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Democrats to choose constable, county judge candidate

Early voting starts Monday; LGBT vote split in races between Duncan, Jenkins and Cortes, Villareal

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Dallas County voters will decide two races of significant LGBT interest in Democratic Primary runoffs April 13.

Early voting in the runoffs runs Monday, April 5 through Friday, April 9.



In the Dallas County judge race, civil attorney Clay Jenkins faces Dallas

County Schools President Larry Duncan as they vie to replace openly gay incumbent Jim Foster, who finished last in the primary and failed to make the runoff. The winner will face Republican Wade Emmert in November.

In the runoff for Precinct 5 constable, incumbent Jaime Cortes faces challenger Beth Villarreal. Precinct 5, once represented by openly gay Constable Mike Dupree, includes Oak Lawn as well



Larry Duncan



Clay Jenkins



Jaime Cortes



Beth Villarreal

as heavily LGBT areas of East Dallas and Oak Cliff.

There is no Republican in the race.

Erin Moore, president of Stonewall Democrats of Dallas, noted this week that voter turnout in

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In line to serve

University of Missouri students, from left, Sarah Barrett, Kate Miller and Ashley Disman wait to fill the plates of clients of Resource Center Dallas' hot meals program during lunch on Tuesday, March 30.

The three were part of a group of 12 University of Missouri students who came to North Texas as part of the school's student-led Alternative Spring Break program to volunteer in programs serving people who are homeless or living in poverty. Six of the students worked RCD's hot meals lunch line on Tuesday while the other six worked at RCD's AIDS food pantry. The group was scheduled to work at the RCD programs again on Wednesday, and also volunteered with Reconciliation Outreach and with Dallas Life during the week. Site leader Sara Dumstorff said that the group that came to North Texas was one of nine participating in the Alternative Spring Break program this year. She said RCD was chosen as one of the organizations the group would work with because "a large number of the students in the group voted for it." Dumstorff also said that competition to participate in the Alternative Spring Break program at the university "was pretty stiff this year," leading student organizers to hope that even more groups can be formed next year. Dumstorff also participated in Alternative Spring Break in 2009. (Tammye Nash/Dallas Voice)



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Black Tie taps American Airlines for award

Co-chairs say airline's long history of support for LGBT community clinched decision

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Black Tie Dinner co-chairs Ron Guillard and Nan Arnold announced Thursday, April 1, that the 2010 Elizabeth Birch Equality Award will go to American Airlines.

The award — presented each year, except 2007, since 2003 at the fundraising dinner — recognizes those who have had a positive national impact on LGBT equality, Guillard said.

"The board [of Black Tie] begins the discussion early in January on who will receive the award, and this year we realized early on that we had a truly outstanding nominee right here in our area, who also happens to be the Metroplex's largest employer," Guillard said.

"American Airlines has received a 100 on [the Human Rights Campaign's] Corporate Equality Index every year since the index started, and they

have just done so much to support our community. Once we began talking about it, we realized it was the obvious choice," he said.

Guillard said the LGBT community in North Texas sometimes takes American Airlines for granted "because they are right here in our neighborhood and we see them engaged with our community in so many different venues. It is clearly part of their strategy not only to be great corporate citizens, but to meet our needs as their customers and employees, too."

Arnold stressed American Airline's contributions to the LGBT community both locally and nationally.

"They have such a far-reaching impact on our community, and you see them there for every organization that supports our community across the nation. They don't just talk the talk at American Airlines, they walk the walk. And we are really honored to be able to recognize them this way," she said.

Arnold noted that American Airlines is Black Tie's "longest-standing sponsor," but said that wasn't a factor in choosing the company for the Birch award.

"We did it because of their support for everyone in the community, not just because they support us," Arnold said.

Guillard added, "American Airline's sponsorship of Black Tie Dinner is just one manifestation of their outreach to and support of the community as a whole."

In a prepared statement, American Airlines officials noted that the company was the first major airline to implement same-sex domestic partner benefits for its employees (in 2000) and offers equal health and travel benefits to partners and spouses of all its employees, regardless of sexual orientation.

American was also the first major airline to include sexual orientation (in 1993) and gender identity (2001) in its workplace nondiscrimination policies; the first to have a company-recognized LGBT employee resource group; and the first to launch a dedicated LGBT-specific Web site, including a comprehensive LGBT event calendar.

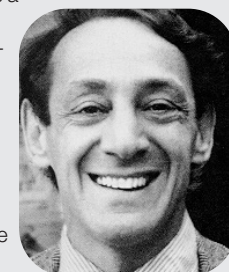
American officials also noted that their airline was the first Fortune 100 company to establish an

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Harvey Milk once lived in Dallas, and Neil Emmons claims he knows where

Neil Emmons, history buff and openly gay former Dallas city plan commissioner, said he heard from a "friend of a friend" last weekend that gay rights pioneer Harvey Milk once lived in his building, Turtle Creek Gardens at 2525 Turtle Creek. Emmons said he was initially "very skeptical," but for some reason it kept gnawing at him. Emmons noted that he didn't have to look any further than the Wikipedia entry on Milk to confirm that he once lived in Dallas, and this week Emmons went to the downtown library to do some additional research. What Emmons came up with is a 1969 city directory that lists a

"Harvey Milk" as living at 2525 Turtle Creek, then called the Gardens on Turtle Creek but since renamed Turtle Creek Gardens. Emmons says the surname "Milk" was very uncommon in Dallas at



Harvey Milk

the time, and he's convinced this was the listing for the man who would later become the mayor of Castro Street.

Based on my subsequent research, it appears to be true that Milk once lived in Dallas for a brief time, which is news in and of itself. But I'm not sure Emmons' listing in the city directory matches up with the dates when Milk was here. According to the Susan Davis Alch Collection at the San Francisco Public Library, Milk and then-partner Joe Campbell lived in Dallas from September 1957 to February 1958 but moved back to New York because they were "unhappy" here. The timeline is based on letters Milk wrote to his friend Susan Davis. I can't find the letters themselves online anywhere, but a document on the library's Web site provides this summary:

"In spite of his desire to spend the summer in New York and then return to Miami, Milk remained in NYC after meeting Joe Campbell in June or July 1956. In September 1957, they moved to Dallas and his letters describe how unhappy they were there. They moved back to NY in February 1958, after taking a trip through New Orleans for Mardi Gras."

No one here at the Voice — including Publisher Robert Moore, who started the paper in 1984, and Senior Editor Tammye Nash, who came here in 1989 — was even aware that Milk had lived in Dallas. And despite all the hype surrounding the release of the biopic "Milk" two years ago, I've never heard anyone mention it. Needless to say, though, we'll piece together whatever information we can about Milk's time in Dallas for an upcoming issue. Thanks for the tip, Neil.

— John Wright

Otte says 'Corpus Christi' performance canceled because jobs were threatened



John Jordan Otte

Tarleton officials say security risks prompted cancellation; production may be performed in Fort Worth

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STEPHENVILLE — The Tarleton State University student whose production of the gay-themed play "Corpus Christi" was canceled last week said the decision was made because "jobs were threatened," not due to security concerns.

Meanwhile, a move is afoot to bring the student cast to Fort Worth to perform the play, followed by a panel discussion on censorship and attacks by the religious right. If that happens, the play would likely be seen by many more people than in the small theater on the Tarleton campus.

The Terrence McNally play has never been performed in the Dallas area.

After several weeks of threats from religious groups, student John Jordan Otte's professor, Mark Holtorf, canceled a performance of the play last weekend, saying he was concerned about safety.

Liza Benedict, an associate vice president at Tarleton, said since it was a class project, only the pro-

fessor could cancel the production.

"The professor cited safety and security concerns for the students as well as the need to maintain an orderly academic environment as reasons for canceling the plays," Benedict said. "The performance of these four class plays will not be rescheduled."

Holtorf attended a tech rehearsal on Friday, March 26, a day before the excerpt from "Corpus Christi" was to be performed along with the projects of three other students. Holtorf will grade all four productions based on that rehearsal.

Otte said he's disappointed that after weeks of rehearsals, there will be no performance. He said his professor was under pressure from the administration. Despite earlier words of support, the school president's statements immediately prior to the cancellation showed Otte didn't really have the full backing of school officials, he said.

President F. Dominic Dottavio cited freedom of speech and academic freedom as a reason for allowing the play to go forward. But in an editorial that appeared in The Star-Telegram of Fort Worth, Dottavio slammed the production.

"My personal reaction is that I see no artistic or redeeming quality in the work," Dottavio wrote. "I believe, as many have opined, that it is

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TGRA Bachelor Auction set for Saturday at Hidden Door

The Texas Gay Rodeo Association will hold its annual bachelor auction and fundraiser on Saturday, April 3, at the Hidden Door, 5025 Bowser St., beginning at 7 p.m. on the patio stage.

Bachelors will be auctioned off to the highest bidder along with other auction items to raise money for TGRA. Several special guest bachelors from TGRA, the United Court of the Lone Star Empire and other organizations will be on the auction block. Hosts and emcees for the evening are McKenzie Storm and Mr. TGRA 2011 candidate Armando Reyna.

Get Equal plans rally to call on Hutchison to vote for ENDA

Get Equal will hold a rally to support the ENDA 4 on April 6 at 3:30 p.m. at Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's office. The goal is to move the Employment Non-discrimination Act to the floor of the House for a vote. Get Equal is a new activist organization "dedicated to bringing about full legal and social equality."

The ENDA 4 held a sit-in at House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's offices in Washington, D.C. and were arrested on March 18. Two were charged with disturbing the peace in Pelosi's San Francisco office as well. Chastity Kirven and Michael Robinson of Dallas were among those arrested.

Hutchison's office is in the Hotels.com building at 10440 Central Expressway.

Lone Star Ride hosting 'Passion 4 Fashion' April 16 fundraiser at S4

Lone Star Ride Fighting AIDS hosts the "Passion 4 Fashion: Fighting AIDS one Label at a Time" benefit presented by Saks Fifth Avenue, Caven Enterprises and 77 N Motion Entertainment on Friday, April 16 in the Rose Room at Station 4.

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Tickets range from \$25 to \$75, available online at LoneStarRide.org. Seating is limited.

Tickets are also available for a VIP reception featuring Belvedere Vodka cocktails and hors d'oeuvres by Spotlight Catering.

GLSEN holding logo contest

The Dallas Chapter of the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network is sponsoring a contest for youth and young adults ages 14 to 25 to design a virtual logo for Dallas' annual Breaking the Silence event on April 16. Designs should be e-mailed to dallas@chapters.glsen.org on or before March 25. GLSEN-Dallas is also looking for students to perform during the Breaking the Silence event, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on April 16. ■

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North Texas GLBT Chamber earns top national honor



IN RECOGNITION | Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert presents a proclamation to Brinker International Executive Vice President Roger F. Thompson during the North Texas GLBT Chamber of Commerce's 5th Anniversary Dinner on Friday, March 26 at the Fairmont Dallas Hotel. Thompson served as master of ceremonies for the event. (Damon Frazier/Special Contributor)

Chamber president says 'Chamber of the Year' award is 'happy surprise' for local organization

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In only its fifth year, the North Texas GLBT Chamber of Commerce has received top honors among 47 similar groups nationwide.

The Washington, D.C.-based National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce announced last week that the local organization has been named Chamber of the Year for 2010.

The announcement was made during the North Texas GLBT Chamber's 5th Anniversary Dinner at the Fairmont Dallas Hotel on Friday, March 26.

Tony Vedda, president and CEO of the North Texas Chamber, said the award will be formally presented during the national organization's annual dinner in Washington, D.C., in November.

"It's huge," Vedda said, adding that shortly after it launched in 2005, the local chamber received the Rising Star Award. "To be recognized as Chamber of the Year five years later, was certainly a happy surprise to all of us."

Vedda said other recent winners of Chamber of the Year have included groups in Minneapolis, Seattle and San Diego. The North Texas Chamber is the youngest chamber and the only chamber in Texas to ever receive the award.

"These are all much older, more established organizations, so to be thought of in the same light

as those organizations is really quite flattering," he said.

The chamber began five years ago with about 75 member businesses, Vedda said, but has since grown to just under 300.

Vedda became the chamber's only staff member in 2007.

About 160 people attended last week's anniversary dinner.

Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert and Fort Worth City Councilman Joel Burns presented the chamber with proclamations on behalf of their respective cities. Leppert thanked the chamber for things such as the group's support of a proposed city-owned convention center hotel.

"Your involvement in that really made a difference," Leppert said. "One of the strengths of Dallas and this entire region is its diversity."

Burns, who also received the chamber's ExtrAA Mile Award, talked extensively about the community's response to last June's Rainbow Lounge range.

"The GLBT business community was at the forefront," Burns said.

Others honored during the dinner included Matt Burckhalter, who received the Emerging Leader Award; David Wickham of the Warwick Melrose Hotel, who received the Member Service Award; attorney Rebecca S. Covell, who received the Business Person of the Year Award; Crain & Craig, which received the Business of the Year Award; and Dallas-based Texas Instruments, which received the Corporate Ally Award. ■

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AUSTIN-TRAN | Michael Austin and Paul Tran were married on Saturday afternoon, March 13, at the Bath House Cultural Center at White Rock Lake. Afterward, they left for their honeymoon in New York City, and were legally married in New Haven, Conn., on March 16. Austin, 28, is a doctoral student at the University of Texas at Dallas and is an associate professor of music at Collin College. He is a sound artist and is currently working on a project with the Dallas Museum of Art. Tran, 30, is a doctoral candidate at the University of Texas at Dallas and serves on the board of directors for Equality Texas.

WRCC names Lee as interim pastor

The congregation of White Rock Community Church voted earlier this month to affirm the appointment of the Rev. Kaye Ann Lee as interim pastor of the primarily LGBT church located in East Dallas. The vote of affirmation came Sunday, March 21, and Lee assumed the pulpit at the 10:45 a.m. worship service on Palm Sunday, March 28.

Church officials said Lee brings an interdenominational approach to worship at WRCC, with a "special interest in leading worship that meets congregational needs and in interacting with small Bible study groups where congregational members can feel accepted and affirmed."

Sharon Blair, chair of the Pastor Search Committee, said, "We found in her [Lee] all the qualities that we know our church needs during the transition period. There is absolutely no doubt in our minds that she is God's chosen one for us at this time in our church."

Lee, who has more than 16 years in professional ministry, has been a pastor, associate pastor and minister of congregational life, and has served three congregations as interim pastor. She retired after 30 years as a teacher in public schools and serves as a half-time adjunct professor of biology at a local community college.

In addition to her pastoral duties as interim pastor, Lee will work with church leaders to develop small group programming, and she will lead a morning Bible study at 10 a.m. each Wednesday on the WRCC campus.

WRCC is located at 9353 Garland Road. Sunday worship services begin at 10:45 a.m. each week, with children's Sunday School starting at 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible studies are held at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays, and at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. For more information, go online to WhiteRockChurch.org.



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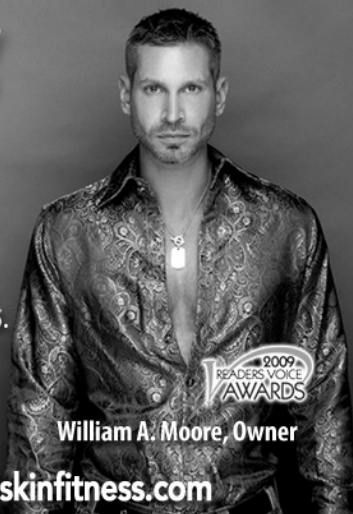
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Dallas Stonewall Young Democrats elects officers

1-year-old chapter for people under 40 appears here to stay this time

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When Travis Gasper helped create Dallas Stonewall Young Democrats last year, he knew previous attempts at similar organizations had failed.

Then, just months after becoming the first president of the latest incarnation, Gasper moved back to his home state of Colorado.

In the past, Gasper's departure may have been a recipe for DSYD's demise, but this time the group has continued to flourish.

"Travis had a vision for a more sustainable group. He built an organization, not a club," said Erin Moore, president of Stonewall Democrats of Dallas, DSYD's parent organization.

Moore added that previous attempts at Young Stonewall chapters in Dallas died when a particular political race was over or when an organizer

graduated and moved away.

This time, vice president Matt Burckhalter took over as acting president, and on March 23, the group elected new officers.

Burckhalter, an Oklahoma native, was elected to a full term as president. Pennington Ingley was elected vice president, Jared Pearce was elected secretary, and J.T. Williams was elected treasurer.

The group also added two executive positions. Jennifer Allen moves from secretary to political director, and Edgar Negron will be community events director.

Community events have been one of the cornerstones of DSYD's success. Burckhalter said the group participates in three or four volunteer projects each month.

In fact, DSYD started after a group of friends spent a day planting a garden at Legacy Founder's Cottage in Oak Cliff. To commemorate that beginning, they replanted the garden this spring.

The group's LifeWalk team was one of the top five fundraisers last year. Burckhalter said they sold 400 wristbands in one night to raise money for the event.

In addition to their community involvement, he cited other reasons for DSYD's success, including "being an organization that makes a difference."

"We work with politicians who work with us," Burckhalter said. "And people in the group are very social."

DSYD and Stonewall "Classic," as both Burckhalter and Moore called the parent group, maintain an affiliation.

Membership in DSYD is up to age 40, but most in the Dallas group are in their mid-20s to early 30s.

Although DSYD is its own political action committee, the group didn't make separate candidate endorsements this election cycle. Rather, DSYD members participated in the parent organization's endorsement process.

Burckhalter said it would be confusing to send out two different lists of endorsements from two groups named Stonewall, especially had some of the endorsements differed.

Moore said the two groups do a lot together, such as phone banking and voter registration, sharing their energy and experience.

DSYD has rapidly become a force in state and national Democratic groups. Burckhalter is treasurer of Texas Young Democrats. That group, founded in 1932, has a history of getting its members and former members elected. Its alumni included Texas Gov. Ann Richards.

Last summer, the DSYD sent five delegates to the national Young Democrats convention. Their delegation was one of the largest attending the

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NEW OFFICERS | Dallas Stonewall Young Democrats elected new officers at its March 23 meeting at Ojeda's on Maple Avenue. From left are Jared Pearce, secretary; Matt Burckhalter, president; J. T. Williams, treasurer; Pennington Ingley, vice president; Jennifer Allen, political director.

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August meeting in Chicago.
DSYD meets monthly at Ojeda's on Maple Av-

enue. Burckhalter said they chose a restaurant, rather than a bar, for their meetings to allow people under 21 to attend. ■

For more info, go to DallasStonewallYD.org.

GEAR ANNIVERSARY



TRANS HEROES | Marla Compton, right, coordinator of Resource Center Dallas' GEAR program for transgender people, presents Tori Van Fleet of the Fort Worth Police Department's forensics lab with the Katherine Walton Memorial Award in recognition of her support and activism as a member of the transgender community. Van Fleet received the award, along with trans youth Shawn Tripp, during the recent celebration marking GEAR's fourth anniversary. Also during the event, RCD Associate Executive Director Cece Cox and the staff of the Nelson-Tebedo Clinic were honored with the Henry Ramirez II Award for outstanding service to the transgender community. The band CHIX presented a donation to GEAR during the event.

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Liquor license comes through so Garlow's can open doors



OPEN FOR BUSINESS | Garlow's bartenders Jerry Francis, left, and Steve Tuttle, center, help owner Micheal Slingerland, right, celebrate the opening of Cedar Creek Lake's second gay bar on March 26. An all-day opening celebration will be held April 3.

New nightclub is 2nd LGBT bar to open in Cedar Creek Lake area

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GUN BARREL CITY — Cedar Creek Lake's second gay nightclub, Garlow's, finally opened March 26 after the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission issued the new bar a liquor license that afternoon just before 5 p.m.

Word spread quickly, and about 30 people showed up that night to socialize and imbibe as the bar staff stocked the refrigerators and liquor shelves. The crowd stayed through the evening until closing time at midnight.

"This is fantastic," said owner Michael Slingerland. "It's so wonderful to see this happening at last."

An all-day opening celebration planned for many weeks will become a reality at last on Saturday, April 3.

The new nightclub was scheduled to open March 13 after a commission official promised the license would be processed by March 10, but that didn't happen.

The bar owner and staff, feverishly working to

get the nightclub ready in time for a big opening celebration, learned March 12 the license's processing would be delayed until at least March 15.

"We were ready to go, but the state wasn't," said Troy Lueth, a spokesman for the nightclub who has helped Slingerland develop the business project and will work as one of the daytime bartenders.

As final touches were being made on the nightclub's interior, Lueth had to start notifying people the opening would be delayed a week. At least 300 invitations to the opening had already been sent out.

The club has been several months in the works, and is the talk of the town. The opening celebration will feature live entertainment, door prizes and drink specials, lasting from 11 a.m. Saturday until 1 a.m. Sunday, the spokesmen said.

East Texas artist Laurel White has painted silhouettes on the nightclub's interior walls. The mural that runs the circumference of the nightclub features movie stars such as Marilyn Monroe, the Wizard of Oz cast, Indiana Jones, Elvis Presley and Laurel and Hardy to mention a few.

The artistry includes beams of silver flowing from silhouettes of spotlights and film strips with portraits of movie stars, emphasizing the show

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offensive, crude and irreverent."

Rather than defend his student, Dottavio wrote, "I am deeply saddened that so many people offended by the play believe that the university is endorsing it. We are not."

Otte told Dallas Voice this week that, "Jobs were threatened at the university."

Even Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst weighed in on the controversy.

"We must also protect the rights and reasonable expectations of Texas taxpayers and how their money is used," Dewhurst said. "A play that is completely contrary to the standards of decency and moral beliefs of the vast majority of Texans should not be performed using any state resources, especially by an institution of higher learning."

In fact, no university money was used for the performance, and as a class project, the performance wouldn't have been open to the general pub-

lic. Otte paid for rights to the play himself and said he was the only one out money for the project.

Otte suggested that Dewhurst's comments might have been what prompted the professor to cancel the production. The school needed state police to help with security on campus, and without the backing of the lieutenant governor, officials couldn't be sure that backing would arrive, Otte said.

A group in Fort Worth that wants to bring the students to the Metroplex has contacted Otte about staging the play in Cowtown. Otte said he'd like to finish the semester first before possibly staging the piece in May.

Playwright McNally has offered his support to Otte, mostly through e-mail correspondence. Otte said he'd like to invite McNally to North Texas if the play is performed at a theater in the Metroplex.

He also said he'd like to see Linda Chavez-Thompson, Dewhurst's Democratic challenger for lieutenant governor, attend. ■

BIRCH AWARD

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entire gay and lesbian national marketing and sales team, and that the airline is a founding corporate member of the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce.

American Airlines has earned a number of awards from LGBT organizations, and donates to numerous LGBT organizations and events, including being the official airline to more than 30 LGBT organizations.

Black Tie Dinner officials announced American Airlines as the Birch Award winner during the Fort Worth Kick-Off Party for this year's dinner on Thursday, April 1. In a prepared announcement released Thursday, American Airlines' Vice

President of Diversity and Leadership Strategies Denise Lynn thanked Black Tie for the honor.

"There is no greater embrace than that given by your hometown, and receiving the Elizabeth Birch Award will only magnify the pride we take in being part of the inclusive and welcoming fabric that makes of the people of Dallas and Fort Worth and the lives of all our employees," Lynn said.

This is the second time the Birch Award has been given to a company instead of an individual. The 2004 award went to The Showtime Networks, and Showtime officials attended that year's dinner to accept.

Guillard and Arnold said this week that American Airlines officials will be on hand at the 2010 dinner, set for Nov. 6 in the Lone Star Ballroom of the Sheraton Dallas Hotel. ■

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business theme.

Slingerland, who named the bar after his deceased partner Red Garlow, has transformed the old tin plumbing building into a sleek nightclub. A privacy fence is under construction in the rear of the building, and there will eventually be an outside bar opened. A large parking lot is also under construction.

The nightclub features pool tables and six 44-inch televisions. Lueth and Bob Baugh will tend bar during the day, and Slingerland and Jerry Francis will be on hand at night.

Dallas bartender Steve Tuttle, who worked almost two decades at The Hideaway's back bar in its heyday and now works at Woody's during the week, will be tending bar on Saturday nights. Garlow's will be open from 11 a.m. until midnight Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Saturdays and noon to midnight on Sundays.

Slingerland said he wants Garlow's to offer an alternative to Friends, currently the lake's only gay bar, but not to replace it. Garlow's will not be a show bar like Friends, he said.

The goal is to bring more people out to enjoy

entertainment venues on the lake, Slingerland said. There are many weekend and full-time residents who just don't get out, he said.

"I hope a rut six-foot deep develops from the traffic going back and forth between the two bars," said Slingerland, who along with Francis used to tend bar at Friends, which is less than a mile away.

Friends owner Leo Bartlett and general manager Rick Foster said they wish their old friend Slingerland much luck.

"We hope the bar does well," Foster said. "I think having another bar will bring more business to the lake."

Slingerland said he has also received the support of Lou and Bernie, the owners of Cedar Isle and Nita, the owner of Walker's Landing. Those owners, who welcome gay patrons, are expected to attend the opening celebration, he said.

Hip straight customers will also be welcome at Garlow's, as they are at Friends, Slingerland said. "It's a bar," Slingerland said. "The owner just happens to be gay." ■

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runoffs is typically very low, which means that if enough LGBT voters go to the polls, the community could have a major impact in both races.

"In the primary, I told people that their vote counts for 10 people," Moore said. "I think during the runoff, it's going to be more like 25 people. So if you need a power rush, go vote."

Stonewall Democrats has endorsed Duncan for county judge and Cortes for constable. But the LGBT community as a whole is sharply divided in both races.

County judge

Jenkins, a political newcomer who's reportedly spent a record half-million dollars on his campaign, fell only a few votes short March 2 of capturing the 50 percent needed to win the primary outright and avoid a runoff. Duncan finished second with 30 percent, and Foster finished third with 20 percent.

But neither Jenkins nor Duncan is putting too much in stock those results.

Both candidates pointed to the 2008 race for Dallas County tax assessor/collector. John Ames finished second to Diana Lackey by almost 20 percentage points in the primary, but Ames won the runoff a month later.

"It's a brand new ballgame," Duncan said this



Erin Moore

week. "The score's nothing to nothing."

Jenkins agreed, saying he's not taking anything

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for granted. He said Duncan has higher name recognition since he's appeared on the ballot in Dallas County more than a dozen times.

"We look at it to a certain extent like we're the underdog," Jenkins said. "We're working as hard as we can to get our voters back out to the polls."

On LGBT-related policy issues, both Jenkins and Duncan have said they'd support adding gay and transgender protections to the county's employment nondiscrimination policy. Both have also said they'd support offering benefits to the domestic partners of county employees.

Moore said Stonewall endorsed Duncan based on "his long history not only in Dallas, but with the gay community." Jenkins, who's from Waxahachie, says he moved to Dallas in 2001, but he voted in Ellis County until 2006.

"I don't know Clay Jenkins," Moore said. "I've met Clay Jenkins ... but I don't know Clay Jenkins, and we know Larry Duncan."

Moore added that Stonewall is "not even considering" two major votes cast by Duncan against the LGBT community when he was a Dallas city councilmember in 1992.

"We want people to become educated about the community," Moore said. "We want people to understand our issues, and however they get there is how they get there."

As first reported by Dallas Voice last month, Duncan voted against a proposal to overturn the city's ban on hiring gay and lesbian police officers. He later voted to appeal a judge's decision striking down the ban on gay officers.

Duncan has called the two votes "a huge mistake" and said he's since become a supporter of full LGBT equality, including same-sex marriage. In 1995, Duncan voted in favor of adding sexual orientation to city employment protections.

"When brought up, I addressed it squarely, and you have all that," Duncan said of the two anti-gay votes in 1992. "I have a solid track record but for that, so there's nobody else that I can think of who has a comparable record for as long a period of time, albeit not perfect."

Some Duncan supporters have said privately they felt the Voice's article about his anti-gay votes was a "cheap shot" or a "hit piece."

But Jenkins supporters say the article revealed that Duncan, who's campaigned as a longtime LGBT ally, has misrepresented himself.

Openly gay Dallas County District Clerk Gary Fitzsimmons, who's backing Jenkins, has called on Stonewall to reconsider its endorsement of Duncan.

"Larry stands on his record," Fitzsimmons said. "I think the GLBT community needs to consider all of his record before casting its vote."

Jenkins was the top-vote getter in the county's nine most heavily LGBT precincts, despite past allegations by Duncan supporters that he "isn't comfortable with the gay lifestyle."

Jenkins has dismissed the allegations, saying he served as best man at a gay wedding, vacations with gay friends, had a gay roommate in college, and has stood up for the civil rights of minorities as an attorney.

"I'm quite comfortable around gay and lesbian people," Jenkins said.

Precinct 5 constable

Cortes, appointed by the Commissioners Court to replace Dupree in 2007, easily defeated Villarreal when she ran against him in the 2008 primary.

But this time, the embattled Cortes outpaced Villarreal by only a few hundred votes, with Mike Orozco finishing third.

A commissioners court investigation released in February accuses Cortes of abusing his office. But Cortes denies any wrongdoing and says he's the victim of a witchhunt led by Foster, a longtime friend of Dupree's. He also blamed Republican commissioners and The Dallas Morning News.

"To me this investigation was a sham, it was a farce," Cortes said. "It was solely done as a personal vendetta against me. I think if anybody else had been appointed constable, Jim Foster wouldn't have a problem with it. It turned it into a personal thing with him."

Cortes said it's been difficult at times to combat a perception in the LGBT community that he isn't gay-friendly. He said the perception is based on false allegations of gay-baiting made by Dupree, who defeated Cortes in the 2004 and 2006 primaries.

Cortes, who's been active in groups like Stonewall Democrats and the gay LULAC Council since taking office, said he's also hired four openly LGBT employees, including three deputies.

"I think I've earned the respect of the LGBT community by my actions," he said. "I'm not just talking, I've gone out and been visible in the community, and I will continue to do so."

Moore praised Cortes for his involvement in Stonewall. She said in addition to attending meetings, he's often volunteered for events.

"For a Latino straight man to do that, that's pretty remarkable," Moore said.

But Villarreal and her supporters allege that Cortes' interest in the LGBT community is politically motivated.

"When it's to his advantage to run against us, he runs against us," said David Morris, the openly gay co-manager of Villarreal's campaign. "When it's to his advantage to be for us, he's for us."

Villarreal was the top vote-getter in seven of the nine most heavily LGBT precincts in the primary, and she said she wouldn't have made the runoff without the community's support.

Villarreal said she was unable to interview for the Stonewall endorsement due to a family emergency.

But she said she's a member of the Young Stonewall chapter as well as Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG).

Villarreal said she raised a now-20-year-old gay son.

"Whatever he faced, we faced together," Villarreal said. "My heart is truly in this community, because my son is part of this community." ■

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Not the time for a fashion parade

With the country in the midst of a serious recession and LGBT people struggling to fund the civil rights battle, perhaps Solmonese should not be flaunting expensive tastes

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Washington Life recently included Solmonese in its 2010 Fashion Awards tribute to “35 men and women who bring that *je ne sais quoi* to the ballrooms and boardrooms of Washington.”

In the piece Solmonese confided that he favors designers Ann De-meulemeester, Billy Reid and Dolce and Gabbana.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the French expression, *je ne sais quoi* means “an intangible quality that makes something distinctive or attractive,” according to Wikipedia.

Solmonese, whom the magazine labeled the “Elegant Activist,” was featured with the likes of Count Renault de Viel Castel, whose “Parisian polish makes [him] a shining star in the young shining social firmament.”

Also included in the list were Michelle Obama and Nancy Pelosi, along with a host of others that few know but supposedly would be dazzled by if they did.

Well, what can you say to that?

It just literally takes one’s breath away, particularly when you’re trying to convince someone

that LGBT people belong to an oppressed group in need of legislative protections to ensure them the right to work and to live in peace.

All I can figure is that Solmonese must have sipped a little too much champagne at a cocktail party when he agreed to participate in that magazine feature. As the head of a nonprofit civil rights group that depends on donations to exist and do its work, Solmonese appears to have shot himself squarely in the center of his stylish footwear.

One reader of the article commented on the magazine’s Web site, “And meanwhile, the rest of the country looks on, wondering whether we will have jobs in the next year and be able to afford a new pair of jeans.”

Indeed, I’m sure the millions of unemployed Americans — straight and gay — who are worried about holding on to their homes and providing food and shelter for their families are mightily under-impressed and unamused by Solmonese’s apparent lavish spending on clothing. It provides ammunition for conservative pundits and others opposed to LGBT equality that argue gay and lesbian people tend to be privileged rather than oppressed.

It’s Solmonese’s business how he spends his salary — which is estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$350,000 per year, plus perks based on the nonprofit group’s 2008 financial reports — but surely this is not the time to be flaunting wretched excess. Maybe more than a decade ago when the economy was booming it might not have caused such a stir, but now the nation is in the tank. It also seems to be setting a poor example for young LGBT people as regards priorities in life. What comes to mind here is a Dallas lesbian well

known for her fashionable style and charitable giving whose partner wound up in the hoosegow a few years ago for spending somebody else’s money. Attorneys for the victim attempted to link the clotheshorse to the missing money in a civil suit.

Many already argue that the Human Rights Campaign, GLAAD and other groups are spending entirely too much time partying with celebrities and enjoying the highlife. The groups’ leaders are accused of being out of touch with the interests of the average LGBT person, who likely has little *je ne sais quoi* and doesn’t want to support somebody else’s.

In other words, this might be a good time for some in the nonprofit business to tone it down a little before a lot more people get the idea that



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you’re charging way too much money for what you do.

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‘Dr. Shock’ and the dangers of the closet

Anti-gay former doctor for South African military during apartheid arrested in Canada for allegedly molesting male patients

It is sometimes easy to forget that South Africa’s human rights abuses under apartheid did not only affect people of color. LGBT South Africans were abused and tortured for their sexual orientation and gender identity.

Specifically, those conscripted into the military were often subjected to “cures” for their homosexuality.



Hardy Haberman
Flagging Left

Dr. Aubrey Levin, who became known in South Africa by the nickname “Dr. Shock,” was among the most egregious at abusing LGBT people. His “treatment” consisted of strapping gay and lesbian soldiers to a chair and administering electric shocks to them as they were shown homoerotic visuals.

The treatment often sent the subjects into convulsions from the increasing intensity of the shocks.

Worse still, Dr. Levin is accused of chemically castrating one man and driving another to suicide with his “treatments.”

While not torturing LGBT South Africans, this twisted doctor experimented with “curing” conscientious objectors with a radical treatment of powerful drugs.

You would have thought after the fall of the

Is Joe Solmonese’s salary at the Human Rights Campaign too high?

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repressive regime in South Africa, Dr. Levin would have been dealt with. But the good doctor left the country and moved to Canada in 1995, along with several other doctors from South Africa.

Dr. Levin managed to keep his past quiet by threatening lawsuits against any reporters or newspapers that asked too many questions. This man, who had been accused of “gross human rights abuses,” successfully blended in and disappeared — almost.

Last week Dr. Levin was arrested in Calgary, Alberta. Seems the good doctor who was so vocal about his homophobic opinions in South Africa may have abused and molested dozens of male patients in Canada.

According to a report in *The Guardian*, “Levin, who worked at the University of Calgary’s medical school, has been suspended from practicing and is free on bail of \$50,000 [Canadian] on charges of repeatedly indecently assaulting a 36-year-old man.”

This story exposes a couple of things to me: First, that abusing LGBT people is not a serious enough crime in the minds of Canadian immigration authorities to keep this later-day Dr. Mengele from settling into a comfy university job; and second, it once again shows that many of the most outspokenly homophobic people are closeted themselves.

Look back in recent U.S. history and you can find plenty of examples. The most obvious is Roy Cohn, the McCarthy-era attorney who often hounded suspected “communists” for their homosexual activities. Cohn, who was a closeted gay man, died of AIDS complications in 1986.

More recently, there is the case of Sen. Roy Ashburn, the vocally anti-gay California lawmaker who was arrested for drunk driving after leaving a gay bar. The senator was outed after the arrest by the openly gay mayor of Sacramento who said he has seen Ashburn in the gay bars numerous times.

It all adds up to something I have long suspected: The closet is a deadly place, not just for the person who hides in it, but for all those around him or her.

So the next time someone tells you that being closeted is a personal choice that doesn’t hurt anyone, ask them these questions:

- How many LGBT people could have been spared the torture of Dr. Levin had he simply been able to accept his own sexual orientation?
- How many lives were destroyed by Roy Cohn’s witch hunts?
- How many Americans’ basic human rights have been denied by closeted lawmakers battling to keep their own orientation secret?

Their choice doesn’t seem so personal anymore, does it? ■

Hardy Haberman is a longtime local LGBT activist and a member of Stonewall Democrats of Dallas. His blog is at <http://dungeondiary.blogspot.com>.

Letters

Cortes needs to go

I don’t always agree with *The Dallas Morning News*, but I believe that paper’s opinion piece titled “Cortes deserves defeat” is correct not only for Precinct 5, but for our community.

I believe Cortes’ time in office has not only been appalling, but that he is part of the “old guard” in our city. Mr. Cortes does not deserve our backing just because he participated in our parade and attended a few meetings.

Our community needs to be above supporting someone just because they are nice to our face and we see them on occasion. We need to get behind someone that at least has a chance to clean up the mess Mr. Cortes has made of the constable’s office.

I believe the old saying “Where there is smoke there is fire” is true in Mr. Cortes’ case. If only 10 percent of all the stories about his corruption are true, he deserves to be voted out.

I have seen him in action and can state for the record that he is not a professional. I heard him at

a meeting of gay people, after he looked at his watch about 20 times, say, “Let’s get out of here.” I took that to mean that he had made his appearance and it was time to move on before anyone had time to ask him about all the stories concerning his conduct in office.

Some people can’t handle power; they only learn how to abuse it. We need someone to restore public trust, and based upon Mr. Cortes’ actions thus far, he is way too deep in corruption to do that.

I don’t know Beth Villarreal, but do believe she offers us a break from the old ways of doing business in Dallas and at the same time give us a fresh start. Please vote for Beth Villarreal for constable Precinct 5. Please note that I do not work for Beth Villarreal and have never had dealing with her in any way. I hate to sound like a negative person, but my vote for her is merely a vote against someone I feel needs to be replaced. ■

*Patrick Murphy
Dallas*

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The smoking ban in Dallas in most public places is coming up on its one-year anniversary. Has it changed the way you go out?

Tracy Morris — “I think it has affected me. I would go places now that I wouldn’t have before.”

Keith Dishman — “No, I haven’t changed, but I do like the ban.”

Danny Ray — “I’m a bartender at the Dallas Eagle. I don’t think it has changed anything. People go out and smoke and come back in.”

Ryan Baldwin — “It hasn’t affected me at all, except when it’s very cold. I still go to Woody’s every day.”

Skye Garrett — “I’m for smokers’ rights. I think too many individual rights are being taken away. And I’m a non-smoker.”

Have a suggestion for a question you’d like us to ask? E-mail it to nash@dallasvoice.com.



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First things first: Mark Dalton is still alive and well, and has no plans to go anywhere. In fact, the gay porn icon — whose sculpted muscles have made him a gay mag cover boy and solo video performer — has a new movie out and his Web site, MarkDaltonXXX.com, is about to relaunch with tons of content. So this is not a farewell.

Instead, it is an introduction.

Meet Jeremy Sons.

Sons (Dalton is his stage name) is a native North Texan who still retains a lazy country drawl: He grew up in tiny Sanger, and describes childhood trips to Denton as “goin’ to town.” It’s an unlikely starting place for a star of gay porn — especially one who’s straight and, let’s face it, effortlessly beautiful. (And young: He just turned 30.)

“Ever since I was 16, I’ve always had a six-pack, no matter what I ate,” he says as steam shoots from my ears. He can’t be serious! But he is.

“Most normal days, I eat Taco Bell, Whataburger with fries, fajitas with sour cream, flan. My mom says it’s good breeding. I’ve never done cardio in my life until the last couple of weeks. For the last 10 years, I’ve been at 200 lbs., though I look different at different times.”

And he’s looking a little different now. That’s because for the last three months, he’s laid off the fast food, as he’s training for his first-ever bodybuilding competition, the Ronnie Coleman Strongman Classic 2010, Mesquite Convention Center, 1700 Rodeo Drive. April 8, 5 p.m. \$30–\$50. 817-465-9331.

THE MUSCLE ISSUE

“I’ve always been a ‘bodybuilder,’” he says, owing equal parts to excellent genes and an interest in working out since he was 12 (his dad is still his workout partner). But aside from power-lifting competitions — “they’re easy to get ready for: You just work out in the gym and eat. It’s just about getting stronger” — the only place you’d likely see him get ripped on purpose was in his movies. And even those, he says, didn’t take much effort. (“In every magazine I’ve even been in, I have *never* dieted,” he says. “Never.”)

His interest is the posing strap started recently. “It was only 95 days out from the competition that I was going to enter,” he says, when he ran into a buddy at his gym who encouraged him to enter.

Sons had just recovered from the flu, and has dropped to 185 lbs. and looked “super-ripped without doing anything special,” he says. He thought he might be able to drop another 10 lbs. and enter the middleweight class. That was not to be, though: He quickly added mass and is back up to 200. So it’s the highly competitive light-heavyweight

for his runway debut.

“Once I decided to do it, I am either 100 percent in or zero,” he says. And that means lots of changes: Eating “tons and tons” of protein (400 grams a day); he’s in the gym six to seven days a week instead of his usual three, spending up to three hours a shot targeting every muscle group.

He’s been helped along by a patron, David, who has financed his training (“400 grams of protein a day is expensive,” he says), but his real enemy is time: Can he be ready with only three months of preparation? Others in the competition have been planning their strategies for six to eight months, possibly longer.

Sons isn’t worried: No one is going to out-train him.

“Some people start months out on their dieting — when I’m gaining weight there are probably a lot of people cutting,” he says. “It comes down to symmetry and muscle quality. Going in there just skin and muscle — no water, no fat. It’s not going to be very pretty!”

He’s also planning to meet with professionals who can coach him on his presentation.

“I’ve been told by many, many people you can look better than the other guys, but if you don’t present it well enough you won’t win. I’ve been around long enough to know what to expect. Confidence has a lot to do with what you do onstage. I have the confidence: I know what I look like.”

Two factors do give him pause: His tattoos, and his alter ego.

“I’ve got *lots* of tattoos now,” he says (though none, thankfully, on

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MEN OF STEEL | Adult stars Mark Dalton, above, and Tony DaVinci, right, have turned their bodies into sculpted masterpieces. Dalton will show his off at a bodybuilding competition next week; DaVinci can get you started on your own any time. (Photos by Arnold Wayne Jones)

Sons also rising

He’s best known as gay adult heartthrob **Mark Dalton**, but the man born **Jeremy Sons** has a new focus: bodybuilding

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THE DAVINCI CODE

Tony Giles knows a few things about getting in shape. Giles — best known to gay audiences as **Tony DaVinci**, a *Playgirl* centerfold and *Men* magazine model, who has been on the covers of *Exercise for Men Only* and *Exercise & Health*, among others — spent much of the last year getting fit again after a serious neck injury that immobilized his left arm and kept him out of the gym for three months. So he knows what it’s like to feel sedentary.

Even when he wasn’t working out, though, Giles maintained his diet regimen: Only carbs in the morning; six smallish meals a day; lots of protein, mostly from fish, chicken and turkey (he allows himself beef once a week, and then only lean bison meat).

Now that he’s recovered, Giles has set up some more shoots — what he calls, “cover model season.” But Giles doesn’t hold his clients to his routine. Rather, he wants to motivate them into being the best they can be.

“When I train people, I don’t expect them to have a fitness model physique,” he explains over a lunch of plain chicken breast and butter-less cooked spinach. “I want them in shape, and shape comes in all sizes.”

Giles has been a trainer since 1999, and has always had a predominantly gay clientele, most of whom aren’t gym-rats. (“My target client is a businessman in his 40s,” he says.) That’s OK with him, though — he sees his role as equal parts expert on technique and cheerleader on overall fitness.

“What motivates me is helping people,” he says. “I like to build up people’s self-esteem. I tell my clients, it’s about the journey, not the destination. There are goals but you’re never satisfied.”

Giles has a lot of suggestions for reaching those goals:

Food for fuel. Don’t think of food as fun, but rather as fuel for your body’s engine. Eat to live, don’t live to eat.

Protein is your friend. “Drink a protein shake right after working out, when your body is starved for protein,” he counsels.

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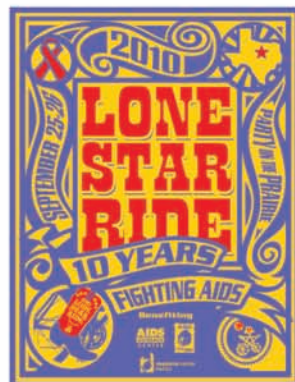
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those famous washboard abs). "I've heard lots of comments that nowadays any seasoned judge is not going to see them, but I might have a problem with any new judges. It's not gonna help but it shouldn't hurt."

And as for Mark Dalton? That *might* hurt, he admits.

"I've heard it ain't gonna help, it won't be great, he says. "I try to keep the two as separate as possible. I can't change what I've done in the past, whether its tattoos or a torn bicep or [his career]."

But he's already looking ahead. There's another pro-am open in bodybuilding later this year, and he plans to enter no matter what happens next week. And how will he celebrate once the competition is over? Cheesecake? Blue Bell? He must be looking ahead to *some* indulgence.

"I'm not making any decisions on that," he says. "I'm just gonna eat and eat and not worry about it." ■



■ DAVINCI, From Page 20

"And consume protein right before bed.

There is good fat. Giles maintains a low-fat diet, but that doesn't mean he stays totally fat free. He gets his fats from fish and nuts, which are healthier for you.

Order on the court. The order in which you do your exercise affects your results. "To gain muscle, do cardio after your workout," he says. "If you're trying to get lean, split it up — half cardio before workout, half after." And mix it up: StairMaster, treadmill, elliptical. Don't stick with just one.

It's OK to cheat a little. Even Giles confesses to indulging in the occasional slice of cheesecake on the weekends. Don't set unreasonable expectations and enjoy life a little. Some divergences don't mean you aren't gonna achieve all you want.

Ultimately, though, it's all up to you.

"I tell my clients, when you're out getting cruised, don't blame me. You did it."

— Arnold Wayne Jones

Tony Giles works out of Pulse Fitness at the Mosaic. For training and nutrition counseling, call 469-835-5964.

Over xxxposure

Forget Hasselbeck, 'Big Bro' star has a post-reality TV career gay men envy

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The headline pretty much said it all: "Big Brother housemate Steven Daigle does hardcore gay porn."

Well, maybe it *doesn't* tell the whole story. But it does beg the question: Is reality TV a gateway to porn?

"You're probably really close to being right on," agrees Daigle.

"You're on 24 hours a day and everything you do is watched. And I was very comfortable being in front of the camera naked."

Not since Elisabeth Hasselbeck has a reality contestant got tongues wagging after a show ended. Daigle seemed to get his 15 minutes of fame last year when he became quickly pigeonholed as "the gay cowboy" on season 10 of *Big Brother*. Although he was booted from the house after only two weeks, the North Texas native engendered a loyal following. And one of those followers was porn director ChiChi LaRue.

"She was a big fan of the show, and we met at the *Big Brother* wrap party," Daigle recalls. "She

invited me to be a guest at Folsom Weekend where I was at this party full of porn stars. I met tons of amazing people in the industry who I became friend with, so I started attending some porn events."

Initially, Daigle didn't seriously consider he could join their ranks.

"I thought I could never do that: I don't have the body, I don't have the looks. These are superhuman people who have the apparatuses to perform," he says. But he began to realize they were "just like me, only in a little better shape."

That's when the seed was planted. Daigle hit the gym and went on a crazy diet. His body took to the conditioning, and he started getting noticed. "I joked that I was hooking up with them anyway, why not be paid for it?" he says.

The result was *Steven Daigle XXXposed*, his hardcore sex video shot in January and distributed by LaRue's Channel 1 Releasing last month. It didn't take long for the film to become a hit. TMZ and Perez Hilton picked up on it and it became a whirlwind. The movie has gotten high marks among gay porn bloggers, and Daigle has

BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN' | Steven Daigle was the gay cowboy on 'Big Brother' but rides a different kind of mount in his new career. (Photo courtesy C1R.com)

already filmed two more with LaRue and has a fourth, with Falcon Studios, on the books for later this month. He's also been making personal appearances, mostly in California.

One of the unusual aspects of Daigle's porn career has been that he performs under his actual name.

"I was all excited about making up my porn name, but ChiChi said, 'Honey you're Steven Daigle — you can't call yourself anything else.' Of course, when you're just a face and a name you can always take back your original name and disappear. But for the rest of my life you can't escape me. Everytime you Google Steven Daigle, porn will pop up."

Which may have its downsides. He received an anonymous e-mail from one family member who "say the usual gay-bashing stuff — calling me a faggot and saying I'm going to hell — but the part that hurt was when he said I was embarrassing the name Daigle." He's also had a falling out with his sister, dating back to some photos of him in leather gear that led her to unfriend him on Facebook. But aside from that, he says, his friends, family and the community in general has been supportive.

"They say as long as I'm happy and making a living and not hurting anybody, go for it," he



says. "I'm not embarrassed and extremely happy where I am in my life now."

But aside from the haters, is there a negative? Sort of, he admits.

The sex part of [making a movie] is very deconstructed. It's not the hot, sexy enticing scenes you see — it's not enjoyable sex. It kind of ruins watching porn for me," he says. He pauses, then adds, "Of course, that's just for me. You should definitely watch the video."

Way ahead of you, Steven. ■

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If you need a gay document-
ary made, Rob Epstein must
be the man to call. Epstein is
responsible for the major tent-
poles in LGBT history with his
roster of films: *The Times of
Harvey Milk*, *Common Threads:
Stories from the Quilt* (both of
which won him Oscars) and
now, his feature film debut,
Howl, about poet Allen Gins-
berg.

But instead of looking back
on his career, Epstein prefers
to look ahead.

"I don't take the time to
think about that," he says. "In
this business, you're always
focused on work in front of you and ahead of
you. It's rare that I ever look back."

But he's looking forward *and* backward this
week in Dallas as he speaks at a Media and
Human Rights in America Sym-
posium Tuesday. He'll not only
reminisce about his past work
but be the subject of a retrospec-
tive tribute and conversation.

"This is a treat for me, to be
honored and to be asked to stand behind this
body of work," he says. "The work we've done
as individuals and as a community all started
with the notion of people taking responsibility
for their own lives — that was a radical and nec-
essary thing to do. Society wasn't going to iden-
tify us, so we did it ourselves."

Epstein's first doc, *Word is Out: Stories of Some
of Our Lives*, put a face on gay America through
some 26 different interviews. Recently remas-
tered and reissued, the film finds a whole new
place in the LGBT documentary canon.

With *Howl*, Epstein tells the story of the iconic



THE TIMES OF ROB EPSTEIN | The acclaimed director will hold a con-
versation about his work at a symposium sponsored by SMU Tuesday.

beat poet's trial for obscenity for including drug
use and homosexuality in his major poem *Howl*.
James Franco stars as Ginsberg who also
costarred in *Milk*, which included clips of Ep-
stein's documentary.

"I met James on the set of *Milk*
— that's how he came to read
the screenplay for *Howl*," Ep-
stein relates. "There was a lot of
synergy and overlap. When I

first met James at a dinner before we brought up
Howl, he was asking for material on [playing
Scott Smith]. For me, I think that was good start-
ing point."

Epstein sees lots of potential for the future of
LGBT filmmaking — and he won't rule out his
own role in that future just yet.

"It's an interesting time," he says. "Holly-
wood is more interested in queer content. And
there are even more specialized, microsections of
films out there. All of that's healthy. Everything
is possible right now on the smallest and the
biggest level. I fall somewhere in between." ■

ROB EPSTEIN

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Men in skirts — in 3-Diety!

The original 1981 stop-motion kid fantasy film **Clash of the Ti-
tans** was an almost instant camp classic, with luminaries like Lau-
rence Olivier and Maggie Smith in a faux sand-and-sandal epic
opposite pretty-boy no-names. It was all laughable fun.

The new remake, in a quickly-tacked-on 3-D version, has some
grand ambitions (it pays lip service to themes of human arro-
gance, and includes scenes of rape and fantastical violence), it's
mostly happy being both mythical *and* silly. It doesn't want to be
compared to *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy or even *Gladiator* —
Troy is good enough.

A holdover from the original are the "legit" actors (Liam Neeson,
Ralph Fiennes) giving credence to the nonsense while bathed in
'70s-era Koo Stark porn lighting. But also holding over are scantily
dressed hot guys (especially *Avatar* star Sam Worthington, pic-
tured) holding their own amid some fairly enjoyable visual effects.
It's wonderful bubblegum entertainment.

— Arnold Wayne Jones

Rating: Three stars



Drawing Dallas

Happiness blooms in many ways for Michele Rosenquist

MARK STOKES | Illustrator
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Basketful of joy

Name: Michele Rosenquist

Spotted at: Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market (produce section)

Occupation: Clinical social worker. "I've always helped people with their problems so I made it my profession," she says.

What's in her basket:

Michele loves to travel and has made it her goal to leave the country at least twice a year. She enjoys yoga, hiking (urban and in other countries) and reading (when she has time).

Her maternal instinct has always been to care for animals, and she shares her life with her two cats. Michele's goals are to be happy, be wealthy in spirit and health and share her life with someone that will treat her like the princess she is.



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Diabolical sport

The Diablos, Dallas' male and female rugby teams, aren't for sissies



TOUGH ENOUGH | Both the men and women's sides of the Dallas Diablos engage in rugby union.

There's something both familiar and attractive about the sport of rugby. With roots dating back almost 200 years, rugby union — the most common form of the sport — looks like a cross between American-style football and what we call soccer (and everywhere else in the world calls "futbol").

The Dallas Diablos, first established in 2002 as a gay men's rugby team, is a member of the International Gay Rugby Association and Board

(IGRAB), but men's captain Will Padilla says both the men's and now women's sides seek diversity across age, race, ethnicity and sexual orientation.

The Diablos women's side was formed in 2008, and captain Katie Newman says that friendship and a love of rugby outweigh any concerns over one's orientation. Although terms like "maul" and "ruck" aren't ones you might normally associate with women, head coach Jen-

nifer Nollkamper says her players are fierce and physical competitors.

While the look and feel of rugby is familiar to the average American football fan, the subtle nuances of the sport requires some time on the pitch to fully understand (*see sidebar*).

If you're not willing to take or deliver a hit, rugby is not the game for you. According to third-year player Gary Burrows, who has played both football and soccer, rugby is "much more physically demanding than football, and since it's played without pads the hitting is not as intense. But you got to be in great shape."

Yet for all its seeming barbarism, tackling techniques and rules are designed to protect players. Team president AJ Tello says players are taught to tackle cheek-to-cheek, which means wrapping their arms around a player's midsection, gaining leverage and forcing them to the ground. High tackling, or attempting to deliver a blow to bring someone down, results in a penalty and possible suspension.

The physical nature of the game is what attracted April Beamon and Stephanie Maloney to the sport, and they both affirmed that you must be a little crazy to play rugby. Padilla adds that for him rugby, is "a way to release aggression," while most players speak of the desire to challenge themselves beyond the standard gym workout. Diablos' player Charles Sauter admits he even hired a trainer to improve his conditioning — otherwise, "I wouldn't last."

— Ricky Bradley

ORGANIZED MAYHEM

Rugby union has been called a hooligans' sport played by gentlemen, but the mechanics of the game can resemble American-style football. Here's how they are alike — and different.

How rugby is like football. Rugby union is a full contact team sport, played with an oval-shaped ball, where sides advance the ball towards a goal by running and passing. A team can score either by kicking it through the goal posts, or touching the ball down in the goal area. In rugby, the team captain's role is analogous to a football quarterback.

How rugby differs from football. In rugby, 15 players are divided into two positions, forwards and backs. Forwards are generally bigger and more physical, while backs tend to be smaller and faster, making them more likely to be the main points scorers. There's no huddling in rugby, or timeouts to call set plays, and the ball cannot be passed forward. Tackling occurs, and is completed only when the ball-carrier is held to the ground, so if a player is knocked down or slips down, they can get to their feet and continue running. Once tackled, a player releases the ball, either by passing to a teammate or placing it on the ground.

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A little TLC

Dallas gay couple tells 'Baby Story'

STEVEN LINDSEY | Contributing Writer
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From what I've gleaned from the moms who turn down my Sunday brunch requests during their third trimesters, having a baby is hard. Having that baby in a room filled with TV cameras, sound guys and producers is on an entirely different level. But that's what April Prohaska and Meggan Yedsena agreed to when they applied to appear on an episode of TLC's show *A Baby Story*.

Prohaska (who owns The Pooch Patio and Paws Pet Services) and Yedsena (a personal trainer and pharmaceutical rep) have been a couple for five years, but have known each other for 18. They decided to have a child and found a known donor, Jason Campbell (who has a partner, Graig Williams), introduced through a mutual friend, Sara Offringa.

"We wanted our child to know their father. Jason had casually mentioned that he had wanted to procreate, but did not necessarily want to raise a child," Prohaska says.

They hit it off and after she and Yedsena discussed all possible scenarios, decided it was the best solution for everyone.

In the episode, "Baby Prohaska," which aired on Tuesday, the producers presented the story of the two couples and one child with an incredible amount of compassion and lack of sensationalism. And after viewing it for the first time with the rest of America, Prohaska and Yedsena couldn't be happier.

"I think this for us was the most incredible gift we could have received because it is such a detailed account and documentation of our entire



LIGHTS! CAMERA! CONTRACTION! | Prohaska and Yedsena took labor to TV. (Photo by Stephan Brandt)

process," Prohaska says. "Not many people can recollect or have documented film footage and photographs of so many intimate and special moments."

The crew filmed for three days: Once soon before Prohaska's water broke (two weeks ahead of a scheduled inducement of labor), a second time for the birth, and again a month after Dylan Campbell Prohaska, now six months, was born.

"It was very demanding and difficult at times," Prohaska says, but the end result was worth it. And they'd agree to do it again in a heartbeat.

"It was an amazing process and TLC was fabulous," she says. "Our hope is that by doing this show we reach a very broad audience to portray two people who love one another very much and happen to be gay. We want to empower and support our child to be very loving, accepting and tolerant in a very challenging world." ■

What's cookin' on 'Masters'

Of all the reality shows on Bravo, *Top Chef* may be the least gay. Not to say they aren't gay friendly, but maybe it's just the out chefs don't often fare too well.

That's changing with **Top Chef Masters**, the haute cuisine spin-off that pits award-winning celebrity chefs against each other for charity. Last season, lesbian chef Anita Lo and gay cook Art Smith were finalists; this season, the queer factor is ratcheted up even more.

On the season premiere this week, L.A. and Las Vegas lesbian chef Susan Feniger (founder of the delicious Tex-Mex palace Border Grill, pictured) goes head-to-head with gay chef Jerry Traufeld, a James Beard winner for his Seattle bistro Poppy. It's not spoiling much to say one of their teams advances. Subsequent weeks include Houston's Monica Pope in competition, though we don't know how that one ends. And that's all in addition to out judge James Oseland sniffing his way through their dishes.

There's a different vibe to *Masters* than to *Top Chef*, because even while some of the challenges



are gimmicky — the premiere has these gifted craftsmen creating edibles from a gas station food mart — each really is a "top chef" already. They are playing for fun and don't suffer bullshit well. It could feel humiliating; instead, it makes you want to travel to each of their restaurants. This may be TV's most delicious game show.

— Arnold Wayne Jones

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Tolerant and lovely, Bulgaria makes Eastern Europe surprisingly gay-friendly

JON FAIRBANKS | Contributing Travel Writer
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"You know, Bulgarians are the first European people in the world," an older gentleman tells me just minutes after stepping off of my bus. "We also invented the saddle and horseback riding."

These moments are telling of the national pride and history this once mighty and now re-emerging Eastern European nation possesses. Nowhere is that past more apparent than in the country's bustling capital Sofia, which stands as one of the most religiously tolerant cities in the world — a mosque, synagogue, evangelical church and Orthodox cathedral have co-existed for hundreds of years within 100 yards of each other.

Charming lanes, a bustling market culture and lovely parks make this city the perfect jumping off point for a Bulgarian adventure. The gay scene is booming as well. With five gay bars and one world-class dance club, there is no shortage of gay nightlife. Clustered near Place Pozitano, this part of the city may very well be Eastern Europe's first real gayborhood. Whether you're

after ancient relics, cool cafes or an all-night party, Sofia has got it all.

Bulgaria is squeezed between Romania, Turkey, Greece and Serbia, with Sofia in the west central portion of the country. The world famous Rila monastery is roughly 100 miles south, deep in the magnificent Rodopi mountains. East of there, in Plovdiv, are some of the best-preserved Roman relics in Europe.

Go north and you'll end up in Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria's medieval center complete with castles, old city walls and narrow streets. You're now near the world class Black Sea coast in Varna. Tiny beach towns and resorts dot the entire eastern edge of the country along the coast, so give yourself ample time to explore the empty beaches.

Homosexual acts have been legal here since 1968, though public attitudes toward homosexuality are mixed and the gay scene stays mostly to itself. You'll want to tread lightly, but gays and lesbians are allowed to serve openly in the military and the nation's constitution bans all dis-

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Sofia's gay nightlife rocks.

Whether you're after a quiet lounge, ruckus bar or all-out nightclub, this city delivers. I.D. Club boasts a state-of-the-art sound and light system, go-go boys and drag queens with drink prices that aren't over the top and a cover charge that's pretty standard for this part of the world.

Why Not? is an excellent bar and mini-disco that features shirtless bartenders and very flattering lighting. Discreet, a cute but tiny bar located underground in the center of the city, centers around a dance pole that no doubt leads to some wildly entertaining moments. The bar hosts regular shows of all sorts.

Like so much of Eastern Europe, Bulgaria is best seen by car. There is just one major highway and it's about 20 miles long. Still, the slower speeds mean more time to take in the gorgeous scenery.

online exclusives

• The eight-time Tony Award winner *Spring Awakening* brings daring rock-score musical theater to the Winspear. Read Arnold Wayne Jones' review on DallasVoice.com:: Stage.

• Lesbians have swooned for **Renee O'Connor** since she brought campy subtext as Gabrielle to *Xena: Warrior Princess*. The actress is now filming a new film in North Texas. Find out about it at DallasVoice.com::Screen.



THE OLD AND THE NEW | Plovdiv boasts some great Roman Empire relics, but is also a casual and friendly mountain town with cafes and open-air bars.

Be warned, though: Driving in Bulgaria is not for the faint of heart. Speed limits change often and usually seem to be oddly slow. If you get pulled over do not pay any fines directly to the officer. (If you're staying in town, taxis are remarkably cheap.)

Set in a valley surrounded by massive snow-capped peaks, Koprivshitsa is a quintessential Bulgarian village. This town of 6,000 is where Bulgaria's revolution began, and several homes have been turned into museums that allow for an inside look at how life used to be.

Perhaps one of the world's most well-known monasteries, Rila is set deep in the Rila Mountain Range of the Rodopi Mountains along a soothing river. If for no other reason, make a stop here for a few moments of serenity. There is also a church, museum and book shop inside if stepping out of the real world isn't enough for you. The monastery lets rooms to weary travelers at very reasonable rates.

Once a mighty Roman city, Plovdiv is certainly Bulgaria's most laid back mountain city. Open-air bars, trendy cafes and quite possibly one of the most well-preserved second century Roman amphitheaters make it a must-see.

Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria's medieval capital of 70,000 offers fortresses, cobblestone streets and an impressive sound and light show that is certain to wow visitors.

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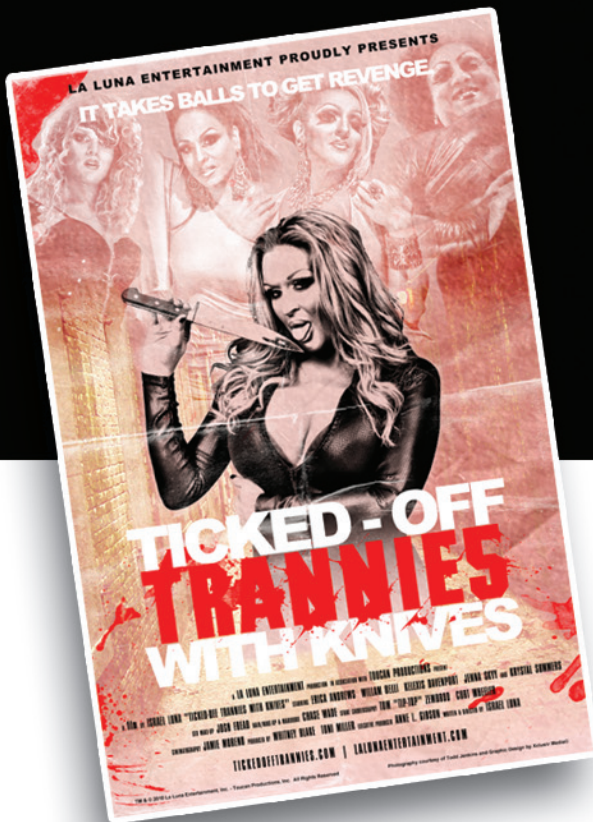
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Sunday 04.04

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Tuesday 04.06

Bring on the kitsch and rollerskates

The cheese factor behind *Xanadu* is off the charts, but it's what makes the film a kitschy classic. Now the tale of a Greek muse, the guy who falls for her and a big roller rink comes to life on the stage. Even though the film was a bomb, the musical garnered a 2008 Tony nomination for best musical and book by gay playwright, Dougals Carter Beane.

DEETS: Music Hall at Fair Park, 909 First Ave. April 6-18. \$15-\$65. DallasSummerMusicals.org

Thursday 04.08

Head shrinking never looked so funny

In the film, *We Have To Stop Now*, Dyna and Kit are therapists who wrote a book about having a successful relationship. Come to find out, when a reality show comes calling to film their lives, they aren't quite as happy as they wanna be but put on a happy face for the cameras.

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Dallas Fresh Leather meets. Dallas Resource Center, 2701 Reagan St. 7 p.m. NLA-Dallas.org.

Good Friday worship. Ascension Lutheran Church, 4230 W. Buckingham Road, Garland. 7 p.m. AscensionTexas.org.

THEATER

The Beauty Plays. Three plays by Neil LaBute play in repertory. Through May 23. Sundays, Tuesdays–Thursdays at 7 p.m., Fridays–Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., weekend matinees at 2 p.m. Wyly Theater, 2400 Flora St. \$15–\$80. ATTPAC.org

Bill W. and Dr. Bob, a comedy about the founders of Alcoholics Anonymous. Theater Too, 2800 Routh St. Through April 25. Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays–Saturdays at 8 p.m., weekend matinees at 2:30 p.m. \$25–\$30. Theatre3.com.

Dark of the Moon is about a witch boy who falls for a human girl. Presented by Level Ground Arts. Dallas Hub Theater, 2809 Canton St. April 2–24. Fridays–Saturdays at 8:15 p.m. \$20. LevelGroundArts.com.

Persephone, Queen of the Dead. Presented by MBS Productions. Stone Cottage Theater, 15650 Addison Road. Through April 10. Thursdays–Saturdays at 8 p.m. \$18–\$21. MBSProductions.net.

Spring Awakening. Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. Through Sunday. Friday–Saturday at 8 p.m., weekend matinees at 2 p.m. \$25–\$120. ATTPAC.org.

ART

License to Steel. Michael Kalish exhibition of his work using license plates and tailgates as his medium. Samuel Lynne Galleries, 1105 Dragon St. Through May 1. SamuelLynne.com.

Jimmy Kuehnle public art performance. The artist wears a specially made inflatable and walks through downtown continuing his message of, “Stop. Talk to me. We are both people.” DART Rail Akard Station, Akard St. at Pacific Ave. Noon. JimmyKuehnle.com.

COMEDY

Dysfunctional Divas. Steven Jay Crabtree’s one man show as six different characters. Pocket Sandwich Theatre, 5400 E. Mockingbird Lane. Friday and Saturday at 11:15 p.m. \$10 plus one food item.

SATURDAY 04.03

COMMUNITY

DFW Bi Net Bisexual, Bi-Curious and Allies Support Group meets. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 11 a.m. Brown bag lunch encouraged. E-mail SupportGroup@dfwbi.net for more details.

Firedancers Annual Cakewalk with prizes going for best cake, decorating and baked goods. Proceeds go to various charities. Hidden Door, 5025 Bowser Road. 2:30 p.m. Firedancers.org/Dallas.



SON OF A WITCH | Level Ground Arts opens ‘Dark of the Moon’ this week. It’s goth meets ‘Romeo and Juliet’ when a boy witch finds his affections for a human girl can be a troublesome issue.

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CONCERTS

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SUNDAY 04.04

Consider contacting these organizations prior to visiting due to the Easter holiday.

COMMUNITY

Order of St. Francis and St. Clare every first and third Sunday. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 12:30 p.m.

Oak Lawn Tennis Association. Samuel-Grand Tennis Center, 6200 E. Grand Ave. 9 a.m.–noon. OLTADallas.org.

Easter Sunday morning celebration. Ascension Lutheran Church, 4230 W. Buckingham Road, Garland. 6:30 a.m. AscensionTexas.org.

BROADCAST

Lambda Weekly. Gay and lesbian radio for North Texas with David Taffet, Patti Fink and Lerone Landis. 89.3 KNON-FM at noon.

The Rick Vanderslice Show streams daily at noon on RationalRadio.org.

Cathedral of Hope service. Ch. 8 at 12:35 a.m.

MONDAY 04.05

COMMUNITY

Dallas Prime Timers play bridge at member’s residence. 1 p.m. Call 972-504-8866 for details.

Caffeine + Character. Cathedral of Hope youth

meeting for ages 14-22 at Buli Café, 3908 Cedar Springs Road.

F.A.C.E., support group for those impacted by HIV/AIDS in any capacity. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 7 p.m. Cathedralofhope.com.

CONCERTS

Rolling Kirtan Review with Krishna Das, Deva Premal, Miten and Manose. Presented by Earth Rhythms. Unity Church of Dallas, 6525 Forest Lane. 7:30 p.m. \$30–\$50. UnityDallas.org.

TUESDAY 04.06

COMMUNITY

Gaymsters bridge club. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 2 p.m.

Oak Lawn Tennis Association. L. B. Houston Tennis Center, 11225 Luna Road. 6 p.m.–9 p.m. OLTADallas.org.

Classic Chassis Car Club. El Fenix Downtown, 1601 McKinney Ave. at Woodall Rodgers Freeway. 6:30 p.m. 214-446-0606.

National Leather Association-Dallas meeting. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 7 p.m. NLA-Dallas.org

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WEDNESDAY 04.07

COMMUNITY

Dallas Prime Timers play bridge at member’s residence. 7 p.m. Call 972-504-8866 for details.

Gay Teen Project. 909 W. Magnolia St., Suite 2, Fort Worth. 7 p.m. 817-332-7722.

First Wednesday on Cedar Springs. Area merchants offer sales, refreshments and entertainment along Cedar Springs and Oak Lawn. 6–10 p.m.

THURSDAY 04.08

COMMUNITY

Dallas Gay and Lesbian Bar Association monthly luncheon meeting. Belo Mansion, 2101 Ross Ave. Noon. 214-540-4460.

PFLAG Dallas. Northaven United Methodist Church, 12101 Preston Road. 7 p.m. 972-77PFLAG.

The Group for black men who are HIV-positive. 2900 Live Oak St., 7 p.m. 214-868-7315.

GAIN social. The GLBT and Aging Interest Network meets at Bengal Coast Restaurant, 3102 Oak Lawn Ave., in the Centrum. 6:30 p.m. Call 214-528-0144 for information.

FILM

Dallas International Film Festival begins. Angelika Film Center, 5321 E. Mockingbird Lane. Through April 18. DallasFilm.org.



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CELEBRITY BIRTHDAY

By Jack Fertig



Janis Ian turns 59 on Wednesday. The Grammy-winner hit it big with the 1975 hit, "At Seventeen." The out singer has since gone from label hitmaker to indie artist. She's still recording but defies the industry by putting music on her site for free. That kind of rebellious attitude hasn't hurt her too much. Ian is currently touring the country and still drawing a crowd.

ARIES Mar 20-Apr 19

Recalculate the equation of any partnership that's troubling you. Strong instincts could lead you astray, but probably contain a kernel of truth. Friends can help you reconcile those with reality.

TAURUS Apr 20-May 20

Feeling stuck at work can push you back to re-examine your goals. What do you really have to offer? If professional goals feel nebulous, frame the question in terms of your social ideals.

GEMINI May 21-Jun 20

While your goals are in flux, go back to basics. The relevant virtues are taught early in life. Be nice, share and try to learn. Community service can also help clear your head.

CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22

Discuss longstanding issues with siblings or neighbors. Things probably aren't as dark and complicated as they feel. New perspectives will help if you're willing to be very open-minded.

LEO Jul 23-Aug 22

New ideas can get you out of financial trouble, but first understand why you got into that trouble. You won't get that on your own. Your partner or an advisor can help you figure it out.

VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

Taking the weight of the world on your shoulders is bad for your health. Discussing problems with your partner or friend, is necessary even if aggravating. Exercise and meditation can help.

LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

It seems you can't catch a break, so make one for yourself. Take time off to play. Settle your nerves and charge up your batteries. You need this. In the long run it's the responsible thing to do.

SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

Take a look at your future and get ready to clear out the clutter in your life. Mending fences could mean quitting some friendships and groups, but offers a chance to make it clean and amicable.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 20

Clean up loose ends and nasty rumors affecting your reputation. Helpful inspiration comes from your home and family. Advice from siblings and neighbors can seem confusing, but valuable.

CAPRICORN Dec 21-Jan 19

Coming toward a peak in your professional reputation, now is the time to get the word out about your achievements and services. Typos and snafus lie in wait. Be attentive to those details.

AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

You're coming into a phase of life where your ideas and mind will be much challenged. Review what you believe and why. Confusion about what's important can be a healthy stage of growth.

PISCES Feb 19-Mar 19

Feeling unsure about sex and relationships can be a good step toward greater awareness. Meditation and other secluded retreats will ease the exploration.

THIS WEEK

Saturn backing into Virgo reminds us to clean up old business before starting new relationships. Aspecting Uranus and Neptune, she'll dig up complications that must be dealt with to make progress. Go slowly and carefully. You have until late July to get it right.

Jack Fertig can be reached at 415-864-8302 or Starjack.com

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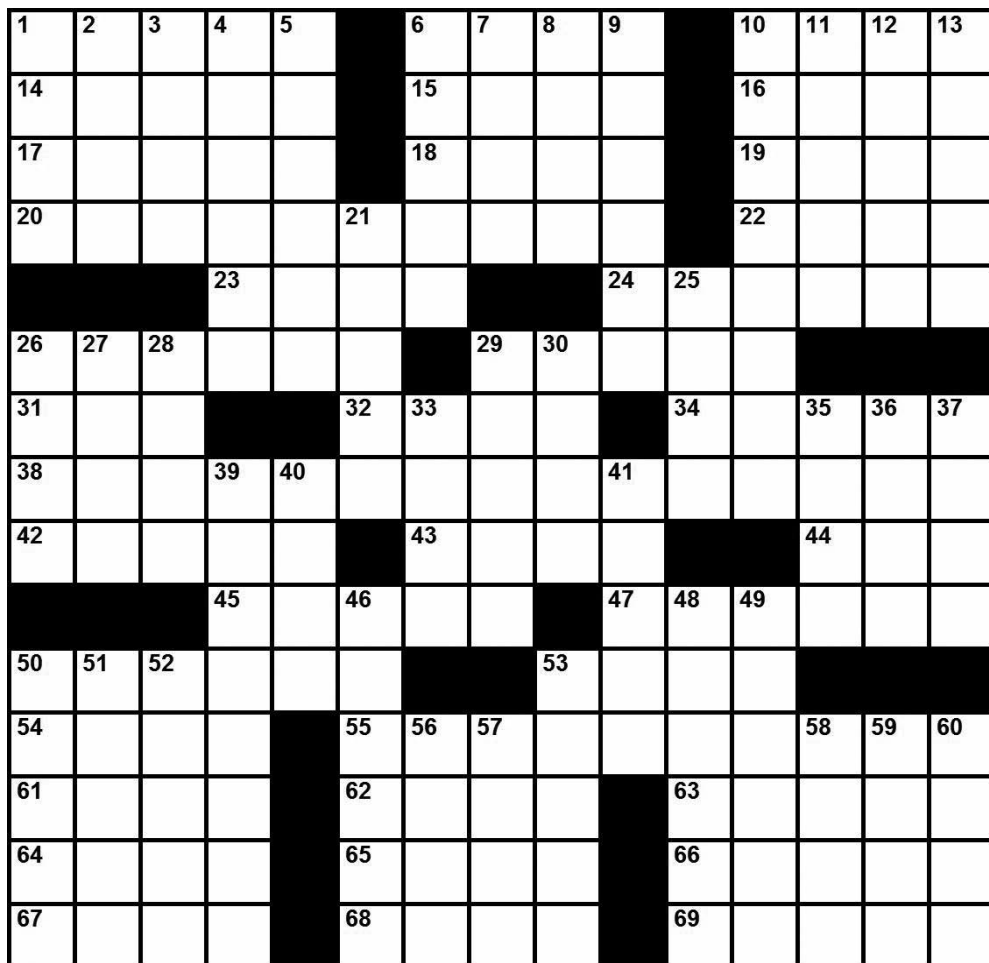
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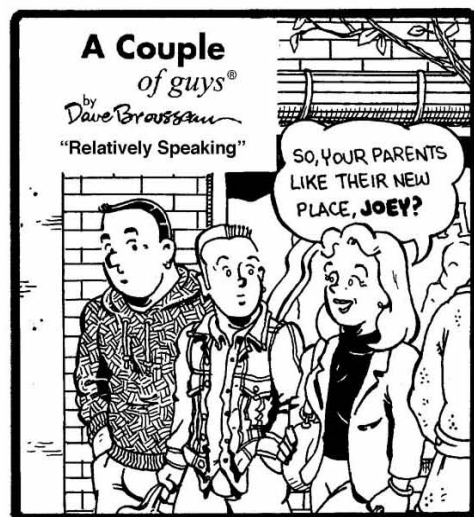
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- 24 Regis, to Kathie Lee
- 26 Keanu Reeves film series, with "The"
- 29 Place where a Greek would speak
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- 47 Oakland tight end, e.g.

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- 61 Where Boy Scouts sleep together
- 62 Gay nightlife district of London
- 63 Is bothered by
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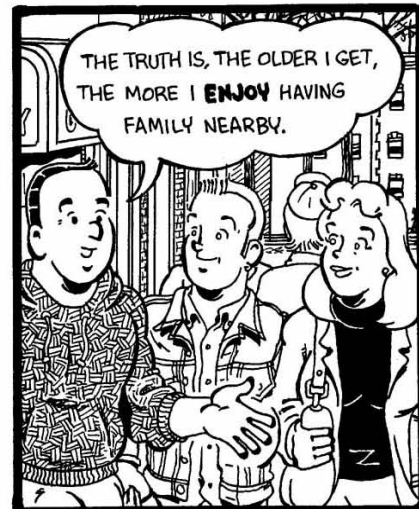
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- 10 Filmmaker Ismail
- 11 Cold explosion
- 12 Incriminating evidence, with "the"
- 13 Atlas enlargement
- 21 She's a real fox
- 25 Rock group?
- 26 "Inches" and "Curve"
- 27 Running wild
- 28 Kind of list
- 29 Ready to shoot off
- 30 Bygone GM cars
- 33 "Why, ___ delighted!"
- 35 Home paper
- 36 Michelangelo's painting and sculpture
- 37 Peter the Great, for one
- 39 TV wife of two gay Dicks
- 40 Loads
- 41 Marilyn's almost normal name?
- 46 In contrast with
- 48 Male counterpart of Earhart
- 49 Deep blue
- 50 Spear carrier
- 51 Accusation of pedophilia, e.g.
- 52 Like a nervous Nellie
- 53 Wishful words
- 56 Sappho's "I"
- 57 Nick Malgieri, for one
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- 59 Bad day for Caesar
- 60 Therapist's response



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Ava and Dawn at Sisters Club.



Harvey, Lisa, Mike, Miguel and Liliana at Rush.

Everybody's going to be hunting for eggs this weekend for Easter. Maybe you'll find a few, along with some sweet treats, at these goings-on this week **Woody's** wants you to put your basket to good use. They host an **Easter Egg Hunt** Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. **JR.'s Bar & Grill** holds an **Easter Bonnet Contest** on Sunday for cash prizes **The 1851 Club** in Arlington keeps the week hopping with the **Twisted Tuesdays Variety Show** with **Sierra Diamond** and **Thursday Retro Karaoke** with **Tasha** **Jack's Backyard** is having a killer music weekend. Rocker **Johnny Lloyd Rollins** plays Friday night. Saturday night is the time to get down with **Bona Fide Blues** **Sisters Club** will host the **Life's a Drag Show** Saturday night at 10 p.m. **The Hidden Door** keeps a busy Saturday this week with back-to-back fundraisers. Get your baked goods ready for the **Firedancers' Cake Walk** at 2 p.m. After, freshen up for the **TGPA Bachelor Auction** at 7 p.m. Sounds like desserts all day long at the bar **Anton Shaw** does double duty this weekend at **Sue Ellen's**. She performs Friday night with her band **The Reason** and then Sunday night with **Trouble**. In between, alt-rockers **The Bright** take over the stage Saturday night **Kaliente** brings the divas all week long. They bring back "**La Grandota de Argentina**" **Koko Chanel** on Monday. **Nicky Lauren** and her **Las Iguaitas** perform Thursday and Sunday. **Miss Karlotta** tests your singing skills at **Tuesday's Karaoke Contest**.

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Edward and Jeffery at Illusions.



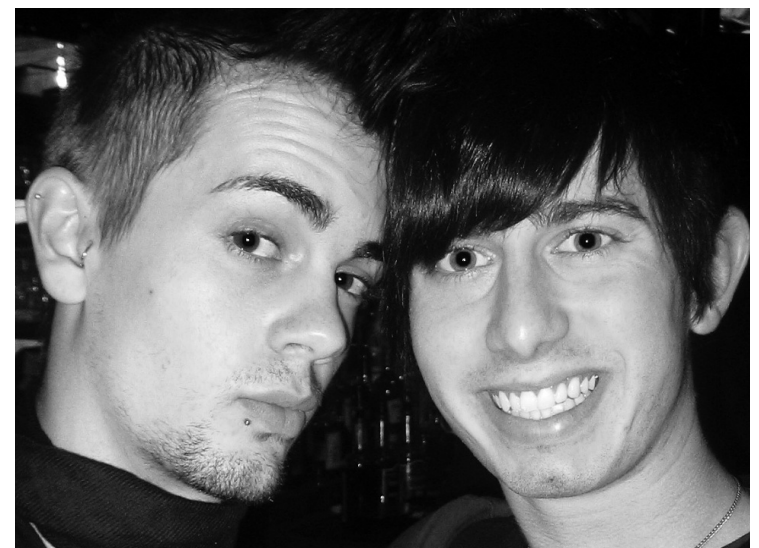
Nicole and Royce at Hungdinger.



Lisa and Linda at Jack's Backyard.

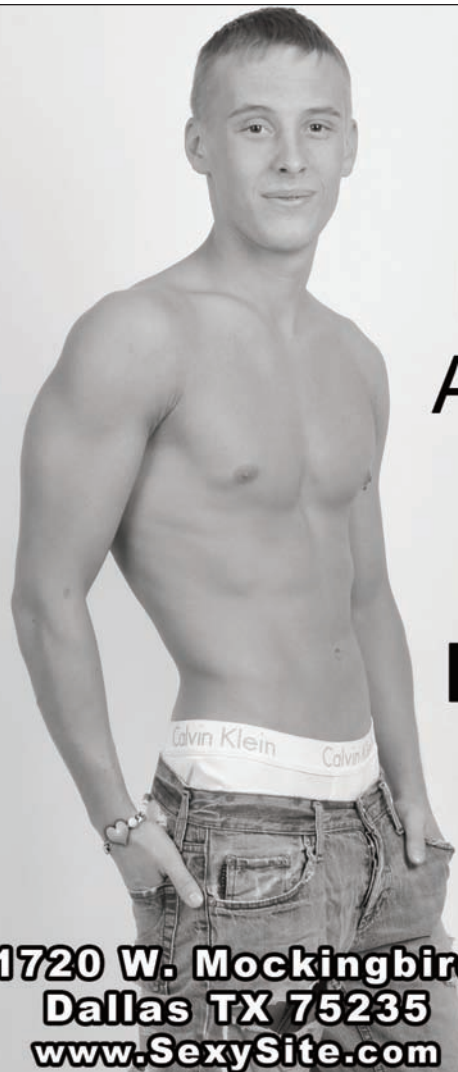


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