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Coming out of the darkness

Gay teen Alex 'Fitzy' Fitzgerald talks about how bullies targeted him at an early age and how, despite bouts of cutting, drinking and drug use, he survived to find his place in the world

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This is a story about a young man named "Fitzy" who was bullied at school for being unabashedly gay.

It is a story to remind us that while anti-gay bullying is not the only kind of bullying, and it is all wrong, anti-gay bullying can be worst kind because so often, LGBT teens have nowhere to turn for support, since even the people who are supposed to protect them — parents, teachers — can be as anti-gay as the bullies who torment them.

These are the type of stories that schoolteachers and administrators ought to listen to carefully and with an empathetic ear, acknowledging the physical and emotional abuse happening to the three out of four LGBT teens that skip school for safety.

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A SAFE PLACE AT LAST | Alex Fitzgerald says school officials in Lewisville and Flower Mound did nothing to protect him from bullies. Now he attends iSchool in Lewisville, a private school where faculty and staff mean it when they say there is zero tolerance for bullying. (Renee Baker/Dallas Voice)



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2 file for District 14 council seat

James Nowlin running to become the first gay member of the Dallas City Council since Oakley left in 2007

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James Nowlin

James Nowlin was the first person to file paperwork designating a campaign treasurer to kick off his run for the District 14 City Council seat in what may become a crowded race if incumbent Angela Hunt decides to run for mayor of Dallas.

Although Hunt has not said for certain that she is running for mayor, Nowlin said this week he believes she will, and so is proceeding with his campaign to replace her in District 14.

"Angela and I started talking more than a year ago about my interest in succeeding her," Nowlin said. "Angela has made every indication she is running for mayor and we believe her."

Nowlin grew up in Lynchburg, Va., and moved to Dallas in 2006 after receiving his law degree from Duke University.

"I love living in a city with such energy, drive and passion," he said of Dallas.

Nowlin pledged to work diligently to represent the LGBT community.

"I will work to pick up every gay trashcan on time and fill every gay pothole on time," he joked, then promised to do the same for the rest of the district as well.

"Our council needs to reflect the diversity of the entire community," Nowlin said. "When I take my seat on the council, we will all be standing up. And that includes the LGBT community."

He said that if an instance arises when leadership at the top is needed to represent someone in his district or a member of the LGBT community city-wide, he would be there to respond quickly.

But he added, issues that are of concern to the city as a whole are also often the same issues that matter to LGBT citizens.

"Safety is a very important issue to me," Nowlin said. "It's important in

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Attorney Jim Rogers running for council, but says he will withdraw if Hunt runs for re-election to District 14 seat

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Jim Rogers

Jim Rogers, a Dallas attorney and accountant, filed information on his campaign treasurer on Jan. 18 to begin his run for the Dallas City Council District 14, the seat now held by Angela Hunt. But at that evening's Stonewall Democrats meeting, he said that if Hunt decides run for her council seat again rather than for mayor, he would withdraw.

Rogers said he only decided to get into the race two days earlier, after a meeting with friends.

"This isn't a Jim Rogers decision," he said. "It's a neighborhood decision."

One of those in the neighborhood who supports that decision is Neal Emmons, a Hunt appointee to the City Plan Commission.

Emmons cited Rogers' years of experience working on neighborhood issues as his greatest strength, noting that Rogers has been active in Democratic politics in the city for years and has become a member of Stonewall Democrats.

Rogers has lived in Oak Lawn and East Dallas for 30 years and served on the Urban Rehabilitation Standards Board. He was one of the original Bryan Place homeowners.

When Bryan Place was built just outside of Downtown Dallas in the early 1980s, it was the first residential development built so close to the city center in decades and its residents were considered urban pioneers.

Rogers said developer Dave Fox told him, "Bryan Place wouldn't have the atmosphere it has if it wasn't for Jim Rogers."

"We didn't do what I wanted to do," he said. "We found out what the neighborhood wanted to do."

He said he went door to door to find out what his new neighbors thought

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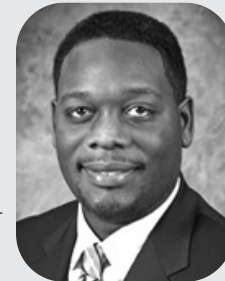
DA's office dismisses charges in raid of gay bathhouse

Charges have been dismissed against most of the 11 men arrested for engaging in sex acts during a Dallas Police Department raid of The Club Dallas in October.

The Dallas County District Attorney's Office confirmed this week that it dismissed charges against at least six of the men earlier this month. Defense attorneys for the men said they expected charges to be dismissed against the other men soon.

DA Craig Watkins didn't elaborate on why his office chose not to prosecute the cases, citing the fact that charges against at least one of the men had not yet been dismissed.

"Due to the fact that these cases are so closely related, commenting on the dismissed cases would affect the prosecution of the pending case," Watkins said in a statement.



DA Craig Watkins

David Hill, a defense attorney who represents nine of the men, said charges were dismissed over questions about whether The Club Dallas is defined as a public place under Texas law. Seven of the men were charged with public lewdness, three were charged with indecent exposure, and one was charged with interfering with police.

"The issue relates to whether it's a public versus private location, so you can imagine that the decisions and the conversations I had with them [prosecutors] hinged on that element," Hill told Instant Tea on Wednesday. "After reviewing the cases, the District Attorney's Office made a determination that it was in the best interest of justice to dismiss the cases."

Hill commended the District Attorney's Office for its decision. "They were willing to take the time to look at these cases with an open mind and make a determination after having done that," he said.

Asked whether it's safe for people to go to the gay bathhouses, Hill said he was reluctant to offer broad legal advice. "I think everyone has to make their own decision about their own personal conduct, but I would think that the decision regarding these cases would give people some comfort about that," Hill said. "I don't begin to assume what DPD is going to do in the future, but I would think the fact that the cases were filed, and the result that's come about in this case, I'm sure they have other things they'd rather spend their resources on than pursuing cases that may or may not get prosecuted."

Neither DPD Chief David Brown nor LGBT liaison officer Laura Martin responded to requests for comment.

DPD's vice unit has said it conducted the raid in response to a citizen complaint.

— John Wright

FWISD amends policy to protect LGBT employees

Change includes bullying in anti-harassment rules, specifically lists gender identity, expression in protected classes

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The board of the Fort Worth Independent School District this week quietly approved a new anti-bullying policy for employees that specifically includes prohibitions based on sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression.

The policy passed as part of the consent agenda after a second reading during the Tuesday night, Jan. 18 school board meeting. Clint

Bond, external communications coordinator for the district, said Wednesday, Jan. 19, that a similar policy applying to students will likely be approved in the near future.

"The student policy hasn't been changed yet, but it is certainly under discussion," Bond said. "I think that will go forward and probably will include an update in the near future."

The student policy already includes "sexual orientation" in the enumerated list of protected classes, but not "gender identity or expression."

School district officials have said in the past that when they amended the policy to include sexual orientation, they believed that phrase also included gender identity.

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Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation policy, in essence, amends the previous policy to include specific prohibitions against bullying and to specifically include "gender identity or expression" and "military/veteran status" among the protected classes, Bond said.

It also switches responsibility for administering the policy from the Human Resources department to the new Employee Health and Wellness Department, he said.

Under the policy, the school district is required to "provide training and counseling as needed promote awareness of this policy and the elimination of bullying, harassment, discrimination, or retaliation based on race, ethnicity, religion, gender, disability, age, or sexual orientation, or

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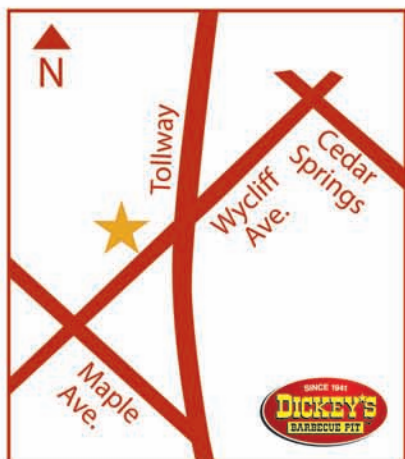


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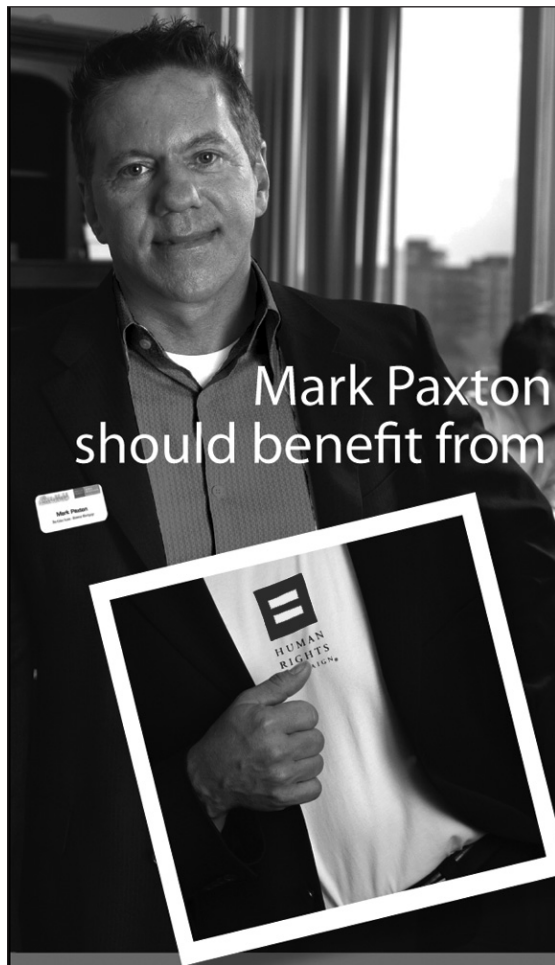


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AIDS Arms moving its offices

Officials with AIDS Arms announced this week that it is moving from its current offices on Sunset Avenue in Oak Cliff to the historic Jefferson Tower, 351 W. Jefferson Ave., effective Monday, Feb. 7.

The offices on Sunset Avenue will close at noon on Feb. 3, and offices will remain closed until reopening at 9 a.m. the following Monday in Jefferson Tower. The Peabody Health Center's hours of operation will not be affected by the move.

Executive Director Raeline Nobles said the move is "part of an ambitious campaign" that will include building a new medical facility at the Sunset Avenue location.

"We are excited about our move to Jefferson Tower. It is a beautiful building and will help expand our social service and HIV prevention programs," Nobles said.

She called the move "the first concrete step toward our vision of creating greater access to quality medical care for underserved individuals in our community."

She added that the agency's expansion also "marks significant economic development for Oak Cliff in terms of construction investments, leasing and the employment of clinical professionals."

Bradshaw presenting workshops in Dallas

Resource Center Dallas and SMU Simmons will present two workshops by John Bradshaw, a personal growth expert and New York Times bestselling author.

Bradshaw will speak on "Reclaiming Your Inner Child" on Thursday, Feb. 10, from 9 a.m. to noon, focused on exploring the impact of growing up in a dysfunctional family and reclaiming one's wounded inner children. His topic on Wednesday, March 2, will be "Healing the Shame that Binds Us," highlighting his theory and therapeutic processes on healing toxic shame.

Registration for both events begins at 8 a.m. Both workshops will be held at Oak Lawn United Methodist Church, 3014 Oak Lawn Ave. (The lo-

cation, originally set for Resource Center Dallas, has changed.)

Mental health professionals can earn continuing education units for attending.

Tickets are \$65 for one workshop, or \$100 for both. Student price is \$25. Proceeds benefit the programs and services of Resource Center Dallas.

For more information or to purchase tickets, go online to RCDallas.org.

Senior pug adoption event set

DFW Pug Rescue will hold a senior pug adoption event Saturday, Jan. 29, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Creekside Pet Care, 8820 Davis Blvd. in Keller.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Admission fees paid by those approved to adopt a pug will go toward the adoption fee. Other admission fees will be used to pay for vet care for senior pugs.



Raeline Nobles

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2 candidates launch mayoral campaigns

Natinsky, Moore outline campaign issues, both claim LGBT support

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With incumbent Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert confirming this week that he will not run for re-election in May, the field of candidates to replace him has begun to fill up.

District 14 City Councilmember Angela Hunt last week said she was considering a run for mayor, but while she has not publicly made up her mind yet, two other candidates have.

District 12 Councilman Ron Natinsky made his mayoral candidacy definite with an announcement on Monday, Jan. 17, and Jim Moore, an attorney whose practice is based in Oak Lawn, has also declared himself a candidate.

Both Natinsky and Moore said this week that they will be reaching out to the LGBT community for votes. And both said they already have support from the community.

"I want to get support from all the communities. I will be campaigning equally in all parts of the city because I am going to treat everyone equally," Moore said.

But he acknowledged that he has a special fondness for the Oak Lawn area because he lived in the neighborhood for many years and his office has been located here since he opened his practice in 1984.

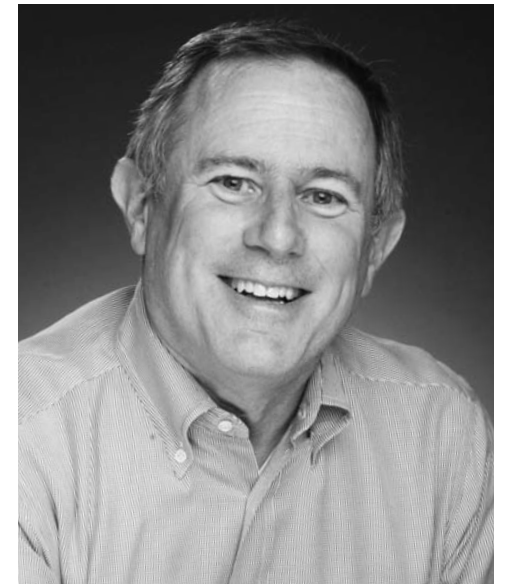
"These are the restaurants I eat at. These are the people I socialize with. These are my friends. The LGBT community knows me and trusts me," Moore said, adding that openly gay former Dallas City Councilmen John Loza is "a dear friend" and one of his campaign advisors.

Moore, who recently joined the LGBT political group Stonewall Democrats of Dallas, said that new Stonewall president Omar Narvaez is also a close friend. Narvaez, in a previous interview, said he would not speak publicly about supporting or endorsing any candidate until after Stonewall Democrats has held candidate screenings and issued endorsements.

Natinsky also can point to gay former councilmembers in his roster of supporters.



Jim Moore



Ron Natinsky

"Ed Oakley [who was on the council and ran his own high-profile race for mayor against Leppert in 2007] called from Thailand yesterday

[Wednesday] to say that he is endorsing me," Natinsky said. "Craig Holcombe [another gay former councilmember] is also supporting my cam-

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paign. And there are several others in the community who have signed on to support me and give me their endorsements."

Natinsky, who has been on the City Council since 2005, said Thursday that he has "been involved at City Hall" for 25 years, and that he has consistently supported issues in the LGBT community.

"I have had a significant number of people in the LGBT community support me in my previous races for the council. I have been endorsed by the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance. I have participated in events and have ridden in the parade," he said. "I am committed to doing those sorts of things.

"It's hard to second-guess what specific issues that affect the LGBT community might come up in front of the council," he continued. "But my attitude is the same on every issue, to roll up my sleeves and work it through."

Moore said that if he will be "the candidate of the common guy," and that if he is elected, he will continue to reach out to his constituents for input.

"When I am mayor, I am going to spend my Saturdays going to the grocery store in Oak Cliff or Lake Highlands. I am going to go to the Kroger on Cedar Springs. I will go to J.R.'s. I am going to talk to the people and hear what they have to say. I'm not going to spend my time at the country club, playing golf and sitting around," Moore said.

The issues

Moore said that public safety is "a huge issue," and offered a plan to get the private sector involved in making the city safer.

"I talk to people all the time who live in fear, and that's not much of a life," Moore said. "Our focus needs to be on making citizens more comfortable living here rather than building a half-billion-dollar hotel that most people who live here will never even see."

Saying that much of the funding for the city's revamped Arts District came from the private sector, Moore added, "I love the generosity of Dallasites that do those things. I love what the private sector has done for this city. And I have this vision of converting a lot of the public safety efforts to the private sector."

Moore said that about 80 percent of all crime in the city is property crime committed in parking lots outside of stores. The companies that run those stores could take responsibility for putting police watchtowers in those parking lots — and in other high-traffic areas susceptible to crime — and not only help their customers by keeping them safer, but gain a highly visible advertising platform as well.

"It's just a creative way of making sure the public is safe without spending tax dollars. If I can sell that idea, we won't need those 600 officers the police department is short right now," he said.

Moore also proposed working to help forge alliances Dallas Independent School District and private sector corporations, such as programs through which corporations could adopt a school and donate funds and supplies to help those

schools out.

Such a partnership, he said, would help improve public schools that are hurting for funds, and improving the schools makes the city more attractive to potential new corporate citizens, thus improving the city's tax base and stimulating economic growth.

For Natinsky, the key to the city's future is economic development.

He said Dallas has been "very fortunate overall" during the recent economic downturn, and while "we have had our issues to deal with," the situation has not been as drastic as in other cities.

"I think we have started to turn the corner. Our sales tax revenue is starting to come back up, and our building permits are up," Natinsky said, and that makes Dallas attractive to companies looking to relocate from the hard-hit regions of the West Coast and what he called "the rusty northeast."

Bringing new companies to the city means "growing the economic base and providing jobs for the people who are here, and provides a foundation for the things that everybody wants to get done."

Natinsky said the city has made strides in reducing the crime rate, and that continuing that trend — as well as providing the necessary city services — depend on economic growth. But Dallas needs to pay attention to more than just the basics, he said.

"We work hard here in Dallas, and we play hard, too. People want their parks and recreation centers and the opera house and the theaters. We have got to have those things to balance out the 'work' part of people's lives. They are very important assets," he said.

While others suggest the city cut back in those areas to make up for the lack of revenue during the recession, Natinsky said that instead the city should "reinvent the way the city government operates.

"There is always the question of revenue vs. expenses, but that doesn't mean you have to cut services," he said. "If you find more efficient ways to provide those services, you lower costs and you don't have to cut services. I think you can always find more efficient ways of operating.

"And if we can work more efficiently and at the same time grow the economic pie, grow our tax base, we can lessen the tax burden on everyone who lives here and at the same time continue to provide the services we need."

The elections

Dallas municipal elections will be held May 14. All 14 council seats and the mayor's seat are up for election.

The first day to file as a candidate is Feb. 14, and the filing deadline is March 14.

The Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance PAC will be sending out informational packets and setting screening appointments with candidates seeking the DGLA endorsement probably beginning in late February or early March.

Stonewall Democrats of Dallas will hold its candidate screening session on March 19. ■



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CSMA announces new event schedule for 2011

First Wednesday events are ending, but Whittall says quarterly Wine Walks, other regular events will make up the difference

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Although Cedar Springs Merchant Association is ending its monthly First Wednesday parties, CSMA President Scott Whittall, co-owner of Buli, said this week a calendar of quarterly Wine Walks and monthly events have taken effect.

"We changed our First Wednesday event to a quarterly event for 2011," Whittall said about one of the first obvious changes taking effect this year.

First Wednesday now will be replaced with a quarterly Wine Walk, he explained. "The wine walks are always a really good turnout and people like the concept."

Every wine walk will feature a new \$5 commemorative glass for guests to take into participating stores to mingle, browse and shop, with the wine offered compliments of the individual stores.

Whittall says it's also a great way for customers to meet and greet the owners.

By selling commemorative glasses, CSMA hopes to make some money back, which accounts for the cost of the glasses. Proceeds will also help fund future events, plus the glasses will give wine walks a sense of occasion, he said.

Whittall said that even though the Cedar Springs Arts Festivals in both 2009 and 2010 failed to reach their fundraising goals, the spring festival will return this year.

This time, Whittall said, organizers know what pitfalls to watch for, what to do and what not to do.

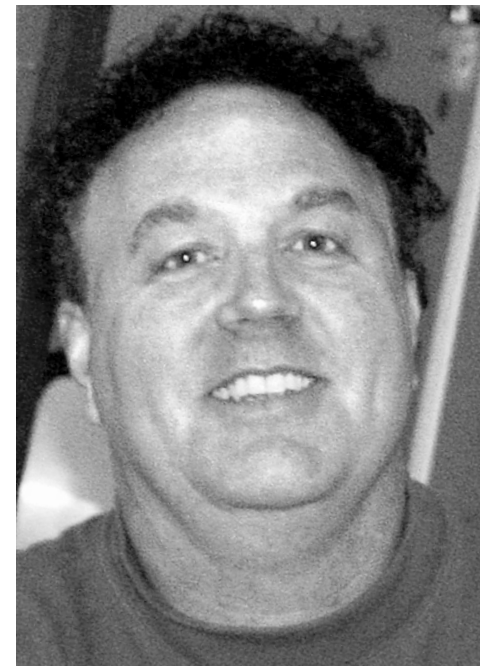
"We hope to have more than 100 artists and vendors," Whittall said, compared to last year's 70 or so.

Whittall said CSMA is known for its interesting fundraising events, like underwear auctions, and for throwing a great street party.

"We're always racking our brains to come up with some new and exciting fundraisers," like the Super Street Party the association is holding on Cedar Springs during Super Bowl weekend next month.

The Super Party, sponsored by Bud Light, is one of the larger events CSMA has planned, Whittall said. He said it will be similar to the annual Pride parade, but with a football twist.

Whittall also stressed that the event is not affiliated with the National Football League in any



Scott Whittall

way, but that he hopes it will draw out-of-towners to the area and help spotlight Cedar Springs.

The purpose of all the CSMA events, Whittall said, is to have fun while raising funds to benefit and help beautify the gayborhood.

The bars and merchants along the Cedar Springs strip are faring well, Whittall said. But, he added, "Cedar Springs is not immune to the economic climate.

Whittall said that times have changed over the last 30 years and that Cedar Springs needs the support of the community to survive and thrive. The more support they get, the more money will be available for events and projects.

"Unfortunately, money is everything," said Whittall. "It's hard to go out and raise funds."

He said CSMA's solution is to give donors something — like a wine walk or an arts festival — in return, as opposed to simply asking for a donation. More importantly, he added, donations to CSMA come back to the community in several forms.

CSMA uses funds collected to build streetlights for more safety, to improve signage and sidewalks, among other planned improvements, he said.

"The big message here is support," said Whittall. "It's the heart of the gay community of Dallas, and we are dedicated to keeping it just that.

"Everybody here is committed to seeing Cedar Springs be here another 30 years," Whittall concluded. "But we need help. We need everybody's support to make sure that does happen." ■

FWISD

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gender identity and expression, or military/veteran status throughout the district."

In addition to bullying, the policy prohibits discrimination including harassment, and briefly defines the terms discrimination, harassment and bullying, although it does not include the term "cyberbullying." Bond said other policies define bullying to include cyberbullying.

The new policy also describes the process for reporting and investigation any such incidents.

Tom Anable, president of Fairness Fort Worth, said this week the new policy "looks to be thorough" and is "a very positive step forward for the employees of the Fort Worth ISD."

He noted that the new policy has the support of the local teachers union and stressed that the amendments to the policy were pushed by FWISD administrators, not community advocates.

"This has been an administration-led effort, which is an even more positive sign that they are really looking at their policies across the board," Anable said. "They pretty much initiated this on their own. And I think it is really nice that they took the initiative in this without a lot of outside pushing."

Anable acknowledged that the decision to add "gender identity and expression" to the FWISD policy was likely a response to a vote by Dallas Independent School District trustees in November to enact a specifically LGBT-inclusive anti-bullying policy.

But he also stressed that Fort Worth was already moving in the right direction before the DISD vote, and that community advocates have not had to push as hard for the changes, as Dallas activists did.

"Yes, this is pretty much a response to what the Dallas school district did, but Fort Worth had already added 'sexual orientation' to their policies back in March. When they saw what Dallas did, they went back and checked their policies. And when they realized some of the language was missing, they immediately started the dialog to make the changes they needed to make," Anable said.

"We have had some nice conversations with people in the administration, but it hasn't taken us the kind of effort it took in Dallas to get this done," he said.

Anable said he was pleased to see that the policy change "went through on the consent agenda and there wasn't a big uproar about it." But he warned that might not be the case when the board discusses changing the policy relating to students.

"This has been very low-key, without a lot of

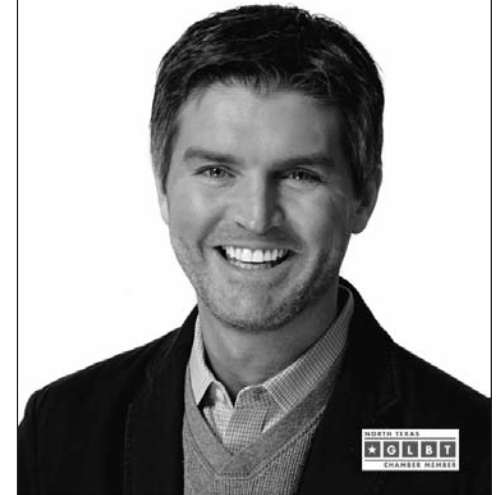


Tom Anable

fuss. But when [anti-gay activists] hear about this, they will probably be watching for the student policy to come up for a vote," he said. ■

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Oak Lawn and important across the district.”

Nowlin was Hunt’s appointee to the Citizen’s Police Review Board.

As a councilmember, he said, “I will see to it that our men and women in uniform both in police and fire departments have the resources they need to make sure our district is safe.”

Nowlin said as a councilman he would work on three things — infrastructure, economic development and jobs — and he cited a number of ways the council can make a difference.

He said that when businesses are considering a move to Dallas, their first impression must be good. And since Love Field is in District 14, “Often District 14 is the first thing people see when they visit Dallas,” he said. “We’ve got to make sure it looks good.”

Nowlin also said that he believes support for HIV/AIDS programs is critical.

“We’ve got to support the Resource Center. It’s a resource to our entire city of Dallas,” he said, adding that he serves on the board of another local AIDS service organization, AIDS Services of Dallas.

ASD President and CEO Don Maison called Nowlin a highly energized individual who has

worked on Black Tie Dinner and No Tie Dinner, and is good at getting donations.

“He’s been a very good board member,” Maison said. “He participates. He’s active.”

But he’s not just involved raising needed funds for the organization. He’s busy doing whatever needs to be done, Maison said.

“I enjoy rolling up my sleeves and getting work done,” Nowlin said.

Speaking at a business he called a GOGO — Gay Owned, Gay Operated — he said he was delighted to be talking about his campaign on Martin Luther King’s birthday.

“It’s especially meaningful to me to be interviewed on MLK Day,” he said. “One day this com-

munity will be judged by its leadership and its legislators.”

Nowlin met his partner after moving to Dallas four years ago. They started a consulting business together and moved from Oak Lawn to East Dallas.

While his partner prefers to remain out of the spotlight and focus on business, Nowlin proudly talked about his dogs, Cady and Abraham, pointing out they are rescue dogs.

If elected, Nowlin would be the youngest person ever elected to the Dallas City Council. He would be the first member of the LGBT community to sit on the council since Ed Oakley left in 2007. ■

ROGERS

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would make the new neighborhood a better place to live. The neighborhood had no amenities and people wanted a swimming pool. They created a \$300,000 budget that would include a clubhouse.

Developer Fox & Jacobs pledged \$200,000 to the project if Rogers could raise \$100,000, never believing they’d have to make good on their promise, Rogers said.

Rogers delivered his portion from money raised from the new homeowners. The develop-

ers pitched in their pledge and built the pool.

He said that story illustrates how he would approach his job on the City Council.

“I want to involve as many people from the district as possible,” he said.

He said he would listen and learn what issues are not being addressed. But he did have a three-point plan — smoother streets, safer neighborhoods and lower taxes.

While he followed and understood the budgeting problems that the council faced last year, Rogers said he wondered why Dallas has the highest tax rate of any major city in the state.

He said he wasn’t looking to slash services,

“But more analysis needs to be done.”

He said he was driving near Northwest Highway and LBJ Freeway and he suddenly noticed a difference in the road.

“Then I realized I was in Garland,” he said. “Garland shouldn’t have smoother streets than we do.”

Rogers promised to be an advocate for the LGBT community, just as Hunt has been. Although same-sex marriage is not an issue that faces a city council, he offered his opinion on it.

“Why not?” Rogers asked. “How’s it going to affect my marriage?”

He said he supports policies already in place in

Dallas such as domestic partnership benefits for city employees and the nondiscrimination ordinance.

On new issues that might come before the council, he said his door would be open for members of the community to come and educate him so he could support equality.

“I will always fight for the guy who is not being treated right,” he said.

He called the LGBT community “The most active political community on the face of the earth.”

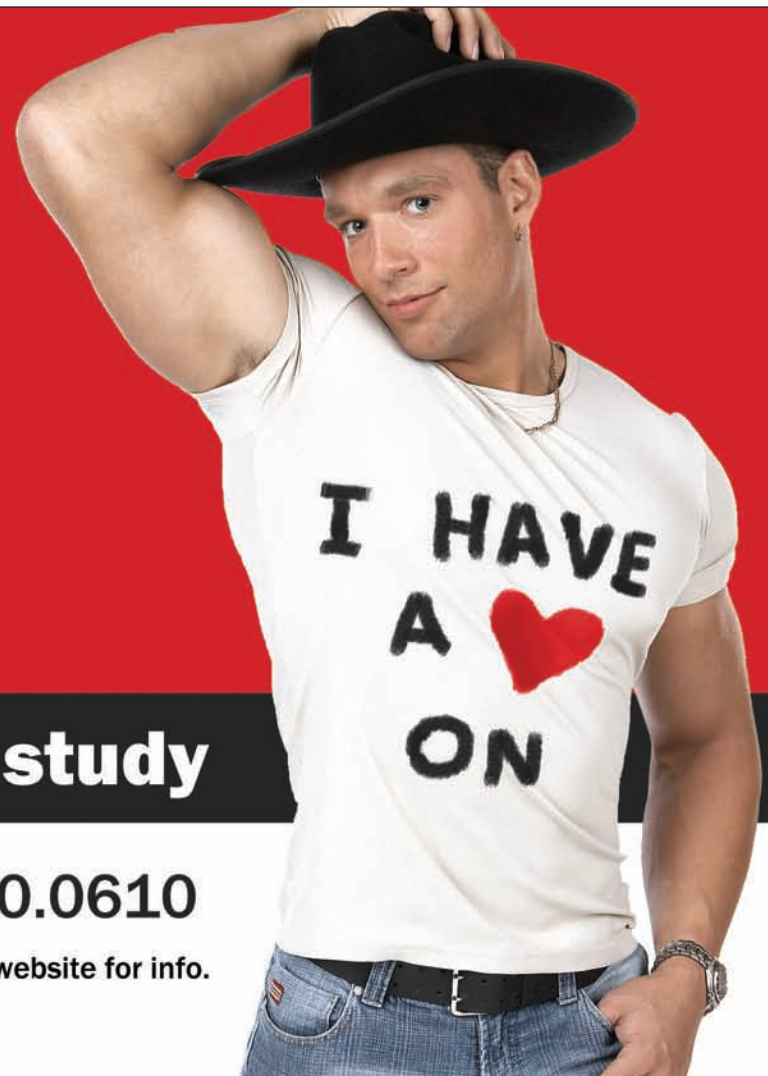
“I want the support of that community,” he said. “It’s amazing how much work goes on there.” ■

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Pink triangles: Even after WWII, gay victims of Nazis continued to be persecuted

Dallas Holocaust Museum invites the LGBT community to International Holocaust Remembrance Day commemoration

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The United Nations declared Jan. 27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day to mark the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. And while Jews comprised the largest portion of those incarcerated and murdered by the Nazis, lesbians and gays were victims, too.

During the Holocaust, gay men and, to a lesser extent, lesbians were arrested in Nazi Germany along with Jews, Roma, Jehovah's Witnesses and a variety of other groups including priests and political opponents.

But after the war, gay men were treated much differently than other victims.

Dallas Holocaust Museum spokeswoman Nanette Fodell drew a parallel between the Holocaust and recent events affecting the LGBT community. She said that the Holocaust began with the bullying of Jewish children in schools.

"Bullying turned into genocide," she said.

The law that criminalized homosexuality in Germany, known as Paragraph 175, was written in 1871. The law was rarely used during the Weimar Re-



German police file photo of a man arrested in October 1937 for suspicion of violating Paragraph 175. (Courtesy of Landesarchiv, Berlin)

public, and Berlin became one of the gayest cities in the world.

However, after the rise of the Third Reich, Paragraph 175 was enforced. Even after World War II, it remained on the books and continued to be used against gay men.

Tens of thousands of gays were arrested in Germany and, after they were occupied by the Nazis, the countries of Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland put similar laws into effect. Estimates by the U.S.

Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., of the number of gay men arrested range up to 100,000.

The Nazis distinguished between those with "learned" behavior and "incorrigibles." While those named incorrigibles were sent to concentration camps, many with so-called learned behavior were sent into the military. That group was put on the front lines and sent on suicide missions.

Those sent to camps had a short life ex-

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pectancy as well. They died from overwork, starvation, physical brutality or murder.

That and other information about the plight of gays during this period has been gathered into a traveling exhibition entitled *Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals 1933-1945*. Fodell said the Dallas Holocaust Museum hopes to bring that exhibit here soon.

While Jewish prisoners wore a yellow triangle, gay men wore a pink triangle. Asocial individuals, the group that included lesbians, wore a black triangle.

Those with a pink triangle later reported miserable treatment by other prisoners as well as by their captors.

Gays were among those killed in an SS-sponsored "extermination through work" program that began in 1943.

Many of those who were liberated from the camps were rearrested after the war to serve out their terms of imprisonment. The punishment for homosexuality under Paragraph 175 was two years in prison, but time spent in a concentration camp did not count toward their sentence.

After the war, the West German government began paying reparations to those who had spent time in the camps. But in 1956, the government declared that those imprisoned for homosexuality did not qualify for compensation.

Homosexuality was finally decriminalized in East Germany in 1968 and in West Germany in 1969. But in the same way that the Texas sodomy law — Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code — remains on the books seven years after The U.S. Supreme Court declared it unconstitutional, Paragraph 175 was not expunged from the books until 1994. And not until 2002 did the German government grant a full pardon those who served time in prison for homosexuality.

The Holocaust museum in Washington presents a broad and encyclopedic view of the event. But the Dallas museum's focus is tighter, with no extensive information yet on the lesbian and gay victims of the Holocaust.

Fodell described the focused experience presented at the Dallas museum, located in a small,

temporary space in the West End with plans to build a larger building nearby.

"We're looking for our visitors to learn to make better decisions than were made during the Holocaust," Fodell said. "Are you going to be an upstander or a bystander?"

The permanent exhibit focuses on three events that happened during one particular day. Much of the story is told through the personal effects and photos of survivors who moved to Dallas after the war and coverage in the local Dallas and Fort Worth newspapers.

The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising is the first event covered in the exhibit.

The second is the story of the 20th deportation train from Belgium.

"This is the only time someone tried to stop a death train and freed about 230 people," Fodell said.

The third event that occurred that day was the Bermuda Conference. World leaders met that day in Bermuda to discuss the Holocaust but decided to do nothing. Instead they played golf.

Commemoration

Few monuments exist to honor gay victims of the Holocaust. The Homomonument, the first, was built in Amsterdam in 1987. Since then, memorials to gay victims have been built in Berlin,



Prisoners at forced labor in the Mauthausen concentration camp. Beginning in 1943, homosexuals were among those in concentration camps who were killed in an SS-sponsored "extermination through work" program. (Courtesy of Nederlands Instituut voor Oorlogsdocumentatie, courtesy U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum)

Frankfurt, Cologne and at the site of the Sachsenhausen concentration camp.

However, Dallas museum officials wanted to include the LGBT community in its Holocaust Remembrance Day event.


In July 2010, members of Westboro Baptist Church picketed both the museum and Congregation Beth El Binah, the primarily LGBT synagogue in Dallas. Fodell said the two groups formed a strong bond the day of that event.

To mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day, the museum will hold a candlelight

ceremony at 6 p.m. The memorial will begin at the museum and proceed two blocks away to the site of the planned new building.

Participants are asked to bring a Yahrzeit candle, a traditional memorial candle lit to remember the dead. ■

Candlelight Ceremony commemorating International Holocaust Remembrance Day, Dallas Holocaust Museum/Center for Education and Tolerance, 211 North Record St. Jan 27 at 6-7 p.m. The museum is located at West End Station on the Red, Green, Blue and Orange lines.



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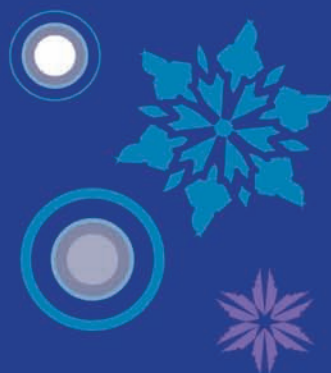


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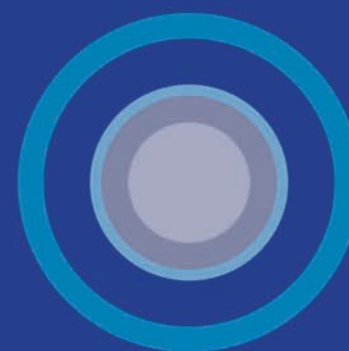
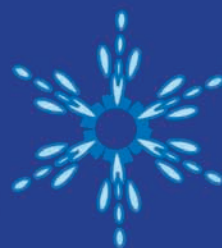


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YOU GOTTA HAVE FRIENDS | Alex Fitzgerald, center, relies on friends like his boyfriend Eli Appling, right, and Joey Pint. (Tammye Nash/Dallas Voice)

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They ought to acknowledge the right of LGBT teens to form gay-straight alliance support groups so gay youth are not dehumanized into a “they have it coming” category. And if they won’t do it because it is the right thing to do, then they ought to do it to avoid lawsuits that can be filed against them for not providing safety for their entire student body.

Fitzzy

Alex “Fitzzy” Fitzgerald is a 16-year-old sophomore who suffered through elementary school in the Flower Mound and Lewisville school systems.

He said in neither school district did he feel safe, nor did his teachers or administrators get involved enough to protect him. And he feared for his life to the point of “checking out” because of it.

Fitzgerald is one of about two million U.S. school-aged youth the Human Rights Watch has estimated to be LGBTQ identified — with academic research solidly confirming 5 to 6 percent of youth are LGBTQ. Fitzgerald found himself struggling with both his gender and sexuality, and more so, severely struggling with those that said he got what he deserved when the bullies attacked him.

Fitzgerald is, unfortunately, not alone. A 2008 study released by Dr. Susan Swearer and her colleagues from University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Harvard Medical School found that adolescent boys bullied for being gay — or perceived as gay — were in a much different class of bullying than non-gay youth. In fact, they found that bullied gay youth experienced much greater psychological distress, greater verbal and physical bullying and more negative perceptions of their school experiences than boys.

Fitzgerald agrees. He said his path down “You’re So Gay” Lane began when he was only nine years old and wore a pink shirt to school.

“I didn’t know anything about being gay or

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straight then,” Fitzgerald said. “But my mom and sister encouraged me to wear what I wanted.”

Fitzgerald said he was too young to understand why the other kids thought he was so weird or why they called him “gay wad.” But when the fighting and bullying escalated to the point that his mom was regularly picking him up from school crying, he begged her not to send him back.

“The Lewisville fourth grade teachers could not have cared less for me,” Fitzgerald said.

Hoping for more support from school staff, his mother moved him to the Flower Mound school system in fifth grade. Fitzgerald said things “started out okay” at Flower Mound, but kids in a clique soon began to pick up on his feminine, sensitive side, and the teasing and name-calling started again.

Instead of conforming, Fitzgerald began to stand up for himself, declaring his identity through a variety of clothing, from his “pink emo” girly phase towards a “darker and darker goth” style.

It took him awhile to try on a number of hats until one felt right, given what the environment would support.

Symptoms of being a target

Though he didn’t realize it, Fitzgerald said the bullying was really getting to him. He began seeing a psychiatrist to treat his depression, and by seventh grade, he had started “cutting” — three shallow cuts the first time, followed by cuts that

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went gradually deeper, the physical pain meant to mask the emotional.

"A girlfriend gave me my first razor blade," Fitzgerald said, "and I cut regularly until the end of eighth grade."

Fitzgerald said he cut nearly a hundred times out of sadness and anger. He said the pain inside would get so bad that he would just "go at it," slicing up his arms, his ankles and his right thigh. He said he had "angry thoughts that couldn't be expressed."

His dad didn't understand him, he said, and although his mom tried, she couldn't either. Then that anger turned inward, and in a state of confusion, he hurt himself to cope.

What made it harder, Fitzgerald said, was the need to "cover up" his addiction to cutting by wearing sweat jackets whenever he left his bedroom, even in the hot summer. It made him stand out as "the one who wore hoodies."

Fitzgerald said he proudly stood out in other ways, too, by dressing flamboyantly like RuPaul and Jeffree Star, but it painted a target on his back for bullies who wanted to "teach him a lesson."

Experts say that flamboyant cross-gender dressing and gender nonconformity is, to a large extent, a focus of much anti-gay bullying. Swearer and colleagues say a possible explanation for the bullying of gender nonconforming individuals

can be derived from a theory of moral disengagement, in which the bully dehumanizes and blames the victim for the bullying.

Anyone labeled "gay" then is "deserving" of what they get. They deem it to be justice.

Gender expert Michael Kimmel of State University of New York at Stony Brook said such schoolyard bullies are often the most insecure about their own masculinity and have to prove it by bullying someone who is no real match. But because it proves nothing to pick on someone not your own size, they have to do it over and over again.

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Fitzgerald falls in the category of "someone not your own size."

By the end of junior high school, Fitzgerald was openly dating both boys and girls and hanging out at the Grapevine Mills Mall with a group of friends that got high together. Though Fitzgerald dabbled with a litany of drugs, he said his "main focus" was amphetamines — speed and ecstasy.

It landed him in the Lewisville emergency room and under heavy watch for drug use. But that wasn't enough for the young man to hit rock bottom; that came later when heroine put him into detox and recovery for two months.

"I told my mom I sincerely need help," he said, "and I started getting on the right track."

It was a cry for help and Fitzgerald got it, back in Lewisville. He wanted acceptance from his dad, too, who thought his son was "selfish for wearing makeup."

Fitzgerald, whose parents are divorced, said he is getting along greatly now with his father, who regularly tells him: "You are who you are."

Fitzgerald said eventually he was able to wear makeup, be androgynous or wear pink blush and paint his brows and his father finally got used to it. With the help of a good therapist, he said, the family finally was able to pull together, including Fitzgerald's stepfather.

Fitzgerald also credits his recovery to going to Youth First Texas when he was 14. He said that Bob Miskinis, the former program director, would stay on the phone with him for hours and help him work through the issues that were haunting him.

YFT was the "height of my happiness and has been nothing but a blessing," Fitzgerald said.

But it didn't last. The bullying he was then enduring was miniscule compared to what would come at Flower Mound High School.

New school, same old problems

Before his first day at Flower Mound, Fitzgerald said he was cyber-bullied on Facebook with taunts like "Get ready for hell," and "Can't wait to meet you faggot." Fitzgerald said he was cross-dressing then, and the fact he was gay "got to them [the bullies]."

When he started school at Flower Mound, Fitzgerald said, he was shoved into walls, kicked and punched.

"Every time I walked down the hallways, I had to worry about what somebody may say or do to

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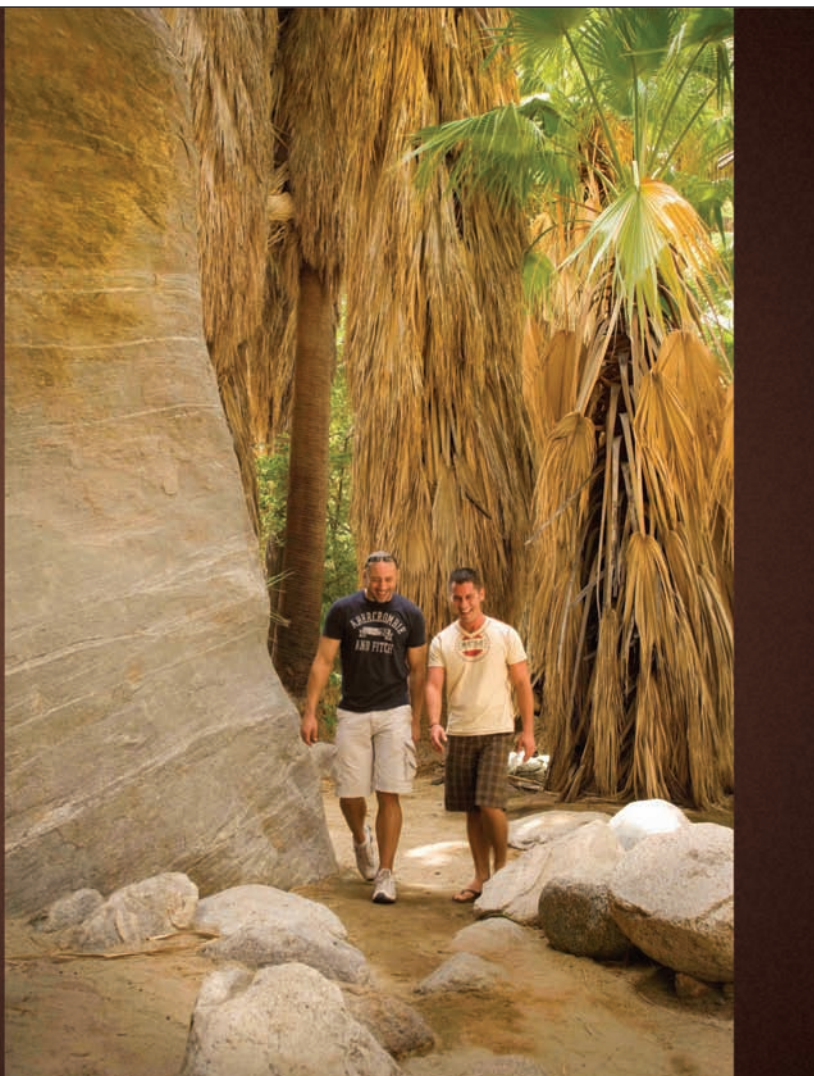
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me," he said. "And I started to get anonymous death threats." Echoes of the hatred would go through his mind repeatedly: "I want to kill you faggot. I will throw you in a tree and cut you in half with a chain saw."

Fitzgerald couldn't make it alone in school. He had friends to support him, to walk him through the hallways, to keep an eye out for him, and to let him know what was "going down." He carried a hidden can of mace for his protection, something that was against school policy, but he risked it because he was afraid for his life.

No one helped, he said, adding he was treated like a disposable troublemaker. His guidance counselor was his best help, but was only able to recommend summer school so Fitzgerald could get done with school sooner.

His coach warned the bully to stay away. The bullying was still brushed off as not serious and verbally abusive comments were dismissed, Fitzgerald said.

No one recognized the crisis situation Fitzgerald was living in. And a year after overdosing on heroine, plagued by worries that he would be killed with a chain saw, Fitzgerald fell off the wagon and found himself an inpatient in a Lewisville hospital again, this time with a blood alcohol level of 0.23.

"In a sense, my school approved of the bullying by being silent," Fitzgerald said, adding that there was no support to right the balance of power among peers.

For example, Fitzgerald said, six times officials at the high school denied requests for the formation of a gay-straight alliance. It was a message that told gay youth they didn't matter," he said.

And on the National Day of Silence, Fitzgerald said, students were denied permission to wear gray tape over their mouths to bring visibility to their plight.

New school, new hope

The good news for Fitzgerald is that he has found peace at iSchool High in Lewisville, a private school with about 250 students.

He said he loves the teachers, who are very structured and have zero tolerance for lack of mutual respect. Fitzgerald said the reaction to bullying at iSchool goes beyond just policy; school officials actually stand by their words.

Fitzgerald, now 16 and a sophomore, is on "the right track," he said. He said has two goals in life: to be a cosmetologist and to pursue his music writing. Of course, he also wants to have "a lot of money and a hot husband."

Fitzgerald said he is becoming more active about LGBT equality and overcoming bullying in schools. He has been on the radio, participated in the Bully Suicide Project and, also, the It Gets Better Project.

It's something he is dead serious about: "Some of us are treated as second-class citizens, and I'll stop at nothing, even take a bullet if I have to, for the sake of LGBT equality." ■

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SUPER ANTI-BULLYING RALLY SET

Long before the spate of bullying-related suicides that made headlines last fall, an organization called The Bully Suicide Project was working to shed light on the issue.

Now, the program hopes to capitalize on the excitement surrounding Super Bowl XLV to make that light even brighter.

Bully Suicide Project co-founder Dr. Audrey Newsome is working with the city of Dallas and the Dallas All Sports Association to stage what Newsome described as "the first major anti-bullying rally in Dallas."

The "Super Day of Service, Super Day of Hope" rally will be held Friday, Feb. 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at City Hall Plaza. That is the Friday before Super Bowl XLV will be played at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, and Newsome said organizers are hoping to use the excitement surrounding the NFL championship game to draw attention — and participants — to the rally.

"We already have 28 schools and four professional athletes that have confirmed they are participating in the rally," in addition to state Rep. Eric Johnson, Newsome said, and more are confirming their participation daily.

Newsome said the two professional athletes whose names she can release at this time are Kansas City Chiefs safety Reshard Langford and Baltimore Ravens wide receiver David Tyree.

"We really wanted to get some of the professional athletes to participate in this because most of them have really been silent on the issue of bullying so far," Newsome said. "We want to get people out there to think about this issue, and what better way to do that than to use the excitement of the Super Bowl."

Founded in 2009 by Newsome and Beau Wellborn as a joint project of Campus Harmony and Youth First Texas, the Bully Suicide Project aims to combat bullying of all kinds and to offer support to those who were being bullied.

Bully Suicide Project started with the release in December 2009 of a series of public service announcements with photos by Tracy Nanthavongsa that featured people of all ages making their own statement about bullying and how it affected them. (See photos from the PSAs only at DallasVoice.com)

A month or so later, in January 2010, Bully Suicide Project released a video PSA on YouTube and organizers began working with local schools to provide education and awareness on bullying and on creating safe spaces for those targeted by bullies.

Last August, Bully Suicide Project launched its fall awareness campaign, again featuring photos by Nanthavongsa and special make-up by Melissa Whitaker.

The theme for the fall campaign was "Real Students With Real Stats," and each model was a high school or middle school student in North Texas that has survived bullying. The photos were graphic, intended to drive home the real life effects of bullying by showing the physical signs.

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A good sign for Texas' LGBT community

Joe Straus' re-election as speaker of the House proves that social conservatives no longer can control the Republican political agenda

Unless you were "wired in" to the inside baseball of Texas politics, you might not have known that there was a cantankerous fight for the position of Texas House speaker.

As some of you know, House Speaker Joe Straus, a Republican from San Antonio, showed himself to be a moderate on social issues last session. Yet, after a momentous midterm election where a slight Republican majority turned into a Republican supermajority in The House, calls for a "true conservative" to be elected speaker started to ring louder and louder among social conservative activists who regularly attend GOP party functions.

Many of these people are the same individuals that helped create the Republican Party of Texas platform that we all know too well includes the language on "homosexuals" revealed and discussed right here in Dallas Voice every election season.

State representatives who had already pledged to support Straus were being lobbied hard to reverse their support, via a war of words on Facebook, by those who changed their profile pictures with logos that declared "Oust Straus," with statewide e-mail campaigns, and large, organized visits to field offices.

Precinct chairs in Harris, Denton and Dallas counties — perhaps others — convened during the holidays to pass resolutions demanding the election of a "conservative speaker," implying that Joe Straus wasn't conservative enough because of his social views.

Activists made threats to "primary," which means to find someone to run in the next election season primary, against any Republican representatives that didn't go along with their desire

for change in leadership. Their bullying was amplified when hundreds of them descended on Austin on Jan. 10 to observe a caucus gathering of Republican representatives.

The caucus was demanded by the activists as a strategy to replace Straus by forcing a unified Republican vote, because last session Straus took over from Tom Craddick as speaker when Straus garnered the votes of all Democrats and just a handful of Republicans.

What the activists didn't know was that the caucus would vote solidly for Straus, and after 70 votes were cast (representing more than two-thirds of the caucus present), voting was suspended and the choice was clearly made.

The social conservatives didn't like the outcome and contradicted themselves about the process, first calling for an open ballot so they could see who voted for whom, and then complaining later that it should have been done in secret because the outcome might have differed.

The social conservatives were perplexed when their chosen candidate, Rep. Ken Paxton, dropped from the race after assurances he would stay in, and after the other candidate, Rep. Warren Chisum, switched his support from Paxton to Straus.

On Jan. 11, when the formal selection of a House Speaker was concluded, calls for a recorded vote were made and approved, and more than 130 representatives voted for Joe Straus for speaker, with 15 "No" votes or abstentions — handing the social conservatives a serious defeat.

So, what does this mean for the LGBT community?

It means that there is a continual and growing disconnect between the hard-line social conservatives who are a part of the Republican Party of Texas, the average Republican voter and the actual Republican legislators who govern our state. This is *good news* for the LGBT community, which often fears possible legislation that could be put forward by the extreme

elements of our party.

The selection of Joe Straus as speaker means that Republicans will focus most of their time and energy on balancing a state budget that is some \$24 billion short over the next two years due to the slowdown of our economy, and will spend considerable effort reviewing programs that automatically sunset every session.

I would be quite surprised if the legislature spends much time on any social items.

Log Cabin Republican members spent considerable time getting to know their local state representatives. We offered direct support and encouragement for their initial pledges to Joe Straus, and were in continual contact by e-mail and very open in our Facebook rebuttals, asking them to stay loyal to their pledges.

Now our direct interaction with Republican elected officials is paying dividends in less anti-gay rhetoric in campaigns and no anti-gay legis-

lation being proposed in this session that we are aware of.

The election of Joe Straus as speaker means that the impact of the Republican Party of Texas platform on legislation continues to be muted. Social conservative activists always complain that the legislators "never govern by the platform." So, when you ask gay Republicans about the platform, or if you point to the passages in the platform about "homosexuality," understand that the re-election of Joe Straus confirms what we have been saying for some time now: The platform isn't used as a legislative vehicle and only expresses the opinions of a small minority of people in the party who are loud, but not in the majority among everyday Republicans.

What matters to most Republican voters and legislators are the true principles of conservatism, meaning government stays out of our pockets and our bedrooms! ■

Rob Schlein is president of Log Cabin Republicans of Dallas.

Why am I not celebrating more?

Although the swearing in of the first trans trial judge is cause for celebration, there is still a long, hard fight ahead

We have recently seen America's first transgender trial judge sworn in. So why am I not celebrating more?

Are you kidding? I read the news to my husband and son, and we all cheered and breathed a sigh of great relief and deep gratitude. This momentous ceremony brought us all one step closer to lawful and societal equality and a much safer pursuit of that very happiness our Constitution grants to us all.

But this is where I — as an American, a woman and the wife of an amazing transgender man — must restrain my celebration. The full celebration will commence the day society's labels fade away.

Humans always try to define things we do not understand. Our lack of understanding leads to fear. Labels are incessantly cast onto anything we need defined for us.

For instance, say you have two tin cans, both sealed. One is labeled "beans;" the other has no label. Which would you choose?

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Rob Schlein
Special Contributor

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Unless you have an aversion to legumes, you would probably choose the labeled one. I would — I mean, what if the other can has beets?

We should be electing transgender officials. We should be electing lesbian and gay officials, female officials, African-American officials, Hispanic officials, Jewish and Muslim officials — and so on. Because, quite simply, every one of the members of our global society are human beings.

We are all born inherently equal and all hold the same worthiness as our neighbor. Our labels do not designate our worth or, believe it or not, our contents. Existence is where our worth lies. You are here. I am here. We are amazing.

The full celebration will commence when all marginalized people refuse to be yoked to such a lexicon: marginalized, victimized, worthless, wrong, immoral, dangerous. These are only a very few of the terms used by the media, the Bib-

lical Christian right and those in seats of actual “power” when referring to “them.”

When you are marginalized, the first thing that is stripped from you is your name. It is far easier to be cruel and hateful when you are aggressively pursuing the nameless.



Wren A. Wynn
Special Contributor

How many of us have found ourselves in such a place — no name, no support, no safety? I was hit in the face in seventh grade by an extraordinarily hefty repeat eighth grader because my being gay offended her. Her name was Amie. I bet you a million dollars she doesn't remember my name.

We cannot continue to allow our names to be replaced with a vocabulary of invisibility and hate. My name is Wren.

The full celebration will commence when those seated in positions of power and authority stop being so damn afraid that they will be dethroned and overrun. If you are a just and compassionate leader, this is not a concern. So it is no wonder that so many higher-ups are constantly having to towel off their flop-sweat as they stand at their microphones and bullhorns leaking their

heartlessness and fear into the world.

This decidedly ridiculous behavior, though, should come as no real surprise. Look at what the leaders worship. All religions at all moments in history, both patriarchal and matriarchal (though to a lesser extent), worship very wrathful and immature gods and goddesses. How many times has a deity cruelly destroyed all of life because another god was getting more attention or because the people weren't pliant enough or, sometimes, just for the hell of it?

I am all for America. This is proven by the fact that I haven't run off to Canada or Europe ... yet. I truly do believe, very dearly, that America is the home of the brave. Every day I encounter transgender people (my husband included) who are changing the world and saving lives by simply being who they are.

We hear and see and know lesbian, gay and bisexual people who are not willing to let another person die because bullying gay kids and adults is seen as not so big an issue. We have seen the African-American community rise up saying, “We are not second-class citizens.” Everyday the cycle of racism slows.

In recent months, we have witnessed the



Victoria Kolakowski

courageous stance of the Muslim community in New York as they prepare a way for a mosque, even as the Koran is being threatened in Florida. With every passing moment we see and hear men and women standing up for women's and human rights and equal passage and opportunity in the world.

What amazing and brave people we all are when we stand up for one another!

So God, Goddess, Allah, Abba, Brahman, Wahguru, Yahweh, Jesus, The Light, Almighty, Bahá, Jehova, El Cantare, Oya — all of them — bless America, Mother Earth and all of her beautiful creations. We live in truly amazing times. May we be awake and willing, enthusiastic, even, to stand with one another in our various fires.

This is not a case of “If you're not with us, you're against us.” This is about celebrating life and Victoria Kolakowski, America's first sworn-in transgender trial judge. You go girl! ■

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After a debilitating battle with cancer, DJ Troy Sands is staging a comeback on the local club scene

COMPLETELY REMASTERED

Sands found strength in his partner, Morgan, and his colleagues to make a return to DJing after fighting cancer, and he found a residence at the Dallas Eagle. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

After performing for thousands of people, you wouldn't expect DJ Troy Sands to get nervous easily. But his nerves are a jumble as he gets ready for his close-up.

Back in the day, he was quick to shed his shirt for a little beefcake snapshot. Not so much anymore. Sands is re-learning to be comfortable in front of the camera after a bout with cancer that affected his mouth and face, including a complete bone replacement of his jaw. But Sands compensates with a renewed vigor that is about to put him back in the game after a five-year absence.

"I really was about to throw in the towel," Sands says. "But the things that are happening now tell me it's for a reason. I've been given a gift and I'd be foolish to waste it."

For most of the last decade, Sands has been virtually invisible in the club DJ scene. He built a name in Dallas spinning regularly at the old Brick and had high profile gigs such as opening for legendary DJ Junior Vasquez at Club One and hosting T-dances at Liquid. He developed a reputation as a guest DJ nationally before that trend had really taken off, remixing and producing music for the Hot Tracks and Direct Hit labels. In dance music circles, the Dallas-based spin doctor was a pretty damn big deal.

Sands' DJ career had hit its stride by 2005, with him on the cusp of achieving his personal goals. Working with high profile artists and keeping his nationwide gigs regular, Sands was getting the name recognition he wanted and even needed for a long career as a DJ — it was also wearing him down.

Then came Christmas 2006.

Sands felt something inside his mouth that seemed off. He dismissed it, but his partner, Morgan Millican, ended up taking him to get it checked out.

"The day after Christmas, I got news that squamous cell carcinoma showed up on my biopsy [in his mouth]. It was devastating," he says. He had had two previous cancer diagnoses, but that was 10 years earlier. And this was a lot more serious. (It is similar to the cancer that has afflicted Roger Ebert, though Ebert's is more severe, Sands says.)

Sands was in good physical shape and health, despite being HIV-positive, but with his compromised immune system, this cancer was back with a vengeance.

"I knew something was wrong and I had to do something," he says. "I hadn't been taking any antivirals and I didn't have insurance, so I got scared. I didn't think I had any choices, but Morgan kicked me in the ass to look into it."

Initially, doctors at Baylor Hospital decided severing his tongue to eliminate the cancer was the only option — and even with that, they gave Sands only a 25 percent survival rate. But the doctors who had treated him for cancer in 1997 stepped in and moved him to Parkland.

"I was hesitant to get into their system, but I found out that people shouldn't be afraid of Parkland," he says. "I didn't have any choices. They became my saviors. I almost died in 2007. I normally weigh about 165 and had lost 45 pounds. But if you look at me today, it's thanks to Parkland."

Still, it was the hardest road he has ever taken.

Sands worked his last gig in February 2007 in Akron,

TROY-BUILT

Troy Sands's next gig is at **Dallas Eagle**, 5740 Maple Ave. Jan. 22 at 10 p.m. DallasEagle.com.

Ohio, at the Hearts on Fire circuit party before undergoing chemo and radiation treatment on his face and neck throughout that spring. Although he kept his day job at the Knox-Henderson branch of the Apple store through November 2008, the radiation took its toll — and was also liquefying his jawbone.

“I worked through my treatment, and I was very happy at Apple,” he says. “But I had to leave to get focused on my health. It wasn’t until almost a year later, that I was diagnosed with osteoradionecrosis, where the jaw bone is dead.”

Sands had jaw replacement surgery in May 2009. You could literally say his leg bone’s connected to his head bone: A medical team connected a portion of his fibula to replace the missing mandible. Then he learned that the cancer had been incubating in his lungs.

“I thought I was cancer free, but it was found in the upper left lobe of the lung and I had to have *that* removed [last] October,” he says.

Sands had a long tenure at the Brick when it was located on Maple Avenue, building up his name there. When the club was closing and regular DJs returned for a big farewell bash, it broke his heart that he could not attend. He did return eventually to the club in the new space last September, but his optimism was outweighed by self-imposed pressure.

“I was depressed not to be part of the closing party, but I look back and it would have been foolish to do it,” he says. “When I played the Brick this last time, I had mentally gone to a dark place. My skill was rusty and I was nervous. I was trying to be what they remembered and tried too hard.”

Local DJ Blaine Soileau stepped in to help get Sands back on track, but in his eyes, he was merely returning a favor.

“Troy was my inspiration to move forward with my DJ/production career and into the circuit realm,”

Soileau says. “The face of music and touring has changed dramatically since his departure from the scene.”

Sands was there helping Soileau get his career off the ground and he credits him with lighting a fire under him to now get back into the game. Soileau loaned him equipment to tinker with and pushed to have him play at the Dallas Eagle, only this time, Sands feels ready.

“Blain told me that the Eagle was interested in talking to me,” Sands says. “I used to be the one trying to help people and now Blaine was working to help me get back. The crowd and staff seem excited and [owner] Mark Frazier has been awesome. What they are going to hear from me is not your typical circuit fare, but definitely appropriate for the club. This is giving me my life back and I have Blaine and Chris to thank for that.”

Chris refers to famed DJ Chris Cox, who owned the Hot Tracks label Sands worked on and who has now gone on to international fame. To Sands, Cox has been an inspiration and hero. That was reaffirmed when Cox performed at the 2010 Austin Pride in front of thousands and requested Sands as the opener.

“I think his passion for music is partially responsible for his fight to live,” Cox says. “I knew he still had it in him but he needed to be sure. When he was on at Pride, he totally nailed it. I’m so happy to see he’s come back. This is beyond surviving the cancer. He’s living again.”

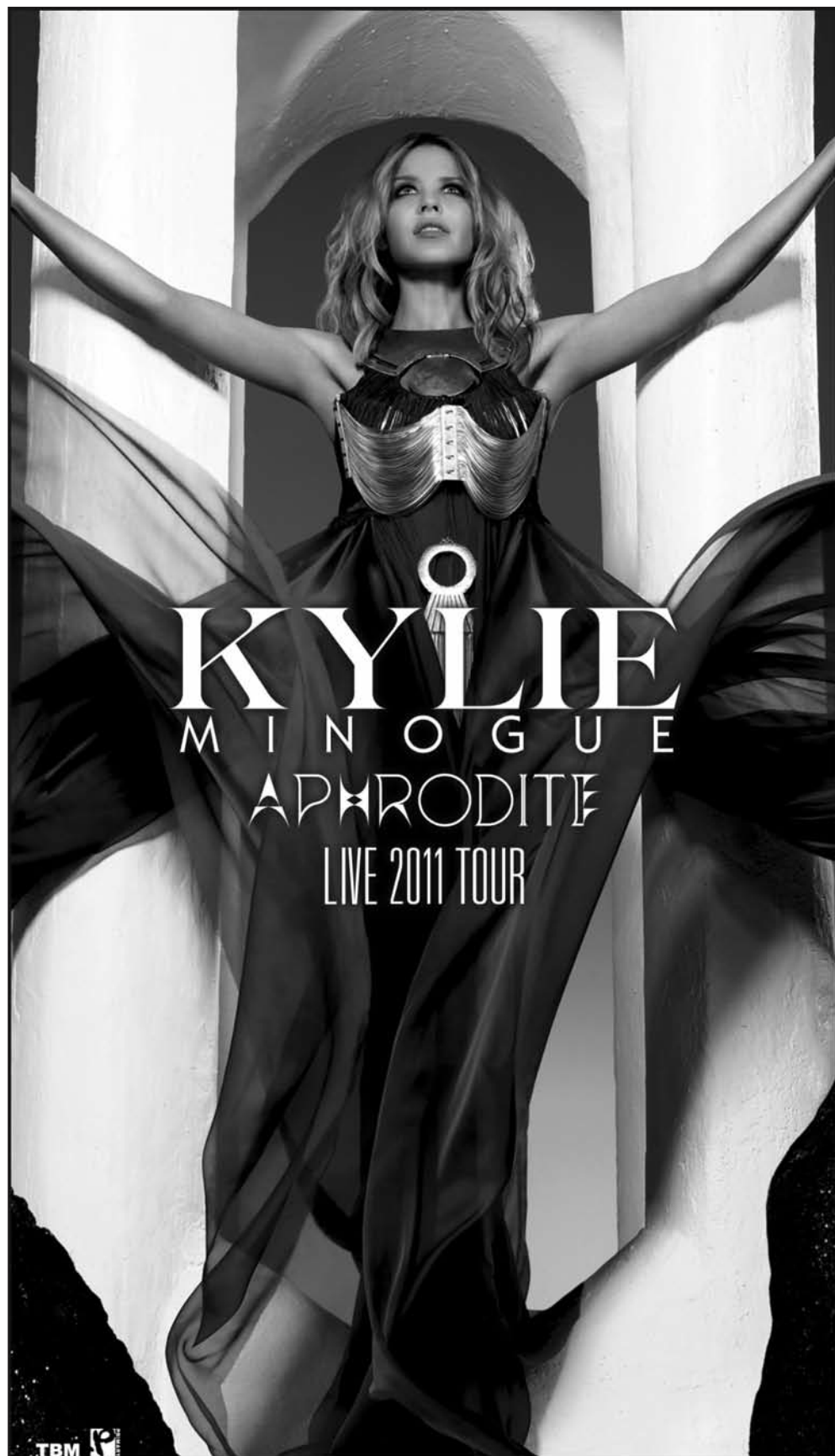
Sands now finds himself with a resident gig at the Dallas Eagle twice a month, calling the night “Troy Built.” He loves the name, but is more in tune with the shirt he has on from Apple. Across his chest is blazoned the motto: “Completely remastered.”

“It’s a magical feeling when you connect to the crowd and Dallas has allowed me to take them on a musical journey,” he says. “I’m lit again and figuratively and physically, I do feel remastered.”

As only a DJ would say. ■



HEY MR. DJ | ‘I wanted to make sure I left a mark so people can say I was here,’ he says about his music. With a new lease on life, Sands is anxious to take audiences on musical journeys again.



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Murder in Texas?

... or maybe New York ... or maybe not at all. Cross-dressing Durst case gets muddled fictionalized investigation in the unfocused 'All Good Things'

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Quick, name the artsy Ryan Gosling movie out now about a troubled man and his complex sexual relationship with a blonde — and they have sex in a shower. Yeah, maybe you said *Blue Valentine*, but you could have said **All Good Things**. Gosling's character here trades up the social ladder but down the well-adjusted scale with *AGT*, inspired by the life of Texas-based killer (and sometime cross-dresser) Robert Durst.

Gosling plays the Durst character, here called David Marks, the scion of an abrasive, wealthy New York slumlord (Frank Langella). David reluctantly enters the family business once he meets Katie (Kirsten Dunst), basically serving as bag-man for his dad's collections arm. Dad is disapproving of him, and looks disdainfully on Katie, which only exacerbates David's isolation, as well as his spiraling psychological instability.

Their turbulent relationship ends with Katie's disappearance (her body is never found) and Marks himself goes into hiding, living as a woman in Galveston.

A sizeable problem with *All Good Things* is that it can't seem to decide whether it is *A Beautiful Mind* (i.e., a portrait of mental illness and its tragic consequences) or *Sleeping with the Enemy* (a woman trapped in a marriage to a psychotic).

If the latter, director Andrew Jarecki should have watched more Hitchcock before undertaking this, his first narrative feature. Despite some

violent outbursts, there's no sense of menace about David. He's disturbingly *off*, yes, and there are overt indications of his fury (he kills a dog), but Jarecki handles these scenes dispassionately, with a documentarian's observational detachment. The stakes simply don't seem all that substantial.

At its heart, this is a mystery that's unknowable, not unlike Jarecki's Oscar-nominated documentary *Capturing the Friedmans*. It should be moody and enigmatic, but actually tries to explain too much. Eventually, it edges in the direction of *Sleeping with the Enemy* territory, and the style morphs from portrait to potboiler. By the time David turns up living as a woman, it seems more comical than creepy.

Credit Gosling with tackling the role of David, who's inscrutable but also pretty dull, with conviction if not passion. In his old lady clothes, he looks like a slightly more animated version of Norman Bates' mother. Dunst, Langella and Philip Baker Hall (as David's crabby neighbor) deliver uninteresting performances of two-dimensional characters.

The true story of Durst, as reported in the media, is more bizarre than the movie can do justice to, and the armchair psychologizing (including a posited theory that seeks to say what *really* happened) feels forced, and the ending is unsatisfying. There's a great movie in his story somewhere; too bad this one isn't it. It just cannot compete with reality.



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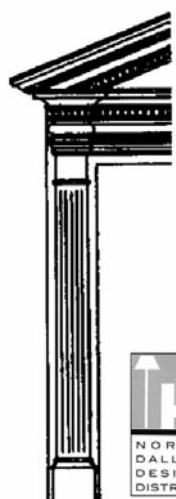


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Howdy, Fela

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Earlier this month, the Broadway production of *Fela!* — a musical about Nigerian musician Fela Kuti, directed and choreographed by Bill T. Jones — closed after a 14-month run ... but before I could see it onstage. Fortunately, I and many others in the Metroplex can fix that this weekend. On Saturday

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To read an in-depth interview with Stephen Hendel, the producer and creator of the stage version of *Fela!*, visit DallasVoice.com::Stage.

and Sunday, the National Theatre Live series will air the filmed stage version of the London production, pictured, at 7 p.m. It's a fascinating opportunity to combine movie-going and live theater in one evening — and you can get popcorn. ■

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A fuel-injected 'Drag Race'

RuPaul says sleep deprivation may be the key to bitchy success as a Racer

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On Monday, the third season of Logo's hit *RuPaul's Drag Race* exits the gate at full speed with a 90-minute premiere, and it's running on some seriously premium fuel this year: Fiercer contestants, more elaborate challenges, higher profile guest judges (including Lily Tomlin, Margaret Cho and Chloe Sevigny) and the return of a Texas fave from last season (*see sidebar review*).

Yet again ruling the proceedings, both in and out of drag, is superstar drag persona RuPaul. Ru, who has a new album due later this spring, sat down to dish about contestants old and new, the effects of sleep deprivation on drag queens (hint: emotional breakdowns) and what else is in the works for him.

Dallas Voice: What do you make of season three's group of contestants and how do they differ from their predecessors? Ru Paul: The honest to God truth, they're so much more skilled, and also on an even-keeled level. These kids came with their A-game like I've never seen before. I don't know if it's our casting or what's happening with the girls out there since the show debuted, but these kids are skilled. And the

bonds they forged early on with each other is probably the most amazing element.

Yet again the first challenge is a photo shoot with Mike Ruiz. Do you forgive Mike Ruiz for his ridiculous hair on *The A-List New York*? It looked like a bowl of lubed squid ink pasta. Ha! I've heard people talk about it. But I don't know because I've never seen it. That's funny!

Tell us some dishy behind-the-scenes factoid about season 3. Well, we're working on so little sleep, the schedule is so fast because we're basically shooting every day. It's tough, grueling. So these kids come on the show and think, "I'm fierce and bad," but can you do it day-in, day-out, for 15-hours per day? It may look like everyone's relaxed, but nobody's getting any sleep at all.

One typically isn't very detail-oriented when sleep deprived. No, they're not, and they're drawing on a lifetime of experience because this show's challenges are based on things I had to do on a daily basis in my own career. Anyone in the business has to be multi-tasking and wear a lot of hats. You can't just be good at one thing. We do something, *Queens in Space*, where the



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kids shoot competing trailers for a sci-fi movie and it is *hilarious*. Most people think, "I can do this," but you have to come with some acting skills, the ability to take direction. Our challenges put them through it, they really do.

Did the selection process change this season, or was there a shift in emphasis as far as the kinds of queens you looked for? Aside from the surprise 13th contestant, no one from Texas this year — last year there were three! It doesn't change. The truth is we're looking for showgirls. We want girls who work at doing drag for money, for a career. The things we ask them to do, a novice wouldn't be able to. We're looking for them to be marketing execs, managers, designers, strategists, performers, models, you name it. And the novice wouldn't be able to do that. They'd buckle. And throw in the sleep deprivation and schedule, and you have to be in it to win it. This can't be something you do on the side.

One contestant buckles under the pressure and breaks down in the first

episode. Did that happen a lot, and how do you typically respond to it? They definitely break down because of sleep deprivation. Emotions are very fragile because they're in a new environment, we're putting them through the paces, and I have to give them pep talks from time to time: *This is your opportunity, the world is watching*. You can't say, oh, I feel like I didn't get my chance. Well kiddo, you are on now. You are on. There are no second chances — you have to bring it. Maybe you'll get another chance somewhere else, but it's time *now*.

How much do you miss saying *Pan-dor-a Boxx*? I miss [all the former contestants], actually, because even before they're on the show, we're living with audition tapes. We're moving around who will work with whom. It's a lot like casting a play: We have to have the sassy one, the ingénue, the sweet one, and sometimes the person in the role of the sweet one gets swapped out for someone else who works better in the ensemble, so we are actually

living and loving and feeling these girls way before they even get to Hollywood, and then when they're dismissed it's heartbreaking to me. But I also know that they will come back. In some other form or show that we do, on the club circuit. I will see them again.

How has this show changed your life since its premiere? Well, I pretty much have to stay in L.A. For almost 30 years I've had a nightclub act I performed around the world constantly. Now the last gig I did was October 2009. With both shows it's really kept me here in L.A. working, though I love L.A. I'm also an introvert masquerading as an extrovert, so I've had to spend a lot more time with people than I normally do!

What other projects are in the works? I'm writing a sequel to [my 2007 film] *Starbooty*. The challenge is I want to do it G-rated but nastier, more subversive. In the immortal words of Elvira, there's nothing wrong with G-rated movies as long as there's lots of gratuitous sex and violence.

Revvng up for an amazing 'Race'

Despite appearing on Viacom's closeted stepbrother of a network (Logo) and featuring flamboyant men in dresses as the main contestants, *RuPaul's Drag Race* has somehow managed to become the truly unmissable reality show on TV. The guest judges on this season are more A-list than *American Idol* (or, for that matter, *The A-List*). *Dancing with the Stars* once bragged it had three Oscar winners compete over all the years; well, there were two last season on the *Race*.

Vanessa Williams and Bruce Vilanch kick off the season 3 premiere (others will include Lily Tomlin and Johnny Weir), a 90-minute "extravaganza elegance" that features more plus-sized queens, two more from Puerto Rico (following the saucy hit Jessica Wild) and even some Texas ties.

The big surprise (not all that big, really) is that Shangela, the Dallas-bred newbie who was kicked off in the opener last season, gets a reprieve as the first-ever returning candidate; and one of the contestants, Manila Luzon, is the boyfriend of last season's finalist, Sahara Davenport.

But what really drives the show is its fearless gay attitude: It's campy without being silly. "Is that mistletoe or camel toe?" one judge wonders about a get-up. "Look at the size of that muff! Both hands fit!" exclaims another. These girls may not be classy, but they can work it out.

— Arnold Wayne Jones

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San Francisco is regularly recognized as one of the world's most visited cities, and equally as often is dubbed the most European city in America. The Bay Area boasts a live-and-let-live ethos that has attracted a population with equal parts creativity and quirk (it's the fictional homes of Marvel's X-Men and *Star Trek's* United Federation of Planets).

It's also just about the gayest city in the world, a veritable Capital of the Queers — some estimates put 30 percent of the population as LGBT-identified. And despite their baseball team trouncing the Rangers in last year's World Series, it's still a desirable travel destination for gay Texans.

The city has welcomed the weary, the weird and the wacky for more than a century. The first wave was during the Gold Rush of the 1800s. The prospectors *had* no prospects — and no women. So they made do, and are said to be the ones who invented the Hanky Code to organize their newfound homo desires.

Post-World War II, soldiers of both sexes began to carve a niche for themselves amidst the already-thriving gay scene. A spread in *Life* magazine in 1964 maliciously declared San Francisco the gay capital of the nation, but while the tone was accusatory, it had one unintended effect: Publicity.

"Thousands of gay people poured into California now that they knew where to go," says Kathy Amendola, owner of *Cruisin' the Castro*, about the meteoric rise of gay San Francisco in the 1960s. "In 1967, the Summer of Love exploded in the Haight. There were so many tens of thousands of people in one place at one time on such a high level of consciousness [from LSD] that it shifted energy. San Francisco could not stop people from pouring in, from the gays to the hippies. It was supposed to be the utopia: free drugs, free food and free love. Who wouldn't come here?"

But San Francisco is more than just a cliché of drugged-out hippies and handkerchiefed homos cruising the streets. It has an energy that you can savor, a magical serenity that makes molecules vibrate more vigorously. It's exhilarating. San Francisco is freedom from judgment, a place where people are living their lives mindfully, yet without much regard to what people think.

"We recycle 77 percent of our garbage and food. We still have that sense of utopia," says Amendola without the slightest hint of new-age pretense. She, like most San Franciscans, is serious about her community's shared values.

Harvey Milk was known as the "Mayor of the Castro," and is widely credited with bringing the gays to the district. He saw the Castro's cheaper rent and better climate when he was living over the hill in Haight-Ashbury, and jumped at the chance to open a camera store right on Castro Street.

Today, the camera store sits empty awaiting the embattled move of the HRC Store. In its window is an image of a group of people outside the Castro Theatre waving a flag that says "Gay Revolution." Above, from the second floor where Milk used to live, is a mural of Harvey looking down on the street. On his chest is

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painted one of his most potent phrases: "You gotta give 'em hope."

Visiting the Castro is a must for every gay visitor. It's unlike any other remaining gayborhood in contemporary society — our Mecca, and not just because there are a lot of gay people there; it also breathes history.

Milk first spoke out at the corner of Market and Castro right underneath where the Pride flag now billows. Murals abound depicting the decimation of the AIDS crisis, and how the city's gay population rallied, protested and fought incessantly to stem the tide of deaths.

The recent opening of the GLBT Historical Museum on 18th Street is a much-needed fulcrum of our collective queer identity. The handsome museum facilitates an understanding of our history as a group, and shows those younger folks like myself the oft-unbelievable realities of gay life in decades past.

As I stood in front of the picture of Leonard Matlovich on the cover of *Time* in September 1978, I nearly cried. I had never heard of him, nor had I ever noticed the large plaque commemorating him on the corner of 18th and Castro. He was discharged from the military for being gay, saying: "When I was in the military they gave me a medal for killing two men and a discharge for loving one."

My visit to the museum was the day before DADT was repealed; I had no idea we had been fighting for this long.

The queer experience is central to the San Francisco experience, as it is the city's acceptance — not just tolerance — of queer people of all kinds that really makes it unique. This is not the "diversity" of New York, rather a wholehearted commitment to queering the world.

Standing outside Hotel Abri near Union Square, hearing the buzz of four languages, it strikes me that there are so many microcosms in this city, neighborhoods so distinct they could be in separate cities or states. San Francisco, at its

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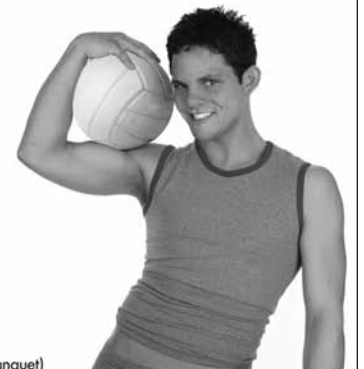
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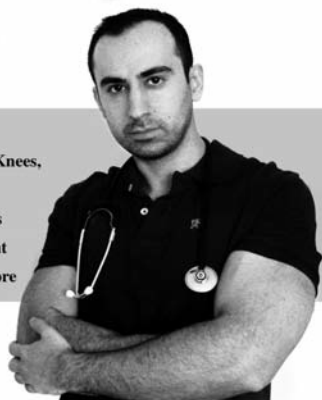
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An all-female cast going on about romance, life's dramas and sex isn't something new — and definitely not new to LGBT audiences. Hello? *Sex and the City*, thank you very much.

But while SATC is famously about four straight white women who behave like gay men, Laurinda D. Brown saw life a whole lot differently.

With *Walk Like a Man*, Brown has adapted her 2006 Lambda Literary Award-winning book of short stories for the stage, describing the gamut of lesbian relationships, all from a black female perspective. The production gets a one-day, two-performance run this weekend in Garland.

Touted as steamy and lustful, the book version of *Walk Like a Man* was both erotic and enlightening. Brown brings the sexy stuff to the stage version as well, but she brings the heavy stuff, too. The play's slogan — "It's about life ... not lifestyles" — touches on the comedy and tragedy of everyday lesbian life that includes topics such as "runaway youth, love and reli-

gious controversies, domestic violence, HIV/AIDS, safe sex and affairs in the workplace," according to the Positive Scribe Productions' website. The site also mentions that *Man* is the first off-Broadway play written by a black

lesbian. The cast is a variety of women of all ages and sizes, and it addresses bigger picture issues like labels and stereotypes.

The play, along with Brown's other work, *Bois Don't Cry*, was recently selected as part of the

D.C. Black Theatre Festival held in June. Brown may not be Langston Hughes or Tony Kushner — yet — but she's definitely making her mark in the LGBT universe of playwrights and authors. And she's capturing the attention of all the right people: Famed African-American author Zane is a fan and the Human Rights Campaign called the show a "must-see."

Just know that *Walk Like a Man* is heavy in displaying adult situations, thus the play isn't open to those underage. Makes sense.

— Rich Lopez

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<p>What is KALETRA?</p> <p>KALETRA is a prescription anti-HIV medicine that contains two medicines: lopinavir and ritonavir. KALETRA is called a protease inhibitor that is used with other anti-HIV-1 medicines to treat people with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV-1) infection. HIV-1 is the virus that causes AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome).</p> <p><u>It is not known if KALETRA is safe and effective in children under 14 days old.</u></p>	<p>KALETRA may not be right for you. Tell your doctor about all your medical conditions, including if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> have any heart problems, including if you have a condition called Congenital Long QT Syndrome. have liver problems, including Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C. have diabetes. have hemophilia. People who take KALETRA may have increased bleeding. have low potassium in your blood. are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if KALETRA will harm your unborn baby. Birth control pills or patches may not work as well while you take KALETRA. To prevent pregnancy while taking KALETRA, women who take birth control pills or use estrogen patch for birth control should either use a different type of birth control or an extra form of birth control. Talk to your doctor about how to prevent pregnancy while taking KALETRA. take KALETRA during pregnancy, talk with your doctor about how you can take part in an antiretroviral pregnancy registry. The purpose of the pregnancy registry is to follow the health of you and your baby. are breast-feeding. Do not breast-feed if you are taking KALETRA. You should not breast-feed if you have HIV-1. If you are a woman who has or will have a baby while taking KALETRA, talk with your doctor about the best way to feed your baby. If your baby does not already have HIV-1, there is a chance that HIV-1 can be passed to your baby through your breast milk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ergot containing medicines, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ergotamine tartrate (Cafergot®, Migergot, Ergomar, Ergostat, Medihaler Ergotamine, Wigraine, Wigrettes) dihydroergotamine mesylate (D.H.E. 45®, Embolex, Migranal®) ergonovine, ergonovine and methylergonovine (Ergorate, Methergine), ergotamine and methylergonovine Ergorate Maleate, methylergonovine maleate (Methergine) triazolam (Halcion®), midazolam hydrochloride oral syrup pimozide (Orap®) the cholesterol lowering medicines lovastatin (Mevacor®) or simvastatin (Zocor®) sildenafil (Revatio®) only when used for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension. (See "Medicines that may need changes" and "What are the possible side effects of Kaletra?" for information about the use of sildenafil for erectile problems.) alfuzosin (Uroxatral®)
<p>Who should not take KALETRA?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not take KALETRA if you are taking certain medicines. For more information about medicines you should not take with KALETRA, please see "Can I take other medicines with KALETRA?" and consult with your doctor about all other medicines you take. 	<p>Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Many medicines interact with KALETRA. Do not start taking a new medicine without telling your doctor or pharmacist. Your doctor can tell you if it is safe to take KALETRA with other medicines. Your doctor may need to change the dose of other medicines while you take KALETRA.</p>	<p>Medicines that you should not take with KALETRA since they may make KALETRA not work as well:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the herbal supplement St. John's Wort (hypericum perforatum) rifampin (Rimactane®, Rifadin®, Rifater®, or Rifamate®) <p>Medicines that may need changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> birth control pills that contain estrogen ("the pill") or the birth control (contraceptive) patches certain anticancer medicines, such as nilotinib (Tasigna®) and dasatinib (Sprycel®) certain cholesterol lowering medicines, such as atorvastatin (Lipitor®) or rosuvastatin (Crestor®) certain other antiretroviral medicines, such as efavirenz (Atripla® and Sustiva®), nevirapine (Viramune®), amprenavir (Agenerase®) and nelfinavir (Viracept®) anti-seizure medicines, such as phenytoin (Dilantin®) carbamazepine, (Tegretol®), phenobarbital medicines for erectile problems, such as sildenafil (Viagra®), tadalafil (Cialis®), or vardenafil (Levitra®)

- medicines for tuberculosis (TB), such as rifabutin (Mycobutin®)
- inhaled steroid medicines, such as fluticasone propionate (Flonase®)
- inhaled medicines such as salmeterol (Serevent®) or salmeterol in combination with fluticasone propionate (Advair®). Your doctor may need to change to a different medicine
- medicines for gout, such as colchicine (Colcris®)
- medicines to treat pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), such as bosentan (Tracleer®) or tadalafil (Adcirca®)
- pain medicines, such as fentanyl (Duragesic®, lonsys™, Fentora®) and methadone

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

How should I take KALETRA?

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

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

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

What are the possible side effects of KALETRA?

KALETRA can cause serious side effects.

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

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

- **Increased bleeding for hemophiliacs.** Some people with hemophilia have increased bleeding with protease inhibitors including KALETRA.
- **Increased risk of certain problems when you take medicines used for the treatment of erectile problems such as sildenafil (Viagra®), tadalafil (Cialis®), or vardenafil (Levitra®) with KALETRA:**
 - **low blood pressure.** If you get dizzy or faint, you need to lie down. Tell your doctor if you feel dizzy, or have fainting spells.
 - **vision changes.** Tell your doctor right away if you have vision changes.
 - **penis erection lasting more than 4 hours.** If you are a male and have an erection that lasts longer than 4 hours, get medical help right away to avoid permanent damage to your penis. Your doctor can explain these symptoms to you.
- **Allergic reactions.** Skin rashes, some of them severe, can occur in people who take KALETRA. Tell your healthcare provider if you had a rash when you took another medicine for your HIV infection or if you notice any skin rash when you take KALETRA.

Common side effects of KALETRA include:

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

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

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


How should I store KALETRA?

KALETRA tablets:

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

KALETRA oral solution:

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

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

How a straight guy decided the gay community deserves a Super Bowl party to rival the biggest mainstream events

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Jason Hutchins has attended the last eight Super Bowls with his limo business, so he's had the opportunity to see a lot of successes — and failures — in how events centered around the big game are staged. So when he decided to put on a weekend of parties, he had some very specific ideas about how to do it right.

But one thing he hadn't seen enough of was huge parties targeting the gay community.

"There wasn't one, and I thought there needed to be," he says. "I felt it would be a good way to get the [gay] community involved in the Super Bowl without it being centered on the clubs. Or all about sports."

Maybe most straight guys *wouldn't* expect to see a gay sports-centered event, but Hutchins isn't most straight guys. He was sure that there are plenty of gay sports fans ... and plenty more who would simply get caught up in the excitement of having the Super Bowl in their hometown and wanna party during Super Week.

Certainly Steve Kemble numbers himself among them. You might not expect Dallas' most flamboyant style maven to be a beer guzzling gridiron junkie. But you'd be wrong (well, OK, he probably sips more cosmotinis, but you get the idea).

"I come from a family of seven football coaches ... then me!" he says with characteristic enthusiasm. "I told my dad, 'OK, I'm older now, you can tell me the truth: I'm adopted.' He said, 'No, you're one of us.' But I do love sports, so I guess that proves it."

It's also what made Kemble, the self-described "Hostess with the Mostest," a natural choice to emcee the event, manning the red carpet and introducing all the acts. And Kemble agrees that gay sports fans are an underserved market. After all, you can love touchdowns and upswept hair in equal parts.

"There are a lot of gay people who love sports, don't you think?" Kemble asks. "I probably go on

ESPN once or twice a month now, and after the first time, this producer came up to me and said, 'That was a fabulous segment, but quit trying to butch it up. We *want* you gay — you play to that demographic. We have a lot of gay men and women who watch.'

(Try to get the image of Kemble "butching it up" out of your head.)

Coordinating the concerts has been a staggering undertaking — one Hutchins has built up to over his years in the entertainment field.

"I started with small parties — 75 to 200 people, growing to 500 to 1,000," he says. But the weekend of the Super Bowl, he's throwing *three* parties, all on the field of the Cotton Bowl, and he expects 5,000 to 7,000 attendees for each of them. And only one is targeted to a niche community (which probably has the best line-up of any of the parties).

Hutchins has been thinking of the event ever since the Metroplex was announced as home of Super Bowl XLV, and has been devoted to it 24/7 since last March. He mirrored the event after the after-party at the Phoenix Super Bowl, which he deemed to best he'd attended. The field of the Cotton Bowl is being covered by a floor and covered in a climate controlled tent.

"The best parties are all tent parties," he says. And while he always wants live music, he says DJs are essential to keeping the attendees dancing.

Hutchins researched a lineup that would appeal to a wide spectrum of gay fans, as well as straight people who like to party with us. That necessarily included Hector Fonseca, the No. 1 gay DJ internationally last year, and Cazwell, whose infectious "Ice Cream" song became a sensation last summer. T.a.T.u. singer Lena Katina has also proven to be a popular choice. Then there are the more established groups.

"I'm so excited about seeing the Village People!" exclaims Kemble. "Didn't you have a fantasy about one of them? I love them all. And I love love *love* Lady Bunny! She is just amazing. I use her for parties all over the country."

You can even vote to put Kemble in a Village People costume (see sidebar).

Hutchins and Kemble both think, though, that the Thursday concert will attract people outside the gay community.




ATTENTION, SPORTS FANS | Despite his reputation for flamboyance, Steve Kemble, above, is a huge sports fan ... and like Jason Hutchins, lower left, expects a lot of other gay people are, too.

"I think we're gonna attract a huge demographic that draws everyone together," says Kemble. "That's one of the things that's so cool about Dallas — I think this event is gonna be great. Fair Park is gonna be abuzz — P. Diddy is having his party there, too, which makes it a hotbed of activity."

The all-inclusive Feb. 3 party runs from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m.; a portion of ticket sales and proceeds from the silent auction above the minimum bid benefit DIFFA. For tickets, visit XLVParty.com.

Who's your Village People fantasy man?


Most gay men, especially ones who grew up when the Village People were new, related to one of the iconic images of gay culture: The cop, the leatherman, the cowboy, the construction worker, the G.I. or the Native American. Which was your fantasy man? Vote in our online poll, and Steve Kemble will appear at the party dressed as the winning character. To vote, visit DallasVoice.com.




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Friday 01.21

Get Max-ed out on pop art

Despite painting presidents and celebrities, artist Peter Max will verge either on blasphemy or on genius when his work shows here. Using Dallas Cowboys and Texas Longhorns football helmets as canvases, Max applies his vibrant colors to iconic Texas images. We say "awesome."

DEETS: Wisby-Smith Fine Art, 500 Crescent Court. Through Jan. 30. RoadShowCompany.com

Saturday 01.22

A voice as smooth as silk

Yes, Johnny Mathis might be the stuff parents or grandparents are made of, but give him another listen. He hasn't been at this for more than five decades because he's a slouch. The quietly out Mathis is a crooner and class act right up there with Tony Bennett, but without the retro appeal and MTV specials. He must have some appeal because we hear this show is sold out.

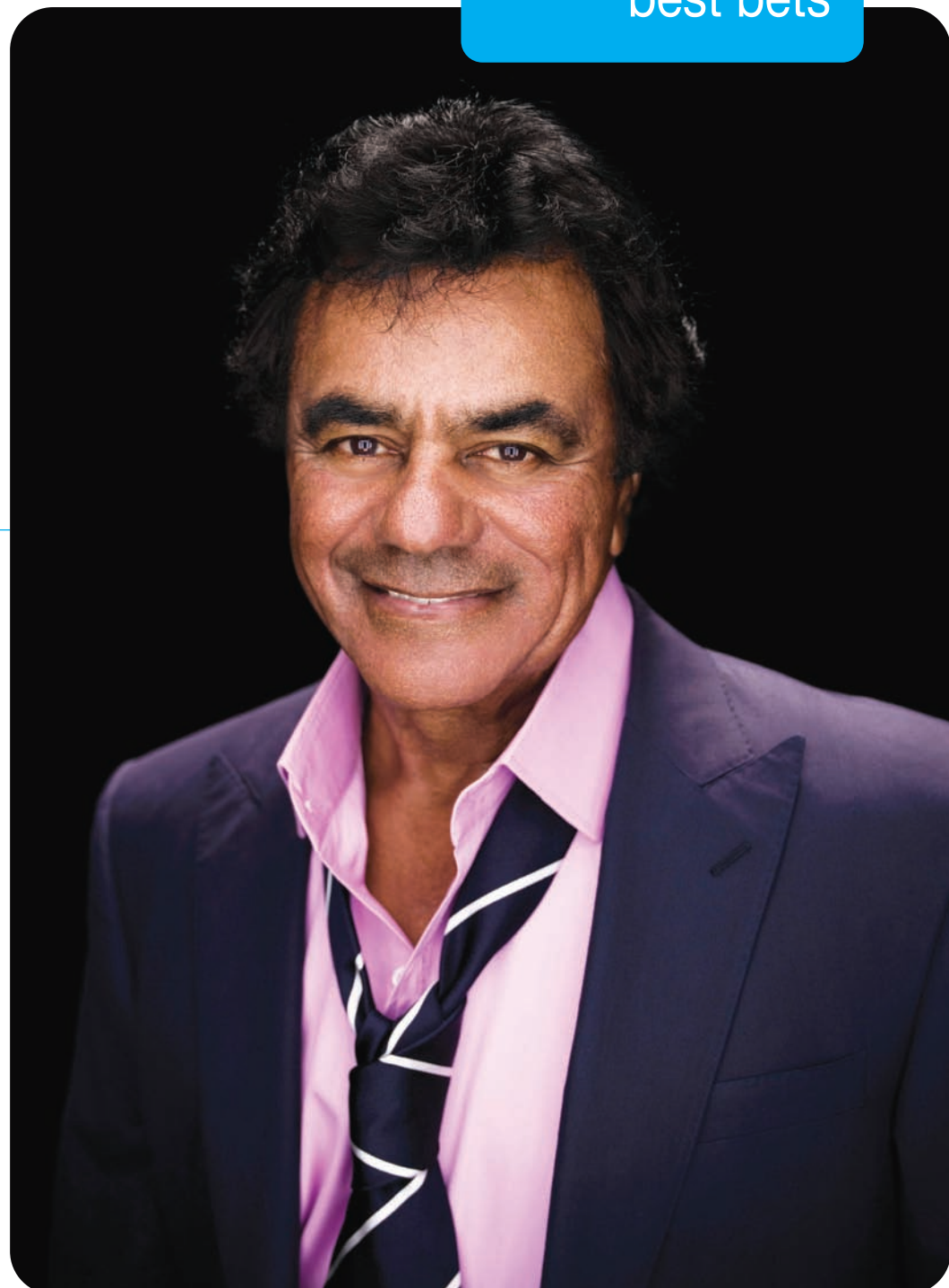
DEETS: Bass Hall, 525 Commerce St., Fort Worth. 8 p.m. \$29-\$80. BassHall.com.

Friday 01.28

There is more than 'Brokeback'

Annie Proulx captured the soul of gay love with her story 'Brokeback Mountain' that originally appeared in the New Yorker. Other works have garnered attention but she's back with her first nonfiction book, *Bird Cloud*, which she'll discuss at Arts & Letters Live in Horchow Auditorium.

DEETS: Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 N. Harwood St. 7:30 p.m. \$37. DallasMuseumofArt.org.



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

FUSE drop-in weekdays for gay and bi guys up to 29. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. Tuesdays-Fridays at 2 p.m. GetYourFuseOn.com.

Youth First Texas groups for ages 14 to 22. 3918 Harry Hines Blvd. Fridays-Saturdays and Tuesdays-Wednesdays at 6 p.m., Thursdays at 4 p.m. YouthFirstTexas.org.

Triangle Networking Tarrant, for gay-owned and gay-friendly businesses. Dos Gringos, 1510 University Ave., Fort Worth. 6 p.m. \$5. 817-496-3479.

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Death is No Small Change! Pegasus Theatre brings its annual black and white play back with Harry Hunsacker on the case of a new murder-mystery. Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr. Richardson. Through Sunday. \$20-\$35. PegasusTheatre.com.

O Brother, Werewolf Art Thou? Another popcorn-tossing melodrama by Pocket Sandwich Theatre, 5400 E. Mockingbird Lane, Suite 119. Through Feb. 19. Thursdays-Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 7 p.m. \$10-\$18. PocketSandwich.com.

This. Melissa James Gibson's comedy about the onset of middle age opens. Stage West, 821 W. Vickery Blvd., Fort Worth. Though Feb. 13 Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays-Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m. \$15-\$30. StageWest.org.

ART

Glitch video exhibition featuring works by Jon Cates, LoVid, Jenny Vogel, Vjanomolee and more. Through Feb. 5. CentralTrak, 800 Exposition Ave. CentralTrak.org.



OBAMA WATCH | The Stonewall Democrats will host a watching party of President Obama's State of the Union on Tuesday at the Brick.

SATURDAY 01.22

COMMUNITY

DIVA Spring 2011 Registration. The Dallas Independent Volleyball Association is recruiting with new member clinics. Arlington Park Recreational Center, 1505 Record Crossing Road. 10 a.m. Through Jan. 26. DivaDallas.org.

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

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

Prime Timers Prime Brunch at The Mecca, 10422 Harry Hines Blvd. call 972-504-8866 for more information or to attend.

BROADCAST

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

SUNDAY 01.23

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.

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

The ONE Church hold its Sunday services at the Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 6 p.m. OneChurchTX.org.

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

Gaymsters bridge club. In the Congregational Life Center at Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 2 p.m.

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.

BROADCAST

Lambda Weekly. LGBT radio for North Texas. This week's guests are George Harris and Jack Evans who talk about their 50 years together. 89.3 KNON-FM at noon. LambdaWeekly.com.

MONDAY 01.24

COMMUNITY

Caffeine + Character. Cathedral of Hope youth meet at Buli Café, 3908 Cedar Springs Road.

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

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

DFW Prime Timers play bridge every week at 1 p.m. Call 972-504-8866 for details.

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.

DIVA Spring 2011 Registration. The Dallas Independent Volleyball Association is recruiting with new member clinics. Polk Recreational Center, 6801 Roper St. 7 p.m. Through Jan. 26. DivaDallas.org.

THEATER

Everyman stage reading presented by Theatre Ap-presh. The Magnolia Lounge, 1121 First Ave. (in Fair Park). 7:30 p.m. \$5. BYOB. Facebook.com/Nouveau47.

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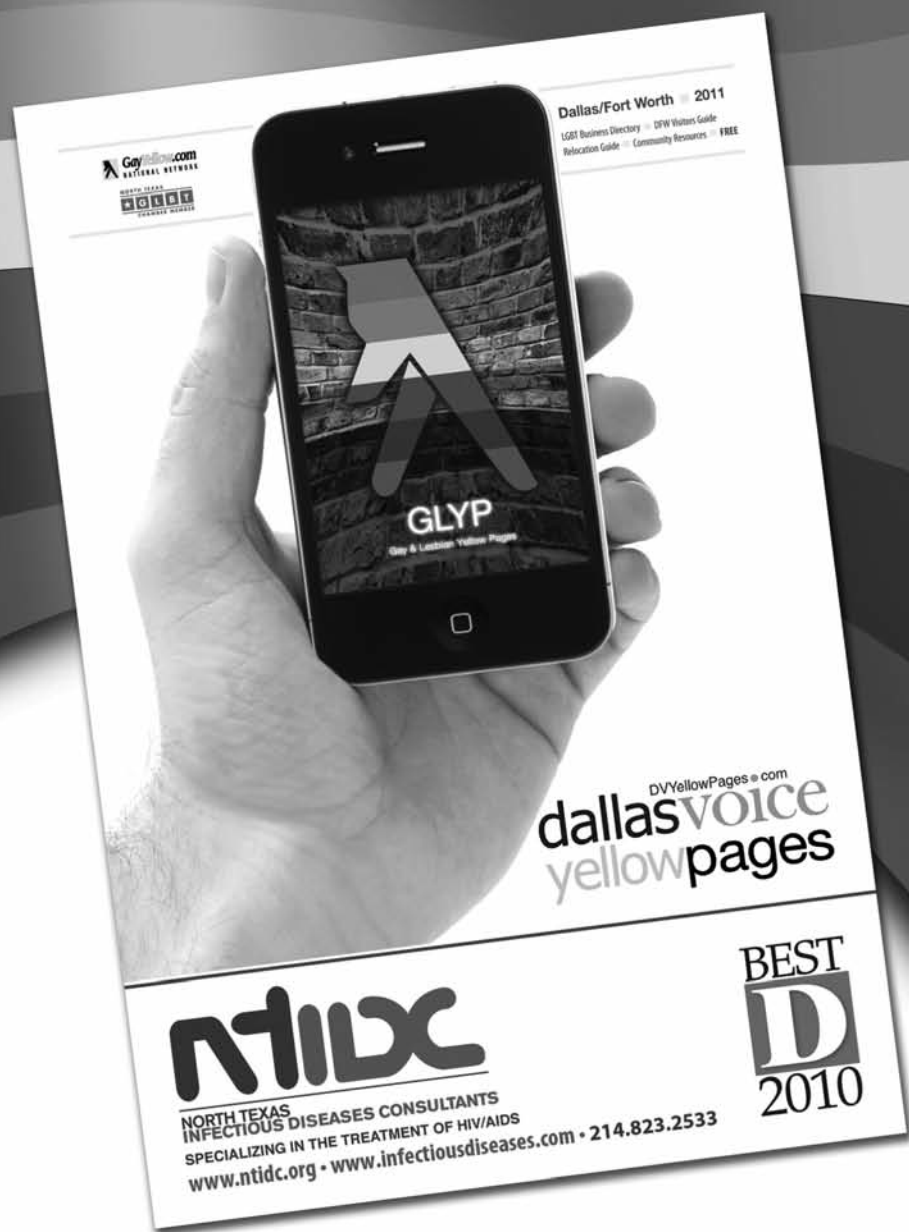
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TUESDAY 01.25

COMMUNITY

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

Positive Recovery Auricular Acupuncture meets Tuesdays and Wednesdays. AIDS Outreach Center, 400 N. Beach St., Fort Worth. 817-229-4621. AOC.org.

Miracle Workers (formerly Peace Builder Leadership Team) meets in Fellowship Hall, Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 6:30 p.m. Cathedralofhope.com.

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

Tuesday Night Fellowship with The ONE Church. Buffalo Wild Wings, 4140 Lemmon Ave. 7 p.m. OneChurchTX.org.

Q's-Day Potluck. All are welcome to this friendly, casual LGBT gathering every Tuesday evening. The Corporate Image, 5418 Brentwood Stair Road, Fort Worth, 817-446-3395.

Cathedral Ringers handbell rehearsal. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 6:45 p.m. Contact Jeremy.crosswhite@gmail.com for information.

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.

Stonewall Democrats of Dallas Watch Party for Obama's State of the Union. The Brick, 2525 Wycliff Ave. 7 p.m. StonewallDemocratsOfDallas.org.

Prime Timers Prime Diner at Cindi's Deli, 11111 N. Central Expressway. Call 972-504-8866 for information or to attend.

BROADCAST

Girls Who Like Boys Who Like Boys airs weekly every Tuesday at 9 p.m. on Sundance Channel.

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

WEDNESDAY 01.26

COMMUNITY

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



SPIKE ME | DIVA's spring season registration is underway this week.

DFW Prime Timers play bridge every week at 7 p.m. Call 972-504-8866 for details.

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

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

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

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

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.

Youth First Texas Collin County. This group gives GLBTQ youth in the North Dallas area a chance to socialize and meet other youth who live in North Dallas and the surrounding rural areas. The group is led by youth and topics discussed are selected by those that attend. Open to ages 14 to 22. 1200 Commerce St., Suite 121, Plano. 6:30–8:45 p.m. 214-879-0400.

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.

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THURSDAY 01.27

COMMUNITY

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

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

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.

BROADCAST

The Jesse Garcia Show. Latino news talk and entertainment by prominent gay and Latino local activist Jesse Garcia. Aired weekly on KNON 89.3 FM Thursdays at 7 a.m. JesseGarciaShow.com.

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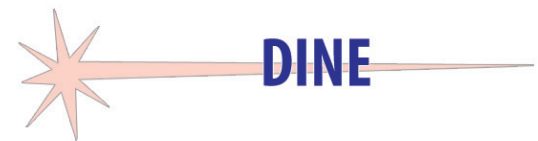
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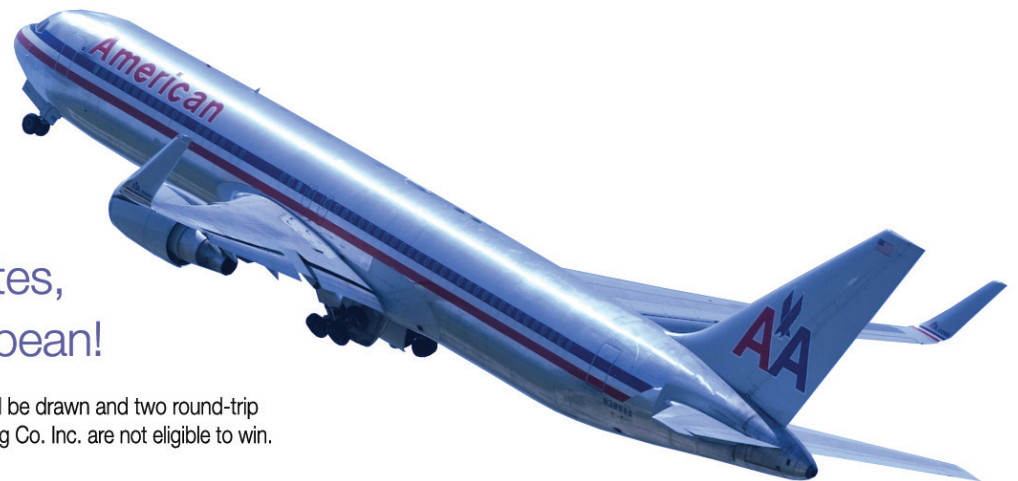


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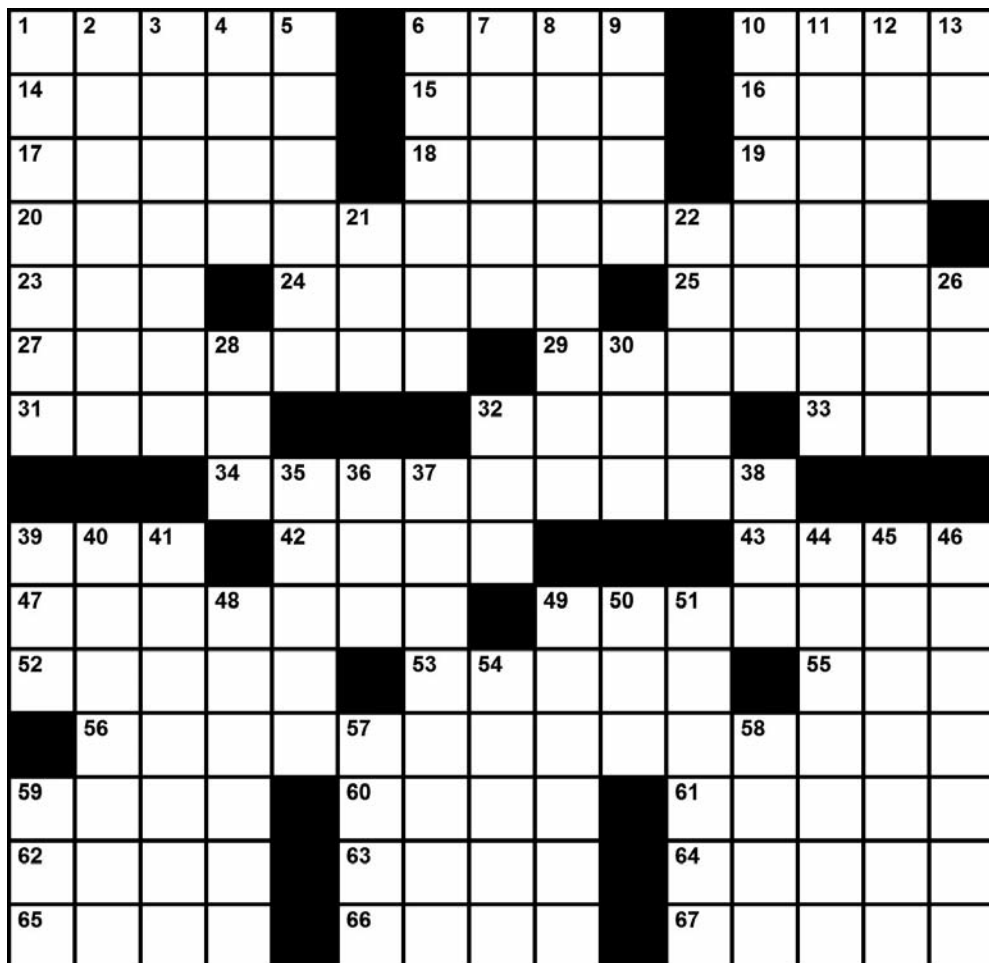
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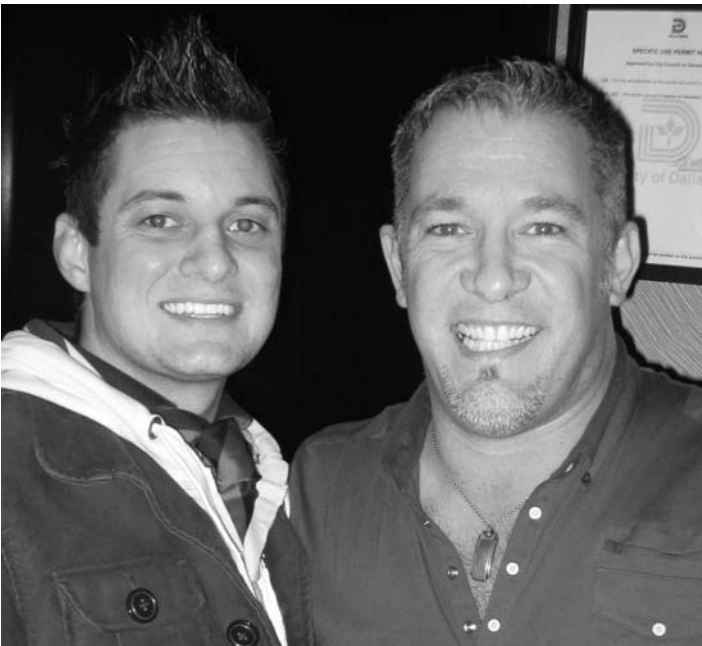
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- 1 Accessories for 76 trombones
- 6 Room in 32-Across
- 10 Radio switch
- 14 “___ roll!” (winner’s cry)
- 15 “Uh-oh!” to Shelley
- 16 Richard of *And the Band Played On*
- 17 Sewing kit item
- 18 Pinball Wizard foul
- 19 Make ___ dash for
- 20 Secretary of State
- 23 SEP, e.g.
- 24 Comedian Amsterdam
- 25 What you tell pests to take
- 27 Study of Shakespeare’s feet
- 29 Russian astronaut
- 31 Where to find Moby Dick
- 32 Lorca’s house
- 33 Premature ejaculation meas.
- 34 Start of a statement by 20-Across
- 39 Sandy’s sound in *Annie*
- 42 Depp’s cross-dressing role
- 43 Sniff out
- 47 It shoots off hot stuff

Down

- 49 Where you stick it in the bull
 - 52 Islamic leaders
 - 53 Ben Stiller’s mother Anne
 - 55 Alexander ingredient
 - 56 End of the statement
 - 59 Gyro bread
 - 60 “Catch you later”
 - 61 Rutstein of *Disappear Fear*
 - 62 Dollar bills
 - 63 Series terminal
 - 64 GLAAD’s “___ the Media” project
 - 65 Adam, created by a woman named George
 - 66 Teacher’s faves
 - 67 Sews the hose
- Down**
- 1 Writer Yukio
 - 2 They yell “Yer out!”
 - 3 “Just missed!”
 - 4 Carbon compound
 - 5 It’s hung in a deli
 - 6 Well-endowed old goats?
 - 7 Gertrude’s partner
 - 8 Screw around
 - 9 Italian wine city
 - 10 First name in mysteries
 - 11 Rita Mae Brown’s *Rita Will*, e.g.
 - 12 He went to Hollywood
 - 13 Dose of AZT, e.g.
 - 21 Bird of myth
 - 22 Pester, as Albert to Armand
 - 26 SASE, for one
 - 28 Scrap of cloth
 - 30 Wood for Billy Bean’s bat, perhaps
 - 32 Spanish hero, with “El”
 - 35 Up to one’s butt (in)
 - 36 Hither’s partner
 - 37 Rose to Dorothy, on *Golden Girls*
 - 38 Old abbr. of Nureyev’s land
 - 39 Caesar’s salutation
 - 40 Painter Brooks
 - 41 Played the coquette
 - 44 *Bayou Boy and Other Stories* author Lars
 - 45 Newspaper issue
 - 46 Dorothy and Auntie Em, for example
 - 48 Line of Todd Oldham clothing?
 - 49 Gondola courses
 - 50 Bruin Bobby
 - 51 Made erect
 - 54 Patronize, as a Rubicon restaurant
 - 57 Lone Star sch.
 - 58 *Naked Maja* painter
 - 59 US Mail compartment





Kyle and Scott at The Brick.



Juan, Elkin, Jonathan, John, Dale Derrick and Dan at Kaliente.



Tracy and T-Lo at the Round-Up Saloon.

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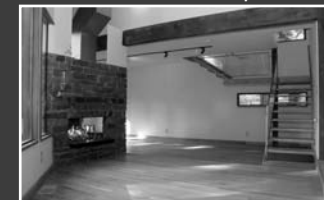
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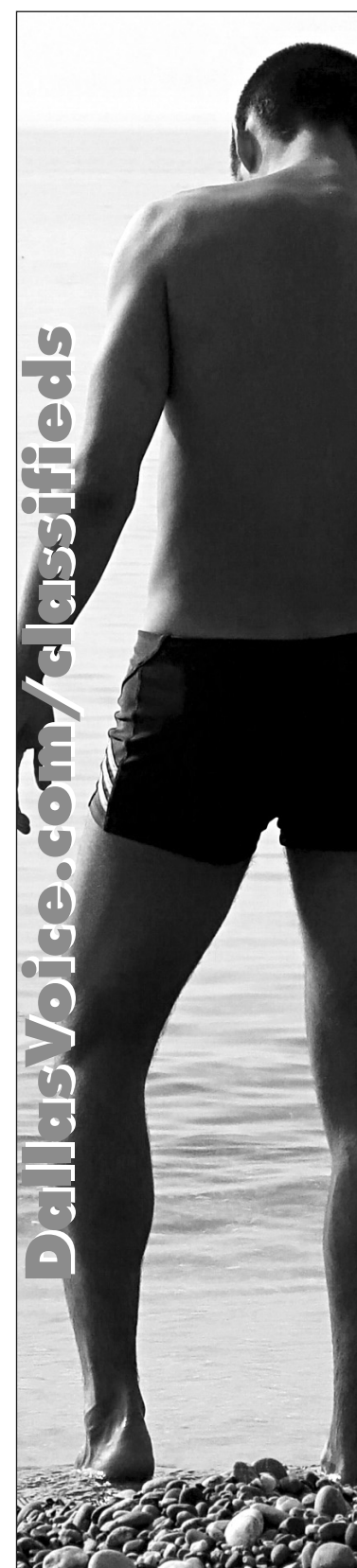
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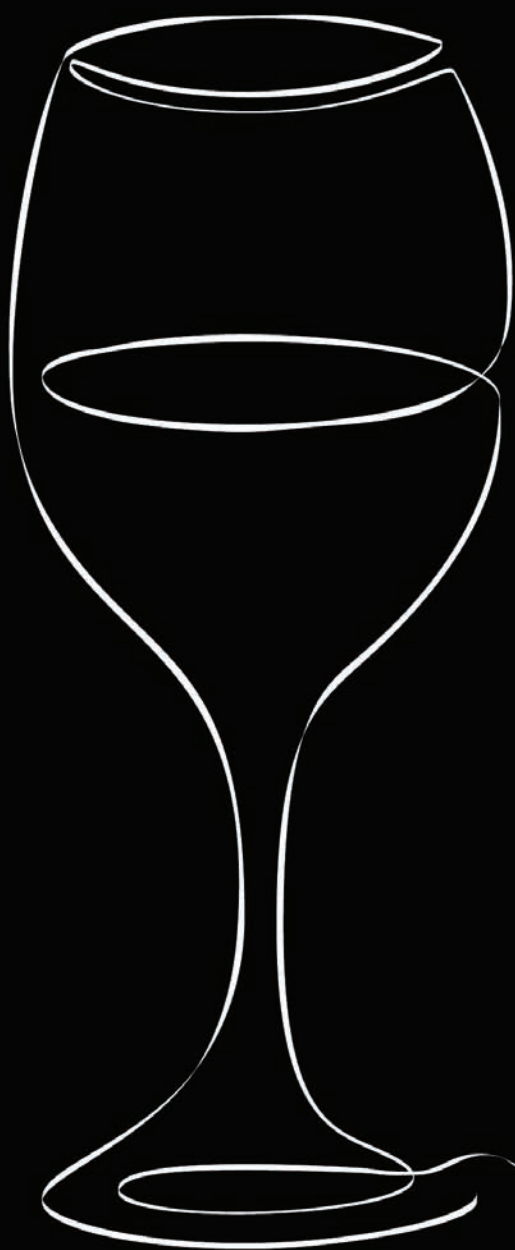
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