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# County to partner with community ASOs

Forums planned to gather ideas from community will focus on strategies to prevent HIV infection

DAVID TAFFET | Staff Writer  
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Dallas County Health and Human Services Department officials announced Thursday, Sept. 16, that they are forming a new partnership with AIDS Arms and Resource Center Dallas to begin new HIV awareness and prevention programs.

"We've seen a resurgence of numbers," said DCHHS Director Zachary Thompson.

Among the initiatives announced were community forums to find new ways to create awareness and spread the message of prevention.

"The key is resident input," Thompson said. The county will also open a new testing clinic

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**EXTENDING THE FIGHT** | Dallas County Health and Human Services Medical Director Dr. Steven Harris, left, and Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price discuss new efforts to fight the rising HIV infection rate in the county during a press conference on Thursday. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

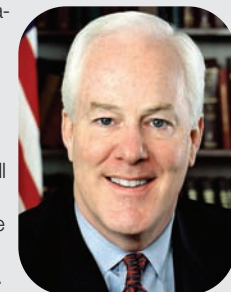
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### Whorin' Cornyn

Tony Perkins, president of the anti-gay Family Research Council, sent Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, a letter earlier this week requesting that Cornyn skip an upcoming fundraiser for Log Cabin Republicans he's scheduled to attend. Cornyn, who heads the Senate GOP campaign committee, is scheduled to appear at Log Cabin's National Dinner next week.

"Your work in the U.S. Senate on issues important to the family is well known, as is your close association with Family Research Council and the work we do, which makes the association [with Log Cabin] all the more distressing," Perkins wrote to Cornyn on Monday, Sept. 13. "In deference to the work you have done against the debasement of our culture, I would ask respectfully that you withdraw from attending the event."



Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas

Cornyn responded to Perkins on Wednesday by touting his anti-gay credentials. Cornyn said in his letter to Perkins that he supports the Defense of Marriage Act and favors a federal constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage. Cornyn said he also supports a referendum that would allow Washington, D.C., residents to vote to overturn the City Council's decision legalizing same-sex marriage. And he says he opposes a repeal of "don't ask don't tell."

"All these positions were well known to the Log Cabin Republicans when they invited me, in my capacity as chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, to attend their event later this month, and I accepted for two reasons. First, part of my job is to reach out to those committed to defeat Senate Democrats this November. The Log Cabin Republicans are doing just that, as they stand for fiscal discipline, limited government, and a strong national defense. We may not agree on several key issues, but we do agree that every committee in the United State Senate should be chaired by a Republican. ..."

Instant Tea has been harping on this issue for weeks, saying Cornyn is blatantly pandering by attending the Log Cabin dinner. His letter to Perkins confirms that Cornyn has no intentions of supporting gay rights anytime soon, and that he's only attending the dinner to try to drum up votes in November so that Republicans can take over Congress, which would allow them to further FRC's cause by preserving discriminatory laws and passing additional anti-gay federal legislation.

Here's an idea: Maybe Log Cabin should take some of the money Cornyn helps the group raise and donate it to the Trevor Project to help prevent LGBT youth from committing suicide because they're taught to hate themselves for being gay in a society controlled by people like Cornyn.

— John Wright

## The search continues

Police acknowledge foul play likely in disappearance of Lisa Stone; friends fighting to keep investigation alive

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GARLAND — Dallas police for the first time this week publicly acknowledged that they believe foul play is likely in the disappearance of Lisa Stone, a 52-year-old lesbian who's been missing for more than three months.

However, Sgt. Eugene Reyes of DPD's special investigations unit said detectives won't formally reclassify the case as a homicide until Stone's remains are found, and he stopped short of identifying her longtime partner, Sherry Henry, as a suspect.

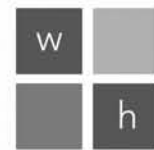
"Every time there's a body found, we're hoping it's Lisa," Reyes told Dallas Voice in an exclusive interview on Tuesday, Sept. 14. "Not that we're hoping she's dead, but at least that will bring closure and get us closer to a suspect. It's not like her to be out of touch this long. I think foul play is very likely, yes, because it's out of her characteristics."

Stone's friends, who've long said they suspect foul play in her June disappearance, expressed frustration with DPD's handling of the case and said they recently hired a private investigator. But

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## localbriefs

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Tickets are \$75, available online at AIDSInterfaithNetwork.org. Proceeds benefit the client service programs at AIN. Those persons who get their Roaring '20s attire for the party at Norcostco or Gratitude can receive a 10 percent discount on costume rentals.

### Stonewall Young Democrats to hold Red Party benefiting Legacy

Dallas Stonewall Young Democrats will hold their second annual Red Party on Thursday, Sept. 23 at 8 p.m. at ilume to raise money for Legacy

Counseling Center and Founders Cottage.

Bartenders from Bar 10 will be serving. Tickets for the Red Party are \$10 and available at the door. VIP tickets for a catered party are \$30, available on line at LegacyCounseling.org.

### Sharon St. Cyr Fund holding Hear Our Pride benefit party

The Sharon St. Cyr Fund will hold the Hear Our Pride event to benefit Hearing from the Heart on Saturday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel at Love Field. The fund raises money to buy hearing aids for the hearing impaired.

Last year's Mr. International Leather Jeffrey Payne of Dallas and this year's titleholder, Tyler McCormick, will attend. Comedian Paul J. Williams will entertain.

Tickets for the event are \$45 and available on line at SSCFund.com. Dinner and entertainment are included. ■

### ANNIVERSARY



**CUSIMANO-CUEVAS** | Leo Cusimano and Tony Cuevas celebrated their 29th anniversary on Sept. 12. Cusimano is advertising director for Dallas Voice. Cuevas works for Southern Methodist University. The couple live in Oak Cliff with their two sons, Elijah and JJ.

### pet of the week / master

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BY POLLY BROWNING

Team Ride With Pride

We all have stories, our universal commonality. We have stories of experiencing joy and laughter. Some of us experience pain and hardship on a daily basis, while others of us support and care for those who struggle.

We all share one constant: We share in the making of these stories, either alone or with others.

No matter, once again, this coming Sept. 25-26, on what is the 10th anniversary of the Lone Star Ride, we all come together and know we are not alone. For two days and three nights, I get to be "just a number" again: Number 202, one rider among many.

I get to blend in and be a part of something much bigger than myself, much bigger than us all.

I have been asked to share my story. I'm humbled and hope I can do more than speak for myself, which is way too lonely. I've learned that our words and experiences are more alike than different.

My name is Polly Browning. I may not live in Dallas (too far from my Longhorns!), but as of September 2009, my wife and I (me being a rookie rider and Sarah being the rookie sweeper — and the cutest one, in my opinion) will now be temporarily located in Dallas once a year.

How did I get here? Laura Kerr invited me to ride a few years ago.

I remember her telling me at the time, "Polly, I need to warn you. If you say 'yes,' be prepared because you will be addicted to it and will be a 'lifer,' forever committed."

I took on the challenge. And I immediately fell in love with this organization and its members.

As a psychotherapist, I have worked with many individuals and their families impacted by HIV and AIDS. It has been an important cause my family has supported.

But why would I choose Lone Star over staying and riding in Austin? All you have to do is come to the closing ceremonies of the Lone Star Ride,

bring an open heart and watch, listen and let it all in. You will experience something indescribable and you will understand.

There simply are no words for it. For all participants, observers, whomever, you simply cannot go away with an untouched heart. Laura, I love you dearly for believing in me enough to introduce me to Lone Star.

I am a licensed clinical social worker. I am currently in the fourth year of my doctoral studies in the social work department at the University of Texas — Austin. As such, convincing me to participate in the Lone Star Ride wasn't too difficult.

My personal path took a drastic turn in my first year in my Ph.D. program. I became someone I didn't know at all.

I was in horrific pain. I was unable to compose my thoughts, either verbally or in writing (just a tad important to a student). I lost most of my ability to write, to move my fingers and most joints, including my feet, and my back. Any slight breeze (regardless of temperature) felt like razor blades on the skin of my arms, hands and feet.

My eyesight was affected. My ability to balance was gone. It became impossible for me to walk on my own. My wife, Sarah, got me a really cool blue walker and committed herself to making a belt to brace me in so I could be pushed around.

I was diagnosed with a rare auto-immune disease: RSD, or Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, now called CRPS. They are still trying to figure the rest out.

The types of doctors I began seeing were foreign to me. I had every blood test, MRI, scanning this and X-raying that, and doing it again and again. The patients in the waiting area were often diagnosed with terminal illnesses, most much older than me. (It's okay to ask — I'm 45 years young.)

No longer was I the helper, the server, the therapist. Now I was the client, the patient. The one who needed to learn how to ask for help, a skill I

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## LSR

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had not yet developed very well.

After fighting back, I began to let help in. I had to let go of my vanity, all my humility and accept the fact that I couldn't solve it on my own.

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That was on April 31, 2008. After I was cleared several months later, my orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Spann, told me to start to cycle for my rehab.

I was still wearing my brace 24/7. Did they even make cycling jerseys big enough to cover a brace? I'd never seen anyone in the Tour de France wearing one.

So I suggested that I learn how to play soccer for my rehab. Dr. Spann again suggested cycling, being a cyclist himself.

My wife's best friend, Laura Kerr, knew where I was at in recovery, physically, emotionally and mentally. She knew I thrive on challenges, and she suggested — and re-suggested — that I set a goal of riding 180 miles that following September in the Lone Star Ride. Yep — five months after being cleared.

Now it's history. I said "yes," showed up in my bright blue turtle brace, and pretended that I knew something of what I was doing.

My 14-year-old son, Sayer, had committed himself to training with me and riding the full two days with me. My wife, Sarah, committed herself to being on the sweep crew. It was a family affair from beginning to end. I became cyclist number 202, and Sayer became rider number 203. Sayer inspired many in his willingness to ride along side his mom.

I've been excited and ready to ride this year, but God has a sense of humor. Several weeks ago I came back out of remission. I feel different. I feel abnormal. I feel my pain. But it's often an invisible pain to others. Sometimes I feel embarrassed by

not being able to "do."

But in 12 days, I get to just be a number again. I will be back in my brace and will be ready to ride again in twelve days, with the grace of my God.

Something deep inside tells me that many of us want to be a part of, wanting to shed our skins that cause us to feel different while dealing with our own barriers.

Some of us participating in Lone Star ride in cars; some of us ride on bikes with two or more wheels. Some of us walk on two healthy feet. Some of us require help when we walk.

Some of us ride on motorcycles and are assigned the role of protecting the riders on the routes. Some of us are strictly cyclists. Some stand on corners smiling and shouting endless cheers of encouragement.

Some of us drive our cars, sweeping and picking up riders, ready with cold AC, peanuts and snacks, cold grape Gatorade, and most important, a nice soft seat. Some of us are more behind the scenes: the medical crew, the pit crews, the training crews, the organizers, and most importantly, the people who set up the catering.

There are family and friends who come and support all of us. They share memories and stories of previous riders who have lost their lives. They trust that their tears will be received with gentleness and love. These families bring pictures of lost loved ones on t-shirts, reminding all of us why we do it.

Without the willingness of these families to share their stories, the closing ceremonies would just not be the same.

No matter what our role, or how many wheels we ride on, we all come together. We link ourselves together on the last weekend of September, and try our best to make a difference in the lives of so many living with AIDS. ■

*To donate to Polly Browning or another Lone Star Ride participant, go online to [LoneStarRide.org](http://LoneStarRide.org).*

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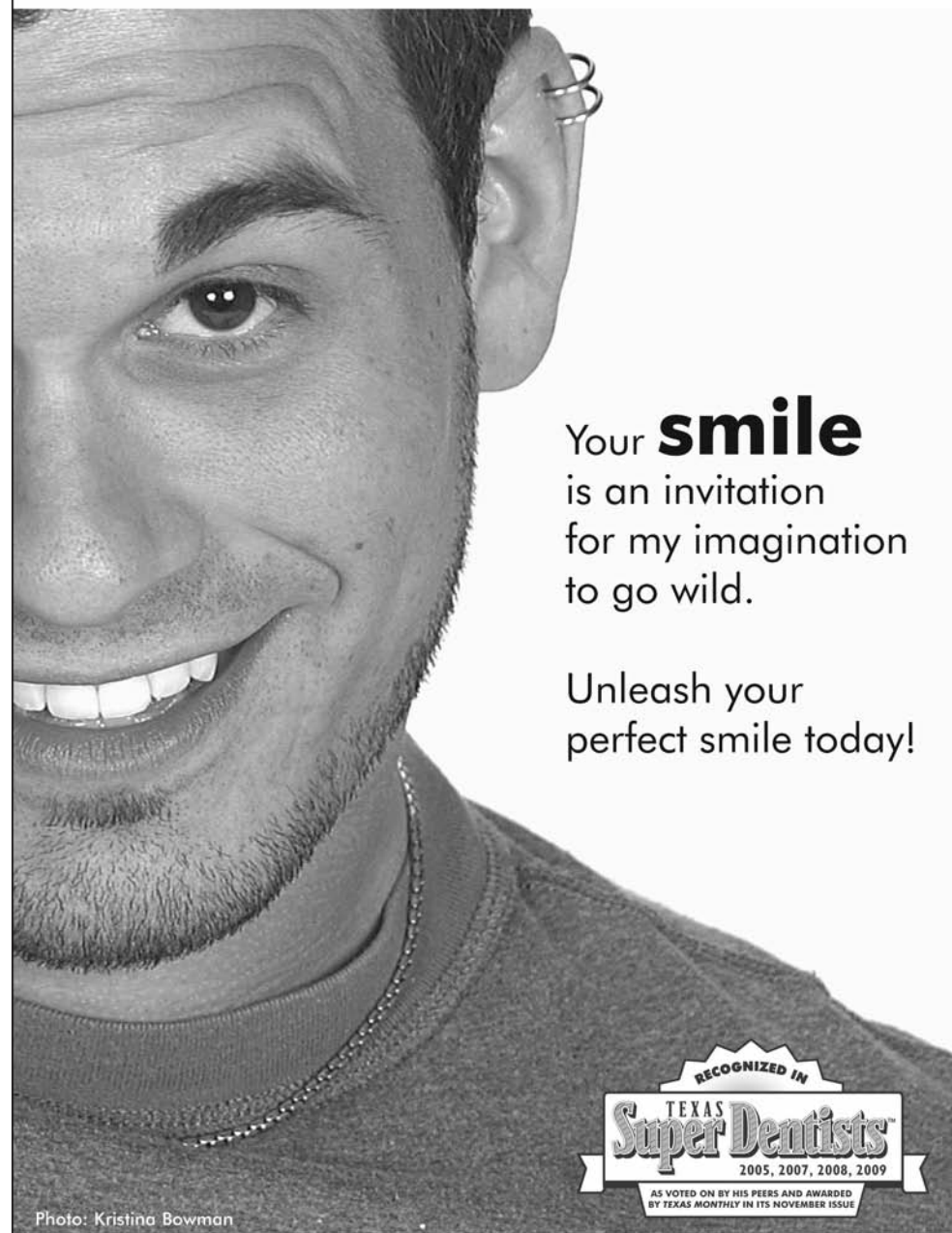
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# Motion for rehearing filed in Texas gay divorce case

Attorneys for plaintiff ask that full 5th District appeals court rehear case after 3-judge panel overturned trial court ruling granting divorce

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Attorneys for a gay Dallas man who's seeking a divorce from his husband filed a motion this week requesting a re-hearing of the case by the full 5th District Court of Appeals.

An all-Republican, three-judge panel of the Dallas appeals court ruled Aug. 31 that the man, identified in court documents as J.B., cannot obtain a divorce in Texas because the state doesn't recognize same-sex marriage.

J.B. and his attorneys had the option of dropping the matter, appealing the decision to the Texas Supreme Court, or requesting a re-hearing by the 13-justice 5th District Court en banc. They filed their motion seeking the rehearing on Wednesday, Sept. 15.

"We believe adequate grounds exist for the entire court of appeals to reconsider the panel's

opinion, and we hope the entire Dallas court of appeals will do that," said James J. "Jody" Scheske of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, the Austin firm representing J.B.

Scheske said for the request to be granted, a majority of the 13 justices would have to agree to rehear the case.

Depending on the outcome, Scheske said he's unsure whether they'll appeal the decision to the Texas Supreme Court.

"We're taking it one step at a time," Scheske said. "We're hopeful the entire court of appeals will issue an opinion we can live with, in which case further appeal won't be necessary."

J.B. and his partner, H.B., were married in Massachusetts in 2006. After they moved to Dallas, J.B. filed for a divorce in 2008.

In October 2009, Democratic District Judge Tena Callahan ruled she had jurisdiction to hear J.B.'s divorce petition, saying Texas' bans on same-sex marriage are unconstitutional.

Republican Attorney General Greg Abbott appealed Callahan's decision, and the appeals court panel ruled in Abbott's favor. ■

For a full copy of the motion seeking the rehearing, go to <http://tinyurl.com/3x6u4mt>.

## PD offers tips on staying safe as crowds come to Oak Lawn for Pride

Shooting, recent uptick in muggings raise concerns in the gayborhood

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Pride weekend is expected bring huge crowds to the Oak Lawn area. But will the extra crowds translate into safety in numbers, or will it offer more chances for random attacks?

Dallas Police Officer Laura Martin, the department's LGBT liaison, said that there would be at least 40 off-duty officers patrolling during the parade and festival in Lee Park. Depending upon the size of the crowd, additional on-duty officers will also be in the area.

Martin said that any time crime is reported in an area, patrols are stepped up. But that doesn't mean that officers will be found on every corner, and she warned anyone coming to Oak Lawn to take safety precautions.

"Parking in well lit areas makes a difference," she said. "Don't walk alone. Be aware of your surroundings."

She said to be aware of groups of people that look they might be up to no good.

"Don't be afraid to offend them," she said, advising that people turn around or cross the street.

Because of the number of people who will be in Oak Lawn, Martin said that parking will be a problem. Available parking may be farther from the bars than usual. And she warned visitors to the area not to park illegally or in lots marked for towing.

"A lot of cars will be towed this weekend," Martin said.

She suggested that people who are staying to go to the bars or restaurants on Cedar Springs after the parade and festival in Lee Park either move cars closer early in the evening as the crowds thin or take a cab back to their car later at night.

Martin also suggested that visitors "avoid ATMs in the area where you're going to be." She suggested going to the ATM near home or stopping off for cash the day before, and said visitors to the area shouldn't carry too much cash with them.

A robbery in Oak Lawn last week involved someone who was carrying cash that he had not gotten to deposit in the bank.

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## CRIME

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On Sept. 10, a 21-year-old man was held up at gunpoint as he was retrieving keys from a friend's car on Dickason Avenue, one block from the bars on Cedar Springs Road.

Two Latin males in their 20s demanded money and property and got away with \$500 in cash and a cell phone valued at \$500. The incident happened at 10:15 p.m. The victim, who asked not to be identified, was not injured.

Several other incidents have occurred in the area over the past month.

On Aug. 30, Oak Lawn resident Doug Tull was shot in a robbery on Brown Street just a couple of blocks from his apartment. After two emergency surgeries, he was scheduled to be released from Parkland Hospital on Thursday, Sept. 16.

On Aug. 19, Kellen Sullivan was at Uncle Julio's on Lemmon celebrating a friend's birthday when he stepped outside to smoke. He was standing about 10 feet from the entrance when he was assaulted. Although Sullivan willingly gave the mugger his wallet, the man still hit him in the face with his pistol and ran.

"My nose was a complete bloody mess," said Sullivan. "I had a gash on the side of my eye."

He said that his has three scars from the attack and left the side of his eye is misshapen.

Two witnesses saw the attack. One said that he saw the suspect take the wallet and run through an

alley toward Wycliff Avenue. He and another witness followed the suspect down the alley and reported to police that he jumped into a waiting gold Chevrolet Cavalier parked at an apartment complex off Wycliff Avenue.

The suspects drove off with their lights off, and the witnesses were unable to get the license plate number in the dark.

Allison said Sullivan came back into the restaurant with two black eyes and a cut on his cheek. Dallas Fire-Rescue treated him at the scene.

Violent crime is down in the city of Dallas by 7.3 percent for the year. The biggest decrease is in the murder rate. Rape is the only category that shows an increase.

Aggravated assaults are down, but only by less than 1 percent.

Overall crime is also down in the reporting district that includes the Cedar Springs entertainment area and surrounding neighborhoods, but reported street attacks on members of LGBT community appear to be on the increase.

Martin said that she would like to see increased reporting by witnesses. Although she said she hopes most people feel comfortable working with officers assigned to patrol the area, she said she is there for anyone who was not.

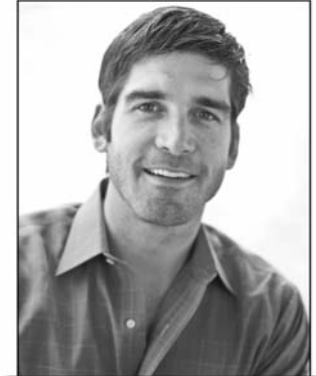
Martin said she understands concerns of people who are not out, have employment concerns or are married and she can take witness information confidentially. She can be reached at a non-police department e-mail at [police@rcdallas.org](mailto:police@rcdallas.org). ■



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# Harnessing the power of Green energy for LifeWalk



**GOING GREEN** | Marvin Green founded the LifeWalk Green Team 19 years ago. The team will participate in the 20th annual fundraiser for AIDS Arms next month. (Tammye Nash/Dallas Voice)

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Nineteen years is a long time — especially in the world of HIV/AIDS activism and fundraising, where burnout is common.

But landscape designer Marvin Green and his Green Team this year mark their 19th year as participants in LifeWalk, the annual fundraiser that this year is celebrating its 20th anniversary.

“The Green Team is 19 years old this year, just one year behind LifeWalk. We are the oldest team participating,” Green said this week. “Other teams have come and gone, but the Green Team has managed to keep it together for 19 years.”

The first LifeWalk was held in 1991, presented then by Oak Lawn Community Services. When OLCS closed down, the responsibility for continuing LifeWalk fell to AIDS Arms Inc.

Green said he first heard about LifeWalk in 1992 through an advertisement, and he knew immediately that he wanted to participate. So he recruited two friends, dubbed the small group the Green Team, and showed up that October Sunday afternoon at Lee Park.

Between the three of them, they raised \$75, Green recalled.

“I read about the walk and just thought I’d like to do something to help out,” Green said. “I mean, I know I was no angel, and I really dodged a bullet when it came to AIDS. I didn’t have AIDS, but a lot of my friends did. And I wanted to do something to help. I wanted to give back to the community.”

“That first year was very sad,” he added. “I cried a lot that day, remembering my friends who had died and thinking about friends who were sick. But there was also joy, the joy of knowing that we were doing something to make a difference.”

Of the two people who walked with him that first time as the Green Team, one has since died and the other has moved away.

In 1993, the Green Team returned to LifeWalk, this time four members: Green, Rob Stewart,

Darin Colby and Brian Wolter. Stewart and Colby, Green said, are still on the team today.

In 1996, the Green Team sported its first official T-shirts: White shirts emblazoned with a green lawnmower — riffing on Green’s status as owner of GreenScapes landscaping company — the handle of which was formed by a red ribbon. In later incarnations, the lawnmower/red ribbon logo became smaller, and even later it was replaced by a new logo, a white tennis shoe and a red ribbon on a green shirt, with the slogan, “It’s all in the soul.”

In those early years, Green and his team just collected some money, showed up and walked. But each year, the team grew and became more active, turning their efforts from a one-day-a-year thing to a nearly year-round effort.

So team’s donation continued to rise as the years passed. The Green Team broke the \$1,000 mark — \$1,670 — by 1995; the very next year, Green Team donated nearly \$5,000. Last year, 2009, saw the team’s largest total yet: \$19,181. This year, as LifeWalk celebrates its 20th anniversary, Green said the team has set a goal of reaching \$20,000.

Now, instead of just showing up on the day of the event and donating, the Green Team works year-round, holding thank-you parties and fundraising events. This year, since LifeWalk will be held on 10-10-2010, Green said his team adopted the plan of holding 10 events in 10 months, starting in January with the WinterGreen Party at The Brick.

“We were the first team this year to start bringing in money. We raised \$1,600 at that party. The Brick was very nice and helped us out a lot; all the girls in the show let us have the tips that made that night. There were 10 performers, so that was a nice amount,” Green said.

The team has also continued to grow in size. After starting with just three people that first year, the Green Team for 2010 has 37 members.

“We’ve got big things planned for next year, too, when we will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Green Team,” Green added. “We will

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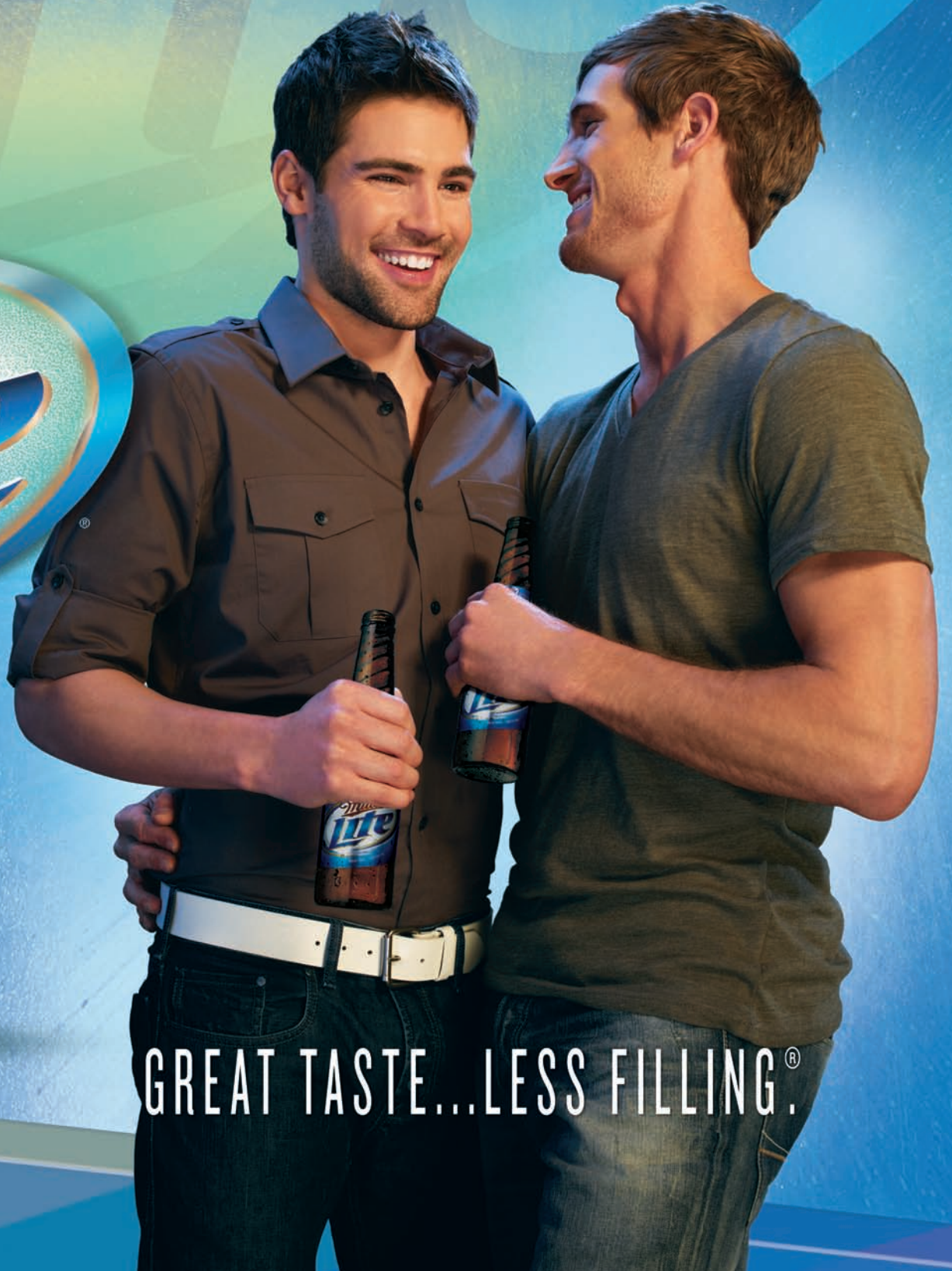


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## Looking back on 20 years of LifeWalk

BY DAN GUETHS  
Special contributor

*Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of four columns by past co-chairs of the AIDS Arms LifeWalk that will be published in Dallas Voice, leading up to the 20th anniversary event on Oct. 10.*

What is now the start of my 16th year of involvement with LifeWalk started with just a simple question from two friends and co-workers. In 1994, James Youngblood was LifeWalk co-chair and Leigh Ann Stockard, who went on to also serve as co-chair, approached me and asked if I would like to help with LifeWalk.

For us, as for many, the reason to get involved was very personal. The three of us had two incredibly funny, personable and dear co-workers, Todd LeBlanc and Marty Rizzo, that we lost too soon to HIV/AIDS. Leigh Ann and I went and sat many an afternoon with Marty when he was homebound. But we lost many more friends and acquaintances, too, and there were more to come, including, over the years, many of my good friends that used to play for the Hunky's softball team.

The first year I was involved, I set out cones along the LifeWalk route. I enjoyed the experience, so I agreed to help out again the next year, and then the next, etc. For the next several years, I served on the steering committee in logistics and recruitment, eventually being the committee chair for Operations.

I am honored to have served as LifeWalk event co-chair in 2008 and 2009. I had to think long and hard about being agreeing to fill the position — the duties are not easy. But the rewards I reaped in personal satisfaction far outweighed the workload and responsibility.

Another huge reward along the journey has been working with some very dedicated people who volunteer their time and talents, people like Mary Marshall, Jay Nolen, Keith Hickman, Terry Walker, Sandra Howell, Carter Brown, the TGRA (which always responds to the call for help), just to name a very few. But the list has no end.

As LifeWalk marks its 20th year, it is for me both monumental and bittersweet. It is a great




**2008 MEMORY** | Dan Gueths, left, with 2008 LifeWalk Honorary Co-Chair Del Shores.

achievement that LifeWalk has grown and raised millions of dollars that has provided for so many. But it is bittersweet that it continues to be a necessary that LifeWalk has more anniversaries.

This 20th anniversary year is also a time to reflect and remember: To remember the need for the event, to remember those that we have lost, to reflect on how we can move forward and encourage and educate a new generation and populations that are still unaware of the facts about HIV. Now is the time to remember those that took the initiative and accepted the challenge and the responsibility of creating and forming a community event to answer the needs of those afflicted with HIV/AIDS.


When it first started, LifeWalk was organized under the auspices of Oak Lawn Community Services. Many people in the community received invaluable services from OLCS and many individuals that served and volunteered for that agency, among them the incredible, inspirational Martha Dealey, have established themselves as great assets to the LGBT community and continued to provide service and mentorship to countless numbers.


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AIDS Arms partnered with, and eventually assumed full sponsorship of LifeWalk. AIDS Arms has guided and nurtured the event so that the awareness and monies raised have continued to assist those that are in need.

There is a treasure trove of memories I have from this time, and some that truly stand out: Lisa Loeb performing for three years; walking through Neiman Marcus as part of the route; port-a-potties being blown over into the street the years the event was held in downtown; the return to Lee Park; the year the radios were delivered with no antennas and the Dallas Amateur Radio Club pulled us through; Jason Huff singing the national anthem; the Turtle Creek Chorale and Women's Chorus of Dallas performing; Margaret Byrne and Scott Duncan meeting in Lee Park and getting married this year; and so many more. These are memories that will last me a lifetime.

But the thing that stands out and means the most — and this happens every year — is someone coming up and saying, "Thank you for all you are doing; it means the world to me."

I could write volumes about the commitment and dedication of those individuals that co-chaired the first LifeWalk and those that followed. One of the focuses for the 20th

anniversary is the opportunity to honor these individuals, and I cannot say enough to thank them for their service, and I hope that everyone who reads this article will take the time and effort to pass along a thank you, as well.

The co-chairs that have served over the last 20 year are Fred York, Barbara O'Brien, Carolyn Roney, Bruce Russell, Roger Bolen, Sara Reidy, James Youngblood, Kathy Hewitt, Steve Habgood, Leigh Ann Stockard, Gregory Pynes, Deidra Burns, John Woodyard, Wendi Rothschild, Jerry MacDonald, Elizabeth Brown, Bill Carter, Ray Warner, Scott Kersh and Fred Harris — and me.

This 20th anniversary LifeWalk is both call to action and a time to celebrate. There is still much work to be done.

We have a saying that we hope some year we won't need LifeWalk — because the work and dedication of researchers, doctors, caregivers, advocates, case workers, service agencies and volunteers will have come to fruition and we will have eliminated HIV/AIDS. What a celebration that would bring!

But for now we celebrate our small successes both past and present. I can't say enough about the importance of everyone getting involved. The community is what its peoples contribute, and the community is you! ■

*The 20th anniversary LifeWalk will be held Sunday, Oct. 10, at Lee Park. For more information or to register to participate, go online to [AIDSLifeWalk.org](http://AIDSLifeWalk.org).*

What really keeps him going, though, is his memories of the friends he has lost and thinking about all the people who continue to live a daily battle against HIV/AIDS.

"My whole group of friends I was with in the

“ There's still such a desperate need for it, so I can't stop.

—*Marvin Green*  
*LifeWalk Green Team*

'80s and early '90s are gone now," Green said. "I have lost 25 friends to AIDS. I have held people's hands as they died.

"People today don't seem to know about all that, about how it was. They think you just take a drug cocktail and everything's okay. They need to know how it really is," Green continued. "I thought we'd have a cure by now, but I don't think that's going to happen. Not any time soon. So these funds are still desperately needed. Organizations like AIDS Arms need the money to be able to take care of those who are already sick, and to educate people to stop the spread of AIDS.

"There's still such a desperate need for it, so I can't stop. I won't stop." ■

*AIDS Arms LifeWalk will be held Sunday, Oct. 10, at 1 p.m. in Lee Park. People can register to participate up until the time the walk begins for LifeWalk and for LifeBark, the part of the event that lets people participate with their pets. For more information, go online to [LifeWalk.org](http://LifeWalk.org).*

## GREEN

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have the WinterGreen Party again, and performing arts shows, car washes, garage sales, a wine tasting, pageants. And we do an event at the parade each year. Caven gives us space to set up a booth on Cedar Springs, and we take donations for bottled water, sodas and other things. And all that money goes to LifeWalk."

Green admits that burnout did become a factor at one point in the history of the Green Team.

"About 10 years ago, I was starting to get really burned out. But then, I had a meeting with Jay Nolan of the Guys and Dolls Team. We went out to dinner, and he was giving me a lot of advice, telling me things like designate tasks to other team members instead of trying to do it all myself. He said we should get co-captains each year.

"So I started doing some of those things, and it really relieved a lot of the stress," Green said.

In addition to being captain of the Green Team, Green has also become more involved with the inner workings of LifeWalk and is now on the steering committee that plans and executes the event each year.

But he is quick to spread around the credit for the ongoing success of the Green Team.

"Even though I started the team, I couldn't keep doing it without the help of my whole team. We have a great group of team members who do so much to get us to our goal each year," he said. "And I have to give a special thanks to my partner, John Castro, too, for putting up with all the long hours I spend on LifeWalk each year. Thank you John, for all your patience."

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## Lt. governor candidates low key on LGBT issues



**ON THE ISSUES** | Although the candidates for Texas lieutenant governor have been relatively quiet on LGBT issues, a few key statements give an indication on where they stand. Republican incumbent David Dewhurst, left, chimed in to help cancel a student production of the gay-themed play "Corpus Christi" last spring. Linda Chavez-Thompson, the Democratic challenger, Tweeted her support for equality when a judge overturned California's Proposition 8.

Dewhurst lists fiscal responsibility as a top issue; Chavez-Thompson says she is focusing on education

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LGBT issues are not playing a big role in the race for Texas lieutenant governor between Republican incumbent David Dewhurst and Democratic challenger Linda Chavez-Thompson.

Neither candidate addresses LGBT issues on their website. But while neither campaign returned phone calls from Dallas Voice seeking comment for this story, a Tweet and a recent incident give an indication of their positions.

Dewhurst played a role in last spring's controversy over the production of the play "Corpus Christi" at Tartleton State University in Stephenville.

"No one should have the right to use government funds or institutions to portray acts that are morally reprehensible to the vast majority of Americans," Dewhurst said in a written statement.

In later praising the university for canceling the performance, he claimed he was "a strong de-

fender of free speech."

Chavez-Thompson has taken a more LGBT-friendly stance.

After the Proposition 8 decision was handed down in California, she Tweeted her reaction to the ruling: "So glad to hear Prop 8 was overturned today. It was discrimination at its worst. I will keep fighting for equality for all Texans."

Dallas County Democratic Party Chair Darling Ewing said she believes Chavez-Thompson would be an ally to the LGBT community.

"Linda comes from an immigrant family, a poor family," said Ewing. "On equality, she'll be right on the issues."

Dewhurst has been lieutenant governor since 2003 and is running for a third term. He was first elected to statewide office in 1998 as commissioner of the General Land Office of Texas.

On his website, Dewhurst prominently displays a "Petition to Repeal Obamacare" directly under his "Take Action" call for volunteers for his campaign.

Under a pull down list of issues, health care is first. While he claims that an overwhelming majority of people oppose the "2,000-plus page, \$1.2 trillion, health care overhaul" and estimates the new law will add \$27 billion in costs to taxpayers,

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## Death

Jamie Tillman, aka Page, died Thursday, Sept. 9, after losing her battle with cancer. Funeral services were held Monday, Sept. 13 at Orchard Hills Baptist Church in Garland.



Friends said that the world has lost a dear friend with the death of Tillman, and they will miss her very much.

To celebrate her life in the way Paige would have wanted, friends will gather at the

Round-Up Saloon, 3912 Cedar Springs Road, on Friday, Sept. 24, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for an evening of sharing memories and laughter. There will be appetizers and drink specials available.

Bar tips collected during the two-hour celebration will be donated to Paige's family. Cash donations will also be accepted. ■

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he proposes no solution to the lack of health coverage by Texans.

"He isn't in favor of health care," Ewing said. "He's only interested in not paying for it."

Dewhurst's other top issues are fiscal responsibility, border security and property rights. He believes the federal government has not stopped the flow of illegal drugs and immigrants into Texas, and he says Texas has stepped in to enhance border security. He does not, however, propose an Arizona-type immigration law for the state.

Chavez-Thompson lists jobs and education as her top issues.

"The state has dropped the ball on education," Ewing said. "It's all about saving a buck. They've made college education a luxury. The cost of a college education today is ridiculous."

Chavez-Thompson also addresses the health care debate on her website, saying, "Today, rising health care costs has forced too many Texas families to go without insurance."

Chavez-Thompson spent most of her career working her way up through union ranks. When she was chosen to serve as the executive vice president of the AFL-CIO, she was the first woman and the first person of color to hold that position.

President Bill Clinton appointed Chavez-Thompson to serve on his Race Advisory Board and on the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities. Today, she is vice chair of the Democratic National Committee.

"I think what she brings us is a workingman's perspective," Ewing said. "Because of her union history, she brings bargaining skills that would bring groups together."

Local Republicans did not return calls or offered no comment for this article. ■

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in far North Dallas, an area with increasing HIV rates and a lack of HIV services.

"If money could have cured this, probably we wouldn't be here today," said Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price.

He said that an estimated one in five people infected with HIV in Dallas County do not know their status, adding that "HIV disproportionately affects certain populations."

Among the groups with a recent increased infection rate are people age 50 and older. Saturday, Sept. 18 has been named National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day. AIDS Arms has coordinated a number of testing locations around the county. Those locations are listed on the Dallas Voice website.

Dr. Steve Wilson, Dallas County's STD/HIV medical director, said that early in the decade the area saw a decrease in the HIV infection rate. By 2006, there was a leveling off.

He attributed that, in part, to increased testing efforts by the county. He also said that current testing detects the virus earlier. At least 30 of the 850 to 900 people diagnosed locally last year would not have been detected with traditional testing methods.

Wilson said that three areas with most of the increase in infection rates are Oak Lawn, Oak Cliff and North Dallas. He said that to address the



Rubin Ramirez

needs in those areas, the county was partnering with community-based organizations.

Bret Camp, associate executive director of Resource Center Dallas, said that early intervention produces the best clinical outcome.

"With the recent advances in HIV treatment, it is now a chronic, manageable disease," Camp said. "Testing and education are our best weapons to fight the spread of HIV."

He said that on Oct. 12 at 6 p.m., Resource Center Dallas would host the first community forum on strategies to join together "to create a successful plan that will reduce HIV transmission and give us healthier communities."

Camp said they are looking from input from

people who are HIV negative and positive and HIV infected and affected.

AIDS Arms Behavioral Intervention Specialist Ed Jones said a second forum would be held in South Dallas at the Urban League, 4315 S. Lancaster Road, on Oct. 28.

Jones said that because on an increased need for HIV clinical services, AIDS Arms would be opening a clinic in Oak Cliff in addition to its South Dallas Peabody Clinic.

One group that has seen a significant rise in HIV infection in Dallas County is younger people age 13 to 24. In 2006, two 13-year-olds were diagnosed. In 2008, a 14-year-old, a 15-year-old and two 16-year-olds tested positive in Dallas County.

Price said that until recently, Dallas County was the largest in the country where condoms were not available to younger people because of an abstinence-only sex education mandate.

"In 1992, there was basically a ban by the court," he said. "Let me say that I am very glad to stand here today and say that has been repealed."

He said that purchasing condoms was not an issue. Condoms are available at the county health department for distribution.

"They are available as a protection mechanism," he said. "It is available in your toolbox in Dallas County."

Dallas County's Chief Epidemiologist Wendy Chung said that the infection rate among 13-to-24-year-olds is 54 per 100,000. She said that represents a 30 percent increase in recent years.

Rubin Ramirez of Resource Center Dallas said that one of reasons for the increase in infections is apathy.

"People are immune to the message because of treatments available," he said. "They think things are OK."

He said the goal was to bring HIV awareness back to the forefront.

Price agreed and said that was a big problem in the African-American community.

"Magic made it. It can't be that bad," Price said referring to basketball player Magic Johnson who was first diagnosed with HIV 19 years ago. "There wasn't anything magic about Magic, and we need to bring urgency to this issue."

Currently, about 14,000 people in Dallas County are living with HIV. That is a 30 percent increase over the past six years. The growing number is partially due to longer life expectancies for persons receiving medications.

Of that amount, 67 percent of cases are among gay men and others identified as men who have sex with men. Women represent just 22 percent of the cases in Dallas County.

A disproportionately high percentage of HIV infections in Dallas County are among minorities. Hispanics account for 23 percent of the cases and blacks 48 percent.

While Dallas is the third largest city in Texas, it has the highest infection rate, according to AIDS Arms. Since 1981, 15,000 people have died of AIDS-related illnesses in North Texas. ■

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# 92 entries, 35,000 spectators expected for Pride parade



**COLORS OF PRIDE** | Resource Center Dallas is one of the many community organizations that usually have a float in the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade.

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Between 30,000 and 35,000 are expected to crowd into Oak Lawn on Sunday, Sept. 19, for the 27th annual Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade, Dallas' annual LGBT Pride parade that this year celebrates the theme, "One Heart, One World, One Pride."

Michael Doughman, executive director of Dallas Tavern Guild which presents the parade each year, said this week the parade will include about 92 entries. It will travel the traditional route, with entries lining up along Wycliff Avenue and then moving down Cedar Springs Road to Turtle Creek Boulevard before turning left to wind up at Lee Park.

The Festival in Lee Park takes place at the conclusion of the parade.

Doughman said that members of Youth First Texas, once again the parade beneficiary, will lead the way, carrying the parade banner. They will be followed by a color guard consisting of former military servicemembers from the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, and then a mounted color guard provided by the Texas Gay Rodeo As-

sociation.

Then comes the "VIP section," which will include grand marshals Paul Lewis and Erin Moore, Houston Mayor Annise Parker as honorary grand marshal, and then local city and county officials, such as Police Chief David Brown, Fire Chief Eddie Burns Sr., members of the Dallas City Council and Sheriff Lupe Valdez.

"We understand that Mayor Parker's son will be riding in the parade with her, and I think by now everybody knows that [Democratic gubernatorial candidate] Bill White will be walking with the Stonewall Democrats in the parade," Doughman said.

"I think most of the entries will probably follow our theme this year, which is really all about unity," he added. "This theme matches the goal of our parade and our community, which is unifying our community and our people."

Doughman said there is "nothing really new" about the way the parade will happen this year.

"We just work to make it run as smoothly as possible and take out any hiccups or delays. We just want to keep it moving as smoothly and steadily as possible down the road so that the

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# New block party added to Tarrant Pride celebration



**MARCHING THROUGH** | Celebration Community Church celebrated the anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion with a float in a previous Tarrant County Gay Pride Parade depicting a high-heeled shoe kicking down a wall.

Parade, picnic highlight week of gay, lesbian Pride events in Fort Worth

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Dallas isn't alone in holding Pride in a month other than June. Fort Worth's 29th Pride parade will take place two weeks after the Dallas event, on Oct. 3.

A week of Pride events begins with a Sunday afternoon parade on South Jennings Avenue that steps off at 2 p.m.

"The parade is going to change directions," said Tarrant County Gay Pride Week Association President Jody Wasson.

The route will be reversed from previous years,

heading toward downtown. Line-up will be on South Jennings Avenue at Rosedale, where the parade traditionally has ended.

"What's new this year is the block party," said Wasson.

The intersection of South Jennings and Pennsylvania avenues near the new end of the parade route will be blocked off for a street party starting at noon. He said the block party will include entertainment through the afternoon and food, soft drinks, beer and wine will be available.

"There will be an area for the kids and for pets," he said. "Even your pets have Pride."

Tony Coronado of the TCGPWA committee said that anyone can enter their dogs in the parade. They will compete in small, medium and large categories. From the winners, a king and

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#### **Use**

KALETRA<sup>®</sup> 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.

KALETRA does not cure HIV-1 infection or AIDS and does not stop you from passing HIV-1 to others. You may still get opportunistic infections or other conditions that happen with HIV-1.

#### **KALETRA Safety Considerations**

Do not take KALETRA<sup>®</sup> if you are allergic to any of its ingredients, including lopinavir or ritonavir. Do not take KALETRA with certain medicines, as they can cause serious problems, death, or make KALETRA less effective against HIV. Some patients taking KALETRA can develop inflammation of the pancreas and liver problems, which can cause death. Patients may develop changes in heart rhythm, large increases in triglycerides and cholesterol, diabetes, high blood sugar, changes in body fat, and/or increased bleeding in people with hemophilia. Some patients may develop signs and symptoms of serious infections they already have after starting anti-HIV medicines.

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## Patient Information

Read the Medication Guide that comes with KALETRA before you start taking it and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking with your doctor about your medical condition or treatment. You and your doctor should talk about your treatment with KALETRA before you start taking it and at regular check-ups. You should stay under your doctor's care when taking KALETRA.

### 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?"
- **Changes in your heart rhythm and the electrical activity of your heart.** These changes may be seen on an EKG (electrocardiogram) and can lead to serious heart problems. Your risk for these problems may be higher if you:
  - already have a history of abnormal heart rhythm or other types of heart disease.
  - 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).

It is not known if KALETRA is safe and effective in children under 14 days old.

### Who should not take KALETRA?

- 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.

- Do not take KALETRA if you have an allergy to KALETRA or any of its ingredients, including ritonavir and lopinavir.

### What should I tell my doctor before taking KALETRA?

**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.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if KALETRA will harm your unborn baby. Birth control pills or patches may not work as well while you take KALETRA. To prevent pregnancy while taking KALETRA, women who take birth control pills or use estrogen patch for birth control should either use a different type of birth control or an extra form of birth control. Talk to your doctor about how to prevent pregnancy while taking KALETRA.
- 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.

**Serious problems or death can happen if you take these medicines with KALETRA:**

- ergot containing medicines, including:
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- triazolam (Halcion®), midazolam hydrochloride oral syrup
- pimozide (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®)

- medicines for tuberculosis (TB), such as rifabutin (Mycobutin®)
- inhaled steroid medicines, such as fluticasone propionate (Flonase®)
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- medicines for gout, such as colchicine (Colcrys®)
- 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.
- KALETRA **should not** be given one time each day in children. When giving KALETRA to your child, give KALETRA exactly as prescribed.
- KALETRA oral solution contains a large amount of alcohol.
  - 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.

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**TARRANT PRIDE**

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queen will be chosen who will preside over next year's Pride Pets competition.

Although it rained last year, that parade was the largest in Fort Worth history, coming just months after the Rainbow Lounge raid.

Wasson said he couldn't predict participation in this year's parade and that applications are just now coming in.

To participate, applications with payment must be postmarked by Friday, Sept. 24. Forms are available online. A \$100 late fee must accompany applications received later than that.

But Sept. 30 is the absolute cutoff date since recent changes in Fort Worth's outdoor events ordinance require organizers to notify the city of expected attendance by the end of this month.

The standard entry fee is \$50 but groups that meet certain eco-friendly standards qualify for a discounted fee of \$35. Those groups must be in a hybrid vehicle or be a walking group and not distribute any items.

TCGPWA is sharing the national "One Heart, One World, One Pride" theme that Dallas is also using this year. One of the awards that will be presented after the parade is for the entry with the "best interpretation of the national theme."

Other awards will be given for best performance, a "brothers and sisters" award for the best out-of-town entry and "vivaciously vivid" for



best costume.

Pride Week ends on Oct. 10 with the Pride Picnic. Traditionally, that is the largest LGBT community event in Fort Worth.

Wasson said TCGPWA plans a bigger main stage with entertainment continuing non-stop from noon to 6 p.m. He said he expects everything from church choirs to a stomp group to perform.

"We're adding a new area this year," Coronado said. "In addition to the health and wellness area and family-friendly area we'll have an arts and cultural area."

Applications are available on the website.

The picnic takes place at Trinity Park near the 7th Street Pavilion.

The following day is National Coming Out Day.

QCinema plans to screen "Beyond Gay: The Politics of Pride" at Four Day Weekend Theater on Oct. 4. Other Pride Week events are scheduled at Fort Worth's bars.

For more information, visit [TCGPWA.org](http://TCGPWA.org)

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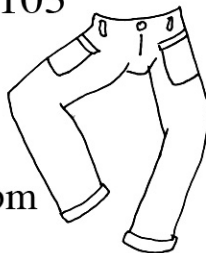
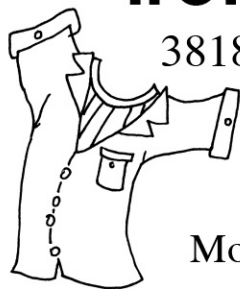
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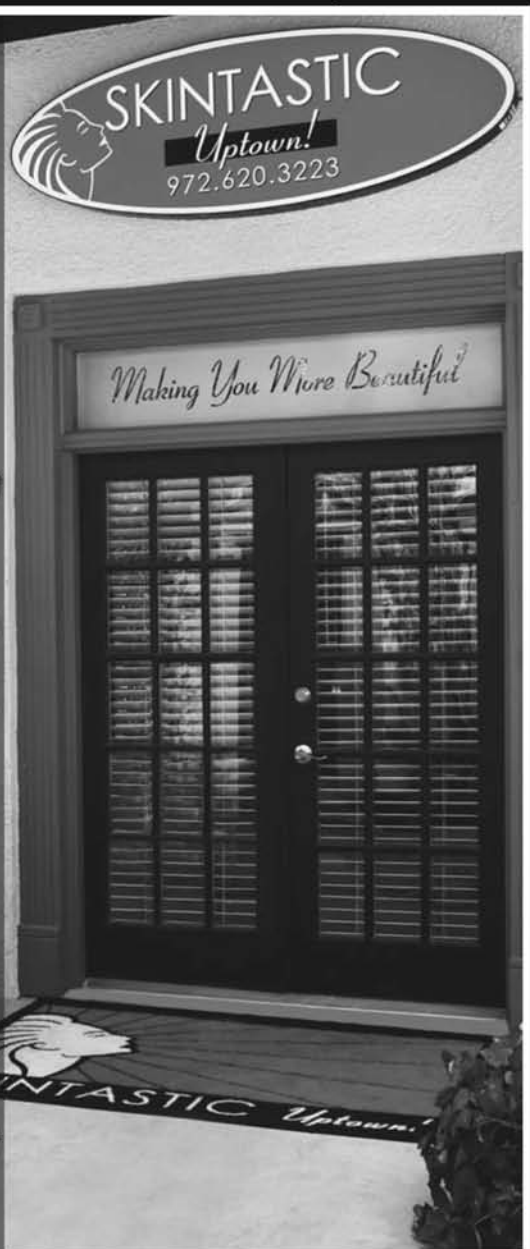
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# Dallas Southern Pride organizers predict crowd of 10,000-plus

'Drag Race' star JuJu Bee, dance parties, pool parties to highlight city's annual black Pride weekend

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More than 10,000 people are expected to attend Dallas Southern Pride, the premier annual black Pride event in North Texas, on Sept. 23-26.

Promoter Kirk Myers said that the event is moving from a regional event to a nationally recognized circuit party.

Juju Bee from "Ru Paul's Drag Race" will be one of the performers featured over the weekend. She will be at the Brick on Friday night, Sept. 24.

Myers traveled to Cleveland to see Juju Bee perform.

"She's very personable," he said. "She gets out and meets everyone and is overwhelmed by the response."

He said she didn't realize she had such a large African-American fan base.

"A lot of people thought she should have won," he said.

Myers said GloTV will be in town filming the Masquerade Ball on Saturday, Sept. 25, as part of a new reality series about the emerging ballroom scene in the black LGBT community.

Dallas Southern Pride has always been scheduled to coincide with the Grambling/Prairie View Classic football game generally held the first weekend in October at the Cotton Bowl in Fair Park. This year, the game was moved back a week, so Pride moved, too.

Myers said he hopes the move encourages more people of all backgrounds from Dallas to participate in some of the events. With Dallas Southern Pride coming the week after the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade, Myers said he believes people will still be in the mood for more Pride celebrations.



Angela Amos

"That party is really an opportunity for the mainstream LGBT community to party with us," he said.

Myers said several things indicate this year's event will be larger than ever. He said the Convention and Visitors Bureau has been very supportive. More sponsors have signed on this year as well.

To close the weekend, the Signature Black Party will be held at the host hotel on Sunday night. SizzleMiami, the largest black circuit party that attracts more than 100,000 each Memorial Day, is sponsoring the event.

Myers said that the various promoters represent the diversity of the community. To attract women, they added Her 4 Her last year.

T.D. Davis, a Her 4 Her organizer, said that the theme for Dallas Southern Pride is "Taste of Dallas — Best of Both Worlds." She said the women's events "bring different flavors to Dallas."

The women's parties begin with Bourbon Street at Victory Tavern near the American Airlines Center on Thursday, Sept. 23, presented by Sophisticated Fridays.

DeMarco Major from Logo's "Shirts & Skins" will host "New York — A Taste of the Big Apple" at the Radisson Love Field, the host hotel, on Fri-

day evening.

The Saturday afternoon pool party has a South Beach theme and "A Night in Paris," the Saturday night party at Wendy Krispin's in the Design District, has a French flair.

Sunday's brunch with Church of the Solid Rock features New Orleans soul food.

"We're continuing to build the Her 4 Her brand," said organizer Angela Amos.

Amos said all of the most recognized women's organizations in the Metroplex participated in organizing the weekend's events.

"I'd like to keep building the alliances and reaching out on an individual level," she said.

On Saturday, several workshops presented by

Glamour Girls and Alpha Lambda Zeta, a nationally recognized gay fraternity, will be held at the hotel.

"Then Sunday is a concoction of everyone," Davis said.

After Sunday brunch and worship, both the men and the women head to Bachman Lake Park for a picnic. Myers said the food is being provided by Buffalo Wild Wings.

That event is free.

The organizers all said additional highlights and entertainment are still being booked for next week's events.

A full schedule of events is available at [DallasSouthernPride.com](http://DallasSouthernPride.com) and [Her4Her.org](http://Her4Her.org).

# Dallas BiNet marking 'Celebrate Bisexuality Day' with mixer at Bronx

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The local chapter of BiNet will mark Celebrate Bisexuality Day on Thursday, Sept. 23, with a mixer at 6 p.m. in the back patio area of The Bronx on Cedar Springs Road.

Nationally, this is the 19th annual event according to BiNet USA.

"We're getting together to bring visibility to bisexuals in North Texas during Pride," said Latisha McDaniel. "We're trying to make the B not silent anymore."

She said bisexuals often just blend.

"They just lump the B's," she said. "We're either in a same-sex relationship or we're in a straight relationship," so bisexuals are often seen as either gay or straight.

McDaniel said that coming out as bisexual is often risky in any relationship. In the gay and lesbian community, she said that bisexuality is often treated as a transitional phase.

"We're treated as 2 percent milk, kind of lukewarm," she said.

McDaniel said she has even been asked why she cares about marriage equality.

"It's as if bis come to the gayborhood for their kicks and then go home," she said.

Morgan O'Donnell said she has been with DFW BiNet since April.

"I had been in a job that was fairly supportive," she said. "I left that job and didn't have support. When I went to BiNet, they went all out to welcome me."

She said DFW BiNet's support group meets the first Saturday of each month at Resource Center Dallas to discuss issues of particular concern to people coming out and living as bisexual.

"We're considered to be sitting on the fence," O'Donnell said, adding that is the number one issue bisexuals regularly address to straights as well as to gays and lesbians.

"It helps to be with a group of people who share similar experiences," she said.

O'Donnell said that the event at The Bronx is for allies and supporters as well as bisexuals and those who are questioning.

"The evening will give people an opportunity to celebrate their bisexuality," O'Donnell said, adding that she hopes the event brings more visibility to DFW BiNet.

A \$5 donation at the door is suggested. Reservations are not required but are suggested since seating is limited. Reservations can be made on the group's Facebook page found under DFW BiNet.

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## FREEDOM PARADE

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spectators are entertained," he said.

There will, however, be something new for the Festival in Lee Park. Food services during the festival this year will be handled exclusively by Brinker, the parent company for restaurant chains On The Border, Chili's and Maggiano's.

"We really liked the idea of having these recognizable brands out there for the food. We think it is a real step up," he said. "We think they will do very well, and on top of that, they have agreed to give us a portion of their proceeds to give back to our beneficiary."

This means there will be a "much larger" food and beer pavilion in the upper part of the park, giving those attending the festival better and quicker service, Doughman said.

Voice of Pride top finishers Mel Arizpe, Laura Carrizales and Juliana Jeffrey will perform during the festival, as will Anton Shaw and her band.

Derek Hartley of "The Derek and Romaine Show" on Sirius XM OutQ Radio will emcee the festival.

Thanks to the economic recession and the ever-increasing costs and requirements of staging the event, finances have created some problems for the parade in recent years. This year, though, things are looking up, Doughman said.

"I think we are OK this year. We had some real struggles in 2008, and last year was still pretty tight because of the economy. But we found some extra sponsors this year, and we did well in raising money during the Voice of Pride competition this year," Doughman said. "Our main goal each year is to be able to give our beneficiary the amount we have committed to and still be able to pay for the parade and maintain the administrative costs of the Tavern Guild through the rest of the year."

Doughman said the Tavern Guild doesn't really generate any revenue until the later stages of VOP and then when the entry fees for the parade start rolling in each year. "So we have to balance everything out to have enough money to cover expenses through the rest of the year," he said.

"Actually, we are paying a lot of the bills that are due this week, and we will be able to pay the balance of the expenses — things like the cost of added security, renting barricades, cleanup and sanitation costs — right after the parade," he said.

Doughman noted that the city has recently increased the requirements applicants must meet to get a parade permit, but still the Tavern Guild shouldn't be looking at any red ink when it is all said and done.

"We won't be rolling in it by any means. But we did see enough light on the horizon this year to go ahead and invest in new flags and flag holders to put up along Cedar Springs. The old flags were so beat up and faded that we didn't even put them up last year," he said.

"We never have an excess of money after the parade because the costs of putting it on are so significant, but we should be OK this year," Doughman said.

One way the Tavern Guild has cut costs, he added, is by not paying to bring in celebrity



guests and performers.

"I think people enjoy the day, whether there are celebrities here or not. We just want to give the people a good parade and a good festival and let them have a great time. That's why they come out in the first place." ■

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# Lesbians play big role in Women's Foundation

Dallas organization dedicated to supporting, empowering makes diversity a cornerstone principle

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Wendy Lopez likes to say, "When you help a woman, you help a community."

Lopez and her partner, Connie Moore, open up their hearts and their home to do just that — help women. They do that by supporting the Dallas Women's Foundation, one of the largest women's foundations in the country.

This year, the DWF celebrates its 25th year of service to North Texas women and girls, with a mission to educate on philanthropy and empower women, and with a belief that investing in women and girls is a key necessity to building community.

Lopez, a DWF Advisory Council member, and Moore have both been part of the philanthropic mission for five years, and they support the ongoing outreach to educate women on philanthropy. As women of means, the couple also opens their home to host the DWF Annual Luncheon.

Philanthropy has a long history of ties to education — to gather women together for each other, for their families and for social equality. In a spirit of benevolence, the DWF provides philanthropic education "to encourage women to discover the joy of purposeful giving."

Lesly Bosch Annen, chief philanthropy and communications officer for DWF, says the education is "about setting up a giving plan and aligning one's values with one's giving, to be stronger in one's philanthropy ... and also to help you say no to giving outside of your focus."

Sue Thieves Hesseltine, executive director for Our Friends Place, a DWF grantee, says that what the DWF gives is "far more than just the dollar." She says the organization truly educates women and the community on how to give.

In teaching and helping women, the DWF changes women's lives and hence their families — leading to a "ripple effect" throughout the community, she said.

Hesseltine also said that the benchmark research on the needs of women that DWF has done with their Out of the Shadows program has given the organization a basis to write proposals for grants.

According to Annen, the DWF provides research and subsequent reporting in the basic areas of economic security, health, safety, education and leadership.

The DWF opens the grant door up to all those supporting women. Annen said the organization has always been inclusive of ethnic, sexual and religious diversity. As such, DWF has a Lesbian Donors Circle, and the group is open to bisexual as well as transgender women.

Annen says, "Our position is, we are inclusive and we want to be a foundation for all women."

Helen Chandler and Dena Bartnicki are partners



**GIVING TO THE COMMUNITY** | Members of the Dallas lesbian community who have been active in the Dallas Women's Foundation include, back row from left, Wendy Lopez; Lesly Bosch Annen and Dena Bartnicki, and from front, Pam Gerber, Connie Moore and Helen Chandler. (Courtesy Ruda Photography)

and former DWF board members. Chandler held the grants chair and Bartnicki was the chair for governance.

Chandler said volunteering for the foundation was an "eye opening experience." She and other volunteers were charged with visiting various agencies and organizations that applied for grants, to learn about their programs.

She said, "It was very important for us to really find out what was going on in the community so we could best serve those individuals in need."

Chandler said that many foundations can't incorporate the onsite investigation process, but DWF is able to with the help of a large volunteer research team which has between 20 and 40 members, depending upon the grant cycle.

The DWF has two grant cycles each year, in the spring and in the fall. The 2010 fall grant cycle is now closed and recipient announcements will be made in November. The 2011 spring grant cycle will

begin in November of this year, and application information will be available at that time.

Of the granting process, Bartnicki said, "What we like [about DWF] is that they really run a very tight ship. They use board members and volunteers very well, so donations are not funding a huge organization."

New researchers for the grant process are not just thrown into the fray, Bartnicki said, but are paired up with experienced researchers and go through extensive training. She said that the research team members are dedicated and some have as much as 20 years of experience under their belts.

Bartnicki attributed the dedication to a well-thought-out training program that gives women clear goals and expectations, so that they get a sense of meaning from their contributions.

Chandler mentioned a few of the LGBT-related programs they were proud to have funded take



# Nate Phelps: Escaping the darkness

Son of infamous anti-gay crusader Fred Phelps offers a glimpse of what life was like growing up on the inside of the Westboro Baptist cult

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Nate Phelps has a unique identity, but an identity many of us can relate to on different levels. He's a parent; he's a partner; he has kids, and he has to come out of the closet regarding his family life.

But Phelps is not gay. Instead, you could say he comes from a family life that is spiritually haunting — one led by his father, Fred Phelps Sr., the infamous pastor of Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kansas.

Phelps, who is now estranged from his father, says he often feels "pulled in two directions." On one hand, he wants to explain to the world how his birth family evolved into what it is. On the other, he has found from experience that people get uncomfortable learning who he is, and he has to "reassure them" that it is okay to criticize his father's views.

Phelps Sr., at age 80, is well known for attacking the gay community and operating the website GodHatesFags.com. The WBC launched a protest at the Resource Center Dallas in July of this year, leading to a counter-protest that raised a record-breaking \$11,000, according to RCD spokesperson Rafael McDonnell.

McDonnell said of the protest, "What struck me is how the entire community came together, saying, 'We are not going to allow this in our neighborhood.'"

The younger Phelps, now 51, was not surprised by the event. Counter-protests are common, and even satirical filmmaker Michael Moore has been to Topeka with his Sodom Mobile to confront Phelps Sr.

"I thought my father was going to punch him at any second," Nate Phelps recalled.

It is a telling statement, as Nate Phelps said his father used to beat his 13 children, often with a long piece of wood — his Biblical rod. Nate's brother Mark and sister Dot are also estranged from the family.

"Our childhood was full of abuse and violence," Nate Phelps said, "and that was our sense of what normal was."

He said his father taught them they were all "hell-bound sinners" and they could not say enough prayers to be saved. He said his father was "profoundly critical, destructive and violent towards us." And he said the worst part was that his father was so strong and manipulative, that Nate began to "internalize it and believe it" himself.

As an example, Nate Phelps recalls an early



Nate Phelps

memory when his father chopped off his mother's hair. "When he took those blades to my mother's head, he was making a powerful assertion that he had absolute control over her very salvation. So ingrained were these beliefs that I remember fearing that, by cutting her hair, my father had condemned her to eternal damnation," Nate has said in a speech.

Nate Phelps subsequently went through two significant periods of counseling in his life, the first period focusing on the religious abuse. He found a counselor with a theological background and, he said, it exposed him to more information about religion and theism.

Ultimately, Nate found solace in an atheistic outlook. But in the background of his mind, he said, he will have to fight the religious programming for the rest of his life, those expectations of walking in his father's footsteps.

"The logical mind can dispute the expectations," he said, "but the emotions — that is another thing all together."

Nate, who has three children of his own, entered therapy a second time when he recognized that he "overreacted to events." This time he was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder resulting from the extreme violence he experienced at the hands of his father.

With a deep sense of anxiety, Nate spent two weeks in a mental hospital trying to find peace and answers. But he said, "Certainly, there were no answers to be had."

Nate Phelps said it was all the "thinking about things" that caused the anxiety. He said he realized that there simply was no way to think his way through it, though he tried to rationalize life to block his emotions. He eventually found that more thinking just increased his anxiety levels

and he has been learning to find closure with the various issues in his mind.

"My father is not a human," Nate Phelps said. "The official story around the household is that Dad was once balanced and even-keeled, until he found salvation. And then suddenly, he became aggressive."

"But I don't know what made him so angry and hateful," Nate added.

Perhaps it was because Phelps Sr.'s mother died when he was 5. Perhaps it was because his father had a violent job. Perhaps he invested so much energy in a runaway, run-amuck spiritual path that admitting a lifetime of mistakes is way too much for his ego to contend with.

Nate Phelps may never put all the pieces together from his childhood, but he is learning to live a life of peace now, in Alberta, Canada with his new fiancée, Angela. "Angela keeps me on my toes and keeps me communicating," he said.

But Nate can't help but be honest and share that he still sometimes wonders what people would think of him if they really knew him.

Today, Phelps speaks internationally about his life, about his belief that "things are good enough for now," and about "living in the gray." In fact, his usual speech is entitled "The Uncomfortable Grayness of Life."

It is hard to live this way, between black and white, Nate Phelps said. But, he added, rather comfortably, there no absolutes anyway. ■

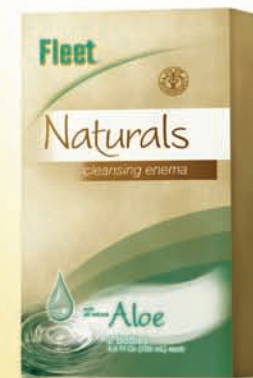
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**STONE**

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Reyes insisted that investigators have tracked down every lead, including sending 70 officers to search a wooded area of Hunt County in July. Police also searched the home Stone shared with Henry and are awaiting results from forensic tests, Reyes said.

"I am just as frustrated as they are, but we're bound by the Constitution, and there's only certain things you can do without violating that, and if we violate them then what good is it if we go to court and everything gets thrown out?" Reyes said. "Whoever did this told someone. All we need is that someone to step up."

Stone's friends, many of whom have known her since they attended Mesquite High School together in the 1970s, have held several vigils outside her home on Truxillo Drive in Northeast Dallas. Their Facebook page, "Looking for Lisa Stone... help us find her!" has almost 2,000 fans. They've also set up another website, [www.ForTheLoveofLisa.webs.com](http://www.ForTheLoveofLisa.webs.com), and rented a billboard in Garland.

Standing beneath the billboard at LBJ Freeway and Northwest Highway this week, two of Stone's friends said that while they may be growing increasingly desperate, they're not about to give up until they obtain both closure and justice.

"It's very frustrating at this point to have brought all this evidence to the police, and now

feel like we don't know what's going on," said Lyndi Robinson, one of Stone's gay friends. "That's probably the most frustrating part of the whole thing, is we feel like nothing's happening, so we're to the point where we want to scream. I don't know what we need to do. We need to raise a ruckus, because we want to know the answers."

Tina Wiley, one of Stone's straight friends, noted that a \$10,000 reward is being offered through Crime Stoppers, and that another vigil is planned for Sunday evening, Sept. 19 at the site of the billboard.

"I know without a doubt she'd be doing the same thing for me, and I basically have no choice," Wiley said. "I cannot go to sleep at night if I don't feel like I've done everything I can, and I don't feel like I will ever rest until I feel like I've done everything I can."

Henry, Stone's partner, isn't cooperating with police or communicating with her friends. According to both Reyes and Stone's friends, Briggs has left the state and may be staying with relatives in Missouri.

Shortly after her disappearance, one of Stone's friends witnessed Henry discarding some of Stone's personal items in a Dumpster, including her birth certificate and the last effects of her late gay brother, Dennis. Briggs has also filed a stalking complaint against Stone's friends and threatened to sue them for harassment, they said.

Stone's friends questioned why given that they were together for 17 years, Henry isn't actively as-

sisting in the search for Stone.

Police questioned Henry when they searched the home in July but released her later the same day. Henry couldn't be reached for comment.

Robinson, who was close friends with Stone's brother Dennis who died from AIDS in 1997, said she promised him before he passed away that she would look out for Lisa.

"Any one of us, especially in the gay commu-

**DWF**

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place at organizations, such as Youth First Texas, University of North Texas and the Out Takes Film Festival. Other LGBT organization recipients have included the Human Rights Campaign, Resource Center Dallas, the Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice and the National Center for Lesbian Rights.

Since its founding in 1985, the DWF has invested more than \$13 million in more than 950 organizations in North Texas, primarily Denton, Collin and Dallas counties. DWF's current annual endowment is \$2 million, and it is one of the largest endowments for women in the country, according to Bartnicki.

Pam Gerber, another former board member at DWF, agreed with Bartnicki on funding agencies such as Youth First Texas.

"I would have loved to have an LGBT program like that when I was a kid," she said. "There should be one in every city."

Gerber said the DWF is dedicated to the LGBT

community. She said the DWF's current president and organization cofounder, Becky Sykes, initially made serving the lesbian community a priority.

"She totally gets it," Gerber said, "and when it comes to social justice, she does the right thing." Gerber agreed, too, with Chandler and Bartnicki that the organization is a tightly run ship. She said the organization makes educated decisions to make a bigger impact — every dollar is going to the right place.

On Oct. 29, the foundation will hold its 25th Anniversary Luncheon featuring keynote speaker Queen Latifah. Latifah, who is well known for her music and for inspiring women to empowerment and self-acceptance, will be speaking on how to help young women build a strong sense of self-esteem.

For more information about the DWF, the Annual Luncheon and how to get involved, go online to [DallasWomensFoundation.org](http://DallasWomensFoundation.org).

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# Reid sets DADT vote



**MAKING A POINT** | Pop star Lady Gaga attended the VMAs on Sunday night, Sept. 12, with three former servicemembers who were discharged under DADT and a former West Point cadet who resigned from the academy to protest the anti-gay policy. (Matt Sayles/Associated Press)

Unless measure passes before November elections, Republican gains could mean an end to repeal possibilities for the time being

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A Senate Democratic leadership aide said Monday, Sept. 13, that Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid would bring the defense spending bill with the “don’t ask, don’t tell” repeal measure to the floor next week.

Reid himself confirmed the decision in a post on Twitter, in response to a call by pop star Lady Gaga following MTV’s Video Music Awards on

Sunday night, Sept. 12.

Gaga attended the awards show with three LGBT former servicemembers who were discharged under DADT and a former West Point cadet who left the academy in protest over the policy.

The four were U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. David Hall, former U.S. Air Force Major Mike Almy, former U.S. Army Sgt. First Class Stacy Vasquez and former West Point cadet Katie Miller, all members of Servicemembers Legal Defense Network.

The pop star then spoke about the importance of repealing DADT during an interview with Ellen DeGeneres after the VMAs.

The following day, Gaga sent a Tweet to all her followers urging them to contact Reid and urge him to schedule a Senate vote on repeal. Reid

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# Gay candidate Cicilline wins Dem primary in Rhode Island

MICHELLE R. SMITH | Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Providence Mayor David Cicilline won a contentious Democratic primary to succeed Rep. Patrick Kennedy in Congress, beating back three opponents in a race that turned ugly in its final weeks.

Cicilline on Tuesday, Sept. 14, defeated businessman Anthony Gemma, state Rep. David Segal and former state party chairman Bill Lynch to capture the Democratic nomination for the 1st Congressional District post. He will face Republican state Rep. John Loughlin, the House minority whip, on Nov. 2.

If elected in November, Cicilline would become the fourth openly gay member of Congress.

Cicilline has spent two terms as mayor of the capital city. He entered the congressional race in February, two days after Kennedy announced he would not seek a ninth term. Cicilline got 37 percent of the vote to Gemma's 23 percent, Segal's 20 percent and Lynch's 20 percent.

Cicilline said in an interview that he expected it to be a competitive race and was delighted to be the nominee.

"This campaign was about ideas of how we get Rhode Islanders back to work, and how we get

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Providence Mayor David Cicilline

## DADT

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responded with a Tweet saying the vote had been scheduled for this coming week.

The decision — if it sticks — is an important step forward for activists hoping to repeal the federal law that bans openly gay servicemembers from the military.

Many political observers are predicting that Republicans could take over the majority in the Senate and/or House at the mid-term elections. Such a development would almost certainly kill any chance of repeal for DADT during President Barack Obama's first term.

The DADT repeal language was attached to the annual bill that authorizes Department of Defense spending. The language calls for repeal of the military's ban on gay servicemembers to begin after the Secretary of Defense receives an "implementation report" he has asked for, due Dec. 1, and after the president, defense secretary and chairman of the joint chiefs of staff have signed a statement certifying that they have considered whatever recommendations are made in the report, prepared the necessary regulations to accompany repeal, and certified that repeal is "consistent with the standards of military readiness, military effectiveness, unit cohesion, and recruiting and retention of the Armed Forces."

Fiscal year 2011 begins Oct. 1. With the congressional clock ticking down the last days of fiscal year 2010, the pressure is on to finish off remaining budget bills authorizing spending and appropriating FY 2011 monies.

If Congress fails to settle its budget bills by the end of FY 2010, it has the option of passing "continuing resolutions" — bills that simply set the next year's fiscal budget at the same levels as the current year.

According to the New York Times, the Senate typically spends about two weeks on the defense spending bill. Last year's defense authorization bill was passed by the Senate in July, but it took lawmakers more than two months to resolve differences between the Senate and House versions.

So, there is no certainty that DADT will, in fact, come up during the first week or that it will even get a vote before FY 2010 runs out.

Meanwhile, when the defense authorization bill does come to the floor and the Senate begins debate on the language seeking to repeal DADT, the debate is expected to be vigorous, at least from opponents.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and other Republicans have made clear they are steadfastly against repeal. The question is whether Democrats believe support for repeal could lose them votes during the mid-term elections, and potentially control of Congress.

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Rhode Island and this country back on track," he said. "I was the one who could produce the best results for Rhode Island."

He led his rivals in fundraising throughout the race, having raised more than \$1.3 million, about three times the amount of his nearest Democratic rival moneywise, Gemma. He had \$445,000 cash on hand as of the end of August after going on a TV ad spending spree leading up to the primary.

Loughlin, who handily beat Kara Russo in Tuesday's primary, has raised about \$470,000 but had just \$67,000 in his campaign account as of the end of August. While national Republicans have said the race is their top priority in the state, their interest in it has dwindled since Kennedy said he would not run again, and Loughlin's fundraising has dropped off.

Loughlin said Tuesday night he looked forward to presenting voters with a contrast between him and Cicilline. He called Cicilline "another vote" for House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and said he would over the coming weeks work to tell voters of his own commitment to smaller government and lower taxes.

"We've been quietly and busily traversing the 1st Congressional District every day, and we're going to continue that pace obviously," he said.

Voters at the polls Tuesday said the economy was foremost on their minds. Rhode Island has consistently had one of the worst unemployment rates in the country, at 11.9 percent in July.

Mimo Gordon Riley, a painter who lives in Providence, said it's been difficult to make a living as an artist during the downturn and said she was worried about the economy.

"I don't know who can do anything about that," she said after casting her ballot in the Democratic primary. "It's a tough time."

Cicilline played to those concerns in his TV ads, which focused heavily on job creation and on his record as mayor of Providence. Stephen Healey, 48, a registered Democrat who is director of a non-profit, said he was supporting Cicilline because of his experience.

"I just thought that he probably had at least the ability to navigate around Washington," Healey said. "I think he's had a tough job. There are so many demands, there are so many people who want a piece of what's going on."

The Democratic candidates have bombarded the airwaves with TV ads in recent days. More recently, Gemma launched TV and radio attack ads on Cicilline's record, and Lynch and Segal criticized him for the state of the city's schools and for his handling of a city program designed to provide job opportunities for residents.

Cicilline never resorted to negative ads, and he said Tuesday night he was proud of having run a positive campaign.

Cicilline acknowledged last week that he was overpaid by thousands of dollars because of a mistake by the city payroll department. He said he didn't notice the discrepancy because his paycheck went down by more than \$100 because of an increase in his health insurance copay. He said he paid the city back about \$28,000. But his opponents said it indicated he was out of touch. ■

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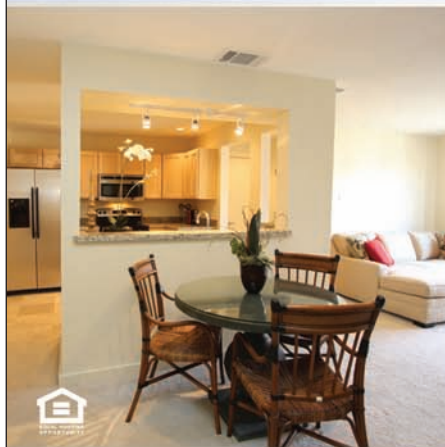
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# FW church leaves BGCT

Broadway Baptist wants to move beyond 'distractions' caused by denomination's response to congregation's welcome of gays

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FORT WORTH — Saying that the church doesn't want any further "distractions" over its position on homosexuality, Fort Worth's Broadway Baptist has officially ended its 125-year affiliation with the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Broadway Baptist officials on Monday, Sept. 13, hand-delivered a letter — written by Pastor Brent Beasley and approved by the congregation on Wednesday, Sept. 8 — to BGCT offices in Dallas, informing BGCT Executive Director Randel Everett that the congregation will no longer contribute or send messengers to the convention's annual meeting or publicly claim affiliation with the state convention, according to a report published online by The Baptist Standard.

The move was the latest development in an ongoing battle between Broadway and the Southern Baptist denomination that began in 2008 when the Fort Worth congregation voted to include photos of its openly LGBT members in the directory commemorating the church's 125th anniversary.

Scott Green, an openly gay member of Broadway Baptist, responded to the decision Tuesday evening, Sept. 14, in an e-mail sent exclusively to Dallas Voice.

"It is indeed unfortunate that Broadway has once again been put into the situation of having to make choices that, in the end, benefit no one," Green said.

Green added that Broadway Baptist "has always stood as a beacon of hope for the entire community. We also stand firm in the knowledge that God is gracious and loving, welcoming all of us."

"Each and every week, I am surrounded by this marvelous community of believers," he continued. "They seek God's guidance for their individual lives, and corporately live out their faith. They wrap their arms around those who are in need. I challenge anyone to stand and say that Broadway Baptist should not be a vital part of Christ's mission."

Green also had praise for Broadway's pastor, Brent Beasley, saying the minister has "led us mightily" since becoming pastor in July 2009.

"We have rebounded in every way imaginable. Whether or not we are part of the SBC [Southern Baptist Convention], the BGCT, or any other denominational entity, I am both humbled and honored to be a member of this fine church," Green said.

According to the letter from Broadway Baptist to BGCT, the Fort Worth church is leaving because



of "distracting complications we encountered in our attempt to participate in last year's annual meeting and the prospect of future unwanted and unneeded discord."

Those "complications" were threats by some representatives to the state convention in the fall of 2009 that they would challenge the seating of messengers from Broadway Baptist over the church's policy of welcoming openly gay and lesbian members.

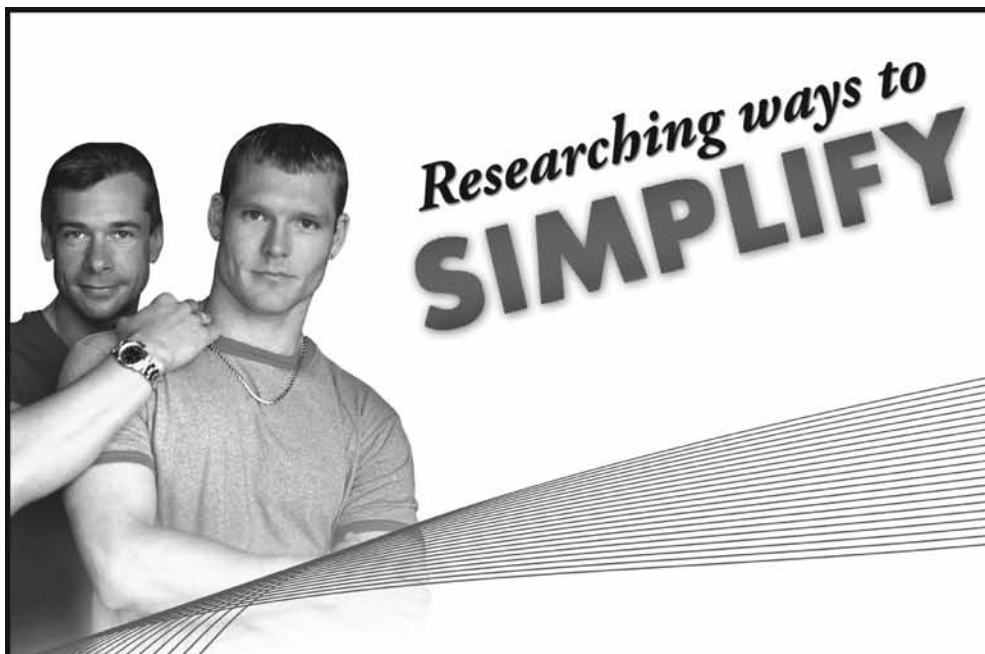
According to the Baptist Standard, the letter also said one of Broadway's commitments is "welcoming all persons into our church, including the outcast, those on the margins of society, and those who have not found that welcome in many other places, including, unfortunately, many churches," and that thanks to that policy, Broadway Baptist has "become a vital and diverse community of faith, coming from many different backgrounds and representing many different perspectives, but united in the love and grace of Jesus Christ."

In 2008, an internal dispute broke out at Broadway Baptist over plans to include same-sex couples in the photo directory. That led to an effort by some of the congregation's more conservative members to oust then-Pastor Brett Younger.

That effort eventually failed when the congregation voted to keep him on. But a month later, Younger announced he was leaving to take a teaching position at Mercer University in Georgia.

In June of 2009, the Southern Baptist Convention voted to sever its ties with Broadway Baptist because of the congregation's policy of welcoming LGBT members.

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# Thinking 2 steps ahead

Theologians, ministers gather at Brite for 'Beyond Apologetics' discussion on LGBTs' future role in religious communities, efforts

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Stephen Sprinkle

FORT WORTH — Where do we go from here? That's the question at the heart of a project called "Beyond Apologetics: Sexual Identity, Pastoral Theology and Pastoral Practices," an ongoing symposium with its next installment set for Thursday, Oct. 7, at Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

The event will feature six scholars and pastors, representing five different schools, talking about new ways of thinking about ministry with LGBT people after the battle for acceptance is over.

"Originally, this project was organized to do two things," explained the Rev. Joretta Marshall, openly lesbian pastor of theology and pastoral care and counseling at Brite and co-director of the project.

"The first thing was to bring scholar practitioners together for conversation to try and answer the question, 'What would we be talking about if we didn't always have to focus on gaining acceptance of TLGB people' in churches, Marshall said.

"We want to go beyond defending TLGB people in the churches and start figuring out what those next conversations will be about. For instance, I am hopelessly involved in the United Methodist Church. It is in my blood and in my bones. But there is still a debate within the UMC over whether we [LGBT people] should be welcomed into the church. We want to get past that so that we can work on transforming the world, on bringing justice to the larger community."

The second piece of the equation, Marshall said, was equally important: "Educational institutions should make a difference in the places where they live. We wanted to invite the community in to participate in these discussions and to let them know that Brite is a place where we talk about these things."

For the Rev. Stephen Sprinkle, the openly gay associate professor of practical theology and director of field education and supervised ministry at Brite, the idea that a theology school in Fort Worth, Texas is host to such a discussion, is an amazing accomplishment.

"We've never had a gathering of LGBTQ scholars of faith in Texas before. Not like this," said Sprinkle, one of the six speakers participating in the Oct. 7 discussion.

"This is the first meeting of its kind here, but it won't be the last. That was the experience that we had in Oklahoma" last February when the first discussion in the project was held at Phillips Graduate Theological Seminary in Tulsa. He ex-

plained that the project was first conceived as a partnership between the two sister seminaries — Phillips and Brite — and six speakers participated in a public event held at Phillips that followed the same format to be used at Brite.

The whole idea, Sprinkle said, is to plan for the future and prepare pastors, churches and the public for the day when LGBT people are already part of the church and can truly give their own unique gifts to its efforts.

"We are thinking two steps on down the road. We're thinking outside the box, to use the cliché. The question is, if we are not having to constantly think about creating space enough for the LGBT community to be accepted, then we can think about how to move the LGBTQ community into a richer, more whole position to contribute to the church's work."

The term "apologetics" refers to advocacy, Sprinkle explained. In thinking "beyond apologetics," he continued, "what we are saying, as LGBT scholars, is that congregations and nonprofits already have everything they need in order to include LGBT people. They already have the know-how, the theology. We believe the arguments for inclusion have already been made, and made very well. The question now is, what do we do to take things to the next stage of development?"

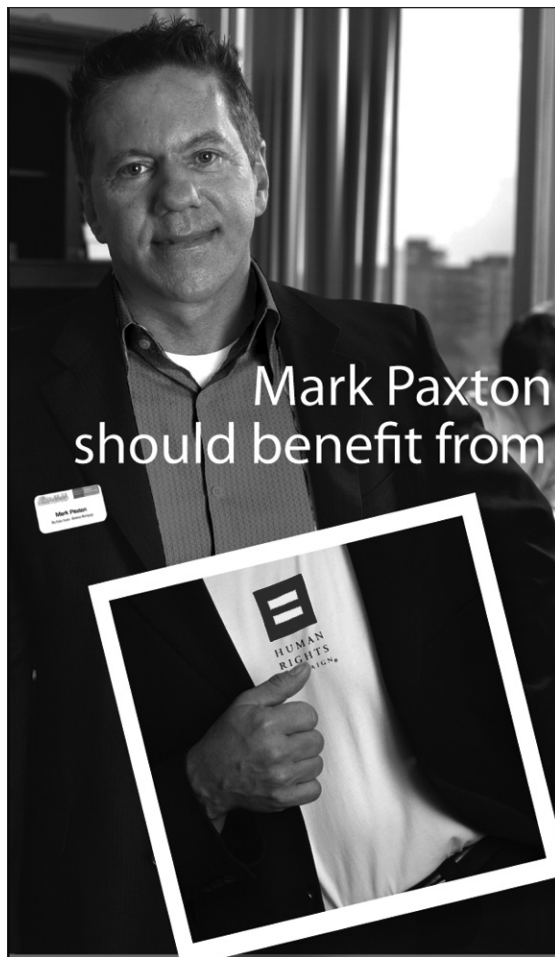
In his part of the discussion, Sprinkle will focus on his work in documenting anti-LGBT hate crimes and in advocating for the passage of hate crimes laws that include protections for LGBT people. He used his own work and its future direction as an example of the focus of the project overall.

"We argued for years and years for a hate crimes law. We've got that now. But the reality is, we are still being killed. So what are we, as an LGBT community, going to do to understand who those dead are to us? How will that shape our identity?" Sprinkle said.

"We have to move beyond being just a loose association of people with a variety of concerns on a variety of issues to become a real people that remember and honor our dead. That is what a community does," he continued.

"African-Americans can list their people who

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### ■ 'Beyond Apologetics'

The Beyond Apologetics Project will hold a public symposium Thursday, Oct. 7, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Robert Carr Chapel at Texas Christian University, 2855 S. University Drive in Fort Worth.

The event is free and open to the public.

Scholars and pastors presenting their preliminary work at the discussion will include Duane R. Bidwell of Claremont School of Theology and co-director of the project; Kathleen Greider of Claremont School of Theology; Benjamin Reynolds of Chicago Theological Seminary; Jeanne Hoeft of St. Paul School of Theology; David Mellott of Lancaster Theological Seminary and Stephen V. Sprinkle of Brite Divinity School.

Other participants in the Beyond Apologetics Project are John Blevins with Emory University; United Church of Christ minister Malcolm Himschoot; Joretta Marshall of Brite Divinity School; Darnell Moore of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey; Jason Hays of Brite Divinity School; Cody J. Sanders of Brite Divinity School; and Leanne Tigert of Andover Newton Theological School.

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died in lynchings. Jewish folk have never forgotten the 6 million lost in the Holocaust. Japanese-Americans remember those who died in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. But we as an LGBT community seem to have a hard time even acknowledging that members of our community are still being killed. So what I am trying to do is to think down the road about how we can strengthen this community by remembering the thousands who were murdered because they were just like us."

Another member of the project — although one who won't be at the discussion next month at Brite — is Darnell Moore with Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. He is, Sprinkle said, "one of the most dynamic and most original thinkers I have ever seen."

Moore's focus, Sprinkle said, is finding a new way to think about coming out.

"People are often afraid to come out because it compromises them and they are vulnerable. What Darnell says is that it is time that we begin to invite people in, really invite them in, and have something to invite them in to. What would it really mean to say to the majority culture all around us, 'Stop being tourists in our lives. We will share with you what we have, but you have to come to us.'

"Now we're talking! Now we're really thinking!" Sprinkle continued. "From now on, there won't be just one National Coming Out Day a year. There won't be one day of silence in the schools. From now on, the LGBTQ community can be seen as a powerhouse of innovation and creative thinking. We approach that already in the arts and entertainment. But we don't seem to be secure enough or understand ourselves well enough to be confident doing that in other spheres."

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# Exploring spirituality, in Radical Faerie style



**IN THEIR OSTARA BONNETS** | Members of the Dallas area Radical Faeries get in on the Easter Bonnet Parade fun with their own version of festive headgear celebrating Ostara, or the vernal equinox. (Photo courtesy Radical Faeries).

Pan-pagan group started as a gay-men-only movement, but has grown more inclusive with time

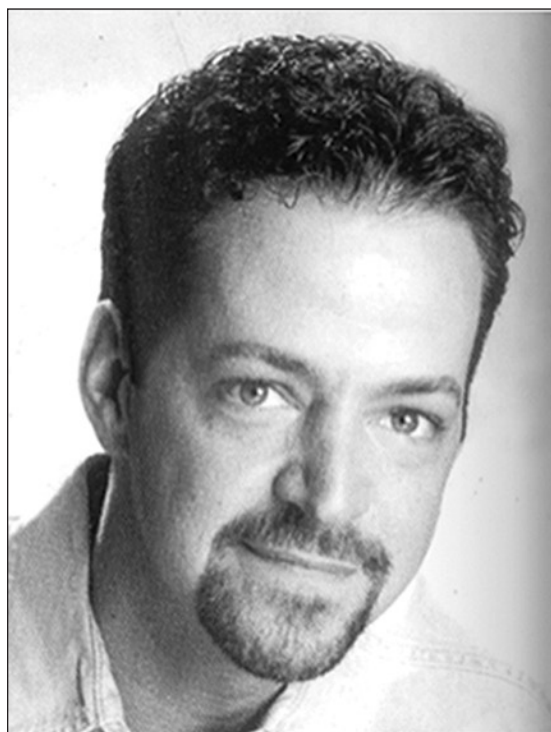
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"Mainstream gays have always regard[ed] the euphemism, 'faerie' [as stigmatic]" says Paul Singleton. "Many men find it countermand[s] their ideas of masculinity, which is far from actual reality."

Singleton is a member of the Radical Faeries, an alternative gay men's movement started in 1979 by pioneer gay activist Harry Hay and dedicated to the spiritual exploration of gay culture and identity. He is one of about 15 locally based faeries, a few of whom gather together every Saturday for "coffee, tea and communion."

"We are the Nature People, the lavender tribe of the Rainbow Family, in harmony with the principles of peace, justice, freedom, sustainable culture and the sacredness of the Earth. We love ceremonies, focusing on group spirit, and oneness

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... And we like to be pretty!" says Steven Hanes, another member of the DFW Radical Faerie community.

Hay, who died in 2002, originally patterned the Radical Faeries after the women's separatist groups of the 1970s and limited membership to men. But in more than 30 years of existence, the Radical Faeries have evolved — albeit gradually and with difficulty — towards embracing a more sexually diverse membership.

Some Radical Faerie groups accept people of all genders and orientations with the idea that anyone who identifies as a faerie is one. However, many older members still require gatherings to be male-only and the issue of inclusion continues to be controversial.

"As an oppressed people, gay men [have] had to overcome their own prejudices against women, bi, trans [and] intersex people," notes Singleton, who at 28, is part of the younger generation of faeries.

The movement, which began in the U.S. but now has followers worldwide, has been described as pagan in spiritual orientation. While it does borrow elements of its basic philosophy from paganism, it also borrows from other faiths as well.

As such, it reflects the eclectic religious backgrounds of its members, who are anything from Catholic to Buddhist, agnostic to atheist.

Two other elements unify the Radical Faeries.

One is that member relationships are based on the giving and receiving of mutual respect and empathy.

"We are on equal footing — there is no dominance of subject over object," says Singleton.

This notion derives from Hay's idea that homosexual relationships, unlike heterosexual ones, were based on longings for a companion that was identical — and therefore equal — to the self in all ways.

The second element is internal operation based on consensus rather than majority rule — a feature that Townley attributes to "Hay's communistic roots."

"[This] can present certain challenges in efficiency," Townley admits. "If anyone chooses to block consensus, we will 'talk the issue to death.' ... When we are through, there are fewer bad feelings — except perhaps exhaustion — but we all understand many differing points of view."

The group's emphasis on equality can also be seen in one practice — borrowed from Native American spiritual traditions — in which almost all faeries participate: the Heart Circle. As a ritual, the Heart Circle is an exercise in both speaking and listening, designed to foster greater emotional self-awareness and interpersonal empathy.

"We form a circle, pass a token/speaking stick/talisman and only the person holding the token may speak," Townley explains. "We agree as a group that we will speak from the heart when holding the talisman and the rest of the circle will



FAERIE FASHION | Members of the Radical Faeries celebrate spring. (Photo courtesy Radical Faeries)

speak from the heart. ... The token goes around until all have had their say."

While not the most visible of groups in the Dallas spiritual landscape, the highly individualistic Radical Faeries do participate in festivals and celebrations — such as Witch's Night Out and Winter SolstiCelebraton — sponsored by pan-pagan organizations.

And though not a service organization, the DFW Radical Faeries does have membership ties to the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, a group dedicated to AIDS education and ac-

tivism.

As a movement, the Radical Faeries exist to raise consciousness, especially — but not exclusively — within the LGBT community. By identifying themselves as "faeries," members reclaim a word that has been used pejoratively against gays. And while not radicals in the sense of being extremists, they get the root of things, in this case, who they are as gay people.

"Spirituality is having a renaissance," Singleton observes. "People are sick of 'fanclubs' and are looking within to find themselves." ■

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It is important to replace missing teeth not only for aesthetics, but to prevent additional problems such as **appearing older** as your jaw bone shrinks, further tooth loss, **inadequate digestion due to a reduced ability to chew**, and the **accelerated wearing down of your other teeth** if you need to chew on only one side, which may cause "jaw-joint" problems.



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Consequently, we must learn to respect all paths to God for what they add to the richness of our spiritual understanding and how each faith succors a people for whom that faith is their way to God.

We know that, as Albert Einstein said, we cannot solve a problem with the same consciousness that created it. Fear and hatred will never transform fear and hatred, nor will it create a peaceful world.

As the media frenzy around the controversy

over a proposed mosque (actually a community center) within blocks of Ground Zero has continued to grow, and verbal and physical attacks against Islamic people take place, it seems that many Americans have forgotten some basic tenets of, not only the U.S. Constitution, but also of civility and common decency.

While appreciating the raw feelings surrounding the site, which has rightly become sacred ground in the nine years since the fall of the World Trade Center towers, to deny rights to groups who had nothing to do with the tragedy is simply mindless fear and hatred.

Sept. 11 was not an act of Islam. It was an act of



**The Rev. Petra Weldes**  
Special Contributor

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**LIGHTING THE WAY FOR PEACE** | Carla Bolta of New York holds a candle during a peace rally in support of the proposed mosque near Ground Zero on Friday, Sept. 10, in New York. (Jin Lee/Associated Press)

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terrorists who distort the precepts of that religion. Surely we recognize that all spiritual traditions have their zealots, fanatics, and people who misuse and misinterpret their faith for their own gain.

We must begin to recognize and support the full expression of religious freedom, realizing that all paths to God, when rightly practiced, promote love, peace and respect for others. Consequently, it's important to honor the dignity of all the world's sacred literature including the Bible, Torah, Qur'an, Avesta, Pahlavi, Sutras, Vedas and more.

We must begin to see that these texts all contain a portion of humanity's spiritual truth, and therefore deserve to be treated with the same care with which we would treat our own.

Ernest Holmes, in the New Thought text "The Science of Mind" once said, "Find me one person who is for something and against nothing, who is redeemed enough not to condemn others out of the burden of his soul, and I will find another savior, another Jesus, and an exalted human being."

In that same spirit, let us stand together for the One Divine Presence that moves through all humanity, and respect the dignity of every person's right to the full expression of religious freedom, rites, practices and ritual.

Let us support the respect and dignity inherent in the law of the land, the U.S. Constitution, and the law of a Higher Power known by many names. Let us envision a world beyond what we now know; a world free of war, homelessness, hunger, poverty, disenfranchisement and terror — a world of peace, freedom, justice, caring, compassion and unity.

The bigger issue, then, is not the proximity of one piece of sacred ground to another or the comparative sacredness of one text versus another. The issue is finding common ground to create a peaceful, tolerant world that works for everyone.

■  
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For Marshall and Sprinkle, the idea that such new ways of thinking are being birthed here in Fort Worth is reason for celebration, and for hope.

"I came here in 1994, and I was open and out [as a gay man] from the time I first showed up," Sprinkle said. "But it has been a fight. Then when we decided to invite Joretta [to join the faculty] and she accepted, I knew we were turning a corner.

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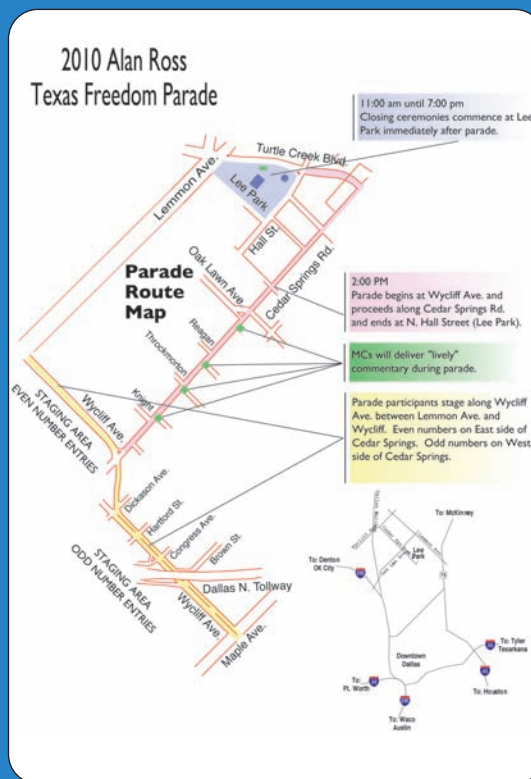
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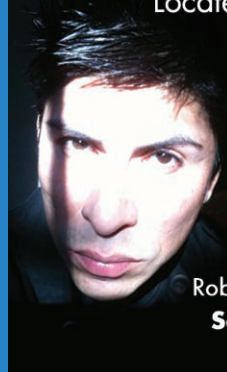
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viewpoints

# Come out, if not for yourself, for youth

Living in the closet may be good for your pocketbook. But it can be hell on your mental state, the lives of those around you and the future of the LGBT youth who are watching you for clues on how to live

Seems like we have been hearing a lot about people coming out lately. The most notable so far was Ken Mehlman, former chairman of the Republican Party. His announcement was not very surprising since there had been rumors floating since he stepped down from his job with the GOP. But it did cause a lot of wailing and gnashing of teeth on both sides of the political aisle.

The folks on the left were outraged that he sought forgiveness, and the folks on the right were outraged ... in general.

What his media event makes clear is the value and hazards of being "out."

For Mehlman, his closet existence gave him free reign to work with homophobic bigots with impunity. He could walk the halls of power in the GOP, aiding his party and candidates in their systematic oppression of LGBT Americans and still get to go home and have sex with men.

The down side of that is now that he has come out, he has absolutely no "street cred" in the LGBT political scene and even less with the right wing.

That brings me to the whole process of coming out.

For me, it happened at least three times. First when I was 18, and having sex with a couple of high school friends. I finally got the nerve to tell my family and pretty much got a "That's nice," and a pat on the head.

My mother was going through a lot at that period in her life so she just might not have understood what I was telling her.

The second time I came out was with my girlfriend. That's right, girlfriend.

She and I had been living together for a while and I told her that I really liked having sex with men. Hey, it was 1971! She didn't like that kind of competition. So I moved out, but in true '70s fashion, we remained friends.

Shortly after, I came out again to my mother — and this time it took. She was a bit upset that she would not have grandchildren, but being the good Jewish mother, she promptly started trying to hook me up with her gay friends. Not a pleasant experience!

From that point on, I was never really in the closet again. The good thing about that is I rarely had to worry about keeping stories straight (pardon the pun) and didn't need a beard. I could participate in political activism and actually work to achieve my own freedom and equality.

Moreover, contrary to common wisdom at the time, being out never hurt my career; I managed to do that independent of my sexuality.

When I see stories like Mr. Mehlman's, I have a certain amount of sympathy. I understand how scary life outside the closet can be, yet I also know the insidious damage that being closeted can cause.

Had I stayed in my closet any longer, I might have gotten married and had children. Coming out after starting a family really hurts everyone; I know this from the experience of friends.

Staying in the closet may seem like a good career move. But aside from money, how soul crushing is it to have to hide who you are every day with your peers? It can't be easy, and because of that I find it hard to be completely unsympathetic to Mehlman's plight.

But I do understand why he is not being welcomed with open arms by the LGBT community.

If anything, his story should serve as an example of how not to come out of the closet. Waiting so late in your career and life makes it more difficult. What's worse, it sets a bad example for young people who might look up to you.

What? Bad example? I sound like my mother, and occasionally that is a good thing.

Whether we know it or not, every one of us is constantly influencing the younger people



Ken Mehlman

around us. When we act in a manner that is patently duplicitous and self-serving, they notice. It sends a message that it's OK to lie and cheat in pursuit of your career or whatever other goal you have in mind.

That means there will be a whole generation of LGBT Americans who decide the closet is OK so long as you profit from it.

Whether we like it or not, all of us in the LGBT community have kids. They might not be biological family, but when they come into the community they look for role models — and we are what they see.

You don't have to be rich or connected or politically astute or in a position of authority; they will find you. They watch how people who are already out manage their lives, and they model their own behavior on that example.

If that makes you nervous, that's a good thing. Being conscious of how we live our lives can often make us examine our choices and our behavior. We don't all have to be paragons of correctness and we don't have to be in-your-face activists. We just need to be authentic in our loves and that means being who we are. It means being out.

So if you are out already, I salute you. Coming out is scary, difficult, joyous and liberating. It is a rite of passage to wholeness.

If you are struggling with the closet door, there are plenty of folks who can help you. Your actions, your example, might just save someone from the despair of living a lie.

Set an example for someone. Let them know it's OK to be LGBT — or whoever they are. If you don't do it for yourself, at least do it for our kids. ■

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



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# Letters

## A new kind of marriage protest

We need to have a massive protest — citywide, statewide, nationwide — a protest that isn't an in-your-face protest, but a reminder of a right that isn't ours. We could stand out in the streets yelling; we could pass out pamphlets; we could have a sit-in at some government office.

But I think it is time for a new idea, and changing of the tables. We need to take the bar crawl and make it a protest. We'll do "The Gay Bachelorette Party-Bar-Crawl for Gay Marriage Protest." And we will do it in straight bars around the country. Here is the plan:

Get a group of seven to 10 people of the same sex together and have a bachelorette party. Choose a "bride-to-not-be" whose wedding we can't celebrate because we can't get married. Then go out bar hopping, just like bachelorettes do. But instead of going to a gay bar, or a drag show, go to only straight bars.

Play the same silly games they play. Scream as loud as they do. Dress in stupid ways like they

do. If you want to wear a dress, please do. But try not to make it a drag outfit. (Unless you are getting together drag queens in your group and all of you are in total drag.) Have signs or shirts that proclaim "Free Gay Marriage." You can think of other slogans as appropriate for your area. Keep it fun — and pleasant.

You don't have to talk to anyone or debate anyone. Just show up, have fun, let people see you and move on. If the bride wants to cry because he/she can't get married, that can be fun, too.

Keep this protest light, fun and easy on the heterosexuals. We want to remind them that gay marriage should be allowed, and that we want to celebrate our love, too.

The date for this will be: Oct. 23. E-mail this to all your friends and let's get this protest going. Sign up for the event on Facebook under "The Gay Bachelorette Party-Bar-Crawl for Gay Marriage Protest."

*Marshall Wayne Lee*  
Portland, Ore.

## Finding an accepting place to heal

Statistics show that approximately 30 percent of homosexual men and women in the United States are addicted to drugs or alcohol (Keogh 2009).

This can be linked back to the tremendous stigmas LGBTQ people face in our society; often the LGBTQ community will turn to alcohol, drugs, sex or other compulsive behaviors in order to cope with the shame they feel as a result of this stigmatization.

Members of the LGBT community already face a number of challenges in their daily lives. When addiction becomes a part of that, life can become that much more complicated.

Treatment facilities, such as Santé Center for Healing, which work with the LGBTQ community, are important because they provide a safe place to heal where gender and sexual identity are not an issue and the individual can focus more of their time on the recovery from their addiction.

In cases where there is a lack of understanding in the family, many are left on their own to deal with their confusion about their sexuality. The programs at Santé can help them come to terms with their sexual identity as well as heal from their addiction. The owner of Santé and several of its staff members are gay, which gives them a greater understanding of what this community faces daily.

September is National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. This month is special because it reiterates one of the fundamental philosophies of Santé — that treatment works and that recovery is within reach for everyone. It is not always easy or fun, but it is guaranteed to lead to a better quality of life, not just for the individual involved, but for everyone who they love and who love them.

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*George Straw, owner*  
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BY DAVID TAFFET

Are you attending Pride this weekend?

**Ulises Santamaria** — "Yes! So excited! Looking for a dancing partner for Saturday night."

**Melanie Dickson** — "Yes. I'll be there with my girlfriend."

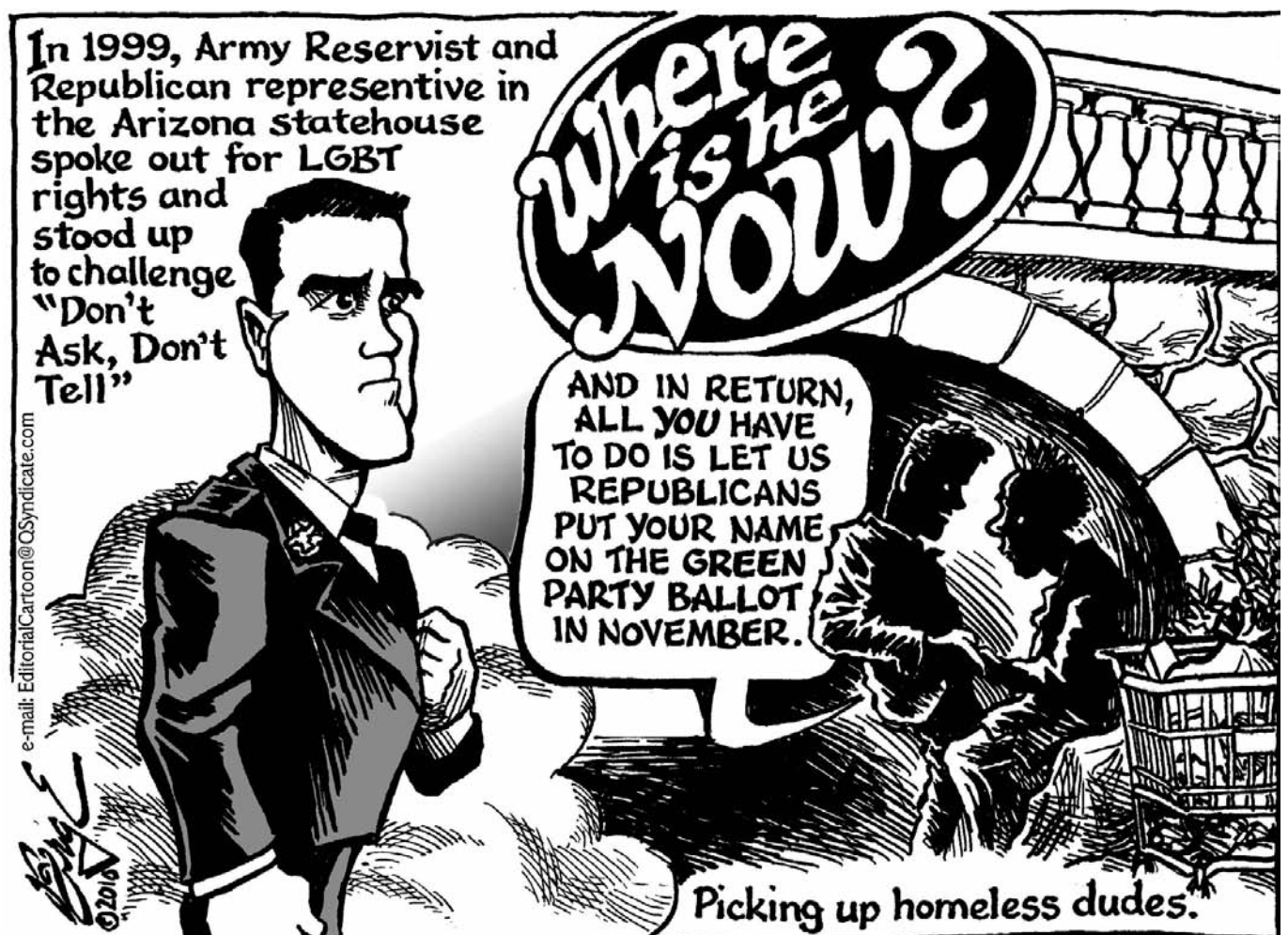
**Juan Soto** — "Absolutely! Last year was a blast. It was my first gay Pride celebration. We need everyone to come out and support!"

**Brian Steen** — "I attend my own personal Pride every day."

**Pete Hubert** — "Yep, I'm terrible about getting to things I want to do, but this is one event where we can show our love and support for each other."

**J.W. Tarin** — "I am. I've marched for the past two years, so this year I'm just going to enjoy it with family and friends."

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# Sparkle, Sally Sparkles!

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Dance instructor **Michael Sharp** works both sides of the footlights: As choreographer of real-girl pageants and as drag diva Sally

**S**ome Texans who go overseas get homesick for football or barbecue or country music.

Michael Sharp missed beauty pageants.

While he danced for 2 1/2 years at the Tokyo Disney Resort in Japan, to give him a sense of home, Sharp's mother sent him videos of all-girl pageants. "I became a big pageant fiend," he laughs.

Sharp's fascination grew to the point where he vowed to get involved in pageants when he returned to Texas — and on both sides of the footlights.

"When I got off the plane on July 7, 2006, I was already registered [as a contestant] for Miss Gay Dallas," he says. "I had ordered all these things and there they were, stacked at my mama's house: an evening gown, a ton of rhinestones, two separate wigs, makeup and boob pads lying on the bed."

Sharp had also picked a name for his pageant-girl persona: Sally Sparkles, riffing on the nickname "Sally" given him by fellow dancers. "Then I thought of 'Sparkles,'" he says. "It's a word that's not used enough, and it has a pretty connotation."

His inaugural competition taught him a lot about the art of pageant drag.

Sharp — Sparkles — won the Miss Gay Dallas

contest that year, but the state pageant "was definitely an eye-opener. Talk about being put in your place! I found out that little bitty hip pads weren't going to do it. My boobs were too small, I needed more makeup and bigger hair."

As horrible as Sharp remembers it being, Miss Sally Sparkles still placed ninth at the 2006 Miss Gay Texas.

But becoming a successful female impersonator was just half of his wish list. Next, he set out to make his other dream come true: Working behind the scenes on "real girl" pageants. While still in Japan, Sharp had e-mailed the Miss Texas Organization, which runs the Lone Star State preliminary to Miss America, offering to "do anything — be a boy dancer, choreographer, what-



**PAGEANT GIRL**  
Glamour-puss Sally Sparkles has fared well at pageants, but her alter ego Michael Sharp works as a choreographer for real-girl pageants. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

ever they needed," he says. The pageant's response was to make Sharp the assistant to its choreographer, Sunni Cranfill, who had been Miss Texas 2003.

"That made me ecstatic!" says Sharp. Suddenly, he was working side-by-side with some of the beauties he had watched win their crowns, as well as a new line of lovelies vying for the coveted titles of Miss Texas and Miss America.

"Everything he touched became beautiful," says Cranfill. "He is truly one of the most creative minds I have known."

In his second year at Miss Texas, with Cranfill busy trying out for the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders, Sharp was promoted to head choreographer. Drawing on his dance education at Stephen F. Austin University, his work as a dance captain in professional productions and his experience as a dance studio instructor (which is still his primary day job), Sharp created three of Miss Texas' most memorable productions.

"They will give me the music and an idea of what they want on stage, and without knowing the dimensions of the stage I come up with something I know I can place in any situation," Sharp explains.

"I have watched him turn a *mess* into something amazing," Cranfill gushes.

He's worked his magic every year since. The 2008 pageant featured former titleholders performing "Cell Block Tango" from *Chicago*, with each larcenous character changed to a pageant girl sabotaging another contestant because "she had it coming." In 2009, Sharp corralled a huge cast to recreate a USO show that spotlighted the tap-dancing talents of the reigning Miss Texas.

Earlier this summer, all 33 "miss" and all 35 "teen" contestants kicked off the show with an energetic Sharp dance number that tweaked Beyonce's girl-power hit "Single Ladies" by crowing "If you liked it then you should have put a crown on it." The show also gave Sharp the opportunity to work with dozens of former Miss Texas winners who returned for the pageant's 75th anniversary, including honorary co-chairs Phyllis George and Shirley Cothran, two Texans who heard Bert Parks serenade them in Atlantic City as Miss America.

The best thing about that experience, says Sharp, was the brunch that George and Cothran hosted, at which each Miss Texas spoke about her reign.

"I took my Miss America lunch box and had Phyllis George sign it,"

he beams.

On the heels of that inspirational moment, Michael Sharp hangs up his choreographer hat and dons a crown to become Sally Sparkles again. First, he hopes to perform as a former titleholder at the Miss Gay Texas America pageant, which takes place at the Round-Up Saloon in Dallas Sept. 28 and 29.

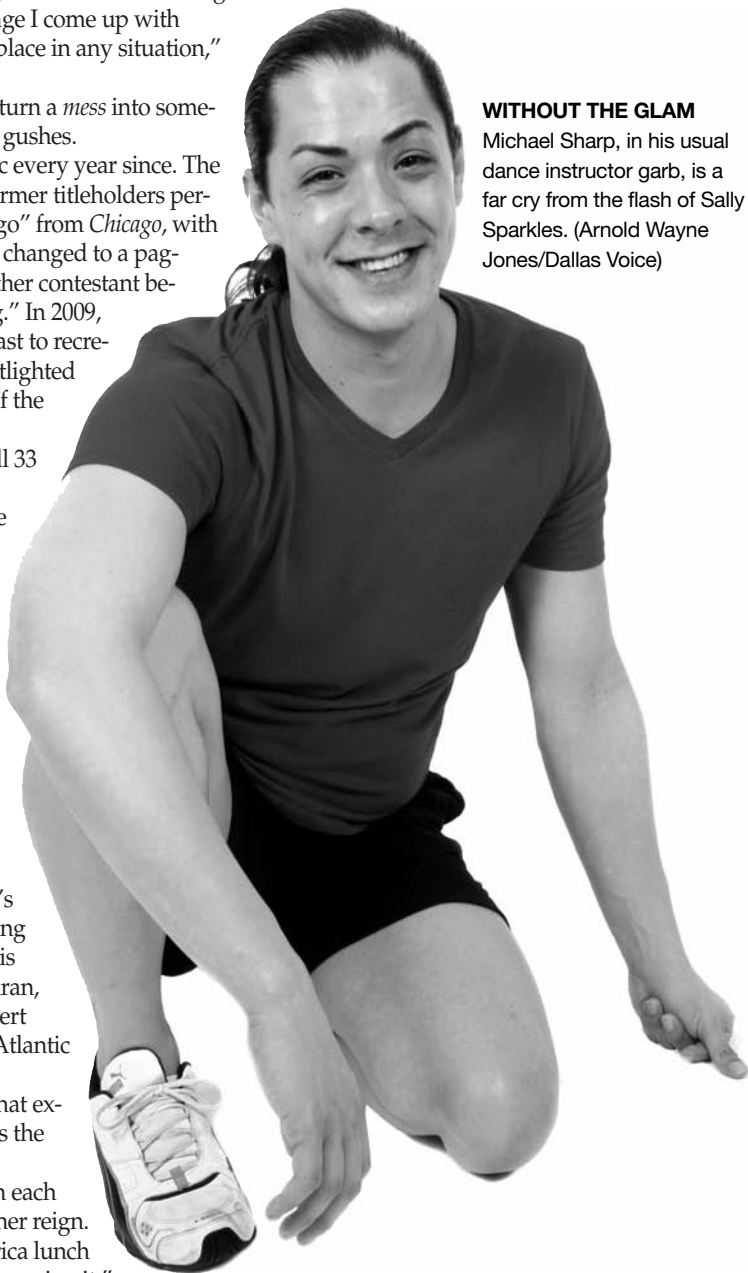
Then, with a qualifying finish at Miss Gay Heart of America in hand, Sally heads to Columbus, Ohio, to compete for the title of Miss Gay America next month. He feels like he has something to prove this time. Two years ago, Sharp finished 12th in Miss Gay Texas; last year, he topped out as third runner-up. The latter stung a bit.

"I thought, 'You called my name too soon,'" he recalls. This year, he's hoping to be crowned as L&T Entertainment's national symbol of excellence in female impersonation.

"My goal is to go and do amazing," says Sharp. "I really want it. But I lost last year. I could lose again." ■

#### WITHOUT THE GLAM

Michael Sharp, in his usual dance instructor garb, is a far cry from the flash of Sally Sparkles. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)



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# Hope floats

Two Cedar Springs institutions — 1 new, 1 old — make their debuts in this year's Pride parade

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Hunky's has been a Crossroads institution for 25 years — though most of that half a block over from its current location. The gayborhood and the burger stop are officially symbiotic.

So it may surprise those who have watched the Alan Ross Freedom Parade from Hunky's patio to know this year marks the eatery's debut as a float entrant. And owner Rick Barton is a bit nervous.

"I kinda got into it a little late," he admits.

Barton was sounding a bit frazzled just days before Pride, figuring how the hamburger joint would celebrate its coming out. Barton researched the idea of having a float constructed, but he and his crew opted to go simple this year — mostly because he has a restaurant to think about.

"That day is busy for us — the parade obviously means good business," he says. "So we decided not to go with a big float and toned it down to a vehicle with some of our employees handing coupons out and guys along the side of our Jeep performing."

Regardless of what the restaurant enters, the real question is: Why now? A quarter century is a long time to wait to join in the parade.

"We just had our anniversary and I just thought, 'It's time to be in,'" Barton says. "Even though we're in the center of the community and show our Pride everyday, it lets people see we are here and feel a need to be in."

His decision coincides nicely with the spot's new digs. Hunky's anchored the northwest corner of Cedar Springs and Throckmorton, becoming an iconic location

for the neighborhood. But this spring, they jumped across the street, taking over the corner left vacant by Crossroads Market. Change was hard though Barton received enthusiastic response from the regulars.

But the move wasn't just a physical one. Relocating mere yards from the former spot has affected his eatery and the employees in only good ways. That attitude is coming through in their first parade appearance on Sunday.

"There's a renewed invigoration with the new space," he says. "There we became limited by what we could do and it started to become staid. We were just riding the boat. Here, the

employees are responding well, the customers are, too. It's a feel-good kind of vibe."

That translates into a team effort for Hunky's preparation for Sunday. Barton might make it sound like it was just thrown together, but he smiles with pride in his teams from both the Oak Lawn and Oak Cliff locations in working to get it done.

"It's all come together pretty quickly," he says. "But with the employees helping out and coming over from the other location, it's become a Hunky's family kinda gig. One of our employees is one of the guys performing alongside the Jeep."

It took the ilume just a year to make its impact on the 'hood and it is living up to its commitment to be part of the community with its inaugural Pride float. The living spaces are

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Faces of Life exhibit now at the Gallerie, which highlights luminaries in Dallas' LGBT community with larger-than-life portraits, each individual adorned with a large red ribbon. The shots were taken by photographer Jorge Rivas, who made a splash at the Gallerie earlier this year with his images of fashion and culture.

**MAKING AN ENTRANCE** | Jorge Rivas' shot of prominent LGBT faces, above, will be marched out Sunday on the ilume float; the staff of Hunkey's, below left, retooled their float idea in a hurry. (Rich Lopez/Dallas Voice)

snazzy; nosh spots Dish and Red Mango seem to be thriving, and the pool is becoming legendary for parties and Facebook pics. The ilume Gallerie, however, takes the lead for their float in the parade, thanks to gallery director Ronald Radwanski.

"We'll have 48-by-72-inch panels of portraits on our float," Radwanski says. "Some people will be on the float and others like me will be walking along."

The Gallerie will be coasting along with a mobile museum. The gallery on wheels ties into the

constructing it already and the enlarged portraits are being printed," he says. "I'm so excited that we can mark a year of the ilume with this float in the parade. That it also benefits LifeWalk makes it much more so."

Big or small, young or old, both establishments look beyond what they have going in the parade and instead, a reveling in the idea of being a part of it all. Besides, things could change for 2011.

"After this time, we might just go all out with the big float idea next year," Barton says. ■



**LEE PARK FEST: THE UNSUNG FUN OF PRIDE**

"Thunder is good, thunder is impressive," said Twain, "but it's lightning that does all the work."

The same is true with Dallas Pride: Everyone talks about the parade, but it's the festival in Lee Park, with food, concerts and booths, that provides the best views of gay life in town. Dallas Voice will have a booth as always, handing out goodie bags and such, but we know focus will probably center on our neighbor, Advanced Skin Fitness, who this year tapped trainer and bodybuilding champ Tony DaVinci, pictured, to man (and we mean *man*) its kiosk, signing autographs and passing out flyers. We're over here, guys! Thanks for noticing.

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# Dallas' vocal adrenaline

VOP runners-up raised the bar for everyone this year

**V**oice of Pride winner Mel Arizpe knew this was a great year to win the contest, with the new groups category and the trip to England, but she also knew it was the toughest yet. She and the other finalists all agree the competition was stronger than ever: Third through fifth place took home prize money, but also released a collective sigh just to make it on the proverbial podium this time around.

Runners-up Juliana Jeffrey, Angie Landers and Robert Olivas give some insight to their experience at this year's competition and how firsts always seem to happen, no matter how long they've been competing. ■

— Rich Lopez



TROIKA | Jeffrey, left, Landers, center, and Olivas gave the also-ran list star power. (Dallas Voice/ Arnold Wayne Jones)

## The Bridesmaid: Juliana Jeffrey, 2d runner-up

**Competition songs:** "Here Comes Goodbye" by Rascal Flatts and "So Small" by Carrie Underwood.

**Why these songs?** I love the Underwood song, no question. I pick songs I really love or feel like I'm going through. I was just like *Eek!* But I don't think my first song was a good choice.

**What changed from last year?** The talent was a lot better. Everybody was good and I think more people are finding out about it. It felt different this year — there wasn't a lot of bonding like before. Every year I've made a friend. There was a lot more pressure.

**Did the trip to England affect your performance?** Who doesn't wanna go to England? But personally, I try not to think about the prizes. It's added stress. I like amazing singers and that makes me wanna be better.

**You're a VOP veteran. Would you rather win or keep placing and racking up change?** Hey, all I can say is my rent is paid! The reason I do it every year is because I have so much fun with people I meet. We hang out.

**Any immediate musical plans?** I'm 29 but I don't really have anything to show for my singing. So, I need to get more serious about that. But I gotta

work these 40 hours a week. It's tough, but I gotta make a demo.

**Any thoughts on next year's Voice of Pride?** I know what to expect and I know what motions to go through so that's relaxing. I think next year I will broaden my song choices. I just don't wanna put myself in a box. I tell myself I'm gonna step out of this country box, but I never really know what judges are looking for. I just go with what feels good and pray for the best. I just try to do me.

## The Breakthrough: Angie Landers, 3d runner-up

**Competition songs:** "I Drove All Night" and "My Heart Will Go On" by Celine Dion.

**Any second thoughts?** No, though I tend to think that I should have shown my country side as well as my pop side. There's always next year.

**How was it when your name was called?** Oh my gosh, it was such a surreal moment.

**Do you pick songs you like or that will sound good?** I only perform songs that touch me or I enjoy, but for competition I try to choose songs that show off who I am and what I can do.

**How do you prepare?** Practice — in my living room!

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**The Dude: Robert Olivas, 4th runner-up**

**Competition songs:** "Hey, Soul Sister" by Train and "Remember When It Rained" by Josh Groban.

**Why these two?** I love those songs and I wanted to show my range. I've been paying attention to the judges' comments and I wanted to win the crowd. But dang, the gays love their women singers.

**Yeah, you were the highest placed male this year.** The competition was

gonna be so strong and it was all about the women this year.

**How'd you strategize?** I made it my business to go to the preliminaries and see the competition. I've grown to see what judges are looking for.

**When did you start singing?** I started singing about four but didn't have training until my girlfriend at the time talked me into taking a vocal class at UTEP.

**What did you learn about yourself this time?** I've only made finals three times so I'm proving that I can be consistent.

**It takes two**

Mel Arizpe, far right, and Laura Carrizales had quite a summer. The real-life couple took the No. 1 and 2 spots in the solo competition at Voice of Pride and scored the inaugural group competition victory. As Mi Diva Loca, the duo won over the crowd with their second performance, a medley of pop hits which might have been risky. "Because it wasn't a whole song, we wondered if the judges would see past that into our harmonies," Carrizales says. "These were just songs we liked." They also got to perform at Pride in Manchester, England.

If you missed 'em before, though, you can catch them (plus third place Juliana Jeffrey) riding in the parade Sunday, followed by a performance at the festival in Lee Park afterward.



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## A star is born

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If Lindsay Lohan can piss away a career of fame with no talent, then I should be able to do just the opposite, right? Forget going through the casting couches and reality TV shows to make my mark on Hollywood — I'm hitting up MyStudio for my break. Because if I can whip out a music video for 20 bucks and be the next big thing, well, then hot damn. Grammy here I come.

The plan is to use modern technology found at the mall to make headway into becoming a fame monster. That means a trip to Grapevine Mills and the new MyStudio HD recording studios. I decided a music video would be right up my alley, considering my singing chops are minimal and I look about as good on video as a mug shot. But I'm determined to bust out some karaoke on some Springsteen in high def brilliance.

Without confidence beyond my solo car concerts, I figured vocalizing and performing tips would be crucial, so I sought advice from Voice of Pride finalists Angie Landers and Robert Olivias. As perennial contestants in the local singing competition, they were fresh from this year's cycle and flush with suggestions.

"If I'm gonna do a studio song, I need to feel and connect with it," Landers says. "A big mistake is just not being prepared."

Not a problem. Especially since MyStudio provides thousands of licensed karaoke tracks, I can just read the words. Olivias echoes Landers. "I don't sing it unless I feel it. First, it has to be within your heart, it has little to do with the vocal cords."

Sweet! Preparation and great singing voice can be checked off the list. Clearly, this is going

to be easier than I thought. I can see the VMA already on my mantle; I can even imagine Kanye ruining my moment.

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Landers wants to check my voice out so she leads me through a rendition of "Proud Mary." After politely not cringing (personally, I'd say I killed it), she had an idea of my vocal range.

"Your voice isn't too bad. Just don't take on anything too challenging," she says. "So, no Celine?" "That would be a negative, but if you sang 'Proud Mary' you could begin with your slow passionate self and then come out like a diva."

This is not lost on me. But if I go Tina Turner on the mike, I'll need some help, and not by another singer. Olivias knows what I mean.

"Liquid courage helps," he says. "First, know that alcohol can alter your tone and make you flat or sharp. Consider your voice a motor skill. But I have a tradition of taking a shot of tequila before going on."

And who am I not to respect tradition? If it's gonna push me through to music glory, I'll drink whatever I need. Although, I can understand Lindsey's approach better now. ■

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## 'Great furniture for sitting on naked'

Business partners (and ex couple) **Mitchell Gold** and **Bob Williams** open their first Dallas boutique, where gay rights are as important as creature comforts

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As Mitchell Gold was checking out of his hotel suite, the front desk asked him how his stay was. Great he, said — except for the sofa. "Who designed that?" he asked. "You should force them to sit on it."

Coming from someone else, the remark may sound like quibbling. But Gold, with his business partner Bob Williams, has made a career out of designing furniture that doesn't just look good, it feels good.

"Ours is great furniture for sitting on naked," he offers.

Williams might put it another way, but they both agree that the watchwords underpinning the Mitchell Gold+Bob Williams Home collection (which just opened its 16th signature showroom on McKinney Avenue) are warmth and comfort. And that's been the case for decades.

Both men like to say their style is not revolutionary, but evolutionary. "We still do slip covers, but they have become more tailored," Williams notes. Their aesthetic is casually elegant and — to some, a curse word in interior design — *livable*. Some people won't allow their pets anywhere near high-end items like these; in the McKinney Avenue store, French bulldog Baker has the run of the place.

"It's clean and stylish, not frumpy," Williams says. "It's relaxed design. We call it S&M — soft and modern."

"We spend an enormous amount of time seeing to it no product gets passed" without meeting comfort standards. Consider it quality control through tush testing. "Our philosophy is about *not* being intimidating."

"We all grow up around furniture but people are so intimidated by it," echoes Williams.

The two are very much in synch about their goals.

Williams and Gold became a creative team almost as soon as they began dating 22 years ago. Gold was working a lot with JC Penney at the time, and they considered opening up a business in Dallas. Then Gold was transferred, eventually ending up in Hickory, N.C. They began designing household goods 20 years ago, and have remained there ever since.

The personal relationship faltered almost a decade ago — Gold married his partner Tim in Iowa earlier this summer — but the professional pairing has blossomed.

"I do all the heaving lifting," Williams jokes; he's actually deeply involved in the design aspects of the business. "It wasn't what I went to school for" — he majored in graphic design — "but I used many of the skills."

Williams describes the union as a Ying and Yang symbiosis: "He's more disciplined than I am. But if someone goes off target, then the





**HAVE A SEAT** | Mitchell Gold, left, and business partner Bob Williams, just opened their 16th signature showroom on McKinney Avenue, facing page, featuring their S&M (soft and modern) styling. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

other's there to pull him in. If you're both on the same page, you've really got something."

They are equally united when it comes to politics. Like Kenneth Cole, whose advertising patently supports progressive issues, they don't shy away from injecting their pro-gay opinions into the marketplace. Gold especially is fervent about grassroots activism, especially his Faith in America program, which seeks to educate people about discrimination rooted in religion.

"The Prop 8 people were trying to create an environment that said straight people were superior to gay," Gold continues, his irritation rising. "Their 'expert' was saying straights made better parents. That's based on religion-based bigotry."

Gold knows not everyone will agree with his politics, but he's comfortable in his outspokenness.

"It's something people avoided," Gold says. "Even major advocacy groups like the Human Rights Campaign wouldn't talk about it because they were afraid of a backlash. I'm not stupid. But the time is right now."

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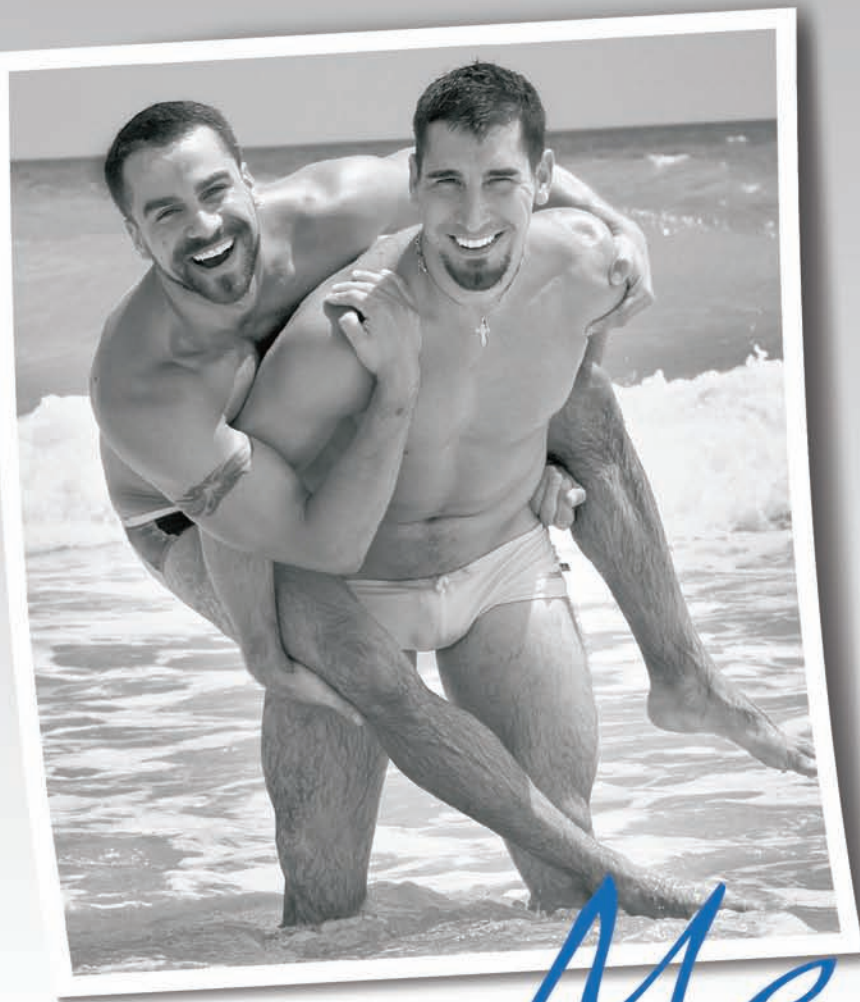
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## Gay Alaska? You betcha

It ain't the Castro, but our 49th state has gay appeal amid the natural beauty

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Things may be bigger in Texas, but nothing's quite as big as Alaska, America's largest and least populated (by density) state. More than twice Texas' land mass, sometimes it's difficult to grasp the state's sheer dimensions — for example, Alaska is about 15 times bigger than Pennsylvania, but Pennsylvania has 17 times the number of residents. Aside from geeky stats like these, it's difficult to describe Alaska's terrain and scenery without resorting to trite superlatives. You must visit this land to comprehend it.

Among the highlights for most visitors are up-close views of massive glaciers, a fascinating array of wildlife and North America's highest peak (20,320 foot Mt. McKinley in Denali National Park). Alaska also offers rafting, hiking and camping. The abundance of delicious fresh seafood makes this a terrific dining destination.

Alaska is ideally suited to outdoorsy travelers, but thanks to cruise ships and scenic railroads it's relatively easy to enjoy the natural beauty from a comfy and controlled environment.

But is there a gay scene in the 49th state? Let's put it this way: I wouldn't recommend a trip just for a tour of gay nightlife, or meeting other "family." But Anchorage is a large, modern city with a couple of gay bars, including the extremely fun and friendly dance club Mad Myrna's. And you'll find excellent museums and many stellar restaurants here. The state's second largest city, Fairbanks, has a small but active gay scene, some of it tied to Alaska's oldest college, the University of Alaska at Fairbanks.

Juneau, with a population of about 30,000, is the capital and is generally considered the most

progressive city in the state — a fair number of gay folks live here, and bars and restaurants are generally gay-friendly. Also noteworthy is tiny but funky Talkeetna, midway between Anchorage and Denali National Park. This cool little village is a great base for exploring Denali and a haven of free spirits (it was the inspiration for *Northern Exposure*). Throughout Alaska, and especially around Anchorage, you'll find many gay-owned and gay-friendly inns and B&Bs (there's a good list at PurpleRoofs.com; an excellent general LGBT resource for the state is BentAlaska.com).

Even if you're not especially enamored of cruises, traveling by boat is without question the best way to see southeastern Alaska's scenery, including areas like Glacier Bay National Park and College Fjord. Many major cruise lines offer Alaska cruises, with Holland America Line and Princess Cruises offering the greatest variety of itineraries, along with the exceptional line of smaller, upscale ships, Cruise West.

These are all extremely gay-friendly and gay-popular cruise lines. Several LGBT-oriented tour operators, notably RSVP Vacations, Olivia and Atlantis, book all-gay charter trips on some of the major lines that ply Alaska waters, including Holland America, Princess, Carnival, Celebrity, Norwegian and Royal Caribbean. Ultra-luxurious lines such as Silversea and Regent Seven Seas regularly visit Alaska.

Even on cruises booked to the general public, you'll nearly always find gay and lesbian passengers (and certainly some crew), and there's usually at least one and sometimes several LGBT mixers or meet-ups onboard during a week trip. (If you'd like to find other gay travel-



ers booked on the same cruise, or read other LGBT feedback related to cruise travel, check out the gay cruising forum at Cruisemates.com.)

My recent rip aboard Holland America's exceptionally well-outfitted Statendam set the bar. I chose a glacier-intensive itinerary, through the Inside Passage, with calls at Ketchikan, Juneau (my favorite) and Skagway, plus a day each sailing through Glacier Bay and College Fjord. This Holland America cruise was a wonderful adventure from start (out of Vancouver) to finish (Seward). And if you are planning a trip with a few friends or relatives, a cruise can be ideal in terms of logistics, value and the pure fun of sharing countless memorable experiences together.

Alaska cruises range greatly in price, starting for as little as \$600 (double-occupancy) for with an inside cabin on less-fancy ships (the Carnival Spirit or Norwegian Star) during the shoulder months (May and September). For a stateroom with balcony on an upscale line like Holland America, expect to pay \$1,500 or more, depending on the size of the cabin, the ship and the time of sailing (June through August are high season). If there were ever a great time to splurge for a balcony cabin, it's an Alaska cruise, as a huge part of the experience is observing the magnificent scenery from aboard the ship.

For those who prefer less structured tours, you can get around via an extensive network of state-operated ferries, just as many Alaskans get from town to town, either without a car or (at considerably greater expense) with one. This is an adventurous way to sail through the Inside Passage, starting either down in Bellingham, Wash., or much closer to Alaska in the Canadian port city of Prince Rupert. The ferry stops at all the major towns in southeast Alaska.

You can also sail via the ferry system through Prince William Sound to Kodiak Island (with stops in Valdez, Cordova, Whittier, Homer and others), or through southwestern Alaska's remote Aleutian Chain, from Chignik all the way to Unalaska/Dutch Harbor. Again, traveling with a car and sleeping onboard in cabins can make this a fairly costly trip — figure on about \$800 to \$900 for two passengers, a car, and a cabin for a one-way trip from Port Rupert to Skagway. But you can choose an itinerary that allows you to get on and off at a number of ports, and it's still cheaper and allows for greater flexibility than a cruise.

Whether you reach Alaska by cruise ship, plane or car (the 2,300-mile drive from Great Falls, Montana to Fairbanks on the Alaska-Canada Highway is memorable), it's worth taking some time to explore some parts of the state's rugged and largely unspoiled interior.

Many cruise lines offer one-way itineraries that begin or end in Alaska, typically in a port that's relatively close to Anchorage, such as Whittier or Seward. You can, as we did, rent a car and explored the area, continuing on to Anchorage and stopping in Talkeetna. Other notable areas within relatively easy driving distance of Anchorage and the Kenai Peninsula include the charming little vacation town of Girdwood, which is home to upscale Alyeska Resort; Homer, a popular fishing town; and

Whittier, which has kayaking and boating on Prince William Sound plus access to several stunning glaciers. Farther afield and also well worth investigating are Denali National Park (four to five hours north of Anchorage), Fairbanks (two hours farther north of Denali), and Valdez (six to seven hours east of Anchorage).

One way to explore the interior without a car, as far north as spectacular Denali National Park and on up to Fairbanks, is via the scenic Alaska Railroad. Many Alaska cruises offer post- or pre-trip options that include several days on the railroad, or you can book your own railroad package, which includes riding the railroad's gleaming railcars past incredible scenery, tours at different stops, and overnight hotel accommodations. Packages start at five nights for around \$1,800. Shorter day trips are also available on the Alaska Railroad — among the most rewarding itineraries are the ride from Anchorage to Denali (starting around \$150), and the Glacier Discovery Trains to Grandview (starting around \$85).

Another great option is to book a trip with a local outfitter. Based in Fairbanks, Out in Alaska is a highly reputable, gay-owned tour operator that offers exciting trips, both camping (starting around \$1,800 for six days) and hotel-based (from \$2,500 for seven days), to some of the state's most scenic areas. Out in Alaska trips typically last a week to 10 days, have five to 10 participants, and include meals, transportation within the regions visited, activities and — in the case of camping — gear.

Some Out in Alaska trips are oriented primarily toward sightseeing and might cover major national parks (Denali, Kanai Fjords, Wrangell-St. Elias) and the regions around Fairbanks and Anchorage. The more activity-driven trips — which can be themed around glacier trekking, hiking, rafting, or kayaking — venture into the state's remote wilderness, from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to the Yukon or Copper rivers. The company also organizes small LGBT group adventures on some of the mainstream cruises offered through the Inside Passage.

However you explore this majestic land, it's absolutely worth the time and effort to get yourself up here — and to plan on spending a minimum of seven days. When even seasoned travelers talk about "trips of a lifetime" and "most memorable travel experiences," they're often referring to adventures had in Alaska. ■

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The creepy wonderfulness that is Todd Solondz's aesthetic is how ordinary things are made weird and disturbing things normal. So, when a little boy answers a phone with "Hello, who is this?" sounding more suspicious than curious, you have to weigh it against a prickly spinster cooing to her boyfriend ... who happens to be an admitted sex pervert.

So opens **Life During Wartime**, Solondz's peculiar sequel to his masterpiece *Happiness*, undeniably the best film of 1998.

No one finds the horror and comedy of middle class dislocation with more sting than he does. Not even David Lynch. There, I said it.

*Wartime* — which, along with *Winter's Bone*, is one of the two best American films released this year — follows the same characters, all played by different actors, as *Happiness*. At the center are three sisters: wispy Joy (Shirley Henderson); artsy Helen (Ally Sheedy) and Trish (Allison Janney), whose pedophile husband Bill (Ciaran Hinds) has just been released from prison.

Solondz, armed with a crackerjack ensemble, is brilliant at portraying cruelty with appalling ease. A woman asks a man at a bar, "You're not a faggot, are you?" without a hint of discomfort. (A small boy also tells his mom he hopes he *doesn't* grow up to be a faggot; she promises him he won't.)

This is *not* feel-good entertainment.

But it *is* great entertainment, and funny as hell

— though wickedly so.

There's a bare minimum of plot: While an unseen war rages, the characters are lost in their own problems. Trish meets a new man; Joy struggles to find a man she can love while haunted by the memory of a past lover (Paul Reubens, who's just terrific in a few scenes).

As with Solondz's breakout cult classic *Welcome to the Dollhouse*, *Life During Wartime* (which originally had the more appropriate title *Forgiveness*) is equally deft at awkward silences and over-stuffed dialogue about matters both inconsequential and horrific. There's a confrontation between Bill and the son he abused, immediately following another son

wondering how deep forgiveness goes. Then Joy will leave a forgiving voicemail for a man who just killed himself because of her disapproval.

The visual style mirrors the aural: A hodge-podge of stark, static images, languorous tracking shots and disorienting jump-cuts.

It veers dangerously close to camp, but never goes, full-throated, for gimmickry. Irony has never been cleverer, or more unsettling. ■

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**LIFE DURING WARTIME**  
 Allison Janney, Paul Reubens, Ally Sheedy, Ciaran Hinds. Rated R. 100 mins. Now playing at the Angelika Film Center Mockingbird Station.

**THE PURSUIT OF 'HAPPINESS'** | Allison Janney, top, and Paul Reubens, right, appear with a crackerjack ensemble in this disturbing sequel.



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# Coupe de grace

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Since my grandmother bought her first one after my grandfather died 35 years ago, I have been a fan of Mercedes. Generation after generation, the cars are solidly-built, timelessly-styled and always at the top of their class. Grandma always purchased entry-level sedans: Two 280Es, a 190E and C220. She would drive them 170,000 miles and trade them off for the next generation — often without ever driving it. She just *knew* she would be pleased and was never disappointed.

Mercedes coupes have always been more special than their sedans. I love the E Sedan as much as uninspiring professors probably liked the Ponton sedans in the '50s, but the more fabulous among us go for coupes: They're sexy, but no less reliable, and will be the ones to covet decades from now. I still remember the new E-Coupe my doctor purchased in the late '80s. It looked great next to his red Mercedes 560SL!

Still sharing basic vehicle architecture with the C-Class, the latest E-Class Coupe takes a giant step upmarket in terms of styling and refinement. A more traditional Mercedes, the car feels as if a defiant Kim Jong Il couldn't disturb it even if he went completely off the crazy train.

There are more traditional styling cues outside, but the design is wholly anchored in the next decade. A broad star-strewn grille shifts wind with twin lamellas running across, reaching to large headlamps with separate driving lamps between — a take from earlier Mercedes coupes with their large round headlamps and inset foglamps.

LED lamps in the lower fascia step up to Audi's challenge while AMG 18-in. alloy wheels could be on nothing other than a Mercedes. A tight arching roofline is ultra-sleek with the look of Mercedes' CLS, but the accentuated rear fenders hearken back to the '50s. The E550 Coupe is a blend of Mercedes' historic design cues, ren-

dered in a new and fresh way.

If my doctor had to make a fast trip to the hospital (a continent away), the E550 would have been ready for the run. The car's chiseled sloping hood shields a 5.5-liter 32-valve V8 engine that produces 382 horsepower and 391 lb.-ft. of torque. A standard 7-speed automatic transmission with steering wheel paddle shifters moves power to the rear wheels as smoothly as a tank trashing an ant. Step on the go pedal and the stout coupe scamps from 0–60 mph in about 5 seconds flat. Fuel economy is rated 15/23-MPG city/hwy.

Like the exterior, passenger space is a blend of tradition and contemporary elegance. You could step out of a 1975 Mercedes Coupe and be instantly familiar with the dash-mounted ignition switch, gated gear selector, left-dash light switch, and large center speedometer flanked by auxiliary gauges. Even the low turn stalk and upper left placement of the cruise control stick are exactly where your grandmother remembers them.

Some may think these features are quaint and should be changed, but I have a healthy respect for tradition. So do Mercedes owners who really don't care to have these things altered.

However, they are just fine with the onslaught of technology that invaded Mercedes cabins in recent years. Navigation, Bluetooth for phone connectivity, Sirius Satellite Radio, and heated/cooled leather seats keep owners art to the state. Radar cruise control maintains a set distance from vehicles in front on the highway. Technology or not, the brown dashtop is the perfect accent for hand-polished burl walnut on the dash, doors, and front and rear center consoles. What looks chrome, is. And, if it looks like timber, it could be ground to sawdust.

Mercedes' renowned safety is accounted for in heaps. Of course, it has four-wheel anti-lock disc brakes, traction control, electronic stability control, brake force distribution, and cornering control. Dual front, side, and side curtain airbags are standard. Our test car came with PRE-SAFE, a

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The E550 Coupe is a stunning automobile,



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sure to make a scene wherever it rolls. Stunningly modern, it would still be recognized as a Mercedes on any planet. My grandmother would like it, but my doctor would love it. Go for the equally-impressive cabriolet and he could kick both the E320 and SL560 to the Classic Center and not miss either one. Base prices start at \$54,650, but our test car came to \$61,475. ■

### DRIVER'S SEAT

**Name:** Jon Cooper.

**Occupation:** Store operations support for Zales and part-time historical studies major at UTD.

**Car:** Volvo C30 T5.

**Isn't that the *Twilight* movie car? Are you Team Edward or Team Jacob?** If someone mentions that movie one more time, I'm gouging their eyes out. Unless he's hot.

**The official color of your car is:** Titanium grey metallic.

**How long have you owned this car?** A year and a half.

**What was your last car?** Ford Explorer Sport.

**So why this one?** After years of settling I finally decided to hell with it, I'm getting something nice!

**It's sporty — does it get good gas mileage?** Not bad, 28 mpg combined.

**Are you a faster driver now?** Some have accused me of driving like a grandma, but the turbo is definitely turning me into a lead foot.

**Best car memory:** The first "Oh crap!" during a rain storm when all the safety features kicked in.

**What's playing in your music player?** My iPod shuffles a mix from Keith Urban to Franz Ferdi-

nand to Colton Ford with the occasional show tune.

**What kind of maintenance do you do on your own?** On this car? I ain't touching anything!

**What are the rules of your car?** Be gentle and don't screw with my seat settings.

**How do you rate this car to previous ones?** Considering my first car was a 1976 AMC Pacer, it's definitely a step up.

**This is a higher class car for you. Are you a power gay now?** Definitely not. An easy gay? Yes.

**Funniest road trip story?** I did take it on a camping trip last spring. I got a few raised eyebrows and head shakes from the hardcore SUV crowd.

**What makes it sexy?** Leather, baby! Leath-uh!

**Do the seats recline all the way for those special dates?** Special *what?*

**Where is one place you'd like to really drive your car?** To my graduation ceremony next spring.

**Would you put a Pride sticker on it?** The only intelligent quote from *The Real Housewives of New Jersey*: "Would you put a bumper sticker on a Bentley?" Maybe a Texas-shaped rainbow sticker on the license plate.

**Foreign v. domestic?** What are we talking about — guys or cars?

— Rich Lopez



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# Gospel according to gays

Tim Seelig and Cathedral of Hope put a queer twist on that old-time religion with the 'Gay'ther Homecoming, a celebration of hymns and homos

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Leave it to Tim Seelig to find a way to queer-up the straightest event.

The original Gaither Homecoming was started in 1991 in Nashville by gospel singer and impresario Bill Gaither.

"It's a *huge* industry of straight gospel singers — I mean hundreds of millions of dollars," says Seelig.

And that industry has *not* been gay-friendly. According to Seelig, too many talented LGBT gospel singers have been excluded from performing at events like the Gaither Homecoming. Many are not even allowed to sing in their own churches.

But there is no want of LGBT gospel music fans out there. So on Saturday, Art for Peace & Justice (which Seelig directs) and the Cathedral of Hope will present the first annual "Gay'ther Homecoming, a gala evening of Christian music and song. Proceeds will benefit the Interfaith Peace Chapel at the COH.

The show, the first of its kind in the nation, will feature 49 singers and six instrumentalists from across the country, singing solos and then joining each other — and the audience — to sing hymns and gospel songs.

"The audience will know every single song performed," says Seelig. "They will sing along, tap their feet, clap, and utter many 'amens.' I have no doubt there will be tears."

"The initial idea [for the event] came from a staff member at the cathedral and was simply [intended] to host a celebration of LGBT musicians and their friends during gay Pride," says Seelig. "It is *not* meant as a spoof or parody of the Gaither Homecoming industry; we just felt that by giving it that name, people would immediately know what to expect with very little explanation."

It is, though, meant to be empowering for gay people of faith.

"Over the years, I have come in contact with literally hundreds of musicians who cut their teeth in the church but were completely cast aside once they came out," he observes. "There is no room for them at the table of main-line religion. Period."

Seelig faced similar discrimination when he came out in the 1980s, but has since achieved international acclaim as a singer, educator and chorale conductor. He's also brought to Dallas, through A4P&J, speakers such as Maya Angelou and recently a performance of Terence McNally's *Corpus Christi*.

His latest project has two aims. The first is to offer LGBT gospel musicians a welcoming space



**SAY AMEN** | Seelig, above, tapped dozens of gospel artists for his inaugural concert, including out singers Ray Boltz, below left, and Marsha Stevens, below right.

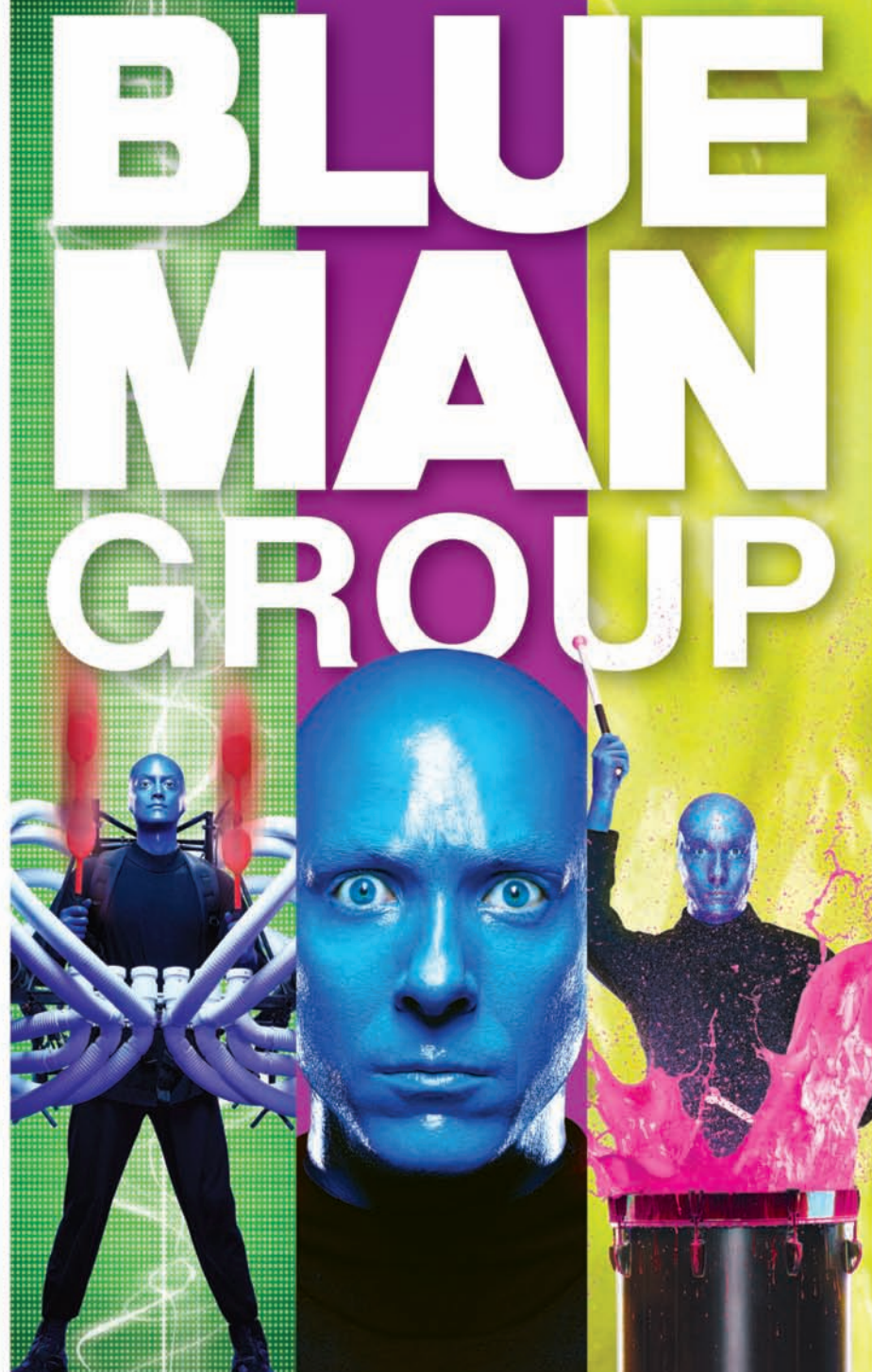


where they can let their talents shine. And the second is "to bring the audience to a place full of wonderful memories of their own journey with religion and, more specifically, the music of their youth."

Among those slated to perform at the "Gay'ther Homecoming are LGBT gospel luminaries as Ray Boltz, Marsha Stevens, Mark Hayes, Susie Brenner and Pattie Clawson Berry. Local artists joining the line-up include Gary

Floyd, Amy Stevenson, Danny Ray, Lonnie Parks and Shelly-Torres West, along with three LGBT gospel groups: Redeemed, Out 4 Joy and Voices of Hope. The show will be filmed for future DVD release.

"Our hope is that this will be something that LGBT people all over will purchase and enjoy," says Seelig. "There are so many people all over the world who feel disenfranchised. This is just one way that the Cathedral of Hope and Art for Peace & Justice can help them know they are not forgotten."



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Entrepreneur Dawn Meifert turned her germaphobia into a genius idea for gym rats everywhere



**DON'T TAKE HER WORD FOR IT** | Phit Grip inventor Dawn Meifert believes in her product, but so do muscle men like the one above.

Trust him. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

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Not since that schoolteacher added Alka-Seltzer to vitamin C to create the billion-dollar Airborne remedy has germaphobia proven to be such unlikely business inspiration.

In the case of Dawn Meifert, an obsessive hatred of germs became the mother to her invention.

About three years ago, Meifert was at the gym with her workout partner when she noticed a man nearby.

"He was on the bench next to me and obviously sick — sneezing, coughing. He just wiped his nose with his hand, went to the barbell and lifted it. All the hair on the back of my next stood up. I was totally skeeved out. I just thought, 'There has to be a way for me not to touch his stuff and work out.'"

Meifert knew that she could wear weight-lifting gloves, but her paranoia about bacteria made that a hollow option.

"The guys I've talked to who work out with gloves only keep them five to six months because they get so nasty," she says. You might as well carry around a Petri dish in your gym bag for all the protection it supplies.

No, she thought. What I need is a barrier between me and the germs. And she started looking in the marketplace.

Nada.

"All that's out there are gloves and straps — they've already been done," she says. And there was no germ combat. "I wondered what could I do that's new and original."

And that's how Phit Grips were born.

Sold in pairs, Phit Grips are lightweight rubber tubes that wrap around dumbbell handles, barbells, jump rope grips — almost anything at the gym your hands might come in touch with. And to steal from another product, they kill bugs dead.

"The idea came from the shape of a bicycle handle," Meifert explains. "When I ordered new grips for my mountain bike I wondered how I could alter them and make them something we could use."

Three years later, she's on the market with her product.

"People are surprised it has taken three years, but you try developing a product," she says. "The first feedback we got was that the grips were too thick. Then they were too thin. As we started moving through the manufacturing, we talked about making them antimicrobial."

The solution was ingenious.

"All the rubber on the outer edges are anti-fungal," she says. "The antimicrobial agent is in the ink. We had to start over a few times — how do we make the ink vibrant and thick enough? The amount of ink is now five times what it was."

The idea's simplicity is also its benefit: Every time you touch the logo is like wiping your hands with a sanitizer; when the ink on the logo fades completely, it's time to replace your grips. People who work out regularly can expect a pair to last four to six months — as long or longer than a pair of gloves' useful-

ness, Meifert estimates, and a lot less expensive (they sell for about \$10/pair). And they don't trap moisture, which leads to callousing. And then there's the progressive politics of them.

"I'm working with a manufacturer in this country," she says, though for business reasons, she's keeping its identity a secret. The antimicrobials are also mineral-based, non-toxic and natural, adds Meifert's partner and chief cheerleader, Philomena Aceto. Both see potential in the concept.

"We have many more products coming down the road," Meifert says. Other modifications, including a variety of colors, are also in the works.

Although Meifert rose to prominence locally with her gay-centric Merge Media advertising company, Phit Grips is taking a guerrilla marketing approach to mirror its gorilla mascot. In addition to testimonials and endorsements from bodybuilding professionals and interest from major health magazines, for now the company is focusing on social networking and P.R. through the Cooper Smith Agency. The gay community in particular has embraced the product.

"We want to build our base from here," Meifert says of Dallas. "We're selling really well in New York City, but it's expensive to buy advertising there."

And there are all those germs there, too. Oh well, just makes for more customers.

For more information and to place an order, visit [PhitGrip.com](http://PhitGrip.com).

# Drawing Dallas

Pet-loving Raymondo Lora is all about mind and body in harmony

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*Let's get metaphysical!*



**Name:** Raymondo Lora

**Spotted at:** Pet Supplies Plus on Mockingbird and Skillman

**Occupation:** Health care industry

**Mixed and matched:** Multi-cultural Raymondo is a hybrid of African-American and Mexican ancestry. Originally from Kansas City, Mo., Raymondo has studied at the School of Metaphysics, and loves Pilates, yoga and weight training. He believes that true beauty is all on the inside: "When we get caught up in color, size and race we lose the essence of humankind." This animal-loving Scorpio shares his life with Ginger, a displaced mixed breed dog. His future travel plans include a trip to Africa.

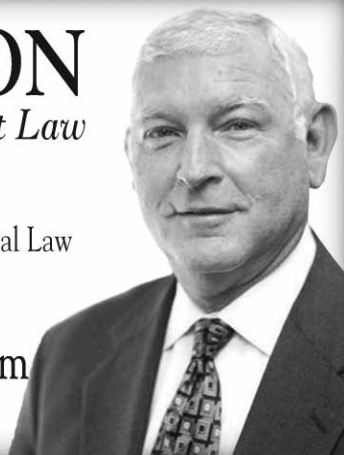
**His philosophy:** "Soy muy agradable para mi salud y la vida." ("Give me health, I'll make life.")

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Trying to establish himself as a musician, **Micah Banes** ended up behind the turntables as 'MicahB.' And that's not a bad place to be

# The accidental DJ

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When Micah Banes blows out the candles on his 32nd birthday cake, he may have only a split second to make a wish and down a piece. That night, he's also DJing at his own b-day bash under the moniker MicahB (his preferred calling card). And if those beats don't match up, then there might be blood on the dancefloor.

But really, the last thing MicahB would have ever thought of is providing the entertainment at his own party.

"I kinda fell into [DJing] accidentally," he says. "But I like the idea of liberating genres and mixing music together. To me, that's what music is all about."

Initially, this philosophy was translated into his band (perhaps better described as a "music project") Foreign Trade. He described the group as electro-funk in which he layered computer-generated sounds against the music of live instruments. Foreign Trade garnered some good local attention; MicahB booked gigs in the underground house scene at venues like Zubar, minc and Alexandre's. But when he was asked to perform at Black Tie Dinner in 2007, the doors swung wide open.

Foreign Trade eventually dissipated, so MicahB pushed his solo

work. Owing to his involvement with Black Tie, he found himself working the fundraiser circuit, a move that has exploded his DJing career over the past year. It has also positioned him for making an impression on the LGBT community.

"With gay crowds, you can definitely feel the music working the energy," he says. "Especially with the nonprofit work, I can feel like I'm giving back but also put positive energy into my community and of course, the bash itself."

MicahB got his musical tentacles into other high profile projects, like providing music samples for filmmaker Israel Luna's controversial movie *Ticked Off Trannies With Knives*, DJing mixers for the likes of Youth First Texas, Lambda Legal, DIFFA and BTD, and spinning tunes at Margaret Cho's concert at the Verizon Theatre last week. On top of all that, he's booked the fall with a gay cruise to Hawaii that includes local comedian Paul J. Williams on the bill.

MicahB, like it or not, is becoming a big deal.

"I love the charity work because it's easier to control," he says. "Yeah, I'm young to the DJ world, but I also think that my background in music works to my advantage. I can maybe hear some

things in music that DJs without that background wouldn't hear."

That's a bold statement from the likes of a self-proclaimed newbie. But MicahB also isn't shy about the work he does. He'll brag, but in a careful, even polite way. But that doesn't hold him back from admitting his musical plans are grand.

"Well, it's all about time and the resources, but I'm planning for world domination," he says with a crooked smirk. "It's all a hustle but it's that and the passion that has helped me keep things going. And now, my five-year plan includes hitting up other cities."

In turn, he has some superstition about totally discussing the future. While he certainly has his goals and is happy with how the career is unfolding, he doesn't want to jinx anything.

Banes is fine with the baby steps he's now taking, and if world domination means by his music, that means more production as well. Along with his own music and DJ work, MicahB has five albums under his belt as a producer and some apparently obscure recordings floating around Italy.

MicahB worked with former Dallas musician Dan Paul (who moved on to New York as part of the trio She-Dick) on some tracks from Paul's latest album. Along with producing credits on other minor releases, it's his work with a local gospel singer that could

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put a feather in his producing cap.

"It was awesome working with Marvin [Matthews]," he says. "He's such a glowing person who uses his national resources to create the project. He would do a studio recording in L.A. that I worked on the audio streams of. Someone else would mix and then would be mastered by someone else. It was wild."

The resulting CD, *Now*, was released this year under Matthews' pseudonym M. Francis. The album stretched Matthews beyond his usual gospel sound into realms of pop and dance. More importantly, for MicahB at least, the album's potential distribution by EMI puts his name out there on a bigger scale — and ups his game.

"This is a big step for me," he says. "The album has been sent to radio stations across the country. That's something! I'm just growing with it all, man."

For now, he's got a birthday to worry about — which always coincides with Dallas Pride. Even though he's booked other DJs to entertain his guests, he couldn't resist getting up there himself. For now, it's about MicahB and he's all about the music. That is, until he admits the real truth.

"I'm a DJ," he says with a laugh. "We're all divas!"



## RICH'S MIXTAPE

Perhaps some of these Pride parade entrants will consider these tunes

Kudos to Pride parade floats for making the event fab. But how likely will we hear the obvious trash disco or Lady Gaga blaring from speakers as they trickle down the road to Lee Park? Way likely. In this mixtape edition, I created my fantasy parade soundtrack for some of the floats and entrants this year. Otherwise, be prepared for "We Are Family" heading your way.

"I'm a Rainbow" — Donna Summer: OK, it's a ballad and maybe obvious, but it sounds like just what Resource Center Dallas is all about. Plus, a drag queen could kill this on a float.

"Stand By Your Man" — Lyle Lovett: His



cover isn't cheeky by any means, but would speak volumes for the Round-Up Saloon's walk down. Although I was torn between this and Toby Keith's "Shoulda Been a Cowboy."

"Sex (I'm a ...)" — Berlin: Personally, I love the brazenness of Adult New Releases' ads. I only imagine they'd be the same way in public.

"Not Myself Tonight" — Christina Aguilera: As the men transform into the divas of the Rose Room, I can see this running through their heads. Why not "sing" it out loud?

"Young Americans" — David Bowie: Youth First Texas keeps growing into an important part of the LGBT community. And you know, the children are our future.

"La Bomba" — Ricky Martin, pictured: Maybe it's cliché to go with Latin music for our gay Latin clubs, but this song is a party all by itself. Crowds will rumba as this floats down.

"Another Piece of Meat" — Scorpions: Heavy metal has its place in the parade if this accompanies a visit to Club Dallas. What? They have weekly cookouts. Get your mind out of the gutter.

"Id Engager" — Of Montreal: Legacy Counseling Center could throw a little Freud our way and be totally hip about it.

"Teeth" — Lady Gaga. After her impromptu concert at the Round-Up Saloon, she had to be here — if only for Floss.

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# Bunny tales

Dallas get a dose (3 doses, actually) of drag royalty with the Lady Bunny

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A founding foremother of the modern drag scene, Lady Bunny hides some big brains and even bigger ideas in her oversized wigs. Best known for creating Wigstock (a gender-bending drag fest in NYC) and DJing some at see-and-be-seen parties around the country, she has recently taken to the boob tube as the “dean of drag” on *RuPaul’s Drag U*, exposing a new audience to her machine-gun-style sass.

We caught up with Bun Bun to chat about her upcoming Dallas appearances, as well as some good behind-the-scenes gossip on the set of the Logo hit.



**BUNNY, HOPPING** | The drag diva makes three appearances during Pride weekend in Dallas, both as a DJ and performer.

**Dallas Voice: Welcome back to Dallas. You’re giving us the whole Bunny: DJ and drag diva. Which is more fun, performing or spinning?**  
Lady Bunny: I like both. Who knows, I might be flipping burgers in the kitchen and checking coats, too. You never get bored if you are constantly changing it up.

**You have a rep as a DJ who gives the people what they want, but what song makes you just want to just slit your wrist with a press-on nail?**  
I hate Britney — I think that her music is like nursery rhymes. I’m really glad Gaga has come along. I’m not even Lady Gaga’s biggest fan musically, but at least she’s not some prepackaged dummy. She writes her music and sings it.

**Tell us about “West Virginia Gurls,” your send up of the ear-worm hit by Katy Perry. Once I realized that West Virginia could be substituted for California, the possibilities were endless. It’s all about moonshine, inbreeding and blacked-out teeth. And the video is bound to go viral — every cast member has a couple of viruses.**

**You serve as dean of drag on *RuPaul’s Drag U*. If it wasn’t Ru hosting that show, who do you think should have had their name on the marquee?** I think *Lady Bunny’s Drag U* has a nicer ring to it. I’m kidding. Ru is my old roommate — we are thick as thieves.

**Why have shows like *Drag Race* and *Drag U* developed such cult appeal?** This whole nation is makeover crazy. There’s this notion that has been kicking around since *Queer Eye* that gays have the

secret, but now drag queens have it. That’s how *Drag U* became a show — women loved the transformations on *Drag Race*. And I have a message for these women: Honey, we will make you over and make you look fabulous, but return the favor. Go home and teach your husbands and your sons that we are worthwhile people — don’t beat us and kill us.

**Any good footage of you on the cutting room floor?** I got a lot of stuff in there that they didn’t use. There was one episode with a girl who was self-conscious about her big nose. I said, “You look great, and I don’t know why you think you have a big nose. By the way, I love those sunglasses. Oh wait, those are your nostrils.” I guess they thought that was too mean.

**You’re also profiled in a new series called *Queens of Drag*. Tell us about that.** It’s all about the many wacky queens of New York

City. My webisode just came out on Gay.com. You just can’t get away from Bun Bun, she’s everywhere!

**If you had the opportunity to create your personae all over again, is there anything you’d changed?** The name was like a bad joke that stuck, but by the time I realized it, I was like, “Girl, this is your career.” I was too far in to really change it. In a weird way it does fit: It’s a retarded name, but I guess I’m retarded. Somehow it works. If I changed anything, it would probably be the name.

**Speaking of names, what’s the best drag name you’ve heard?** Suppositori Spelling from San Francisco. That’s a good one.

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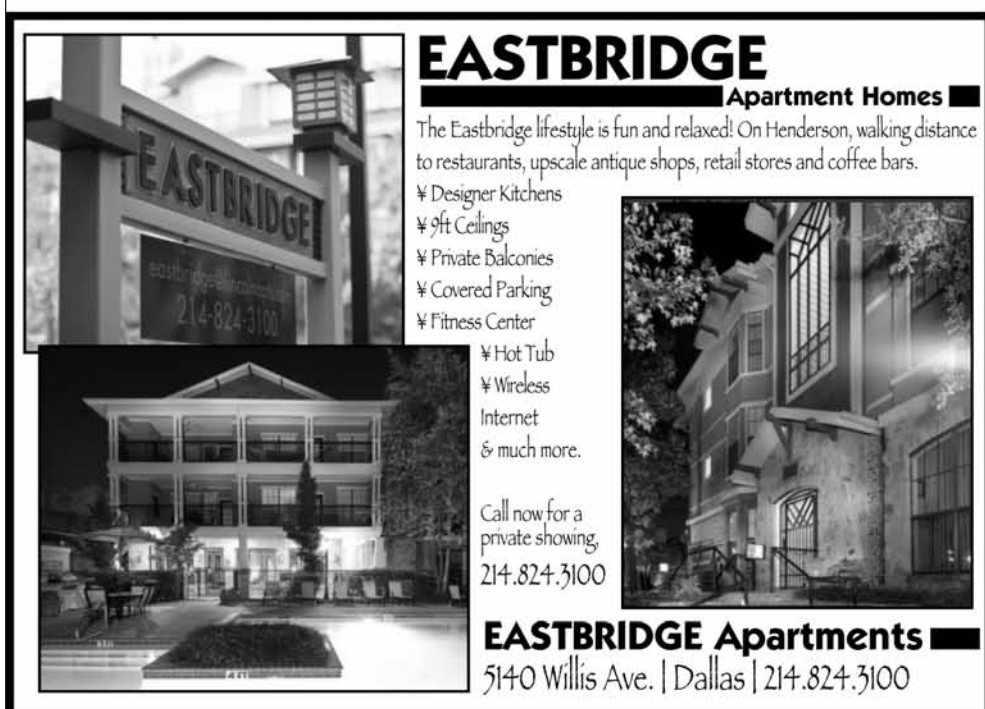


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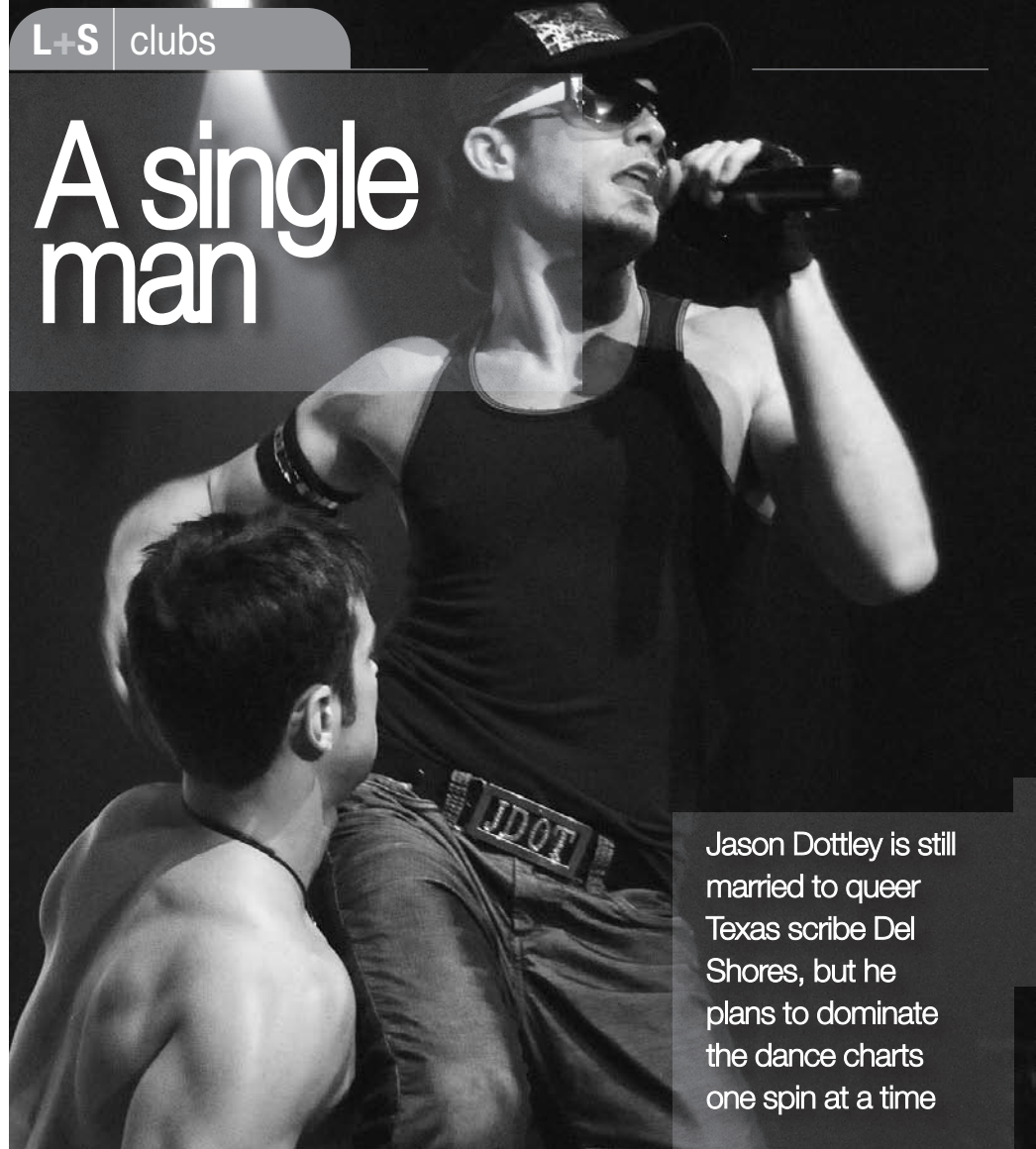
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# A single man



Jason Dottley is still married to queer Texas scribe Del Shores, but he plans to dominate the dance charts one spin at a time

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Getting a song on the Billboard Top 20 is probably the dream of every singer, but to have it happen on the first song you've ever released? That's reason to party.

Such is the recent success of Jason Dottley. He's familiar as the actor who played Ty on TV's *Sordid Lives*, written and directed by his (legal!) husband Del Shores. But he expanded into recording artist faster than you can say Bruce Willis and *The Return of Bruno*. His first single, "Party Round the World" with Debby Holiday, spent 11 weeks on the Billboard Dance/Club Play Songs chart, peaking at No. 19. Dottley's newest single, "Hit Play," just dropped this summer.

Dottley will be in Dallas for Gay Pride weekend performing (not in drag, he promises) in the Rose Room Saturday, which coincides perfectly with the single's official release for Billboard charting purposes.

But despite his successes in the studio, Dottley says he has no plans of releasing a full album. "I think it's a single's world like it was back when Elvis ruled the radio," he explains. "Hit record after hit record: That's my plan."

The new track, he says, is an ode to DJs.

"To the Dallas DJs Roger Huffman, Erik Thoresen, Ronnie Bruno, Ric Herrington and Renee Brown who supported my 'Party Round the World' so much," Dottley says. "When I lost my dad at 18, I would go to clubs three nights a week. They were my church, my sanctuary. And as they say, God

was the DJ, so I'm asking him to 'Hit Play' — to open the doors of the dancetuary, so to speak."

Though breaking the Top 20 on a debut is impressive, Dottley has set the bar higher for "Hit Play."

"I have a stellar line-up of remixes by the U.K.'s No. 1 hit-maker, Cutmore, the insanely rowdy Perry Twins, circuit-king Manny Lehman, late-night's Twisted Dee, my gem of a discovery Chris Thomas and the straight world's Frank Pellegrino. It's a helluva remix package."

Because Shores is from Texas, Dottley has been a frequent visitor to the city, so he's glad that during his trip here, he'll partake in a grand, gay tradition.

"I'll also be doing Gay Bingo beforehand," he says. "That's a dream come true. I've been practicing, 'O-69!'"

### JASON DOTTLEY

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**COOL DADDY** | DJ Tony Moran is chill, but heats up the dancefloor.

# Tea partiers, gay style

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Dallas Purple Party hopes people will forget it's a school night

Dallas Pride also marks the return of the Purple Foundation. Every year, the organization hosts a circuit party benefiting AIDS Services of Dallas. When the floats are put up and the straight onlookers have gone back to the 'burbs, it becomes the afterparty of afterparties.

With the DJ talents of Tony Moran and Alyson Calagna headlining, the foundation hosts Spectrum: Dallas Pride Tea Dance at the Brick on Sunday. And clearly, this is one tea party you don't have worry about repealing your rights.

Moran is one of the primo DJs in the gay circuit scene, but over the span of his career, he's stepped away from the underground to produce and write tunes for mainstream artists such as Cher and Michael Jackson. Thankfully, he doesn't forget his club divas: Moran has had major dancefloor smashes with the likes of Deborah Cox ("Everybody Dance") and Kristine W. ("Walk Away"), among others.

Expect Calagna to bring her own game, employing her signature omtronica sound, "mixing sexual, sensual and spiritual rhythms with tones of empowerment and ecstasy." We're not sure what it means, but we'll definitely have what she's having.

Sure it's a Sunday, but it's also Pride weekend. Forget your Monday hangover and tired feet and end your Pride celebration on a high note. (For the weary, a free shuttle will whisk people from the ilume and Walgreens over to the Brick.) More importantly, try to remember it — sometimes these celebrations can be a blur.

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# Ladies: fair, well or other

Lyric brilliantly does Shaw; KDT feels 'Betrayal'; Echo wants us to get 'Well'

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The opening overture to *My Fair Lady* was, to every gay boy with a turntable between 1956 and about 1986, the soundtrack that began the coming out process. Hearing the clipped joy of "You Did It," followed by the romantic strains of "On The Street Where You Live" and "I Could Have Danced All



**LOVERLY** | Kimberly Whalen and J. Brent Alford give soaring performances in Lyric Stage's masterful version of 'My Fair Lady,' with a 38-piece orchestra.

Night" while staring at the Al Hirschfeld drawing on the LP, started many a musical theater queen's career.

And I'm sorry, but modern musical productions, with their synthesizers and five-piece combos, just can't compare to hearing a full 38 musician orchestra in a pit recreate what opening night must have been like in the heyday of Broadway.

I know this for a fact, because Lyric Stage has tackled *My Fair Lady* like no one anywhere has, probably in a generation. A painted curtain; a dancing and singing ensemble well into double-digits. And actors who really know what they're doing. The cost is so prohibitive that even with arts grant checks in hand, it can run only two weekends; this is the second; and you must see it.

The familiar tale of 'enry 'iggins (J. Brent Alford, all but channeling the ghost of Rex Harrison) who turns common guttersnipe Eliza Doolittle (Kimberly Whalen, who should have a few Tony Awards by now if talent had anything to do with it) is perhaps the best musical ever. It's about two gay men (Higgins and Pickering — what, no one told you?) who play dress-up with a teenager who becomes their living doll.

There's no real romance — barely even a kiss. The closest it comes to big production numbers are the sidewalk busking of Cockneys, led by Alfie (Sonny Franks, who's electrifying). The costumes are frivolous and extravagant, the scene changes numerous and necessary. It shouldn't work at all. And it works completely.

Director-choreographer Len Pfluger doesn't fuss much with the original, down to the exquis-

itely dressed "Ascot Gavotte" number — a high point of Act 1 in which none of the stars appear. You simply don't find a musical so led by plot more than personality, by character more than conceit, anymore. The Carpenter Performance Hall transmogrifies from a stage to a time machine before our eyes: We're back when Broadway shaped pop culture. Half a century later, *My Fair Lady* is again the can't-miss production of the year.

The first act of *My Fair Lady* is longer than the entirety of Harold Pinter's *Betrayal*, now at Kitchen Dog Theater; it doesn't feel that way. Pinter plays tend to be so... so... *Pinteresque*: Long pauses, awkward silences, not too much humor. And there's the plotting, often labyrinthine, moody and obscure. But when it clicks — even if just for moments — it can be exhilarating. This production has too few of those moments.

*Betrayal* is one of Pinter's most celebrated plays, telling the story of a romantic triangle in reverse chronological order: We start with the adulterers (Leah Spillman, Max Hartman) after their affair has ended and work our way back to its inception.

The conceit sounds gimmicky, but it's actually quite astute. We all experience relationships, especially failed ones, retrospectively. "How did we get here?" we ask. What signs did I miss?" It's the post-mortem we all want to do with clarity.

Only it's Pinter, so clarity is a secondary, even tertiary concern. What is the bigger betrayal: cheating on your husband or on your lover with

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your husband? Or is it really the men (Hartman and Cameron Cobb), best friends, who are cheating on each other with a woman? (Pinter often deals in the subtext of repressed homosexuality.) Can you consent to being betrayed, or is tacit betrayal called something else entirely — like “life?”

This production, directed by Tina Parker, raised these questions but, like Bryan Wofford’s expressionistic set, doesn’t answer them or even come close. Without much energy to sustain it, it gets its dramatic oomph from tension. And I just didn’t feel much. Passive-aggression is infuriating in real life; it’s not much better on stage.

If I correctly interpreted the message to *Well*, presented by Echo Theatre at the Bathhouse Cultural Center — and there’s a good chance I didn’t — it’s that lesbianism cures allergies. Yeah, I probably got that wrong.

This quasi-autobiographical tale is about how playwright and actress Lisa Kron (Kristin McCollum) grew up in a family, and a community, where sickness was presumed. It’s not quite hypochondria, but it’s not healthy, either. Lisa herself was intensely studied for severe allergies, which (and the play never makes this clear) may have been all in her head, planted there by her mother Ann (Sylvia Luedtke).

*Well* is more akin to performance art than play; it interacts with the audience directly, but preciously so (when things go wrong, they are meant to seem like they are going wrong in real time, even though they are scripted). It’s part and parcel with a whole slew of po-mo theater pieces, including *The Road to Qatar!* and *[title of show]*, where the shows are about the making of themselves. It’s a funhouse mirror room that has begun to wear thin.

This show is a little too loosey-goosey (and, at 90 minutes, too long), though the performances by McCollum, Luedtke and Molly Milligan as uber-sick patient Joy are engaging. I might like to see it on a double-bill with *Sick*; we could choose a winner and the other would close the next night. That would be Darwinian theater at its finest. ■



**CHEATERS** | A romantic triangle gets its post-mortem in Nobel Prizewinner Harold Pinter’s ‘Betrayal’ at Kitchen Dog. (Photo by Matt Mrozek)

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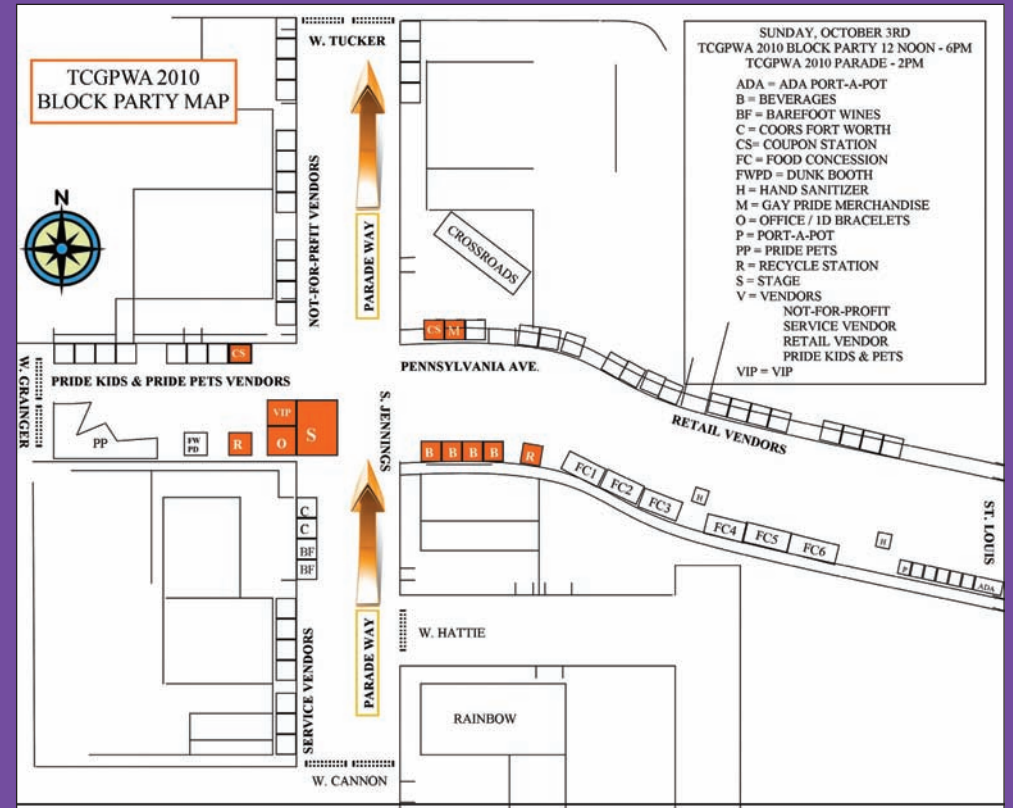
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# 14 men, out

Dallas' TKO softball team surprises everyone to win the NAGAAA World Series

**BATTER UP** | Members of the TKO team, from left to right: Dewitt Myers, Roger B., Chris Vogel, Mo Stephens, Woody Morrow (with ball), Chris Williams, John Gordon, Jason Taylor, Patrick Phelan (with trophy), Mark Beck, Ben Johnston, Ken Keistler, Grady Callaway and Marcus Nunn (seated). (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

“I'm really excited after 11 years to win the World Series. Credit goes to Woody our coach. He's the reason we've been winning consistently.

— Ben Johnston, outfielder



**A**lthough they'd just won the World Series, members of the Pegasus Slowpitch Softball Association team TKO did not go to Disney World. Instead, they headed back to Dallas, heads held high, just in time for Pride. With three injured players and a near comeback by the other team, confidence pushed the team to dominate the Long Beach Rounders and bring home the B-division trophy at the NAGAAA championship in Columbus, Ohio, last month.

With a strong start in the first inning, Long Beach tied TKO in the bottom of the sixth. Then third baseman Dewitt Myers swatted one for a double with runners on first and second. With four consecutive hits, the team pulled away from Long Beach and the buzz began.

"I felt confident after Dewitt's double," coach and pitcher Woody Morrow says. "Then [hitter] Patrick [Phelan] led off strongly in the last inning."

The winning moment was different for catcher Chris Williams. "I knew we had it when Chris Vogel, our shortstop scooped the third out up," he says. "But even then, I felt shocked and did not believe it."

As great as the victory was for TKO (sponsored by Uptown Vision), the entire league has reason to be proud. Four teams from Big D placed in the top five in the other two divisions: The Round-Up Fuse placed second in C-division and Woody's Wrecking Crew took home fifth; that was mirrored in D-division, with Dallas Thunder in second and Round-Up Diesel in fifth.

But this is TKO's moment. "The biggest thing I like about this team is the camaraderie we have," first baseman Marcus Nunn says. "I've been to the World Series 13 years in a row, and this is the first time I won." ■

— Rich Lopez

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“When we dog piled around the pitchers mound is etched in my mind forever!”

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One of the first things you notice about Maximo is that the place is serious about its tequila. Makes sense — its full name is Maximo Cocina Mexicana & Margarita Lounge. If you're gonna name yourself after a margarita, you'd better be adept at blending the fermented nectar of the agave with style.

One sip of the signature drink, an impossibly spicy concoction muddled with jalapeno that warms as it refreshes, and you know the bar takes risks. And they pay off.

But not *just* the bar. The restaurant, which opened in the North Dallas space vacated by BLT Steak more than a year ago, is no more a taqueria than Five Sixty is a Chinese takeout spot. The chef-partner, Amador Mora, trained at the Mansion and helped create Trece's high-end Mexican style.

OVERALL RATING ★★★★★



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Chef Amador Mora's lux take on traditional  
Mexican mirrors his work at Trece, but with more  
deftness. Pictured: Crepas de cajeta al fuego.

**Food:** ★★★★★  
**Atmosphere:** ★★★★★  
**Service:** ★★★★★  
**Price:** Moderate to expensive



**HAVE AVOCADO, WILL TRAVEL** | Maximo's roaming guacamole cart brings fresh ingredients right to your table. Just try to resist. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

There are Tex-Mex elements, but the source is really Mexico's regional cuisine itself without the American patina. Yes, there are enchiladas and quesadillas, but also steamed salmon, braised short ribs and banana crepes. Try finding that on the board next time you drive through Taco Bell.

Like Javier's and the late, lamented Ciudad, Maximo relishes fine dining with that familiar flair. Take the empanadas: These small turnovers (here called empanaditas, \$9) have the usual chorizo and spinach filling, but then Mora sneaks in olives, an airy tomatillo salsa and watermelon pico de gallo. The crust itself is flaky as all get-out.

Enjoy them with the flavorful lobster nachos and the signature guac, handmade at a roving cart. There's something tantalizing about the glistening reds of tomato, the verdant cilantro and creaminess of avocado mashed into a chunky dip that can't help but get you salivating. Add to that three salsas — one green with pineapple, a charred red and a creamy style — that elbow each other around for the title "favorite;" I'm still undecided which to hoard next time.

Maximo's gazpacho (\$4.50/\$8) is a study in scarlet — a startlingly vibrant soup that packs a kick from fresh cilantro, heirloom tomatoes and pickled garlic, then cooled by cucumber and a crabmeat ragout. For a late summer dish, it can't be matched. Heartier is the tortilla soup with chicken stewed in guajillo chile broth. The salads are as lightly dressed as a bodybuilder on Venice beach and equally mouthwatering.

Hands down, the top enchilada I've found in North Texas is at Reata in Fort Worth, but Maximo's version, called Alberta's (\$15), gives it a



run for its money.

Ceviche and grilled shrimp notwithstanding, Mexican cuisine doesn't get its due for use of seafood; Maximo helps right that wrong. Here, a steamed fillet of salmon (\$23) glazed with tequila and lime and brushed with a citrus pesto perches atop an organic corn pudding. The salmon, such a strong fish, stands up well to the spicy chiles (and a second margarita if you're so inclined), with the sweetness of the corn offering balance.

A braised short rib (\$22) doesn't *sound* very Latin, but add a truffled chimichurri and you're onto something. Even the most American element on the menu — a side of mac and cheese — takes on a Mexican accent with a chipotle infusion. After 24 hours slow cooking, the meat falls off the bone.

The desserts are great, too — and not just flan and tres leches. In fact, we tried completely different offerings (all \$6): Crepes with caramelized banana, chile pecans and rum, which give a French classic a mariachi's flamboyance; the "bomba" chocolate volcano cake with tequila in the fudge; and a peach and basil sorbet, more refreshing than an honest politician.

The wine list is as substantial as the tequilas (ask for a bottle of the Torentes — a real treat), which helps establish Maximo as a fine dining destination, as do the lush curtains and muted lighting. But there are also rustic tables and natural woods to keep it earthy and grounded. Casual and classy. *Muy bien.*

## TASTING NOTES

### Rathbun goes retail; Samuel gets his Nosh on; Dish's new menu

**Kent Rathbun**, the chef who happily lines up diners for his restaurants **Abacus**, **Jasper's** and **Rathbun's Blue Plate Kitchen**, is now making it easier for them *not* to visit. He's launched his own home product line, named **Kent Rathbun Elements**, so amateur chefs can approximate the cuisine he whips up.

Well, not really. Just take a look at the dish Kent whipped up, below, using his roasted shallot and black pepper vinaigrette. Most of us won't take the

time to make something that gorgeous after work, but damn if the dressing — straight out of the bottle — doesn't finish the dish beautifully.

The products have been on the shelves since April, but only recently did Rathbun tweak the recipes in the entire line, which also includes a home version of his coconut lobster shooter sauce, a Thai style, very spicy red curry with a terrific taste on the back end, a Caesar salad dressing and a barbecue sauce that works just as well on a scallop



as on a spare rib.

Over on Oak Lawn, **Avner Samuel's** new venture **Nosh** opened this week in the space previously occupied by his high-end French bistro Aurora. The atmosphere (and the price point) is more laid-back as the name implies, with almost all entrees \$19 and under and noshable small plates like ahi tuna tartare (\$11), spiced beef cigars (\$5) and miso glazed Berkshire pork ribs (\$6).

**Dish** at the ilume has added a few new dishes to its lunch menu, including a turkey club wrap, spinach-artichoke flatbread and two pasta dishes. The kitchen has also introduced "protein plates" for the gym rats. Mention that you heard about the new lunch menu and they'll take 10 percent off your check.

On Saturday, the **Dallas Arboretum** brings back its harvest tea service, which runs through Nov. 14. The most civilized of dining traditions, it features a butternut squash soup, finger sandwiches and dessert (including an autumnal-sounding apple spice cake), as well as a selection of teas of course, in the **DeGolyer Team Room**. The cost is \$40 (add champagne to the lunch for \$9 more). Admission and parking at the Arboretum are included.

**Naan Sushi**, the Plano-based Japanese restaurant, will open its new Uptown location in the Gables Villa Rosa project. Service will begin in November.

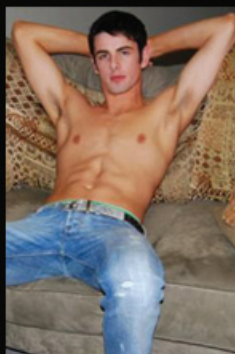
Chef **Stephan Pyles** is taking his cuisine on the road ... sort of. He's teamed up with David Morris International to offer guided tours of exotic culinary destinations including Tahiti and Peru. Trips begin in the fall.

— A.W.J.

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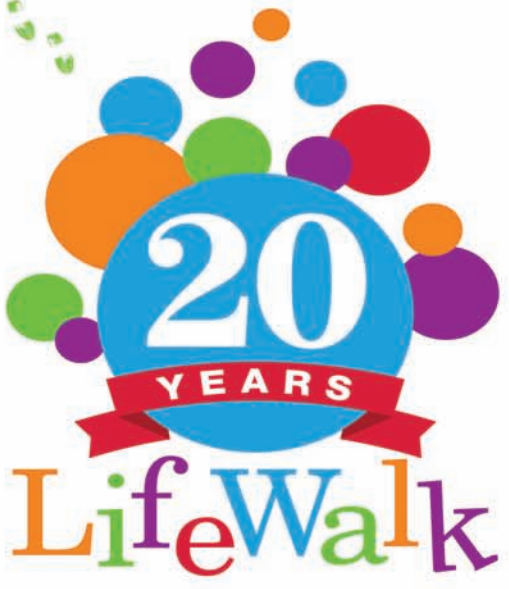
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# Opening 'Closets'

Patrick Moseley's debut novel also begins a new chapter in his (gay) life

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When closets become a recurring theme in a gay novel, let's just say it's fair to think the author is working through some issues. With *Locked in Closets and Other Fairy Tales*, Dallas author Patrick Moseley has not only written his first book, but also takes a leap of faith as a gay man.

"I think we create culture that forces people into the closet and forces them into the recklessness," he says. "Society still drives or keeps people into those places."

This is an issue he's dealt with all of his 36 years — until recently. He has been slowly coming out for a while, but *Closets* could be his rainbow moment. If only it were that easy.

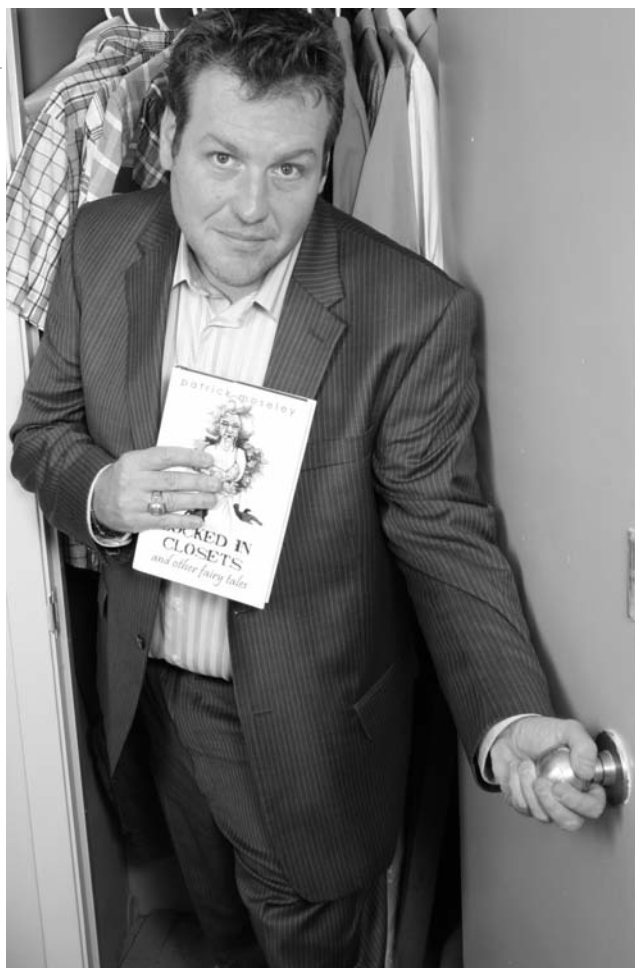
"It's one of those complicated things," he says. "I know I can't get fired for my orientation and if I'm out, there isn't so much that can be done about it. But it does complicate things. So I just don't make those issues at school."

Moseley is a high school teacher, so his outness has to be, well, different. As an educator, the gay thing can demand a delicate balance. Moseley knows he's a good teacher and has found success as a coach, but even a slight misstep could affect his career. He experienced a kind of quiet discrimination at his last school, so he remains on guard.

"Because I teach and coach, I tend to be more discreet than others," he says. "I worked in a very conservative district. I was moved out of my head coaching position with the intention that I'd leave. There are things I don't talk about but I don't want to feel like I'm hiding. And I wouldn't discuss [being gay] with a student at school anyway."

In *Closets*, the reader follows Roger, a 70-something gay man who has so locked himself away from life that he crashes into other people's lives. But how does a 30-something come close to relating a septugenarian's gay life story and drag queen adventures?

"Roger and I have experienced a lot of the same things," Moseley says. "All the characters



**ADVENTURE OUTING** | North Texas teacher and first-time novelist Patrick Moseley comes (further) out of the closet with his new book. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

interweave with what I've dealt with, especially that fear of taking the next step. I feel like the book exposed me and I lost some things that were important to me. The sadness of the characters and their fear is by far mine."

Funny, since the original intention was for the book to be comedic. Conjuring Monty Python, he based his title on the notion that locking yourself away was prevalent. As he proceeded, Roger's tale went into darker territories.

"I liked that idea of someone being locked in a tower and that fairy tale rescue kinda deal," he says. "It's a lot easier to lock ourselves in situations, but then closets become a theme in the book and not just dealing with the usual homosexual issue."

Moseley's personal experiences of growing up strongly religious, being outed at 24 and having to ask people to stop trying to fix him naturally found their way into his novel. He says that although it's not Christian fiction, God becomes a dominant character as the characters do battle, trying to figure life out.

"One thing I struggled with along the way is figuring out how God plays into our sexuality," he says. "I believe and always have that sexuality is created. How can He create you and tell you you're no good?"

Questions like these seem to strike the author. Moseley has a fun-loving sense of self, but when he delves just a bit to deep, his eyes shift for a moment. He searches for an answer and in his eloquent way, finds one.

"Roger is learning to embrace himself. I guess at times, we hide and shy away from things that could have been great." ■



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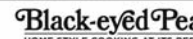
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# Oat, bray, love

Gay men in Argyle, Texas, give lives to livestock with Ranch Hand Rescue

When Bob Williams walks into the barnyard, there's a near stampede as miniature horses big and small, llamas and a donkey run to greet him. This is the man who's given them a better life of love, safety and, most importantly, hope. At Ranch Hand Rescue in Argyle, Texas, it's easy to believe that animals can have such complicated feelings and emotions. You can see it in their eyes, and in the case of Ozella the donkey, hear it in her enthusiastic brays.

For the former telecom executive, rescuing farm animals was never part of his long-term plan. But a stroke in October 2007 changed everything.

"I decided it wasn't about money any more. The stroke was pretty devastating and scary. I decided to do something I loved, but I never pictured myself with farm animals," Williams laughs.

But that's where he ended up. After the stroke, Williams retired and began helping out more with his partner Marty Polasko's business, the

American Spa & Pet Resort.

"Marty's whole philosophy for the pet resort was the best of everything, Disneyland for dogs. That's why you'll see swimming pools, play parks and suites. When people come here, they see that it's all about animals. It's designed for dogs and cats. Everything he's done is just overwhelming," he says.

Soon, rescuing horses and donkeys became part of the equation.

"We started off saving them one at a time," he says. "Then about a year and a half ago, a guy walked into the lobby and said he wanted to make a \$250 donation to us for our animals. I thought, 'Wow, what are we going to do with that?' We couldn't take his money because we're not a private charity."

Williams soon realized that he and Polasko were all about the animals and giving back to the community. Thus Ranch Hand Rescue was created. What started out with donkeys and horses has grown to encompass everything from

neglected and abused ducks, geese, turkeys, pigs, rabbits, goats, even turtles.

The goal is to rehabilitate the animals and bring them back to good health, then adopt them out into loving homes as companion animals. In a few instances, the animals remain with Ranch Hand Rescue and join the on-site sanctuary to live out their lives in comfort and safety. Goats in the sanctuary will never be milked again; horses will never be ridden; turkeys enjoy a permanent pardon from Thanksgiving dinner.

Since forming in April 2009, Ranch Hand Rescue has saved more than 85 farm animals. The efforts have required building a new barn, creating a quarantine area for the sickest of animals, hiring staff and leasing additional land, all of which is costly and ongoing.

"We get three to four calls per week from people reporting possible abuse or neglect," Williams says. Cases are turned over to the sheriff's department and investigated before Ranch Hand Rescue is tapped to make an assessment. In most cases, people are given the opportunity to take corrective action to bring their animals back to health, but that often never happens.

During a recent tour of the facility, a call came in to Williams from Deanne Murillo, an animal cruelty investigator making a site visit to a farm. Neighbors had complained that they'd noticed horses that were tied to a fence post with a rope, limiting their ability to run and roam. They appeared seriously malnourished with no access to food or water.

"There was not a blade of grass on their property," Murillo says. "The [owners] were very nice to me, but things were all very iffy. There were 20 or more puppies there, too. Some were walking on three legs and had sores on their bodies."

The horses in particular were suffering though. "I'm going to go back and check in three weeks and if things haven't improved, they could have their animals seized," Murillo says. "I left copies of the law, I read the law to them, I told them where they were in violation and we don't want to take their horses."

Even though the family was cooperative and seemed concerned, it was doubtful things would improve. That's when Ranch Hand Rescue would rescue the horses, adding the new horses to four others currently in the quarantine barn.

"This is Lips," Williams says walking up to a stall. "He's a stallion that needs to be gelded. He has severe nerve damage to the face. Lips was beaten, so he's skittish."

Indeed, Lips immediately cowers, moves to a far corner and begins to shake. He won't even look up because there's somebody else there besides Williams, whom he's just barely beginning to trust.

"One of the ways we get them to get

used to people, I take a lawn chair and I come in and sit down. The best way for them to rebuild their trust with humans is to spend time with them, so I'll bring a newspaper or magazine or the Dallas Voice and just hang out. He's getting a little better, but only time will tell if the nerve damage is permanent."

It's heartbreaking to hear these stories and see the fear in an animal's behavior, but simply seeing Williams' passion for the animals prevents the mood from being one of sadness. Instead, there's a palpable energy of healing and compassion. Perhaps it's because this former executive who never dreamed of this new life has clearly been won over by the beasts in his care. He calls each animal by name, softening his voice and cooing like a doting father to a newborn child.

"Hi there, Sweetie! Come to daddy," he calls to the horse. "It just brings tears to your eyes. There's no reason any person or animal should have to go through this," he says as Lips finally raises his head and slowly makes his way to the front of the stall, stopping halfway. It's progress, but just barely.

Rehabilitation can be a very slow process and patience is paramount, which Williams and his staff have in abundance. Spending time with the animals that have been brought back from the brink of starvation is all it takes, however, to understand that it'll all be worth the wait. And in the end, Ranch Hand Rescue is the best place any of these animals could ever hope to be. ■

*The cost to maintain one horse averages \$3,000/year. Donations can be made either to Ranch Hand Rescue, Inc., 8827 Hwy 3775 Argyle, Texas 76226 or online at RanchHandRescue.org. Tours available Saturdays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Volunteers always needed.*



**FARM TEAM** | Bob Williams, right, tends to Lips, an abused horse; Ozella the donkey, facing page, enjoys a good life now. (Photos by Steven Lindsey)



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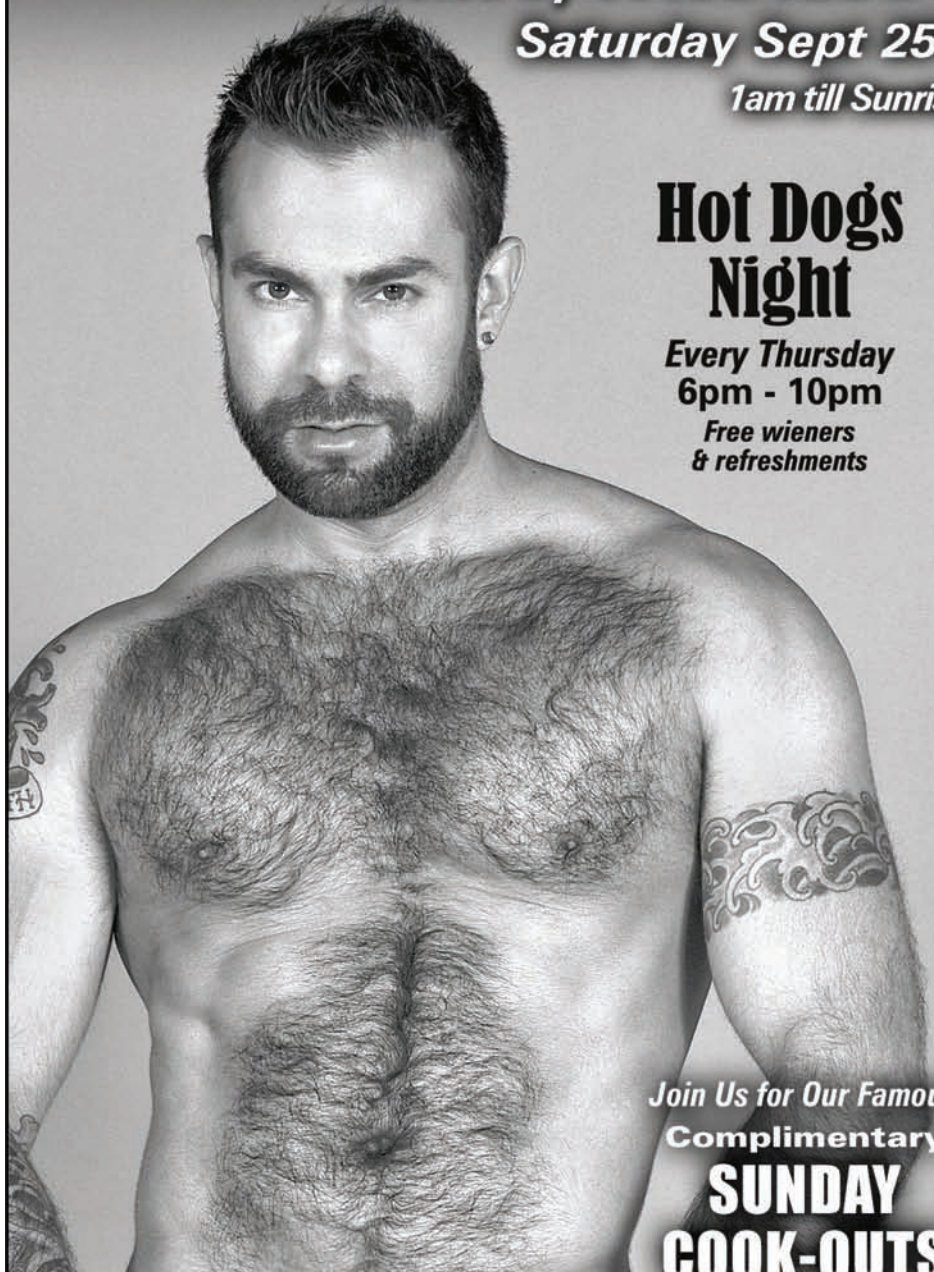
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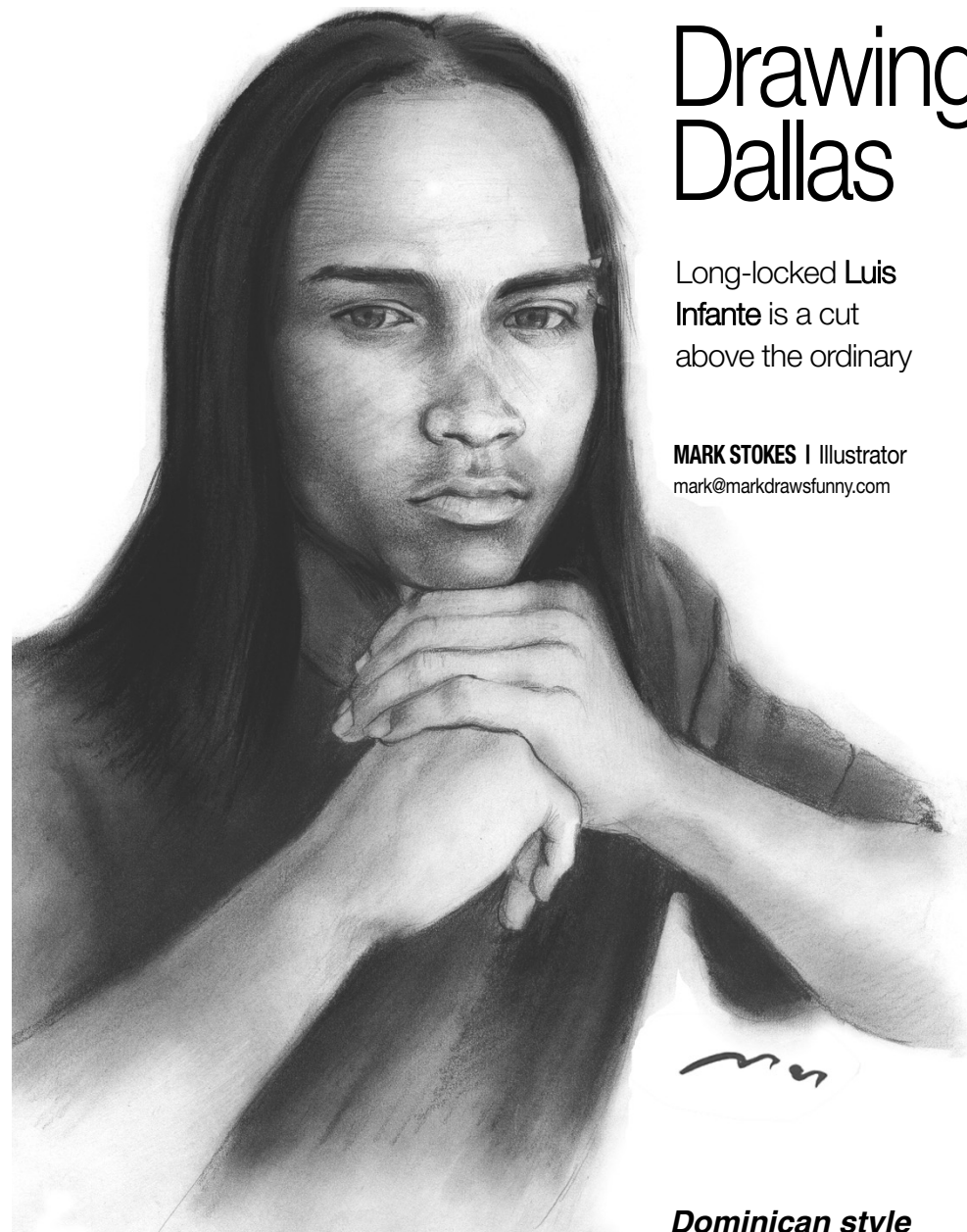
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**Dominican style**

**Name and age:** Luis Infante, 18

**Spotted at:** Salon on Gaston Avenue

**Occupation:** Hair stylist

**Hair apparent:** A family affair, Luis' interest in hair started early while watching his mother, a stylist who always owned her own salon as Luis was growing up. Luis hails from a household of women (he has two older twin sisters, Diana del Rosario and Leidy del Rosario, and a younger sister, Danilca Infante), and he has been cutting hair since he was 11, with a focus on men's cuts. Born in La Vega, in the Dominican Republic, this sizzlin' Gemini enjoys playing baseball (he plays third and short), studying and Facebook. His future career dream is to become an architect or a plastic surgeon.

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# Rolling in for Pride

Girdano's bike trek ends with reception, parade

Not every journey of 1,000 miles begins with a single step — sometimes, there's pedaling involved.

That's how Danielle Girdano is finding her way to Dallas Pride: Atop two wheels and a lot of guts.

Girdano set out with her Ride the Arc tour earlier this summer to raise awareness about (and money for) teen suicide, especially among gay youth. Her mission: A 1,200-mile bicycle ride from the Midwest, ending in Dallas just in time for the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade.

Her mammoth trek ends Saturday, as she rides down Cedar Springs Road, alighting at the finish line between the Round-Up Saloon and TMC at 5 p.m.

"We are planning a huge street reception," says Alan Pierce, co-owner of the Round-Up. "Gay Bingo is that same night, so we are going



**PEDAL TO THE METTLE**  
Girdano will arrive back in Dallas just in time to roll in for the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade. (Photo courtesy Michael Jackson)

to divert the waiting line to get into bingo to keep them on the street a few minutes longer. [We want] a show of unity of the [gay] community for what Danielle has accomplished."

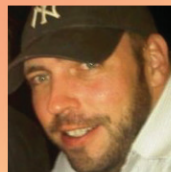
Squeezing the brakes won't be the end of Girdano's feat by any means. On Saturday night, she'll be welcomed at two after-parties (one for 21-and-under at Buli, one for 21-and-up at the Round-Up); then on Saturday, she will help inaugurate the parade by re-crossing the finish line in front of the judges' stand.

— Arnold Wayne Jones

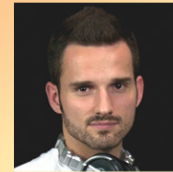
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## Saturday 09.18

### This Room will be jam packed

These are fun days at Station 4 and the Rose Room. Not only does Aisa O'Hara, pictured, host this month's GayBingo Glam, Jason Dottle and Lady Bunny will also perform in the Rose Room over the weekend. Of course, who could miss aerialist Vincent Pickard over the Station 4 dance floor? Bingo, indeed.

**DEETS:** Station 4, 3911 Cedar Springs Road. 5 p.m. \$25. RCDallas.org.

## Wednesday 09.22

### How about reality TV in real life?

Fans of *So You Think You Can Dance* will actually have to get out of their living room for this episode. The *SYTYCD* tour comes to town with Season 7 contestants like Kent Boyd, right, and season 6 winner Russell Ferguson who will bring their sweet moves live and in 3D.

**DEETS:** Verizon Theatre, 1001 Performance Place. 7:30 p.m. \$37-\$55. Ticketmaster.com.

## Thursday 09.23

### The return of the Tuna

Flower Mound Performing Arts Theater brings back Ryan Roach and Chris Robinson as the famous residents of Tuna, Texas. They capture the spirit of the original with hilarity, along the way making *Tuna* taste, or smell, ever so good.

**DEETS:** FMPAT, 830 Parker Square. Through Oct. 10. \$20-\$25. FMPAT.org.



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**FRIDAY 09.17**

**COMMUNITY**

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

**Unwired Dallas.** Crystal Meth Anonymous (CMA) meets for those wishing to quit using meth. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 7:30pm. Free. CrystalMeth.org.

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



**FALL COLORS** | Scot Miller's nature photography is on display at Sun to Moon Gallery beginning Friday.

**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 Tennis Center, 11225 Luna Road. 6 p.m.- 9 p.m. OLTADallas.org.

**Pride Kick Off with the Trevor Project.** Networking event with open bar and raffle. Craighead Green Gallery, 1011 Dragon St. 6:30 p.m. \$50. TheTrevorProject.org.

**THEATER**

**Cat on a Hot Tin Roof** by Artes de la Rosa. Rose Marine Theatre, 1440 N. Main St., Fort Worth. Through Saturday. Thursdays-Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 2:30 p.m. \$10-\$15. Rose-MarineTheatre.com.

**My Fair Lady** presented by Lyric Stage complete with a 38-piece orchestra. 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.

**Songs From an Unmade Bed** in the Theatre Too space. Theatre Three, 2800 Routh St., Suite 168. Through Oct. 3. Fridays-Saturdays at 8 p.m. Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 2:30 p.m. \$20-\$30. Theatre3Dallas.com.

**The 39 Steps.** Stage West, 821 W. Vickery Blvd., Fort Worth. Through Sept. 26. Fridays-Saturdays 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-Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sept. 18 matinee at 2 p.m. EchoTheatre.org.

**ART**

**Thoroughly Thoreau** by Scot Miller: Photographs from Walden, Cape Cod & the Maine Woods. Proceeds from sales will be donated to the Walden Woods Project, a nonprofit founded by recording artist and Dallas resident Don Henley. Sun to Moon Gallery, 1515 Levee St. Through Oct. 23. SunToMoon.com.

**SATURDAY 09.18**

**COMMUNITY**

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

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

**Youth First Texas** groups for ages 14 to 22. 3918 Harry Hines Blvd. 5-10 p.m. 214-879-0400.

**Gay Day at Six Flags.** 2201 Road To Six Flags, Arlington. \$55. SixFlags.com.

**ART**

**Art with a Cause** show and sale featuring local



**GET THE SCOOP** | The Cooking Channel's ice cream truck stops at the Pride festival Sunday dishing out free scoops of ice cream from noon until 7 p.m.

artists benefits Contact Crisis Line. Silent auction, complimentary appetizers and music round out the evening. Times Ten Cellars, 6324 Prospect Ave. 6 p.m. Free. TimesTenCellars.com.

**Live Out Loud** art show. Metropolitan Press Inc. 6400 Maple Ave., Suite 850. Saturday reception benefits AIN, LifeWalk, Cancer Community Center and Operation Kindess, however the show runs through Sept. 28. 1 p.m. 563Photography.com.

**SUNDAY 09.19**

**COMMUNITY**

**Dignity Dallas** sponsors Roman Catholic liturgy. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 6

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

**Cooking Channel's Cross Country Ice Cream Truck Tour** stops at the Pride festival with David Rocco from *David Rocco's Dolce Vita*. The truck gives away free ice cream samples. Lee Park. Noon. CookingChannelTV.com.

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

#### BROADCAST

**Lambda Weekly.** LGBT radio for North Texas. This week's guest is Houston mayor Annise Parker. 89.3 KNON-FM at noon.

**Cathedral of Hope** worship service. (11:00) Ch. 8

at 12:35 a.m.

## MONDAY 09.20

### COMMUNITY

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

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

**Career Assistance Ministry** meets at Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. Noon. Cathedralofhope.com.

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

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

### BROADCAST

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

## TUESDAY 09.21

### COMMUNITY

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

**FUSE Movie Night.** For gay and bi guys up to 29.

Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 7 p.m.

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

**Q's-Day Potluck.** All are welcome to this friendly, casual LGBT gathering every Tuesday evening. The Corporate Image, 5418 Brentwood Stair Road, Fort Worth, 817-446-3395.

### BROADCAST

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

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

## WEDNESDAY 09.22

### COMMUNITY

**Positively Straight** meets. AIDS Outreach Center, 400 N. Beach St., Fort Worth. 2 p.m. 817-335-1994 ext. 217. AOC.org.

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

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

**Dallas Prime Timers Prime Lunch** at Ali Baba Mediterranean Grill, 1901 Abrams Road. Noon. Call 972-504-8866 for details.

## THURSDAY 09.23

### COMMUNITY

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

**Standing on the Promises** is the Alcoholics Anonymous group that meets at Cathedral of Hope. 5910 Cedar Springs Road, Room 107. Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

**DFW BiNet mixer** at The Bronx, 3835 Cedar Springs Road. 6 p.m. \$5. DFWBi.net.

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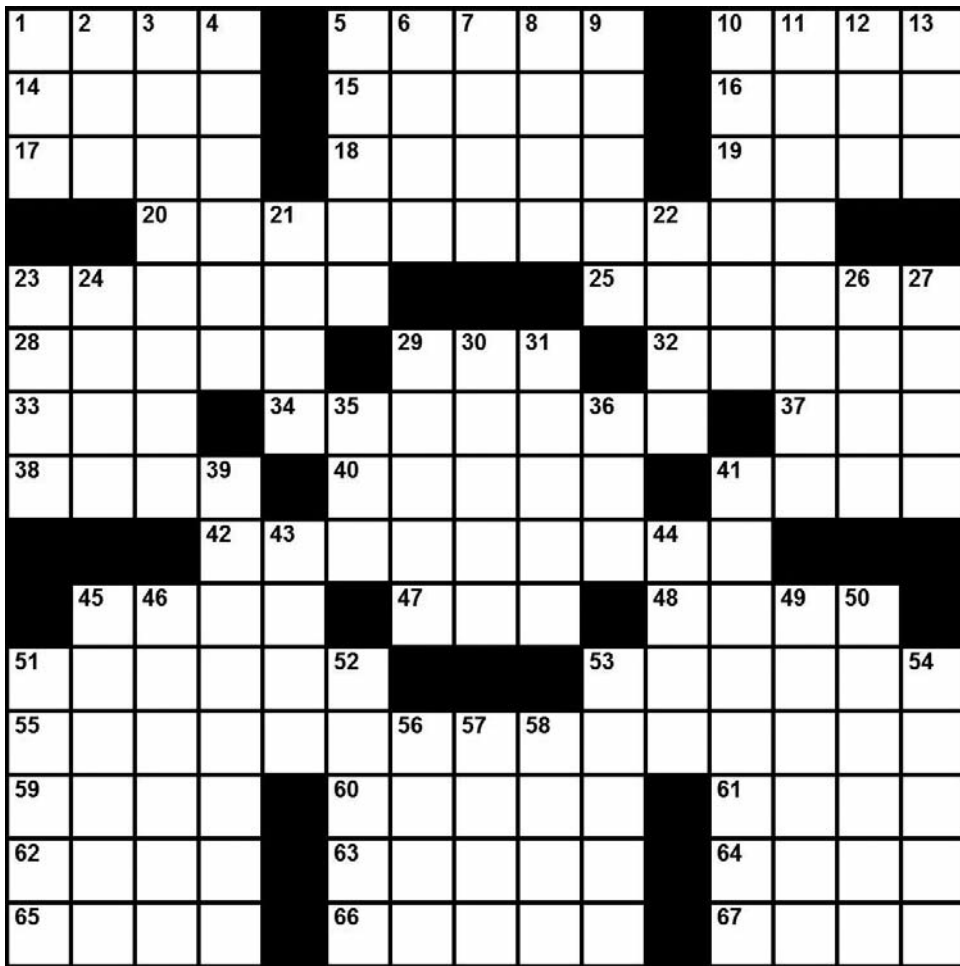
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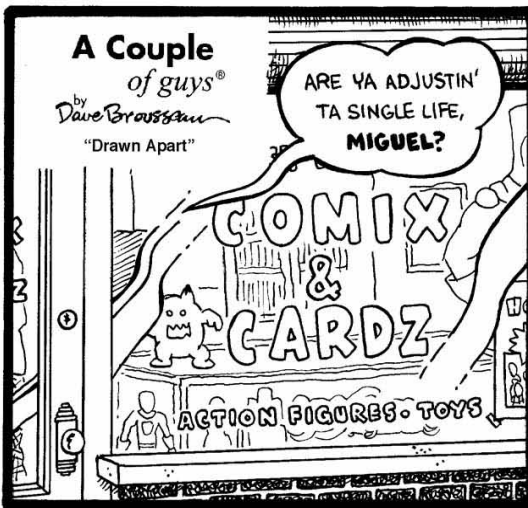
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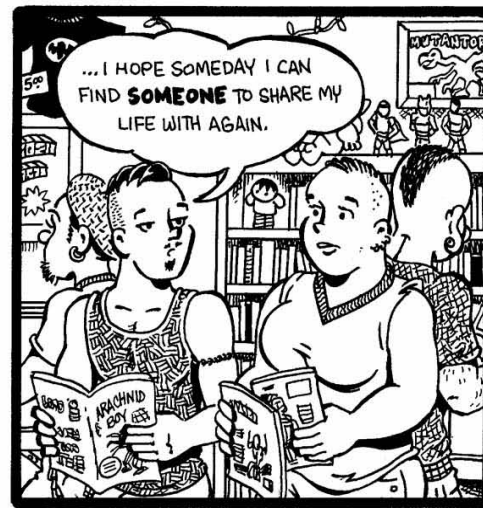
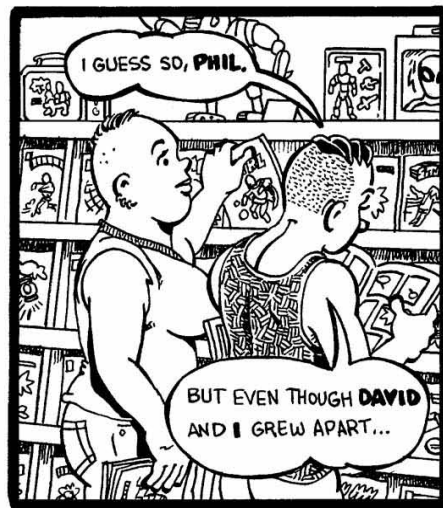
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- 11 McKellen movie "Gods and \_\_\_"
- 12 Subordinate Claus
- 13 "Can't Get It Out of My Head" band
- 21 Silence for Saint-Saens
- 22 Experts in CPR
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- 24 First, second or reverse
- 26 Hold onto
- 27 Key opening
- 29 Main idea
- 30 "Days of Our \_\_\_"
- 31 Belief summary
- 35 Direction away from NNE
- 36 Bi plus one
- 39 Letting
- 41 Green stones
- 43 Solemn vow
- 44 Objectifies, sexually
- 45 Frida Kahlo's woman
- 46 Astronaut Buzz
- 49 Flashy wheels
- 50 Oglers in a gay bar, perhaps
- 51 Significant others
- 52 "The Velvet Fog"
- 53 One who graced the TV screen?
- 54 Come as far as
- 56 French Christmas
- 57 Watched intently
- 58 Make less difficult to bear



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Art and Henry at the Hidden Door.



Omar and Jeff at the Drama Room.



Jessica and Charlie at Sue Ellen's.



Gabriel, Alyssha, George and Cookie at Station 4.

Pride is here with the **Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade** happening on Sunday. Of course, everything else builds on that .... **The Round-Up Saloon** hosts a **Welcome Party** for out-of-town visitors on Friday followed by their **Gay Pride Celebration Party** on Saturday .... **The Mojo Dolls** play **Sue Ellen's** Friday night. **Robin Smith** goes live on Saturday .... On, Friday, **Woody's** hosts a **Sports Pride Mixer** for jocks and people who love them. Reps from local sports groups will also be there hoping you'll sign up. **Gary Floyd** also performs that night on the back patio. They host the post-parade **Backlot Party** with **The Bright** performing .... **The Brick** has a full plate over the weekend. They start with **Hip Hop Pride-ay** hosted by comedian **PT** on Friday. **DJ Abel** spins the **Equinox** gay Pride celebration Saturday. They finish off the weekend with **DJ Tony Moran** headlining the **Spectrum Dallas Pride Tea Dance** .... **Aerialist Vincent Pickard** returns to **Station 4** for high-flying performances Friday night .... **Club One** brings in L.A. **DJ Roland Belmares** to spin the night away with **Paul Kraft** Saturday .... We mentioned earlier in the paper that **the Rose Room** will host **Jason Dottley's** mini-concert Saturday. **Lady Bunny** performs an exclusive show Sunday at midnight .... **The Dallas Eagle** hosts its cigar social **Smoke** on Friday. They follow up with the **Glow Party and Dance** on Saturday. They host the **Tea Dance for Men** Sunday night .... **TMC: The Mining Company** will have its **Shake Your Groove Thing** party on Friday .... **Exclusive** also brings a packed weekend starting with **Wet Boxers** strip show on Friday and its **Special Pride** show Sunday .... Whew! ■

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Degma and Mario at TMC: The Mining Company.



Robbie and Chris at the Round-Up Saloon.



Anthony at the Rainbow Lounge.

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\***LA DOLCE VITA** — 1924 Abrams Pkwy. at Gaston; 214-821-2608.  
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**AIDS INTERFAITH NETWORK** — 501 N. Stemmons, #200, Dallas 75207; 214-943-4444 (Programs), 214-941-7696 (Administration); aidsinterfaithnetwork.org.

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

**\*AIDS RESOURCE CENTER** — 2701 Reagan, P.O. Box 190869, Dallas 75219; 214-521-5124; resourcecenter-dallas.org.

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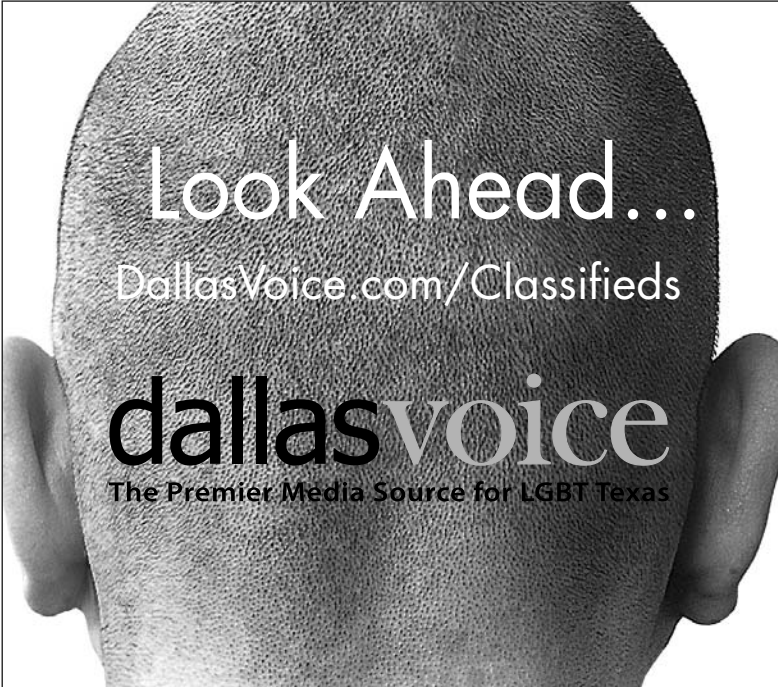
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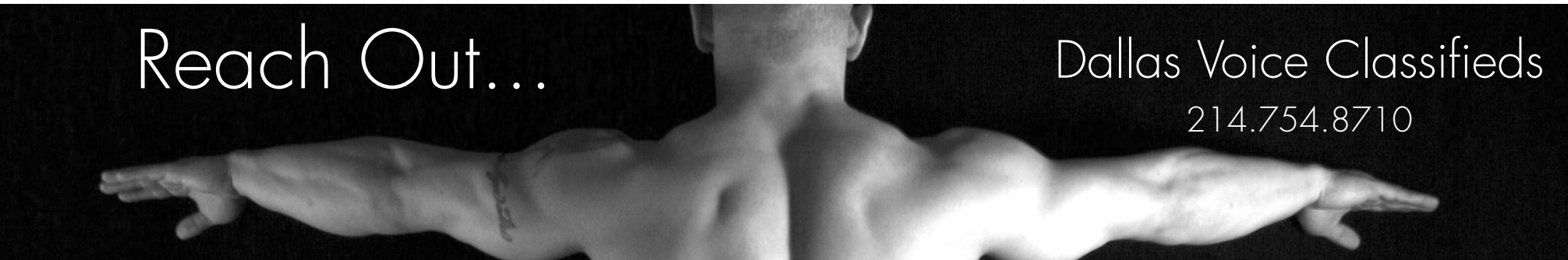
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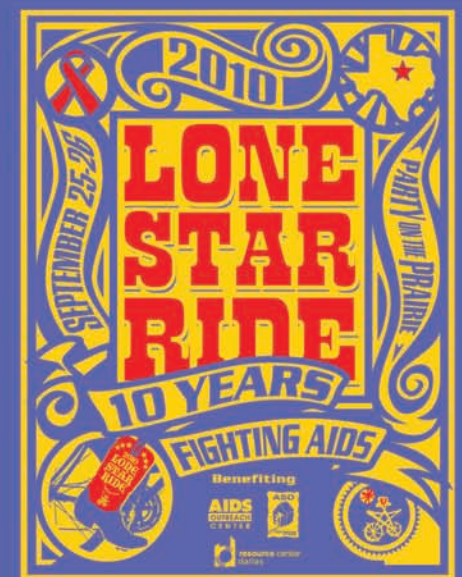
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