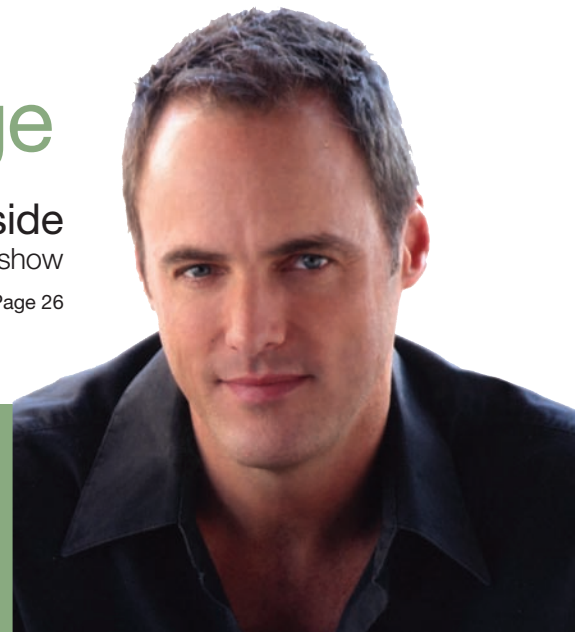


# Gary Floyd heads back to the stage

'Songs from an Unmade Bed' explores its bi side  
Floyd kisses girls and boys in Contemporary Theatre's new show

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## LGBT advocates blast divorce case ruling

Lambda Legal attorney calls 5th District's decision 'worst of opinions,' warns further appeals could set damaging precedent for marriage

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Texas is justified in prohibiting same-sex marriage — and divorce — because gay couples can't

procreate and because children are better off raised by heterosexual parents, according to a ruling handed down by a state appeals court in Dallas this week.

But these prohibitions don't unfairly target same-sex couples because Texas also prohibits bigamous and polygamous heterosexual marriage, and because gay couples do enjoy some state protections, such as the ability to seek protective orders from domestic violence, the court said.

Allowing same-sex couples to divorce in Texas

would redefine the fundamental institution of marriage, according to the court's opinion. And if same-sex couples want more legal rights, they should petition the Texas Legislature, not the judiciary.

Dallas' 5th District Court of Appeals ruled Tuesday, Aug. 31 that a gay couple legally married in Mas-



Ken Upton

sachusetts cannot obtain a divorce in Texas. The ruling overturned a district judge's decision last year that declared the state's marriage bans unconstitutional. Democratic District Judge Tena Callahan's October 2009 decision allowing the gay couple to seek a divorce was appealed by Republican Attorney General Greg Abbott.

LGBT advocates slammed Tuesday's long-awaited, 38-page ruling in the case, which came from an all-Republican, three-judge panel of the appeals court.

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## VOP winners shine in Manchester

Arizpe, Carrizales wow crowd with performance on final day of 10-day Pride celebration in England

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MANCHESTER, England — A couple from Dallas brought a bit of Texas to England this week and stole the show on the final day of Manchester Pride 2010, the city's 10-day Pride celebration.

Mel Arizpe and Laura Carrizales were the winners of Dallas's Voice of Pride, an annual contest sponsored by the Dallas Tavern Guild. Arizpe came in first place, winning a trip for two to Manchester and \$3,000.

As luck would have it, Arizpe's girlfriend, Laura Carrizales, won second place in the contest.

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**TALENT ABROAD** | Mel Arizpe, right, winner of the 2010 Voice of Pride competition, sings a duet with her partner — and VOP first runner-up — Laura Carrizales during their appearance at the Manchester Pride celebration on Monday, Aug. 30. (Photo courtesy MRNY.com)



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# Shooting victim recovering

Doug Tull ran to Pekers after being shot in the chest and remains in fair condition at Parkland Hospital

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A 49-year-old Oak Lawn resident was shot during a robbery early Monday morning, Aug. 30, when he was walking alone in his neighborhood. Doug Tull is recovering at Parkland Hospital following surgery to repair damage from the gunshot wound to his upper abdomen.

Frank Holland, the owner of the bar Pekers, was in his bar when Tull entered at about 1 a.m.

"He walked in the door and said, 'Help, I've been stabbed,'" Holland said.

He said his business partner Ron Nelson ran behind the bar and called 9-1-1.

Nelson said he thought Tull was kidding until

he saw the blood.

"Before he [Nelson] hung up, there were two police cars here," Holland said. But ambulance response was much slower. Holland caught the entire incident on camera and said it took 6½ minutes for the emergency vehicle to arrive.

A witness who asked not to be identified saw the shooting from his apartment.

"I was sitting out on my porch," he said. "Doug crossed Shelby and Brown walking toward Oak Lawn."

He heard the confrontation but was too far to help stop it.

He said he heard Tull yell, "I don't have any money" and then a shot and called police.

So when Tull arrived at Pekers, the police were already on their way to the area.

Tull said that he was walking toward Oak Lawn Avenue and a car pulled up from behind him. He

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POINT BLANK | Oak Lawn resident Doug Tull remains in fair condition at Parkland Hospital after being shot at point blank range early Monday morning. (John Wright/Dallas Voice)

## Leppert, Hill to miss Pride

For the second time in four years, Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert will miss Dallas' gay Pride parade.

Chris Heinbaugh, Leppert's openly gay chief of staff, told Instant Tea this week that Leppert has a "long-standing personal commitment" on the day of the parade, Sept. 19.

Leppert, a political conservative, surprised some when he appeared in the parade his first year in office, 2007. He was only the second Dallas mayor ever to appear at gay Pride, after Laura Miller.



Leppert at Pride in '07

Leppert missed the parade in 2008 due to a family matter, but attended the parade again last year.

Heinbaugh declined to elaborate on Leppert's "personal commitment" this year.

In 2009, all 15 councilmembers except for Vonciel Jones Hill and Carolyn Davis attended Pride.

This year, the only two councilmembers who've said they won't be there are Leppert and Hill, according to a staff member in Councilwoman Angela Hunt's office who's handling the invitations.

District 7's Davis, who's twice before attended Pride, RSVP'd for the event last year but later said she was unable to attend due to "personal family business." Davis has RSVP'd for the event again this year, according to Hunt's staffer.

Hill, on the other hand, has told Dallas Voice she'll never attend Pride.

No one answered the phone in Hill's office this week, but we're assuming her reason for not attending the parade hasn't changed. Here's what she told us a year ago:

"I won't be participating [this year], and based on my present beliefs, I won't be participating in the future," Hill said. "There's no reason I should be castigated for that."

"I believe that all people are loved by God, all people are created equal under God, but there are acts that God does not bless," she said. "It does not mean the person is any less God's child. I'm entitled to stand for what I believe, and I don't appreciate anyone castigating me for standing for what I believe."

Not only does Hill not believe in gay Pride, but she also even refuses to sign the letter from the City Council that appears in the Dallas Tavern Guild's annual Pride guide, which will be distributed inside this coming Friday's Dallas Voice.

The letter simply congratulates and thanks the Tavern Guild for putting on another successful Pride celebration. The staffer in Hunt's office said Hill is the only council member who refused to sign the letter.

With a city election in May 2011, we're hoping this will be Hill's last chance to totally disrespect her LGBT constituents in District 5.

— John Wright



REHEARSING | Members of the Turtle Creek Chorale warm up before rehearsal this week to prepare for a performance at Cathedral of Hope as part of the GALA leadership conference. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

## GALA leaders meeting in Dallas this weekend

Palant hopes annual leadership conference will lead to chance for Dallas to host 2016 choral festival

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The annual GALA Choruses leadership conference began Thursday, Sept. 2 at the Warwick Melrose Hotel in Dallas and continues through Sunday, Sept. 5.

The annual convention focuses on both the artistic and administrative sides of managing choral groups. Every four years, the full choruses gather for a choral festival.

In 2012, the festival will be held in Denver. Dallas was in the running but lost the summer event to Colorado's milder climate.

But Jonathan Palant, artistic director of Dallas' Turtle Creek Chorale, said this weekend's conference is "a wonderful precursor to a much larger festival that will one day come to this city."

He said he hopes to bring the quadrennial festival to Dallas in 2016.

"We have the venues," he said. "We have the hotels. We have the Arts District. We have a strong, wonderful GLBT presence in this city."

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### Artists Against AIDS auction set for October at Community Arts Center

AIDS Outreach Center of Tarrant County's annual Artists Against AIDS Silent Art Auction is set for Oct. 23, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Fort Worth Community Arts Center.

Artwork will be on display from Oct. 1 to Oct. 23.

The event will feature food, entertainment, an open bar with wine and beer and a silent auction including a selection of high-quality fine art from local and regional artists. Tickets for the auction and party are \$75.

This year's honorary co-chairs are state Sen. Wendy Davis, and Fort Worth City Councilman Joel Burns. Event co-chairs are Cynthia Hodgkins and Sarah Garrett. Featured artists for the evening are Henrietta Milan and Eric Stevens.

### ACLU executive director to speak at Oak Cliff Unitarian

Terri Burke, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas, will speak Sept. 15 on recent decisions by the Texas State Board of Education that some people believe were an abuse of authority by board members who forced their own personal ideologies into Texas public schools' curricula.

The meeting will be held from 7 p.m. to 8:30

p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Oak Cliff, 3839 W. Kiest Blvd. in Dallas. The event is co-sponsored by the ACLU of Texas and the Unitarian Church of Oak Cliff. Admission is free and open to the public.

### Black Tie offers Joan Jett VIP Weekend for Four, more in auction

Black Tie Dinner announced that bidding has opened for a Sept. 18 Joan Jett weekend VIP package for four courtesy of DiamondJack's Casino and Resort. Bidding will close on Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 9 p.m.

The package features two nights' accommodations for four people (two rooms) at the Casino Resort in Shreveport/Bossier City, four VIP tickets to the Joan Jett and the Blackheart performance on Saturday, Sept. 18 and a meet-and-greet with Jett. Dinner for four at DJ's Steakhouse (up to \$400), Saturday buffet lunch and two breakfast buffets for four and \$500 in cash are also included.

Go to the BlackTie.org to bid.

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# Because I learned what's important

**EDDIE MUNOZ**  
Team Dallas Voice

This year marks the first year I'm officially involved with the Lone Star Ride.

I'll be honest: Initially, I wanted a reason to be obliged to stay fit during the dog days of summer, not to mention getting to wear the shiny, sexy 88 percent polyester/12 percent spandex cycling gear. I mean seriously, who doesn't look good in that?

Although my reason for participating began as a selfish ploy to achieve somewhat of an Adonis status, the reality of the event's purpose has undoubtedly taken over — and I'm glad it has.

I first heard of Lone Star Ride while working for the Dallas Voice in Web development during my college days. As part of my duty, I would upload the weekly newspaper to the website, reading the stories as it pertained to our community's struggle in the area, state, country and world. One of the things I remember was preparing for the Lone Star Ride articles and thought, "Oh here's just another fundraiser."

Back then I was a different person than I am today. As a younger person, I didn't see the need to get involved, nor did I feel that I, as an individual, could make a difference.

It wasn't until I graduated from college and met someone whose whole life pertained to getting involved in our community and I was inspired. He was making a difference, "saving the gays" as he sometimes would say. He definitely made a difference in me whether he knows it or not.

I'm happy to say that now I wake up next to him everyday.

In March, Robert Moore and I talked about the Lone Star Ride, and for some reason, I had a strong urge to know more about the ride and to get involved.

So a couple of months ago I picked up a bike from the Lone Star locker and began to train. Let me tell you though, it has not been easy to train

for the 75 miles I hope to accomplish in September.

My very first training ride consisted of 23 miles and I said to myself, "Oh Lord! What did you get yourself into?" No amount of Gatorade could've quenched my thirst that day.

For someone who grew up with asthma and who, shamefully but admittedly, barely learned how to ride a bike five years ago, it has been a challenge. I've had a couple falls here and there, bruises, injuries, blood, sweat and tears. But with every fall I have, I commit myself to riding even more.

Cycling has become my therapy, a healthy escape from the weekly workload, the bars and the drama that it sometimes entails.

It's also a game of mind versus body — "just one more mile ... one more ... one more," I tell myself.

When I ride I focus on the people that the event benefits, and I can also focus on myself and my life. Whether I'm riding with my team, my partner or by myself, it is always an enjoyable experience for me.

I may not know the people that the event benefits, but I know that it will make a difference, that I will finally make a difference. I've learned to participate in life and help those in need, those who want another day in this world, who want to know they're still appreciated and not forgotten.

AIDS may be incurable, but our apathy and inability to help has a cure. It only takes a minute, the click of a mouse, to donate online and change someone's life.

So as I prepare to hit the pavement in September in my 88 percent polyester/12 percent spandex cycling shorts, I look forward to hearing from the organizations and the people that your contributions go towards.

And I hope to return next year and do it all over again with a bigger fundraising goal and more support.

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# FWPD chief hopes to start hate crimes unit



**SEEKING INPUT** | Fort Worth Police Chief Jeffrey Halstead listens to one of the more than 50 residents who attended a FWPD Diversity Forum this week. During the forum, Halstead announced plans to seek grants to fund a special unit to investigate hate crimes in the city. (Tammye Nash/DallasVoice)

Halstead asks for community's help in securing funds for special unit, pledges to increase diversity

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Fort Worth Police Chief Jeffrey Halstead this week reaffirmed his commitment to maintaining a diverse police force staffed by officers who are aware of and sensitive to the special needs and issues of the city's racially, ethnically and culturally diverse communities.

"We need people like the community to serve the community," Halstead said during the community forum held Tuesday night, Aug. 31, at the Hazel Harvey Peace Center for Neighborhoods.

"There is strength in diversity, and if the police department doesn't grow in diversity along with

the city, you will see the gap," Halstead said.

The chief also said he is pursuing grant money the department could use to establish a special unit, or at least an individual officer, dedicated specifically to investigating hate crimes in the city.

Halstead told the more than 50 people gathered for the Fort Worth Police Department Diversity Forum — organized by the department's public relations department — that the department currently has no one trained to investigate hate crimes, which he said come with a special set of often intense and intensely-sensitive issues.

Hate crimes — such recent incidents of vandalism at a local mosque — "come with a nexus of issues that don't occur in every crime," Halstead said, adding that when officers who aren't trained to recognize and deal with hate crimes can come across as rude and insensitive because "they are not understanding those special issues and the motivation behind such crimes."

Halstead said that he has a "very narrow

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**LINES OF COMMUNICATION** | Officer Sara Straten, the Fort Worth Police Department's LGBT liaison, talks to Fairness Fort Worth President Thomas Anable after Tuesday's FWPD Diversity Forum. Chief Jeffrey Halstead created Straten's liaison position following the June 2009 raid on the Rainbow Lounge, the same incident that prompted the creation of Fairness Fort Worth. (Tammye Nash/Dallas Voice)

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### FWPD

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window of opportunity that is already closing" to acquire funding for a hate crimes unit, and he asked the community to "help us in moving forward with this."

He asked that those in the community interested in helping the department by providing the information necessary to prove need for such a unit contact Lt. Paul Henderson, his chief of staff, at 817-392-4241.

### Building diversity

Halstead said that he had recently returned from the three-day Consortium for Police Leadership and Equity conference, dedicated to building diversity and equity within police departments.

He said he had been invited to the conference "because of the progress we're making" in Fort Worth toward those goals. But he acknowledged that the FWPD faces "significant challenges" in maintaining a diverse police force over the next five to 20 years. Some of those challenges, he said, arise out of the deep budget cuts forced on the city by the ongoing economic crisis.

"Some departments have had to sell off whole work divisions to make their budgets. We have had to be very creative to meet the 5 percent cuts the city has asked us to make," Halstead said. "We are already grossly under-staffed. But we have cut \$9 million from our budget without one layoff."

To do that, the chief said, the police department

has "retooled parts of our organization to maximize efficiency in our highest priority services," but he added that the department has to plan today to meet the needs of future.

"What will our city look like in 20 years? We have to think about that now in our recruitment. We don't have enough diversity in the department now, and that need will just continue to grow as the city grows," he said. "We need to see a higher mix of persons to serve our rapidly growing city. You all know people in your communities who would make excellent police officers. We need you to encourage them to pursue this as a career."

Recruitment officers speaking at the forum said that a group of about 1,450 applicants were that same night taking the civil service exam to join the department, and they "appear to be a very diverse group."

That group of applicants represented "about 50 percent" of those who had been identified as eligible to apply, according to Sgt. Klein, who said the applicants had been recruited from forums that include LGBT job fairs, military job fairs, church activities, community forums, crime fairs and college and university campuses.

She said that the department has no openings beyond this current class of officer trainees, but that "we feel it is important for the academy staff to stay in contact" with possible future cadets. To that end, academy staff members will continue to attend job fairs and community events, including the upcoming Tarrant County Gay Pride Week parade, block party and picnic,

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# Halstead fires officer for using excessive force following chase

Decision comes less than a week after chief pledges 'zero tolerance' for officers that disrespect citizens

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Less than a week after Fort Worth Police Chief Jeffrey Halstead told a roomful of citizens gathered for a FWPD Diversity Forum that he has "zero tolerance for anyone being disrespected," Halstead has fired an officer for using excessive force.

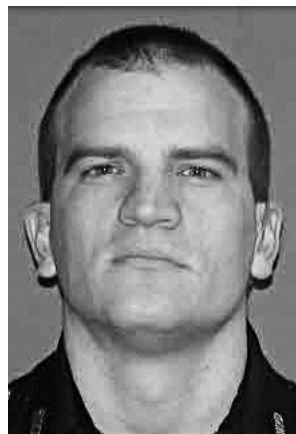
According to a statement released late Thursday afternoon, Sept. 2, Halstead issued an "indefinite suspension" — or termination — to Officer W.A. Featherstone for his actions following traffic stop this past spring.

Featherstone was fired effective Wednesday, Sept. 1.

According to a letter Halstead filed with the Civil Service Commission on Thursday, the incident began shortly before 4 a.m. on March 14, when a woman was stopped by police in the 800 block of West Berry Street after leading officers on a 22-mile chase.

According to the documents filed by Halstead, the woman had stopped, gotten out of her car and was walking backwards toward the patrol cars, with her hands above her head, when Featherstone grabbed her arm, intentionally tripped her and threw her face down on the ground.

Halstead's letter said Featherstone then hit the woman several times with his left hand and his



W. A. Featherstone

right knee, leaving her with bruises, a bloody nose and broken teeth.

The statement released to the press indicated that Featherstone had not been part of the pursuit of the woman and that he was not authorized to be at the scene when she finally stopped on Berry Street.

The statement also said that the incident had been videotaped by cameras in the police department's helicopter, which was on the scene at the time of the incident.

The press release included a quote from Halstead, who said, "We have the greatest police officers in the country.

"However, as I've said many times before, if any employee engages in physically abusive conduct towards our citizens, we will find them and I will fire them."

Featherstone, 29, was commissioned as a Fort Worth police officer on Sept. 26, 2008, and had been on the force for almost two years when he was fired.

An attorney representing Featherstone in the matter told the Fort Worth Star Telegram he would appeal the chief's decision. ■

event happen, and then seen such good things happen?" Halstead said. "We do have challenges ahead of us, but this department is more open and caring than ever before."

He continued, "The biggest challenge for any officer is fulfilling the expectations of the job and of the community. Sometimes an officer's actions can be perceived as rude, but anyone who takes the oath has a personal calling to protect."

Halstead described an incident that happened to him as a young man living in Miami when an officer there stopped him without cause and assaulted him "just because I had long hair and dark skin and was driving a fancy car," which the officer saw as a sure sign he was a drug dealer.

That incident, he said, instilled in him the drive to create a police force where such things wouldn't happen.

"I have zero tolerance for anyone being disrespected" by an officer on his police force, he said. "If you do that, you have violated your oath. Now the challenge for me is to build a police force that provides holistic service, 24-7. An officer can provide great service, even after an arrest has been made." ■

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set for early October.

Klein said that possible recruits are not asked about their sexual orientation, so she had no idea how many of those take the civil service exam for the next academy class were LGBT.

However, Sgt. Garcia, another academy staff member, said that FWPD recruiters "interest was great" at a recent LGBT job fair FWPD recruiters attended. "We got a great reception there. And based on the number of e-mails I got afterward, I believe we got a great response" in terms of LGBT people who applied.

The department's LGBT liaison, Officer Sara Straten, later said she, too, had received a large number of e-mails and phone calls from people in the LGBT community interested in applying for the police force.

Halstead said he believes the response from the LGBT community has come in response to the department's outreach to the community in the wake of the Rainbow Lounge raid in June 2009.

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# White vs. Perry: Comparing the candidates on LGBT issues

Incumbent Republican faces former Democratic Houston mayor in race for Texas governor's office

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Labor Day is the traditional kick-off of election season. This weekend, campaigning goes into high gear as voters begin paying more attention to the candidates competing in the November races.

The governor's race pitting incumbent Rick Perry against former Houston Mayor Bill White is the Texas' most high profile contest and an important one for the state's LGBT community.

Perry came into office in January 2001 when George W. Bush resigned to become president. He has been elected twice since then and is seeking his third full term. He already is the longest-serving governor in Texas history and is currently the longest serving governor in the United States.

In May 2001, Perry signed the James L. Byrd Hate Crimes bill into law after years of opposition to the law by Gov. Bush. Since then, Perry's record of LGBT issues has swung to opposite direction.

Under his tenure and with his support, an anti-same-sex-marriage amendment was added to the state constitution in 2005. But bills restricting adoption by gays and lesbians have not passed and Perry generally stayed out of that legislative debate.

White supports anti-bullying legislation that will be the top priority for Equality Texas in the upcoming legislature. That measure, first introduced in the legislature by Rep. Harryette Ehrhardt in the 1990s, has not come to the floor for a vote in past sessions.

Dallas County Republican Party Chairman Jonathan Neerman said that education is at the top of Perry's priorities. He said that a good public education system is important to everyone, including the LGBT community, because it benefits the entire state.

Dallas County Democratic Party Chair Darlene



**IN THIS CORNER ...** | Democrats say LGBT voters should back former Houston Mayor Bill White, left, who has said he supports same-sex civil unions and opposed Texas' anti-gay-marriage constitutional amendment. Republicans say that LGBT people who care about the economy should vote for incumbent Gov. Rick Perry, even though he pushed for passage of the marriage amendment.



Ewing agrees and points out how low Texas' public education system ranks nationally. She said Texas has the highest dropout rate in the country.

"If they can't have vouchers for their private schools, they'll just destroy the public school system," she said. "[Perry] sees it as a property tax burden."

She said she believes White would be good for Texas and good for the LGBT community.

"I think he could do a lot," said Ewing. "He believes in equality for everyone. Republicans use gay equality as a wedge issue."

Ewing said that she believes that as governor,

White would disregard sexual orientation in appointments, for example.

"I've heard him say that every citizen is entitled to protection," she said. "He has a track record of working with all people in Houston."

This week, the Texas Tribune reported Perry scored points by deriding the LGBT community.

"There is still a land of opportunity, friends — it's called Texas," Perry said. "We're creating more jobs than any other state in the nation. ... Would you rather live in a state like this, or in a state where a man can marry a man?"

He didn't explain what one thing had to do

with the other or address studies that show that same-sex marriage actually creates jobs.

Ewing dismissed the statement as nothing more than a "Let's get the crazies all riled up" attempt.

But in this race, Dallas Log Cabin Republicans President Rob Schlein is focusing on Texas' pro-business climate, with low taxes that have kept the state strong.

"I think the proof is in the economy," said Schlein. "We have the best economy in the country and I think it has to do with conservative governance."

Neerman said the election would hinge on the economy. He said LGBT voters would look for the same thing as straight voters.

"Who is the best man to lead the state in job creation, getting the economy moving and keeping spending under control," he said. "This election will be about pocketbook issues."

He pointed out that Perry angered many people in his base by not supporting an Arizona-type immigration law. Soon after that bill was signed into law, Perry said that a similar law wouldn't work in Texas.

"He's an ambassador for the state and he does a great job at that," Neerman said.

But while White has attended Stonewall Democrats events across the state, Perry has not courted support of that group's Republican counterparts.

"I'd like to see [Perry] do what another Republican governor did in Utah and host a reception for Log Cabin," Dallas Log Cabin Republicans President Rob Schlein said. "Include us in the conversation."

Bill White has said he supports civil unions rather than marriage. In 2005, he opposed the marriage ban proposition that became law. On his website, he has no official statements about equality for the LGBT community.

Under issues, the Perry campaign simply lists "Protecting Traditional Marriage," without explanation, under a heading "social conservative." The 2005 marriage ban remains in place. That is the only reference to anything gay.


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Jonathan Neerman

The Texas Republican platform, however, goes into more detail. It calls for outlawing child custody by gay parents and only allowing supervised visitation if called for by court order.

The platform advocates outlawing adoption by gays and lesbians, disqualifying gays and lesbians from military service and excluding gays and lesbians and persons with infectious disease from the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Since being gay or lesbian isn't a disability, this implies that any gay or lesbian person who is disabled would be disqualified from the law. Infectious disease refers directly to persons with HIV who are covered by the act.

Stonewall Democrats of Dallas President Erin Moore called the Republican Party platform reprehensible.

"As head of the Texas Republican Party, Perry had to have signed off on it," she said. "Bill White has been a friend of the LGBT community as mayor of Houston and will be as governor."

Schlein said, "As a practical matter, politicians do not govern by the platform."

He noted that at their recent meeting, Texas Young Republicans unanimously called for removing the anti-gay planks from the platform.

Neerman agreed and thought this was the direction many social conservatives were moving. He cited Ted Olsen, who fought California's Proposition 8 in court recently and won, as an example.

Dallas Stonewall Young Democrats Political Director Jennifer Allen gave a different example of why she is supporting White. She said she was impressed by White's response after Hurricane Katrina.

"When the national government wasn't doing anything about it, Bill White as mayor of Houston organized the city to provide housing, food and medical care when people were fleeing New Orleans," she said.

Neerman and Schlein argue that Texas has not been affected by the recession as badly as other parts of the country and both credit Perry for that. They think Perry deserves LGBT support because economic issues are what this community is focused on.



Jennifer Allen

Ewing argued that White would be great for Texas business and warned about four more years of Perry.

"Perry's full of crap," she said.

"He claims to have balanced the budget, but he took money from the feds to plug up the hole. When he panders to the secession nuts and then wants to sell the roads off to foreign companies, follow the money."

A current Rasmussen poll has Perry at 49 percent and White at 41 percent. ■

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### SHOOTING

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said it stopped about five feet in front of him. Two young men got out of the car.

"I kept walking. They were pointing at something as if looking at a building," he said. "I kept walking."

He said when he realized something was wrong, he tried to run, but the assailants were too close and jumped him.

When they demanded money, Tull said he didn't have any on him. They knocked him to the ground. One of the attackers went through his pockets, took his wallet and then shot him.

Tull thought he had been stabbed.

"I didn't hear a gunshot," he said. "I didn't see a flash."

Before they fled, Tull said he managed to pull a canister of mace from his pocket and spray one of the assailants.

Tull said the two attackers ran to the car waiting in the bank parking lot across the street, yelling, "Mace! Mace! Mace!"

Holland said he told the police that what he saw was a round puncture wound in Tull's abdomen. He said the shooting must have been at point-blank range.

There was confusion at first about where the incident took place. The original police report said the shooting occurred at Shelby and Brown streets.

Tull later told police that he was attacked in front of the barbershop across Brown Street from the American National Bank parking lot.

Police were checking with the bank to see if their cameras recorded the incident and caught the license plate of the car. After the two attackers got out of the car, the driver pulled into the bank's drive-through lane.

Tull identified the suspects as three black men in their early to mid-20s, driving an older four-door, gray Nissan Altima. They were dressed in white T-shirts and jeans and weighed about 150 pounds each.

After the attackers fled, Tull ran to Pekers less than a block away.

Tull was taken from the bar to Parkland Hospital where he was in intensive care for a day. Although the bullet entered his body directly under his heart, the only damage was to his stomach, liver and large and small intestines.

While operating, doctors were unable to find a bullet. Later x-rays found it lodged in his rectum. They said it may pass out of his body.

"Doctors can't believe how fast I'm recovering," Tull said from his hospital bed on Wednesday, Sept. 1.

The gunman was aiming down, he explained. The bullet shot at point blank range apparently ricocheted off of Tull's sternum, which is why it did not exit his body. Although the incision made to repair his internal organs is more than six inches long, Tull was out of bed and walking by Wednesday. His right arm is bruised, he said, because the assailants were bouncing on his arm. He has a cut across his forehead but no other facial injuries.

On Wednesday, his friend Darwin Kopaska checked Tull's mail. The parking garage manager at the Crescent sent Tull a check that one of his



Frank Holland

cashiers found in the parking lot. Tull confirmed that the check had been folded in his wallet.

Dallas Voice passed that information to police who are checking video at the Crescent parking garage to see if their cameras caught the assailants' car.

Police detectives and LGBT police liaison Laura Martin are looking into the attack.

Tull said that no anti-gay epithets were shouted during the incident but police are not ruling out the possibility it was a hate crime.

While several other attacks have taken place near the Oak Lawn entertainment district recently, this is the first street shooting in awhile.

In May four men with baseball bats assaulted two men on Throckmorton Street near Congress Avenue. In 2008, Jimmy Lee Dean was beaten in a brutal attack just a block off the main Cedar Springs strip.

On April 16, 2007, Jose Landa was shot to death in a parking lot on Cedar Springs Road after stopping to get cash at the ATM on the street.

Police have warned people not to walk alone citing safety in numbers. However, when Jimmy Lee Dean was attacked, he was walking with Michael Robinson. The attack in May involved a couple walking together, and Jose Landa was with his wife and several friends.

Along with the incident report, police issued a neighborhood warning after the Tull attack. After the May baseball bat attack, police were criticized for not alerting the community sooner.

Apartment complexes in the area have not been as vigilant in passing along the warning. The witness said that management in his complex has remained silent on the attack.

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## GALA

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Palant described this weekend's conference as a series of events focusing on three aspects of running a musical non-profit — artistic, executive and membership.

"As an artistic director, this conference is invaluable," Palant said.

A member of the chorale will present a session for other choruses called, "Getting the most out of your website," as part of the membership and volunteer portion of the meeting.

Palant said the Chorale is known nationally for its website that promotes the upcoming season, sells tickets, CDs and other merchandise and features musical previews of the group's performances.

Among the headliners addressing the conference will be Craig Hella Johnson, founder of the Austin-based Conspirare, a professional chamber choir with members from around the country. Johnson is considered one of the most influential voices in choral conducting in the North America.

On Friday, he will lead a six-hour workshop "focusing on repertoire, musicianship, artistry, the roll of musical leadership," Johnson said.

Johnson talked about the "professionalization of the choral field" and said that audiences have grown to have the same expectations of vocal groups as they do of orchestras.

While Conspirare is not an LGBT group, Johnson said, "As a gay man, I support them as community-builders."

While the choruses represented in Dallas this weekend range from small ensembles in smaller cities to large choirs like Dallas' Chorale, Johnson said that the common role of all choral leaders is to inspire.

"We use music to find our way into the greater realm," he said. "Music is a language that speaks so deeply."

On Sunday morning, Palant said they will host a "gospel brunch" at the Rose Room for conference attendees. Denise Lee, Liz Mikel, Gary Floyd, Cedric Neal and Buddy Shanahan will perform.

A number of singers from GALA choruses from around the country will also be at the Melrose this weekend and will perform Sunday afternoon. They will spend the weekend rehearsing a requiem for the 4 p.m. concert at Cathedral of Hope.

The Chorale, the Women's Chorus of Dallas and the New Texas Symphony Orchestra will perform the first half of the program. The requiem will conclude the concert. Tickets are \$15 and available at the door.



Craig Hella Johnson

GALA was created in 1981 after the formation of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus in 1978 and subsequent groups in New York, Los Angeles, Seattle, Chicago and other cities over the next few years. Among that first group of choruses, the Turtle Creek Chorale was established in 1979.

The first national festival took place in 1983 when 12 choruses with a total of 1,200 singers performed at Alice Tully Hall in New York's Lincoln Center. The annual leadership conference began the following year in Denver.

At the Miami festival in 2008, a new part-time rotating artistic director-in-residence program was launched. Tim Seelig, currently the artistic director of Dallas' mixed voices choir Resounding Harmony, was elected to serve in that national position for a year.

Veronica Torres of the Dallas Convention and Visitor's Bureau said that GALA knows Dallas is interested in hosting the 2016 festival. She is waiting for the organization to put out a call for bids before sending them any new information about the city.

She said that if the city were awarded the festival, it would use all of the venues in the Arts District including the new City Performance Hall that has begun construction.

With several years advance notice, Torres said, reserving all of the venues for GALA's numerous performances would not present a scheduling problem. ■

near Bowen Street. A section of the guardrail along a now-closed section of road is missing above where Stumph was found. The drop to the creek bed below is about 30 feet.

Police are not sure if Stumph fell or was pushed in an attack, but said his wallet was in his pocket when he was found and there was no sign of a struggle. Stumph was rushed to Parkland Hospital and remains in critical condition in intensive care. He has extensive head injuries and is not able to answer police questions. ■

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In a separate incident, a jogger found a man unconscious on the jogging trail along Turtle Creek Boulevard early Friday morning, Aug. 27.

At about 7:15 a.m. police were called to assist the injured Oak Lawn man. It was not apparent at the time what happened to Shawn Stumph, nor do police know how long he had been there.

He was found laying unconscious on the trail

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**DIVORCE**

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“It was the worst of opinions,” said Ken Upton, a Dallas-based senior staff attorney at Lambda Legal, the national LGBT civil rights group. “It reinforced all of the old arguments we thought we were moving away from.

“These are stupid arguments with no real basis,” Upton added. “They’re made up just to oppress us. It [the opinion] is an example for people who thought we’d made progress everywhere — welcome to Texas.”

Upton, who isn’t involved in the case, said the ruling will have a limited legal impact because, for now at least, it’s binding only in Texas’ 5th District. But he called the ruling psychologically damaging to the LGBT community and said it steals momentum from recent court victories, including a federal judge’s decision last month declaring California’s Proposition 8 unconstitutional.

Equality Texas, the statewide gay-rights group, issued a statement calling the appeals court’s ruling in the gay divorce case “homophobic, outdated and uninformed.”

“The Fifth District Court of appeals has taken the most extreme, the most conservative view possible on each issue before it,” Equality Texas said. “It’s not as if they wanted to just overturn the trial court’s decision, they wanted to smash it into the ground and discourage anyone from ever filing a pro-LGBT suit ever again.

“The ruling harkens back to a view of the world from generations past — a world where LGBT people were content to live in closets, and were afraid to demand to be treated with dignity and respect. A dignity and respect that this court goes out of its way to completely deny,” Equality Texas said.

The extreme nature of the panel’s ruling “lowered the bar” for another court to overturn it, according to Equality Texas. But Upton, long a critic of the gay divorce case, said he hopes the decision isn’t appealed, because the Texas Supreme Court could inflict more damage by laying down a broader precedent.

“You have to pick your courts,” Upton said. “You have to pick the place where you think you’re going to have a fair chance of convincing someone. I just don’t think that was the Dallas court of appeals, and I certainly don’t think it’s the Texas Supreme Court.

“I guess we could go file one in Mississippi or Alabama if we wanted some more losses that say bad things about gay parents,” Upton added, “but we don’t want to reinforce that message when the momentum is on the side of equality.”

Attorneys for the Dallas man seeking a divorce from his husband, identified in court documents as J.B., said this week that no final decision had been made about whether to appeal.

“I expect an appeal, but that’s ultimately our client’s decision,” said James Scheske of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, the Austin law firm representing J.B.

J.B.’s attorneys have 45 days, or until Oct. 15, to appeal the decision, but Scheske said he expects to know within two or three weeks.



**ON APPEAL** | James Scheske, left, and Pete Schulte, attorneys for the plaintiff in the Texas gay divorce case, respond to questions during a press conference after oral arguments in the same-sex divorce case were heard earlier this year. Scheske said this week that whether they appeal the case to the Texas Supreme Court depends on what is best for their client. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

In response to concerns about the potential impact of a negative ruling from the Texas Supreme Court, Scheske said his job is to represent his client.

“I have a client who has a valid marriage that needs to end,” Scheske said. “The people who are at the advocacy groups, they’re all very well-intentioned, but they need to think about what my client’s position is, and what would they propose he do?”

J.B. married his husband, H.B., in Massachusetts in 2006 before moving to Texas and filing for divorce in January 2009. Massachusetts, where same-sex marriage has been legal since 2004, has a residency requirement for divorce.

“My duties go to my client, not to what some advocacy group thinks is the best thing to do for

some movement,” Scheske said. “I don’t represent a movement; I represent an individual.”

Peter Schulte, the gay Dallas attorney who serves as co-counsel for J.B., said his client was unavailable for comment this week.

Scheske called the appeals court’s ruling “disappointing.”

“This opinion singles out one group of citizens, same-sex couples, and denies them the same rights that everybody else has,” he said.

Scheske also represents an Austin woman who’s seeking a divorce from her wife. After the Travis County district judge granted a divorce to the lesbian couple earlier this year, Attorney General Abbott appealed.

Jerry Strickland, a spokesman for Abbott, praised the Dallas ruling this week.

“Because the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas define marriage as the union of one man and one woman, the court correctly ruled that Texas courts do not have authority to grant a same-sex divorce,” Strickland said. “Further, the court rejected the parties’ constitutional challenge and instead ruled that Texas’ definition of marriage is entirely consistent with the U.S. Constitution.”

The Attorney General’s Office was assisted in the case by the right-wing, Plano-based Liberty Institute.

“The court’s ruling strikes down an activist judge’s attempt to take the law into her own hands,” Liberty Institute President Kelly Shackelford told The Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

A full copy of the ruling is available online. ■



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So naturally, Arizpe took Carrizales for the trip to the UK.

The couple, performing as "La Diva Loca," also won the Voice of Pride's duo category.

All those talents were put to good use at Manchester Pride 2010 on Monday, Aug. 30. The couple took to the stage at 2:40 p.m. and performed for a short 10 minutes — but they enthralled the crowd for each second.

Arizpe took to the stage first. "All the way from Dallas, we've come to sing to you all," she told the British crowd in a Texas twang before launching into the Whitney Houston hit "I'm Every Woman."

The Brits roared their approval.

Carrizales joined Arizpe next on stage for their duet medley of four different songs: The Fugees' "Ready or Not," followed by En Vogue's single "Never Gonna Get it," and two different versions of Lady Gaga's "Poker Face" — first the fast dance version, then the slower "Glee" version.

The Dallas couple made sure that their abbreviated version of "Poker Face" included the line, "I wanna hold 'em like they do in TEXAS please," with a strong emphasis on "Texas."

And the crowd was thrilled with the Gaga tribute, many dancing and singing along.

The medley, put together by their friend Danny Anchondo, was the same duet performance that

helped them win the Voice of Pride group category.

Said Arizpe after the show, "I was happy they were responding. I think they really enjoyed the duet."

Carrizales said they were concerned about the sound system, but in the end, she noted, it sounded great.

Arizpe and Carrizales appeared confident and relaxed on stage. They said that it helped that they were performing for strangers who they would never have to face again if they gave a bad performance. "It was a comfort that we didn't know anybody," said Carrizales.

The couple also said they were impressed by the scope of Manchester Pride: "It's 10 times the size of Dallas," said Carrizales. "They block off a whole section of the city [in Manchester]."

Added Arizpe, "We get a good turnout in Dallas but nothing like this."

The idea to award Dallas's Voice of Pride winner with a trip to Manchester was hatched by Andrew Stokes, who is both the chairman of Manchester Pride and the chief executive of the city's official tourism office.

Stokes came up with the idea after visiting Dallas and visiting with his friend George Carrancho, who is part of American Airlines LGBT-dedicated "rainbow" sales team. Stokes watched part of the Voice of Pride competition while he was in town.

"I thought what a great thing it would be to bring the winner to Manchester," Stokes said.



**AFTERMATH** | Laura Carrizales, left, and Mel Arizpe relax after performing onstage at Manchester Pride. (Ed Walsh/Special to Dallas Voice)

He worked out the trip with Carrancho and American Airlines, who helped sponsor the trip. Stokes and Carrancho introduced Arizpe and Carrizales before the couple's performance.

So what's it like for a couple of Texans in England?

Carrizales and Arizpe said they were wel-

comed warmly by the English and were given the VIP treatment during the four days they were in town. They were surprised that they were asked to march at the start of the parade, right behind the grand marshal, actor Sir Ian McKellan. That was an impressive honor considering that there were 101 contingents in the parade. ■

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# Mehlman's out, but will the LGBT community forgive him his past?



**ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL** | Then-Republican National Committee Chair Ken Mehlman hits the campaign trail with U.S. Rep. Jean Schmidt, an Ohio Republican, in October 2006. Mehlman came out as a gay man last month, but many in the LGBT community have refused to welcome him into their ranks because of his past support of anti-gay politicians, like Schmidt who has consistently voted against LGBT-friendly legislation. (Nati Harnik/Associated Press)

Liberal activists still blame Mehlman for some of the GOP's most anti-gay strategies, but gay Republicans criticize them for failing to 'walk the talk' of inclusion

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On the surface, it would seem that having a former chair of the Republican National Committee,

someone with close ties to a number of high-level Republican officeholders and party officials, come out as a gay man and a same-sex marriage supporter would be a real coup.

After all, who could be better at helping sway politicians and policymakers away from their anti-gay stances than a man who helped them reach their positions of power in the first place.

But when Ken Mehlman, former RNC chair and 2004 campaign manager for George W. Bush, announced last month that he is gay and intends now to be an advocate for marriage equality, he

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wasn't exactly welcomed with open arms by the LGBT community overall.

It was during Mehlman's tenure as Bush's campaign manager that, LGBT activists say, the Republicans used LGBT issues, specifically same-sex marriage, as a tool to whip up fear among right-wing conservatives, driving them to the polls to give Bush a second term in the Oval Office.

Although Republican Karl Rove is widely seen as the architect of that strategy, liberal activists aren't willing to give Mehlman a pass for the role he played in that election, when right-wingers in 11 states got constitutional amendments banning gay marriage on their ballots — and all 11 passed.

Mehlman has also previously worked as chief of staff for U.S. Rep. Kay Granger of Fort Worth and as legislative director for U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith of San Antonio. Both Texas congressmembers have consistently voted against LGBT-positive legislation, and Smith last month announced his intention to introduce legislation this fall to define marriage as between a man and a woman. Mehlman himself acknowledged, in an interview with Marc Ambinder published Aug. 25 in *The Atlantic*, that if he had come out earlier he might have been able to fend off some of the GOP's most anti-gay efforts and rhetoric. And Ambinder said Mehlman had told him previously, in private, off-the-record conversations, about working behind the scenes to "beat back efforts to attack same-sex marriage."

Mehlman told Ambinder that he had only begun coming to terms with his sexual orientation earlier this year, and that he "really wished" he had reached this point earlier in his career so that he could have fought against the federal marriage amendment pushed by right-wing Republicans in 2004, and, as RNC chair, "reached out to the gay community in the way I reached out to African-Americans."

Mehlman, through Ambinder's interview, asked for, if not support, "at least ... understanding" from the LGBT community. But some aren't willing to give him that, either.

Erin Moore, president of Stonewall Democrats of Dallas, this week summed up the feelings of many on the left.

"He's just another closeted gay Republican that came out. But more than that, he was a closeted gay Republican who worked against the community," Moore said. "That's my biggest issue. You can't work against the community, and then come out and say, 'Just kidding,' and think that makes everything OK. When you have done a crime, you can't erase it by doing community service."

Moore said Mehlman's new-found LGBT activism is "too little, too late."

She said, "If there is a rosy side to this, then I'll be happy to see it. But I don't think it will happen. If he thought he could change hearts and minds, why didn't he do it when he had the power to do it? When he was in a seat of power and was gay, he hid it and worked against our community. Now that he is outside that seat of power, I don't think he will have the influence to make a real difference."

Michael Mitchell, now president of the National Stonewall Democrats, was working with Equality Utah in 2004. The marriage amendment there, Mitchell said, "literally ripped families apart. It caused suicides. The Republican Party pushed those amendments in as many places as they could. There are people in Utah today who are still not talking to each other because of that, and I am sorry, but I implicate the Republican Party in that. And Ken Mehlman was part of it."

“ Yes, he's come out. I applaud him for that. ... I think there's a lot of making up he has to do.

—Michael Mitchell

President, National Stonewall Democrats

Mitchell said that in his work with the GOP and the Bush campaign, Mehlman "spent a lot of time putting a stamp of approval on some really heinous policies, on pushing ways of thinking that have changed the way people treat LGBT people."

Mitchell also noted, as have other liberal activists, that Mehlman has continued to donate to candidates and officeholders who are stridently anti-gay.

According to the website OpenSecrets.org, which tracks campaign contributions, Mehlman has donated a total of \$20,200 to nine different political candidates, plus \$5,000 to the Every Republican is Crucial political action committee, for a total of \$25,200 over the past 12 months.

All nine candidates are Republicans, and of them, five are described as "hard-core conservatives" who have consistently voted against LGBT issues, by the nonprofit, non-partisan website OnTheIssues.org. Granger is one of those five.

Two more of the nine were described as "centrists," by OnTheIssues.org, and an eighth, Sen. John McCain of Arizona, is described as a "populist conservative."

The ninth is Kelly Ayotte, candidate for the U.S. Senate from New Hampshire. Because Ayotte has not served in the Senate yet, she is not listed on OnTheIssues.org. However, in her former position as New Hampshire attorney general, she opposed efforts there to legalize same-sex marriage, and resigned her office when Gov. John Lynch signed the marriage equality legislation into law.

Mehlman made six of those 10 political contributions since Jan. 1 this year, including contributions to Rep. Mark Kirk of Illinois, Sen. Scott Brown of Massachusetts, Rep. Michael Castle of Delaware, McCain and Ayotte.

His most recent donation to Granger, for \$2,400, was made Dec. 10, 2009. Records on OpenSecret.org do not show any donations to Smith.

Mitchell said, "Ken Mehlman continues to give money to conservatives who are working against the best interest of the LGBT community. How quickly can a tiger change his stripes, is my question."

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"Yes, he's come out. I applaud him for that. I am sure he has a bit of influence still in the Republican Party, and if that shifts the debate and takes gay rights off the target list for the Republicans, then that's great," Mitchell added. "If Ken Mehlman can help accomplish that, then bully for him. But I think there's a lot of making up he has to do."

### The gay Republican view

But those on the opposite end of the LGBT political spectrum said this week that those who continue to condemn Mehlman and refuse to accept him into the LGBT activist community are, in effect, cutting off their noses to spite their faces.

"I say, let's move forward and bring about reconciliation," said R. Clarke Cooper, executive director of the national Log Cabin Republicans. "Yes there are a lot of folks within the broader LGBT community that are not happy [with Mehlman over his previous work with the GOP]. That's understandable. But I say to them, remember where you were at certain stages of your own coming out process.

"I am not discounting the past. We shouldn't ignore it. But I would offer a gentle reminder that we preach to people to come out . . . Not every person in the LGBT community is a Democrat."

Cooper said he sees "something cannibalistic" in the way LGBT liberals have been attacking Mehlman since he came out, and suggested that to "continuously vilify Ken could delay those conservative young gay Republicans in coming out themselves. . . People are on record now saying stuff about Ken that could be used against our community, and this is coming from bloggers and advocates in the community who have a record of calling for tolerance and reconciliation. That stuff is out there now. You can't just hit delete."

Cooper also said LGBT liberals shouldn't castigate Mehlman now for donations he made at a time when he wasn't out as a gay man, either publicly or to himself. And, he added, Mehlman's continuing donations to Republican candidates will help keep open doors of opportunity.

"Look where he's going now," Cooper said of Mehlman. "I know he has reached out to Log Cabin and to other entities to say, 'This is what I want to do moving forward. Tell me where I can be the most helpful.' We would be foolish to refuse that."

Cooper compared Mehlman's situation to his own experience. Cooper worked in the Bush administration, and has also worked for Republican legislators such as Rep. Iliana Ross-Lehtinen, a moderate Republican from Florida. Although he was not closeted during those years, Cooper said, "There were people I worked with who didn't know I was gay because I didn't lead with that. But I never hid that part of me."

Now, because of the relationships he built with those lawmakers in the past, Cooper said he has a better chance of making headway toward swaying their positions on LGBT issues. As does Mehlman.

"Both of us has a certain amount of credibility with the conservatives. Since I took this job [with

Log Cabin] three months ago, there have been people I have met with that I know the only reason I even got in the door is because I have that 'R' next to my name, or because they remember me from past working relationships. And getting in the door is the first step," Cooper said.

He also said that activists who refuse to work with or support candidates who don't vote with the LGBT community in every instance are making a mistake.

"There are Republicans who are supportive on [the Employment Non-Discrimination Act] but they are not going to vote with us on marriage. Are we supposed to throw away any chance of making progress on at least one issue because somebody isn't with us on every issue," he said. "People like [U.S. Rep.] Pete Sessions and [U.S. Sen.] John Cornyn [both of Texas] who have told us, 'We're not going to be 100 percent with Log Cabin. But let's start talking about where we do concur, and move forward from there.' That is a vast shift. And [Mehlman] helps push that it even further forward."

Cooper recalled one visit to a member of the Texas delegation in Congress who asked him, "When did you become a gay?" That prompted, he said, "a serious conversation" about the fact that sexual orientation is not a choice.

"If [Mehlman] can do the same thing with the people he knows, even better. That's why it is important to come out. That chips away at the argument that sexual orientation is a choice, that it's deviant and only a small subset of society. The more people who come out, the more it shows how diverse the LGBT community is. And [Mehlman] being out and available to answer those kinds of questions can only help."

Rob Schlein, president of Log Cabin Republicans of Dallas, was even more adamant.

"I think it's great that [Mehlman] has figured out who he is and that we now have a high-profile advocate" in the Republican Party, Schlein said. "I am disappointed but not surprised that people in the gay community are giving him so much grief about what happened before. They blame him for things that happened when he was not out, even to himself, and things that he probably had no real say in. Sometimes even the RNC chairman just has to be a good soldier and execute the strategies that other people have laid out."

And while Cooper offered "a gentle reminder" to those on the left to think about their own coming out process, Schlein was much less gentle.

"They yearn to talk about inclusion. They yearn for acceptance, and they yearn for grace. But when it's time to show that acceptance and grace to someone else, they don't walk the talk," he declared.

"Anyone who would criticize [Mehlman] for what he did before he was out needs to remember what they did before they were out, what it was like for them. If you want acceptance and tolerance and inclusion, then you have to actually practice acceptance and tolerance and inclusion. I say there is a lot of hypocrisy coming from the left."

*Neither Granger nor Smith, nor any of the aides in their offices, returned calls from Dallas Voice seeking comments for this story.*

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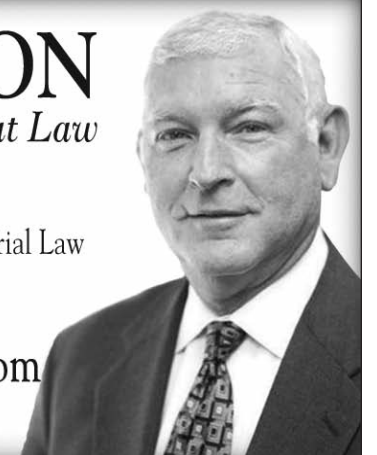
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# Meth and gay men: Tweaking, no thinking

One man's story of his journey from HIV-positive drug addict on a downward spiral to HIV education advocate has a lesson for the whole gay community, especially youth

**"I**n my brief moments of clarity I knew my life was supposed to be better than this."

Who said that? Who had mere seconds of clarity? Yogi Berra? Dan Quayle? Maxwell Smart?

If you guessed Lindsay Lohan, you're getting warm.

The speaker was 26-year-old Jordan Duran, who in an interview with The Seattle Times described his addiction to crystal meth. He was part of a story about young gays contracting HIV through meth use.

As happy a topic as exploding oil rigs.

There is some happiness connected with Duran's story: He's alive. Not long ago you'd have gotten better odds on Mel Gibson joining the diplomatic corps.

Duran struggled in his hometown of Puyallup, about 35 miles south of Seattle. By the age of 5, he knew he was different from other boys. In high school he seized on religion. Duran even went to a therapist who "specialized" in reversing homosexuality.

During his senior year, he came out.

After graduation he headed for Seattle, moving in with an older man who apparently took his role as mentor very seriously, arranging official introductions for his protégé — to ecstasy, ketamine, GHB and then meth.

"From the first time I took meth I was hooked," said Duran. "It was about escaping from who I was, and meth was the perfect drug to wash it all away."

Chocolate does the same for me, but oddly, it doesn't have that effect on everyone.

On his 21st birthday, Duran drank a boatload and then scored some meth. He had unprotected sex with a stranger.

A few weeks later it became clear what he'd gotten for his birthday: HIV. And many happy returns.

Joshua O'Neal, who does HIV testing research at a local hospital, told The Seattle Times that three-quarters of those who test HIV-positive at his clinic have used meth.

Said O'Neal, "When you feel invincible, you don't care about using a condom."

After he tested positive, Duran's downward spiral got a move on. By 23, he was using meth 20 times each day.

Most people don't do anything 20 times a day — except breathe.

He had unsafe sex. Staph infections and MRSA were frequent visitors. He contracted syphilis, which spread to his brain, causing disorientation. He was homeless.

Only Dante could do justice to this circle of hell.

Finally Duran saw a doctor, who happened to resemble his grandmother. She asked if he was using meth, and told him if he continued to use he'd be dead within six months from an overdose



Leslie Robinson  
General Gayety

or the HIV.

Grandma took no prisoners. Thank goodness. "Up until that point I was afraid of living, but suddenly I was afraid of dying," said Duran.

He went directly from the doctor's to an AA meeting, and began the arduous task of getting clean.

"Quitting the drugs wasn't the hard part," he said. "Feeling my emotions was the hard part."

Duran has been victorious in the smackdown with his emotions — he's been sober for well over two years. Soon after starting antiretroviral drugs, his viral load was undetectable.

He now works for Gay City Health Project, which focuses on gay men's health. When someone on the skids comes in and tells him he doesn't know what it's like,

Duran must struggle not to guffaw.

In Seattle's King County, in the space of a year, about 10 percent of gay and bisexual men use crystal meth. For men under the age of 30, the figure is twice as high.

Combine that with the studies saying gay men who use meth are at scary-high risk for contracting HIV, and it all adds up to a real problem: tweaking twinks who can't think. ■

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# Letters and comments

## Candidates owe voters a debate

Texans will decide who will lead the state for the next four years in the Nov. 2 General Election. To cast an informed ballot, voters must learn the views of those vying for office and are ill-served when candidates are unwilling to debate or to participate in processes the public relies on for information about candidates and issues.

The League of Women Voters of Texas calls on all candidates, in races from governor on down the ballot, to be available to the public and to the media, without imposing arbitrary conditions, so that Texans can cast an informed ballot in this election.

According to LWV-Texas President Karen Nicholson, "Voters are turned off and don't vote when those running for office aren't available, and voter turnout in recent Texas elections has been disappointing. Texas was 46th among the states in turnout of voter eligible population in the 2008 election. We must do better, and candidates who make themselves available to voters are crucial to improving voter turnout."

The League of Women Voters has been agitating and educating for active, informed public participation in government for all of its 90 years. There is no more important form of public participation than voting, which must be encouraged, not suppressed.

*From The League of Women Voters of Texas*

## 'To shop or not to shop at Target?' (DallasVoice.com, 8/27/10)

Boycotting is a tough thing to do. I haven't been to a Cinemark theater since 2008 when Alan Stock donated \$10,000 to Yes on 8, and the company refused to make any real amends besides a token meeting with CCGLA, from which we've heard nothing since. But how many people went to see the movie "Milk" elsewhere, but have quietly returned to Cinemark?

If you decide to boycott, and that is totally up to you, it's important to let management know that 1) you are indeed boycotting, and 2) the specific reasons for the boycott. Also, it helps to send a reminder from time to time, like a note or

Christmas card telling them you're still boycotting their store.

Simply griping on blogs for a week or a month isn't enough. If folks decide that boycotting in the way to go, they must stay dedicated to their stance until the company proves otherwise. PR firms tell companies just to bide their time and issues like these will blow over. Without continuing pressure from the community, they do and will.

If companies are hurt enough in the almighty wallet, sooner or later they'll think twice about donating to anti-gay causes and candidates.

*Justin Nichols*

## 'St. Vincent's dean defends school' (DallasVoice.com, 8/27/10)

While you and the other parents are certainly entitled to your personal opinion, please tell me where in the Bible Jesus Christ says that a faithful, lifelong relationship can only be between a husband and wife.

The closest reference I can find is, "I give you

a new commandment. Love one another," which obviously refers back to the woefully misquoted and mistranslated strictures from Leviticus, having to do with Jewish and non-Jewish behaviors and mores.

Meanwhile, please don't misuse Jesus to justify homophobia. That would be called, "bearing false witness," not to mention "taking the name of God in vain."

I thought Christian values were about inclusion, not exclusion. It's also interesting to note that per Wikipedia, St. Vincent "was renowned for his compassion, humility and generosity."

The sexual part is really none of your business, or that of the other parents, now is it?

The school should be teaching tolerance and acceptance, not promoting misinformation. The little girl and her parents should be welcomed with open arms. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Thank you for an opportunity to respond. God bless us everyone!

*Maurice*

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## query 09.03.10 BY DAVID TAFFET

How should we respond when someone who has been an anti-gay activist comes out?

**Tiffany Brown** — "Good question. It is a love/hate relationship."

**Brian Hudson** — "Applaud them! If we reject them it will cause others in the closet to retreat further inside."

**Chris Reed** — "With support and not taking petty shots."

**Felipe Gutierrez** — "I understand the support part to ensure that others come out. However they don't have my support."

**Jen Jones** — "You can support them for coming out of the closet. You still don't have to vote for them."

Have a suggestion for a question you'd like us to ask? E-mail it to [nash@dallasvoice.com](mailto:nash@dallasvoice.com).



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**THREE'S COMPANY** | Gary Floyd, center, straddles the fence between his two lovers played by Patty Breckenridge and Christopher Wagley. (Photo by Ken Birdsell)

# Bed time story

Art imitates life (sorta) in Theatre Three's musical love triangle 'Songs from an Unmade Bed'

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The chamber musical *Songs from an Unmade Bed* was written as a song cycle to be sung by one gay male character. But when Terry Dobson — the musical maven at Theatre Three as well as an occasional director, actor and playwright there — heard it, he couldn't get an idea out of his head: That the musical made more sense if it was performed not from one point of view, but from three.

"I read the reviews from when it came out, and many mentioned that it lacked theatricality," Dobson says. And he knew how to make it more theatrical: Turn it into a love triangle between a bisexual man and his two lovers: a straight woman and a gay man. Call it *Sunday Bloody Sunday (in the Park with George)*. The result promises to be one of the edgier queercentric productions of the fall.

Dobson employed an informal audition process, seeking out people he wanted to work with who would combine musically and emotionally in sync with his conception of the show. And in a weird instance of art imitating life, the cast of three includes two old friends and a newcomer, all of whom are gay.

Dobson jokes that several local actors who lob-

bied for the plum role of the bisexual will be gunning for Gary Floyd, but few would argue with the wisdom of his casting.

Floyd was already a popular and admired singer and recording artist for decades before he tackled his first acting role in 2003's *Pump Boys and Dinettes*, and he fast became a go-to guy for musical roles.

Floyd met Patty Breckenridge in 2006 in what became her breakout role in *Aida* at Uptown Players. The next fall, they teamed up again for *City of Angels* at the Flower Mound Performing Arts Theatre, but this is the first onstage pairing since then for the close friends.

"It's about time!" Floyd laughs.

"I kinda dropped out of theater for a while, just enjoying married life," says Breckenridge, who married her wife Carrie Anne last year (the couple are currently expecting a baby in the spring). "But I was getting that itch to go back onstage. Then Terry called me and said, 'I want to head in a different direction with this.'"

Breckenridge was onboard.

If there was an intimidation factor being odd-man out, Christopher Wagley doesn't show it —

or at least, he can use it to get into his character. Stepping into the chummy twosome has been easy for the newcomer to Dallas in his first show here.

Wagley spent 12 years in New York, acting and waiting tables early on ("I loved being an actor but hated being a waiter" he says),

before moving to Dallas last year. Within a month, he was singing with the Turtle Creek Chorale's Encore! group, which Dobson leads.

"There has been no issue at all," Wagley says. "The fact we blend together so well musically is a byproduct of getting along together so well."

Musically, they all related to the show, written by lyricist Mark Campbell with a score contributed by 18 different composers, including Jake Heggie, the gay musician who wrote the world premiere adaptation of *Moby-Dick* for the Dallas Opera this year.

"The lyrics are so universal, it *could* be a straight woman or a gay man or a bisexual," Floyd says. Wagley agrees.

"The lyrics *are* so smart and absolutely universal, yet so incredibly specific to a gay man's experience, whether it's body issues or casual sex,"

he says. Although Dobson had assigned all the songs to the cast, many tweaks have occurred during the rehearsal period.

"The other day, Terry asked me to sing one of the songs about not having a great body to myself [in a mirror] instead of to Gary — wow! It makes it so much more personal. We all have those moments."

"I had heard of the musical from [my best friend, actor] Donald Fowler but hadn't listened to any of the songs," says Breckenridge. But she immediately became enchanted by it. "I have a couple of favorite songs. Everyone in the audience is going to relate to 'Oh, To Be Stupid Again.' I know I've been there. And 'To Sing' is why I became a performer."

A lot happens in a quick one-hour show performed without intermission. "There are lots of poignant moments," says Wagley.

None more poignant for the two old friends than one scene where Floyd has to simulate oral stimulation of Breckenridge.

"There's no other woman in Dallas I would do that for!" Floyd avers.

"And there is no other man in town I'd do this with!" quips Breckenridge. ■

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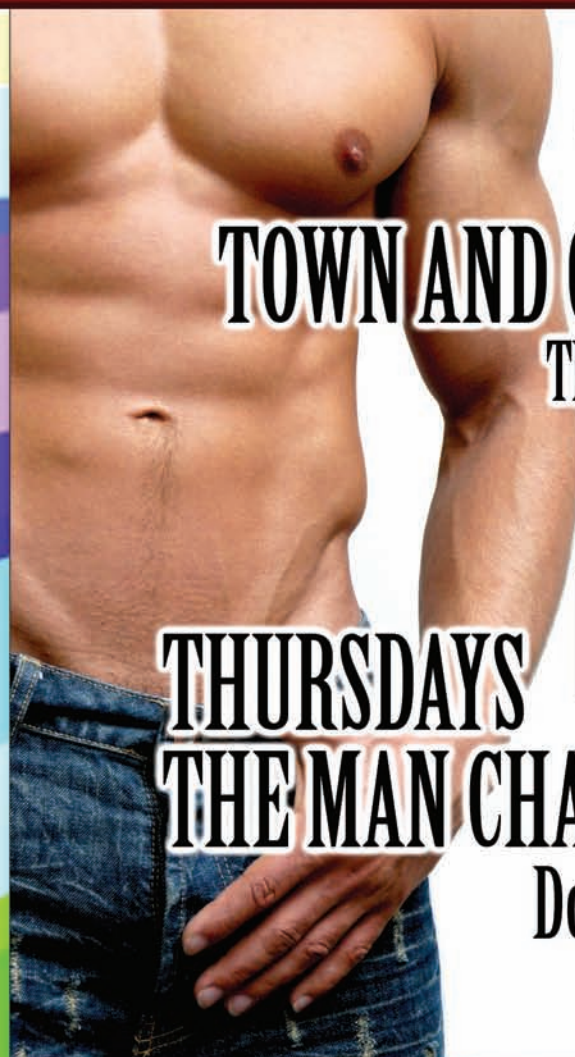
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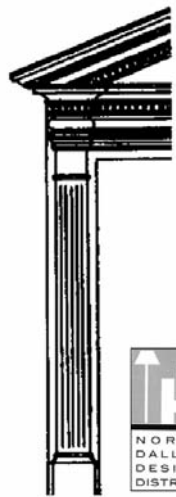


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# Senior class

Gay director  
John De Los  
Santos keeps  
his elders in line  
in his annual  
'Senior Follies'



**SANTOS GOLD** | If a hip goes out, choreographer John de los Santos is ready to jump in.

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You're never too old to tap dance.

While that's not the official mantra of the *Spectacular Senior Follies 2010*, it should be. The singing, dancing, variety extravaganza from producer Mark Carroll is back and as choreographer John de los Santos has learned in his second year on the show, age is just a number for the over-55 set.

"Botox has been very kind to them," he jokes.

De los Santos, whose choreography credits include hits for Uptown Players, the Fort Worth Opera and last year, *Carmen* at the Kennedy Center for the Washington National Opera, has had to learn to quickly switch gears when juggling shows simultaneously. By day, he's working

on the U.S. premiere of the Pet Shop Boys' *Closer to Heaven* for Uptown Players and by night, the *Senior Follies*, which opens this weekend.

"I'm going from 18-year-olds to 88-year-olds," he laughs.

His oldest cast member is a spry 92. He says that working with the seniors is great because not only do they have lots of life experience and wisdom to share, they're happy to be performing again.

"Most of them had stage experience. A few of them were in vaudeville or burlesque back in the day, but they all have different backgrounds," he says. "Some were tap dancers who are singing now. Some were cabaret singers who are now doing complicated staging. We wouldn't have cast them if they didn't already have some experience."

But choreographing an aging cast does have its challenges. The young whippersnapper has to keep his cool when dealing with all this expe-

rience — and personality.

"You just have to be very, very patient and optimistic all the time," he says. "The minute you get frustrated or impatient, they just shut off. I have to keep a smile on my face and try to make them laugh."

But de los Santos keeps a trick up his sleeve.

"It's funny because the gayer I act, the more they like me," he laughs before breaking into a mock old lady voice, "*I've got a grandson that's just like you!*"

### SENIOR FOLLIES

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The show, which is similar in style to the legendary *Ziegfeld Follies*, features standards from the '30s and '40s, just a tad before 29-year-old de los Santos' time. But that isn't even an issue.

"I've done a lot of shows from pretty much every period, so I've kind of gotten used to it," he says. "I did a lot of show choir when I was younger. Part of the reason they hired me in the first place is because I know a lot of this material already."

The finale of the show is one of the biggest numbers de los Santos has to stage, and it's the one the *Senior Follies* is perhaps most famous for: a performance by 12 showgirls ranging in age from 55 to 84.

"Some of the gams on these women are to die for," he says. "They maintain pretty well."

But for now, he's just got to get through opening night to be able to relax a little. Even then, there are always unknowns that could pop up when working with seniors. What if someone breaks a hip during a dance number?

"I've already planned for that. I'm gonna don a wig, grab a walker and I'll just do it. I'm sure a lot of people would love to see that." ■

## Crunch time



Jackie Warner, above, the lesbian trainer whose reality series *Working Out* certainly counts as one of the most artificial and transparently banal of its type, is back on Bravo in a format that better suits her — or at least my tolerance for Warner's brand of faux toughness. Rather than watching her battle with her equally annoying Russian girlfriend, or acting as if she's the most important woman in Hollywood, she's doing what a trainer should do: Train clients.

*Thintervention* is *The Biggest Loser* conducted by surprise. Warner takes on eight clients, including a mother and daughter and a gay guy who says he and his partner are "the hottie and the hippo," getting them to change their diets and reach their exercise goals. The surprise comes as Warner makes unannounced ambush calls on the clients, barging into their homes and throwing out high-fat foods and shaming them into losing pounds and inches.

As weight-loss shows go — and with *Loser*, *Dance Your Ass Off*, *Celebrity Fit Club* and more, there are an astonishing number of them on TV — *Thintervention* has the Bravo touch, meaning it's as much about the host as the contestants. But as just one more in a glut of series, this is buoyed more by the presence of Warner's super-buff gay trainer Craig Ramsay than Warner herself. Still, we'll take what we can get.

**Grade: C+**

— Arnold Wayne Jones

*Dancing with the Stars* announced its newest lineup of second-tier celebs hoping to waltz away with top honors. The most interesting of the bunch are comic and gay fave Margaret Cho, who is having a busy year with a new album and tour, Bristol Palin and *Jersey Shore*'s Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino. How will Cho interact with Palin? More important, how much more cut will The Situation's abs get with all that intense cardio?

The rest of the lineup includes Michael Bolton, Florence Henderson, David Hasselhoff and Brandy. And we'll find out if baby is put into a corner with *Dirty Dancing*'s Jennifer Grey in the mix.

— Rich Lopez

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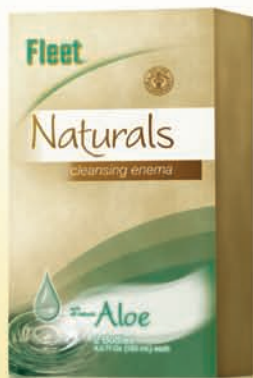
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# A cut above

'Machete' succeeds in B-movie glory while Clooney's dark side in 'The American' is looking real good

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Some elitists used to think the "B" in B-movie stood for bad. Well, they weren't out to win Oscars. They were just lower-budgeted pictures without big stars and some of them were more fun than their more expensive brethren. Quentin Tarantino and Robert Rodriguez have made it their mission to bring back the Bs, bigger and better than ever. The results have been mixed but still reach a pinnacle of sorts with **Machete**, expanded by Rodriguez and company from a fake trailer in the 2007 release of *Grindhouse*



#### MACHETE

Robert DeNiro, Jessica Alba, Danny Trejo. Rated R. 105 minutes. Now playing in wide release.

which featured a classic double-bill of *Death Proof* by Tarantino and *Planet Terror* by Rodriguez.

Like Russ Meyer's films *Machete* works on two levels. It has enough boobs and booms to please fans of cheap action movies, but others will see it as a hilarious spoof of that genre. Like *Avatar*, it has a liberal political message that may go over conservative heads.

**ANY WAY YOU SLICE IT** | Danny Trejo cuts to the quick as the title character in 'Machete' by director Robert Rodriguez. The movie was filmed in Austin.



With immigration the wedge issue in this year's elections, you couldn't ask for a more timely movie. Conservative Texas Sen. John McLaughlin (Robert DeNiro) is running for reelection on a platform of protecting our borders, specifically the one with Mexico. If you can follow the plot through all its distractions, his campaign is being financed by Mexican drug lord Torrez (a plump, accented Steven Seagal), who has his own reasons for wanting to control the border. The buffer between them is McLaughlin's aide, Michael Booth (Jeff Fahey).

Then there is the Network, a group of humanitarian revolutionaries who help people cross the border illegally so they can provide for their families while also being a source of the cheap labor that industries demand. Their semi-mythical leader, She, runs a taco stand under her everyday identity, Luz (Michelle Rodriguez, looking hotter and more feminine than she ever has).

The border is getting extra protection from Von (Don Johnson) and his ruthless, insensitive vigilantes. More legal, hence less effective methods are used by ICE agent Sartana (Jessica Alba, who, it occurs to me, would be great in a biography of Rita Hayworth).

Saving the best for nearly last, Danny Trejo moves up to star status as Machete, a Mexican Federale who is ambushed and left for dead before the opening credits. Three years later he's in Texas getting involved with all the other characters. Machete is not only his given name but also the trademark weapon with which he decapitates or literally disarms his opponents, none of whom are able to shoot him before he gets close enough to swing his blade.

Other characters that round out the film include Machete's brother (Cheech Marin) who's a father in the church. Booth has a wife, June (Alicia Marek), and daughter, April (Lindsay Lohan), who spend more time in the movie than they do in their clothes, but not much. Imagine Lohan as a drugged-out slut — talk about stretching as an actress!

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Frame for frame, *Machete* is as entertaining as any movie this year. If only viewers would emulate the line that deserves to be on t-shirts: Machete don't text.

Moviegoers have a clear-cut choice this weekend between *Machete's* wall-to-wall action with a satirical edge and the slow, somber, suspense of **The American**. Both are good examples of their kind so it depends on your mood. Except for maybe Matt Damon, you couldn't ask for a more all-American guy than George Clooney to play the title role in *The American*. Not that it matters, because in the world of hitmen (and women) your country of origin is less important than who you're working for.

The quiet opening establishes Jack (Clooney) during a romantic idyll in Sweden, but before five minutes have passed he's killed three people, two in self-defense, then is on his way to Italy. There, he's directed to a small town where he should lay low and "and above all, don't make any friends, Jack. You used to know that."

Is Jack losing his edge? He goes to a different town, discards the cell phone his boss gave him and calling himself Edward, makes friends with the village priest (Paolo Bonacelli) and Clara (Violante Placido), a prostitute. Even a lone wolf needs a she-wolf from time to time.

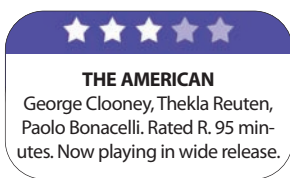
He accepts a job, preparing a weapon for a female assassin, Mathilde (Thekla Reuten) whom he doesn't fully trust. Some of the film's best scenes are the ones in which we're brought into

his suspicions and kept in suspense about the outcome.

Clooney is the perfect combination of actor and movie star. He shows his dark side here with some tenderness but no wisecracking. He's got a body designers want to hang clothes on and women and gay men want to see naked. *The American* obliges both with Clooney leaner and more muscular than he's been in years.

Like most American-made products today,

*The American* is composed mostly of foreign parts. That includes Dutch-born, UK-based director Anton Corbijn (*Control*) and all of the cast but Clooney. Like Clooney's character, Corbin is methodical in his use of artificial colored lighting to brighten this existential drama. The scenic Italian locations are off the beaten path, unlike the plot, which is so familiar the screenplay doesn't bother to fill in details. You follow the man, not the story — Clooney's worth following, so it works. ■



**THE AMERICAN**

George Clooney, Thekla Reuten, Paolo Bonacelli. Rated R. 95 minutes. Now playing in wide release.

**TRUST ISSUES** | George Clooney plays a hitman trying to lead a quiet life in 'The American' and meets a suspicious woman played by Thekla Reuten.



**Fame monster**

Texas-born Rob Williams makes some bold moves in his new film. In *Role/Play* Williams casts real-life couple Matthew Montgomery and Steve Callahan as Trey and Graham, who cross paths at a Palm Springs resort. Williams also takes on gay culture's fascination with fame and celebrity. *OutTakes* screens the film this week.

A newly outed soap star meets a divorced marriage activist who are both hiding away from the press. The movie brings up questions of fame, gay press and outing closeted celebrities while unfolding a potential romance.

— Rich Lopez

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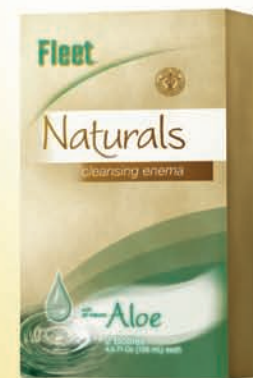
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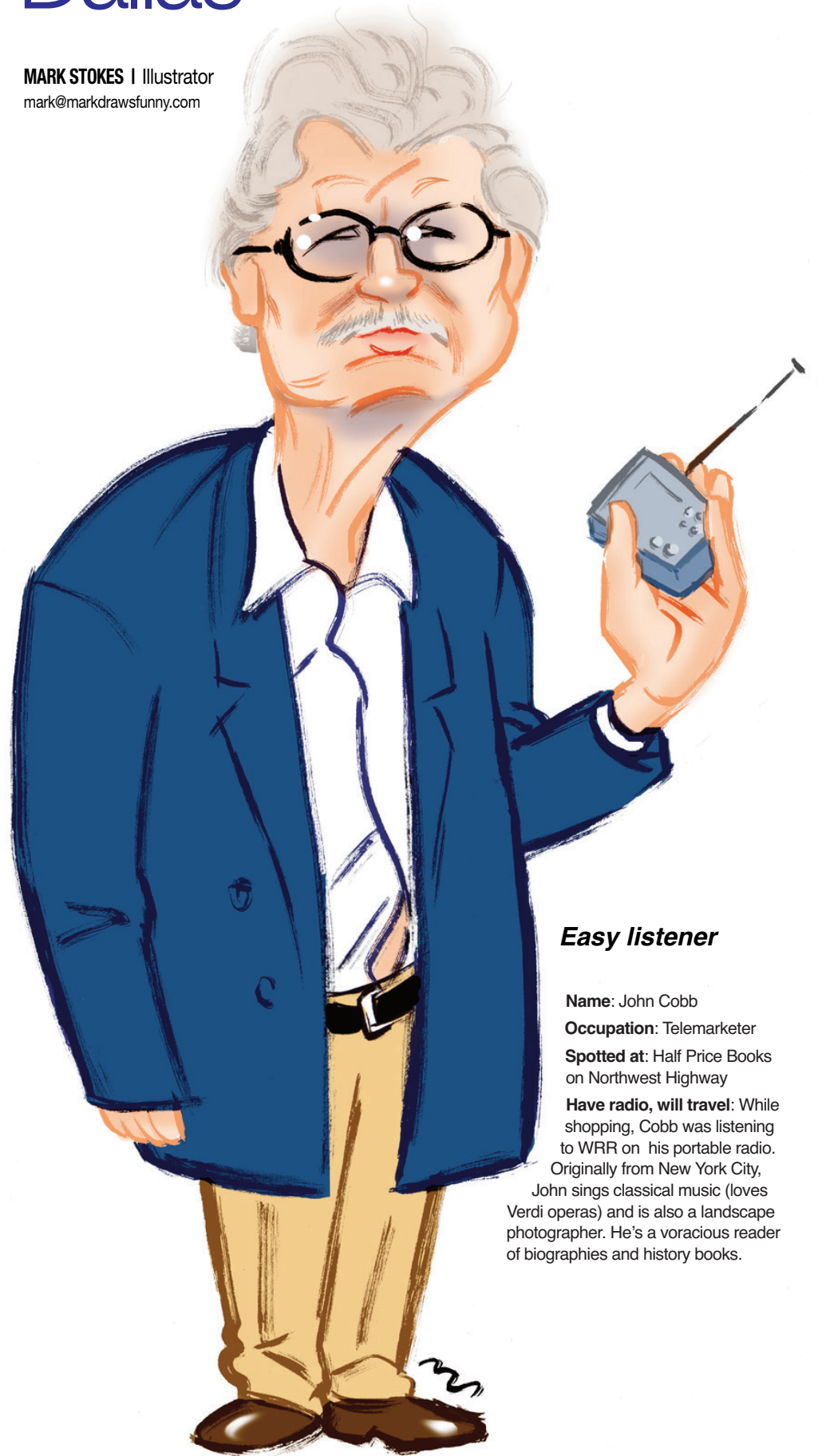
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# Last man standing?

As Adam Lambert rises the pop ranks, he joins a long line of musical frontmen who can really show out

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Recently, Adam Lambert sang the praises of Queen frontman Freddie Mercury. Much of Lambert's stylings and persona are reminiscent of the late bisexual singer, but when he asked NPR recently where are today's flamboyant showmen, I was perplexed. If by flamboyant, he means gay, well, then perhaps I can see that. But pop and rock music today is not lacking for outrageousness in male personalities.

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Lambert doesn't have to look too far to see that the musical landscape is filled with exciting onstage personas that can equal Lady Gaga or Katy Perry. Lest he thinks he's the only one on the radar doing up an extravaganza

show, he'd be sorely mistaken. I picked out a few worthwhile singers and performers that should answer Lambert's question.

**Mika** — I'm sorry to tell Lambert that Brit

pop singer Mika fits the Freddie Mercury prototype like a glove, much more than Lambert does. With bouncy pop that's also smart, Mika is exciting to watch as he rules his stage and flutters with some crazy vocal gymnastics. To add to that, he can throw down big time on a piano. He can wear the audience out even when he's doing all the work.

**Kele Okereke** — The Bloc Party gay frontman woos his audience like a lover. He has that magic that is both hypnotic and thrilling. Okereke drips sex appeal the way Lenny Kravitz used to, only he keeps it approachable enough to not make him look like a douche. Others usually miss that mark.

**Brandon Flowers** — When Flowers takes the mike during his band's show, he not only sings, he leads like a conductor. The Killers pop rock drives forward with heavy guitars and drums, but Flowers owns the stage with the slightly off-kilter-ness of Johnny Depp's Mad Hatter but

makes up for it with squeaky clean good looks and guy-liner.

**Justin Timberlake** — It's hard to believe I live in a world where Justin T. is a music veteran. Not only that, he's become a respectable musician and artist. But first, he was the breakout guy from N\*Sync. You could see his potential then that he was going to be big, but when he matured into pop music hotness, he proved that outrageousness and flamboyance isn't all that's needed to be a great showman. J.T.'s got the moves, the looks and also works his sex appeal to no end.

There are countless others, but Lambert can't rule out these contemporaries just because he'll kiss a guy onstage or wear outlandish costumes. Flamboyant showmanship is of varying degree. Glam rock hasn't yet made its comeback, but Lambert is at least spearheading the movement and in a few years, he'll be the next veteran that up and comers will cite as an influence. ■

## RICH'S MIXTAPE

### As summer fades, it's time to chill

This summer was too damn hot — literally and figuratively. Facebook exploded with pics of guys and gals at pool parties every weekend. Three-digit temps didn't stop anyone from heading out to soak up the rays, down some drinks and rave all night. Labor Day marks the end of summer, but get prepped for autumn with these downtime tunes.

**"Straight Up"** — Luna: This cover downshifted the Paula Abdul hit big time into sometimes corny territory, but it's laid back approach borders on poignant.

**"Je Suis Comme Je Suis"** — Juliette Grieco: This French tune is both light and whimsical with just enough romance to keep it interesting. Grieco's deep voice is still tender and playful. Perfect for your crisp evenings — whenever they start.



**"Bitty Boppy Betty"** — Pink Martini: Gay band leader Thomas Lauderdale called this their queerest song, but it's retro flavor turns up the charm.

**"Fade Into You"** — Mazzy Star: Perhaps the definitive chill out tune, but ideal for any time of the year.

**"Elevator"** — Charming Gardeners: This local band comes close to Mazzy Star's dreamy lushness here, but singer Amy Curnow's edge makes it all their own.

**"Uptight (Everything's Alright)"** — Stevie Wonder: Not all your tunes have to be relaxed. Trade out the thump-thump of summer dance music for some classic R&B that'll get your feet moving.

**"Clap Your Hands"** — Sia, pictured: Despite the lame title, lesbian singer Sia channels her inner Kylie with an addictive beats.

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## Ladies first

The Women's Chorus of Dallas proves just why the city needs them

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For more than 20 years, the Women's Chorus of Dallas thrived, happily performing with SMU's Caruth Auditorium as its base of operation. But when the chance came last March to become one of the companies based in the new AT&T Performing Arts Center, the group leapt at the opportunity.

"It was pretty powerful when we first moved in there and had our first rehearsal," recalls Melinda Imthurn, TWCD's artistic director. "It felt like a different chorus. The women — I could just see it in their faces and hear it in their voices — felt [like] they were home."

The chorus had arrived — in more ways than one. The move sent a clear message about TWCD's importance as a Dallas arts organization, and "[as a specifically] *women's* arts organization in the Arts District," says Imthurn. The group does their part to let Dallas shine as part of this weekend's Gala Choruses Annual Leadership Conference and plays host, with the Turtle Creek Chorale, as the resident vocal groups of this area.

Like most music groups of its kind, the chorus — originally founded in 1989 as a lesbian community arts organization — started small. The Women's Chorus has matured into a group with a diverse membership and a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic face reflective of the city's denizens. Choral performers come from all walks of life and sexual orientations and bring with them a wide range of musical talents, abilities and skills.

That diversity doesn't stop at the kinds of women who perform with the chorus. The group incorporates costumes, dancing and the spoken word into its concerts, enhancing the overall vocal vibrancy. As Imthurn explains, these performance extras, combined with concerts that are scripted to more resemble theatrical presentations, "make the music more accessible to people, especially those who might not have experience with choral music."

And then there's the superbly eclectic repertoire. Much of what TWCD performs at any given concert is choral music from the venerable European tradition. But there are the musical surprises that include everything from Billboard hits to Broadway show tunes to African folk songs ... all presented without missing a stylistic beat. TWCD prides itself on being appropriate to each genre. "[It's] something the chorus works hard at," says Imthurn.

In keeping with its mission to promote the "strength, diversity and joy of women," much of the material that the chorus presents is, one way or another, woman-centered. And it is one of the few organizations that gives voice, both literally and figuratively, to lesbian themes onstage. One of the upcoming projects that Imthurn is especially excited

about for the 2010-11 season is a performance at the Texas Discovery Garden for Mother's Day.

"What we'll be doing for that particular performance is first [to] sing songs that honor mothers, grandmothers, parental-type figures, mentors, teachers and secondly [to sing songs] about nature," Imthurn says. TWCD members will then encircle the garden's butterfly sanctuary and 100 butterflies will be released.

TWCD also maintains a keen sense of social mission. It has actively raised awareness of issues pertaining to AIDS and domestic violence prevention; it also participates in fundraising for such organizations as AIDS LifeWalk, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, and the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition.

According to Imthurn, in everything it does, the chorus is clearly a group that takes the "art" in "heart" and brings it to a new level ... which is what drew Imthurn — who started as a performer with TWCD in 2004 — to the group in the first place.

"What made me fall in love with the chorus was the heart of the chorus and the heart you can hear in the music," she says. ■



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# Memoirs of an addict

Gay author Bill Clegg recalls his darkest days in his book 'Portrait of an Addict as a Young Man'

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Bill Clegg, a young, gay and attractive New York literary agent with a boyfriend in the movie industry, details his struggle with the crack cocaine addiction that nearly killed him in the memoir *Portrait of an Addict as a Young Man*. Telling his story in unflinching detail, Clegg moves back and forth in the book from his childhood and the complicated relationship with his family to his exciting life in New York with partner "Noah," with the momentum of a runaway train. Clegg discussed his work shortly before the publication of the book. ■

**Dallas Voice:** Living as we do in a post-James Frey memoir world, was that something you were concerned about when writing *Portrait of an Addict as a Young Man*? Bill Clegg: Not at all. I didn't think about James Frey's book once (laughs) when I was writing this book. Part of that is that when I first started writing it, I wasn't necessarily thinking of it as a book. It was initially a transcription of memories and it began while I was in rehab. When I arrived in rehab after that two-month period which resulted in a suicide attempt, I surfaced from that period sort of like somebody surfaces from a dream. So my memories—what I said, what I saw, what I felt—I had this feeling that those would evaporate in time, that I wouldn't have access to them later, so I started writing them down in as much detail as I could. Part of the urgency around that was that so much of the period was confused for me. I thought that if I wrote everything down, as much as I could, I'd be able to make sense of it later and be able to distinguish the truth from the delusion once I had more distance from that period. The writing of it, initially, was as far away from imagining it as a book as it

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could possibly be. That experience of transcribing memories went on for a couple of years. At the point of which it occurred to me, several years later, that there might be something book-shape, book-length there, the issue of James Frey or other addiction memoirs didn't come up mainly because I hadn't read those memoirs. It started as an incredibly personal and private thing. I never thought outside of the demands of the project itself.

**Why did you decide to keep it in the memoir format as opposed to the liberties you might have been afforded in a fictional format?** Because when other addicts and alcoholics have been candid about their experiences with me it gives me courage to be more candid and more honest. Being honest about where my addiction took me, I feel less shame around it and I feel relief. If my being candid about my experience inspires anyone else to be honest and open about what's going on with them and in that way lifts the shame and torment of that in any way, then it's worth it. Also, when I went back through what I had written, the hardest thing to re-occupy was how desperately lonely the experience was. Even in the period that preceded those two months, when I was, on the surface, successful and living a crowded life, I was desperately lonely because I had this secret. Through the years preceding my crack up, I tried to manage my use. I tried to have only two drinks at night, to come home at 2 in the morning as opposed to 10 in the morning, and I failed every time. That struggle was a very lonely, isolated one. It was loaded with shame. And nobody else knew, aside from my boyfriend, that I was a crack addict. I was convinced that if anybody found out that I would be banished from the life that I occupied. The whole experience was incredibly lonely. I thought I was the only person who struggled in the way that I did. I thought I was the only person who had a job like I did and was a crack addict. It all felt terribly singular. So, if anybody recognizes themselves in my struggle and feels less lonely then they might be encouraged to step up and get help and be honest and not let it go where it went with me.

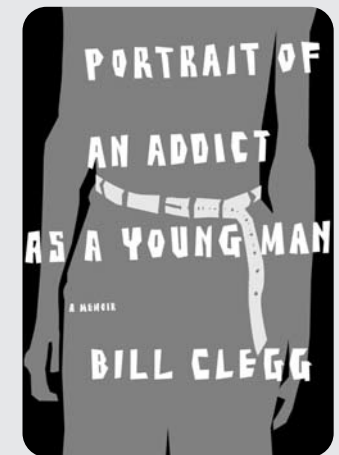
**There is a sense that the book is more than just a memoir, that it is intended to be a tool to aid others.** That's the reason it exists as a published document, to be useful. And I hope that it is.

**The book has cinematic quality. If there was a movie, who would be right to play you in film?** Oh, God, I would never answer that question. Because to engage in a conversation about who would play me is also to engage in a conversation that glamorizes it. I would hope that the film would be respectful and with the same intent as the book. Shy of that I really don't have an opinion about what it would be as a movie or not.

**Being in the literary world, do you think it was inevitable that you would write a book, whether it was about this experience or something else?** No. I mean, there's certainly a novel that I've been struggling with for over a decade, but I don't think I'm going to torture the world by having it rear its head (laughs). What I would say about writing, and it's what I do say to the writers that I work with, unless you have to do it, don't do it. I think that should be the measure for all artistic endeavors. If you have to do it, do it. Otherwise, it's not worth it. And I had to do this. It began in the earliest hours of my struggle to get sober and it never went away and it kept on returning as this urgent thing. At a certain point I stepped out of the way of it and let it happen. It was less of a choice to write it and absolutely a choice to make it public.

## Deadly vices

**Portrait of an Addict as a Young Man,**  
by Bill Clegg (Little, Brown and Company, 2010), \$23.99



In the new book *Portrait of an Addict as a Young Man*, author Bill Clegg's addiction was far from harmless. In the end, in fact, it almost killed him. And it all started out so innocently.

Like many college students, Clegg and his roommates enjoyed a good time. They smoked a little pot, drank and serial-dated women, pulled pranks, did cocaine, and got high again.

His introduction to crack came from the first man he ever had more-than-fleeting sex with. A hometown lawyer, a man he had known forever, invited Clegg to his apartment for a drink. They talked about the man's kids and his wife, made out a little, and then the man disappeared into the bedroom. He came back with "milk-colored crystals" and a clear glass tube.

After his first gulp of crack, Clegg says of himself, "He misses the feeling even before it's left him and not only does he want more, he needs it." And from then on, he needed it all the time.

But that (the night of firsts) was all before Clegg repeatedly lied to his friends and family. It was before he left his boyfriend, Noah, at an important film festival in order to fly home to get high. It was before he slept with other men in seedy hotels. His first hit from the clear vial was before his business partner changed the locks.

And it was before Clegg nearly died from the drug that had ruined his life.

Reading *Portrait* is a different kind of experience. This book makes you squirm, and you'll want to get through each page quickly, not because the story is good (which it is), but because reading about what Clegg lived is hard to endure.

Starting with a major binge, then moving back and forth between childhood memories and fuzzy recollections of being high, Clegg walks a tightrope between wry humor and wrung-out horror. Early memories are written in third-person, giving them a remote feeling and adding more tenseness to this already-raw memoir.

If you relish a tough-to-read story with edge, you'll want this one. Like any craving, *Portrait of an Addict as a Young Man* will be impossible to let go of.

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Homo is where the heart is, and for San Diego's gay and lesbian community that means Hillcrest. Spanning less than a mile's walking distance, this easygoing neighborhood makes a perfect triangle appropriately enough. Three points and one magical means of transportation will get visitors from point A to B, and then C. Genius? We say yes. This is dubbed San Diego's Gay Triangle, and unlike the Bermuda Triangle, you will not get lost.

Urban Mo's, a well-known gay restaurant and bar in San Diego, offers rides on their Mo's-Mobile to their sister locations Baja Betty's and Gossip Grill. This comes in handy for extra exploring of the neighborhood. The Mo's-Mobile is an open-air golf cart capable of seating six and ideal for some major bar hopping. Travelers will be in luck to get Nino as a driver. He plays classic Madonna via his iPod as the cart cruises down the avenues.

Adventures should be started at Urban Mo's mostly for the frozen black lemonade — basically a Slurpee with booze. Happy hour can't come soon enough, and Baja Betty's has figured that out. They have created the "Papi Hour" where 2 p.m. is the new 4 p.m. Affordable drinks and nibbles this early in the afternoon and the kind of deal that will assure Hillcrest newbies and visitors they will never go hungry or sober again. Betty's is famous for their margaritas, welcoming atmosphere and cheese queso dip that has earned the not-so-attractive nickname "cheese crack" because it's just as addictive. Just don't smoke it.

The newest addition to Hillcrest is the Gossip Grill. This lesbian hot spot is gender friendly, but the ladies have called it home. For the oblig-



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atory cup of coffee outside, Filter Coffee House is a must. Aside from shooting up espresso beans, a cup of joe from Filter turns out to be just as invigorating and potent and the best part — it's open 24 hours a day every day of the year. Geared with free WI-FI and European-style seating outdoors, any homework assignment or break-up coffee date can be vanquished here.

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Much more than cereal at the Lei Lounge is on tap for Sunday brunch where the menu includes petit filet mignon and eggs, stuffed French toast, an omelet bar and smoked salmon quesadillas to name a few. Also on hand will be an assortment of recovering gays from heavy weekend activities. ■







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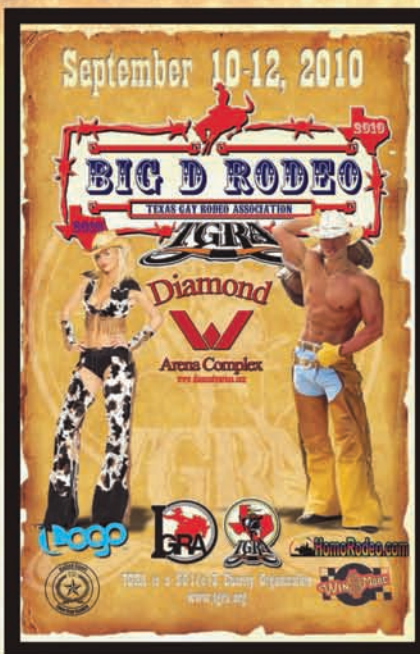
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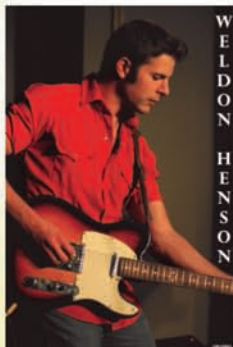
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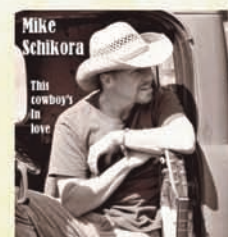
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**DEETS:** The Brick, 2525 Wycliff Ave., Suite 124. 9 p.m. \$20. BrickDallas.com.

**Sunday 09.05**

**These 'Steps' are a killer**

In Patrick Barlow's stage version of *The 39 Steps*, not only did he adapt a Hitchcock movie (and John Buchan novel) into a hilarious whodunit, but he also reduced the cast to four playing a magnitude of parts. We're already out of breath.

**DEETS:** Stage West, 821 W. Vickery Blvd., Fort Worth. Through Sept. 26. \$24-\$28. StageWest.org.

**Thursday 09.09**

**Getting down to business**

If mixers are awkward and networking is intimidating, just think of it as socializing with finesse. Proprietors and professionals mix at the North Texas GLBT Chamber Business Connections Mixer this week. That means, this is your chance.

**DEETS:** Warwick Melrose Hotel, 3105 Oak Lawn Ave. 5:30 p.m. \$5. GLBTChamber.org.



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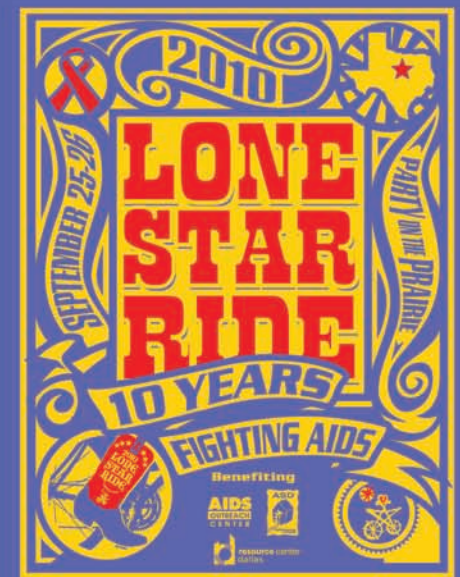
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## FRIDAY 09.03

## COMMUNITY

**Stonewall Group of Narcotics Anonymous.**

Meets daily at noon and 7:30 p.m., Maple Plaza, 5353 Maple Ave, #130 (Entry in rear of building).

**Unwired Dallas.** Crystal Meth Anonymous (CMA) meets for those wishing to quit using meth. Also meets on Mondays and Wednesdays at the same time. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 7:30pm. Free. CrystalMeth.org.

**Youth First Texas** groups for ages 14 to 22. 3918 Harry Hines Blvd. 4–10 p.m. 214-879-0400.

**Family Affair Fridays**, a mixer for LGBT people of color. Club Che, 10333 Technology Blvd. 10 p.m.

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

## THEATER

**The Beauty Queen of Leenane** by Martin McDonagh and presented by ICT Theatre on the Edge. Rudy Seppy Rehearsal Studio, 2333 W. Rochelle Road, Irving. Through Saturday. Fridays–Saturdays at 8 p.m. \$8. IrvingTheatre.org.

**The Blue Moon Dancing** by Ed Graczyk. CTD, 5601 Sears St. Through Sept. 12. Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays–Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2:30 p.m. \$22–\$32. ContemporaryTheatreofDallas.com.

**A Bollywood Lysistrata.** A musical retelling of the Aristophanes play presented by Level Ground Arts. KD Studio Theatre, 2600 N. Stemmons Freeway,



Suite 180. Through Sunday. Friday–Saturday at 8:15 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. \$20. LevelGroundArts.com.

**Sherlock Holmes in the Crucifer of Blood.** Theatre Three, 2800 Routh St., Suite 168. Through Sunday. Fridays–Saturdays at 8 p.m., weekend matinee at 2:30 p.m. \$10–\$40. Theatre3Dallas.com.

## ART

**Community** featuring works by Dallas artist Jim Hastings and Brooklyn-based John Skibo. Rising Gallery, 4631 Insurance Lane. Opening reception at 6 p.m. Through Oct. 2. RisingGallery.com.

**Georgia O'Keeffe and the Faraway:** Nature and Image. National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame, 1720 Gendy St., Fort Worth. Through Monday. Cowgirl.net.

**DANCING TEMPTATION** | Level Ground Arts' 'A Bollywood Lysistrata' comes to a close this weekend at KD Studio Theatre.

**Multi-Media** with artwork by Clayton Lee Bailey, Jim Frederick and Deborah Scott Lightfoot. Artisan Style, 2417 Mahon St. Opening reception at 6 p.m. Through Saturday. ArtisanStyle.net.

**Stripped**, Neo-Minimal Strategies in Contemporary Art group exhibition featuring work by Rupert Deese, Tom Orr, Kathy Webster and more.

Marty Walker Gallery, 2135 Farrington St. Through Saturday. MartyWalkerGallery.com.

## SATURDAY 09.04

## COMMUNITY

**Rainbow Ministries International.** Meets weekly. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 2 p.m. 469-222-3400.

**Fuse: Core Group** for gay men ages 18 to 29. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 2–5 p.m. 214-540-4435.

**The ONE Church East** church services. 6246 Broadway Blvd, Suite #100, Garland. 3 p.m. 214-724-5658. Dallas1Church.org.

**Youth First Texas** groups for ages 14 to 22. 3918

Harry Hines Blvd. 5–10 p.m. 214-879-0400.

**DFW Prime Timers** play bingo at private residence. Call 972-504-8866 for details.

## SUNDAY 09.05

## COMMUNITY

**Breath of Life** Interfaith Mindfulness Fellowship. LGBT-friendly "meditation and more" event. Inspired by Buddhist spirituality, all faiths are welcome. Deaf interpretation is provided every week. Unity Church of Dallas, 6525 Forest Lane. 5:30–7:30 p.m. InterMindful.com.

**Dignity Dallas** sponsors Roman Catholic liturgy. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 6 p.m. 214-521-5342 ext. 1732. DignityDallas.org.

**The ONE Church West** Sunday services. First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Church, 1959 Sandy Lane, Fort Worth. 3 p.m. OneChurchTX.org.

**30/40Something** meets weekly. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 10 a.m. CathedralOfHope.com.

**Youth First Texas Collin County.** Open to ages 14 to 22. 1200 Commerce St., Suite 121, Plano. 6–7:30 p.m. 214-879-0400.

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**BROADCAST**

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**Weekly.** LGBT radio for North

Texas. 89.3 KNON-FM at noon This week's guest is Sister Jeannine Gramick.

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

**MONDAY 09.06**

**COMMUNITY**

**DFW 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.

**The Women's Chorus of Dallas** holds weekly rehearsals. Sammons Center for the Arts, 3630 Harry Hines Blvd. 7 p.m. 214-520-7828.

Twcdoffice@twcd.org.

**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.

**Self Esteem** support group provided by AIDS Outreach Center meets weekly. AIDS Outreach Center, 400 N. Beach St., Fort Worth. 1:30 p.m. 817-229-4621. AOC.org.

**BROADCAST**

**The Rick Vanderslice Show** streams Monday-Friday from noon-2 p.m. on RationalRadio.org.

**TUESDAY 09.07**

**COMMUNITY**

**Sista to Sista** support group meets every first, second and third Tuesday. AIDS Outreach Center, 400 N. Beach St., Fort Worth. 11:30 a.m. 817-335-1994 ext. 204. AOC.org.

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

**Youth First Texas** groups for ages 14 to 22. 3918 Harry Hines Blvd. 4-10 p.m. 214-879-0400.

**FUSE Movie Night.** For gay and bi guys up to 29. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 7 p.m.

**Bible study.** The ONE Church East. 6246 Broadway Blvd, Suite #100, Garland. 7:30 p.m. 214-724-5658. Dallas1Church.org.

**Q's-Day Potluck.** All are welcome to this friendly,

casual LGBT gathering every Tuesday evening. The Corporate Image, 5418 Brentwood Stair Road, Fort Worth, 817-446-3395.

**BROADCAST**

**Ilume-A-Nation Tuesday** with Jack E. Jett. Streams weekly at 11 a.m. on ilume.com.

**The Jack E. Jett Show** with co-host Jackie Stallone streams every Tuesday and Thursday at 3 p.m. on RationalBroadcasting.com.

**WEDNESDAY 09.08**

**COMMUNITY**

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

**Positively Straight** meets. AIDS Outreach Center, 400 N. Beach St., Fort Worth. 2 p.m. AOC.org.

**Dallas PUMP**, rehearsal for the chorus for LGBT youth. Youth First Texas, 5415 Maple Ave. Suite 225. 6:30 p.m. Dallaspump.org.

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

**20Something** social group meets at Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 6:15 p.m. Cathedralofhope.com.

**El Sol**, an AIDS Outreach Center support group meets weekly. AIDS Outreach Center, 400 N. Beach St., Fort Worth. 2 p.m. 817-335-1994 ext. 217. AOC.org.

**THURSDAY 09.09**

**COMMUNITY**

**The ONE Church West** Bible Study. First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Church, 1959 Sandy Lane, Fort Worth. 7:30 p.m. OneChurchTX.org.

**Choir and orchestra rehearsals** at Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 7 p.m. Cathedralofhope.com.

**FUSE** drop-in weekdays (except Tuesdays). For gay and bi guys up to 29. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 3-8 p.m. 214-540-4435.

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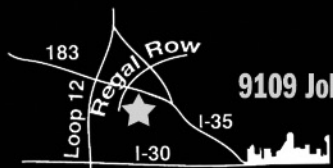
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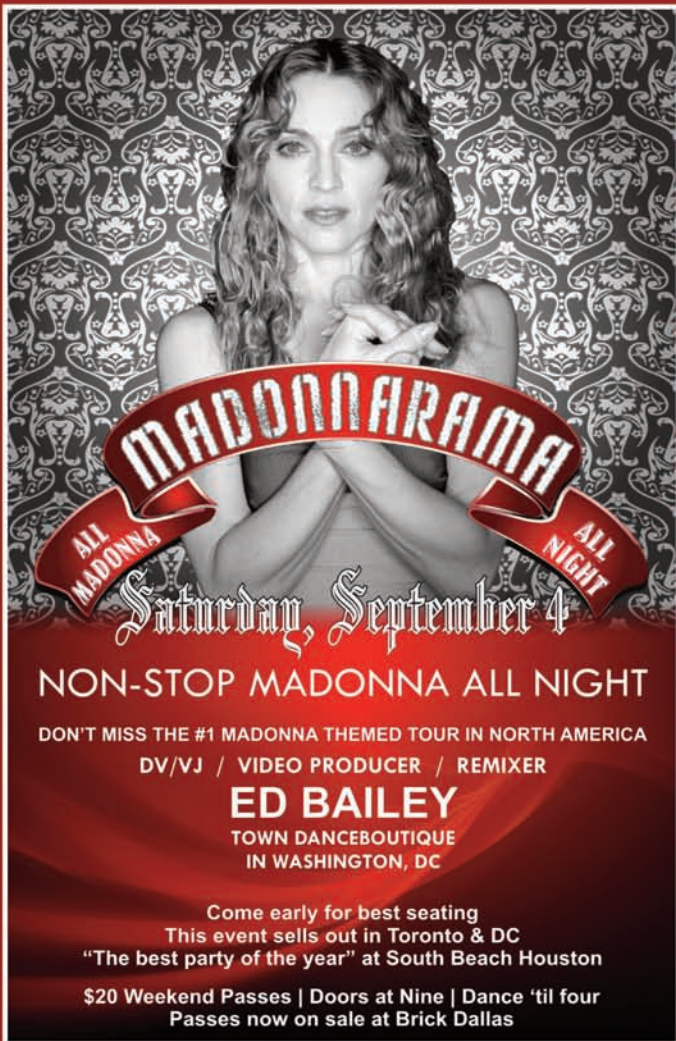
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**CELEBRITY BIRTHDAY**

By Jack Fertig



**Pink** turns 31 on Wednesday. The pop singer upped her game with her 2008 album *Funhouse* and the just completed Funhouse Summer Carnival Tour performing live and scary aerial moves. Her high in the sky performance at this year's Grammys was breathtaking. Plus, we can't help but love that she also worked with the HRC for the "Talk About It" campaign.

**VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22**

In the constant and necessary negotiations of relationships, you can expect to hit a bump on something you thought you had tight agreement on. Talk it out and maybe agree to disagree.

**LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22**

Take a good hard look at your diet and exercise. Some adjustments are necessary. A few less desserts, a few more reps. It doesn't have to be dramatic, but in time the results could be.

**SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21**

Meditation and retreat should prove harmonizing, but once you get relaxed, some of your darker dreams and fantasies can surface. It should make good creative inspiration.

**SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 20**

Look beneath those urges to get out of the house. Getting out and having fun is fine, but imagine a home you'd rather stay in and take steps toward reaching that ideal.

**CAPRICORN Dec 21-Jan 19**

Contradicting your boss is a sure way to get into trouble, but if you think it out very carefully, plan your criticism. Don't just pop off spontaneously. The results could be well worth it.

**AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18**

People value your opinion, but keep it in check. Being right isn't enough. Being considerate and respectful of others (no matter how stupid they are) is important, too.

**PISCES Feb 19-Mar 19**

You're too sexy for your own good. Stop and think before you get sucked into something you'll regret. You can enjoy greater passion if you just think it through before you get started.

**ARIES Mar 20-Apr 19**

You can try too hard to please your partner, leading to frustration making your baby wonder where that came from. Share secrets to build intimacy. That's better than overextending yourself.

**TAURUS Apr 20-May 20**

Your efforts to bring co-workers into better cooperation could be excessive, creating more discord than morale. Share your ideas, but make an effort to get theirs. Independent efforts are good.

**GEMINI May 21-Jun 20**

Your reputation for wit and playfulness could complicate your efforts at work. Surprise conferences with the boss may include some light chastening, but with that comes some opportunities.

**CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22**

Your efforts at home improvement will seem welcome at first, but are more far-reaching than others like. Keep arguments calm and principled. Be flexible and you can come to a much better plan.

**LEO Jul 23-Aug 22**

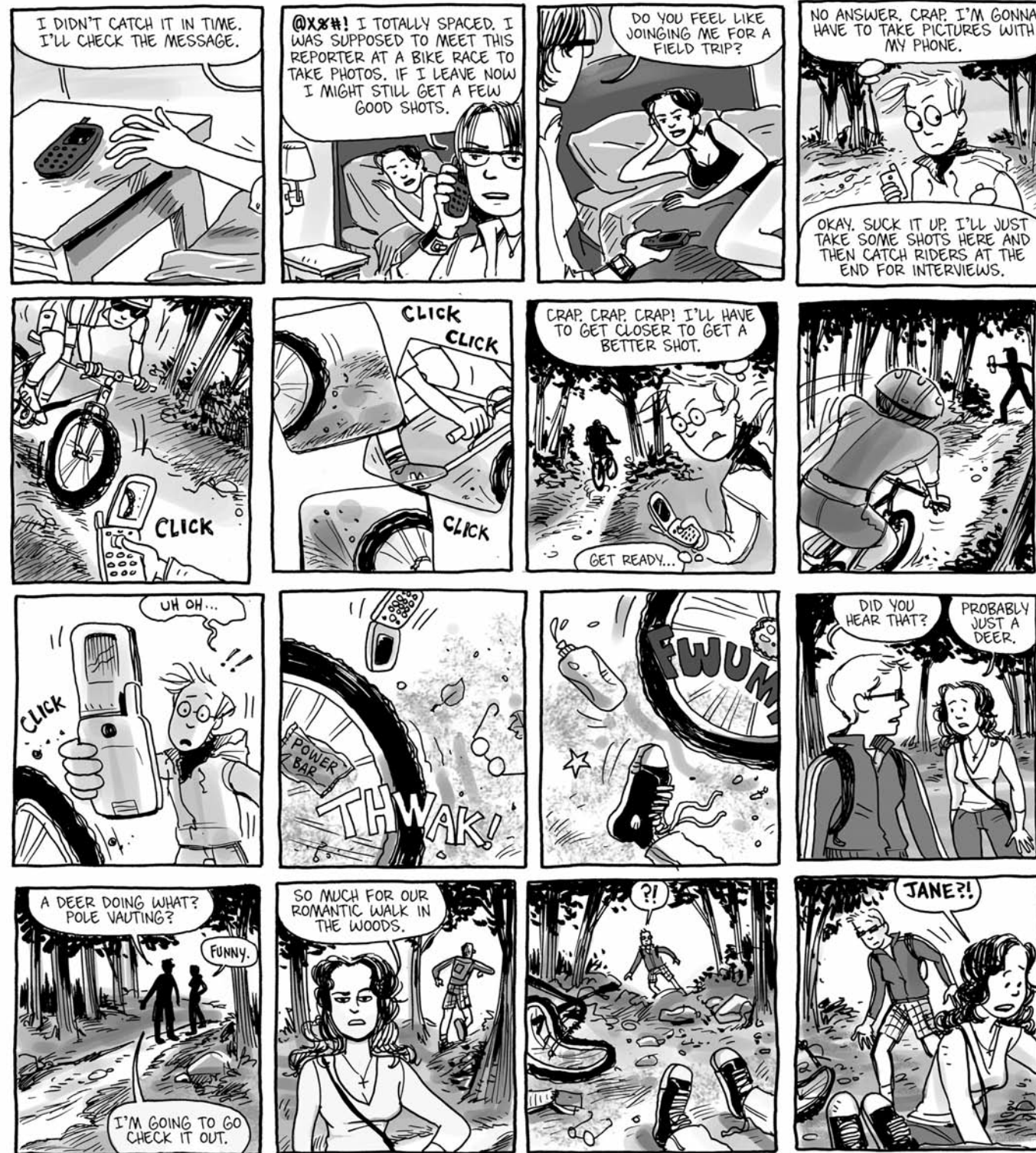
Your seductions and cajoling will get you to places you never imagined. What feels like surprising successes can lead you to overdo your efforts. Take it all as experimentation and adventure.

**THIS WEEK**

As Jupiter backs into Pisces and bumps into Uranus, Venus will quincunx both, inspiring brilliant attempts at reconciliation and harmony. Then Mars follows Venus, energizing those ideals, which might help — or could ruin the whole thing by being too pushy. Easy does it.

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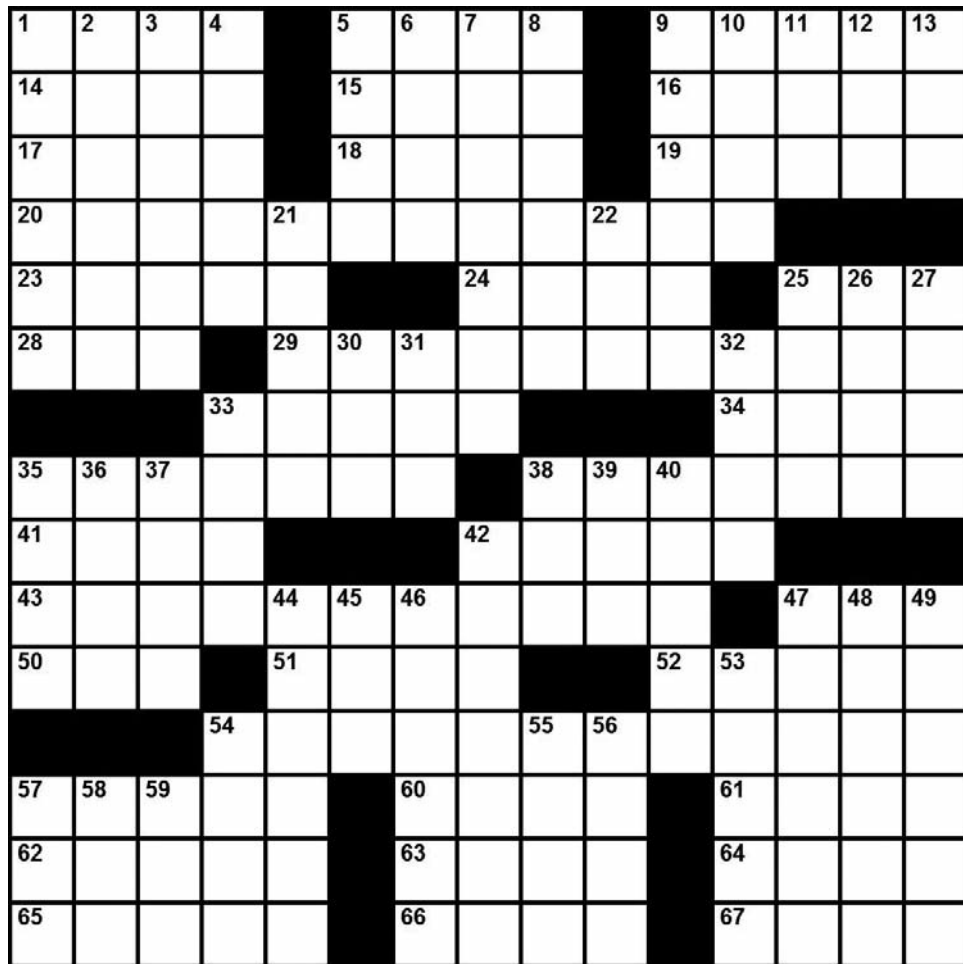


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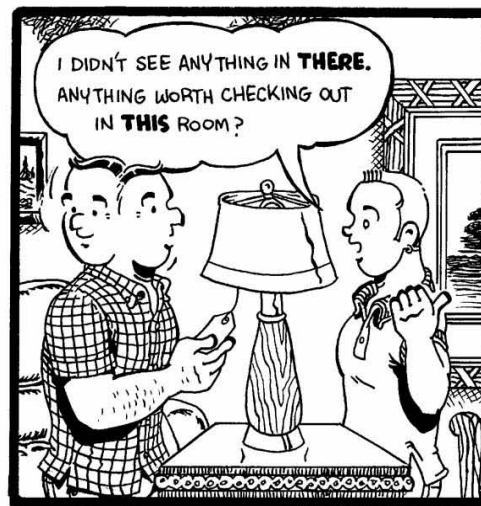
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- 1 Nice Nellie
- 5 Palm starch
- 9 Rosie's role in "The Flintstones"
- 14 Jay of TV
- 15 Put out
- 16 Head off
- 17 Pt. of PGA
- 18 Give for a while
- 19 "A Streetcar \_\_\_ Desire"
- 20 Actress in 43-Across
- 23 Too-too
- 24 Try \_\_\_ for size
- 25 Word in a Clinton policy
- 28 Cause of Venus envy?
- 29 Actress in 43-Across
- 33 One who comes out because of a rubber
- 34 River of Wilde's land
- 35 P-town and Fire Island
- 38 In difficult times
- 41 Like the end of a bacchanal?
- 42 Big name in wine
- 43 Movie about the widow of a choir director
- 47 Unlikely, as a chance
- 50 Sex, crudely
- 51 Drag queen's leg need

**Down**

- 1 Cup alternative
- 2 Upshot
- 3 Maps within maps
- 4 Dead duck
- 5 What to lean on while singing "Come to My Window"
- 6 Part of San Francisco's BART
- 7 He might not be cut
- 8 Queer thing
- 9 Condom wearer, in sex ed class
- 10 Cole Porter's "Well, Did You \_\_\_"
- 11 Pro follower
- 12 Threesome for Da Vinci
- 13 From Jan. 1 to now
- 21 Consumer advocate Ralph
- 22 Metrosexual
- 25 Blade brand
- 26 "Like a Virgin," for one
- 27 You may go down on one
- 30 Canadian prov.
- 31 Lily for Colette
- 32 Butch Janet
- 33 Spencer-Devlin's sport
- 35 Indian chief
- 36 John of "Nowhere" and "Flawless"
- 37 Comes out with
- 38 Half a cocktail
- 39 Dottermans of "Antonia's Line"
- 40 Vote into office
- 42 Very hairy swinger
- 44 Like sexual orientation, often
- 45 Gibbon species
- 46 Vitamin B acid
- 47 James of "Milk"
- 48 Puts out
- 49 Stein's partner
- 53 Rampagers go on it
- 54 Where the Mets waved their sticks
- 55 Gets hard
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- 57 Classic sports cars
- 58 Constellation over Rio
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Freddie and Mannie at Kaliente.



Dru and Alicia at Sue Ellen's.



Frank and Eric at TMC: The Mining Company.



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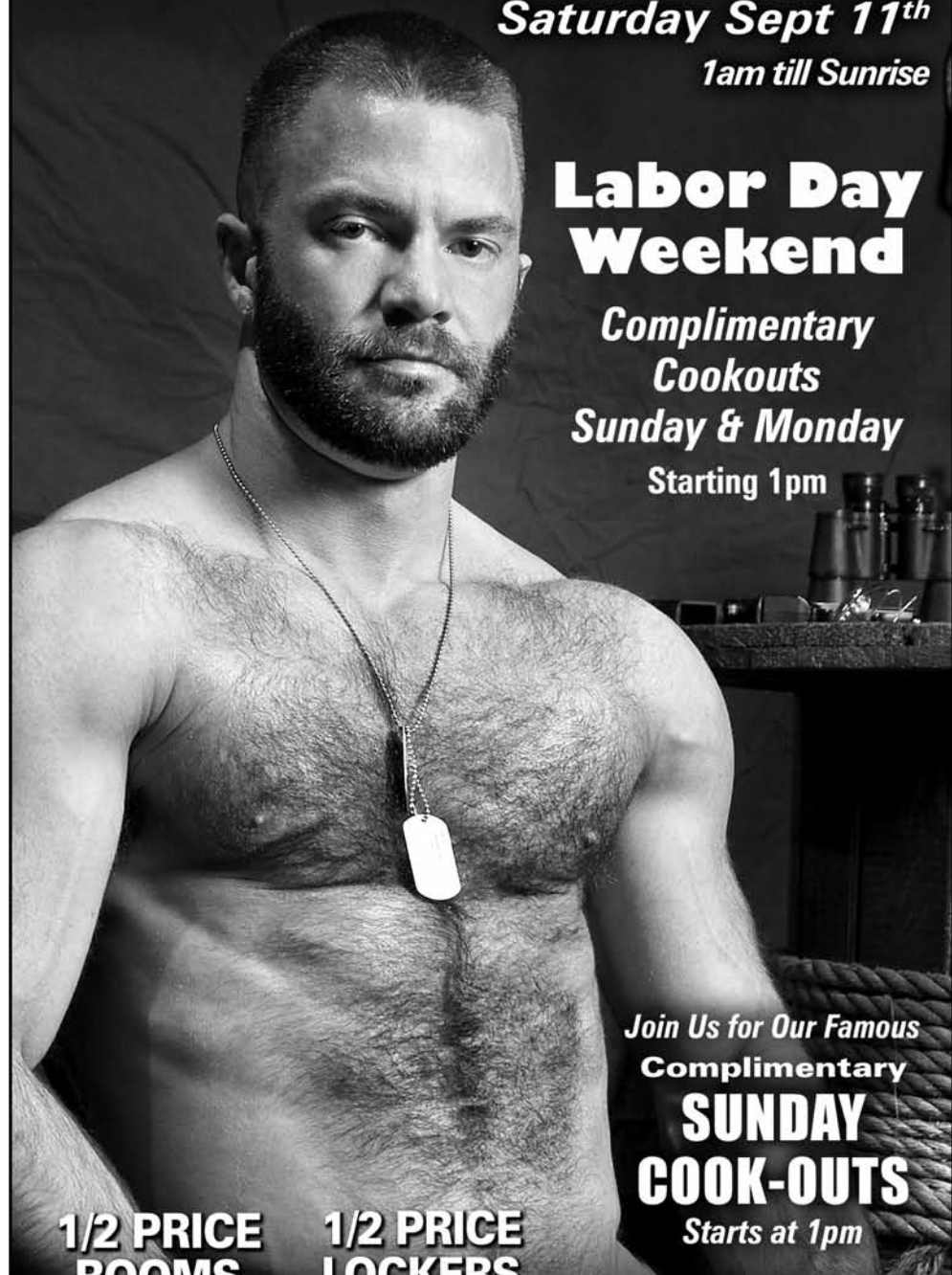
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**EWING AUTOHAUS** — 4464 W. Plano Pkwy; 972-526-2644.

**FRIENDLY CHEVROLET** — 2754 N. Stemmons Fwy.; 214-920-1900; friendlychevy.com.

**JOHN EAGLE HONDA** — 5311 Lemmon Ave.; 800-539-1844; eaglehonda.com.

**LEWISVILLE VOLKSWAGON** — 893 S. Stemmons; 972-538-0700; lewisvillwvw.com.

**PARK PLACE MERCEDES-MIDCITIES** — 3737 Airport Fwy.; Bedford; 817-359-4746.

**PARK PLACE MERCEDES** — (Nedd Ross); 4023 Oak Lawn; 866-429-7658.

**SATURN OF MESQUITE** — (Miki Holt); I-635 at Oates; 800-817-5708; saturnofmesquite.com.

**SEWELL PONTIAC, GMC, BUICK** — 7110 Lemmon Ave.; 817-261-4455; sewell.com.

**VAN HYUNDAI** — 1301 S. Hwy I-35 East; Carrollton; 1-888-80HYUNDAI; vanhyundaionline.com.

**VOLVO OF DALLAS** — 6600 State Hwy 121, 214-725-7558, volvoofdallas.com.

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\***1851 ARLINGTON** — 1851 W. Division, Arlington; 817-801-9303.

\***BEST FRIENDS** — 2620 E. Lancaster, Ft. Worth; 817-534-2280.

\***BJ'S NXS** — 3215 N. Fitzhugh; 214-526-9510; bjssnxs.com.

\***THE BRICK/JOE'S** — 2525 Wycliff Ave.; Ste. 120; 214-521-3154; brickdallas.com.

**CHANGES** — 2637 E. Lancaster; 817-413-2332.

**CHERRIES** — 2506 Knight St.; 214-520-8251.

**CLUB KALIENTE** — 4350 Maple Ave; 214-520-6676; kalliente.cc

\***CROSSROADS LOUNGE** — 515 S. Jennings, Ft. Worth; 817-332-0071.

\***DALLAS EAGLE** — 5740 Maple Ave.; 214-357-4375; dallasleagle.com.

\***HAVANA** — 4006 Cedar Springs; 214-526-9494.

\***HIDDEN DOOR** — 5025 Bowser; 214-526-0620.

\***ILLUSIONS** — 4100 Maple Ave.; 214-252-0552; dallasillusions.com.

\***J.R.S** — 3923 Cedar Springs; 214-528-1004, caven.com.

\***JACK'S BACKYARD** — 2303 Pittman, Dallas 75208; 214-741-3131; jacksbackyarddallas.com.

\***PEKERS** — 2615 Oak Lawn; 214-528-3333.

\***PUB PEGASUS** — 3326 N. Fitzhugh; 214-559-4663.

\***RAINBOW LOUNGE** — 651 S. Jennings, Ft. Worth, 817-870-2466.

\***ROUND-UP SALOON** — 3912 Cedar Springs; 214-522-9611; roundupsaloon.com.

**RUSH** — 3903 Lemmon Ave., Dallas.

**SISTERS CLUB** — 4025 Maple Ave.; 214-559-2511; sistersclubdallas.com.

\***STAMPEDE FT. WORTH** — 621 Hemphill; 817-335-0196; stampedefortworth.com.

\***STATION 4** — 3911 Cedar Springs; 214-526-7171; caven.com.

\***SUE ELLEN'S** — 3014 Throckmorton; 214-559-0707, caven.com

\***THE MINING COMPANY** — 3903 Cedar Springs; 214-521-4205.

\***TIN ROOM** — 2514 Hudnal; 214-526-6365; tinroom.net.

**WOODY'S SPORTS AND VIDEO BAR** — 4011 Cedar Springs; 214-520-6629.

\***ZIPPERS** — 3333 N. Fitzhugh; 214-526-9519.

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\***ALTERNATIVES OF NEW FINE ARTS** — 1720 W. Mockingbird Ln.; 214-630-7071.

\***MOCKINGBIRD VIDEO** — 708 W. Mockingbird Ln.; 214-631-3003.

\***NEW FINE ARTS WEST** — 1966 W. Northwest Hwy.; 972-869-1097.

\***ODYSSEY ADULT VIDEO** — 2600 Forest at Denton Dr., 972-484-4999; 950 W. Mockingbird Ln., 214-634-3077.

\***PARIS ADULT BOOKS & VIDEO WAREHOUSE** — 1118 Harry Hines; 972-263-0774.

\***THE VIDEO STORE** — 3015 Arapaho at Galaxie; Garland 75044; 972-495-1460, 214-528-6500; robwiley.com.

**ZONE D'EROTICA** — 2600 Forest, Dallas. 972-241-7055, zonederotica.com.

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\***ANGELIKA FILM CENTER** — At Mockingbird Ln. and N. Central Expy.; 214-841-4700.

**CITY PERFORMANCE HALL** — 2700 Flora St.; 75201; 214-880-0202; dallasperformingarts.org.

**DALLAS ARBORETUM** — 8525 Garland Rd.; 214-515-6500; dallasarboretum.org.

\***DALLAS MUSEUM OF ART** — 1717 N. Harwood; 214-922-1204.

**DALLAS SUMMER MUSICALS** — 5959 Royal Ln., #542; 214-421-5678; dallassummermusicals.org.

**DALLAS OPERA** — 214-443-1000; dallasopera.org.

**DALLAS THEATER CENTER** — 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd.; 214-522-8499; dallastheatercenter.org.

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\***INWOOD THEATRE** — 5458 W. Lovers Ln.; 214-352-6040.

\***LAKELAND THEATRE** — 825 Abrams Rd.; 214-827-LAKE.

\***MAGNOLIA THEATER** — 3699 McKinney Ave.; 214-520-0025.

**MBS PRODUCTIONS** — 214-951-9550; mbsproductions.com.

**MODERN ART MUSEUM** — 3200 Darnell, Ft. Worth; 817-738-9215.

**SAMMONS PARK** — (Annette Strauss Artist Square); 2100 Ross Ave.; 75201; 214-880-0202; titas.org.

\***THEATRE THREE** — 2800 Routh, #168; 214-871-2933; theatre3dallas.com.

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**UPTOWN PLAYERS** — P.O. Box 192264; 214-219-2718; uptownplayers.org.

**WINSPEAR OPERA HOUSE** — (Margaret McDermott Performance Hall & Nancy Hamon Rectal Hall); 2403 Flora St.; 75201; 214-880-0202; dallasperformingarts.org.

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\***MIDTOWNE SPA** — 2509 Pacific; 214-821-8989; midtowne.com.

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\***ALL GOOD CAFE** — 2934 Main St.; 214-742-5362.

\***ANGELA'S CAFE** — 7929 Inwood, #121; 214-904-8122.

\***BIC'S RESTAURANT** — 2245 Midway Rd., Carrollton; 972-233-5819.

\***BLACK-EYED PEA** — 3857 Cedar Springs; 214-521-4580.

\***BOOGIE BURGER** — 3510 E. Lancaster; 817-531-8889.

\***BREADWINNERS** — 33 McKinney Ave.; 214-754-4740.

\***BRONX** — 3835 Cedar Springs; 214-521-5821.

\***BUFFALO WILD WINGS** — 3636 Frankford Rd.; 972-820-9221.

\***BULLI CAFE** — 3908 Cedar Springs Rd.; 214-528-5410; bullicafe.com.

\***BURGER ISLAND** — 525 Arapaho, Richardson; 972-235-8960.

\***BUZZBREWS KITCHEN** — 4334 Lemmon Ave.; 214-521-4334; 4154 Fitzhugh; 214-826-7100; buzzbrews.com.

\***CAFE BRAZIL** — 3847 Cedar Springs; 214-461-8762.

\***CARIBBEAN GRILL** — 3068 Forest Ln.; 972-241-9113.

\***CASA FRANCISCO** — 1001 W. Jefferson; 214-948-1424.

\***CHICKEN EXPRESS** — 5105 Airport Fwy., Haltom City; 817-838-8333.

\***CHINA SUN** — 141 W. Spring Creek, Plano; 972-517-0333.

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\***DEEP SUSHI** — 2624 Elm St.; 214-651-1177.

\***DICKEY'S BARBECUE** — 2525 Wycliff Ave.; 214-780-0999; dickeys.com.

\***DUNSTON'S HAMBURGERS** — 8524 Harry Hines; 214-637-2233.

\***EINSTEIN BROTHERS BAGELS** — 3827 Lemmon Ave., Dallas, 214-526-5221; 3050 University, Ft. Worth, 817-923-3444.

\***ELROD'S COST PLUS** — 1655 New York Ave., Arlington; 817-548-1121.

\***FRESH MARKET RESTAURANT** — 6300 Harry Hines #130; 214-352-2296.

**GOOD EATS GRILL** — 3888 Oak Lwan #101, 214-522-3287, goodeatsgrill.com.

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\***THE GREAT AMERICAN HERO** — 4001 Lemmon Ave.; 214-521-2070.

\***HECTORS ON HENDERSON** — 2929 W. Henderson Ave., 214-821-0432, hectorsonhenderson.com.

\***HONEY MOLASSES CAFÉ** — 8204 Elmbrook Dr.; 214-905-6100.

\***HUNG'D DING'ER** — 4000 Cedar Springs; 214-522-HUNG.

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\***IT'S A GRIND** — 2901 Indiana, 75226; 214-954-7109.

\***JACK'S BACKYARD** — 2303 Pittman, Dallas 75208; 214-741-3131; jacksbackyarddallas.com.

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\***JUICE ZONE** — 3839 McKinney Ave.; 214-522-9663.

\***LA CABANA** — 1417 W. Davis; 214-941-9292.

\***LA DOLCE VITA** — 1924 Abrams Pkwy. at Gaston; 214-821-2608.

\***LOMA LINDA** — 4810 Maple; 214-526-4749.

\***LONE STAR BBQ** — 6320 Beach St, Haltom City; 817-428-7887.

\***LOVER'S EGGROLL** — 3510 McKinney, #D; 214-443-1888.

\***LUCKY'S CAFÉ** — 3531 Oak Lawn; 214-522-3500.

\***MAMA'S DAUGHTERS' DINER** — 2014 Irving Blvd.; 214-742-8646; mamasdaughtersdiner.com.

\***MAIN STREET CAFÉ** — 2023 S. Cooper, Arlington; 817-801-9099.

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\***OJEDA'S** — 4617 Maple; 214-528-8383.

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\***PLATO LOCO** — 4810 Maple Ave.; 214-521-3663.

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\***PURPLE ONION DINER** — 1838 Irving Blvd. at Turtle Creek; 214-747-0101.

\***RIVERSIDE GRILL** — 940 N. Industrial Blvd.; 214-655-6300.

\***SAL'S PIZZA** — 2525 Wycliff; 214-522-1828.

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\***STARBUCK COFFEE** — 3330 Oak Lawn, 214-219-0369; 4101 Lemmon Ave, 214-522-3531.

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\***WINGSSTOP** — 4411 Lemmon Ave.; 214

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**AIDS INTERFAITH NETWORK** — 501 N. Stemmons, #200, Dallas 75207; 214-943-4444 (Programs), 214-941-7696 (Administration); aidsinterfaithnetwork.org.

**\*AIDS OUTREACH CENTER OF ARLINGTON** — 401 W. Sanford, Arlington 76011; 817-275-3311; aoc.org.

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**AIDS PREVENTION PROJECT** — 400 S. Zang, Dallas 75208; 214-645-7300, 214-645-7301.

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