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Now through November 11, "Dine Out Fort Lauderdale" invites the community to visit some of the best restaurants located in the Greater Fort Lauderdale area.



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Come Out with Pride Orlando, the largest LGBT event in Orlando has four big events planned this year culminating with their Pride Fest on October 10.



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Are There 19,229 Gays and Lesbians in Florida Who Want to Adopt Kids?

Won't Someone Please Think of the Children?

By DMITRY RASHNITSOV

After years of fighting from the LGBT community, Florida's 3rd Court of Appeals ruled that banning gays and lesbians from adopting children is unconstitutional. Florida Governor Charlie Crist, who had at one point been in favor of the ban, has already said that he will support the court's decision because he had a change of heart about the ban when he became an Independent candidate running for the state's open seat in the United State's Senate.

So what now happens to the 19,229 children that are currently in foster care according to the latest available data from the Florida Department of Children & Families?

Well it's not so simple. The state still has 30 days to decide if they want to appeal the ruling, which means that, for the time being, gays and lesbians can not walk into an adoption agency and ask for a cute little bundle of joy just yet.

"If the State chooses not to appeal, the appellate court decision will be binding on trial courts statewide and will allow lesbians and gay men who are interested in adopting — no matter where they live in the State — to apply and be evaluated under the same criteria applied to everyone else," said Leslie Cooper, senior attorney with the national ACLU's LGBT

Project. "This is precisely what our litigation has sought to achieve. If the State chooses not to appeal, justice will have been served. We are hopeful that the case will end here."

Of course it's not like gays and lesbians haven't already been exposed to the Florida Department of Children & Families since the ban went into effect in the late 1970's. Gays and Lesbians have always been allowed to be foster parents and guardians to kids, which is essentially the same thing without permanency.

"It is difficult to see any rational basis in utilizing homosexual persons as foster parents or guardians on a temporary or permanent basis, while imposing a blanket prohibition on those same persons," wrote Judge Gerald Cope as part of the courts decision. "All other persons are eligible to be considered case-by-case to be adoptive parents."

The lifting of the ban should help Florida Department of Children & Families meet one of their long-standing goals.

"The goal of the Florida Department of Children and Families is to safely reduce the number of children in foster care by 50 percent by 2012, so fewer children will experience the instability and emotional trauma of living in foster care or will

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"The Gay Kiss Heard 'Round the World"

By BOB KECSKEMETY

Students Matty Daley and Bobby Canciello broke the Guinness Book of World Records for the "Longest Continuous Kiss." The record-breaking kiss took place on The College of New Jersey campus located in Ewing, New Jersey on Saturday and Sunday, September 11 and 12, 2010 and was streamed live over the internet for the entire duration which was witnessed by

over 207,000 unique viewers at one point of time or another.

The previous record was 32 hours, 7 minutes, 14 seconds held by Nikola Matovic and Kristina Reinhart of Germany. Daley and Canciello, the first homosexual couple to break the record, wanted to take the record to 33 hours, but discomfort set in and they stopped at 32 hours, 30 minutes. The last time the record was held in the United States was in 2001.

The rules for the kiss included that the kiss must be continuous and lips must be touching at all times with no sleep or bathroom breaks.

Daley and Canciello took five months for preparation of the kiss including putting together a support team of friends.

Narrators answered questions from the chat board and encouraged viewers to spread the word of the kiss via

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LOS ANGELES, CA: Last week, a L. A. County Superior Court judge granted Portia de Rossi permission to officially take on the name of her famous talk show host wife, Ellen De Generes. The two got married in August 2008. Her name is now Portia Lee James De Generes though she will continue to use Portia de Rossi as her professional name.★

1-in-5

ATLANTA, GA: A new Centers for Disease Control (CDC) study showed that 1-in-5 gay and bisexual men in 21 major U.S. cities are infected with HIV and nearly half of them don't know it. Young men, especially young black men, are least likely to know if they are infected with HIV, according to the study. Researchers studied 8,153 gay and bisexual men. The men were taking part in the 2008 National HIV Behavioral Surveillance Study which looked at prevalence and awareness of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Overall, they found that 19 percent of gay men are infected with HIV.★

URI Admits to LGBT Discrimination



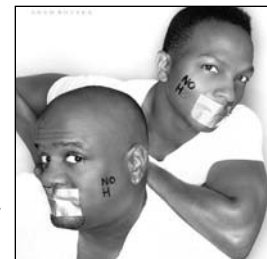
SAN FRANCISCO, CA: After meeting with students in August, University of Rhode Island (URI) President David M. Dooley acknowledged that discrimination is all too frequently an issue for the school's LGBT community. Since that meeting, steps have been taken to alleviate discrimination, but some students insist there's much more that needs to be done.

According to Brian Stack, president of the Gay Straight Alliance and a volunteer at the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Center at URI, the range of discrimination endured by students has been wide. "We have had students throwing used condoms into students' rooms, drawing offensive images on people's doors and an epidemic of people yelling 'faggots' as they drive by the GLBT center," Stack told The Providence Journal. A recent report from advocacy group, Campus Pride found that many LGBT individuals feel uncomfortable on campus. Approximately 25 per-

cent of lesbian, gay and bisexual students and university employees have been harassed due to their sexual orientation, as well as a third of those who identify as transgender, according to the study and reported by the Chronicle of Higher Education. The study asked 5,150 people at about 100 colleges about their experiences last year.★

"Race" Team Poses for NOH8

WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA: Before departing on their "race around the world," new "The Amazing Race" team of Ron Kellum and Tony Stovall stopped by the



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West Hollywood studio of photographer, Adam Bouska to pose for their official NOH8 campaign portrait. Best friends for over 20 years, Kellum, 45, said that his biggest achievement came when he was cast in his first Broadway show, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" and writing his first book, "The Gypsy's Survival Guide to Show-Business." Stovall, 42, said his biggest achievement has been getting his MBA. Unfortunately, success in life doesn't mean success on "The Amazing Race" as they were the first to be eliminated from this season's show as they couldn't find Stonehenge in the U.K. ★

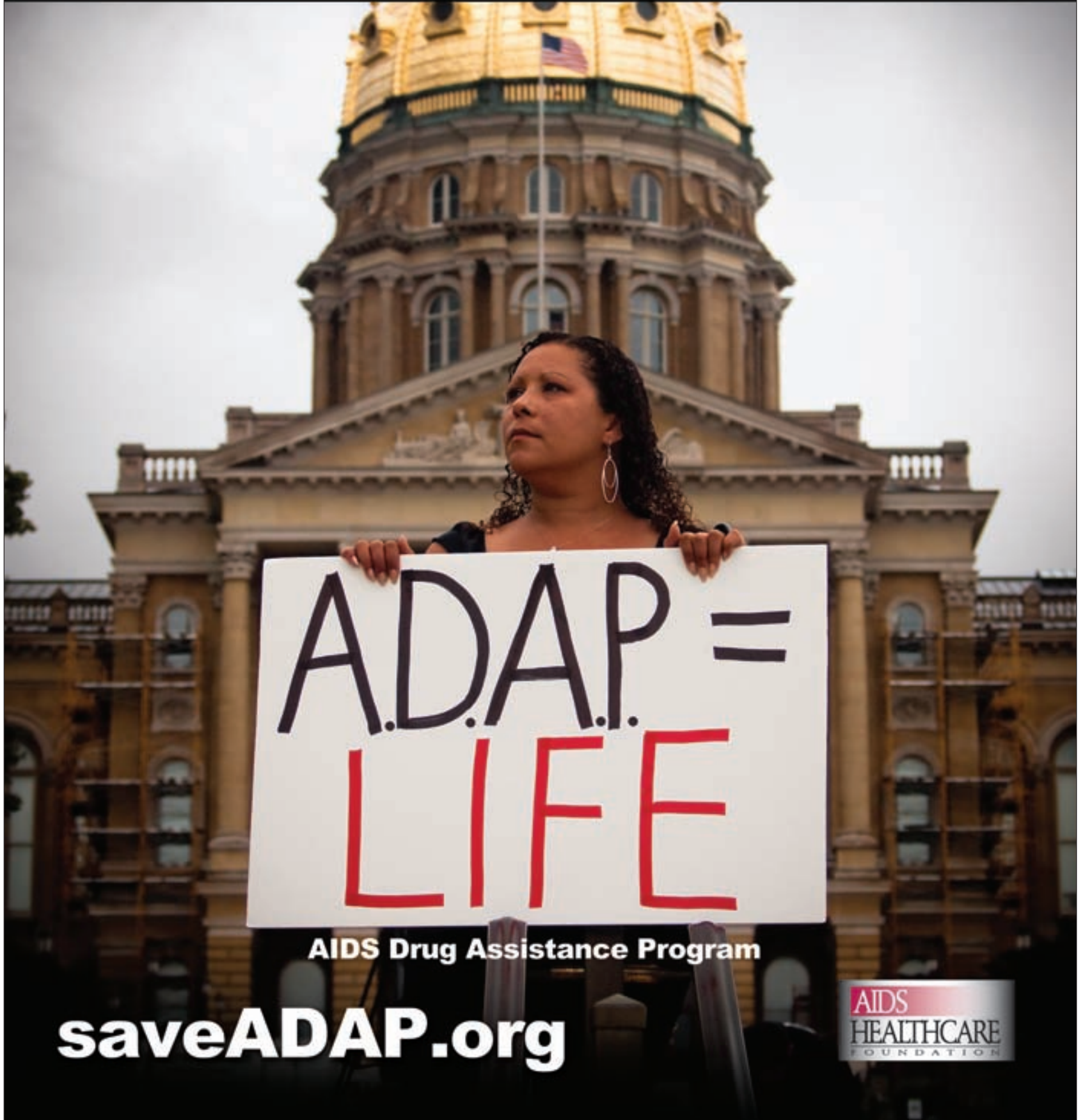
Court Orders Air Force to Reinstate Lesbian Nurse

ATLANTA, GA: "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" supporters faced a big set back last week when Judge Ronald Leighton has ruled that the military violated Air Force Major Margaret Wills' constitutional rights discharging her under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." The judge said that after serving 17 years in the Air Force, she would not adversely affect unit moral or cohesion. He also added that "good flight nurses are hard to find." The resultant lawsuit led the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to rule in Witt's favor in 2008, though this latest ruling impacts only Witt's discharge, it has already resonated among gay groups throughout the country.★

E! Apologizes to LGBT Community

BLOOMINGTON, IN: The E! Entertainment network issued an on-air apology for an anti-gay comment made last week during a recent "Daily 10" show. On September 17, Los Angeles radio personality, Mike Catherwood made a joke about Adam Lambert going to prison. "From what I know about jail, Mr. Lambert probably wouldn't have too bad a time," said Catherwood at that time.★

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spend long periods in foster care," according to the Florida Department of Children & Families website.

So let's say that Gov. Crist keeps his newly decided opinion and decides not to appeal the court's decision and you and your partner (or you alone) decide you would like to adopt a child, what is the process? Follow these not-so-simple steps:

- Orientation: The first step in some areas is an orientation meeting for prospective adoptive parents. At this meeting the prospective parents may meet experienced adoptive or foster parents and one or more counselors who will provide an overview of the whole process, time frames involved and the training schedule

- Preparation Course or MAPP: The Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting (MAPP) is a ten-week training and preparation course that adoptive parents are required to successfully complete. These training sessions are usually scheduled at night or on the weekends. The purpose of the training is twofold--for parents to assess themselves and their family and to explore and learn about adoption issues.

- Home study: A home study includes

the following parts:

1. You will be required to provide information about your health.

2. Background checks at the local, state and federal level will be conducted, including having your fingerprints screened at the federal level.

3. References will be requested from your employer, school officials if you have children in school and character references from individuals who have known you and your family.

4. The counselor will visit your home one or more times to complete the home study. If you have children, it will be important for the counselor to ask them a few questions about what they think about adoption. Some of the topics that will be discussed with you and your spouse, if you have one, are:

- Why do you want to adopt?
- Describe your childhood.
- What are the strengths of your marriage?
- How do you think a new child in your home will alter your lifestyle?
- Describe your financial situation.
- Describe your parenting style/philosophy.
- Approval: All of the information is gathered into a home study packet and sent for approval to an adoption specialist. When your application has been

approved, you will be notified.

- After approval: You may continue to look at the available children on the Florida Department of Children & Families website and attend recruitment activities, especially the picnics or events when foster children who are available for adoption are in attendance. Notify your counselor when you are interested and need more information about a certain child or sibling group.

- Match: When the needs of a child or sibling group are matched with your family, your adoption counselor will discuss with you the pre-placement activities that must occur. The official placement in your home will occur when you, the child and the counselor determine that the child is ready.

- Placement supervision: After a child is placed, a counselor must make monthly visits in order to assess the child's adjustment and if new or additional services are needed. The supervision period ends when the counselor provides "consents to adoption" to your attorney.

- Finalization: Your attorney will schedule a hearing before a judge. At this hearing the adoption will be legalized and the child will legally become part of your family.

For more information visit: <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us> ★

Gay Couple Break World Record

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via Facebook and Twitter. At one point, there were over 6,000 locations around the world watching the event at one time when the counter crashed for the rest of the evening. However, the counter didn't include the number of people that were watching and checking in from gay clubs, student union buildings and dorms which were "checking in."

One viewer called it "the kiss heard 'round the world."

To keep going, Daley and Canciello used hand signals to alert their support staff of their needs such as needing water which was fed to them by a straw through the sides of their lips. They also would slowly dance to assist in blood circulation.

After 33½ hours and after the couple broke apart, they spent a few minutes speaking to the internet viewers.

"It was a lot harder than we thought it was going to be," said Canciello. "We had no idea what this was going to mean to everybody."

"About four and half hours ago, I soiled my pants," added Daley, "and boy did it feel good!". ★

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Perky Butt 2010 Contest

By TWISTED TOM



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Ten years ago I suggested that my readers visit Wyld's Bar to meet two new bartenders, Daniel and Tony. I mentioned that one or the other had a "perky butt". Things then went crazy! Then, the next thing I knew, a real "Perky Butt" website had popped-up where everyone was claiming to have the "perkiest butt in Central Florida." Who knew that what had started out as a joke, would evolve into a real contest?

We had "hanging chads" and "pinched dimples" all over the place, many late mail-in ballots were not counted and the now-infamous "butterfly ballot" was so confusing that even I couldn't tell who I was voting for and candidates who missed the entry deadline cried that we were being cold-hearted. Finally, Bruce Ground (former owner of Out and About Books) won Perky Butt 2000 and David (of Hanks) won first runner-up. The first contest ended with a lot of cat fights, hurt feelings and down-right cheating by a few who didn't win, place, or show in the contest. Our 2000 contest ended up with a stream of tasteless butt jokes and a cloud of controversy.

The 2001 contest wasn't much better. One contestant brought a large, rowdy group that stole the contest by yelling things like, "shake your money-maker" or "bend over, daddy's driving." It seemed more like Southern Decadence than an innocent butt contest in Central Florida.

Fast forward to October 2010 — announcing (drum roll, please) as the Florida Agenda and Twisted Tom's present "Twisted Tom's Perky Butt 2010 Contest" with Crazy John as your host. You're invited to join us at the Parliament House Resort on Friday, October 15th, at 12 midnight to join in the festivities at our 10th annual Perky Butt Contest during the 20th annual Bear Bust 2010 and BC3 weekend. The contest is free, no cover charge and no drag queen judges with their own agenda. Our contest will be totally decided by you, the audience (applause). If you want to enter I suggest you start working out your "buns of steel" because this year's contest promises to be full of hot men.

Until next time, I'll keep my eye on Central Florida for you,

Cheers, Twisted Tom. ★



Courtesy, Twisted Tom

Local Man Wins National Fitness Title

By RYAN DIXON

I can still remember how nervous I was standing up on the stage at Bill's Filling Station back in early June while I was competing for the title of "Mr. Stonewall." I can only imagine what was going through Chris Filippelli's head earlier this month in Cleveland, Ohio when three-time title winner, Mr. Olympia, Jay Culter tells you that you need to be competing in on stage in a body building competition — you have to listen.

Chris Filippelli did just that. After training for thirty two years and competing for only eight, Chris Filippelli is the 2010 International Federation of Body Builders' North American Masters, 50+ overall champion.

"I was disappointed at Masters Nationals," Filippelli told rxmuscle.com, "but you know what, I came out here to [the] North Americans and got it here so I'm very pleased."

Chris' closest competition in his category was said to have been better conditioned, but Chris outweighed him by ten pounds and had more muscle. I'm no fitness expert, but the one in his interview said more muscle wins and Chris' win is a clear example in my opinion. What makes his win even more impressive is that Chris felt ill right before the competition started.

"I've been sick all week. I actually caught some sort of stomach virus. I was worried I wouldn't make it to the stage." But the resilient fifty-one-year old pulled it together and captured the title and the IFBB Pro Card that goes along with it.

When asked if he'll be competing on the pro stage, Chris said he doesn't expect to kill the competition but he'll "jump up on stage to show them an old guy in great condition."

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By **BOB KECSKEMETY**

I have a confession to make: I was a Republican up to six years ago.

You may be asking yourself, why would any gay person become a member of the Republican Party? That's a very valid question however; I've always considered myself an American first, not a gay-American. I registered Republican back in 1972 because I was against a needless and endless war in Vietnam and I supported President Richard Nixon's efforts to get us out of that war.

Now, I admit, Richard Nixon might not have been the most honest president this country had, but, it was the Democratic Party that got us into Vietnam in the first place, plus, I couldn't imagine myself voting for a person named "Hubert Horatio Humphrey." Also, some other things that Nixon was in favor of were a national healthcare program and equal rights for women. To this day, I can't figure out how that crazy liberal ever got elected.

I'm referred to by pollsters as a "likely voter" meaning that I'm more apt to vote in any election whether it be large or small. Also, I always end up splitting the ticket and never voted straight party-line.

Anyway, I voted for Richard Nixon and I voted for Gerald Ford (1976) and I voted for Ronald Reagan — twice (1980 and 1984). After 1984, it wasn't so easy for me anymore and, though I would vote in the other races in the general elections, I didn't vote for President. I didn't like George H. W. Bush and didn't vote for him (1988) nor could I find myself voting for the Democrat, Michael Dukakis. I didn't like Bill Clinton or his two Republican opponents, GB1 for reelection (1992) and Robert Dole (1996) so again, I didn't vote for President. Finally, like father, like son, I didn't vote for GB2 in 2000, didn't care much for Al Gore either.

This was the election where Florida

was the pivotal state on who would win or lose and we were introduced to "hanging chads" and "butterfly ballots." Finally, after weeks of indecision, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled GW to be the winner. Six of one, half a dozen of the other, I figured so it didn't bother me much. But I did learn one important thing from that election, it doesn't take millions of votes, even in a presidential election, to determine a winner or loser, it just took a few votes to make a difference and I could have been one of those few. Had I voted, I would have voted for Gore.

At first, GB2 didn't seem so bad. He stayed out of the way and chopped wood on his ranch in Texas. Then came September 11, 2001 and he showed me, and the rest of the nation he could hold the country together in times of national tragedy. I supported his actions immediately after the towers had fallen and I supported his move into Afghanistan. But then he turned his attention towards Iraq and I started to wonder what the hell was he doing? As it turned out, he got the U.S. into a war with no purpose except expansion of the U.S. ideology and oil. I started to see more tax breaks for the wealthy at the expense of the middle class which was rapidly shrinking.

By 2004, I had had enough. The Republican Party I knew was no longer the Republican Party that existed and I switched my registration to Democrat. I did not leave the G.O.P., the G.O.P. left me. Towards the end of that year, I held my nose and voted for John Kerry, my first Democrat for President. Then, in 2008, I enthusiastically voted for Barack Obama, my first enthusiastic vote for President since 1984 — 24 years.

Many gay activists are upset now because Obama has not done as much for the gay community as he promised in his campaign. "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" is still formally in effect and same-sex marriage appears to still be in a standstill. I'm more disappointed that

there is no national healthcare program that provides me with medical attention I need and I've resigned myself to the fact that I'm going to be one of many people that die each year because they don't have health insurance. I was so looking forward to expansion of Medicare, but that proposal is long gone now.

But we have another election coming up on November 2 of this year and the Democratic Party is concerned that there is an "enthusiasm-gap" — people don't care as much about voting — and that Democratic voters won't turn out in the numbers they had two years ago supporting their party.

This mid-term election is the scariest thing I've ever seen. Some of the nut-jobs that are running on the G.O. tea-Party ticket would cause Reagan to switch parties as the Tea Party makes him look like a loony liberal. And, to be honest, if they dug up the bones of Ronald Reagan stuck them upright in a chair and put his name on the ballot, I would vote for him again.

But these are the mid-term elections, meaning we have the chance to vote for a full House of Representatives, one-third of the Senate and many state and local elections but not for President and the results of this election rely on you and your vote. We learned in 2000 that it doesn't take many votes to sway an election one way or the other, but it will take *you* to make your decision and vote.

The elections are just one month away. Find out who the candidates are and what they stand for. Find out who would be best to represent you and your needs whether those needs are those of a homosexual individual or an American. Vote as if your future depends on it because it does. If you don't vote and things get any worse than they are now, you have no one to blame but yourself.

On a final note: I wish my good friend, Norm Kent, a speedy recovery. ★



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Q: What is your favorite LGBT-themed movie?



I don't have one. I just watch whatever.

PATRICK SEBRING,
 Landscaper,
 Oakland Park



Priscilla-Queen of the Desert. It's funny and imaginative; a cast of heterosexual men pull off a splendid performance detailing a tour of Australia and their exploits along the way to Alice Springs.

SPATRY,
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Facebook? Addicted to face! Smiling face – prefer eye-to-eye, one-on-one contact. Technology is overrated.

ALEC S.,
 Cook,
 Fort Lauderdale



Color Purple because it was admired and daring for its time.

A.J. CROSS,
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Trick. I believe the movie tells us how frustrating it can be in the every day life to have a place where you and your significant other can't stay and create a life together.

DAVID WIEBE,
 Fort Lauderdale



Pinkies **UP**

By Dale Madison

TUESDAY'S ANGELS KICK-OFF DINNER

Join the members and friends of Tuesday's Angels on Tuesday, October 5 at Primavera Restaurant at 830 E. Oakland Park Boulevard in Oakland Park. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. with dinner served at 7:15 p.m. This new season of dinners to benefit Tuesday's Angels will feature a new full bar a Primavera. Reservations must be made by this Sunday, October 3. The charge for dinner is \$20 and includes all food items. Reservations can be made simply by emailing blakemored@bellsouth.net or

by calling Dan at (954) 463-7345. Cocktails and wine are \$5, beer is \$3 and soft drinks are \$1.

SUNSERVE RECEIVES GENEROUS GIFT

This week, SunServe announced a gift from long-time volunteer therapist and board member, Steven Schwabish. The gift will underwrite the Medical Director for SunServe's mental health services allowing SunServe to become a Medicaid provider. With this designation,

SunServe will be able to serve more clients and will have enhanced revenue opportunities. Schwabish is making this gift in honor of his mother, Shirley Schwabish Margolies. Mrs. Margolies' work in health care most of her life. This gift, to assist in mental health care, would make her smile. Schwabish has volunteered for SunServe for the past four years. He received his undergraduate degree and masters at Tulane University. For more information about SunServe, please call (954) 764-5150.

"THAT '70S PARTY"

Do you have your tickets yet for "That '70s Party" slated for Thursday, October 7 at the Manor Entertainment Complex in Wilton Manors? It's to benefit Team 995 for this year's Smart Ride. The Smart Ride is a 165-mile ride from Miami to Key West and will take place November 19 and 20 with proceeds going to six HIV/AIDS charities in South Florida. "That '70s Party" will feature internationally known deejay, Robbie Leslie who is well-known for his time at Studio 54 and The Saint in New York. Also featured will be gold and platinum-album award-winning Styxx's co-founder and bass guitarist, Chuck Panozzo. Tickets for the party are available at Juiceblendz and The Manor with general admission tickets \$20 and VIP tickets.

SHORT TAKE

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That's it for this week. Do you have an event you'd like to promote here? Send details to

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Steven Schwabish Courtesy, Dale Madison

Fort Lauderdale Gay & Lesbian Film Festival

By BOB KECSKEMETY The Fort Lauderdale Gay and Lesbian Film Festival starts next week, Thursday, October 7 with a Grand Opening Party at The Manor Entertainment Complex, 2345 Wilton Drive in Wilton Manors with special live performance by Karina Iglesias and Band. All films will also be shown at The Manor.

These to be shown at the festival and their show times are:

Thursday, October 7
- THE SECRET DIARIES OF MISS ANNE LISTER (7:30 p.m.)

Friday, October 8
- STONEWALL UPRISING (5:30 p.m.)
- IS IT JUST ME? (6:00 p.m.)
- THE OWLS (7:45 p.m.)
- THE PEOPLE I'VE SLEPT WITH (8:00 p.m.)

Saturday, October 9
- THE MORMON PROPOSITION (2:00 p.m.)
- STRAPPED (2:30 p.m.)
- THE STRING (4:30 p.m.)
- THE FOUR-FACED LIAR (5:00 p.m.)
- BABY JANE (7:30 p.m.)
- UNDERTOW (Contracorriente) (7:45 p.m.)

Sunday, October 10
- THE BELIEVERS (2:00 p.m.)
- MAKING THE BOYS (2:30 p.m.)
- OFF AND RUNNING (4:30 p.m.)
- VIOLET TENDENCIES (5:00 p.m.)

THREE FILMS ARE PARTICULAR STANDOUTS THIS YEAR:



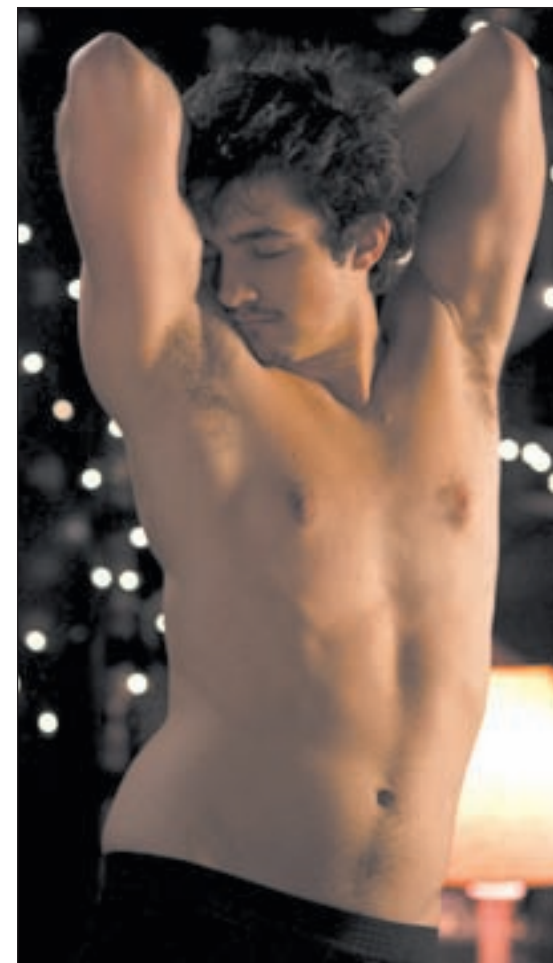
The People I've Slept With, Courtesy: 408 Films/ Margin Films

THE PEOPLE I'VE SLEPT WITH (Friday, October 8 at 8:00 p.m.)
Angela loves sex and is proud to call herself a slut, which she claims is simply a woman with the morals of a man. She's having the time of her life until she wakes up one morning and finds herself pregnant and unsure of whom the father is. Luckily, her best friend is Gabriel, a gay man who knows a thing or two about ships that pass in the night. Armed with the photos that Angela has taken of all her conquests just after the 'act', they set out to find the father. Gabriel has his own problems when his cute new boyfriend catches him being too friendly with an ex-beau and refuses all his attempts to make up.

STRAPPED

(Saturday, October 9 at 2:30 p.m.)

A routine trick at a man's apartment propels a cynical hustler into a series of strange and life-changing encounters. Tall and lanky with a mop of unruly dark hair, the young man makes for an attractive prostitute — handsome in body, amiable in personality and efficient in sex. He's just out to make a buck, one guy at a time. But this coldly efficient rent boy begins to look at himself in a different way one stormy night when he finds himself lost in a maze-like apartment building. His unexpected odyssey leads him to a series of encounters with: a "straight" guy with issues, a cocaine-fueled queen who thinks he knows him, an older man hidden away in a leaky attic apartment who assists him on his journey and a lonely young man who thinks he's finally found a connection with someone.



Strapped, Courtesy TLA Releasing

VIOLET TENDENCIES

(Sunday, October 10 at 5:00 p.m.)

Violet is a single, thirty-something, gal who has a seemingly wonderful life filled with a loving group of friends, a good job and a busy social calendar. Yet Violet wants more; she wants to find love. Though she is constantly hanging around hunky, gorgeous men, none are interested in her. Violet is fag hag who surrounds herself with gay men so while she receives tons of affection from her boys, it's not the type that keeps her warm at night. Her friends that aren't coupled, are busy hooking up while Violet is on her own. At the insistence of Salome, she decides to ditch the gays in search of her own Mr. Right. Starring '80's child actor, Mindy Cohn (Natalie from "Facts of Life") as Violet.



Violet Tendencies, Courtesy TLA Releasing



OTHER FILMS OF SPECIAL NOTE ARE:

STONEWALL UPRISING

(Friday, October 8 at 5:30 p.m.)

In the early morning hours of June 28th, 1969 the NYPD traveled into Greenwich Village to raid the Stonewall Inn and to arrest gay patrons in the neighborhood bar. These raids were routine and in fact, not uncommon at even the Stonewall Inn, but on this particular day something was different.

THE FOUR FACED LIAR

(Saturday, October 9 at 5:00 p.m.)

Trip and Bridget are best friends living together in New York. When not chasing girls, the pair are chugging beers and hanging out at their favorite Greenwich Village watering hole, The Four-Faced Liar. One night they meet Molly and Greg, a straight-laced young couple. The foursome instantly develops a close repartee though they are very different. Molly and Greg cherish their yuppie existence while Trip and Bridgett enjoy a lifestyle that's more akin to a frat house.

MAKING THE BOYS

(Sunday, October 10 at 2:30 p.m.)

Crayton Robey's masterful documentary, Making the Boys, thoroughly examines the creation of the '60's play and film, The Boys in the Band, along with the subsequent controversy of both through a loving yet impartial view at its role in LGBT culture. Crowley unabashedly recounts not only the details of how the film and play came to pass, but shares his insight and rare video footage of his friendship with Hollywood royalties including Rock Hudson, Roddy McDowell, Judy Garland and his dear friend Natalie Woods.

OFF AND RUNNING

(Sunday, October 10 at 4:30 p.m.)

Avery was adopted at an early age by a Jewish lesbian couple; she shares her home with her older mixed-race brother, Rafi, and younger Korean-born brother, Zay-Zay. A star athlete at her local high school, her path is seemingly planned out with a track scholarship in her foreseeable future. However, when the ever-curious Avery begins to really yearn to learn more about her identity as an African-American and where she came from.

The official closing party will be Sunday, October 10 at The Manor with a special live performance by Leesa Richards Band.

Ticket prices are \$8 for festival members, \$12 for non-members and can be purchased on the internet at www.flgfff.com (24 hours a day), by phone at (305) 534-9924 (Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) or in person at the box office at The Manor (days of festival only). A ticketing service charge of \$1.25 per ticket will apply to all online orders. A ticketing service charge of \$1 per ticket will apply to all in-person/telephone orders. Additionally, a transaction charge of \$2 per overall order is applied to each online/telephone order.

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Miami

NGLTF RECOGNITION DINNER

The **National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Miami Recognition Dinner** will be held at **Fontainebleau on Miami Beach** on Sat., Oct. 2, 2010 starting at 6:30 p.m. The event will be hosted by actor **Wilson Cruz**. The Task Force's Recognition events pay tribute to community leaders, allies and organizations that fight for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people through their leadership, advocacy and action. This year the dinner will recognize three individuals: **Cindy Brown, Alan Cumming** and **Katy Sorenson**. **Cindy Brown** has served as a volunteer, board member or volunteer for a wide range of Miami-Dade organizations, including **SAVE Dade, Aqua Foundation for Women, Care Resource and the Miami Light Project**. She has also been a major force in bringing some of our community's most treasured celebrations to life. She holds the record for most years of service on the **Miami Recognition Dinner** steering committee and also served more years than anyone else as co-chair of the event.

Alan Cumming has received many awards and honors for his activism and passion for civil rights causes from organizations including the **Trevor Project, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), Lambda Legal, the Human Rights Campaign and the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation**. Last year he was appointed an **Officer of the Order of the British Empire** for his contributions to the arts and his activism for LGBT rights. Cumming has enjoyed an eclectic career spanning theater, film, television, music and books. He won the **Tony, the Drama Desk and the New York Press awards** for his performance in the Broadway production of **Cabaret** in 1998.

Katy Sorenson 2010 Humanitarian Award
Katy Sorenson has represented **District 8 on the Miami-Dade County Commission** since 1994. Her track record has earned her a reputation as a staunch advocate for human rights, a champion of regional cooperation and a leader in child welfare issues. Her legacy for the LGBT community will always be her sponsoring the amendment to the **Miami-Dade County Human Rights Ordinance** to include "sexual orientation" and successfully defending these equal treatment provisions against attempts at repeal. Last year she was instrumental in ensuring that county employees were awarded domestic partnership benefits. Tickets are \$300 VIP or \$200 general admission. For tickets and more information, visit www.thetaskforce.org. ★

Bay Area

SARASOTA PRIDE ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE

Sarasota Pride has announced the schedule for this year's LGBT pride activities starting on Sunday, October 24th.

- Sunday, October 24 – **Pride Week Kick-Off, "Walk for Equality & Unity"** in Sarasota, 1 p.m. Meet under "The Kiss" on the Bayfront. Then everyone is gathering at O'Leary's to continue the celebration after the Walk.
- Monday, October 25th - **"A League of Our Own"** at 6:30 p.m. LGBT bowling, free. Come enjoy the league night and party in the lounge.
- Tuesday, October 26th – 6:30 - 8 p.m. **Drag Diva Night** at the **Golden Apple Dinner Theatre**, social, food, drink, free Drag Diva show.
- Wednesday, October 27 - **Movie Night at Burns Court**, free. A screening of **Hanna** starring **Sharon Gless**, \$5.
- Thursday, October 28 - Author book signing and readings featuring four local LGBT authors. Free.
- Friday, October 29 – **Halloween Costume Gala, Hyatt Regency Ballroom** from 7 p.m. to 12 midnight. Includes buffet dinner and drinks (\$65) from 7 to 9 p.m. and a costume party with cash bar (\$25) starting at 9 p.m.
- Saturday, October 30 – **PrideFest 2010**, noon to 6 p.m., free at **Gulfstream and Main** in **J.D. Hamill Park**. **Lindsey Carlton** and **Beneva Fruitville** will emcee the day's events. **Kelly Kirschner, Mayor of Sarasota** will be sitting in the dunking booth along with a cast of others. Plenty of music, food, drinks and a face painter for the kids and entertainment all day. After Party still to be determined.

Sarasota Pride is looking for volunteer "flag handlers" to help carry a mile-long rainbow flag as part of the kick-off for Sarasota Gay Pride week. Be part of the historic unveiling of a mile-long gay flag across the bridge — flag is courtesy of **Georgie's Alibi** in **Wilton Manors, Florida**. To become a flag handler, contact Sarasota Pride at sarasotapride@gmail.com. ★

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The largest LGBT event in Orlando promises an incredible time for the entire **Central Florida LGBT community** to come together and celebrate strength, diversity, pride and a unified community spirit. This year, celebrate **"Heroes in Sports & Athletics"** through the **"10-10-10: A Pride of Olympian Proportion"** theme. Four big events are planned this year.

Come Out with Pride – Gods and Goddess' Toga Party, Wednesday, October 6, 8-11 p.m. at **Tastings**, 111 North Magnolia Avenue in Orlando. Prize for hottest toga. \$10 cover and get a complimentary drink. Come dressed in a toga to get drink specials: \$5 cocktails, \$3/glass select beer, 2-4-1 on select drafts. Free parking across the street.

Come Out with Pride – Opening Ceremonies, Thursday, October 7, 7-10 p.m. at **Plaza Cinema Cafe Courtyard**, 155 South Orange Avenue in Orlando. A night of comedy and celebration with your hosts **Carol Lee** and **Miss Sammy**. Come watch the lighting of the flame and the grand parade of local LGBT organizations, sporting groups and civic non-profits at the **Plaza Cinema Cafe Courtyard**. Free, but \$20 for the VIP section which includes 2 drink coupons and light appetizers.

Come Out with Pride – Brunch in the Park, Sunday, October 10, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at **Lake Eola** (at Robinson Street) in Orlando. Sit by the pond, enjoy mimosas and watch the parade participants getting ready for their big show and watch the floats come by from the comfort of your chair. **Virgin Brunch** (includes coffee, soft drinks and Fuze) \$20.

All-You-Can-Drink Mimosas \$30. Reservations only - space is limited and you must buy tickets in advance at www.comeoutwithpride.com/tickets. **Come Out With Pride - Parade and Festival**, Sunday, October 10, 12 noon-6 p.m. at **Lake Eola**, 195 N Rosalind Avenue in Orlando. Free event. Entertainment starts at noon, parade starts at 2 p.m. 100+ vendors, food court and 8 bars.

VIP Experience includes tent with food and a Meet and Greet with Grand Marshall, **Greg Louganis**. Buy tickets now at www.comeoutwithpride.com/tickets.

Greg is more than just an **Olympic gold-winning diver**, he also stands out as a human being and speaks out for many organizations including youth clubs, drug and alcohol rehabilitation groups, and organizations for the dyslexic.

Greg's autobiography, **"Breaking the Surface,"** spent five weeks at number one on the **New York Times Best-Seller List**. ★

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Tampa International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival

“Celebrating Life in Pictures for 21 Years”

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In a year of dull realities, GLBT filmmakers around the world have created a vibrant selection for this year's 21st annual Tampa International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, one of the world's largest events of its kind. The 11-day run from October 7 through 17th will showcase 37 film screening events, including three shorts programs and five major party events.

There will be screenings all 11 days at the Tampa Theatre venue in downtown Tampa and there will also be four nights of programming in St. Petersburg, Monday, October 11th through Thursday, October 14th at Muvico Baywalk in downtown St. Petersburg. Single tickets are \$9.50.

Programming Director, Margaret Murray summarized the 2010 film line, “This year's crop of films showcases the true diversity of the LGBT filmmaking world. We have films that tackle thorny subjects, we have comedies, and we have art-house films from all over the world. The vision of the filmmakers we're showcasing this year is astonishing — each and every one will take you to places you never imagined. That could be a small fishing village in Peru, a trip back down memory lane to the late '60s or it could be a look into the future. It's an exciting year for us — and for everyone who attends the festival, as well.”

“This line-up is smarter, sexier and more fun than we've seen in years” said John Thomas, TIGLFF Board President. “This is my seventh festival and this year really marks a shift in where things are headed, you can see it very clearly when you look at this year's schedule. GLBT filmmakers at home and around the world are gaining access to more resources to tell their stories, our stories, and you can see it in the production values across the board.”

The films to be shown at the festival, their show times and locations are:

Thursday, October 7

VIOLET TENDENCIES
(7:45 p.m., Tampa Theatre)

Friday, October 8

THE SECRET DIARIES OF MISS ANNE LISTER
(7:00 p.m., Tampa Theatre)

THE MAN WHO LOVED YNGVE
(9:00 p.m., Tampa Theatre)

Saturday, October 9

SEX IN AN EPIDEMIC
(1:00 p.m., Tampa Theatre)

MAKING THE BOYS
(2:30 p.m., Tampa Theatre)

CHILDREN OF GOD
(4:30 p.m., Tampa Theatre)

A MARINE STORY
(7:00 p.m., Tampa Theatre)

ROLE/PLAY
(9:00 p.m., Tampa Theatre)

Sunday, October 10

**RIOT ACTS: FLAUNTING GENDER
DEVIANCE IN MUSIC PERFORMANCE**
(1:00 p.m., Tampa Theatre)



Is It Just Me?

Courtesy TLA Releasing



Boys in the Band

Courtesy Cinema Center Films



Secret Diaries of Anne Lister

Courtesy BBC-DVD

BEST OF THE FEST - SHORTS
(2:30 p.m., Tampa Theatre)

THE OWLS
(5:00 p.m., Tampa Theatre)

THE ADULT IN THE ROOM
(7:00 p.m., Tampa Theatre)

I KILLED MY MOTHER
(9:00 p.m., Tampa Theatre)

Monday, October 11

WOMEN'S SHORTS
(7:00 p.m., Tampa Theatre)

EYES WIDE OPEN
(9:00 p.m., Tampa Theatre)

UNDERTOW (CONTRACORRIENTE)
(7:30 p.m., Muvico Baywalk)

Tuesday, October 12

MEN'S SHORTS
(7:00 p.m., Tampa Theatre)

SASHA
(9:00 p.m., Tampa Theatre)

EL NINO PEZ
(7:00 p.m., Muvico Baywalk)

BLOOMINGTON
(9:00 p.m., Muvico Baywalk)

Wednesday, October 13

FIT
(6:45 p.m., Tampa Theatre)

THE PEOPLE I'VE SLEPT WITH
(9:00 p.m., Tampa Theatre)

HOWL
(7:30 p.m., Muvico Baywalk)

Thursday, October 14

RUFUS WAINWRIGHT: PRIMA DONNA
(7:00 p.m., Tampa Theatre)

FASHION VICTIM
(9:00 p.m., Tampa Theatre)

LE TIGRE ON TOUR
(7:30 p.m., Muvico Baywalk)

Friday, October 15

FOUR FACED LIAR
(7:00 p.m., Tampa Theatre)

YOU SHOULD MEET MY SON
(9:00 p.m., Tampa Theatre)

Saturday, October 16

KIDS IN THE HALL
(11:30 a.m., Tampa Theatre)

THE ADONIS FACTOR
(1:30 p.m., Tampa Theatre)

ELENA UNDONE
(3:30 p.m., Tampa Theatre)

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(6:00 p.m., Tampa Theatre)

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(3:00 p.m., Tampa Theatre)

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(5:00 p.m., Tampa Theatre)

LA MISSION
(7:00 p.m., Tampa Theatre)

Tickets and passes can be purchased online at www.tiglff.com or by calling (813) 879-4220 or at the Tampa Theatre Box Office. Single tickets are \$9.50, student tickets are \$7.50 and are available at the theater box office with valid student ID. ★

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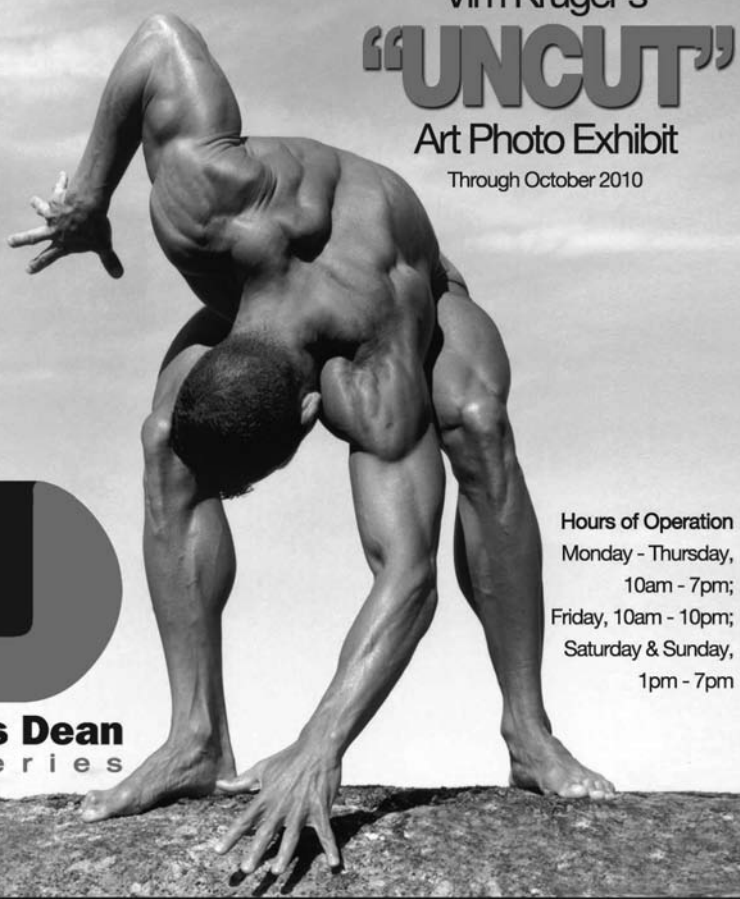
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Bouquet Garni

By **JEAN DOHERTY/LE PATIO**



The bouquet garni (French for "garnished bouquet") is a bundle of herbs that is usually tied together with string and added to a soup, stew, sauce or poaching liquid to give flavor. The bouquet is boiled with the other ingredients but is removed prior to serving.

There is no generic recipe for bouquet garni, but most recipes include parsley, thyme and bay leaf. Depending on the recipe, the bouquet garni may include basil, burnet, chervil, rosemary, peppercorns, savory and tarragon. Sometimes vegetables, such as carrot, celery (leaves or stem), celeriac, leek, onion and parsley root, are also included in the bouquet --- as I always say, "You're the chef!"

Sometimes, the bouquet is not bound with string, and its ingredients are filled into a small sachet, a net or even a tea strainer. Traditionally, the aromatics are bound within leek leaves, though a coffee filter and butcher twine can be used instead of leek leaves.

Dried bouquets garni are available in gourmet

shops or make your own from fresh herbs or a combination of fresh and dried herbs. Simply bunch a bay leaf, a few springs of thyme and parsley (I always use rosemary in mine) then secure end with string or tie them up in cheesecloth. Viola, you've got it!

The size of a bouquet garni will depend on the size of your dish, in other words, the more servings you have the bigger the bundle. That makes sense, doesn't it?

You can use the bouquet garni for lots of recipes I'll be giving you in future issues — example: Boeuf Bourguignon in next week's issue. ★



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