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WILTON MANORS POLICE ISSUE FIRST MARIJUANA CITATIONS

Tiffany Fandl –
That’s the smell of money being taken by force. AKA racketeering. These useless bums found a way to take a paycheck without contributing anything useful to society. They are detrimental scumbags with badges.

Danny Diaz –
Wow we can all sleep soundly now that these poor pot smokers have been cited. Give me a break. Why don’t they focus their efforts on what really matters the home invasions and muggings taking place in our very backyard.

Brooklyn Leigh St John –
That’s the common excuse to search cars. Its ridiculous. The LGBTQ Community is also profiled but no one discusses that.

Arthur Riedman –
I am in favor of decriminalizing marijuana. But what about impaired driving- -especially if police smell it?

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN WANTS GIRLS IN BOY SCOUTS

Brian Proper –
Just being stupid now

Deborah Brakarz –
Actually, as the mom of 2 boys, what I really want is boys in the Girl Scouts! I also want my boys to be empathetic, conscious citizens, working as equals with girls, something that I feel the Girl Scouts emphasize more.

Luimar Zibetti Garza –
Yes....it’s called GIRL SCOUTS.... geez you cretins...is THIS what Common Core has made you into??? Ya Rbabaganooks

FORT LAUDERDALE OFFICER IN HOT WATER OVER PRIDE FLAG

Joe Mahnke –
Does this SGT have any “situational awareness?” It was taught to us at the Illinois State Police Academy, so I have to ask HOW this Mounted Unit Sgt is so unaware of the community he’s serving! Wilton Manors/Oakland Pk/Ft Lauderdale are among the most concentrated LGBT communities in the nation, per US Census. He disobeyed a Captain who told him to stay away from the event, yet he appeared at the PRIDE Parade with the Pride Flag. SFGN quotes statements of the investigation that he went out of his way to sabotage his unit’s participation at the parade with the Pride Flag. The investigation recommends a demotion in rank to Officer and 20-day suspension. If his actions reflect his views, then based on all the evidence in the article, retaining him at FLPD doesn’t seem like a very wise way to spend tax dollars. There’s no evidence his attitude can change to serve the needs of Ft. Lauderdale residents.
After a month out of office, Obama rose in presidential rankings. C-Span has released results from their Historians Survey of Presidential Leadership, a survey that ranks presidents. Ninety-one historians ranked the former presidents across 10 categories, and Obama placed 12th for best U.S. president overall.

Obama ranked high in multiple categories, such as third on “Pursued Equal Justice for All,” seventh on “Moral Authority” and 12th on “Vision/Setting an Agenda.”

He was ranked in the top 20 in eight of the ten categories. He also made top ten in four categories.

“Although 12th is a respectable overall ranking, one would have thought that former President Obama’s favorable rating when he left office would have translated into a higher ranking in this presidential survey,” said Edna Greene Medford, a part of the C-Span advisory team in a press release. “I am especially surprised that he was ranked at 7th in moral authority (despite heading a scandal-free administration); 19th in administrative skills; and 8th in economic management (despite having helped to save the auto industry and significantly reducing unemployment). But, of course, historians prefer to view the past from a distance, and only time will reveal his legacy.”

Obama’s lowest rankings were “Relations with Congress” at 39th and “International Relations” at 24th.

Full rankings are available at C-Span.org/PresidentSurvey2017.
LGBT Advocates Condemn Trump Admin. Raids, Join 'Day Without Immigrants'

(EDGE) In Washington, D.C., advocates marched to the White House to call on the Trump Administration to stop the massive raids sweeping the nation. In the last week alone, close to 700 immigrants have been arrested, detained, and processed for deportation regardless of the immigration status.

"The Trump Administration’s massive raids are reprehensible, inhumane and simply put, un-American. Instead of working to fix our broken immigration system, and provide a pathway to citizenship to the 11 million undocumented immigrants, including 267,000 LGBTQ immigrants, who are already living, working, paying taxes, and contributing to our society, Donald Trump is terrorizing immigrant communities through massive, indiscriminate, and destructive raids. Hundreds of families have already been separated because of Trump’s actions targeting and dehumanizing immigrants.

"President Trump’s actions in his first few weeks in office are direct attacks on the lives and liberties of black, brown, immigrant and Muslim people. We will not allow Trump’s hate rhetoric, Islamophobia, incitement of violence, and scapegoating of refugees and immigrants to prevail. We will not allow Trump’s infringements on our civil rights to continue without a fight. We will continue to stand up against Trump’s racist agenda and challenge it every step of the way.

"We call on everyone to join us in demanding DHS Secretary John F. Kelly immediately stop the massive raids, detentions and deportations. We also urge House Speaker Paul Ryan and the Republican-led Congress to stand up to Trump’s Deportation Force and protect immigrant communities from being terrorized," said Rea Carey, National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund Executive Director.

LGBT Employees Ask Education Secretary to Keep Protections

(AP) LGBT employees have asked Education Secretary Betsy DeVos to commit to safeguarding anti-discrimination regulations amid fears that the Trump administration may weaken those protections.

In the email, obtained by The Associated Press on Friday, staffers at the Education Department urged the new secretary to issue a statement confirming her commitment to Title IX rules, which prohibit discrimination based on sex in educational programs.

"At a time when students and individuals across the nation are being targeted with overtly discriminatory treatment, our nation needs you to remind and empower students about their right to equal access to education," the staffers wrote.

The email was sent Wednesday by a group of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Education Department employees and their supporters.

"We look forward to partnering with you in this very important work and hope that as a 'door open type of person,' you will open your office to hear from both your LGBTQ staff and the LGBTQ families our Department serves," the employees wrote.

The Education Department did not provide immediate comment.

The move follows a decision by President Donald Trump’s Justice Department to withdraw a motion in the ongoing lawsuit over bathroom rights for transgender students in public schools. LGBT advocates said they see the move as a signal the administration will not protect transgender rights.

Silver: NBA Will Keep Eye On State’s Inclusion Policies

(AP) The NBA is continuing to monitor how states are handling laws regarding the protections of transgender people, with Commissioner Adam Silver warning that any less-than-inclusive policies will help the league decide where to hold All-Star Games going forward.

Silver, in his annual state-of-the-league address at All-Star Saturday night, said he has spoken with North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper - whose state was originally set to host this All-Star weekend - about the controversial and divisive HB2 law, one that the recently elected Cooper has said he wants repealed.

And for other states considering similar measures, Silver said the NBA will watch them as well.

"Our values, our league-wide values in terms of equality and inclusion are paramount to this league and all the members of the NBA family, and I think those jurisdictions that are considering legislation similar to HB2 are on notice that that is an important factor for us," Silver said. "Those values are an important factor for us in deciding where we take a special event like an All-Star Game."

Texas is considering a bill that would be similar to HB2. Its version is known as SB6, with top Republicans in that state recently unveiling a proposal that would ban transgender people from using the bathroom of their choice.

It is one of many issues drawing the attention of both the league and its players, with many NBA stars - including LeBron James - speaking out repeatedly of late about the need for equality in society. And Silver, while not going as far to say that considering such a law would keep Texas from being considered for All-Star events in the future, made clear that the NBA is watching.

Next year’s All-Star weekend is in Los Angeles. Texas last hosted an All-Star weekend in 2013.
What LGBT Americans can expect from a Trump administration and the realities of marriage equality were topics of a lecture presented by Our Fund last Thursday in Fort Lauderdale.

“You must support civil society organizations like Our Fund,” said Robert W. Kuhn, a board member of Lambda Legal. “Because your government has left you behind.”

It was an ominous opening to the lecture held at Josephine S. Leiser Opera Center. Speaking on behalf of Lambda Legal was Christopher Clark, National Pro Bono Director, who attempted to ease fears that a change in Washington would negatively affect same-sex marriages.

“We are not at this point alarmed that that right is going to be rolled back by the Supreme Court,” said Clark.

Clark said public opinion now favors marriage rights for all thus making it harder for the high court to flip on its historic Obergefell v. Hodges decision of 2015. Along with marriage rights come nearly 1,000 other federal rights and protections for same-sex couples from immigration sponsorship to social security survivor benefits.

Aside from marriage, however, other rights could be eroded, Clark said. He called Supreme Court justice nominee Neil Gorsuch “dangerous to the LGBT community.”

Rae Chorowski, a South Florida attorney, joined Clark on the lecture panel. Chorowski explained what she called the “nuts and bolts” of marriage from emotional, financial and personal standpoints. Her part of the lecture veered into new ground for LGBT Americans as the topic of divorce was broached.

“It's been really interesting for me on a professional level because I've had so many gay and lesbian clients come to me now for a divorce,” Chorowski said. “Some of these couples have been together for many years before they were married and a year or two into their marriage and they're getting divorced. It's fascinating to me and really a psychological issue more than a legal one.”

Chorowski said a mistake married couples make is not entering into a prenuptial agreement due to romantic reasons.

“I have actually witnessed the blood drain from somebody's face when I explain to them the implications and ramifications of what this marriage may cost this person,” Chorowski said.

Family law in Florida, Chorowski said, is based on five different areas — Equitable distribution, alimony, custody of children, child support and attorney fees. Equitable distribution is most impactful in the LGBT community, Chorowski said.

“Title is not relevant anymore once you're married,” Chorowski said.

Previously when same-sex couples owned a home together and broke up, the home stayed in the ownership of the title holder. With married couples, the home falls under equitable distribution. All assets accumulated by a couple from the time they were married to the time they divorce are to be divided equally, Chorowski said.

“The days of packing your shit and leaving are over,” she added.

A prenuptial agreement, Chorowski said, solves many problems during a divorce. In many cases, a forensic accountant is required to determine enhanced assets. Enhanced assets are assets that existed before the marriage began and have gained substantial value since.

“Nobody likes them and nobody wants to enter into them because it's not romantic, but it really does help clarify a lot of issues,” Chorowski said of prenuptial agreements.

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**JACKSONVILLE Passes Historic LGBT Ordinance**

**John McDonald**

The most populated city in Florida is now secure for LGBT people.

At a Feb. 14 commission meeting, the City of Jacksonville voted to outlaw discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity and expression.

“Love wins on Valentine’s Day!!!!,” wrote Hannah Willard, Public Policy Director for the civil rights organization Equality Florida, in a Facebook posting Tuesday night. “The Jacksonville Human Rights Ordinance just passed 12-6! 1 million more Floridians will be covered by LGBT protections in the workplace, housing and public spaces.”

Civil rights activists have been working for years to convince leaders of the north Florida city to include LGBT people in Jacksonville’s anti-discrimination policies.

“As a transgender woman, I applaud the efforts of the Jacksonville Coalition for Equality, Equality Florida, and the Jacksonville City Council for helping our city take an important step today,” said Tricia Russell, Statewide Equality Florida Board Member and longtime Jacksonville resident, in a news release. “Transgender people face a disproportionate amount of discrimination and harassment in our community and our state. This law will help ensure that all people, regardless if they are gay or transgender, will have the opportunity to earn a living, rent a hotel room, or go to a restaurant without fear of being discriminated against.”

With an estimated population of more than 865,000, Jacksonville is home to multiple top tier banking, healthcare, insurance and logistics companies. A 2015 poll conducted by the University North Florida found that 62 percent of Jacksonville residents supported adding sexual orientation and gender identity and expression to the city’s human rights ordinance.

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**INTRAVENOUS HIV Treatment Seeks FDA Approval**

**John McDonald**

A new way to treat HIV is in the works.

Ibalizumab, an intravenous drug, is currently in phase three of a clinical trial and so far the results look good.

“It’s an intravenous agent given every two weeks,” explained Dr. Brinda Emu, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Infectious Diseases at Yale School of Medicine, in a telephone conference call Thursday from Seattle. “It’s really exciting. This is a new era of HIV treatment.”

In the 24-week trial, patients with documented resistant to three classes of drugs prescribed to treat HIV were given an injection of Ibalizumab. The majority of the patients, Emu said, had been infected with the virus for many years – on average 20 years – and were part of an unmet population.

“I think it is life-saving,” Emu said of Ibalizumab, adding that those enrolled in the trial had developed a mutation of the virus that was “most difficult to treat” and “extremely vulnerable.”

Data released from a Canadian lab, shows patients in Ibalizumab treatment experienced a rise in CD4+ T cells and a reduction of viral load. Forty-three percent of the patients achieved an undetectable viral load status.

“CD4+ T cells play an important role in protecting the body from infection. The higher the CD4+ T cell count, the better able you are to fight HIV and other infections,” said Emu. “This meaningful increase in CD4+ T cell counts is particularly important for patients with multidrug-resistant virus, as they often have the most advanced disease. These data suggest that for these patients, Ibalizumab could be an important new treatment option,” added Emu.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has designated Ibalizumab as both an “Orphan Drug” and “Breakthrough Therapy.” Data from the recently completed phase three study will be submitted as part of a biologics license application to the FDA.

Emu said what makes Ibalizumab different from other HIV treatment is its intravenous administration instead of a pill dosage. If patients tolerate the drug, Emu said, it could be given in 30-minute injections every two weeks.

“There is an urgent need for a drug with a new mechanism of action for patients infected with multidrug-resistant HIV-1,” said Christian Marsolais, Ph.D., Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, Theratechnologies Inc., a Montreal-based pharmaceutical company.

“These results continue to support the submission of a Biologics License Application (BLA) to the FDA, and if approved by the FDA, Ibalizumab will be the first antiretroviral treatment with a new mechanism of action to be approved in close to 10 years,” added Marsolais.

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**NEWS health**
(SFGN) Her name was Norma McCorvey, but in court documents she was identified as Jane Roe. The plaintiff in the landmark 1973 case Roe v. Wade which legalized abortion nationwide, died Saturday in Texas, the Washington Post reports. McCorvey, 69 died of a heart condition while in an assisted living facility.

McCorvey’s story gained national attention when at the age of 22, she became pregnant while living in Dallas Texas, a state where abortion was illegal. McCorvey could not afford to travel to a state where abortion was legal. Attorneys Linda Coffee and Sarah Weddington heard McCorvey’s story, taking the case to the Supreme Court. The class-action suit resulted in a 7-2 ruling to legalize the right to abortion nationwide. By then, McCorvey had given birth, giving the child over to adoption.

After her role in the controversial case, McCorvey came out in the ‘80s as having had a 35-year relationship with a woman named Connie Gonzalez. In the ‘90s she began to speak out against the lawyers who had taken her case. McCorvey became a born again Christian, and later a Catholic, eventually joining anti-abortion protestors. But ultimately, McCorvey’s homosexuality could not be reconciled among her newfound religious, anti-abortion community.

“Neither side was ever willing to accept her for who she was,” Roe V. Wade expert David J. Garrow told the Post. SFGN

(SFGN) Biphobia is real, and one actress is stepping up against it.

In an episode of The Real O’Neals, gay character Kenny compared bisexual challenges to “webbed toes” and “money problems.”

“Oh, God. Here we go,” Kenny said. “Webbed toes? Money problems? Or worse... bisexual?”

Openly bisexual actress Sara Ramirez, best known for her role as bisexual Callie Torres on ABC’s Grey’s Anatomy, spoke out against ABC for letting this comment on the air.

“And as someone who worked for them for 10 years+, am truly disheartened & disappointed quite frankly,” she wrote on Twitter. “I will invest my brand where I’m respected.”

Ramirez also linked to a petition titled “End Biphobia and Bi-erasure on The Real O’Neals,” which currently has 821 of the 1,000 supporter goal.

“It’s no secret that the show’s executive producer, Dan Savage, is openly biphobic as well as cissexist, sexist, anti-asexual, classist, racist, sizeist, and ableist. However, none of those appear on the show,” the petition claims. “I was willing to overlook the other things, but this ‘joke’ has crossed the line saying bisexual teens like me are worse than genetic abnormalities and financial problems! “Jokes” like this increase the ridiculous amount of biphobia we experience in our lives and I am calling on the American Broadcasting Company to step in and change this!”

Ramirez requests that ABC own, address, clarify, and “empower our #Queer #Bisexual youth & community w/accurate positive reflections.”

ABC has yet to respond. SFGN

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(SFGN) The French edition of Vogue will become the country’s first magazine to feature a transgender model on its cover. Brazilian model Valentina Sampaio, described by the magazine as a “femme fatale who was born a boy,” appears on the cover of the March issue of Vogue Paris.

“Today we are proud to celebrate transgender beauty and how models like Valentina Sampaio, who is posing for her first ever Vogue cover, are changing the face of fashion and deconstructing prejudice,” Vogue Paris posted on Instagram. Sampaio is pictured in a gold gown with a plunging neckline beneath a headline that reads, “Transgender beauty: How they are shaking up the world.”

Editor-in-Chief Emmanuelle Alt wrote on the Vogue Paris website that she featured the 22-year-old Sampaio on the cover because she is “the absolute equal of Gisele, Daria, Edie or Anna.”

“In a post-gendered world which more and more designers are highlighting on their runways, Trans people, the ultimate symbols of a rejection of conformity, are icons that Vogue supports and chooses to celebrate,” Alt said. While trans models and activist have appeared on the covers of U.S. magazines, including Caitlyn Jenner’s Vanity Fair cover in 2015 and Laverne Cox’s Time magazine cover in 2014, this is a first for France. Sampaio herself has been featured on the cover of Brazilian Elle magazine, and in a L’Oreal makeup ad celebrating femininity, the Huffington Post reports. SFGN
One of South Florida’s largest LGBT political organizations, SAVE is about to get a lot more social.

“We were approached by SAVE,” said Jonathan Barrio, president of the popular Gay Vista Social Club. “They came to us and legally acquired GVSC as their social arm.”

Gay Vista Social Club is a safe, free social space for gay men who wish to get more involved with the LGBT community without having to rely on South Florida’s bar and club scene. Founded by Jonathan Barrio in March 2016, the club began as a small Facebook group. Now it has registered members in Ft. Lauderdale, and an even larger national membership.

“We’ve seen remarkable growth,” Barrio told SFGN. “And we are still a free social-professional environment, and we still hold weekly events.”

Tony Lima, the Executive Director of SAVE (Safeguarding American Values for Everyone), recognizes that the political organization needs to connect to as much of the community as possible. GVSC currently has nearly 2,000 registered members who, according to Lima, are extremely committed, civically focused individuals.

“The social part is very important,” Lima said. “Aligning with [GVSC] created more opportunity for community participation. We rely on our army of volunteers, and this adds to our amazing volunteer base.”

The first big event that the two groups will host together is a gala event with The Florida Grand Opera to feature “Before Night Falls,” an opera based on the gay poet Reinaldo Arenas who escaped the Castro regime in Cuba and eventually died of AIDS in New York City.

“Disillusioned by the Castro Revolution and persecuted by the Castro regime as a dissident writer and homosexual,” reads a description of the opera by the Miami New Times. “This opera follows his trials and tribulations as a political prisoner forced to smuggle his manuscripts abroad for publication.”

The Gala will take place on March 11 at 501 Alhambra Circle in Coral Gables.

“I love the premise of the opera,” Lima said. “We are based in South Florida and it is about a Cuban poet who lived an openly gay life and was persecuted for it. It is exciting to celebrate one of the icons of the community.”

“Before Night Falls” will be the first queer piece of opera that will be performed in Miami, and both GVSC and SAVE are excited to expose more people to this opera for their own reasons.

GVSC wants more of its younger members to get involved not only with the LGBT community through its social events, but in order to gain a wider understanding of LGBT culture and history.

“I think it is amazing that the Florida Grand Opera is doing a piece like this in an area that has suffered from HIV crisis,” Barrio said.

SAVE is using the opera and gala as a means to introduce more people to politics who otherwise would stay away.

“The arts are universal, the arts are a way to get people into the fray that makes a connection to the broader community,” Lima said. “We are a political advocacy group, but to a lot of people who aren’t interested in getting involved in the political sphere, these social events will soften our approach and serve as a greater connector for people.”

“We’ve seen a resurgence of younger people join us,” Lima continued. “GVSC has cemented that membership, but the political atmosphere has really helped to mobilize people into political activism. In the wake of the election, people want to get involved and make a difference. There is a lot of fear and uncertainty, people want to get more involved and do something for the greater good.”

SAVE is “dedicated to protecting people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer from discrimination,” according to their website. However, due to the recent political climate the organization is attempting to expand those protections to a much wider range of marginalized groups in need of support, which requires more manpower.

“Our mission is not only to promote and protect our rights as a community, but to defend those rights,” Lima said. “And that defense, in this political climate, encompasses everyone who isn’t white. There is a need to be a defensive power for the community as a whole. We need to grow with the need of the community. We are standing up for the LGBT community as well as everybody else.”

Visit www.save.lgbt for more information about the organization.
Multiple sources are confirming the U.S. State Department intends to keep Randy Berry as the nation’s special envoy for LGBTI people.

Berry’s bio page remains active on the State Department website. An openly gay career foreign service officer, Berry took on the LGBTI special envoy position in April 2015.

“This is really surprising to me,” Ross Murray, Director of Programs at GLAAD told Foreign Policy Magazine. “I don’t think I can applaud it until I see what his mandate becomes in this administration.”

Berry served as U.S. Consul General in the Netherlands (2012-2015) and New Zealand (2009-2012). He has 24 years of foreign service officer experience with postings in Bangladesh, Egypt, Uganda and South Africa.

An unnamed State Department source told the Washington Blade that Berry “continues in his role under the new administration.”

There has been some concern as to the future of LGBT issues inside the Trump administration’s State Department. Last year, Family Research Council President Tony Perkins called for the removal of “activists” who promote LGBT matters abroad.

During his Senate confirmation hearing, incoming Secretary of State Rex Tillerson was asked how he intended to protect America’s work on human rights of all people — no matter who they love.

“The United States needs to stand firmly for all human rights,” Tillerson responded. “This includes support for basic political freedoms such as freedom of expression and freedom of assembly, as well as non-discrimination against women, minorities, and a shared commitment to protect the human rights of all people, no matter who they are or whom they love.”

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**SOURCES: STATE DEPARTMENT KEEPING LGBT ENVoy**

*John McDonald*

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WASHINGTON SUPREME COURT UNANIMOUSLY VOTES AGAINST LGBT-DISCrimINATING FLORIST

Brittany Ferrendi

She refused to sell flowers to a same-sex couple for their wedding, and now she’s paying a price.

On Thursday the Washington Supreme Court ruled against Christian florist Barronelle Stutzman for denying the sale of flowers to couple Robert Ingersoll and Curt Freed in 2013. Stutzman cited her religious beliefs, leading her to be sued by the couple as well as the state attorney general for violating Washington discrimination laws.

Stutzman countersued under the argument of religious freedom, and by claiming she did not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation, according to Think Progress. She also argued that the law discriminated against her first amendment right of free speech, but that claim was also denied.

The Washington Supreme Court’s unanimous ruling reaffirmed a lower court’s 2013 case ruling against Stutzman, which required her to pay a $1,000 fine.

In a news release from the Tri-City Herald, The Alliance Defending Freedom stated Stutzman will ask the U.S. Supreme Court to reverse Thursday’s ruling. The ADF represents Stutzman.

According to the release, Washington Supreme Court justices “concluded that the government can force her — and, by extension, other Washingtonians — to create artistic expression and participate in events with which they disagree.”

The same-sex couple’s marriage came two months after Washington recognized same-sex freedom to marry.

CHOICES

Pride Center’s 11-year-old program helps people cope with HIV

Ryan Yousefi

There is really no one-size-fits-all handbook to follow when it comes to coping with a positive HIV diagnosis, but luckily, there is a tried, true, and tested remedy that has been proven to consistently help people recover from life-changing events such as finding out they are HIV-positive; support from others.

A little bit of love and support can go a long way, but finding it can sometimes be the hard part; that’s where The Pride Center in Wilton Manors comes in.

The Pride Center has provided their CHOICES program (Choosing Healthy Options and Improving Communication Effectiveness) — a small group program set up to assist HIV-positive participants by reducing stress and building coping skills — for 11 years in both English and Spanish.

CHOICES aims to help people to accept, console, educate, and most importantly, learn to deal with their HIV diagnosis.

“Sometimes fear might prevent men from coming to the group,” said Magno Morales, CHOICES Coordinator. “This fear would prevent them from learning coping skills that will improve their lives.”

The CHOICES curriculum is a local adaptation of the nationally researched Healthy Relationships, an effective evidence-based intervention for HIV prevention. In the decade-plus the Pride Center has offered the CHOICES program they have helped thousands of members of the LGBT community deal with the news of their diagnosis, first and foremost, then, as the program moves on, they help attendees take the next steps to bring back normalcy to their lives through structure and awareness.

“Living with HIV can make dating, sex, and relationships stressful,” Pride Center COO Kristofer Fegenbush told SFGN. “Participants learn to cope with these challenges in the free five-week CHOICES course. Meeting in small groups, the men discuss building healthy relationships, how to negotiate safer sex and make better decisions, and ways to tell family, friends and sex partners that they’re living with HIV. It’s also a great way to meet HIV-plus friends.”

The CHOICES program runs eight-cycles throughout the year, mostly at night. The Pride Center told SFGN they try to schedule at least one cycle of the teaching sessions during the afternoons for those who work nights. According to event coordinators, the skills learned in these cycles of meetings are priceless for those feeling overwhelmed by their unfortunate HIV test results.

“CHOICES helps clients reduce their stress while living with HIV by teaching them how to implement different coping skills,” Pride Center Prevention with Positives Manager Shanna Ratliff told SFGN.

As the CHOICES program spreads its wings it helps with more than just the initial coping skills.

“Participants who are dealing with substance abuse, financial problems, or other forms of stress can learn healthy ways to cope,” Morales said. “We have been successful and enjoyed longevity with CHOICES because we believe that the program works,” states Ratliff. Morales reminds the clients that these skills can be used in every area of their lives.

The next CHOICES cycle starts March 2. For more information about The Pride Center and the CHOICES program visit PrideCenterFlorida.org or email CHOICES Coordinator Magno Morales at mmorales@PrideCenterFlorida.org.
an SFGN investigation has revealed that law enforcement officers in Palm Beach County are stopping men and questioning them in at least one public park with no legal basis to do so.

Over the past month the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office has been aggressively patrolling John Prince Park in Lake Worth, stopping men, who are walking alone, and then interrogating them. In some instances, they’ve even taken photos of the men for their “personal use.”

One man SFGN interviewed said he was questioned by a Sheriff, while he was walking through the trails two weeks ago. He insisted he was doing nothing illegal and just walking along one of the many walkways. He was not arrested, not accused of any illegal activity, but told not to come back to the park again.

“There are a lot of other parks to go walking around in, I suggest you don’t come here anymore,” he said the officer told him. He claimed the Sheriff also said “we have been checking license plates for the past two weeks. I’m going to see if your plate is one of them.”

The man said the officer asked for his identification and to take his photo. He consented because he was scared.

“Would you mind if I take you picture?,” he said the Sheriff told him. “It’s not going on any website. Or any file. It’s for our personal use.”

SFGN confirmed the random stops in the park by sending a reporter in plain clothes. An SFGN reporter was stopped by two pairs of Sheriff’s and interrogated, however the Sheriffs did not ask to take a photo, or tell the reporter not to come back. The SFGN reporter did not identify himself as a member of the press.

One attorney believes these men’s constitutional rights have been violated.

“What the police are doing here goes well beyond just a consensual encounter with a citizen and amounts to an illegal detention. By photographing people, taking down personal information, and demanding ID without any legal justification, the police are violating the 4th amendment’s prohibition against unlawful seizure,” said Russell Cormican, a criminal defense attorney in Fort Lauderdale. “Further, by directing law abiding people to cease visiting public parks that they have every right to enjoy, the police are violating the constitutional right to free association. It is very troubling that police are engaging in such tactics, particularly where that conduct appears directed at only one particular group of people. The incidents reported by the men who were stopped could serve as the basis for a civil rights claim against the police department and at the very least should warrant disciplinary action against the officers involved.”

Here’s what happened transpired when SFGN was stopped by the Sheriffs.

**Officer:** We have a few complaints about certain activities going on back here. Unwanted. Trying to make contact with people to see if we can find out what’s going on. Hopefully ID some of the guys coming here.

**Officer:** How often do you come here?

**Reporter:** Every once and a while.

**Officer:** Where do you live?

**Reporter:** Boynton Beach

**Officer:** Do you come here for...

**Reporter:** To take a walk.

**Officer:** There are no other places in Boynton Beach to take a walk?

**Reporter:** This is the biggest park around.

**Officer:** What kind of complaints?

**Officer:** A bunch of complaints. A lot of crimes happen back here.

**Officer:** Like robberies and murders?

**Officer:** No murders. People complaining of sexual batteries back there. Stuff. Lewd and lascivious behavior.

**Officer:** [Asked for reporter’s ID]

**Officer:** Are you taking a walk or waiting on somebody?

**Taking a walk.**

**Officer:** Are you off of work today?

**No I worked.**

**Officer:** Where do you work at?

**Today, I worked at home.**

**Officer:** Is this your car?

**Yes.**

**Officer:** [Finishes up questioning] Don’t let us scare you away from your walk.

In 2011 SFGN published a yearlong investigation of the Palm Beach County Sheriff Office’s 5-year undercover sting targeting gay sex in public parks. Only a handful of the 300 arrests SFGN reviewed – four to be exact – were between two men having sex in the park. The rest of them involved an undercover detective soliciting another man for sex using legally dubious tactics. In one of the more outrageous cases SFGN investigated, one man, who was eventually arrested for loitering in a public restroom, was chased via car through the park by an undercover officer. The man thought he being followed by someone who wanted to rob him. Eventually two undercover officers surrounded his car, pulled a gun on him, handcuffed him, arrested him – all for allegedly loitering. “I had no clue he was a cop,” the man told SFGN at the time.

“I thought they were robbing me.” Most of the man’s story was backed up by the official police report.

A few minutes later the SFGN reporter was stopped a second time by another pair of officers, but was quickly let go, after they learned the he had just been stopped a few minutes prior.

SFGN spoke to three men who questioned by police. Two of them claimed to have their photo taken. One said he was even questioned on how gay men hook up on mobile phone apps.

James Greene, the legal chair for the Palm Beach County ACLU, offered this simple advice to anyone randomly stopped by the police: “don’t say anything.”

“The reason they mentioned the license plates is because a lot of people told that, will get irritated or try to engage the officer in some kind of conversation, which usually doesn’t help much,” Green said. “The best thing for them to do just sit there keep their mouths shut.”

In some cases law enforcement officers will ask a lot of innocent seeming questions in order to get the person to say something that gives them probable cause to detain them.

Green doesn’t believe the Sheriff’s department did anything illegal though in this.

As for those photographs, Green said, if a Sheriff claimed they were just for personal use that’s “bullshit.”

“If a law enforcement officer says that, that’s bullshit. Of course they’re going to use it, and put in a database,” Green said. “It can also be requested and posted on those internet shakedown sites.”

Green said if the police officer did indeed tell the man, SFGN interviewed, to not visit the park, again the officer was “just trying to provoke him.”

Green then repeated his earlier advice, “don’t engage, don’t say anything.” However, if someone felt like they were being given an illegal directive the best response would be to ask “are you directing me not to come into the park? And if so what’s your name and badge number.”
There are many words used to describe Milo Yiannopoulos – golden boy, provocateur, alt-right sympathizer, white nationalist, conservative, asshole. For years now Yiannopoulos, a senior editor at Breitbart News, has been a thorn in the side of the left intentionally provoking them at every chance he gets. Meanwhile conservatives have gleefully cheered him on. But Yiannopoulos has always been an enigma on the right – they’ve never been entirely comfortable with him. They may love his attacks on feminism and political correctness, but this is a man that also openly discusses his infatuation with “black dick.”

Despite being unconventional, his star seemed to be only getting brighter on the right. He recently signed a high-profile book deal, and his very appearance at the University of California started a riot.

And then last week he appeared on the Bill Maher and it was announced he would be a keynote speaker at the annual Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) that is meeting this week in Maryland.

Nothing could go wrong. Except everything did.

Interviews quickly surfaced that showed him appearing to defend pedophilia and relationships between “young boys and older men.”

“He’s the greatest communicator of his generation, and he happens to be conservative, so it’s a natural fit for him to have a major platform at the right’s most important event of the year. And the left will hate this! So, I’m thrilled,” said Alex Marlow, Breitbart News Editor-in-Chief in a Breitbart story.

It appears the right hated it even more than the left.

Within days of the announcement and the pedophilia interviews going viral he was disinvited from CPAC, his book deal was cancelled and he resigned from Breitbart.

Matt Schlapp, chair of the American Conservative Union, called his statements “disturbing” in the release announcing the decision to disinvite Yiannopoulos.

In the video interviews Yiannopoulos appears to defend sexual relations between younger guys and older men, using his own experiences to argue his point.

“We get hung up on this sort of child abuse stuff to the point where we are heavily policing consensual adults,” he said in the video. “In the homosexual world, particularly, some of those relationships between younger boys and older men—the sort of 'coming of age' relationship—those relationships in which those older men help those young boys discover who they are and give them security and safety and provide them with love and a reliable, sort of rock, where they can’t speak to their parents.”

The now disinvited keynote speaker then went on to describe his sexual relationship with a Catholic priest when he was a 14-year-old and attempted to downplay the seriousness of it.

“But it wasn’t molestation,” the gay provocateur told comedian Joe Rogan in the video. “I’m grateful for Father Michael. I wouldn’t give nearly such good head if it wasn’t for him.”

Schlapp went on Morning Joe and said, “We are OK with having controversy on the stage at CPAC. We don’t endorse everything every speaker says. But over the weekend I was made aware of these comments and it just broke through very important boundaries and we felt like the CPAC stage was not an appropriate place for this any longer.”

After the controversy erupted Yiannopoulos attempted to partially walk back his previous statements on Facebook.

“I do not support pedophilia. Period. It is a vile and disgusting crime, perhaps the very worst. There are selectively edited videos doing the rounds, as part of a co-ordinated effort to discredit me from establishment Republicans, that suggest I am soft on the subject,” he wrote. “If it somehow comes across (through my own sloppy phrasing or through deceptive editing) that I meant any of the ugly things alleged, let me set the record straight: I am completely disgusted by the abuse of children."

But he also defended some of his other statements saying:

“I *did* joke about giving better head as a result of clerical sexual abuse committed against me when I was a teen. If I choose to deal in an edgy way on an internet livestream with a crime I was the victim of that’s my prerogative. I did say that there are relationships between younger men and older men that can help a young gay man escape from a lack of support or understanding at home. That’s perfectly true and every gay man knows it. But I was not talking about anything illegal and I was not referring to pre-pubescent boys. I shouldn’t have used the word ‘boy’ when I talked about those relationships between older men and younger gay men. I was talking about my own relationship when I was 17 with a man who was 29. The age of consent in the UK is 16.) That was a mistake. Gay men often use the word ‘boy’ when they refer to consenting adults. I understand that heterosexual people might not know that, so it was a sloppy choice of words that I regret.”

Later on Yiannopoulos attempted to flip the script and garner sympathy with a new Facebook post that started with “I am a gay man, and a child abuse victim.” This is despite the fact that in the videos he’s shown celebrating his sexual relationship with his priest.

Schlapp later stood by his initial invitation in comments to the Hollywood Reporter.

“An epidemic of speech suppression has taken over college campuses,” Schlapp told the Reporter. He went on to say that the Breitbart editor has “exposed the liberal thuggery,” and that “free speech includes hearing [his] important perspective.”

Since this scandal erupted Yiannopoulos’ lucrative book deal with Simon & Schuster was cancelled.

“After careful consideration, Simon & Schuster and its Threshold Editions imprint have cancelled publication of ‘Dangerous’ by Milo Yiannopoulos,” the statement reads.

Before Yiannopoulos’ resignation from Breitbart rumors were circulating that Breitbart employees were calling for him to be immediately fired or they would quit.

On Tuesday, Alex Marlow, Breitbart Editor-in-Chief, called Yiannopoulos’ comments about pedophilia “indescribable,” “troubling” and “upsetting” on the news outlet’s daily radio show, but also said “He seemed to be speaking from personal experience as a gay man; he also revealed he’s a victim of child abuse himself. He himself told me he’s never had inappropriate contact with a minor since he was an adult.”

By Tuesday afternoon Yiannopoulos had resigned from his position at Breitbart blaming his misfortunate on a “poor choice of words,” saying:

“Breitbart News has stood by me when others caved. They have allowed me to carry conservative and libertarian ideas to communities that would otherwise never have heard them. They have been a significant factor in my success. I’m grateful for that freedom and for the friendships I formed there. I would be wrong to allow my poor choice of words to detract from my colleagues’ important reporting, so today I am resigning from Breitbart, effective immediately. This decision is mine alone. When your friends have done right by you, you do right by them. For me, now, that means stepping aside so my colleagues at Breitbart can get back to the great work they do.”
A Broward County Judge has dismissed murder charges against John Snavely, accused in 2013 of the 2010 Pompano Beach murder of a prominent, millionaire gay businessman from Maryland, Samuel Del Brocco.

The compelling story of Del Brocco's murder made it a front-page feature in SFGN, with friends and relatives having advertised rewards for his killer.

For a long time, law enforcement had suspected a younger, former lover, Justin DeVinney, who had a long history and angry breakup with Del Brocco only nights before he was brutally slain.

On July 19, 2013, however, DNA from a Diet Coke can in Del Brocco's townhouse was matched to saliva taken from a defendant in a drug case out of Fort Pierce. A convicted felon, John William Snavely had ties to Broward County, having danced as a stripper at Dude's, Johnny's and the Boardwalk, and once did porn under the name of Josh Logan.

When cops interviewed Snavely, he denied the accusations he had killed Del Brocco, only admitting that he might have met him and danced for him, but he was really "too high to remember." He laid the killing on the former lover.

Meanwhile, the police built their case and presented it to the State Attorney's office with fingerprints taken off Del Brocco's Porsche, and DNA evidence produced at the scene of the murder.

When the killing occurred, those prints and DNA were in no law enforcement database. But in 2013, when he was charged in St. Lucie County, the DNA match led to his arrest in the Del Brocco slaying. Nevertheless, the court ruled the compiled evidence was just not enough.

In throwing out the case, Judge Holmes acknowledged Snavely's fingerprints were on the exterior of the victim's car as well as a Diet coke can inside the house. The court also found that while the defendant exhibited anger and rage during his interrogation, there was nothing else to tie him to the crime.

What was not there was more important. There was a lot of exculpatory evidence. Hair found on the murder weapon did not belong to the defendant Snavely. Bloody shoe prints, fingerprints removed from liquor bottles, and marijuana joints did not match Snavely's either.

Also, DNA located in the passenger side of the car did not only not belong to Snavely, there was ample proof that Del Brocco led a secret life picking up many prostitutes and dancers, bringing them home, possibly even the day of his murder.

Additionally, despite hours of intense questioning, Snavely never confessed, only admitting he may have met Del Brocco, but surely did not kill him.

The police, however, found out Del Brocco had bought drugs from a third party only hours before his murder, and had made calls earlier that afternoon to other male dancers with felonious pasts. Thus, the more the court looked at the evidence, the more it excluded Snavely.

H. Dohn Williams, a renowned Broward County defense lawyer for nearly 40 years, represented Snavely. He challenged the case with what is known as a 'Sworn Motion to Dismiss,' alleging that given all the facts the state has against Snavely, the State did not meet its burden of proof.

"In essence," explained South Florida criminal defense lawyer Jeff Dean, "a prosecutor has to prove up their case to a sufficient level to get it to a jury. In this case, the court was saying their evidence just doesn't cut it; its entirely circumstantial, insufficient, and not concrete."

The State Attorney's office has the right to appeal the circuit court's decision to a panel of judges in West Palm Beach, serving on the 4th District Court of Appeal.

"They would do so," said Dean "because they claim the evidence is sufficient to present it to a jury, and it's only fair they and not a judge decide a defendant's guilt or innocence."

Snavely completed his 18-month sentence for assault in St. Lucie while in custody for the murder charge. Still, he is not home free yet. He remains in the Broward County jail, on a no bond hold from Texas, where he is charged with violating the conditions of probation on another assault case. He is awaiting extradition.
Several hundred people agreed on one issue Monday afternoon: President Donald Trump should stop visiting Palm Beach.

At least 250 anti-Trump protesters at Dreher Park in West Palm Beach shouted “No 45!” at the presidential motorcade as it drove west along Southern Boulevard back to Air Force One. Despite the roars of the Palm Beach Sheriff deputies’ motorcycles and the armored SUVs, the anti-Trumpers’ chant could be heard clearly — with the help of bullhorns and amplifiers. When the last of the presidential escort drove by, most protesters left around 3 p.m.

SFGN talked with several protesters, including Star Fae, the demonstration organizer, about why they oppose Trump and what they plan to do in the future to oppose him or support those who do.

Fae is the Lake Worth organizer who founded the group South Florida Activism, which hosted the President’s Day protest. It was the latest of many anti-Trump protests Fae and her group organized. Fae organized the first big anti-Trump protest in Palm Beach County that drew hundreds to the West Palm Beach Trump Plaza the Friday after Election Day.

“These protests are needed to remind people who feel scared that there is a large contingency that stands with them,” Fae said. Elections results showed that more than 54 percent of the electorate voted against Trump. Some polls show his approval rating around 40 percent.

“Four years ago when I’d say, ‘Your government is racist, your government is fascist’ people would say, ‘Oh that lady.’ But now we have soccer moms out here yelling ‘Fuck fascists!’” Fae said.

Another goal of these protests is to get Trump to stop visiting his Palm Beach home, Mar-a-Lago. “It’s costing American taxpayers about three million dollars to have him,” Fae said. “Hopefully if we keep this up he won’t come here every week.” Politico reported that Trump’s visit over the weekend could cost three million dollars to have him, “I’m still with her.” “Warren Sanders 2020,” and “Dump Trump.” The last one had a picture of the poop emoji with Trump’s hair. Mossman was collecting signatures for a petition to have former first lady Michelle Obama run for president in 2020.

“I believe he is a little unstable and not qualified to do the job,” Mossman said about Trump. “He is constantly doing things that aggravates people and that people don’t agree with.”

But Mossman has no problem with the Republican Party. “There are some good candidates,” he said, “I liked John Kasich,” Ohio’s governor.

Mossman’s opinion on the current state of the Democratic Party? “I feel maybe a little was done to make sure Hillary [Clinton] was the nominee, maybe more than should have been done — maybe,” he said, cautiously echoing accusations that the Democratic National Committee unfairly influenced its party’s primary against Clinton’s main opponent, Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders. “But I feel like she was the strongest candidate.”

Mossman said he would look at South Florida Activism’s Facebook page to see what future events he would like to attend. The group’s page also includes events hosted by other groups that are liberal or anti-Trump.

David Peskan, a Boca Raton rabbi, brought his guitar and amplifier to the protest, singing songs like “We shall overcome” and “This land is your land.”

Peskan’s opinion on Republicans in power? “I hope they have the courage to stand up for their constituencies, to do what’s right.” And he thinks the Democrats could improve themselves. “They did a lousy job” last election, he said. “They unfortunately couldn’t connect with the working man or woman. No doubt about that.”

On changing local politics, Fae mentioned Lake Worth, where she lives. “It would be excellent to see the mayor and commissioners take a direct stance against ICE [Immigrations and Customs Enforcement] raids — protect the people living in their city,” she said. Fae was referring to the fear that federal immigration officers under Trump would find and deport illegal immigrants in the city more often that usual. Census data shows that around one-third of Lake Worth’s 37,498 residents are foreign-born.

But Fae wants South Florida Activism to fight for issues, not political candidates. Personally though she does support candidates like Lake Worth City Commissioner Chris McCoy, who is up for reelection March 14. But when asked what issues she agrees with McCoy on, she could not name one off the top of her head. McCoy recently spoke about getting involved in local politics at the West Palm Beach Women’s March rally January 21, which was organized by South Florida Activism.

More protests and rallies against Trump and for liberal causes are scheduled over the next few weeks:

• On Wednesday at 7 p.m., two rallies are scheduled to be held in solidarity with natives against the Dakota Access Pipeline. One at Friends Quaker Meeting House at 823 North A Street in Lake Worth, the other at 100 South Clematis Street in West Palm.

• On Friday at 6:30 p.m., a march in support of transgender black people is scheduled at Huizenga Park at 32 East Las Olas Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale.

• On Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon, a rally against repealing the Affordable Care Act, known as Obamacare, is scheduled at Mast’s Port Saint Lucie office.

• On Sunday from 11 a.m. through the late afternoon, South Florida Activism will hold its first committee meetings for members interested in healthcare, women’s rights, the environment, education, racial justice and LGBT rights.
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"Lots of colors, rainbows, and sparkly stuff." That's what DJ Kidd Madonny of 3DX, hired by event organizers, said visitors to this year's Pride Fort Lauderdale should expect.

Madonny is one of several deejays and entertainers lined up for the event – Feb. 26 from noon to 8 p.m. on Fort Lauderdale beach, 1100 Seabreeze Blvd.

Other performers include singer Brian Justin Crum, singer Erika Jayne, DJ Joe Gauthreaux, country singer Ty Herndon, DJ Wendy Hunt, and DJ AJ Reddy.

Miik Martorell, president of Pride Fort Lauderdale, estimates between 10,000 and 15,000 will attend the free one-day event which has been held over two days in the past. Like the second day, organizers have also dropped having an official theme. “It’s our 40th anniversary, so we’re foregoing the theme. That’s a big enough theme right there,” Martorell said.

Along with the entertainment, the event will also feature a food court, multiple bars, VIP area, waterslide, sports area, alcohol-free area, family area, seniors’ area, and an alcohol-free area.

The alcohol-free area was established to give non-drinkers a place to enjoy without the pressure of alcohol. The sports area will feature local sports leagues with information for people looking to get more active.

In a previous story about LGBT participation in local athletics, Bryan Wilson, director of community relations for SunServe, said it was one of the goals of SunServe to provide members of the LGBT community with recreational and athletic opportunities. Those opportunities would provide a way to exercise and a participate in a social alternative to the bar scene for those who are recovering alcoholics and others.

Parking will be provided at The Galleria Mall and Hagen Park in Wilton Manors. Parking rates still apply but a free shuttle will be provided from those lots to the event. “You don’t actually have to park at the beach,” Martorell said.

And on each shuttle, added Martorell, will be a female impersonator entertaining riders. “It will make it a lot more fun, make it a little campy. Hopefully it’s really popular. I have a feeling it will be, especially since it’s free.”

For those who want to kick off Pride early, there's the Official Pride Fort Lauderdale Kick Off Party at B Ocean Resort in Fort Lauderdale – Feb. 24 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. There will be Tito's Handmade Vodka, a DJ, silent auction, samples of food from local restaurants, and the chance to meet celebrity Chef Art Smith, who has cooked for Lady Gaga and President Barack Obama.

Visit pridefortlauderdale.org to buy tickets for the kick-off party.
The LGBT community’s most eagerly awaited television event comes to small screens with the Feb. 27 premiere of "When We Rise," an epic, all-star docudrama about the early days of San Francisco’s equality movement.

The eight-hour miniseries will air over the course of four nights on ABC. Based in part on longtime activist Cleve Jones’ same-named memoir and in part on a screenplay by Oscar winner Dustin Lance Black (“Milk”), "When We Rise" will recall the birth of the Bay Area community’s first gay activist organizations. The story will span decades of LGBT history and will include the assassinations of openly gay San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone in 1978, the AIDS epidemic of the following decade, and beyond.

Cleve Jones was a personal friend of Harvey Milk. He was involved in the AIDS activist organization ACT UP and co-founded “The Names Project,” the AIDS Memorial Quilt.

Australian actor Guy Pearce, stars as the older Cleve Jones, with Austin P. Mackenzie appearing as the younger Cleve. Oscar winner Whoopi Goldberg plays Pat Norman, an African American lesbian who ran for San Francisco Board of Supervisors during the 1980s, while Rosie O’Donnell will appear as Del Martin, who co-founded Daughters of Bilitis, the first lesbian organization in U.S. history. "Glee’s" Kevin McHale will be seen as Bobbi Campbell, an AIDS activist who appeared on the cover of Newsweek in 1983, the year before he died. Michael K. Williams will play Ken Jones, an organizer for the African-American gay community, while Carrie Preston will essay the role of lesbian activist Sally Gearhart, a close ally of Harvey Milk.

"It’s very important to remind ourselves how hard-won equality is, and how easily dismantled it can be," co-star Rachel Griffiths told SFGN, speaking from her home in Australia. The actress portrays Diane Jones, a nurse at SF General Hospital who treated early AIDS patients.

“She was one of the first nurses at the AIDS ward,” Griffiths said of her character, a person who is not well known to the public. "Her courage was going to work. Not everyone changes the world via megaphone: some change the world quietly.”

At a time when most people were afraid to touch someone with AIDS, Jones embraced them. “This was a time when hospital orderlies wouldn’t take food into the patients’ rooms,” Griffiths said. “It was hysteria.”

Griffiths felt that with the unexpected election of Donald Trump to the presidency, the presentation of "When We Rise" takes on a greater significance.

“We’ve been coasting,” she said of the past few years. “We are now waking up to the ramifications of being politically complacent. Hopefully, this production will inspire people to stand up.”

“It’s important to tell LGBT stories,” writer Dustin Lance Black, who also directed one episode, told SFGN. “This is a story where we don’t die at the end—we’re now at the stage where we can be presented as whole human beings and survive. It’s a message we can send to our kids.”

Like Griffiths, Black feels that the stories in "When We Rise" take on an even greater meaning in the current political climate.

“I would give anything in this world for this to be less necessary,” he said. “The words of division coming from our federal government are taking its toll on our youth. Those stoking fear have blood on their hands.”

Black hopes that “When We Rise” will open the hearts and minds in conservative parts of the country. “I didn’t write this for one America,” he said. “I wrote it for all our country and all its peoples. I’m very proud of the work we’ve done in the writer’s room. We speak a language that both Americas will understand. I hope the series will be inspiring for viewers.”

Milk director Gus Van Sant, directed the first episode of “When We Rise.” “It’s sort of avant garde to say that this will play on ABC,” he said. “It will be seen across America, not just on HBO or Netflix. On a more mainstream channel, it will go to places it couldn’t otherwise go.”

Van Sant feels that the series, which spans four decades, will be thrilling for viewers. “Watching the characters evolve over the years is one of the series’ strengths,” he said.

“People in San Francisco will recognize their stories and issues. People in small towns may react in a smaller way.”

He added that historical incidents from New York City will be mentioned, such as the Stonewall Riots, but that the series will remain primarily in San Francisco. "Cleve goes to an ACT UP meeting in New York," he said. "We’ll also see some of the characters’ hometown pasts."

Black hopes that seeing "When We Rise" will bring people from different communities together. "Communities of diversity must come together," he said. "Not just LGFTs, all communities. If we are divided, if we are only interested in our own issues we could lose our rights. Together we are unstoppable."
Most non-activists only know of Cleve Jones for his work with the AIDS Quilt. From his start as Harvey Milk’s “street lieutenant,” Jones has helped to create the LGBT and HIV communities. His memoir, “When We Rise,” tells that story.

Readers will find these 291 pages an easy read about a significant piece of our history. Jones’ story describes how in ‘70s San Francisco, the largely gay male Castro district in the ‘70s became a community. The story covers the fabulous “party” of the ‘70s, the very messy “morning-after” of the ‘80s, the antiretroviral breakthrough of the ‘90s, and same-sex marriage struggles of the 2000s.

Jones emphasizes two related themes that sometimes disappear in today’s LGBT politics. First, Jones places gay, LGBT, and HIV politics inside a larger peace and justice context. A belief in a narrow gay agenda would make no sense to him. In this book, Jones stressed his work with unions. He also expressed his political indebtedness to Howard Wallace, a socialist labor organizer.

Second, Jones rejects “respectability” politics. Passing for straight will never lead to the freedom to be gay. LGBT people live in communities with distinct cultures that differ from that of the mainstream. In the book, Jones described his belief that LGBT people should directly confront bias. Jones rejected vague appeals to “fairness” as ineffective. This came to a head in the debate over court challenges to same-sex marriage.

Jones did not “sanitize” this story. He has sex, “even” while HIV positive. He has done recreational drugs and he “inhaled,” Jones wrote. “My most intimate and long-lasting relationships have not usually been sexual.” Like the relationships in “Queer as Folk” and the HIV film “Parting Glances,” Jones’ experience of relationships differs from that of the Romanticist Ideal.

Jones insists that this book is a collection of memories, rather than a history. Unfortunately, that distinction will be lost on many readers. People could easily, and unconsciously, misinterpret this story as one of “respectability” and redemption. It moves from isolation to sexual liberation, followed by the “penance” of HIV, and is resolved in the “respectability” of marriage.

People see faces in clouds and perceive patterns where none exist. The book begins with Jones as an isolated, bullied closeted gay youth. It ends with his work to overturn California’s same-sex marriage ban, but the selection of an end-point to a living person’s life story will always be arbitrary. As Jones has become involved in resisting the current White House, another chapter in Jones’ activist life has already begun.

This book could function as a primary resource for LGBT history, but it is not always easy to link events with dates.

Despite these criticisms, this book tells a good story about LGBT history. Jones has made major contributions to that history. His story has “no apologies,” but does have the sex and the drugs.

Full disclosure: Cleve and I moved in overlapping social and political circles in San Francisco for much of this period. We were involved with many of the same events. I found no substantial errors, but I did notice two small errors. A fact-checker would have benefitted this book. Even minor “errors” can damage credibility.

One insignificant error concerned who published a New York “Underground” Newspaper, The RAT. The second error involved the dance anthem, “We are Family.” It was by the group, Sister Sledge, not the Pointer Sisters.

Before this, I had never read a memoir in which my name might appear. I was somewhat miffed that it did not. I am quite thankful, however, that Cleve mercifully failed to mention our screaming political arguments of the late ’70s.
ABC TV’s “When We Rise” covers a lot of ground. The eight-hour presentation, which premieres on ABC TV on Feb. 27, begins in 1972 and ends in 2015, when the United States Supreme Court legalized gay marriage nationwide. The series, which will air over four nights, tells the deeply personal backstories of a diverse group of LGBT people who came to San Francisco looking for a safe haven from a homophobic world. They not only find home, they help launch a worldwide movement.

The lead characters are real people, all of whom are still living. They shared their stories with writer/executive producer Dustin Lance Black, the Oscar-winning screenwriter of “Milk” (2008). There’s Cleve Jones, a white gay man who leaves home after his father offers to “cure” his homosexuality—a lobotomy as a possible treatment is discussed. We also meet Roma Guy, a lesbian who grows weary of the homophobic sentiments she encounters at the Boston chapter of NOW—The National Organization for Women. Ken Jones is a navy veteran, an African American gay man who falls in love with a sailor while on combat duty. The two have a brief, passionate, albeit secret affair until Michael, his “lover” (the vernacular of the period) dies in combat. Jones is forced to hide his grief or face a dishonorable discharge.

Diane Jones is a nurse at San Francisco General Hospital: she’s one of the first nurses to treat AIDS patients without fear—she enters into a long-term relationship with Roma Guy. And then there’s Cecilia Chung, who has to remind people that she’s not a gay man.

“I was always your daughter,” Chung tells her mom.

San Francisco undergoes enormous and very rapid changes as the lives of this diverse group of people converge. At first they fight for the simple right to sit in a gay bar without getting arrested. Gay bashing are a constant threat. “When We Rise” recreates these early battles as many historic figures from the city’s Queer past are woven in and out of the mosaic. Whoopi Goldberg is seen in a few scenes as Pat Norman, an African American lesbian who worked for the Department of Health. Rosie O’Donnell plays Del Martin, who co-founded the Daughters of Bilitis, the first lesbian organization in the United States. Michael DeLorenzo, who danced with Michael Jackson in the “Beat It” video more than thirty years ago, gives a heartfelt performance as Jose Sarria, San Francisco’s first drag icon—Sarria mentored many of the city’s gay youth of the period.

With an epic sweep not unlike “Gone With the Wind,” “When We Rise” follows the characters over the years. We see the San Francisco community’s first victories, the election of openly gay Harvey Milk to the city’s Board of Supervisors—Milk is assassinated less than a year later. Violent riots break out when Milk’s killer gets a slap on the wrist. The community barely has time to mourn the loss of Milk when AIDS strikes—death is everywhere. Glee’s Kevin McHale appears at this point as Bobbi Campbell, a gay man with AIDS who appeared on the cover of Newsweek in 1983. As Cleve Jones loses all his friends to the disease, he creates the Names Project, the AIDS Memorial Quilt.

The story continues through the 1990s and into the millennium for the ultimate battle: the right for same-sex couples to marry, which goes all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Through it all, Cleve Jones, Roma Guy, Ken Jones, Diane Jones and Cecilia Chung struggle to live normal everyday lives as they lead the charge to change the world around them. There are many intimate moments which let viewers know who these people are behind closed doors. Roma Guy and Diane Jones become lesbian moms via an anonymous gay male sperm donor—years later their daughter wants to know who her dad is.

Cleve Jones, his body ravaged by HIV, struggles to stay alive. After he regains a semblance of good health he attempts to become a foster dad—the state takes the baby from him when his HIV status is discovered. Ken Jones gets an early lesson in why marriage equality is needed: after his second lover dies of AIDS, he’s thrown out of their home. A judge tells Jones that he has no legal recourse. And Cecilia Chung must repeatedly explain that she’s a woman to people who just don’t get it. Newcomer Ivory Aquino shines in this role.

Guy Pearce gives a powerful performance as the older Cleve Jones who keeps his eye on the prize and never backs down, but it’s Austin P. McKenzie as the younger Cleve who enacts the character’s most powerful scene: the realization that his own Dad (David Hyde Pierce) thinks that he’s mentally ill.

Mary Louise Parker and Rachel Griffiths shine as Roma Guy and Diane Jones, a couple deeply in love. They manage to find the perfect balance between their lives as activists and the quiet family life they obviously yearn for. But it’s Jonathan Majors, as the young Ken Jones, and Michael Kenneth Williams as the older Ken who get the post powerful story line: losing two loves and realizing in the aftermath of both losses that he has no rights. Jones descends into a downward spiral of addiction until spirituality saves him.

“When We Rise” is grand storytelling, made all the more intense because the stories are true. How these characters lived and what they fought for stands as a stark reminder of all we have to lose should we become complacent. “When We Rise” is therefore essential viewing for all LGBT-identified people.

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MILO THE MEAN HOISTED ON HIS OWN PETARD

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He was given a slot on Bill Maher’s cable show ‘Real Time,’ and Maher was chastised for being too soft on him. Milo, for his part, says his only passion is ‘free speech for all.’

I don’t buy it.

Milo’s is a gamer, and now he is trying to game you. He is making his crusade about personal fame.

Of course, liberals feel that Milo’s message is mean and hateful, and should be censured and condemned. Agreed, for sure. But should it be silenced and suppressed? I think not. Look, I would rather beat my opponent on the playing field than win the game by forfeit because he didn’t show. As for Milo, bring him on. I will debate anyone anywhere. Besides, he has a lot of time now, doesn’t he?

When you play with fire you get burnt. This week, Mr. Yiannopoulos was too cute by half. He has been hoisted on his own petard, by his own words, his own ‘free speech.’ Now the world community has taken measure of him, and we are rightfully repulsed.

Once again, the Internet became this decade’s Woodward and Bernstein, uncovering truths that people in power just don’t want to see. Milo’s meteoric minute of fame may be flaming out.

Apparently, a while back, Milo got into a discussion of sexuality about younger men and their older partners. He tried to make an insightful argument about trans-generational relationships, making the claim that they are common in the gay community. They are, to be sure, but Milo stumbled. His words and message were off mark. He talked about ‘boys’ and 13-year-olds. Forgive me, but he screwed up bigly.

Milo tried to point out that pedophilia was unacceptable and more a disease than a sexual attraction. He failed, however, to draw the line on ‘age.’ Attempting to turn a serious discussion into a comical moment, he explained that he gives ‘good head today’ because as a 14-year-old boy, he learned from his priest. As I said, he was too cute by half.

The result was a mouthful of missteps by Milo. He came across as shocking, finding himself in the awkward position of defending older men being involved with ‘sexually mature’ 13-year-olds as perfectly normal. It may not be what he meant, but it was what he said.

Milo, the poor boy, has spent the last few days on his Facebook account trying to undo the damage to no avail. CPAC withdrew his speaking appearance at their convention. Publishers summarily withdrew their book offer. Heck, Twitter had already thrown him off their site, and now he is out at Breitbart—and if you can’t be a right-winger there, then where a right-winger can you be?

Don’t cry for him, Argentina. He had his free speech, gave his talk, people heard his case, and they threw up. What Milo probably wanted to say was that many single, older gay men can and do offer stability and security to young men struggling with their sexuality. But he said boys, not young men. Today he is paying the price.

As a skilled online tech editor, he as much as anyone should know that a lie on the Internet can be halfway around the world before the truth catches up with it, if it does at all. What does the Bible say—‘he who sows the wind shall reap the whirlwind.’

Call this a moment then for sweet justice. The evil Milo has done to others he has now brought back upon himself. Few people are feeling too sorry for him as he rushes to resurrect past articles where he has condemned pedophilia on one hand, and exposed pedophiles on the other. It’s too little, too late.

Milo, your message never scared me. I too believe in free speech, and standing up to the status quo. Many of the people you mocked, readers of this paper, were also outcasts once. We made our voice heard; our presence felt. We bucked the tide and overcame those who would have silenced us. We fought for a more equal and fair society, yet you mocked us so. How dare you?

We did not create the first amendment for people who agree with us. New voices, vitriolic or virtuous, are always welcome. But you have to be accountable. Today, Milo, you are being held so.

This is Pride Week, and Fort Lauderdale is turning over part of the beach for homosexuals to hold a festival. They used to arrest us for being on that beach. Thirty years ago, being open about being gay would get you electro shock therapy. Milo, we know challenges from AIDS to the Army. We were not just being ‘politically correct.’ We were politically conscious. We helped make it so a guy like you could have a national forum.

Milo, most gay men and women older than you have borne arrows and misfortunes long before your nasty missives came along. Now you have landed on your ass, rightfully so. It is your comeuppance. Let’s see if you can do as we did and pick yourself up and start again. Maybe you can find a priest to help you. Maybe he will at least give you good head.
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Colorful Business Names Are a Part of Wilton Drive

Michael d’Oliveira

With the opening of G Spot Bar earlier this month, a trend on Wilton Drive shows no sign of slowing: businesses with colorful and double entendre names.

It’s something that goes all the way back to at least the opening of Alibi in 1997, said Anthony LoGrande. Gay-owned businesses here, he said, have always had some kind of hidden meaning behind their names. LoGrande said couples living together, who had not come out to their friends and family, would use the second “alibi” room as a way to make others think they were roommates.

LoGrande, who owns the Zig Zag Building on Wilton Drive and a business consulting firm, said a provocative name can be a benefit and a risk. It can garner a lot of attention but also turn off some people. “I don’t think it’s good or bad. It is what it is,” LoGrande said.

In 2014, one resident claimed the names of some businesses felt exclusionary to many people in the straight community. In an anonymous letter published by the now defunct newspaper The Islander, the “45-year resident of Wilton Manors” and “long-time registered Democrat” anonymously wrote that the names of some gay-owned businesses were offensive and vulgar.

“Their still ARE heterosexual residents living here, and we DON’T find establishments named “Gaysha,” “Gay Mart” and “Rock Hard” inclusive... at all. Do we not care what goes on a 20 foot neon sign that our children see every day when passing by on the school bus? Do we want Wilton Drive to become Times Square, circa 1982?” reads the letter. “Our elected officials MAY think that they have the upper hand and can change a city by allowing these subjectively named businesses to exist, but there are overwhelmingly large factions that are more than ready to present an opposing point of view. Would I be able to get an occupational license if I tried to open a “Hetero Burger”? What about “Straight Mart”? Would we be able to pass the city sign test? Doubtfull.”

Commissioner Julie Carson said she doesn’t want to legislate business names but she feels that G Spot and some others, including Balliz, which closed and was operating where G Spot Bar is now located, are names chosen “in poor taste,” are “poor business decisions” and more sensitive names should be chosen. “It’s not offensive to me but I think there are sensitivities the public has that should be honored. When you name something like that, you alienate a group of the community.”

Lisette Gomez, co-owner of G Spot Bar, said she hasn’t gotten a lot of backlash on the name but she realizes how it can be taken offensively by some. She said that when she was coming up with the name she was only looking for something “catchy” and that the first letter of her last name helped influence her decision.

To make the name more palatable, she said her permanent sign, when it arrives, will read G Bar. The temporary banner up now also reads G Bar with a little splashy dot in the middle which signifies the “Spot.” Her bar’s shirts though will still read G Spot Bar.

Before Humpy’s closed, Wilton Manors resident Randy McCafferty said he always got a chuckle out of telling his friend visiting from out of town that he was going to “Humpy’s.”

“I’m not gay but I’m still not offended. It’s a nice, colorful, artsy area,” he said. “The names sort of seem to fit.”

Wilton Manors resident Rodger Helt said he’s never really thought much about the names. “I think it’s OK. People are always using puns to get businesses to work.” WMG
Where Are the Arts in the ‘Arts and Entertainment District’?

By Sal Torre

Last week I sat down and wrote my article for the Wilton Manors Gazette. However, I was a week early due to my miscalculation as to when the next edition would be published. The main topic had to do with our Art-less & Entertainment District along Wilton Drive. What a difference a week makes!

A discussion at our City Commission meeting this past Tuesday had to do with public art and the possible creation of an arts committee. The Mayor and City Commissioners were all promoting the topic. At first I thought my email server was hacked by the Russians, who, after successfully hacking the DNC and Hillary’s servers, had now turned their sights on Wilton Manors.

Seemed a bit suspicious that after such a long time, our city’s elders start singing the praises of art and its value to our community the same week as my mistimed article on the subject. Whatever the reason, I was very happy to hear the discussion and look forward to the recommendations by city staff. Bravo to our Mayor for initiating the discussion and for the support demonstrated by our City Commissioners.

What follows is the remainder of my initial article, minus an introduction that had to do with our February full moon and other ramblings that now seem dated and irrelevant.

As my gaze returns back down to earth from looking up at the winter sky and the bright Snow Moon of February, I am thinking about the color red. Maybe it has to do with Cupid making his rounds for Valentine’s Day, but I think it has more to do with a firehouse. If anyone has recently driven west on Commercial Blvd. through Tamarac, you will know what I am talking about. It’s hard to miss. Tamarac has a brand-new firehouse with the bright Snow Moon of February, I am thinking that has been talked about for many years in many different forums, but has never quite happened.

And lastly, the arts are just plain good for us. Involving art into our daily lives helps improve our health, our psychological well-being, and our creativity as a society.

Seems exactly what Wilton Manors needs to make life even better...

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Last time, I identified 10 potential community candidates here in East Broward-based on a high Walk Score and presence of a Publix supermarket at the “community core.” This week we will go one step deeper and explore just what the housing stock looks like around these cores.

As a starting point I decided to take a look at areas within three-quarters of a mile – a casual 15-minute walk – from these cores. Maybe that is arbitrary, I don’t know. But we have to start somewhere. Within that circle, I wanted to see just how many single family homes and townhomes there were currently. Was this core already developed commercially? Was it condo and co-op city? Or did the numbers suggest mixed use?

Finally and perhaps for some most importantly, is the consideration of cost. Can the typical person afford to live in that location? Are these merely enclaves for the One Percent, or do they have accessibility to a wider cross section of the public?

From both the Broward County records, and my personal financial estimations, I have devised the numbers in the table next to this column. The price range listed is what is known in statistics as the intraquartile range – the broad center of values between the 25th and the 75th percentiles for the location. The most expensive, and least expensive, homes are excluded.

There are a few observations I will make before continuing on with the series in our next column. First, you can see that the density of single family homes and townhomes varies greatly across the 10 potential communities. Clearly, some of the areas have greater levels of high rise and/or commercial development. That does not necessarily make them less communities; perhaps quite the contrary. That is something we are going to have to consider as we proceed. Does the definition of community need to be limited to the traditional neighborhood, or are newer, mixed forms possible?

Actually, the second observation is you could argue that newer, mixed forms are in fact needed here in East Broward. Take a look at the prices. Generally, the “price of entry” into any of these communities, if you want to have a single family home or equivalent, is very high. Rare is the case where something suitable could be found for under $300,000 anymore.

Does that mean that notions of community in East Broward are restricted to individuals with six-figure incomes or substantial assets? Qualifying for a mortgage on a $300,000 home would require a significant down payment, a healthy steady income, or both. Perhaps this is why we often see buyers here who are coming from other markets, other parts of the world, and paying cash. Buyers are not always local.

What are the longer term implications of this as we work to build community here in South Florida? How can Realtor leaders be part of driving that process?

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Commission Passes Moratoriums on Clinics, Group Homes

By Michael d’Oliveira

At their meeting on Feb. 14, commissioners passed two moratoriums – new medical clinics in the Wilton Drive Arts & Entertainment District and new group homes in the entire city. The moratoriums do not apply to existing clinics or group homes.

“We don’t have a medical clinic use in the Arts & Entertainment District. We may or may not want one but we don’t have a definition for it,” Commissioner Carson said.

The moratorium on clinics, which is set for 180 days, will prevent new ones from opening while the city determines how to amend its zoning laws to either allow them in the Arts & Entertainment District or to permanently prohibit them there.

The types of business commissioners want to see in the Arts & Entertainment District was discussed by commissioners in December when members of the community came out in support of Thrive Spa. The owners of Thrive Spa want to open their smoking cessation clinic in Gables Wilton Park on Wilton Drive.

Group Homes

A one-year moratorium was placed on the opening of new group homes.

City Manager Leigh Ann Henderson said the Department of Justice and the Department of Housing and Urban development had revised its State and Local Land Use Laws and Practices and the Application of the Fair Housing Act. “We want to study that report and develop an appropriate review process and regulations,” said Henderson.

Commissioner Julie Carson made it a point to talk about the difference between group homes and sober homes and that the city was not putting a moratorium on sober homes.

Mayor Gary Resnick said the city should take its time on the issue. “I’d like our city to be careful when they come up with certain types of regulations.”

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Commission Makes Move on Parking

Parking firm’s contract up for renewal

By Michael d’Oliveira

Tired of talk, Wilton Manors commissioners directed city staff to create a shuttle service to help alleviate some of the parking problems along Wilton Drive.

“We’ve been talking about parking for years and years here. We need to get off our rear end and do something about it,” said Commissioner Scott Newton. “We need to get something done to make Wilton Drive easier to get to,” added Vice Mayor Justin Flippen.

Per the commission, city staff will devise a schedule of run times and stops for the shuttle, a city vehicle, and look into negotiating a contract to bring a private company into possibly provide the shuttle service. Commissioners will also discuss the future of Lanier’s relationship with the city when Lanier’s contract comes up for renewal at the next meeting.

Business owner Nick Berry suggested the city start providing the service just on two nights, Friday and Saturday, when parking is most in demand. He also suggested that the city help subsidize the shuttle service by asking businesses to pay money to fund stops. He said business owners would want to contribute so they could put stops right in front of their businesses and encourage customers to spend money there.

The discussion on the shuttle service came during a presentation of the parking study authored by Lanier Parking, the firm which oversees the city’s parking enforcement program.

“The study looked at the supply and demand of parking in the Wilton Drive corridor and makes several recommendations for our consideration,” said Bob Mays, the city’s finance director and parking contract administrator.

“The goal of the study was to verify the adequacy of public parking in the Wilton Drive corridor and to identify strategies to meet the demand. I think anyone who has spent any time in Wilton Manors understands the parking dynamics enough,” said Fred Bremeymey, a representative of Lanier.

The recommendations in the study include the possible construction of a garage on the Hagen Park lot, encouraging restaurant and bar employees to use off-street parking to free up on-street parking for customers, the establishment of a valet service, enhanced wayfinding signs (something the city is already implementing), and the shuttle service.

“The idea is to create a parking solution that works for the whole corridor,” said Bremeymey. He estimated that a shuttle service could cost between $75,000 and $100,000 a year. But that’s too high for the commission.

Mayor Gary Resnick suggested possibly subsidizing a private shuttle service as the most cost-effective way of providing a service. “I’d rather subsidize something like that than a shuttle that runs up and down Wilton Drive.” He also said he would like to see technology used more. “More people are using phones than [paying at the] meters. People are embracing technology. I would like to explore ways to use technology to make parking more efficient.”

Also discussed was the possible designation of space near Wilton Drive for Uber and Lyft drivers to wait for requests for service.

Flippen said the study was important but noted that it “failed to capture the past use and, quite honestly, lack of success of the valet service along Wilton Drive. We did implement a valet system and it was not overly successful.”

Resnick said finding ways to bring people to Wilton Drive without needing their cars was the overall goal. “To me, that eliminates a lot of the parking need.”

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Coins Returned to Commissioner’s Family 50 Years Later

Decades after they left their hometown of Charleston in Mississippi County, Missouri, Wilton Manors Commissioner Julie Carson’s family got a surprise – stolen coins, owned by Carson’s brother, Jed, were returned by police.

Earlier this month, the Mississippi County Sheriff’s office contacted Carson’s family to let them know that the collection of coins had been found during a drug raid. Carson estimates about 100 coins were found.

The story has received media coverage from outlets in Missouri and nearby Illinois.

Police were able to identify Jed as owner of the coins because of a tag, for the family’s dog, Manfred, with the names of Jed and Jon, Carson’s other brother, found with the coins.

Carson says the family didn’t know how or when exactly the coins went missing but it’s been almost 50 years since they were taken.

“It’s pretty exciting when you think about something 50 years or 55 years later,” Carson said. The recovered coins have her family “looking back at old pictures and who was [hanging around] the house when the coins would have been gone. It’s kind of allowed us to reflect a little bit more. What this has done for us is to have us start sharing things again.”

Carson’s also learned some new things about her father, John, and other family history from her mother, Louise.

“My father used to go down when the coin people would empty the parking meters and give them cash. Then he would give the coins to my brother Jed to see if there were any good pennies or good dimes. Then take [the leftovers] to the bank and get his money back. I didn’t know he did that. It’s kind of neat to have some more history.”

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Police Arrest Four in Wilton Manors Armed Robbery

By Michael d’Oliveira

At a press conference this morning, the Wilton Manors Police Department announced it arrested four suspects in connection with the Feb. 14 armed robbery that took place near Wilton Drive.

At 3:30 a.m. on Feb. 14, Wilton Manors resident Denis Kladchihin was walking home from Wilton Drive. When he got to the corner of Northeast 21st Court and Northeast 1st Avenue, he saw two men, who had hidden behind the bushes of a nearby home, start to chase him.

Initially, Kladchihin outran the suspects but, using a 2015 Honda CRV, they caught up to him, pistol-whipped him and stole his credit card, cell phone, driver’s license, and $20 in cash. After seeing the robbery reported by the media, police say the suspects wiped the phone of fingerprints and tossed it into the Everglades.

The charges include robbery with a firearm, grand theft of less than $5,000, attempt to commit conspiracy, destruction of evidence, and criminal mischief.

The suspects are Darrion Vankleeck, 18, a white male; Corey Dukes, 18, a black male; Adolfo Vela, 18, a white male; and Anne Feeley, 18, a white female. Feeley was only charged with accessory after the fact.

Operations Commander Gary Blocker said that “detectives made this case their top priority” and that the department “will not tolerate acts of this nature.” He added that there was no evidence that this was a hate crime.

According to Blocker, the video recording of the incident played a key role in the investigation and that the four suspects were caught because of an anonymous tipster.

“We want to thank that individual,” Blocker said. He said that police were still looking into the backgrounds of the four suspects for a history of similar crimes.

Despite the armed robbery, Chief Paul O’Connell said crime is down overall in the city.

He noted that the number of Part One crimes – aggravated assault, rape, murder, and robbery – were down in 2015. O’Connell added that preliminary numbers show Part One crimes are also down in 2016 but the numbers won’t be official until the end of April. “It’s the lowest in 20 years.”

The total number of Part One crimes, which is reported to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement by the Wilton Manors Police Department, dropped from 353 in 2014 to 277 in 2015, but the rape and murder rate increased – from 0 to 1 murder and 2 to 4 rapes. The only murder in the city that year was Henry Vidal, a popular local bartender who was found dead in his home by a co-worker on May 29, 2015.
Wilton Speaks Out!
A community meet and greet with Ted Deutch

The Pride Center in Wilton Manors hosted Congressman Ted Deutch’s Town hall meeting on Feb. 12, 2017. The room was packed with people standing shoulder to shoulder to not only welcome the congressman but to voice their concerns for the current administration.

By Carina Mask

5th grade boy who asked about Sanctuary cities, and if his friends in school are safe

To see more photos by Carina Mask, visit the South Florida Gay News Facebook page.
Letters to the Editor

Stop Being So PC!
Recent mugging is most certainly a hate crime

To the Editor:

On Sunday Feb. 12 at 3:30 a.m. Denis Kladchihin was chased down, pistol whipped and robbed on the 100 Block of NE 21st Ct. Kladchihin was returning from the entertainment district of Wilton Manors.

A homeowner’s video showed two violent robbers, reported as “one heavy set Hispanic male and a skinny white or Hispanic,” (a non-PC viewing of the video clearly showed two Black males), crouching in the bushes waiting for their prey, taking advantage of Kladchihin’s distraction from his surroundings; looking at his iPhone.

Unaware of the creations about to attack, Denis ran faster than the perpetrators. The two maggots jumped into a “dark color 2012 Honda CRV,” driven by a third perp; chased him down, whereupon they pistol-whipped Denis, requiring hospitalization and 13 stitches, stole his credit cards and $12.

A $3,000 reward is offered by the Wilton Manors police. Leads are to be directed to Detective Patrick Newton 954-390-2150 PNewton@wmpd.org

Editor’s Response

Mr. Velsmid believes SFGN was being “PC” (Politically Correct) by not naming both men on the tape as black. However, the video was not clear, and rather than jump to conclusions SFGN did the correct thing by reporting it just like this: “The men, one a heavy set black or Hispanic male and the other, a skinny white or Hispanic male.”

It’s also important to note that the four suspects that have now been arrested were not two black men as Mr. Velsmid was certain of. Instead four individuals have been arrested. Police identified them as Darrion or Hispanic male.”

Why isn’t this considered a Hate Crime? A double standard? Hopefully the $3,000 “bounty” will motivate a snitch or vigilante.

Denis will have nightmares forever.

Someone in the DA’s office needs to connect the dots. You don’t have to be Inspector Clouseau or pussy-foot to know what has happened here; why was Denis singled out?

Not so coincidently, burglars of similar descriptions, car and revolver hand-gun were videoed attempting to rob a Wilton Manors home on Saturday 2/18 at 2:45 p.m. on the 600 Block NE 22st.

I submit that the LGBTQ community is very appreciative of the Wilton Manors Police Department and the leadership of Mayor Gary Resnick. We just want to ensure that we don’t “guild the lilly” in deference to PC in tracking down and bringing to justice these Hate Crime felons. An example must be made to preclude violent crimes from happening again in our community.

Michael Velsmid
Wilton Manors

You’re Right, Wilton Manors Needs A Vision!

Dear Sal:

I just attended the 62nd annual meeting of the Lauderdale by the Sea Chamber of Commerce Meeting...Executive Director Richard Clark put together the meeting of almost 400 attendees at the Marriott Hotel at 7:30 AM.

Lauderdale by the Sea has a highly cohesive Commission and it has a very focused Vision for the City... Richard Clark said the most important thing a City can do is to have a “VISION”.

I totally support your editorial and agree with you that Wilton Manors lacks a real “VISION” also. I have attended many commission meetings and I have witness just what you stated: The city Commission has commissioned many expert studies in the past years, and the City Commissioners have not acted upon these studies. What a waste of time for committee members to work feverously only to have no action taken by the City.

Instead of speaking out about “saving trees”, or “speed bumps” being too low, the city commission meeting are lacking the real substance monthly on where is our vision and how to we implement them. Important issues of safety, staffing, management, parking, train stops, are only addressed occasionally and only when one commissioner brings up their favorite issue at that moment.

I feel these two cities have a well defined “VISION” and they are implementing and making those visions into a reality.

I applaud your editorial and I wish we can have a well defined Vision for Business Growth and Business Development and a quality of life for our residents.

Regards,
Joe Pallant

Editor's Response

Now that the new Walmart in Oakland Park has been approved by the city commission, the estimated date for its opening could be in December of 2018. That’s an estimate by Steve Wherry, the attorney who represents Walmart.

Now that the city commission has approved the project, it’s up to Broward County to give final approval. “We’re hoping in April or May... depending on the county’s approval process,” he said. Wherry estimated that demolition of the old Kmart building, located at Oakland Park Boulevard and Northeast 6 Avenue, will occur sometime in June.

Once completed, the 121,345 square foot Super Center will sell groceries and general merchandise and have between 300 and 350 employees.

Wherry said there will be space available for tenants to lease but no separate liquor store or oil change center. There will be 510 parking spaces and the building will utilize solar panels to provide some of its energy needs.

WMG
Mayor Wants Permit Process Explained better

Mayor Gary Resnick wants to make it easier for business owners to understand how the city’s permit process works. At the Feb. 14 commission meeting, Resnick asked city staff to come up with a flow chart that is easier to comprehend. Resnick called the process “incredibly difficult to understand” and said that a lot of businesses owners have chosen not to apply for a permanent sign and are instead using temporary banners. “Which I think we should not allow them to do if they don’t have a [permanent] sign. And I suggested an amendment to our code to prohibit that,” Resnick said.

Grant Request For Trails

City officials will apply for a grant of up to $200,000 to fund the construction of portions of a trail at Colohatchee Park. The money will be requested from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. If approved, part of the funding will come from a previous grant from that state agency.

Free Tax Preparation

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program will provide free tax preparation services at the Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library from now until April 16. The service will be available Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2 to 5 p.m. To find out what documents are needed, call 954-630-7374 or 954-630-4378. The program is made available through the Hispanic Unity of Florida and services are provided in English and Spanish.
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Somehow, in some way, the people you meet leave fingerprints on your life. A laugh you’ll never forget, a bon mot you’ll quote, or even an attitude can be a memorable springboard for an idea.

That goes doubly for creative types, for whom romantic (or platonic) relationships, their “carriage of affairs” could lead to “countless works of art.” These unions, whether legal or otherwise, also left a tangle of threads between many artists and writers.

Essayist and editor Edmund Wilson, for instance, helped launch the career of Anaïs Nin, who later wrote erotica. Nin was “unapologetic about her... affairs,” of which there were many, including a banker, “probably a homosexual,” and novelist & playwright Gore Vidal, who himself had “a short affair” with writer James Baldwin, who called another man “the love of his life.”

Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington both collaborated professionally with Grammy-winner Ella Fitzgerald, but it was Marilyn Monroe who helped boost Fitzgerald’s career. Monroe talked the owner of an L.A. nightclub into booking the singer, and she attended each of Fitzgerald’s performances there. Monroe, of course, had her share of affairs, too, as well as a friendship with Truman Capote, who was repeatedly insulted by none other than Tennessee Williams.

Williams was no fan of Tallulah Bankhead, and the two publicly snarked at one another for years. Bankhead was an exhibitionist and didn’t care who saw her naked – which, presumably, included her lover, Billie Holiday.

Oh, and playwright Williams...? He was a friend of Gore Vidal, who also knew Truman Capote and Anaïs Nin...

Did you ever go somewhere with someone who seems to know everybody? That’s what it’s like to read “The Art of the Affair.” Author Catherine Lacey and illustrator Forsyth Harmon play a sort of Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon in their book - except, not surprisingly, Bacon isn’t here. Instead, readers are taken back many decades to look at the dalliances and relationships of artists and stars of the early Twentieth century, and because very few contemporary artists grace these pages, there may be many times when you won’t recognize the people among the threads. That can be remedied through inference, but a better explanation (at least for some artists) might have been nice, as would an index.

Still, I liked the tidbits in this book, the mini-factlets between ties, and the obvious delight that author and artist lend to the love affairs they so diligently discovered. Light, gossipy, and a little scandalous, “The Art of the Affair” shows that it’s who you know that’s important – and I know you’ll like it.
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The new sushi place is so new, you won't even be able to find it on your maps app yet. Okay maybe the address you type in brings up a spot right next to the longstanding Corner Pub. But if you blink you might miss it. The place has only been open a handful of weeks and a sign isn’t even up outside the restaurant yet.

But don’t let the mystery fool you — there is treasure at the end of the rainbow. With specialty fish, hand-crafted rolls, and a slew of tapas-style appetizers, you'll walk right into Yuji and probably won’t want to leave.

You won’t be alone. Some visitors are already regulars. The head chef has more than 20 years of experience. He ran his own restaurant in California before relocating to South Florida to open Yuji earlier this month.

If you’re a simple soul, opt for a boat of your discretion. They come with a multitude of fish options, including fan favorites like salmon, tuna, and shrimp, but also include yellowtail, fish eggs, fluke, scallops, and octopus. There is so much food you may not get through the entire meal, but you can try.

There are rolls, too. Basics like California and spicy tuna can be your go-tos if you aren’t ready to tackle something new, but there are specialty rolls like the ninja roll: filled with shrimp tempura, eel, and cucumber, topped with more shrimp, avocado and eel sauce. There’s also the red dragon: spicy tuna and tempura flakes rolled together and topped with tuna, tobiko, and wasabi mayo. There’s a dozen different hand and hosomaki rolls if you’re looking for something easy and light. Regardless of what roll you try, the consensus is the same: the fish will be fresh, it will be made to order, and you will want another one.

For some cooked fare, a recent chef special included a rack of lamb, served with broccoli and mushrooms in a lamb sauce. But you could also try some traditional noodles. There’s udon or soba soup or ramen. Get them veggie-style or add the meat of your choice.

They have a slew of teriyaki meals: chicken, salmon, or steak. Don’t forget about the stir fry or tempura — try veggie or seafood combinations! All entrees are served with a soup or salad and rice.

Do not leave without trying dessert. That’s more of a demand than a request. You’ll kick yourself later if you don’t try the green tea crepe cake: thin layers of green tea crepes with cream filling in between, served with homemade ice cream and chocolate sauce if you’d like. You may or may not order a piece to take home later. Other desserts are available, too, but nothing like this homemade chef special. Ask your server to make sure it’s available when you go.

Lunch specials are available, too, with sushi, teriyaki, and tempura options. There’s also a handful of rice and noodles menu items. No matter when you visit, there will be something to answer your craving, only once you answer that craving, you will never stop coming back. See you soon.
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W e have truly become a global village. As recently as 50 years ago, Italian and Chinese food were considered exotic in many parts of this country. In fact, you would have been hard-pressed to find any kind of ethnic restaurant outside of a big city. Now, thanks to the popularity of televised cooking programs, the Internet and the influx of immigrants who have added so much to our culture and communities (take that, Donald!) in the past decades, you can find almost any cuisine from almost any part of the world.

Of course, immigrants often had to adapt their family’s recipes to accommodate the availability of products in their area. As they opened restaurants, they sometimes had to alter their classic dishes to make them more palatable to local tastes. A perfect example of this is the Vietnamese Banh Mi sandwich. The traditional version is made with head cheese, liver pate and Vietnamese sausage on a baguette, that’s a little too outré for American palates, so now you can find versions made with Chinese BBQ pork, avocado or even BBQ brisket!

Vietnamese cuisine itself is a perfect example of fusion cuisine. After years of the French occupation of what was then known as Indo-China, the techniques of French cooking and French ingredients became a part of the traditional Asian recipes. The food of modern Indonesia is a blend of the local culture’s original dishes and those of the Dutch colonists. The popularity of Indian and Pakistani food in England is another example of early colonizers bringing home foreign dishes and cooking techniques. Even something as ubiquitous as Tex-Mex fare, finds its roots in the fusion of cultures of the two neighboring territories. Say what you want about the evils of early colonialism, there’s no debating that we got some great dishes out of the practice.

Although the term “fusion cuisine” was coined by chef Richard Wing in the 1960s combined French and Chinese cooking techniques and recipes at his Imperial Dynasty restaurant in San Francisco, California, it was Wolfgang Puck who spurred the popularity with his trendy Santa Monica restaurant Chinois on Main in the 1980s. The trend has now expanded with chefs deliberately creating recipes which fuse together a variety of cuisines. Among the most popular of these are those that pair up dishes of Southeast Asia (India, Pakistan and Thailand) with Latin cuisines. At first you might think this an odd pairing, but keep in mind that many dishes in those countries feature extensive use of chiles and peppers. There are Asian immigrants in much of South America, for example, Peru has a large Japanese population, so Latin and Japanese fusion cuisine is to be expected. In the end, does it really matter how fusion cuisine came about, when the results are so delicious?

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A prime example of how beautifully the flavors of two cultures can blend can be found at Viva Tokyo in Oakland Park. When Cristina Ardon and Rudi Lopez opened their new restaurant about a year ago, they were no strangers to fusion cuisine; they’d already had great success with El Guanaco, which features a menu that blends together Mexican and Salvadorian cultures. Okay, so the cuisines of those two countries are not that disparate, but they were still very successful in blending the ingredients into tasty comestibles. After seven years, they were ready to expand their focus and the results are fantastic. A recent revamp of their menu is an indicator of how comfortable they are with their new focus. There’s no confusion in this fusion.

Entering what used to house a fast food chain (there’s still evidence of a drive up window on one side of the building) you’d have no idea of the pleasant surprises that await you inside, from the cheery décor and service to the fabulous fare that is as attractive as it is delicious. The spicy tuna burrito features sushigrade tuna, field greens, cilantro, cucumber, carrots avocado and spicy mayo rolled in a 10” flour tortilla. They even toss in a little Korean kimchee to amplify the spice and fusion levels. Shrimp tempura tacos feature perfectly cooked, crispy, fried shrimp topped with red cabbage. Wasabi-infused guacamole and spicy mayo add a little heat to the three corn tortilla confections. The dishes are $12 alone, add a couple of bucks and you’ll get a side of rice and beans.

Viva Tokyo’s hibachi specials are served with miso soup or house salad, grilled vegetables and a choice of steamed rice or fried rice brown rice. You may also choose steak or shrimp as your protein or go vegan with grilled veggies. Teriyaki dishes are also available with a number of protein options and are accompanied by a choice of miso soup or house salad, rice and steamed veggies. Most entrees are priced between $12 and $16 and offer large portions.

If you prefer sushi, there are rolls aplenty to pique your interest, all beautifully prepared and presented with artistic flair. The spider roll features soft shell crab, Masago, avocado, asparagus and a light touch of Japanese mayo. The triangular roll is twice the size you’ll see at most places, and although priced at $12 is more than enough for a light meal. If you can’t decide what to order, there are plenty of combo options, all served with a choice of miso or salad. For a nice sampler, check out the bento box; smaller portions (four pieces each) of the JB and California roll, three slices of sushi, two planks of tempura chicken, two tempura shrimp, assorted tempura vegetables and chicken teriyaki for $13. Viva Tokyo is proof that quantity and quality can coexist on the same plate.

If you’re looking for some other examples of fusion cuisine in the area, check out these places.

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SAT 2/25

COMEDY

It’s been more than 35 years since Miss Richfield 1981 made that first infamous runway walk, but she’s still got “it.” See Miss R. tonight at 8 p.m. at the Sunshine Cathedral, 1480 SW 9th Ave. in Fort Lauderdale, in her new show, “2020 Vision.” She’ll be singing and sharing videos to soothe any post-inaugural apocalyptic qualms you may be experiencing. How does she do it? More information at OutlandishFL.com.

FRI 2/24

FESTIVAL

Meet Art Smith, celebrity chef to Oprah, Lady Gaga and President Obama, at Sip, Savor and Sway, the official Pride Fort Lauderdale kick-off party tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the B Ocean hotel, 1140 Seabreeze Blvd. in Fort Lauderdale. Enjoy complimentary cocktails, light bites by local restaurants, a silent auction and music by DJ Adora. Tickets are $40 in advance at PrideFortLauderdale.org and $60 at the door (if available).

SUN 2/26

CONCERT

The Miami Gay Men’s Chorus, under the direction of Anthony Cabrera, performs “All I Care About is Love,” a cabaret of romance and passion, tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Coral Gables Congregational Church, 3010 DeSoto Blvd. in Coral Gables. This special program includes a wide variety of love songs, so if you missed Valentine’s Day, here’s a chance to make it up! Tickets are $20 each or $35 for couples at MGMChorus.org.

MON 2/27

TELEVISION

The four-night miniseries, “When We Rise,” debuts tonight on ABC. Written by Oscar-winner Dustin Lance Black ("Milk"), the series features Mary-Louise Parker, Guy Pearce and Rachel Griffiths and presents a 50-year history of the gay rights movement from early activism in San Francisco and the assassination of Harvey Milk through the AIDS epidemic and marriage equality. Check local listings for channels and show times.

TUE 2/28

DANCE

Bold and soulful, the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, founded in 1958 and currently under the direction of Miami native Robert Battle, returns to South Florida with a dynamic mix of new moves and Ailey’s signature masterpiece, “Revelations.” See the phenomenal company, Feb. 24 - 26 at the Arsht Center in Miami, and tonight at 8 p.m. at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach. Tickets at ArshtCenter.org and Kravis.org.
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Singer Ty Herndon describes his career as a series of “valleys and peaks, some valleys I almost didn’t get out of.” Herndon, 54, burst onto the country music scene in 1995 with a number one single, “What Mattered Most.” The Mississippi native would chart two more top singles before his career hit the skids.

Always a fighter, he never gave up, penning a successful contemporary Christian album in 2010 before landing a Grammy Award nomination that year for his album, “Journey On.” In November 2014, Herndon came out in a People magazine cover story.

Being an openly gay country singer has not been easy, but Herndon has not shied away from embracing the community and especially LGBTQ youth. He recently released “Fighter,” a music video devoted to bullying in cooperation with the Trevor Project. He has performed on gay cruises and at Pride festivals and, on Sunday, will be a featured entertainer at Pride Fort Lauderdale.

SFGN spoke with Herndon about his career and the challenges—and inspirations—that come with being a gay country artist:

Are you excited to be performing at Pride Fort Lauderdale?
I’m really looking forward to being at the show. My dad is from Panama City and I think I’m kin to just about everybody in Florida. Any time we play in Florida, here they come.

What have you got planned for the Pride audience?
I’m excited to be working on six super cool dance mixes. People love country music and I’m translating that into dance music for Pride festivals. A ballad sends people off to find another beer.

How has coming out changed your career?
Two years ago, I was prepared to walk away from country music. There have been some valleys and peaks, some valleys I almost didn’t get out of… I wanted to be happy in my skin and live my life not in any type of shadows. I’ve been blown away with the love and acceptance in the industry, (even if) there are trolls who hide behind the cowardice of the keyboard. I still play regular fairs, festivals, casinos, theaters. My audience has become a very ‘Modern Family,’ a blend of affirming and awesome country lovers and the amazing LGBT family. A lot of people come to see me now that might not love country music…it feeds my spirit, in the climate we’re in today, to see everybody come together in love.

How do you respond to the conservative culture of country music?
It’s really a curse and a blessing. In country music, we’re such a faith-filled industry, but throwing the ‘LGBT’ word in there, it’s amazing how the most faith-filled people will close the door. I’m not going to bust it down, but I’m going to open it and walk right in there where you are. I stand for the same values, but I’m a gay man and you’re not allowed to take that away from me. People use faith as a weapon. One of my main goals is to let that 15-year-old know that they’re made perfectly in the eyes of God and should have a successful life. I have answered every hateful email, every hateful text, every hateful Facebook post. I’m still working on it, it was important to me that if you hand out hate, you’ll get love back from me.

Do you consider yourself spiritual or particularly religious?
I’m a very spiritual man. I meditate and try to stay centered. I just remember that God’s got this—God, Buddha, the universe, whatever your heart is for a higher spiritual being.

Pride Fort Lauderdale will be the first since the inauguration of President Trump and anti-LGBTQ forces are beginning to rally to roll back our advances. Are you concerned?
I have to believe there will be goodness. Am I afraid? Yes. Am I political? I don’t consider myself especially political, but I have to do what I have to do. As long as I have a voice with my music, that works better for me…I hope I’m lifting people up.

Your recent video, “Fighter,” for the Trevor Project, addresses bullying. What inspired you to confront this issue?
There are a lot of teenagers who haven’t known any of this. They’ve had eight years of ‘normal’ and now they’re finding out that there’s something to be afraid of. My fear is we’ll see suicide rates go up. We have to remain calm, the best we can, and be educated about the truth, number one. As long as we surround ourselves with the truth, we can fight (back).

You mentioned that meditation keeps you centered spiritually. What’s your secret to looking great in your fifties?
I told my mom the rubber band is gonna break any day and it’s all gonna come falling down. I really try to take care of myself, eat right and exercise. I also have a partner in my life who does the same thing, the support system. We’re really conscious of being healthy, but that doesn’t mean I didn’t have a cheeseburger yesterday. Cheeseburgers make us happy. I ran eight miles this morning, that’s also my meditation. If you hate exercising, find something that keeps you centered. That’s my time.

Any last words?
I invite everybody to come out and let’s all do love and conquer hate….and dance.

Ty Herndon will perform at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 26 at Pride Fort Lauderdale, Fort Lauderdale Beach Park, 1100 Seabreeze Blvd. Admission is free. For more information, go to PrideFortLauderdale.org.
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Sew on your skates because Slow Burn Theatre Co.’s production of the Broadway hit “Xanadu” is rolling into the Broward Center’s Abdo New River Room this weekend.

The 2007 musical comedy is an adaptation of the 1980 film of the same name, which was, according to Wikipedia, in turn, inspired by the 1947 Rita Hayworth film, “Down to Earth,” a sequel to the 1941 movie, “Here Comes Mr. Jordan,” an adaptation of the play, “Heaven Can Wait” by Harry Segall. The title is a reference to the poem “Kubla Khan, or A Vision in a Dream” by Samuel Taylor Coleridge. Just in case you were wondering, Xanadu is the name of the Chinese province where Khan establishes his pleasure garden in the poem.

And, if you had forgotten, the film, starring Olivia Newton-John and despite a hit soundtrack by Jeff Lynne and John Farrar, was a box office and critical flop that earned six Razzie nominations and a coveted win for the worst director, securing it instantaneous cult fame.

Douglas Carter Beane embraced the inherent camp of the film when penning an updated script for Broadway: Clio (Lindsay Corey), a muse, is sent to Earth to inspire a down-on-his-luck street artist, Sonny Malone (Rick Pena). With the disguise of a new name, roller skates and a ridiculous Australian accent, her demi-god status will remain secret.

Beane manages to weave in a subplot, thanks to another popular film of the period, “Clash of the Titans,” in which Clio’s malevolent sister muses, Melpomene (Sharyn Peoples) and Calliope (Lissa Grossman Comess), curse Clio to fall in love with a mortal and thus incur the wrath of Zeus (Larry Buzzeo).

Since the plot skirts a thinly-veiled metaphor for Broadway, Beane lavishes in sarcastic swipes at the jukebox musicals and film adaptations that would dominate theater marquees for a generation. Even Andrew Lloyd Webber, the titan of the ‘80s theater box office, would fall prey. Let’s just say, next to “Xanadu,” “Wicked” and “The Book of Mormon” are “The Odyssey” and “The Iliad.”

Director/choreographer Patrick Fitzwater also wisely plays up the campiness of the show. With the exception of handsome Pena’s naïve, wide-eyed (and dreamy) Sonny, the rest of the cast present silly caricatures and it works. The curvaceous Peoples and bovish Comess are delicious as the plotting sisters singing “Evil Woman.”

Conor Walton and Elijah Wood bravely cover gender-bending roles as masculine muses—presumptively due to the limitations of cast doubling—with Walton’s bearded chin conjuring images of an ancient Greek Conchita Wurst.

Corey, who spends most of the show in skates deserves kudos for busting Fitzwater’s roller disco moves and, when her mic gave out at a performance at the Crest Theater in Delray Beach last weekend, deftly compensated with a handheld mic never missing a beat.

In addition to portraying Zeus, Larry Buzzeo also portrays Danny Maguire, an aging property developer, who was also inspired by Clio 40 years earlier to build the theater, named Xanadu, that would become Sonny’s roller disco. An excellent character actor, Buzzeo shines in his numbers, especially “Whenever You’re Away from Me,” featuring a nifty tap number by Walton as the young Danny.

“Xanadu” is a fun show packed with nostalgia, especially the tuneful disco score, which includes “Magic,” “Suddenly,” “Don’t Walk Away,” “Have You Never Been Mellow” and, of course, the title song, all performed under the able musical direction of Manny Schwartzman. 

Slow Burn Theatre Co.’s production of “Xanadu” will be performed in the Abdo New River Room at the Broward Center in Fort Lauderdale, Thursday, Feb. 23 – Sunday, March 5. Tickets are $45 at BrowardCenter.org.
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**Real Women Have Curves**
Through Feb. 26 at Main Street Playhouse, 6766 Main St. in Miami Lakes. It's 1987 in Los Angeles and a group of Mexican American women are toiling in a sewing factory, sharing each of their unique immigration stories. Tickets $25 to $30. Call 305-558-3737 or visit MainStreetPlayers.com.

**Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater**
Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd. in West Palm Beach. The New York City dance company returns to South Florida to perform Alley's “Revelations” masterpiece. Tickets $29 and up. Call 561-832-7469 or visit Kravis.org.

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**BROWARD COUNTY**

**Dashboard Confessional**
Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. at Revolution Live, 100 SW Third Ave. in Fort Lauderdale. A leader in the emo rock movement, Chris Carrabba is enticing fans with his first new album since 2009. Tickets $27.50 in advance, $30 the day of. Call 954-449-1025 or visit JoinTheRevolution.net.

**Save Ferris**
Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. at Revolution Live, 100 SW Third Ave. in Fort Lauderdale. Since 1995, the ska-punk band is known for their hits “Everything I Want to Be,” “Your Friend,” “Come on Eileen,” and more. Tickets $18.50 in advance, $20 the day of. Call 954-449-1025 or visit JoinTheRevolution.net.

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**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

**Xanadu**
Feb. 23 to March 5 at the Broward Center, 201 SW Fifth Ave. in Fort Lauderdale. Sonny literally runs into a beautiful woman on skates, who turns out to be a member of The Nine Sisters. Tickets $45. Call 954-462-0222 or visit BrowardCenter.org.

**Less Than Jake and Pepper**
Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at Revolution Live, 100 SW Third Ave. in Fort Lauderdale. Hailing from Gainesville, their hits include “The Science of Selling Yourself Short,” “She’s Gonna Break Soon,” “All My Best Friends Are Metalheads,” and more. Tickets $27.50 in advance, $30 the day of. Call 954-449-1025 or visit JoinTheRevolution.net.

**Shooting Porn!**
Through March 12 at Empire Stage, 1140 N. Flagler Drive in Fort Lauderdale. Based on Ronnie Larsen's 1997 documentary, the film has been adapted for the stage and takes the audience behind the scenes of a porn shoot and the drama that ensues. Contains male nudity and simulated sex scenes. Tickets $35. Call 954-678-1496 or visit EmpireStage.com.

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**Collected Stories**
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According to Vice News, Diggs defended his appearance in a post on the porn website, Str8UpGayPorn.com. "I believe people should want to be proud of who they are and where they come from," an account using Diggs’s name wrote on Str8UpGayPorn on July 14. "I feel like we are an account using Diggs's name wrote on Str8upgayporn.com. His scenes for the CockyBoys film studio were deleted following last year's Nazi-sympathizer revelations.

Diggs has black iron crosses inked on his shoulders and “SS” bolts tattooed above his hips. The Anti-Defamation League classifies these tattoos as hate symbols.

is that so wrong? Does that make me a racist?"

The Dallas SWAT team nailed Harper and three other men on Feb. 9. An affidavit says Harper admitted to ordering and receiving the drugs.

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Feb. 26 at 5 p.m. at the Classic Gateway Theatre, 1820 E. Sunrise Blvd. in Fort Lauderdale. A screening of "The Panzi Invasion," followed by a Q&A with the filmmaker Parker Sargent, Thom “Panzi” Hansen, and legends of the invasion. Guests are encouraged to wear festival clothing. Tickets $15. Call 954-763-8565 or visit Stonewall-Museum.org.

* Rev. Sharon Washington Risher Talk

Feb. 27 at 11 a.m. at Broward College Building 3, Room 100, 3501 SW Davie Road in Davie. The reverend lost her mother and eight other loved ones in the Charleston church shooting, and she discusses gun laws and other advocacy. Free. Call 954-201-6263 or visit broward.edu.

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Feb. 28 from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. at Anthony’s Coal Fired Pizza, 1580 N. Federal Highway in Fort Lauderdale. When dining in or carrying out, mention Broward House and 20 percent of your check will go to their Florida AIDS Walk and Music Festival team. Call 954-522-4749, ext. 1202 or visit BrowardHouse.org.
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Through March 30 at the Miramar Cultural Center Arts Park, 2400 Civic Center Place in Miramar. An exploration of how the Motown pioneer influenced music and society. Guests are invited to bring a photo of themselves from the ’70s and a reflection of how life has changed since then for the “My 70s” portion of the exhibit. Call 954-602-4500 or visit MiramarCulturalCenter.org.

Critical Moments of the American Presidency: Past, Present and Future
Feb. 22 at 3:30 p.m. at FAU’s Student Union, 777 Glades Road in Boca Raton. Presidential historian Michael Beschloss discusses the critical moments in American history, from George Washington onward. Tickets $35. Call 561-297-6124, or visit FAUEvents.com.

Street Photography: Candid Portraiture
Feb. 25, March 25, and April 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Old School Square Crest Theatre building studio 5, 51 N. Swinton Ave. in Delray Beach. Russell Levine leads a walk through the streets of Delray to instruct students on candid street photography. Fee $75. Call 561-243-7922 or visit OldSchoolSquare.org.

Sharon Daniel: Secret Injustices
Through April 1 at FAU’s Schmidt Center Gallery, 777 Glades Road in Boca Raton. Daniel’s multimedia exhibit explores the criminal justice system and the prison industrial complex. Free. Call 561-297-2661 or visit FAU.edu/galleries.

High Gloss WPB: The Art of Fashion
Through March 10 at The Box Gallery, 811 Belvedere Road in West Palm Beach. Celebrate where fashion and art intersect with wearable art, lifestyle accessories, fine art photography, and more. Call 786-521-1199 or visit TheBoxGallery.info.

Arsht Center Farmers Market
Mondays from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Parker and Vann Thomson Plaza for the Arts, 1300 Biscayne Blvd. in Miami. Purchase fresh food from local farmers, including fruits, vegetables, meats, prepared foods, as well as chefs, live music, and cooking demonstrations. Free. Visit ArshtCenter.org/en/Visit/Dining.

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Tuesdays from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at Jose Marti Park, 362 SW Fourth Ave. in Miami. Yogs 18 and older of all levels are invited to a practice lead by a certified instructor. Bring your own yoga mat, water, and towel. Free. Call 305-358-7550 or visit BayfrontParkMiami.com/Yoga.html.

HIV Support Group
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Book Study
Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Drolma Kadampa Buddhist Center, 1223 Coral Way in Miami. Buddhist monk, Gen Kelsang Norbu, will lead classes on learning the foundations of Buddhism. Call 786-539-7137.

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