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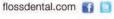
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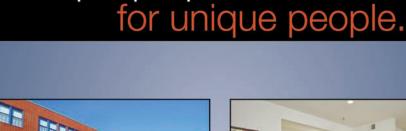
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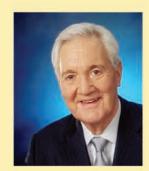
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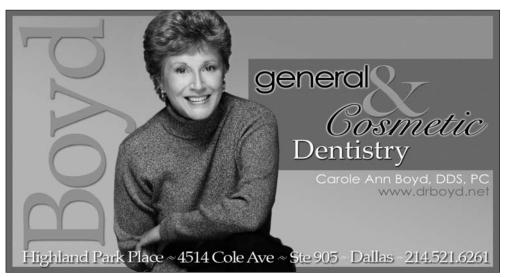


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Easter in the Park back on; so is Creek Craze

After Easter in the Park was dismantled, the Lee Park Conservancy and Cedar Springs Merchants put it back together

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The annual Easter in the Park picnic, Pooch Parade and concert that draws hundreds to Lee Park each Easter Sunday nearly unraveled before being put back together this week.

Groups that were competing just a few days ago are now working together to stage two Sundays of events in Lee Park.

While final funding is not yet in place, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra concert in Lee Park that begins a series of free outdoor concerts will remain on Easter Sunday. What had been billed as "family-friendly" events the week before — including an Easter egg roll for children, concessions and vendors — will take place on Palm

While the two weekends were still in competition last week, John Williams, president and CEO of the Lee Park and Arlington Hall Conservancy, put the best face on it and said he preferred to think of the weekends as "bookended Easter week events."

That's not how some members of the LGBT



EASTER PARADE | The pooch parade, a picnic and a concert by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra in Lee Park are an Oak Lawn tradition.

community in Oak Lawn saw it. "Familyfriendly" was taken as an anti-gay buzzword, and detractors described TCA as homophobic, calling the Easter in the Park event including the Pooch Parade "hijacked."

The Conservancy operates Lee Park while the Turtle Creek Association, a neighborhood group that has landscaped medians along Turtle Creek Boulevard and Lemmon Avenue near Lee Park to supplement city services, runs events — including the popular Easter in the Park.

Most of the concern in the LGBT community centered around moving the Pooch Parade — an event started by the LGBT community — to an event that most in the LGBT community had no interest in attending or that they perceived they were not welcome to attend.

TCA renamed it the Pet Costume Contest that would be hosted by 98.7 KLUV's Jody Dean.

Williams said the Conservancy understands how seriously members of the community treat

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Anti-gay measures filed in Texas House

As deadline looms, Chisum files bill to give AG more time to intervene in same-sex divorce case; Workman files resolution urging Obama to defend DOMA

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Just before the Texas Legislature's deadline for filing new bills passed last week, one anti-gay measure and one hostile resolution were filed in the House of Representatives. It was the first time in six years that anti-gay measures have been in-

Rep. Paul Workman, a freshman Republican who represents the southwest corner of Travis County, introduced a resolution to urge U.S. President Barack Obama to defend the Defense of Marriage Act. In February, the president directed Attorney General Eric Holder to stop defending DOMA in court.

So far the resolution, known as HCR 110, has no Senate counterpart bill.

Equality Texas Executive Director Dennis

Coleman said a resolution doesn't need a committee hearing before going to the floor. The resolution was added to the LGBT lobby group's tracking list, but Coleman did not express con-

"So far, we don't see it as having any traction,"

Rep. Warren Chisum, whose district covers part of the Panhandle and is known as one of the most conservative members of the House, has filed a bill to give the Texas attorney general more time to intervene in same-sex divorce cases.

The move comes after Texas AG Greg Abbott tried to intervene in the divorce of a lesbian couple in Austin but was declared ineligible by an appeals court because he had missed the deadline. This bill would give that office up to 90 days after a divorce is settled to intervene.

Coleman laughed and said, "It was introduced because [the attorney general] missed the window. We want to give him more time so he doesn't miss the window again."

Coleman said that it was interesting that a legislature that was elected to get government out of people's lives was considering bills that interfered more when it came to the lives of gays and lesbians.



Dennis Coleman

Known as HB 2638, the bill has no co-sponsors and has not been referred to committee yet. A Senate counterpart was not been filed.

Now that the filing period for new bills has ended, Coleman said his organization's main concern is amendments that could weaken pending legislation or add anti-LGBT measures to other laws.

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Coffee Lab to fill street void

With Buli converting to a piano bar, the strip was going to be minus a coffee shop where people could convene with their laptops and spend hours nursing a latte.

The Coffee Lab is slated for the old Obscurities place next to Hungdinger. According to co-owner Neil Delaney, we should be enjoying their fine coffee drinks pretty soon.

If all goes according to plan, Delaney said, the shop could open on its target date of May 1 for the new "third wave" coffee

Third wave has something to do with thefact that all the coffee in the shop is no more than two weeks out of being roasted. The coffee comes from Counter Culture out of North Carolina. Pretty much after that shelf life, the coffee is out of there. Otherwise, Delaney is intent on providing the freshest coffee (that is also fair trade and organically certified) possible to customers.

El Paso candidate blames Japan for earthquake



On Monday we told you how several anti-gay candidates are running for El Paso City Council in the wake of the ongoing battle over domestic partner benefits for municipal workers.

Well, one of those anti-gay candidates, Malcolm McGregor III, told ABC 7 he believes the tsunami and earthquake in Japan were a curse from God.

"Japan had built tsunami walls along their coasts but this tsunami was bigger than that. No matter what you say, they either weren't blessed with protection or they were cursed with an earthquake," McGregor said. "God did say, Christ did say that earthquakes would increase in the last days and that's what we're seeing.

McGregor is part of the group El Pasoans for Traditional Family Values, which sponsored a successful ballot initiative to rescind DP benefits in November, after the benefits were approved by the City Council. McGregor is also a defendant in the pending federal lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the ballot initiative.

— John Wright

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Dinner begins at 6 p.m. Hightower's speech, followed by a question-and-answer session, begins at 8 p.m. For dinner and the speech, admission is \$25. Admission for the speech and Q&A session only is \$10. Tickets are available at Forever Young Records in Grand Prairie, Bill's Records in Dallas and on KNON's website, KNON.org, via PayPal.

For more information call 214-828-9500, ext. 222 or go online to KNON.org.

Ramirez named to national board

Ruben Ramirez, community health programs manager for Resource Center Dallas, has been named to the national board of cultural experts for the Mpowerment Project.

It is a program developed by the University of California-San Francisco's Center for AIDS Prevention Studies.

Ramirez is attending his first meeting of the board this week in California.

In his job at the center, Ramirez works with

program staff to create, develop and enhance innovative primary and secondary HIV prevention programs, syphilis elimination initiatives, and other efforts relating to sexually transmitted diseases. The programs target gay/bisexual men, other men who have sex with men, African-American, Latino and other at-risk populations.

The Mpowerment Project is an evidence-based, community-level HIV prevention intervention for young gay/bisexual men ages 18 to 29. CAPS developed Mpowerment, and it collaborates with organizations around the country to understand how it is being implemented in diverse communities.

Ramirez has been involved in HIV/AIDS prevention efforts since the 1990s, first in the Austin area and later with the Center. He earned an associate's degree from the Community College of the Air Force, and both bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Texas-Austin

GAIN presents real estate program

Resource Center Dallas' GAIN program will hold a program titled "Keeping it 'Real' in Today's 'Senior' Real Estate Market — finding out the truth about your real estate options" on Thursday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m. at the resource center, 2701 Reagan.

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Burns, Hicks unopposed in FW council re-election bids

5 candidates vying to replace Moncrief as mayor; Zimmerman is only other incumbent unopposed

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FORT WORTH — With the filing deadline passed for the Fort Worth City Council elections in May, the city's LGBT community is assured of having its two strongest allies — openly gay District 9 Councilmember Joel Burns and District 8 Councilmember Kathleen Hicks — back in their seats in the council chambers since neither drew any challengers in their re-election bids.

It will be Burns' second full term on the council after being elected in a December 2007 runoff to replace Wendy Davis when she stepped down to run for the Texas Senate.

Hicks is going into her fourth term representing District 8.

The only other uncontested seat on the council is in District 3 where W.B. "Zim" Zimmerman, one of six councilmembers who voted in favor of adding transgender protections to the city's nondiscrimination ordinance in October 2009, is running unopposed for his second council term.

But at least two candidates are running for each of the six other seats at the council table, including mayor where five candidates are vying to replace Mike Moncrief, who decided to retire after serving four terms.

Mayoral candidates include two former city council members Cathy Hirt and Jim Lane, Tarrant County Tax Assessor/Collector Betsy Price, former state Rep. Dan Barrett and experimental filmmaker Nicholas Zebrun.

Fort Worth attorney Jon Nelson, one of the founders of the LGBT advocacy group Fairness Fort Worth, said this week said that while "it's really still too soon to tell, I have heard that people supposedly knowledgeable in the area of Fort Worth politics" predict that the race to replace Moncrief will come down to Hirt and Lane.

Nelson said he is supporting Hirt, because he believes she is a "very intelligent ... nuts-andbolts kind of person who will get things done" and because "her stance on equality is very solid."

But Nelson said that he believes Lane and Barrett "would have supported what the mayor and City Council did" in the wake of the June 2009 raid on the Rainbow Lounge by adding trans protections to the nondiscrimination ordinance and establishing a diversity task force to address LGBT issues.

Nelson acknowledged that he knows little about Price and said he has "never heard of Zebrun."



City Councilman Joel Burns

Council races

In District 2, incumbent Sal Espino, an attorney is running for his fourth term on the council against Paul L. Rudisill, who is in the healthcare

Espino provided a positive vote on LGBT issues in the months since the Rainbow Lounge raid, including voting for adding transgender protections to the city's nondiscrimination ordi-

Rudisill, on his campaign website, describes himself as a conservative who will work to "steer City Hall in the direction you, the taxpayer, desire, not the way liberals have in the past."

In District 4, incumbent and Mayor Pro Tem Danny Scarth is running for his fourth term. Scarth was one of the three councilmembers to vote against adding trans protections to the nondiscrimination ordinance.

Scarth, executive director of Hope Media, is being challenged by businesswoman Lupe Arriola, who with her husband owns a string of fastfood restaurants. On her website, Arriola **■ BURNS,** Next Page

Deaths

Marion A. Weger, 61, died at his Dallas residence on March 7.

Born Nov. 28, 1949, Weger was a native of Paradise, Texas, and had lived in the Dallas area for the last 20 years. He coowned Gratitude Vintage Clothing store with his late partner, Don Dent, for 19 years, and was very proud of the fact that the Oak Lawn shop was named top vintage clothing store in Dallas by Dallas Observer in 2010.

Weger and Dent had been a couple for



more than 20 years when Dent died last June. They were both loved and will be deeply missed by family and their many friends.

Services for Weger were held Wednesday, March 16 at Park

Cities Presbyterian Church. Memorial donations in his name can be made to that church or to the American Cancer Society.

LOCAL BRIEFS

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Alan Hopper with RE/MAX Associates will attend to discuss issues including how and when to sell, downsizing and reverse mortgages.

The event is free and open to the public.

Women's History Month program set

Resource Center Dallas' Phil Johnson Historic Archives & Research Library and JEWEL women's group will honor Women's History Month by hosting a talk titled "Honoring and Preserving Women's History: The Centrality of Labor and Feminist Activism," presented by Clark A. Pomerleau, history professor at the University of North Texas. The lecture will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 26 at the center, 2701 Reagan Street in Dallas.

Pomerleau is an assistant professor for U.S. women's and gender history at University of North Texas. He specializes in sexuality studies, 20th century social movements and alternative education.

The event is free and open to the public.

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promises she will "not rubber stamp the wants of the special interests groups."

Real estate broker Frank Moss in District 5 is the only incumbent running for re-election to draw more than one challenger. Moss, running for his third term, voted favorably on LGBT issues, including the transgender nondiscrimination measure. He is being challenged by designer Charles Hibbler and school administrator Rickie Clark.

Dallas Voice was unable to locate campaign websites for either Hibbler or Clark. However, webs searches indicate both have previously run unsuccessful campaigns for public office.

In District 6, incumbent Jungus Jordan, who voted against adding transgender protections to the nondiscrimination ordinance, is running for his fourth term. Jordan, a retired economist, is being challenged by civic advocate Tollie Thomas, who has no campaign website available.

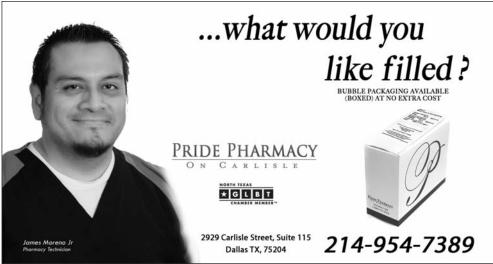
District 7 incumbent Carter Burdette, the third councilmember to vote against trans protections, is not running for re-election. Five candidates are vying to replace him on the council.

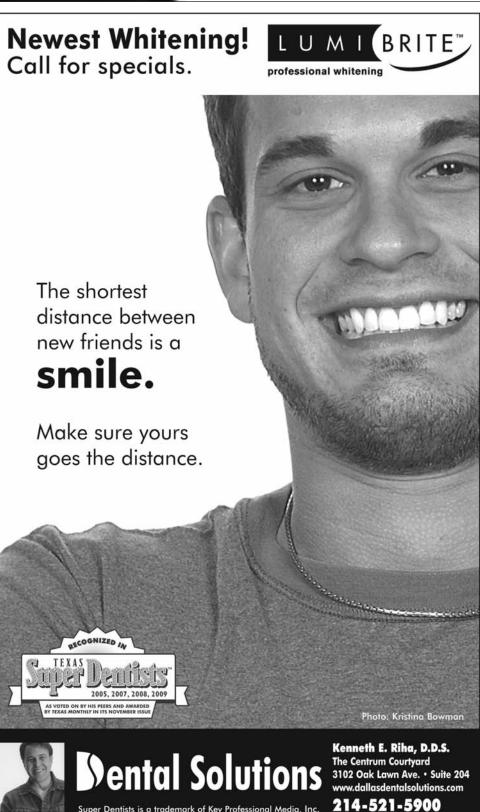
Burdette is backing Dennis Shingleton, senior associate dean of finance and administration at the University of North Texas Health Science Center

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Black Tie 2011 set to 'Shine'



Nan Arnold and Chris Kouvelis

Co-chairs announce theme for this year's event, say more changes will be unveiled soon

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Black Tie co-chairs Nan Arnold and Chris Kouvelis said this week announced the theme for the 30th annual Black Tie Dinner, set for Nov. 12 at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel. This year's theme is short and sweet: "Shine."

"Even though it is our 30th year, instead of focusing on this as an anniversary and looking back at where we've been, we want to focus on this being a celebration of where we are headed for the future," said Arnold.

"We are really excited about this theme, about the idea of 'shining' a light on our future. And we think our creative team can do a lot with this theme," she said.

Kouvelis added, "This theme will also be shining a light on our beneficiaries, too, and all the great work that they do in our community."

Arnold and Kouvelis said that members of the Black Tie Dinner board are currently reviewing the more than 20 beneficiary applications the organization received this year.

Board members will then meet on Saturday, March 20, to choose the organizations that will share in the proceeds from this year's fundraising dinner, and the names of those selected will be announced Thursday, March 31, during Black Tie's annual Tarrant County reception, being held this year at American Airlines' C.R. Smith Museum, 4601 Hwy. 360.

The co-chairs said planning for the 30th annual dinner is moving along smoothly, and that the board is reaching certain planning goals even earlier than usual. By early February, the board had already finalized deals for GameStop to once again be presenting sponsor for the dinner, and for Park Place Motorcars Dallas to sponsor the vehicle — a new Mercedes C 300 S coupe — for the dinner's annual car raffle.

This week, Arnold and Kouvelis said that Diamond Jacks Casino in Shreveport/Bossier City has also already agreed to return as a sponsor.

"We just found out that they will come back

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this year at least at that same level, and they are going to sponsor our table captain dinner again this year," Arnold said. "Diamond Jacks may also be helping us out with a couple of other things. They have been just wonderful to work with."

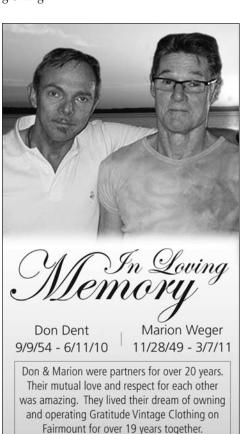
Sales for the raffle tickets for the Mercedes C 300 S coupe are moving along at a brisk pace, and the co-chairs said having the dinner's online system up and running has made raffle ticket sales — and other processes so much easier.

"You can buy those raffle tickets online art BlackTie.org. In fact, our online system is up and running for everything this year," Arnold said. "This is really the first year that you can do everything you need to do for Black Tie online."

Black Tie has gone high-tech in other areas, too, the co-chairs said, including the silent auction, which will be "a little different this year. People can really expect the auction to be more interactive this year," Arnold said.

Kouvelis said he is working on partnering with "a couple of our sponsors" to increase Black Tie's marketing, especially in the area of incorporating social media into the process.

"We are really excited about the opportunities with see in this area," he said. "This will give us the chance to increase participation and even change the demographic of who attends Black Tie. That's what we have to do to keep the event



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compassion for others. They will both be greatly missed by all who knew them!

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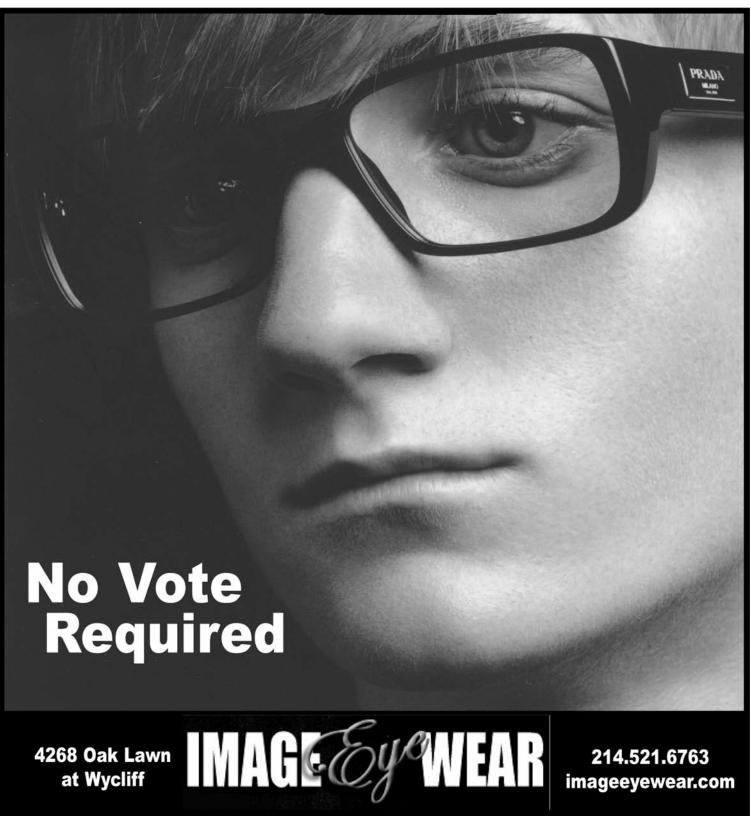
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Bexar County Dem party chair insults LGBTs

Ramos resists calls to resign after calling Stonewall Democrats 'Nazis' and 'termites'

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Democratic Party officials across Texas are calling for the resignation of Bexar County Democratic Party Chairman Dan Ramos after he called Stonewall Democrats "Nazis" and "termites."

On Thursday, March 17, Ramos held a press conference where he was expected to resign. Instead, according to Sam Sanchez of QSanAntonio.com who attended the press conference, Ramos hurled new epithets.

Ramos said gays are like "white termites who have infiltrated the party much like termites infiltrate your house.'

He called Texas Democratic Party Chair Boyd Richie a "racist bastard" and an idiot who is advised by gay people.

Currently there are no rules in place for removing someone from a party position for incompetence, according to Dallas County Democratic Party Executive Director Steve Tillery.

"If he had publicly supported a Republican, he could be thrown out of office," Tillery said. "But not for just being a dumbass."

"He's just ignoring calls for resignation," said Dan Graney, president of Stonewall Democrats of Texas. Graney is from San Antonio.

The Bexar County Democratic Party has been in turmoil for several years according to Graney. The former treasurer was indicted recently for siphoning more than \$200,000 in party funds. That money came from the state to run the 2008 primary election.

The county chair stepped down in Dec. 2009, Graney said, but not because of the missing money. He said she left to run for higher office and was not implicated in the scandal despite her signature appearing on checks.

Graney's husband Roberto Flores replaced her and served as interim county chair from Dec. 2009 through the May 2010 election that Ramos won.

Flores did not run for a full term against Ramos. He died in September 2010.

Graney said that Stonewall endorsed Ramos' opponent in the election for county chair last year, but that Ramos sought the group's endorsement.

Stonewall Democrats of San Antonio is among the largest Democratic clubs in that city and the second-largest Stonewall group in Texas after Dal-

"He [Ramos] came to our meeting and answered our questions," Graney said. "He made



statements that he doesn't condone discrimina-

But Graney said that Ramos has a long history

"He [Ramos] was an ACLU board member and was divisive there," he said.

Graney said that the good that's coming out of this is all the support Stonewall is getting from around the state.

Stonewall Democrats of Dallas president Omar Narvaez said response to the incident shows how far the LGBT community has come in Texas.

"We didn't have to ask for anything," he said. "It was already done."

Narvaez said that before Stonewall even asked for the party's support, Richie had already called for Ramos' resignation.

Narvaez said the state party was just following its platform of inclusion.

The 2010 platform states, "We believe in and support repeal of discriminatory laws and policies against members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community.'

"It's part of who we are," Narvaez said.

At their monthly meeting, members of Stonewall Democrats of Dallas added their official voice to the chorus of organizations condemning Ramos and unanimously passed a resolution calling for him to step down.

Ramos made his original comments in reaction to legislation filed by San Antonio Democrat Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer that would enable a state party executive committee to remove a county chair for misconduct or incompetence.

Stonewall of San Antonio had criticized Ramos' fundraising efforts and his attempts to change precinct level leadership, ignoring party rules and

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TABC renews contract with RCD

Beck says center will provide diversity training for about 50 new TABC employees

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AUSTIN — A spokeswoman for the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission confirmed this week that the agency plans to continue LGBT diversity training for its employees, which she called "one of the positive things that came out of the Rainbow Lounge."

TABC spokeswoman Carolyn Beck said Thursday, March 17 that the agency has signed a new contract for LGBT diversity training with Resource Center Dallas.

A few months after the raid of the Fort Worth gay bar in 2009, TABC paid Resource Center \$14,212 to train all of the agency's roughly 700 employees — in a series of 24 two-hour sessions in 11 locations across the state.

This time, Resource Center will train the roughly 50 TABC employees who've been hired since the initial round of training was completed last year. The second round of training, at a cost of \$2,700, will take place during sessions in Dallas, Houston and Austin between March and July.

"We thought it was important at the time for our employees to receive diversity training like this, and it's still important for the same reasons that it was before," Beck said. "It really only makes sense if you continue the training. ... The training is one of the positive things that came out of the Rainbow Lounge."

TABC, whose agents raided the bar along with officers from the Fort Worth Police Department in June 2009, later fired three employees for policy violations related to the incident.

TABC Commissioner Alan Steen has publicly apologized for the raid on at least two occasions.

TABC reportedly is the first state agency in Texas to conduct comprehensive LGBT diversity training for all of its employees.

Beck, who also serves as TABC's liaison to the LGBT community, said she doesn't believe diversity training would have prevented the Rainbow Lounge raid.

However, she said the training has been beneficial to the agency.

"The one thing about it, across the board, it creates a lot of discussion, which I think is in itself a positive thing," Beck said. "The training pushes some people's boundaries, which I believe is the intent."

Rafael McDonnell, strategic communications and programs manager for Resource Center Dallas, said the new training contract is the culmination of efforts that began last spring, when TABC solicited input on its strategic plan.

"I think this shows that TABC is committed to



Carolyn Beck

treating the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community with respect and dignity by having all of its employees learn about who we are," said McDonnell, who helps conduct the LGBT diversity training.

"We did surveys and proved that there was a demonstrated increase in knowledge about the LGBT community among the employees who took part in the training," McDonnell added. "It shows that what we did is making a difference throughout the state, and that's extremely gratifying."

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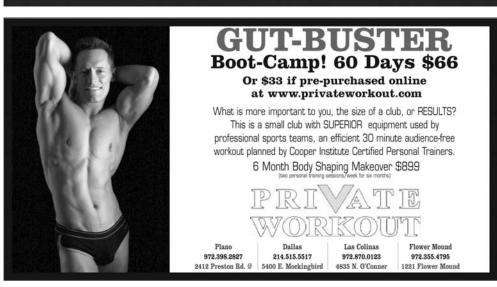
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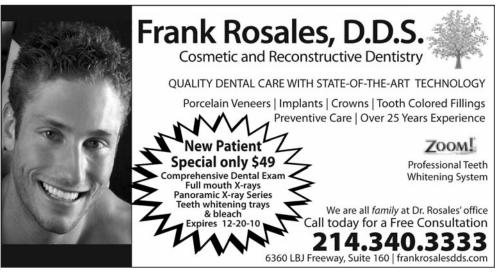
committees. Among other things, Ramos called Stonewall "90 percent white, blue-eyed and Anglo." Narvaez, who is Hispanic, took offense. He said leadership in six Stonewall groups in Texas, including San Antonio Stonewall co-chair Eduardo Juarez, are also Hispanic.

The Dallas County Democratic Party called on Ramos to resign. In a statement they said, "His hateful, bigoted comments have no place in the Democratic Party. We are a party of inclusiveness that supports and promotes equality, diversity, and tolerance." Dallas County chair Darlene Ewing and members of the State Democratic Executive Committee signed the letter. In building his case against Ramos, Richie accused him of a series of violations in addition to his "bigoted attitudes." He said that Ramos "consistently refused to follow the Bexar County Democratic Party Rules and the Texas Democratic Party Rules" keeping the county party "in a state of turmoil."











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their canine family members, which is why his group created a special membership category for dogs

Keith Nix, a gay board member of TCA, said that "family-friendly" meant all families and the LGBT community was certainly welcome. They wanted to create an Easter event for children but no slight, he said, was ever intended.

After calls from Dallas Voice, Williams met with the representatives of the Cedar Springs Merchants Association and with David Berryman, who has worked with Dallas Tavern Guild for years and was grand marshal of the 2010 Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade. Berryman operates a company called Bravo Event Group.

Williams was concerned because the DSO had not been contacted about the date change and the orchestra was still scheduled to perform on Easter Sunday. The orchestra had \$60,000 committed to setting up and performing in Lee Park that day, with or without an audience.

To put Easter Sunday back together, Williams convinced TCA to call the events in the park on Palm Sunday something other than Easter in the Park. They're billing it now as Creek Craze.

On Monday, Williams, Berryman and TCA President Cathy Golden met with Mayor Dwaine Caraway's chief of staff, Chris Heinbaugh.

In previous years, the Park and Recreation Department picked up the cost of the Pooch Parade. This year, that department is short of funding, affecting both weekends' dog events.

The city agreed to pick up some of the costs including permits for Easter in the Park.

However, Berryman, who became the event coordinator this week, said that they are scrambling to find underwriting.

In the last year, his company staged the successful Cedar Springs Super Street Party, the annual Christmas Stocking Auction at the Round-Up Saloon and the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade and Festival in Lee Park.

But Berryman had much longer lead times to line up sponsors.

He said that he has budgeted \$14,000 to cover required expenses including police and medical, printing, street closure, insurance, port-o-potties, clean up and trash removal. Off-duty police officers, he said, must be hired based on the number of people expected at the park. By city ordinance, two Dallas Fire and Rescue EMTs and an ambulance must be on hand.

Recent changes to city ordinances do not allow volunteer squads.

Scott Whittall, president of the Cedar Springs Merchants Association, said, "We're trying to get it underwritten," and he said he was confidant the money would be found.

Berryman said that permits must be in place so that people can drink in the park. Open containers are not allowed in city parks without special event permits. If funding did not materialize and Easter in the Park falls through, picnickers watching the DSO could be issued citations if caught with alco-

But Williams said that other than underwriting, the event is already organized.

"We're just waiting for funding," Williams said on Thursday morning.

He said he was working directly with Heinbaugh and they have been in touch daily this week. The mayor's office is helping them line up title sponsors for both events.

"We have everything in place, so as soon as the money's there, we're ready to go," Williams said.

By the middle of the week, TCA, CSMA, Dallas Tavern Guild and the Conservancy were planning to cross-promote each other's weekends.

In the long run, John Williams said, he thought this brought a number of disparate groups together that would work with each other in the fu-

LEGISLATURE

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Anti-bullying bills

Several bills addressing bullying have been introduced in both the Senate and House of Representatives. But not all those bills have gained ringing endorsements from LGBT activists, while the two that had advocates most hopeful have been stripped of language enumerating protected categories.

Sen. Wendy Davis and Rep. Mark Strama authored identical bills that have been amended and are now known as CS (Committee Substitute) SB 242 and CS HB 224. A House committee has already heard the bill. Coleman said that most of the testimony supported the bill and only two groups spoke in opposition.

Coleman said that as a result of the recent LGBT Lobby Day, Rep. Alma Allen of Houston has signed on as a new co-sponsor. He has spoken to others in both the House and Senate about adding their names.

Rep. Garnet Coleman of Houston introduced another anti-bullying bill in the House known as Asher's Law, in memory of Asher Brown, a Houston 13-year-old who committed suicide last Sep-

Asher's Law would mandate creation of suicide prevention programs for junior, middle and high schools. It requires training for counselors, teachers, nurses, administrators, social workers, other staff and school district law enforcement to recognize bullying and know what to do to stop it. A report would be submitted to the legislature by Jan. 13, 2013.

The bill also defines cyberbullying in state law for the first time.

That bill was placed in the public health committee. Dennis Coleman liked that the legislature was treating suicide as a public health issue and thought the bill had a good chance to move to the House floor from committee.

He said legislators favoring anti-bully laws have told him that they need to continue to hear from constituents, especially from teachers and principals.



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Dunn wants to be a voice for LGBT Amarillo

Transgender mayoral candidate says anti-gay pastor's campaign prompted friends to encourage her to run, but she is running to make the city better for everyone

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The opportunity to run for public office appeals to people from all walks of life. Sometimes these races attract more candidates than anyone would expect.

One such election is the mayoral race in Amarillo. There are 11 candidates registered for the May election, and transgender graduate student Sandra Dunn is hoping to motivate the LGBT community of Amarillo to put her ahead of the rest.

Although Dunn hopes she will have the opportunity to help the citizens of Amarillo, it was a few of her friends who got her to run for the office. She said they approached her after outspoken antigay pastor David Grisham filed to run in the elec-

tion

But Dunn's reasons for pursing the office have nothing to do with Grisham.

"It can't be about David Grisham," she said. "It's time to step forward into the light, wake everyone up, shake some cages, let people know that there are transgenders here and they can do the job."

Dunn said the financial sector is where she hopes to make most of her changes if elected mayor.

"There's a lot of money being spent on ideas that could be spent on infrastructure," she said.

Safety is another area Dunn hopes to secure if elected. She said there are arrow signs throughout the city, some of which require maintenance and some of which are dangerous to drivers.

"Some of these signs are blocking stop signs," she said.

Although Dunn only recently expressed interest in holding office, she has been involved in Amarillo politics for some time as a business owner. A retired Army reservist, holding the rank of Sgt. 1st Class, Dunn opened a military surplus store that took up about a city block. Unfortu-

nately tragedy struck when Dunn's business partner was beaten to death on July 29, which led to the closure of the store.

"We were building toward having a business we could run when we retired," she said.

Dunn relied on her partner, and due to his death could not afford to keep the store open. The ripples of this tragedy have reached so far as to affect Dunn's filing for the election.

Although she planned to transition in both name and gender early in the winter of 2010, the death of her partner made it impossible to go through with those plans. Due to the fact that she was unable to obtain a legal name change prior to the filing date of the election, Dunn was forced to register as F.E. (SandraDunn) Dunaway, using her birth name on the ballot and her name of choice as a nickname.

Dunn said her name came from an eclectic mix of influences. Dunn came from a family member for whom she has great respect, but Sandra came from a more unorthodox place.

"When I was younger I knew a bunch of girls named Sandra and they were always fun, so I went with that," she said. Later, Dunn and a few of her friends got together and decided she needed a middle name. After a short brainstorm, they settled on Faye — and Sandra Faye Dunn was officially born.

Despite the tragedy that befell Dunn over the past year, she has managed to maintain a stellar relationship with her family. She was married to the same woman for 16 years and is close with her kids, and Dunn said her daughter has thoroughly enjoyed her run for office.

"She has had the opportunity to do 'Trans 101' many times," she said.

Although Dunn's 25-year-old son lives in a different city, she said he is just as supportive when it comes to her campaign.

"He recognizes it's my life and he stands beside me," she said.

If Dunn is elected, she said the LGBT community would know they have voice that's coming from them. She said there is still a lot of discrimination and she would like to work to combat how differences are handled in the city of Amarillo.

"You experience this mostly when applying for a job," she said. "It's almost like your $\ensuremath{\mathrm{IQ}}$

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CHURCH TIES | Amarillo mayoral candidate Sandra Dunn is a member of the board at Metropolitan Community Church of Amarillo. (James Bright/Dallas Voice)

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has dropped."

Dunn said she is not trying to change the attitude of citizens of Amarillo, but will work to find a peaceful solution to their differences.

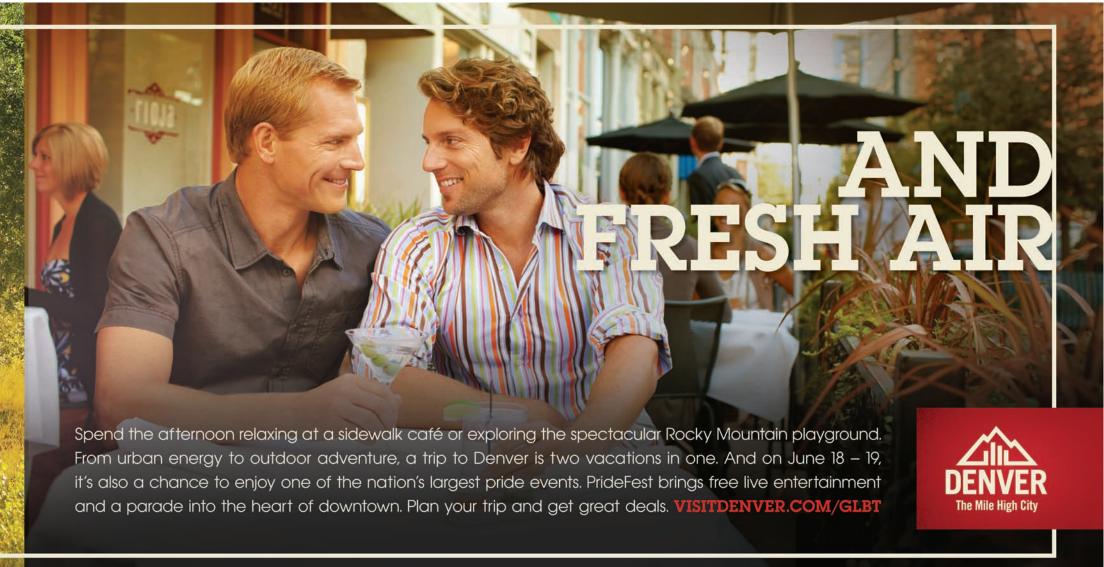
"Everyone is entitled to their beliefs," she said. "What I'm after is to get people to open up their minds and see what these people are about. Be upfront with your beliefs, but don't be hateful."

Dunn said Grisham's campaign and his group Repent Amarillo run off negative imagery and messaging. Although she has had only one encounter with him and has not personally heard him disparage her, Dunn said Grisham has poured out his opinions on his Facebook page.

"He spews a lot of hate and is very disrespectful," she said.

Grisham isn't alone with as far as being affiliated with a church. Dunn serves on the board of the Metropolitan Community Church of Amarillo as the secretary. She said she attends 98 percent of the church functions and enjoys the diversity in the congregation. "We have straight people who come here too," she said.

Regardless of what happens in May, it is really a win-win situation for Dunn who will complete her masters degree in psychology online from the University of the Rockies in Colorado. She said if she doesn't win she will most likely not run again in two years, but instead spend her time counseling transgender people like herself.



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No new leads in trans woman's murder

Shooting death of Marcal Tye in Northeast Arkansas raises specter of string of unsolved trans murders in nearby Memphis; activists say homophobia, transphobia still rampant in states' rural areas

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Investigators with the St. Francis County Sheriff's Department in Arkansas have no new leads in the March 8 murder of transgender woman Marcal Tye, according to Chief Deputy Gene Wingo.

"It's kind of at a standstill right now," Wingo said in a telephone interview Wednesday, March 16. "We have a lot of phone records and stuff to check, still, and that's about all I can say right now."

Tye, 25, was found shot to death in a rural area right outside the Forrest City limits early on March 8, and evidence at the scene indicated her body had been dragged by a car. Wingo confirmed that investigators had found two .32-caliber shell casings and had made plaster casts of tire tracks found at the scene.

Special Agent Steve Frazier with the FBI office in Little Rock on Wednesday confirmed that the FBI has "a pending civil rights violation investigation under way" and is assisting the St. Francis County Sheriff's Department with the investigation

Frazier said he was unable to comment further because the case is pending.

According to media reports immediately after the murder, a friend said Tye had been at a party at a friend's house on Monday night, March 7, and had left there saying she was going home.

Tye's body was discovered in the early morning hours on March 8 by a motorist on Hwy. 334, just outside Forrest City, who notified authorities.

Possible hate crime

Because news reports published right after the body was discovered seemed to indicate that Tye's body had been deliberately dragged behind a car either just before or after she was shot, LGBT activists from Little Rock, about 95 miles to the west, and Memphis, about 45 miles to the east, immediately raised the possibility Tye had been the victim of an anti-transgender hate crime.

Arkansas does not have a state hate crimes law, but the federal Matthew Shepard/James Byrd Hate Crimes Act passed in 2009 does include transgenders.

But St. Francis County Sheriff Billy May has since said several times that the shooting was "an ordinary murder" and not a hate crime. He said



ANOTHER VICTIM | Marcal Tye was found shot to death outside Forrest City, Ark., near Memphis, Tenn. The local sheriff said Tye's murder was not a hate crime, but activists in Arkansas and Tennessee are not ready to rule a hate crime out as a possibility.

Memorial in the works

Jeana Huie with the Center for Artistic Revolution, an LGBT advocacy organization in Little Rock, said this week that while her organization is planning to hold some sort of vigil or gathering in memory of transgender murder victim Marcal Tye, "we have no concrete plans so far. We are waiting to see if there's more information that becomes available any time soon."

Huie said CAR is still trying to get in touch with Tye's family and friends to see what kind of services have already been planned and when before going ahead with its own plans for a memorial.

"We don't want to do anything that might pre-empt or conflict with the family's plans," she said.

that while Tye's body had been dragged by a car, the dragging appears to have been accidental.

May told reporters that Tye was shot to death and then the suspect appears to have tried to "straddle" her body with a vehicle while driving away, and that Tye's body inadvertantly got snagged on the undercarriage of the vehicle. May said that tire tracks at the scene indicated the driver had stopped and backed up in an attempt to dislodge Tye's body.

More on Forrest City

Forrest City, with a population of between 14,000 and 15,000, founded by and named after Confederate Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest following the Civil War. Forrest later became the first Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan.

Frazier said the FBI has made no determination on whether the murder was a hate crime. That determination, he said, is based on evidence and the evidence gathered so far in the Tye murder is not conclusive either way.

But activists in the Arkansas capital of Little Rock, about 95 miles west of Forrest City, and in Memphis, Tenn., about 45 miles east, still believe anti-trans phobia played a role in the killing.

Murders in Memphis

The murder hits an especially raw nerve in Memphis, where at least three trans women have been murdered since 2006. And activists say many others have survived brutal attacks.

"Memphis has developed a reputation across the country for being a very dangerous place for transgender women, especially transgender

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The Memphis victims

LGBT activists in Memphis say their city has developed a national reputation as a dangerous place for transgender women, especially for transwomen of color, in the wake of the murders of at least three African-American transwomen there since 2006, and attacks on several more.

The attacks, according to Will Batts with the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center, have created a "climate of fear" in the city.

Trans women who have been murdered or attacked include:

• Tiffany Berry, 21, murdered Feb. 16, 2006 in North Memphis. Berry was shot to death as she exited her apartment, and police soon arrested D'Andre Blake, who allegedly bragged to friends that he had killed Berry because he didn't like the way she had touched him.

Blake, however, was released on bond of only \$20,000, and remained free for more than two years until August 2008, when he was arrested again, this time for the murder of his own 2-year-old daughter.

To date, Blake has not been brought to trial in connection with Berry's death.

• Ebony Whitaker, 20, murdered July 1, 2008. Whitaker, who relatives later said had had a troubled home life and had received little support or care from her parents, had a history of prostitution dating back to age 16. Her body was found, with a single gunshot wound, in a parking lot near a daycare center in Southeast Memphis.

No one has ever been arrested for Whitaker's murder, and no suspects have ever been named.

• Duanna Johnson, 43, murdered Nov. 9, 2008. Johnson became the subject of national headlines in February 2008, when a videotape showing two Memphis police officers beating her in the booking area of a Memphis police station was leaked to the press. Johnson said at the time the officers began hitting her after she refused to respond when they spoke to her using anti-trans slurs after she was arrested on prostitution charges.

In the videotape, Officer Bridges McRae is seen striking Johnson repeat-







Ebony Whitaker

edly with his fists and with a pair of handcuffs clutched in one hand as she sits in a chair. A second officer, J. Swain, is seen holding Johnson down as McRae hits her. Both officers were fired and later faced federal charges, although local prosecutors refused to level local charges against them.

Ten months later, Johnson was found lying dead in a downtown Memphis street with a single gunshot wound to the head. No one has ever been arrested in the murder, and no suspects have been named.

• Leeneshia Edwards, shot Dec. 23, 2008. Friends and family members said Edwards worked as a prostitute, and investigators said she appeared to have been in a car with someone and had turned to get out of the vehicle when the suspect shot her at close range in the jaw, side and back.

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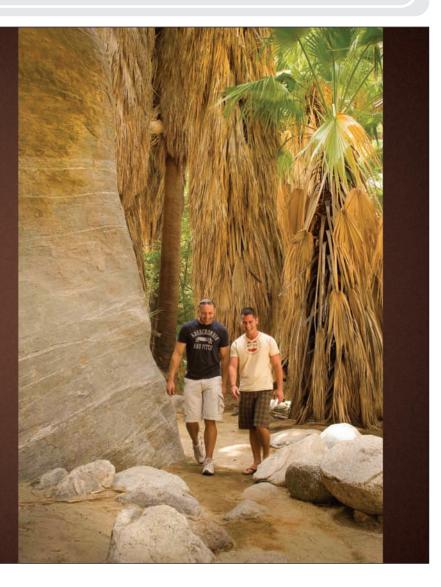
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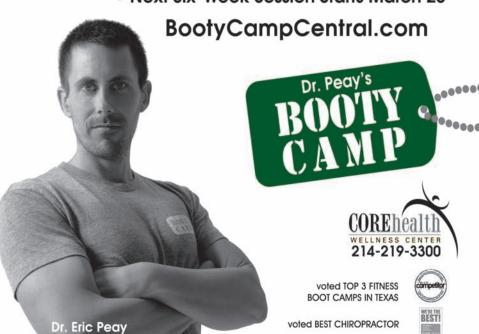




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NWA Pride Parade set in Fayetteville in June



FROM STAFF REPORTS

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The Northwest Arkansas Pride Parade has been set for June 25, in Fayetteville. The theme for this 2011 event is "Live and Let Love."

Organizers have announced that Michael Walsh of Eureka Springs has been chosen as grand marshall of this year's NWA Pride Parade. Walsh was instrumental in establishing a domestic partnership registry in Eureka Springs and in getting domestic partnership benefits for the city's lesbian and gay employees.

The parade this year is dedicated to LGBT rights activist Carolyn Wagner, a former PFLAG vice president who died Jan. 17.

A number of other events have also been planned surrounding the parade in Fayetteville this year, and details are available online at NWAPride.org.

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women of color," said Will Batts, executive director of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center. "There is a real climate of fear here."

Batts said that as far as he knows, Tye was not known around the Memphis community center and did not access programs there.

"We do have a transgender group here at the center, but attendance is rather sporadic," he said. "The trans women are afraid to come here. They don't want to be seen here, to be publicly identified as transgender."

One of the murdered Memphis women was Duanna Johnson, who made headlines nationwide in February 2008 after video of her being beaten by Memphis police officers in a police station booking area was leaked. Johnson survived that attack but nine months later was found murdered in North Memphis, killed by a single gunshot wound to the head.

Two officers involved in Johnson's beating lost their jobs and faced federal charges, but Memphis authorities never filed any local charges against

That lack of action by local authorities is common in cases involving attacks on LGBT people, and especially on trans women.

"We have tried and tried to get a city ordinance [protecting LGBTs] passed here in Memphis and it has always failed," Batts said. "The community center has been around for 22 years, and it is located in a fairly progressive and diverse part of the city. But other areas of Memphis are much, much more conservative and anti-LGBT. We have a lot of strong churches in Memphis, a couple of mega-churches, and a lot of our lawmakers have some very strong ties to those churches."

Marisa Richmond with the Tennessee Transgender Political Coalition, headquartered in Nashville, agreed that violence against LGBT people and trans women in particular is "much more common than it should be" in Tennessee and especially in the Memphis area.

"Memphis is, I think, a city that feels under siege, specifically the transgender community and especially African-American trans women," Richmond said. "We have made some progress here in Nashville, but they just can't seem to gain any ground in Memphis. I think it is making them very, very frustrated."

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Richmond said that some people have suggested that there may be a serial killer targeting transgender women in the Memphis area, but she says there is no real evidence to support that theory.

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"I can't say that possibility doesn't exist. But I think it's not a matter of one person, a serial killer, targeting trans women. It's the atmosphere, the attitude toward LGBT people, toward trans people, in general that is the problem."

Reaction in Little Rock

Jeana Huie, coordinator for the youth/young adult program at the Center for Artistic Revolution, an LGBT advocacy organization in Little Rock, said this week, Arkansas also has its progressive havens and pockets of phobia.

"The climate [toward LGBT people] is different in different areas of the state. In places like Little Rock and Eureka Springs, it's pretty progressive. But in the more rural areas, there's a lot more hostility, more violence, though most of it is verbal, rather than physical," Huie said.

"It [physical violence] doesn't happen a lot, but it does still happen. It probably actually happens more than we realize but it just isn't reported."

Huie also said that her organization knew little of Tye or her murder other than what has been reported in the media. And she said that CAR had responded to early media reports that described Tye as a crossdresser, a "man in a dress" and a "man in drag" by trying to educate reporters on the correct language to use in reference to transgender people.

CAR was, she said, pleased at the response they received from media outlets in the area.

"When we saw the language that was being used, we put together some educational materials, including a guide we downloaded from the [Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation] on the language to use when reporting on transgenders, and we went to every national affiliate here in the Little Rock area," Huie said.

"We actually got a really good response. We were a little surprised at how well they responded to us," she continued. "When it came to the garish headlines and coverage, I think it wasn't so much about them being homophobic or transphobic, but more about just a lack of knowledge.

"They all told us they were glad that we came to talk to them and they were glad to have the resources we brought them," she said. "And most of the stories and headlines [that were objectionable] were changed very quickly after that."

Huie said her organization was not so satisfied, though, with statements by Sheriff Mays in St. Francis County.

"He has made some pretty callous comments, and he continues to use some problematic language," she said.

Huie said CAR has had no contact with the St. Francis County Sheriff's Department, but that the organization has been in contact with Department of Justice representatives in Little Rock and with the LGBT liaison in the FBI's Little Rock office.

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Awakening Heart offers meditation series

Brother ChiSing says Buddhist meditation techniques can help all faiths on spiritual journeys

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Brother ChiSing from Awakening Heart will facilitate music, meditation, movement, message and more at the Interfaith Peace Chapel on Mondays through Lent.

"Lent is a period of finding yourself," said Brian Parman of Cathedral of Hope, adding that the series at the Peace Chapel is a spiritual experience that cannot be pigeonholed as just yoga or meditation.

"It's about finding your center and peace," he said.

About 50 people attended the first Monday evening event and Brother ChiSing said he hoped for a bigger turnout in coming weeks.

Gary Floyd, Robin Hackett and Cornell Kinderknecht provided the music.

"Cornell on flute was mesmerizing in that space," Brother ChiSing said.

Awakening Heart is a Dallas-based spiritual ministry inspired by Buddhist teachings that presents workshops, classes and retreats around the

Brother ChiSing grew up as a Southern Baptist. "But in college, when I came out, it didn't work for me anymore," he said.

His parents kicked him out of the house and he said his church gathered a committee that excommunicated him. While he reconciled with his parents, he began exploring more liberal traditions in Christianity.

Then he discovered Buddhist meditation while living in San Francisco.

"I settled on Buddhist meditation as my main path," he said.

He earned two Masters degrees in spirituality and divinity and moved back to Texas five years

A year ago, he opened the Dallas Meditation Center in Richardson and continues traveling around the country to do meditation retreats. He calls his center one of the most thriving in North Texas. He said they've had Jewish, Hindu and Sufi Muslim as well as Christian meditation events at the center and events embracing various forms of Buddhist traditions.

"Our mission is to remind religious communities meditation is important," he said. "I'm not here to convert anyone."

Brother ChiSing said that as he's worked with



Brother ChiSing

different religious traditions, he's found they have more in common than they have differences.

"Buddhism doesn't teach directly about God," he said, "But Buddhists aren't godless."

He said they simply use different words to describe the belief in God. He said he personally believes in an afterlife and reincarnation, although Buddhism doesn't require that. But Buddists, he said, do not believe in eternal damnation.

"There's no eternal hell," he said, "Because everyone has a second chance."

The Monday night series at the Interfaith Peace Chapel is a two-hour experience.

"The musicians uplift the spirit and set the tone," Brother ChiSing said.

The evening begins with about five minutes of yoga that he describes as very beginner friendly. The purpose is to get rid of nervous energy.

Slow walking meditation for 10 minutes follows, then 20 minutes of sitting meditation.

Brother ChiSing then delivers a 20-minute message on a relevant meditation topic — transforming suffering, cultivating happiness, what is mediation or what is enlightenment.

He said the evening ends with questions and sharing time.

"Meditation is missing from modern religious practice," he said.

He said meditation was a part of all traditions and his mission is to remind religious communities it's important.

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Beth El Binah prepares for Purim celebration



PURIM SPIEL | Members of Congregation Beth El Binah dress as their favorite characters from the Book of Esther for a Purim celebration.

Gayest of Jewish holidays combines Christmas and Halloween in retelling the story of Queen Esther

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The Jewish holiday Purim, which celebrates Queen Esther saving the Jews in Persia, is a minor holiday, but it's still many people's favorite. Purim is also the gayest of Jewish holidays. Cantor Sherri Allen of Congregation Beth El in Arlington said the holiday celebrates coming out. The holiday recounts the spiel — or story — told in the biblical book of Esther:

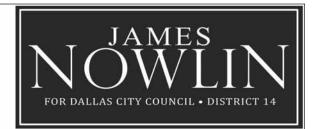
When beautiful Queen Vashti refused to display her beauty to King Achashverus' guests, the king banished her and decided to find a new queen. He ordered all the country's hottest young women to be presented to him so he could choose — sort of *Cinderella* meets *American Idol*. He chose Esther as his new queen.

Haman, the king's advisor, is the bad guy in the story. When Mordechai refused to bow down to Haman and Haman found out that

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Mordechai was Jewish, Haman convinced the king to kill all the Jews.

The name Purim means "lots." The king drew "pur" to decide that 13 Adar (which falls on March 20 this year) would be the day the Jews would be killed. The Jews wore sackcloth and ashes and fasted for three days.

Here's where the story takes its turn that teaches a lesson in coming out to the LGBT community, according to Allen; Esther, who had become Achashverus' favorite wife, decided to come out, telling her hubby that if he killed the Jews, he'd have to kill her too, because she was Jewish and Mordechai was her uncle.

Well this little turn of events really made Achashverus mad, and he decided to spare the Jews and hung Haman instead. So the story follows the traditional pattern of Jewish celebrations — they tried to kill us, God saved us, let's eat.

Lots of intrigue. Lots of pathos. A coming out story and sex — implied is that the straight king wants it badly. The holiday is celebrated with parties, gift-giving and acting out the book of Esther, usually with songs — sort of Jewish Halloween, Christmas and Broadway musical all rolled into one. And yes, traditionally, Purim is the Jewish gift-giving holiday, not Chanukah.

To celebrate, everyone dresses as a favorite Purim character, although no one dresses as Haman. That is considered as religiously distasteful as dressing as Hitler. It is perfectly appropriate, however, for lots of guys to go in drag as Esther or Vashti. Every time Haman's name is mentioned, everyone drowns it out with noisemakers, adding in a little New Year's Eve party as well.

The "let's eat" part of the holiday includes several foods. Hamantaschen are pastry whose German name means Haman's hats. Each hamantasch is triangular and looks like a three-cornered hat. The tart is filled with fruit or cream cheese.

Kreplach is another Purim food. Unlike Bette Midler's definition (people from the small Baltic country of Kreplachia), kreplach are actually dumplings — triangular dough filled with chopped meat and boiled in a chicken soup.

Some historians believe Achashverus was King Xerxes who ruled 485-465 B.C.

The exile from Jerusalem to Babylonia that is mentioned in the book of Esther took place in 597 B.C. Mordechai is referred to as having been exiled, so he would have to be more than 100 years old when the story took place.

Because of the discrepancy, many scholars believe the story of Esther was actually a historical novella, a popular writing style at the time. Written about 300 B.C., the book may have been created to explain the celebration of the holiday.

And like other biblical stories, the book of Esther has been tackled by Hollywood, but this one wasn't a Cecil B. deMille spectacular.

Following the gay camp theme of the holiday, the 1960 film Esther and the King starred Joan Collins as Queen Esther. Perfect.

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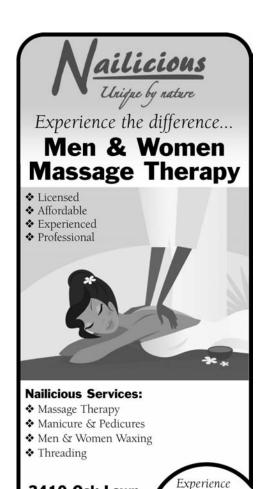
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DOMA repeal bills introduced in Congress

Nadler reintroduces 'Respect for Marriage' bill in House; Senate Dems offer 1st-ever companion bill

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When U.S. Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-NY, introduced the Respect for Marriage Act in 2009, he conceded there was little chance for passage in the 111th Congress.

Absent from the 102 co-sponsors that year was Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., the most veteran and influential of the then-three openly gay members of Congress. He said the bill had "zero" chance of passage.

Also missing was then-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., as co-sponsors, and there was no companion bill in the Senate.

Clearly, something's changed.

When Nadler reintroduced his bill to the 112th Congress this morning, Frank, Pelosi and Hoyer were among its 108 co-sponsors.

And the Nadler bill this year is joined by a firstever companion bill in the Senate, introduced today by Democratic Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York, Dianne Feinstein of California, Patrick Leahy of Vermont, Christopher Coons of Delaware, and Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut

What has not changed is the content of the legislation. The new Respect for Marriage Act is "precisely the same" as the last one, noted Nadler spokesman Ilan Kayatsky.

The measures seek to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act. DOMA, enacted in 1996, prohibits the federal government from recognizing the

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legally secured marriages of same-sex couples and provides for states to ignore those marriages as well.

And there is still little likelihood of passage at least in the Republican-controlled House.

But the legislation arrives to a political climate concerning same-sex marriage that is definitely

The latest independent poll, completed March 1 and involving 1,504 adults nationally, shows once again — a new high in support for allowing gays to marry. While 46 percent told the Pew Research Center they oppose allowing gays to marry, 45 percent said they favor doing so — a two-point jump in the space of six months. (Nine percent said they were unsure. The margin of error was plus or minus three points.)

A recent poll sponsored by the Human Rights Campaign found that 51 percent oppose DOMA, 34 percent favor it and 15 percent had no opinion.

When asked whether legally married gay couples should be able to obtain specific federal benefits provided to straight couples, 60 percent supported gay spouses being able to obtain Social Security benefits and 58 percent supported health coverage for federal employees' same-sex

The HRC poll gave its respondents — 800 registered voters nationwide — two statements and asked which came closer to their point of view about the House decision to defend DOMA in federal court.

One choice was: the move diverts taxpayer money to a divisive issue at a time Congress should be focusing on creating jobs and cutting the deficit. The other choice was that Congress was forced to defend the law after President Obama's administration "failed to do so."

Fifty-four percent chose the former, and 32 percent chose the latter. (The remainder said Neither, Both or did not respond.)

In a related development, bills were introduced to both chambers March 10, seeking to enable coverage for domestic partners under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act, or COBRA.

COBRA is the federal law that requires group insurance plans to enable employees and their families to continue paying for their health coverage for a period of time following the loss or change in employment status.

In the Senate, the Equal Access to COBRA Act was re-introduced by Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., and has no co-sponsors; in the House, HR 1028 was introduced for the first time, by Rep. Anthony Weiner, D-NY, with 45 co-sponsors.

"Current federal laws related to COBRA coverage do not apply to domestic partners or samesex spouses — even at companies that offer health coverage to domestic partners of employees," ac-



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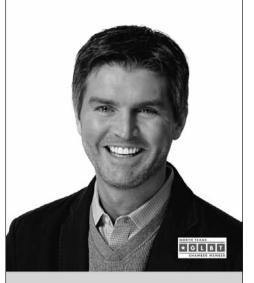
cording to a press statement from Boxer's office.

The proposed law, said the statement, would apply to companies that already offer health coverage to domestic partners and their children.

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Despite supporters' high hopes, Maryland delegates send bill back to committee; marriage equality faces promise, threats in other states

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The road to marriage equality in Maryland had never been a short or smooth one, but supporters of allowing same-sex couples to marry could see the altar this time: passing the House and sending the bill to a governor who said he would sign it.

But supporters never had a clear majority, and some who had said they would back it got cold feet in the days leading up to the House vote.

On March 11, instead of voting for the bill, the House unanimously voted to send it back to committee. Even some LGBT activists conceded it was the thing to do.

The Maryland vote reduced to two the number of states that could possibly see marriage equality move through the state legislature this year: Rhode Island and New York.

Iowa could lose existing marriage equality rights through actions in the legislature this year, and six states that already have statutes that prevent same-sex couples from obtaining marriage licenses — Indiana, Minnesota, New Mexico, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and South Dakota — could add constitutional amendments to protect the bans from legal challenges.

An attempt to do so in Wyoming died in committee in February.

Equality Maryland, the state's leading LGBT advocacy group, said in a statement that, although they are "disappointed" the bill didn't pass, sending it back to committee was "a strategic step that will allow us to fight and win in the

future."

Board member David Lublin explained to Maryland Politics Watch (Maryland-Politics.Blogspot.com) that, if the bill failed in a vote on the merits, it would have been harder later to convert the delegates who had already voted no in public

And a coalition of groups including Equality Maryland, the Human Rights Campaign, Freedom to Marry and Gill Action released a joint statement after the vote, saying, "Over the past several days it has become clear that additional time to continue the marriage conversation in the state will better position the Civil Marriage Protection Act for success."

The full Senate had passed its version of the bill on a vote of 25 to 22 Feb. 24. Action then moved to the House, where the Judiciary Committee had voted 12-10 on March 4 to send the bill to the floor, even though committee chair Joseph F. Vallario Jr., a Democrat, who cast the deciding vote to do so, indicated he would not support marriage equality on the floor

Support for the bill had already grown shakier. Committee member Sam Arora, a Democrat and an original co-sponsor, had said March 3 he would vote against it on the floor, and he only wanted to send it to the full House so voters could have their say in a likely referendum.

The state constitution allows voters to submit new laws to a referendum if they can collect the 55,736 signatures necessary to do so.

And Democratic Delegates Tiffany Alston and Jill Carter — both co-sponsors — were no-shows at the first scheduled committee vote.

Alston said she wanted more time to weigh her decision based on diverse feedback from constituents and others. Carter said she was just trying to draw attention to other legislation.

Alston eventually voted against sending the bill

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to the floor, but Carter voted in favor of doing so. Sponsor Melvin Stukes, a Democrat who was

not on the Judiciary committee, announced at the end of February that he was withdrawing his

sponsorship. He said he had come to realize that the bill would grant full marriage equality instead of civil unions.

Three days before the full House vote, the bill was still "probably one to Del. Sam Arora two short" of the 71



votes needed for passage, said Democratic Delegate Heather Mizeur in an interview March 8, adding, "There is still a large block of undecided who will go to the floor undecided."

Democrats hold a 98 to 43 majority in the cham-

Even Democratic Gov. Martin O'Malley, who has said he would sign the bill, appeared to shift towards the idea of a voter referendum - something equality advocates have shunned.

O'Malley told reporters March 3, "We should let the people decide," according to the Baltimore Sun. After the bill was recommitted, he told the Associated Press, "I would have hoped that we could have resolved this issue and then let the people decide."

The full House vote came after nearly four hours of debate on March 9 and 11. Debate centered around religious beliefs regarding homosexuality, whether the LGBT community's political movement for equal rights could be compared to that of African-Americans, and whether same-sex marriage would negatively impact children.

Delegate Mizeur, in one of the most personal speeches during debate, spoke of reconciling her deep Catholic faith with being a lesbian. She said that, if the bill failed, it would not stop her and her wife from loving each other, but the lack of legal protections would "make it really, really difficult for us in the worst, most challenging times."

Committee Chair Vallario asked, "Where would Martin Luther King be on this issue?"

"I don't know," he said, but the introduced a motion to recommit the bill to his Judiciary Committee. The House unanimously approved.

One other bill remaining in that committee seeks to ask voters to amend the state constitution to ban same-sex marriages. Spokespeople for both the bill's sponsor, Delegate Don Dwyer, a Republican, and Vallario could not say whether that bill would receive a vote before the session ends April

In the remaining states, the Rhode Island House and Senate Judiciary Committees have held hearings on marriage equality bills in recent weeks, but neither chamber has yet scheduled a

New York Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo has said he will urge the legislature to take up marriage equality this session. He met with LGBT advocates March 9 to discuss the matter.

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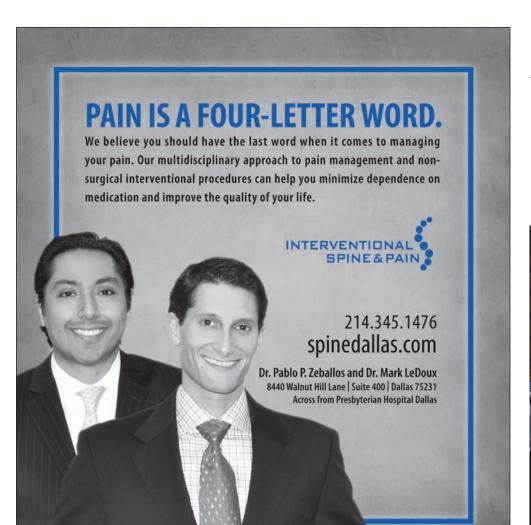


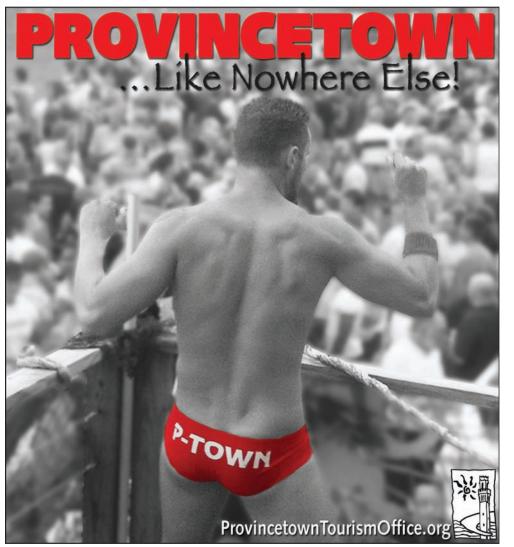
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Dueling protests staged in lowa over gay marriage



A DIRE WARNING | Gay marriage supporters, left, look on as former Alabama Supreme Court Justice Roy Moore speaks during an anti gay-marriage rally sponsored by The Family Leader March 15 at the Statehouse in Des Moines, Iowa. Moore warned that gay marriage would result in child abuse and more divorces. (Charlie Neibergall/Associated Press)

Former Alabama justice ousted over 10 Commandments monument claims gay marriage would increase child abuse, divorce

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DES MOINES, Iowa — About 500 people rallied Tuesday, March 15, at the Iowa Capitol, urging legislators to send a constitutional amendment to voters that would ban same-sex marriage.

The rally featured former Alabama Supreme Court Justice Roy Moore, who said gay marriage will result in child abuse and divorce. He asked opponents to set an example.

"What happens in Iowa, the rest of the nation watches," Moore said.

About an hour after Moore's rally, dozens of supporters of gay marriage rights held their own counter-rally.

Moore made national headlines in 2003 when he refused to abide by a federal court order to remove a monument of the Ten Commandments from the state judicial building. He was later removed from office.

Moore praised Iowa residents for voting in November to oust three Iowa Supreme Court justices who supported a unanimous 2009 decision that found a state law limiting marriage to heterosexual couples violated the Iowa Constitution.

"I'm proud to say that the people of Iowa stood

up to the justices on the Supreme Court and voted them out of office," Moore said.

Also addressing the crowd was the Rev. Keith Ratliff, pastor at Maple Street Missionary Baptist Church in Des Moines, who charged that the gay community is hijacking the civil rights movement for its own purposes.

"In my humble opinion there is no parallel," Ratliff said. "What an insult to the civil rights movement."

Troy Price, the political director of One Iowa, the state's largest gay rights organization, said Ratliff is wrong.

"There are thousands of gays and lesbians across the state that recognize this is an issue of rights, the right to be with the person you love," Price said.

Price said supporters of same-sex marriage have been working to tell legislators, especially Senate Majority Leader Mike Gronstal, that there is wide support for the court's decision.

A resolution calling for a statewide vote on whether to amend the Iowa Constitution to ban gay marriages passed the Republican-controlled House in February with overwhelming support and headed to the Senate, where Democrats are in the majority and leaders have vowed to block debate.

The resolution would have to be approved by the current Legislature and the one to be elected next year to get onto the ballot.

Gronstal, D-Council Bluffs, has the authority to decide which issues are debated in the full Senate, and has said he will not allow a vote on the resolution.



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Introducing the new United Way

United Way of Metropolitan Dallas is reaching out to the LGBT community. We must reach back and answer the agency's call to action if we want to make our community the best that it can be

any of us in the LGBT community are familiar with United Way. However, if you've not followed them closely recently, you might not realize they're changing the way they do business.

They've gone from being an organization that collects funds in the workplace and distributes money to charities to one that is focused on making a lasting impact in our community.

Additionally, United Way of Metropolitan Dallas is actively seeking to reflect the face of our

community in its leadership, staff, volunteers, donors and service providers. They want everyone, including the LGBT community, to join with them to enact positive, measured change.

To borrow from a car commercial, "This is not your father's United Way."



Andy Smith Special Contributor

United Way isn't just talking, they are actively working to be a true partner to the LGBT community. For example, they have added gender identity and expression to their EEO statement, which already included sexual orientation. They also walked in the Alan Ross Freedom Parade, participated in the 2010 Out & Equal Workplace Summit, recruited openly LGBT persons to serve on the grant allocations panels and are actively looking for openly LGBT candidates for their board and campaign cabinet.

Also, many people may not know that AIDS Arms has been a United Way partner agency for 19 years and the Resource Center of Dallas for 10 years.

After months of engagement with a wide variety of local civic and community leaders, our





United Way of Metropolitan Dallas

local United Way has launched a bold new venture called United2020. The plan is centered on three key areas: Education, Income and Health. Over the next decade they hope to accomplish the following:

- Education: Ensuring that 50 percent more students are prepared to succeed beyond high school graduation.
- Income: Lifting 250,000 individuals out of poverty, and keeping them out.
- Health: Improving our region's health through expanded access to care, promoting healthy behaviors and preventative programs.

In a historic departure from the traditional model of a closed group of "partner" agencies, United Way has opened its funding application process to all nonprofit agencies that can make substantial strides toward achieving the 2020 goals. This change has resulted in grant applications from more than 70 new organizations, many specifically serving the LGBT community.

This new open process and increased competition for dollars is critical — yielding stronger programs with better outcomes.

The plan's success will require support from every sector of our community. This is why United Way is specifically reaching out to Dallas' LGBT community and inviting us to engage with them in the United 2020 work by giving, advocating and volunteering.

United Way's work will get done through active and meaningful partnerships, collaborations and programs that are squarely pointed at changing conditions that impact our daily lives. If you think about the three focus areas, they will directly affect the LGBT community.

Without a quality education, it is virtually impossible for a gay or lesbian youth to find a job. Improving our region's health means supporting the health and medical services of the Resource Center Dallas, a United Way agency that's a leader in HIV/AIDS education, prevention and

treatment.

In short, the "Live United" call to action gives us the best chance at building a community that truly is a great place for all to live and prosper. If executed properly, this plan will provide a roadmap for our community's future.

The new United Way is also busy removing roadblocks and obstacles to educational opportunities, job training and expanded access to healthcare. They're advocating change to unnecessary, unfair or discriminatory laws that impede the ability of someone to make a good life in our region, while championing legislation critical to the success of United 2020.

For example, United Way is actively lending support to the anti-bullying bill now before the Texas Legislature, an LGBT advocacy effort closely connected to our Education goal.

To help ensure that they are on the right track with these new approaches, United Way has contracted with the Center for Urban Policy Studies at the University of Texas at Dallas to provide ongoing independent evaluation of their efforts. They will publish an annual community scorecard, which will detail progress and challenges.

This will hold them more accountable and inclusively engage others to in their work.

Do we simply stand by? Or do we accept this call to action, and rally to address these serious issues our community faces?

As an active United Way volunteer, I can tell you that we have an excellent chance to make this work with the right support. None of this happens without you. None of this happens without widespread commitment and focus to make the North Texas area one of the best places to live and thrive in our country.

Andy Smith, LGBT community activist, is the director of Corporate Philanthropy for Texas Instruments Incorporated and leads United Way of Metropolitan Dallas' LGBT Partnership Committee.

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Saving Easter in the Park

Over 20 years ago, Oak Lawn was different. Known for our gays residents, artists and bohemians, Oak Lawn was a destination and a diamond in the conservative rough that was Dallas, Texas. People traveled miles for the safety, solace and solidarity provided just entering Oak Lawn's boundaries. Events dotted the year. Obviously they were heavy on the gay side but they also were heavy with people that loved and didn't judge us.

Easter in the Park was one of those events, and it was the most diverse of them all. Even the Dallas Symphony showed us the love by spending a cherished religious holiday with the scourge of the Christian community — we, the lowly homosexuals, and our proud brethren.

Fast forward to 2011. Those people we sought refuge from, that always showed us fear and contempt, infiltrated Easter in the Park and took our tradition away from us. The event was to be moved and made more "family friendly."

I guess no one told them we were family already and our traditions bind us.

Gentrification is the same dance in any country and in any city. Bohemians, artists and gay people move to architecturally rich but neglected parts of town and make lemons into lemonade. Transformative magic happens, property values go up, tourism increases and good press abounds.

Then waves of yuppies come, each being a little less tolerant than their predecessor. They do not share the live-and-let-live mentality that allowed the first batch to come in the first place. They demand chain establishments and upscale amenties and folks with the income to afford them.

Long ago created to protect Oak Lawn's character and history, the Oak Lawn Committee abandoned that mission ages ago. The last bit of history they let be destroyed were all the apartments that fell between Wycliff, Douglas, Rawlins and Hall. What were once charming duplexes and apartments are now what John Waters might call a "communist day care center."

The committee is chock full of developers, and their last decade seems to have been dedicated to the three-story rectangle and the wonders it bestows on mankind. If you are unable to reside in one of these for \$300,000, \$400,000 or \$500,000, then pity you, please leave. Be careful Oak Cliff. You're next.

It isn't just developers' fault. The block on Cedar Springs where JR.'s resides used to be a historic collection of quaint storefronts that mirrored across the street. Now a collection of cavernous cinderblock buildings house our bars. They are so large and impersonal, they require a few hundred people to achieve the intimacy 50 used to provide. If we lose Easter in the Park, then we lose a piece of ourselves and where we came from. Those that fought for where we are today would be mortified. I hear them turning in their graves.

I intend to show up in Lee Park on Easter and

have a contest with myself to see how gay I can look for the family-friendly crowd. When it comes to respect, I give what I get. Michael Amonett, via e-mail

Tell TCA what you think

Please call the Turtle Creek Association and Cathy Golden at 214-526-2800 and voice your opposition to the hijacking of the Easter in the Park event, done apparently to exclude gays this year, which was thwarted only by heavy arm-twisting. Read the press; join the Facebook fan page and, most importantly, show up! Ms. Golden can have her own "family-friendly" Creek Craze on April 17 if she wants. I was born into a family and have a family of choice and consider myself friendly. Doesn't that make me "family-friendly"? Perhaps not in Ms. Golden's "hetero-Republicanmarriage-and-two-kids" world, but the world has changed a lot. I remember when Lee Park was a cruise spot with a popular tee room; it was all some people had. I personally think it's fantastic that youth today have no clue what a cruise park or a tee room is. There are real role models to aspire to today and real, healthy community events —including Easter in the Park.

This is really quite typical of how things tend to operate. We move in to an area, organization or event and make it fabulous — and then get run off. I will oppose any change that Ms. Golden wishes to bring that would take us all back to the "golden days" when gays were marginalized on a grand scale, forced into the bushes, darkened cruise spots and closets. Change is coming folks; change is here. We're here; we're queer; get over it! Oh and one more thing: Thank God for drag queens and trannies. If it were not for them, we as the gay community would not exist. Look back on Stonewall and remember; we must never forget to honor the bravest amongst ourselves. I stand in awe of people who are just who they are and live life day after day against threats of violence, hatred, homophobia, misogyny (which is where I personally believe that homophobia has it's real origin), and just live out loud! Daniel Shipman, via Instant Tea

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In spectacular fashion, a straight woman surrounded by gay men wins the Ultimate Diva! contest. And it's not just the photo of **Stacy McKinney** — it's how she lives her life

hen Stacy McKinney entered a photo competition with the goal to be named Dallas Voice's Ultimate Diva!, she encircled herself with hot gay men. It was more than a photo — it is a metaphor for her life. McKinney joined DIVA (the Dallas Independent Volleyball Association) not knowing it was a gay league but stuck around even after she found out. She's been a tireless cheerleader for the group, donating her \$1,000 winnings to it. Such a diva thing to do.

Dallas Voice: How do we know you? McKinney: I thought everyone knew me!

OK, for those of us who might not, what's your involvement in the LGBT community? I got involved with DIVA and found that our Miss DIVA Pageant donates all the money to the Food Pantry. It went from there. I put my name on the volunteer list at the Resource Center Dallas. I started volunteering for GayBingo. Also, DIVA has given back to the city of Dallas recreation centers for the past 21 years. DIVA just hosted their bachelor auction and raised \$5,000 for the pet charity, Mazie's Mission.

How did you end up in the community? I went to try out for DIVA and ended up in the Competitive Division. When the vice president of memberships, Brian Borski, was thanking everyone and saying their main goal is to provide a social outlet to the gay and lesbian community, all the blood rushed out of my body. I freaked. When we were done I ran to the registration table and said, "Oh my gosh, is it OK if I am straight?" They were like, "Girl we knew you were as soon as you hit the door." That was four years ago.

So what does DIVA mean to you? DIVA is a social volleyball sports organization but has also always given back to our LGBT community from its very beginning. We hold various fundraisers that benefit a local LGBT charity with the proceeds raised.

Is this Ultimate Diva! title going to make you just impossible to be around? Well, I already have a title within the organization as "First Lady of DIVA." This is just the cherry on top.

When do you take off the tiara? I only take it off a few times a day — when I swim and when I am playing volleyball. But I do wear it to the court.

OK, are you really just a fruit fly? Yes, as it should be. I really don't like straight people.

Will you ever surrender the title of Ultimate Diva!? Sure. I am always up for a good fight!

Apparently straight women can be ultimate divas: Don't be jealous, I was born this way!

OK, Gaga.





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In those nine categories, along with your votes for the Ultimate Diva!, we received more than 4,000 electronic votes. This year's category that received the most was Health. And Sue Ellen's trumped all others contending for Lesbian Hot Spot, receiving the most votes of any winner.

Like last year's Top Dog theme, we searched for Dallas Ultimate Diva! which turned out to be a straight woman in a gay world. You'll also find a few editor's picks which are some places around town that we thought you should know about. Who knows? Maybe you'll discover a few new spots and vote for them next year.

— Rich Lopez



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Congratulations on winning the tickets! I'm jealous. Tell us a little bit about yourself. Garrison: Well, I work in IT, marketing and sales in various industries such as travel, investment banking and telecommunications. I'm a native-born Texan from Austin but raised in Luling, renowned for its barbecue and the Watermelon Thump Festival!

Where were you when you found out you won and how did you react? I was on the way to an early dinner and a movie. I was guite surprised because I thought it might be a solicitation call for donations.

Who is your dream travel companion? That would be my husband and partner, Cory Smith. Seriously!

Oh we believe you. That's very sweet. Do you know where you'll be going? I do extensive travel, domestic and international, for work and pleasure, but for this,

we plan to go somewhere in the Caribbean, maybe the British Virgin Islands.

Why there? The sun, sand, sin.

You know that's right. What prompted you to vote? Pardon the pun, but I really wanted my voice to be heard in our community.

What was your favorite category to vote in? Home and gift [Services and Shop].

Did you vote for any friends or yourself at all? No.

You might be our first unbiased voter. OK, so this is your acceptance speech...go! "It is thrilling! I'm so grateful to you all - my wonderful fans who made me a star! Mommie!" I've always wanted to say that in pub-

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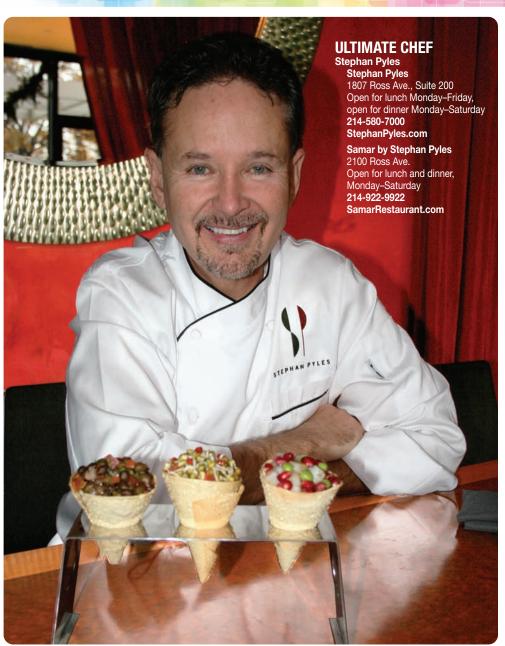
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— Arnold Wayne Jones

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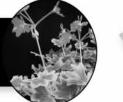


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oters in this category had a range of Italian cuisine to concentrate on, whether the rich red sauces of the toe of the boot or the fresh cream sauces of northern Italy. But in picking Eno's they sent a clear message: We. Like. Pizza. Pizza is an idiosyncratic cuisine, like the comfort food you grew up with. Maybe you prefer Chicago deep dish. Maybe New York's thin, floppy slices. But Eno's stakes its own claim with a crisp cracker of a crust, like on the "central pie" (our server's favorite and ours, too: a strong scent of rosemary wafting over the cheesy center). The serving plate looked like it had been ravaged by wolves within five minutes. It had. Wolves who love pizza and are willing to put in the gym time to enjoy it.

— Arnold Wayne Jones



HOT AND COLD | The gooey cheese on an Eno's 'central' pie is nearly as creamy as an 'original' frogurt from Red Mango. M&Ms only go well on the latter, though.



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few months ago, America, and especially North Texas it seemed, experienced an invasion of epic, summer-action-movie proportions. Fortunately, instead of flesh-eating aliens with their crosshairs set on Big Tex or the downtown Dallas skyline, our fair city was overtaken by something much friendlier, but equally motivated to dominate: Frozen yogurt shops. A new storefront popped up on nearly every corner, each more gimmicky than the last. But in the end, all people really want is frozen yogurt that tastes great — and tastes like yogurt with high-quality toppings and friendly service. Red Mango quickly became a favorite rising above the competition — not just in the gayborhood at its ilume location, but in Uptown, NorthPark Center and several other Metroplex outposts. Whether it's all-natural Madagascar vanilla, the wonderfully addictive tartness of the pomegranate or one of many other great flavors, they're equally good all alone in a cup, accentuated with fresh fruit and crunchy toppings, or blended into a smoothie for a more portable, fast-lane-friendly way to enjoy Red Mango. Here's hoping they continue to open new stores because this is clearly a case where world domination wouldn't be a bad thing at all.

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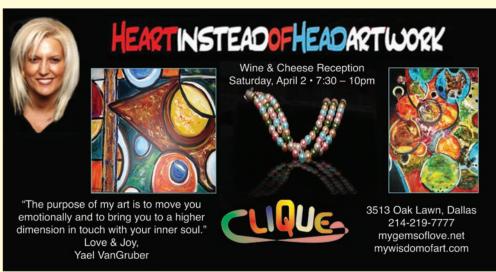
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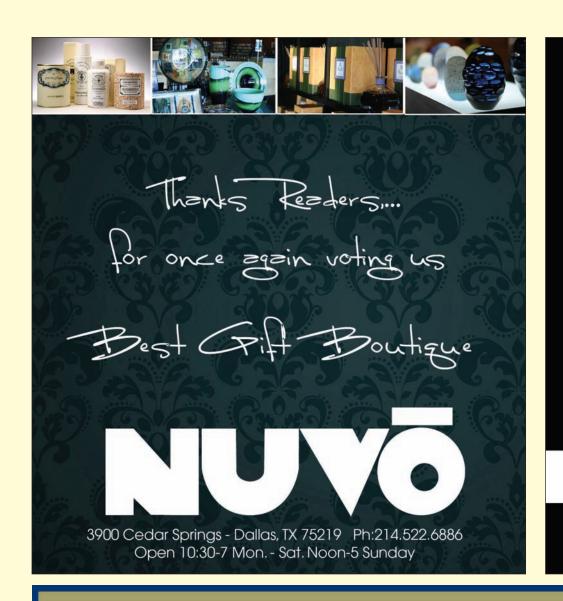




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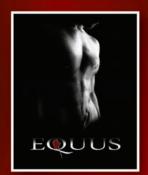
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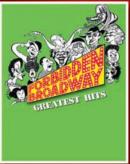


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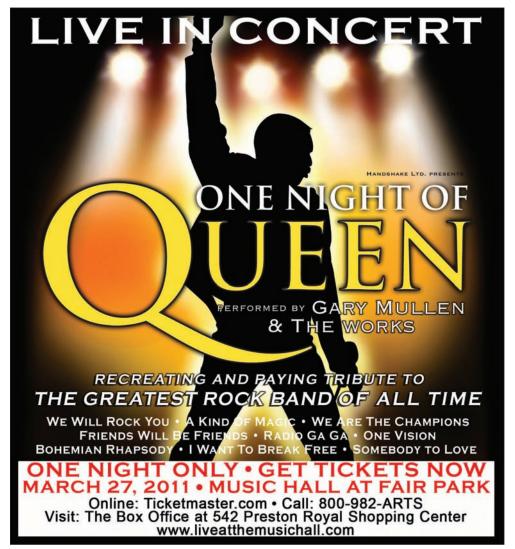
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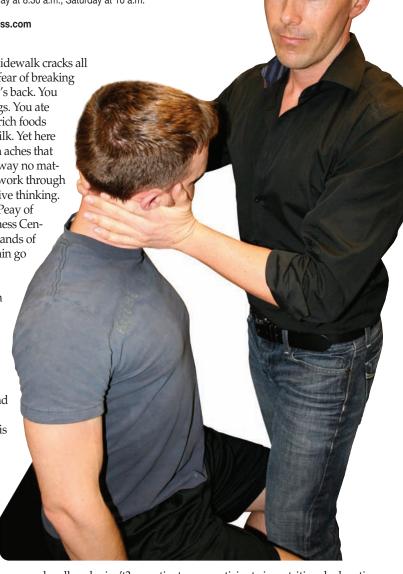
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Use

KALETRA® is a prescription anti-HIV-1 medicine called a protease inhibitor that contains lopinavir and ritonavir. KALETRA is used with other anti-HIV-1 medicines to increase the chance of treatment response in people with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV-1) infection. It is not known if KALETRA is safe and effective in children under 14 days old.

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KALETRA Safety Considerations

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

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For additional information about KALETRA, call 1-866-KALETRA (1-866-525-3872) or visit KALETRA.com.

Please see Brief Summary on adjacent pages.



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

What is the most important information I should know about KALETRA?

KALETRA may cause serious side effects, including:

- Interactions with other medicines. It is important to know the medicines that should not be taken with KALETRA. Read the section "What should I tell my doctor before taking KALETRA?"
- Changes in your heart rhythm and the electrical activity of your heart. These changes may be seen on an EKG (electrocardiogram) and can lead to serious heart problems. Your risk for these problems may be higher if you:
- already have a history of abnormal heart rhythm or other types of heart disease.
- take other medicines that can affect your heart rhythm while you take KALETRA.

Tell your doctor right away if you have any of these symptoms while taking KALETRA:

- dizziness
- lightheadedness
- fainting
- · sensation of abnormal heartbeats

See the section below "What are the possible side effects of KALETRA?" for more information about serious side effects.

What is KALETRA?

KALETRA is a prescription anti-HIV medicine that contains two medicines: lopinavir and ritonavir.

KALETRA is called a protease inhibitor that is used with other anti-HIV-1 medicines to treat people with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV-1) infection.

HIV-1 is the virus that causes AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome).

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

Who should not take KALETRA?

 Do not take KALETRA if you are taking certain medicines. For more information about medicines you should not take with KALETRA, please see
 "Can I take other medicines with KALETRA?" and consult with your doctor about all other medicines you take. Do not take KALETRA if you have an allergy to KALETRA or any of its ingredients, including ritonavir and lopinavir.

What should I tell my doctor before taking KALETRA?

KALETRA may not be right for you. Tell your doctor about all your medical conditions, including if you:

- have any heart problems, including if you have a condition called Congenital Long QT Syndrome.
- have liver problems, including Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C.
- · have diabetes.
- have hemophilia. People who take KALETRA may have increased bleeding.
- have low potassium in your blood.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if KALETRA will harm your unborn baby. Birth control pills or patches may not work as well while you take KALETRA. To prevent pregnancy while taking KALETRA, women who take birth control pills or use estrogen patch for birth control should either use a different type of birth control or an extra form of birth control. Talk to your doctor about how to prevent pregnancy while taking KALETRA.
- take KALETRA during pregnancy, talk with your doctor about how you can take part in an antiretroviral pregnancy registry. The purpose of the pregnancy registry is to follow the health of you and your baby.
- are breast-feeding. Do not breast-feed if you are taking KALETRA. You should not breast-feed if you have HIV-1. If you are a woman who has or will have a baby while taking KALETRA, talk with your doctor about the best way to feed your baby. If your baby does not already have HIV-1, there is a chance that HIV-1 can be passed to your baby through your breast milk.

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Many medicines interact with KALETRA. Do not start taking a new medicine without telling your doctor or pharmacist. Your doctor can tell you if it is safe to take KALETRA with other medicines. Your doctor may need to change the dose of other medicines while you take KALETRA.

Medicines you should not take with KALETRA.

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

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- sildenafil (Revatio®) only when used for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension. (See "Medicines that may need changes" and "What are the possible side effects of Kaletra?" for information about the use of sildenafil for erectile problems.)
- alfuzosin (Uroxatral®)

Medicines that you should not take with KALETRA since they may make KALETRA not work as well:

- the herbal supplement St. John's Wort (hypericum perforatum)
- rifampin (Rimactane®, Rifadin®, Rifater®, or Rifamate®)

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- birth control pills that contain estrogen ("the pill") or the birth control (contraceptive) patches
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If you are not sure if you are taking a medicine above, ask your doctor.

How should I take KALETRA?

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

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

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

What are the possible side effects of KALETRA?

KALETRA can cause serious side effects.

- See "What is the most important information I should know about KALETRA?"
- Liver problems. Liver problems, including death, can happen in people who take KALETRA. Blood tests in people who take KALETRA may show possible liver problems. People with liver disease such as Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C who take KALETRA may have worsening liver disease. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any of these signs and symptoms of liver problems:
- loss of appetite
- 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.

What are the ingredients in KALETRA?

Active ingredient: lopinavir and ritonavir lnactive ingredients:

KALETRA 200 mg lopinavir and 50 mg ritonavir tablets: copovidone, sorbitan monolaurate, colloidal silicon dioxide, and sodium stearyl fumarate. The film coating contains: hypromellose, titanium dioxide, polyethylene glycol 400, hydroxypropyl cellulose, talc, colloidal silicon dioxide, polyethylene glycol 3350, yellow ferric oxide 172, and polysorbate 80.

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KALETRA oral solution: acesulfame potassium, alcohol, artificial cotton candy flavor, citric acid, glycerin, high fructose corn syrup, Magnasweet-110 flavor, menthol, natural and artificial vanilla flavor, peppermint oil, polyoxyl 40 hydrogenated castor oil, povidone, propylene glycol, saccharin sodium, sodium chloride, sodium citrate, and water.

KALETRA oral solution contains 42.4% alcohol (v/v). "See How should I take KALETRA?".

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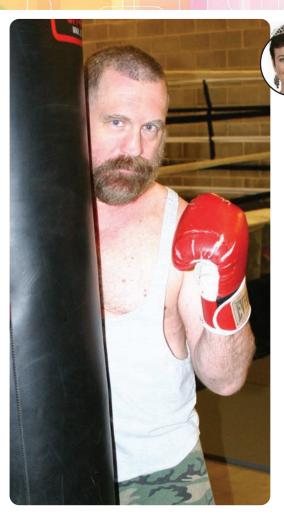
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hat makes a successful optometrist? Certainly Bill Henderson, having been in practice for 19 years, knows something. We could ask his patients, but we decided to ask another doctor. "He's really one of the best optometrists in town in patient care and diagnostic ability," says Nick Bellos, M.D. Of course, Bellos isn't unbiased — for 14 years, the two have been a couple. It's not just his care in the exam room but in the community that helps Henderson stand out: He's played with DIVA and has volunteered at Legacy Counseling Center while co-rearing the couple's two children, daughter Aryn, 14, and son Bryce, 13. "I think he's a great guy," says Bellos. Readers definitely agree.

— David Taffet



editor's choice

BEST PLACE TO TAKE A FIST TO THE FACE

Oak Lawn Boxing Gym 1339 Crampton St. 972-497-1767 OakLawnBoxing.com

hen Travis Glenn talks, you should listen. The Oak Lawn Boxing Gym owner knows his stuff when it comes to throwing a punch. Taking one? Well, you can do that, too. It's easy to pass his gym, located on the industrial side of Oak Lawn — there's no big signage. Inside, the place is a pristine modern gym with a boxing ring, punching bags and all the equipment you'd ever need to kick, duck and bob. Glenn, pictured, holds instruction for boxing, grappling and martial arts alongside the discipline for using them the right way and not as tools of aggression. But we know you'll think it's cool to be a downright badass if need be. Right?

— Rich Lopez

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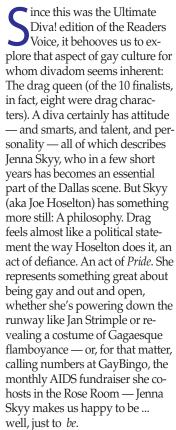
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— Arnold Wayne Jones



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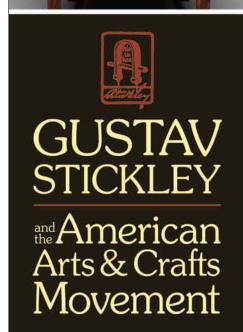
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Performed Oct. 1–24 at the Kalita **Humphreys Theater** 214-219-2718 UptownPlayers.org

BEST LOCAL THEATER DIRECTOR

Harold Steward



HORSING AROUND | Uptown Players had a banner season according to Voice readers, having the favorite play, 'Equus,' above, and tying itself for best musical.



BEST MAINSTREAM VENUE PRESENTING MUSIC FOR THE GAY MASSES Gilley's Music Complex: The Palladium, The Loft, South Side Music Hall, Jack Daniel's Saloon GilleysMusic.com



hanks to the trio of Kris Yeomans, Brad Ehney and Nate Binford, the venues of the Gilley's Music Complex on the Cedars have been very welcoming to the gays. Once Ehney, who is gay, got on board after his stint at the Granada Theater (another queer-friendly venue), he was intent on bringing a contingent of acts geared toward attracting an LGBT audience. Binford and Yeomans, the straight guys, just wanted a full house. It's worked out beautifully. Lesbian duo Tegan & Sara filled the hugeass space of the Palladium Ballroom while Lady Gaga openers Semi Precious Weapons rocked the shit out of the smaller Loft. The gays then came out en masse for Robyn, packing the midsized South Side Music Hall. Upcoming acts of queer interest include MEN, Of Montreal and Vivian Girls. (Upcoming non-gay acts aren't bad, either: The Avett Brothers, George Clinton and Coheed and Cambria.) These guys prove that gays do like their live music and will step out of the gayborhood to get it.

— Rich Lopez



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OPEN AIR | Groups like Middle Ground rock the night air at Jack's Backyard in Oak Cliff, a favorite venue for enjoying live music. (Gregory Hayes/Dallas Voice)

— Arnold Wayne Iones

BEST LIVE MUSIC VENUE = TIE

Jack's Backyard 2303 Pittman St. Open daily until 2 a.m. 214-741-3131 JacksBackyardDallas.com

Sue Ellen's

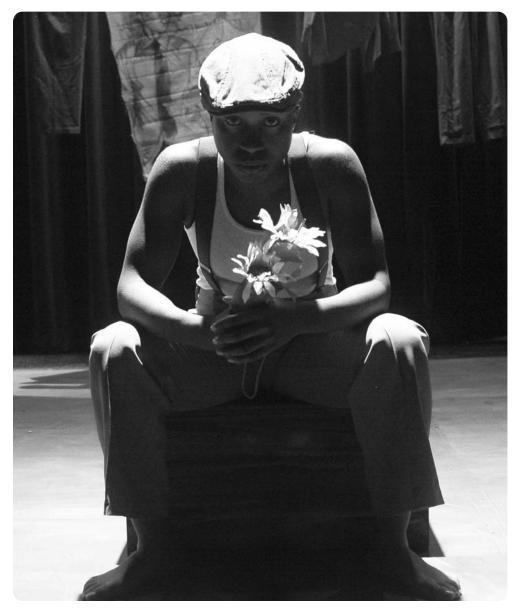
3014 Throckmorton St. Open daily 4 p.m–2 a.m. with after-hours dancing 214-559-0707 Caven.com t's notable that these two venues would tie for readers' favorites, because they represent polarities of live music locales. In one corner is Sue's, the urban Cedar Springs club where the upstairs Vixin Lounge boasts a quality sound system and decent space for an indoor concert. Jack's, by contrast, takes the music to the outdoors of Oak Cliff, making a nice nighttime event even better, especially in the warms of Texas spring, summer and autumn. Both venues often book gigs for local regulars like Ciao Bella and Anton Shaw, but each has also featured smaller touring artists like Anne McCue and Hunter Valentine. If the boys want to get it on the live music game, they have lots of catching up to do. The mostly lady-based venues have a lock on bringing the live sounds to the gayborhoods.

— Rich Lopez

BEST SMARTPHONE DATING APP

es, we named this category a "dating app." Yes, we know for a lot — most? all? — guys who download it, Grindr is more about hookups than long-term relationships. But consider: At one time, admitting you met on Match.com was considered as cringe-worthy as saying you met at a bar while one of you was dancing naked on the pool table. (Oh, right, that's more a straight-couple thing.) Maybe one day, app-love may become so common it loses any stigma. Anyway, how were we supposed to guess Grindr would win? And truth be told, some of us have found, if not true romance, at least an on-going love connection. And we enjoy chatting with other guys even if we don't end up as a couple. That's what dating is, right? Seeing what's out there and deciding what you want from a partner? Grindr does that. And we'd all be a little lonelier without it.





AIN'T NO BULL | Ragsdale's standout performance in a one-woman show was enough to win her a lot of fans - enough to name her Dallas' favorite local actress.

BEST LOCAL DRAMATIC ACTOR (FEMALE)

erhaps only Q-Roc Ragsdale could have pulled off her performance in The Bull-Jean Stories last year. Best theater director Harold Steward of Fahari Arts helmed this one-woman show, written by dramatist Sharon Bridgforth. The Bull-Jean Stories takes a look at the struggles of a fictional woman-loving character in the rural South of the 1920s, and her endurance during tough times. Like her character, Ragsdale is a powerful woman using her work as a film director, photographer and actor to stretch the artistic visions of both the black and same-gender-loving communities of Dallas as well as harkening to the strong will and spirit of black LGBTs who have come before her.

- Rich Lopez

BEST LOCAL DRAMATIC ACTOR (MALE)

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If there was one award we could have predicted the winner of last fall, it was this one. Joel Burns made history in 2007 when residents of Fort Worth's District 9 elected him to represent them on the City Council, in the process becoming the city's first-ever openly gay council member. But it was in 2010, after Burns made headlines around the country with a 12-minute heartfelt appeal to LGBT youth contemplating suicide, that his star really sparkled. Recounting his own teenage experience with bullies, Burns spoke of the successes in his life since then and the love he found with his husband, J.D. Angle. And Burns promised: "It gets better." And it did, for millions of Americans, after hearing Burns. That's more than a role model; that's a hero.

— Tammye Nash

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A TEAM YOU WANNA BE A MEMBER OF

Pegasus member club TKO took home the top trophy at the Gay World Series last



here may be no "I" in team, but there's definitely an "A" in gay. And Dallas is home to two of the most A-list gay sports clubs anywhere. Voice readers agreed, voting both into the top spot as their favorite social/sports organization. Pegasus Slow-pitch Softball is a league with more than two dozen teams, with names as colorful as the players: Imagine getting up to bat against a pitcher for the Donkey Punchers. Or the Itchy Kitties. Or Sons of Pitches. Pretty intimidating, right? Well, not really. PSSA is celebrated for its camaraderie, sportsmanship and sense of fun. The spring season just started, so it's not too late to catch them in action or put on a jersey and join a team. If you prefer hitting balls with your hands instead of a bat, DIVA, the Dallas Independent Volleyball Association, is the perfect organization for showing off that killer serve or power spike you perfected when nobody was looking in middle school P.E. There are five divisions of teams (recreational, intermediate, competitive, advanced and power), so no matter your skill level, there's a team (with or without a net) waiting with open arms. Just not so open that they miss the ball.

— Steven Lindsey





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BEST PET SITTER Call Me! Pet Sitter

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f Call Me! Pet Sitter were to win another award, it would most likely be "Best Business To Get A Blondie Song Stuck In Your Head." (See, you're quietly singing Debbie Harry lyrics to yourself right now.) Owner Dana Ball left the dog-eatdog business world behind two years ago to start this dog-sniff-dog company. Failing to spay or neuter her business model, it's been growing ever since catering primarily to areas like Rockwall, Rowlett, Garland, Richardson, Sachse and Wylie. Her services range from daily walks and poop pick-up to watering houseplants and even nightly status e-mails for those who are canine codependent. As an added bonus, she'll even play locksmith with her spare key should you lock yourself out. It's a small extra fee, but better than sleeping in the doghouse.

— Jef Tingley



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trip to the doctor can be traumatic for any child, especially our furry ones. They can't tell you where it hurts, or when they started feeling bad, or even finish the hidden picture game inside Highlights for Children from the stack of magazines in the lobby. That's why it takes an experienced team of professional veterinarians to figure out exactly why your pooch is dog-tired or your kitty has a case of catscratch fever. Whether you're taking your pets in for routine exams and care or have a lifethreatening emergency, City Vet, with multiple convenient Uptown and Oak Lawn offices that makes it especially popular in the gay community where pets are especially prized as household members, is head and paws above the rest. They've got more than just your pet's medical needs at heart. Grooming, boarding, daycare and food supplies are all offered, too. That's enough to make even a human's tail wag.

– Steven Lindsey



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— Jef Tingley

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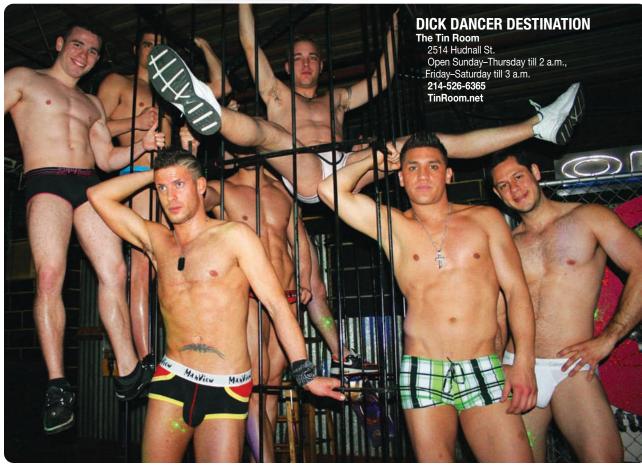


LESBIAN HOT SPOT Sue Ellen's

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e love that Sue Ellen's moved into the big digs once home to TMC a few years ago: Dallas' long-running gal-pal spot feels right at home in its current location. There are plenty of spots to hear live music (a longtime selling point for female and male patrons), lots of nooks to get all cozy on handsome sofas and chairs, spacious dance floors, even dandy spots for daytime laptop work while enjoying a beverage. It's geared for the ladies, but appeals to men, too.

— Mark Lowry



e could sit here and pretend that the reason the Tin Room won as the top Dick Dancer Destination has something to do with the atmosphere, or the bar service, or the variety of cocktail options. Yeah, and we read Inches magazine for the articles. But less just 'fess up: The reason we love the Tin Room is because it has hot, fit, tattooed young men who shake like the San Andreas on a trampoline. And they're friendly. And we're certain they are good people. And there's a cage. And a shower. Yeah, we definitely could use a drink.

— Arnold Wayne Jones

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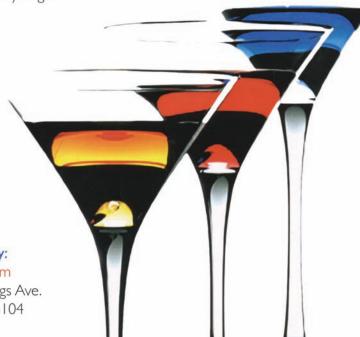
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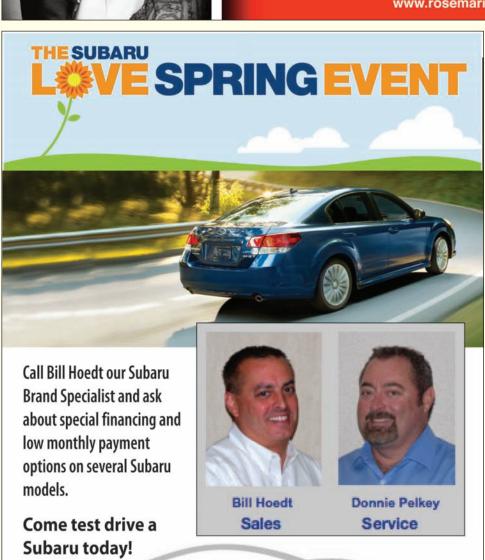
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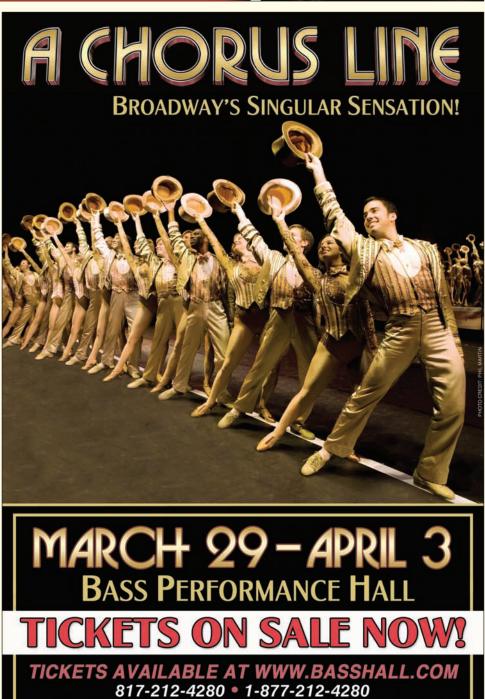
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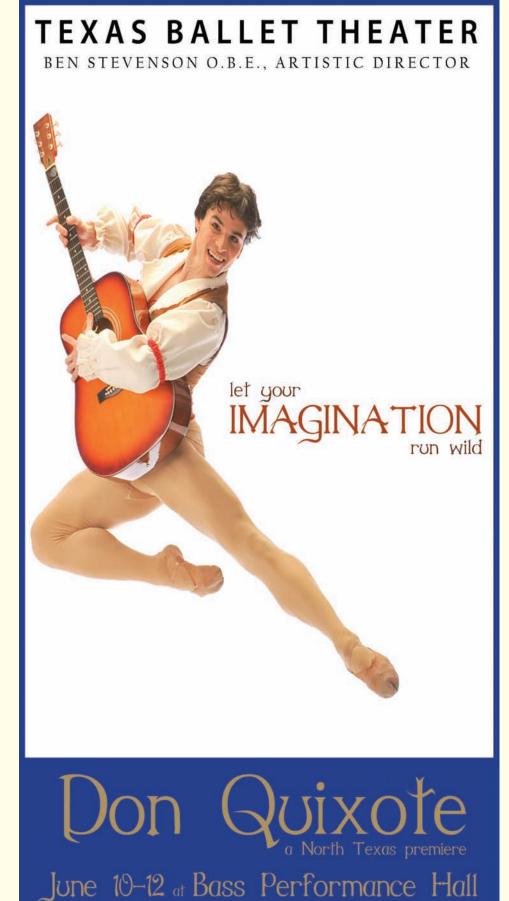








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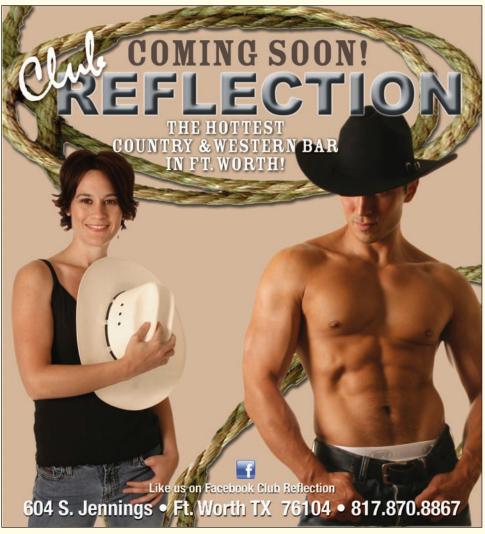
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ruth be told, the gays cannot do a Sunday afternoon without a mimosa and a brunch menu. Thankfully, SxS Productions and Janus, the guys behind the monthly Chill Sunday, take it to a different level without the guilt of an overindulgent meal. Don't worry. Lunch happens at Chill, but alongside the Bloody Marys and bottomless mimosas, the music by a rotating lineup of DJs is always a downtempo beat, which makes for a cool way to bring the weekend to a close.

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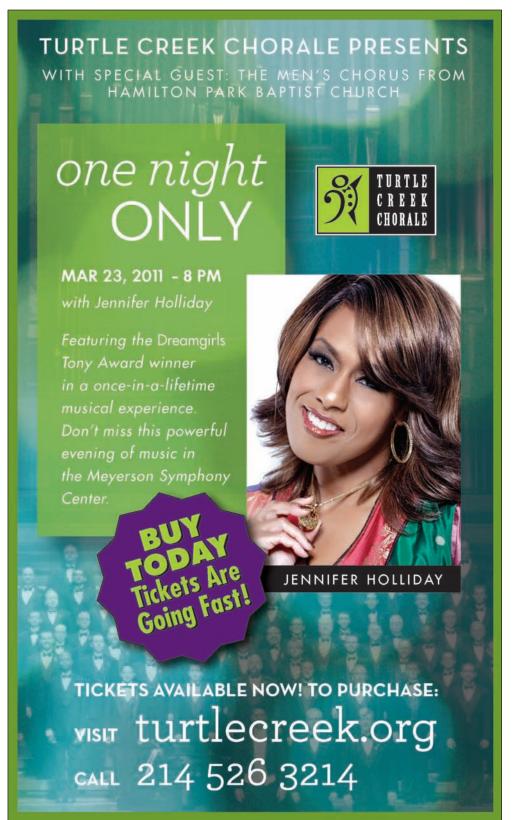


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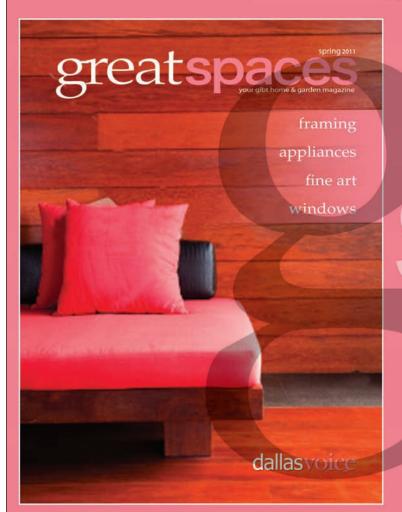
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PARTNERS IN CRIME (AND REALTY) | Chad West, left, and Brian Bleeker, who are a couple, were both winners in their respective categories. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

magine being in the West-Bleeker household today. There's probably a ticker-tape parade happening right now on their street owing to the one-two punch that saw Chad West voted as the city's top criminal attorney and his partner, Brian Bleeker, honored as the best Realtor. Forget Brangelina or Bennifer: Dallas Voice readers have gone and taken a power couple and made them even more powerful. (BleeWest? Or Chian? We'll keep working on it.) That's OK — these guys are both at the top of their games and they deserve the accolades. Plus, you never know when you may need one or both of them on your side. Picture this scenario for a second: You walk outside to get the morning paper, the front door closes on your robe and rips it off your body. There you are, standing half-naked on your porch as a school bus full of children passes by. When the lewd conduct charges start rolling in, you're going to need a good criminal attorney (Chad, of course!), then when word spreads through the neighborhood that there's a pervert on the block, it's time to hire an real estate agent (Brian!) to sell your house so you can start over some place where nobody knows who you are. And he can probably even find you a house where the front doors don't automatically lock behind you.

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PILLOW TALK | Aaron Duke's eye for sleek, contemporary style made him the favorite decorator in town. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

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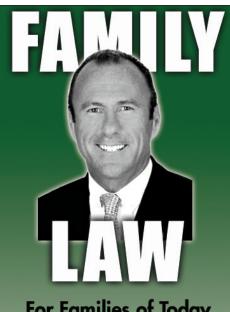
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t's not in any official guidebook, but it's probably a pretty safe assumption to say that Palm Springs has more naked gay men per capita than just about anywhere in the world. Home to tons of intimate gay resorts where clothing is almost always optional (except in line for the continental breakfast), it's no wonder that people consider this one of the best places for singles to "have relations." It's a quaint little city where you not only don't have to buy the milk, the cow will show you everything it's got for free. And then some. Of course, even if your goal isn't to get busy in the desert, Palm Springs is a great gay destination for anybody looking for plenty of sunshine, beautiful pools and scenic views in every direction. Just don't be scared if there's a nude man behind that cactus when you go to take your new profile pic for Facebook.

— Steven Lindsey





There is no magic pill.

An Open Letter to Gilead on PrEP:

As the nation's largest AIDS organization, AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) takes the matter of HIV prevention very seriously. We are concerned about the implications of a recent study of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) using Gilead Sciences, Inc.'s drug Truvada using 2,500 gay men and showing a 44% effectiveness rate in preventing HIV transmission.

Such modest results are insufficient to support U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval of Truvada as an HIV prevention tool for gay men because:

- PrEP lacks effectiveness 44% effectiveness is much too low to merit FDA approval as a prevention tool. If we were talking about protecting the general population with a treatment that was only 44% effective, would we be celebrating?
- Real world information is lacking The 44% who received a benefit from Truvada were intensively
 counseled monthly and tested frequently for sexual infections. This is in no way representative of the
 real world.
- Increased risk How likely are uninfected men to take pills every day for the rest of their lives to prevent a possible HIV infection? The consequences of patients who take Truvada haphazardly are that they will become infected, develop drug resistance, and spread drug-resistant virus to others.
- Condoms work HIV prevention with Truvada has not been shown to be as effective as condom-use.
 Using medication to prevent infection is based on the premise that we cannot succeed in getting gay
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 their partners?

AHF supports continued research on HIV prevention, but opposes quick fixes that run the risk of contributing to the spread of HIV and drug-resistant viruses. We must consider these issues if we are going to offer up hundreds of thousands of gay men for this experiment.

For more information or to send a letter to Gilead CEO John C. Martin, Please visit **nomagicpills.org**.





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— Rich Lopez



editor's choice



n announcing this selection, we aren't referring to the kind of cowboy you'll see wearing Wranglers and Stetsons and showing out every weekend dancing together at the Round-Up Saloon (although that's a good spot for this category, too). Give your visitors a taste of real cowboy culture at the **Fort Worth Stockyards**, which not only has some dandy shopping (best place for boots and leather goods) and restaurants (Tim Love's Lonesome Dove, for instance), but does a twice-daily cattle drive of Texas Longhorns, at 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Find out more about the Fort Worth Herd at FortWorth.com/TheHerd. They'll even let you pick one out.

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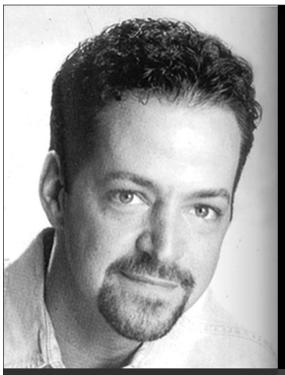
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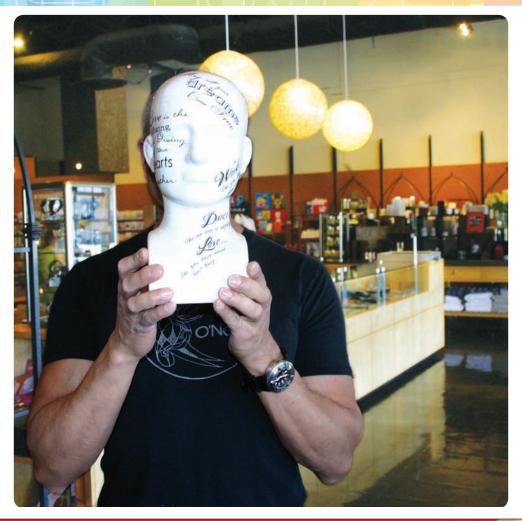
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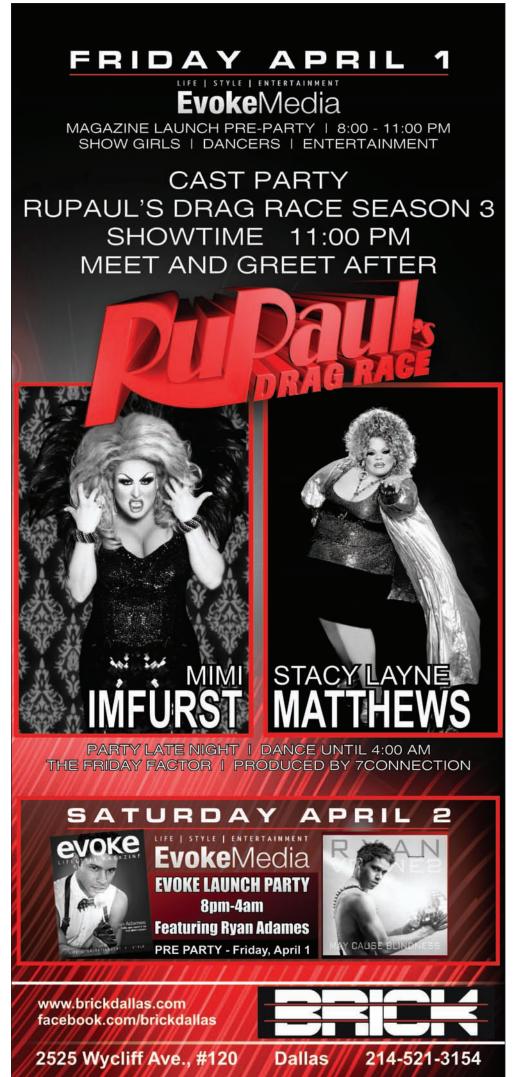
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RICH LOPEZ | Staff Writer lopez@dallasvoice.com

ou know that man on CBS Sunday Morning who's really funny and kind of nerdy? That panelist with the nasally voice on NPR's Wait, Wait! Don't Tell Me quiz show. The guy you can't quite describe other than from the kinda geeky-gay vibe he puts out, but in the nicest way. That's Mo Rocca.

He's the face you might recognize but not be sure where from. Rocca is everywhere, whether he's reporting newsy features for CBS in his special snarky way or adding to the fun

on Wait, Wait (or maybe you recall him from the heyday of *The Daily Show* when he, Stephen Colbert and Steve Carell dominated the reports). Now he's added to his resume as the host for Cooking Channel's *Food(ography)* — perhaps the last show he thought he'd be on.

"I was approached to host this and seemed like an odd fit," he says. "My only experience with cooking food at all is none. I don't even have salt in my apartment. My kitchen is totally virgin territory. But I needed the work!"

What he didn't want was to look a fool on camera — although he admits knowing nothing about cooking, he didn't want to be put in the position of *looking* like he knew nothing. Instead,

the show allows Rocca to use both his comic and journalistic talents to tell the stories of food and its history and how it becomes something else altogether.

"Food has become more the portal into discussing food and history and life. Getting through

history and life. Getting through to people through the stomach because hopefully we all sit down to eat. This is my long way of saying I like talking about history and I get to do it through food."

He'd dare to call it the best show he's worked for ... this coming from the guy with no salt.

"I went in for a paycheck and have fallen in love with it."

Rocca juggles that gig using his shtick on the as-fun radio show *Wait*, *Wait! Don't Tell Me*, which covers current topics with a rotating panel of guests (including fellow queermedian Paula Poundstone) as they test their knowledge with hilarious results.

"Oh, it's both fun and easy," he says. "I didn't know the show because I don't listen to radio, but I'm able to be funny because I don't have to create the stuff. It's there already."



WAIT, WAIT! DON'T TELL ME! | That nerdy comedian is Mo Rocca!

Which means less work for the clever comedian. With his wit, funny would seem to come as second nature. Instead, Rocca makes it sound oh-so-painful.

"Making something funny is hard work," he says with breathy emphasis on the *hard work*. "If I do a piece for *CBS Sunday Morning*, it's like crapping out a pineapple. It is *so hard* to get that thing out. I think President Reagan used that term first."

With NPR being in such hot water these days, Rocca didn't pull out the whole pledge plea. He thinks NPR could actually go in a different direction with funding.

"I do feel badly about [the scrutiny] and it is

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tricky," he says. "This is a great product, but if it's so great then why do we need taxpayer money? I am reluctant to say that, but the reality of it is, it sure would be a whole lot more convenient. But if we didn't have NPR, the void would be filled

by more opinion. And that's just what we need!"
He jests of course.

Rocca will appear in North Texas Monday as part of the Dallas Museum of Art's Arts and Letters Live series, but he's no stranger to the area. His first job in television was here, writing and producing for the children's show *Wishbone*. The gig was great, but he does have his regrets.

"I used to live in Plano," he says. "It was such a mistake. I thought I needed to live near work and the studio was in Plano. You know, *plano* means *flat* in Spanish, and it was and there were all these McMansions... ugh."

If only Rocca had gotten the show he really hoped for when he got there.

"Yeah, I didn't get the gig at co-hosting *Plano* Tonight."

He jests again — but who would put that past Plano?

Unbearable Lightness: A Story of Loss and Gain by Portia de Rossi. Atria Books (2010), \$26, 308 pp.

There's a fine line between "want" and "need." When you were a kid,



you didn't need another cookie, or that creamy glass with holiday garnish. And definitely, you didn't need the calories. But oh, you wanted them

So imagine denying yourself those and almost all other foods. Imagine living on 300 calories a day. Then read **Unbearable Lightness**, Portia de Rossi's remarkable memoir.

Amanda Rogers was a smart kid who aspired to become a lawyer in her native Australia, until the modeling bug bit her and she quickly decided that the runway was the way to run. She convinced her mother to drive her to an interview, and she convinced executives that, at age 12, she could handle the world of high fashion. Though she felt uncomfortable and self-conscious about perceived body flaws, she persevered, changing her name to Portia de Rossi.

Later, when given the chance to be in a movie, de Rossi was surprised that she loved acting, though she wasn't confident about her beauty. She thought her face was too round, her cheeks too fat, her thighs too chubby. Her weight yo-yoed. Wardrobe tailors on the *Ally McBeal* set were kept busy with alterations. De Rossi was mortified.

But that wasn't her only source of personal loathing. She had always known that she was gay, but it wasn't discussed. She married, but the union ended when he learned the truth at couple's therapy. Co-workers weren't told because de Rossi feared for her job. She denied her feelings and lived in terror of being outed.

Embarking on a nutritionist-recommended low-calorie diet didn't quell the diet demon in de Rossi's mind, so she went on a program all her own. She meticulously weighed each ounce of food, fretted over "hidden calories," and obsessively avoided anything that might add to her daily intake.

On the day she hit 82 pounds, she said that celebration was in order but, "first I had to silence the drill sergeant that reminded me of that extra inch of fat. First I had to get rid of that."

As with many memoirs like *Unbearable Lightness*, I had two very dissimilar feelings while reading it. First, this book reeks with pain. De Rossi is very clear about the bruising thoughts and negativity that she felt in hiding so many personal aspects of her life, and though this book has a make-you-grin, wonderfully happy ending, getting there hurts.

Second, it hurts to read not just because of the pain de Rossi relays, but because it can be slow. In the end, de Rossi's pantry held a paltry handful of items, for instance, and that fact was hammered home in many ways, many times.

Still, if you've ever lived too long with a secret that ate you alive, read this. You won't just want *Unbearable Lightness*, you need it.

- Terri Schlichenmeyer



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Jennifer on nice

Broadway legend **Jennifer Holliday** is telling us she's not going ... to miss a concert with the Turtle Creek Chorale

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very since her debut nearly 30 years, when she originated the role of Effie White in the Broadway musical *Dreamgirls*, introducing the now-legendary showstopper "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going," Jennifer Holliday has had a voice that many people dream about. Even after another Jennifer (Hudson) performed the role in the 2006 film version of *Dreamgirls* (winning an Oscar for it) and following countless imitators who use the song as their go-to anthem for showcasing vocal prowess, it's Holliday's electrifying version that lingers in the mind.

She's flattered of course that, decades later, people continue to perform her signature song on shows like *American Idol*, though she has some ideas about the changes in the music industry in general.

"I think it's a different standard these days in what they're looking for in terms of talent," she says of show business in general, but while discussing the Fox singing competition directly. "I'm not knocking it. I'm glad that *American Idol* let them sing it again this year because I get paid! If they sing it or play it, I get paid. So it's all right with me!"

You might expect her to cringe at the often-horrendous attempts to belt out like only she can, but Holliday's perspective is far more positive.

"You can say, on the one hand, why would they do something so stupid to try to sing it? But on the other hand, you've got to have something in you — you've gotta have balls," she says. "You've gotta have some guts to be in show business and if you can start there, if you've got enough inside of you to say, 'I want to reach to those type of heights, this is the only song I know that means success, that means that you've arrived, so I'm gonna try it.""

You don't need to settle for imitators anymore, though; Holliday joins the Turtle Creek Chorale on Wednesday for a concert called, appropriately enough, One Night Only. (That's also a song from *Dreamgirls*.)

Holliday continues to stress how going for your dreams is to be admired from young singers.

"I think it says a lot about a person that they try [a difficult song," she says. "That's a bar of excellence and that's where [they] want to be. I very seldom laugh at the people who try, because their courage inspires me more. So if



with the Turtles on Wednesday.

they think that they can arrive singing a Jennifer Holliday song, I can't help but be flattered."

Holliday herself pursued her dreams, much like Effie White, and it certainly paid off. The winner of a Tony Award and two Grammy Awards, Holliday has enjoyed a successful Broadway and recording career, though she admits she's not as prolific as some other singers when it comes to albums.

"It's a lot different for me," she says. "I haven't actually recorded in about 17 years. A lot of stuff people are buying online has been reproduced and put back out, so I run into people who say, 'I bought one of your new songs on iTunes,' and I'm like, 'Honey, that ain't new, but I'm glad you like it!' I feel really fortunate for the few recordings I did make. I don't have a lot — I only have five CDs. For people to hear that music now and still think that it's something new, I'm grateful. People miss my voice being out there, I guess. It's also that the people who worked on my CDs in the past put out a quality recording that has stood up to time."

Fans no longer have to wait, thanks to two new albums dropping this year. The first, arriving next month, is a gospel music project called *Goodness & Mercy* she completed with her pastor, Dr. Raphael G. Warnock.

"It's a unique kind of project in that it actually has a sermon on it from the pastor of my church, so it's spoken word and music together," she says. "We collaborated on it and it's a very hopeful CD in a sense that it's going to really target trying to get people through some hard times, the recession and everything. Things are getting better, but I really wanted to do something that would really give people hope."

Her second album, coming out in the summer "or fall at the latest," returns to some classic territory.

"It's all love songs, jazz standards," she says. "It's called *Love is on the Way*. I did cover tunes of 'The Look of Love' by Burt Bacharach, 'At Last' by Etta James, quite a few of those types of classics."

Both albums were the result of a milestone life event last October: Turning 50.

"I was trying to think of a gift to give myself — nothing silly like diamonds or anything like that. I thought, what if I start singing again? So I went into the recording studio and the music just started pouring out to me. I think this is what I want to give myself, but hopefully give to others. I hope that

they like it."

In fact, it's been so long since her last stint in a recording studio, she was taken aback by technology.

"I didn't even know they didn't use tape any more!" she laughs. "They record every-

thing in a little box. So I have my whole future in a little tiny box that I have in a fireproof safe in my home. But I feel like my voice is better than ever, still strong and powerful and high. I guess I look at that as being most fortunate of all, that I still have my chops and that's still intact."

Those chops will be on display at next week's concert with the Turtles

"While there is no actual theme to this concert, the subtext is all about heart and soul," explains Jonathan Palant, artistic director of the chorale. "Of course, we want to feature some of the hits from *Dreamgirls*, so Jennifer will perform 'One Night Only' and 'I Am Changing.' She'll also join the Chorale for Gloria Estefan's 'Coming Out of the Dark' and Bill Withers' biggest hit, 'Lean on Me,' among others."

Performing with gay men's choruses is just one of the things that keeps Holliday busy, but turning 50 was only the beginning.

"I'm holding up, all my old stuff is being re-circulated, and thank God I'm young enough that I can still make something new."

Backtracking As they make their way to SXSW, queer duo Uh Huh Her scales back for sophomore release.

Uh Huh Her scales back for sophomore release

The dream of most bands might be to find a label and release a well-produced debut album. Hustling to keep it afloat? Not so much. Job security is still a nice thing, even in the music industry.

Uh Huh Her sees things differently. You might even think they just took two steps back after a major leap forward.

"Yeah, we are weirdly going the other way," laughs Camila Grey, half of the indie duo. "Our success was immediate: We got picked up by a label right away and had this glossy pop album under our belts." But despite that welcome mat, Grey and her music-making partner, Leisha Hailey, wanted to work for their success. So they did what any new band starting out would do. They dumped their label.

Uh Huh Her's 2008 debut, Common Reaction, was a stellar disc

of well-constructed songs that hinted at '80s New Wave with alt-rock sensibilities. Recalling the likes of Ladytron and Le Tigre, UHH was poised to become the Next Big Indie Thing. They were far from hurt by the built-in audience brought in by Hailey, star of the lesbian drama The L Word.

"That was our core fan base because the audience did follow her," Grey says. "That was also part of the immediate success. But we've been able to grow it from there. Now our audience is all over the place, from straight couples to gay kids. And it's just widening."

Having been off the radar for most of the past year, UHH is set to release their second full-length album, Nocturnes, later this spring. Grey promises a grittier, edgier, more personal sound.

"The beauty of this album is we did it all on our own," she says. "I produced and we recorded it in our own studios. I think it's

bringing us back to our roots. We want to focus on this again and give it another go."

With a liberated approach, Grey didn't feel the pressures to sound a specific way as "encouraged" by her label.

"We have lives aside from the band and the realistic situation was knowing we can do this on our own terms," she says.

Grey and Hailey produced an EP at breakneck speed and took it on the road. Six tracks made up Black and Blue, recorded and packaged in less than two weeks

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to use as a promotional tool for the tour. They

have taken their musical destiny into their own

"We work really well under pressure," Grey laughs. "The whole thing has been labor of love and we put more care into these two things. There's no pressure from The Man any-

UHH is on the road now, and will play in Dallas after coming off gigs at Austin's South By Southwest Festival, where they could easily be cited as the next It band if the right people see, blog and tweet them well. But Grey isn't concerned about being that band; she's a musician at heart and creating music is her primary goal.

UHH played SXSW two years ago, but Grey is throwing expec-

tations out the window to just have fun. They have four days of gigs lined up before heading to Dallas, where she was born (she grew up in Austin). What surprises her most is the Dallas audi-

"Texas always gives us more love," she says. "It's so weird the markets that we're popular in are more conservative ones. We've always had a packed audience with great energy in Dallas. Houston's the same. You'd think that would be more so in a city like

Guess Austin hasn't cornered the market on knowing good music after all.

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SMARTER THAN YOUR AVERAGE BEAR DANCE

Mould, left, and Morel like to blow off some energy with Blowoff — and being at a bear event only makes it better. (Photo courtesy Jeff Smith Photography)

Put your claws up

Mixing dance tracks and rock, DJ team Blowoff serves the beats to the bears

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Then the beat drops Friday night at the Big D Bear Dance, expect the furry men attending this year's Texas Bear Round Up XVI to pack the dance floor tightly (the only way, actually). That's because the beefy bearish tag team of Bob Mould and Rich Morel debut their popular event Blowoff in Dallas, merging rock and electronica. Oddly enough, they didn't start out as the go-to guys for ursine events — but they sure fit in.

"We fit the demographic," Morel laughs. "But really, it just sort of happened."

"We became this music event that the bears found," explains Mould. "They liked us and it was a natural fit. There was no adjusting that we made from *just* DJing initially, but I do think it's more of a dance night than music night. I play less indie rock than I would."

The team had met in music circles before, but teamed up in Washington, D.C., back in 2003 for their first gig together. Their musical philosophies merged nicely, but Mould had ulterior motives for the union: The party was really just a way for Mould to meet people in his new hometown.

"I didn't have any friends and I just had this idea that if we threw a party, I'd meet more people," Mould chuckles. "I made flyers and just started passing them around."

What? Mould needs friends? This is the same guy who helmed such bands as Husker Du and Sugar. But he was alone in a new city, and did something about it.

"I knew Rich was there and we got together to write music," he says. "But now it's taken on this

life of its own. We worked really hard at it and have taken chances with music by mixing rock and low-fi with electronica and progressive house. I think that has been setting us apart."

The team credits some of their success to their sound. Their newer trance and vocal mixes are less hyper. Sometimes the chill lo-fi indie rock stuff doesn't go over well, but bears, especially those like Mould and Morel, are willing to dance to their beat.

"We're a bit audience specific," Mould says, "because people our age like to dance to it, too."

Mould hasn't left his rock roots behind. He's recently performed surprise shows with the Foo Fighters at the request of Dave Grohl and appeared with Death Cab for Cutie's Ben Gibbard onstage. Before he became an iconic beardaddy DJ, Mould was already an icon for a new generation of alt-rockers.

"It's very flattering when they ask for me," he says. "It's nice to know people like them are influenced by my stuff. But really, we're all story-tellers, we reinterpret them and the stories get passed on. It's the legacy of music."

Mould's own story will be put to print this summer when his autobiography, *See a Little Light: A Trail of Rage and Melody*, rolls off the presses.

"It was quite a trip to relive everything," he says. "Readers will see an interesting life. It'll touches on public and private stuff, but no animals were harmed in the making of this book — except me."

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Where Mould ends with rock, Morel would seem to

start with dance, but that's not the case. Morel was kind of a rocker as well and applied his remixes to less dance driven bands like The Killers and The Doors. What Morel did find is that the space where they play is dependent on the tone and with bigger rooms (such as Station 4), certain records are just going to work better.

"Our goal is to get them there on the dancefloor," Morel says. "Different stuff works, but really, you just can't make everyone happy. At a certain point, it's fine."

Morel thinks what sets them apart, besides the music, is their set up. The team play in hour chunks, tag-teaming every 60 minutes. This gives them time to socialize and get a drink —

and the mix-and-mingle contributes to their success.

"We strive for a friendly club experience," Morel says. "We don't have a separation from the crowd while playing."

They've done bear events around the country including New York, Provincetown and Chicago, so Mould's feeling confident that they will tap into the right musical nerve for this crop of Dallas bears

"I'm planning on doing what I do best," Mould says. "I hear this is one of the more fun bear events so I can't wait. I'll be staying Saturday night so I'll get to hang out."

But Mould lives in San Francisco now and Morel resides in D.C. So how do they get ready? "We show up!" Morel laughs.



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Drive-by Tasting

Editor's note: When writing restaurant reviews, food critics typically visit a restaurant multiple times, order extensively from a cross-section of items, bring guests to double the amount of food tasted and call on a place at different times of day to see how service and atmosphere evolve.

Only that's not the way most of us dine out: We have an hour for lunch, a craving for some type of food and a few bucks in our pocket. We'll take a chance on a place, but if we don't like it, we never go back.

Which is what Drive-by Tasting seeks to address. With so many small restaurants popping up in unusual places, it seems a waste not to give more of them a shot. But only one.

So here are the rules: One critic, no guests. Has to be someplace new or at least new to us. Only visit for lunch or a casual dinner. Keep it cheap (one app, entrée, maybe a drink or dessert). Make a snap judgment. And no second chances.

Look for the feature routinely on the Instant Tea blog, but we're starting off the series in the print edition. Our first target: Rock N Taco.

Rock N Taco

Direct marketing works. But it can backfire, as it did with Rock N Taco.

After a long, hard week at work, I needed to unwind. As if the World Wide Web sensed my stress, an e-mail popped into my in-box: \$2 margaritas at Rock N Taco for happy hour, it said. Free appetizers. I had my plans.

Problem was, when I arrived at the nearly deserted McKinney Avenue restaurant, there were no apps set out, no reminder from the waitress of the great happy hour prices on tequila drinks. In fact, she told me they were three dollars.

Strike one. But it's only a buck, right? Might as well. I ordered one on the rocks.

When the margarita finally arrived, it had about as much punch let in it as a boxer in round 9. Flat and favorless, it was a watery waste of agave nectar. I ordered a second, frozen, to see if the volume provided by the ice improved things. It did, slightly. Now you couldn't tell so much that the alcohol content tasted on par with the basement brunch at the local Baptist church. At least it left me free that evening to operate heavy machinery.

One visit. One meal. One shot to get it right

I still don't know what the appetizers taste like at Rock N Taco, as they were never set out and I didn't bother ordering any. I stuck with the "rock your own" taco plate.

a second, too: Taquerias are as common in Dallas as vow-

els at the end of names in the barrio. Adding the word "rock" to one doesn't, alone, justify charging three bucks per. (The best tacos in town are from the little lady inside the Fiesta on Ross Avenue. One dollar and she smiles at you.) You wanna rock me? Rock me! That doesn't happen here, despite the zebra-print upholstery, signature drink called a "pink thing" (please, guys — grow up) and TVs blaring sports from every peripheral angle.

The tacos are the style I prefer: Small and packed densely with protein. But the carne asada taco, while flavorful, was as tough as a calculus midterm; by contrast, the juicy carnitas seemed like they hadn't been seasoned at all. Of course, you can add some salsa (the tomatillo version is actually quite delicious, with lots of heat) and some a la carte sides: I tried the sliced avocado (good, but

Let's discuss the name for SCENE OF THE CRIME | Carne asada and carnitas tacos lacked punch, but

still had more than the watery margaritas. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

how can you mess that up?) and a chile-lime corn relish that was gummy but engaging.

Service didn't impress me. Not at all. The margaritas took forever to arrive, and my water remained un-refilled as if they were rationing it in deference to Japanese tsunami victims. The waitress made me tab out early because her shift was ending and spent most of her time chatting with the only other person in the place (not a customer, it seemed, but a friend). I skipped dessert as I didn't have another hour to wait for it to arrive.

Overall impression: Lacks buzz, lacks service, lacks consistent flavor in the food. Some of the items might actually deserve props (that salsa!), only it would require a repeat visit to get them.

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Tommy taps and a brown guy gets the 3rd degree in 2 disparate shows

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Christopher
Durang is a noholds-barred kind
of playwright:
You either give
yourself over to
his scathingly
satiric absurdist
romps entirely, or
you sit there, nose
firmly out of joint,
dreading every
outrageous moment of it.

I rather expected the audience at opening night of Why Torture Is Wrong and the People Who Love Them to head out in droves come intermish. After all,

this is the space that usually houses the agreeable romantic musical *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change; Torture* bandies about the F word and makes fun of George W. Bush. It shows a half-naked brown man being savagely beaten by a gun-toting Republican. This is not what you'd call "Highland Park-Friendly Theater."

But I counted few defections in the well-attended debut. That's enough to give you hope not only for theater, but for hu-

manity.

Durang's play — the title alone is a delicious bit of nonsense — probably has a limited shelf-life, with time-sensitive references to "shadow government," Tom Stoppard's Russian play cycle, Terry Schiavo and "torture memos." 9/11 may re-

main a presence in our lives for decades, like Pearl Harbor, but the details surrounding it begin to fade into memory. *Torture* helps preserve them. It's a comedy, but an angry comedy, with political history taking center stage.

Durang traffics in "types:" The dithery *Leave It to Beaver*-esque mom (Brandi Andrade), the right wing, gun-loving, Fox News zombie (Terry Vandivort), the volatile Middle Eastern (Nas Medhi) who, even if he isn't a terrorist, acts like one. (Perhaps his most subversive attack on the Neo-Con ideal of America is this line: "I believe food, electricity and housing should be free.") None of them are completely innocent, but there's no



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doubting Durang's point of view: He's pushing buttons like crazy. It's an equally offensive comedy that makes you rot *against* more than root *for*.

It's all pretty genius.

And all pretty well played, too. Lee Jamison hasn't had a chance to do much comedy, what with serious turns in *Equus* and *Closer to Heaven*, but she's excellent at it, with the timing and

open physicality of a young Kim Cattrall. She plays Felicity, a flighty party girl who drunkenly marries Zamir (Medhi), who claims to be "Irish" but is in fact from a Muslim country.

Felicity takes Zamir home to meet her parents (Andrade, Vandivort); dad immediately suspects him of being a terrorist and

sets up his own Abu Ghraib-like interrogation cell in his "butterfly room" to squeeze a plot out of him — and possibly launch World War III. "Even if our intelligence is wrong, it's good foreign policy to bomb [some] countries," dad declares. You can practically hear those words coming out of Dick Cheney's mouth.

Although Durang's use of repetition has a musicality to it, like a coda, the ending, which tries to rewrite everything that came before it, falls flat, and some of the scene changes get awkward. But a few quibbles don't undercut the strengths of the performances by Jamison, Andrade and the very sexy Medhi. If loving a crazy

Muslim is wrong, I don't want to be right.

Across town you won't find a *less* similar show, but one just as easy to recommend. Tommy Tune just turned 72, but to watch the six-and-a-half-foot-tall Texan glide across the Fair Park Music Hall stage, sharing lessons about tap and life from his 50-year-career in show business (which he launched on the very same stage), you'd swear he was still just a kid hoping to make it big with his next audition. There's a twinkle in his eye that age cannot dim. He's a living legend of Broadway, and you can feel the history ooze from his every pour.

His showcase performance, **Steps in Time**, is basically a one-man show that traces his career from local chorus boy to the most honored performer-director in Tony history (nine awards and counting in four categories). You're fully aware, even before he sings a song with the word "old-fashioned" in the verse, that he's exactly that: A throwback to the big, splashy book musicals of the past. You can't really imagine him directing *Spring Awakening*.

Except you kinda can. Tune sings a Green Day song in this show, arranged as a more traditional Broadway ballad, and while his theatricality may seem old-school, it's also tremendously effective: Tune's sentimental reflections on lost loves, on the greatest dancer he ever worked with (Charles "Honi" Coles)



HAPPY TUNE | Native Texan Tommy Tune recounts a storied career in his one-man showcase.

and even his post-encore exhibit are almost corny, but so gosh-durned sincere that they bring a tear to your eye. The show's simplicity serves its star well: Tommy, and his lanky frame and his stories for 90 minutes. All history should be this entertaining.

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We've gotten pretty used to gay cinema after all these years, and if there's one thing we've learned it's this: Gay Spaniards are *hot*. And while we tip our hat to Pedro Almodovar for starting us down the road of queer Latin loverboys, we appreciate the variety of outlets now available to us. You can't have too many Hispanic guys getting it on, if you ask me

Which probably explains my latest Internet obsession, **Gayxample**. Set in Barcelona's gaybor-



hood, the Eixample District (called Gayxample by queer locals), the web series launched last week by introducing us to a middle-aged bear couple (Rafael Tejada, Kikko Bomometti, pictured) who are visited by one of the men's straight nephew who doesn't know his uncle is gay. The plot rolls out in expected sitcom-y fashion, with lots of campy jokes and awkward confrontations and a sentimental resolution.

If the series owes a lot to the style of gay soaps like *Queer as Folk* and *The L Word*, it does so with

more than its fair share of nudity and humor as well as a Mediterranean abandon.

It also improves as the series progresses (three episodes were available for screening), with even more sexy guys and, reliably, Tejada, who never hesitates to take off his shirt (and pants for that matter).

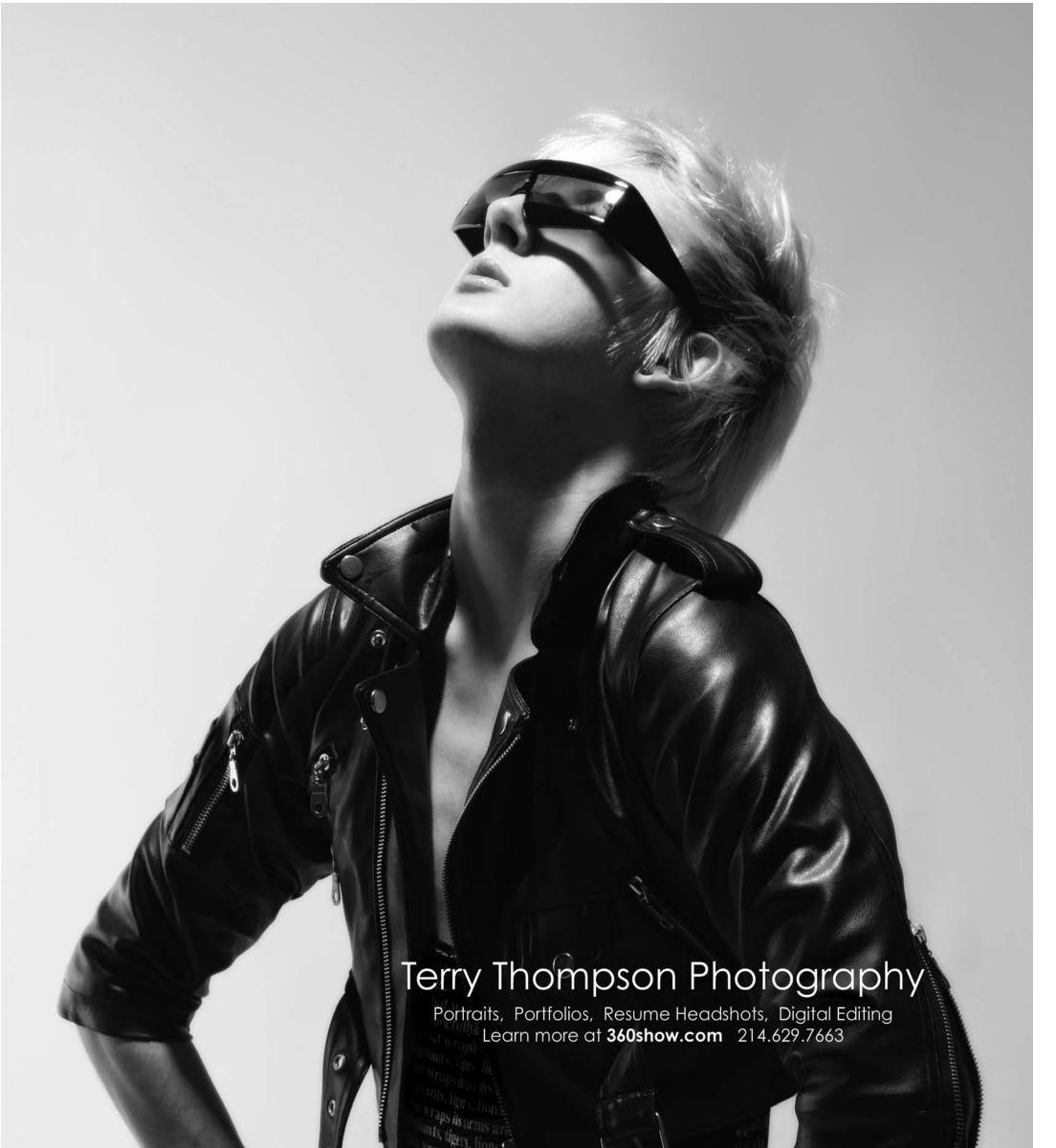
It's also an ideal show for Texas: Although mostly in Spanish, you can also watch a version subtitled in English. We like a little bilingualism with our campy queer comedy. Muy caliente!

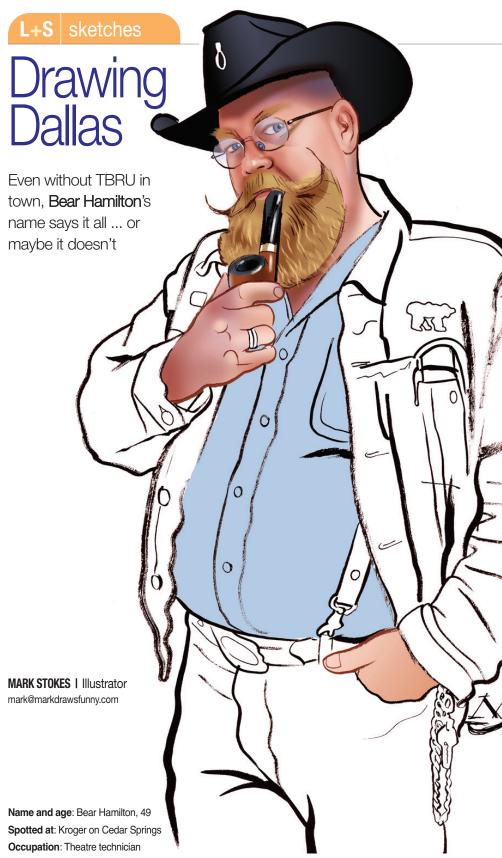
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Beginnings: Born to a Marine Corps officer father and New England schoolteacher mother, Bear's early years were nomadic, living in North Carolina, Virginia, California and Okinawa, Japan. Living overseas left an indelible impression. Maturity came to him early. He sported a beard and already had a pipe smoking habit by the time he was in high school: "My peers found me odd and different and reminded me of that on nearly a daily basis."

The world is his stage: This 6-foot-11, 250-lb. hunk of a man always dreamed of being an actor and singer, and now performs in plays and musicals across North Texas (he's played Daddy Warbucks in Annie, Tevye in Fiddler on the Roof, Jud Fry in Oklahoma!, Bill Sykes in Oliver! and a slightly crazed-looking biker on billboards around the Metroplex), and he leads Black Hat Saloon, a country rock band.

Bear likes to cook, camp and fish. He loves classic cars, trucks and Harley-Davidson motorcycles. He has an eclectic taste in movies, and a large DVD and videotape collection to prove it. It's no secret that he enjoys good food and has a wide, varied taste for it. He also enjoys a good pipe or cigar, often with a glass of bourbon or a good beer.

Bear It all: Bear looks to be the quintessential gay bear, though he doesn't wear his sexuality on his sleeve. "I see myself as a man first, a homosexual second. I don't feel any more 'pride' in being a homosexual any more than being male, or white, or a person of size. What pride I have comes from the achievements I've made. My faith plays an important role, but I don't usually profess it. I am grateful for my faith family who embrace me for what I am and who I am." As he stares down the barrel of his 50th birthday, Bear has been reminded of late how much life changes with one of his favorite sayings: "Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans."

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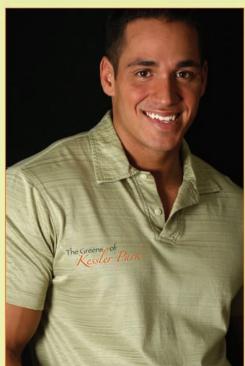


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Friday 03.18

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Honoring the Texas playwright, the theater community unites for the first Horton Foote Festival. The fest kicks off with DTC's *Dividing the Estate*. but even a touch of gay can be found with *The Young Man from Atlanta*, which Uptown Players will perform in April.

DEETS: Various theaters and venues. Through May 1. Visit HortonFooteFestival.com for details.

Friday 03.18

When wine strolls attack

Savor Dallas is upon us again, filling the weekend with food, wine and fabulosity. The event starts off with an Arts District Wine Stroll within the museums and venues. Just don't get tipsy and spill the wine on the art. That's a whole lot of bad karma. And look for local celebrichefs like Stephan Pyles and Blythe Beck. Bon appetit!

DEETS: Various venues. 5 p.m. \$35. Through Saturday. Visit SavorDallas.com for schedule.

Saturday 03.19

Hey, why don't you go take a walk

Designer Anthony Chisom took issues into his own hands starting the Anthony Chisom AIDS Foundation and creating the inaugural South Dallas AIDS Walk. Seeing the impact of AIDS beyond the gayborhood, Chisom's foundation strives to expand the city's vision of where AIDS impacts. After all, it is the same fight for the cure.

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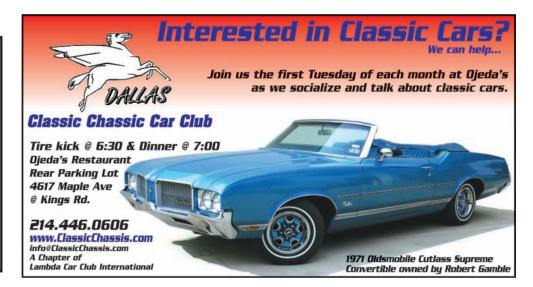
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FRIDAY 03.18

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

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

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

THEATER

Trannie: A Musical. A different take on *Annie* has just extended its run. Ohlook Performing Arts, 316 S. Barton St., Grapevine. Through March. 25. 10:30 p.m. \$15. OhlookPerform.com.

SATURDAY 03.19

COMMUNITY

GayBingo Spectacular Spectacular. With hosts Jenna Skyy, Patti Le Plae Safe and Asia O'Hara. The Rose Room inside Station 4, 3911 Cedar Springs Road. 5 p.m. \$25. 214-540-4495.

DFW Prime Timers play bingo at private residence. Call 972-504-8866 for information.

DFW Bi Net Bisexual, Bi-Curious and Allies Support Group meets. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 11 a.m. Brown bag lunch encouraged. Email SupportGroup@dfwbi.net for more details.

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

BROADCAST

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

MUSIC

Da'rrell Cloudy and Jay Bean perform at the Deep Ellum Open Market. The event is held every third

Sunday featuring live music and outdoor shopping. 2820 Indiana Blvd. (behind Café Brazil). 11 a.m. DeepEllumMarket.com.

SPORTS

Dallas Diablos Double Decker. The men and women teams both play. The matches continue at the Dallas Eagle after the men play. Lake Highlands Park, 1000 N. Buckner Blvd. Noon. Free. DallasDiablos.org.

SUNDAY 03.20

COMMUNITY

The Set, a group of the Legacy of Success Foundation for African-American men. South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Ave. 6

The House of Glamour African-American women's forum. Brooklyn's Jazz Café, 1701 S. Lamar St. 3 p.m. LOSF.org.

Gaymsters bridge club. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 2 p.m.

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

Order of St. Francis and St. Clare every first and third Sunday. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 12:30 p.m.

Family Pride Coalition, a monthly support group for gay and lesbian parents and their children, meets at a private home. For time and location 214-521-5342 ext. 1708.

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

MONDAY 03.21

COMMUNITY

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

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

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

BROADCAST

The Rick Vanderslice Show streams Monday–Friday from noon–2 p.m. on RationalRadio.org.

TUESDAY 03.22

COMMUNITY

Prime Timers Prime Diner at Dunston's Steak House, 8526 Harry Hines Blvd. 7 p.m. Call 972-504-8866 for information.

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

Lesbians and Cancer. A support group for lesbians with cancer meets. Gilda's Club Dallas, 2710 Oak Lawn Ave. 6 p.m.

JEWEL Writing Discussion & Exchange meets on

the fourth Tuesday. ilume, 4123 Cedar Springs Road. 6:30 p.m. Visit website for the discussion topic and assignment for the month. DallasResourceCenter.org.

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

BROADCAST

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

WEDNESDAY 03.23

COMMUNITY

Dueling Divas. This lecture by Dr. Jane Guzman takes a look at the biographies of Joan Crawford and Betty Davis and their rival up to the film *Whatever Happened To Baby Jane?* This is the first in a series that will cover "movie queens." Preston Royal Branch Library, 5626 Royal Lane. 2 p.m. Free.

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

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

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

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

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

BROADCAST

Lambda Weekly. LGBT radio for North Texas. This week's guest is Connie Marshall from the Straight Spouse Support Network. 89.3 KNON-FM at 7 a.m. LambdaWeekly.com.

THURSDAY 03.24

COMMUNITY

GAIN program meets at Resource Center Dallas,



GAY FOR JAY | Local singer Jay Bean performs her brand of folk this weekend at the Deep Ellum Open Market.

2701 Reagan St. 6:30 p.m. Call 214-540-4440 for more information.

The Group. Support group for black men who are HIV-positive. Call 214-455-7316 for information.

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

BROADCAST

The Jesse Garcia Show. Latino news talk and entertainment by the prominent gay and Latino local activist. This week's guest is Denise Rodriguez from Planned Parenthood. Airs on KNON 89.3 FM Thursdays at 7 a.m. JesseGarciaShow.com.

Reckless After Dark. LGBT radio show hosted by Chase Brooks, Cat Michaels, and Auntie J. Airs on FishBowlRadioNetwork.com every week at 5 p.m. ChaseBrooks.com.

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CELEBRITY BIRTHDAY

By Jack Fertig

Rosie O'Donell turns 49 on Monday. The funny lady and talk show host has been a bit quiet lately. We figure that's partly due to her recent and public breakup with her girlfriend this year. But we hear she's also been busy working with Oprah Winfrey to develop a new show for the OWN network.



ARIES Mar 20-Apr 19

Standing up for yourself can strain a partnership. Advice from friends should be taken very carefully. Listen at least, and be polite. There may be some nuggets of sense you can work with.

TAURUS Apr 20-May 20

People offering to promote you are more well-meaning than effective. You can only trust your record of good work and instincts. For health's sake be careful not to overextend yourself.

GEMINI May 21-Jun 20

Arguments are a waste of time and energy. Imagine the world you want future generations to live in and let that inspire your creative efforts. Learn what you can from the children in your life.

CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22

To meet the great opportunities you face now, find strength in your roots, let go of fear and distractions. Charm and sexual charisma work for you if you are careful not to overplay them.

LEO Jul 23-Aug 22

Misunderstandings with your partner are inevitable. Playing them into grossly exaggerated caricature may be the best way of getting to the root of them. Play it out cooperatively.

VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

If there's diabetes in your family, check your own risk factors. Flirtations at work or the gym grow into something serious. Be careful. That new honey could incur some hard expenses.

LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

Creative efforts aimed at improving a relationship are likely to go awry. Your usual brilliance at anticipating others' desires is on strike now. That's OK. They'll love it when you ask.

SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

Growing up and getting real can be harsh, but it makes you more effective. You can still keep your ideals alive even with a clearer, more aware perspective.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 20

Fun and games don't stop, but what purpose do they serve? Are they helping you toward your long-range goals? Some diversion and relaxation is necessary, but don't get carried away.

CAPRICORN Dec 21-Jan 19

You're at a career peak, but what's the point? That's always a good question as long as you're really looking for an answer. Look deep to get a clearer sense of where you're going.

AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

Trying to reconcile opposing viewpoints can cheat you of the perspective you will get from understanding each on its own merits. Start with the basic details and work your way up.

PISCES Feb 19-Mar 19

Meditate and focus on intuiting how and where to build your resources. It will take hard work, and some of those intuitions will have to be filtered through reality. You can do it.

THIS WEEK

Neptune and Saturn remain in hard aspect, confusing boundaries of logic/science and religion/art/fantasy. Venus and Jupiter can usually be counted on to improve most situations, but they're also in hard aspects complicating negotiations while boosting self-righteousness and misguided optimism. Don't sugarcoat difficulties. Deal with them.

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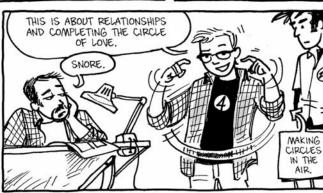


















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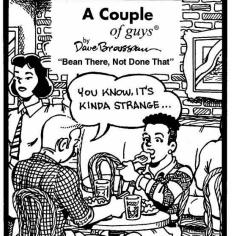
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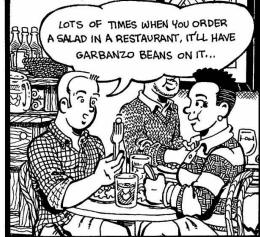
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Last week it was cowboys and cowgirls with the rodeo. This week it's all bears for TBRU this weekend Track down the bears migrations with all the events posted on TBRU.com Get glitzed with the Spectacular Spectacular GayBingo on Saturday at the Rose Room Jack's Backyard brings in cover band Fillmore from Fort Worth on Friday. Beatles legendary cover band Hard Nights Day headlines Saturday night. Have some family fun at the St. Baldrick's Festival on Sunday featuring bands The Departing District and Plow Boy along with activities for the kiddos. We might try to get into the jump house ourselves Lord Byron's Panoptikon presents Disco vs. Retro with DJ 00 at Club One. Not only does the party encourage you to bring hula hoops and roller skates, they will give away tickets to Kylie Minogue's concert. Score! ... DJ Gabriel Marestein spins the tunes Saturday night at **the Brick**. The club gets its TBRU action Sunday with the Bear/Cub Closing Dance Party featuring DJ Barney Philly DJ Perry spins out the Tuff Beats for Tough Bears Friday night at the Dallas **Eagle.** Then get spanked — hard— at the **Second Annual Take One** for the Team paddle auction on Thursday We bet that'll smart!

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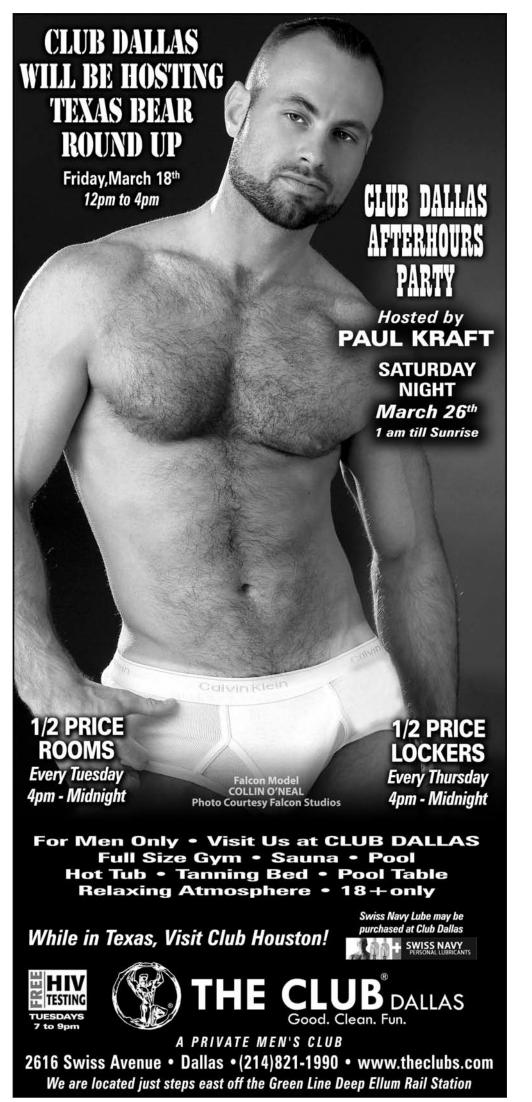
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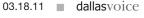
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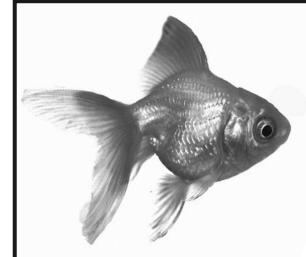
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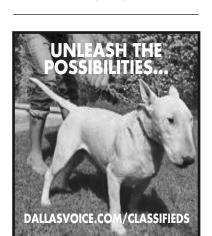
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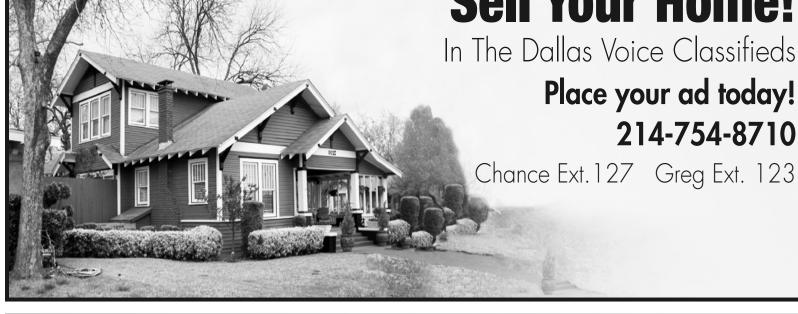
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