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Pentagon report 'a gift' to LGBTs on Veterans Day

Details of study come just hours after Obama administration appeals to Supreme Court to continue allowing DADT enforcement

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A 370-page Pentagon study on implementing repeal of "don't ask, don't tell" will report Dec. 1 that repeal poses only minimal risk to current war efforts, according to an article posted Wednesday night, Nov. 10 in the Washington Post.

Openly gay Air Force veteran David Guy-Gainer of Forest Hill called the report "a Veterans Day gift" for LGBT current and former service-members.

Guy-Gainer is a retired Air Force chief master sergeant and a board member for Servicemembers Legal Defense Network. He had just returned from a Veterans Day breakfast in Tarrant County when he spoke to Dallas Voice on Thursday, Nov. 11.

"I am thrilled. It's wonderful. I can't think of a better gift for Veterans Day," he said.

The story was published just hours after the Obama administration filed a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court asking that the military be allowed to continue enforcing DADT while a lower court ruling declaring the policy unconstitutional makes its way through the appeals process.

Acting U.S. Solicitor General Neal Kumar Katyal argued that the stay is necessary because the injunction would cause "the government the kind of irreparable injury that routinely forms the basis for a stay pending appeal."

U.S. District Court Judge Virginia Phillips issued an injunction against enforcement of DADT last month in the wake of her earlier ruling, in a case brought by Log Cabin Republicans, that DADT is unconstitutional. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals issued a stay of Phillips' injunction, and Log Cabin Republicans appealed that

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FUTURE MILITARY | Members of a Dallas-area Jr. ROTC group march in formation, carrying U.S. flags, during Dallas' annual Veterans Day Parade Thursday morning, Nov. 11. According to information leaked to The Washington Post earlier this week, a Pentagon report studying attitudes of current members of the military, a large majority don't believe repealing 'don't ask, don't tell' would harm military readiness. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)



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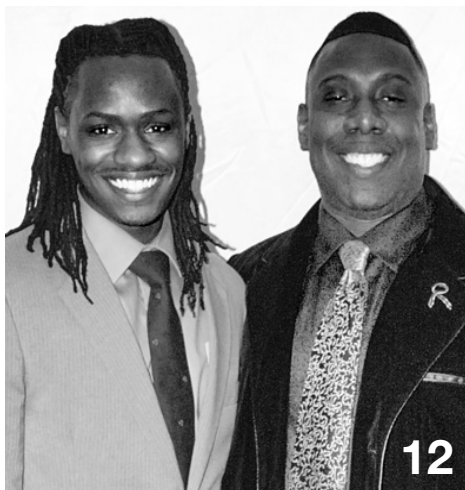
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Baldwin: 'We will see brighter days ahead'

Congresswoman tells Black Tie audience not to give up hope; Wright applauds heroes who chose 'never to hide a day in your lives'

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During her keynote address at the 29th annual Black Tie Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 6, openly lesbian Wisconsin Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin wasted no time in acknowledging the apparent blow the Republican victories in this month's midterm elections dealt to the LGBT community's push for equality.

"I needed to get away. It's been a tough week, a very painful week for many Americans," Baldwin said.

But then she went on to reassure the more than 3,000 people packed into the Sheraton Dallas' Lone Star Ballroom that "we will see brighter days ahead."

Baldwin acknowledged that the community's



Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin

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high hopes when Barack Obama was elected president in 2008 have not, for the most part, been met. "There is frustration that we haven't come far enough, fast enough, and I share that frustration."

Recalling the last time that Republicans controlled Congress, Baldwin said efforts to secure LGBT equality were "rebuffed at every turn," and she added that she is "not holding my breath" that things will be different this time, with Republicans controlling the U.S. House and the Senate nearly equally divided between the parties.

Although there is a possibility that the "don't ask, don't tell" military policy could be repealed during the upcoming lame duck session, chances are "slim to none for now and for the foreseeable

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Legally gay-married in Texas!!!

Each year countless gay and lesbian couples travel from Texas to places where same-sex marriage is legal to tie the knot.

But Mark Reed hopes same-sex couples in Texas will soon be able to conveniently — and legally — marry without leaving the state.

Reed, a board member for the national LGBT direct action group GetEQUAL, recently married his longtime partner, Dante Walkup, at the W Dallas Victory hotel. Their "Skype" wedding was officiated via teleconference from Washington, D.C., where same-sex marriage is legal, and they received their license in the mail a short time later.

"The reason we wanted to do it this way is because we wanted to have a wedding here in Dallas with our family and friends," Reed said. "It was very important that all of our family came. It was the first time they actually met, even though we've been together 10 years. If we had to go to D.C., there's no way we could have had the people there who we wanted to be there."

Reed and Walkup, co-owners of WDM Lighting on Oak Lawn Avenue, were married in a conference room at the W hotel on Oct. 10, in front of about 80 people with a 6-by-8-foot screen looming behind them. The couple had rented a similar room at a W hotel in Washington, where marriage equality activist Sheila Alexander-Reid officiated the wedding.

"When we walked down the aisle, as soon as we reached the front, she comes on the screen like *The Wizard of Oz*," Reed said. "It was beautiful. It wasn't make-believe. It was like she was really there."

Although Reed and Walkup were able to hold their ceremony in Dallas, they had to go to D.C. beforehand to register. And Reed said while D.C.'s marriage law has no provision against e-marriage, the validity of the procedure could theoretically be challenged in court.

That's why the couple is now working with legal experts and legislators from states where same-sex marriage is legal to draft statutes that would solidify the practice. Reed and Walkup traveled this week to Michigan for a symposium on e-marriage.

While the couple has no intention of using their case to challenge Texas' bans on same-sex marriage, Reed said they want to make it more convenient and less expensive for same-sex couples to legally wed. Reed is also in the process of changing his surname in a Texas court, and he's been fighting *The Dallas Morning News* — thus far unsuccessfully — to print their announcement in "Weddings" instead of in another section called "Commitments."

"It's like the more equal we can get through creative ways, we're going to do it," Reed said. "It's just important to do anything we can to find creative ways around inequality."

— John Wright

Johnson expects tough time for LGBT rights



HONORING VETERANS | Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, right, and Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert were among those participating in Dallas' Veterans Day parade on Thursday. Johnson said repeal of 'don't ask, don't tell' is possible during the lame duck session, but questionable. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

Democrat wins 10th term, but says with Republicans in control, many LGBT-positive bills won't get heard

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U.S. Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson has been considered a friend to the LGBT community since she served in the Texas House of Representatives.

"I grew up black in Waco, Texas. It's just hard for me to fight against anybody's rights," said the woman who just won re-election to Congress.

But Johnson dates her firm commitment to LGBT equality to a much more recent event.

She said that throughout her life she fought for civil rights, but "When they [the LGBT community] really got my attention was when they [anti-gay conservatives] were talking about putting something in the Constitution," she said. "You know, I have never seen them amend the Constitution to take rights away from people. So that's just the beginning and the end of my philosophy."

Johnson told a story about the subtle discrimination that she encountered in her first job as the first black nurse at the Dallas VA Hospital.

She worked a shift until midnight. When she got off on time, she'd catch the last bus to her home downtown.

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GAIN holds meeting on Medicare D

Medicare D specialist Deborah E. Marshall will be the guest speaker at the Thursday, Nov. 18 meeting of GAIN, Resource Center Dallas' group for older LGBT people.

The meeting will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. The meeting will include a question-and-answer session, and hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served.

Toast to Life Happy Hour set

Co-chairs Laurie Foley and Chad West will host the November Pride Pharmacy Toast to Life Happy Hour Wednesday, Nov. 17, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Go Fish, 5301 Alpha Road, just north of The Galleria.

There will be drink specials and free appetizers provided by Go Fish with Top Chef contestant Tiffany Derry, and interested individuals will be able to discuss sponsorship opportunities for the 13th annual Toast to Life Gala set for Feb. 26.

For information and Toast to Life tickets, go online to ToasttoLife.org.

Book sale to benefit library

A book sale featuring books, movies and music CDs will be held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 12-13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. Proceeds will benefit the Phil Johnson Historical Archives and Library. Donations of gently used items are needed.

For information, e-mail library@rcdallas.org or call 214-540-4451.

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Death

Betty Fairchild, 89, a longtime friend and supporter of the LGBT community, died Nov. 7 in Dallas

In the 1970s, Fairchild was a founding member of the Washington, D.C., and Denver chapters of PFLAG. Her experience with the gay community and PFLAG, as well as her passion for writing, led her to co-author *Now That You Know — A Parent's Guide to Understanding Their Gay and Lesbian Children*, published in 1979. The book was one of the first to openly address the issues and concerns for parents and helped countless families through the coming out process.

In 1981, Fairchild fulfilled a longtime dream and moved to San Francisco, where she lived for 20 years. There she continued her involvement with the community, walked in her beloved Golden Gate Park and, in her 70s, discovered an interest in and talent for water colors, becoming an accomplished painter. She continued to paint



until her death.

Fairchild spent her final years in Dallas near her oldest daughter Elizabeth. She also had two sons, Blaine and Brian, and a second daughter, Barbara. She loved and accepted all of her children for their unique

gifts, talents and qualities.

The family asks that contributions in memory of Betty Fairchild be made to VITAS Hospice Care, 8585 Stemmons Frwy., Ste. 700, South Tower, Dallas, Texas 75247, or to Pearl Nordan Care Center, Juliette Fowler Homes, Inc., 1234 Abrams Road, Dallas, Texas 75214.

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Shearith Israel synagogue hosting TCC performance

Concert will mark gay chorale's
1st-ever appearance at a
Conservative Jewish temple

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The Turtle Creek Chorale will perform in a Conservative synagogue for the first time in its history. But the relationship has been developing ever since Jonathan Palant became TCC director.

Four years ago, Cantor Itzhak Zhrebker of Congregation Shearith Israel, the Conservative synagogue in North Dallas, sang the Hanukkah blessing at the Chorale's Christmas concert at the Majestic Theater.

"About a half a year ago, I came to Jonathan," Zhrebker said. "I wanted to continue our professional relationship. I asked if it would be possible for TCC to perform at Shearith."

"And we're members of Shearith," said Chorale director Jonathan Palant. He said he and his partner joined the synagogue when they moved to Dallas four years ago.

The show will feature music by Jewish composers, many of whom are gay. Among them are William Finn, who wrote *Falsettos*, Leonard Bernstein, Jerry Herman and Steven Sondheim.

Although he initially included Harold Arlen in the group of gay, Jewish composers, Palant couldn't actually identify him as gay. Arlen wrote "Somewhere over the Rainbow."

"Close enough," Palant said.

Palant and Zhrebker discussed repeating a Chorale commission called "Our Better Angels," which brought together five minority communities.

"It demonstrates that oppressed people have the same emotions no matter why they're oppressed," Palant said. "The pain is the same."

The piece brings the groups together by rallying behind the hatred and lack of acceptance rather than the reason for it. The five groups included are Muslims, Jews, African-Americans, Hispanics and the LGBT community.

"The texts tell the plight of each and how we're similar," Palant said.

He hopes they will perform this piece at a future concert with the synagogue.

The synagogue's choir will open the concert with two medleys and the cantor will close with the only piece written by a non-Jewish composer.

"The cantor is a spectacular tenor," Palant said. "He will sing an aria from *Turandot*."

Palant describes this concert as an effort to build bridges into an untapped community rather than to tear down walls.

"We have Jewish members but have done no outreach into the Jewish community," he said.

He called the concert a sort of show-and-tell. "This is my synagogue," he said. "Bringing my work life into my home life."

Palant said the Chorale has performed at a number of churches over the years, including numerous performances at Cathedral of Hope. He recalled one time that the Chorale was scheduled to perform at First Baptist Church for the American Choral Director's Association. That church canceled the performance at the last minute, which was hastily rescheduled at First Methodist.

"This is not about tearing down the mighty walls of prejudice," he said. "It's about outreach. We have not been to this venue before."

He said that Shearith is a member of the Chorale's Partners in Harmony program that has signed an "all people are created equal" statement.

He pointed out that the term Conservative refers to the service, not social issues. The Conservative movement ordains women as rabbis, just

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PLANNING THE PROGRAM | Turtle Creek Chorale Director Jonathan Palant, left, and Shearith Israel Cantor Itzhak Zhrebker discuss details of the chorale's upcoming concert at the synagogue. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

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as Reform does.

"Just in the last five years, the rabbinic assembly approved the ordination of gay rabbis," he said. "That gives them the liberty to give honors to gay Jews."

The honors would include calling a same-sex Jewish couple up to read from the Torah or to marry.

Zhrebker called the Chorale's performance a gift and has been promoting the concert to church choirs across North Dallas. Other synagogues in

North Dallas have been promoting the event as well.

"I'm looking forward to taking this relationship into the future," Zhrebker said.

Palant is excited about the concert for one more personal reason as well. "It's made my mother the happiest Jewish mother ever," he said. "She's kvelling."

"Kvell" is a Yiddish word that means beaming with pride, usually by a parent over a child's achievements. ■

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But instead of pulling the trigger, Wright said, she prayed to God, as she had all her life. But this time, instead of praying for God to change her, she prayed that God would "give me a moment's peace."

Immediately, Wright continued, "oceans and oceans of peace washed over me," and she knew that not only would she not take her own life, but that she would come out "as a gay woman, as a proud Christian and as an advocate for youth."

Wright, who came out publicly only six months ago, acknowledged that others in the room had spent much longer fighting for LGBT equality.

"It is a bit of a strange thing to be honored by Black Tie Diner and this esteemed group of people. I look out and see so many of you who have not been able to or who have chosen not to hide a day in your lives, and to have you applaud for me is, well, it's surreal," she said.

"I look to you as heroes. ... You are simply amazing to me. Thank you for leading the way," she continued. "It is certainly not lost on me that you folks in this room tonight are the reason that

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future" that passage of the Employment Nondiscrimination Act and Baldwin's own Domestic Partnership Benefits and Responsibilities Act and other LGBT-positive measures will happen.

"But that doesn't mean that we will throw up our hands and give up," Baldwin said, "because LGBT equality is a movement, not a moment in time."

Baldwin's theme of keeping up the fight and looking forward to better days reverberated throughout the evening, as Media Award winner Chely Wright related her life story to the crowd. She spoke of knowing from a young age that she was gay, and how she had struggled to keep her orientation a secret to try and earn — and later, preserve — her career in country music.

"Living two lives is quite a chore," Wright said, as she talked about reaching a point where "I knew something had to give," and the cold morning in 2006 when she went so far as putting the muzzle of a 9-mm pistol in her mouth.

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the movement of equality, fairness and understanding continues to evolve."

The evening began with an appearance by Fort Worth Councilman Joel Burns, whose personal and passionate speech before the council last month about teen suicide went viral as a YouTube video and turned him into a national sensation.

Burns reminded the audience that teen suicide and bullying continues to affect LGBT youth at an alarmingly high rate, and led the crowd in a moment of silence in memory of LGBT youth who have died.

After Broadway star Gavin Creel, backed by the Turtle Creek Chorale, performed, the Rev. Carol West, pastor of Celebration Community Church in Fort Worth, came on stage to accept the Kuchling Humanitarian Award.

With a beaming smile, West recalled the early heroes of Dallas-Fort Worth's LGBT community, reminding the crowd that "we stand on their shoulders" as the movement progresses. But, she added, the community leaders of today must also remember that the leaders of tomorrow "will someday stand on our shoulders."

Employees of American Airlines were on hand to accept the Elizabeth Birch Equality Award on

behalf of their company. Betty Young, director of Diverse Segment Marketing for the airline, said it was "a tremendous honor" for the company and its employees to receive the award.

"American Airlines has always been very involved in Black Tie Dinner and we certainly appreciate all they do. But for the company to be recognized this way, it caused tremendous excitement throughout the company and in each of us who touches this community," Young said. "We are just honored beyond words."

Ron Guillard, who co-chaired Black Tie Dinner this year with Nan Arnold, said organizers were "incredibly happy" with how the event turned out.

"And given the fact that we had a full ballroom, and considering how well the luxury auction went, we are feeling very optimistic about having a very generous amount to distribute to our beneficiaries this year," he said. "We still have money to collect and some bills to pay, but I think this will be a very good year for our beneficiaries."

Guillard noted that funds from the dinner will be distributed to beneficiaries during a reception Dec. 9 at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel.

"We want to encourage the whole community to come out and be part of what is definitely the most important part of Black Tie each year," Guillard said. ■

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Bridge to get downtown.

"It brings tears to my eyes even now," she said.

But Johnson said she had on her comfortable white nursing shoes, all those nights, and she made it home. And she made it to Congress, where she hopes she's helped make other people's lives easier.

On Monday, Nov. 15, the lame duck session of Congress opens. But Johnson said she doesn't "anticipate a lot" of movement on the several bills of interest to the LGBT community that have been languishing this session.

She said that the repeal of "don't ask, don't tell" has already passed the House, where she serves, and that the Senate has the votes. But still, she isn't hopeful it will go through.

She said she believes that if DADT had to come back to the House because of amendments, it would pass there again. But, "It depends on what

the Senate does," she said.

Since Johnson expects that a number of House members who were defeated will not return for the lame duck session, she isn't hopeful that other legislation of interest to the LGBT community will even be brought to the floor.

She said the House had the votes to pass Employment Nondiscrimination. But if the legislation does come up during the lame duck session, whether it passes will depend on who has shown up for work.

Two immigration bills that might be considered could help the LGBT community: the Dream Act and the Uniting American Families Act. The Dream Act would give people who were brought to this country as children a way to become citizens. UAFA would give an American citizen the right to sponsor a partner for a visa and eventual citizenship, the same way a married spouse currently can.

Johnson noted that Republican Sen. John Mc-

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Cain had been a sponsor of the Dream Act but has since dropped his sponsorship. The bill would have an easier path to passage with his name on it, she said.

Johnson would like to see the omnibus immigration reform bill — which includes the Dream Act and UAFA and has been debated this session — pass while the Democrats are still in control.

"I wish we could because it would be much more acceptable," she said. "People have to have a path to becoming citizens."

Whether the two bills that would benefit the LGBT community would be considered in the next session, she couldn't say.

"They determine what comes to the floor," she said, referring to the majority party, which will be the Republicans.

Under Republican control, Johnson expects a piecemeal approach to immigration reform.

"If they mean to be productive, that's one thing," she said.

But she doesn't expect that in the new session.

And what would she like in the new Congress?

"To get along," Johnson said, with a sidelong glance that indicated that she didn't expect it to happen.

"There's going to be two parties up there, but it's going to be the Tea Party and the Republican Party," she said.

As we spoke in the conference room of her Dallas congressional office earlier this week, she revealed one of her darkest secrets: Some of her best friends in Congress are Republicans.

She also divulged one of her little tricks: Pralines from Neiman Marcus.

"This will make you a little sweeter," she'll tell a committee colleague when debating proposed legislation or funding for a project.

When Congress reconvenes in January, Johnson will once again be in the minority. She noted that she has spent fewer terms in office in the majority, so this won't be anything new for her.

She said Republicans have indicated that 60 percent of each committee will be named from their own party.

"And the rumor is they're going to cut them in half," she said regarding committee size.

That will leave Democrats scrambling for committee assignments. She believes her own positions on the Science and Technology Committee and the Transportation Committee are safe because of her seniority, but worries that Democrats will lose the opportunity to develop younger talent.

She recalled the last time Republicans took control of the House in the 1994 sweep. They were in control for the first time in decades and she called their initial leadership "mean-spirited."

First they fired all House staff, assuming them to be Democrats. Then they closed down a number of offices to outsource the work, including the printing and furniture building offices.

"Most of the furniture we use is made in house," she said. "They got rid of all that staff and then they found out that to make a desk was \$150 — maybe — and to buy one was a thousand."

Johnson said printing is also done cheaper in-

house.

She said doesn't expect the in-coming Republican leadership to make the same mistakes, and that she hopes her committees continue to act in a bipartisan fashion.

"There's no Democratic highway and there's no Republican sewer system," she said. "We tend to get along."

While delighted by her own huge landslide in the recent election and thankful to people who voted for her, Johnson said she is saddened by how many of her friends won't be returning to Congress with her in January.

Although the election coverage was all about the Tea Party candidates, only about a third were actually elected. Though many of the others lost by a small margin, Johnson defeated Stephen Broden, her Tea Party opponent, by more than 50 points. Her landslide was possibly the largest against a Tea Party candidate in the country.

Johnson laughs at coverage of her election that minimized the enormity of her win. She said that by looking at her opponent's campaign filings, she knew rank-and-file and local Republicans weren't supporting him. That indicated last-minute money might flow into his coffers from around the country.

But Johnson said she was prepared and ran her usual campaign, taking nothing for granted.

"People in my district know me," she said.

And in large numbers voted for her for a 10th term in office. ■

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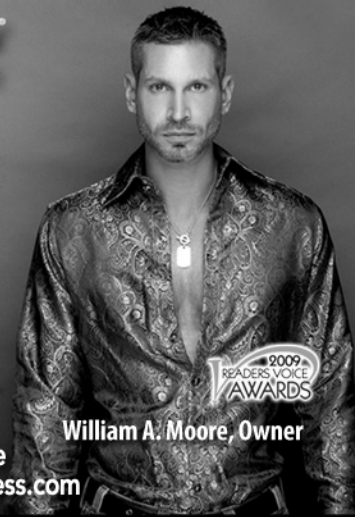
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Focusing on S. Dallas

Wiley says South Dallas AIDS Walk designed to target message of HIV awareness to a different community

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Dallas County has the highest HIV infection rate in Dallas County, according to county health officials, and the highest morbidity rates in the county are in two zip codes: 75215 and 75211.

Both of those zip codes are in the South Dallas area, and yet, that area remains dolefully underserved when it comes to HIV/AIDS education, outreach and awareness efforts and HIV/AIDS services, according to longtime AIDS activist and educator Auntjuan Wiley.

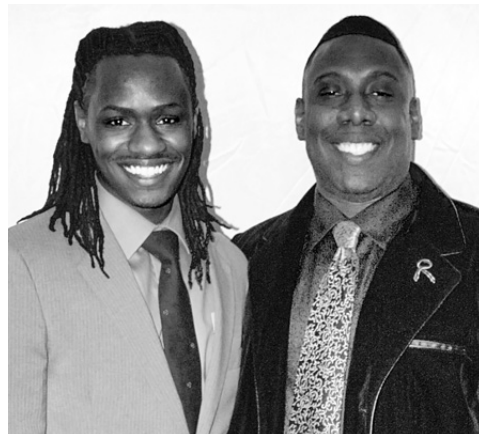
"When it comes to HIV services and awareness and outreach, we focus on Oak Lawn and Oak Cliff. South Dallas always gets missed," Wiley said this week. "And the only medical service provider for people with HIV in South Dallas is the Peabody Health Center."

That's why, when he was named executive director of the new Anthony Chisom AIDS Foundation, Wiley immediately set out to find ways to fill that gap. And he came up with the idea for an annual South Dallas AIDS Walk, the first of which is scheduled for March 19, 2011.

The lead-up to the walk began last Thursday, Nov. 4, with a kick-off party that included Dallas City Councilwoman Carolyn Davis, Dallas County Health and Human Services Director Zachary Thompson and more. Wiley's co-chair for the walk is AIDS activist Jai Makokha.

Wiley is quick to stress that the South Dallas AIDS Walk is not meant to compete — either for participants or funds — with AIDS Arms' Life-Walk, held each year in October in Lee Park. The South Dallas event, he said, is targeting a whole different audience.

And the walk "isn't just all about the Anthony Chisom Foundation," Wiley added. "Some of the



Auntjuan Wiley, right, and Jai Makokha

funds will come to us, yes. But we have other beneficiaries, too."

Those beneficiaries, he said, include The Afiya Center, which focuses on HIV/AIDS prevention and reproductive health for women and girls; Welcome House, which provides housing and services primarily for African-Americans with HIV/AIDS; the Ugieki Foundation, which focuses on HIV/AIDS awareness and education and provides an online project management system for charitable organizations; AIDS Arms' Peabody Health Center; and AIDS Interfaith Network.

Wiley explained that well-known interior and floral designer Anthony Chisom began his foundation, which provides financial assistance to people with HIV to help them pay rent and utilities and buy their medications among other things, after a trip to Africa where he saw the devastation the HIV epidemic had caused there.

"He knew then that when he came home he had to do something. He had to get involved. So he started the Anthony Chisom AIDS Foundation," Wiley said.

Wiley said he and his steering committee are

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Know suicide's warning signs

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In the recent rash of well-publicized LGBT teen suicides, bullying was identified as the cause. But experts note there are a variety of issues and circumstances that can lead to depression and possibly suicidal behavior among LGBT people. Things like being outed and family issues relating to coming out, an HIV-positive diagnosis, a DWI charge, being caught cruising in a park or some other humiliating experience, losing a job or other money problems.

And while the number of suicides among young people has been in the national spotlight lately, almost twice as many suicides occur in the 45-to-54 age group, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

The highest suicide rate in the country is among elderly white males.

Many who commit or attempt suicide have a psychiatric illness that can be diagnosed and treated. Often there are warning signs that family and friends can spot.

"Any child subjected to persistent bullying is at risk for depression," said AFSP Director of Prevention Projects Ann Haas.

The signs of depression include loss of interest in usual activities and changes in weight, appetite or sleep patterns.

She said when someone is talking about suicide or suggesting a desire for death, it should be treated as an emergency situation. Young people, she said, often express that in poetry and it should be taken seriously. Other signs of a decision to commit suicide are someone getting their affairs in order, giving away possessions and saying goodbye to friends and family.

"Someone who is outgoing who begins to be withdrawn — that can be a tip off that something's going on," Haas said.

If a teen's academic performance begins to slack off, that often suggests depression, she

said.

Look for any marked behavioral changes that last a couple of weeks, Haas said.

"When people who are quiet become gregarious, it could be a sign of bipolar illness," she said.



Ann Haas

In younger people, that's often overlooked as a good sign that someone is coming out of a shell. But if that gregariousness is accompanied by lack of sleep and excessive energy, developing into manic behavior, it is a sign

of bipolar disorder, which can lead to suicide if it is left untreated.

Haas said it's difficult talking about mental health issues in the LGBT community because for so many years gay people were branded as mentally ill.

Local professional counselor Candy Marcum of Stonewall Behavioral Health said that warning signs are not always apparent.


And while friends and family should know warning signs, she said, "If we're assigning blame, it belongs on the person who did it."

"Almost everyone has thought about it," Marcum said. But not everyone looks for ways to do it.

Some save pills or get a gun. Others are on the Internet looking at sites that graphically describe ways to commit suicide.

Marcum said to look for signs of hopelessness and helplessness. Commonly heard phrases that indicate self-loathing include talk of "no way out," "I don't know how I'll ever get out of this," "I'm worthless" or "You'd be better off without me."


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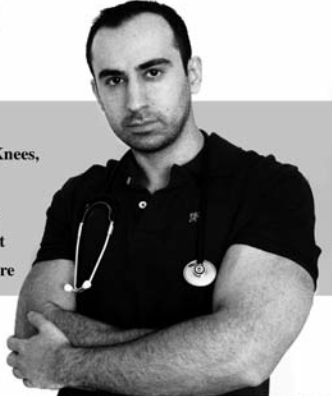
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working to confirm Phil Wilson, founder and CEO of the Black AIDS Institute, as keynote speaker and grand marshal for the South Dallas AIDS Walk. But, he said, walk organizers need lots of sponsors, vendors, walkers and volunteers. And he hopes that many of the businesses and civil and faith community leaders in South Dallas will come on as partners in this effort.

He said the involvement of the business, civil and religious leaders will be vital to the walk's success.

"South Dallas is, historically, a hard community to reach with the AIDS awareness and education messages," Wiley said. "There is still a lot of the fear and stigma and shame surrounding HIV and AIDS in South Dallas that isn't as strong any more in Oak Lawn and Oak Cliff. So it takes a different approach in South Dallas.

"It is very important that we have an aggressive and strategic community engagement piece to this effort. There needs to be a real conversation with the gatekeepers in this community, the community leaders," he said. "If we can get them involved, then we have a better chance of getting our message to this community."

Wiley said the walk will be an annual event, because a one-time thing won't get the message across.

"You can't go into this community just once with a message and then leave," he said. "You have to stay there. You have to be visible. You have to let them know we care. We want them to know that this is 'a walk in South Dallas, for South Dallas.' That's our theme."

While the obvious goal is to raise awareness and funds, "it's about a lot more than just charity and awareness. It's about doing the work. Until

there is a cure the work has to be done," said Wiley, who this month marked his 15th year of living with AIDS and this year marked his 20th year of working in the HIV/AIDS field.

Wiley said, "This is about change. Dallas County has the highest HIV infection rate in Texas. South Dallas has some of the highest infection rates in Dallas County. That has to change. It is just time for a change." ■

For more information, contact Auntjuan Wiley by e-mail at a.wiley@anthonychisomaidsfoundation.org or by phone at 214-455-7316.

New Grief Relief group begins

Attorney Rebecca Covell has recently formed the Grief Relief Group for people who have encountered a significant loss in their lives.

Covell said the group will be facilitated by licensed counselor Jerianne Ranieri, who has more than 15 years experience in hospice, grief counseling and group therapy settings.

Candy Marcum, president of Stonewall Behavioral Health and licensed counselor, will serve as the clinical consultant for the group.

Initially, the group will meet weekly at Covell's office, and group size is limited.

A second group may form soon if necessary.

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She said it was better to talk to a loved one showing troubled behavior than to ignore it and hope things will get better.

"Seeing you like this worries me," she said is a way to approach someone you are concerned about. "Go talk to someone."

Because the depression or erratic behavior suddenly stops, don't assume everything is suddenly OK. That person may seem calm; friends think the person is better. And then they commit suicide. "When you make the decision, you're very calm," Marcum said.

Offer to make an appointment for the person and go with him for a first visit. Marcum suggested speaking to the counselor on the phone ahead of time to make sure they are comfortable and experienced with LGBT-related issues.

Marcum said that counselors in the LGBT community have no agenda other than to help someone heal. She said that some people are afraid that her goal is to help someone come out.

"We just want you to be OK," she said. "We want you to get to the end of the book. We're curious how the story will turn out and not interested in writing anyone's story." ■

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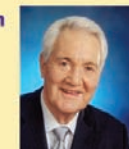
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The Post article is based on information provided to the newspaper from two people "familiar with a draft of the report," according to Post reporters Ed O'Keefe and Greg Jaffe. The sources are not identified in the article.

Asked if the reporters could convey a request from Keen News for follow-up, O'Keefe said Thursday morning, Nov. 11, that the sources "insisted we not contact them again."

The Post's article will almost certainly affect the momentum for repealing DADT during the lame-duck Congress, as the potential for breaking a Republican-led filibuster hinges largely on 10 senators who said in September that they did not want to vote on the issue until the Pentagon study was available.

The Post said its sources provided details about "a draft" of the study that was distributed late last week to Defense Secretary Robert Gates, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Admiral Mike Mullen, and leaders — both civilian and uniformed — of the four military branches.

The details are overwhelmingly supportive of repeal.

According to the Post, the sources say the draft indicates that more than 70 percent of 400,000 servicemembers and 150,000 military spouses surveyed about repeal said effect of repeal would be



Dave Guy-Gainer

positive, mixed or nonexistent.

The survey found that a majority had no strong objections, though a significant minority is opposed.

But the study's authors reportedly concluded that objections to serving alongside openly

gay colleagues would drop over time. And it says that servicemembers who object to sharing a room or shower with openly gay troops should be handled on a case-by-case basis.

The study reportedly does not recommend any significant changes to military housing or benefits, saying that the federal Defense of Marriage Act prohibits recognition of same-sex spouses.

Although many political observers have suggested there is little to no chance that the lame-duck Congress will pass a defense authorization bill this year with the DADT repeal language intact, openly gay Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., told the Washington Blade Monday, Nov. 8, that "Democrats are going to try very hard" to do so.

And in a telephone conference call with reporters Wednesday, Winnie Stachelberg, a key participant in meetings with the White House on the issue, said she thinks the strong statements from Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and White House Communications Director Dan Pfeiffer in recent days have helped put the repeal effort "in a solid position" during the lame-duck session of Congress.

Stachelberg, who is a vice president of the liberal think tank Center for American Progress, said pro-repeal activists need to focus on 10 senators who indicated during debate in September that they wanted to hear from the Pentagon study before taking a position on repeal.

The center's 10 include Republicans Scott Brown of Massachusetts, Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, Judd Gregg of New Hampshire, John McCain of Arizona, Mark Pryor of Arkansas, Olympia Snowe of Maine, and George Voinovich of Ohio.

It also includes Democrat Jim Webb of Virginia. And it includes two senators who will not take their seats until the new Congress convenes in January: Republican Mark Kirk of Illinois, whose election is still pending, and Democrat Joe Manchin of West Virginia.

The Human Rights Campaign also launched a grassroots campaign Monday to put pressure on senators from eight key states to support breaking the filibuster on DADT. Those states are Alaska, Arkansas, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Ohio,

Virginia and West Virginia.

The House passed DADT repeal language in its version of the FY 2011 defense authorization bill last May, but the Senate was unable to take up a similar version of the bill in September when Republicans led a filibuster aimed primarily at DADT repeal.

Republican lawmakers said the filibustered the bill because Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid included the Dream Act on immigration reform as an amendment and refused to allow other amendments to be included.

Some unsourced reports suggested last week that Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and a supporter of repeal, was discussing with Sen. McCain the possibility of stripping DADT repeal from the bill. But neither senator confirmed that report and, with unsourced reports, it's hard to know what is really being discussed and what is simply a rumor being spread by one side or the other to create an appearance of inevitability to advance their own interests.

Stachelberg said Wednesday she believes the only real objections surrounding DADT repeal now are ones over procedure — how and when to repeal it — not substance. But she acknowledged that Congress must vote on repeal this year because "next year would be very grim."

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Cooking up some lame duck soup

Can the Democrats use the lame-duck session to make good on all their promises to the LGBT community? If not, then maybe we should start looking for candidates who *will* keep their promises

Do you hear that quacking sound? Nope it's not the AFLAC duck, but a lame-duck Congress.

During this session, members who have been ousted can take their parting shots and actually try to do some of the things they promised before the previous election.

You would think that would be as easy as duck soup. Heck, what have they got to lose?

Well, that remains to be seen. When Congress returns on Monday, Nov. 15, they will have a lot of work to do. Much of it is related to spending. During the last session, not a single spending measure passed — which

means that if the government is not going to shut down, a stop-gap measure will have to be enacted.

Then there is the matter of those Bush-era tax cuts that are set to expire. These affect mainly the wealthiest Americans, and you can bet the GOP won't let these die without a fight.

The Democrats have a stake in it as well. There was a token: The \$1,000-per-child tax credit that would be pared down to \$500 and some relief on the "marriage penalty" that will make this a tough pill to swallow for the left.

On the health care front, there is a provision on



DEMS IN A HOLE | With Democrats in a hole in Congress following the midterm elections, will repeal of "don't ask, don't tell" be the elephant — uh, donkey? — in the room during the lame duck session?

Medicare that cuts what doctors are paid by 23 percent. That most likely will have to be fixed.

And on the Social Security front, there is a proposed one-time \$250 payment to some seniors who didn't get a cost-of-living adjustment this year. That measure didn't fly in the previous session, and there is no telling what will happen to it now.

There is lots of unfinished business that was put on hold prior to the election when both parties were afraid to do anything that could be used as ammunition against them during the campaigns. Now the big question is, will Congress actually get down to business and do their job?

Your guess is a good as mine.

And then there is the "elephant in the room," or more appropriately the "donkey in the room."

That mythic creature consists of the LGBT issues that are still just empty promises. DADT, an unjust policy that even Defense Secretary Robert Gates wants repealed, may or may not get addressed, much less the Defense of Marriage Act or the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.

Though some progress has been made on the human rights front, LGBT citizens are still second-class when it comes to employment discrimination, marriage and serving in the military.

Wouldn't it be a wonderful thing if the politicians put away their rhetoric and actually looked at the inequity caused by this institutionalized discrimination?

Wouldn't it be nice if the president used some of his remaining political capital to actually push the reluctant Democrats to do the right thing?

So far, even though President Barack Obama has repeatedly said DADT will be ended "on his watch," there doesn't seem to be any effort beyond rhetoric toward this end. I am beginning to doubt whether he or Congress has the political will (read "balls") to pick up the LGBT hot potato.

After expending so much energy on enacting health care reforms, and being incredibly unsuccessful in framing the issue before the GOP dubbed it "Obama Care," I don't know if any further measures will happen.

Now, we have to rely on the remaining Democrats and those who have lost their seats to use the brief time of this lame-duck session to take up our cause, when they have a whole year's worth of bills log-jammed in Congress. Since many of these representatives are not coming back to Washington after Jan. 1, our leverage with them is limited.

What can we do? Well, aside from the fantasy of the GOP suddenly deciding to turn gay-friendly, something that would blunt one of the most effective weapons in their arsenal of fear-based tactics, we might do well to punt.

Punting in this case means trying some unorthodox tactics.

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Hardy Haberman
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What should be the top priority for the new Congress?

Mike Weaver — “Health care.”

Keith Grogan — “Stop bankrupting the country.”

Scott Ewing — “I know it won't happen but it should be green energy. In one issue, we could: re-establish our manufacturing base, create jobs, clean our air and water and secure our energy future.”

Juston Roemisch — “Compromise. Neither side is fully right on any issue and they need to stop acting like bratty children and work together.”

Beth Schatz — “Work on economic issues, even though the economy is improving in some sectors, there are still too many people hurting.”

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

Gay vote for GOP shows change in trend

Exit polls shows 1-in-3 voters who self-identified as gay voted Republican. Do we no longer see GOP as automatically anti-gay?

We learned a lot about gay voters in this last election — at least, you did if you have an open mind and a discerning intellect.

According to Fox News, which some gays do watch, 31 percent or more of self-identified gay voters in exit polls said they voted for the Republican Party. That is one in three gay voters, and more than the normal GOP base in the gay community of one in four.

That means a considerable number of gay Democrats and independents defected to the party opposing Obama/Pelosi.

Most gays will be shocked that gay people voted for what is supposed to be a party of rampant, uncontrollable, domineering, hyper-extreme homophobia. Well, at least that's what most gays who live in a gay bubble all their intellectual and social lives would think.

Actually the number of gay people who voted for the GOP might even be 5-to-10 percent higher, since not every gay is inclined to self-identify as gay in an exit poll.

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Though I am loathe to say it, that might include more lawsuits like the Log Cabin Republicans tried against DADT. While I am still a bit suspect of their real agenda, which I believe was to embarrass the Obama Administration, at least it's a shot.

Left-wing LGBT groups are going after the Defense of Marriage Act at a national level with lawsuits. This tactic will likely hit the brick wall of the Bush-era-packed Supreme Court, but it's worth a shot.

Frankly, I am tired of being patient, and if the lame-duck Congress doesn't deliver on its many promises to the LGBT community, then we might have to start finding new candidates who are actually socially liberal.

Unfortunately, that will be a much tougher recipe than duck soup. ■

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

These numbers do tell us something very profound and unshakable about the gay political psyche, and it is not about self-loathing and being in the closet.

Instead, gay voters going to the GOP is strong indication that many gays no longer believe that the world — or even the GOP — is nearly as homophobic as the gay press and political class make it out to be.

Simply put, many gays have walked away from the once-popular notion of homophobia dominating the world according to the gay journalism universe. And they're tired of being called “nut jobs” and in need of psychiatric help if they don't vote Democratic or for more government.

Furthermore, many — approximately 30-to-40 percent embrace the Republican position of less taxes, less government, less bailouts, less deficits, less massive foreign borrowing, less Obamamania — and more freedom to run your own life, even the freedom to fail.

Gays know that HIV funding does not disappear with a GOP Congress. They also know that job protection does not evaporate if Republicans take over the government. And many gays just are not interested in marriage since it is set up for heterosexuals with all the potential traumatic divorce laws and financial devastation that accompanies traditional marriage. The trap of marriage equality is simply not a first and foremost concern to many thoughtful gay people.

Gay people were very involved with the Tea Party, phone bank operations and a multitude of effective get-out-the-vote efforts to help the Republicans win a historical election and deliver a massive repudiation of the extreme elements that have defined the first two years of Obama.

And that's a fact worth noting. ■

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Acclaimed gay musician Michael Feinstein isn't interested in simply *playing* the Great American Songbook — he's also trying to save it

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'TO THE MOON,' ALICE | Michael Feinstein performs songs from his new CD at the Winspear Wednesday, but his passion is saving America's musical heritage for future generations. (Photo courtesy Randee St. Nicholas)

Michael Feinstein is on the road again, touring for his new album *Fly Me to the Moon* — a reference to a Sinatra song lyric, in keeping with his love of American standards. On this new collection, Feinstein tackles newfound arrangements of classic songs.

But today, Feinstein isn't being talkative about his latest CD and his tour, which comes to the Winspear on Wednesday. He'd rather talk history — or better yet, *rescue* it.

The musician began the Feinstein Foundation with the mission of educating and preserving the music from the early half of the 20th century, which included the likes of the Gershwins, Irving Berlin and Cole Porter.

"Many of these composers had no success during their own lives but there are still many samples of their songs out there in movies or commercials," he says. "They get rediscovered by a new generation. That what happens with Gershwin all the time. As long as it's out there, it will continue."

PBS stepped in last month to help. Feinstein partnered with the Public Broadcasting to produce *Michael Feinstein's American Songbook*, a three-episode series documenting his work on saving our musical heritage. In it, he documents recording sessions, live performances and gives histories on artists. But the best part is when it



turns into the musical version of The History Channel's *American Pickers*. He's not reselling old heirlooms but rather unearthing sheet music, old recordings and memorabilia in attics and dusty storage areas.

"I was approached by [producer] Amber Edwards who wanted to create a show," he says. "I trusted her with the material so I have nothing to do with that. She followed

me around for quite some time and honestly, I didn't like that in that sense to know someone's watching you or filming you all the time. But ultimately I accepted it for the purpose of the result."

With the TV show and his tours and CDs, what Feinstein worries about is getting through to the younger generation. Now in his 50s, Feinstein has been a musical historian, archivist and musician for a quarter century, and throughout that time he was entranced by the classic American songs. He worries, though, that enthusiasm for what came before is waning. He's not a fan of MTV and even declares that it (along with movies and TV in general) has shattered what focus young people might have with fast editing and lack of details. The Internet hasn't helped, with the onslaught of social networking and its nurturing of fast-paced information. To him, it has become a "subversive means of de-

stroying attention spans."

Irony may be his biggest ally. Musical trends now lean toward an appreciation of vintage country music and old-school soul. Feinstein thinks that's a start and that there are people in Generations Y and Z exploring the American standards.

"People can't sit still anymore, and it's an awful thing that's happened," he says. "But I do think people are exploring it. It may not be in the Top 40 ever again, but you can find anything on Buddy Clark or Ethel Waters on the Internet. There is more access than ever, so yes, it will survive and take on a life of its own. One never knows what happens with music."

While those trends toward vintage sounds are on the rebound, Feinstein is not so thrilled with the idea of modern bands taking up the fad of releasing an album on vinyl. In fact, it kinda pisses him off. He grunts with disapproval.

"No, I wouldn't do a vinyl recording — that's a stunt," he says. "It doesn't make any sense, unless

it's recorded in analog, but otherwise, it's the same. The time for vinyl has passed for new music. I loved my Sinatra project when we recorded with one channel like they did it the '50s, but we didn't put it on vinyl. The people who do it now, it's bogus."

With his focus on the foundation's work, Feinstein doesn't forget he has an album to promote. For *Moon*, he collaborated with guitarist Joe Negri. He's a fan of the collaborations — both profes-

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sional and *personal* (he and his longtime partner were married in 2008 by TV judge Judy Sheindlin.) Feinstein did it last year with fellow gay artist Cheyenne Jackson in *The Power of Two*. That album and the live performances at Carnegie Hall were huge successes for them both.

His approach to *Moon* plays it a bit more subdued, thanks to Negri's delicate strumming. "He was one of the greatest guitarists and very facile," he says. "Any song I could name, he could immediately play beautifully. This definitely was a meeting of musical minds. He's magical." ■

Show time

Get ready — many LGBT music acts descend on Dallas this week

Every so often, we encounter one of those weeks where lots of LGBT singers and musicians head to town. It's pure coincidence, of course — and together, they probably aren't as gay as one audience at a Lady Gaga show — but it's nice just the same.

Along with Michael Feinstein performing his American Songbook and Rex Reed opining about Ira Gershwin while Elton John rocks Fort Worth, a wide range of out artists representing as much music are here for us to enjoy — and support.

World music can sometimes be a red flag for people expecting foreign language wails over tribal beats. Forget all that and consider catching **Concha Buika** (or just Buika) Nov. 13 at the Winspear with Spanish singer Lila Downs. The openly bisexual artist recalls some of the jazzy soul of Nina Simone with the energy of Tina Turner. Buika sings flamenco but she adds a contemporary funk to the mix.

Visit ATTPAC.com for details.

Internet-bred **Jeffree Star** is on the up and up. Pushing himself into self-created Web fame caught enough attention to garner a fanbase. Now that mega-producer Akon has signed him on, the out goth drag artist is downright legit.

Star stopped in Dallas back in May during his 2 Drunk 2 Fuck Tour, but announced a whole new tour for the latter half of 2010 — only this time, he says he's releasing new music along the way. He plays Nov. 17 at The Loft.

Visit TheLoftDallas.com for details.



PINK FLAMENCO | Bisexual singer Buika performs Saturday at the Winspear.

After 15 years and nine albums, singer-songwriter **Rachael Sage** still isn't a household name. But her music is made for the small stage, which is perfect for her stop at Poor David's Pub on Nov. 13.

Her latest album, *Delancey Street*, adds to her consistently strong work. She stays away from the glum-girl-with-a-guitar image and offers upbeat pop with folk sensibilities, as her bisexuality comes through subtly.

Visit PoorDavidsPub.com for details.

— Rich Lopez



Time to get Chill

We figure the Guerrilla Gay Bar peeps are on hiatus since we haven't seen any Facebook invites for awhile. That was leaving a void in our special-event drink time ... until SxS Productions filled it nicely with Chill Sunday.

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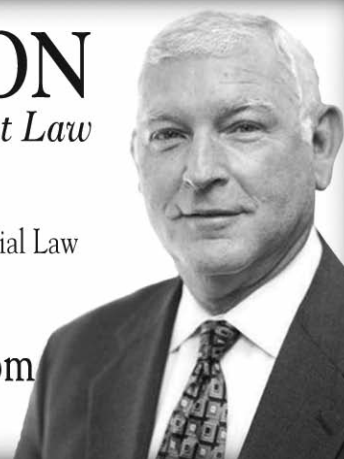
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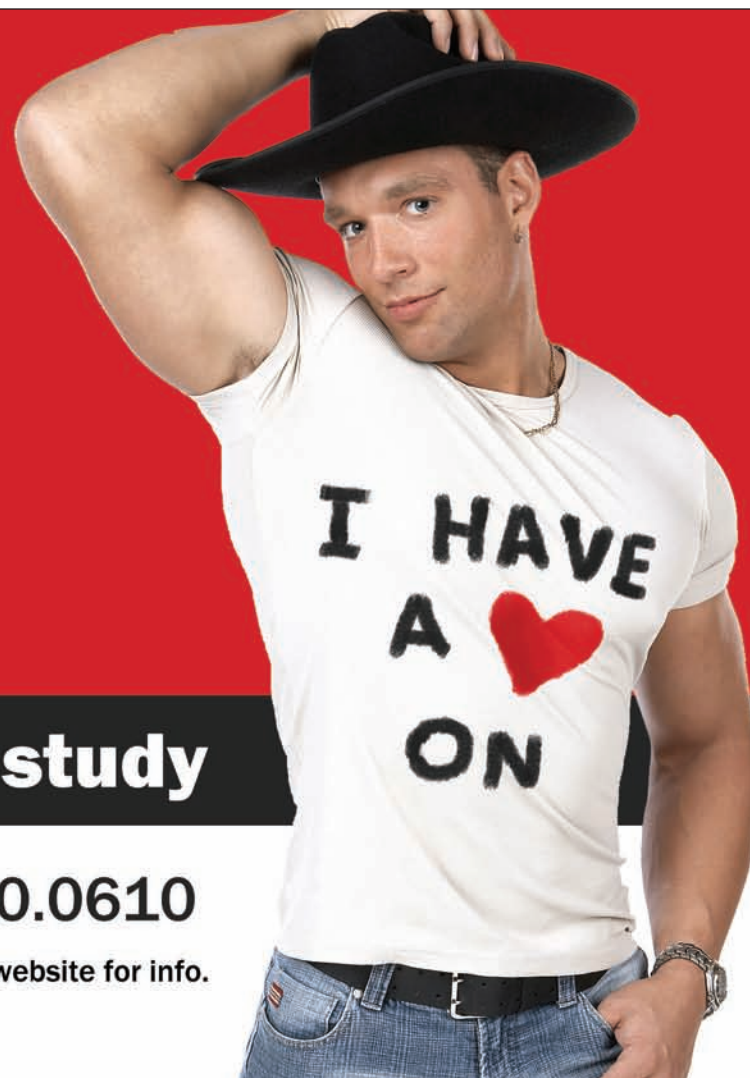
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Tickling ivories

Eric Himan trades his guitar for a piano to revisit his musical catalog

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Proof that Eric Himan has an astounding amount of determination is found in his new CD, *Out with the Old*. Himan challenged himself to learn the piano and then reinterpreted

some of his own tunes into an altogether different sound on this collection of 12 songs — 11 covers of his own stuff and one new track. The results are a valiant effort that, even with some lulls, comes out on top.

He recorded the album live, though not in front of an audience. Instead, these takes were captured at his piano instructor's home. This approach works nicely and conveys a strange intimacy, though sometimes he would have benefited from adjusted levels of his voice and piano.

Opening with "Until the Road Unwinds," Himan gives no hint that he's a piano novice. He must have magic hands because his work here is sublime. The ballad starts off the CD slowly, but opens up the mind and ear quickly to his new sound. The song itself holds up well in this interpretation, but immediately we hear that while Himan can play nicely, he doesn't show off. The CD is a bold move, but Himan knows he isn't Billy Joel — yet. Although if that's the direction he's headed it, it's not a bad one.

Then "White Horse" happens. Despite showing shades of Jerry Lee Lewis, Himan misses here, and badly. The lyrics feel rushed as if he's squeezing in words to fit the rhythm. On its own, the song is the equivalent of ill-fitting

shoes, losing the rockabilly fun from its original form. Himan needs to master the pace between the piano and his faster songs.

But on his slower tunes and ballads, the music shines. "Clyde" plays with tenderness and he works the keys in both complex and moody fashions. Then we start hearing him stretching out his vocal runs as if the new translation is setting him free. He's not only putting his piano playing to the test, but his voice as well.

This continues on "Kinda Hard." He can handle the instrument for these steadier tunes but his earnestness is etched into the song. When he

sings the line, *I mean nothing to you*, nothing sounded more painful. "One Less Person" and "One Night Stand" fare the same beautiful fate with share the right delicacy and proper musical

approach. You could say this album is a bit narcissistic if he just wants to show off what he's learned, but if it's gonna sound like this all the time, then by all means, show off.

The original track "Gonna Make it Work," somehow misses all the marks. Himan starts intently but he begins to ramble. The song builds to an uneven chorus. Himan has a uniquely high-pitched voice but he needed to downshift registers here — either that or slow the song down.

It's unfortunate to end on a sloppy note, because up to this point, the albums play with nice cohesion regardless of its couple of stumbles. But props to Himan for trying something new — at the very least, it keeps him interesting, and listeners interested. ■

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That '70s Show vs. Show

2 music icons who rose to stardom in the disco age — **Elton John** and **ABBA** — face off (sort of) with modern takes on classic sounds

In the decade of disco, ABBA was at the top of the charts with hit after hit on the radio and the dancefloor. At the same time, Elton John was making his mark taking glam rock to new levels with his touch of gay flamboyance.

Both have endured — ABBA mostly in nostalgia, John with new albums on a regular basis. And they both hit North Texas this week — in a manner of speaking. ABBA Mania recreates the live ABBA experience, while John's tour stops in Fort Worth for his newest album, a collaboration with Leon Russell called *The Union*.

So which will you lean toward?

In *The Union*, John teams with Russell, the legendary R&B Okie, and producer-of-the-moment, Fort Worth's T-Bone Burnett, combining John's piano boogie and Russell's bluesy roots — with mixed results. He's been quoted as saying he'll make real music now instead of pop fodder. The live show has won raves, with the first half devoted to the new CD and the last filled with John classics.

With John's new "serious" outlook, will you have as much fun as you could at ABBA Mania? It was hard enough to sit still through *Mamma Mia!* without singing along while dancing out of your seat. The tribute show has toured the world with the absolute goal of giving the ABBA concert most people under 50 never got to see.

We broke down the best about John and the actual ABBA to see if it could help us make up our minds, but we may just flip a coin on this one. Tough call, for sure.

— Rich Lopez



Elton John (with Leon Russell)

... wore outlandish bell bottoms, platform shoes and glittered glasses in the '70s.

... won an Oscar for the song "Circle of Life" for the Disney film *The Lion King*.

... Does gigs with anti-gay personalities. At the Grammys with Eminem (forgivable) then performing at Rush Limbaugh's wedding (his \$1 mil fee went to his AIDS foundation — still deciding)

... recorded "Hello, Hello," a duet with Lady Gaga for the upcoming Disney movie *Gnomeo and Juliet* about garden gnomes in love.

... conquered Broadway with *The Lion King* and *Billy Elliot*; won a Tony for 2000's *Aida*.

... being a gay man, had no ties to disco music during the rocking '70s, with fellow community member Freddie Mercury of Queen.

... lost a whole lotta street cred performing a Diet Coke commercial with Paula Abdul in 1990.

... is a gay icon for being a diva, a legend and even kind of a bitch. He's not much of an advocate for the community but stands by its side enough.

... performs at the Fort Worth Convention Center Arena, 1201 Houston St. Nov. 13 at 8 p.m. \$53-\$173. Ticketmaster.com.



ABBA Mania

... wore outlandish bell bottoms, platform shoes, but with the occasional ascot and lederhosen. Not cute.

... had a hit movie with their old songs in *Mamma Mia!* which turned out to be the No. 1 movie of all time in Britain. Oscar their ass.

... sidestepped most public drama. Even the marriages and divorces within the band weren't all that controversial. Snore.

... inspired the 1990s clones Ace of Base who subsequently inspired the beat behind Lady Gaga's "Alejandro." OK, that's reaching, we know.

... had a fling with Broadway when Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus received acclaim and award noms for *Chess* and *Mamma Mia!*.

... were all straight and the epitome of disco alongside the Bee Gees and Donna Summer. So straights do better dance music while non-straights can rock your face off. Who knew?

... maintained their dignity by rarely, if ever, doing anything outside of performing their music.

... are gay icons for their work on the dancefloor. All they really had to do to secure a spot in the gay pantheon was release "Dancing Queen." Yes, ABBA, thank you for the music.

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Gary Floyd lands 3 OutMusic Award nominations

For 20 years, the OutMusic Awards have recognized openly gay musicians who not only make great music, but music that speaks to the gay community. And one of the frontrunners this year is Dallas' Gary Floyd.

Floyd has been a staple in the Metroplex for more years than he'd like to admit, performing cabaret, musical theater and a host of other styles. But it's for his languid, inspirational songs, represented on his 2010 album **The Gospel of Zen**, that he's most recognized — locally, of course, and now

nationally.

"Behold" is in contention for best contemporary spiritual song. (Last year's winner in this category was Tony Award winner Levi Kreis.) Better still, the CD itself is nominated for best album — and we mean best overall, against such heavy-hitters as Hunter Valentine, Ray Boltz, Rachael Sage and the Heartland Men's Chorus. Not bad for a six-song, independently-released disc.

In addition, Floyd's composition "Love of My Life" is up for the prestigious Martin Bello Love Song

Award, which comes with a cash prize. ("It's not on the album, nor even recorded commercially [by me], though Marvin Matthews did a cover," Floyd says.)

The nominations came out of the blue. Floyd was counseled to submit the album for consideration by his booking agent, but didn't expect it would actually nab two major noms.

The awards, voted on by the LGBT Recording Academy, mean a lot to Floyd, as does the chance to attend the gala ceremony in New York on Dec. 1 — it will be hosted by Carol Channing, with Cyndi Lauper, Melissa Etheridge and Chely Wright set to attend.

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You think you've got their number? Makeover aside, Gloria's food stays true

ARNOLD WAYNE JONES | Life+Style Editor
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I can still recall the first time I ate at a Gloria's. It was at the original one on Davis Street, a diner-y looking box that was crowded with regulars and had typical Oak Cliff charm, i.e., fast service, no fuss and tasty, unpretentious grub. I probably ate the Super Special, a sampler of pupusa, tamal, yucca, plantain and a few other

items, which cost \$8. I came out to a co-worker that day, the first time I'd come out to anyone other than a guy I was hitting on. It's been a favorite ever since.

It became even more of a favorite when the restaurant began to expand — first to Lemmon Avenue, across from Uncle Julio's. That brushed concrete L-shaped space had (has) a smallish bar/waiting area, a patio and an acre of simple floorspace. Then one opened a few blocks from



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my house on Greenville Avenue. Again, cavernous but quaint, with a bigger bar area and roomier patio.

And all along, the food remained consistently, wonderfully the same.

Until.

A few years back, they tweaked the menu. Just a bit, but noticeably. You could tell the difference between some dishes depending on which locale you went to.

Then about a year ago, the Greenville Avenue locale underwent a makeover: An even bigger bar. Moody lighting. More TVs (a sad, inevitable reality of many restaurants, even fine dining ones). In style, you can hardly recognize it from where I ate that first coming-out meal. (The Super Special also costs \$11 now — but is still a

bargain.)

Now, the latest location — the company's 13th — arrives, and the transition from neighborhood eatery to yuppie destination is complete. The deco urinals flush themselves. The hand dryers are Dyson-automatic-blown-air-thingies (I couldn't even swear they had a toilet in the original all those years ago). The bar is humongous, with many hi-def TVs and elegant lacquered chairs and French doors that open onto an even more impressive patio.

All of which means everything we liked about Gloria's is gone, right? Not at all.

As with Susan Boyle, a bit of lipstick and a fashion consult has altered the look but not the soul of the place. The seating is nicer, the finish-out more polished. But Gloria's is still Gloria's.

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At the new location, on Cole Avenue near east-bound Lemmon, service remains quick and friendly. (I spent more time looking over the newly designed menu, trying to decide what to order, than it took for the kitchen to send it out.) And the food is still the food.

I fairly judge most Tex-Mex restaurants by the quality of the complimentary chips-and-dip that accompany the menus, and Gloria's has always stood above most. There are always two: The traditional tomato-based salsa, and a black bean puree that is so addictive, I've always just assumed its laced with black tar heroine. The chips are good, too — crisp and salty and sturdy enough to withstand a voracious scoop or two.

The redone menu card is another example of form over substance: It's harder to *find* the old favorites, but they *taste* the same. The cuisine includes familiar Tex-Mex dishes, but among the best are the Salvadoran specialties. Pupusas (especially plain ol' cheese ones) are still one of my favorite comfort foods: little pockets of grilled, filled tortilla goodness served, always, with a lacy tuft of slaw. Simple, delicious, satisfying. Likewise, the carne asada — grilled skirt steak served in a slab — is a meat-lover's dream of hearty food.

The chocolate flan is another enduring highlight: Brown as a kid at the beach, sloshing lightly in a shallow pool of caramel.

Gloria's version of a chile relleno is not as heavily breaded in a cocoon flour, but served, for want of a better term, open-faced, with bits of well-done steak swathed in cheese and spilling out. It's a spicy concoction. Blander is the red sauce on one of their chicken enchiladas; the cheese enchilada, or one dressed with sour cream or salsa verde, is better. Their version of

OVERALL RATING ★★★★★



Gloria's, 3223 Lemmon Ave. 214-303-1166. Open daily from 11 a.m.–10 p.m. (11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays).

A comforting mix of reliable Tex-Mex dishes and unique Salvadoran cuisine, the success of this Oak Cliff institution and expansion into yuppie haven hasn't diminished the simple, satisfying, well-priced food.

- Overall: ★★★★★
- Food: ★★★★★
- Atmosphere: ★★★★★
- Service: ★★★★★
- Price: Moderate

guacamole isn't among the tops in town, either.

As with many Tex-Mex restaurants, combination plates abound. (Combo No. 2's spinach quesadillas, beef enchilada and especially crisp chicken tostada hits the spot while watching a game and tossing back a margarita. On the other hand, there's not much a la carte ordering — if you want a single enchilada or taco, you have to ask, and you should specify between refried, black or borracho beans with the platters. No recommendation there — all are good.

In fact, that could be the motto across Gloria's: Old, new, yuppie or barrio, it's still like home.

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If your last name is "Wines," you're probably destined to become a sommelier, and that's just what **Emily Wines** is. In fact, she's one of fewer than 100 people in the U.S. to earn the title master sommelier (even fewer are women — **Barbara Werley** at **Pappas Bros.** is another). Wines works for the **Hotel Palomar** in San Francisco, but she's coming



to its Dallas cousin Thursday for a fundraiser for **Resource Center Dallas**. For a \$20 donation, you can enjoy Emily's "Wines for the Season" intro to white, red and sparkling vinos, as well as **Central 214** executive chef **Blythe Beck's** tasty bites. The event starts at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 18.

Landmark Restaurant inside the **Warwick Melrose Hotel** is celebrating the 30th anniversary of its parent company with "Three for \$30 Dinner" during the month of November. Come in an order an appetizer, entrée and dessert, and even taste some house wine, for 30 bucks. To book a res, visit LandmarkRestoDallas.com.

Kent Rathbun's three local restaurants — **Abacus**, **Jasper's** and **Rathbun's Blue Plate Kitchen** — will do something they haven't before: Sell the same item on all the menus while raising money for the North Texas Food Bank.

At a tasting this week, local foodies chose from among three yummy entrees to pick one that would make it on the menu. Anyone ordering that dish for \$15 through Nov. 17 will get a complimentary pumpkin pie empanada dessert and earn a contribution to the NTFB, courtesy of Capital One Bank. The winner: A phenomenal chile-seared sea scallop on chipotle corn mash, pictured.

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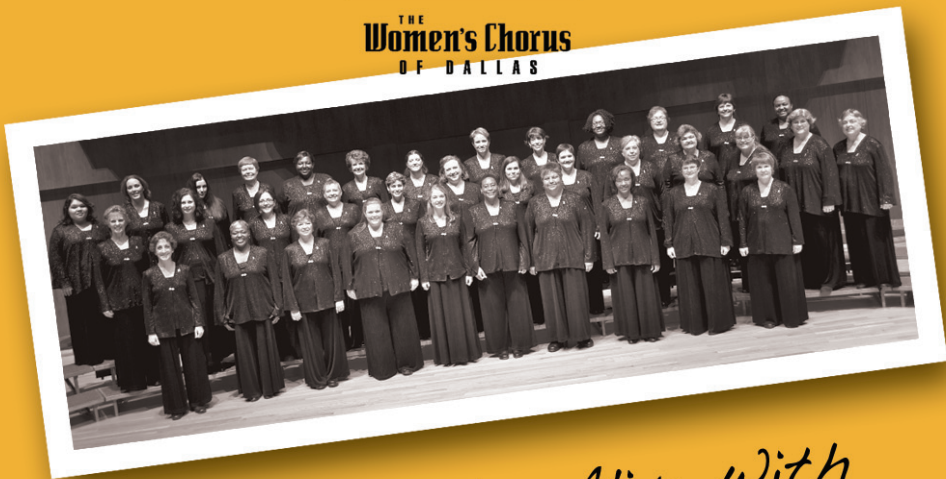
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Saturday 11.13

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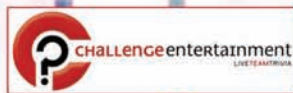
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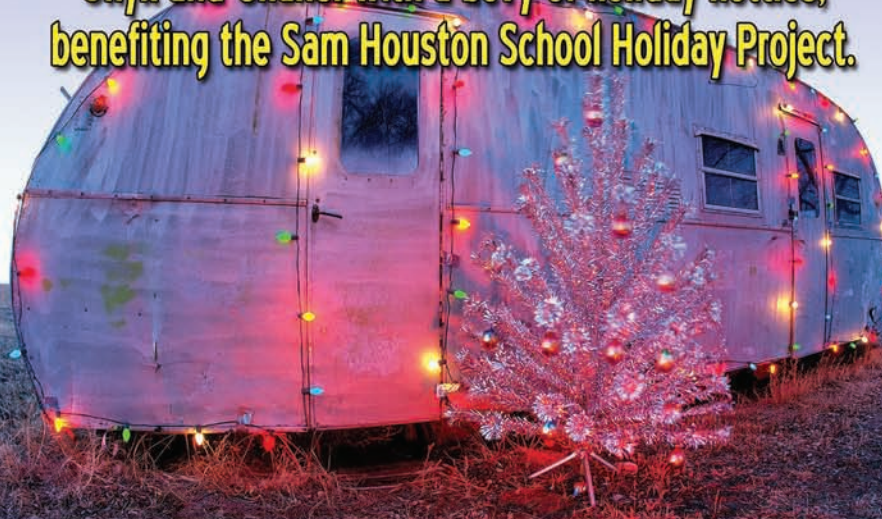
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CONCERT

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SATURDAY 11.13**COMMUNITY**

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

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

DFW Prime Timers Prime Beefer at member's residence. 7 p.m. Call 972-504-8866 for information.

SUNDAY 11.14**COMMUNITY**

Awakening Heart Community of Mindful Living. LGBT-Friendly "meditation and more" event. All faiths welcome. Dallas Meditation Center, 727 S. Floyd Rd, Richardson. 5 p.m. AwakeningHeart.org.

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MONDAY 11.15**COMMUNITY**

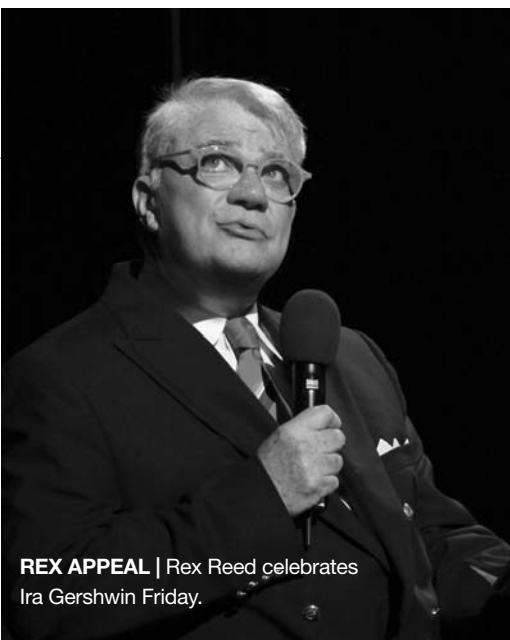
Caffeine + Character. Cathedral of Hope youth meeting for ages 14-22 at Buli Café, 3908 Cedar Springs Road.

DFW Prime Timers play bridge weekly at member's residence. 1 p.m. Call 972-504-8866 for information.

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.

TUESDAY 11.16**COMMUNITY**

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

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THURSDAY 11.18**COMMUNITY**

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

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By Jack Fertig



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SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

You've been too aware of your inner flaws. For every problem there's a solution. Examine old negative messages from childhood and rewrite them with creative affirmations.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 20

Your friends are only human. Forgive them when they disappoint you. You may find insight from parental influence or your rebellion against it. Discuss with friends for better insight.

CAPRICORN Dec 21-Jan 19

Reevaluate your ambitions and hopes. Consider ideas for later course corrections. Criticism from friends should be welcome; the more blunt, the better! The shock is good for your system.

AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

Entertain new ideas from experts. The more challenged you are, the more you change your mind and grow and improve. Let yourself feel a bit lost. That's the first step to finding yourself.

PISCES Feb 19-Mar 19

Getting to the root of recent sexual frustrations will mean losing old ideas, and perhaps some cherished but obsolete dreams and ideals. Real growth requires vulnerability and letting go.

ARIES Mar 20-Apr 19

Sex can be a distraction from your worries and doubts or it can be the way to open them up. Honest intimacy with your partner is the key. That can be a frightening challenge.

TAURUS Apr 20-May 20

Some diplomacy may be required to handle obstinate colleagues, but the boss is in your corner. Have clear goals and plans, but also be willing for them to get tweaked.

GEMINI May 21-Jun 20

Your efforts and dedication will be noticed and rewarded. At games it seems you can't win for losing. Explore new creative expressions, but take time to absorb the new perspectives.

CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22

Get creative and fix up problems around the house that have been bugging you lately. A romp in the sack with a little fantasy play could be all the change the bedroom needs.

LEO Jul 23-Aug 22

Something creative from the kitchen could get neighborly relations on track. OK, it doesn't have to be *your* kitchen. Padding the bedroom walls with sound absorbent could help too.

VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

Efforts to get ahead may be more eager than effective. Your partner and friends have ideas that could be brilliant with tweaking. Someone at work has a drug problem. Examine your habits first.

LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

A new, fun, creative look doesn't have to get expensive. Set a budget and start at the thrift stores. The best cosmetic is still and always an upbeat attitude.

THIS WEEK

Venus turning direct in Libra offers new chances to fix love affairs, creative projects and political efforts that have been recently going nowhere. Embrace new ideas and inspirations, even if they may need some critical examination and improvement.

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BREYER? WHEN'S KYLE GETTING BACK?
HE'LL BE AT HIS MOM'S FOR A FEW MORE DAYS...

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I'LL BE STAYING OVER HERE TO COVER HIM FOR BREAKFASTS.

OH, NO. IT'S JUST... SOMETHING HORRIBLE HAPPENED TONIGHT.
I REALLY, REALLY NEED TO TALK TO MY BEST FRIEND.

WELL-- ALL RIGHT...

LOUISE... THE MAN I'VE BEEN DATING FOR THE PAST FIVE DAYS... BROKE UP WITH ME TONIGHT.
HE SAID I WAS... "ERECTION-HALTING"!

"ERECTION-HALTING"! CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT?!
UM... I MEAN, HONESTLY...

...HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO GO ON AFTER THAT?
I, UH... I'M SURE HE DIDN'T MEAN IT.
NICE TRY.
SORRY. I GUESS KYLE'S BETTER AT GIVING ADVICE THAN ME.

... I'LL TELL YOU... IF YOU INSIST.

YOU'RE SWEET. WHY CAN'T I MEET A GUY LIKE YOU?
TALL, GRUFF, HAIRY, SEXY... A REAL MAN. AND HALF-JEWISH, TOO!
EVEN MY FAMILY WOULD APPROVE!
RICHARD... YOU'RE DRUNK...

OH, BREYER... MAKE LOVE TO ME! I CAN'T BEAR BEING ALONE TONIGHT!
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WHAT MESSAGE? LESS TAXING, LESS GOVERNMENT, LESS THIS LESS THAT...

I GET WHAT THEY'RE AGAINST- SO WHAT ARE THEY FOR?

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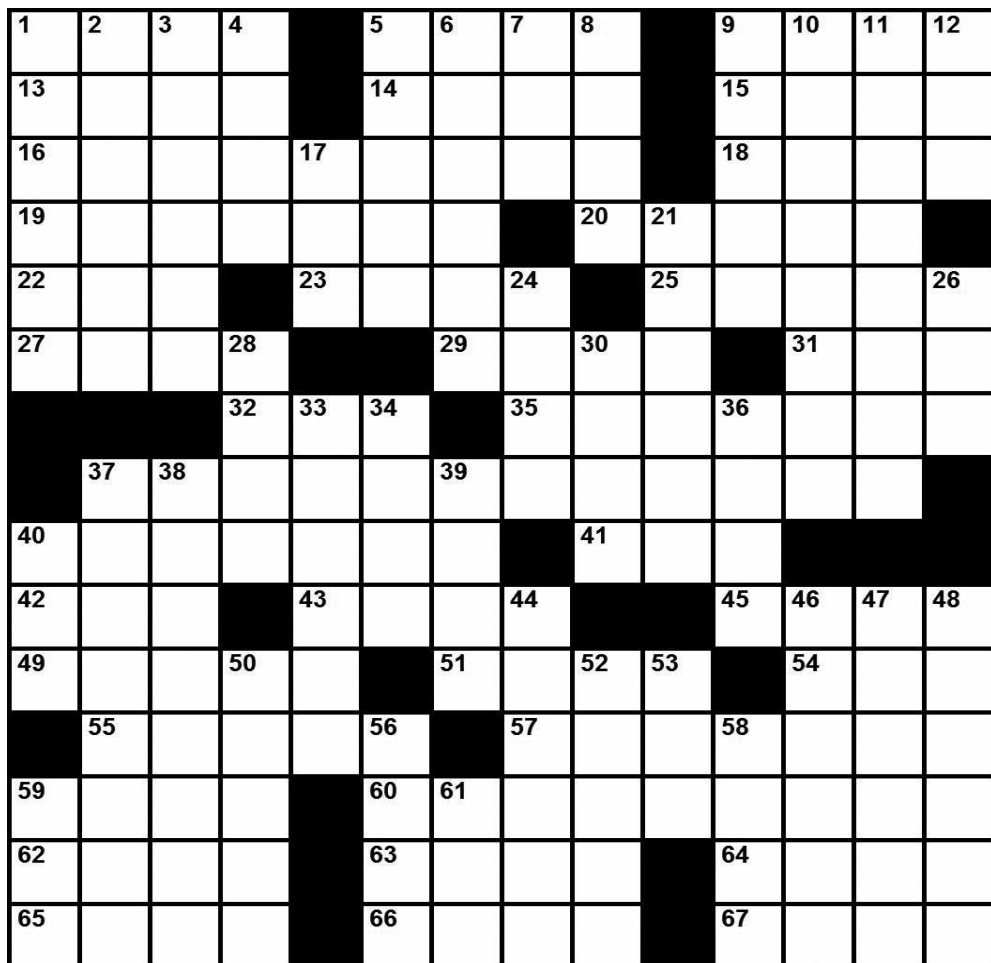
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Solution on page 29

Across

- 1 Invitation to a top?
- 5 Bottomless
- 9 Expressed, as farewell
- 13 Rupert Everett's ____ Life
- 14 Proof part
- 15 Eurythmics' "Would ____ to You?"
- 16 Founder of 37-Across
- 18 Milano moola
- 19 Diana, to the Greeks
- 20 Knock-down-drag-out
- 22 Not in the pink
- 23 Annapolis freshman
- 25 Director David
- 27 No, to Nureyev
- 29 *Desert of the Heart* author Jane
- 31 Did an encore of "Food, Glorious Food"?
- 32 Buffoon
- 35 GPS device, e.g.
- 37 Online video channel for bullied gay teens
- 40 All worked up
- 41 "Morally straight" org.
- 42 Star Wars abbr.
- 43 Govt. investigator
- 45 George O'Malley, et al.

Down

- 1 Make like Mychal Judge, e.g.
- 2 Just about
- 3 It's a wrap
- 4 Last word in a threat
- 5 Horny guy?
- 6 Rubber
- 7 One that gets laid
- 8 Countee Cullen work
- 9 With 50-Across, teen whose suicide helped inspire 37-Across
- 10 Treat like someone from Uranus?
- 11 Lee Daniels, for one
- 12 Shoe store spec
- 17 Part of Etheridge's equipment
- 21 Succeeds a la Log Cabin
- 24 Stick it in your socket
- 26 Ship, to seamen
- 28 Touches with a baseball
- 30 Leopold's partner
- 33 Heated arguments
- 34 Pansy supporter
- 36 Opposite of loads
- 37 Sought-after
- 38 Made-to-order
- 39 Mop with your first mate
- 40 Suffix denoting degree
- 44 Lesbian Herstory Archives co-founder Joan
- 46 The king of fairies
- 47 Poet Aiken
- 48 Well-endowed old goats?
- 50 See 9-Across
- 52 Put one on top of the other
- 53 Surrealist Jean
- 56 Barely managed, with "out"
- 58 Richard of *And the Band Played On*
- 59 Meadow murmur
- 61 Maugham's *Cakes and ____*





Cat, Michael and Temo at Alexandre's.



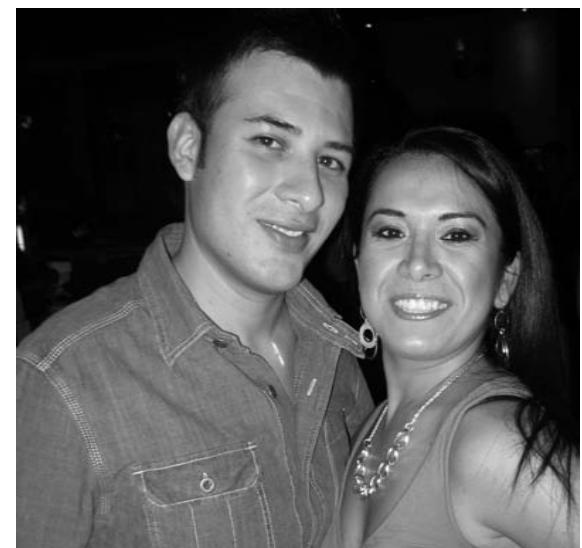
Brett, Stephanie, Kristin, Robbie, Vera, Brandy and Brook at Sue Ellens.

The evening comes earlier now so plan those disco naps right when you head out for all that nighttime fun Find a puff daddy on Friday at **the Dallas Eagle** when they host the **Lone Star Cigar Men**. Saturday goes dark with the **Black Hanky Party** for those who like the pig play. Sounds intense. Then find out Thursday who wins the **Bear of the Month** contest **Santana** fans can get the next best thing with the tribute band **Soul Sacrifice**. They play Friday night at **Jack's Backyard** Like clockwork, **Club Elm and Pearl** brings the **Super Sunday Drag Show** like no other **Sue Ellen's** gets a little freaky on Friday. The annual **All Tied Up** party happens and features live performances by **The Loosies** and **Static Mind**. The catch — neckwear suggested. Bow tie, perhaps? **Jessi Lynn** and **Sarah Peacock** play upstairs in the **Vixen Lounge** on Saturday **The Brick** will have a food drive benefiting the **Resource Center Food Pantry** on Saturday night. And DJ **Dan DeLeon** will spin the tunes while you drop off those canned goods. You just better stay to dance. Major talent headlines **Tuesday Cabaret** with **Anton Shaw** and **Cedric Neal** at the mike How long has it been since you karaoke-d in the **Round-Up Saloon's Parlor**? Well, that just too long. Try it on Monday after your free dance lesson with **Juanita** and DJ **Dustin** ■

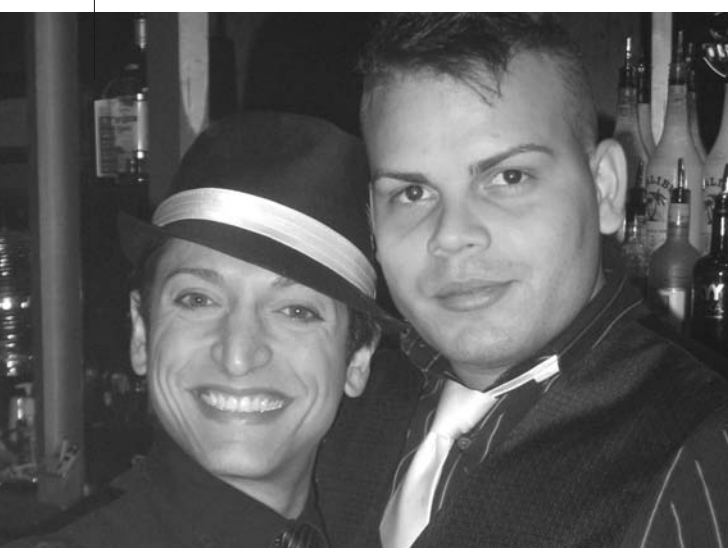
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Matt and Jeff at the Round-Up Saloon.



Dan and Hayden at BJ's NXS!



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Ray, Shannon and Gabby at Skivvies.

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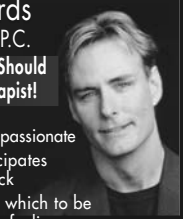
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