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DISD to reconsider anti-bullying policy

Trustee Lew Blackburn says he will offer a substitute with specific protections for LGBT students, but district spokesman says measure may not be necessary

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Dallas Independent School District trustee Lew Blackburn said this week he plans to introduce a bullying policy that provides specific protections for LGBT students.

However, a DISD spokesman said he's unsure whether a new policy is needed because DISD already has a policy prohibiting harassment of students based on various factors, including sexual orientation.

Bullying policies have taken on added significance after a string of widely publicized recent teen suicides across the

country, including several by students who'd experienced bullying and harassment because they were gay or perceived to be gay.

DISD's nine-member board of trustees has been considering a new anti-bullying policy that

would strengthen penalties and clarify definitions. However, as currently written, the proposal doesn't list factors based on which students would be protected.

In response to the concerns of LGBT advocates, Blackburn said he plans to introduce a substitute proposal that would enumerate those factors, including both sexual orientation and gender identity.

"The policy that the administration has recommended is the same policy that the Texas Association of School Boards has recommended," Blackburn said Monday, Oct. 18. "What I'm doing is looking at policies across the nation, not just in Texas. I'm looking for something more wide-ranging. I'm still doing some research, and what I'm hoping to do is come back to the administration with a revision to what they have proposed with some additional language that other states

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BEING VIGILANT | Hundreds gathered for a second vigil in memory of LGBT teens lost to suicide in recent weeks Wednesday, Oct. 20, in Oak Lawn, as Fort Worth Councilman Joel Burns continued to make headlines across the country with his passionate plea to troubled youth to remember, "It gets better." See the full story on Page 4. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

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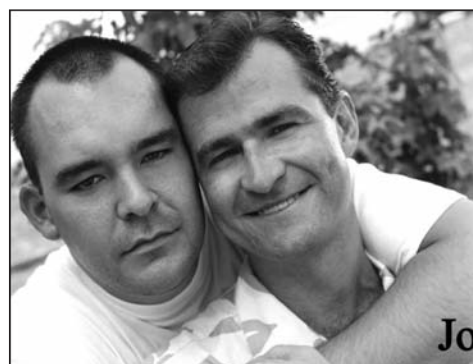
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Can Razzle Dazzle be revived?

Group of business owners, nonprofit reps call for meeting to set up board, discuss options for reinstating Dallas' June Pride event

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More than 25 years ago, organizers for Dallas' gay Pride parade moved the event from its original Gay Pride Month date in June to September in recognition of an early court ruling striking down the state's sodomy law.

Even after that ruling was overturned, parade organizers decided to keep the parade in September, in part to escape the oppressive heat of the North Texas summers.

But that was OK, because Dallas still had Razzle Dazzle Dallas to celebrate Gay Pride Month every June.

Razzle Dazzle Dallas had been held at the Dallas city impound lot, at Fair Park, at Market Center — and it finally ended up as a street party on Cedar Springs. It featured DJs, live music per-



Scott Whittall

formances, vendor booths, informational booths and, of course, beer, food and lots of dancing.

It was *the* party of the summer.

But by the turn of the 21st century, Razzle had begun to lose some of its dazzle. Attendance dropped; profits dropped, and costs soared. The last Razzle Dazzle party was held in June 2004.

But while the party may be gone, it has not been forgotten. Now, a group of business owners and nonprofit representatives are working to bring it back.

"There are a lot of different nonprofits and business owners, both on and off the Cedar Springs strip, who have been talking about it," Scott Whittall, owner of Buli Café and president of the Cedar Springs Merchants Association, said this week.

Whittall said the idea of reviving Razzle Dazzle first surfaced a few months ago when he, Brick owner Howard Okon, Jimmy Bartlett and Resource Center Dallas' Henry Ramirez "started kicking the idea around."

He said, "A lot of people talk about the fact that we love having our Pride parade in September, but at the same time, we feel like we are missing out on June Pride. I, for one, think we have the greatest LGBT community in the world here in

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Complaint in bathhouse raid came from citizen, DPD says

The complaint that led to a recent raid of The Club Dallas came from an unidentified citizen who alleged that private rooms were being rented out for sexual activities, according to a statement from the Dallas Police Department's vice unit.

The statement was forwarded to Dallas Voice on Wednesday, Oct. 20 by Laura Martin, the department's LGBT liaison officer. On Oct. 8, the vice unit arrested 11 people on charges including public lewdness and indecent exposure at the decades-old gay bathhouse in Deep Ellum.



Officer Laura Martin

The rare public statement from the vice unit, which came in response to widespread speculation about the source of the complaint, appeared to suggest that the unidentified citizen was a member of the club. Below is the full text of the statement:

"On October 5, 2010, the Vice Unit received a complaint from a citizen regarding an alleged sexually oriented business violation at 2616 Swiss Avenue. The citizen stated that the management was renting out rooms for the viewing of adult movies and use as motel rooms. The rooms were allegedly being used for sexual activities.

"On October 8, 2010, undercover officers entered the location to investigate the allegations articulated in the citizen complaint. Officers purchased a day membership and entered the location. Officers observed a large number of individuals engaging in sexual activity. These acts were occurring in the public areas of the spa, which include the pool area, hallway, and other common areas.

"Ten arrests were made for the Texas Penal Code violations of Public Lewdness and Indecent Exposure. These acts were occurring in a public place. Arrests were not made for the acts taking place in the private rooms. One arrest was made for Interference with Public Duties, Peace Officer, when the manager refused admittance to uniformed police officers responding to assist the undercover officers.

"As a result of the investigation it was determined the allegations made in the citizen's complaint were accurate. There has been no vice investigative activity or complaints received at this location in several years.

"The Dallas Police Department is charged with the duty of investigating, enforcing, and responding to citizen complaints regarding sexually oriented businesses throughout the city. The Vice Unit is committed to being responsive to community concerns and thus, conducts its investigations in an equitable and just manner."

— John Wright

National spotlight focuses on Burns

As Fort Worth councilman's staff, volunteers continue to field e-mails, calls from bullied teens seeking help, Dallasites stage a 2nd vigil to remember teen suicide victims

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Joel Burns has been a familiar name and face in North Texas since 2007 when he was first elected to the Fort Worth City Council, becoming Cowtown's first openly gay council member.

But in the last two weeks, thousands have learned Burns' name and are hailing him as a hero of the LGBT community and the battle against bullying and teen suicide.

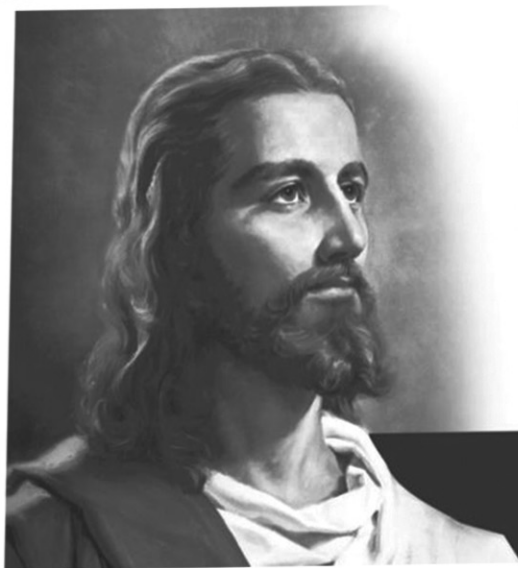
Fort Worth City Council's Oct. 12 meeting started out as usual. But then Burns took his turn during that part of the meeting in which councilmembers routinely offer recognition to individuals and events in their own districts. But this time, Burns took on a national topic.

Struggling to choke back tears until finally giving up and letting the tears run down his face, Burns talked about several teenagers who were LGBT, or at least perceived to be LGBT, who had

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PROUD COUPLE | Fort Worth City Councilman Joel Burns, right, and his partner, J.D. Angle, march with the city's contingent in the Tarrant County Pride Parade earlier this month. Burns has garnered national attention with the "It Gets Better" speech he delivered during the Oct. 12 Fort Worth City Council meeting. (Tammye Nash/Dallas Voice)



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Bishop Arts First Thursday to feature classic car show

As part of its First Thursdays series, the Bishop Arts District will host "Cruise Night" Nov. 4, from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., featuring classic cars from the Classic Chassis Car Club.

Merchants say they expect to fill at least two blocks of the urban historic district with lacquered fenders, polished chrome, white-wall tires and leather upholstery.

Classic Chassis Car Club is the organizational sponsor for the event and club members will furnish more than two dozen cars to anchor the it. Members of the general public are also encouraged to bring their special "rides." In keeping with the club's membership policy, "Cruise Night" is open to all pedigrees of collectible vehicles, from restored classics to brand-new exotics, from art cars to vintage two-wheelers.

Vehicles will be displayed between 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. in reserved parking spaces along Bishop Avenue and Seventh Street. Early arrivals are welcome, and car owners need not remain for the entire duration of the event. There is no entry fee and no competition.

TWCD holding Masquerade event as Halloween weekend fundraiser

The Women's Chorus of Dallas will host "Masquerade 2010" Saturday, Oct. 30, at 7 p.m. at the Sammons Center for the Arts, 3630 Harry Hines Blvd.

The annual fundraiser will feature a wide variety of silent auction items, casino tables, live jazz music, tarot card readings, ballroom dancing and a contest for the best masquerade costume.

Auction donations in the form of items or certificates for good or services are still being accepted and are tax-deductible.

Auction items already donated include original artwork, tickets for sports, theater and other entertainment events, spa packages, overnight hotel stays and travel packages, celebrity memorabilia, gift baskets and more.

The casino at the event will include poker, blackjack or roulette, and the best players can win prizes.

Tickets are \$25 in advance, available online at TWCD.org, by calling 214-520-7828 or by e-mailing twcdoffice@twcd.org. Tickets at the door will be \$35.

Death

David Daigle, 53, died on Oct. 18 of acute myelogenous leukemia that was first diagnosed in March 2010.

Daigle married Doug Frankel on July 4, 2006 in the Rose Garden at Stanley Park in Vancouver on their 11th anniversary.

Daigle was a coach for American Airlines reservations department and worked for the company since 1986. He was a member of the Turtle Creek Chorale for 10 years and was a Black Tie dinner board spouse.

When he turned 50, Daigle became an avid scuba diver and quickly earned his open water and advanced certification. He and Frankel traveled to dive in Cozumel, Florida, Roatan and the southern Caribbean. They did open water dives from cruise ships that offered it and have dived to 120 feet.

In August, Daigle received a stem cell transplant, with his sister as donor, to combat the



leukemia, but had a recurrence of the disease within a month. He had been cleared to dive after his transplant but was unable to travel before the illness reappeared.

In addition to his husband, Daigle is sur-

vived by his son, Alex; his parents, Claire and Ray Daigle of Enfield, Conn.; his brothers and sisters Rick, Nancy, Randy and Lori; nieces and nephews and Frankel's family.

The funeral was held at Temple Emanu-el on Oct. 20. Frankel plans to scatter Daigle's ashes on a deepwater dive on a coral reef off the Florida Keys.



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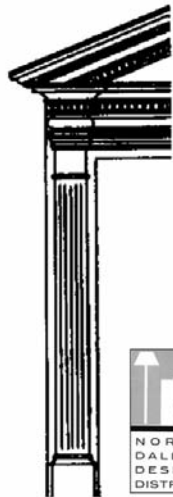


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Scouts decommission the 'popcorn colonel'

Gay dad fights back after Boy Scouts tell him he's not 'morally straight' enough to be a leader

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Jon Langbert knows that, thanks to a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court back in June of 2000, the Boy Scouts of America have the right to discriminate against gays.

The real question, though, is should the Scouts discriminate, even though they have the right, Langbert said this week.

Langbert is the gay father of 9-year-old triplets, two girls and one boy. And when his children were in second grade, his son Carter brought home a flyer for the Cub Scout troop at their University Park elementary school.

"Carter asked me about it. He said he wanted

to be in Cub Scouts," Langbert said. "I was concerned about it, because I know the Scouts aren't pro-gay, to say the least. But I took him to the meeting, and that first night I went up to the Scout leader and told him, 'Hey, I am a gay dad, My son is in second grade, and he wants to join Cub Scouts. Will that be a problem?'"

The man who was troop leader at the time, Langbert recalled, "told me, 'Absolutely not. Sign him up.' So I did. And we really had a good time. We went to all the den meetings and camp outs and pack meetings. We were a very active family in the Scouts."

The next year, when Carter was in third grade, the pack leaders approached Langbert and asked him to be the "popcorn colonel," the volunteer in charge of the pack's annual popcorn sale to raise the funds to pay for the scouts' activities. When he agreed, the pack gave him a scout leader shirt — tan, with all the usual patches — to denote his position as popcorn colonel for the pack.

So Langbert — an entrepreneur who recently

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PROUD PAPA | Jon Langbert and his son, Carter, smile for the camera during a Cub Scout ceremony when Carter was in second grade. Langbert said he will let Carter decide whether they will continue participating in the Scouts after District 10 leaders said Langbert can't be a leader in the troop because he is gay.

sold the finance company he had founded — put all his business skills to use. That year, the pack's popcorn sale brought in \$13,000 — more than triple the previous year's total of about \$4,000.

Robert McTaggart, the troop's new leader, knew a good when he saw it, and when Carter entered fourth grade and started a new year with the Cub Scouts, he asked Langbert to once again lead the annual fundraising effort. And Langbert readily agreed.

"He told me we had done such a great job with the fundraiser the year before, that if I would do it again, Carter wouldn't even have to pay any dues this year," Langbert said.

Then on Wednesday, Oct. 13, Langbert got an e-mail from McTaggart, telling him plans had

been changed: Carter's gay dad could no longer be the Cub Scout pack's popcorn colonel.

McTaggart explained that the father of one of the other scouts in Carter's pack had gathered up a couple more fathers and the group had complained to McTaggart and another troop leader, saying they didn't want a gay man associated with the pack, and especially not in any kind of leadership position.

McTaggart, Langbert said, "stood up for me. He asked the guy [who initiated the complaint] if he was willing to head up the popcorn sale. The guy wouldn't do it, of course, and [McTaggart] told him that I was still heading up the sale and to get over it."

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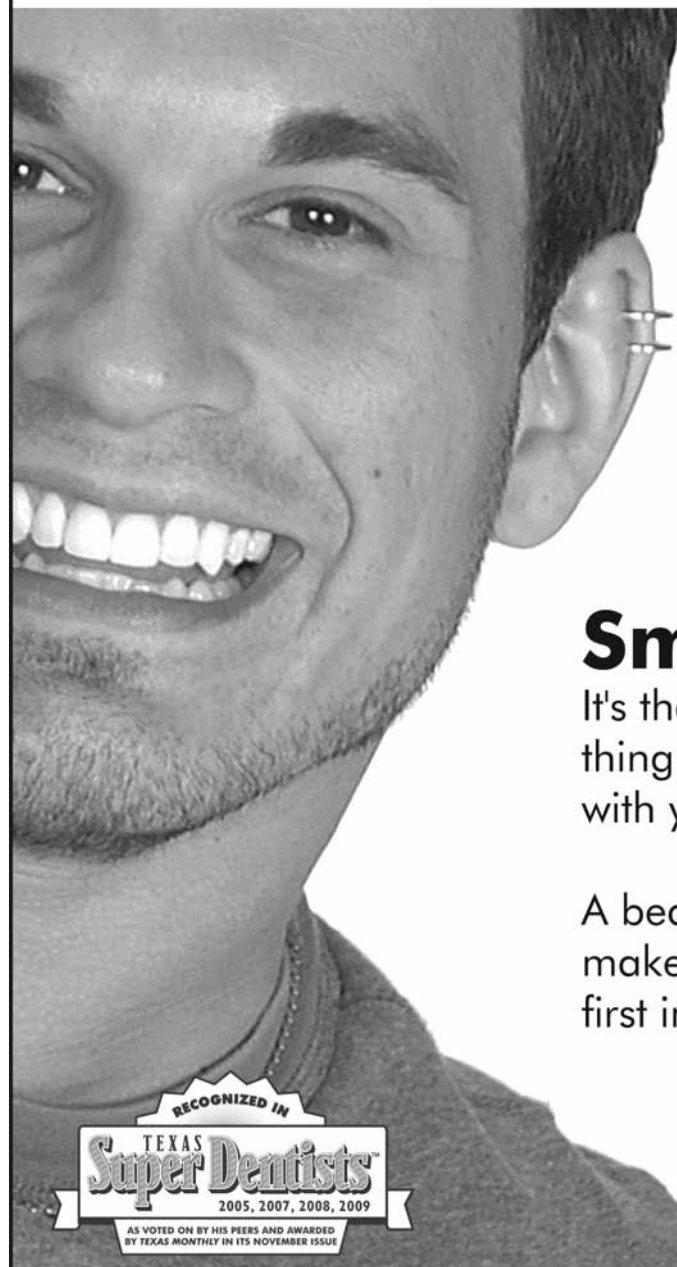
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Courting the voters for the title of emperor

Man, woman vying for emperor of United Court of the Lone Star Empire continue organization's tradition of fundraising

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Jimmie Tucker is running against Terry Youdan to become Emperor XXXVI of the United Court of the Lone Star Empire. If Tucker wins, this will not be the first time a woman has become emperor.

Youdan explained that candidates run for the position they're most comfortable filling, and that the Fort Worth court has had a lesbian couple serve as emperor and empress.

No one is running for empress this year in the Dallas court

According to UCLSE President Don Jenkins, the court will probably have a regent empress, appointed by the board, to serve in that position.

Jenkins estimated that UCLSE stages shows at least 40 weeks a year, including multiple shows some weeks. And, he added, the court has given in the neighborhood of \$1 million to a variety of organizations through the years.

Each emperor and empress is required to attend at least five of the six coronations held by other courts in Texas. They must also attend at least three out-of-state coronations.

The group is active with other organizations, like the Texas Gay Rodeo Association. Jenkins was recently grand marshal of TGRA's Big D Rodeo.

Serving as emperor can become expensive. Jenkins followed his husband as court royalty.

He estimates that they spent \$40,000 during their reigns traveling to events including more than 30 coronations.

Jimmie Tucker

Tucker has been a member of the court for four years. Previously, she held the National Leather Association title of South Central Leather Woman 2006.

"I just love giving back to the community," Tucker said to explain why she became involved in the court.

Tucker's most recent show at the Dallas Eagle netted about \$500 that she is donating to Health Services of North Texas.

In addition to performing, Tucker said she and her wife bake Tucker Inn Cookies. She auctions off boxes of Hello Kitty, pink flamingo or high-heeled shoe cookies for \$40 to \$50 a box.

But despite her love for baking, Tucker said she isn't sure that "June Cleaver in leather" accurately describes her.

"I'm a leather dyke," she said. "I'm butcher than some."

Tucker said that if elected, she would like to see the court do more together as a family.

Tucker participates in Beyond Vanilla and other educational events with National Leather Association.

Terry Youdan

Youdan also has been a member of the court for four years.

"I love the group," he said. "I want the opportunity to give of myself and to the community."

At his shows, he's been raising money for Youth First Texas, Resource Center Dallas's

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nutrition programs and AIDS Services of Dallas. Youdan said the only Texas city he hasn't attended coronation in is Corpus Christi, but he's been to each of the others several times and is looking forward to visiting the other courts.

As emperor, he would like to add a volunteer coordinator and get the court even more involved with other groups.

He said that they've served Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners but he'd like them to do more of that on a regular basis.

Voting

Voting began Oct. 21 at the Hidden Door and continues on Oct. 22 at the Dallas Eagle from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. On Oct. 23 votes can be cast the Gay and Lesbian Community Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Anyone living in the empire may vote. That area includes Dallas and all surrounding counties with the exception of Tarrant, which has its own court. Voters must show a drivers license to show county of residence and be of legal age.

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New GSA is opening doors — and minds — at Navarro College

Members of P.R.I.S.M. say new group is being well-received by administration, most classmates

LGBT students and cultivate lasting positive relations between the LGBT and straight communities. No specific event or series of events triggered the formation of the club.

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Think of Corsicana, Texas, the county seat of Navarro County located about 55 miles south of Dallas on I-45, and “liberal enclave” isn’t likely to be the first description that comes to mind.

The town of about 25,000 is known as home of the Collin Street Bakery, famous around the country for its fruitcakes. But Corsicana is also home to the main campus of Navarro College, which now has what its members call the first gay-straight alliance to be formed — and recognized as an official campus organization — at a Texas community college.

Members of the group and faculty advisor Brandi Collard recently answered a few questions about the alliance for Dallas Voice.

Dallas Voice: Who came up with the idea of starting a gay-straight alliance at Navarro College? What is it called?

P.R.I.S.M.: Our GSA was truly a collaborative idea, and several people were instrumental in starting the group. The organization is called P.R.I.S.M., which stands for Promoting Respect In Sexual Minorities.

DV: Why did the group start? Was there a specific event, or series of events that led to it being started?

P.R.I.S.M.: We started the group because we wanted to form an organization that would provide support for

DV: When was P.R.I.S.M. started?

P.R.I.S.M.: We began developing the framework for the group in late August of this year. We became an official campus organization on Sept. 20.

DV: Have you encountered any opposition from administrators? From other students? From the community around the college?

P.R.I.S.M.: We have received nothing but support from the administration. We have had a few cases of individualized harassment of P.R.I.S.M. members by other students, but nothing our members haven’t been able to handle on their own. The community response has been mostly positive so far.

DV: How has the school administration helped or hurt in forming the group?

P.R.I.S.M.: We have been treated exactly the same as any other organization — with fairness and equality.

DV: How many members are in P.R.I.S.M. and how often do you meet?

P.R.I.S.M.: We currently have 40 members, and we’re still growing. The club meets every Thursday afternoon, with an additional meeting on Tuesday just for officers and our advisor.

DV: What kind of activities have you done already?

P.R.I.S.M.: We had a booth at the Club Fair on

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LEADING THE WAY | Officers of P.R.I.S.M., the new gay-straight alliance at Navarro College in Corsicana, meet each Tuesday. Officers are, back row from left, Kristen Joyner, assistant historian; Mauricio Palacios, treasurer; Max Tucker, prime historian; Chasidy Merida, public relations chair, and Jessica Martinez, secretary; and front row from left, Juan Tenorio, president; Brandi Collard, faculty sponsor, and Micheal Dickens, spiritual advisor.

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campus where we signed up new members and handed out rainbow awareness ribbons and bags of Skittles with our meeting info on them. The members are currently selling candy bars as a fundraiser.

DV: What kind of activities do you have planned?

P.R.I.S.M.: We have a "Partners with You" night planned at the Cotton Patch Café. The restaurant will donate 10 percent of participating patrons' total bills to the group. We'll also have a booth at the Navarro College Homecoming post-game festivities. Our biggest event so far is a "Science Fiction Double Feature" at the end of October. We have an opportunity to volunteer with a pet adoption event for the local animal shelter in November. We will also be participating in Phi

Theta Kappa's holiday food drive, and we're planning a holiday bake sale near the end of the semester.

DV: What can people in the LGBT community outside Navarro College do to support your organization?

P.R.I.S.M.: People can help us a lot by contributing to our fundraisers and supporting our events. We're also looking for guest speakers to inspire and encourage the members of the club.

DV: What else do people need to know about the GSA?

P.R.I.S.M.: We at P.R.I.S.M. want to emphasize that we are an alliance. There is a misconception on campus that we are simply a "gay club," but we're so much more. We're a group that promotes awareness, respect, and unity for all.

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Equality Texas backs legislative allies in Tarrant County

Burnam looks safe in District 90; Turner, Pierson facing tough battles

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The last time the Texas Legislature was in session, LGBT advocates had enough allies among lawmakers to keep anti-gay measures from making it to Gov. Rick Perry's desk for his signature, but not enough to pass LGBT-positive bills, like the Austin Democrat Mark Strama's safe schools bill that addressed anti-gay bullying in public schools.

With notoriously anti-gay Republican Warren Chisum of Pampa vying to take over as Speaker of the House, LGBT advocates hope to at least maintain the legislative balance in the midterm elections next month.

This week, Dallas Voice looks at some of the key Texas legislative races taking place in Tarrant County.

Senate District 12

Of the two state senatorial districts encompass-

ing portions of Tarrant County, only one — District 12 — is on the ballot this year.

Sen. Wendy Davis, a former Fort Worth City Council member and an ally of the LGBT community, is not up for re-election this time.

In District 12, incumbent Republican Jane Nelson faces Libertarian Mark F. Frohman of Grapevine. Dallas Voice was unable to find information on Frohman, and Chuck Smith, deputy director for Equality Texas, said he knew nothing about the candidate, who works as a senior business intermediary for the Gottesman Company.

Nelson, however, was first elected to the Senate in 1992, after two terms of the Texas State Board of Education, and while she has never been regarded as an ally of the LGBT community, she has cast an LGBT favorable vote at least once.

In 2005, Nelson authored a bill to privatize the state's Child Protective Services agency, and when anti-gay Rep. Robert Tarleton, a Republican who is no longer in the House, tried to add amendment that would have prohibited lesbians and gays from adopting or serving as foster parents, Nelson helped quash the effort. She said at the time that she feared Tarleton's amendments could hamper efforts to reform CPS.

Early in her career, Nelson helped stop Democratic efforts to repeal the Texas sodomy law,

which stayed in force until 2003 when it was ruled unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Bryan Wildenthal, then an associate professor of law at Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, responding to an article by former Log Cabin Republicans President Dale Carpenter in which Carpenter derided former Texas Gov. Ann Richards for signing a bill that included a reconfirmation of the sodomy law, noted that Richards had attempted to have the sodomy law removed from the penal code, and signed the bill only when she was forced to.

"An especially vicious Republican state legislator, Jane Nelson, was the leading voice opposing the decriminalization of gay sex," Wildenthal wrote.

House of Representatives District 90

In House District 90, incumbent Democrat Lon Burnam is being challenged again by Republican Larry Keilberg in one of the few safely Democratic districts in Tarrant County.

Keilberg, a past Republican precinct chair and election judge, ran against Burnam for the District 90 seat in 2002, 2004 and 2008, losing each time by

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a large margin. According to campaign finance reports, Keilberg raised no money in the most recent reporting period. Ballotpedia.com indicates Keilberg raised no money in his 2008 campaign, either.

Keilberg's website does not specifically address LGBT issues, but does say the candidate "believe[s] in equal rights, equal justice, and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, age, sex or national origin."

Burnam, on the other hand, has been on the LGBT community staunchest allies in the House since he was first elected in 1996.

"We love Lon Burnam," Smith said. "He co-authored five of the bills in our [Equality Texas'] legislative agenda in the last session: the medical decision-making bill, the state employment nondiscrimination bill, the hate crimes study, the safe schools bill and the bill competitive insurance benefits at the University of Texas at Texas A&M.

"He doesn't just vote for us, he actually helps carry legislation for us," Smith added.

Smith said Equality Texas has not endorsed Burnam in this election, but only because Keilberg is not considered a credible threat to him.

"The endorsements are made by the Equality Texas PAC, and they tend to be made in races that are strategically important. There are actually three candidates we have endorsed in the Dallas-

Fort Worth area, but there are certainly more legislators from the area that we consider our allies," Smith said.

District 93

One of those three endorsed candidates is Democrat Paula Pierson, the District 93 incumbent.

"Paula Pierson has been endorsed by our PAC, and she was in the last election cycle as well," Smith said.

"She was a joint author of Mark Strama's safe schools bill. She was on the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee in the last session, and was favorable on Marc Veasey's hate crimes study bill, although the bill didn't get out of committee."

Pierson, a former Arlington City Council member, faces Republican Barbara Nash, another former Arlington City Council member.

Although Nash does not specifically address LGBT issues on her website, she does describe herself as a "committed conservative."

Also on the ballot in District 93 is Libertarian Colin F. Sowards of Mansfield. Dallas Voice was unable to find a website for Sowards, but according to VoteSmart.org, Sowards does not believe marriage should be restricted to being between a man and a woman, and he does support an LGBT-inclusive nondiscrimination law.

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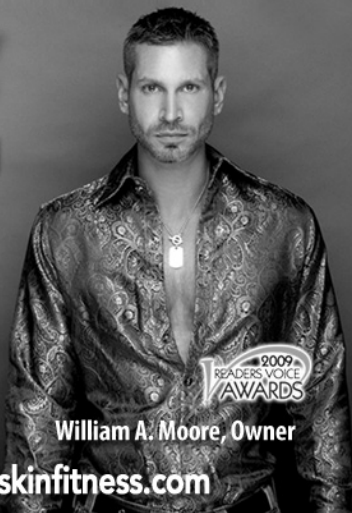
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District 96

In District 96, incumbent Democrat Chris Turner has been endorsed again by Equality Texas. Smith said that because Turner's Burleson district is "fairly conservative," the legislator "isn't someone who can really go out there on a limb for us. He didn't author any bills on our agenda, and he didn't carry any specific legislation, but still, he is certainly someone whose support we can count on our issues when it comes to voting."

Zedler defeated the former incumbent, Republican Bill Zedler, in the 2008 election with just over 51 percent of the votes.

Zedler is running again this year, trying to reclaim his former office.

Smith said Zedler, "has got nothing good to say on our issues. He would have to be classified as opposed to anything on our legislative agenda."

Uncontested races

In uncontested races in Tarrant County, Democrat Marc Veasey is unopposed in District 95; Republican Vicki Truitt is unopposed in District 98, and Republican Charlie Geren is unopposed in District 99.

Smith said that Veasey is another staunch ally

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But the angry father wasn't done; he took his complaint over McTaggart's head to Roger Derrick, head of the Scouts' local District 10 council. And Derrick sided with the unhappy father.

"He [Derrick] called Robert [McTaggart] and said I had to go, and that I couldn't wear the popcorn colonel shirt anymore," Langbert said. "I was very, very unhappy with that. Being told you are a second-class citizen, that you are not morally straight and not a good role model, that's something nobody wants to hear. I may not be straight but I am morally straight, no matter what they say."

Langbert's neighbor, Merritt Patterson, found out about the situation and wrote about it in her column in the Park Cities People newspaper.

"It was very brave of her to do that, to risk making some people upset. I mean, this sure isn't an issue without some heat surrounding it," Langbert said, adding that Patterson's column "got the ball rolling." Before he knew it, he was getting requests for interviews for media from around Dallas — and even beyond.

By Friday, Oct. 16, Scout officials were backtracking, at least a little.

"They came back on Friday and said I could keep selling popcorn, and I could be a volunteer, 'Just don't stand up in front of the boys and represent yourself as a leader, as a role model.' And it made me mad again," Langbert said. "They are still sending the same message of exclusion. They are still robbing Carter and me of the full experience of Scouting and they are sending a message to other dads and sons that there is something wrong with me."

of the LGBT community who can always be counted on for support, Truitt is "not in the hater category, but I can't say she's an ally, either. She does listen and is someone we talk to consistently. I'd say she isn't conservative enough for some in her own party."

Smith said he had nothing to say about Geren, but records show Geren has consistently voted against the interests of the LGBT community, including voting for the ban on LGBT adoptive and foster parents in 2005.

Other races

Other state House races in Tarrant County "really aren't on our radar," Smith said.

Those races include District 91 where Republican Kelly Hancock is unopposed; District 92 where Republican incumbent Todd Smith faces Democratic challenger John Schleeter; District 94 where Republican incumbent Diane Patrick faces challenges from Libertarian Richard A. Cross and Green Party candidate Ryan Seward; and District 97 where Republican incumbent Mark M. Shelton faces Libertarian Rod Wingo.

Although Seward in District 94 is not considered a serious challenge for Patrick, Seward is the only candidate to wholeheartedly embrace LGBT issues, including same-sex marriage rights and discrimination protections.

"Scouting is an institution, and that message they are sending will mean something to people who don't know better," Langbert continued. "The Scouts have a lot of wonderful things about them. But this policy is out of touch and it sends the wrong message, to my son and to a lot of other boys. It's 2010 already. We have a black president. A lesbian is the mayor of Houston. Even the policy against gays in the military is ending. So why can't gay people be leaders in Scouting."

"The policy has to end, and if it doesn't they need to take Scouting to the churches and get it out of my tax-dollar-supported schools!"

Langbert said despite the insult, he will finish the popcorn sale this year because "I gave my word, and I am a man of my word." But as to whether he and Carter will continue in Scouting beyond that — "Well, I am going to let Carter make that decision."

"I guess maybe it seems like I am wimping out, to leave it up to Carter to decide. But he has known me as his gay father for nine years. He is comfortable with me. Still, those boys in the Scouts are his friends, his classmates," Langbert said. "Scouting has some positive aspects and he will get value from the activities. And if I have to suck it up and go without wearing the shirt or being a 'leader,' then I will do that for my son."

That doesn't mean Langbert is letting the matter drop, though: "I will make sure they know that I am here, and that I am not going anywhere as long as Carter wants to be in the Scouts," he declared. "I am talking out about this, and I will continue to talk out. I am not a trained speaker, but I believe strongly enough in this issue to take the chance."

"Maybe it will be enough to get the Boy Scouts to actually join us in the year 2010," he said. "Change has got to start somewhere."

RAZZLE DAZZLE

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Dallas, and there should be a good reason for people to come to Dallas in June to celebrate Pride. Razzle Dazzle used to be that reason. And it will be again."

Whittall said that the core group has had several exploratory meetings, "asking questions like 'Can we do it again? Should we do it again? Is there enough interest to revive Razzle Dazzle?'"

The answer, he said, seems to be a definite yes. "I don't think I have talked to even one person who didn't get excited when they just heard the words 'Razzle Dazzle.' Everyone has their own memories of Razzle Dazzles from the past, and everyone so far loves the idea of bringing it back," Whittall said.

Now they want to bring the idea to the community and get as much input as possible. To that end, there will be a meeting Thursday, Oct. 28, and every local organization, nonprofit, church, business, sports team and Pride organization is invited to send representatives.

"We have held off on putting an actual board together. Hopefully we can do that at this next meeting," Whittall said.

"But we want it to be a good mix of nonprofits and business owners and organizations who are willing to commit to making this happen. If enough people get excited about it, if enough peo-

ple come to this meeting and make the commitment, we can make it happen."

Whittall said "nothing is set in stone yet," but those who have been discussing the idea have already come up with a general plan for a new, revitalized and expanded Razzle Dazzle Dallas. "We all remember what worked and what didn't work, and having that in mind, we have some ideas.

First and foremost, it has to be what it was always meant to be — a charity event. Everything that is raised has to go back to the charities that work to make it happen.

"We understand that this first year will be all about pulling it together and getting it going again. But we also believe that we can put together a great event that will just keep getting better," he said.

In the past, Razzle Dazzle Dallas was a one-night fundraising party. But Whittall and his cohorts have envisioned something much bigger for Razzle Dazzle's rebirth, taking it from a one-night dance party to a five-day celebration.

"Cedar Springs is still the hub, the heart of the LGBT community in Dallas. But we have LGBT communities spread out everywhere now," Whittall said.

"We want the party to include everyone." Tentative plans have the new Razzle Dazzle taking place in the first week of June 2011, starting with First Wednesday Night on Cedar Springs. Then the party would move south the next day

for First Thursday in the Bishop Arts district.

On Friday night, there would be an organized "bar-hopping" party featuring LGBT clubs both on the Cedar Springs strip and elsewhere. During the day on Saturday would feature a street festival on Cedar Springs, building up for the big bang on Saturday night.

Plans are to have the Saturday night party held at an indoor event venue with dancing, booths from community organizations and possibly a separate live cabaret show, with shuttle transportation provided to and from the city's various centers of LGBT nightlife.

"Saturday night would be the big event, of course, but we want to take it even a step further and have some sort family event, a picnic or something, in the park on Sunday to wind everything up," Whittall said. "We think it is a great idea, and we really hope everyone else will think so, too.

"For those who really remember Razzle Dazzle, we think it's time to bring it back," he continued. "We're living in good times right now, in terms of the community really working together. The economy has been tough, and that has made all of us have to learn to work together even better to keep things going.

"So we think this is the perfect time to revive Razzle Dazzle, to bring it back and celebrate our community."

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BURNS

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recently taken their own lives after enduring months, sometimes years, of anti-gay bullying and harassment. And then the councilman told his own story, how he had himself been bullied as a teen and had contemplated suicide.

By the time he finished, everyone in the Council Chamber had risen to their feet to salute him with applause.

But it didn't stop there. Burns posted the official Fort Worth City Council video on YouTube as part of Dan Savage's "It Gets Better" campaign to encourage and reassure LGBT teens — and suddenly, Burns was an Internet sensation.

Newspapers around the world posted the video on their websites and it went viral on YouTube. Before he knew it, Burns was being asked to be on, first local and then national and international news programs, including *The Today Show* with Matt Lauer. On Wednesday, Oct. 20, Burns was a guest on Ellen DeGeneres' television talk show.

During an appearance on *Ellen*, Burns said that the best part of the last two weeks has been the number of teens from around the world who have e-mailed him and contacted him on Facebook.

"The countless number of kids from around the world ... who said, 'I was in a really, really bad place and I was making plans to take my own life,'" he said. "The fact that they have reconsidered — that makes it worth me crying at City Council, the heartache for my mom and dad, worth every bit of all that because they're still alive."

While Burns has been traveling coast-to-coast speaking out against bullying on all of the network morning shows in New York, on cable news and on *Ellen* in Los Angeles, a team of volunteers has been sorting through thousands of messages pouring into his e-mail inbox at Fort Worth City Hall.

By Monday, Oct. 18, more than 20,000 e-mails had arrived after the video had been streamed 1.3 million times. On Thursday, Oct. 21, the number of YouTube hits passed 2 million, and the e-mail and Facebook messages continue to pour in.

The YouTube page has logged more than 27,000 comments.

Actually reaching Burns or his office this week has been almost impossible. His office phone switches to directly to voice mail.

The Fort Worth City Hall media office said they would pass a message to his office to contact Dallas Voice. But spokesman Bill Begley said he'd walk a message down to Burns' office himself.

Will Trevino in Councilmember Kathleen Hicks' office said that former staff and volunteers in Burns' office had been working overtime trying to keep up with the flood of messages.

Remembering the lost ones

Wednesday was Spirit Day, designated to remember young people who have committed suicide as a result of bullying. Many wore purple to show solidarity for efforts to stop the bullying based on actual or perceived sexual orientation.



IN MEMORY | Marchers attending the Wednesday night vigil stand in silence to honor the memory of LGBT teens who committed suicide after being bullied. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton joined the call for an end to bullying by releasing an "It Gets Better" video earlier this week and wearing purple on Spirit Day.

More than 200 people gathered in the Caven parking lot off Cedar Springs Road and held a candlelight vigil marching to the Legacy of Love monument at Oak Lawn Avenue.

Marchers carried purple signs that read "Hope" and "It Gets Better."

At the monument, organizer Ivan Watson read the names of recent suicide victims and a moment of silence was observed for each one.

Watson said he was inspired to organize the vigil after hearing about Asher Brown, the recent Houston suicide victim.

Organizer Steve Weir of DallasGay-Agenda.com billed the event as a peace march and vigil in memory of those who died and a stand against bullying D/FW area. He said that school policies must change to make schools safe for LGBT youth.

Rafael McDonnell from Resource Center Dallas said he searched bullying policies of school districts across the state and found none that specifically addresses bullying based on sexual orientation. Austin's comes closest, he said.

McDonnell also said that Philadelphia's school system passed a comprehensive anti-bullying policy that specifically addresses sexual orientation and sexual identity.

"It's in Lew Blackburn's hands," McDonnell said.

Blackburn is the DISD trustee who has shown the most interest in crafting a policy that will protect LGBT students and those perceived to be.

The "It Gets Better" campaign continues. Randy Potts is the grandson of evangelist Oral Roberts. His uncle was gay and committed suicide. He is recording an "It Gets Better" video this weekend.

To watch video from Wednesday's vigil, go to DallasVoice.com/videos

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DISD

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are using."

Jon Dahlander, a spokesman for the district, said Thursday, Oct. 21 that trustees have put off discussion of the new bullying policy until November at the earliest.

"We already have a policy on the books that talks about no harassment of kids for gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, all of those things, so I think they wanted to take a step back and do a little more research," Dahlander said. "I think they felt like, you know what, while the word bullying may not necessarily be there, harassment certainly is and we probably need to go back to the drawing board and revisit whether or not we need this policy based on what we've already got."

DISD's harassment policy, passed in the mid-1990s, includes sexual orientation but not gender identity.

Meanwhile, DISD's Student Code of Conduct prohibits "offensive language" related to "gender orientation," a term which is not defined in the code.

Dahlander said DISD was the first in the state to include sexual orientation in its harassment policy. He also said he believes trustees are open to including sexual orientation and gender identity in the bullying policy, which is one of the reasons they put off discussion.

"They may specifically address different categories of students or different kinds of bullying, or they may not address it because of what's already there in terms of harassment," Dahlander said. "The ball, as always, is in their court."

Cece Cox, executive director of Resource Center Dallas, was among several LGBT advocates who met with Blackburn this week to discuss his proposal.

Cox said RCD officials have heard from at least two other trustees who support a fully inclusive policy. However, she noted that the policy will need five votes to pass.

"My experience tells me that things are never as easy as they should be," Cox said. "I think with the ongoing need and now the spotlight on LGBT bullying and suicide, passing a policy that doesn't specifically include LGBT folks would not be prudent. It would essentially have no teeth in it."

Both Blackburn and Cox encouraged people in the LGBT community to contact their trustees and urge them to support a fully inclusive policy. Contact information for trustees is listed on the DISD website at www.dallasisd.org/about/boardcontact.htm.

Blackburn also said he plans to ask DISD's administration to come up with proposed guidelines related to gender identity and homecoming court eligibility.

The principal at North Dallas High School recently sparked controversy when she refused to allow transgender female student Andy Moreno to run for homecoming queen.

The district currently has no policy on the matter. In response to the controversy at NDHS, DISD officials released statements saying they supported the principal's decision and trumpeting the district's "progressive" anti-harassment policy — even though it doesn't include gender identity.

Blackburn said he's concerned that in the absence of a DISD policy related to homecoming eligibility and gender identity, principals at different schools could reach different decisions.

"I would like for us to be consistent district-wide," Blackburn said. "We need to start talking about it so that we have something in policy before the start of school for next year. It's new territory for us, and I think we need to take our time and do it right." ■



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Mark Shekter

When the recession hit his industry, Mark Shekter used his experience, talents to create new businesses

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Mark Shekter's upscale residential design firm,

Graphic+Design+Group, will celebrate 40 years in business in January. Surrealty, his real estate firm, has been selling homes in Oak Lawn and elsewhere for 25 years.

The award-winning home designer has had houses featured on *Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous*. Jerry Garcia of the Grateful Dead lived in a house Shekter created. So does Nolan Ryan, and Shekter worked with Dave of Dave & Busters and the owner of the Houston Astros on their houses.

Shekter has designed many townhouses in Oak

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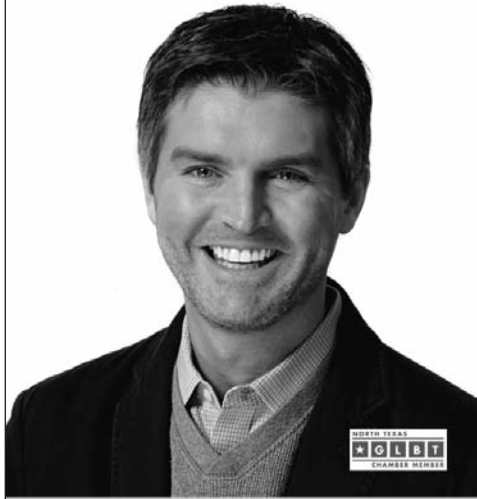
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Lawn and he worked with a number of Turtle Creek high-rise condo owners to re-imagine their living spaces.

"They call me 'The Space Doctor,'" he said. "But now builders can't get financing and individuals are having a tough time qualifying."

And, he said, there's a glut of Oak Lawn townhouses on the market.

"In this down economy, you have to reinvent yourself, either with new ideas or bringing back some of the old ones," Shekter said.

Developing new businesses is nothing new for Shekter. In the 1980s, during another downturn in the business cycle, he started a travel agency. He also created Lollapalooza, an event and party planning business.

"I love catering parties," he said.

And so, to try and counteract the drop in the real estate market, Shekter decided to bring back Lollapalooza.

And since doing so, he has planned and catered everything from wedding and commitment ceremonies to Passover seders to dinner parties for two or four.

But Shekter explained that he does more than just cater parties.

"I approach the business like a contractor working with several subcontractors," he said. "I go to hundreds of different sources to get the best

of whatever you're looking for."

Along with Lollapalooza, Shekter also recently created Ruthie's Rugaluch.

Rugaluch are a traditional eastern European European pastry. The name means "little royal twists" in Yiddish. They are thin, cream cheese pastry dough crescents filled with a combination of nuts, cinnamon, sugar, fruit preserves and raisins.

"It's named after my mother," Shekter said. "Everyone thinks it's my mother's recipe, but it wasn't. She just liked to eat them."

His partner in that business is an old friend who used to bake the pastries for the Neiman Marcus catalogue. Last year, he suggested they turn what had become just a hobby into a business.

Shekter said the rugaluch business is labor intensive and expensive.

To maintain his reputation for making his exquisite pastry, he spends quite a bit of money on fresh ingredients.

Minimum orders are \$50 plus delivery charge. Orders over \$100 include free delivery. The basic price is \$19 for a baker's dozen.

For large events, he said, they're producing them by the hundreds.

And while catering and baking keep him quite busy, Shekter also created a third business. Two years ago, he helped a couple of his home design clients successfully challenge their property tax assessments.

"I was so successful, I decided this was another business," he said.

So using his real estate and his design experience, Shekter reinvented himself in still another way: He became a real estate property tax consultant.

Using his knowledge of home design helped him judge whether an appraisal was fair and accurate. In a number of cases he even found inaccurate space measurements.

And his real estate experience helped Shekter access and judge comparative appraisal prices.

This year, Shekter has worked with 24 clients to challenge their tax appraisals. He said he got positive results for 20 of them.

He said that he charges a fee for his service, but only if he's successful in lowering his client's tax rate.

While the businesses may sound far-flung and disparate, Shekter said they are all closely related:

Many of his catering customers are people living in houses he designed.

His real estate customers have become his tax appraisal customers.

And his rugaluch customers have turned into kitchen redo clients and even new homebuyers.

"I'm always promoting and marketing," Shekter said.

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Danny Sikora

One gay Dallas man helps bring the 75-year-old bakery that has been a family's favorite into the digital age

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Aston's Bakery on Lovers Lane is a third-generation family business.

Danny Sikora said Aston's baked his parents' wedding cake and that family tradition was to have an Aston's seven-layer cake for each family member's birthday.

Sikora said that earlier this year, Aston's approached him to work with them.

"They needed help getting the bakery on track," Sikora said. "My role has turned into development."

Until his dad died last year, Sikora managed his father's medical practice. He said that he's still getting requests for records from patients for a variety of reasons. Some just have new doctors but others need to prove to insurance companies that they are not covering pre-existing conditions.

But as that demand on his time has been slowing down, Sikora was looking to reinvent himself. The medical practice was a family business and he was not looking to go to work for another doctor.

He's been in business for himself before with a wholesale business, and he had a florist shop, with locations in NorthPark Center and on Henderson Street.

But with the economic downturn, Sikora decided the time to open another new business wasn't right.

Aston's Bakery has been around since 1934. Its first location was on Lemmon Avenue near Douglas Avenue. Then the bakery moved to Preston Center where it remained for 50 years.

For the past seven years Aston's has been on Lovers Lane.

Sikora said one problem the bakery had was the lack of a mailing list. After seven years, former customers are still just finding them.

"All orders are still taken with paper and pencil," Sikora said.

Now, he encourages the bakery to also get e-mail addresses, and Sikora markets Aston's on Facebook and texts special offers like two-for-one clearance on Saturday afternoons.

A recent promotion on GroupOn brought in 480 orders. That included more than 100 new customers.

"That was 17,000 petit fours," Sikora said.

Most of the bakery's business is special order.

"This is slow food," Sikora said. "We're using 75-year-old family recipes."

Aston's gets more orders for its champagne cake than for anything else.

Sikora described it as a chiffon cake with a hint of orange and champagne whipped cream between the layers, all covered with shaved white chocolate.

While the classics remain unchanged since

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Aston's first began baking in Oak Lawn, Sikora has encouraged the bakery to update some of its styles for the cakes, cupcakes, cookies and bread on display for sale in the store.

"We've added new products," Sikora said, describing a cream cheese-maple-bacon frosting-covered carrot cake cupcake that Aston's is currently experimenting with.

Sikora said the bakery's been around so long that the family just thought everyone knew about them. Until Sikora began marketing the company

this year, Aston's didn't even have a website.

But while social networking has worked well in bringing in new customers, Sikora is not above marketing the old-fashioned way, too. He's walked up and down the carpool lanes at Highland Park schools handing out coupons.

While Sikora said everything at Aston's is baked with whole ingredients — no preservatives, no mixes, nothing artificial — he's experimenting with putting in a few products that meet those standards but are baked elsewhere. He recently talked to Mark Shekter about adding Ruthie's Rugaluch for the holidays.

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DIGITAL DELIGHTS | Danny Sikora went from business manager for his father's medical practice to marketing consultant for Aston's Bakery. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

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Confronting our inner bullies

If we really want to stop bullying against LGBT youth, we need to start by taking a long, hard look at ourselves and how our own histories of being bullied may have caused us to internalize homophobia that leads us to bully others in the community

Fort Worth City Councilman Joel Burns made an impassioned plea in the "It Gets Better" video that swept YouTube and landed him on *The Today Show* and *Ellen* and others.

His words brought tears to my eyes, not just because of his sincerity and candor, but because of my memories of being bullied as a teenager. I suspect almost all LGBT people of my age ran their own gauntlet of bullies, who for whatever reason decided that they were different enough to deserve taunting, scorn or physical abuse.

It says a lot about those of us who survived and not all of it is good.

For some, the words of the bullies sank in and colored how we feel about ourselves. It is a matter of conditioning. If someone calls you a disparaging name long enough, you begin to identify with that name.

Even though we rationally know it's not true, somewhere inside we retain that taunt and it becomes part of who we are. That's why when LGBT people reclaimed the word "queer" it was so empowering.

Unfortunately, that kind of consciousness-raising takes a good deal of maturity. For many teens, that maturity never happens. They become so beaten down with the taunts and jeers and abuse that they opt for a permanent solution — suicide.

Those of us who were lucky enough to survive still carry the wounds, and they manifest them-

selves in self-destructive ways.

Internalized homophobia, brought on by bullying, spawns a myriad of problems, some subtle and some overt. I am no psychologist, but I would bet a good portion of the rampant alcoholism and drug abuse in the LGBT community stems from self-hatred and internalized homophobia.

The greater issue is that bullying is not just a schoolyard problem. It is pervasive in our society, from grade school right up to the workplace, church and even the highest halls of government.

Every time a politician uses "gay marriage" to drum up fear in a campaign speech, it is just an extension of the schoolyard bullying. Every time a preacher condemns LGBT people from the pulpit, it is just another extension of bullying. Every time a comedian or other public figure uses the term "gay" as a synonym for "lame" or "bad," it is a subtle form of bullying — and it is unacceptable.

So how do we stop the bullies? It's not going to be easy. It will take the same kind of concerted and ongoing effort that made using the "N" word unacceptable. It will take the same kind of ongoing and constant work that has made the language of sexism unacceptable in the workplace, schools and society at large.

It will not be easy. We will be derided as being overly "politically correct" and face some stiff resistance. But we must make the effort.

Otherwise the bullying will continue and perhaps become worse.

So what do we do? My suggestion is to start with our own behavior.

Every time we start to deride someone for being too nelly, or dressing too flamboyantly or looking too butch, we need to stop and ask where that voice is coming from.

Most likely it comes from the inner bully that lives inside us. Our own internalized homophobia expresses itself in catty remarks and snide comments. It is a dirty little queer secret that we all sometimes share.

When we become flustered by someone's gender identity, most likely it is because we have succumbed to the bullying of the hetero-normative society in which we live. That means anyone who doesn't conform to the heterosexual model, who doesn't conform to some archetype of female or male throws a monkey wrench into our reasoning.

We listen to that voice inside us that says, "He or she is different from what I expect, therefore I should ridicule them." It's our inner bully speaking and it harms not only us but our community



as well.

OK, I know this all sounds a bit Kumbaya and idealistic, and quite frankly it is. Idealism is something that is often the punch line of jokes, but without it we are just fumbling along hoping things will get better. Without a goal, an ideal, we will end up lost, and like those lost souls who end up as the schoolyard bullies, we will do more harm than good.

Beginning with our own lives, we can stop the root causes of bullying. Then we can begin to change it wherever we find it in our community and the greater community as well.

My parents used to tell me that the bullies who taunted me were cowards. Though it did little to comfort then, I now see they were right. Bullies pick on the weak, the different kids and those less likely to fight back.

They do it to feel more important, or to prove themselves to their peers, but inside they do it because they are scared. They fear kids who are different, who don't fit their adolescent world view.

For some reason they feel the need to dominate someone to prove themselves and rather than excel at something important, to actually achieve something they can be proud of, they take the easy way, the coward's way.

So next time you hear a politician or preacher or comedian make a snide remark about LGBT people, remind them of their cowardice. Write them, call them and let them know you find their remarks distasteful and unacceptable.

It's a small step, but with enough people taking a stand, things will change.

As the old folk song says, "Freedom's name is mighty sweet ... keep your eyes on the prize, hold on."

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Letters

Many questions on Club Dallas raid

I just read John Wright's article about the recent raid at Club Dallas ("11 arrested in raid at Club Dallas," Dallas Voice, Oct. 15).

What is not clear to me is this: What exactly was the "complaint" that was filed with Dallas Police Department? I did not read this in the article. I am not so much interested as to who filed this complaint (though there are many people or groups that I am sure would love to see Club Dallas shut down!). But what was the substance of this complaint that "forced" the DPD to investigate Club Dallas?

Surely, the DPD knows, or should have known, what the 34-year-old Club Dallas is all about, as well as all of the other adult swingers' clubs and bathhouses in the city where nudity and sexual contact are common? Was this a person who somehow paid and entered this private club, not knowing what a bathhouse was and why many members of the community patronize this private club? Or was this simply a "noise"

issue of people coming and going at all hours?

If what is going on in these clubs is illegal, why are they allowed to be open for business at all?

Is Laura Martin seriously unaware of what goes on in a bathhouse? Seriously? Is she aware of the substance of the initiating complaint? Is she OK with DPD's follow-up investigation and subsequent arrests?

Can Laura Martin, or anyone at the DPD, give us a direct explanation as to how a private club that requires a paid entry fee and, if I remember correctly, warning signs as to the nudity that goes on in the establishment is considered a "public space"?

Isn't by definition a public space some place where anyone, man, woman or child, can freely visit? Can just anyone walk into Club Dallas? If not, again, how is it considered by law enforcement and the courts as a public space?

Does this mean that all of the other bathhouses and any other sex clubs in Dallas will also be subject to the same type of investigations, gay or straight?

Your thoughts here would be appreciated. Again, please keep up the good work.

Ludwik Kowal
Hong Kong

Thanks for the hot Szot

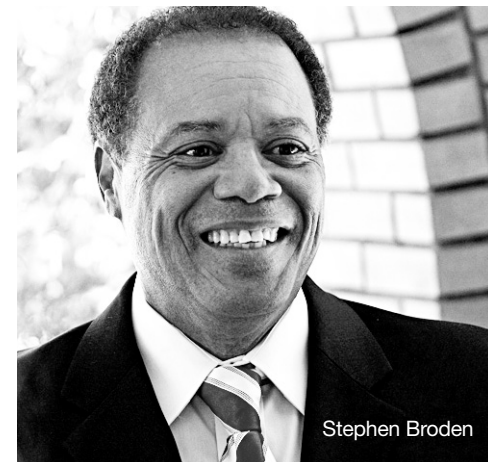
Thank you for the great coverage of Paulo Szot ("Hot Szot," Dallas Voice, Oct. 15). It's so refreshing to see an out gay man in this kind of role.

Gordon Yusko
Via E-Mail

Broden's dangerous views

Thanks for your coverage of congressional candidate Stephen Broden's homophobic statements on Fox's *The Glenn Beck Show* (DallasVoice.com/Instant Tea, Oct. 5).

It is troubling that Dallas Morning News has not covered this and would endorse this radical individual given the 30th District's large LGBT community.



Stephen Broden

I also want to point out Broden's close ties to a radical abortion group called Maafa 21 and his association with Life Dynamics President Mark Crutcher.

Broden holds many very dangerous views!

Michael Thomas
Dallas

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BY DAVID TAFFET

Would you allow your son to join the Boy Scouts?

Olivier Pratt — "Absolutely. I was a Boy Scout and am very thankful for those experiences in my childhood. Just because one part of the organization is flawed, doesn't mean it's entirely corrupt. Besides, working from within for change is a lot more effective."

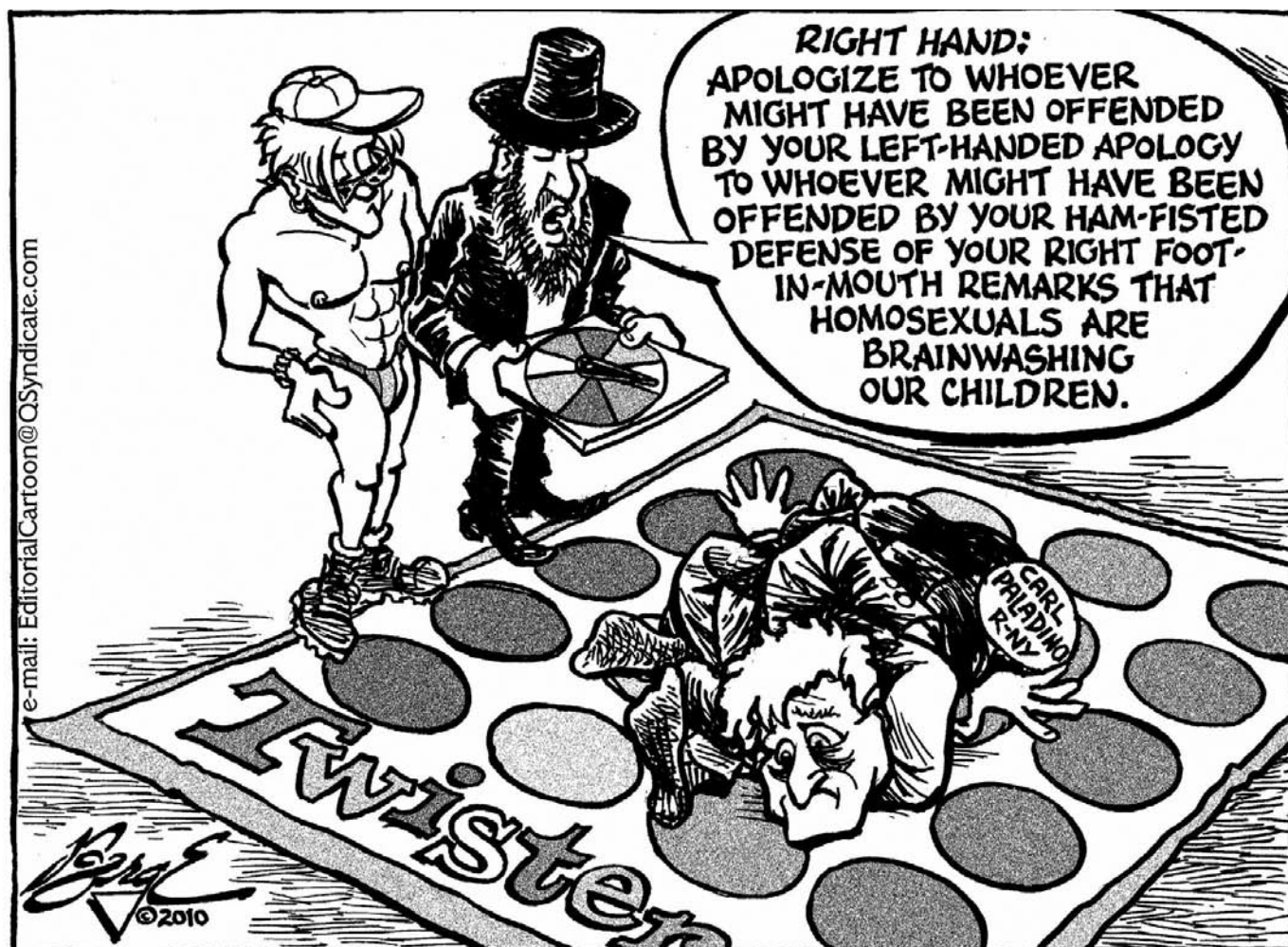
Tammy Taylor — "No Way!"


Chad Kilpatrick — "No, I do not trust them. I was a scout for a couple years with no issues, but the group of people I have met involved with scouting in the last 20 years give me the heebie-jeebies."

Ally Greer — "I had a family member that was in, had good experiences for the most part. But all I'll say is watch out for the pedophiles."

Pete Hubert — "Not at all. I was a scout, but not to allow membership due to orientation — WRONG!"

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





Day of the living DIABLOS

Dallas gay rugby team wants you to go to Hell(fest)

ARNOLD WAYNE JONES | Life+Style Editor
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GHOU! | Diablos Nick Hughes, Stephen Mitchell, Dustin Abercrombie, Ryan Cavender, Will Padilla and A.J. Tello expect HellFest to be a scary fun time. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

Every tournament has its hook, but for the Dallas Diablos Rugby Football Team, that hook comes at the end of a bloody stump.

Or maybe a fairy princess or Sarah Palin impersonator. Point is, it's Halloween.

The Diablos didn't really expect HellFest, their one-day rugby tourney to be held Oct. 30, to be such a hit, even though they knew they had a good idea.

"Originally, what we wanted was to have two or three teams come down, play some games, hang out for the [Cedar Springs] block party," says Will Padilla, team captain and one of the organizers of HellFest. "We said, 'Let's try it out and see if we can get people interested in coming.'"

The interest was there and it grew exponentially. The previous year, an attempt to attract gay rugby teams from around the country resulted in only one attendee: the Minneapolis Mayhem. But word of mouth spread, "and more people asked to come, then more and more," says Padilla. "I eventually had to cap it because it's only a one-day tournament and we wanted everyone to get to play."

Right now, 160 players representing eight teams from as many cities as far away as Atlanta are set to descend on Dallas for what looks to be one of the bigger gay rugby matches going.

"Austin, Houston and Dallas used to compete for a trophy called the Texas Pride Cup," says Diablos co-founder and president A.J. Tello. But the Houston and Austin teams folded in recent

years. "We haven't had anything like that for a while, other than in Seattle, which has several teams in the area, and Bingham Cup every other year. We're trying to get that back with an invitational with a national reach."

"What I've found is that the majority of people on these teams have never been to Dallas," adds Padilla. "Lots of them want to see what nightlife is like in Dallas."

It's an astonishing sense of camaraderie for a sport known for its aggressive play. But Padilla says rugby is one of the few sports where teams have no problem socializing with each other after the match is over.

"You play hard to party hard. Everybody who comes out is hyper-competitive and wants to win, but afterwards, we're here to promote the game. You leave the anger on the pitch. After, you talk war stories and live it up with the guys. A lot of sports you don't get a lot of commingling of teams; that's not the case with rugby — not all."

The openness is also true of the membership.

"All of the teams are part of the IGRAB, the gay rugby union, and each is classified as openly diverse, but none of them are strictly gay," Padilla says.

"We're all inclusive. It's not about who's gay or straight — unless you want to date," says Tello, who notes the Diablos have several straight players.

Still, that doesn't mean there's *no* difference between a gay rugby team and a straight one.

"We play other [non-gay] rugby clubs. After games, we go to

the straight bars and the straight guys come to the Eagle," Tello says. "We bring a little kick to it: We ask one of the members from the other team to get on the St Andrews cross, we get some paddles out and a whip and ask one of their girlfriends or wives to whip them. They have a ball and laugh."

The tournament is intended to allow the players to enjoy a competitive round-robin of rugby, but there's more motivation behind it. The Diablos — both the men's and women's teams — want to spread their passion for the game throughout the community. (Although the women's team is not playing, they have been instrumental in planning the tourney and will be active running it on game day.)

"I'll judge its success by how well the teams receive the tournament, but we also wanna pull people in the community here, to come out to watch a tournament," says Padilla. "There's been nothing like this for rugby in Dallas."

Those who don't play are still welcome to come watch or even buy a "participant package" including tote bag and T-shirt, and come by the mixers or meet up with them during the block party.

Whether HellFest continues next year may also depend on the satisfaction of their sponsors, though Padilla says many were enthusiastic about helping out.

"It hasn't been very hard — we're promoting deeply within the community," he says. "The host hotel is Hawthorne Suites and they gave us a good rate and helped us acquire shuttles to go to the venues. The Dallas Eagle is hosting our happy hour after the tournament and MGD64 is donating beer."

That sounds like a sporting event all ghouls and boils can enjoy. ■

HELLFEST

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Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription medicines like rifampin (a medicine used to treat infections such as tuberculosis), non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

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What is ISENTRESS?

- ISENTRESS is an anti-HIV (antiretroviral) medicine used for the treatment of HIV. The term HIV stands for Human Immunodeficiency Virus. It is the virus that causes AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome). ISENTRESS is used along with other anti-HIV medicines. ISENTRESS will NOT cure HIV infection.
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- Stay under the care of your doctor during treatment with ISENTRESS.
- The safety and effectiveness of ISENTRESS in children has not been studied.

ISENTRESS must be used with other anti-HIV medicines.

How does ISENTRESS work?

- ISENTRESS blocks an enzyme which the virus (HIV) needs in order to make more virus. The enzyme that ISENTRESS blocks is called HIV integrase.
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- Continue to practice safer sex.
- Use latex or polyurethane condoms or other barrier methods to lower the chance of sexual contact with any body fluids. This includes semen from a man, vaginal secretions from a woman, or blood.
- Never re-use or share needles.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about safer sex or how to prevent passing HIV to other people.

What should I tell my doctor before and during treatment with ISENTRESS?

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- vitamins
- herbal supplements

Know the medicines you take.

- Keep a list of your medicines. Show the list to your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

How should I take ISENTRESS?

Take ISENTRESS **exactly** as your doctor has prescribed. The recommended dose is as follows:

- Take only one 400-mg tablet at a time.
- Take it twice a day.
- Take it by mouth.
- Take it with or without food.

Do not change your dose or stop taking ISENTRESS or your other anti-HIV medicines without first talking with your doctor.

IMPORTANT: Take ISENTRESS exactly as your doctor prescribed and at the right times of day because if you don't:

- The amount of virus (HIV) in your blood may increase if the medicine is stopped for even a short period of time.
- The virus may develop resistance to ISENTRESS and become harder to treat.
- Your medicines may stop working to fight HIV.
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- If you take too much ISENTRESS, call your doctor or local Poison Control Center.

Be sure to keep a supply of your anti-HIV medicines.

- When your ISENTRESS supply starts to run low, get more from your doctor or pharmacy.
- Do not wait until your medicine runs out to get more.

What are the possible side effects of ISENTRESS?

When ISENTRESS has been given with other anti-HIV drugs, side effects included:

- nausea
- headache
- tiredness
- weakness
- trouble sleeping
- stomach pain
- dizziness
- depression
- suicidal thoughts and actions

Other side effects include rash, severe skin reactions, feeling anxious, paranoia, low blood platelet count.

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Tell your doctor if you have any side effects that bother you.

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- Store ISENTRESS at room temperature (68 to 77°F).
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This leaflet gives you the most important information about ISENTRESS.

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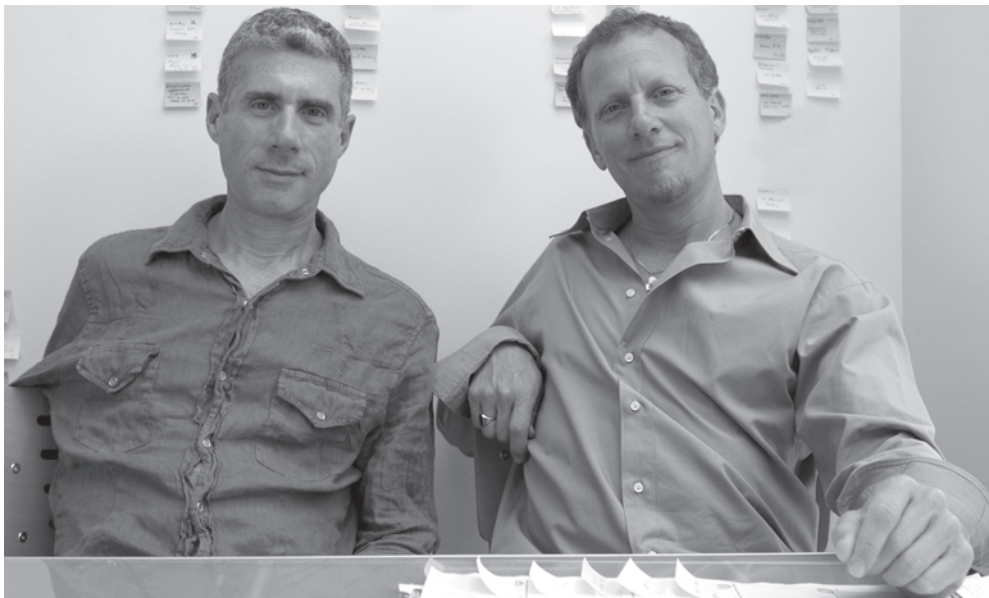
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Poetry slammed

Oscar-winning documentarians turn their talents to feature films with 'Howl,' a tale of art, homosexuality & censorship



REEL LIFE | Gay documentary filmmakers Jeffrey Friedman and Rob Epstein tackle their first narrative feature, a coming out tale about gay poet Allen Ginsberg and the Beat Movement.

In their latest film, Oscar-winning documentarians Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman (*The Times of Harvey Milk*, *Common Threads*, *The Celluloid Closet*) take a dramatic detour toward feature filmmaking. *Howl* — which opens today at the Angelika Film Center — stars James Franco as gay poet Allen Ginsberg, whose controversial 1955 poem became a cause celebre following an obscenity against Ginsberg's publisher, the legendary City Lights Bookstore owner Lawrence Ferlinghetti. Ultimately it is through poetry that Ginsberg is able to express his feelings for his friend and fellow writer Jack Kerouac (Todd Rotondi), and Franco's effortless portrayal of the poet is nothing short of poetic.

Friedman and Epstein sat down to talk about their visual style, working with Franco and how the film was itself a kind of coming out story.

— Gregg Shapiro

Dallas Voice: Were either or both of you readers of poetry before becoming involved in the film project? Friedman: I read a little poetry, not much: Emily Dickinson, Walt Whitman. I had read *Howl* in high school. But I wasn't an avid poetry reader.

Epstein: Most of it goes over my head.

What was your impetus for making the film — Ginsberg, the poem, the trial? Epstein: I think it was Allen as an artist — that was the most compelling thing. Trying to figure out the source of his creative self, particularly with this poem. I think that it was the kind of treasure hunt aspect of this project that attracted us.

Friedman: It was what Allen had to go through, as a man and as an artist, to get to the point where he could write this poem. A lot of it was a coming out process, which we discovered in the process of doing our research on the film.

How do you work as co-directors? Epstein: We kind of look at each other and say, "Are you going to do this or am I going to do this? Okay you do this." So [there is] a lot of back and forth and also a lot of going off and having your own reflective time as well and then coming back together with new ideas and fresh approaches and then hashing it out again.

The film is a sort of cinematic quilt: Ginsberg reading the poem in a coffeehouse, Ginsberg being interviewed by a journalist, Lawrence Ferlinghetti's obscenity trial. How did you decided on these

components visually? Friedman: We knew we were making a film about a poem, so we looked for different ways of looking at the poem. One of the ways was the creative process and that was Allen's story and we told it using Allen's own words in a recreated interview and with flashbacks from scenes from his life that fed into his creative process.

We also wanted the poem to live on its own in the film so we recreated the first reading of the poem at the Six Gallery, imagining how that might have been to be there that night. Then we also recreated it as an imaginative ride through the poet's mind, using art from Eric Drooker who had collaborated with Ginsberg on a book of poems and had a good understanding of Ginsberg and his mind. Then we wanted to see how the poem was received by the world, by society at large and that was what the trial represented for us. That was very much the traditional, conventional world into which the poem was launched. Those were people trying to make sense of it and trying to suppress it in some cases.

It seems that *Howl* is recited in its entirety in the film. Epstein: It's about 80 percent.

How important was it for you to have the audience have the experience the poem that way? Epstein: We wanted to be faithful to it as a literary work to the degree we felt the film could hold. That's about as much as we thought the film could hold.

Friedman: But because it was first presented as perform-

ance, that gave us an opportunity to create a performance.

Franco has Ginsberg's cadence down. How did you decide to cast Franco? Epstein: James was the same age Allen was when he wrote the poem. James also was a student of literature — from the age of 14, he grew up reading the beats and hanging out at City Lights Bookstore in San Francisco. He grew up outside of San Francisco, he studied literature at UCLA. So it was a whole confluence of circumstances that were personal to James that made him seem right for the part. But also he is a great actor. We were really impressed by what he did with the James Dean story for playing that on television and that he wasn't afraid of taking on a living icon and personifying, rather than impersonating.

Friedman: We had a long time to work with James. James came on the project very early. He was very excited about it and very committed to it way before we had financing. We just had a first draft of a script so we had several opportunities to work with James on the script and to go through it, talk about it and to really explore what the words meant to Allen and where these experiences came from, in Allen's life. James had a long time to think about that while he was all of his other things. I think it all sunk in. Then we asked him to start listening to Allen's readings and we gave him an interview he did with Studs Terkel. So he started getting the physical mannerisms. He looked at some early film of Allen, saw how he walked and how he moved and how he used his hands. That was the last touch.

It must have been nice to have that available because for a poet, who basically lives on the page, he was someone who was accessible through recordings and film. Friedman: Yes. They were all from a little later in his life but we assumed that the later mannerisms are just manifestations of the earlier ones.

The film also has terrific actors in small parts, including Mary-Louise Parker, Jeff Daniels, Jon Hamm and Bob Balaban. Epstein: Specifically because those [characters] are on the screen for such a short time, we really wanted actors that would make an impression. Mary-Louise Parker, for example, playing this 1950s English teacher who was appalled by the language in the poem — she is on screen for maybe five minutes but she makes such a strong impression as that character. It was important to get that kind of specificity to really give an impression of the period because each of them really does help to create this composite impression of the period.

Have you begun work on your next film project? Epstein: We're developing a couple of scripts with writers but they're really still in the developmental stage so there isn't much to talk about yet.

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Sigur Ros frontman says the band endures despite his new solo CD

As the openly gay frontman of groundbreaking Icelandic band Sigur Rós, Jón Thor Birgisson — who goes by Jónsi (pronounced Yónsi) — provided warmth and an ethereal quality to the band's already atmospheric and lushly chilly songs. In fact, it's hard to imagine what Sigur Rós would sound like absent Jónsi.

But on *Go*, Jónsi's solo debut disc, we get the chance to hear him without his longtime band. His primary collaborator, openly gay orchestral pop artist Nico Muhly, assists Jónsi in giving the album a fresh and original style. Alternately wildly rhythmic and sumptuous, *Go* offers Jónsi room to stretch in new and exciting directions. His fans would be wise to follow — which they can to Verizon Theatre on Monday. Now go!

— Gregg Shapiro

that the release of a solo disc by you might be interpreted as the end of Sigur Rós? I'm going to be touring my solo album this year and I'm going to keep on working in Sigur Rós, writing and recording songs. Hopefully there's going to be a new Sigur Rós album in 2011.

There is a radiant effervescence to some of the songs on *Go*, such as "Go Do," "Animal Arithmetic" and "Around Us." Is that a reflection of your state of mind at the time? Yeah, I think so — definitely. I wanted to push these songs in any way possible. "Go Do," for example was written on ukulele, which sounds kind of weird when I listen to it now. There are so many layers on the song, so many instruments. I think I was pushing for more and more stuff to put on the songs. I wanted them to be energetic.

There's definitely a powerful energy in those songs. "Around Us" and "Grow Till Tall" both contain references to growth and growing "till tall." What's the connection between the two songs? I don't

know why "grow" appears in so many songs. I think it appears in three lyrics on the album, actually. It's probably about somebody growing.

Do you think it could be a reflection of your own personal and creative growth? Yeah, it could be, actually. I'm

kind of taking a big step by myself by releasing this solo album and finally releasing these songs by myself. I've been creating for many, many years.

Are you referring to the passion fruit lilikoi in the song "Boy Lilikoi"? Or is it something else? Yeah! Ha!

Is lilikoi something that you like to eat? Maybe it has a different meaning. Maybe it's about nature and living in the wild and dreams. Maybe meeting some young boy out in the forest.

You collaborated with your partner, Alex Somers, on the album *Go* as well as before. How does being in a relationship effect creative collaboration? It's actually quite healthy. I like it. Alex is this amazing person who really inspires me. We have kind of the same taste in everything, like music, movies and books and clothes and food; nearly everything. We fit well together. It's really good for me. We support each other and help each other with songwriting. He helped me choose the songs for this album and produced the album with me. So, yeah, it's really good.

What happens when you disagree on things? We just bicker a little bit and try to convince each other that you are right. But then somebody just gives in in the end.

If you hadn't teamed up with Nico Muhly, how different do you think the experience of making *Go* would have been for you? It would be definitely different. It wouldn't have so much stuff on it. I think Nico definitely added a lot of atmosphere and colors and playfulness and life to the album, which I'm really happy about. It's what I wanted it to be and that's exactly what I wanted him to do. I really love his arrangements and I'm really happy with him.

The woman-focused Lilith Fair was revived this past summer. A number of years ago, there was talk of a gay version of Lilith with Pet Shop Boys, Soft Cell,

FANCY JONSI

Sigur Ros' gay frontman Jonsi takes his solo act on the road. (Photo Eve Vermandel)



Rufus Wainwright and Magnetic Fields. If they were to try to revive it, is that something in which you might be interested in participating? Yeah, maybe. That sounds really cool, actually.

Dallas Voice: Congratulations on the release of your new solo album. How does it feel? Jonsi: It feels really good. I'm really happy with it. I'm really happy how it turned out.

What do you say to people who might be concerned

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Gay for pay

GayTravel.com kicked off its tour in Dallas with new queer travel guru Nick Vivion

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Nick Vivion's grandparents were from Dallas, so he visited the city many times when he was younger. "But I'd never been here doing gay stuff," he says.

That changed last week. In a big way.

It might not be MacArthur returning to the Philippines, but Vivion marched victorious to his old family haunts with great fanfare, as Dallas was the first stop on the GayTravel.com "Travel Guru" tour. And Vivion is the guru.

In some way, it's a far cry from where the 27-year-old Seattle resident imagined he'd be back in college. He went to school hoping to become a movie director of features, "like Spielberg." Then he discovered documentary filmmaking and his outlook changed. "There are so many good stories out there you don't have to make up," he says.

His interest in filmmaking, photography and travel led to a passion and his livelihood since graduation: Making travel videos for Lonely Planet and YouTube, where his videos scored more than a million hits.

"I've been traveling doing films for about four years," he says. "It is my profession."

So when he heard that GayTravel.com was holding a contest to find an ambassador to scour the globe coming up with unique stories about gay destinations, he threw his hat in the ring.

"This is not the first travel contest I've applied to — probably the 12th or 13th," he says. But it did seem like a good fit: GayTravel.com wanted a gay guy to do gay city tours. Still, it did require a leap of faith.

"I had always been reluctant to be *the gay host* or *the gay travel guy*. Then Prop 8 happened and that changed my perspective a little bit. I saw that I have the ability to capture the essence of what it means to be gay, to get paid to do what I do and share the gay experience a little more."

Vivion won the contest during a competition last month in Las Vegas, where finalists were told to make a good travel video within 36 hours of touring the city. His product, plus an interview that was included a pageant-y question-and-answer portion, cinched his victory.

Dallas had dibs to be the first city on the tour, and Vivion had hoped to be here for Pride, but the timing was too tight. Instead, he launched his tour



ON THE ROAD | Nick Vivion spent family time in Dallas but never doin' gay stuff. Now as the GayTravel.com guru, all he does is the gay stuff. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

last Thursday, spending five days exploring everything from the Strip to the State Fair.

"I had a lot of fun at Gay Bingo — it was a blast to be silly with Jenna Skyy," he says. "I have a lot of respect for drag queens and what they do, and she's one of the best I've ever seen at being witty without being mean — very even-handed. And just to see the energy of so many people coming out for it, so many people to continue to support it was inspiring."

Vivion admits he was a bit unprepared for the first leg of his trip — "It's a blur" — but over the course of his six-month commitment as the guru, he hopes all the cities are as welcoming as Dallas proved to be.

"I'm hoping to kind of find good content about gay destinations. There will be plenty of nightlife coverage but I'm not trying to talk just about places to get drunk. In the end, it's about inspiring people to travel. That's what's important to me."

Vivion went from Dallas to Santa Fe with plans to spend Halloween in New Orleans. You can follow his tour — and see what he has to say about Dallas — at GayTravel.com.

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The art of phodography

Bites! Camera! Action! How local pet photographer Debbie Bryant catches dogs — in their natural environments

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There is no scientific proof that I'm aware of, but here's one gay stereotype that is incontrovertibly true: Gays pamper their pets to a degree that's disproportionate to most of the rest of the world. We buy them outfits, let them sleep in our beds, let them ride around town in special designer car seats; when we vacation, we house them up in posh doggie hotels that often cost more per night than our own accommodations.

I say "we," but this is definitely *my* reality. My partner and I have four dogs and love them like the children we'll never have (more importantly: The children we'll never have to pay to send off to college or bail out of jail). He says that he'll divorce me if I ever bring home Dog No. 5, but I have no control over the power of a well-worked pair of big brown eyes and kisses through puppy breath, so I'm not making any promises.

Our oldest dog, Peyton, a Chow-retriever mix, is turning 12 soon, so we've been wanting to get some great photos of her with her stepsisters while they're all still in good health. We've taken our own shots, but they're far from art. Like shooting — er, *photographing* — children, taking pics of dogs requires skill, patience and an intuition necessary to capture the dogs being themselves.

So while picking up our dogs from Barking Hound Village where they stay when we're out of town, I noticed a gallery display of some stunning, artistic photographs that were exactly what I'd been looking for. Some were close-ups of paws and tails. Others, artfully cropped dog faces, complete with wet noses,

fluffy ears and emotive eyes. I grabbed a business card and immediately called the artist, photographer Debbie Bryant, owner of Thank Dog Photography.

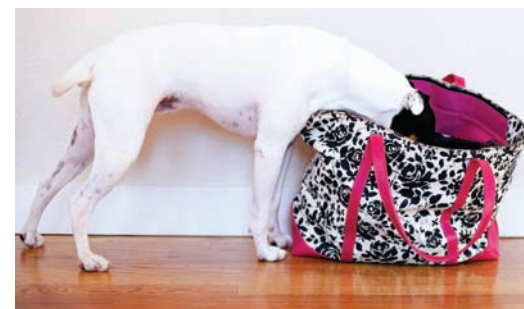
Before getting into the low-pressure world of working with lovable pets for a living, Bryant got her bachelor's degree from Duke University, received her MBA at Yale, finished her law degree at UT Austin and worked for the World Health Organization in Switzerland. Clearly, she has the attention span of a Chihuahua.

It was during her time in Geneva that she first developed a passion for photography, so in a strange, roundabout way, all paths eventually led her to what she loves.

"I get to play with dogs and I'm my own boss — tough to beat!" she laughs.

Bryant only works on location, utilizing natural light, which is part of the reason why the images come out so unposed and vibrant. The location of the shoot is up to the owner. For us, we had no choice but use our home and backyard because trying to keep four dogs off-leash without their collars in a park or by the lake was a recipe for disaster.

During the shoot, Bryant befriended the dogs with a variety of treats, which meant they followed her around everywhere. Eventually, they'd tire of begging and just chill out. This is



AMERICA'S NEXT TOP MONGREL | Cordelia, Cleo and Peyton, above, and Kendall, right, went from neighborhood runts to pick of the litter after a posing session with photographer Debbie Bryant.

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when she'd go into stealth mode, lying on her stomach, or crawling through the grass to capture them at their level. It's clear to anyone who witnesses her in action, this is a woman who has found her dream occupation.

"After I quit my job, I had a ton of time on my hands — something I hadn't had for quite some time," she says. "As flaky as it may sound, I really was on a search for my passion in life. I was taking my dogs to the dog park and started taking my camera along. I photographed not just my dogs, but others as well, and I loved it."

She knew pet photography was what she wanted to do, "but I had to build up my knowledge regarding the more technical aspects of photography," she says. "I am completely self-taught. I've used a lot of trial and error, read a bunch of books and spent hours and hours on the Internet studying photography."

Once she built up her confidence, she started Thank Dog in 2009. Most of her time is spent doing photo shoots like ours, but she is also called upon for more challenging roles, like pho-

tographing dogs for book covers, including *Scent of the Missing*, about a search and rescue dog named Puzzle.

"The art director was looking for a serious, somber shot, consistent with the content of the book. In theory that doesn't sound too difficult or unusual, but trying to get a photo of a dog with its tongue in its mouth when it's 110 degrees out is challenging. Trying to do so when the subject is a naturally happy golden retriever is almost impossible!" Bryant laughs. "We tried everything we could think of, including me hiding in the brush while Puzzle worked to find me. By the time we finally got the shot, I was covered in chigger bites and had taken hundreds, if not thousands, of shots."

Yet she got the perfect shot, and it's this same perseverance and attention to detail that allowed her to create memories for me and my partner that will last a lifetime. ■

ThankDogPhotography.com. Photo sessions start at \$450 for up to three hours, with \$200 credited toward prints and other purchases.

TASTING NOTES

The Grape celebrates its astonishing 38th anniversary this week with a special three-course menu priced, appropriately enough, at \$38. From Tuesday through next Saturday, chef-owner **Brian C. Luscher** will create a chef's tasting at the venerable romantic bistro. (Luscher prepared his justly award-winning burger for the **Burgers and Burgundy** DIFFA fundraiser last week, pictured; no word whether that will be on the menu, but you can always ask.) For reservations call 214-828-1981.

The Beaujolais Festival returns to the World Trade Center on Nov. 19. The annual celebration of the young burgundian wine includes Bordeaux and Texas wines, plus food from top restaurants like the **Hotel St. Germain**, **Salum** and **Sambuca Uptown**. Tickets are \$55 and can be purchased at FACCDallas.com.

Calling your cookie company **Nothing Like It**, as mother-and-daughter bakers Lynn Berman and Sara Berman Popek have done, invites skepticism. "I've had better," you're tempted to say, or, "Yeah... nothing that *bad!*"

Only you won't. The cookies — each individually wrapped, like tiny little presents you give yourself —

are delicious: Moist (the oatmeal raisin especially; try one with pecans), rich (peanut butter) and indulgent (rapadoodle — their version of the snickerdoodle). The Dallas-based online-ordering company just launched this month with cookies available by the dozen only now. The sturdy, attractive packaging helps justify the two-bucks-a-cookie price tag, but with cookies, shoes and sex, money should never be an object. Visit NothingLikelt.com to order.

Addison's **WorldFest** promises to let you "travel the world in a weekend," and while that includes music, dance and a photo exhibit, what we're attracted to is the food and wine. And that the event has free admission.

On Saturday and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m., a global food court will offer everything from chicken masala to pierogis, with a "sip and explore" wine garden from 1–4 p.m. Saturday, 2–5 p.m. Sunday. And for \$20, **Mercy Wine Bar** will let you indulge in some wine and cheese tastings with vino from France to New Zealand. Everything takes place at Village on the Parkway, 5100 Belt Line Road.

Thanksgiving's right around the corner, so that means one thing: Finding someone to cook for you.

EatZi's allows you to order by Monday, Nov. 22 in order to have your meal ready for Thursday. You can order from among choices of breads, turkey and trimmings, salads and stuffing, and of course pies (pecan, pumpkin, apple and cherry). Order online at Eatzis.com.

Sonny Bryan's is also preparing a catering menu of turkey and ham, green bean casserole and stuffing, rolls, cobbler and tea for \$10/person (10 person minimum). You could make it yourself, but isn't it enough that you have to clean up afterward? Place your order by Nov. 19 to get it in by Turkey Day. SonnyBryans.com.

— Arnold Wayne Jones



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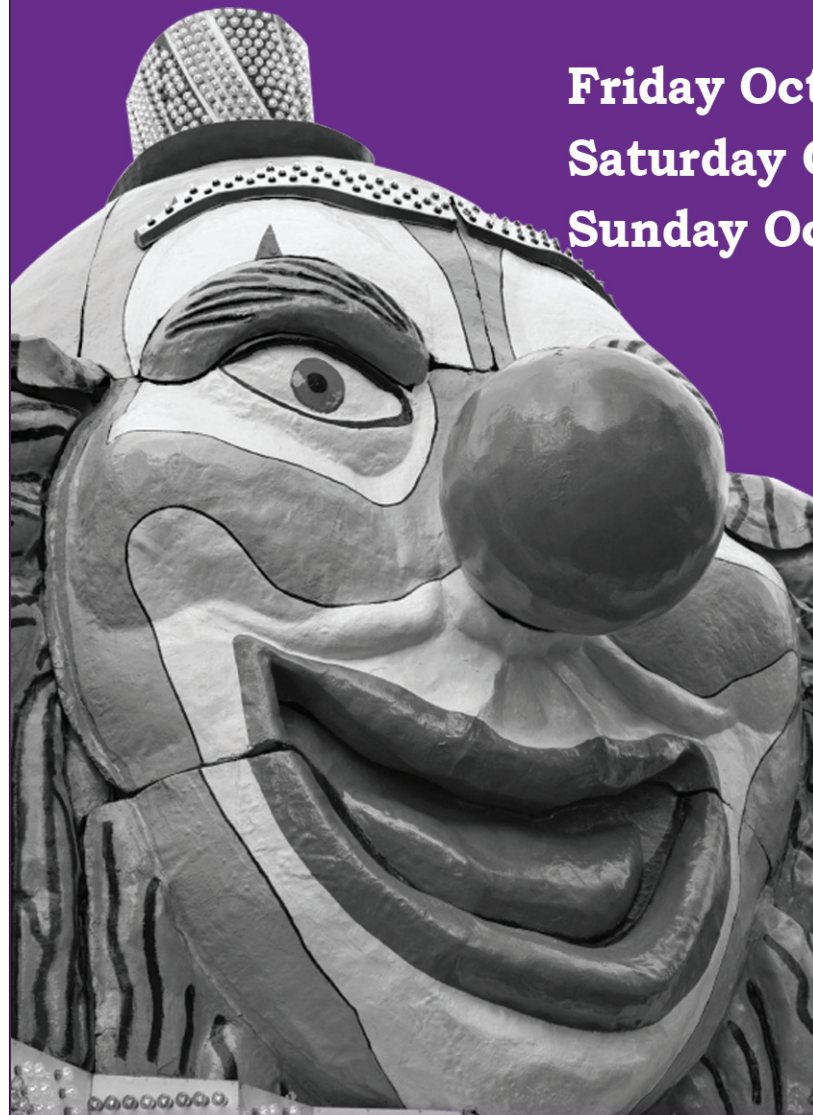
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Monster house

Gay haunted house expert Jim Shackelford says purveyors of fright make a game out of exploiting fears

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First things first: I don't scare easily. Minus serial killers, speed traps in Highland Park, Palin-Gingrich in 2012 and asking for a raise, there isn't much that chills the bejeezus out of me — haunted houses included. (Oh, ghosts *do* frighten me.) So tracking down the occult fun-houses for this story should be a cake walk.

But one local aficionado thinks I should be afraid. Very afraid.

"The 13th Street Morgue in Red Oak has a scary, intense vibe," says Jim Shackelford, an expert on the quasi-paranormal venues that pop up like zombies from a cemetery every October. "Their actors are good at scaring the piss out of people. It's the place I point people to when they ask for a really scary haunt recommendation. And there was a suicide and murder on the property."

Wait, an actual murder? OK, I'm not so sure about that one — and I have no doubt that would be too much for anyone accompanying



MIND YOUR MANORS | Modern haunted houses like Thrillvania in Terrell depend more on invading your space than bloody gross-outs.

me. (Ahem.) So, for the protection of my friends and haunted housemates, we can bypass this one.

Shackelford is the go-to guy in Dallas for knowledge on the haunted house scene. He takes his appreciation of frights to a new level, along with his partner Jay Westerman, owner of Obscurities Tattoos and Piercing. The couple plans to open their own haunted house in the (very appropriate) year of 2013.

"I started doing scary stuff when I was 9 years

old with my parents, so I've been interested in it forever," he says. "I think for me it's the creativity and the marrying of my professional background in interior design and Halloween."

If only there were an actual *gay* haunted house. Imagine it: Meticulously designed, they'd have macabre drag queens, muscled-up executioners and rabid bears popping out from behind French doors and chenille curtains.

I tell Shackelford that haunted houses aren't all that scary anymore. Thanks to a few tricks cultivated over the years, I can handle anything. For instance, if I'm in a group, I let everyone go first so when I hear screams, I know something is coming up. (See? It takes brains not to be scared — and desensitization.) Blood and gore are mandatory in every B-horror movie, and since the boyfriend and I watch too much torture porn as it is, seeing entrails and lopped-off heads is nuthin — give me a chainsaw-wielding masked man any day.

"Everybody's afraid of something," Shackelford says. "But that's part of the problem: Hollywood is the competition. People are immune to the gory visuals so houses now rely on engaging people a bit more."

He calls this the startle type. Haunted houses move into more subtle ways of freaking you out. This is not a good thing. If Christine O'Donnell comes after me in a witch hat wielding a burning Constitution, well, that might require diapers. But Shackelford says houses are preying on phobias and personal space and can spot a target with no problem.

"It's the simplest thing sometimes," he says. "They camouflage the walls and when you don't see it, someone appears out of nowhere. That invasion of space freaks people out. The characters look for reactive people to prey on, so if you can, contain yourself."

He tells me this like I'm the one who screams the most. Like I would be the most afraid. Clearly he is not familiar with my balls of steel.

"Oh and there are some intense hayrides out there," he adds. "Thrillvania has a trail you hike. When it's night time, in the middle of nowhere and creatures come from out of nowhere, that's scary."

Eek!

Screams in Waxahachie creates an entire haunted village, but it's meant to alarm more than cause you to wet yourself — they sell funnel cakes, after all. Thrillvania in Terrell is one of the best 3D attractions and has been featured on the DIY network. With haunted houses like that and Zombie Park in Arlington going high-tech with multimedia effects triggering the heebie-jeebies over outright scares, they are upping the bar on frights. Perhaps this year, I won't bring mommy with me. You know, I don't want her to get scared and all.

But perhaps the scariest part of all the haunted houses in the area is Reindeer Manor Abusement Park.

"The 13th Street Morgue is on one side of that park but it's privately owned," Shackelford says. "The other side is run by a Boy Scout troop."

The horror! The horror!

Fear factors

Forget tricking and treating this Halloween season — Jim Shackelford says these spots will run a chill down your spine. Just keep an eye on what's behind you.

Screams in Waxahachie is literally the scary equivalent of Scarborough Faire. With five haunted houses, psychic readers and live music, Shackelford recommends this as an ideal group outing.

ScreamsPark.com.

The Fatal End in the West End is new to the scene, as paranormal archaeologists have opened an entrance into the lower level of the building which has disturbing legends. Who knew all this creepy stuff was happening under the fudge factory? **DallasHaunt.com.**

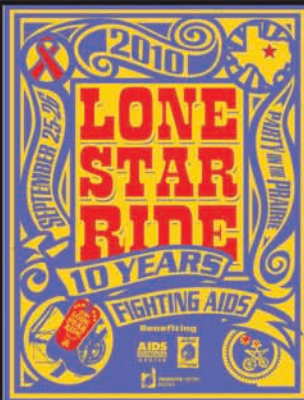
Shackelford says all we needed to know about **Hatch and Kraven's Slaughterhouse** in Sherman is "you can shoot paintballs at zombies." We're there. **SlaughterhouseSherman.com.**

The **Dallas Historical Society** goes one better with down-home myths at its **Haunted Dallas Tour**, where haunted sites and cemeteries will give you a scary appreciation for this old town. **DallasHistory.org.**

For a different kind of history, read our conversation online at DallasVoice.com with **Fortunato Mata** from the **Dallas Costume Shoppe**. He celebrates his 67th Halloween this year dressing goblins.

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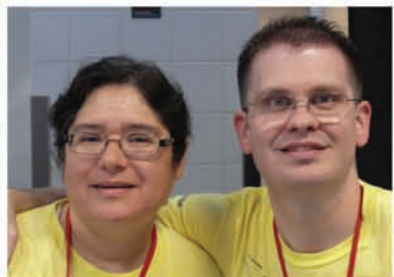
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Saturday 10.23

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A LITTLE 'CLOSER' | Uptown Players' closes the Pet Shop Boys musical 'Closer to Heaven' this Sunday.

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CODA, codependents support group at Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 7 p.m. Cathedralofhope.com.

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Lambda Pride Toastmasters meets weekly at Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 7 p.m. Contact RLJDallasTX@aol.com.

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

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

Congregation Beth El Binah Shabbat service. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 7:30 p.m. 214-521-5342 ext. 1784.

Business Network Collin County luncheon. Fox Sports Grille, 5741 Legacy Drive, Plano. 11:30 a.m. \$20. BusinessNetworkCC.org.

THEATER

Closer to Heaven, the original musical penned by music group the Pet Shop Boys. Kalita Humphreys Theater, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. Through Sunday. Friday-Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m. \$30-\$40. UptownPlayers.org.

Dracula: The Melodrama. The popcorn throwing happens again for this show in time for the Halloween season. Pocket Sandwich Theatre, 5400 E. Mockingbird Lane. Through Nov. 13. Thursdays-Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 7:30 p.m. \$10-\$18. PocketSandwichTheatre.com.

Lucifer Descending, the new play by Mark-Brian Sonna about Lucifer's conflict with God and his attempt to kidnap Adam and Eve's son. Stone Cottage Theatre, 15650 Addison Road. Through Nov. 7. Thursdays-Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2:30 p.m. \$18-\$22. MBSProductions.net.

ART

Seed Deep Ellum Community Gardens Fundraiser featuring the art of local artists Clint Scism, Richard Ross, Frank Campagna and Judith Lea Perkins and more. Food and drink with admission. The warehouse on 2814 Canton St. 7 p.m. \$25. DeepEllum-Texas.com/gardens.

Spanish Muse: A Contemporary Response at the Meadows Museum, 5900 Bishop Blvd. (on the SMU campus). Through Dec. 12. MeadowsMuseumDallas.org.

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 Saturday. SunToMoon.com.

Tibet: The Land Closest to the Sky photography show by Marc Riboud. Crow Collection of Asian Art, 2010 Flora St. Through Jan. 30. CrowCollection.org.

SATURDAY 10.23

COMMUNITY

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

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

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

DFW Prime Timers Prime Brunch at The Mecca, 10422 Harry Hines Blvd. 11 a.m. Call 972-504-8866 for info.

Legacy social group of adults 50 or older from Cathedral of Hope. Monthly potluck or outing. 972-387-3345.

Rock Your Pink Uptown Pub Crawl for the Cure. Area merchants and taverns present a day of breast cancer awareness. The day starts with the On the Pink Carpet fashion show at the Cooling Spa in the AMLI Quadrangle. 11 a.m. \$25. 214-978-0111.

BROADCAST

Cathedral of Hope worship service. Ch. 8 at 12:35 a.m. (Friday after midnight).

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SUNDAY 10.24

COMMUNITY

Breath of Life Interfaith Mindfulness Fellowship. LGBT-friendly “meditation and more” event. All faiths are welcome. Unity Church of Dallas, 6525 Forest Lane. 5:30 p.m. InterMindful.com.

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

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

Lutherans Concerned, LGBT affirming group for Lutherans. King of Glory Lutheran Church, 6411 LBJ Freeway. 7 p.m. 214-855-4998.

Lesbianas Latinas. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 4 p.m. 214-890-6976.

Cowtown Leathermen cookout. Best Friends Club, 2620 East Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth.

Q Cinema planning meeting for those wanting to get involved with the Fort Worth organization in planning the 13th annual film festival, their monthly screening schedule and other events related to Q Cinema. Celebration Community Church, 908 Pennsylvania Ave., Fort Worth. 3 p.m. QCinema.org.

BROADCAST

Lambda Weekly. LGBT radio for North Texas. This week’s guest is Dallas City Councilwoman Delia Jasso. 89.3 KNON-FM at noon. LambdaWeekly.com.

MONDAY 10.25

COMMUNITY

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

Career Assistance Ministry meets at Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. Noon. Cathedralofhope.com.

The Women’s Chorus of Dallas holds weekly rehearsals. Sammons Center for the Arts, 3630 Harry Hines Blvd. 7 p.m. 214-520-7828. TWCDoffice@twcd.org.

F.A.C.E., support group for those impacted by

HIV/AIDS in any capacity. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 7 p.m. Cathedralofhope.com.

DFW Prime Timers play bridge at member residence. 1 p.m. Call 972-504-8866.

Log Cabin Republicans. Mattito’s, 3011 Routh St. 6:30 p.m. 214-346-2115.

PFLAG Denton. Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2200 Bell St., Denton. 7 p.m.

BROADCAST

The Rick Vanderslice Show streams Monday–Friday from 1–3 p.m. on RationalBroadcasting.com.

Night Talk: Dallas! with Rick Vanderslice and Rich Hancock airs Monday–Friday from 9–11 p.m. on KFXR 1190 AM and streamed on RationalBroadcasting.com.

TUESDAY 10.26

COMMUNITY

Gaymsters bridge club. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 6:30 p.m.

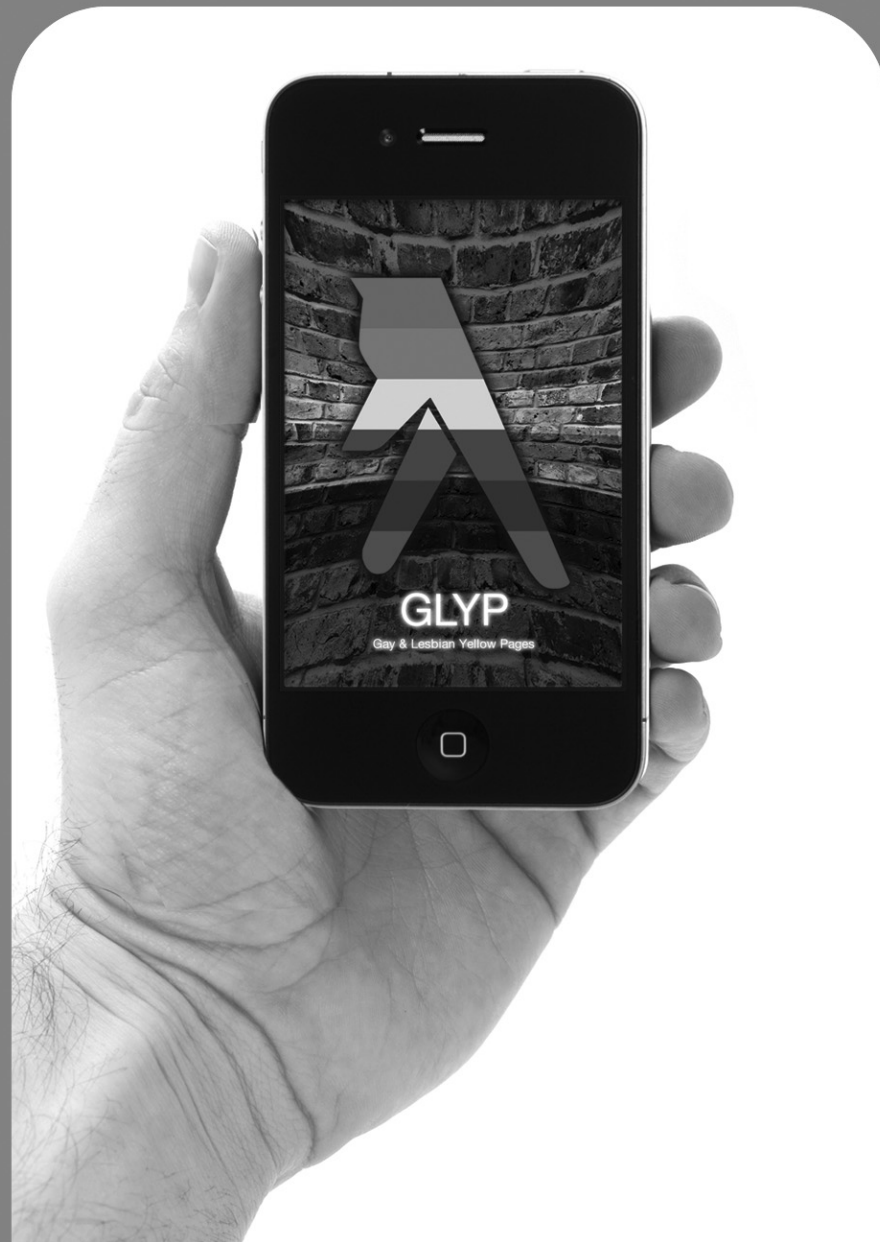
FUSE Movie Night. For gay and bi guys up to 29. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 7 p.m.

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



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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.

Stop Smoking psycho-educational group by the AIDS Outreach Center, 400 N. Beach St., Fort Worth. 2 p.m. 817-335-1994 ext. 217. AOC.org.

Cathedral Business Network breakfast. Princeton Grill, DoubleTree Hotel Campbell Centre, 8250 N. Central Expressway. 7:30 a.m. \$9.

Lesbians and Cancer. A support group for lesbians with cancer or survivors. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at Gilda's Club Dallas, 2710 Oak Lawn Ave. 6-8 p.m.

Prime Timers Prime Diner at Bellini's Italian Café, 3810 Congress Ave. 7 p.m. Call 972-504-8866 for information.

BROADCAST

The 10% with Israel Luna and Richard Curtin streams every Tuesday and Thursday at 3 p.m. on RationalBroadcasting.com.

WEDNESDAY 10.27

COMMUNITY

Positively Straight meets. AIDS Outreach Center, 400 N. Beach St., Fort Worth. 2 p.m. 817-335-1994 ext. 217. AOC.org.

DFW Prime Timers play bridge. 7 p.m. Call 972-504-8866 for information.

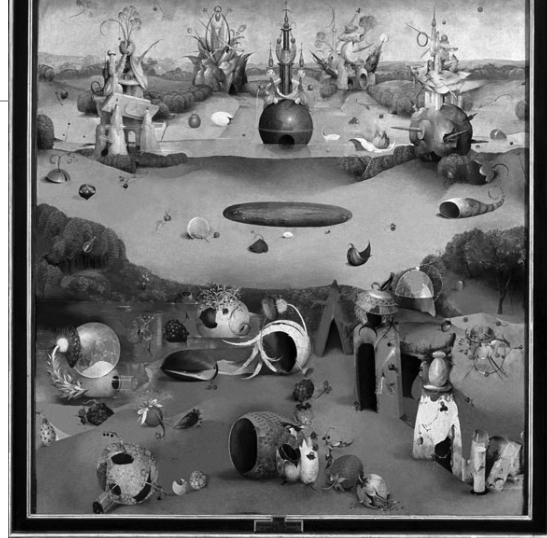
Gay Teen Project. 909 W. Magnolia St., Suite 2, Fort Worth. 7 p.m. 817-332-7722.

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

Common Bond, an alternative lifestyle book group. Barnes & Noble, 362 East F.M. 1382, Cedar Hill. 7 p.m. 972-293-9367.

x3 social group for women. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 7-8:30 p.m. Free. 214-528-0144.

Firedancers Dallas Tribe club night the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Hidden Door, 5025 Bowser St. 7-10 p.m. Free. 972-406-9861.



SPANISH DELIGHT | Ballester's 'El Jardín Deshabitado' exhibits at Meadows Museum through December.

THURSDAY 10.28

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.

The Group. Support group for black men who are HIV-positive. Every second and fourth Thursday of the month. Call 214-455-7316 for more information.

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Chely Wright turns 40 on Monday. Earlier this year, Wright made news as the first major country western star to come out of the closet. In her autobiography, *Like Me*, she detailed her closeted life from her suicide attempt to her relationship with Brad Paisley. She's now a full-on advocate for the LGBT community and will make an appearance at this year's Black Tie Dinner.

LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

Look hard at household finances. The uglier the mess, the likelier you're in better shape than you thought. There are hard truths there, but you can't feather your nest making like an ostrich.

SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

You are hotter than you realize. "Working it" will just come off as excessive. Relax, be yourself. Applying yourself intellectually and speaking up politically will win the day and score into the night.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 20

Differentiating between sexual liberation and exploitation can be tough. Take time to consider your values and aesthetics. Sometimes being true to yourself takes reflection and effort.

CAPRICORN Dec 21-Jan 19

Consider that you fit in well with a charming, beautiful crowd. Give yourself credit and use that self-assurance to challenge yourself to accomplishing something more solid.

AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

Focus on inner strengths and counterproductive quirks that affect your career. Welcome criticism as key to improvement. What you learn from self-examination can prove helpful.

PISCES Feb 19-Mar 19

Be willing to be wrong. Accept challenges to any of your ideas as an opportunity to dig further into your ideals, to reassess long-held beliefs and bring them into balance with reality.

ARIES Mar 20-Apr 19

You may be irresistibly sexy, but will you use that for good or for evil? Sublimate that energy into your work and you could open doors that lead through challenges to great success.

TAURUS Apr 20-May 20

A mad new infatuation is probably just that, but the stars just might line up for something more solid. Whether you believe in love at first sight, make sure to take a good, critical second look.

GEMINI May 21-Jun 20

Dedication to hard work will pay off in the long run, but that will take time. Obsessing on goals now will burn you out. Pace yourself and remember to take time to refresh both body and soul.

CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22 Y

It's a great time for a love affair, but what would your partner say? If you can't talk your baby into something new, let your honey make suggestions. Take them as a creative challenge.

LEO Jul 23-Aug 22

Look into your family's medical history. The stars suggest clarity, not danger. This is not a time to worry, but careful investigation now can help you make better choices to head off trouble later.

VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

Being charming and playful can come off as flirtatious and even lascivious. That can get you in trouble, so think before speaking. Elsewhere it will get you into all the trouble you want. Have at it.

THIS WEEK

Venus and sun line up in Scorpio promoting extreme sexiness, or at least egotistical efforts. They're both sextile to Pluto and the North Lunar Node, so the responsibilities of Eros may be strongly felt. It can be a good time to make a commitment to one you feel passionate about, or to sexual health and responsibility.

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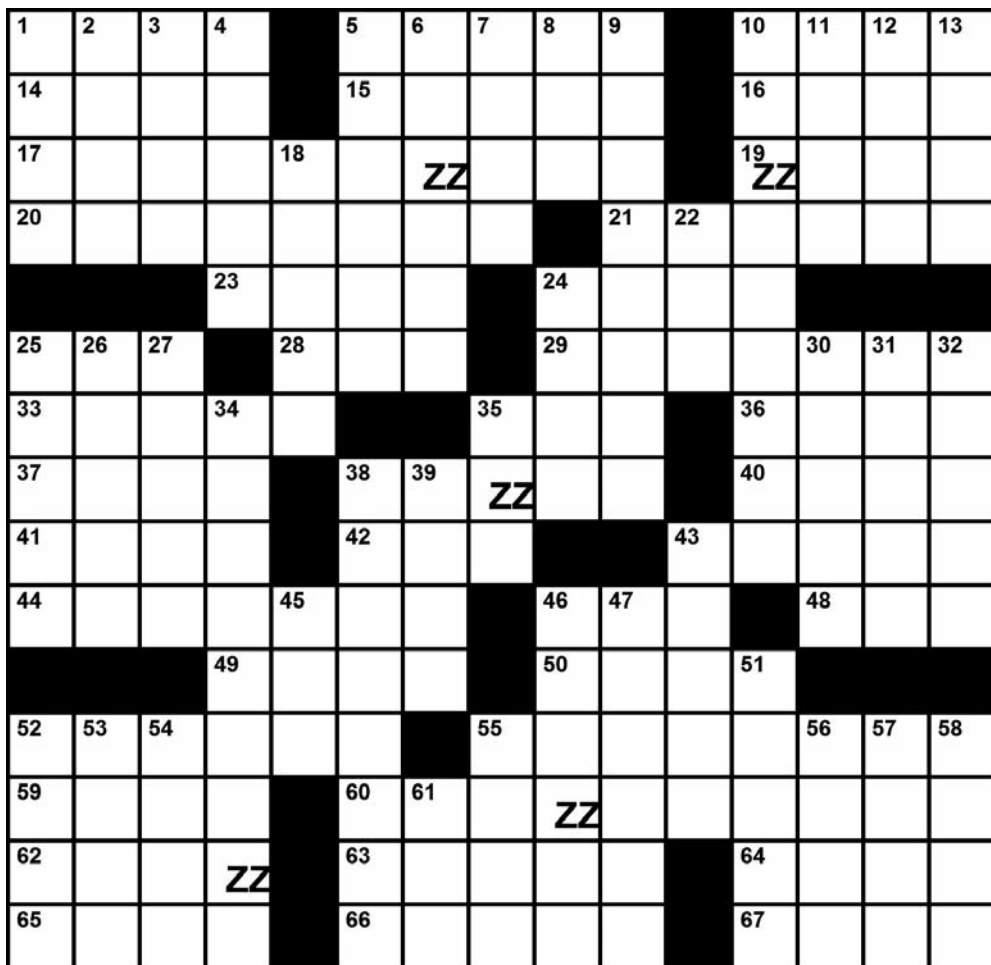
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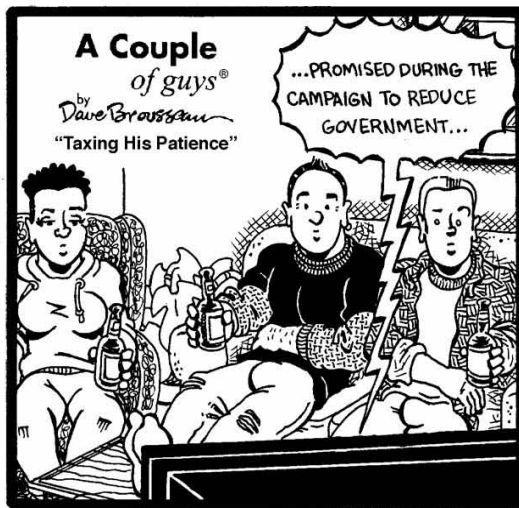
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Across

- 1 *Femme's Guide to the Universe* author Rednour
- 5 Type of room at a bathhouse
- 10 *West Side Story* gang
- 14 Cry of pride
- 15 The Scales, astrologically
- 16 Blade name
- 17 Cross-dressing comedian
- 19 "Legs" rock trio
- 20 Added to the scrapbook
- 21 David Sedaris' works
- 23 Family diagram
- 24 Morales of *Resurrection Blvd.*
- 25 Some sex-toy batteries
- 28 Cause of Apr. angst
- 29 *The Naked Civil Servant* author Crisp
- 33 "I'm all ears"
- 35 "Don we now ___ gay apparel ..."
- 36 Literature Nobelist André
- 37 Collette of *United States of Tara*
- 38 *Working Girls* director Borden
- 40 *Vogue* competitor
- 41 Welcome response after a tumble
- 42 Access ending
- 43 Cut loose
- 44 Solo passage, to Copland

Down

- 46 J. Edgar Hoover's org.
 - 48 In need of a lube
 - 49 Hammerhead part
 - 50 Rimbaud's zip
 - 52 Emulate Todd Oldham
 - 55 Hearty hunk of meat
 - 59 Melodious Fitzgerald
 - 60 Gay guy with grayish hair?
 - 62 Full of activity
 - 63 Name of many a gay bar
 - 64 Without a date
 - 65 Angelina's tomb-raiding role
 - 66 Chooses not to come
 - 67 *All's Well That ___ Well*
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- Down**
- 1 Type of father Robert Reed played
 - 2 "If I Only ___ Brain"
 - 3 Says further
 - 4 Singer Bonnie
 - 5 Pitch that isn't straight
 - 6 Hissy fits
 - 7 *My People* author Abba
 - 8 JFK info
 - 9 Left no doubt
 - 10 Ethel Waters, for one
 - 11 Katharine's *Butch Cassidy* role
 - 12 Perry of Metropolitan Community Church
 - 13 Suckers
 - 18 Queer, to straights
 - 22 Writer's enc.
 - 24 Prefix with lateral
 - 25 Top floor
 - 26 It arouses two body openings
 - 27 Where priests come together
 - 30 Did some floor work
 - 31 One who screws around
 - 32 Hard up
 - 34 Cathedral of Hope pastor
 - 35 Osbourne of rock
 - 38 Deep throat medications
 - 39 Caspian Sea land
 - 43 Hot-tempered
 - 45 Photog's original
 - 46 Tightly curled
 - 47 Books about the will and grace of God
 - 51 Lord Byron, for one
 - 52 Stud poker demand
 - 53 Napoleon's exile isle
 - 54 The word "queer," e.g., before Queer Eye
 - 55 Latvia's capital
 - 56 Long, long time
 - 57 Material from Sylvia Beach?
 - 58 Quite, to Colette
 - 61 Squealer





Corbin, Chris and Philip at Best Friends Club.

We know you're itching to put on that Halloween costume and you're in luck. Some clubs are getting their scary fun on early Saturday, **Robert Olivas** and **Totally Twisted Karaoke** host **Peker's Bar Annual Scary-Okee Costume Contest**. Cash prize for the best costume and if you got singing chops, that just might push you over **The Dallas Eagle** will have their **Full Moon Party** on Friday. They go the opposite way, encouraging a bare-as-you-dare night. See how they are? Saturday night, **Jack and the Leather Clan** host a benefit for the **Women's Leather History Project** with drag shows, silent auctions and scene techniques **Jack's Backyard** goes weird with **Bebe LaStrange** performing Friday night. **The Bright** follows through on Saturday and **Kathy and Bella** return to the stage Sunday **DJ Carl Katana** spins it retro style at the **Rainbow Lounge** every Tuesday. Can we ever get enough '80s music? That would be a "no" For a slightly different Halloween experience, head to **JR.'s Bar & Grill** on Wednesday for a very special sing-along event with the **Rocky Horror Picture Show**. We know that fills you with anti-pation **Andrea Dawson** goes two-for-two performing Friday and Saturday at **Woody's Live on the Back Patio** series Every Sunday at the **Round-Up Saloon** is **ManCandy** night with **Mickey**. **Monday Night Football** takes over the screens at the club when the **Cowboys** take on the **New York Giants**. That's perfect timing because they also begin putting up their Halloween decorations and invite everyone to take a look **Rachel Stacey** performs Saturday night at **Sue Ellen's**. Try to sing without laughing at **Little Chalupa's Karaoke** every Thursday. ■

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Jon and Darren at 1851 Club.



Juan and Jose at Skivvies.



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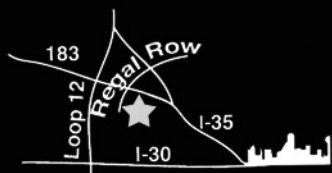
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***ALTERNATIVES OF NEW FINE ARTS** — 1720 W. Mockingbird Ln.; 214-630-7071.
***MOCKINGBIRD VIDEO** — 708 W. Mockingbird Ln.; 214-631-3003.
***NEW FINE ARTS WEST** — 1966 W. Northwest Hwy;

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972-869-1097.
***ODYSSEY ADULT VIDEO** — 2600 Forest at Denton Dr., 972-484-4999; 950 W. Mockingbird Ln., 214-634-3077.
***PARIS ADULT BOOKS & VIDEO WAREHOUSE** — 1118 Harry Hines; 972-263-0774.
***THE VIDEO STORE** — 3015 Arapah at Galaxie; Garland 75044; 972-495-1460. 214-528-6500; robwiley.com.
ZONE D'EROTICA — 2600 Forest, Dallas. 972-241-7055, zonederotica.com.

entertainment, general

***ARLINGTON MUSEUM OF ART** — 201 W. Main St., Arlington; 817-275-4600; arlingtonmuseum.org.
***ANGELIKA FILM CENTER** — At Mockingbird Ln. and N. Central Expy.; 214-941-4700.
CITY PERFORMANCE HALL — 2700 Flora St.; 75201; 214-880-0202; dallasperformingarts.org.
DALLAS ARBORETUM — 8525 Garland Rd.; 214-515-6500; dallasarboretum.org.
***DALLAS MUSEUM OF ART** — 1717 N. Harwood; 214-922-1204.
DALLAS SUMMER MUSICALS — 5959 Royal Ln., #542; 214-421-5678; dallassummusicals.org.
DALLAS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA — 2301 Flora St.; 75201; 214-871-4038; dallassymphony.com.
DALLAS OPERA — 214-443-1000; dallasopera.org.
DALLAS THEATER CENTER — 2800 Flora St.; 214-252-3927; dallastheatercenter.org.
FT. WORTH OPERA — 31-877-FWOPERA; fwopera.org.
***INWOOD THEATRE** — 5458 W. Lovers Ln., 214-352-6040.
***LAKEWOOD THEATRE** — 825 Abrams Rd.; 214-827-LAKE.
***MAGNOLIA THEATER** — 3699 McKinney Ave.; 214-520-0025.
MBS PRODUCTIONS — 214-951-9550; mbsproductions.com.
MODERN ART MUSEUM — 3200 Darnell, Ft. Worth; 817-738-9215.
SAMMONS PARK — (Annette Strauss Artist Square); 2100 Ross Ave.; 75201; dallasperformingarts.org.
***THEATRE THREE** — 2800 Routh, #168; 214-871-2933; theatre3dallas.com.
TITAS — 2403 Flora St.; 75201; 214-880-0202; titas.org.
UPTOWN PLAYERS — P.O. Box 192264; 214-219-2718; uptownplayers.org.
WATERTOWER THEATRE — 15650 Addison Rd.; 972-450-6232; watertowertheatre.org.
WINSPEAR OPERA HOUSE — (Margaret McDermott Performance Hall & Nancy Hamon Recital Hall); 2403 Flora St.; 75201; 214-880-0202; dallasperformingarts.org.
WYLY THEATRE — (Potter Rose Performance Hall); 2400 Flora St.; 75201; 214-880-0202; dallasperformingarts.org.

healthcare

ADVANCED FOOT CARE — Dr. Michael Saginaw; 5601A West Lovers Ln.; 214-366-4600.
ADVANCED SKIN FITNESS — 2928 Oak Lawn Ave.; 214-521-5277; advancedskinfitness.com.
ALLEN, DR. BRADY — 2929 Carlisle, Ste. 260; 214-303-1033; uptownphysiciansgroup.com.
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AUTUMN JOURNEY HOSPICE — 5347 Spring Valley Rd.; Dallas 75254; 972-233-0525; autumnjourneyhospice.com.
BELLOS, NICHOLAS C., M.D. — (Infectious Disease); 2909 Lemmon Ave.; 214-828-4702.
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***BIOSCRIP** — 3818 Cedar Springs; 214-522-4006.
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CITY DOC — 5301 W. Lovers Ln., 214-352-7800 2909 McKinney Ave., 214-871-7000, citydoc.net.
CORE HEALTH CHIROPRACTIC — Eric Peay, D.C.; 3626 N. Hall, #629; 214-219-3300; corehealthwellness.com.
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DERM AESTHETICS & LASER CENTER — Dr. Anthony Caglia; 670 W. Campbell Rd., #150; 972-690-7070.
DENTAL IMPLANT CENTER — 5301 W. Lovers, #102; 214-956-9100.
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***HENDERSON, ROBERT W., M.D.** — (General Practice/HIV Medicine); 2929 Carlisle, #260; 214-303-1033.

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INTERVENTIONAL SPINCE & PAIN — 8440 Walnut Hill, #400; 214-345-1476; spinedallas.com.
KINDLEY, DR. GARY — (Pastoral Counselor); 3906 Lemmon, #207; 817-312-9919; drgk.org.
LEE, DAVID M., M.D. — (Internal Medicine/HIV Medicine); 2929 Carlisle, #260; 214-303-1033, uptownphysiciansgroup.com.
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MANNING WELLNESS CENTER — 2702 McKinney Ave, # 122; 214-720-BACK.
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NORTH TEXAS INFECTIOUS DISEASES CONSULTANTS, P.A. — 3409 Worth; 214-823-2533; infectiousdiseases.com.
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RIHA, KENNETH E., DDS — 3102 Oak Lawn Ave., #204; 214-521-5900; dallasdentalsolutions.com.
SAFIR, DR. ALLEN — (Doctor Eyecare); 4414 Lemmon Ave. doctoreyecare.com; 214-522-3937.
SPECTRUM CHIROPRACTIC & ACUPUNCTURE — 3906 Lemmon, #214; 214-520-0092; spectrumchiropractic.com.
STOCKTON ROBERTS CLINIC — 801 N. Zang Blvd.; 214-941-4000.
***STONEWALL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, INC.** — 3626 N. Hall, #723; 214-521-1278; 1-888-828-TALK; stonewall-inc.com.
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TURTLE CREEK PAIN MANAGEMENT — 3131 Turtle Creek Blvd.; 214-526-1133; turtlecreekpain.com.
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UPTOWN PSYCHOTHERAPY — 4144 N. Central Expy., #520; 214-824-2009; uptownpsychotherapy.com.
UPTOWN VISION — 2504 Cedar Springs; 214-953-EYES; uptownvisiondallas.com.
VASQUEZ CLINIC — 2929 Welborn; 214-528-1083; vasquezclinic.com.
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VOSKUHL, DR. GENE — 2929 Carlisle, Ste. 260; 214-303-1033.
WALNUT CENTRAL ORTHODONTICS — 9669 N. Central Expy.; 214-692-5688, walnutcentralorthodontics.com.
WHITWORTH, BRENT, MD — (Dallas Medical); 8210 Walnut Hill; 214-306-4030; dallas-medical.com.

insurance

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AIA LIFE & HEALTH SERVICES — (Shane Robinson); 3701 Plano Pkwy, #150; 972-519-0721; aiabenefits.com.
***ALLSTATE** — (Alex Long); 2700 N. O'Conner, Irving; 972-570-7000; alexlongagency.com.
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***BILL PRIEST INSURANCE** — 1402 Corinth St.; 214-860-5700.
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STEVEN GRAVES INSURANCE AGENCY — 2919 Welborn, Suite 100 214-599-0808; stevengravesinsurance.com.

private clubs

***CLUB BABYLON** — 11311 Harry Hines; 972-247-0073; clubbabylondallas.com.
***CLUB DALLAS** — 2616 Swiss; 214-821-1990; the-clubs.com.
***MIDTOWNE SPA** — 2509 Pacific; 214-821-8989; midtowne.com.

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HEWITT & HABGOOD — (Dave Perry Miller); 2828 Routh, #100; 214-752-7070; hewittahabgood.com.
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KB HOMES — 3546 Melinda Hills Drive; 214-920-9090.
M STREET LOFTS — 5800 McCommas Blvd.; 214-708-5363; 3brecc.com.
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PARKSIDE CONDOS — 4777 Cedar Springs; 214-377-2233; parksidecedarsprings.com.
PARTNERS HOME LENDING — (Sharon Bellh); 972-692-0640, partnershomelending.com.
REMAX URBAN — 214-991-1181; remaxurban.com.
ROGERS HEALY & ASSOC. — 4925 Greenville, #1130; 214-368-4663; rogershealy.com.
STONE, BARBARA — (Allie Beth Allman); 214-228-5465; northwstdallasliving.com.
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VIEWPOINT MORTGAGE — (Armando Ramirez); 214-263-5507.
VIRGINIA COOK REALTORS — 2626 Cole; 214-292-0000; virginiacook.com.
WATERSON, RON — (Prime Lending); 3500 Oak Lawn Ave.; 214-926-9583; primelending.com.
WYNN REALTY — (Craig Patton); 18636 Vista Del Sol Dr; 469-449-9917; wynnrealty.com.

restaurants

***ALFREDO'S PIZZA** — 4043 Trinity Mills, #108; 972-307-1678.
***ALL GOOD CAFE** — 2934 Main St.; 214-742-5362.
***ANGELA'S CAFE** — 7929 Inwood, #121; 214-904-8122.
***BIC'S RESTAURANT** — 2245 Midway Rd., Carrollton; 972-233-5819.
***BLACK-EYED PEA** — 3857 Cedar Springs; 214-521-4580.
***BOOGIE BURGER** — 3510 E. Lancaster; 817-531-8889.
***BREADWINNERS** — 33 McKinney Ave.; 214-754-4740.
***BRONX** — 3835 Cedar Springs; 214-521-5821.
***BUFFALO WILD WINGS** — 3636 Frankford Rd.; 972-820-9221.
***BULI CAFE** — 3908 Cedar Springs Rd.; 214-528-5410; buli cafe.com.
***BURGER ISLAND** — 525 Arapah, Richardson; 972-235-8960.
***BUZZBREWS KITCHEN** — 4334 Lemmon Ave.; 214-521-4334; 4154 Fitzhugh; 214-826-7100; buzzbrews.com.
***CAFE BRAZIL** — 3847 Cedar Springs; 214-461-8762.
***CARIBBEAN GRILL** — 3068 Forest Ln.; 972-241-9113.
***CASA FRANCISCO** — 1001 W. Jefferson; 214-948-1424.
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***CHIP'S HAMBURGERS** — 4530 Lovers Ln.; 214-691-2447.
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***DICKEY'S BARBECUE** — 2525 Wycliff Ave.; 214-780-0999; dickyey.com.
DUNKIN DONUTS — 13535 Preston Rd.; 972-239-1700; dunkindonuts.com.
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***EINSTEIN BROTHERS BAGELS** — 3827 Lemmon Ave., Dallas, 214-526-5221; 3050 University, Ft. Worth, 817-923-3444.
***ELROD'S COST PLUS** — 1655 New York Ave., Arlington; 817-548-1121.
***FRESH MARKET RESTAURANT** — 6300 Harry Hines #130; 214-352-2296.
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***THE GREAT AMERICAN HERO** — 4001 Lemmon Ave.; 214-521-2070.
***HECTORS ON HENDERSON** — 2929 W. Henderson Ave., 214-821-0432, hectorsonhenderson.com.

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***HUNG'DING'ER** — 4000 Cedar Springs; 214-522-HUNG.
***HUNKY'S** — 4000 Cedar Springs and 321 N. Bishop St.; 214-522-1212; hunlksy.com.
***IT'S A GRIND** — 2901 Indiana, 75226; 214-954-7109.
***JACK'S BACKYARD** — 2303 Pittman, Dallas 75208; 214-741-3131; jacksbackyarddallas.com.
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***LA CABANA** — 1417 W. Davis; 214-941-9292.
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***LONA LINDA** — 4810 Maple; 214-526-4749.
***LONE STAR BBQ** — 6320 Beach St, Haltom City; 817-428-7887.
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***LUCKY'S CAFE** — 3531 Oak Lawn; 214-522-3500.
***MAMA'S DAUGHTERS' DINER** — 2014 Irving Blvd.; 214-742-8646; mamasdaughtersdiner.com.
***MAIN STREET CAFÉ** — 2023 S. Cooper, Arlington; 817-801-9099.
***MCDONALD'S** — 4439 Lemmon Ave.; 214-522-0697.
***MONICA CAA YALLA** — 2914 Main St.; 214-748-7140.
***NIKKI'S RESTAURANT** — 1401 W. Campbell, Richardson; 972-644-0487.
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***OJEDA'S** — 4617 Maple; 214-528-8383.
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***PANDA'S** — 3917 Cedar Springs; 214-528-3818.
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***RIVERSIDE GRILL** — 940 N. Industrial Blvd.; 214-655-6300.
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***STANDARD & POURS** — 1409 S. Lamar; 214-565-0383.
***STARBUCK COFFEE** — 3330 Oak Lawn, 214-219-0369; 4101 Lemmon Ave.; 214-522-3531.
***STRATOS GREEK TAVERNA** — 2907 W. Northwest Hwy.; 214-352-3321; stratos.com.
URBAN CAFE & BAR — 1500 Jackson St.; 214-741-3663; urbancafeandbar.com.
***TOMMY'S HAMBURGERS** — 5228 Camp Bowie, Ft. Worth; 817-569-1111.
***WINGSTOP** — 4411 Lemmon Ave.; 214-219-9464.
ZEN SUSHI — 308 W. 7th St.; 75208; 214-946-9699; zensushidallas.com.

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ARIA CREMATION SERVICE — 214-340-8008; cremation.com.
***ARIEL'S PEST CONTROL** — 5319 Alta Vista Ln.; 866-570-4681
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CIRCLE OF LIGHT WEDDING CHAPEL — Eureka Springs, AR; 877-825-4444; arlcircleoflightweddings.com.
CRAIN & CRAIG PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS — 214-366-2300; crain-craig.com.
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***ENERGY FITNESS** — 2901 Cityplace West Blvd.; 214-219-1900.
***EXCHANGE PARK MALL** — 6300 Harry Hines.
GAYDLN.NET — oaklawn.tv.
H&R BLOCK — (Skip Stark); 5617 Lemmon Ave.; 214-522-0179; hrblock.com.

organizationdirectory

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AIDS HOTLINE — 214-559-AIDS; Sponsored by Resource Center of Dallas.

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***AIDS ARMS INC.** — 219 Sunset, #116-A, Dallas 75208; 214-521-5191; 1907 Peabody Ave., Dallas 75215; 214-421-7848; aidsarms.org.

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

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

AIDS OUTREACH CENTER OF FORT WORTH — 801 W. Cannon, Fort Worth 76104; 817-335-1994; aoc.org.

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.

***AIDS SERVICES OF DALLAS** — P.O. Box 4338, Dallas 75208; 214-941-0523; aidsdallas.org.

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4210 Mesa, Denton 76207, 940-381-1501; 2540 Ave. K, Ste 500, Plano 75074, 972-424-1480; 3506 Texas, Greenville 75401, 903-450-4018; 102 S. First, Rockwall 75087, 800-974-2437; aidsntx.org.

EXHALE SERVICES — 417 S. Locust, #101, Denton 76201; 940-484-2516.

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NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS HIV PLANNING COUNCIL — 1101 S. Main, #2500; Fort Worth 76104; 817-321-4743 (Office), 817-321-4741 (Fax); notexasaids.com.

POSITIVE VOICES COALITION — 8099 Pennsylvania Ave., Ft. Worth; 817-321-4742; notexasaids.com.

PROJECT ESPERANZA — 5415 Maple, #422, Dallas 75235; 214-630-0114.

TURTLE CREEK CHORALE AIDS FUND — P.O. Box 190409, Dallas 75219; 214-394-9064; tciaidsfund.org.

WHITE ROCK FRIENDS MINISTRY — 9353 Garland Rd., Dallas 75218; 214-324-1193; whiterockchurch.org.

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***DALLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY** — 1515 Young, Dallas 75201; 214-670-1400; dallaslibrary.org.

GAY AND LESBIAN ASSOCIATION OF DENTON — 940-565-2456; andrew.wexler@gmail.com; orgs.unt.edu/glad.

GLSEN - DALLAS — 2505 Wedgela Dr. #235, Dallas, 817-999-0199; glsen.org/dallas, dallas@chapters.glsen.org.

HOMAGE — P.O. Box 830688, #12, Richardson 75083; 214-415-8495; mail@homageunt.org.

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SPECTRUM — 3140 Dyer, Dallas 75275; 214-768-4792; people.smu.edu/spectrum.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS ALLY PROGRAM — 940-565-2000; ally@unt.edu; unt.edu/ally/index.htm.

media

***DALLAS VOICE** — 4145 Travis, 3rd Floor, Dallas 75204; 214-754-8710; dallasvoice.com.

DALLAS VOICE YELLOW PAGES — 4145 Travis, 3rd Floor, Dallas 75204; 214-754-8710; gayyellow.com.

GAY & LESBIAN ALLIANCE AGAINST DEFAMATION — 800-GAY-MEDIA; glad@glad.org; GLAAD.org.

LAMBDA WEEKLY — GLBT talk-radio show. KNON 89.3FM; Lambda Weekly, KNON FM, P.O. Box 71909, Dallas 75271; lambdaweekly@aol.com; geocities.com/lambdaweekly.

PRIDE RADIO — 14001 N. Dallas Parkway, #300, Dallas 75240; 214-866-8000; prideradiodfw.com/main.html.

music

FRONTIER DRUM & BUGLE CORPS — 3630 Harry Hines Blvd., #18, Dallas 75219; 972-437-6974; frontiercorps.org.

OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND — P.O. Box 190869, Dallas 75219; 214-621-8998; oaklawnband.org.

NEW TEXAS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA — P.O. Box 190137, Dallas 75219; 214-526-3214 (x101); ntso.org.

TURTLE CREEK CHORALE — P.O. Box 190137, 75219, Dallas 75219; 214-526-3214 (x101); turtlecreek.org.

WOMEN'S CHORUS OF DALLAS — 3630 Harry Hines Blvd., #210,

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LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF DALLAS COUNTY — P.O. Box 541712; DALLAS 75354-1719; lpdallas.org.

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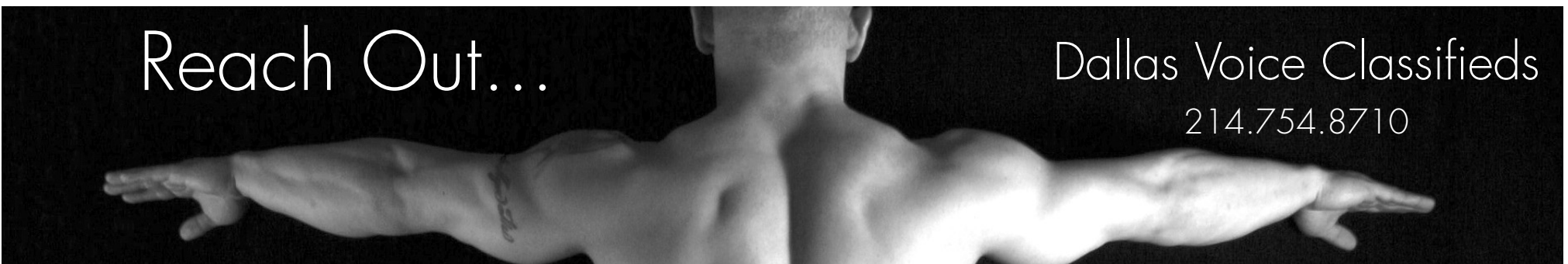
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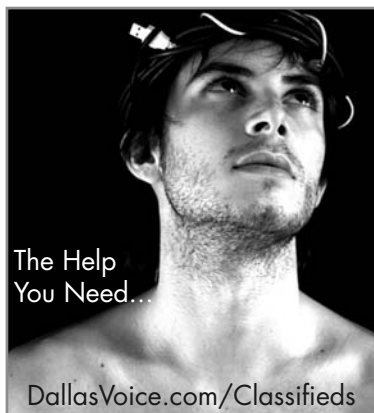
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