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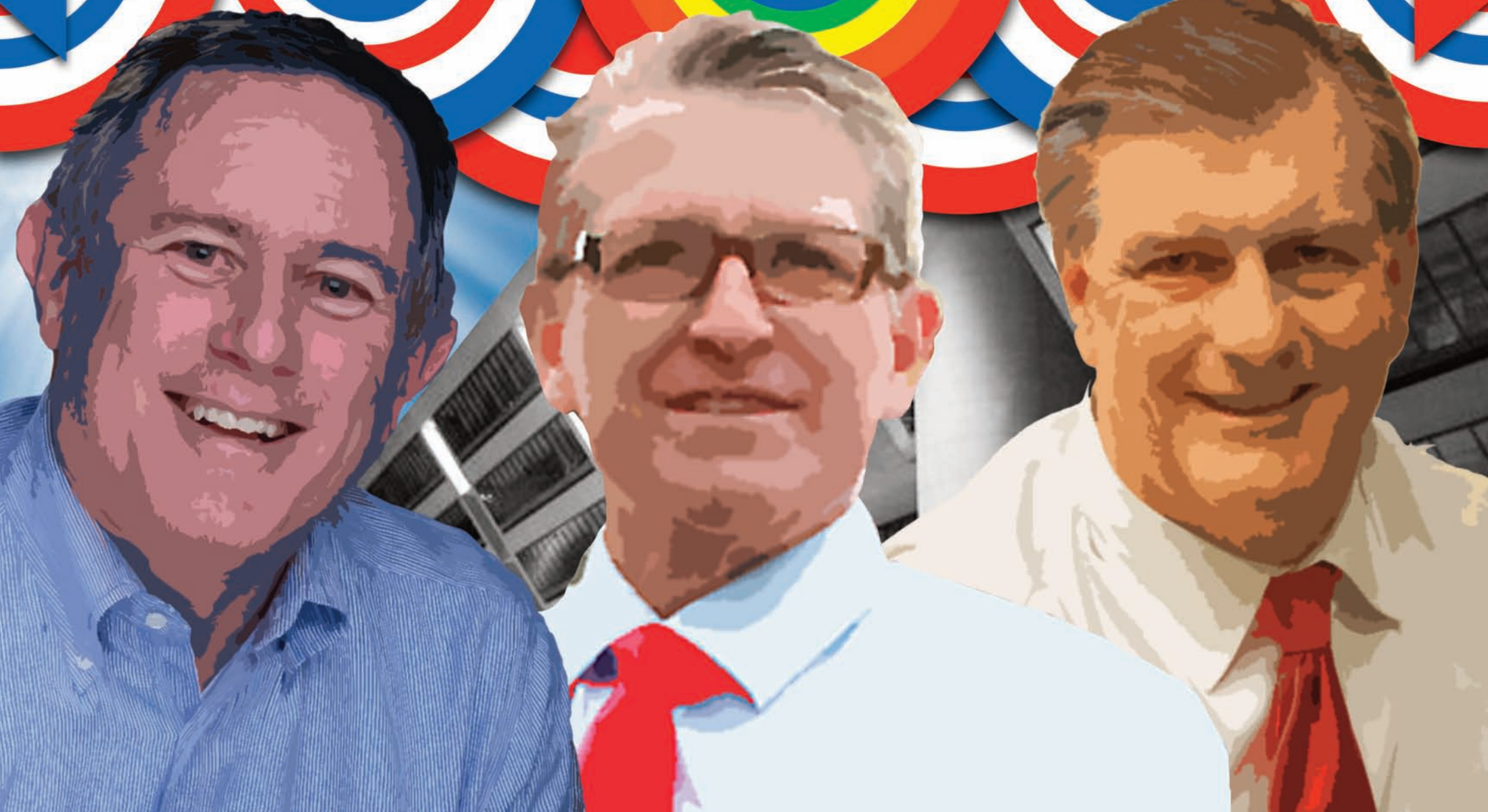
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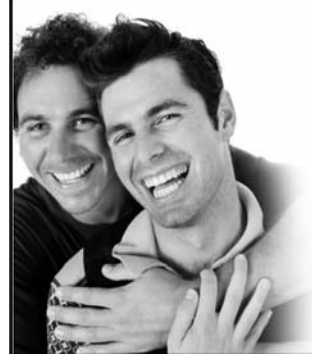
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## Funding set for Easter in the Park

Pooch Parade and Dallas Symphony will highlight annual event in Lee Park

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Event coordinator David Berryman, working with the Cedar Springs Merchants Association, this week announced that he has put together funding from several sources to ensure the annual Easter in the Park will take place on April 24.

Krogers, Park Place Volvo and MetroPCS will sponsor the event, with Berryman's company Bravo Event Group of Texas coordinating it.

"We're all set to go," Lee Park Conservancy President John Williams said.

There was a question whether the annual event would proceed as usual when the Turtle Creek Association that sponsored the event in the past split the Pooch Parade from the concert. That group decided to stage a "family friendly" event a week earlier.

The Dallas Symphony, however, was still scheduled to perform on Easter Sunday and had committed \$60,000 for the performance to take place.

The Lee Park Conservancy, which operates Lee Park, was concerned about the DSO not having an audience despite having committed the funds to perform. And many in the LGBT community were angry over what they saw as an attempt to weed out participation by the LGBT community from Easter in the Park, which has always had a large LGBT contingent of participants.

Many saw TCA's "family-friendly" tag line as code for "no gays allowed."

After much discussion, though, the conservancy teamed with Berryman's company and the Cedar Springs merchants to ensure the traditional Easter Sunday event would take place.

Still, funding was needed to hire the required police and a rescue squad and to pay for trash removal that has to be contracted with a professional company.

The city waived permit fees to help the organizations stage the event.

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## Out & Equal to Dallas County: Add transgender protections before fall

I received a copy of a letter from Selisse Berry, founding executive director of Out and Equal Workplace Advocates, to members of the Dallas County Commissioners Court.

Berry, a former Dallas resident, writes to thank the commissioners for adding sexual orientation to the county's nondiscrimination policy a few weeks back — and to strongly encourage them to add gender identity.

Out and Equal, a nonprofit organization dedicated to achieving full equality in the workplace, will bring more than 2,500 business leaders to Dallas in October for its annual Summit, one of the largest LGBT conventions in the world.

"We selected Dallas for our conference in part because of its combination of a strong LGBT community and its positive corporate environment," Berry writes. "The Summit brings together executives, human resources and diversity professionals, and openly lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender employees from the nation's largest corporations to strategize, network and engage new ways to bring full equality to the workplace for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. When they arrive, we hope they'll see Dallas County as a model for fairness, with fully inclusive protections that include both gender identity and sexual orientation."

— John Wright



# Trans activists speak to commissioners

LGBT advocates urge Commissioners Court to add protections for transgender Dallas County employees to nondiscrimination ordinance

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Three members of the LGBT community spoke Tuesday morning, April 5, during the Dallas County Commissioners Court's regular meeting, calling on the court to add protections for transgender employees to the county's nondiscrimination policy.

Transgender activist Kelli Ann Busey commended the court for adding sexual orientation to the policy covering the county's 7,000 employees a few weeks ago. But she said the court did not go far enough with that effort.

"Transgender people are not the same as gay people," Busey said. "We need to be protected differently."

Busey said many transgender people are homeless after transitioning, often because of discrimination against them in the workplace.

"Without workplace protections, we cannot live

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NOT THE SAME | Transgender activist Kelli Ann Busey addresses the Dallas County Commissioners Court, asking that specific protections for trans employees be added to the county's policy. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

## Klub Wet opens 6 mos. late

After six months of wrangling over parking requirements, the new gay bar Klub Wet is set to open on Maple Avenue next week, according to owner Keith Lackie.

Lackie initially planned to open the bar in late October, in the building that previously housed Illusions, 4100 Maple. But at the last minute, the city refused to issue a certificate of occupancy, saying Lackie didn't have sufficient parking.

What followed was a protracted dispute involving the city, Lackie and Crow Holdings, which owns property across Throckmorton Street where Lackie had two remote parking agreements. In the end, Lackie said he decided to build his own parking lot on a parcel behind the bar that's owned by his landlord.

Lackie has said he spent \$150,000 remodeling the inside of Klub Wet, which will fulfill a dream he had with late partner, Andy Primm. Lackie also plans to redo the outside of the building once the bar is open.

— John Wright

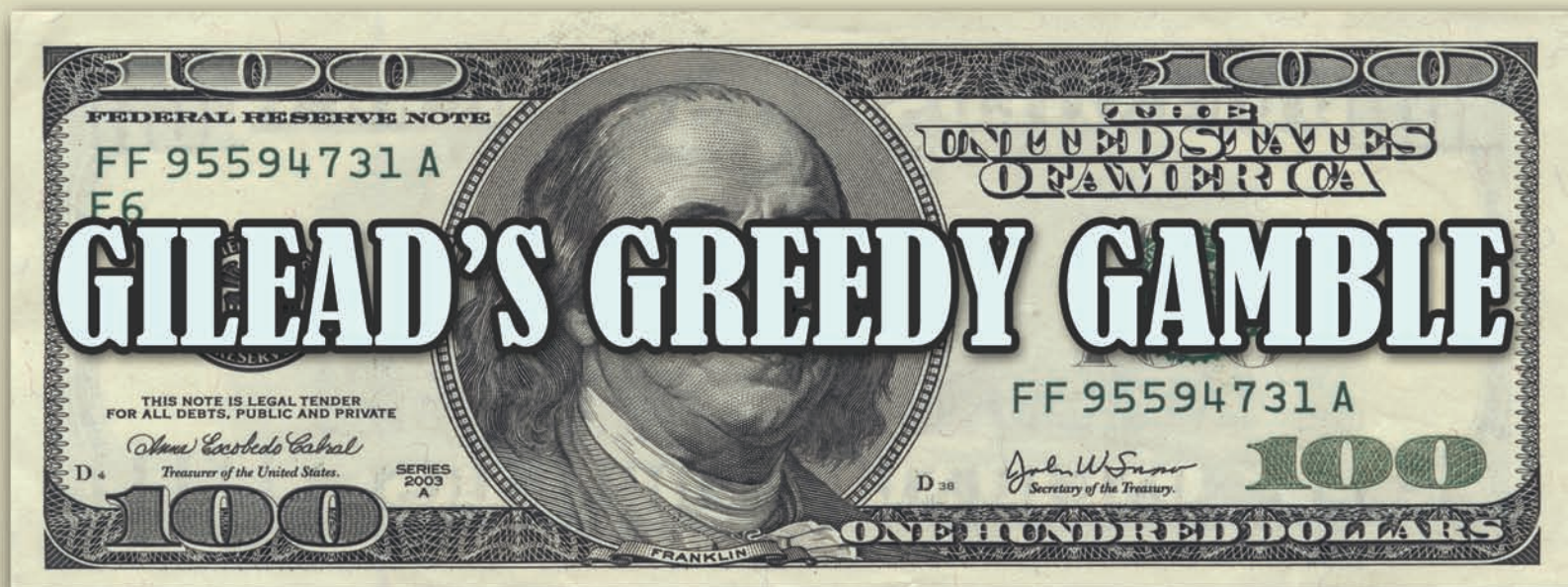


Gilead Sciences will soon apply to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for approval to market its HIV chemo-therapy Truvada to HIV negative gay men. Truvada is currently only approved for use in HIV+ patients. However, it can be prescribed off-label to HIV negative patients by any doctor who feels that their patient is at high risk of contracting HIV.

The multi-billion dollar profit that Gilead is currently making on Truvada is not enough for them. Bloomberg has estimated that Gilead would add \$1 billion in revenue if the FDA approves Truvada for use in HIV negatives. One billion dollars is more than the entire US government budget for HIV prevention.

Gilead is basing its application on a single study that found that it reduced infection by only 44%. What medication is approved based on only a 44% success rate? That means that 56% of the gay men who participated in the study were not protected.

The study itself is not reflective of the real world. The study participants were paid; they went to the doctor monthly and were tested for STDs and HIV monthly; they were individually intensively counseled to take their medication; the US participants were only drawn from San Francisco and Boston; and the overwhelming majority of study participants in the US were white and educated. Nevertheless, when their blood was tested, 51% of them had no Truvada in their system at all - they weren't taking the medication.



Gilead intends to charge \$10,000 a year for the drug as a preventative. It is highly unlikely that government programs will pay for it. There are already 7,000 HIV infected patients on waiting lists nationwide who do not have access to medication. So only the wealthy and insured would have access.

About 26,000 gay men are infected with HIV every year in the United States. More than half of these are the result of men who are positive but don't know it. If the majority of gay men were not currently practicing safer sex most of the time these numbers would be much higher.

If we tell gay men that there is a magic pill that will protect them, fewer of them will use condoms and more of them will become infected. Gilead is irresponsibly seeking more profits based on a single study with dubious results. We respectfully urge them to hold-off in applying to the FDA to use Truvada for prevention until extensive studies in real-life situations, with diverse populations have been completed.

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## localbriefs

### CCGLA surveys candidates, sets meet-and-greet events

As municipal elections approach, the Collin County Gay & Lesbian Alliance has sent an online survey to city council, school board and mayoral candidates in Allen, Frisco, Plano and McKinney, and "meet-and-greet" sessions for candidates are planned in Frisco, Plano and McKinney in April.

The organization will also create and distribute a voters' guide.

The Plano "meet-and-greet" will be held on Friday, April 8, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at a private residence. For more information, go online to CCGLA.org.

Results of CCGLA's candidate surveys will be posted on the CCGLA website prior to each event. The events are informal, non-partisan, and all candidates are invited.

### Oak Cliff Earth Day to feature vendors, info booths and more

Oak Cliff Earth Day, which has become the largest all-volunteer-run Earth Day since it started five years ago, will be held on Sunday, April 17, from noon to 5 p.m. at Lake Cliff Park, located at the intersection of Colorado Street and Zang Boulevard in Oak Cliff.

There is no charge to attend the event, which will include art, food, plants and other environmentally-friendly products available for purchase.

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There will also be educational booths on topics such as how to save energy and clean up the environment, along with locally-grown honey, animals to adopt and native plants for gardens.

Parking at the park is limited, however, free parking is available at Methodist Hospital, in Lot 10 only, located at 1400 S. Beckley Ave. across from the hospital entrance on Beckley Ave. Methodist Hospital is providing a shuttle bus from the parking lot to the event.

Participants are also encouraged to take DART to the event or walk or ride a bicycle. There are a number of bike racks, funded by Oak Cliff Earth Day, at the park.

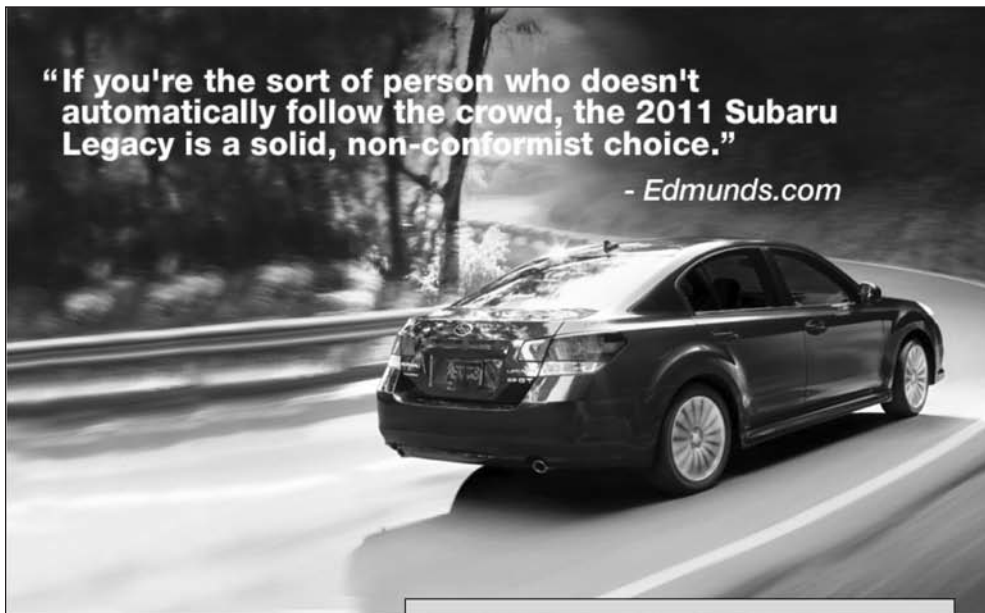
### Mayoral candidates to speak Sunday on animal issues in Dallas

Dallas' mayoral candidates will participate in a forum on animal issues in the city of Dallas on Sunday, April 10, at 2 p.m. at the Central Dallas Library, 1515 Young St., in downtown Dallas. The Metroplex Animal Coalition is sponsoring the forum, with is free and open to the public. Journalist Larry Powell with Urban Animal magazine will moderate.

The mayoral candidates are former Dallas Police Chief David Kunkle, Councilman Ron Natinsky, real estate consultant Edward Okpa and Mike Rawlings, former Pizza Hut CEO and Dallas homeless czar.

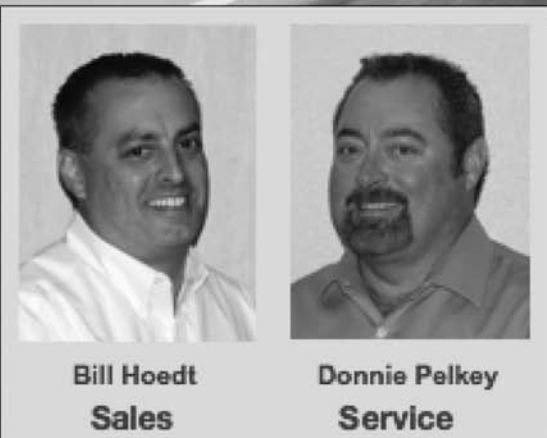
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## localnews

# On a mission for progress

Lawrence Galloway says he is blessed to be the new ED for Legacy of Success Foundation

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Legacy of Success Foundation is getting fired up for a new year, under the leadership of a new executive director.

Lawrence M. Galloway has been tapped as the organization's fourth executive director in its 10-year history. He replaces Paul Lyons, who resigned last September.

Galloway, originally from Baton Rouge, La., has a bachelor's degree in economics, with a finance minor in management, from Southern University and A&M College. He currently works as



an online instructor supervisor for Learn-It Systems, based in Maryland, but previously worked as a math teacher in the DeSoto Independent School District's Amber Terrace Elementary School and at Hampton Preparatory School in Dallas. He also taught math at Scotlandville Magnet High School in Baton Rouge.

Galloway said he started attending LOSF's regular discussion forums for gay men of color after he moved to Dallas. That led to getting involved in the organization's other activities, he said.

"I was really impressed with Legacy of Success Foundation and all the work the organization does in the community — things like the Hazel Hatcher Scholarship and the fundraisers," Galloway said. "So when [board chair] Chris Davis told me they were looking for a new executive director, I knew I wanted to apply.

"I believe I am truly blessed to have been chosen as the new executive director for this organization," he said.

Galloway said that as ED, he will focus on

working with the LOSF board of directors "to ensure that we are moving in the direction of fulfilling our mission statement."

The organization began as a business and cultural organization focused on bringing together North Texas' LGBT community of color, creating "an environment that will aide the LGBT and affirming community of color to be proud of who they are by empowering them to action through social activism and economic growth," according to the LOSF website.

The organization also works to eliminate homophobia and racism in the overall African-American community to break "the chains that bind our minds" and to promote social awareness and social justice.

"We want to focus on awareness, on bridging the gap between the homosexual and the heterosexual communities," Galloway said. "We want to collaborate with other organizations to bring our whole community together."

The board members Galloway will be working with include chairman Chris Davis, along with Kim Abernathy, Lamond Ayers, Willie Hall and Delbert Johnson. And LOSF's next event will be a membership round-up Saturday, April 9, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Center for Community Cooperation, 2900 Live Oak St.

The organization's next big event will be the annual Juneteenth Celebration, on June 18, featuring a barbecue picnic at a location to be announced later, followed in August by the annual Heritage Celebration Honors Awards.

LOSF also sponsors a free community mixer on the third Wednesday of each month, from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., at Catfish Blues, 1011 S. Corinth St.

And on the third Sunday of each month, LOSF holds The Set, a discussion forum for "mature-minded" African-American men, and House of Glamour, a discussion forum for African-American lesbians.

The Set is held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh St., and admission is free. For more information, email Nelson Eason at nelson.losf@yahoo.org. ■

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# Changes coming on Cedar Springs

Warwick announces plans for Bronx location; JR.'s remodel starts; new restaurants opening soon

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Two restaurants closed on Cedar Springs Road last weekend, but new businesses are opening, and at least one long-time club is being remodeled.

The Bronx, the oldest gay-owned business on Cedar Springs that had operated for 35 years, has been sold to the Melrose Hotel.

Officials with Warwick, the owner of the Melrose Hotel, released their plans for the real estate on Wednesday, April 6.

"The current plans call for a large and pillar-less ballroom which would be complemented by additional meeting and conference space in a nearby building. The construction of a spa and a swimming pool is also under study," Warwick said.

The property has a 10-story height restriction on the property because it is on the Love Field glide path. While the building occupied by The Bronx is in great shape, the attached building that was last occupied by Spanish Village, is not salvageable.

Both would likely have to be razed to make room for Warwick's planned improvements.

On Thursday, April 7, Rick Espailat, a spokesman for Caven Enterprises, reports that work was beginning that day on a month-long project to remodel JR.'s Bar & Grill, which has been located on the corner of Cedar Springs and Throckmorton for 31 years.

The remodeling project will, among other things, give the club a ground-level patio along Cedar Springs Road.

The last time JR's underwent significant renovations was 1998, when the second floor and balcony were added, Espailat said. The club will remain open during the project.

The other restaurant that closed last week was Hung\*dingers.

Danny Sikora bought the lease from the former



**BYGONES** | The Bronx closed last weekend after 35 years. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

owner and will move his restaurant, Thairrific, from its Forest Lane location to Oak Lawn. Despite its current location, hidden in a rundown shopping center in Far North Dallas, that restaurant won the 2011 Readers Voice award for best Asian food.

Sikora said work has already begun on the move.

"We've gotten the space about 80 percent cleaned out," Sikora said.

He said that Hung\*dingers installed a new kitchen when they opened less than three years ago. He expects his restaurant to be ready to open on Throckmorton Street in six to eight weeks.

Two other restaurants are under construction in the same building at 4000 Cedar Springs Road.

Scott Jones, owner of Macho Nacho in the original Hunky's location, said he is waiting for delivery of some furniture and expects to open around April 18.

Coffee Lab, in the former space occupied by Obscurities, is still under construction with no set opening date.

Issues with permits and parking have delayed any changes at another Cedar Springs Road business: Scott Whittall said that they are rethinking plans for Buli, the café which the owner had originally intended to turn into a piano bar by enlarging into the vacant space next door. ■

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### EASTER

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Registration for the Pooch Parade will open at 11 a.m. The cost is \$10 per pet entered. Paul J. Williams will be the emcee and council members Angela Hunt and Pauline Medrano will be among the judges. A special guest grand marshal will be announced next week.

Food and beverage vendors begin serving at noon and will be open through 5 p.m. The Dallas Symphony will perform in Lee Park at 5 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m., an Easter bonnet contest begins at select clubs on Cedar Springs Road. The list of participating bars will be released next week.

The April 17 event, renamed Creek Craze, will include a dog costume contest, and rescue groups will be at the park for adoptions. Food and beverage vendors will also be at the park.

Activities include an Easter egg roll. Children's entertainer Eddie Coker and a DJ will entertain through the afternoon and a live band will perform at 4 p.m.

And all groups involved assure that "family friendly" means all families.

Williams said he was glad to see two weekends of activities in the park.

"I hope people come out and enjoy both," he said. ■



**GETTING INPUT** | Dallas County Commissioners listen to citizens asking for protections for trans employees. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

### ACTIVIST

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up to our potential," she said.

Dave Guy-Gainer spoke on behalf of Equality Texas. He told the commissioners about a poll conducted by Glengariff Group that sampled registered voters in Texas on 12 rights as they pertain to the LGBT community.

"According to the poll, 70 percent of all Texas voters support prohibiting employment and housing discrimination for transgender citizens," he said.

Gainer said that over the past three election cycles, Dallas County has voted for progressive government. He called Dallas County a leader for other jurisdictions across the area as well as nationally.

Pam Curry, who is transgender, told the court she is a former part-time Dallas County employee.

"I was bothered when the non-discrimination policy was passed and I was not included," Curry said, going on to explain the difference between sexual orientation and gender identity.

"I urge the court to move quickly to correct the oversight," she said.

Rafael McDonnell, strategic communications and programs manager for Resource Center Dallas, spoke at the Commissioners Court meeting the previous week and by the court's rules is barred from speaking again for a month. But McDonnell promised to keep the issue before the court by lining up speakers for each weekly meeting.

McDonnell also forwarded to Dallas Voice a copy of an email he received from County Judge

Clay Jenkins.

"I believe in equality for all," Jenkins wrote to McDonnell. "The new non-discrimination language was formulated by the county's human resources department at my request and was intended to prohibit discrimination against anyone. Our HR director informs me that her interpretation of sexual orientation includes gender identity and gender expression. Therefore, under our current policy, discrimination will not be tolerated."

"Many people share your concern that the policy needs to be changed to specifically state that gender identity and expression are included. I have requested an opinion from the District Attorney's office about adding identity language to the county code and its overall impact; the first step in a proposed change," Jenkins wrote.

"The vote that passed last month is a positive step, which I consider a victory, and I am asking for your faith and patience as the process moves forward," Jenkins added.

On Monday, April 4, Stonewall Democrats of Dallas unanimously passed a resolution calling on the Commissioners Court to add transgender protections, according to President Omar Narvaez.

The resolution pointed out that "comprehensive nondiscrimination policies, including sexual orientation and gender identity/expression, decrease costs for employers, decrease regrettable loss, raise productivity, and increase recruiting efficiency," and "will serve to further the goals of economic development, marketplace competition, and improved quality of life." ■

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## The other victims of homophobia

Straight Spouse Network offers help to those whose partners have come out — without bashing LGBT people

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Connie Marshall had been married to her husband for 30 years and had two children when, on the evening her older son returned from his honeymoon, her husband sat her down for a talk.

He told her he was gay and that he was moving to New York, and he handed her a list of what he wanted to take with him.

Marshall, who is now retired, owned several restaurants in San Antonio. Not only did her husband leave her with her business, but also with his car and their house to sell.

A few weeks later, her younger son left for college. So within a month, her household shrank from four to just one and she was suddenly facing a life alone.

"This kind of divorce is so different from the run-of-the-mill divorce and those of us who have walked down that path need support," Marshall said.

The first thing Marshall assured is that Straight Spouse Network not about gay bashing. It provides support to the heterosexual current or former partner of a gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender person to constructively resolve coming out issues.

In fact, Marshall said, the group encourages LGBT people to come out when they're young so that what happened to her doesn't happen to others. The heterosexual partner is just one more victim of homophobia, Marshall said.

When Marshall moved to Dallas from San Antonio several years ago to live near her older son, she was surprised that this city didn't have a straight spouse group. A group did exist in Dallas previously but disbanded. After speaking to members of PFLAG and people at Northaven United Methodist Church, she decided to start one.



Connie Marshall

Marshall points out that there are all sorts of groups for people in the LGBT community. Straight Spouse Network is the only organization that meets the needs of the heterosexual partner.

Her experience with the group is that some people who attend are angry but most just need the support of knowing they are not the only person that this happened to. Actually, she said, the group estimates that about 2 million people have found themselves in this situation or are still married to a gay or lesbian spouse.

Marshall said her former husband has always been a good father, and she wishes they had been able to maintain their friendship. She said that since he left 10 years ago she has reached out to him a number of times but he keeps his distance. She imagines that guilt on his part keeps him from re-establishing their friendship.

After being on her own for 10 years, Marshall said she has created a new life for herself. But she hopes to help others facing this situation.

The Dallas Straight Spouse Network will meet for the first time on April 12.

*Straight Spouse Network meets the second Tuesday each month at Northaven United Methodist Church, 11211 Preston Road at 7 p.m. StraightSpouse.org.*

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## HHS announces plan to improve LGBT health

Move comes following release of study detailing 'research gaps and opportunities' related to LGBTs and healthcare

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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced Friday, April 1, that it is making new recommendations for future action to "improve the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people."

The announcement came on the heels of a federally sponsored report by the Institute of Medicine that identified "research gaps and opportunities" related to LGBT health. That report was released March 31.

It also came on the same day HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced a new policy "explicitly requiring HHS employees to serve all individuals who are eligible for the department's programs without regard to any non-merit factor, including race, national origin, color, reli-

gion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability (physical or mental), age, status as a parent, or genetic information."

A lengthy press statement released by HHS on April 1 mostly reiterated actions HHS and the Obama administration taken have taken previously to improve the health and equal rights for LGBT people. For instance, it noted President Obama had called for new guidelines to require hospitals receiving federal funds to allow LGBT patients to designate who could visit them in the hospital.

But among the new actions announced, the press statement said that later this year, HHS's website devoted to the new health reform law, the Affordable Care Act (HealthCare.gov) would provide "additional information of specific relevance to LGBT populations."

"In particular," noted the HHS statement, "the website will allow LGBT consumers to identify health insurance policies available to them that include coverage of domestic partners."

The announcement said HHS would also work to increase:

- the "number of federally funded health and demographic surveys that collect and report sexual orientation and gender identity data;"
- "evaluate ways its programs can ensure equal treatment of LGBT families," through such programs as the Temporary Assistance for

Needy Families, and others; and

- "encourage new and existing health profession training programs...to include LGBT cultural competency curricula."

The IOM report released March 31 was commissioned by the National Institutes of Health, an agency of HHS. The report recommended that NIH conduct more research to "advance knowledge and understanding of LGBT health" and that HHS surveys collect data "on sexual orientation and gender identity."

It also recommended "Data on sexual orientation and gender identity should be collected in electronic health records."

"Collecting these detailed patient-level data," noted the IOM report, "with adequate privacy and security protection as is needed for all data collected in electronic health records, could assist in identifying and addressing LGBT health disparities."

Local counselor Candy Marcum said she is not surprised by the findings in the study. According to the report, lesbian and bisexual women use preventive health services less frequently than heterosexual women.

Marcum said that when she first went to a gynecologist, the medical questionnaire asked how much sex she was having followed by what method of birth control she used. She said a major concern of the doctor is pregnancy.

"But that would involve having sex with a

man and that just doesn't sound right to me," she said.

So to get proper care from her doctor, Marcum said, she had to come out. She said that doctors and caregivers are the most compassionate people but coming out to anyone can be scary.

Breast cancer and ovarian cancer occur more frequently among lesbians than straight women, the report said.

"You have the right for good health care," Marcum said. But to make sure a physician looks for those things, it's important for the doctor to know the patient's sexual orientation.

She said the doctor has to have the proper context.

Marcum said another finding, that lesbians suffer from obesity more than women in general, is also not surprising. "Women are more accepting of the person they love," she said.

Marcum said that the medical system is broken and that fewer people are accessing the system. But she said she is gratified that HHS was addressing the issues of the LGBT community. ■

The full IOM report can be read at [iom.edu/Reports/2011/The-Health-of-Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-and-Transgender-People.aspx](http://iom.edu/Reports/2011/The-Health-of-Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-and-Transgender-People.aspx).

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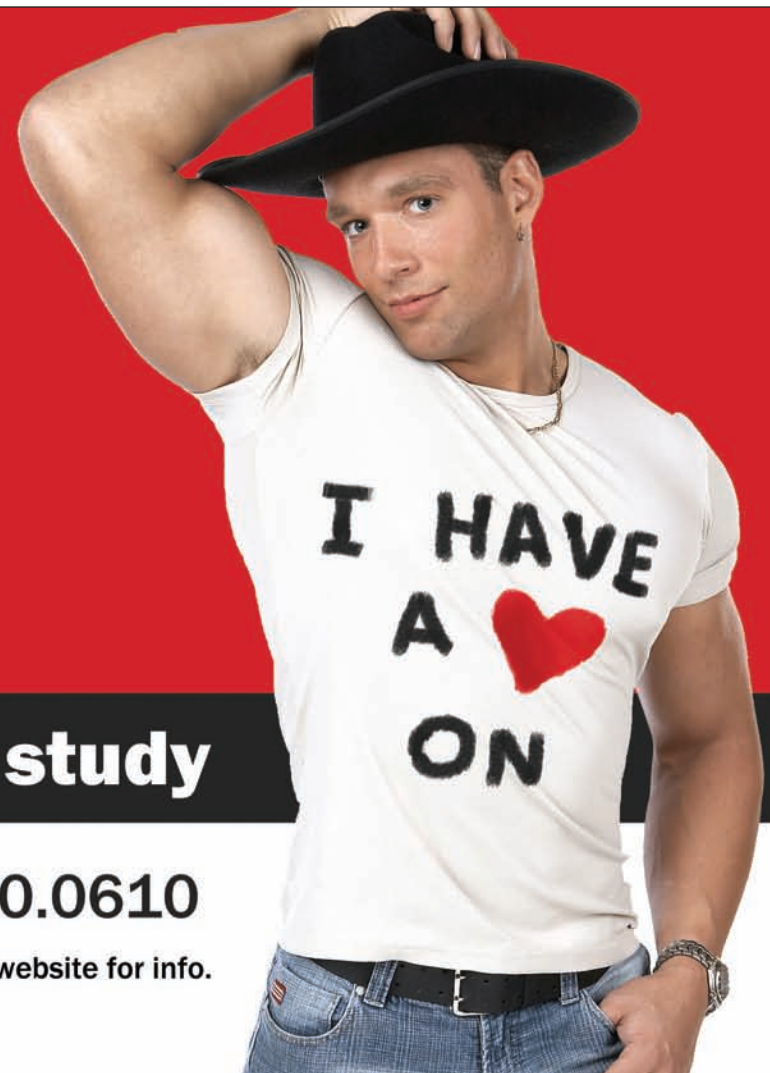
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# Decision in Dallas



Ron Natinsky

2011 mayoral hopefuls reach out to  
LGBT voters like never before.

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For the first time ever, all major candidates for Dallas mayor are actively courting the LGBT vote in 2011.

City Councilman Ron Natinsky, former Parks Board Chairman Mike Rawlings and former Police Chief David Kunkle each pledged their support for the community in recent interviews with Dallas Voice.

And all three sought endorsements from both Stonewall Democrats and the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance, although Natinsky pulled out of Stonewall's candidate screening over questions about his eligibility for the group's backing.

Openly gay former City Councilman Ed Oakley, who was defeated in a runoff for mayor by Tom Leppert in 2007, called the 2011 mayor's race "a watershed moment for the community."

"It's unprecedented," Oakley said. "I'm very proud of Dallas that we have matured to this point. The mayor down the road who doesn't

seek our support will rue the day that they snubbed this community."

Four years ago, Leppert failed to respond to DGLA's endorsement questionnaire, which Oakley says should have been a red flag. Leppert also refused to answer when asked whether he was "gay-friendly," saying he didn't know what the term meant.

But Leppert vowed during his runoff campaign against Oakley to be the mayor for all of Dallas, and for his first two years in office, he appeared to live up to the promise.

Then, when Leppert began weighing a run for U.S. Senate, he joined the virulently anti-gay First Baptist Church. And later, after stepping down as mayor to run for Senate, he came out against both same-sex marriage and civil unions.

Leppert's shift to the right on LGBT issues left many in the community feeling angry and betrayed.

All three major candidates in this year's race insisted they'd never throw the LGBT community under the bus. But while they're all going after the gay vote, their records and positions on LGBT issues vary.

Oakley said it's impossible to guarantee that

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DLGA Political Action Committee members have already interviewed candidates. After the candidate forum the PAC will vote on their nonpartisan endorsements, which will be released early next week.

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something like Leppert's betrayal of the community never happens again, but he agreed that the episode underscores the importance of the mayor's race.

"We need to be supporting candidates that truly have a history in this community, not just when they're running," he said.

### Ron Natinsky

Oakley is one of three openly gay former Dallas city councilmen who've endorsed Natinsky for mayor.

And Natinsky touted the support of Oakley and former Councilmen Chris Luna and Craig Holcomb when asked why the LGBT community should vote for him.

"It's a proven track record," said Natinsky, a regular at meetings of the gay group Log Cabin Republicans. "I've taken part in LGBT events, and I've been in the parade and I've gone to Black Tie. It's a proven element.

"It's really easy for people to say, 'Well, if you elect me, I'll go do these things.' It's another when you've been doing it for a number of years."

During his six years on the council, Natinsky never appointed an openly LGBT person to a city board or commission, but he said it wasn't for lack of trying.

Natinsky said he approached members of the LGBT community who live in his district, but they declined to serve due to business and personal obligations. He said he wouldn't hesitate to appoint openly LGBT people to boards and commissions as mayor.

In 2008, Natinsky voted against a budget amendment that would have restored \$250,000 in funding for HIV/AIDS services. He said he opposed the amendment, which failed 9-6, because he didn't believe the proposed funding source was reliable.

Natinsky, like the other two candidates for mayor, vowed to defend existing Dallas ordinances offering domestic partner benefits to city employees, and prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing and public accommodations.

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David Kunkle

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He also said he would support the expansion of LGBT diversity training, currently conducted by the Dallas Police Department, to Dallas Fire-Rescue.

Natinsky also said he supports the concept of requiring city contractors to offer domestic partner benefits, but would first want to research the legality.

"If there's not any negative repercussions, or some reason that we can't do it from a legal perspective, it's certainly something that we need to try to move forward on," he said.

Natinsky said he supports an ongoing review by two council members — Angela Hunt and

Pauline Medrano — of the city's handling of complaints under the nondiscrimination ordinance.

But he said he would be reluctant to create a council-appointed LGBT human relations commission due to its price tag.

Natinsky said while he's "open" to the idea, the annual cost in staff time for a commission can be up to \$250,000. He suggested that the same goals could be accomplished through regular meetings between the mayor and LGBT leaders.

"We have to be careful that we don't put another layer of institutional bureaucracy in place," Natinsky said. "If it comes down to whether we're going to lay off a police officer or have another board, that's kind of a tough decision to make."

Natinsky pulled out of the Stonewall Demo-

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crats' endorsement process at the last minute because it appeared he was ineligible for the group's backing due to his Republican primary voting record.

He said he was somewhat disappointed that he wasn't able to seek Stonewall's endorsement, which he called a natural extension of his campaign. But he said he doesn't believe his party affiliation will hurt him among LGBT voters, and he dismissed any comparisons to Leppert.

For one, he said he doesn't have any political aspirations beyond the mayor's office.

"He's Tom and I'm Ron," Natinsky said. "I'm the guy that's running for mayor, and he's not, so I think you need to go on my track record and my reputation."

Natinsky is Jewish but said he is not affiliated with any congregation. Asked whether he supports same-sex marriage, Natinsky said: "This is not a city issue; it is handled at the state and federal level. I do have several longtime close friends, including Craig Holcomb and Hector Garcia, who are happily married. However, the mayor has no jurisdiction over these matters."

### David Kunkle

Like Natinsky, Kunkle pointed to his record of working with the community as one reason why LGBT voters should cast their ballots for him.

"I'm a known quantity," Kunkle said. "I have a proven track record. I'm very comfortable in the LGBT community."

"I believe that one of the things that makes Dallas a special place is the fact that our LGBT community is so large and accommodating. And it helps bring people to this city probably from throughout the United States, but certainly from throughout the Southwest part of the United States, to be able to come to a community where there's support and there are interesting, cool, things to do," he said. "I'm the known candidate. We want to work hard to make sure there's full inclusion."

Kunkle, who received the endorsement of Stonewall Democrats of Dallas, said as police chief, he always took seriously the concerns of the LGBT community.

Kunkle said he rode in the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade each year because he felt it was "an important thing to do symbolically."

"I probably got more criticism for riding than anybody, maybe even the mayor, because of what I represented as the police chief," Kunkle said.

During his tenure as chief, Kunkle was faced with requests from the community to convert the Police Department's LGBT liaison officer assignment from part time to full time.

Kunkle was initially reluctant to make the change because he said he didn't believe there was enough work for the officer to do, but he eventually agreed to the full-time assignment.

"I've always felt that ... having a full time police officer in the community was important as long as there was enough work to keep the person busy," he said.

Kunkle also frequently dealt with questions as chief about violent crime in an area near the Cedar Springs strip, which at one point ranked as high as No. 3 among the city's worst hotspots.

But Kunkle said it's been the very identification of those hotspots that helped lead to a 36 percent reduction in violent crime citywide over the last seven years. The Cedar Spring area has since fallen to No. 7 on the list.

"One reason crime reduction occurred is that we as a department got much better about targeting the highest crime areas," he said.

Kunkle said he would appoint openly LGBT people to boards and commissions, and supports the expansion of diversity training.

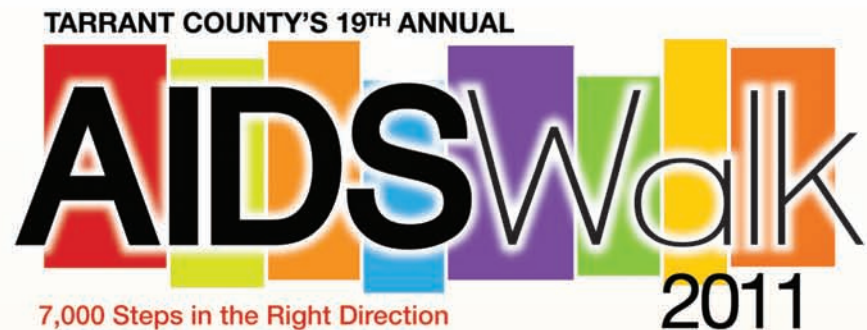
Kunkle also said he would defend the city's nondiscrimination ordinance and DP benefits program if they came under attack from the Legislature, council members or some other outside force.

He expressed support for the review by Hunt and Medrano of the city's handling of nondiscrimination complaints, but he said he's unsure about requiring DP benefits for contractors.

"I don't know that the city of Dallas should require it, but I think the fact that the city suggests it would be the appropriate thing to do," Kunkle said. "I'm not opposed to it, either. I just don't know legally what would be the impact of doing it, the consequences. I think on its face it seems like a good idea."

Unlike Natinsky or Rawlings, Kunkle said he

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Mike Rawlings

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firmly supports the formation of an LGBT human relations commission.

"I think the funding would be minimal," he said. "I think the benefits could be great."

Kunkle said he believes council-appointed commissions could also benefit other "groups that tend to be underrepresented or may be forgotten."

He said an LGBT commission could help deal with issues like DP benefits for city contractors. A few years ago, the council signed a contract with Omni Hotels to operate the city-owned convention center hotel, but the company wasn't asked whether it offers DP benefits until after the fact.

"I don't know that I would have ever thought of it, but that's one advantage of having a commission, so that those kinds of issues can have a mechanism to be brought up," Kunkle said.

Kunkle had stepped down as police chief prior to the Police Department's controversial raid of a gay bathhouse last October. But he said he would not have signed off on the vice unit's operation at Club Dallas had he still been chief.

"I don't think that meets the definition of public lewdness in my mind," Kunkle said,

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adding that police have "better things to do."

"If you have consenting adults engaged in activity, there's nobody who's going to walk into that environment who should be offended by what they see," he said. "It's not a public place."

Asked about Leppert's shift to the right, Kunkle said it's an example of why he's the best candidate.

"That's the reason I think you guys should vote for me, because I'm not going to change," he said. "I always have been consistent in what I believe in. I'm not going to change depending on which audience I'm in. I'm running as a nontraditional candidate, and it gives me some freedom to talk about and say what I really believe, without worrying about which of my financial supporters I'm going to offend."

Kunkle said he is a member of a Methodist church but has not been active for the last several years. Asked whether he supports same-sex marriage, Kunkle said: "My beliefs and faith are one of tolerance and respect for people and the choices that they make. If I were confronted with and involved with that issue, that's the side I would come out on."

## Mike Rawlings

Rawlings, the former CEO of Pizza Hut, acknowledged that he likely is the least known of the three major candidates to the LGBT community in Dallas. But Rawlings said his record in the private sector, as the city's homeless czar and as chairman of the Convention and Visitors Bureau should make LGBT voters comfortable supporting him.

"I was the chairman of [the CVB] when we started our first GLBT marketing campaign, to market Dallas as a truly cosmopolitan city with all the diversity this town has and offers to other people, and I think being part of that dialogue is extremely important," Rawlings said.

"While a lot of people don't know me, my three-and-a-half decades here in Dallas and my business relationships, my teams that I've worked with over the years, can pretty much speak to how I've lived my life.

"I ran the largest advertising agency in the South, and we had a huge community of GLBT associates and team members."

Rawlings said as homeless czar, he worked tirelessly on behalf of the city's most marginalized population.

"This is not a man who doesn't understand what it means to create dignity for individuals, so I would ask somebody to look at that track record, and say, 'Is it consistent that this guy's going to take a left-hand turn from the way he's treated people his whole life?'"

Rawlings was CEO of Pizza Hut from 1997 until 2003. Pizza Hut is owned by Yum Brands, which scored a 65 out of 100 on the Human Rights Campaign's Corporate Equality Index in 2010.

According to HRC, Yum Foods added sexual orientation to its nondiscrimination policy in

2004, and began offering DP benefits in 2006.

Joe Bosch, who was HR director at Pizza Hut when Rawlings was CEO, noted that the company is merely a division of Yum Brands. Bosch said although Yum Brands may not have enacted the two policies until after Rawlings left Pizza Hut, "He was definitely a champion of diversity."

Rawlings' assistant, Sandy Nelson, said the company where he currently serves as vice chairman, CIC Partners in Dallas, is too small with only 12 employees to have extensive LGBT-related employment policies.

Rawlings, whose high-profile LGBT supporters include Pam Gerber and Larry Pease, said he would be honored to participate in events such as the gay Pride parade and the Black Tie Dinner.

And he said he would not hesitate to appoint openly LGBT people to city boards and commissions. "I go for talent," he said. "Diversity is not a politically correct term for me. Diversity is the way we're going to be more competitive."

Rawlings also said he would support expanding DPD diversity training to Fire-Rescue. He said he wasn't familiar with the ongoing review of the city's handling of discrimination complaints, but he added, "If people are being treated badly, we need to get to the bottom of it."

Rawlings vowed to defend both the nondiscrimination ordinance and DP benefits if they came under attack. But he said he would not support establishing an LGBT commission, because he prefers human relationships and accountability over bureaucracy.

"When I was on the parks board, I really questioned, what are we doing here as a parks board? It didn't set budget, it didn't set policy, so I'm a believer in fewer versus more in that regard," he said. "I'm a believer in getting the job done, as opposed to acting like the job's getting done."

Rawlings also said he would be reluctant to require contractors to offer DP benefits, because such an ordinance would amount to playing "the ethics police."

"I would not be for it, probably, because we've got way too many hurdles everybody's got to jump over to get money into this town," he said.

Rawlings said he attends First Presbyterian Church and believes discrimination against LGBT people is "one of the worst parts" of Christianity.

He said he had an employee who was beaten to death in an anti-gay hate crime in the 1980s.

"One of our top creative people was killed over on Cedar Springs one night," he said. "It changed my perspective on things a lot."

Asked about same-sex marriage, Rawlings said he believes the issue is "divisive" and shouldn't be used as "a litmus test."

"I think it's one of the most irrelevant issues for the world," he said. "I think we should get beyond it and let people do what they want to do. Some of my best friends have been married, and I'm pleased that they have been, and so I'm really happy for them. I've supported their marriage, but it's not the mayor's job to say, 'We need to do this.'" ■

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'Democrat' doesn't always equal 'gay-friendly'

Comments by Bexar County Democratic Party chair — and the response to them — shows LGBTs have to work across lines of race, party to make progress

Much has been said about the chairman of the Bexar County Democratic Party, Dan Ramos, who last month made headlines with a rant in which he called LGBT people "Nazis" and "termites." But as things develop, we shouldn't just write



**Justin Nichols**  
Special Contributor

Ramos off as one county chairman gone crazy. Lessons can be learned here about politics, race, and the fight for equality.

On April 5, the Bexar County Democratic Party precinct chairs held two meetings, both claiming to be official. The San Antonio Express News reported that the larger meeting, from which Ramos was absent, had about 75 precinct chairs that voted to put Ramos on trial for rule violations.

The smaller meeting, which Ramos attended, was comprised almost exclusively of Hispanic precinct chairs giving him, reportedly a "hero's welcome."

In March, a local news survey showed that only 54 percent of viewers believed that Ramos should resign his post — a far cry unanimous agreement.

This got me thinking: Is there a quiet, but significant group of people who aren't that upset with Ramos?

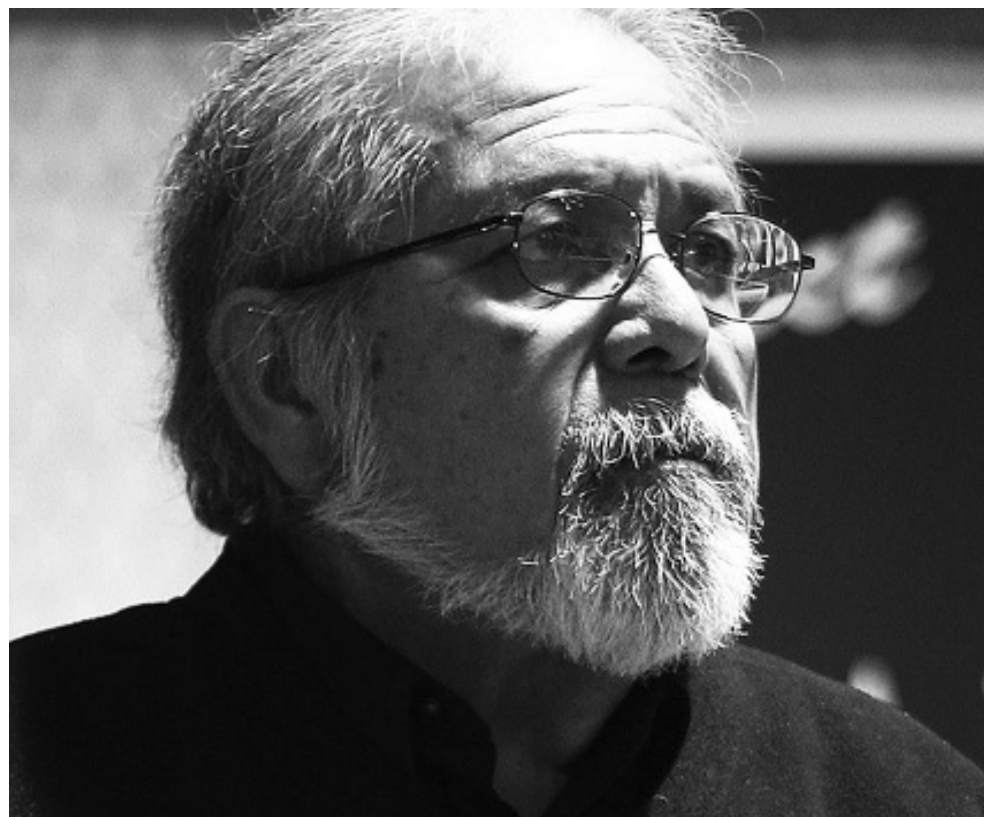
Ramos' comments have become increasingly racially charged. Further, Ramos has maintained his position opposing gay marriage and adoption represents the true sentiments of Bexar County residents.

What if Ramos is right, and what if race is a bigger player than initially thought?

The Pew Hispanic Center, the leader in Latino research, reported that 56 percent of Hispanics oppose gay marriage, compared to only 42 percent of non-Hispanics; 43 percent of Hispanics believe that abortion should be legal compared to 60 percent of non-Hispanics.

These number are in stark contrast to a 2010 Gallup poll showing 56 percent and 87 percent of Democrats support, respectively, gay marriage and some form of legal abortion.

According to Pew, Hispanics tend to identify with the Democratic Party 66 percent of the time, double the rate by which they identify with the



Dan Ramos

Republican Party. And, the Latino population is the fastest growing minority in the country — seeing a 56 percent increase from 2000 to 2010 in Southern states.

What this means is that the fastest growing population, which overwhelmingly supports the Democratic Party, significantly breaks with the Democratic platform on issues like gay rights and women's right to choose.

So maybe, the conflict in Bexar County is just a sample of more intra-party disputes to come as the Latino populations grows and realizes more leadership positions in the Democratic Party.

To the people ready to accuse me of lumping all Latinos into one big bag: Cool down; I'm not.

I'm suggesting that, as the Hispanic commu-

nity becomes larger and more politically active — flexing its muscle on issues like immigration and education — we shouldn't assume that a "D" or "R" next to someone's name automatically reveals their position on gay rights.

As a community, we need to be reaching out to all communities, and we should never assume that one group is automatically in our corner.

The leaders of Stonewall Democrats of San Antonio are right: Dan Ramos is a dinosaur who will soon be extinct.

But I caution against assuming that when dinosaurs die there will automatically be political oil to drill. The numbers show that is not guaranteed.

*Justin Nichols is a gay Republican activist.*

When home life meets wildlife, pets can be the ones who pay the price

Losing a pet to a wild predator hammers home a hard lesson

If you don't want your beloved small pet to become the main course for a hungry wild creature, don't let them out of your sight outdoors for a second. That's how long it took for some nocturnal creature to spirit my little Yorkie,

Noah, away, never to be seen again.

I let my two schnauzers, Queenie and Butch, and Noah outside about midnight recently for a what I thought would be an uneventful few minutes. Then tragedy struck.

I was near the kitchen back door when I heard a few barks and what I now realize to be a death scream from Noah. I ran outside to see

what was happening, but only Queenie and Butch were still in the back yard.



**David Webb**  
The Rare Reporter

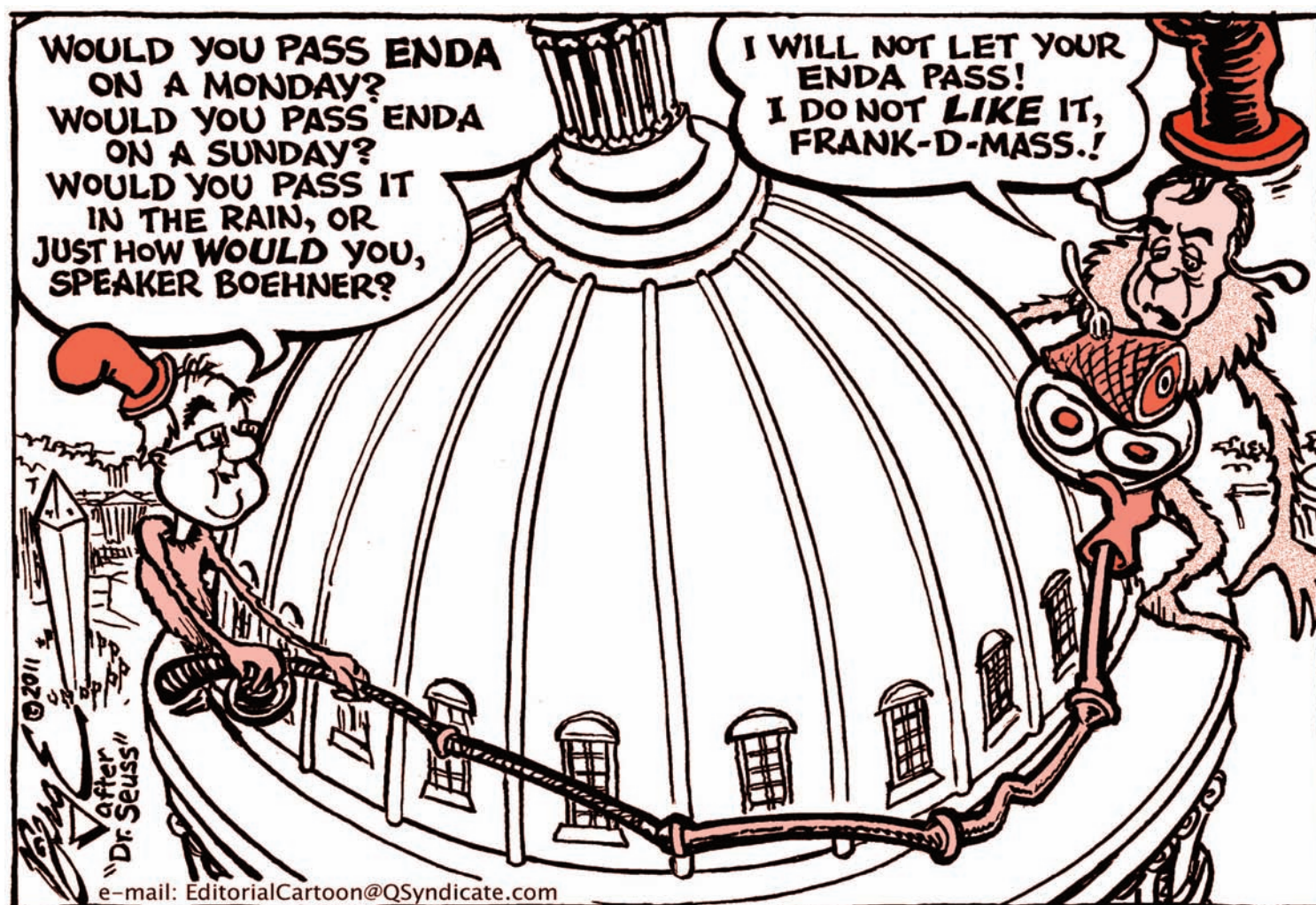
Because coyotes live in the woods near my home and prowl the prairie at night, I blamed them for the mishap at first. I couldn't imagine how a coyote got into the back yard, but it seemed the most logical explanation at the time. I went into the pasture with my big police-officer-style flashlight, but I couldn't find him. I stayed up all night and at dawn began to search for him in daylight. Despite my trek through the pasture and into the woods, I never found a trace of him for burial.

Since then, I've learned that a large owl has been observed carrying off at least three grown cats nearby. Obviously, a little Yorkie weighing less than 10 pounds wouldn't be a challenge for the owl at all.



Noah

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I've never seen an owl here before, but I know there are many creatures roaming the country that I never see. From what I understand, we have everything roaming in the dark with the coyotes, including wild hogs, skunks, bobcats, possums and you name it.

No matter where you live — be it in the country or in the city, especially on the edge of wilderness — your small pets are at danger from wildlife. Owls and hawks exist just about everywhere. In most of the South, there are alligators and who knows what else that I haven't even considered.

It's not unusual to hear news stories about wild animals appearing on busy streets and even entering stores.

From what I understand, it's been extremely dry lately, and that always leads to a shortage of food for all wildlife. That hunger and an increasing comfortableness with humans, coupled with a realization that two-legged creatures can provide food in a variety of ways, will lead wildlife to attack domestic animals.

It's a lot like the cliché of "shutting the barn door after the cow got away," but I'm now taking steps to protect the two companions I have left. I turn on the floodlights at night, and I step outside with them.

Many people in the LGBT community never have children, so our pets are like our children. And for people who love animals, their pets are as much a part of the family as the humans in it.

Nothing will bring Noah back, and at this point only time can heal my heartbreak. Even Queenie and Butch seem to be depressed and perhaps a little scared.

And if the owl indeed was the culprit, I'm not mad at it. What happened is just a part of the cycle of nature, but I'd like to think I'm wiser and more prepared to protect my pets in the future.

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DIFFA Dallas starts over with a new attitude and a new concept — but some experienced talent behind the scenes

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2010 was a strange year for the Dallas chapter of DIFFA, the Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS.

On the heels of its 25 anniversary blowout, the group decided to bifurcate the main event last year: A collection of soft goods and accessories (pillows, hats, even doghouses) at a bash at Union Station, followed about a month later by the famed Collection, a runway show of denim jackets at a pricey gala to take place at the new Winspear Opera House, hosted by Queen Latifah.

Only Queen Latifah canceled. "We'll reschedule," DIFFA said.

Nothing.

No collection event took place that year, which may have been a good thing. With 2011 here, DIFFA is regrouping.

This is a rebuilding year, for sure, but also one with lots of promise. With co-creative director Jan Strimple back in charge, and Dallas doyen of style Steve Kemble serving as event director of DIFFA 2011 — branded Dramatically Different — there's some starpower behind the scenes. And that promises to make for a spectacular, if unusual, show.

For one thing, the *I* in DIFFA represents a plural word: *Industries*. It's not just about clothes. Yes, the event will take place at the Anatole; yes, there will be a cocktail reception where attendees can inspect the collection. But there will not be a runway show; instead, a sit-down dinner with live auction. The event used to end there; now it will transition into a lounge where people can enjoy one another and the various other fashion specialties making a contribution, from art to architecture to music.

**NOT IN THE EYE!** | The Dallas Collection will include some denim jackets and hot models, but co-creative director Jan Strimple and event director Steve Kemble, opposite page, promise even more eye candy from a variety of disciplines.

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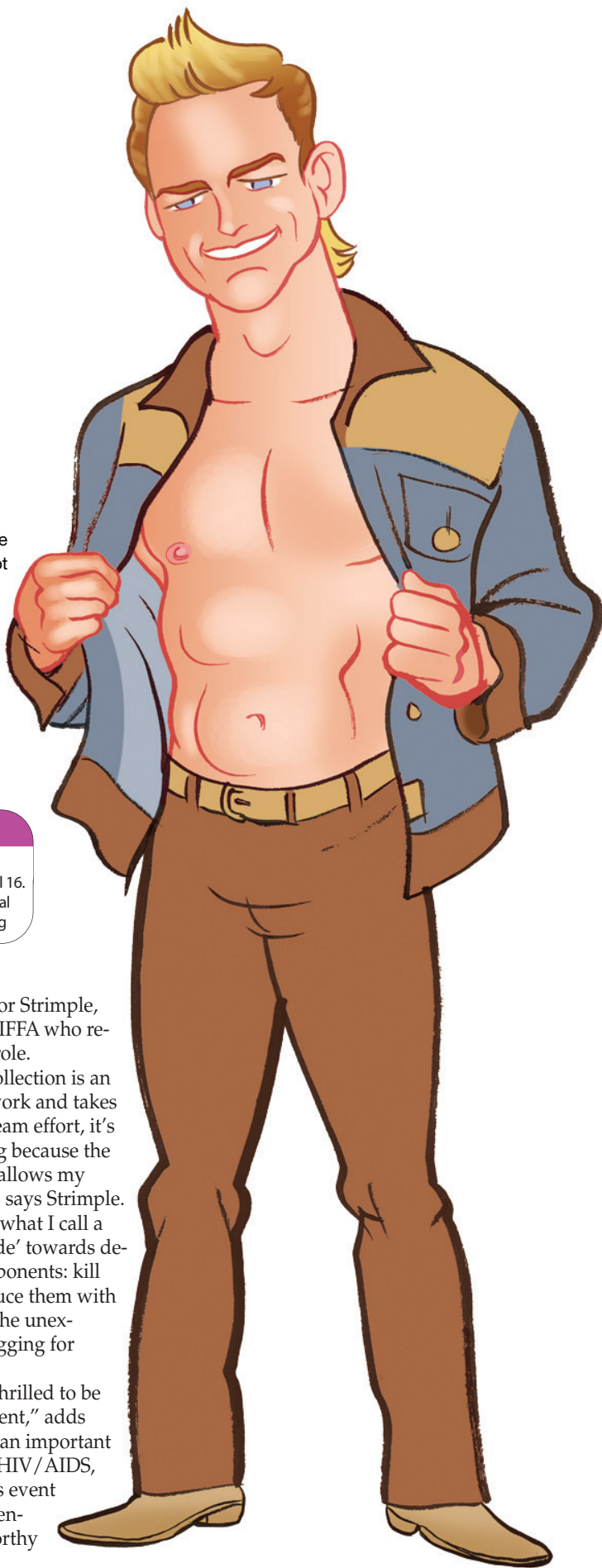
"While [the] Dallas Collection is an astounding amount of work and takes a massive coordinated team effort, it's also creatively rewarding because the non-commercial format allows my imagination to go wild," says Strimple. "I have a lot of fun with what I call a 'take no prisoners attitude' towards designing the fashion components: kill them with glamour, seduce them with beauty, rock it out with the unexpected and leave 'em begging for more!"

"I could not be more thrilled to be producing this year's event," adds Kemble. "DIFFA is such an important part of the fight against HIV/AIDS, and I know this fabulous event will bring even more attention and support to a worthy cause."

Strimple sees the change in keeping with the development of AIDS research and treatment over the years, which this summer marks 30 years since its designation as a disease.

"DIFFA was on the forefront of funding services to the earliest victims as well as funding prevention education once the disease

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# Some things a-Foote

Festival of Texas writer's work continues with hits (Uptown) and misses (WTT)



**FAMILY SECRETS** | Mom (Lucia Welch, standing center) and dad (T.A. Taylor, seated) don't discuss the nature of their late son's 'roommate' in an engaging 'Young Man from Atlanta.' (Photo by Mike Morgan)

As the Horton Foote Festival progresses among the local theater community, Dallas is privy to some of the Texas-born writer's other works that might get eclipsed by his more famous works, the films *The Trip to Bountiful* and *Tender Mercies*. Despite not much that's gay in the Foote oeuvre, Uptown Players digs out the one show with that certain touch with the Pulitzer Prize-winning *The Young Man from Atlanta*.

An older Houston couple has some issues to iron out when the title fella comes to visit. Will Kidder (T.A. Taylor), the patriarch of a well-to-do family in 1950s Houston, is talking to his like-a-son-associate Tom (Kevin Moore) about the death of his son Bill, who drowned. The gist of the play happens when we've already glimpsed the title character reaching out to the family. The Kidders first meet Bill's "friend," Randy Carter, at his funeral, where his constant contact unnerves Will but touches his wife, Lily Dale (Lucia A. Welch). Lily Dale even loans the man a large

sum of money from her Christmas allowance, which Will later needs access to.

We're supposed to get the impression that this young man was more than a roommate to Bill and that the Kidders just aren't going to speak that-which-must-not-be-named. But as Lily Dale talks about the money she's given him for his mother's operation and sister in dire straits, we can't pinpoint if Carter is a scammer or something more important.

*Young Man* gets off to a weak start with talky exposition, but we get drawn into the Kidders' emotional evolution through Will's layoff and their mourning. Will has more insight to why his son would walk into a lake until the water was over his head without liking to swim; Lily Dale is in more denial. And while they have lived the high-life for such a long time, the Kidders discover they may actually have to live a life without facades.

What sounds like heavy drama is punctuated by nice bits of humor and lightheartedness, so

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they play is never weighed down like it could be.

The play pretty much belongs to Taylor, though the supporting cast is strong. Welch behaves with appropriate Southern housewifery, mostly smiling through the pain of their late son, who drowned. When she's not around her husband, she longs with graceful sadness around her housekeeper Clara (an excellent Yolanda Williams). As her stepfather Pete, Gordon Fox strikes the right balance of crotchety and tender.

Moore's performance is a bit too much, with the overdone facial gestures and deep-voiced acting. On the opposite end, Stan Graner's work in a brief scene as Kidder's boss is nuanced to perfection. With subtle posturing and inflection, he delivers authority, friendliness and discomfort in having to fire Kidder. Tippi Hunter and Amanda Denton enter the show briefly as the Kidders' former housekeeper and Will's secretary, respectively. It felt as though Hunter's appearance was supposed to have more meaning, but we never quite see how that scene moved much forward. Blake Blair as Pete's nephew is a

tall drink of yum and charms with lanky fashion.

We may never quite know much about *The Young Man From Atlanta*, but Uptown Players made a dramatic gem in helping us trying to figure him out and giving us a bit more insight into Horton Foote's works.

— Rich Lopez

#### ON THE BOARDS

**THE YOUNG MAN FROM ATLANTA** at the **Kalita Humphreys Theater**, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. Through April 17. \$25-\$35. [UptownPlayers.org](http://UptownPlayers.org).  
**THE TRAVELING LADY** at the **Addison Theatre Centre**, 15650 Addison Circle. Through April 30. \$25-\$35. [WaterTowerTheatre.org](http://WaterTowerTheatre.org).

The actors in *The Traveling Lady* all suffer from a bad case of Foote-in-mouth disease: The tendency of all Southern accents to bleed together. There are Texas

twangs and Tennessee drawls and a whol' pas-sel'uh cornpone variations in between, but wouldn't it be nice if a cast of characters from the same small town sounded like, you know, *each other*?

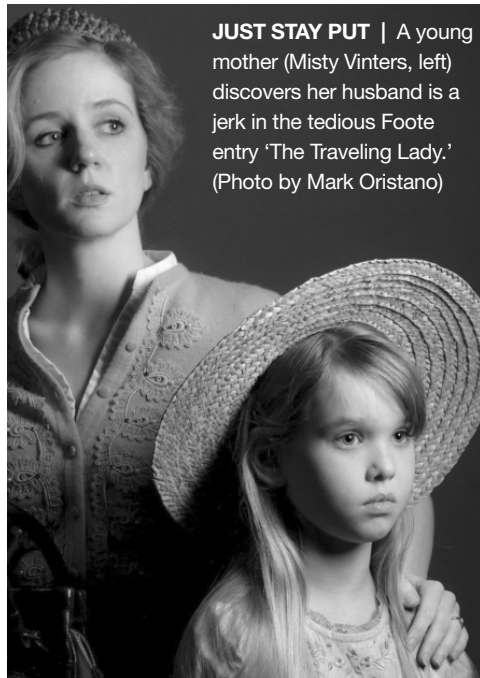
That's perhaps a minor point, but the pacing of this entry in the Foote Fest, courtesy of Water-Tower Theatre, doesn't leave much else to think about as it dries on stage like oil-based matte paint: slowly, and with a dull finish.

Foote's style has been described as Chekhov-meets-Faulkner; personally, I prefer my Chekhov fighting Klingons — even when it's bad, at least something happens. Nothing much happens in *Traveling Lady*, a fact emphasized by Marion Castleberry's sluggish direction. He seems to know more about the text of the play than the texture of theater — there's a lugubrious, academic tone to this trite 1954 story about the awkward reunion of a wife and her husband, who's been in prison. (The demonization of alcohol makes it feel like a PSA for the Temperance League.)

As storytelling, it's OK; as a play, it's old-fashioned and stodgy, with too much standing around, not enough moving around (where's the traveling promised, even if it's just across the stage?). Why don't the characters *do* anything, even if it's just drying dishes? Clare Floyd Devries' marvelous set is much more interesting than anything the actors are doing.

It probably wouldn't matter much if they did bother acting. Other than Dorothy Deavers as a dotty old woman, there's almost no comedy in this lazy stroll down Tobacco Road. The lady can travel if she wants; I'm staying put.

— Arnold Wayne Jones



**JUST STAY PUT** | A young mother (Misty Vinters, left) discovers her husband is a jerk in the tedious Foote entry 'The Traveling Lady.' (Photo by Mark Oristano)

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## Snap shots

'Bill Cunningham New York' turns the camera on fashion's most influential paparazzo



**LENS ME A SHOE** | The Times photographer documents foot fashion in 'Bill Cunningham New York.'

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Maybe *Project Runway*'s to blame, maybe *The Devil Wears Prada*, but for the past few years there has been a surplus of documentaries about the fashion industry, with profiles of designers like Valentino (*Valentino: The Last Emperor*), Yves Saint-Laurent (several in fact), even young designers (*Seamless*) and Vogue magazine's editor (*The September Issue*). (By contrast, I can only recall one fashion doc from the 1990s: *Unzipped*, about a young designer named Isaac Mizrahi.) Is there really that much to say about dressmaking?

Maybe not, but while **Bill Cunningham New York** fits broadly within the category of fashion documentaries, its subject is unusual because he eschews the trappings of haute couture even as he's inextricably a part of it — a huge part, really.

If you don't read the New York Times, you might not recognize Cunningham's name, and even if you do read it, it may not have registered with you. For about, well, maybe 1,000 years, Cunningham has chronicled New York society with his candid photos of the glitterati on the Evening Hours page. At the same time, however, he has documented *real* fashion — how New Yorkers dress in their daily lives — with his page On the Street, where he teases out trends (from hats to men in skirts to hip-hoppers allowing their jeans to dangle around their knees). Anna Wintour may tell us what we *should* wear; Cunningham shows us what we *do*.

"We all get dressed for Bill," Wintour observes.

What makes Cunningham such an interesting character is how impervious he seems to the responsibility he effortlessly wields. He loves fashion, yes, but he's not a slave to it himself. He scurries around Manhattan (even in his 80s) on his bicycle (he's had dozens; they are frequently stolen), sometimes in a nondescript tux but

mostly in jeans, a ratty blue smock and duck shoes, looking more like a homeless shoeshiner than the arbiter of great fashion. He flits through the city like a pixie with his 35mm camera (film-loaded, not digital), a vacant, toothy smile peaking out behind the lens, snapping the denizens of Babylon whether they want it or not.

One of the funniest moments is when strangers shoo him away as some lunatic paparazzo, unaware how all the well-heeled doyens on the Upper East would trade a nut to have Cunningham photograph them for inclusion in the Times. Patrick McDonald, the weirdly superficial modern dandy (he competed as a wannabe designer on the flop reality series

*Launch My Line* a few seasons back), seems to exist with the hope that Cunningham will shoot him. And shoot him he does.

Many artists are idiosyncratic, even eccentric, but Cunningham is supremely odd by any standards. He lives in a tiny studio near Carnegie Hall filled with filing cabinets cluttered with decades of film negatives on the same floor as a crazy old woman, a kind of urban variation on Grey Gardens. He knows tons of people but most of them seem to know very little about *him*. By the time near the end when the filmmaker, director Richard Press, finally comes out and ask him outright whether he's gay, Cunningham arches in that prickly New England way, never really answering outright, though he says he's never — *never* — had a romantic relationship. Things like that were simply not discussed by men of his generation.

In some ways, we never really know any more about Cunningham at the end than any of his friends do, and perhaps even him. Cunningham comes across as defiantly non-self-reflective. He lets his work do all the talking for him. And that work has a lot to say on its own. ■

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# The lap of luxury

With Spa Week, luxury facilities like V Spa seek to 'queer eye' us all

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Damn those *Queer Eye* guys. When they emerged in 2003, they gave away some of our best secrets, teaching straight men to get in touch with their metrosexual side and embrace skin care and days spas.

Only not everyone got the message — and sometimes, not even gay men. A massage is one thing, but a facial? A mani-pedi? But even those treatments are getting their play in the male psyche.

Sarah Long, the spa manager at the Hilton Anatole's V Spa (which opened about three years ago), says nowadays it is easier to get men in to enjoy the range of services offered.

"A lot of it is they are either scared and don't know what to expect with a lot of guys there's a whole stigma of going to the spa — it's not manly," says Long. "But absolutely men do this, once they get past that wariness at the beginning. When they are in the first time, you don't need to give further incentives."

In order to incentivize that *first* visit, however,

spas like V populate their menus with services such as the "gentleman's facial" (a lush and soothing skin treatment) to let men know some treatments are intended just for them. And with Spa Week upon us, this might be just the time to check it out.

Spa Week has been undertaken for a while, says Long, usually with twice-a-year windows (in Dallas, April and October) when spas offer a selection of their high-end services at a discount price to encourage new clients.

"We drop the price point for that week on two to three services for \$50. It's really a good opportunity to try out something new without spending a lot of money," Long says.

This season's offerings at V Spa include the "restorative facial," the "revitalizing back treatment" and the "rose-scented pedicure," all for just \$50. "We do try to switch up the services we offer so those who show up every Spa Week can try something different," Long says.

Whatever gets you in there, V Spa does provide a spectacular service. Not all spa experiences are comparable (though often their prices are). The common areas can make a difference,



**RELAX, GO TO IT** | Hot stone massages are among the treatments for couples and singles at V Spa.

as well as the treatment room facilities and perks. V Spa, for instance, has a waiting area with an Asian influence (bamboo, dark woods — just like the rest of the hotel) and complimentary nuts and champagne. A technician even gives you a foot bath while wrapping your neck in a warm buckwheat pillow before you slide between high thread-count sheets on a damask-covered massage table. Such luxuries provide added value.

"Especially right now, a lot of us are cutting back, but there are things we had to keep," Long says. It all serves the main point of a day at the

spa: Escape.

"I think relaxation is a huge thing," says Long. "You should be able to walk in and leave your life for a little bit — have that time for yourself, a moment of piece ... like a mini-vacation. You need to know it is gonna be relaxing."

That means no matter what service you buy, you get all the extras, including access to the health club and pool, the sauna and showers, the robes and cucumber water all for one price. It really can be a Calgon moment that lasts all day. ■

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## Balls in the air

'Kidpreneur' Dallas Crilley has a heart on for men's balls. But not in a gay way

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Dallas Crilley stops by my office unannounced one workday morning, asking me to write a story about him. That takes balls.

Then again, balls are very important to him right now. You might say he has balls on the brain.

Crilley, the son of former local TV personality Jeff Crilley, is only 18, but he has big ideas. And the one he's been working on lately is a fundraising effort for testicular cancer: Putting the statement "I heart balls!" on wristbands.

"It kind of started as a joke," Dallas says. It was *not* an original idea: There were already wristbands announcing "I heart boobies" meant to raise money and awareness for breast cancer. "Somebody said to me, 'Why not an 'I heart wieners' wristband?'" I'd heard the joke so many times, it began to sink in."

Dallas changed the logo to "I heart balls" in order to target testicular cancer.

"I didn't want it to be a parody. Cancer isn't funny, but the 'I heart boobies' [bracelets] are ingenious because they made the subject of cancer something people could talk about at the dinner table," Dallas says. "But the undertones are definitely serious. This year, 8,000 men will be diagnosed with testicular cancer and 300 will die. It's the most common form of cancer for men aged 18 to 35." Which puts Dallas himself in the risk group for his foreseeable future.

Crilley is putting his money where his wrist is. Last month, his company made its first donation to a cancer charity — before he had even paid for the cost of producing the bracelets, he says. He wanted people to know he is serious about doing good deeds and is not some kid with a gimmick.

"We are not a non-profit yet, but we are in the process. Until then, it doesn't mean we can't donate," Dallas says. "Me and my girlfriend and my friend walked into that American Cancer Society's Dallas chapter with a check for \$1,000. They were like, 'Oh my gosh! We don't usually get walk-in donations that big.'"

He plans to make donations to a variety of testicular cancer-research charities and forums, including some that are Internet-based, to "show them all some love," he says.

"So far, his success is totally through word-of-mouth," brags dad Jeff. "This is the first interview he's conducted about his product," which launched in November. "Everything has been viral. He mails out three or four packages every day. I'm proud of him as a dad."

The bracelets are available in a variety of colors, including orchid — the official testicular cancer ribbon color — which is the most popular.

Most of the orders, Dallas notes, have been from girls, but they cross a gamut socially and geographically: He's shipped packages as far as the U.K., Australia and New Zealand. And he thinks his efforts at awareness would be of serious interest to the gay community. (Next year, he hopes to have wristbands for sale at the Texas Bear Round-Up, and possibly other gay events before that.)

If you're impressed that an 18-year-old would start a company, it's old hat to Dallas Crilley. He wrote his first book, *Kidpreneur*, at age 15, a guide to teenaged entrepreneurship. (He beat his dad by 30 years, Jeff jokes.) That makes him, before he can even legally drink alcohol, a serial entrepreneur. He even has some other business ideas on his mind. But he's not talking specifics.

Hey, the first lesson a magnate learns is, don't give away a million-dollar idea.

**FATHER AND SON TESTIFY** | Dallas Crilley, pictured with dad Jeff, may be a teenager, but has raised a lot of money for testicular cancer research with his wristband idea. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)



### TRAVEL DIARY: COLOR YOUR WORLD

It may well be the most famous gay bash in the world, and it's not too late to book a quick trip to **Palm Springs** for the **White Party**, which is this weekend and features **Robyn**, who was recently in Dallas. But if you can't make it *there*, you can at least enjoy a bit of Palm Springs *here* at the same time. On Monday, Palm Springs is once again hosting its **Summer Splash Cocktail Challenge**, looking for the best bartender in the country. The winner in Dallas goes on to the desert oasis on June 2 to match mixology skills with other finalists from around the country. I was a judge at last year's event, pictured above, and will be back again — trust me, it's a blast. It takes place at the **Round-Up Saloon** on April 11, starting at 8 p.m.

Texas has its own AIDS fundraisers, but with **Shreveport-Bossier City** such a close drive, and the **Pink Party** such a hoot, it's definitely worth a weekend trip. The huge event, benefiting Easter Seals and the **Philadelphia Center** (Northwest Louisiana's version of the Resource Center) is the largest annual event organized by the area's gay and lesbian community. It starts with dinner on Thursday, May 12 and a pre-party fete on May 13, but the main event — more than 1,200 strong — takes place Saturday, May 14 ... and costs only \$10. For more information, visit [PinkParty.org](http://PinkParty.org).

**The Royal Palms**, a 62-room hotel in **Fort Lauderdale** that bills itself as North America's largest luxury gay resort, reopens this month after a huge renovation. Rooms starts at \$159. [RoyalPalms.com](http://RoyalPalms.com).

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Friday 04.08

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**DEETS:** Winspear Opera House, 2301 Flora Way. 8 p.m. \$75. [DallasOpera.org/gala](http://DallasOpera.org/gala)

Saturday 04.09

**This comedy isn't down the tubes**

As the Dweeb Girls, rock band The Surly Bitches or pseudo country music sensations Euomi and Wynotta Spudd, comedy team Dos Fallopa works hard for the laughs. The "kamikaze comedy team" of Peggy Platt and Lisa Koch have been at this for 25 years and bring the funny to Fort Worth.

**DEETS:** Youth Orchestra Hall, 4401 Trail Lake Drive. 8 p.m. \$20-\$40. [OpenDoorProductionsTx.com](http://OpenDoorProductionsTx.com)

Sunday 04.10

**Get hallucinating with 'Alice'**

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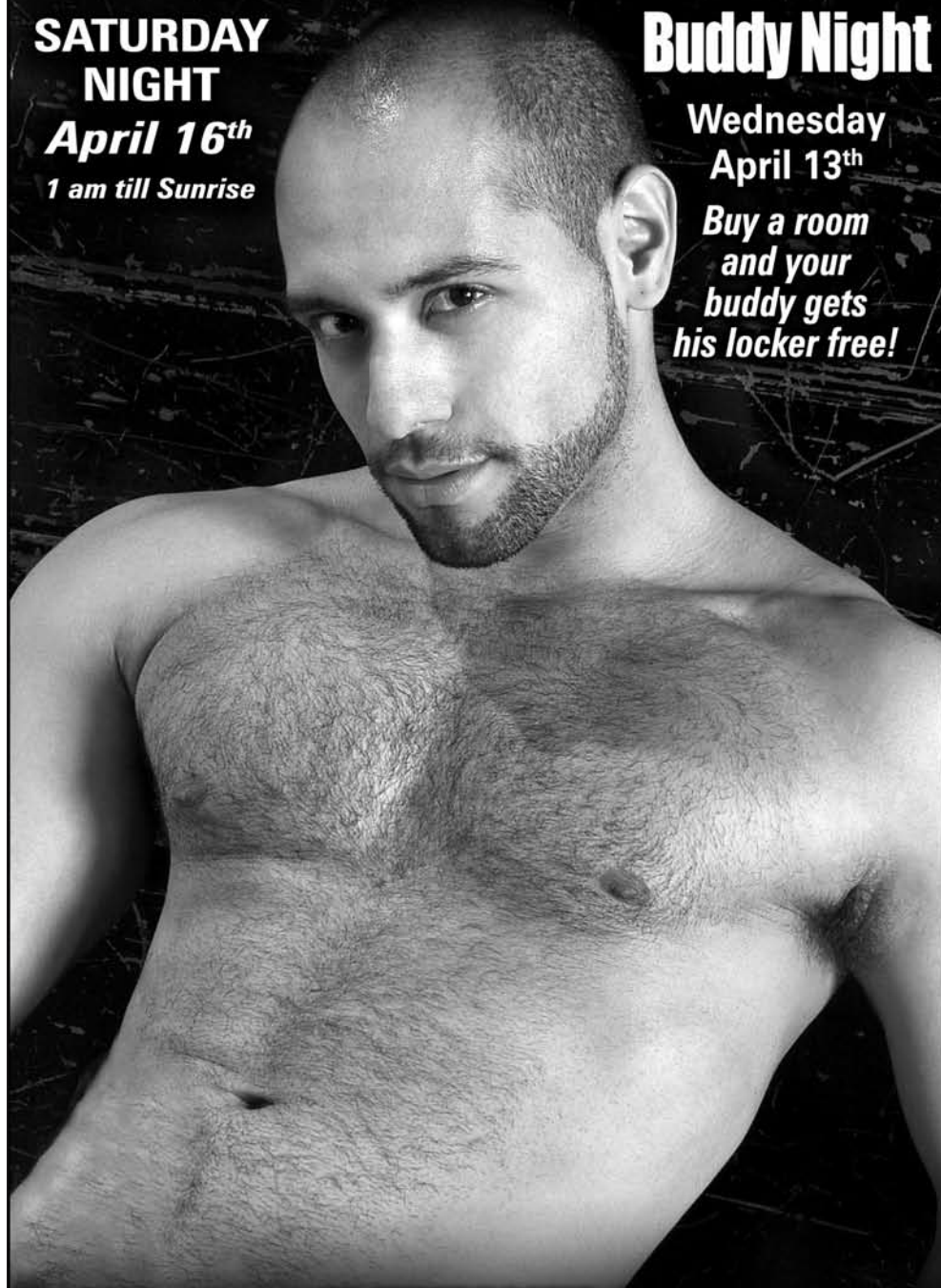


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**Congregation Beth El Binah** Shabbat service. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 7:30 p.m. 214-521-5342 ext. 1784.

**JEWEL Crafting Circle** meets. ilume, 4123 Cedar Springs Road. 6:30 p.m. RCDallas.org.

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

#### THEATER

**The Carpetbagger's Children** staged reading of the Horton Foote play by WingSpan Theatre. Through Saturday. Bath House Cultural Center, 521 E. Lawther Drive. Friday-Saturday at 8 p.m. matinee at 1:30 p.m. \$10. BathHouseCultural.com.

**The Soul Gatherer.** Due to the nature of the show, only 18 and up is admitted. Stone Cottage Theater 15650 Addison Road. Through April 16. \$18-\$22. MBSProductions.net.

### SATURDAY 04.09

#### COMMUNITY

**TGRA's 19th Annual Queen of the Closet Ball** with hosts Lips Larue and Trisha Davis. The event benefits TGRA and its charities. Dallas Eagle, 5740 Maple Ave. 7 p.m. DallasTGRA.org.

**Prime Timers Prime Breakfast** at Barbec's, 8949 Garland Road. After, the group heads to Dallas Blooms at the Arboretum. Call 972-504-8866 for details or to attend.

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

#### BROADCAST

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

#### FAIR

**Scarborough Renaissance Festival** begins. 2511 FM 66, Waxahachie. Through May 30. Open on Memorial Day. \$22. Two-day weekend passes available for \$32. SRFestival.com.

### SUNDAY 04.10

#### COMMUNITY

**Spring into Drag** brunch fundraiser benefiting AIDS Arms and Jorge Rivas' Faces of Life photo campaign. Two seatings with performances by Erica Andrews and Jenni P. Music by DJ Paul Paredes. Dish, 4123 Cedar Springs Road. 11 a.m., 1 p.m. For reservations call 214-522-3474 or visit OpenTable.com.

**Expressions**, a free gender support group for men and women led by volunteers. Sponsored by Dallas



**DRAG N' DINE** | Erica Andrews performs at Sunday's drag brunch which benefits the Faces of Life campaign.

Gender Society. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 7 p.m. 214-540-4475.

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

**DFW Prime Timers** play Uno at member's residence. 2 p.m. Call 972-504-8866 for details.

### MONDAY 04.11

#### COMMUNITY

**Caffeine + Character.** COH 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. 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.

### TUESDAY 04.12

#### COMMUNITY

**Late Bloomers** women's group. La Madeleine, 3906 Lemmon Ave. 6 p.m. 903-778-4446.

**Lesbians and Cancer** support group meets. Gilda's Club Dallas, 2710 Oak Lawn Ave. 6 p.m.

**Sista to Sista** support group meets. AIDS Outreach Center, 400 N. Beach St., Fort Worth. 11:30 a.m. 817-335-1994 ext. 204. AOC.org.

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

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

**Q's-Day Potluck.** Friendly, casual LGBT gathering every Tuesday evening. The Corporate Image, 5418 Brentwood Stair Road, Fort Worth, 817-446-3395.

### WEDNESDAY 04.13

#### COMMUNITY

**Youth First Texas Collin County.** Led by youth and open to ages 14 to 22. 1200 Commerce St., Suite 121, Plano. 6:30 p.m. 214-879-0400.



**American Veterans for Equal Rights North Texas Chapter.** Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan. 7 p.m. RCDallas.org.

**American Veterans for Equal Rights Lone Star Veterans Chapter.** Fort Worth LGBT veterans group meets. 7:30 p.m. Info at LSVCPres@aol.com.

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

**El Sol** meets weekly. AIDS Outreach Center, 400 N. Beach St., Fort Worth. 2 p.m. AOC.org.

**BROADCAST**

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By Jack Fertig



**Steve Holcomb** turns 31 on Thursday. Holcomb led his 4-man bobsled team to the first U.S. gold medal in that race since 1948 at the 2006 Winter Olympics. In doing so, he won the hearts of bears everywhere. Soon after his rise to fame, the Facebook group "Bears for Steve Holcomb" was started.

**ARIES Mar 20-Apr 19**

Take care of yourself first, so you can be in service to those around you who need help. When you're clear on who you are, you can be the most generous star in the sky.

**TAURUS Apr 20-May 20**

Think about your last will and testament as an exercise in who and what is important. When you're gone, what will be left? The real question: What do you want to achieve before then?

**GEMINI May 21-Jun 20**

Your social goals are clearer than your personal ambitions. Feeling vague about your career signals a transition that leads to greater clarity. Talk about it with your friends for help.

**CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22**

Work and accomplishment are keys to fulfillment. A personal best is more meaningful than competition. Share work and credit to get more done and learn from others how to do a better job.

**LEO Jul 23-Aug 22**

Be as loud and outspoken as you like. If that gets you into arguments, treat them as a game. Playfulness is sexier than conquest, although you don't need help in that department either.

**VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22**

An erotic competition with your lover helps you come together in more ways than one. Sharing ideas, even if you don't act on them, can build intimacy, laying the foundation of a happy home.

**LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22**

Be clear about whom you're competing with and competing against. Empathizing with colleagues helps, but clear verbal communication is more reliable than warm, fuzzy feelings.

**SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21**

Take responsibility for boosting morale at work. Small competitive games bring people together. Reevaluate your health regimen. You're out for a personal best, not to outdo others.

**SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 20**

Push for your best performance but trying to best others is secondary. If that becomes your goal you can cause rancor among people in your family or community.

**CAPRICORN Dec 21-Jan 19**

Empathetic communication diffuses a lot of the trouble. Practical techniques, sensible logic and the "tried and true" aren't really helping. Trust more in your intuition.

**AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18**

If being more clever than your friends is important, you need new friends — or maybe they do. Who really does count in your life and why? Tell them — not for their sake, but for your own.

**PISCES Feb 19-Mar 19**

Sweetness and empathy are your best traits when they're not a cover for codependency. Cultivate traits that drive you to success. If you want to help others, do it from a position of strength.

**THIS WEEK**

The sun is aligning with Eris stoking competition and identity issues. Venus in Pisces is in semi-sextile with both helping to show keys to cooperation and conciliation. Consider how your own achievements can raise not just your stature, but others' also.

Jack Fertig can be reached at 415-864-8302 or Starjack.com

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**SHORTLY... WONDERFUL. DIGGING DITCHES IN A LESBIAN LABOR CAMP. I REALLY AM IN HELL.**  
**WE'RE NOT DIGGING DITCHES, RICHARD...**

**...BUT YOU NEED TO GET ON WITH YOUR LIFE. YOU MADE A MISTAKE.**  
**SO...LEARN FROM IT AND MOVE ON.**

**THIS "MISTAKE" COST ME ALMOST ALL OF MY FRIENDS. EXCEPT FOR A FEW TEXTS FROM EDUARDO...**  
**...NOT A ONE OF THE GUYS AT THE B&B HAS CONTACTED ME SINCE I WAS... ASKED TO LEAVE.**

**...WE'RE PLANTING TOMATOES. AND YOU NEED TO QUIT YOUR WHINING.**  
**YEAH, IT SUCKS THAT KYLE KICKED YOU OUT...**

**YOU STILL HAVE ME.**  
**I KNOW. THANK YOU, DELIA... FOR NOT CUTTING ME OFF.**

**YOU KNOW, RICHARD... MY FRIEND STEVE...WHO'S SORT OF AN ANGEL...WOULD PROBABLY TELL YOU THIS:**  
**FOCUS ON WHAT YOU DO HAVE... START BUILDING A NEW LIFE FOR YOURSELF.**

**YOUR FRIEND STEVE IS PRETTY SMART.**  
**YES, HE IS.**  
**HE'S ALSO PRETTY HOT. IS HE SINGLE?**  
**SO NOT GONNA' HAPPEN, RICHARD...**

**AND FOR GIVING ME A PLACE TO STAY.**  
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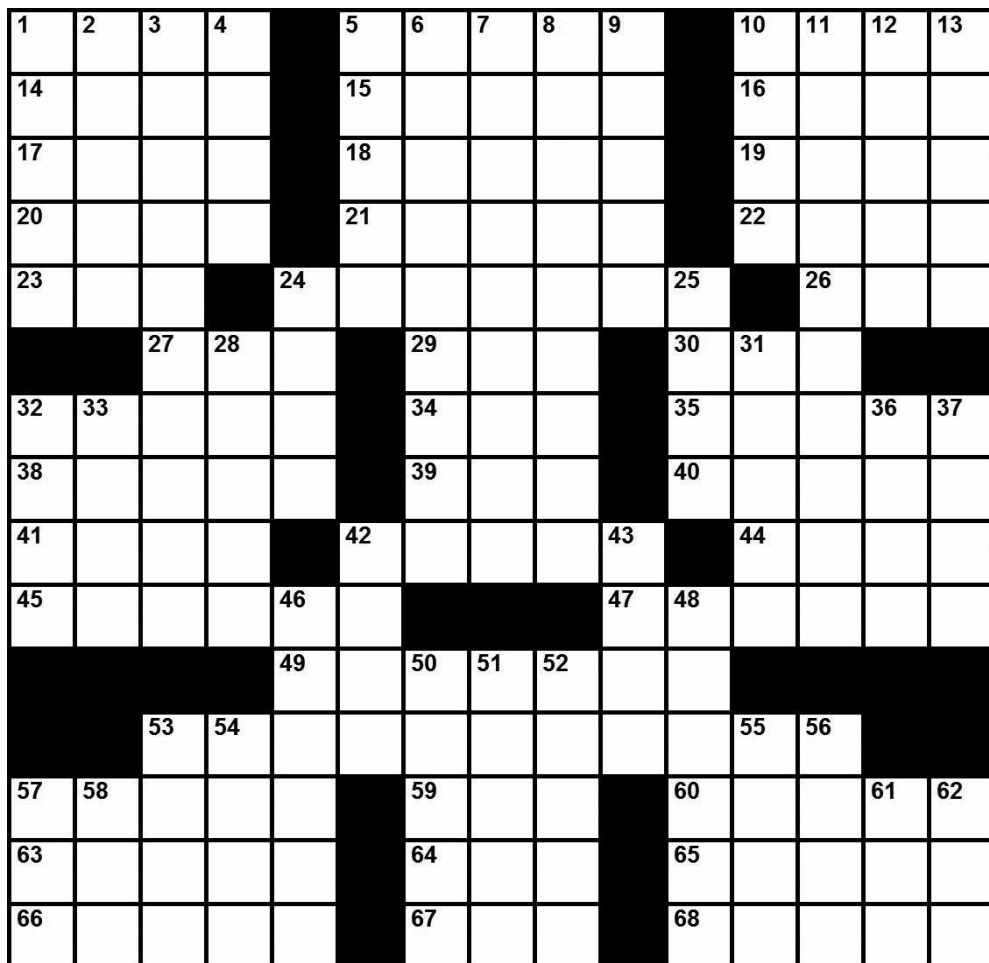
**SO ASHLEY'S DATING SOME 24-YEAR-OLD. BUT SEEING ME MAKES HER WANT TO END IT. BUT NOT YET.**  
**SHOULD I BE TOUCHED ...OR INSULTED?**

**...YOU'RE NOT LISTENING, ARE YOU?**  
**I'M SORRY. KRISTA CALLED. SHE'S PREGNANT AND SPLITTING UP WITH HER WIFE AND SHE MISSES ME.**

**OH YVONNE! DON'T APOLOGIZE! I SHOULD BE LISTENING TO YOU...**  
**PATSY, I'M TOUCHED ...**

**...YOU'RE ABOUT TO DO SOMETHING WAY DUMBER THAN ME.**  
**...OR MAYBE JUST INSULTED.**

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# Taylor Made For The Big Screen

Solution on page 33

**Across**

- 1 Eagle or chicken hawk
- 5 Life Goes On daughter
- 10 Susan B. Anthony dollar, e.g.
- 14 Be reminded of S&M, e.g.
- 15 Minnesota state senator Spear
- 16 Kinky coif
- 17 Ps on the Parthenon
- 18 Words before evil
- 19 Currier's partner
- 20 Camelot's "\_\_\_ Moi"
- 21 Get around
- 22 Kopay's team
- 23 Bill written by Alice Paul
- 24 Rolled by
- 26 Checkers side
- 27 Mortgage org.
- 29 Skin decoration
- 30 Hair piece, slangily
- 32 Type of Boy Scout badge
- 34 Sodom suffix
- 35 Prufrock's creator
- 38 Maurice of Bewitched
- 39 Hockey legend Bobby
- 40 Singer of "Tomorrow"

41 Tobias pseudonym

- 42 Grind together
- 44 Doesn't feel up
- 45 Bear
- 47 Some Stein pieces
- 49 When queening usually occurs
- 53 With 66-Across, Elizabeth Taylor movie
- 57 My Own Private \_\_\_
- 59 Gielgud's john
- 60 Hit first, to Navratilova
- 63 Mister of La Mancha
- 64 Tango number
- 65 Nitpicky about a bit of history?
- 66 See 53-Across
- 67 Cockpit abbr.
- 68 See 3-Down

**Down**

- 1 Oscar Wilde forte
- 2 Earth tone
- 3 With 11-Down and 68-Across, Elizabeth Taylor movie
- 4 It may come before we forget
- 5 Metabolism descriptor
- 6 Peak statistic
- 7 Elizabeth Taylor movie
- 8 Cukor film holders
- 9 Cell component
- 10 Superman portrayer Dean
- 11 See 3-Down
- 12 Cara of Fame
- 13 Prodded, doggy-style
- 24 Chows down
- 25 De Matteo of Desperate Housewives
- 28 Nehru, for one
- 31 Bones below the elbows
- 32 No better than
- 33 Neck and neck
- 36 Slick with lubricant
- 37 Gay wedding guide author Ayers
- 42 Courteous chap
- 43 Sphere starter
- 46 Oral zinger
- 48 Playground piece for a couple
- 50 Greek triangle
- 51 Bear sound
- 52 Online exaggeration?
- 53 Have sex with
- 54 Ejaculation of concern
- 55 Weeknight comic
- 56 Bond foe
- 57 Expert ending
- 58 "Of God, of Gaius
- 61 Kilmer of "The Doors"
- 62 Fairy's cousin



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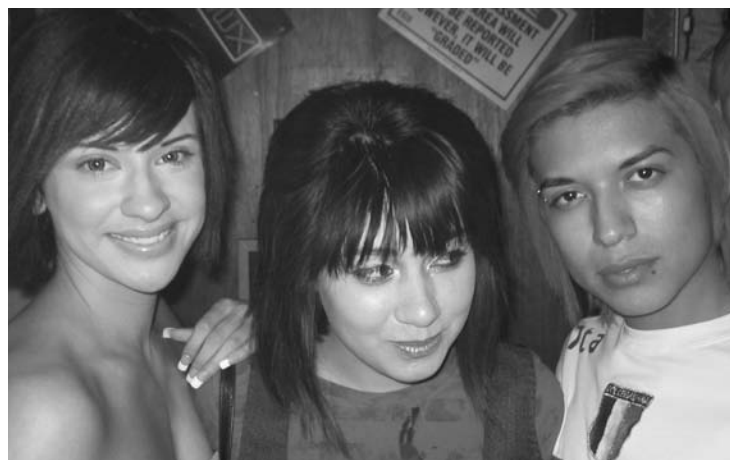
Bianca and Nikki at Sue Ellen's.



Holly, Mike, Tommy, Nikki and Steve at Jack's Backyard.

Seems like a whole lot of stuff is going on. Hope you can keep up with it all .... It's time again for **High Tech Happy Hour**. This time the LGBT TI group meets up Friday at **Brackets**, but everyone's invited .... You like the lady cops? Head to **Sue Ellen's** for the **Dallas Police Women's Relay Team fundraiser** on Friday followed by **Kickback** rocking out the stage. **Make 10** plays Saturday and the lovely **Miss Marcy and her Texas Sugardaddys** headline Sunday .... **DJ Perry** spins at the **Dallas Eagle's Fetish Friday** party. Saturday is a double-header. The **TGRA** hosts its annual **Queen of the Closet** pageant which is followed by **Troy-Built** with **DJ Troy Sands**. Finish the weekend off with the **Sinner's Sunday Social** for their patio cookout .... Sexy **Nikki** hosts the **Tuesday Night Karaoke Show** at **1851 Club** .... Fort Worth now gets a taste of **Little Chalupa** and his karaoke every Friday night at **Percussions Lounge** .... **The Brick** brings in that dynamo **DJ Moses** to play the night away on Saturday. On Sunday, it's **A Rainbow Connection Night** with **Mr. and Miss Charity America** hosting the show which also benefits **Home for the Holidays Texas** .... Now go and enjoy! ■

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