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Minnesota news and culture

TheColumn is a new online magazine created by a group of folks who feel that there is a lack of hard-hitting coverage of events that affect LGBTQA communities. We're committed to telling the stories of our diverse communities and their continued struggles, as well as covering nightlife, sports, news, and community events. But none of this can happen without your help: the community is too darn big for three of us to cover all at once! So send us your stories, photographs, videos, and story ideas! Likewise, if we goof up, we want to hear from you – we make mistakes, too, and we'd gladly engage you in a calm discussion of what we did wrong, and how we could fix it. We're your community magazine — We're LGBTQA society, now!

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Anne Phibbs

GLBTA Program Director
University of Minnesota

Is TheColumn's

2010 Leader of the Year

Earlier this month Anne Phibbs and a team of educators from Metro State University and the University of Minnesota led a group of students from both institutions on an amazing tour. The tour was called the GLBTA Summer Leadership Institute. Traveling to Chicago, New York, Philadelphia and Washington DC – the group was able to meet with many GLBT heroes and leaders. Additionally, they toured many of our most noted institutions celebrating diversity and community.

Phibbs was chosen as this year's Leader of the Year because she is a hero herself to many. As an out and proud lesbian, educator and mother she embodies the courage, strength and wisdom we at TheColumn believe makes a legend. Phibbs is the Program Director of the GLBTA Programs office of The University of Minnesota. When referred to as a leader she will quickly divert the

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St Cloud Set For It's First Pride Festival Ever

By JAMES SANNA

St Cloud, Minnesota, land of Michele Bachmann, land of the pastor who, last year, placed a large ad in the St Cloud Times claiming that Muslims were trying to take over the United States by supporting "the homosexual agenda," is having a Pride parade and festival. And what's more, according to organizers, it's being very well received by local businessmen and by the city government.

Heidi Aldies, the Director of St Cloud State University's LGBT Resource Center and one of the organizers behind the festival, told TheColumn that she and fellow organizers have been holding talks with St Cloud business owners about co-sponsoring the weekend of festivities alongside St Cloud State, and "they're pretty excited and supportive."

"I think there has been a change [in St Cloud] over the last ten years," Aldies said.

Many in the city, she said, have become focused on building a community that welcomes a variety of new residents and tourists, and have agreed to put aside some of the culture wars battles. "The point of agreement," she said, "is that St Cloud is a wonderful city that has a lot to offer residents and tourists."

And it's not like all the LGBT people have been missing from St Cloud until this year, Aldies said.



"There have been pockets of support and celebration all over the community and this provides an opportunity for those pockets to come together."

While all the details won't be finalized until the end of June, Aldies expects festivities to open with a comedy show on the night of Friday, September 24th, followed by a festival in a park on Saturday, September 25th, that would include live performances, food, tabling by community groups, and a play area for children. ‡

The advertisement features a woman with short, styled blonde hair and a bright smile. The background is colorful with various shapes like stars and circles. The text is presented in a playful, bubbly font. At the bottom, the website URL is prominently displayed in a purple banner.

HERE'S MARGIE

GOT A FACE-LIFT!
a fairly younger looking

Just an old lady trying
to make a change!

www.Heres-Margie.com

2011: Will It Be A Year of Triumph or A Year of Sorrow?

By JAMES SANNA

When the National Organization for Marriage (NOM) began targeting Minnesota with anti-same-gender-marriage ads at the beginning of May, it was clear that the coming year would be a dramatic one for securing our civil rights in this state. With all three DFL gubernatorial candidates not only pledging to fight for equality if elected, but also responding to NOM's ads with varying degrees of full-throated condemnation, as reported by [TheColumn](#), it is beginning to seem like any DFL victory in the governors' race would ensure big progress for the community. Should Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Mark Dayton, or Matt Entenza lose to GOP candidate Tom Emmer, though, Minnesota will be saddled with a governor who has strong ties to a right-wing Christian youth ministry called [You Can Run But You Can't Hide](#), whose leader Bradlee Dean has openly praised the idea of executing gays.

Monica Meyer, Public Policy Director at [OutFront](#), says she thinks NOM is more likely trying to ensure a GOP win by trying to get as many of their supporters – hard-core social conservatives - as possible to go to the polls in November. “They’re trying to attach their values to the Republican candidates,” Meyer told [TheColumn](#). “Their message is really ‘vote Republican, it’s safer.’”

“A majority of Minnesotans don’t support a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage,” Meyer said, “and there’s a low percentage of Minnesotans who are worried that there’s too much progress on LGBT rights.”

Meyer believes the key to making up for opportunities

missed under Governor Tim Pawlenty will be focusing on electing and re-electing as many pro-equality legislators as possible.



Outside of the state Capitol, it's possible that 2011 will see a victory for marriage equality in the state Supreme Court – a group of same-gender couples, led by Doug Benson and his Mary

Me Minnesota organization are suing the state, saying the state's Defense of Marriage Act violates their right to equal treatment under the law, although some legal experts say the Supreme Court's 1971 ruling against marriage equality sets the odds against Benson and his fellow couples. †

Check out regular political updates about Marry Me Minnesota and other news on



TheColumn's 2010

Homo Agenda

(Sunday 6/20 - Tuesday 6/29/10)

June 20

Pride Picnic

11am to 2pm

Como Park East Picnic Pavilions in St. Paul

What could be a better opportunity on this day than to head to a GLBT outing that even Dad would love? This free event provides yummy grilled fare, old-fashioned races, table games and softball.

Free. Substance free. All ages.

Out in the Valley June Social

4 to 7pm

900 Saint Croix Ave. W.

Stillwater

Out in the Valley - the social network, community service organization for GLBT folks and their allies in the St. Croix River Valley. Afternoon Social at private home in Stillwater open to the public. Appetizer & dessert potluck; beverages provided. visit www.outinthevalley.org

Free. All ages.

June 21

Reel Pride: Movie Music

7:30 to 9:30pm

Lake Harriet Band Shell

Minnesota Freedom Band presents

"Reel Pride: Movie Music", a free concert to the public at Lake Harriet Band Shell.

All ages.

June 22

Gay Rollerskating - The PRIDE version!

8:30 to 11pm

Roller Gardens

5622 West Lake Street

St. Louis Park

Our monthly rollerskating event is being moved to the 4th tuesday of June, in celebration for gay pride!! Feel free to dress up any way you want OR feel free to just come as you!

Disco/Funky/80s/Rainbow/Drag/Chicken costume / "whatever"

All ages.

June 23

Senses

7 to 9pm

LUSH Food Bar

990 Central Ave

Erik Janzen's Red Card Production is proud to present our new multimedia collection inspired by Sight, Sound, Taste, Touch or Smell. Sponsored by Vita.mn, Absolute Vodka and Lush.

Free. 21+.

Meet and Greet Jim Meffert

7pm Davanni's Pizza and Hoagies

8605 Lyndale Ave S Bloomington

Come meet Jim. If you have met

Jim before, come out and greet

him again. Jim Meffert is running

for Congress in CD 3. Jim has

spoken out in favor of the repeal of

Don't Ask, Don't Tell. Jim has

spoken in favor of the Employment

Non-Discrimination Act. Come talk

to and with Jim Meffert about LGBT

Equality. Ask Jim questions and let

him know we are counting on Jim

to work hard for LGBT

Equality. Free. All Ages.

\$10 tickets at the door; \$8 in advance from artists Patrick's Cabaret.

**The TCGMC's
"ExtrABBAganza" concert series**

8pm

Ted Mann Concert Hall

2128 4th Street South

All anyone could ever want in one concert is here for you in this incredible performance of music by the writers of all of ABBA's music: Benny Andersson and Björn Alvaeus. (ASL Interpreted)

Friday Ticket Prices: \$38, \$29, \$23

Saturday Ticket Prices: \$43, \$33, \$26

Children 12 and under: 50% off
All Ages.

Twilight Pride Edition

9pm

Karma Nightclub

315 1st Ave N

Featuring the hottest queer DJs in the Twin Cities Sheik and Agent Orange of Kittybump! \$4 Stolki Vodka specials all night long!
\$10 cover, 21+.

**The Big Gay Pride Party:
WONDERLAND!**

9pm to 2am

Epic

110 N. 5th Street

It's big. It's gay. And it's back for the third year in a row as the craziest, most spectacular party of the year!
\$15 CASH ONLY at the door. 21+.

June 26

**Standing on the Side of
Love for Marriage Equality:
An Interfaith Public Witness
Event**

12 to 12:45pm Minneapolis
Loring Park, Loring Stage. Twin
Cities' Pride Festival.

Join interfaith and community leaders for worship, music, testimonials, and information about what action you can take to support GLBT equality.

Hosted by the Standing on the Side of Love campaign, Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) from noon to 12:45 pm. Bring your family and come stand on the side of love!

Free, All ages.

**Fourth Annual Twin Cities
Trans March 3 to**

5pm Stevens Square

Park 1801 Stevens Ave S, Minneapolis sick of transphobia in your community? trans exclusion from "lgbt" groups? gender regulation during pride events? gender policing by cops who beat us? pride events ignoring a militant queer history and erasing the struggles and triumphs of transnys and queers of color? talk about marriage equality and military recruitment? wanna take it to the streets?!? Free, All Ages.

Pride In Concert

5:30pm

Loring Park

Local entertainers DJ Sheik,

area Saturday Night! For this reason, the Loring Stage area will be open only to those 18 and up from 5:30pm on Saturday until the end of the evening.
\$10, 18+.

Family

Jetset

Everything Rainbow - Come and celebrate our Family with the music that defines our culture

Free. 21+.

Block Party - Crush Pride Week

6pm to 2am

LUSH Food Bar

990 Central Ave SE, Minneapolis

Join us at Lush for the 1st Annual Pride Block Party and help us celebrate our NEW EXPANDED PATIO!!!! We will have live local entertainment hosted by Foxy Tann beginning at 6pm including "Far From Falling" doing an acoustic set on our outdoor stage. DJ Rich B will be back behind the decks beginning at 9pm.

No cover before 8pm. After 8pm - \$10, 21+.

Dyke March 2010

7pm

In front of the Walker Art Center

1750 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis

The annual Dyke March, led by the Twin Cities Avengers, is one of over 25 marches around the world creating space for queer expression and solidarity concurrent with the more mainstream Twin Cities Pride March. This year's theme, Consent is Sexy, is a call to promote awareness and an active culture of consent in both queer and ally communities.

Free, All Ages.

Kathy Griffin

7:30 and 10 pm shows

Orpheum Theatre

910 Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis

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Pride Ladies Night:

KittyBump!

10pm to 2am

The Saloon

830 Hennepin Avenue,

Minneapolis

Start your Pride weekend off right with KittyBump! (Shiek and Agent Orange) \$2 Domestic and Rails, \$4 Bacardi Drinks, Drag King show at 11 pm, Female dancers, Bacardi girls with \$2 shots (all money raised will go to The Aliveness Project), Dildo Giveaway at 1:30am (sponsored by Smitten Kitten)
Free. 18+.

June 24

Catholic Gay Pride Mass

7pm

The House of the Beloved

Disciple

4001 38th Ave. S., Minneapolis

(Minnehaha/Spirit of the Lakes

UCC)

<http://theprogressivecatholicvoice.blogspot.com/2010/05/save-date.html>

(social hour with dessert and coffee to follow)

Free. All ages.

Judith "Jack" Halberstam speaks on "Phony Femininities in the Age of Gaga"

7:30 to 9pm

Cowles Auditorium at the

Humphrey Institute

301 19th Ave S

In this talk, J. Jack Halberstam tracks the emergence of contemporary forms of queer feminism built around different

configurations of pleasure, desire, knowing and unknowing.
Free. All ages.

Pride Soul Friday (Thursday)

9pm to 2 am

Nomad World Pub

501 Cedar Ave S

Lady L and Blowtorch will be joined by King Otto and special guests to bring the best in old school, R&B, old and new hip-hop, house, world and more. Soul Friday is a monthly dance party for queer women of color and friends.
21+.

2010 Townhouse Transtastic Thursday

9pm to 2am

Townhouse Bar

1415 University Ave., St. Paul

An official Twin Cities Pride week Trans Girl Night Out Social Event! Come celebrate your true colors and inner girl! Friendly Atmosphere. Meet and Mingle with other Trans Girls.

Pumps & Pearls Drag Revue @ 10 pm.

21+.

Girl flight pride weekend kickoff

Jetset

115 1st Street North,

Minneapolis

The Pride Weekend Girl Kickoff Party -- featuring DJs Shiek & Agent Orange

Free. 21+.

LURE Pride Weekend KICK-OFF Party

10pm to 2am

Rumours and Innuendo
213 E 4th St., St. Paul
GET HOOKED! Thursday 6/24, as
Rumour's presents a very special
LURE Pride Weekend KICK-OFF
Party. Get your girls and hit the
dance floor!! We're crankin' the
volume, and turning up the heat
with your favorite TOP 40
REMIXES, featuring DJ Bob from
Party Unit.
Free. 21+.

June 25

MPLS is Burning II

Jetset
Our tribute to the underground
ballroom culture of the 80's ---
Free. 18+.

BOMP!

10pm, following Queertopia
Bedlam Theatre
Artsy-bicycle-y Dance party in a
punk-ish theater, with
BRLSQOTHEQUE and Shannon
Blowtorch spinning. It
theoretically "melts your face,"
according to promoters. Just
don't try to park in Beldam's lot -
it usually fills up very early. Ride
your bike instead!
1501 S. 16th St., Minneapolis
\$5. 18+

Uptown Pride Block Party

6 to 10:30pm
Bryant Ave and Lake St.
Rain or shine. A zero waste
event. emcee Foxy Tann, Tina
Schleske, Guante and Big Cats,
Dykes do Drag, Sick of Sarah,
Chastity Brown, Black Blondie, B-
Boy, MN Joe, B-Girls Sugamama

and monalisa.
Free.

Fruit Bowl!

6:30 to 11pm
Elsie's Bowling Alley
729 Marshall St. NE
All ages, costume contest, prizes,
tobacco free, drug/alcohol free,
featuring **Mrs. Pederson**.
Substance Free. All Ages.

Falling Up Sky Pictures Presents "FAUX"

7pm to 9pm Lagoon Theatre
1320 Lagoon Avenue, Minneapolis
After Party at Barbette!
The story is minimal; love lost,
love regained, love
destroyed. Our characters are
Caleb and Rin. Caleb lives
comfortably in his upper/middle
class lifestyle as a columnist and
blogger. Rin is a prominent
student filmmaker in the gay
community at his college. Their
lives intertwine when Caleb's wife
is killed in an accidental hit and
run, and Caleb's only memory of
the accident is a bumper sticker
for the café in which Rin works.
The two develop a relationship
that opens up Caleb's world to a
new meaning of love, but
transcends into dangerous and
destructive when he begins to
suspect Rin had something to do
with his accident.
Admission: \$5

Patrick's Cabaret "Queer Girls Night"

8pm
Patrick's Cabaret
3010 Minnehaha Avenue South,
Minneapolis

\$43, \$33, \$26 Children 12 and under: 50% off All Ages.

BOOBY ♥ TRAP! PRIDE! 2010 8pm to 2am The Loft @ Bar Fly 711 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis The SEXIEST Lesbian/queer PRIDE event of the year!! Go-go Girlz and boiz:) all night long!! (tipping HIGHLY encouraged D.J. Shannon Blowtorch with special guests DJ Daniela, and Monica & Jordan a.k.a. Dirty Talk! also...special surprise performance at midnight! \$10 cover. 21+.

Patrick's Cabaret "Queer Girls Night" 8pm Patrick's Cabaret 3010 Minnehaha Avenue South, Minneapolis
\$10 tickets at the door; \$8 in advance from artists Patrick's Cabaret.

Twin Cities Black Pride Party

9pm to 2am
Rumours and Innuendo
213 E 4th St., St. Paul
Free, 21+.

PEGASUS // DYKE MARCH AFTERPARTY

10pm to 2am
The Bedlam Theatre
1501 6th Street S, Minneapolis
A very special PRIDE PEGASUS and DYKE MARCH AFTERPARTY.
What's not to love? DJs Optimus Prime, Frankie Teardrop, & Kiera, MC EG, Marsha Stoned x Muscle Twitch, Thrillary Clinton, Rugburns, Heidi Barton Skink, the Avengers dance troupe AND MANY MORE TO CUM...

Celebrate PRIDE with Loads of Laughs

10pm to 11:30 pm
Lowry Lab Theatre
350 St. Peter Street
St. Paul
Jason Dudey and ANT
Tickets \$15.00 at the door.

June 27

Bitch-n-Brunch,

10am to 3pm,
Seven, rooftop lounge
700 hennepin ave.
Starring the one and only Bitch Flowers. Location along parade route.
Best view of the GLBT Pride Parade. First class brunch.
Complimentary gift bag. DJ Shiek.
\$10 admission, \$25 brunch and admission. 21+.

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MIX Special Edition: Pride Parade Party & Brunch

10am to 2pm

Le Méridien Chambers

901 Hennepin Avenue

Join Gay Twin Cities to watch the Pride parade from the city's best vantage point, and raise money to support Project 515! We'll be on the roof at Le Méridien Chambers, where you can enjoy a morning beverage and a 270-degree wraparound view of the parade route.

\$5 admission, \$24 brunch.

Twin Cities Pride Festival Doggy Day

11am to 5pm

Loring Park

Here are a few fun things that will be taking place: Dog adoption event by Small Dog Rescue of MN and Underdog Rescue, and in the area surrounding the Loring Park Dog Grounds there will be: Minneapolis Police K9 demonstration, canine agility and a canine lure course which are open to the public. Bring your dog in drag and register them to participate in the Pride Doggy Drag Show.

Free. All Ages.

Ashley Rukes GLBT Pride Parade

11am

Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis

Free. All Ages.

Saloon Block Party

1pm to 1am

The Saloon

830 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis

Pre-sale available at Saloon now for \$15 / \$20 the week of the show & at the door

Blake Lewis, Shontelle, Amber

Annual Pride Service

4pm

Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral

519 Oak Grove Street

Free, All Ages.

Crush Pride Sunday Block Party and T-Dance

5pm to 2am

LUSH Food Bar

990 Central Ave NE

Sunday, well we at Lush are gonna give it to you. Join us at Lush for a T-Dance and Block Party you will not soon forget.
No cover before 8pm, \$10 after. 21+.

June 29

Film: Eyes Wide Open

7 pm St Paul Jewish Community Center

1375 St Paul Avenue St Paul, MN 55116

The St. Paul JCC again features a GLBTQ film from Israel in connection with Gay Pride. "Eye's Wide Open" is about two Chasidic men in the Orthodox community, their forbidden love and struggle for self-expression within an extremely conformist community.

(Hebrew, Yiddish dialogue/English subtitles)

\$5 members/\$9 community

Ongoing

Gladius Block Party

Gladius

1111 Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis

All weekend block party. New music and DJ. 24th-27th

21+

Queertopia

7:30pm

Bedlam Theatre

1501 South 6th Street, Minneapolis

Show runs June 24, 25, and 26

15 artists and groups performing in this "cabaret celebration of queer love."

Tickets cost between \$10 and \$15, no-one will be turned away for lack of funds.

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Pounds-4-Pride

See us in the Living Well Park at Pride for more info.



Queertopia: A Cabaret Celebration of Queer Love

By JAMES SANNA

There's something queer growing in Minneapolis' Bedlam Theatre. This Pride, Jeffrey Lusiak is drawing together an eclectic group of performers, from acclaimed storyteller Kohl Minor, to Minneapolis high school student and playwright Jake Folsom, to Deja Stowers, a movement-based performer who



grounds herself in African dance traditions. Hoping to top last year's show, which played to a packed house at Bedlam, Lusiak says he's thrilled about the excitement surrounding the show: over half of the 15 artists and groups performing in this "cabaret celebration of queer love" are presenting new pieces created specifically for Queertopia.

Several performers, including Folsom and Stowers, are presenting works focused on their relationships with their families, but the artists Lusiak has collected in Queertopia will run the gamut from Folsom and Stowers' more serious pieces through local opera singer Eric Pearson's opera songs sung in fetish gear. Lusiak says even he will be taking part, presenting a drag-based short play that premiered at



Bedlam's festival of ten-minute plays earlier this year.

Queertopia was founded, Lusiak told *TheColumn*, to create an alternative to the usual parade-and-park routine of Twin Cities Pride.

"[The Pride Festival in Minneapolis' Loring Park] is great, but it's not me," Lusiak said, "unless I want to take my shirt off and go to the Saloon, where do I go?"

Lusiak says he hopes Queertopia's growing following of other like-minded artists, performers, and fans can create a "second hub" of queer art and performance this year, building off of their own success as a second Pride festival and Bedlam Theatre's numerous Pride weekend events and parties.

Queertopia will run from June 24th through June 26th at Bedlam Theatre, 1501 South 6th Street in Minneapolis' West Bank neighborhood. All shows start at 7:30, and while tickets cost between \$10 and \$15, no-one will be turned away for lack of funds. †

Reservations should be made at bedlamtheatre.org

Anne Phibbs (continued)

conversation by referencing many others with whom she has become acquainted over the years. Referring to people like Audrey Lourde and Jean Tretter as individuals who have influenced her – Phibbs has obviously surrounded herself with others who have made big changes for the Queer movement.

TheColumn has worked with Anne to capture the recent trip and will be unveiling video footage as well as follow up stories throughout the coming months.

Congratulations Anne on being our 2010 Leader of the Year!

The Cover and artwork featured throughout the 2010

TheColumn's *Homo Agenda* was created by **Alison Nowak**. Alison Nowak is a writer and illustrator from Minneapolis. Her illustration clients include Spout Press, Pixel Baby, Barefoot and Dreaming Productions, Gaywad, the Minnesota Legislative Reference Library, CATT, the Column and Smitten Kitten. She has received awards from the Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles and 3x3 magazine and has been featured in the New Talent Gallery of 3x3 magazine. Contact her at: alison.nowak@gmail.com

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