If he doesn’t find success with his current drug regimen, then his alternatives are just about gone—only some future discovery could help. In the coming years it’s a leaky boat quite a few

HIV-positive folks could find themselves stranded in—scared and running out of options.

For long-surviving HIV-positive people like Vergel, most of the treatment options for the future lie in whatever advances can be made in fine-tuning cutting-edge treatments like gene therapy. In fact, the search for a cure stalled significantly in the last two decades, after successful antivirals hit the scene. HIV infection had become a “livable” disease. People were surviving and even thriving under a strict regimen of HAART drugs, and the idea of a cure seemed to fade from the public’s conscious. The world got a jolt in 2008, though, when the curious case of the “Berlin Patient” surfaced. Timothy Brown, an HIV-positive man who also had leukemia, was given a stem-cell transplant from a bone-marrow donor who carried a rare mutation that disables the CCR5 receptor—HIV’s entrance into your CD4 cells. More than four years after the stem-cell transplant, and after stopping antiviral drugs, Brown’s viral load remains undetectable.

That success has spurred more research into gene therapy—when DNA is inserted into the body to trigger production of proteins that help fight off diseases. After being relegated to the sidelines for the two decades because of too-frequent failures and false starts, researchers are once again turning to the field, trying to find a way to disrupt the CCR5 receptor without subjecting patients to an incredibly expensive and extremely risky stem-cell transplant similar to what Brown went through.

A very promising and small study in 2011 experimented with what’s called SB-728-T gene therapy, which is designed to also block HIV’s CCR5 pathway by getting new HIV-resistant CD4 cells into the body. Out of 10 patients, viral load decreased in three of them after they took a medication vacation. According to the trial investigator, Carl June, M.D., the study showed a “statistically significant relationship between estimated modification of both copies of the CCR5 gene and viral load.” Their next step, which got underway in January of this year, is to build toward a way of increasing the frequency of the modified cells to achieve a “functional cure,” which would eliminate the need for a lifetime of HAART.

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Another recent and encouraging study from the University of Pennsylvania showed that gene therapy could be safe and long lasting. Conducted on 43 HIV-positive patients between 1998 and 2002, the researchers took their blood, genetically modified their own T cells to better kill HIV, and then injected the treated blood back into them. After 10 years, researchers found that all of the patients were healthy and 41 still had the modified T cells in their bodies. Unfortunately, the super T cells did not seem to affect HIV levels in the patients, but the fact that they are still healthy is a major advancement for future gene therapy studies. (Previous attempts at introducing modified T cells into patients ended up causing cancer because of genes being inserted in the wrong place.)

Overall, experts say these new, small steps toward using gene therapy to successfully alter and improve the bodies' natural defenses in defeating HIV are very encouraging. For long-term survivors like Vergel, whose options for using antiviral drugs are running out, it is just the news they need to hear. It remains to be seen whether these advances will yield fruit, but the accelerated pace of safe gene therapy studies is a definite cause for hope.

ON THE FRONT LINES

David Cohen, an editor in New York City, has had a slightly smoother road to becoming undetectable. Antibodies from the HIV in his body began to appear in tests in the summer of 2000, and he became extremely ill. "I had been infected a couple of weeks before," Cohen says. "I wasn't one of these who'd had it in their system and didn't know about it." His doctors aggressively attacked the virus and started him on Norvir and Combivir quickly after. Unfortunately, the side effects—lipodystrophy (loss of body fat) and severe diarrhea—from the two became unbearable, and he was switched to Zerit, Epivir and Sustiva.

In July of 2001 he was declared undetectable. In November, Cohen's numbers were still good, so, in an effort to lessen exposure to the toxicity of the antiviral drugs, he went on an 18-month-long medication "vacation." "The first time I went off

the meds, the viral load at the first blood work was still zero, so I thought, 'Oh, how fabulous,'" he says. "Then it went from 5,000 to 24,000 to greater than 75,000 to 205,000, then the last time I had a viral load of 700,000, and the T cells were going down, so I went back on meds." This time when the docs put him back on Sustiva, it made him feel really spaced out and gave him a racing heart beat and vivid dreams. "I felt like I was on speed," Cohen says.

Now Cohen is stable and has been on Viramune and Truvada (which was recently supported by the FDA panel as a means to prevent HIV infection in high-risk people) since February of 2008. His viral load has been consistently undetectable for the last four years and his latest CD4 cell count is at 1,195—the highest level since he was infected. He doesn't want to mess with a good thing and is not planning on going off his medication again anytime soon: "Something tells me that the next one is going to be shorter... That last time, it took a toll on me, and I wouldn't want to play with that." His side effects now are almost nonexistent, and he is living with the virus as a manageable disease even though he thinks about it "all day long, every day." He also hopes, as an avid follower of treatment advances, that the recent studies showing that flushing the virus from its many hiding places within the body will lead to a cure in his lifetime. "If they can flush it out from your system, make it active, that's a fantastic thing... It's most provocative," he says. "It's an exciting starting point, because the thought of being on these medications for the rest of your life is insane."

Cohen, like most HIV-positive people who have the disease well under control, is most excited about research that surfaced in March of this year at the 19th Conference on Retroviruses & Opportunistic Infections, in Seattle. Robert Siliciano, M.D., Ph.D., a pioneer in HIV research who first started studying the virus in the 1980s just after it was first identified and was first in realizing that antiviral drugs will never cure anyone, presented the study on what may be a remarkable first step toward curing people of an HIV infection.

His research proved what many before him had considered unlikely—that it was possible to finally



THE HIGH COST OF HIV

Aside from the physical and mental tolls, just dealing with HIV financially can be ridiculously expensive. If you were diagnosed with HIV today, you can assume that your yearly cost for treatment would easily top **\$14,000** and, depending on what drugs you are taking, could inflate to a cool **\$20,000** a year. It's estimated that the average person with HIV will spend more than **\$400,000** in medical costs related to the virus over the course of their lifetime.

get the latent, or hiding, virus to reactivate and show itself in the body. “The assumption that we’ve been working under in terms of getting rid of this pool of latent viruses has been that if you reserve latency—that is, you get the virus to begin to replicate—that the latently infected cells will die or will be killed by the host’s immune response,” Siliciano says.

Unfortunately, though Siliciano did get the virus to come out of hiding, the immune systems of the patients in his study were too weak to destroy it. “The main result was surprising; turning the latent virus on did not kill the cells,” he says. “It was also surprising that the cytotoxic T-cell response was not adequate to kill the cells either.” For people on HAART there is usually a very small viral load, so there is no longer a need for the immune system to attack infected cells. “The response either wanes or just never recovers from the functional defects that occurred during the untreated period,” Siliciano says. “Either way, the response is not good enough to get rid of these latently infected cells once you turn the virus back on.”

In a rare bit of synchronicity, David Margolis, M.D., a professor of medicine, microbiology, immunology and epidemiology at the UNC-CH School of Medicine, was also attending the conference in Seattle with information from a not-yet-published study that used similar mechanisms to get HIV to reveal itself in those with undetectable viral loads. Margolis has finished the first phase of his study, which focused on administering Vorinostat, a histone deacetylase inhibitor that has mostly been used as a mood stabilizer and anti-epileptic,

to the infected CD4 T cells from seven patients. “We did see that it revealed latent virus in every single patient that we studied after a single dose,” Margolis says. “That’s a pretty remarkable, consistent finding; but it doesn’t say that those cells necessarily go away, and it doesn’t say that we revealed all of the latent virus in every place that it was.”

The second phase of the study, Margolis says, is to take people who have responded to the first dose of Vorinostat and carefully measure how they respond to repeated doses over time. And after that, the next step will be to figure out how to kill the virus once it’s flushed out again. Two men, two different approaches, both racing toward the same goal. “There’s no doubt,” he says. “Progress will be made.”

THE END GAME

For both Vergel and Cohen, managing their HIV is a daily struggle to stay alive and to stay ahead of the virus, no matter the amount of time they’ve been infected, or the number of CD4s or viral load printed out on the papers their doctors give them. The virus is still there, lurking and waiting for them to slip up and allow it to continue its mission to destroy the body. But no matter how different their situations, and their health, they are both also—like all HIV-positive people around the world—ready for a cure. And both feel confident that, with the resurgence in research triumphs over HIV during the past few years, we’re building toward a real end to the disease. With everything medicine has already accomplished, Cohen says, we will find a way to destroy it. “It’s just another virus.”

3 WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Today as CEO of the Gay Men’s Health Crisis, the oldest AIDS service organization in the world, Marjorie Hill, Ph.D., sees the real-life effects HIV has on people on a daily basis. Her advice, if you want to help fight it:

1

Always Practice Safe Sex. “Young people who weren’t around in ’81 to see people dying have no real context of how bad it was,” she says. “Therefore, they might not be as careful as they need to be. But prevention is still our strongest tool. Prevention works. HIV is 100% preventable if you always wear a condom and educate yourself.”

2

Get Tested. “Know your status. It’s the most important thing you can do for yourself, your family and anybody you’re being sexually active with,” she says.

3

Be an Active Community Member. Walk in your city’s local AIDS Walk; volunteer your time if you can’t afford to contribute; help out at shelters for gay youth—and do it all year long, not just when there’s an event happening. “HIV is something people are dealing with every day, and they always need our love and support.”

A photograph of three women at a social event. The woman on the left has long dark hair and is wearing a silver and black patterned top. The woman in the middle has long dark hair and is wearing a red dress with a green floral pattern. The woman on the right has blonde hair and is wearing a black jacket over a red top. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. A bright yellow light source is in the foreground, partially obscuring the women.

20 Years of Tackling Stigma and Discrimination

When Positive Action was created in 1992 it was the first pharmaceutical company program of its kind to support communities affected by HIV and AIDS.

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PRIDE

LINKS US TOGETHER

EVERY YEAR, all over the world, the LGBTI community has what some might call a “family reunion.” We all meet up for Pride, and sometime in the week leading up to the big day, we get our hair cut, go to the gym for our last set of ab crunches and make sure our outfits are fabulous so that we look our best for the “cousins” we see once a year. We celebrate in many ways around the world: we march, we protest, we host festivals or put on parades—and whatever it is we do, we call it Pride. For that one day, we are visible and proud, and we welcome everybody to celebrate our community at our reunion.

No matter where you might be for Pride, you know that once you step into it, you’re a part of it. And if you’re not, you want to be. There is joy, love, laughter, acceptance and a sense of elation and wild abandon. For that one day, we don’t have to hide, we don’t have to be afraid and we don’t have to feel shame, for there are thousands and thousands of us standing together, united as one. It’s on this day that Pride links us together wherever we are.

There’s a familiar and welcoming feeling when you arrive at Pride. It’s not just the leather men, gyrating twink, colourful drag queens, sporty softball jocks or topless women. There’s something in our spirits that’s visible to those who look past the party. It doesn’t show itself by waving a rainbow flag, nor does it need to march. It’s the deep sense that we’re a family that’s journeyed here, and then, we’re connected in celebration.

That’s what Pride does. Pride links us together as a community and says, “We’re here,” wherever we are. We may see a part of ourselves, even for a moment, in those who march in the parade, or in those who dance and celebrate. As they carry the rainbow flag through the crowds and down the streets, or wave them at picnics, or fly them as kites, we claim this day as ours; and we can proudly say, “I’m here! This is my community, my family, and I’m one of them.” For that one day at Pride, we proclaim that we’re united in our understanding of one another and in our struggle for acceptance.

Next time you stand at the roadside and watch the dykes on bikes kick off the parade, the floats, the marchers, the boas, the boys and all the pageantry, be proud to know that this is our family. And, like all families, we may have our fights, our struggles, even our drunk aunts and our inappropriate uncles, but more than anything, we have each other. On this one day, we can put away our strife and join together because this is our day, our Pride, and through this, we are forever linked.

Caryl Dolinko & Gary Van Horn

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LONDON CALLING...

It is a big year for London! Not only will the city be hosting the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the 2012 Olympic Games, London is also gearing itself up for World Pride.

This year's Pride Festival has been expanded, with events planned for over a month leading up to the main Pride week. Highlights of the week will include a film festival, a human rights conference, a VIP Gala fund-raising dinner at the oldest 5-star hotel in the world, parties—and even a queer dog show, all leading up to the largest Pride March the U.K. has ever seen!

The Pride London board strategically positioned World Pride two weeks after the Queens Jubilee Celebrations and two weeks before the start of the Olympic Games, when there will be an estimated 55,000 international media personnel present in the city.

Pride London is concentrating its campaigns this year on the Commonwealth nations, as 41 of the 54 member states still criminalize homosexuality. The laws that exist in these countries are laws imposed by the British during colonization, with penalties ranging from two years in jail to a possible death sentence—just for being gay. But now the gay community in London is taking a stand for the global decriminalization of homosexuality in what is sure to be the largest, loudest, most colorful Pride event in the history of the Commonwealth!

FOR EQUALITY

by Martin Ayres
Pride London



For more information on World Pride, log on to pridelondon.org.

And Baby Makes Three

By Josh Stewart

Contributed by Pittsburgh Pride

Dear Baby:

We decided to meet at Starbucks. Daddy Chuck was in his scrubs, and Daddy Josh was in his work clothes. Although our work day at the hospital and at the bank had come to an end, the most important part of our day had just begun. Years of talking, dreaming and preparing had come down to this, our first adoption class—and the first day in our journey to meeting you.

A grande skinny vanilla latte (extra shot) and a venti unsweetened black iced tea in hand, we sat for just a moment. So many emotions were occurring all at once. We were excited, nervous, anxious and so much more. In less than an hour we would officially begin a journey that will last a lifetime. We didn't linger long, and took off toward the adoption agency, arriving 30 minutes early. As we placed our visitor badges on our work-worn clothes, we eyed them and then each other; these were going in your scrapbook under the heading "Day 1." We took our seats in the front row. We were ready.

Over the next several months we learned much more about adoption and about ourselves as we got ready for you to arrive. A home study, classes, a few books, a website, a Facebook page and 431 "Likes" later, we wonder where time has gone. You already have more Facebook friends than both us Dads combined!

In the 10 years that your Dads have been together, there aren't many days when we haven't thought of you. When will you arrive? What will your name be? What will you look like? Who will you be when you grow up? Among all of the questions we can't answer just yet, there are a few things we know for sure. We know that we can't wait to be your Dads. We know that there is so much we can't wait to share with you: our traditions, our families, our lives and our love. Most importantly, we know that we will be the lucky ones to be your Dads.

So many people are excited to meet you. You've got grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts, uncles and many friends anxiously awaiting your arrival. Even Murphy can't wait! You're going to love Murph! We've caught him sleeping in your room a few times lately. He never sleeps in there! We think he's getting excited to have a little brother or sister.

No one is more excited than we are, though. About two years have passed since we started the adoption journey. Sometimes waiting for you is tough. But as we grow excited for your big arrival, we are filled with an anticipation that makes us smile, laugh and love more than the day before. See you soon!

XOXO,
Dads (and Murphy!)

Chuck and Josh are a couple in the process of completing an open adoption through a private adoption agency in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Visit chuckandjoshadopt.com for more information.



Coping Mechanisms: Athens Pride in the Face of Social and Economic Crisis

By Andrea Gilbert
Athens Pride

Since 2010, Athens Pride has faced a series of escalating on-the-ground challenges in direct correlation with the deepening economic crisis and mounting civil unrest.

The first obstacles were the paralyzing national transport strikes, which coincided with our pre-season events and main festival with alarming consistency. These continue to plague us. A 48-hour air-traffic controller strike was called at the last minute for the first two days of the Brussels 2011 AGM, hindering one of our delegates from attending and costing our organization precious additional money in forfeited flights, rooms and registration fees.

But back to 2010: Athens Pride is an all-day, noncommercial event that takes place in central Klafthmonos Square, which is lined with stands showcasing LGBT and health organizations, NGOs, etc. The Parade leaves at 6:00 p.m. from and returns to the square and is followed by a live concert lasting past midnight. We have many attendees from abroad, whose visits

have been planned and paid for months in advance.

So, imagine our shock when, 10 days before Athens Pride 2010, the two mighty public-sector unions announced a rally followed by a protest march, for the same day and at the same venue we'd been issued by the city many months prior! Moreover, just one month earlier, rioters in a similar demonstration firebombed a bank on the corner of that square, killing three employees inside. With our spirits already decimated by that tragedy, this development thrust us into utter despair and outright alarm.

The union leaders were not unfriendly when we called. They refused to postpone but changed their venue (they had no choice). Nor would they cancel their march to Parliament, which would pass directly in front of our venue. They claimed ignorance of the scheduled Athens Pride—an unconvincing argument, since our controversial poster had been the talk of the town. At a meeting lasting into the morning, AP decided on a compromise, announcing the cancellation of morning activities in “solidarity” with the unions—an action that greatly

improved our image. Athens Pride 2010 was a resounding success.

Disheartened by that experience, we were unfazed when the same unions pulled a similar stunt in 2011. But that could not be a simple coincidence. While not overtly homophobic, it certainly made clear their disregard for LGBTs. The challenges escalated from there. Our two street performances during Pride Week confronted and overcame conflicting boisterous political rallies.

But the hardest test of all was the massive demonstration of “The Outraged” occupying Syntagma Square and in front of Parliament—the focal point of our Parade—and a jittery police force. Our floats were turned back by the police, but our record 10,000 marchers triumphantly defied two police blockades to complete the route on foot, as planned.

We're cautiously optimistic about Athens Pride 2012, scheduled for June 9. It's simply impossible to predict anything here these days, but after the fiasco of the Greek Independence Day Parade in March, one blogger wrote: “Looks like Athens Pride will be the only parade in Greece this year!”

EL ORGULLO NOS ENRELAZA

By Herminio Adorno Ortega

“PRIDE LINKS US TOGETHER” o traducido literalmente “El orgullo nos entrelaza” es el lema o tema escogido por Interpride. Hay muchas cosas que nos une y a su vez nos mantiene separados. Un ejemplo lo es el idioma; por eso, y para unirnos aún más, escribo este artículo en español para las compañeras hispanoparlantes a nivel mundial.

Interpride es una organización compuesta a su vez de muchas organizaciones a nivel mundial las cuales hacen diversas formas de celebraciones de Orgullo. Por ejemplo, en la India hay un festival de cine, en algunos países asiáticos es un pasadía en un parque o volar cometas / chiringas en la playa cierto día para así poder reunirse y no ser arrestado por leyes y/o costumbres existentes; o una caravana de vehículos decorados con los colores alusivos a nuestras comunidades homosexual, lesbica, bisexual, transgénero y transexual (HLBTT). En otros países, y para

crear mayor visibilidad, como en Puerto Rico, hacemos una marcha desde el 1991 la cual culmina con un espectáculo de artistas de nuestras comunidades, mesas informativas sobre nuestras organizaciones hlbtt y organizaciones no gubernamentales que trabajan la prevención, diagnóstico y tratamiento del VIH y las Infecciones Transmisibles Sexualmente, charlas de salud, pruebas de anticuerpos al VIH, Sífilis y Clamidia, venta de alimentos u refrigerios y un sin número de cosas más.

Mas este mensaje es para aquellas que aun dentro de nuestra comunidad son parcialmente o totalmente invisible, esta nuestra gente trans, están los que comúnmente son conocido como osos, la gente leather (cuero) y uno al cual hay que dar muchas gracias a nuestros seniors. Muchos de los trans son los que dan de su tiempo y talento para que nuestra gente se unifique, sea a través de sus espectáculos, trabajos comunitarios u otros, los osos y gente leather hacen mucha labor para levantar fondos para causas ya sea dentro o fuera de nuestra comunidad y son muy pocas veces reconocidos, y nuestros seniors que han vivido muchos de los prejuicios y abuso que hoy día no se ve en muchos

sitios gracias a la lucha que estas hicieron antes de nosotras.

Todavía falta mucho por hacer, Nuestra gente continúa siendo atacadas físicamente en las calles, trabajos, escuelas e inclusive en ocasiones verbalmente por nosotras mismas al no saber y entender todas lo que significa ser parte de una comunidad.

La comunidad osuna con lo mucho que aportan son un eslabón muy necesario en todas partes, la comunidad leather alrededor del mundo son otro eslabón para fortalecer nuestra causa por igualdad de derechos y necesitamos educarnos mas sobre ésta. En todo el planeta están los seniors y en muchos casos los jóvenes han y los no tan jóvenes también hemos olvidado o quizás ignoramos muchos de los sacrificios en los distintos países que estos hicieron y continúan haciendo en beneficio de todos y todas para tener una mejor calidad de vida, sea por las protestas, cartas a gente y agencias, donativos sea en dinero o arte; en fin otro eslabón que nos une.

Quizás la forma mas común de hablar de nuestra comunidad y su gente son los colores de la bandera del arcoíris; rojo, anaranjado, amarillo, verde, azul y violeta. Más en el mismo hay otros colores no visibles fácilmente; y también

están ahí, el mismos tienes todos los colores que nos podemos imaginar y cada uno es un eslabón que nos une y fortalece, rosa, blanco, negro, marrón, lavanda, estos y muchos otros son parte de los eslabones de fortalecer nuestro orgullo de quienes somos.

Orgullo tiene muchas formas de manifestarse; puede ser a través del arte, la lucha por igualdad de derechos, manifestaciones de celebración y/o quizás protestas o denuncias por abusos y atropellos. Hay gente que nunca ha visto una celebración de orgullo, hay que hacer algo y unir esos eslabones para que no piensen que están solas.

Interpride pueder se uno de muchos eslabones de organizaciones a nivel local y mundial que existen para ayudar unas a otras, la alegría y liberación que se siente quizás en ese primer pasadía, desfile, manifestación, marcha, el ver, saber que no se esta sola y junto a ti hay otras voces que gritan su reclamo de libertad e igualdad de derechos, no tiene valor calculable.

Todas somos partes de esos eslabones y mientras mas nos unamos y a la vez entendamos, mas fuerte será esa cadena de nuestra liberación e igualdad de derechos, es por eso que el orgullo nos enlaza juntas!

“Orgullo Une a Todos” or, if translated literally, “Pride Links Us Together.” That is our chosen theme for Pride this year. There are many things that keep us together as a community while, at the same time, separating us. One example would be language; therefore—and to unite us more—I am writing this article in Spanish for our Hispanic-speaking colleagues worldwide.

Interpride is an organization made up of many different organizations worldwide, all of which put together diverse pride celebrations. For example, in India, they organize a film festival; in some Asian countries, it is a parade or a kite flying festival at the beach (put together so that the community can come together on a specific day without fear of being arrested in a country where

homosexuality may not be legal, for example). They also organize caravans of vehicles decorated in our lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community colors. To create more awareness in other countries like Puerto Rico we have a march. It's been going on since 1991, and each year, it ends with a performance by artists in our community. We distribute information and promote nongovernmental organizations that work with the prevention, diagnostic and treatment of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections; provide community health seminars; and also help to coordinate free testing for diseases like HIV, syphilis and chlamydia. Our message is also a signal of hope for our colleagues who are partially or totally discriminated against within our own

community: our trans people, our bears, our leather fetishists and especially our LGBT seniors—the group we should be most thankful to for all the hard work they've done over the years.

There is still a lot of work to do within our community—our people are still attacked physically on the streets, at work and even at school. Our own friends and neighbors, and people who don't know or understand what it means to be part of a community, are even behind some of the attacks. Perhaps the most common way to recognize our community, and embrace our coming together as a group, is to think about the colors of our flag: the red, orange, yellow, green, blue and violet. But we must remember—within these colors, there are other colors not visible.

Those hidden shades—the pinks and whites and blacks and browns—are the glue that unites us. They're the colors that fortify our pride in who we are.

Pride can manifest itself in many ways. It can come through politics, legal actions and protests—but it can also take peaceful, nonviolent methods. Art. Music. Dance. There are many people who have never seen a Pride celebration; we must do something to unite those groups so that they don't think they are alone. And for that, we gather. And we march. So those people can experience the same happiness and liberation at their first Pride. That feeling of knowing you are not alone, and that next to you, there are hundreds of other people just like you, working and striving for the same equal rights.

CALENDAR

UNITED STATES

Alabama

BIRMINGHAM

CENTRAL ALABAMA PRIDE
June 3–10
centralalabamapride.org

Alaska

ANCHORAGE

ALASKA PRIDE FEST
June 2–10
alaskapride.org

Arizona

BISBEE

BISBEE PRIDE
June 15–17
bisbeepride.com

SEDONA

SEDONA/VERDE VALLEY
PRIDE FESTIVAL
September 14–15
sedonagaypride.org

TUCSON

PRIDE IN THE DESERT
October 13–14
tucsonpride.org

California

FRESNO

FRESNO RAINBOW PRIDE
June 2
fresnorainbowpride.com

LONG BEACH

LONG BEACH PRIDE
May 19–20
longbeachpride.com

LOS ANGELES

LA PRIDE
June 8–10
lapride.org

LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES BLACK PRIDE
July 4–8
myblackpridelala.com

MODESTO

MO PRIDE
September 15
modestopride.org

OAKLAND

OAKLAND PRIDE
September 2
oaklandpride.org

PALM SPRINGS

GREATER PALM SPRINGS PRIDE
November 3–4
pspride.org

SACRAMENTO

SACRAMENTO PRIDE
June 2
sacramentopride.org

SAN BERNADINO

INLAND EMPIRE PRIDE
October 27–28
iepride.org

SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO PRIDE
July 20–22
sdpride.org

SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO PRIDE
June 23–24
sfpride.org

SAN FRANCISCO

FOLSOM STREET FAIR
September 23
folsomstreetevents.org

SAN JOSE

SAN JOSE PRIDE
August 17–19
sanjosepride.com

SAN LUIS OBISPO

CENTRAL COAST PRIDE
July 5–8
slopride.com

VENTURA

VENTURA COUNTY PRIDE
August 24–26
vcpride.org

Colorado

BOULDER

BOULDER PRIDE
September 16
outboulder.org

DENVER

DENVER PRIDEFEST
June 16–17
denverpridefest.org

Connecticut

HARTFORD

HARTFORD PRIDE
September 15
connecticutpride.org

Delaware

NEW CASTLE

DELAWARE PRIDE
September 15
delawarepride.org

District of Columbia

WASHINGTON, D.C.

CAPITAL PRIDE
May 30–June 10
capitalpride.org

Florida

DAYTONA BEACH

VOLUSIA PRIDE
November 10
gaydaytona.com

FORT LAUDERDALE

STONEWALL SUMMER PRIDE
June 24
stonewallsummerpride.com

FORT MEYERS

PRIDE FEST
October 13
pride-swfl.org

GAINESVILLE

GAINESVILLE PRIDE
September 29
gainesvillepride.org

ST. PETERSBURG

ST. PETE PRIDE
JUNE 30
stpeterpride.com

Georgia

ATLANTA

ATLANTA PRIDE FESTIVAL
October 13–14
atlantapride.org

AUGUSTA

AUGUSTA PRIDE
June 21–24
augustapride.com

VALDOSTA

SOUTH GEORGIA PRIDE
September 15
southgapride.org

Illinois

CHICAGO

PRIDE CHICAGO
JUNE 24
chicagopridentcalendar.org

SPRINGFIELD

SPRINGFIELD PRIDE
May 19
springfieldpride.org

Indiana

CIRCLE CITY

CIRCLE CITY IN PRIDE
June 2–9
circlecitainpride.org

FORT WAYNE

FORT WAYNE PRIDE
July 27–28
fwpride.org

SPENCER

SPENCER PRIDE
June 2
sites.google.com/site/ruralpride

Iowa

DAVENPORT

QC PRIDEFEST
June 2–3
qcpride.org/fest.html

Kansas

WICHITA

WICHITA PRIDE
June 24–26
wichitapride.org

Kentucky

LOUISVILLE

KENTUCKIANA PRIDE FESTIVAL
June 15–16
kypride.com

Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS

PRIDE NEW ORLEANS
CELEBRATION
June 11–17
destinypride.net

NEW ORLEANS

PRIDE NEW ORLEANS
June 22–24
nolapride.biz

Maryland

EDGEWATER

CHESAPEAKE PRIDE FESTIVAL
August 4
chesapeakepridefestival.org

Massachusetts

BOSTON

BOSTON PRIDE
June 1–10
bostonpride.org

HOLYOAKE

RAINBOW RIVERFEST
September 22
rainbowriverfest.org

Michigan

DETROIT

MOTOR CITY PRIDE
June 2–3
motorcitypride.org

GRAND RAPIDS

WEST MICHIGAN
PRIDE FESTIVAL
June 9–16
westmipride.org

Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS

TWIN CITIES PRIDE FESTIVAL
June 23–24
tcpride.org

ST CLOUD

ST CLOUD PRIDEFEST
September 20–23
stcloudpride.org

Missouri

COLUMBIA

MID-MISSOURI PRIDEFEST
August 19
midmopride.com

KANSAS CITY

SHOW ME PRIDE
May 28–June 3
gaypridekc.com

SPRINGFIELD

GREATER OZARKS PRIDE
June 16
greaterozarkspride.com

ST LOUIS

PRIDE ST LOUIS
June 23–24
pridestl.org

Nebraska

OMAHA

NEBRASKA PRIDE
June 30
ongp.com

Nevada

LAS VEGAS

LAS VEGAS PRIDE
September 7–8
lasvegaspride.org

RENO
RENO RAINBOW FEST
July 27–28
renorainbowfest.com

New Jersey

ATLANTIC CITY
RISQUE
July 5–9
atlanticcitypride.org

ASBURY PARK
JERSEY PRIDE
June 3
jerseypride.org

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY PRIDE
September 9–15
snjgaypride.org

New Mexico

ALBUQUERQUE
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sinatradevine.org

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taospride.org

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brooklynpride.org

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RIVERPRIDE
June 19
riverpride.com

LONG ISLAND
PRAISE, PASTA AND PRIDE
June 8
pride-alliance.webs.com

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QUEENS PRIDE
June 3
hqueenspride.com

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NYC PRIDE
June 16–24
nycpride.org

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July 6–15
gayalliance.org/pride

SYRACUSE
CNY PRIDE FESTIVAL
June 16
cnypride.org

North Carolina

ASHEVILLE
UNITEDWPRIDE
October 6
blueridgepride.com

NAGS HEAD
OBX PRIDE
June 15–18
obxpridefest.com

Ohio

CINCINNATI
PRIDE NIGHT
September 7
cincyglbt.com

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CLEVELAND PRIDE
June 23
clevelandpride.org

COLUMBUS
COLUMBUS PRIDE
June 15–16
columbuspride.org

Oklahoma

ENID
ENID PRIDE
September 22
enidlgbtcoalition.org

Oregon

EUGENE
EUGENE/SPRINGFIELD
PRIDE FESTIVAL
Aug 11
eugenepride.org

Pennsylvania

ERIE
PRIDE PICNIC
Jun 16
eriegaynews.com/pride

PHILADELPHIA
PHILLY PRIDE
June 10
phillypride.org

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June 1–10
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June 2–3
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July 22
kitsappride.org

OLYMPIA
CAPITAL CITY PRIDE
June 8–10
capitalcitypride.net

SEATTLE
CAPITOL HILL PRIDE FESTIVAL
June 23
facebook.com/pages/Capitol-Hill-Pride-Festival
-2012/335910246436492

SEATTLE OUT AND PROUD
June 24
seattlepride.org

SPOKANE
SPOKANE RAINBOW FESTIVAL
June 9
outspokane.org

TACOMA
OUT IN THE PARK
July 14
outintacoma.com

Wisconsin

MILWAUKEE
PRIDEFEST
June 8–10
pridefest.com

ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES
MARCHA DEL ORGULLO
November 4–7
marchadelorgullo.org.ar

BELARUS

MINSK
MINSK GAY PRIDE
pride.gaybelarus.by

CANADA

EDMONTON
EDMONTON PRIDE FESTIVAL
June 8–17
edmontonpride.ca

HALIFAX
HALIFAX PRIDE
July 22–29
halifaxpride.com

KELOWNA
OKANAGAN PRIDE FESTIVAL
August 12–19
gayokanagan.com/pride

KITCHENER
TRI-PRIDE
May 25–June 3
Tri-pride.ca

MONTREAL
FIERTE MONTREAL
August 14–19
fiertemontrealpride.com

OTTAWA
CAPITAL PRIDE
August 17–26
capitalpride.ca

PRINCE GEORGE
PRINCE GEORGE PRIDE WEEK
July 4–8
pgpride.com

TORONTO
PRIDE TORONTO
June 24–July 3
pridetoronto.com

VANCOUVER
VANCOUVER PRIDE
August 5
vancouverpride.ca

WINNIPEG
PRIDE WINNIPEG
May 25–June 3
pridewinnipeg.com

ENGLAND

LONDON
PRIDE LONDON
June 23–July 8
pridelondon.org

HUNGARY

BUDAPEST
BUDAPEST PRIDE
June 30–July 8

ICELAND

REYKJAVIK
REYKJAVIK GAY PRIDE
Aug 8–12
gaypride.is

INDIA

MUMBAI
KASHISH MIQFF
May 23–27
mumbaiqueerfest.com

SOUTH AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG
JOBURG PRIDE
October 6
joburgpride.org

SWITZERLAND

ZURICH
ZURICH PRIDE FESTIVAL
June 15–17
zurichpridefestival.ch/en

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You're Safe Here

No matter who you are, your actions can make a difference in the world—just look what's happened to me

BY ZACH WAHLS

THE first time I remember smudging the truth about my family—the fact that I have two moms—was in fourth grade, when a cute girl at my new elementary school in Iowa asked me, “What do your mom and dad do?” For some new, inexplicable reason, I was immediately aware that I was expected—required, it felt—to have both a mom and a dad. And I didn’t. But I didn’t want to let my new classmate down. For the first time in my life, and even though there was nothing particularly threatening about the 10-year-old girl squinting at me that sunny morning, I knew that this difference was dangerous. I knew I wasn’t safe.

Back in my old hometown of Marshfield, Wisconsin, the question had never quite been phrased like that. And when kids found out that I had two moms, the situation almost always unfolded like this: “You have two moms?! ... Hey! I want two moms!” The fact that I had two moms mattered as much as what they did for a living, which is to say, not at all. We were all more interested in the things that actually mattered, like, you know, having fun. We were too young to understand why gender, race or sexual orientation could possibly matter; too young—too wise, maybe—to be afraid of a difference in any of those traits.

I didn’t feel “different” until people told me I was different. But a few short weeks into fourth grade, conscious of the target on my back, I began answering the question differently. Nervous, at first, but then, with practice, the confident reply: “My mom’s a doctor and my dad’s a lawyer.”



ZACH WITH HIS MOMS TERRY AND JACQUELINE AND SISTER ZEBBY

Five years later, when I walked through the doors of Iowa City West High, I had mastered my standard non-answer—“Oh, they both work in health care”—and could say it without so much as a blink. I knew by then that my family was not what society considered normal.

It was my ninth-grade science teacher who helped me find my place. When I uncharacteristically choked at her “What do your parents do?” question, she asked me to stay after class. After her classroom had cleared, she said, “I want you to know it’s cool. This is a safe place. You’re safe here.”

Without her kind words and calming smile, I never would have had the courage to do what I did next: come out for my parents in a column in the school newspaper. It was the single most liberating act of my life and one that empowered me, five years after that, to testify before the Iowa Legislature,

write a book (*My Two Moms*) and start speaking across the country on behalf of LGBT families everywhere.

I recently read about Beverly Sevcik, 73, and Mary Baranovich, 76, of Nevada, who have been together more than 40 years, raised three children and are now grandmothers four times over. With Lambda Legal, the two have filed suit against the state’s constitutional amendment passed by voters limiting marriage to “a male and a female person.” What struck me about their story is this: When Beverly and Mary committed their lives to each other on October 2, 1971, and bought rings to signify their relationship, they were careful not to purchase matching rings for fear of having their relationship discovered.

I can’t even begin to imagine what that must have been like, and I take comfort only in the fact that our world is changing. When my own mothers legally wed in October 2009, they proudly exchanged matching rings.

None of us should ever feel required to hide who we are, deprived of the liberty to pursue our own happiness, robbed of the ability to secure the happiness of those we love. The cost of that liberty is both vigilance and courage—we must demand that safe place to be who we are. The truth is too important to accept anything less.



Zach’s speech before the Iowa House of Representatives has been viewed online more than 20 million times. His book, *My Two Moms*, is out now. For more info, go to zachwahls.com

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