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From comedy to music to 'Dancing with the Stars'
Cho performs this weekend at Verizon Theatre

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No charges filed after threats against ensign

Dallas man posts 'Tree of Woe'
photo on Internet with threat to 'take
care of' Navy ensign fighting
anti-gay harassment by superiors

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Navy Ensign Steve Crowston, the East Texas native who's made headlines of late with claims of anti-gay harassment by his military superiors, says he learned this week that federal authorities don't plan to file charges against a Dallas man who made a possible death threat against him on the Internet in August.

Crowston, 36, said the Navy Criminal Investigative Service informed him Tuesday, Sept. 7 that federal authorities in Texas don't plan to pursue the case. The unidentified Dallas-based suspect reportedly made the threat in response to media coverage of Crowston's harassment allegations, which are currently being investigated by the Navy Inspector General.

The suspect, using the name "Flugelman," posted a photo of a naked man tied to a "Tree of Woe" on a Naval Aviation-themed website called AirWarriors.com. The caption read, "Send Fagmeister back to the Goatlocker. We'll take care of him/her/it."

The "Tree of Woe" is an apparent reference to a tree the lead character was to be crucified on in the film "Conan the Barbarian;" "goatlocker" refers to the fraternity of Navy chiefs; and "Fagmeister" was among the anti-gay call signs members of Crowston's squadron recommended for him during a meeting in August 2009, prompting the harassment allegations.

"The guy obviously has issues with people
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Lambert glams Dallas



GLITTERATI | Gay pop star Adam Lambert brought his Glam Nation Tour to Dallas on Tuesday, Sept. 8, thrilling the cross-generational crowd of fans that packed the Palladium Ballroom with a 75 minute set. After the concert, Lambert headed to BJ's NXS! to continue the party. See more photos of the concert and Lambert's visit to the Oak Lawn bar online at DallasVoice.com/category/photos and DallasVoice.com/category/InstantTea. (Chuck Dube/Dallas Voice)

AG candidates polar opposites on gay issues

Radnofsky pledges to stand for
equality; incumbent Abbott has
record of fighting LGBT rights

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Possibly no race in Texas this election cycle is as clear-cut about where the candidates stand on LGBT issues as is the attorney general's race.

Neither Attorney General Greg Abbott nor any-

one from his campaign returned calls seeking comment for this story. But Dallas County Republican Party Chairman Jonathan Neerman agrees that the choice in this race is clear for those who vote primarily on LGBT issues. Still, he suggested looking at Attorney General Greg Abbott's entire record.

Democratic challenger Barbara Ann Radnofsky stands by her positions on equality.

"I try to follow the Golden Rule," Radnofsky said.

In other races, candidates run from the issue.

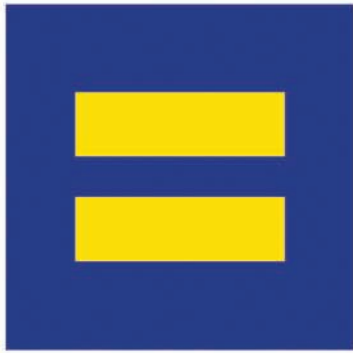
Radnofsky was happy to talk about where she stands.

Radnofsky said she supports employment nondiscrimination legislation and she uses language on her website that is transgender-inclusive.

She said she would like to add gender identity and expression to the James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Act, the Texas penalty enhancement law that applies to hate crimes committed in Texas.

Radnofsky said she would also like to see the legislature pass a law prohibiting discrimination

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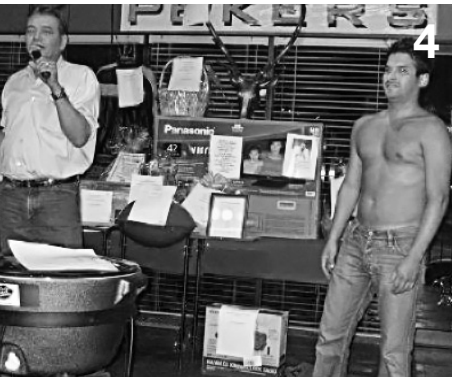
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Nightclub hopes to repeat success with fundraiser

Annual Steve Machart Benefit for AIN raised more than \$20,000 for AIDS service organization in '09

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On Saturday, Sept. 11 Pekers holds its fourth annual Steve Machart Benefit for AIDS Interfaith Network.

Last year, they raised more than \$20,000 for the organization. Bar owner Frank Holland said he planned to top that amount this year.

To do that, he has been working with local businesses to donate items for a silent auction. He said the Heritage Auction Galleries has been particularly generous with a variety of jewelry. Among the items donated were two women's bracelet and jade rings.

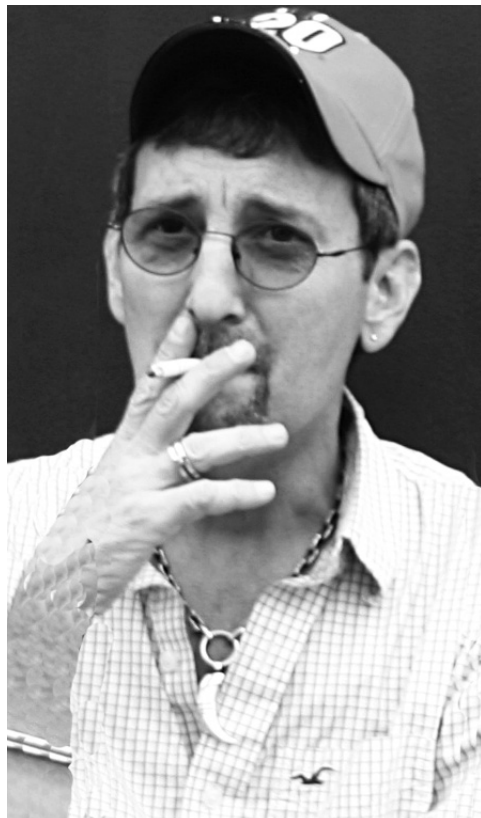
"We'll be raffling a 47-inch flat panel plasma TV," Holland said. "And we have some

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ON THE AUCTION BLOCK | Pekers raised \$20,000 for AIDS Interfaith Network last year with the Steve Machart Benefit, and bar owner Frank Holland hopes to surpass that mark this year with auction items that include jewelry donated by Heritage Auction Galleries, a flat-panel plasma TV and more.

Shooting victim undergoes 2nd surgery



Doug Tull

Tull in serious condition but is expected to recover; police say video from nearby bank camera did not record shooting or license plate

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Doug Tull remained hospitalized this week after being shot during an aggravated robbery in Oak Lawn on Aug. 30.

At about 1 a.m. that Monday, two men jumped from a car directly in front of Tull as he walked along Brown Street, and robbed and shot him at point blank range.

A third man drove the car into the drive-through lane of the American National Bank on Oak Lawn Avenue.

Tull made it to Pekers on Oak Lawn Avenue where co-owner Ron Nelson called for emergency help.

Tull was taken to Parkland Hospital where doctors repaired damage to his large and small intestines, liver and stomach. The bullet, however, remained in his body.

Doctors at first thought the bullet was lodged in Tull's rectum and they had hoped that it would

pass naturally. But on Tuesday, Sept. 7, Tull began running high fever, and doctors operated to remove the bullet.

Tull remains in serious condition.

Police hoped to identify the car used in the attack from surveillance tape taken by the bank. However, a police spokesperson said that while they believe they saw the car on the video, the license plate is unreadable and the camera did not record the shooting, which happened across the street.

Tull said the car is an older, gray, four-door Nissan Altima. He identified the men as African-American, weighing about 150 pounds each and all in their early 20s.

The parking garage manager at the Crescent, at Oak Lawn and Cedar Springs, returned a check with Tull's address by mail that a cashier found in the lot. Tull confirmed that the check had been folded and in his wallet that was stolen.

When contacted by police, officials at the Crescent gave a copy of their surveillance tapes to police. But the cameras were not pointed in the direction of the car and a police spokesman said the tape was not immediately useful.

The police spokesman said they would retain the tape, which may prove useful for later corroboration.

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Bill White to appear at Pride

Bill White, the Democratic nominee for Texas governor, is set to march in Dallas' gay Pride parade on Sept. 19, Stonewall Democrats of Dallas announced Monday, Sept. 6.

Appearing alongside Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez at a press conference on border security Tuesday morning, Valdez, White was asked why he felt it is important to come to gay Pride.



Bill White

"I think parades are great," White said. "People are entitled to meet the people who are trying to work for them. At parades I've been to, there are people from all backgrounds who attend the parade, and I'm trying to work for all the Texans, not just some of them."

White campaign spokeswoman Katy Bacon said later in the week that he would not be available for an interview with Dallas Voice prior to the parade.

As mayor of Houston, White made a habit of appearing at gay Pride in that city. Stonewall Democrats announced that White will be marching with the group in an e-mail to members.

"It's election season once again — and I have a very special announcement that I would like to make to all of you," wrote Stonewall Democrats Vice President Jay Narey.

"We will have a very special guest walking with Stonewall Democrats in the Alan Ross Pride Parade on September 19th. Bill White, the Democratic Nominee for Governor of Texas will be joining us and walking with Stonewall in the Parade! We are thrilled and honored that he will join us and look forward to a very special day."

— John Wright

NFL analyst to apologize for 'Brokeback' Cowboys quip

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation reported Wednesday, Sept. 8 that "Pro Football Weekly" co-host Dan Hampton will apologize on the air this week for a homophobic comment he made last week, when he said the Dallas Cowboys are more "Brokeback" than "Eastwood."

Hampton apologized Monday night for another offensive comment during the same show, when he suggested that the Minnesota Vikings needed to "hit that town like Katrina" when they played the Saints in New Orleans on Thursday night.

No word on whether Hampton plans to apologize to the Cowboys, who undoubtedly will perpetuate the homophobia by using his comment as bulletin-board material.

— John Wright

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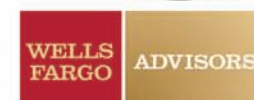
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Young Democrats group holding barbecue to honor first responders

Dallas County Young Democrats and Dallas Stonewall Young Democrats are holding a cook-out Saturday, Sept. 10, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Kidd Spring Park, 711 W. Canty St. in Dallas, in honor of the country's first responders.

The second annual event is called "Serving Those Who Serve Us," and all firefighters, police officers, military personnel and reservists and their families get free admission. Others are asked to give a \$5 donation. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Dallas Fire-Rescue.

For more information, contact Joseph Amyson at communityservice@dallasyoungdemocrats.org.

RCD marking LGBT Center Awareness Day with exhibit

Resource Center Dallas is joining with CenterLink: The Community of LGBT Centers, to mark the second annual LGBT Center Awareness Day on Wednesday, Sept. 15, with a special display of items from the Phil Johnson Historic Archives and Research Library from noon to 6 p.m.

The items on special display will include a sign from the 1993 March on Washington signed by Dallas participants; a yard sign from the Proposition 2 election in 2005; a kissing booth from Queer Liberation; a megaphone from Cheer Dallas; photographs from pioneering Dallas activist William Waybourn and photographs from Phil Johnson of Dallas' Pride parade in 1984.

The theme of this year's LGBT Center Awareness Day is "Building Our Community from the Center," showcasing the integral role that community centers play in the development, unification, and empowerment of all LGBT communities. Events are also taking place at other local centers in celebration of the day.

Terry Stone, CenterLink's executive director, said that each week, more than 40,000 people visit community centers in 46 states and the District of Columbia, accessing "programs and services that literally build community from the center."

Cece Cox, executive director of Resosource Center Dallas, said this community awareness day "is the perfect opportunity for people who are familiar with the center to learn about what we are doing here, and for people new to the North Texas

area this can be their first opportunity to learn about us."

Last year, the Resource Center Dallas provided services to more than 50,000 people through activities such as GayBingo Dallas, diversity education, the Phil Johnson Historic Archives and Research library, an information hotline, community health programs, STD testing and other LGBT and HIV/AIDS programs, Cox said.

For more information about LGBT Center Awareness Day, go online to MyCenterLink.org. For more information about Resource Center Dallas, go online to RCDallas.org.

GAIN group for LGBT seniors holds potluck with drawings for prizes

Resource Center Dallas' GAIN (GLBT+ Aging Interest Network) will hold a potluck supper on Thursday, Sept. 16, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St.

GAIN committee members will furnish the meat dishes, including smoked brisket. They will also supply plates, utensils, wine and other beverages. Others who attend are asked to bring their favorite side dishes.

There will be several prize drawings during the event, including a drawing for a \$50 gift card to Dish Restaurant.

Although the group is primarily for those 50 and older, everyone is welcome to attend the potluck.

Rainbow Garden Club offers garden tour in North Dallas

The Rainbow Garden Club North Texas will hold its third annual tour of members' and friends' gardens on Sunday Oct. 3, from noon to 6 p.m.

Gardens on this year's tour are in Richardson and Northeast Dallas, and include a working farm, a secret garden, a tropical paradise, a garden for entertaining, a garden that is a tropical retreat and a garden with an Austin vibe.

Ticket are \$10 and are available at Brumley Gardens, 10540 Church Road, North Haven Gardens, 7700 Northhaven Road, Redenta's Garden, 2001 Skillman St., Shambala Body Gallery, 415 N. Bishop Ave. and Under the Sun Garden Center,

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pet of the week / barbara

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Texas Casino Parties

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I had been involved with March of Dimes for some years and each time I asked, she and other members of the Texas Casino Parties family always stepped-up, raised money and participated with me in that effort. So it was a no-brainer for

me to step-up and participate with her.

Being a straight man, I knew about HIV/AIDS. But I had never really thought about how it affected me, my life, my family or what I considered to be my community. And then Lone Star Ride came along.

In stepping-up to support one of the dealers, we started with something simple and donated a casino party fundraiser for the Ride with Pride team. Many members of our dealer team volunteered their time and ended up donating money to the cause.

It was evident that our Texas Casino Parties

family found some connection to the Lone Star Ride organization. My wife and all the rest of us that participated that first year at the party and on the ride had a blast and were ready to sign on for another year — and did.

We are happy to report that this will be our third year participating in Lone Star Ride.

Each year, the participation from the TCP family increases. In addition to donating the annual casino night event, an increasing number of dealers (we call them owners of the company) sign up to participate as riders, sweep, bike transport, pit crew, moto and administration. And this year, we

now have representation on the medical team.

To say I'm glad that I have the opportunity to participate in Lone Star Ride would be correct. It's a lot of fun, you get to meet great people, and best of all, support the community.

To say I'm proud to know that people I work with will step up and support each other in whatever their favorite cause may be would be an understatement. The Lone Star Ride is an amazing example of what can get accomplished when everyone works together.

To donate to Lone Star Ride Fighting AIDS, go online to LoneStarRide.org.



The core group of LSR volunteers from Texas Casino Parties. Cameron Thompson is fifth from the right on the back row.

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beautiful oriental prints from Japan.”

He said DeNovo and Salon 2121 donated facials and haircuts and restaurants including Rafa’s and Breadwinners donated gift certificates.

Among the performers participating are Trixie Lynn, the current Miss Pekers, Reva Dena, popular performer from Friends in Gun Barrel City and Robert Olivas, a runner-up in this year’s Voice of Pride competition.

Holland said AIDS Interfaith Network has

been touched by budget cuts more than other AIDS agencies. Since the bar opened three years ago, he estimates that fundraisers at Pekers have collected about \$150,000 for the agency that provides transportation services including Care-A-Van service, a meals program and the adult day-care Howie Daire Center.

Holland said he named the annual event after the man who “was my best friend for more than 40 years [and who] died a horrible death from AIDS.”

The silent auction begins at 8 p.m. and the Holland said they would be raising money until midnight. ■

TULL

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Darwin Kopaska is a friend of Tull’s and has been with him daily since the shooting. He said that over the weekend, Tull began complaining of pain in his lower back that was more severe than that in his abdomen. The area where the bullet was lodged began to swell. He was taken into surgery at 4 a.m. on Tuesday.

Kopaska also said doctors were concerned about fluid building around his lungs and a urinary tract infection.

nary tract infection.

After the operation, doctors said the bullet looked like a 9 mm.

Kopaska said that Tull’s mother, brother and sister arrived late last week from out-of-town.

Kopaska said another friend he identified only as Loveta was helpful in contacting Tull’s employer and arranging for short-term disability for him. Tull has worked for Texas Instruments for about 25 years.

Tull was expected to remain in the hospital through this week but is expected to fully recover. ■

BRIEFS

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7124 Campbell Road.

Resource Center Dallas hires Neal as new director of development

Officials with Resource Center Dallas announced this week that the center has hired Sharon Neal as its new capital campaign director, effective Sept. 13. She will be responsible for planning, implementing, conceptualizing and evaluating the center’s capital campaign for a new building, and her job will include resource development, grant seeking and individual fundraising.

Cece Cox, RCD’s executive director, said Neal “brings a wealth of personal experience and a considerable background in capital campaign projects. The center is committed to meeting the increasing demand for services and programs in a new home on Cedar Springs Road, just north of Inwood, and Sharon will help us make that dream come true.”

Neal most recently worked at KIPP TRUTH Academy in Dallas, where she served as the school’s director of development and led a \$1.5 million dollar capital campaign. She previously served as managing director for the PaCRS group, where her non-profit and corporate clients included the Center for Nonprofit Management, the Verizon Foundation, Education is Freedom, Texans Care for Children, Cornerstone Assistance Network, Capital One and the Lone Star Ride Fighting AIDS.

Neal is also the former director of development for the Women’s Museum at Fair Park and held community outreach positions at both 7-Eleven Inc. and TXU Corporation.

She holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees from

Indiana University and a certificate of corporate citizenship from Boston University’s Carroll School of Management. She is an alumna of Leadership Texas.

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. ■

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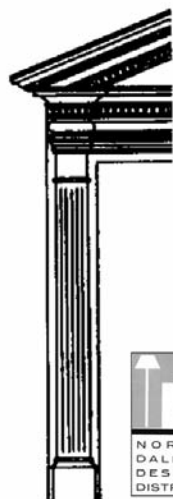
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against or harassment of LGBT students and teachers in Texas public schools.

Radnofsky campaign spokeswoman Katie Floyd said the candidate taught mediation for 15 years.

Radnofsky addressed another threat to gay and lesbian families that makes its way into legislative committees each session. She said that taking the best interests of the child into account, she supports guaranteeing foster and adoptive parenting rights to LGBT parents.

She would also like to provide domestic partner benefits to state employees and opposes any legislation that would prohibit private employers from offering those benefits.

On her website, Radnofsky also mentions supporting the Americans With Disabilities Act. While that doesn't seem controversial, the Texas Republican Party platform calls for gays and lesbians to be excluded from protections guaranteed under the ADA.

Greg Abbott recently won an appeal of the Dallas same-sex divorce case. In enforcing the anti-marriage amendment passed in Texas in 2005, he appealed a lower court ruling that would have granted a divorce to a gay couple married in Massachusetts.

Abbott is equally clear on his website about his stand on marriage equality for gays and lesbians.

"Texas law defines marriage as an institution between one man and one woman," his website claims. "Attorney General Abbott has fought efforts to undermine Texas' law and the basic family structure in our state. He understands that traditional marriage is the cornerstone for a strong and stable family."

But Abbott goes further defending opposite-sex marriage by claiming studies support his stand without citing any of those studies.

"A wealth of empirical data demonstrates the unmatched potency of the family to combat social ills, foster strong communities, and promote happier, healthier lives," he claims in his official position statement.

Radnofsky, on the other hand, agrees with the ruling from the lower court in the same-sex divorce case.

"The Attorney General shouldn't intervene in



OPPOSITE NUMBER | Democratic candidate for Texas attorney general Barbara Radnofsky supports marriage equality for same-sex couples, while Republican incumbent Greg Abbott has spoken against same-sex marriage. He also recently intervened to appeal a trial court ruling granting a same-sex couple a divorce.

the non-violent, orderly wind-down of a relationship," she said. "He should leave divorce orders to the proper court decision-making, and get back to work on the problems facing our state.

"Orderly divorce and family law allows the peaceful separation of the two disputants, property disposition, payment of taxes and debt, alimony, child support and custody," Radnofsky said. "That's the way civilized society is supposed to function. Ignoring or voiding an out-of-state marriage, suggested by the AG, is not a solution to these many issues and the need for courts to supervise peaceful, orderly solutions."

Abbott lists his success in collecting more than \$13 billion in child support payments as his top issue.

"He's very strong on going after deadbeat fathers for child support," Neerman said. "He fights for the interests of children."

Neerman also mentioned Abbott's record on prosecution of white-collar fraud and online data protection.

"He's also been strong on fighting Internet predators," Neerman said.

He mentioned a number of areas where Abbott has protected rights of Texans. On behalf of 31

states, Abbott fought the District of Columbia's handgun law before the Supreme Court and won.

But on LGBT issues, he has worked against equality.

Stonewall Democrats of Dallas President Erin Moore said, "Abbott's been a henchman for Republicans for years."

Moore called this one of the most important statewide races as far as LGBT rights are concerned.

"It's one of the ones we're keeping the keenest eye on," she said. "He's been malicious in his prosecution of LGBT rights. He's got to go." ■

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COWBOYS FAN | Dallas Cowboys fan and Navy Ensign Steve Crowston is fighting what he says has been anti-gay harassment by his colleagues and commanders. Crowston, who won't discuss his sexual orientation, was given the call sign "Romo's Bitch" by those in his squadron. It was one of several call signs suggested by his colleagues. Others included "Fagmeister" and "Gay Boy."

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who are perceived to be gay," Crowston said of the man who made the threat. "My big concern was the safety of my family back there [in Texas]."

Crowston said he plans to take up the matter with the office of Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas. A spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Texas didn't return a phone call seeking comment about the investigation into the threat.

Crowston, who refuses to disclose his sexual orientation, told Dallas Voice he grew up in East Texas and lived in Mesquite for a few years before joining the Navy in the mid-1990s. Currently based in Virginia Beach, Va., Crowston plans to return to Dallas when he retires from the military in four years.

Crowston is an avid fan of the Dallas Cowboys, which led to his being given the call sign "Romo's bitch" in a vote by members of Strike Fighter Squadron 136 last year.

But Crowston said "Romo's bitch" isn't what bothered him; it was the other call signs that had been recommended and written on a white board in the meeting room, which included "Gay Boy," "Fagmeister" and "Cowgirl."

Those who voted on Crowston's call sign included the squadron's commanding and executive officers.

Crowston's case has drawn attention in particular to the problem of offensive and inappropriate call signs, which can be used in official military

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correspondence and tend to follow someone throughout their career.

Crowston, who'd recently lost a friend to suicide following harassment in the Navy, took his concerns about the call sign incident to his superiors.

He said they retaliated by launching investigations of him and giving him his worst performance review in 16 years in the Navy. He said he endured months of harassment before filing a complaint in February.

The Naval Inspector General's Office initially found Crowston's complaint to be unsubstantiated. But Crowston has taken his fight to the Pentagon and Congress, alleging that the investigator was biased because she knew one of the commanding officers he'd named.

Last month, the Navy Inspector General announced it was reopening the case and launching an investigation into how it was initially handled.

"What I'm doing is I'm standing up for my rights, and I'm hoping it will make a difference for myself and others in the military," Crowston said.

He pointed to the case of Army infantryman Barry Winchell, who was murdered by a fellow soldier in 1999 pursuant to anti-gay harassment.

"The law says 'don't ask, don't tell, don't harass and don't pursue,'" Crowston said. "Why is it that

we have senior leadership in the Navy still to this day violating the 'don't harass' policy?"

Servicemembers who are gay or perceived to be gay usually don't report harassment because they fear being outed under DADT, Crowston said.

Aaron Tax, legal director for the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, agreed.

"It's very difficult under 'don't ask don't tell' to safely report harassment and not run afoul of the law, and I think a case like this highlights that," said Tax, adding that SLDN has been monitoring Crowston's case.

SLDN is a group dedicated to ending discrimination and harassment against military personnel affected by DADT.

Tax said legislation to repeal DADT originally included a provision that would have banned discrimination based on sexual orientation in the military.

But this provision isn't contained in the version that passed the House earlier this year, which is expected to be voted on by the Senate later this month.

"Even with repeal of 'don't ask don't tell,' there will still be a need for strong leadership and comprehensive training to make sure people are not harassed on the basis of their actual or perceived sexual orientation," Tax said. "What we're hoping is that President Obama will step up to the plate, and should we get repeal passed by Congress this year, that he will step up to the plate and sign an

KERN SUPPORTERS START SLINGING MUD AT NOVOTNY

It appears that the mudslinging has started in the race for the District 84 seat in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, where incumbent Republican Sally Kerns of Oklahoma City is facing Democratic challenger Brittany Novotny, a transgender woman also from Oklahoma City.

The Oklahoma Conservative Political Action Committee sent an e-mail to its members on Tuesday, Sept. 7, in which Novotny was described as "a confused 'it' who hates God."

The e-mail, signed by Charlie Meadows and headlined "Sally Kern's opponent in Hollywood for a fundraiser," said, in part:

"Brittany used to be a 'he,' had a sex change operation to make him into a 'her' but turned out to become a confused 'it.' Some have suggested that having a sex change operation is a person's greatest act of rebellion and hatred toward God for His making them what they were.

"It is truly sad to see people reject God's love for them by being willing to mutilate themselves. If they would submit their life to God, they could find the true joy in life that will forever elude them while on their path of rebellion."

Kern is the legislator who in 2008 was tape recorded telling a Republican group that LGBT people are a bigger threat to America than terrorism. She recently defended those remarks, telling an Oklahoma City TV station that while there have been only three "real big" terrorist attacks on the U.S., society is constantly "bombarded with the message that homosexuality is normal and natural."

In a statement released Thursday, Sept. 9, Novotny responded: "If Rep. Kern and her allies spent as much time focusing on Oklahoma's future as they seem to spend worrying about my past, maybe we could keep teachers in the classroom and rebuild our crumbling infrastructure.

"This type of personal attack is what Oklahomans are tired of, and it shows why Kern and her political allies continue to be out of touch with mainstream Oklahoma values," Novotny added.

Novotny also said that OCPAC's claim that she hates God is "ridiculous," and noted that she attends services at United Church of Christ.

executive order that once and for all eliminates discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in the military."

Crowston, meanwhile, is awaiting the outcome of the Inspector General's investigation and plans

to continue his battle.

"I'm not going to back down," he said. "I'm concerned about my safety of course, but I'm going to live my life. To be an activist you've got to take a stand. This isn't about just me." ■



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Dallas doctor chosen for new oversight board

Dr. Brady Allen chosen based on work with Dallas County Medical Society on substance abuse issues

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Dr. Brady Allen has been appointed to the board of the new Texas Physician Health Program.

For the first time, physicians in Texas can report themselves voluntarily for substance abuse and physical and mental health issues without jeopardizing their medical licenses. Friends, relatives, patients or co-workers who have reason to suspect problems may also make referrals.

The law creating this new board passed in the last legislative session. The board was formed last November and includes six medical doctors.

In addition to Allen, who is openly gay and is one of the area's foremost HIV specialists, the board includes Dr. Allison Jones, a psychiatrist from Austin who is lesbian.

Allen said he was chosen for experience he has working with the Dallas County Medical Society on substance abuse issues. But he thinks inclusion of gay and lesbian members on the board sends a message that this new program is safe and welcoming.

"We're hoping to be physician advocates," Allen said.

Previously, doctors referred to the Texas Medical Board for substance abuse issues would be investigated for disciplinary action.

Allen said that when the board was created, about 150 physicians were transferred to them for their recommendations and oversight. He said the board is hoping to get about 60 new referrals a year.

"Other states that have done this have had great success," he said. "We're modeling ourselves after other successful programs."

Doctors can be referred for drug and alcohol abuse. Those found with addiction problems can be referred for treatment and then followed for a period of five years.

For the first year, they undergo random urine testing weekly. When they successfully complete that year, the monitoring and testing schedule can be reduced.

Allen said that most doctors entering this program go for an extended 90-day treatment program rather than the more common, but less successful, 30-day treatments.

Doctors may be referred to the panel for mental and physical problems as well.

A variety of conditions may prompt concern.



ADVOCATE | Dr. Brady Allen of Dallas said members of the new Texas Physician Health Program, to which he has been appointed, will be advocates for the doctors with whom they deal. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

Dementia, bipolar disorder or Parkinson's Disease are three Allen mentioned.

A doctor with bipolar disorder might need his or her medication checked and the panel could require supervision of a psychiatrist. Parkinson's, which causes shaking, might require a surgeon to stop operating. A physician with Alzheimer's could be monitored to determine when he needed to retire.

Some mental problems are a result of daily stress, Allen said, adding that the routine stress could be compounded for lots of gay and lesbian professionals who are not out at work. He said he wondered whether that contributes to self-destructive behaviors.

Allen said he thinks the program will be very successful.

"We have a big economic hammer over their head," he said. "If their license is in jeopardy, they could lose their livelihood."

While confidentiality for the doctor is assured, patient safety is also important. To maintain confidentiality, a doctor signs an agreement with a long list of conditions. Failure to comply with any of them can move the case to the medical board for punishment.

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Laser treatment offers alternative to smokers who are trying to quit



PAINLESS | Xena Sebastian of Anne Penman Laser Therapy of Dallas demonstrates the laser she uses to help smokers kick the habit. She said the laser is a non-invasive and painless alternative to other smoking cessation aids. (Tammye Nash/Dallas Voice)

Study: LGBTs smoke at more than
twice the rate of non-LGBT peers

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According to a report released in July by the American Lung Association, the smoking rate among gay and lesbian Americans is twice as high as among other Americans.

The report — "Smoking Out A Deadly Threat: Tobacco Use in the LGBT Community" — says that gay, bisexual and transgender men are two to two-and-a-half times more likely to smoke than straight men. Lesbians, bisexual and transgender women are one-and-a-half to two times more likely to smoke than straight women.

And, the report notes, bisexual boys and girls have the highest smoking rates when compared to both heterosexual and LGT peers.

Why? Well there are a number of reasons, the ALA suggests in its report: "possible contributing factors to the LGBT smoking rate includ[e] stress and discrimination related to homophobia, the tobacco industry's targeted marketing to LGBT consumers, and lack of access to culturally

appropriate tobacco treatment programs."

And quitting smoking is not easy. Studies have indicated the relapse rate for those who quit to be between 75 and 80 percent, even with aids like gums, patches and pills.

But Xena Sebastian believes she has a solution that is almost sure-fire: laser therapy.

Sebastian, a registered nurse, said she spent most of her professional career working in cardiovascular intensive care units, "but I got a little old for ICU duty, which is pretty intense."

So she began working doing infusion treatments, and from there learned about laser therapy. She now operates Anne Penman Laser Therapy of Dallas.

Sebastian explained that the laser is a holistic, drug-free method of treatment developed by Anne Penman of Scotland specifically to help smokers become non-smokers. And, Sebastian added, the success rate for laser treatments is "higher than any other kind of [stop smoking aid], including gums and patches and pills. The best part is that it is non-invasive, drug free and pain free."

Penman is based in Scotland, and according to

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her website, she used laser therapy to end her 60-cigarette-a-day habit in 1991 after her husband, also a longtime smoker, had a heart attack at age 39. That same year, she trained to become a laser therapist, and quickly developed her own protocol for the treatment. By 1994, she was training others to use her protocol.

Sebastian said that laser therapy works along the same lines as acupuncture, using the laser instead of needles to target energy points throughout the body, causing the release of serotonin and endorphins, "the same chemicals that are released when you workout."

The laser, Sebastian said, "is a healing light that works on an intracellular and cellular level" to help detox the body, flushing out harmful substances, and to dampen that craving for nicotine.

Laser therapy can also be used for pain management and to reduce stress, and there are other applications, as well, although Sebastian said she does not promote laser therapy for those.

All Anne Penman clinics use the Thor Laser, which has been approved by the FDA for "tissue healing, inflammation, pain relief and wounds," according to the Thor Laser website.

The smoking cessation packages at Sebastian's clinic cost \$499 for three treatments. She said patients come in for their first treatment and are then asked to return within 48 hours for the second

treatment. The third treatment can be used down the line if the patient relapses.

Sebastian said many patients are ready to quit smoking after the first treatment, and almost all of them quit after the second treatment.

The package price also includes a supply of nutritional supplements and vitamins that help the patient detox and reinforce healthy habits.

Sebastian acknowledged that the nearly \$500 price tag seems high to many people. She also noted that few insurance plans cover the cost of laser treatment to quit smoking.

But, she said, "If you smoke one pack a day and this treatment helps you quit, then you have paid for the treatment in a month and a half" of not buying cigarettes.

Sebastian said she is not condemning other smoking cessation treatments that use pharmaceuticals. "I am a registered nurse. I certainly believe pharmaceuticals have their place. But if you can [quit smoking] without them, with a holistic and non-invasive treatment, then try that first," she said.

Anne Penman Laser Therapy of Dallas is the only Anne Penman treatment center in Texas. It is located at 6518 LBJ Freeway. For more information, call 214-503-7955, e-mail annepenman_dallas@yahoo.com, or go online to AnnePenmanLaserTherapyDallas.com.

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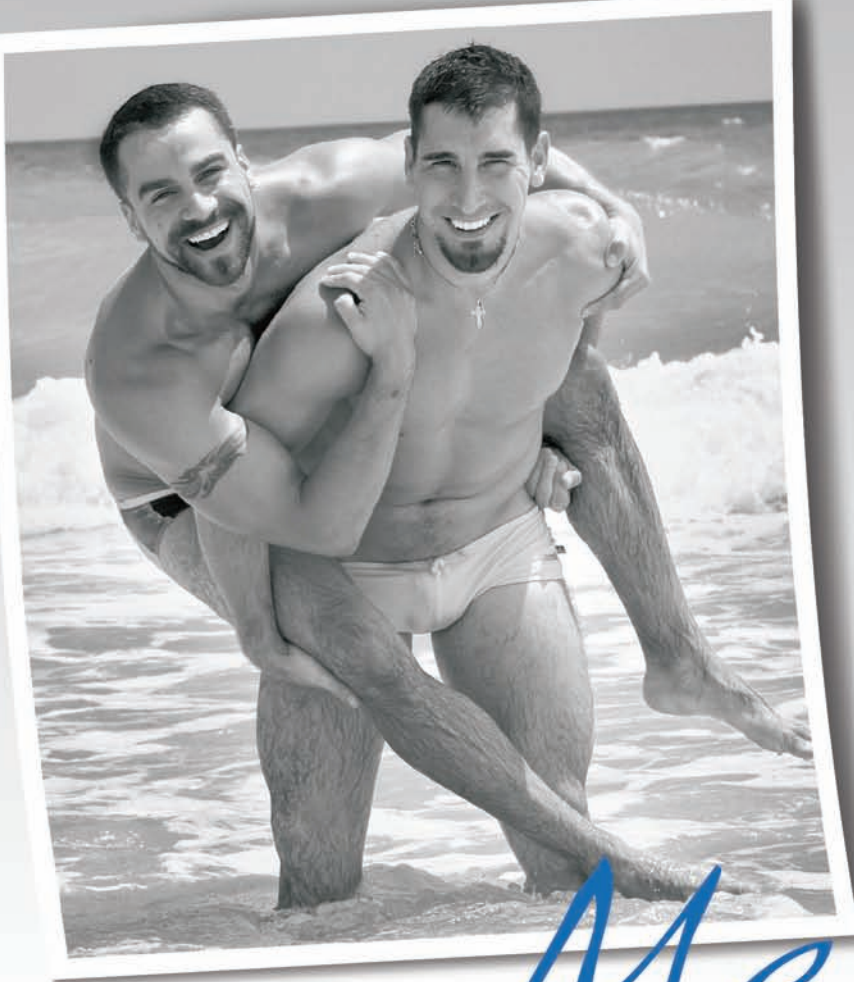
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4 good reasons to vote for Democrats

Dire warnings won't mobilize LGBT voters, but signs of progress made, and progress yet to be made, should provide good reasons to bring the community out to the polls

Since the 1980 election, Democrats' favorite voter mobilization tool when faced with a bad election year is to issue dire warnings of what might happen if "they" take over. Instead of repeating apocalyptic prophecies, I thought I would point out a few reasons why the LGBT community here in Dallas should be enthusiastic about our Democratic ticket and go to polls this year with gusto!

It is certainly no secret that many in the gay community are disappointed by the frustratingly slow progress repealing "don't ask, don't tell" (DADT) or the Defense of Marriage Act. It is not unreasonable to believe that substantial Democratic majorities in both houses of congress should have resulted in immediate progress.

However, considering the year-long titanic struggle to pass a modest health care reform bill, passing legislation has proven to be enormously difficult.

Shortly after President Obama put repeal of DADT at the top of the nation's agenda in his State of the Union Address last January, the House passed the Murphy amendment in May. The good news is that the Senate will be passing its own version in the next few months.

Our Democratic Congress is poised to finally eliminate the most insulting anti-gay policy on the books 58 years after it was first instituted. And for that, we can put aside any lingering cynicism and impatience and go to the polls knowing that the LGBT community's support for the

Democratic Party has been well worth the investment.

This year we can have our greatest impact on the future direction of Texas and Dallas County. I've identified just a few things the LGBT community has at stake and why it is more important than ever that we get out and vote.

1. We have the opportunity this year to elect and re-elect two capable, openly gay candidates. Electing supporters is great, but nothing beats electing your own.

As your Dallas County district clerk, my exemplary stewardship of the office is well known and a matter of public record. I have saved taxpayers millions in cost-saving initiatives, come under-budget every year since I took office, and initiated innovative new projects to bring Dallas County into the 21st century.



Gary Fitzsimmons
Special Contributor

Of the 67 elected judges in Dallas County, not one is openly gay, in spite of the many LGBT members of the bar. This year we have the opportunity to change that by electing Tonya Parker to the 116th Civil District Court. Parker is a young, successful and energetic attorney who is already a rising star.

Parker has the kind of talent that leads to the federal bench, but she cannot get there without the enthusiastic support of this community both financially and on Election Day.

2. By electing Elba Garcia, we have the best chance in 16 years to unseat a county commissioner who has proven time and again that he is no friend to our community.

For those of us who live in North Oak Cliff, Dr. Garcia is a household name. We are proud of her outstanding leadership on the Dallas City Council, and I can think of no other candidate better suited for the Commissioners Court.

Of all the races on our ballot, this is the one where LGBT voters can have the greatest impact.

3. It is critically important for this community to stand up for its allies and friends. Judge Tena Callahan's courageous ruling in a gay divorce case last October proves that judicial philosophy matters. Her integrity and courage is just the kind of thing we need to keep on the bench. Supporting Judge Callahan not only shows our gratitude, but also gives us the chance to stand with the litigants and their attorneys who rejected the prophets of puslanimity and asserted their rights under the law regardless of the outcome.

4. The experience of the LGBT community since the beginning of the HIV epidemic in the 1980s has proven to us that government plays a vital role in ensuring the health and safety of cit-

izens. Reps. Allen Vaught, Carol Kent and Robert Miklos are legislators the LGBT community can be proud of.

In District 105 in Irving, we have the opportunity to elect Loretta Haldenwang and replace an incumbent whose ethics are ill-suited for public office.

The Stonewall Democrats of Dallas, under the outstanding leadership of Erin Moore, have an aggressive plan to get-out-the-vote and communicate this message to voters. They need your financial support and your time now.

We Democrats have much to be proud of over the last two years. We have passed legislation that offers a real alternative to Republican politics of anger and ignorance. We have only just begun to set a new course for our future.

We here in Dallas live big and dream even bigger. Dallas never apologizes for success; we never hide it. LGBT voters are an important part of the Democratic Party's success and we have good reason to be enthusiastic about our ticket. ■

Gary Fitzsimmons is openly gay and the district clerk for Dallas County. He is also a co-founder of Stonewall Democrats of Dallas.

Letters

True diversity is more than labels

Late last year I received a rather unhappy e-mail from a couple that had visited our community one Sunday. "Dear Rev. Weldes," it began, "We had heard that the Center for Spiritual Living was an open and affirming congregation, so we came to check it out."

The e-mail went on to point out that this couple had seen no evidence, much to their disappointment, that we were an open and affirming community. So they informed me they were going to another church where they felt accepted.

I have to say I didn't know whether to laugh or cry. You see half our staff is gay, and at least 30 percent of our community is, as well. But they were obviously looking for outward signs that we were a "gay-friendly church."

A couple of years ago, a lovely African-American couple came to a community retreat, one eagerly and one not so eagerly. "Why would I want to spend the weekend with so many white people?" she openly admitted to the group at the end

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• Not sure: 1 percent

98 Votes cast

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of the weekend.

Needless to say, she had a transforming experience. Two years later, she came to me one Sunday morning, and said, "Now this is what an integrated church looks like," as our growing African-American population was happily sitting in and amongst everybody else that day.

The goal, I believe, is to be a truly inclusive community. This goes way beyond tolerance or even acceptance, but is actually about acknowledging and celebrating each person's individual uniqueness, and to treasure our diversity.

This means that every person is an integral part of the whole community, not just a sub-set. At the Center for Spiritual Living, we welcome and embrace and accept people, whatever their path or lifestyle.

Perhaps what our visitors didn't recognize is that a truly inclusive and diverse community has no need to draw attention to the labels that are given to people: gay, African-American, or what have you. No one is simply the label someone has given them or the one they adopt for themselves. Rather, each one of us is uniquely and exactly and precisely who we are, in our totality.

How many gay people do you know that only hang around other gay people? How many blacks only have black friends? How many Christians only interact with other Christians?

Someone once told me that the Sunday morning hour is the still the most segregated hour in America. This narrowing of our perspective effectively shuts us off from our brothers and sisters. It keeps us from ever having to learn to get along with those different from us.

And it effectively allows each of us to keep holding on to our own prejudices.

Even if we believe that "birds of a feather flock together," aren't we all just a little bit different anyway? One hates spiders; one loves to rock climb; one seeks to be financially wealthy, and one seeks to save the whales — and none of these differences are mutually exclusive.

Each of us has our own past, our own traumas, our own story, and our own path to healing and wholeness.

In a community that truly celebrates individual diversity, you won't see groups based around labels, but rather an overarching, profound respect for the inherent dignity, value and worth of each and every person, and isn't that what we are all looking for?

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Rev. Petra Weldes, senior minister
Center for Spiritual Living Dallas

Don't condemn Mehlman

Since Ken Mehlman's coming out, we have seen numerous opinions from those who are outraged at his silence and his active role in some of the anti-gay rhetoric from six years ago. They decry his hypocrisy, espouse his cowardice and

are incredulous that he now wishes to speak up and become an ally.

To those who hold these opinions and to all the gay community, I challenge those who have never remained silent to speak the first criticism.

At one time or another; even currently in our day-to-day lives, we have all remained silent when confronted by or exposed to intolerance, anti-gay rhetoric or insensitivity. It may have been something said or done by a family member, a stranger or co-worker, and we did or said nothing to correct them or raise their consciousness.

At times, we even "straight-wash" or coach our own language so we do not create an uncomfortable conflict or conversation; telling ourselves, it'd be too much trouble. Make no mistake; this passive action and activity is just as damaging, dangerous and destructive as the active acceptance that Ken Mehlman engaged in. We all become guilty of promoting the "rhetoric" when we do nothing to contradict it. At times, when there is real physical danger involved, keeping silent is necessary. But all too often in situations where this danger does not exist, we pass on correcting and confronting intolerance.

And when we do, we give a pass to the offending persons. We give a pass to let them think that

their words, opinions, jokes, etc. are OK. After all, no one is saying otherwise, so you must agree.

Remember, silence equals consent.

Should we not be upset over Ken Mehlman's damaging involvement in being part of a policy that has set us back years in our quest for equality? No. We do have cause be upset, angry and hurt over it.

But we should also look at those three fingers that point back at ourselves when we point the fingers at others who don't speak up. We should make an effort in our own lives to speak up more than we do; strive to speak up every time we encounter someone or something that impedes us from true equality.

We should also realize that we cannot change what has been. We have no time machine to go back and fix it and make it right. We can only change what lies ahead of us. No matter how upset we may be with Ken Mehlman, that will never get us closer to the equality we seek.

The only thing that can get us closer is accepting every ally we can, no matter how late or by what means they arrive at the game. You can't deny that we need to make more allies than we do enemies.

Patrick Hunter
Alexandria, Va.

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Have you decided how you will vote in the November election?

Robert Raymo — "Yes. It's time for change. I'm tired of the status quo. Rick Perry has served this state for too long. Bill White gets my vote, no doubt about it."

Thomas Hill — "Gov. Perry has served his interests more than the state's interests long enough."

Fabian Figueroa-Sepulveda — "I'm remaining neutral."

Ben Mitchell — "Libertarian for me. I like their platform. If all gay people would support Libertarians, we might actually have a shot at changing things. The Republicans are still controlled by the religious right, and the Democrats do nothing but give us empty promises."

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



Denim 'n drag

How do the hyper-masculine world of leather and the camp of female impersonation find common ground at the rodeo? With surprising ease

In Texas, cowboys are known for their 10-gallon hats. And drag queens are known for the 10-gallon wigs.

The Texas Gay Rodeo Association's (TGRA) Big D Rodeo 2010 kicks off this weekend in Alvarado, Texas (midway between Midlothian and Cleburne along Highway 67), and as always, there's a fun mix of boot-stompin', calf-ropin' and dress-wearin' — all in the name of charity.

But the event also highlights a unique confluence of gay culture. This year, the two grand marshals are Don Jenkins (aka drag diva Donna Dumae from the United Court of the Lone Star Empire) and Robert Cantrell (aka Cleo), one of the founders of the Firedancers.

For anyone unfamiliar with the gay rodeo, the mix of drag and cowboys may seem a little counterintuitive, but to co-director Dan Nagel, the Big D Rodeo is the perfect marriage of camp and cattle needed to raise money for local organizations.

"Drag is a huge part of making those charity dollars," he says. "TGRA is honored to have the support of so many of the other organizations and clubs in Texas, such as the UCLSE. We could not do all the good that we do with the support from our brothers and sisters throughout our communities working together as a team for a common goal: Charity."

According to Nagel, some of the biggest crowd pleasers at gay rodeo are the "camp events," which include competition in goat dressing, steer decorating and the ever-popular wild drag race (one rope, one steer and a man in drag — what could possibly go wrong?).

But the Big D Rodeo also features plenty of serious competitive sports you'd find at many traditional rodeos, including bull and steer riding, team roping, barrel racing and calf-roping on foot. And the skills it takes to succeed don't depend on sexual orientation or dexterity with a curling iron.

In his 13 years with the International Gay Rodeo Association, six of which he's worked with TGRA as well, Nagel has participated in six to eight gay rodeos per year on both sides of the proverbial fence, with a hand in everything from rough stock and speed events ... and his share of camp demos, just for good measure.

"The rush you get is incredible," he says. "Like any sport, the thrill is to compete and compete well."

"We have a great lineup of live music, from Nashville and Texas both, a vendor market, great food, beer, and cocktails," Nagel continues, "and cowboys and cowgirls from all over the country."

So pretty much, something for everyone.

"It's a party-like atmosphere with western lifestyle and heritage that come with all the rodeo hype," he says.

And the fact the leather and drag communities come out for it proves that the stereotype of the dour, hetero Texas cowboy is just that.

Yup.

— Steven Lindsey

Big D Rodeo calendar of events

Friday

9 a.m. — Horse stall check-in begins
Noon–3 p.m. — Barrel exhibition runs
6–9 p.m. — Registration
6–10 p.m.: Diamond Dash Jackpot Barrel Race

Race

8–11 p.m.: Diamond W Expo; Homo rodeo.com meet and greet; live music and entertainment.

Saturday

9 a.m. — New contestant registration
10 a.m. — Rodeo performance

1 p.m. (approximately) — Grand Entry
Afternoon — Rodeo performances
2–4 p.m. — Expo; entertainment
7 p.m.–? — Expo, with live music by Weldon Henson and James Allen Clark

Sunday

10 a.m. — Rodeo performances
1 p.m. (approximately) — Grand Entry
Afternoon: Rodeo performances
2–4 p.m. — Expo; entertainment
8 p.m. — Expo; dinner and awards.

Diamond W Arena, 8901 E Highway 67, Alvarado. 214-346-2107. TGRA.org



NOT THEIR FIRST TIME AT THE RODEO | Robert Cantrell, co-founder of the leather group Firedancers, and Don Jenkins, better known as drag maven Donna Dumae, are the seemingly unlikely grand marshals at the TGRA's Big D Rodeo this weekend. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)



Mister clean

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He's been on *The View*, *Good Morning America* and *The Tonight Show* and has published dozens of books, but you might not recognize Joey Green if you saw him on the streets. He's more in the "OK, I know who you're talking about" vein of celebrity.

Green is famous for applying useful but unusual uses for everyday products. Did you know Spam makes a great furniture polisher, or that lemon Kool-Aid is ideal for rust removal? Those are the kind of crazy but engaging tips he'll bring to this weekend's Home and Garden Market Show at Dallas Market Hall.

Although married with kids, Green has a gay man's sense of camp (one of his books, which deconstructs *The Wizard of Oz*, posits that the Cowardly Lion was a friend of Dorothy in

more ways than one). Some of his advice is especially useful to gay people for their, let's say, intimate reasons—or sometimes just great for a drag queen's makeup case. In these economical times, it's better to take items in the house than going to the store for a specific cleaner.

Despite his mild-mannered tone, Green is fine discussing his shtick with risqué bravado—his uses for contraceptives and tampons are usually redlined by his editors. Take, for instance, the simple condom. Playing safe is still in, but Green says they have multiple uses.

"Condoms are good if you're hit in the nose or have a sore back," he says. "Just fill it with water, freeze and [you have an] instant ice pack. You can also put them on top a straight wooden handle shovel or mop or similar item—they work like a pencil eraser and keep it from sliding down and keep scuff marks off the walls."

Makeup and beauty tips are abundant in Green's books—many handy for a drag queen. In his newest, *Joey Green's Cleaning Magic*, he

We get down and dirty about great gay uses of household items with home products guru Joey Green

puts nail polish remover, petroleum jelly and hair dryers to work beyond their original uses. But panty hose are a big item with Green.

"They are expensive," he says. "A lot of money is going down the drain. Save 'em, ball 'em up and they are great for polishing furniture. The nylon acts as a mild abrasive. They are great for cleaning car windshields and strainers, like for paint—just pour it through. Also, if a drag queen is late to a show because her fan belt gave out in her car, pantyhose can be tied in a knot and looped to replace it and get back on the road."

Green doesn't miss a beat when we mention what *else* Crisco can be used for other than cooking and ... well, we left it at that.

"There are many uses for that.

Crisco is all-natural made of soybean and cottonseed oils. It's a great moisturizer. Just rub a dab on your skin. Keep some in the garage because it takes off oil and grease. And it gets lipstick stains out of clothes."

Kinky and erotic does not escape Green. He could write an entire book with this angle alone, although instead he's working on a project that gives tips and cures for pets. But he's more willing to talk up the positives of a large roll of Saran Wrap in the house. Whether it's covering food, or the significant other, it's a godsend.

"Well, don't use it as a condom," he orders. "Saran Wrap is great for holding screws in position. [Ed. note: Yes!] If a small screw is hard to hold, put it through the wrap to hold. Putting it over a used tin of paint keeps it from hardening and it can cover small holes in windows."

Finally, he breaks a bit. Food has its place in fun romps, but he tells us what else a cucumber is good for.

"Well," he chuckles, "I know you can eat those." ■

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Ribald as ever, on-again/off-again bisexual comedian (and lately 'DWTS' contestant) **Margaret Cho** takes on a new passion: Her music

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After belly-dancing across the country with her burlesque variety show *The Sensuous Woman*, Margaret Cho is ready to get back to her first love: standup comedy. Having just kicked off a national tour and a new album, *Cho Dependent*, this time she's doing it with a slight modification: An electric guitar slung around her shoulder and some songs to sing.

The album marks her first foray into music: 14 tracks of what she calls "songs that are jokes yet have musical value to them." Indeed, renowned indie heavyweights like Ben Lee, Tegan & Sara, Jon Brion (Aimee Mann, Rufus Wainwright), Ani DiFranco, Fiona Apple, Grant Lee Phillips, Andrew Bird, Garrison Starr, Patty Griffin and others joined her as collaborators. And as for the guitar? At age 40, inspired by the sight of Madonna working an ax, Cho learned to play.

Always a risk-taker, Cho signed on last week to be on *Dancing with the Stars* (the season begins Sept. 21 on ABC), where she'll share the floor with Sarah Palin's daughter, teen mom Bristol. That will no doubt be a source of great standup material on Cho's next tour.

Until then, we'll just enjoy having Cho discuss provocatively titled songs like "Lesbian Escalation" and "Eat Shit and Die," her open relationship with husband Al Ridenour and the unrequited love she later discovered was a murderer.

Dallas Voice: How did you come up with the *Cho Dependent* project? Cho: I wanted to make a record, but a comedy album that had really great music, so I enlisted some of the greatest musicians out there to help me. Some I met through the process of making the record and others I've known forever. It gave me a chance to hang out with people I love like Ani DiFranco. I'm really proud of the record.

Let's talk about your collaborators. Which twin is hotter:

Tegan or Sara? They're both beautiful. They're great musicians and so fun to be with. I love them both. What's interesting is I think they look really different from each other and have such different personalities.

Did you tell your collaborators that you wanted particular songs to have a specific sound or vibe? Like, "I want this to sound like Pet Shop Boys?" There's a song called "Eat Shit and Die." I hired the same engineer who works with Aimee Mann, then her entire band, and then I went to where she recorded her albums in Santa Monica and said, "I'm going to be Aimee Mann all day." I have her band, her collaborators. I was Aimee Mann all fuckin' day. It was the best feeling.

Do you think fans be surprised to hear you actually sing? You're pulling a bit of a Sandra Bernhard here. I love Sandra Bernhard. To me it's really a comedy album because it's super jokey — something that could be played on *Jersey Shore*. I never would want to transition completely into a singer. I always want to stay a standup comic. I'm like Lady Caca.

Did you ask Lady Gaga to be on this? No. I never got around to her. I'm a big fan so I'm going to go for her

for the next project. She's amazing, and a very gifted musician, which people don't really talk about. She's not just a cultural icon. She's a talented musician. I'm inspired by her.

Why is Justin Bieber not on here? Well, he should be. Maybe next time. Him and the Jonas Brothers and Miley Cyrus.

What's the story behind the hidden 14th track, "Lesbian Escalation?" That's a very common happenstance for most lesbians and also a trend with younger gay men, too: They act like lesbians and move in together real fast. Bringing U-Hauls to their dates, they move in fast, and almost immediately stop having sex and it becomes something

else. I'm trying to encourage women not to do that. Take it slowly. I've been in a lot of relationships with women where it just escalates and then we can't have sex and it gets boring. Keep the mystery alive.

When was the last time you had a girl-girl thing? Not long ago. There's always something going on.

Is Al liberal about you having same-sex "side dishes?" Yeah, that's totally fine. I can do whatever I want. Men and women, it doesn't matter. We have like an old gay man's Palm Springs relationship. Whatever the other person does is fine. It's don't ask don't tell. We just don't talk about it. But it's fine.

What about having sister wives? Yeah, I think that would be great. With that braid. That horrible Nicky braid? That would be really great.

Although it's a comedy album, do any songs have their roots in a serious issue? "I'm Sorry" does. That's a country song with Andrew Bird, and it's inspired by something horrible. I was in love with this guy who worked on *All-American Girl* and he didn't like me back. When I turned 40 I was still in love with him

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DIARY OF A CHO-GIRL | Margaret Cho is having some year with a new album 'Cho Dependent,' her North American tour and her enlistment on the new season of 'Dancing with the Stars.'

and I Googled him, and on Wikipedia it said: "American screenwriter, producer, worked on *All-American Girl*, and in 2007 was convicted of the murder of his wife. Bludgeoned her to death and stuffed her body in the attic for a month until it had partially mummified." And I was so horrified. It could have been me. But it couldn't have been me. I had so many complicated emotions about it and really didn't know how to deal with it and thought I should try and write a song about domestic violence and the crazy shit people do.

So I wrote that song and in a sense it's a very traditional "murder ballad" — it's a country music staple, that kind of song. It helped me to make sense of how I was feeling and sometimes dark humor is the only way to ap-

proach horrible things like murder.

I understand that Bitch recorded a duet with your parents, but I can't find that track on the album.

That track will be on the next one. It's really hard to schedule my parents into the studio. They're real prima donnas. It takes a lot. Bitch did a great job, we wrote a great song with my family, but that will be recorded for the next album.

So you already have a sequel in mind? I don't know what it will be called but I have quite a few songs I recorded that have to wait. More with Ben Lee, Garrison Starr and Jay Brannan, who is an amazing singer-songwriter. Those will be on the next volume.

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According to Rob Laqui, he's pretty easy to spot. In MOMIX's *Botanica*, amid the vast imagery created by the cast, you'll know it when you see him onstage. And it's not because he has an inflated sense of ego.

"I'm the only Filipino guy!" he laughs.

Laqui is soft-spoken but with a sense of humor that's part dry, part snappy. He also has a flair for the poetic. As a gay man, he can see why the community might be fascinating by MOMIX, which brings its latest show to the Winspear Opera House this week, courtesy of TITAS.

"In my experience and in my opinion, there is this certain soft masculinity there," he says. "I think everyone responds to the beauty of the images of this show but especially the LGBT community. We like pretty things! But also, gays have a certain sensitivity to that [beauty]."

Laqui is starting his seventh season with MOMIX — quite a run for a man who started out as a musi-

cal theater major in college. Moving to New York City from Minnesota, he planned a career on the stage acting and singing, but something clicked in him that made him decide traditional theater wasn't exactly his thing. He began working on body movement that played into some of his characters and slowly surfaced into his interests. Then he saw MOMIX perform.

"I remember thinking that it was just awesome and I wanted to work with that," he says.

His dream came true.

He describes MOMIX as "Cirque du Soleil Lite," but with a wink and a nod: In the same vein, but minus ethereal acrobatics and eerie clowns. Ultimately, though, Laqui considers the troupe illusionists.

"I will describe it as modern dance, but with us, the audience will look at our movements and then it takes a second for them to wrap their mind around what they are seeing," he says. The eclecticism of the movements into images and shapes, is more than dancing; it's a challenge.

In *Botanica*, the show lives up to its name. Choreographed by Moses Pendleton, the cast creates a world of nature by moving their bodies into different kinds of natural imagery be it flowers or crea-

MOMIX: BOTANICA

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AU NATUREL | 'Botanica' turns nature into art through dance with cast member Rob Laqui, below.

tures or both. Pendleton paints these pictures with each dancer serving as his brushstroke — a role Laqui cherishes for its art and his sanity.

"Dance allows me to go to these places where I can be fierce or cruel even though I'm super nice in person," he says. "That's the beauty of it. Every dancer has the capacity to encompass every emotion. It's our job to communicate that. That's why I do it. It's the cheapest form of therapy." ■



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KALETRA[®] is a prescription anti-HIV-1 medicine called a protease inhibitor that contains lopinavir and ritonavir. KALETRA is used with other anti-HIV-1 medicines to increase the chance of treatment response in people with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV-1) infection. It is not known if KALETRA is safe and effective in children under 14 days old.

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What is the most important information I should know about KALETRA?

KALETRA may cause serious side effects, including:

- **Interactions with other medicines. It is important to know the medicines that should not be taken with KALETRA.** Read the section "What should I tell my doctor before taking KALETRA?"
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 - take other medicines that can affect your heart rhythm while you take KALETRA.

Tell your doctor right away if you have any of these symptoms while taking KALETRA:

- dizziness
- lightheadedness
- fainting
- sensation of abnormal heartbeats

See the section below "What are the possible side effects of KALETRA?" for more information about serious side effects.

What is KALETRA?

KALETRA is a prescription anti-HIV medicine that contains two medicines: lopinavir and ritonavir. KALETRA is called a protease inhibitor that is used with other anti-HIV-1 medicines to treat people with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV-1) infection. HIV-1 is the virus that causes AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome).

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- Do not take KALETRA if you are taking certain medicines. For more information about medicines you should not take with KALETRA, please see "Can I take other medicines with KALETRA?" and consult with your doctor about all other medicines you take.

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KALETRA may not be right for you. Tell your doctor about all your medical conditions, including if you:

- have any heart problems, including if you have a condition called Congenital Long QT Syndrome.
- have liver problems, including Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C.
- have diabetes.
- have hemophilia. People who take KALETRA may have increased bleeding.
- have low potassium in your blood.
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- take KALETRA during pregnancy, talk with your doctor about how you can take part in an antiretroviral pregnancy registry. The purpose of the pregnancy registry is to follow the health of you and your baby.
- are breast-feeding. Do not breast-feed if you are taking KALETRA. You should not breast-feed if you have HIV-1. If you are a woman who has or will have a baby while taking KALETRA, talk with your doctor about the best way to feed your baby. If your baby does not already have HIV-1, there is a chance that HIV-1 can be passed to your baby through your breast milk.

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Many medicines interact with KALETRA. Do not start taking a new medicine without telling your doctor or pharmacist. Your doctor can tell you if it is safe to take KALETRA with other medicines. Your doctor may need to change the dose of other medicines while you take KALETRA.

Medicines you should not take with KALETRA.

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- triazolam (Halcion®), midazolam hydrochloride oral syrup
- pimozone (Orap®)
- the cholesterol lowering medicines lovastatin (Mevacor®) or simvastatin (Zocor®)
- sildenafil (Revatio®) only when used for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension. (See "Medicines that may need changes" and "What are the possible side effects of Kaletra?" for information about the use of sildenafil for erectile problems.)
- alfuzosin (Uroxatral®)

Medicines that you should not take with KALETRA since they may make KALETRA not work as well:

- the herbal supplement St. John's Wort (hypericum perforatum)
- rifampin (Rimactane®, Rifadin®, Rifater®, or Rifamate®)

Medicines that may need changes:

- birth control pills that contain estrogen ("the pill") or the birth control (contraceptive) patches
- certain anticancer medicines, such as nilotinib (Tasigna®) and dasatinib (Sprycel®)
- certain cholesterol lowering medicines, such as atorvastatin (Lipitor®) or rosuvastatin (Crestor®)
- certain other antiretroviral medicines, such as efavirenz (Atripla® and Sustiva®), nevirapine (Viramune®), amprenavir (Agenerase®) and nelfinavir (Viracept®)
- anti-seizure medicines, such as phenytoin (Dilantin®) carbamazepine, (Tegretol®), phenobarbital
- medicines for erectile problems, such as sildenafil (Viagra®), tadalafil (Cialis®), or vardenafil (Levitra®)

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- medicines for gout, such as colchicine (Colcris®)
- medicines to treat pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), such as bosentan (Tracleer®) or tadalafil (Adcirca®)
- pain medicines, such as fentanyl (Duragesic®, lonsys™, Fentora®) and methadone

If you are not sure if you are taking a medicine above, ask your doctor.

How should I take KALETRA?

- Take KALETRA every day exactly as prescribed by your doctor.
- It is very important to set up a dosing schedule and follow it every day.
- Do not change your treatment or stop treatment without first talking with your doctor.
- Swallow KALETRA tablets whole. Do not chew, break, or crush KALETRA tablets.
- KALETRA tablets can be taken with or without food.
- If you are taking both Videx® (didanosine) and KALETRA:
 - didanosine can be taken at the same time as KALETRA tablets, without food.
 - take didanosine either one hour before or two hours after taking KALETRA oral solution.
- Do not miss a dose of KALETRA. This could make the virus harder to treat. If you forget to take KALETRA, take the missed dose right away. If it is almost time for your next dose, do not take the missed dose. Instead, follow your regular dosing schedule by taking your next dose at its regular time. Do not take more than one dose of KALETRA at one time.
- If you take more than the prescribed dose of KALETRA, call your local poison control center or emergency room right away.
- Take KALETRA oral solution with food to help it work better.
- If KALETRA is being used for your child, tell your doctor if your child's weight changes.
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 - If a young child drinks more than the recommended dose, it could make them sick from too much alcohol. Contact your local poison control center or emergency room right away.
 - Talk with your doctor if you take or plan to take metronidazole or disulfiram. You can have severe nausea and vomiting if you take these medicines with KALETRA.

- When your KALETRA supply starts to run low, get more from your doctor or pharmacy. It is important not to run out of KALETRA. The amount of HIV-1 virus in your blood may increase if the medicine is stopped for even a short time. The virus may become resistant to KALETRA and become harder to treat.
- KALETRA can be taken with acid reducing agents used for heartburn or reflux such as omeprazole (Prilosec®) and ranitidine (Zantac®) with no dose adjustment.
- KALETRA should not be administered once daily in combination with carbamazepine (Tegretol® and Eptol®), phenobarbital (Luminal®), or phenytoin (Dilantin®).

Avoid doing things that can spread HIV infection. KALETRA does not stop you from passing HIV infection to others. Do not share needles, other injection equipment or personal items that can have blood or body fluids on them, like toothbrushes and razor blades. Always practice safer sex by using a latex or polyurethane condom to lower the chance of sexual contact with semen, vaginal secretions, or blood.

What are the possible side effects of KALETRA?

KALETRA can cause serious side effects.

- See **"What is the most important information I should know about KALETRA?"**
- **Liver problems.** Liver problems, including death, can happen in people who take KALETRA. Blood tests in people who take KALETRA may show possible liver problems. People with liver disease such as Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C who take KALETRA may have worsening liver disease. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any of these signs and symptoms of liver problems:
 - loss of appetite
 - yellow skin and whites of eyes (jaundice)
 - dark-colored urine
 - pale colored stools, itchy skin
 - stomach area (abdominal) pain.
- **Inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis).** Some people who take KALETRA get inflammation of the pancreas which may be serious and cause death. You have a higher chance of getting pancreatitis if you have had it before. Tell your doctor if you have nausea, vomiting, or abdominal pain while taking KALETRA. These may be signs of pancreatitis.
- **Increases in certain fat (triglycerides and cholesterol) levels in your blood.** Large increases of triglycerides and cholesterol can be seen in blood test results of some people who take KALETRA. The long-term chance of getting complications such as heart attacks or stroke due to increases in triglycerides and cholesterol caused by protease inhibitors is not known at this time.
- **Diabetes and high blood sugar (hyperglycemia).** Some people who take protease inhibitors including KALETRA get new or more serious diabetes, or high blood sugar. Tell your doctor if you notice an increase in thirst or urinate often while taking KALETRA.

• **Changes in body fat.** Changes in body fat in some people who take antiretroviral therapy. These changes may include increased amount of fat in the upper back and neck ("buffalo hump"), breast, and around the trunk. Loss of fat from the legs, arms and face may also happen. The cause and long-term health effects of these conditions are not known at this time.

• **Increased bleeding for hemophiliacs.** Some people with hemophilia have increased bleeding with protease inhibitors including KALETRA.

• **Increased risk of certain problems when you take medicines used for the treatment of erectile problems such as sildenafil (Viagra®), tadalafil (Cialis®), or vardenafil (Levitra®) with KALETRA:**

- **low blood pressure.** If you get dizzy or faint, you need to lie down. Tell your doctor if you feel dizzy, or have fainting spells.
- **vision changes.** Tell your doctor right away if you have vision changes.
- **penis erection lasting more than 4 hours.** If you are a male and have an erection that lasts longer than 4 hours, get medical help right away to avoid permanent damage to your penis. Your doctor can explain these symptoms to you.
- **Allergic reactions.** Skin rashes, some of them severe, can occur in people who take KALETRA. Tell your healthcare provider if you had a rash when you took another medicine for your HIV infection or if you notice any skin rash when you take KALETRA.

Common side effects of KALETRA include:

- diarrhea
- nausea
- stomach area (abdominal) pain
- feeling weak
- vomiting
- headache
- upset stomach

These are not all of the possible side effects of KALETRA. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist. Tell your doctor about any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.


How should I store KALETRA?

KALETRA tablets:

- Store KALETRA tablets at room temperature, between 59°F to 86°F (15°C to 30°C).
- Do not keep KALETRA tablets out of the container it comes in for longer than 2 weeks, especially in areas where there is a lot of humidity. Keep the container closed tightly.

KALETRA oral solution:

- Store KALETRA oral solution in a refrigerator, between 36°F to 46°F (2°C to 8°C). KALETRA oral solution that is kept refrigerated may be used until the expiration date printed on the label.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KALETRA oral solution that is stored at room temperature (less than 77°F or 25°C) should be used within 2 months. • Keep KALETRA away from high heat. <p>Throw away any medicine that is out of date or that you no longer need.</p> <p>Keep KALETRA and all medicines out of the reach of children.</p> <p>General information about KALETRA</p> <p><u>KALETRA does not cure HIV-1 or AIDS. The long-term effects of KALETRA are not known at this time. People taking KALETRA may still get opportunistic infections or other conditions that happen with HIV-1 infection. Some of these conditions are pneumonia, herpes virus infections, and Mycobacterium avium complex (MAC) infections.</u></p> <p>Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication Guide. Do not use KALETRA for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give KALETRA to other people, even if they have the same condition you have. It may harm them.</p> <p>This Medication Guide summarizes the most important information about KALETRA. If you would like more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your pharmacist or doctor for information about KALETRA that is written for health professionals. For more information about KALETRA call 1-800-633-9110 or go to www.KALETRA.com.</p>	<p>What are the ingredients in KALETRA?</p> <p>Active ingredient: lopinavir and ritonavir</p> <p>Inactive ingredients:</p> <p>KALETRA 200 mg lopinavir and 50 mg ritonavir tablets: copovidone, sorbitan monolaurate, colloidal silicon dioxide, and sodium stearyl fumarate. The film coating contains: hypromellose, titanium dioxide, polyethylene glycol 400, hydroxypropyl cellulose, talc, colloidal silicon dioxide, polyethylene glycol 3350, yellow ferric oxide 172, and polysorbate 80.</p> <p>KALETRA 100 mg lopinavir and 25 mg ritonavir tablets: copovidone, sorbitan monolaurate, colloidal silicon dioxide, and sodium stearyl fumarate. The film coating contains: polyvinyl alcohol, titanium dioxide, talc, polyethylene glycol 3350, and yellow ferric oxide E172.</p> <p>KALETRA oral solution: acesulfame potassium, alcohol, artificial cotton candy flavor, citric acid, glycerin, high fructose corn syrup, Magnasweet-110 flavor, menthol, natural and artificial vanilla flavor, peppermint oil, polyoxyl 40 hydrogenated castor oil, povidone, propylene glycol, saccharin sodium, sodium chloride, sodium citrate, and water.</p> <p>KALETRA oral solution contains 42.4% alcohol (v/v). “See How should I take KALETRA?”.</p>	<p>KALETRA Tablets, 200 mg lopinavir/50 mg ritonavir Manufactured by Abbott Pharmaceuticals PR Ltd., Barceloneta, PR 00617 for Abbott Laboratories, North Chicago, IL 60064, U.S.A. KALETRA Tablets, 100 mg lopinavir/25 mg ritonavir and KALETRA Oral Solution Abbott Laboratories, North Chicago, IL 60064, U.S.A. 2010, ALL RIGHTS RESERVED</p> <p>* The brands listed are trademarks of their respective owners and are not trademarks of Abbott Laboratories. The makers of these brands are not affiliated with and do not endorse Abbott Laboratories or its products.</p> <p>This Medication Guide has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.</p> <p>Ref: 03-A387-R8 Revised: June, 2010</p> <p>036-395113 MASTER</p> <p style="text-align: right;">039-403031 </p>
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Sordid Pride

The gay stuff comes early next week with fundraiser emphasizing the 'fun'

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Although Dallas Prides does not officially kick off until next week, a few groups are getting an early start.

The Hotel Palomar, owned by the very gay-friendly Kimpton Hotels group, starts off the Pride events at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday with Sordid Pride: The Party. Inspired by Del Shores' Texas-set play and TV series, Central 214 executive chef Blythe Beck will serve up some of her naughty "bites" with a Southern flair, plus offer Dixiefied cocktails, hip music and more.

The event is a fundraiser for Resource Center



PRIDE GETS NAUGHTY | Central 214 chef Blythe Beck, above, offers her naughty bites at the Sordid Pride benefit for RCD; the same night, ilume Gallerie's ArtNite! profiles the work of Clint Mordecai, below, and others as a fundraiser for AIDS Arms.

of Dallas' nutrition programs, so a \$20 donation is suggested. And there'll be complimentary parking. Write Allison.Gray@hotelpalomar.com to RSVP.

The same night, another mixed-use locale will be going artsier than *Sordid Lives*. Over at the ilume Gallerie, ArtNite! marks the one-year anniversary of the Cedar Springs development. The show, which begins at 7 p.m. on Sept. 16, features art, photography and sculpture from the artists who have exhibited their work there over the past year, including NOH8 creators Adam Bouska and Jeff Parshley, Clint Mordecai and Jorge Rivas.

The event benefits AIDS Arms and will include cocktails in the Bacardi Lounge and ilume courtyard.



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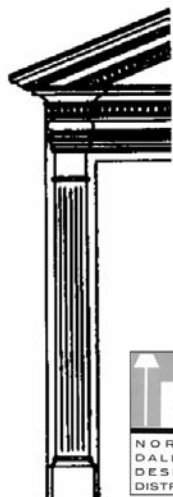


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Break it down

Straight local band Bible Fire has a hit with 'Holly is a Homophobe'



STRAIGHT NOT NARROW | The Bible Fire bassist Rob Halstead, center, wrote about a gay-hating colleague despite few ties to the gay community; the band's drummer, Chris Isaacs, left, has many gay ties.

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Clearly, you should watch what you say around Rob Halstead or it could turn into a song.

When a day-job co-worker of the Bible Fire songwriter went on a hostile rant against the gays, Halston ripped her a new one by putting it to music. The result was "Holly is a Homophobe," a single from the local band's new album *The Pursuit of Imperfection*. Unexpectedly, when the group performs, it's one of their most requested and popular songs.

"Holly is this girl me and Grant [Scruggs, the band's guitarist] both worked with," Halstead says. "She's an enigma to me because she's so nice and caring and then prejudiced all the way around." An example of the lyric: *Holly is a homophobe / Disdainfully, she told me so / Her biggest fear is turning queer / And I just thought that everyone should know.*

After a misunderstanding, Holly had a freak out when she thought someone called her a gay slur. According to Halstead, she went on a rant that took him and Scruggs by surprise. He can see, though, she is sort of a victim to the usual checklist of items: "Country girl from out in the boonies, a generic Texas town, religious parents, ignorant."

It's not hard to hate someone you've never met / But face to face and still you've no regret / Holly, there's a reason that nobody agrees with you.

Interestingly, Halstead admits to have little exposure to gay the community beyond his wife's brother who is out and some curious treks to Oak Lawn in his younger days. But homosexuality isn't an issue with him *per se*.

"My stance is, it's your life," he says. "It doesn't affect me personally, but I'm not saying I don't care, I just can't care if I'm not directly involved. It's like I feel I can't have an opinion on

abortion because it's a woman's issue and something only women experience and understand."

He makes it make sense. Straight men may not relate to gay issues, but Halstead doesn't feel that's reason for anti-gay (or fill in the blank) rhetoric. "I just have problems when people or religion are hurting people or affecting rights."

He adds, though, that his wife is a huge advocate for gay rights because of her brother and even "punched a dude in the nose," for spouting off.

By contrast, drummer Chris Isaacs *does* have a strong connection to the community. The best man at his wedding was his gay best friend, and he's lost friends to AIDS. Even without contributing to the creation of the song, it rings loudly with him.

"This runs deeper for me because my wife and I have had so many gay friends," he says. "We really detest this kind of behavior."

You've got trauma, overprotected / Odds are adding up to gay or molested / A baby raised in ignorance, passing on hatred / Rise above, write it off, recalculate it.

Perhaps Holly herself is a way-closeted lesbian, but Halstead doesn't figure that to be the case.

"You would think, but no, I really don't believe she's closeted," he says.

Congratulations we commend you / Dedicated hater's a full time job / Now let's all give a round of applause to Holly / Holly, take a bow.

Nor did the song really open her mind even though it rips her to shreds. Halstead's disappointed by this. He had hopes for the tiniest seed to be planted.

"Nothing is going to change people who make up their minds," he says. "I would like to think it changed her, but I don't really think so. She does come to our shows, though!"

I know you were born in the middle of a former Confederate state / But your views are two decades behind the times and still running late.



SONGS IN THE BASEMENT | Wagley, Breckenridge and Floyd sing beautifully, but there's not much story in Theatre Too's 'Songs from an Unmade Bed.' (Photo by Ken Birdsell)

Triple meh

Theatre Too's retooled 'Unmade Bed' is alive with songs but short on story

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He might call it a song cycle, but Mark Campbell's **Songs from an Unmade Bed**, now at Theatre Three's Theatre Too space, is mostly a dizzying effect of music and theater. Written as a one-man show, director Terry Dobson has reworked it into a troika of actors playing nameless characters anchored by Gary Floyd as a bisexual in a relationship with both a straight woman (Patty Breckenridge) and gay man (Christopher Wagley). At about an hour long, it never has time to lag, but it is enough to confuse.

The story of the love triangle is told entirely through the course of 18 songs written by lyricist Campbell but composed from a number of pedigreed composers including Jake Heggie, Emmy nominee Lance Horn and '90s alt-rocker Duncan Sheik.

Floyd plays a fickle fellow torn between his affections for another man and a woman. The least showy of the roles, Floyd does the everyman role justice with equal measures of sex appeal and humor. Through the songs "Man in the Starched White Shirt," "He Plays the Cello" and "Exit Right," we get his character is an actor who can't play the stringed instrument and he's a sort of player, but with heart. Floyd *cares* for his man but *lusts* after his woman.

Perhaps stemming from a one-man origins, the only character we ever really know is Floyd's. His lovers sing about and to him, offering insight to their desperation for his attention. This bias is humorous, even charming, but doesn't give the background needed to make me care about any of them. There were moments when I

asked myself, "I need to know this because...?" Pathetic is too strong to describe these characters, but their drawn-out longing elicits more thoughts of "get a life" than "Awwww!"

Each song depicts a vignette lives of relationships but it's frustrating, if not difficult. *Songs* sometimes feels like a trek through knee-high mud — tough but doable.

Through all that, the cast shines. Breckenridge runs with her role as an emotionally starved sex-

pot, playing the funny stuff with the precision of a TV sitcom (in a good way) and subtly stealing scenes with a look or inflection.

It's like she's pulling the tablecloth from under a dinner set that remains in place. When she sings, she conjures Disney princesses, but then she would lay on thick shtick in "Florence" and "Spring."

Wagley makes a strong local stage debut. A bear of a man, he has astonishing beauty in his voice that added to his presence (who knew Floyd was a bear chaser?). He kills in the uppity "The Other Other Woman" with funny physicality and is able to give great nuance — like Breckenridge, he can work a quick look to maximum effect. At times though, he almost sashayed over the top with his fey approach to the character who came close to being a caricature.

Songs' humor is worthwhile and the talent buoys the show, along with an amazing three-piece orchestra that sounded a whole lot larger. But if you're scratching your head after it ends, the best advice is to let the story go and remember the good times. ■

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Friday 09.10

Getting intimate with a set of twins

Don't underestimate the tiny twin sisters Tegan and Sara. They are giants in music as they proved with the huge turnout they drew at the Palladium earlier this year. They come back opening for Paramore at Verizon Theatre, but make a stop at Good Records for an intimate in-store appearance. Get there early and priority will be given to customers making a T&S purchase. We predict the store will fill up quickly.

DEETS: Good Records, 1808 Greenville Ave. 2:30 p.m. Free. GoodRecords.com.

Friday 09.10

A fine time with some fine art

The hip gallery Artisan Style is determined to introduce Dallas to its hidden art scene and teams with CityArtCal to do so. In conjunction with CityArtCal's annual art engagement book, Artisan Style presents many of the artists' work from the book at the gallery to show off what Dallas art patrons are missing.

DEETS: Artisan Style, 247 Mahon St. 5 p.m. ArtisanStyle.net or CityArtCal.com.

Tuesday 09.14

This kind of blues is ideal

The Blue Man Group comes to town with its innovative performance of music, comedy and whatever else they throw in the mix. With alien looks and complete silence, these blue men should blow you away.

DEETS: Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. Sept. 19-26. \$40-\$150. ATTPAC.org.



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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. 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.

Oak Lawn Tennis Association. L. B. Houston Cen-

ter, 11225 Luna Road. 6 p.m. OLTADallas.org.

High Tech Happy Hour hosted by the LGBTA

Community Network Program of TI. Maximo, 5301 Alpha Road. 5:30 p.m. MaximoDallas.com.

Business Network Collin County luncheon. Fox

Sports Grille 5741 Legacy Drive. 11:30 a.m. \$20. 469-335-0606.

Congregation Beth El Binah Shabbat service. Re-

source Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 7:30 p.m. 214-521-5342 ext. 1784.

THEATER

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, reworked with Cuban influ-

ences and presented by Artes de la Rosa. Rose Marine Theatre, 1440 N. Main St., Fort Worth.

Through Sept. 18. Thursdays-Saturdays at 7:30

p.m., Sundays at 2:30 p.m. \$10-\$15. Rose-

MarineTheatre.com.

The Blue Moon Dancing by Ed Graczyk. Contemporary Theatre of Dallas, 5601 Sears St. Through Sunday. Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays-Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2:30 p.m. \$22-\$32. ContemporaryTheatreofDallas.com.

My Fair Lady presented by Lyric Stage. Irving Arts

Center, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. Through Sept. 19.

Thursdays-Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2:30

p.m. \$25-\$50. LyricStage.org.

The 39 Steps. Stage West, 821 W. Vickery Blvd.,

Fort Worth. Through Sept. 26. Fridays-Saturday

at 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m., Thursdays at 7:30

p.m. \$24-\$28. StageWest.org.

Well by lesbian playwright Lisa Kron and presented

by Echo Theatre. Bath House Cultural Center, 512

E. Lawther Drive. Through Sept. 25. Thursdays-Sat-

urdays at 8 p.m., Sept. 18 matinee at 2 p.m.

EchoTheatre.org.

SATURDAY 09.11

COMMUNITY

Rainbow Ministries International meets weekly.

Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 2 p.m.

The ONE Church East church service. 6246

Broadway Blvd, Suite #100, Garland. 3 p.m. Dal-

las1Church.org.

Once in a Blue Moon, women's dance. Dance-

Masters Ballroom, 10675 East Northwest Highway,

Suite 2600B. 7 p.m.-midnight. \$10. 972-479-0774.

How to Meditate: Turning the Mind into an Ally.

Workshop on meditation practices, postures,

breathing and focus. Dallas psychotherapist Will Handywhose worked with people living with HIV/AIDS will direct the session. Dallas Shambhala Center, 13720 Midway Road, Suite 108, Farmers Branch. 9:30 a.m. \$60. Dallas.Shambhala.org.

CONCERTS

Lisa Ferraro and Erika Luckett pre-

sented by Mystic Note Cafe. Center for

Spiritual Living, 4801 Spring Valley Road.

7 p.m. \$12. CSLDallas.org

SUNDAY 09.12

COMMUNITY

Dignity Dallas sponsors Roman Catholic liturgy.

Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 6

p.m. DignityDallas.org.

30/40Something social group 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 p.m.

214-879-0400.

Expressions, a free gender support group for men

and women led by volunteers. Sponsored by Dallas

Gender Society. Gay and Lesbian Community Cen-

ter, 2701 Reagan St. 7 p.m. 214-540-4475.

Cowtown Leathermen cookout. Best Friends

Club, 2620 East Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth.



COULD SHE REALLY? | Eliza Dolittle could dance all night in 'My Fair Lady' opening this weekend at Lyric Stage in Irving.

DFW Prime Timers play Uno at member's residence. 2 p.m. Call 972-504-8866 for details.

CONCERTS

Lisa Ferraro and Erika Luckett. Heart and Soul

Coffeehouse, 4615 E California Parkway Fort Worth.

5 p.m. \$15-\$18. OpenDoorProductionsTX.com.

BROADCAST

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DOUBLE BILL | Erika Luckett, left, and her partner in life and music Lisa Ferraro perform in Dallas and Fort Worth this week.

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MONDAY 09.13

COMMUNITY

Caffeine + Character. Cathedral of Hope youth meeting for ages 14-22 at Buli Café, 3908 Cedar Springs Road.

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

Stonewall Democrats of Tarrant County. Tommy's Hamburger Grill, 3431 W. 7th St., Fort Worth. 7 p.m. 817-913-8743.

PFLAG Mesquite. St. Stephen UMC. 2520 Oates Drive, Mesquite. 7 p.m. 972-279-3112.

BROADCAST

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

TUESDAY 09.14

COMMUNITY

Sista to Sista support group meets. AIDS Outreach Center, 400 N. Beach St., Fort Worth. 11:30 a.m. 817-335-1994 ext. 204. AOC.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.

Late Bloomers, social support group for women who came out later in life. La Madeleine, 3906 Lemon Ave. 6 p.m. 903-778-4446.

Lesbians and Cancer. Meets the second and

fourth Tuesday of each month at Gilda's Club Dallas, 2710 Oak Lawn Ave. 6-8 p.m.

Prime Timers Prime Diner at Good Eats Café, 3888 Oak Lawn Ave. 7 p.m. Call 214-504-8866 for details.

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 Stal-lone streams every Tuesday at 3 p.m. on RationalBroadcasting.com.

WEDNESDAY 09.15

COMMUNITY

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

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

El Sol, an AIDS Outreach Center support group meets. AIDS Outreach Center, 400 N. Beach St., Fort Worth. 2 p.m. AOC.org.

Apartment Managers and Stakeholders Crime Watch. Oak Lawn Branch library, 4100 Cedar Springs Road. Noon. 214-670-1359.

THURSDAY 09.16

COMMUNITY

Standing on the Promises is the Alcoholics

Anonymous group that meets at Cathedral of Hope. 5910 Cedar Springs Road, Room 107. 6:30 p.m.

Tarrant County Lesbian Gay Alliance. Luby's Cafeteria, 251 University Ave., Fort Worth. 6:30 p.m. 817-877-5544.

GAIN Social Event at Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 6:30 p.m. Call 214-582-0144 for more information.

BROADCAST

The 10% with Israel Luna and Richard Curtin. Streams weekly at 3 p.m. on RationalBroadcasting.com.

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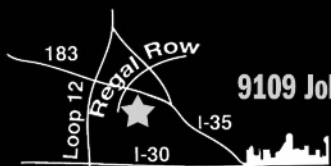
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Mickey Rourke turns 58 on Thursday. The actor is keeping the momentum from his Oscar-nominated role in 2008's *The Wrestler*. With supporting roles in big budget flicks like *Iron Man 2* and *The Expendables*, Rourke has his mojo back. How will that translate into playing gay? Rourke has shown interest in portraying recently out rugby player Gareth Thomas.

VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

Sit down and have a serious discussion about how you can economize. Make a practical plan about how you're going to increase your earnings. It will take hard work, but you can do it.

LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

Worries may be exaggerated, but point to real problems. You have strength and value you don't realize. Buried talents can get you through. Self-analysis should always include the positive.

SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

You are as beautiful as you feel, and however you feel about yourself is how the world will see you. If you need support and convincing, let a friend help you create a new look.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 20

Trust your instincts for inspiration to get through the maze of politics and hierarchies that stands between you and success. Run those notions past a good friend who can improve your ideas.

CAPRICORN Dec 21-Jan 19

New ideas and self-criticism to hone your skills will help you to rise even higher. Suggestions and praise from friends should be happily accepted, although with a grain of salt.

AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

Wise as you are, are you smart enough to keep ego and pride out of your way? The more you try to look good, the less you will. Let your facts and figures do the talking and you'll sizzle.

PISCES Feb 19-Mar 19

Acting as the wise and well-traveled voice of experience can help you find passion, if not love. What does your partner say? New adventures are good, but don't require a new playmate.

ARIES Mar 20-Apr 19

Working out, tight-fitting clothes and chit-chat in the bar can get you lots of places, but not very far. Superficial charm works but maturity will help you find a match. Try quoting Dorothy Parker.

TAURUS Apr 20-May 20

Want to please your sweetie? His or her secret desire could be a naughty, nude maid. It's one way to get the housework done. No sweetie? Someone at work wants to put sugar in your bowl.

GEMINI May 21-Jun 20

Staying home doing housework can be more fun than you expect. Take it as a creative challenge. You could also expand that creativity and share an adventure with nephews and/or nieces.

CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22

Write a letter to the parents you always wanted. Then write a letter telling your real parents all your disappointments, how they failed you and you them. Get it off your chest to forgive.

LEO Jul 23-Aug 22

A serious talk about bills, accounting and fairness can save you and your housemates some decent money. Live alone? Go over the bills. Those pennies add up.

THIS WEEK

Venus is in Scorpio, tempting deep, dark passions, both erotic and aesthetic. Mercury in Virgo sextile Venus brings in critical insight and shrewd vision. Saturn is smack dab in the middle, adding focus and structure. Put up that sling and/or take that art history class.

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

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GOOD MORNING, KYLE. GOOD MORNING, PRICE. WOULD YOU AND YOUR, AH... GUEST LIKE SOME STRAWBERRY WAFFLES?

WOW, THAT SOUNDS GREAT-- ACTUALLY, JASON NEEDS TO GET GOING. HE HAS A LONG DRIVE AHEAD OF HIM.

IT'S JACKSON, NOT JASON. OF COURSE, JACKSON. DRIVE SAFE, NOW.

WILL YOU CALL ME? POSSIBLY.

I'M SORRY, KYLE. FLAUNTING MY TRICKS IN THE MORNING IS PROBABLY BAD FORM, ISN'T IT?

I'M TAKING WEDNESDAYS OFF NOW. A FOUR DAY WORK-WEEK JUST MAKES MORE SENSE, DOESN'T IT?

I CAN GET AWAY WITH ALMOST ANYTHING IF I PUT MY MIND TO IT.

I'LL MAKE SURE IN THE FUTURE THAT THEY USE THE SERVICE ENTRANCE. DON'T YOU HAVE WORK TODAY?

IF YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH IT.

WELL, THAT'S... OPTIMISTIC AND FOREBODING AT THE SAME TIME.

HAHA... I LIKE YOU, KYLE. YOU'VE GOT AN EDGE UNDERNEATH THAT CALM, L.L. BEAN EXTERIOR. YOU KNOW WHAT? I'M GOING TO DO A FAVOR FOR YOU.

LET ME USE MY BUSINESS SKILLS TO HELP YOUR B&B. PUT ME IN CHARGE OF EFFICIENCY OPERATIONS AROUND HERE, AND I'LL MAKE YOUR PROFITS SOAR.

OH? AND HOW MUCH WILL THIS COST ME?

FOR NOW? NOTHING. EXCEPT, PERHAPS...

...YOU COULD IRON MY PANTS, OCCASIONALLY?

I WAS BEGINNING TO WONDER IF YOU OWNED ANY PANTS.

MORE THAN A BROOKS BROTHERS WAREHOUSE.

YOU JUST DON'T EVER WEAR THEM.

GOODNESS, NO. NOT BEFORE BREAKFAST...

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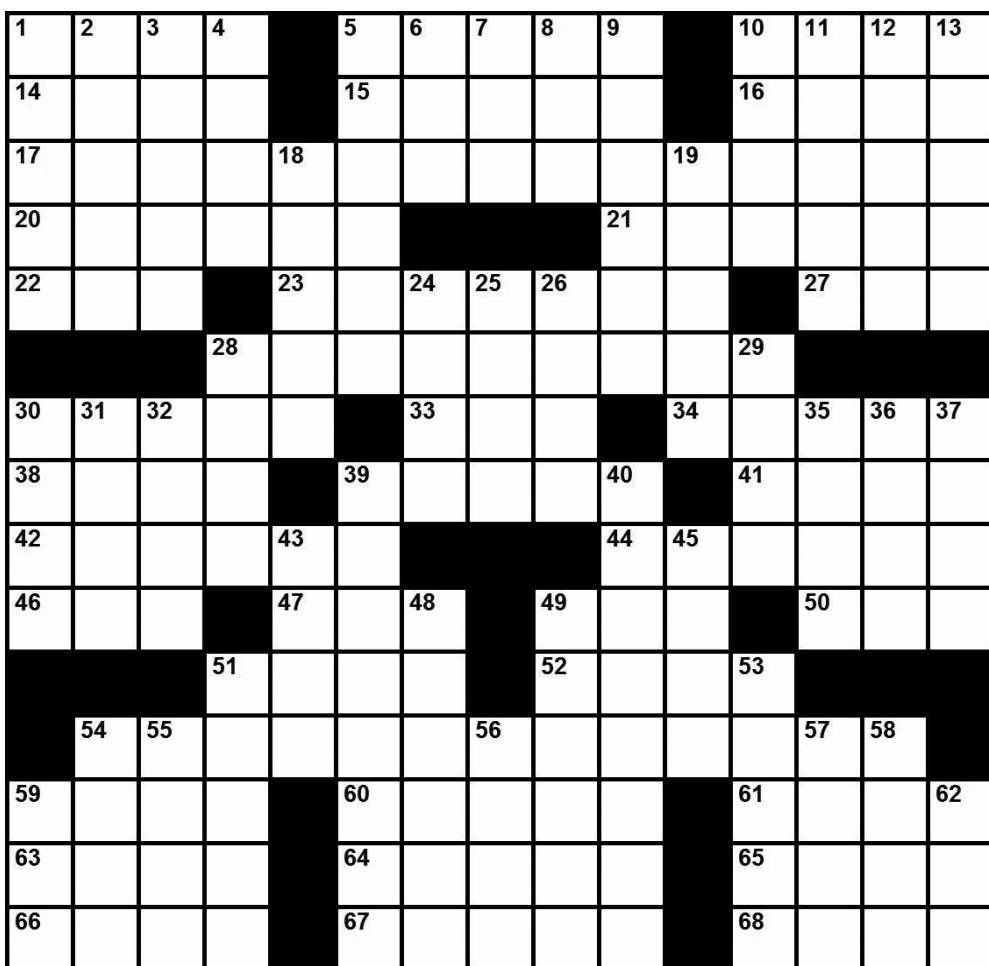
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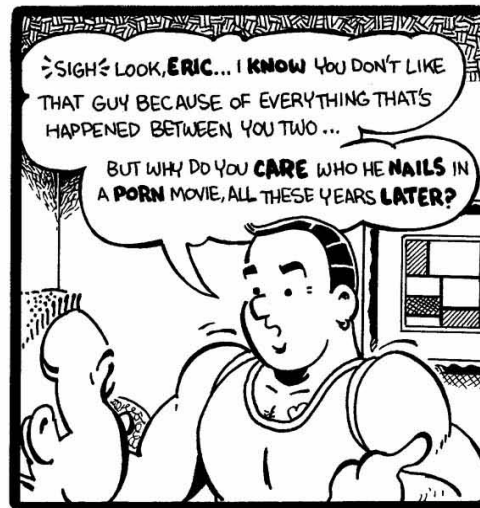
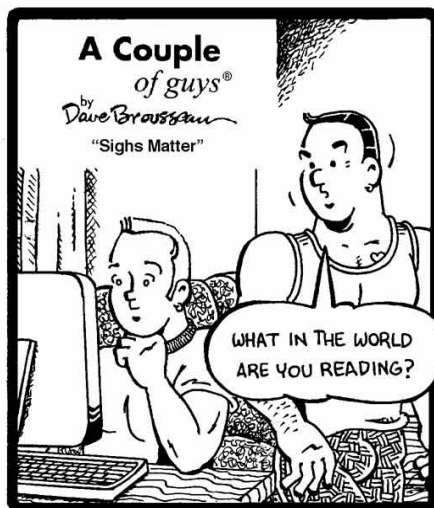
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- 1 Cross-dresser in a Kinks song
- 5 Purse attachment
- 10 Like a milquetoast
- 14 "Hey, sailor!"
- 15 "___ Family"
- 16 ___ angle (not straight)
- 17 Ceremony performed by 28-Across
- 20 Used rubbers
- 21 "Queer as a three-dollar bill," e.g.
- 22 Tried to get elected
- 23 Triangular
- 27 Guitar master Paul
- 28 Gay religious icon
- 30 Kline of "De-Lovely"
- 33 Pump purchase
- 34 Try a Susan Feniger cookbook, e.g.
- 38 Jump for Doug Mattis
- 39 Whispered sweet nothings
- 41 Gilbert or Teasdale
- 42 Like a Merry Christmas in St. Louis
- 44 "Bewitched" director Nora
- 46 Klingons, e.g.
- 47 Dottermans of "Antonia's Line"
- 49 Justice Fortas
- 50 Writer Castillo

- 51 Cole Porter's "Let's ___"
- 52 Popeye and Bluto
- 54 Parishioners of 28-Across
- 59 On the calm side
- 60 "Are you calling me ___?"
- 61 Pride member
- 63 Letter opener
- 64 In need of a backrub
- 65 Top
- 66 Edna, for one
- 67 Tidied the lawn
- 68 Title document

Down

- 1 Weapon pointed at James Bond's crotch
- 2 "Gone With the Wind" heroine Scarlett
- 3 Willy the salesman
- 4 Encouraging words
- 5 Garbo's homeland
- 6 Cowpoke's nickname
- 7 Smash into
- 8 Notre Dame's Parseghian
- 9 Empire conquered by Alexander
- 10 Critically injure
- 11 International Male's business, e.g.
- 12 Name of many a gay bar
- 13 "You'll be back on your ___ in no time" ("As Good As It Gets")
- 18 Roomy vehicle
- 19 Wealthy, to Mauresmo
- 24 Linking toy
- 25 Poet ___ Wu
- 26 Cathedral of Hope area
- 28 Send a Dear John letter, but not to Elton
- 29 Talc target
- 30 Curly-leafed veggie
- 31 Come out
- 32 They put thermometers in your boxers
- 35 Reid of "Josie and the Pussycats"
- 36 Club for Sheehan
- 37 Children's caretaker
- 39 In between partners?
- 40 Banned from 12-Down?
- 43 Tolstoy and Sayer
- 45 Roz portrayer on "Frasier"
- 48 Did salon work
- 49 Military position
- 51 Farm gear pioneer
- 53 Mixed-up fruits
- 54 Court petition
- 55 Make a hole bigger
- 56 Metallic sound
- 57 "Good one!"
- 58 "___ Like It Hot"
- 59 Get sum
- 62 Composer Rorem





Wildom and Kim at Station 4.



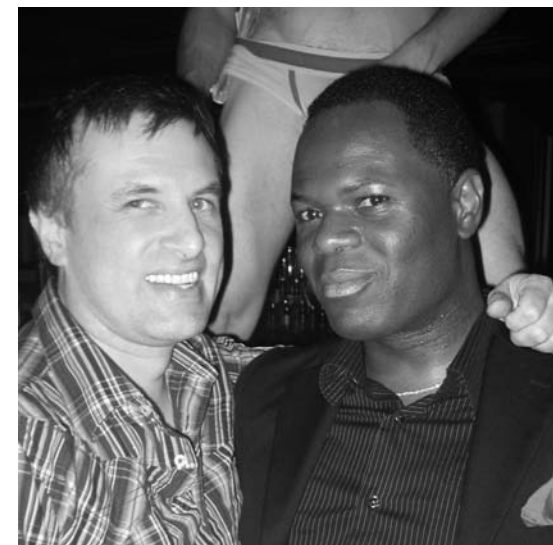
Preston, Lydia and Corney at Alexandre's.

No holiday this weekend, but that doesn't mean no fun. Dallas is jam-packed with fun stuff to do around town. Check it **The Round-Up Saloon** gets a head start on Pride with **Dallas Does Denim** on Sunday featuring **Chaz Marie**. **Mr. and Ms. Pride** will be crowned on Tuesday followed by the **Mr. Bear Round-Up Contest** on Wednesday **Ciao Bella** performs Saturday at **Sue Ellen's**. Thursday the club hosts **The Cat's Pajamas**, a fundraiser benefiting **KittiCo** Get your kink on at Saturday's **Pig Play Grey Hanky Party** at the **Dallas Eagle**. Just be ready to squeal. Meet the new **Bear of the Month** Thursday night Softball players get ready. **Woody's** hosts the **PSSA's Fall Draft Party** Sunday afternoon You know the **Big D Rodeo** is this weekend in Alvarado. Catch the music fest Saturday with **Weldon Henson**, **James Allen Clark** and **Mike Schikora** performing. And catch a glimpse of the hottie cowboys and cowgirls, too **The Hidden Door** hosts **Pool Tournament Thursdays** with a cash prizes to stuff your wallet **The Jenni P Show** is officially underway Sundays at the **Drama Room** **DJ Bryan Konrad** kicks off Pride at the **Brick** on Saturday. Before Konrad hits his stride, **Mark Alan Smith** hosts **Hollywood Nights**. Get the red carpet treatment with food, drink and prizes for best costume. The night benefits **GDMAF** which assists people living with HIV/AIDS.

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Novel, Scott and Waise at Rush.



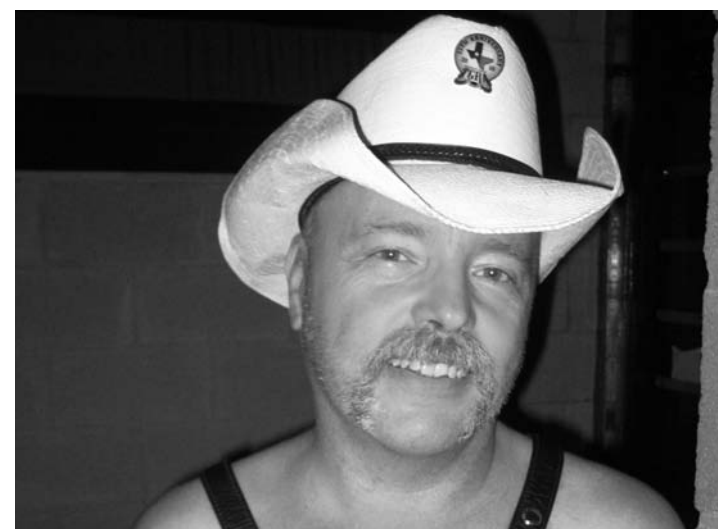
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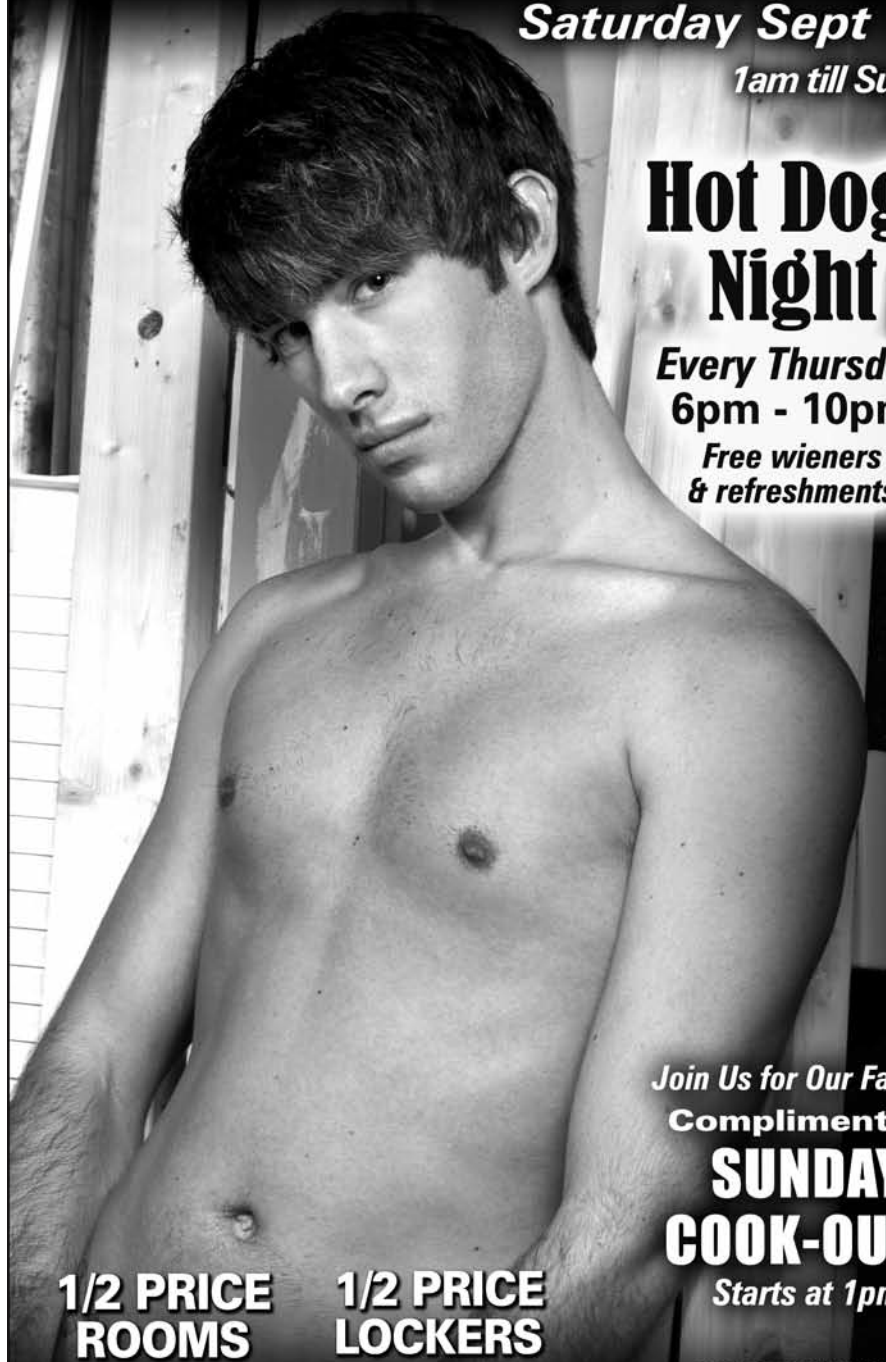
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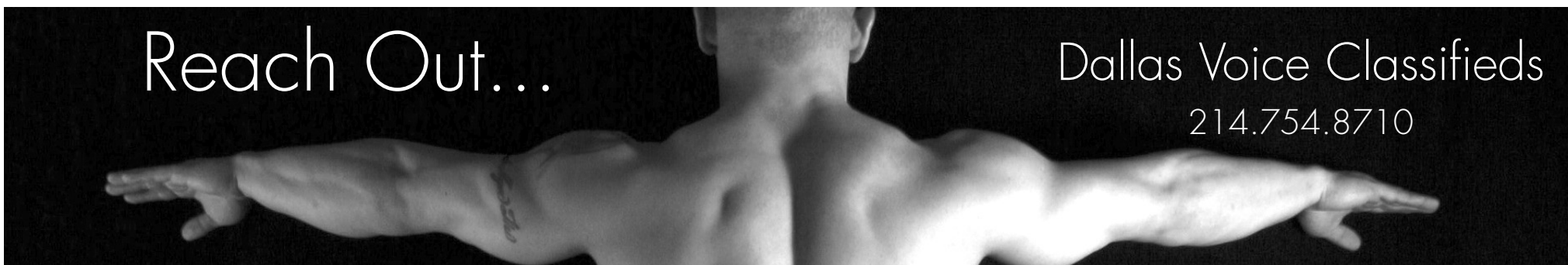
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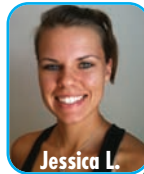
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