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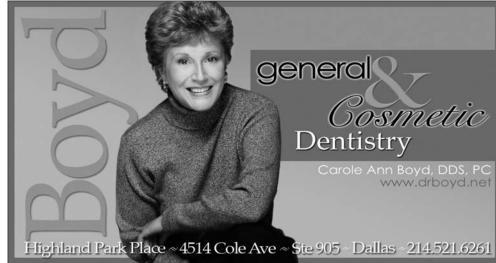
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Hunt ends speculation over mayoral candidacy

Gay candidate James Nowlin pledges to stay in the District 14 council race to challenge Hunt

FROM STAFF REPORTS

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Dallas City Councilwoman Angela Hunt, a staunch LGBT ally who represents the heavily gay District 14, announced this week that she has decided not to run for Dallas mayor in the May municipal elections.

Hunt will, instead, run for re-election to her fourth term representing District 14. Mandated term limits mean that if she is re-elected, it will be her last two-year term on the council.

Although candidates cannot officially file to run in the elections until Monday, Feb. 14, four District 14 candidates have already filed paperwork with the city secretary designating campaign treasurers.

One of the four — Jim Rogers — told Dallas Voice last month that if Hunt decided to run for re-election to the council instead of for mayor, he



Angela Hunt

would bow out of the race. But another, openly gay candidate James Nowlin, said this week he does not plan to withdraw.



James Nowlin

The two other declared candidates for District 14 are Erin C. Lasseter and Vernon Franko.

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FW police chief enacts anti-bias policing policy

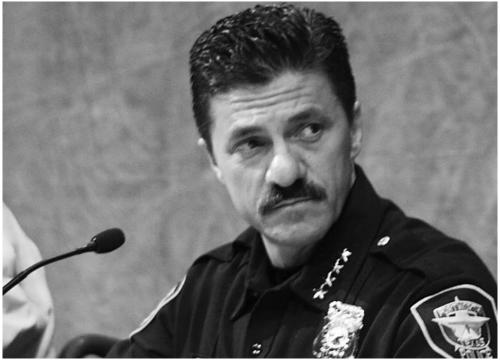
LGBT leader praises Halstead's initiative, says ties between city, LGBT community continue to strengthen

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FORT WORTH — Fort Worth Police Chief Jeffrey Halstead has implemented a new policy banning "bias-based policing" in his department, and Fort Worth LGBT community leader Jon Nelson this week praised the new policy as "a very positive move"

"We didn't discuss this with him [Halstead]. Nobody pressured him to do this. He did it on his own," Nelson said of the new policy. "It's as clear as it can be. It puts his employees on notice that they have to act without bias, and there are specific ramifications if they fail in that. I say, good for him"

The policy, which Halstead issued Friday, Feb. 4, notes that "bias-based policing is prohibited in both enforcement of the law and delivery of police



Fort Worth Police Chief Jeffrey Halstead

services."

Any officer who violates the policy can be fired immediately.

The policy, the full text of which is available online at DallasVoice.com, reads: "Officers shall not use race, color, gender, age, national origin, religion, disability, economic status, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, transgender status, membership in a cultural group or an individual's ability/inability to speak

English as the criteria for determining when or how to take enforcement action or provide police services."

In an e-mail interview this week, Halstead said that although officers were already banned from acting on personal bias while on duty, the new policy is intended to reinforce that ban.

"The policy basically incorporates language located throughout departmental General Orders

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DMN bills gay couple \$1,034 for unpublished wedding ad

After filing a discrimination complaint against The Dallas Morning News for refusing to publish their marriage announcement under "Weddings," a local gay couple reports that they received a \$1,034 bill in the mail for the unpublished ad.

Mark Reed-Walkup, who filed the discrimination complaint against The DMN after marrying his partner Dante Walkup in Washington, D.C., says he wrote the following to James Moroney III, publisher and CEO of the newspaper: "Does the DMN always send out invoices to 'customers' who placed an ad online but it was never published due to the paper's discriminatory policies? We just received an invoice today for our December ad that you banned from your paper because our wedding wasn't 'really' a wedding in your eyes. Unbelievable."

Reed-Walkup says Moroney responded as follows: "Not a good practice. I'll take up with sales. Thanks for bringing it to my attention."

The director of the city's Fair Housing Office told Instant Tea recently that officials are still in the process of reviewing the couple's discrimination complaint against the DMN.

John Wright

Block party called a success

Maybe the gays in Dallas are capable of pulling off a Super Bowl party after all.

Although a gay-themed concert planned for the Cotton Bowl on Thursday night was canceled due to poor ticket sales, organizers of Saturday night's block party on Cedar Springs are deeming it a success. Scott Whittall, president of the Cedar Springs Merchants Association, said while the closed-down street itself wasn't overly crowded during the event, the clubs were extremely busy and some were at capacity.

"The turnout was huge, but it's hard for us to get a head count because everybody kept running in and out of the clubs to get warm," Whittall said, adding that attendance was definitely in the thousands.

Whittall said organizers of the Super Street Party — billed as the world's first-ever gay Super Bowl block party — were "freaking out" on Thursday and Friday because they weren't sure if the weather would clear.

"They had altered the forecast I don't know how many times for Saturday," he said. "We didn't know what to expect, especially with all that snow and ice on the ground Friday. But it all worked out. I don't even think there was a patch of ice left on Cedar Springs. Everything was set up in time. It went off great.

"We're definitely deeming it a success, especially compared to a lot of the party debacles that were out there last week in the straight community. I heard that a lot of the parties around town were not well attended," Whittall said. "We had the luxury of the fact that we have a ton of huge clubs around us where people can go and get warm. There was always a pretty good crowd around the stage. In a warmer weather situation, we will definitely set the street up like that again."

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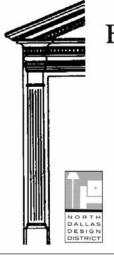


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Valentine's dance set for GSAs

LULAC Rainbow Council is partnering with Youth First Texas to host "Love Conquers All Ball," a special Valentine's weekend dance for gay straight alliances in Dallas and Collin counties.

The "Love Conquers All Ball," will be held Saturday, Feb. 12, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. GSA students, Youth First Texas members and LGBTQ teens ages 14 to 18, are invited. Chaperones will check I.D. at the door. A \$2 donation will be requested and donations will go toward The Trevor Project, the leading national organization focused on crisis and suicide prevention efforts among LGBTQ youth. For information, call 214-879-0400.

TREE staging LGBT awareness week

Trinity River Equality in Education presents "a week celebrating the LGBTQA community at TCC [Tarrant Community College] Trinity River Campus" Feb. 14-17.

On Monday, Feb. 14, there will be a tree dedication ceremony at Trinity River Plaza, on the patio across from the bookstore, at 12:30 p.m., an on Wednesday, Feb. 16, English faculty and Justin Brumit present a discussion of William B. Turner's A Genealogy of Queer Theory ay noon in TREF

On Thursday, Feb. 17, there will be a TREE panel discussion, "A Conversation About LGBTQA Youth in our Community," from 3 p.m.

to 5 p.m. in the Action Suite, fourth floor TR. Also on Thursday, there will be a reception featuring the LGBTQA artists participating in the Synergy Art Show, at 5:30 p.m. in the TR Art Gallery, TREF

Ongoing exhibits include a LGBTQA books and film display in the library, TREF, 2302; and the Gay Straight Alliance's poster display at the TR

For more information contact the Student Life Center at 817-515-1197.

TWCOD holding open rehearsals

The Women's Chorus of Dallas will hold open rehearsals for women interested in joining the chorus on Monday, Feb. 14, and Monday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m. both nights. Interested singers are invited to sit in on a rehearsal, meet with members of the chorus and learn more about becoming a member.

Prior experience or the ability to read music is not a requirement for membership. Regular season rehearsals are held every Monday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Sammons Center for the Arts, 3630 Harry Hines Blvd. Members are expected to attend every rehearsal. The chorus performs a season of three concerts annually, and this season will perform at the Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre at the AT&T Performing Arts Center as well as a special concert at the Texas Discovery Gardens.

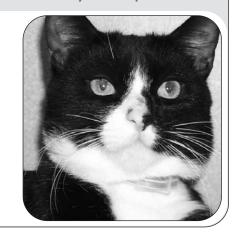
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TCGPWA announces big plans for 2011

Parade moving downtown, will include Street Fest; parade and picnic condensed into 1 weekend

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FORT WORTH — Fort Worth's LGBT community, re-energized by the June, 2009, raid on the Rainbow Lounge, has over the last 18-plus months become a much more organized, visible and active presence in the city.

Last October's annual Tarrant County Gay Pride Week provided strong evidence of the community's vitality.

The Pride parade was the largest in many years and included a first-time feature: a block party on South Jennings Street with vendors, entertainment and the Coors Main Stage. The following weekend, the popular Pride Week picnic pulled in a huge and diverse crowd to Trinity River Park.

This year, as TCGPW Association plans for its 30th annual Pride celebration, Fort Worth's LGBT community can look forward to an even bigger

and better event, parade chairman Tony Coronado said this week.

The biggest change, Coronado said, will be in the timing of the main Pride week events. Previously, the parade has been held on a Sunday afternoon to kick off the week, and the picnic has wound up the festivities the following Saturday. But this year, the parade and picnic are being held the same weekend — and the parade is moving downtown for the first time in its 30-year history.

The Ride the Rainbow Pride Parade and Street Festival is set for Saturday, Oct. 1, with the parade beginning at 10 a.m. on Main Street. The Street Festival, Coronado said, begins after the parade and continues until 6 p.m.

The following day — Sunday, Oct. 2 — the picnic will be held from noon to 6 p.m. in Trinity Park, with the area and layout expanded to accommodate the expected increase in attendance, Coronado said.

But while the two main events will take place in one weekend, Coronado said Pride week runs from Sept. 29 through Oct. 9, with a variety of local events set throughout the week and the International Gay Rodeo Association's World Gay

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FAITH-BASED PRIDE | The Rev. Carol West, pastor of Celebration Community Church in Fort Worth, waves to the crowd as part of the church's entry in the 2010 Tarrant County Gay Pride Parade. (Tammye Nash/Dallas Voice)

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The (gay) man behind the badge

Openly-gay DISD cop Jeremy Liebbe is glad to have the chance to work with LGBT youth, giving them a different view of police officers

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Jeremy Liebbe's coming-out-at-work experience was unusual to say the least.

It was September 2004, and Liebbe had been with the Dallas Independent School District's police force for less than two months. He and another officer were traveling down U.S. Highway 175 toward "Dead Man's Curve" at a high rate of speed late at night, with their lights and sirens activated, responding to a call for help from a third officer who was in a fight with some suspects.

Liebbe's partner, a former Marine raised in South Dallas, was behind the wheel. ("Not the individual you would think to come out to," Liebbe

Liebbe's partner suddenly turned to him and said flatly, "Are you gay?"

"My first thought was, if I answer correctly, are we going to wreck out in Dead Man's Curve?" Liebbe recalls.

"I just said, 'Well, yeah.' And he said, 'OK, cool,"" Liebbe says. "Then we go down and deal with the fighting suspects and get everybody in custody, and he decides to out me to the suspects and the other officer by telling them what type of person, in Marine terminology, just kicked their tail.

"I was like, well, that's one way to come out at work."

A few weeks later, Liebbe says, rumors about his sexual orientation, now confirmed, had "spread like wildfire," and he found himself called in to meet with his supervisor, the lieutenant over internal affairs. The lieutenant explained there was a rumor going around that Liebbe was gay.

"I said, 'OK, well it's true.' And he said, 'So you're just going to freely admit it?"" Liebbe recalls. "I said, 'One, we have our nondiscrimination policies that are board mandated, and two, as the internal affairs lieutenant, if I lied to you about something as trivial as that, would you ever

"He said, 'That's a damn good point.""

Since then, Liebbe says, his sexual orientation hasn't been much of an issue at DISD, and he gets along well with the lieutenant.

"There have been some situations that have come up at work, as would be expected in a paramilitary organization, but for the most part, I'm a supervisor now," he says. "Most people, just because of the fact that I'm a supervisor, are going to leave me alone. It also helps that DISD has a longstanding nondiscrimination policy for employment practices that covers sexual orientation, so that gives some fallback."

Today, the 32-year-old Liebbe has been with the DISD police for more than six years and serves as a detective sergeant in narcotics. (Because he does undercover work, he didn't want his photograph to appear alongside this story.)

Liebbe is one of the few openly gay police officers in North Texas who are male — if not the only one. And as it turns out, Liebbe's decision to go into law enforcement was something of an accident that began in the gayborhood.

In 2001, Liebbe was studying computer science at UT Dallas and had started a database design company. At 22, he had "damn good money flowing in," and he says he found himself on the Cedar Springs strip three to five nights a week.

At the time, Liebbe says, there was gang activity in some of the clubs. As a regular who happened to be a first-degree black belt, Liebbe says he wound up ending a couple of fights "quickly and efficiently."

When Caven's security team asked Liebbe to join them, he questioned why he'd want to. But after learning it would mean free drinks and reduced cover charges, "I said, 'Where do I sign up?"" Liebbe recalls.

Shortly thereafter, Liebbe caught the attention of Sgt. Lynn Albright, then the Dallas Police Department's LGBT liaison officer, who noticed that he was a little different from other Caven security

"She said, 'If you want something to do when you're bored, come play with us," Liebbe recalls.

Albright asked Liebbe to ride along with her twice, and if he wasn't convinced to go to the police academy and become a reserve officer, she'd leave him alone.

"I actually thought she was crazy for suggesting I become a cop," he recalls.

But Liebbe was hooked, and despite becoming a cop, he never abandoned his roots in the LGBT community.

For the last eight years, Liebbe has worked all of the major events on Cedar Springs, from Pride to the Halloween block party to, most recently, the Super Bowl block party. And for the last three years, he's served as operations co-commander for them.

It's a huge job that requires hundreds of hours of preparations for each event on the part of Liebbe and two co-commanders.

We almost are getting to the point where we literally roll from one event to another," he says.

Liebbe says he's proud of how smoothly events run in Oak Lawn compared to other areas of the city. And he's convinced so many DISD officers to work the events that they now typically make up half the law enforcement presence — which he says ultimately benefits LGBT youth.

Liebbe also serves as a volunteer and board member at Youth First Texas, which stemmed from his role on the Pride Steering Committee since YFT is a beneficiary of the parade.

As an Eagle Scout who was eventually ousted

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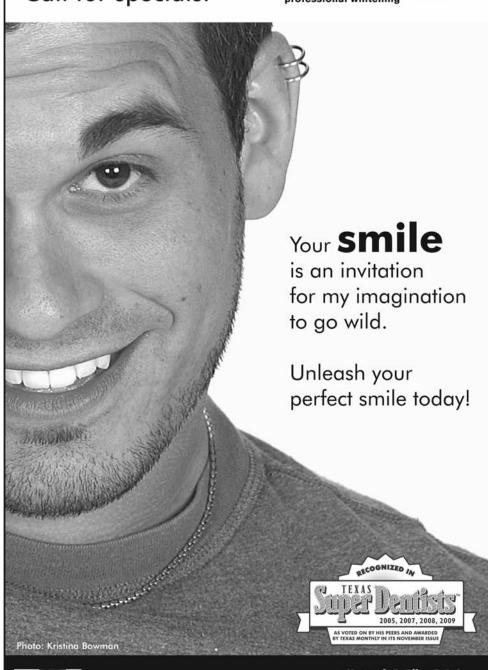
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Apartment tenant says request for repairs leads to threat of eviction



REPAIRS IN THE WORKS? | Jack Gian, owner of the Chevelle Apartments in Oak Lawn, said this week that repairs on the complex's roof should begin Friday, Feb. 11. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

Owner of Chevelle Apartments says repairs have been delayed by winter weather, should begin on Friday

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Michael Howard claims that he has been threatened with eviction by managers at the Chevelle Apartments on Throckmorton because he asked management to repair a leaky roof in his apartment.

Jack Gian owns the property.

Howard said this week that he first let the management office know that the roof was leaking into his apartment on Nov. 3. On Feb. 6, he left a message on the 24-hour maintenance line.

Howard said he had not been in touch with the management about the problem since Thanksgiving, and he said he believes that removing some of the melting snow from the roof could have prevented at least part of the current problem.

Howard filed a complaint about the problem with the Fair Housing Office in December, and on Dec. 17, city code compliance officer Nilandra Roy put in place an order preventing Chevelle management from evicting Howard, refusing to renew his lease or terminating his lease.

Howard said that he would like to move but cannot do that by the time his current lease ends on March 1. Because he is currently battling lymphoma and complications from AIDS, he said he isn't physically able of looking for an apartment or packing and loading a truck to move.

This week he sent his landlord a certified letter "requesting reasonable accommodations under the Disability Act of the Fair Housing Code."

"I have been on disability since 2005 for AIDS/HIV and Lymphoma Cancer, for which documentation can be provided at a later date, if needed," Howard wrote. "I do not have the necessary resources at this time to find a new place of residence. I am expecting to have the means to move at the end of my next renewed lease. But until that time, I am once again requesting reasonable accommodations under the Disability Act of the Fair Housing Code. But he acknowledged that the comment he left on the 24-hour maintenance line—"I would then once again be contacting the Dallas City Code Officer OR take legal action if necessary in order for me to get my roof/ceiling repaired"— might have been taken as a threat.

He said it was after that message that the management threatened to evict him.

"Someone from G&G Properties called me at 10:01 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 7, and left a very rude, mean voicemail message," Howard said. The message warned him to "stop calling and harassing the management here at Chevelle about my repairs, and that if it did not cease then they were warning me that they would proceed with issuing me an eviction notice."

He said he felt as if he was the one being threatened and harassed.

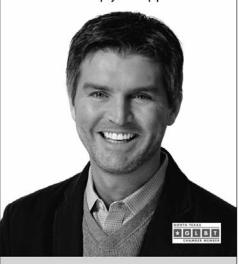
Howard is not the only one who has complained about the roof leaks. At least two others

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Students building Equality at Eastfield College

Snow delays start of Eastfield College GSA, but organizers say first meeting will be rescheduled

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Eastfield College in Mesquite was the largest of the area's community colleges without a Gay Straight Alliance, according to student Philomena Aceto. But now Aceto is working to change that.

Aceto — whose partner is longtime activist Dawn Meifert and who has her own history as an activist — began working on her degree at Eastfield last summer. She met Kris Fleskes, another student, and they realized there was no representation for the LGBT community on the more than 18,000-student campus.

Other area two-year colleges have GSAs and campus LGBT alliances. Last fall, P.R.I.S.M., which stands for Promoting Respect In Sexual Minorities, opened successfully at Navarro Community College in Corsicana. The GSA at Richland College, the largest Dallas County Community College, meets twice a month.

"Let's start one," Aceto urged Fleskes.

Any campus group must have a faculty advisor but faculty cannot start a group themselves. So Fleskes and Aceto met with two Eastfield staff members, Judith Dumont and Kristie Vowels.

Dumont, former director of Youth First Texas, is now the faculty advisor for the new group.

When she began working at Eastfield last summer, Dumont said, she tried to make her office the safe space on campus for the LGBT community and indicated that by putting an HRC sticker and "proud ally" stickers on her door.

She said she cheered when the two students approached her about starting the GSA.

Aceto said Vowels told her, "You are exactly what we've been praying for."

The group's first meeting has been postponed twice because of weather. Aceto said that's just





BUILDING EQUALITY | When Philomena Aceto, left, realized that Eastfield College had no LGBT organization on campus, she and another student decided to start one themselves. Judith Dumont, right, signed on as the fledgling group's faculty advisor.

giving her more time to promote the club in classes and on campus.

"I'm out preaching it every day," Aceto said. "This isn't about being gay. It's about equality."

To emphasize that point, they're calling their group Equality.

Aceto said she's has been running up against some resistance and a lot of indifference in an area she called one of the most conservative in Dallas County

"We're curious how the campus will receive us," Dumont said.

She attended advisor training and said there was no reaction when she announced the name of the group she would facilitate.

"I'm hoping everything will be OK," she said. But Dumont agreed that the campus was very

"There were raised eyebrows on campus when I didn't change my name after I got married in November," she said.

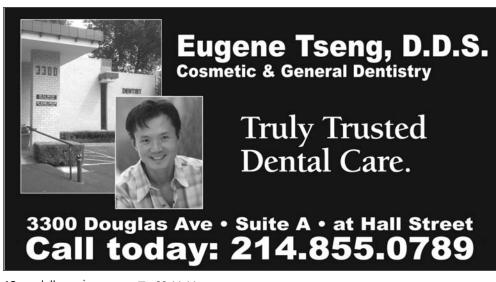
Aceto said she would like to bring some interesting speakers to campus and produce some creative programming.

"We want to go after bullying," she said.

Dumont said the group was important as a safe space not just for students, but for faculty, staff and administrators as well.

She said she's already planning to participate in National Day of Silence. Last year, Dumont organized that event among students who are active with Youth First Texas.

Eastfield College was closed on Wednesday, Feb. 9, the most recent launch date for Equality. Aceto said the group would reschedule over the part week





DISTRICT 14

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"Angela made every indication that she was running for mayor, and our campaign team moved forward, and as we were moving forward we received tremendous support from voters across the district," Nowlin said Wednesday. "Her waiting put the district and the potential candidates in a very awkward position. I'm in it to win it and I'm moving forward to the May 14 election."

Nowlin told Dallas Voice last month he was confident that Hunt would run for mayor and that he had been discussing the possibility of running for the District 14 seat with her for more than a year.

"I'm not running against anybody," Nowlin said. "I'm running for the district, and this is about putting the district first."

Hunt said Wednesday that she had decided to not to run for mayor because she believes she can be more effective as a councilmember.

"For me, it's never been about what office I hold. It's about where I feel I can be the most effective and do the most good for my district and the city," Hunt said. "And the issues I feel most strongly about are issues I can address most effectively as a councilmember instead of as mayor."

Hunt said those issues are ones that focus "providing top quality basic city services" and projects that enhance the quality of life for the city's resi-

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and consolidates it into one succinct order that clearly defines what bias-based policing means and strictly prohibits it," Halstead said.

He also said the new policy was not implemented as a response to any particular incident, including the June, 2009, raid on the Rainbow Lounge gay bar by Fort Worth officers and agents with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

Instead, Halstead said, "It is a proactive step to continue building trust in the community, which is essential for public and officer safety."

Halstead said that the new policy has been in the works since last sum

mer when he asked his chief of staff, Lt. Paul Henderson, to research the idea and see if any other major cities had similar policies before drafting the Fort Worth policy.

"Creating policy can take a significant amount of time," Halstead said. "We have to be careful to ensure we are not in conflict with any laws or regulations. And once it was drafted, we circulated it to our community relations officers, police leaders in our diverse associations and our law department to provide input and feedback."

Once the final draft was complete, the order went into effect on Feb. 4.

"Although no specific reason behind the timing exists, it is appropriate and holds special meaning that the order went into effect at the beginning of Black History Month," Halstead said.

The chief said that any officer who witnesses a possible incidence of biased policing is required

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dents, including efforts to "re-energize" the Trinity River Corridor Project and making sure the river levees are repaired and the proposed park built.

Hunt said she is also concerned with the issues of redistricting and the upcoming 2012 bond elections.

"With all due respect to the other [District 14] candidates — I know them, and they are all good people — these are issues that need someone with experience to deal with them," Hunt said.

The three candidates that have so far declared themselves candidates for mayor are current District 12 Councilman Ron Natinsky, former Dallas Police Chief David Kunkle and criminal defense lawyer Jim Moore.

Hunt said this week she has not decided who — if anyone — she would endorse for mayor. But she did say she believes the city needs someone not currently serving on the council as its next leader.

"I think it will take someone new, someone coming in from outside the current council but who also has experience as a leader" to be the best mayor for Dallas, Hunt said, adding that she is looking for a mayor who will "focus on the issues that are really important to our neighborhoods, instead of on high-dollar, high-profile projects" like the Convention Center hotel, the Trinity River toll road and the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge — all projects that current Mayor Tom Leppert championed.

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to report the incident to his or her supervisor. The supervisor then reports the incident to the department's Internal Affairs Division, which will investigate the allegations.

Citizens should report such violations directly to Internal Affairs, the chief said.

"Internal Affairs investigates all allegations dealing with discrimination in the workplace, as well as the city's Human Resources Department," Halstead said. "Internal Affairs is the lead investigative entity for allegations of discrimination regarding employees as it pertains to interactions with the public. If it is found that any criminality exists on the part of a police employee, the chief's Special Investigative Unit would take the lead for filling criminal charges if applicable."

Halstead also noted that his department is "in the process of putting together a hate or bias crimes alert program" through which community members who subscribe to the program will be notified of any hate or bias crimes that are reported. He said that the department is "in the process of completing the computer program necessary to build the service."

In 2010, Halstead said, "six actual hate crimes" were investigated by Major Case detectives, the officers tasked with handling such cases.

"We use the word 'actual' because the definition of a hate crime is very specific regarding the primary motive for a criminal act, and many times what is reported as a hate crime does not meet the statute's criteria," Halstead said.

"In the future, we are looking to begin tracking

'bias' incidents, meaning that if any actions or statements are made as a part of a crime, but the crime itself does not meet the criteria of a hate crime, we want to be able to track those as 'bias incidents,'" he said.

Halstead added that the new ban on bias-based policing is not directly related to the hate crime alert program, but is instead "more related to the protection of individual rights of our communities and to provide a clear departmental position that bias-based policing will not be tolerated."

Although many LGBT community leaders were angered with Halstead's initial response to the Rainbow Lounge raid, most now consider the police chief a valuable friend to the community.

"He is a human being, just like anyone else. We all make mistakes," Nelson said of Halstead. "But he has gone from 'Let's just take a deep breath' to, on his own, coming up with this new policy, a policy that has real teeth. That is a long way to come.

"I think that every step he has taken has brought the police department and our community closer together, starting with [the appointment of openly lesbian Officer] Sara Straten [as the department's liaison to the LGBT community]," Nelson said. "That's not just window dressing. ... I think the chief wants his police force to be fundamentally fair, and he's willing to buck the Police Officers Association to do it."

The Police Officers Association is the FWPD officers' union, an organization, Nelson said, with "tremendous political clout" whose "only concern so far has been to protect their own, even officers convicted of DWI and killing people with cars."



Jon Nelson

Some community leaders have also suggested that it was pressure from the Police Officers Association that kept Halstead from being able to hand down stiffer discipline to officers involved in the Rainbow Lounge raid.

Halstead said this week that while his leadership approach "has not necessarily changed,

I continue to learn from mistakes and experience personal growth. True leadership demands constant evaluation and adjustment in order to provide the best service possible. ... It also requires some risk-taking to implement progressive change within any organization."

Halstead said that he believes "the culture of policing" is changing at the national level as the diversity of the country grows, and progressive police departments are "taking proactive steps to facilitate those changes as quickly as possible."

"My intent when I was hired as the Fort Worth police chief has always been to focus on service and to provide an organizational model of 'service with respect.' That has not changed," Halstead said. "I am proud that our police department is being viewed as a progressive policing model and remains on of the leaders in community policing today."

Nelson said he believes that the strengthening relationship between Halstead's department and the LGBT community is mirrored by the strengthening relationship between the community and city government over all.

"The bottom line is, we've gotten used to each other. There is a level of trust here now," Nelson said. "They [city officials] understand that the community, that Fairness Fort Worth for example, will not be reluctant to stand behind the police chief when he does something like this. Nor will we be reticent to voice opposition if necessary.

"But we won't do it by calling names or demonizing anybody," he added. "We will do it the way the First Amendment meant for it to be done. We will voice our opinions, and we will take action when necessary."

TCGPWA

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Rodeo Finals taking place Oct. 7-9 in Fort Worth.

One reason for condensing the parade and picnic into one weekend, Coronado said, is to broaden the celebration's appeal to out-of-town-

broaden the celebration's appeal to out-of-towners, especially since this will be the 30th annual parade.

"We've been working with the Fort Worth Convention and Visitors Bureau a lot. They are helping promote our celebration, and having it all in one weekend will make it easier for people to come in from out of town to attend," Coronado said. "This way, they don't have to decide between coming for the parade or coming for the picnic. They can come for one weekend and attend both."

Coronado stressed that being able to coordinate these events on a larger scale than in the past and make sure they are successful requires careful planning — which is why TCGPWA laid out a two-year plan to prepare for the anniversary year, and why the organization has made a concerted effort to reach out to as many organizations and communities as possible.

"We are using social networking a lot, and we are reaching out to the LGBT individuals and organizations throughout Tarrant County, especially in the rural areas, trying to get them involved and excited," he said.

"Whether they are officially involved or not, all the GLBT organizations in Tarrant County are a



ROYALTY ON PARADE | The 2010 TCGPWA titleholders were among the entries in Fort Worth's Pride parade last October. (Tammye Nash/Dallas Voice)

part of the pride celebration. It's up to them as to how much they participate, but we want to make sure they know they are all invited to be a part of this."

TCGPWA is also in the process of creating a scholarship fund through its new education committee, Coronado said. An awards panel has been established to research and develop criteria, target

needs, set parameters and establish a required apprenticeship to award a scholarship to someone in the LGBT community.

For more information, go online to TCGPWA.org.







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SUPER SUCCESS



REVELRY ON CEDAR SPRINGS | Despite the winter cold, the Cedar Springs Merchants Association's Super Street Party on Saturday night, Feb. 5, drew a large crowd, and organizers say the event was a success. (Chuck Dube/Dallas Voice)

BADGE

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from the Boy Scouts for being gay, Liebbe says he's always had a place in his heart for youth organizations.

He began volunteering at YFT a few years ago while taking some time off from work, after he'd just finished investigating 33 cheese heroin deaths at DISD.

He recalled that on his YFT volunteer application he wrote, only half-jokingly: "I think it would be spiritually uplifting to work with at-risk groups who are not in handcuffs."

As it turns out, the presence of a law enforcement officer at YFT has both practical and symbolic importance. For example, the former director of YFT sometimes questioned why Liebbe insisted on carrying a concealed firearm at the center — until a deadly shooting a few years ago at an LGBT youth center in Israel.

Liebbe also teaches a self-awareness and self-defense program at YFT called SEED, which stands for Survive, Evade, Escalate and Destroy. Liebbe, who was bullied as a teenager, says his role as a DISD police officer gives him an interest-

ing perspective on the problem, and the recent LGBT youth suicide crisis reopened old wounds.

Despite its name, Liebbe says the SEED program, which he wrote with a friend, doesn't advocate violence. Instead, the program is based on the idea that most bullies will back down if you stand up to them, even if it's just verbally.

"We teach that violence is a last resort," he says. "You don't hit anybody unless they've taken a swing at you. But once the bullying escalates to violence, once it becomes bashing, then the nature of the game needs to change."

Liebbe says he makes clear to YFT youth that he isn't there as a cop, before adding that he hopes they're never involved in one of his investigations, because his case clearance rate is pretty high.

But given the perception in the LGBT community that law enforcement isn't gay-friendly — and the fact that a lot of officers sleep through diversity training — Liebbe acknowledges that the mere presence of a gay law enforcement officer at YFT can't hurt.

"Every one of the youth there who get to know me can say there's at least one cop that, if I see him, I can give him a hug and he'll help me," Liebbe says.

REPAIRS

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have requested repairs.

Nor is this the first complaint against the property owner. In June 2010, tenants complained about the air conditioning being out for several days. That service was restored after WFAA Channel 8 television station ran a story.

Gian said repairs will begin Friday, Feb. 11.

"The roofing was ordered a week ago Friday," Gian said, adding that weather had delayed repairs. He said has to get as much ice off the roof as possible before the crew can begin.

Repairs should continue through Tuesday, Gian said, if they are able to begin work this week. He

said about 5,000 square feet of roofing will be replaced.

Chalisa Warren at the Dallas Fair Housing Office said that complaints based on any of the protected categories in the city ordinance go through their office. Those categories include disability and sexual orientation.

She said information is available on Fair Housing Office website. Complaints can be filed online or by phone, or a complaint form can be mailed or delivered in person to the office in City Hall.

The website is DallasFairHousing.com.

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- 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:
- o loss of appetite
- o yellow skin and whites of eyes (jaundice)
- o dark-colored urine
- o pale colored stools, itchy skin
- o 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.

- 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.

Throw away any medicine that is out of date or that you no longer need.

Keep KALETRA and all medicines out of the reach of children.

General information about KALETRA

KALETRA does not cure HIV-1 or AIDS. The long-term effects of KALETRA are not known at this time. People taking KALETRA may still get opportunistic infections or other conditions that happen with HIV-1 infection. Some of these conditions are pneumonia, herpes virus infections, and *Mycobacterium avium* complex (MAC) infections.

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.

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.

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HIV meds program on state's chopping block

Ending assistance could cost communities millions in added ER care and hospitalization, leaders say

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Some of the more extreme budget cutters would like to eliminate the program that helps people without insurance receive life-sustaining medications, as the Texas Legislature struggles to pass a balanced budget.

"That would be called legalized murder," said Don Maison, president and CEO of AIDS Services Dallas

Among the more likely proposals being floated in Austin is to only add 400 to 500 people to the Texas HIV Medication Program over the next two budget cycles, which runs four years.

Local HIV healthcare providers said that proposed number is low compared to the number who will likely need the program.

Texas is a direct purchase state, according to Bret Camp, associate executive director of health and medical services for the Nelson Tebedo Clinic. He explained that the state buys HIV medications and distributes them through a network of about 400 pharmacies throughout the state.

To qualify for THMP, a client must be diagnosed HIV-positive, be a Texas resident, uninsured or under-insured for drug coverage, have income below 200 percent of the poverty level and not receiving Medicare.

Medicare recipients get their medication through the State Pharmacy Assistance Program.

In 1996, 5,100 people in Texas received their medication through THMP. Last year, the estimated number was 14,000.

Camp said he is concerned that increasing the number of eligible people over the next four years by just 400 would leave too many without the medications they need.

Camp said he expects the number of people needing assistance to increase significantly.

"The state is being responsible and promoting HIV testing," he said. "The more testing, the more cases we're likely to see."

Just how much the state is spending on providing drugs for about 14,000 Texans with HIV is not known. Camp said that the state negotiates a price with the drug companies but does not publish the negotiated price.

"Nobody really knows what the price is," Camp said.

Randall Ellis is the senior director of government relations for Legacy Community Health

Services in Houston, formerly known as Montrose Clinic.

He said that the price the state pays probably isn't revealed as part of the deal they make with drug companies to receive the steep discount. But he said that Texas probably pays in the range of \$6,000 per year for someone in the program.

Individuals who have to purchase the drugs themselves or have insurance cover part of the price would pay closer to \$24,000 or more.

Camp said that eliminating the program would save little when compared to the overall budget shortfall. But he said that the cost of caring for people who would have to make multiple emergency room visits and have extended hospital stays would be much higher than keeping them healthy in the first place.

Ellis said another problem is that the oversight committee, made up of stakeholders from around the state, sunsetted last fall. To reinstate the committee, the commissioner of Health and Human Services would simply have to repost the rules.

The committee made recommendations to the health department such as what drugs should be included in the program and what the eligibility requirements should be.

The commissioner, Ellis said, usually followed the committee's recommendations. But the commissioner didn't always want that input, he said.

"They want our input when it looks good to have community input," Ellis said. "But when we ask tough questions, they'd rather not have us."

Ellis does not expect all funding for THMP to be cut. He said that the state receives some funding through the federal AIDS Drug Assistance Program.

Camp said other states have thousands of people on waiting lists for ADAP programs.

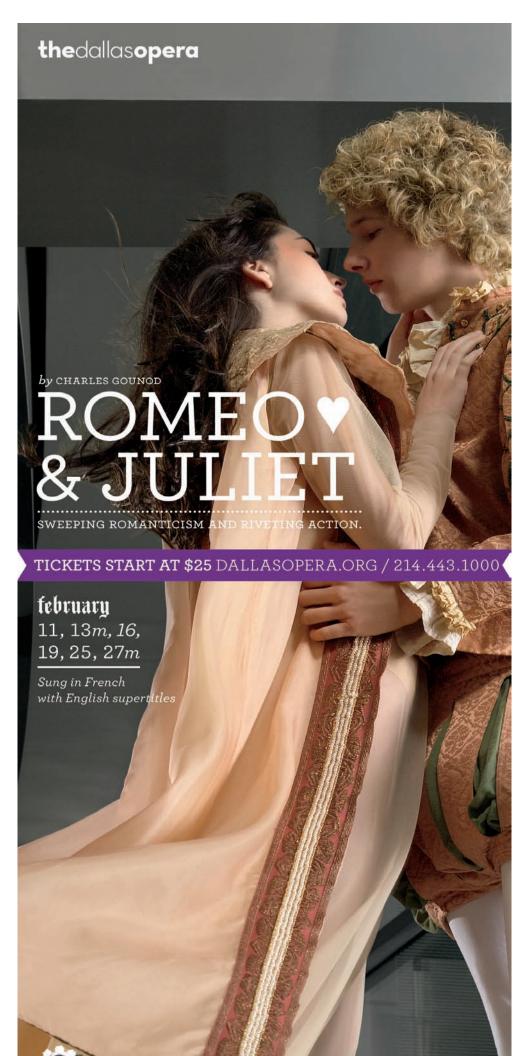
"Florida is sorry right now," he said. "They have disenrolled people."

That state has more than 3,000 waiting for medication. Unless those people find another way to get their medication, most will become sick, Ellis said, adding that if they are left untreated, those people will die.

Camp said that after recent hearings in the Senate Finance Committee, senators "seemed to leave with questions," that were on a level he hadn't heard since early in the AIDS crisis.

On Feb. 15 the Texas HIV-AIDS Coalition is sponsoring Advocacy Day at the Capitol in Austin. A Dallas contingency will join groups from Houston, San Antonio and other cities as far as El Paso to talk to legislators about the need to continue this program.

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True romance: Finding love in the mid



LET THEM EAT CAKE | KC, left, and Larry became the Janssons when they married in Connecticut. They later held a ceremony at Cathedral of Hope, followed by a lavish party at the W hotel, complete with a 5-tiered wedding cake. (Photo courtesy Jessica Adkins/Aravaggio Photography)

How counseling by unqualified therapists and distorted use of a 12-step program brought a young gay couple together at an ex-gay conversion therapy camp

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KC Jannson came out to his parents in ninth grade. His parents sent him to counseling. Then he came out to them again as a high school senior.

"My dad's a Southern Baptist pastor in Missouri, in a small southern town." he said. "They said I was either going to be on the streets or do it their way. They were going to pay 10 grand for me to go to this camp.

"I didn't have a choice but to go there," he said. Jannson described the camp as a sort of drug rehab center for being gay. He said he was raised to believe that if he was gay he was going to become an alcoholic and a drug addict and get AIDS and never go to college or love anyone.

Larry Jannson, on the other hand, lived in Southern California and had very accepting parents.

"I never thought I'd marry a small-town guy," he said. "There was no God in my family. No church."

But when he was 18 and still struggling with his identity, Larry started doing theater with a Christian group.

"They started doing their work on me," he said. He "got saved," he said, by a group called Harvest Crusade. But from then until he was 26, he lived a double life.

"I was either hanging out with these people who thought that I was a Christian or I was out totally doing the gay thing without them knowing," Larry said.

Then he found out about Love in Action, a group in Memphis, Tenn., that does "reparative therapy." He decided that he was going to figure

things out and so spent his entire \$10,000 savings to attend.

Larry said he convinced himself, "If somebody says that God is the answer and this can be changed, I want to know for myself."

So Larry's parents drove him to the program. But his mother kept telling him he didn't have to go.

KC and Larry arrived at the facility at the same time. This was KC's first time away from home and his first time to be around other gay people.

The camp

The two described the restrictions: No cologne. No clothing by Calvin Klein.

"I had a Nintendo Gameboy. I couldn't keep that, because it would keep me from being focused on God," Larry said.

"I played piano," said KC. "I couldn't play because they said it would distract me from my therapy."

And although they described the therapy as

nidst of anti-gay 'reparative' therapy

based on recovery programs used for addictions, the 12 steps they followed were a very distorted version based on shame, the two men said.

For the first three days, they were not allowed to talk and always had to look at the ground. Each person was assigned a "house brother" who had gone through the program. That person, who was gay, had made it through the first three months to the next stage.

"My big brother was more flamboyant than anyone else in the house," Larry said. "But he was so about Jesus and getting through this.'

The first night there was a meeting with the four new house members and their "big brothers." Although they weren't supposed to look at each other, Larry and KC kept making eye contact.

There were no doors on the rooms and each room had three beds. Larry and KC were assigned to share a room.

BESEN WARNS OF REPARATIVE THERAPY DANGERS

Wayne Besen founded the group Truth Wins Out that exposes the dangers of ex-gay ministries. He is the author of several books including "Anything But Straight: Unmasking the Scandals and Lies Behind the Ex-Gay

Besen called Love In Action one of the most cult-like of all groups.

"They control your existence," he said. "They repossess your underwear if they think it's too gay. They time you going to the bathroom to make sure you don't masturbate in the shower."

He said that the group changes your behavior, not your sexual orientation, "by separating you from anything you would be attracted to and call that a success.'

He called the reparative therapy groups as silly as the parodies in sitcoms, "But you don't see the damage they're doing under-

While Love In Action claims to use a 12step program, Besen said their program is really a hodgepodge of different things that they slap together in order to do something to justify taking so much money.

"They don't have an original idea of their

He agreed that their unlicensed counselors practice by hiding behind the shield of reli-

He called their therapy sessions voyeuristic. The counselors, he said, get a great deal of pleasure out of hearing stories, the more lurid the better.

He said he's happy to hear that the Janssons are living happily ever after, because not everyone who goes through the program escapes without severe psychological damage.

Bathroom time was limited to 15 minutes. They had to set a timer to make sure no one was spending too much time locked in there doing something they weren't supposed to be doing.

The next day they went to church. Larry and KC described the church as Prestonwood Baptistsized, and said all of the members knew who they were. They were escorted to the first row and felt the condemnation of the crowd as they took their

Each morning they would drive down to the church. They would sit in a circle for "Courage, Honesty and Respect" group.

"You would call someone else out for something they did," said Larry, and the person being accused couldn't respond for 24 hours.

"I would say something like, 'KC, you didn't set your egg timer this morning and we have rules here and I want you to think about that,"" Larry said. "And KC would get fuming red — but he couldn't say anything."

KC regarded the rules as a joke. Larry took them very seriously. He wanted to know if these were the rules that were going to turn him straight.

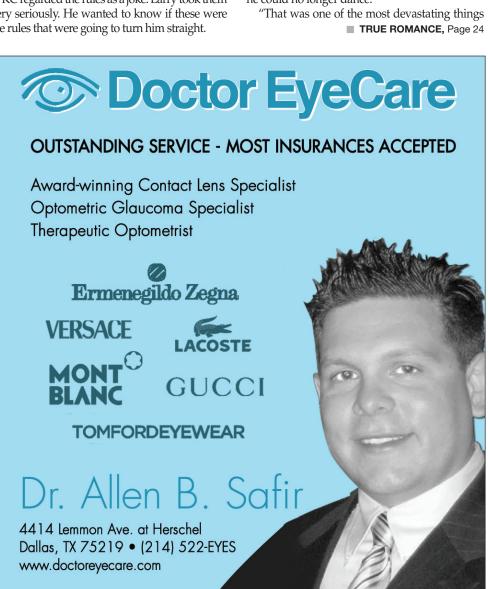
They had group and individual counseling sessions. A woman in Larry's group said that she was raped and that she didn't feel comfortable sitting next to a man. No one there could help her.

KC said his "counselor" was in college but worked at this house unsupervised. Two others were former drug addicts who had gone through 12-step programs themselves. None was a licensed therapist.

"In individual sessions, I was asked to open up about certain things that only a real counselor could deal with," Larry said. "I now am seeing a true counselor because they opened up these wounds and never closed them.'

At night, the counselors would discuss the group. In the morning they would come to the meeting and tell each one what they could no

Larry was a dancer and today teaches two dance classes in Plano. He said when he was nervous he'd begin to tap. One morning he was told he could no longer dance.





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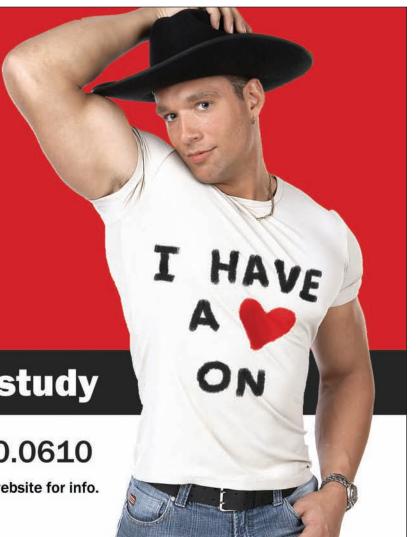
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they could do to me," he said. "It was like waking up one day and finding out I was paralyzed."

In order to turn the group into "men," at 6:30 each morning they had to go to the gym because gay people don't go to a gym.

But they had Larry play basketball.

"We're in a gym full of hot bodies and muscles," said Larry. "One day, they had me play basketball. Just because I'm 6'-2" doesn't mean I can dunk a damn ball."

But he did it because he wanted the program to work.

Building a friendship

During the first three months of the program, KC and Larry developed what they both called a genuine friendship.

Whenever they went anywhere, they had to go in groups of three and always had to be within eye contact of each other. Larry said that if one person needed to go to the bathroom, they all had to go.

After three months, Larry and KC graduated to the second part of the program. Their parents attended an actual graduation ceremony, but they simply continued to the next phase of the program.

KC said he had no choice but to stay because his alternative was to return home to rural Missouri. Larry was still determined to see the program through. During this period, they were allowed to get a job. Larry went to work for the church, and KC got a job at Radio Shack. But the program still tried to monitor every movement.

"But they're constantly calling you, constantly emailing you," KC said.

"You have to call your house manager when you leave work and they time you to make sure you get home at the right time," Larry said.

In this part of the program, they had to work on "trigger trips." They sent the group of four who had started together to places that might trigger sexual feelings. Their first trip was to the mall — their first shopping trip in three months.

"I remember walking into that mall and hearing angels," Larry said.

Larry was given a clipboard and had to write down what triggered them.

One member of the group wanted Godiva chocolate but

the other three restrained him because apparently only gay people eat Godiva chocolate.

But the biggest test was when the four walked by Abercrombie & Fitch. Larry said that when the four saw the huge poster of the ripped model in the window, they stopped short and fell on top of one another.

Larry and KC had become best friends and once they graduated and were given more freedom, they began doing things together.

"Any time we were allowed to be alone together, we started doing crazy little date things," Larry said.

They went to a drive-in movie; "We told them we were going to go to the batting cages," KC said.

But still nothing happened between them. They were just enjoying each other's company.

"I never even told KC that I thought he had the most beautiful eyes I had ever seen," Larry said, "because I thought God wanted something else for me."

Over the next five months their friendship developed, but without physical contact between them. "No kiss. No hug. No touch," Larry said.

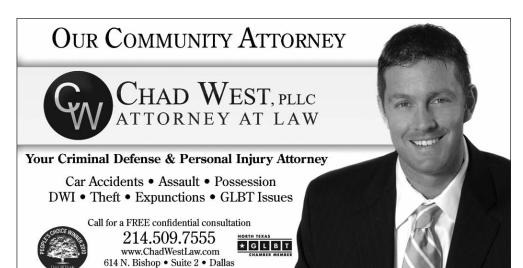
Then the church secretary was going out of town and asked Larry to walk her dogs and water her plants. KC began to tag along.

"All of a sudden we had this place to go that was a little more intimate," Larry said.

Then on the way back one evening, they stopped at Sonic.

"I had my leg propped up where the gearshift was and he put his arm on me," KC said. "And

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from that point forward, I knew I was in love with him "

A few days later they were at the church secretary's house. Larry could tell something was wrong with KC.

When Larry finally convinced him to talk, KC admitted he had feelings for Larry and both agreed that it was wrong.

KC turned his back to Larry, and Larry put his arms around him. And as they sat on the couch with their arms around each other, they told each other that it was wrong.

They drove back to the house where they were living, conflicted and in silence. But later that night, they had to let the dogs out again, so they went back. And that's when they had sex for the first time

Larry said KC told him he loved him before they had sex. KC thought it was after.

But KC said he told Larry, "I love you. I want to be with you. We'll do whatever it takes."

Leaving the program

They were in the last month of their program. Larry needed to decide what he was going to do. He thought he might return to California, but whatever he did, it would be whatever Jesus had planned for him.

He knew he loved KC also, but couldn't say it. "I was the brainwashed one trying to make this work," Larry said. "I wouldn't let myself say it."

He wondered if he should tell someone what they had done.

On the third day after they had sex, they drove around Memphis looking at houses. Larry drove up to a mansion that he had seen and stopped.

"What are we doing here?" KC asked.

"I'm going to get you that one day," Larry told him and KC started crying.

They said that was the point they knew they would build their lives together.

"We just needed to find a way to get out of there together," Larry said.

KC had planned to move to Dallas, live with his brother and go to college. Larry signed up to go on a short missionary trip to Dubai.

At the end of the six months, KC left for Dallas

THE WORD ON REPARATIVE THERAPY

Reparative or conversion therapy is religious-based program that purports to help a gay person live a heterosexual life. Conversion therapists rely mainly on shame as a primary tactic and sometimes use aversion therapy as well.

In 2010, George Rekers, a board member of the National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality (NARTH) did more to discredit reparative therapy in one day than LGBT groups accomplished in years when he was caught traveling with a male prostitute he hired on RentBoy com

The American Psychiatric Association says, "The potential risks of 'reparative therapy' are great, including depression, anxiety and self-destructive behavior, since therapists' alignment with societal prejudices against homosexuality may reinforce self-hatred already experienced by the patient."

The American Psychological Association's concern about the reparative therapies is "that they are not supported by the science. There is simply no sufficiently scientifically sound evidence that sexual orientation can be changed. Our further concern is that the positions espoused by NARTH and Focus on the Family create an environment in which prejudice and discrimination can flourish."

In 1999, the American Counseling Association adopted a position opposing the promotion of "reparative therapy" as a cure for individuals who are homosexual.

The National Association of Social Workers says that there is no data demonstrating that reparative or conversion therapies are effective, and in fact they may be harmful.

And the American Medical Association says reparative therapy "is no longer recommended for gay men and lesbians." When needed, they recommend psychotherapy for gays and lesbians "to become comfortable with their sexual orientation and understand the societal response to it."

- David Taffet

and Larry left for Dubai. Larry had spent all of his savings on the program. KC had some money. He took enough to get to Dallas and left the rest in a drawer at the house for Larry to get when he got back from Dubai.

When Larry got back from the Middle East, he returned to Memphis, gathered up his belongings, collected the money KC had left for him, got in his car and headed to Dallas.

He packed and snuck out of the house at 3 a.m. No one from the program ever called him to find out where he was or what happened.

KC's brother was married with three children and Larry was not welcome there. So KC rented him a room at a cheap extended-stay motel. KC told his brother that Larry was his accountability partner. Accountability partners are friends that help each other not be gay.

Larry drove into Dallas and met KC at a gas station at Frankford and the Tollway.

"We were excited about beginning our life together," Larry said.

Larry had already gotten a job in Carrollton with Washington Mutual, the company he had left six months earlier in California to enroll in the program.

After three days, KC couldn't stand being apart

from Larry and he moved in with him. He told his brother, he said, who was more extremely religious than his parents.

"Thanks, con man," his brother told him. "You better get out of my house before my wife gets home."

Happily ever after

Larry and KC lived in the extended stay hotel, changing hotels several times until they could afford an apartment. Then three months after moving to Dallas, Larry proposed.

For KC's birthday, the two drove to Galveston. After checking into their hotel, they went to the beach and walked out onto a rock pier.

Larry got down on one knee, took out a ring and said, "I want to spend the rest of my life with you. Will you marry me?"

But before they were able to get married, Larry got a call in the middle of the night that his mother had been killed in car accident. A drunk driver hit his parents and his father was seriously injured as well.

KC recalled the last time he saw Larry's mother. "As we were leaving, she said to me, 'Promise me you'll take care of him for the rest of your life," she said to him.

They waited for the trial of the drunk driver to be finished before getting married. In September 2009 they legally married in Connecticut and then held a ceremony for friends and family at Cathedral of Hope in December. They had 14 attendants and a lavish reception at the W Hotel.

They invited everyone they knew, and a few they didn't, including the Obamas and Larry's favorite TV host, Tyra Banks. While the Obamas didn't respond, Banks sent her regrets but invited them to participate in a show on same-sex marriage, which they did last June.

By the time the wedding in Dallas took place, KC's brother had divorced his wife. The brothers had become closer and he served as KC's best man.

The couple took a honeymoon cruise, and now own a house in Frisco and a little Maltese dog. They decided they wanted the same last name. Because they liked the way KC's sounded better, with the help of attorney Lorie Burch, they legally became the Janssons.

KC is finishing his degree in accounting at UT Dallas and works full-time managing a salon. Larry is the director of marketing for Boys and Girls Clubs of Collin County.

Mention the Jannsons to Dawson Taylor, the pastor who married them at Cathedral of Hope, and he just laughs.

He said he's never met two people who are so perfect for each other and so in love.

And despite having gone through reparative therapy camp, Larry said, "I want everyone to know we're good with God."

Taylor agreed and said that their wedding was as much a worship service as a marriage ceremony.

After dealing with Larry's mother's death and the subsequent trial, Taylor said, Larry's family needed a celebration. Family members came from all over the country and Larry and KC reveled in being the source of joy after so much sadness in the family.

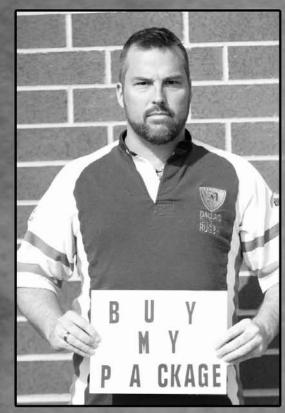
Now, life for the Janssons has settled into a normal routine.

In addition to their jobs and school and a happy suburban life in Frisco, both have returned to activities taken away by Love In Action. Larry teaches dance classes. KC plays the piano.

And once KC finishes school, they'll begin seriously looking into adoption.



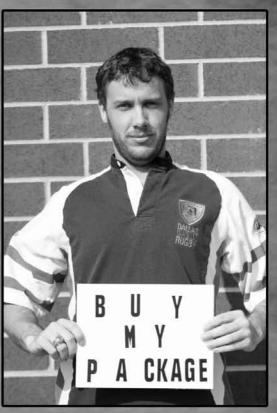






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viewpoints

Graying gays face a growing problem

The sad story of one longtime activist left homeless and alone highlights the many issues facing our aging LGBT population

Imagine being old, sick, confused and alone without a roof over your head when winter weather arrives. That's exactly what happened late last year to a well-known gay political activist who had lived in Oak Lawn for many years.

It's unclear how much he actually understood

about his circumstances because he was suffering from either the early onset of Alzheimer's Disease or some other form of dementia — a condition that left him unable to survive alone or to seek help.



David Webb The Rare Reporter

After he came to the attention of a Dallas Police Depart-

ment social worker, who tried to locate help for him, the activist eventually was admitted to a residential facility where he is now receiving the care he needs.

A plea for information about the identity of his family members, published last year by the Dallas Voice at the request of the social worker, went unanswered. The activist had mentioned in the past he was the father of a grown son, but he has never been located, according to the social worker.

The only response to the newspaper's blog post was from an individual who had found photographs and others of the activist's belongings on a curb and wanted to return them to him. Someone apparently had dumped the items there after the activist was evicted from his apartment sometime last year.

The activist had been on the streets for months

It's shocking that someone who had run for political office on the Democratic Party ticket, worked with police and others to benefit the community and participated in so many other LGBT endeavors could wind up helpless and on the streets. ... There doesn't appear to be many resources dedicated to LGBT seniors in Dallas.

when law enforcement officers picked him up because he allegedly had tried to break into a car. The activist may have been confused and only seeking shelter in the car, the social worker said.

He was arrested and taken to jail, where a nurse who realized he was suffering from dementia sought help from the police department's crisis intervention department.

It's shocking that someone who had run for political office on the Democratic Party ticket, worked with police and other local officials to benefit the community and participated in so many other LGBT endeavors could wind up helpless and on the streets.

Neighbors of the activist contacted the social worker when the Dallas Voice blog post was published and informed her about his eviction. She suspects that he may have gotten evicted because his dementia left him too disorganized to pay rent and take care of his personal business.

The activist's story reveals that there doesn't appear to be many resources dedicated specifically to LGBT seniors in Dallas. That's a cause for great concern because gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people are more likely to become estranged from their families than are their straight counterparts.

In years past a few concerned people tried to raise interest in a local LGBT retirement community of townhouses, apartments and a full-care facility that would serve people of all financial situations. But they failed to make any headway after repeated tries.

The Resource Center of Dallas sponsors a program for LGBT seniors, but its focus is learning, entertainment and social activities, according to the organization's website.

If there are any local organizations sponsoring outreach to LGBT seniors who need help surviving, they failed to make contact with the homeless activist before police officers put him in jail.

Some of his neighbors — one of whom had let him stay in her apartment several nights — apparently were concerned about his welfare but had no idea where to turn to find him help.

In comparison, the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center's Senior Services program employs four workers to assist gay people 50 and older with social, educational and support issues. About 70 events are held monthly at the center, which is a much larger and older operation than the one in Dallas.

The case management services and referrals sponsored by the Los Angeles group's program addresses affordable housing, benefits, home health assistance, bereavement, isolation, mental health and legal issues, according to the organization's website.

The Los Angeles center's operation is a good model for Dallas' center to consider implementing — especially in the area of senior services — as its leaders look to the future. The number of aging LGBT people is only going to grow in the coming years as the Baby Boom generation continues to mature. It only makes sense to support the idea of providing services to our community's older population because everyone who lives long enough is going to grow old eventually.

And anyone who hasn't started planning for their future ought to take a lesson from what happened to the activist and start thinking along those lines.

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Feedback

Mexico is safe if you use sense

Having just returned to Dallas in September 2010, after living almost three years in México City, I read with strong interest David Webb's column, "A cautionary tale for LGBT travelers" (Dallas Voice, Feb. 4, 2011).

At first I took the commentary as cautionary; one needs to be vigilant where ever we live. Well, I took it that way until I got to the ending: "But hopefully it will be a strong reminder to all Americans that caution is more critical than ever when undertaking travel south of the border."

With all the negative treatment México is getting in the U.S. press because of the drug wars, my only thought was, "Here is another negative murder story, one that doesn't relate to the current problem."

The whole time I lived in the largest city of the Americas, México City, I never felt danger when walking home late at night. I would often stroll along México City's Paseo de la Refoma Avenue alone without ever any hesitation.

But I was always cautious. One has to be in any large mega city.

When returning to Dallas, I moved to Oak Lawn, three blocks behind where the old Tom Thumb used to be. Even before signing my lease

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I couldn't help but remember when a young man was robbed and killed after having used an ATM machine on the corner of Throckmorton and Cedar Springs — this at a highly traveled intersection.

I also remembered I was moving close to the area where not too long ago a gentleman was shot and almost killed as he walked to his neighborhood bar.

So when I read, "that caution is more critical that ever when undertaking travel south of the border," I just had to write and say not only "south of the border" but in Dallas, too. We have to be vigilant everywhere.

When I was living in México City, a city with 25 million people, I felt safe. But now that I am in Dallas, living in Oak Lawn, I don't dare walk the three blocks to the Kroger after dark.

I have deep sympathy for Allen Turnipseed, the former Dallas resident killed last month in Lake Chapala, and for his partner.

But from my perspective, Mr. Turnipseed didn't just get too comfortable living in Lake Chapala, as David Webb described it. Mr. Turnipseed also let his guard down.

He let two homeless teenagers into his surroundings — something I would never do in Dallas or in México.

Homeless and teenage males sound like a dangerous combination anywhere — especially in México where poverty is so widespread.

But is México safe? Yes, if one uses caution and common sense. *Jesus Chairez*, *Dallas*

Supporting James Nowlin

I was so pleased to see your on-line article saying that James Nowlin is "in it to win it" in the Dallas City Council District 14 race (Posted on the Instant Tea blog on Wednesday, Feb. 9).

Having a member of the LGBT community on our city council who is qualified to serve is critical, and I'm excited that we have a candidate that we can all get behind. As a community, the opportunity has come (once again) for us to support someone who knows our particular issues as well as the common concerns that all of the residents of District 14 have, regardless of sexual orientation

These opportunities do not come frequently, and we don't always win at the ballot box when they do. That is why it is crucial to make sure we do what we can to have a place at the table.

During her time on the council, Angela Hunt shifted her focus from representing District 14 to running a city-wide campaign. She made a name for herself (and polarized the district and the city) by taking controversial positions on the Trinity River toll road and the convention center hotel. Then, she cast the swing vote to raise property taxes.

Now, due to an obvious lack of preparation, she has decided not to run for mayor and to settle for holding on to the District 14 seat. I think the residents of District 14 deserve better than that

I may be biased, but I believe Dallas has the most vital, diverse and strong LGBT community in the country, as evidenced by all that I have witnessed and participated in over more than 30 years living here.

It is very exciting news that James is following through on his commitment to service in District 14

Craig McCartney, Dallas

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James Nowlin, left, and Angela Hunt

Thank you so much for your article regarding James Nowlin and his intention to continue his ongoing efforts to win the Dallas City Council District 14 seat in May — despite the recent announcement by Councilwoman Angela Hunt that she will run for re-election to that seat.

I believe that James Nowlin will be an excellent representative for District 14 on the City Council. His commitment to the community has already been demonstrated by his considerable volunteer work with various organizations. James also demonstrated his leadership when he announced his intention to run for the City Council seat while Councilwoman Hunt vacillated between running to retain the District 14 seat, running for mayor or (ostensibly) pursuing some other career choice.

As a resident of District 14, I want my city councilperson to be someone who truly possesses a desire to serve the district — not an individual who looks at the seat as a "consolation prize" when her desire to be mayor was thwarted by individuals better prepared to run for the mayor's seat than she.

I wholeheartedly support James Nowlin in his bid for this seat, and I encourage every reader of this newspaper to find out more about James and his hopes for District 14 and for the city of Dallas.

Eric D. Johnson, Dallas

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MIKEY ROX | Contributing Writer mikey@paperroxscissors.com

That nadir of self-esteem where we feel unloved and wonder if anyone will ever ask us out again. And we also can feel invincible, as if the world is full of men seeking out someone just like us. Or maybe it's just about getting a date for Valentine's Day.

Whatever your mood — especially this time of year — it's wrong to think online gay social sites are all about hookups ... though there certainly is that, too.

Phil Henricks, the marketing guru currently with Gaydar.net and previously a creative mind with Manhunt.net and M4M World, is a pioneer in online dating. And he doesn't think it's fair to say all sites are created the same — just like gay bars, there's something for everyone.

Henricks talks about Gaydar.net's humble beginnings (it started so the founders' friend could land a man), whether online dating among gays is more about Mr. Right or Mr. Right Now, which political circle has been caught quietly cruising for men and why its new mobile app is more than just another Grindr.

You have quite a history as the man behind the curtain of the world's most popular dating sites — Manhunt, M4M World, and now you're head of North American marketing at Gaydar. Is it true that that site was started because the founder's friend wanted a boyfriend? Did he find one? Hendricks: Yup. Necessity was the father of this invention. Gaydar began in June 1999 because the founders, Henry Badenhorst and Gary Frisch, had a friend who was desperate to find a boyfriend but didn't have the time or interest in trawling gay bars. They recommended [the search engine] Excite, which had a personals page where one could post a profile, but it took the poor guy two weeks to get a response. Henry thought he could do better and created a personal site just for the gay market. Five months later, Gaydar launched and their friend got his boyfriend.

Great story, but be honest: Is Gaydar geared toward relationships, or are the people who are using it really just looking for hookups? I like to think of Gaydar as an online version of a typical gay bar, whereas I think of other sites as closer to being online versions of a bathhouse. At Gaydar you have people who are looking for a date, looking for love, looking for a quickie, looking to flirt or just watching the boys go by, just as you would at a gay bar. Cliché as it sounds, Gaydar is what you make it. There's something for everyone.

It seems like there are no lesbian dating sites — or at least not as many as there are gay dating sites. Why do you think that is? There are very few lesbian dating websites. It's a smaller market, but also I think girls prefer to meet

under more traditional circumstances, such as being introduced through friends, girl bars, parties, events, cruising Home Depot. That said, Gaydar does indeed have — ta-dah — a lesbian dating site. It's called GaydarGirls.com. It's comparably smaller than the men's site and not as heavily marketed, but busy nonetheless.

What's the most popular time of day for users to log on? Can you pinpoint it?

Like, for example, the third Wednesday of the month at 3:53 p.m. I have been in industry for 10 years and it is the same at every site. Believe it or not, Monday nights are hot. They're almost always the busiest of the week. Sundays from 5 to 11 p.m. is second, followed by Tuesdays.

What your main demographic? Old, young, top, bottom? Gaydar is a very welcoming site — a friendly gay bar, if you will. There are all types, ages and sizes of guys. That said, we're really welcoming to guys age 24 and younger, who get totally free, full-access membership. We figure younger and college guys could use a break and we could use the eye candy. As for demographics, as of six months ago, 20 percent of our members are total tops, 15 percent are total bottoms, and 65 percent are versatile.

Anybody famous have a profile on the site? You don't have to say their name out loud, but a clever little blind item wouldn't hurt. And then whisper the name in my ear. Apparently, Gaydar is big with British Members of Parliament, the discovery of which has been catnip to the press. They found photos of one in LOVE Page 37



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Uncut diamond

Going from drab to fab, hot musician John O'Regan glams as indie boy Diamond Rings

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A bout with Crohn's disease would hardly seem like a prime period of inspiration. But with a lengthy stay at the hospital and a built-in audience of doctors and nurses, John O'Regan discovered his inner Ziggy Stardust, and thus was Diamond Rings born.

Almost by accident, he's making a sensation on many music radars and the rainbow eyeliner certainly doesn't hinder getting and "attention. But don't compare him to glam pop idol Adam Lambert.

DIAMOND RINGS

"I don't know too much about that dude, for sure," he says. "Hopefully my songs are better."

When asked if he might be the indie alternative to Lambert, O'Regan, 25, politely dismisses the idea. He understands that people want frames of reference, but he's focused on becoming his own artist.

As the frontman of Canadian indie band The D'urbervilles, O'Regan wasn't all that flashy, so Diamond Rings was something new for him.

"I didn't want to be what people had seen before," he says. "When I first started doing these shows, I was nervous in a good way. I enjoy pushing myself somewhere that I'd never been before."

He unlocked this persona while being treated for inflammation in his GI tract. He wrote songs catering to his enamor of pop music. Although confident in his lyrics, he still wasn't sure if he was just adding to the "clutter of music" out there. With an ever-present medical staff, he tried it out on them.

"I was going through a bit of an existential crisis, but seeing their reaction reaffirmed to me that music is for everybody, be it a garbage man or a doctor," he says. "Realizing that gave me courage to do this."

With pre-releases "All Yr Songs" and "Wait and See," O'Regan re-

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ceived positive attention from the blogosphere and music publications. His 2010 album *Special Affections* lived up to hype with out-

landish videos and that oh-so important music media buzz all indie musicians thrive for. Now he finds himself in his highest profile gig, opening for Robyn, who comes to Dallas Feb. 18. Is the pressure on? Not really.

"I am scaring myself a little playing on a bigger stage for new fans, but I've been learning so much," he says. "To be with a performer like her who's been making music at a high



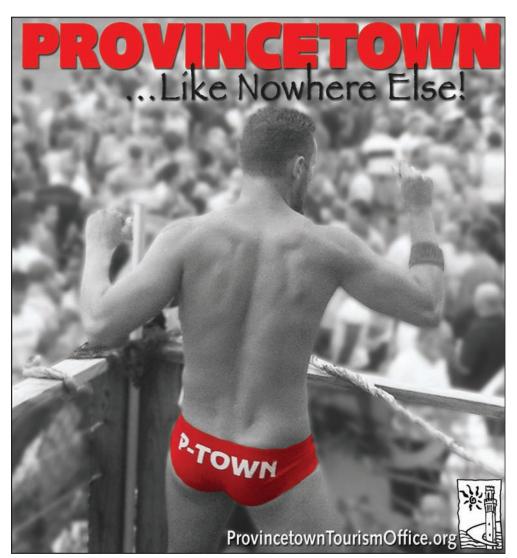
GLAM JAM | After finding reassurance for his music at the hospital, O'Regan created Diamond Rings and is now on the road with pop singer Robyn.

level is important for me. And fortunately, I'm surrounded by really good people."

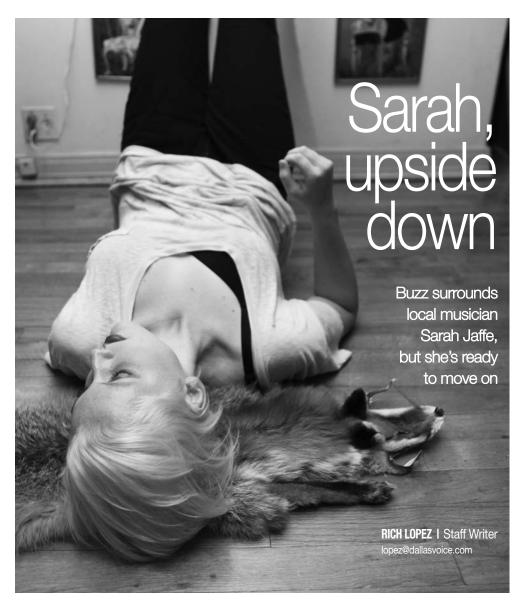
As for the Lambert comparison, audiences have yet to see *him* shave his legs and don a dress for his videos.

"It's all coming back in slowly and not too itchy."

But for sure O'Regan's got Lambert beat in the guy-liner department.







SARAH JAFFE

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Going from playing smaller clubs like Dan's Silverleaf and Club Dada, to selling out the Granada Theater last year, Sarah Jaffe's star is on the rise. She gets a primo gig Saturday when she headlines at the Wyly Theatre in support of her 2010 full-length debut, *Suburban Nature*. After garnering attention for *Nature* locally and nationally (from the Dallas Observer to NPR), Jaffe wasn't just a girl with a guitar — she unlocked

yearning and pain with wisdom beyond her 25 years. Jaffe captures the poetry of life and love and sets it to music ... even if she doesn't mean to.

"I've never been a strategic writer and I'm thankful for that," she says. "It comes out sporadically. There are low those moment in life when I slow down and it's just me being human and being alive and the writing is totally cathartic."

Despite her ardent folk music and Joni-Mitchell-and-the-like upbringing (thank her parents), her musical affinity lies elsewhere.

"I love electronic music and I love making it. I'm obsessed with Robyn. I have this secret dream to be a choreographer because I legitimately love dancing. It makes me happy," she gushes.

With big-time hype and attention, Jaffe is a contradiction to the ramping buzz about her work. She sounds like she wants a sensible perspective despite her self-proclaimed pessimism.

"I feel so lucky at this point. When people talk about you, it's strange with even a small amount

of success," she says. "But there's always some negativity. It's a huge honor for people to recognize my work but I question myself. I've always been a cynic, but I guess I have a shitload to learn."

Jaffe's "small amount of success" has already been on the receiving end of the "is she or isn't she" curiosity. She received accidental lesbian attention when AfterEllen.com included her in a

travel destination piece on Dallas and, she surmises, the writer mistook her for Erase Errata's *Sara* Jaffe. Perhaps it was a blessing in disguise — it expanded her audience base.

"I do have a large lesbian following and it's great anywhere it comes from," she says. "Any sort of relating that anybody can get out of music is a wonderful thing."

She's learned quickly it comes with the territory, but it's awkward for her nonetheless.

"It's weird there's this curiosity. Sexuality is gray for me but people are gonna talk about those things," she says. "I've loved men and I've loved women but it's more like I relate to a human connection. None of that matters to me."

Jaffe's just glad to get any person to her show as well as clean her slate. Despite the success of *Nature*, she's ready to move on.

"I plan on an EP release this spring. They are all demos but I think there's a charm in it," she says. "I'm so proud of *Suburban Nature*, but the songs are like six or seven years old. And I'm chomping at the bit."







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Homoeroticism fuels the beefcake battles of 'Eagle'

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The first great gay love story of 2011 is here, though you have to read between the lines to see it. The Eagle is part of the historical beefcake genre (formerly known as the sword and sandal flick), re-popularized by Gladiator and 300. Fans of the latter will be disappointed to see these Romans wearing more than those Greeks, though they do occasionally shed their tops and sleep in loincloths.

You might rather see Channing Tatum and Jamie Bell in a dance-off than playing a master

and slave who exchange roles - or maybe you wouldn't. At least they have choreographed battle scenes, and a fight that gives them an excuse to roll around on the ground together.

Marcus Flavius Aquila (Tatum)

is trying to restore the honor of his family and Rome by recapturing the symbolic eagle — the original gold standard — that disappeared 20 years before, along with 5,000 troops of the Ninth Legion under his father's command. He volunteers for duty in Britain, near where the Ninth was last seen. When he ar-

Snowed-in out film fest viewing

With all the arctic weather turning Texas into Palinland lately, it's early to think we have it really bad. But if you wanna see how the cold can truly put the "crazy" in stir crazy, you might check out

the 2008 horror film Scarce. Filmed during a harsh Canadian winter, it stars Dallas Voice contributor Steve Warren as one of two middle-aged cannibals who live together in a rural cabin where they



torture and dine on hot young men who happen by — who, in this film, often tramp around in their undies in two feet of snow. The gay themes are more suggested that overt, but with Warren playing one of the "confirmed bachelors" who eats other men ... well, you don't need great gaydar to get the point. - Arnold Wayne Jones



BIRDS OF A FEATHER | Shields and longswords give homoerotic meaning to the master-slave relationship in 'The Eagle.'

THE EAGLE

Channing Tatum, Jamie Bell, Tahar

Rahim, Denis O'Hare, Donald

Sutherland. Rated PG-13. 115 mins.

Now playing in wide release.

rives there's a shot of some men checking him out that could have come from a prison movie. He immediately takes charge and orders the fort

redecorated.

Wounded and transferred after a disastrous attack, Marcus saves that slave Esca (Bell) from a gladiator. That's when Marcus' uncle (Donald Sutherland), with a matchmaking gleam in his eye, assigns Esca to serve Marcus;

Esca does so, "even though I hate everything you stand for." They then meet Guern (Mark Strong), a survivor of the Ninth, who directs them to the "painted warriors" who have the

Those colorful natives have maintained their fighting skills, even though there's no sign of anyone for them to fight. Esca and Marcus swap identities, with Marcus posing as the slave. The plot then comes down to the adage, "If you love somebody set them free." And how far that love goes ... well, that's where the mind wanders wildly.

Tatum, though not a bad actor, is out of his depth here. It doesn't help that he occasionally picks up an accent from one or another of his costars, who come from all over the Anglo-American map. Bell gives Esca the same fierce determination Billy Elliot had, but less ambiguity than the script demands.

That The Eagle was directed by Kevin Macdonald (The Last King of Scotland) explains why it looks like a class act. His battle scenes are the trendy chaotic sort, offering no context for individual close-up conflicts and making you wait until the dust clears to figure out what hap-

As serious historical fiction The Eagle doesn't soar but neither does it crash. As a bromance ... please! Closeted as it is, The Eagle may be the hottest gay love story until Clint Eastwood's J. Edgar has Leonardo DiCaprio and Armie Hammer going at it.

Back in black

The 3-day Marlon Riggs Film Festival returns to mark the gay black pioneer

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Filmmaker Marlon Riggs changed the face of black gay America with his monumental film *Tongues Untied*. The 1989 documentary was controversial, but his legacy endured.

Two decades later, the Fahari Arts Institute strives to keep Riggs relevant — especially to a younger audience.

"Youth is a big focus this year," says arts director Harold Steward. "We are encouraging people to bring their families to the festival."

The Marlon Riggs Film Festival returns for a second year on Feb. 18. The festival is presented in association with Black Cinematheque, Q-Roc TV and the South Dallas Cultural Center as well as with the cooperation of the United Black Ellument and AIDS Arms. In efforts to expand the quality, panel discussions with filmmakers have been added to supplement the screenings. The inaugural day is centered on Riggs and his work: *I Will Not Be Removed: The Life of Marlon Riggs* and the short *Tongues Untied: Still in Vogue.* In a nod to those works and Riggs, this year's festival is titled *Untied, but not Removed.*

"Each day has a theme which helps our film selection," Steward says. "We always start with Riggs and Lamond Ayers who worked with him

RIGGS FILM FESTIVAL

South Dallas Cultural Center, 2400 S. Fitzhugh Ave. Feb. 18–20. 7 p.m. \$5 per night. FahariArtsInstitute.org will come to speak about his relationship with him and working in media and film in the '80s and '90s."

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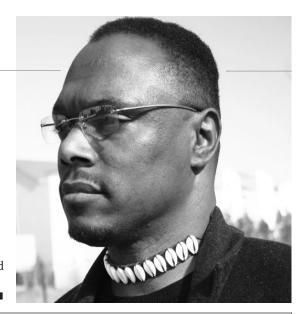
Health and Human Services Department stepped in to sponsor the second night that gives attention to health issues and the impact of HIV/AIDS on the black community. This serves as part of Fahari's Arts and AIDS series. HIV Healing in Young, Black America: Getting the Language Right by Cleo Manago screens alongside Claudia Malis's Why Us? Left Behind and Dying. Malis will be in attendance to discuss the issues of youth today becoming infected and her initiatives in which youth research the impact first hand. Free HIV testing will be offered through the evening.

"It is a gift to have her here to talk about that," Steward says.

The three-day event wraps on Sunday with a series of short films thematically addressing the idea of black masculinity in a gay world. Julien Breece's short *The Young and Evil* may raise the most eyebrows. The film takes on the controversial topic of bug chasing and looks at one man in his quest to contract the virus. Robert X. Goldpin's *Punch Me* follows a man as he struggles to

CUT AND PRINT | Cleo Manago's 'HIV Healing in Young, Black America' screens as part of Fahari's Arts and AIDS series.

The goal of this festival is to use these films and media as a guide through black America," Steward says. "Riggs addressed culture, sexuality and health in his work. We just want to continue that work."



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an act too disgusting to describe in a family newspaper." But it's Boy George who got Gaydar into the gossip columns after his arrest for [falsely imprisoning] a rent boy he met on Gaydar. Google it.

Who's the person who approves them and their requisitely racy photos. I'm sure he's seen it all. Can I shadow him for a day? Nuns. Seriously, it's a room full of people. All kinds — gay, straight, men, women, out of work MPs — who go at it, 18 hours a day. With over 6 million members posting in nine languages, including photos and video, it's a daunting task — but Gaydar soldiers on.

What does it take to get disapproved? I'm sure you've got a story. Gaydar prides itself on its relaxed stance when it comes to profile text, so we prefer not to censor. Members can pretty much say whatever they want. When it comes to photos, of course, they have to be of the member [as in, the person in the profile] and images of children, penetration, ejaculation and sex with animals or office supplies are forbidden. We have had very few issues with member photos. We have a sexy, frisky, but well-behaved crowd.

Office supplies? I don't even wanna know. Are you required by law to save the chat logs and e-mail between members? I bet some of those are a doozy. Logs are kept, but only for the protection of the site and our customers. Only in the case of a major harassment complaint are the logs opened, and even then they can only be accessed by the customer service director. We are exceedingly strict about guarding our members' privacy. True, it'd be the ultimate fly-onthe-wall moment, but it'll never happen. Your secrets and lies — are safe with us.

Where is the future of the Gaydar site headed? A couple years ago Manhunt.net launched OnTheHunt.com, which facilitates real members hooking up on film, and the sudden popularity of Grindr sort of revolutionized the way gays connect on and offline. What's next? Gaydar and porn? Uh, no. We've no interest in whoring out our members for profit. Works for some, but it's just not what the Gaydar brand is about. Gaydar is about fun, meeting, dating, as well as gay culture. We have GaydarNation.com,

which is our huge gay entertainment site, plus there's GaydarRadio.com, with half a million listeners. Mobile technology also gets us hot. We just launched the Gaydar app for the iPhone, which was an immediate hit since we were the first major gay dating site to offer a fully integrated app, allowing app and web users the exact same access to its profiles and options. The Android Gaydar app should be ready shortly after Valentine's Day! Beyond the app, we're giving the website an extreme makeover, which will be really fun. Look for that in early summer.

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Not a big Valentine's person? Love got you down? Just broke up? Hey, no worries. Single people aren't forgotten here on the Mixtape. Just turn it up and drink away.



"Skin" — Sade: The sultry singer pretty much drop-kicks that bastard right out of your life. And she does it in the sexiest way possible.

"Wish You'd Just Hate Me Like Everyone Else" — Patrick Boothe: Face it, sometimes you want people to leave you alone but they just don't get it.

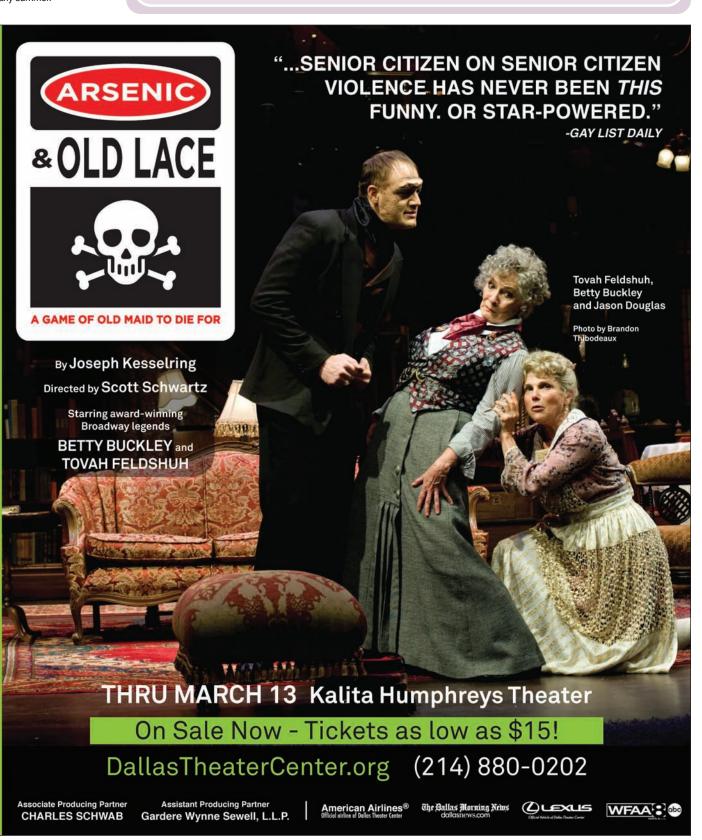
"Sex Robot" — Fritz Helder and the Phantoms, pictured: Perhaps it's encouraging bad behavior, but yes, go out and have all kinds of sex. Hayyyyy!

"Goodbye Earl" — Dixie Chicks: OK, so you don't wanna tuck that ex into the back of your trunk and dump the body, but you can pretend. Venting's good.

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Local lesbian author and attorney unleashes her new novel set in Big D

Most people probably don't expect to hear the word "truth" and "lawyer" used unironically in the same sentence, but that doesn't stop Carsen

Taite, a pseudonym (see?) for Dallas lawyer Teresa Cain, became a Lambda Literary Award finalist for her second novel, It Should Be a Crime, set in Dallas with barely disguised allusions to SMU, Buddies II and other

local landmarks. Now with her third novel, Nothing But the Truth, she heads once again into the fertile world of the Dallas legal system. And she finds some sexy lesbian lawyers to do a lot of the work for her.

Ryan and Brett are women who usually oppose each other in court but find themselves thrust together in the bedroom. There's murder, a strange turn of events that changes one from

advocate to witness, some potboiler plotting that causes them to join forces to find the truth ... and of course, a hearty dose of girl-ongirl action.

Taite was originally set to read from Nothing but the Truth, which

was released late last month, this week, but the cold front pushed it back. Hopefully it'll go forward this time with her reading and book signing. She'll probably save the raciest parts for the privacy of your own bedrooms.



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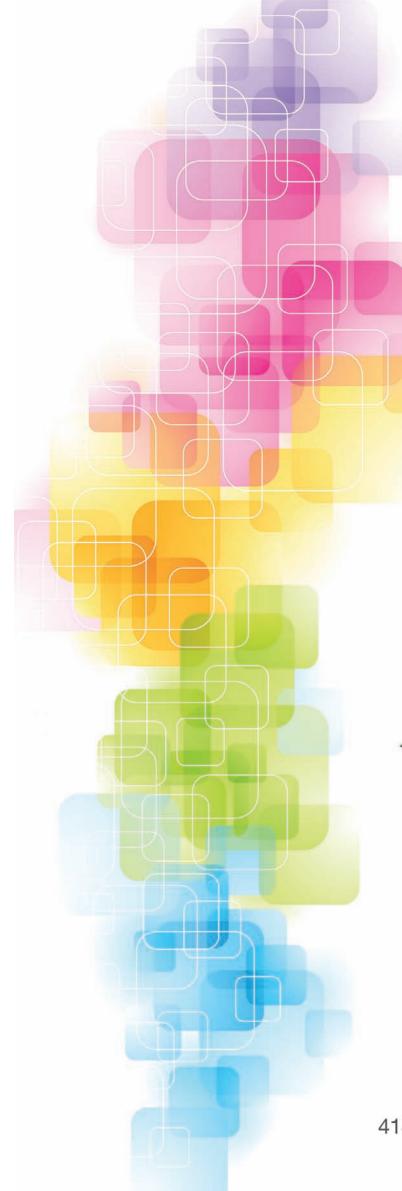
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Director B.J. Cleveland goes from kids to kink with trashy parody

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B.J. Cleveland is gay, and in the theater, so spending every waking hour at Station 4 for the past week shouldn't seem out of the ordinary. Only he's having a different kind of fun from what you might expect.

"Very, very odd to be in a bar that's deserted

— it's like being a kid in a candy store with no money," he says with a wink. "It's an empty bar but fully stocked, and you can't touch a thing."

THANK YOU FOR BEING.

The Rose Room, 3911 Cedar Springs Road (inside S4). Feb. 11–Mar. 6. \$20-\$25. UptownPlayers.org.

By night for the past three weeks, Cleveland has met his cast and crew in the off-hours of the Rose Room, readying the latest camp spectacle from Uptown Players, Thank You for Being a Friend. Like the company's two past shows in the same space — The Facts of Life: The Lost Episode and Mommie Queerest — it's a parody of a gay fave, performed by men in drag: The Golden Girls.

Because it's an *unofficial* send-up of the classic sitcom, the names have been tweaked: Rose becomes Roz, Sophia becomes Sophie, etc. But, Cleveland insists, you'll recognize all the characters and set-ups from the series.

"It takes place in the kitchen just like on the show, until the end where it moves to Shady Pines retirement center where the girls compete against Lance Bass to win a talent contest," Cleveland says. "It's basically a goofy 90-minute episode: Lance Bass has moved in next door and is having wild gay orgies. The girls take him a



basket of dusty muffins to convince him to keep the noise down," but things escalate.

∐h-huh

You won't just recognize the Golden moments, either — this is a musical, with some original songs and alterations of Broadway standards: There's some *Dreamgirls*, *Chicago*,

Gypsy and 9 to 5 thrown in for good measure — even a spoof of Madonna's "Vogue" video. And all played by men in dresses.

Cleveland almost didn't do the show. He was asked by producers Jeff Rane and Craig Lynch to read the original script and offer his insights.

"It was a *lot* raunchier," he says. "It went just a little too far over the line, and some stuff that really would not work," especially in a space where TABC has strict rules about what can happen in the presence of alcohol. But a few rewrites later, Cleveland had signed on.

It's a far cry from his current day job. In addition to his teaching gig, Cleveland is huffing and puffing his way through a *Three Little Pigs* play at the Dallas Children's Theater; when he's done there, he high-tails it to Cedar Springs and the nastiest old ladies this side of Wasilla.

"It's a chance to blow off steam and be showtrash," he says. "It's like uncorking the cheap champagne at night after the children have gone to bed. This is definitely a have-a-cocktail, comesee-a-show-in-a-different-environment theater. The show doesn't end when the curtain comes down. You're still at a bar."

And maybe when the show opens, he's get that drink after all.

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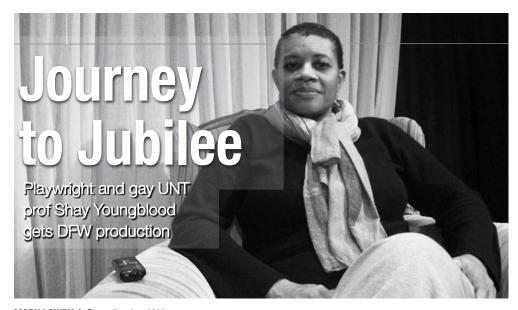
I hate to have to say it, but I am so over Shakespeare. It was my college major, and theaters do it with the regularity of *The Nutcracker* at Christmastime, and frankly, I'm barded out.

Which is not to say I am directing my overall frustration specifically at Kitchen Dog Theater's current production of **Macbeth**. At 100 un-intermissioned minutes, it's a quick dart through the castles of Scotland — al-



most too quick. At heart, it's a ghost story with witches and specters and lots of blood ... only no blood here, and not a lot of mood. (The design is a convoluted modernization of urban guerrillas — Che Guevara meets Patty Hearst. Didn't work.) But the problem is not really with the production, which kept my interest though never truly engaged me; the problem is doing it at all. Let's declare a moratorium on iambic pentameter for two years. Even a great meal needs a palate cleanser.

— A.W.J.
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Georgia-born writer Shay Youngblood grew up with what you might call an alternative family: Eight mothers. Make that *at least* eight.

Her birth mother died when she was 2 years old, and she lived with her great-grandmother and great-aunt, with other relatives and friends in the housing projects raising her. Perhaps that's why she has never done things via the usual route.

For instance, when she wrote her first play in the mid-'80s — it became *Shakin' the Mess Outta Misery*, which Fort Worth's Jubilee Theatre is currently producing she hand wrote it and sent it

to her favorite actress in Atlanta, who agreed to be in it should it ever get produced. With that encouragement, she walked the manuscript directly to the artistic director of the Horizon Theatre Company.

"I didn't know much about theater," Youngblood says. "I didn't know that if you have 21 characters in your play, it won't likely get done."

But she persisted, and a few years later, a dramaturg read it and saw something there. The show was reworked through collaboration with the director and ensemble. For about two decades, it has been produced around the country.

It's based on Youngblood's collection *The Big Mama Stories*, which she wrote while living in France. The stories are about the women who raised her. In the play, Youngblood is presented



LIFE AS ART | Youngblood, top, based 'Shakin' the Mess Outta Misery,' above, on the women who raised her. (Photo courtesy Buddy Myers)

simply as "Daughter," a girl on the cusp of womanhood, who time-jumps to tell of her experiences with the mothers. One of the characters in the play is a woman who lived with another woman, and Youngblood, who is gay, makes it clear that even in the '60s in the South, she didn't consider her upbringing out of the ordinary.

"They taught me to be my own woman and independent," she says, "but also to be aware that the outside world can be really harsh."

That was a lesson she learned in eighth grade, when she made the decision to become a writer. After seeing a TV news report about Howard

Hughes spending an ungodly amount of money on a hotel suite in Las Vegas, it changed her world view.

"I didn't understand how someone could spend that much money on something that

seemed to me as frivolous as a hotel room when I knew people whose lights would sometimes get cut off," she says. "In that moment I realized there was a lot of injustice in the world and I was really angry about it, and I wrote a poem about it. And I felt better. I realized the power of the word."

It led her study at Brown with playwright Paula Vogel, teach at New York University, live and work in Haiti and Spain and travel the world, never expecting that she would move to Texas. Then three years ago, she got a job at Texas A&M. She now lives in Denton with the woman she married in Iowa City last year (she declined to divulge her wife's name for professional reasons).

Youngblood's novels include *Black Girl in Paris*, and she has lately been focusing on storytelling through painting. In March, she's taking a five-month tour of Japan, where she'll interview architects for a novel she's writing about architecture and memory, set between Japan and Hawaii. For this, she received a grant from the Japan-United States Friendship Commission.

But wherever she goes, she takes the memory of her mothers who are all dead now with her.

"It's a real gift to me each time this play is performed," she says, "because it allows me to see my big mamas come to life again."





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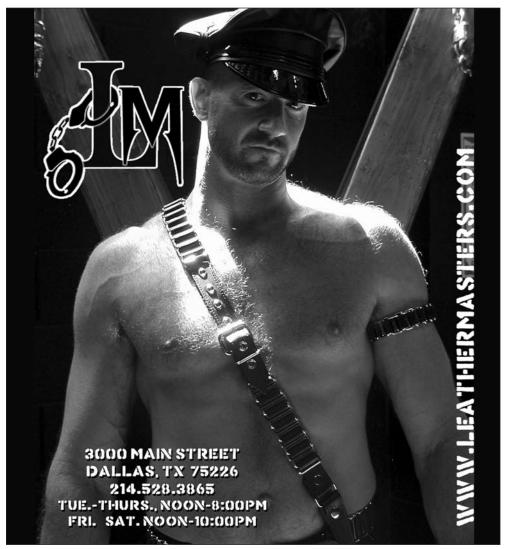
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Overlooked paradise

Formerly wartorn Europe, the Croatian seaside is a dreamy gay getaway



UP ON THE ROOF | The spectacular sea of terra cotta roof tiles in Dubrovnik's Old Town escort the eye out to the real sea — a gorgeous blue haven in Eastern Europe. (Photos by Jacob Stapp Cigainero)

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The Croatian seaside, when you see it, is one of those places you thought existed only in postcards and retouched brochures for faraway places. With a tumultuous history as part of the former Yugoslavia, Croatia isn't how one might picture a once famously war-torn country. Independent Croatia (as of 1991) is fast becoming one of the hottest European beach destinations for its affordability and ecotourism offerings.

Situated on the Adriatic Sea, the Dalmatian Coast is anything but murky with its calm, crystalline waters ebbing from mint green to blue. White sailboats dot Croatian harbors, as waters lap against lush, tree-lined coasts while bathers relax on the picture-perfect beaches as islands with peak in the distance like a surreal painted movie backdrop.

Getting there is an adventure in itself. From Dubrovnik's airport, you ride a bus that seems behemoth squeezing between the craggy cliff walls and railing that would surely prove useless if the vehicle were to careen against them. You know you're heading somewhere worth the journey when signs warning of falling rocks greet you and the faint of heart hold their breath at every twist and turn.

Dubrovnik's Old Town is a walled city dating to the 7th century, blanketed by orange tile roofs that reach out to sea. Churches, bell towers and official buildings overlook the condensed sprawl of ancient, simple architecture. The ash-cream colored streets are slick to the beachgoers' flipflops and double as a runway for the latest resortwear of Europe's chic jet-set.

There's no better way to start your day than with a pastry and coffee from Niko. This quaint, popular bakery stays busy in the morning with pick-me-ups and late, late night with its delicious sweets. Try a Turkish borek — a coil of flaky phyllo dough typically filled with cheese or minced meat — and find a seat on a shaded alley stairway to watch Old Town wake up. Afterward, shop for fresh fruits (including giant figs) in the open-air market. That'll put you near the foot of the steps to the Rector's Palace, close to the entrance to the top of the city's walls, where you can take a morning stroll while enjoying a 360-degree view of Dubrovnik's Old Town and the Adriatic.

The day heats up as the sun climbs high, and the beach is thankfully just a short walk from Old Town's center. For those who grow restless lying on the beach, popular designer boutiques line the thoroughfares. Veering off the wide boulevards, you'll stumble upon churches lit by shafts of sunlight illuminating faint pillars of

Fresh seafood is the common fare in Old Town's restaurants. If dining or drinking with a view, or in one of the often advertised garden terraces, you'll most likely pay more for the ambience than for a quality meal. Seafood dishes are prepared simply and aren't particularly spectacular. Sweet Croatian wines will interest oenophiles, and coffee enthusiasts will want to try bijela kava (white coffee), a mild, milky coffee. If you're a fan of spirits, the Dalmatia specialty

medica (*meh-DEEtz-uh*) is a honey liqueur that's perfect for a post-dinner *digestif*. Anytime of day is great for Croatian gelato, and it is a close rival to Italy's just west across the sea.

Consider escaping Dubrovnik for quieter scenery at least one day of the trip. Just a short 90-minute ferry ride from Dubrovnik's harbor is the unspoiled island of Mljet, where

Odysseus and his men were said to be held captive by the sorceress Calypso. The entire island is a national park of 10,000-year-old saltwater lakes and snaking limestone cliffs covered in verdant forests and fauna, creating hiking and biking trails for the more adventurous to explore the ancient stone villages in the hills. The island air vibrates with the constant buzz of cicadas and native birds calling over the hum.

Bike rentals, available immediately after docking, are a must. Biking up and down Mljet's hills provides a fresh sea breeze in your face and stunning vistas of tranquil sailboats leisurely meandering along, as well as views of vineyards, olive groves and golden fields. (You can hike the sloping terrain for a more leisurely adventure.)

Although Zagreb is the hub of the gay scene in Croatia, there are things of gay interest around the country, including Dubrovnik, such as Lokrum Island, specifically catering to gay travelers and nudists. Otherwise, Mljet offers easy-to-find public swimming holes, but consider exploring more secluded areas to find your own piece of paradise. When you've found your



COTE D'AZURE | The mellow, soothing waters of Mljet provide private paradise for the savvy traveler.

perfect spot on the island, just a short climb down brings you to the water's edge where you can set up for a picnic in the shade and a dip in the cool inlets. (Just watch out for the giant rustcolored jellyfish floating along the top of the top of the enticing waters. From land, those bulbous concavities breaking the surface look like sea turtles.)

Also, included in the entrance to the national park is a five-minute ferry ride to the interior island St. Mary, which houses an abandoned 12th century Benedictine monetary, where you can have a glass of wine to end your day before catching the sunset over the islands on the ferry ride back to Dubrovnik. Affordable and generous accommodations can be found in apartment rentals tucked away in one of the Old Town's alleyways or overlooking one of its small plazas, or stay on the island to sample some of the limited accommodations available at Hotel Odisej (aptly named after Homer's Odyssey). After exploring Croatia's ancient walled cities, enchanted island forests, and swimming in unbelievably perfect waters, you may feel like you've been on an odyssey of your own.

Opaque shows if love truly is blind

If a glass of wine falls over in the dark, does it leave a stain? It's an existential question only the laundry knows the answer to for sure — and we suspect they get a lot of practice after a night at **Opaque**, a dining-in-the-dark culinary experience having its first go-round in North Texas.



The concept seems like the antithesis of the classic foodie meal: Where's the opportunity to savor the presentation, to drink in with the eyes as much as the palate? And how romantic is it to sit across from your sweetheart making goo-goo eyes and suggestive leers when the chocolate comes if he can't even see you do it?

Still, there's legitimate intrigue and curiosity atten-

dant to this concept, which has made inroads into culinary culture for a few years now, with defenders saying the loss of sight actually stimulates the other senses.

You can sample the experience
Friday through Monday, with seatings
every half-hour each of the four
nights. It could take the term "blind
date" in an entirely new direction.

- Arnold Wayne Jones

Aloft Hotel, 1033 Young St. Feb. 11–14. Seatings starting at 5:30 p.m. \$99 per person (tax, tip and drinks extra). DarkDining.com







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Friday 02.11

She works hard for the money

How Kander and Ebb combined fashion, Communism, the Depression and relationships set to music in Lyric's Flora the Red Menace is beyond us, but we're curious. Kristin Dausch plays Flora, who juggles her career as an artist against the temptations of her new love Harry. All while trying to earn a buck. You go girl.

DEETS: Irving Arts Center, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. Through Feb. 26. \$18-\$29. LyricStage.org.

Saturday 02.12

This Vanity project is worth it

Not to take away from their pop rock brand of music, but if there's one reason to check out Vanity Theft, it's because of the one-name bassist Lalaine. She's says of the band, "We may have vaginas, but we're not pussies." Well, said. Now we hope that means they will kill it live, because their rock is pretty major.

DEETS: With Hunter Valentine. Sue Ellen's, 3014 Throckmorton St. 9 p.m. Caven.com.

Thursday 02.17

Drums along the WinspearTITAS brings in the famous Kodo drummers for a life-changing experience. The 24 drum masters take the instrument beyond its percussive musicality into a "heart-pounding, earth-shaking experience." And it's one night only — meaning don't miss out.

DEETS: Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. Feb. 17. 8 p.m. \$19-\$75. ATTPAC.org.









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FRIDAY 02.11

COMMUNITY

FUSE. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. Tuesdays-Fridays at 2 p.m. GetYourFuseOn.com.

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

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

SATURDAY 02.12

COMMUNITY

Stonewall Group of Narcotics Anonymous.

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

Youth First Texas. 3918 Harry Hines Blvd. Fridays-Saturdays and Tuesdays-Wednesdays at 6 p.m., Thursdays at 4 p.m. YouthFirstTexas.org.

Once in a Blue Moon women's dance. DanceMasters Ballroom, 10675 East Northwest Highway, Suite 2600B. 7 p.m.-midnight. \$10. 972-479-0774.

SUNDAY 02.13

COMMUNITY

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



MOVIE MAN | Film director Spike Lee speaks at the NasherSalon series on Tuesday.

The ONE Church services. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 6 p.m. OneChurchTX.org.

BROADCAST

Lambda Weekly. This week's guest is Bret Camp from the Resource Center Dallas. 89.3 KNON-FM at noon. LambdaWeeklv.com.

MONDAY 02.14

COMMUNITY

F.A.C.E., support group. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 7 p.m. Cathedralofhope.com.

Stonewall Democrats of Tarrant County.

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

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

TUESDAY 02.15

COMMUNITY

Stonewall Democrats of Dallas meet and feature guest speaker former Dallas Police Chief David Kunkle. Open to the public. Voter registration will be available. Ojeda's, 4617 Maple Ave. 6:30 p.m. StonewallDemocratsOfDallas.org

Lesbian Book Club. Borders Books Music Cafe, 10720 Preston Road. 7 p.m. Julie at 214-363-1243.

Spike Lee appears at the NasherSalon Speaker Series. The director/actor talks about his catalog of work and hopefully about casting RuPaul in Crooklyn. Nasher Sculpture Center, 2001 Flora St. 8 p.m. \$50-\$65. NasherSculptureCenter.org.

WEDNESDAY 02.16

COMMUNITY

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

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

THURSDAY 02.17

COMMUNITY

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

LULAC 4871 Dallas Rainbow Council meets.

Guest speaker is Dallas City Councilwoman Angela Hunt. Havana's, 4006 Cedar Springs Road. 6:30 p.m. Lulac4871.org.

BROADCAST

The Jesse Garcia Show. Latino news talk and entertainment. Airs on KNON 89.3 FM Thursdays at 7 a.m. JesseGarciaShow.com.

Reckless After Dark. LGBT radio show with Chase Brooks, Cat Michaels and Auntie J. FishBowlRadioNetwork.com at 5 p.m. ChaseBrooks.com.

this week's solution







CELEBRITY BIRTHDAY

By Jack Fertig

Billie Joe Armstrong turns 39 on Thursday. The Green Day frontman has grown into quite the artist since his early punk rock days. From 1994's brash Dookie to the epic American Idiot in 2004 and now Broadway based on the latter album. He came out as bisexual in '95 to The Advocate but now refrains from talking about his personal life out of respect for his wife.



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

Birthday splurges carry hidden costs. Think ahead. Take time out to consider where you're going in life. Maturing is a process of adaptation. Aging offers opportunities for insight and liberation.

PISCES Feb 19-Mar 19

Take time out from worldly demands. You need to be able to charge your batteries to intuit the big changes coming up both globally and personally. Trust your instincts and act on them.

ARIES Mar 20-Apr 19

Enjoy the company of good friends; talk about where you expect to be in 10 or 20 years. That triggers hunches about the future. Talking about them gives a clearer vision of what will be.

TAURUS Apr 20-May 20

The future is uncertain. Don't let that worry you. Focus on what you really want and expect of life. That will alleviate concerns about your career and give direction in your planning.

GEMINI May 21-Jun 20

Believe in yourself. Even that may be difficult while you are in the midst of redirection, but look into your own heart, your own guiding light, to see what you know to be true.

CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22

Discuss your fantasies with your partner — or someone you can trust. Something new is likely to come up. You may not be ready to act on it, but at least consider the notion and what's behind it.

LEO Jul 23-Aug 22

The bedroom is a great place to clear up misunderstandings. Be willing to let your lover lead you to places and positions you'd never considered. Return the favor, It's about trust and empathy.

VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

Your ideas at work are brilliant, but support is a problem. Let others think they had some part in your ideas if you don't mind giving up some of the credit.

LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

Being a team player does include some actual play. Moralebuilding fun-and-games help you get into better sync with your colleagues. Even solo, new techniques will improve your game.

SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

Scandals open quite a can of worms. In the end it could prove very healing, although the catharsis could put some big bumps on the path to resolution.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 20

Confusion is the first step to enlightenment. Remember that when things get a little crazy. Their deception is probably not deliberate. Be patient, forgiving and alert.

CAPRICORN Dec 21-Jan 19

A choice between diplomacy and honesty tests your values. Being kind is a mistake. Gentleness and finesse will be appreciated while pussyfooting and sugarcoated lies will not.

THIS WEEK

The Sun lining up with Neptune in Aquarius, and in a rare combination of aspects with Uranus (for the last time in our lifetime!), offers an unusual boost to intuitive clarity

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- 6 Sondheim's Sweeney
- 10 Deer, or without a dear
- 14 Some Autobahn autos
- 15 R.E.M.'s "The ___ Love"
- 16 Q to a Scrabble player
- 17 Big Board listing
- 18 Marina sight
- 19 Exotica director Egoyan
- 20 Start of a quip
- 23 Canon camera
- 24 *Mamma* !
- 25 Songwriter Porter
- 26 More of the quip
- 31 Events for Bruce Hayes
- 34 Lover boy?
- 35 Alley from Moo
- 36 A doctor makes you strip for it
- 37 Greasy spoon, e.g.
- 39 Lay an egg
- 40 Lobster eater's wear
- 41 Arrange by penile length, e.g.
- 42 Drinks at the Boston Eagle
- 43 More of the quip

- 47 "I've had it!" to Gomer
- 48 Brain test, for short
- 49 P. Hearst's kidnappers
- 52 End of the quip
- 56 Morales of Mi Familia
- 57 Six-shooter name
- 58 Loaded for bear
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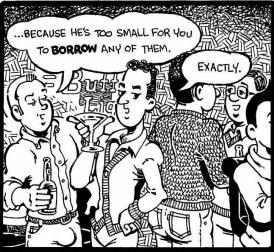
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- 7 Taking action
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- 10 Lube or vibrator, to a sex shop
- 11 Evita, for example
- 12 It's for skin
- 13 Pink diamond, for one
- 21 Bathtub booze
- 22 Expresses awe
- 26 Rep. foe
- 27 Proclivities
- 28 Stuff from your shaft
- 29 Shakespeare's Othello, for one
- 30 Actor Omar
- 31 "Fancy" singer McEntire
- 32 World War II alliance
- 33 Way to go, in San Francisco
- 37 World War II soldiers
- 38 SEP, e.g.
- 39 Sarah Palin imitator Tina
- 41 Like a tight opening
- 42 Dance in a song by 25-Across
- 44 How punctual people come
- 45 Like the big top
- 46 Variety of cat?
- 49 Aida was one
- 50 Carafe size
- 51 Speedy train
- 52 Cruising
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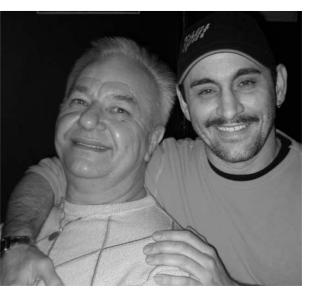
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Travis, Sarah, Morgan, Aaron and Michael at BJ's NXS!

Whether you're heading out with your sweetheart or solo, live it up this Valentine's weekend. And definitely add some chocolate Get some Cupid's Revenge at the Liquid Lounge on Saturday. The party features live music and performances along with a gift basket auction from vendors like New Fine Arts. That could be very interesting You probably heard the Dallas Voice is presenting Robyn next weekend. And JR.'s Bar & Grill is giving away tickets. Head to the bar Tuesday night for your chance. Maybe we'll see you there DJ Perry spins for the Discipline Corps Friday at the Dallas Eagle. The Leather Knights host their annual Camelot fundraiser benefiting AIDS Interfaith Network on Saturday. Then get danced out with DJ Troy Sands at the helm. Thursday is Growl night for all the bears, cubs and chasers while DJ Rob spins The Marfalites bring rockabilly to Jack's Backyard on Friday. Get there early for the High Tech Happy Hour event. The Rumble Kings do it Americana style on Saturday. Or for full out country, hit up Nate Kipp who performs Thursday night Buzzbrews on Lemmon goes way out of the box with its weekly Classical Music Open Mike event on Tuesday hosted by Kristin Center and Michael Jackson. Yes, that's his name. Now those viola lessons won't go to waste The Kat Moore Band does the country thing over at Sue Ellen's on Friday. The double bill on Saturday night is hella impressive. Vanity Theft and Hunter Valentine bring their indie pop rock to town and should blow it up. It may be a little after Valentine's Day, but why not sing your sweetle that schmaltzy ballad at Little Chalupa's Karaoke How's that for some sweet lovin'?

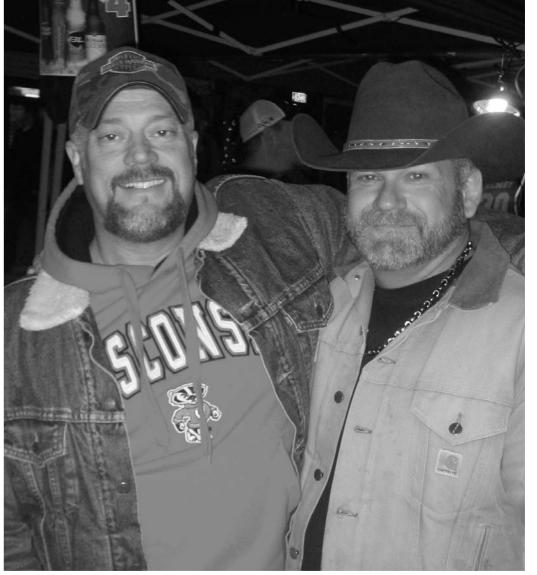
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Greg and Robbie at Cross Bar.



Josh and Michael at the Hidden Door.



Jerry and Tim at the Cedar Springs Super Bowl street party.



Acteaon, Cicero and Bill at The Brick.

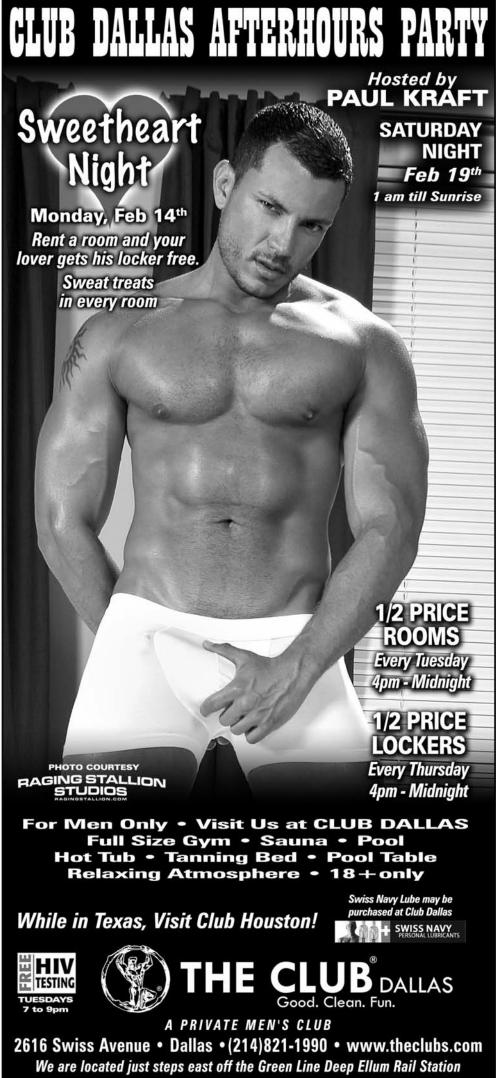


Bella at the Round-Up Saloon.



Outgoing Mr. Texas Leather Jack Duke at the Dallas Eagle.





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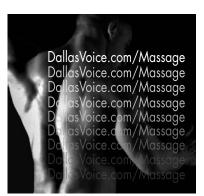
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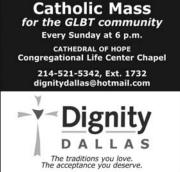
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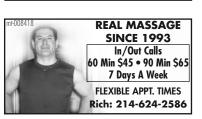


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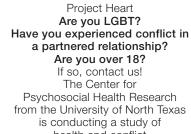




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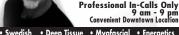
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