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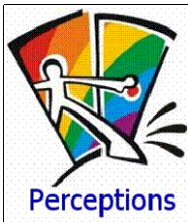
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empowering LGBT  
individuals  
and their  
community

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#### Mission Statement:

Our mission is to provide superior  
educational programs, networking  
opportunities and services for the well  
being of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and  
Transgender individuals and their  
community.

# Election Results

Perceptions held its annual  
board elections on January 20<sup>th</sup>.  
New to the board is Dann Federico,  
who served in the past and has re-  
turned after a hiatus. Also newly  
elected as Trustees are Thomas  
Brubaker and Brent Theisen, who,  
until now, have been non-voting  
Advisors to the board. Returning  
Trustees that were re-elected are  
Rick Farrand and Daphne Barkley.  
Tim Atkinson, Jim Kleinsorge, Kay  
Sural, Roger Mageske and Randy  
Hasso were not up for election this  
year. Our Bylaws allow for a maxi-  
mum of 12 Trustees, so we could  
possibly add one or two individuals  
to the Board in the future.

Returning board member Dann

is a “people person,” who has been  
dealing with the public for over 32  
years. He hopes to be a bridge be-  
tween the Board and the rest of the  
community, by communicating ideas  
between the public and the organiza-  
tion's leadership.

This was also the night for a  
Financial and Membership Report  
from Jim Kleinsorge (see page 5)  
and a “state of the organization and  
year in review” speech by outgoing  
chair Alan Shinaver (highlights on  
page 4.) On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the board  
will meet to pick a new chair, as  
well as voting on a co-chair, secre-  
tary and treasurer for 2011. Results  
of this meeting will appear next  
month.



**The 2011 board members (from left): Brent Theisen, Randy Hasso, Thomas Brubaker, Roger Mageske, Kay Sural, Tim Atkinson, Daphne Barkley, Leo Romo (Advisor,) Rick Farrand, Jim Kleinsorge, and Dann Federico.**

## February Meeting Will Explore Diversity

February's Friends & Members Meeting will feature a panel of people from various walks of life, speaking about their experiences as an LGBT person in the Tri-Cities. Lined up to speak are Julie Almy, a transgender woman; Kathy Lloyd and diedra m. knox, both lesbians; Arik Gotlieber, a young male college student (who does drag); Fred Eland, an older male who has recently come out; and a second young gay male. The participants of this group, representing different generations, genders and ethnicities, will each speak for around ten minutes, and then answer questions from the audience. We encourage you to come out and support the organization, as we strive to increase participation across a wider spectrum of the Tri-Cities LGBT community. As always, refreshments will kick off the meeting at **7:00 pm**, followed by announcements. We meet at **St John's Episcopal Church** at [123 N. Michigan Ave](#) in **Saginaw**. We hope to see a good turn out, from heavy advertising, so come and bring a friend.

## Third Annual Pride Banquet to Be Held

Perceptions is planning its third annual Pride Awards Banquet for Tuesday, June 28, 2011, at the Andersen Enrichment Center. The banquet will honor area individuals for their leadership, impact and commitment to the LGBT community. If you are interested in being part of the planning committee or award selection committee, please contact Leo Romo at [Leo@PerceptionsSV.org](mailto:Leo@PerceptionsSV.org). This event has sold out for the last two, so mark your calendars and get your tickets early. More details will follow.

## Black History Month: 14 Famous African American LGBTs

In honor of [African American History Month](#), here are 14 black icons, who have identified as or are believed to have been LGBT: **Lee Daniels** is a casting director, who worked on *Purple Rain*, before becoming the first sole black producer of an Academy Award-winning film, *Monster's Ball*. He also directed the Academy Award-winning *Precious*... Known as "Lady Day," **Billie Holiday** (1915-1959) was a jazz stylist and the subject of the film *Lady Sings the Blues*. She has been rumored to have had relationships with Orson Welles and Tallulah Bankhead... gay *VOUGE* editor and author of two books, **Andre Leon Talley** has helped along many young designers of color... **Josephine Baker** (1906-1975) was described as "the belle of Paris" during the 1920s, for her beauty and sexually charged performances. Her third marriage was to a homosexual man and she had many affairs with women, including Mexican painter Frida Kahlo... Pulitzer Prize winner **Alice Walker** (*The Color Purple*) says she was once "completely in love with" singer/songwriter **Tracy Chapman**, with whom she had a relationship. Chapman's hits include "Fast Car" and "Give Me One Reason"... Eccentric drag queen **RuPaul**, who acts as well as sings, had a hit with the song "Supermodel (You Better Work)"... Author, essayist, poet, playwright,

activist **James Baldwin** (1924-1987) wrote about issues facing black gays and lesbians, long before people were ready to acknowledge them...

**Darryl Stephens** starred in the series *Noah's Arc* for Showtime, a sort of gay African American *Sex in the City*... **Johnny Mathis**, one of the most successful recording artists of all time, was once quoted as saying that his first love was another boy, when he was sixteen. He later regretted the remark... **Barbara Jordan** (1936-1996) served in the House of Representatives from 1973-1979. She was the first



Top: Tracy Chapman,  
Bottom: *Noah's Arc* star Darryl Stephens

black woman from the South to serve in the House, and the first black woman to be buried in the Texas State Cemetery. She was never out publicly, but lived with Nancy Earl for over 30 years... Three time Olympic gold medalist and three time WNBA MVP, **Sheryl Swoopes** is often referred to as the "Female Michael Jordan". She has a Nike shoe named after her... Writer, activist and poet **Langston Hughes** (1902-1967) never officially came out and was an intensely private person, but the gay community claims him as one of theirs... **Jermaine Stuart** (1957-1997) is best known for singing the song "We Don't Have To Take Our Clothes Off" and died from complications battling AIDS in 1997. Source: [www.blackvoices.com/life-style/gay-african-americans](http://www.blackvoices.com/life-style/gay-african-americans)

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## Save the Date

The Annual Perceptions & PFLAG Chocolate Party will be held on Saturday evening, March 12<sup>th</sup>. This year's event will be hosted by Terry Zajac at his beautiful Victorian home in Bay City. This year's event is special because it is the 20th anniversary of the first Chocolate Party. Terry hosted the first one in 1991 as a benefit for Wellness, an early HIV/AIDS advocacy organization. The party will give you an opportunity to tour a beautiful home and admire Terry's restoration work and unique décor while sampling a large variety of chocolate treats and mingling with many friends and allies. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

### PERCEPTIONS MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP



**7:00 - 8:30 pm**  
**ONCE A MONTH**  
(Week Varies)

Tuesday, February 15th  
Tuesday, March 15th  
Tuesday, April 19th

**Facilitated by Thomas Brubaker**  
Light snacks provided  
Drinks allowed, provided they have a cover

**Zauel Memorial Library,**  
3100 N. Center Road,  
Saginaw Township

## The Year In Review

Alan Shinaver

It has been another busy year for the Perceptions organization, with its faithful volunteers, and generous supporters.

Garage sales, Friday Dinners, Wednesday Meet and Greets, Friends & Members Meetings, Guest speakers, Chocolate and Garden parties, the AIDS Walk, the Holiday Party, the Perceptions Scholarship Award, the monthly newsletters, weekly messages, summer picnics, shopping sprees and field trips, and meetings to plan it all; there is always so much going on with Perceptions.

I know that I personally have taken much of these activities for granted; believing that they will always be there to enjoy, participate in or not. In retrospect, I know better. This brings to my awareness the idea that if I take this organization for granted, how must it be for the general public? Do our members just assume that things will always be as they are; that it will always be there if they want to attend? In these days it is dangerous to make assumptions about most anything, and all the more important to be grateful, appreciative and careful of what we have. We have a great organization in Perceptions. It is an organization which is unique in that; for its location and size, it offers more than many big city LGBT organizations manage. Perceptions is truly a gem.

I have had the privilege of several years as a trustee and then as Chairperson, to work with so many volunteers who give their time,

energy and many times even their personal financial support, to make an event available, affordable and enjoyable for the membership and friends of Perceptions. I certainly could not have remained in a position on the Board of Perceptions for so long if there weren't great people around me making things happen.

This organization has accomplished a lot in 2010, just as it had in years past, with the hard work of its volunteers. This organization serves, informs, comforts, and embraces the needs of our community. For every one who has donated, served, volunteered, attended, or even spoke favorably of Perceptions this past year, I offer my heartfelt thanks and gratitude. Perceptions can not exist without each and every one of you and your contributions.

It is with great gratitude and appreciation of this organization that I bid my farewell to the leadership position and return to the ranks of the volunteer base which is so vital to Perceptions survival. It has been a good run, and it is my hope that my successor is able to take this organization to new heights, meeting the needs of our community in new and insightful ways. Perceptions is a blessing to the community, and serving has been a blessing in my life. Thank you, my Perceptions family, for giving me the opportunity to lead, learn and grow.



## 2010 Membership Statistics

*at a glance*

### 93 Paid Members

- 40 Individual Memberships (43%)
- 41 as part of a Family Membership (44%)
- 3 Student Memberships (4%)
- 8 Lifetime Memberships (9%)

### Gender

- 73% Male
- 28% Female

### Percentage of Members identifying as:

- Gay = 60%
- Lesbian = 14%
- Straight = 10%
- Transgender 10%

### Average age of members is 52.45 years

### Where we come from:

- 39 Saginaw County (42%)
- 28 Bay County (31%)
- 17 Midland County (18%)
- 6 Other Michigan Counties (6%)
- 3 Out of state (3%)

## Tri-City Pride Festival Planning Committee

A group of grassroots organizers are making plans for the first **Tri-City LGBT Pride Festival** on **June 25, 2011**, at **Ojibway Island**. There are plans for entertainment, speakers, vendors and much more. The planning committee is meeting frequently to organize this event. This group is full of positive energy, but could use some more help. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Rev. Kathy VanBuskirk at 989-755-2618 for time and place of meetings. Get involved today!

## Holiday Party Balance Sheet

A balance sheet for the 2010 Holiday Party was presented to the Perceptions Board of Trustees at the January Board Meeting. Everyone was pleased with the results and we are proud to announce that we were able to designate \$1,000 to the Scholarship Fund and \$2,500 to our Facilities Fund from the Charity Auction's proceeds. We would again like to thank the Holiday Party Committee and all of the volunteers who worked so hard to put the event together, everyone who donated an item for the auction, Modus Rock for the wonderful entertainment, the staff at Bay Valley, and everyone who purchased a ticket and attended.

Looking for a place to socialize with other LGBT people and their allies? Why not attend the

# FREELAND MEET & GREET

The 2nd Wednesday  
of Every Month  
6:00 pm (Nov - Mar.)  
7:00 pm (Apr - Oct.)



Riverside Restaurant  
8295 Midland Rd  
(M47)

## Scholarship Fund Continues to Grow

[Tim Atkinson](#)

Perceptions established a scholarship fund at the [Saginaw Community Foundation](#) in 2007, with the goal of reaching an endowed balance of at least \$10,000 within 36 months. We easily met that goal and today have a balance of over \$16,000.

In the past three years, we have awarded scholarships to four individuals and in May, we will add one or two more deserving students to our list of recipients. As our endowment fund grows, we will be able to award larger scholarships and/or make awards to more students.

We would like to thank the following donors who contributed to the Perceptions Saginaw Valley Scholarship Fund in 2010.

Jay & Leisa Crane  
Darrell Sheets  
Tim Atkinson  
Tom Burkey  
Camp Out Michigan

An additional matching funds contribution was made by one donor's employer.

There are tax incentives that make donating to the scholarship fund attractive. Depending on your tax bracket, a \$200 gift can cost as little as \$44 out of pocket. Use the tool found at <http://www.forgoodforever.org/Calculator.htm> to determine your savings. Donations can be made at any time either to Perceptions or directly to the Saginaw Community Foundation, 100 S. Jefferson Ave., Suite 201, Saginaw, MI 48607. Be sure to specify that your donation is for the Perceptions Saginaw Valley Scholarship.

## Perceptions Members Enjoy "The Fighter"

Rick Farrand

The most recent event planned by the Activities Committee was an outing to the movies. The group was a little bigger than the shopping trip group and we really enjoyed the movie, *The Fighter*!

I was a little bit disappointed when I heard what movie we were going to see, (I'm gay....so...to go see a movie about a fighter...well, that would be at the bottom of my choices), but it really turned out to be a great choice!! If this movie or the stars don't get some kind of awards or Oscar nominations, I will really be surprised!

*The Fighter*, is a true story and

chronicles the career of boxer Micky Ward and his half brother Dicky Eklund, with his mother as his manager, and the family struggles they go through to get to the top. I'm not a critic, but this was a great movie and a must see on my list. After the movie, we all went out to an early dinner and then later went back to my house to play cards.

All attendees were all treated to free passes, which one guest had acquired through a contest. It was a fun filled day and enjoyed by everyone. So stay tuned, so that you don't miss out on our next function!!



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**You may qualify if you're a female who:**

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- Has sex with women
- Lives in Michigan
- Wants to participate in a 60-90 minute phone interview

Check your eligibility at  
<https://www.sph.umich.edu/sexlab>

For more information or to verify your eligibility, please call:  
734-764-6653

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# CURRENT EVENTS PAGE

▼ **February 4th - Friday Night Dinner 7:00 pm.** Join Perceptions members and friends at the **Savoy Grill**, [127 S. Franklin St.](#), Saginaw. If you plan to attend, please respond to [Jim@PerceptionsSV.org](mailto:Jim@PerceptionsSV.org) by 3:00 pm Friday.

**February 5th, Sat. - Poetry Slam** 2:00 - 5:00 pm. The Hearth Home is hosting a Youth Poetry Slam for [National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day](#). Hoyt Library, 505 Janes Ave., Saginaw. For questions or more information please call the Hearth Home at 989-753-9011.

▼ **February 9th, Wednesday - Freeland Meet & Greet 6:00 to 8:00 pm.** Join us at **Riverside Restaurant**, [8295 Midland Road](#) (M-47), Freeland. Private room. Famous homemade pies.

**February 9th, Wednesday - Open Hearts 6:30 pm.** Positive thinking group for members of the LGBT community who are disabled or anyone having issues they are dealing with. Discussion, speakers and support. The group meets at **Butman Fish Library** in Saginaw, and is facilitated by Rev. Kathy and Carm Audas. For info call 989-755-2618.

▼ **February 11th - Friday Night Dinner 7:00 pm.** Join Perceptions friends at **Sawmill Smokehouse BBQ**, [6907 West Side Saginaw Rd.](#), Bay City. Please respond to [Jim@PerceptionsSV.org](mailto:Jim@PerceptionsSV.org) by 3:00 pm Friday if you plan to attend.

**February 13th, Sunday. - Genesee County PFLAG Meeting 2:00 - 4:30 pm.** The meeting takes place at the **UU Church** of Flint, [2474 S. Ballenger Hwy.](#) For more info contact [pflagflint@yahoo.com](mailto:pflagflint@yahoo.com).

▼ Denotes a Perceptions sponsored event

**February 14th, Monday - "The Vagina Monologues" 7:00 pm.** The award-winning play celebrates women's sexuality and strength. Tickets are \$3 and benefit V-Day Spotlight Women in Haiti and Saginaw's Underground Railroad. SVSU's Student Activities Room. To reserve tickets or for more info, email [whitelilysociety@gmail.com](mailto:whitelilysociety@gmail.com)

▼ **February 15th, Tuesday - Men's Discussion Group 7:00 to 8:30 pm.** **Zauel Memorial Library**, 3100 N. Center Road, Saginaw Township. This gathering is intended as a discussion and informal support group for gay and bisexual men. The group will be facilitated by Thomas Brubaker. You may contact him at [Thomas@PerceptionsSV.org](mailto:Thomas@PerceptionsSV.org) for additional information or to let him know you'll attend. Light snacks will be provided. You may bring your own beverage into the library as long as the container has a cover or cap.

**February 16th, Wednesday - Womyn's Room II 6:00 pm.** Designed as a safe place for Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender women, who are out or not, to come for support and socialization. The group meets at **Butman Fish Library** in Saginaw. For more info contact Rev. Kathy at 989-755-2618 or [Rev.KathyV@yahoo.com](mailto:Rev.KathyV@yahoo.com).

**February 16th, Wednesday - Men's Friendship Room 7:00 pm.** Designed as a safe place for Gay, Bisexual and Transgender men, who are out or not, to come for support and socialization, Meets at David Younk's home in Saginaw. For more info. contact David at 989-771-9721 or [DavidY513@hotmail.com](mailto:DavidY513@hotmail.com).

▼ **February 17th, Thursday - Perceptions Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm.** **St. John's Episcopal Church**, [123 N. Michigan Ave.](#), Saginaw. All are welcome. A diverse panel will discuss "Being LGBT in the Tri-Cities." Refreshments served.

▼ **February 18th, Friday Night Dinner 7:00 pm.** Join Perceptions friends at **El Mexicano**, [3593 Center Ave.](#), Essexville. If you plan to attend, please respond to [Jim@PerceptionsSV.org](mailto:Jim@PerceptionsSV.org) by 3:00 pm Friday.

**February 20th, Sunday - PFLAG Meeting 2:00 - 4:30 pm.** Meeting at **Our Saviour Lutheran Church**, [2525 Hemmeter Road](#) in Saginaw.

▼ **February 23rd, Wednesday - Saginaw Meet & Greet 7:00 - 9:00 pm.** An informal gathering for the Tri-Cities' LGBT community. All are welcome. Join us at **White's Bar**, 2609 State Street in Saginaw. Meet your old friends and make some new ones.

▼ **February 25th - Friday Night Dinner 7:00 pm.** Join Perceptions members and friends at **Levi's**, [5800 Brockway Rd.](#), Saginaw. Please respond by 3:00 pm Friday to [Jim@PerceptionsSV.org](mailto:Jim@PerceptionsSV.org) if you plan to attend.

## MEETINGS RESUME

▼ **February 28th, Monday - Perceptions Transgender Group 6:00 to 7:30 pm.** Meeting at the **Magic Bean Café**, [5789 State Street](#), Saginaw, the group offers an informal gathering, taking a more light-hearted approach to allow trans-genders in the Tri-City area an opportunity to connect with one another for socializing and support. For questions, contact Rachel Prenzler at [Rachel@PerceptionsSV.org](mailto:Rachel@PerceptionsSV.org).

**Be informed about upcoming events**

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## THIS DOUG'S LIFE

by  
Douglas D. Solosky



### “The Art of Forgetting”

Yesterday, today and tomorrow, for me, are all the same. I have little or no concept of time. According to a Neural Psychiatrist, this "ability" began to manifest itself when I was less than a year old.

I was born premature, weighing 2 pounds in 1934. Back then; there was no such thing as incubators. The child lived or died according to nature's laws. At that time, my mother had a lady helping her with her new twin boys (Thomas and me). We were not eating. Lean, ma's helper, was from the old sod—Poland. She convinced ma to give us a weak solution of whiskey. That sharpened our appetites and we ate. Once, Ma thought I was dead and with a shriek yelled for help. Lean came running, threw off the covers and announced, "They're not dead. They're asleep!"

Thus started the deterioration of my brain with respect to time. According to the Neural Psychiatrist, that small amount of alcohol was enough to damage part of my brain

That part that determines time. I have to pay close attention to the calendar, otherwise, I miss appointments and dates of importance. I am also a sober alcoholic and have been for the last 42 years. Sobriety came in 2 forms: A.A. and when I met my partner, Don. I had been in A.A. for about 5 years before Don and I met. After having one "slip", (I took a drink in front of him) I never took another one.

It was in A.A. that I learned to "live one day at a time." That worked out pretty good for me but just wasn't quite enough. I expanded it to "living 3 days at a time." That decision was both useful and problematic.

Staying sober was made easier because I choose to remember yesterday and what I had done and today as to what I had to do and tomorrow. "Tomorrow" I could plan for. This method was working out great. The only problem was remembering what took place in the past. Being young and confident, I ignored that thought and moved forward.

Over time, I began to live only in those 3 days. If yesterday was bad, not to worry, because I will have forgotten it by tomorrow.

I am now a lot older. Mother nature has begun to take her toll. I no longer can rely on a 3-day pattern. I have to make sure I'm at the various appointments that are vital to my health. Four doctors are currently treating me. Each one has his or her own agenda. Each one makes their own appointments, needs their own lab reports and monitors me in their own way. This month alone I have 5 doctor appointments and/or lab work. In addition, I have to keep track of my oxygen which I was put on 3 months ago.

When I want to go to a Perceptions' function, I put in on the calendar.

Being older, I'm now remembering the past. More and more my thoughts go to the times Don and I had together; to the pets we had, the sadness we felt when they had to be put down, to our home in Lockport, to the labor of love we put into the place.

Without intending to, I was developing an "Art of Forgetting". This can be bad. I was even forgetting to tell my doctors about symptoms I was experiencing.

These last 2 years have been one long learning curve. Changing my 3-day habit and remembering important things such as symptoms and appointments, plus learning how to live with what God has given me have all been one big challenge.

My father used to say, "There'll come a day", referring to the time we all will experience getting older. How right he was!

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Newshound **Joel Payne** is surfing the net for you, each month, to find us interesting stories. Thanks, Joel. Hope you all enjoy this new feature.

At press time, the US Supreme Court was preparing to rule on a case brought by Bishop Harry Jackson on whether the population of the District of Columbia has the right to vote on whether or not they want to grant marriage equality to its citizens. A decision was expected, by the time you read this. Source: [purpleunions.com](http://purpleunions.com)

Some schools and clubs in Brazil have begun setting up separate bathrooms for LGBTs to use. Defenders of the new policies claim that no one is forced to use the separate restrooms, while opponents say it's just a case of segregation. Source: [thenewgay.net](http://thenewgay.net)

The first-degree murder trial of Seth Winder has been delayed until May. Winder is charged with the brutal dismemberment of openly gay Richard Hernandez, a resident of Dallas, TX. Aside from the *Dallas Voice*, the local media, which regularly reports on other such grizzly crimes has given the case relatively little attention. The mental state of Winder has been called into question by his wife, but opponents maintain that Winder knew what he was doing and should be held firmly accountable. Source: [unfinishedlivesblog.com](http://unfinishedlivesblog.com)

According to the Associated Press, New Jersey has passed the country's toughest LGBT Anti-Bullying law. The bill has been around for 18 months, but picked p steam after

the suicide of 18 year old Rutgers University student Tyler Clementi, whose romantic encounter with another male student was broadcast over the internet by his roommate, last fall. Source: [www.itgetsbetter.org](http://www.itgetsbetter.org)

Passport applicants younger than 16 will now be asked to list Parent 1 and Parent 2 on their application, instead of Mother and Father. Some credit the end of Don't Ask, Don't Tell with helping to get the new policy implemented. Source: [www.freedomtomarry.org](http://www.freedomtomarry.org)

The Texas Senate has two bills before them that deal with bullying and cyberbullying. On January 11<sup>th</sup>, citizens of Austin welcomed the new legislative session that was beginning that day at the Capitol building by staging a "die in." On cue, everyone fell down and played dead to draw attention to the fact that homophobia and transphobia kill. Source: [jaysays.com](http://jaysays.com)

Anti-gay hate group The Westboro Baptist Church is at it again. They recently picketed the funerals of some that died in the Arizona shootings. They have claimed that even 9 year old Christina Taylor Green, who was killed in the shooting, is "better off dead." In honor of WBC leader Fred Phelps, LGBT activists held a "Phelps-a-thon" to collect money for every minute the hate group picketed, in an attempt to turn a negative into a positive. Radio stations in Phoenix ,AZ and Toronto, CA offered the WBC time on the air during Christina's funeral, in exchange for the group not picketing that particular funeral. The group agreed. Sources: [www.towleroad.com](http://www.towleroad.com), [jaysays.com](http://jaysays.com)

## Paid LGBT Internships

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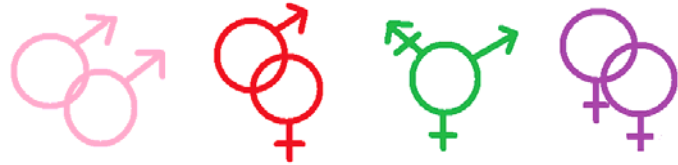
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