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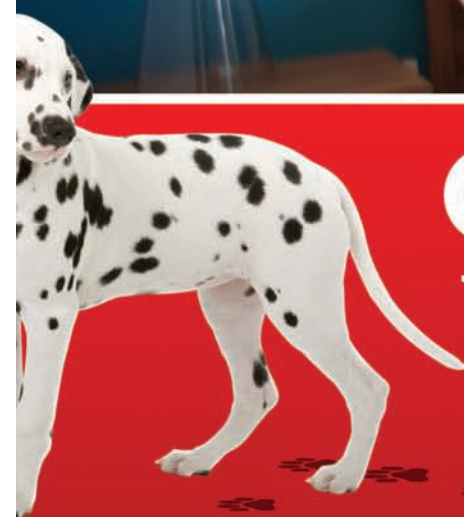
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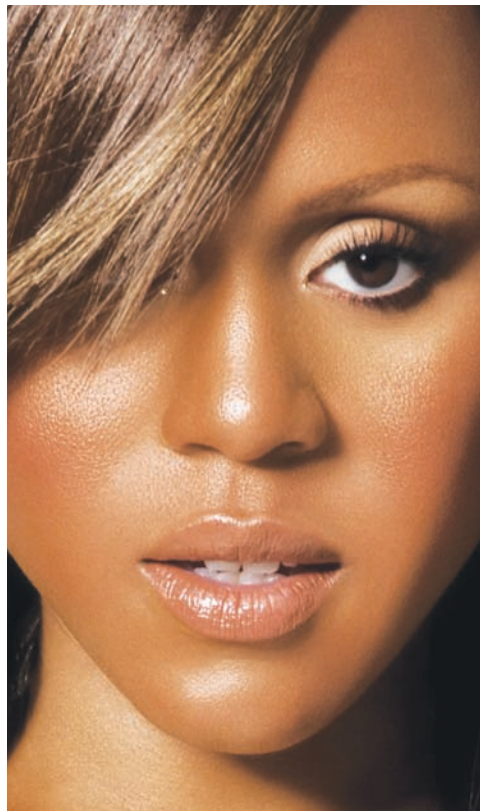
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# Razzle Dazzle Dallas returns to Cedar Springs



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Revived event will span 5 days with a variety of new features

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When organizers decided to revive Razzle Dazzle Dallas, they made the event bigger than it had ever been. And Scott Whittall, president of the Cedar Springs Merchants Association said that the five-day event just keeps growing.

For example, after rain forced the postponement last weekend of a sidewalk sale and antique car show scheduled for Cedar Springs, the events were added to the Razzle Dazzle schedule.

Razzle Dazzle begins on Wednesday, June 1, with the Cedar Springs Wine Walk and Dog Walk. Participating merchants will serve free wine to anyone who has purchased a \$5 wine glass. The Humane Society will set up pet stations along the street to make the event dog friendly.

Thursday, June 2, is the Jagermeister Oak Lawn Pub Crawl. A party bus will shuttle partygoers to participating nightclubs off of Cedar Springs. Participants can travel from club to club

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### 2nd arrest in double murder

Dallas police have arrested a second suspect in the murder of a gay Far East Dallas couple found dead in their burned apartment last month. Danny Dews, 23, was arrested Wednesday night in San Antonio and faces a charge of capital murder. Oscar Mirelez Young, 23, was arrested Saturday in Uvalde, west of San Antonio, and also faces a capital murder charge.



The victims, Mike Humphrey, 59, Clayton Capshaw, 61, were found dead in their apartment in the 11200 block of Woodmeadow Parkway on April 27, after the apartment was set on fire to cover up the crime.

According to police, Humphrey may have picked up Dews and Young for sex near Dallas' homeless shelter, the Bridge. Dews and Young reportedly planned to rob the couple, who were found dead from stab wounds and blunt force trauma.

Dews was captured near a homeless shelter in San Antonio and appeared to have tried to change his appearance, growing a beard and shaving his head. Police say they believe Dews and Young traveled to San Antonio together after committing the murders. The case is not being treated as a hate crime.

— John Wright

### 'Silkwood' screens Friday

The Studios at Las Colinas has been around a long time now. How long? Well — its first major project was Silkwood, the 1983 film in which Cher played a lesbian (good training for her dealing with her fans and daughter, now son, Chaz).

If you haven't seen Silkwood for a while, you can fix that this weekend. On Friday, the Muller Film & Television Education Foundation will host a mixer and screening of the Oscar-nominated film, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the upstairs art gallery of Building 1 of the studios. Cost is \$5 for foundation members, \$10 for non-members. RSVP at FilmTVEducation.org.

— Arnold Wayne Jones

### Texans back equality

For at least the fifth time in the last two years, a poll has shown that a solid majority of Texans support legal recognition of same-sex relationships, whether it be marriage or civil unions. A poll released Wednesday found that 61 percent of Texans support same-sex marriage or civil unions. The poll found that 30 percent support same-sex marriage, 31 percent support civil unions, and 33 percent oppose any form of relationship recognition, with 6 percent unsure.

— John Wright

# FW candidates denounce discrimination

Price, Lane face off in runoff to replace Moncrief as mayor, will attend LGBT forum Wednesday

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FORT WORTH — After nearly two years of unprecedented progress on LGBT issues within the Fort Worth city government, Cowtown's LGBT residents are now facing the prospect of now having Mike Moncrief in the mayor's seat at City Hall.

Although Moncrief probably can't be described as the LGBT community's biggest cheerleader, in the 22 months since the raid on the Rainbow Lounge, he has at least been a steadfast voice for equal treatment and has supported a number of changes proposed by the City Manager's Diversity Task Force.

Those changes included amending the city's nondiscrimination ordinance to add protections based on gender identity and gender expression, despite often strident opposition from some of Fort Worth's most conservative residents.

But with Moncrief choosing not to run for reelection this year, LGBT residents now find them-



Betsy Price

selves faced with a choice between former tax-assessor/collector Betsy Price and attorney and former City Council member Jim Lane.

City elections are nonpartisan, but it is no secret that Price is Republican and Lane is a Democrat.



Jim Lane

Price came in way ahead in the May 14 general election, pulling down 43 percent of the vote. Lane claimed his spot in the runoff with 26 percent.

Price comes into the race with endorsements

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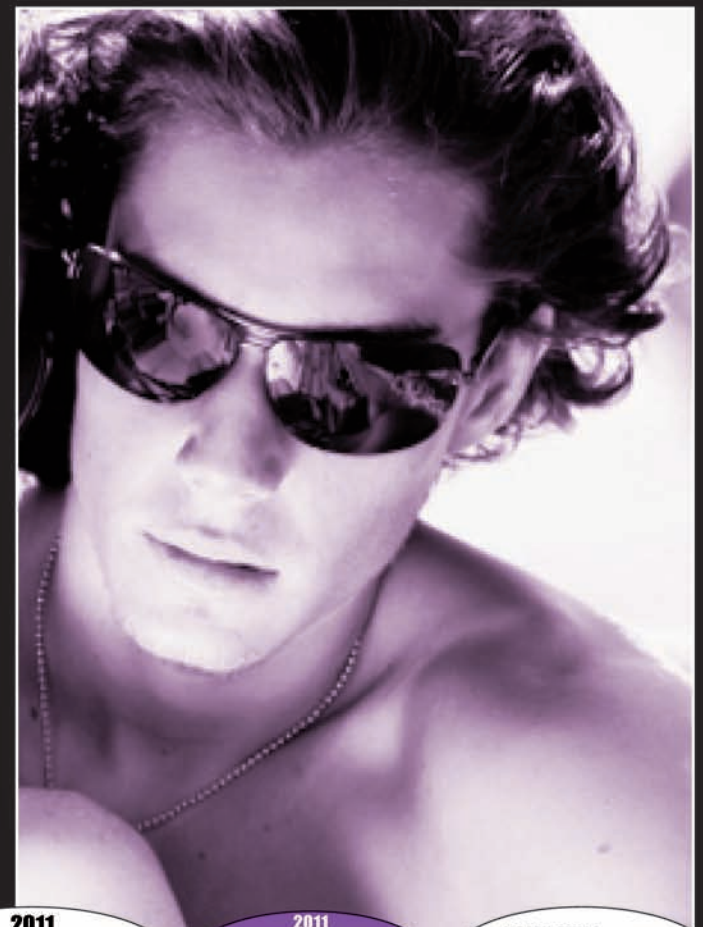
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### DBA, others sponsor mayoral debate

Several organizations in North Texas are sponsoring a one-hour debate between Dallas mayoral runoff candidates David Kunkle and Mike Rawlings on Monday, June 6, at the Pavilion at the Belo Mansion, 2101 Ross Ave. in Dallas. The forum will be moderated by Shawn Williams, editor of Dallas South News.

The debate, which will begin promptly at noon, is free and open to the public. An optional \$13 lunch buffet will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The debate is sponsored by the Public Forum Committee of the Dallas Bar Association, the Dallas Asian American Bar Association, the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers, the Dallas Hispanic Bar Association, J.L. Turner Legal Association and the League of Women Voters of Dallas, the program is intended to educate the Dallas legal community and public of the backgrounds and philosophies of the candidates. The Dallas Bar Association is a non-partisan organization.

Those interested in attending are asked to RSVP to sevans@dallasbar.org so adequate seating is available.

### C.U.R.E. begins fundraising for Quilt

On Sept. 30–Oct. 2, C.U.R.E. 2011 will bring panels from the Names Project AIDS Memorial

Quilt to the Dallas Convention Center. This display will be the largest seen since the Quilt was exhibited on the National Mall in Washington DC. Dallas will be the venue for a national event focusing on educating our diverse populations about AIDS and how to prevent its spread.

To help fund the weekend, C.U.R.E. has started a fundraising campaign, asking people to donate just \$2 and to ask friends and family to do the same. The link to make a donation through PayPal is CureNTx.org.

C.U.R.E. was founded by Roseann Rossetti and Rosemary Odom. Tyler Sweatman is the event director for the Quilt display.

### United Way disburses funds

United Way of Greater Dallas voted to disburse \$25 million to 78 nonprofit organizations in the Dallas area. Because of new criteria that emphasized improving education, income or health, some new agencies received money and others lost their United Way funding.

Among the regular recipients are Resource Center Dallas, which will receive \$383,409, and AIDS Arms, which will receive \$772,548. Bryan's House is one of the new agencies receiving United Way funding and they will get \$315,106.

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# Facing the challenge with excitement, energy

New event manager Jerry Calumn wants to get the Lone Star Ride even more fiscally fit than before

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Change is the only constant; no one knows this better than Jerry Calumn, the former marketing consultant/standup comedian who in March replaced Dave Minehart as event manager for the Lone Star Ride Fighting AIDS.

Articulate and sizzingly energetic, Calumn is a man with a plan. He has to be.

The economic downturn hit nonprofits like the LSR especially hard. While the worst of the financial crisis seems to be over, it can take up to two years after a recession has ended before nonprofit organizations are able to come out of their own "parallel recessions."

"[Once surviving] nonprofits have the resources to get their donations back, the competition for [things like] dollars and volunteers gets hefty," Calumn observes.

For AIDS nonprofits in particular, however, the pressures are even greater, as costs for the new medical options that will become available to HIV/AIDS patients in the next 5 to 10 years are expected to skyrocket.

"The new treatments will be great, but they will be expensive," says Calumn. "In the next [decade] of this epidemic, we are going to face very serious challenges with regard to the amount of money we are going to have to raise."

So far, however, the LSR is on track to raise over \$2 million this season, which will make 2011 a banner year for the event.

Calumn's strategy to increase the fiscal fitness

of the ride by working the LSR core is similar to one cyclists might use to train their bodies for the actual ride itself. He's also actively listening to what his riders have to say about what they want to do and how they want to go about doing it.

"We're putting a lot more tools in the [cyclists'] hands," he says. "We're [also] training them better on how to fundraise. And we're connecting them to more rider-centered events throughout the season."

One example of the way Calumn is opening up and "toning" the LSR is through the inclusion of a "Map Your Dream Ride" meeting. On May 24, cyclists gathered together to discuss possible routes for this year's ride. The final map layout will be announced in July.

The recession and increased costs for HIV treatment or not the only hurdles the LSR faces as an organization. Calumn, who moved to Dallas from New York, saw 50 percent of Jewish charities there and in New Jersey (and 30 percent nationally) close in the wake of the 2008 Madoff scandal.

This in turn has given rise to drastically increased investor/donor suspicion regarding who's handling their money and how. Sensitive to these new realities, Calumn is also working to make the LSR a more transparent nonprofit.

"[That scandal] has really ingrained in people's heads to look more closely at organization's finances," he says. "We don't ask enough tough questions on the program side of our nonprofits, especially in the gay, lesbian and HIV community."

As a conscious agent of change and man who has lived — and thrived — with HIV for the last 17 years, Calumn has his work cut out for him. Yet he relishes what's ahead and embraces

his work with inspired fervor.

He even plans to be out on the road himself, joyfully adding his own blood, sweat and tears into the mix.

His excitement is as electric as it is palpable. Declares Calumn, "I told the board and my management team as soon as I landed [in Dallas last spring], 'I am riding!'"

And over the starting line he goes, a winner before the race has even begun. ■

*Lone Star Ride Fighting AIDS takes place Sept. 24-25. For details or to donate to a specific rider or team or to the ride in general, go online to LoneStarRide.org.*

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# Legacy Counseling Center receives Meadows grant

Money will help agency provide counseling to people who are unable to afford care

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Legacy Counseling Center has received a \$25,000 grant from the Meadows Foundation.

This is the second grant the agency has received from the foundation. The first was in 1997. That grant helped Legacy open Legacy Founders Cottage, the Oak Cliff facility that provides special care in a homelike environment for people living with AIDS in critical stages of their illness who require 24-hour supervision.

Legacy Counseling Center is the Southwest's largest provider of mental health and substance abuse services directed specifically to persons challenged with HIV and AIDS.

The grant will help provide counseling for people who can't otherwise afford it and don't fit other grant sources.

Legacy Executive Director Melissa Grove said, "This grant allows us to accept anyone who needs care."

She said that Meadows used to focus more on capital improvement funding. Her organization used the money from the 1997 grant to make the cottage more handicapped accessible with more security.

"Those are benefits that are lasting to this day," she said.

With the current economy, she said, Meadows opened their funding to other types of services.

"One of the reasons we requested the funding," she said, "We're seeing more people than ever with so many people out of work."

She said that over the years issues among her clients has changed.



Melissa Grove

"When I first started, we were helping people deal with the fact they were going to die," Grove said. "Now we help people learn how to live."

But even over the last few years, she said, the issues have changed. There's a lot more workplace stress today.

"While it's illegal to fire someone who is positive, it happens all the time," she said. "If someone is positive and driving up the premiums, that's the first person laid off."

Grove was proud of her agency's quick response when necessary.

"This morning we got a call from the health department about someone in crisis," she said. "We got them in within 30 minutes."

She also told the success story of one of her clients who gave her a signed release to tell the story. She said he had been homeless for years. He came to the cottage from Parkland.

"We got him healthy, on HIV meds for the first time and into our substance abuse program," she said.

Now he's living in his own apartment for the first time, functioning and coming to group. Grove said that while he's on disability now, she has even higher hopes for him in the future.

She said that was an example of an extreme case that is now easier for Legacy to handle with the grant money.

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# Legislative session ends well for LGBT community



**MISSION ACCOMPLISHED** | Equality Texas Executive Director Dennis Coleman said the LGBT lobbying organization stayed persistent and reached its major goal in this legislative session. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

Although prospects were dim as session started, Equality Texas has achieved its top priority with passage of anti-bullying bill

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When the 82nd Texas Legislature convened in January, things weren't looking good for the LGBT community.

Republicans had seized a supermajority in the House in November elections, and Equality Texas, the statewide LGBT advocacy group, had

eliminated half its staff — including its legislative lobbyist — due to budget constraints.

Five months later, when the legislative session ends this coming Monday, Equality Texas will have defied the odds and achieved its No. 1 priority — passage of meaningful anti-bullying legislation.

On top of that, the group has seen committee hearings on more than a dozen bills it supported, and appears to have staved off several anti-LGBT measures, including one targeting transgender marriage and another aimed at eliminating gay resource centers on college campuses.

"I would give this a very high mark as far as a legislative session for us," said Dennis Coleman,

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who was named executive director of Equality Texas just months before the session began.

"I would give it an 'A' considering where we thought we were going. I don't think that anybody thought that we would make any kind of progress based upon last year's elections, and I would say I was a little skeptical as well.

"We stayed persistent," Coleman added. "We found allies to work with all across the board. Equality Texas became the expert on a lot of the bills that were out there, especially around the bullying bills."

For Equality Texas, the session was highlighted by final passage this week of HB 1942, the bipartisan anti-bullying bill by Rep. Diane Patrick, R-Arlington, that now awaits Gov. Rick Perry's signature. Passage of Patrick's bill, a compromise measure that includes portions of several other anti-bullying bills, comes on the heels of the gay youth suicide crisis of last fall.

"It's unfortunate that it took the suicide of children for people to really pay attention to what we knew about almost 15 years ago," Coleman said. "For many people they think it just popped up, but this has been going on for at least three sessions."

To help win passage of Patrick's bill, Equality Texas enlisted people like Fort Worth City Councilman Joel Burns, as well as the parents of bullying victims including Asher Brown, the gay 13-year-old from the Houston area who took his own life last year.

"It was a promise I made to Asher the day that he died before his little body left this house," Amy Truong, Asher's mother, said this week in an Equality Texas press release marking final passage of HB 1942. "I told him that I would never stop fighting until we did something to change this."

Coleman downplayed criticism that Patrick's bill doesn't include enumerated protections for LGBT youth. "I think by making it as broad as you can, you include everyone without excluding anyone," Coleman said. "To say that LGBT students are not covered is wrong."

Coleman added that although he doesn't believe the absence of LGBT protections weakens the bill, "I definitely think we would not have gotten the broad bipartisan support had we continued trying to fight for everything we thought should have been in there."

As of Thursday, Equality Texas was patiently awaiting final passage of a second bill it supports, a youth suicide prevention measure from Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston.

But the group's work won't end with the session on Monday. Dennis Coleman said he believes a special session is likely, which could provide an opportunity for defeated anti-LGBT measures to re-emerge. He added that the group has a very short window for fundraising prior to the 2012 election cycle.

"I don't know what kind of vacation I'm going to be taking anytime soon," Coleman said as he traveled from Austin to Dallas for a fundraiser on Wednesday afternoon. "We're tired, but we're happy with the results." ■

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# Dallas couple make million-dollar donation



**PARTNERS IN PHILANTHROPY** | Dallas couple Trish Houck, left, and Lyssa Jenkens have donated \$1 million to the Dallas Women's Foundation.

Houck, Jenkens hope to inspire other lesbian couples to get involved in philanthropy for women's causes

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

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Dallas couple Trish Houck and Lyssa Jenkens have announced that they are making a \$1 million donation to the Dallas Women's Foundation as part of the foundation's comprehensive campaign this June. The comprehensive campaign has surpassed its goal of \$30 million and is at \$35 million.

Houck and Jenkens said that by making the gift as a couple, they hope to make a statement to other lesbian couples about their potential power as philanthropists and the importance of supporting women's causes.

"Gay or straight, young or old, black, white or brown, we are all women. Working together we have the ability to make tremendous transformational change in our community," said Houck, who is a Dallas Women's Foundation Advisory Council member and former board member.

Houck is a former real estate professional and antique shop owner currently teaches English as a Second Language to adults.

Houck and Jenkens are the first lesbian couple in Dallas to be recognized for their philanthropic leadership by the Women Moving Millions campaign. Founded by Dallas-born sisters Helen LaKelly Hunt and Swanee Hunt, Women Moving Millions strives to get women of means to make gifts of \$1 million or more to women's and girls' causes and since 2007 has infused \$180 million into women's funds worldwide.

Dallas Women's Foundation leads the virtual campaign with 26 women donors making gifts of \$1 million or more to the organization.

Becky Sykes, chief executive officer of Dallas Women's Foundation, said Houck and Jenkens

are prime examples of "the important role women serve in healthy communities, and Dallas Women's Foundation is so grateful for their commitment to the betterment of society for women and by women."

Together, Houck and Jenkens support organizations serving women and girls through the Patricia Houck & Lyssa Jenkens Family Fund at Dallas Women's Foundation. The couple is also involved in the First Unitarian Church of Dallas, North Dallas Shared Ministries, Vickery Meadow Learning Center and Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice.

Jenkins, chief research officer for Dallas Women's Foundation and former chief economist for the Dallas Regional Chamber, said, "As an economist, I have witnessed both the power women can have in lifting up communities, as well as the consequences to society when they are disenfranchised. As a volunteer, employee and donor, I have seen Dallas Women's Foundation actively and effectively become an epicenter for the empowerment of women and girls in North Texas and beyond."

Houck first became involved with Dallas Women's Foundation in the mid-1990s and has served on the foundation's grants, development and marketing committees. She co-founded the Dallas Women's Foundation 2004 Lesbian Donor Circle and has also been involved with AVANCE, Dallas CASA and Resource Center of Dallas.

Jenkins was first a volunteer and is now the foundation's chief research officer, spearheading the organization's gender-specific research initiatives. She holds a doctorate in applied economics from the University of Texas at Dallas and is currently pursuing a master of divinity degree from Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago.

For more information about Dallas Women's Foundation, visit [DallasWomensFoundation.org](http://DallasWomensFoundation.org) or contact Philanthropy Director Lesly Bosch Annen at 214-965-9977, ext. 118.



# Oak Lawn man electrocuted



**ON THE SCENE** | Dallas Fire Rescue workers stand outside yellow tape cordoning off a downed power line at the Sycamore Tree Apartments in Oak Lawn Wednesday. Resident Robert Ragan was killed at the scene. (John Wright/Dallas Voice.)

Officials say Robert Ragan was killed when he came in contact with a downed power line following Tuesday's storm

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A man identified as 35-year-old Robert Ragan died Tuesday night, May 24, after he apparently crossing crime-scene tape surrounding a downed power line and was electrocuted, according to Dallas Fire-Rescue spokesman Jason Evans.

Evans said Fire Rescue crews responded to a report of a downed power line at the Sycamore Tree Apartments, at 5051 Lahoma St., at 10:08 p.m. Tuesday following severe storms, including some reported tornados, that lashed North Texas earlier that evening. They cordoned off the area around the power line and waited for crews from

Oncor to arrive.

Evans said that Ragan, who lived in the apartment complex, apparently wandered into the area while it was cordoned off. He was found shortly before 7 a.m. Tuesday by someone from the apartment complex's management.

"Based on statements that we've gathered from one lady that claimed she heard a scream, and the alleged roommate who claims that they came home after drinking ... that puts him inside the perimeter after we had already established it," Evans said.

Ragan was been active in the local bear and leather communities, as well as the United Court system, according to reports. He had also worked as a gay porn actor/model who went by the name Robert Elephante. According to his Facebook profile, Ragan graduated from Mesquite High School in 1994 and the University of Texas at Dallas in 2006, where he obtained a bachelor's degree in accounting. A man listed as Ragan's boyfriend on Facebook couldn't be reached for comment. ■

state Rep. Dan Barrett, has not backed either candidate in the runoff. He garnered 8 percent of the general election vote.

Turnout in Fort Worth's general election barely topped 10 percent of the city's 326,623 registered voters. And both Price and Lane said that getting their supporters back to the polls on June 18 for the runoff will be the key to victory.

"We obviously had, far and away, the most voters on Election Day," Price said. "What we have to do now is reach and touch our voters again and get them back to the polls for the runoff. We're going to send out mailers, call people, knock doors, do meet-and-greet events. I'm going to get out there and shake hands and get to know people."

Price said she would also be sticking to her same message that put her in the lead in May.

"Our message is about bringing good business sense to City Hall, about cutting taxes and build-

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from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and the Fort Worth Business Press and, generally, speaking has the backing of the city's business community. Lane, on the other hand, is backed by the city's firefighter and police officers associations, as well as the Retired Firefighters Association, the African American Firefighters association, former fire chief Larry McMillen, former police chief Ralph Mendoza and District Attorney Joe Shannon.

This week, Lane announced that he has also been endorsed by two of the other three candidates from the general election: Cathy Hirt, who was third in the general election with 21 percent and Nicholas Zebrun, who won less than 1 percent of the vote.

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# Rawlings responds to DGLA warning during mayoral forum



David Kunkle

Kunkle says warning not accurate portrayal of his runoff opponent; both candidates agree on most LGBT-specific issues

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During an LGBT mayoral runoff forum held Tuesday night, candidate Mike Rawlings addressed the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance's warning, in which the group suggested that the

former Pizza Hut CEO's "passion for commerce and business interests supremely outweighs his appreciation for the civil rights of all people."

The warning was based, according to DGLA, on Rawlings' responses to a question during an interview with the group's PAC about whether he would support requiring major city contractors to have LGBT-inclusive nondiscrimination policies.

"If you want to believe what they said, believe it. It's not true. It's not the way I've lived my life. But it's OK if you want to believe that," Rawlings said after being asked why the LGBT community should disregard DGLA's warning.

The city already requires contractors to have



Mike Rawlings

LGBT-inclusive nondiscrimination policies, but DGLA reportedly was unaware of the requirement when the group posed the question to Rawlings, who responded at the time that he would not support adding the requirement. Rawlings has since said that he supports maintaining the requirement given that it's already in place.


Rawlings also said Tuesday that he now supports requiring major city contractors to offer domestic partner benefits. Rawlings previously said he was opposed to requiring contractors to offer DP benefits.

During Tuesday's forum, DGLA President Patti Fink asked Rawlings for clarification about his

stances, leading into her question by saying: "I don't think anyone at DGLA or anyone in this room believes you support or condone discrimination of any kind. We did not mean that by our warning at all."


Rawlings reminded Fink that he called her after DGLA issued the warning to apologize for "not clearly understanding the facts that were in place. I made a mistake. ... This dichotomy that there's human rights and economic rights is bogus. ... Human rights and civil rights, it must start there and the economy is built on it. ... I believe we must do what's right by the economy and by the

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civil rights of each individual at the same time. I just don't believe this argument that one must take place over the other."

Damien Duckett, political director for the DGLA PAC, said Wednesday, May 25, that the reason behind DGLA's warning against Rawlings "has been consistently mischaracterized," and that it was based on a lengthy discussion with the candidate, not the single question about Dallas's policy on requiring contractors to have LGBT-inclusive nondiscrimination policies.

Duckett said the discussion began with the question of whether Rawlings would support such a policy, to which he answered no, and then continued at some length, with DGLA members presenting the candidate with numerous scenarios. They even went so far, Duckett said, as to propose a situation set in 1957 in which citizens asked Rawlings, as mayor, to support a policy in which the city would not do business with contractors who did not have policies in place to prevent employment discrimination based on gender and race.

"We asked him, would you support that, and he said, flat out, no. He said he would not support anything that would get in the way of commerce," Duckett said. "We issued the warning because of his unwillingness to come to any sort of balance between human rights and commerce.

There was no way we could have not issued a warning after that."

Kunkle said while he disagrees with Rawlings on some issues, he doesn't think the DGLA warning is "a fair characterization of Mr. Rawlings ... I think Mr. Rawlings is a very honorable and noble man."

Tuesday's forum, sponsored by Dallas Voice and 12 partner organizations, was held at Cathedral of Hope and was only the second of the mayoral runoff. More than 100 people attended.

Both candidates reiterated their support for the LGBT community, and both appeared to agree, in general, in their responses to questions on LGBT-specific issues.

Kunkle and Rawlings both stressed that public safety must be a top priority and pledged to dedicate the necessary resources to address the crime rate in Oak Lawn and other neighborhoods.

They also agreed that city government must find a way to equitably balance the needs of the neighborhoods and the needs of commerce in entertainment districts such as Cedar Springs.

Rawlings and Kunkle also both pledged to find a way to reinstate city funding for AIDS services that was cut two years ago, but said that the council has to balance the budget and make up funding shortfalls before that can happen.

They also both said they would lend their authority as mayor, if elected, to efforts to educate the public on HIV/AIDS issues.

But when asked about creating a Dallas human rights commission, the two candidates diverged slightly in their responses.

While Kunkle said he continues to fully back the creation of a human rights commission, Rawlings stepped back a bit from his previously stated support, saying that members of Councilwoman Delia Jasso's LGBT task force had told him they preferred a task force to a commission, because they would have more flexibility as a task force to address problems.

Rawlings said he had a meeting planned with Jasso for later in the week to specifically discuss that issue, and that he would defer to her expertise.

But Kunkle said he believes the city needs a standing commission to address human rights issues and complaints related to the city's nondiscrimination ordinance because "a task force would just fade away once those issues are perceived to have been settled."

Both Kunkle and Rawlings agreed that ongoing diversity training for city employees is essential, but both appeared to be caught short when asked where they stand on expanding health benefits for transgender city employees.

Kunkle said the prospect of expanding benefits would be based on cost effectiveness, and both he and Rawlings said they were not familiar enough with the issue to comment further.

The two candidates also seemed to be caught

off guard when asked whether they would support efforts to eliminate the need for entertainment venues in Dallas to maintain a dance-hall license.

"I have often wondered why we had our dance hall rules in Dallas, and how a bar could be engaged in all sorts of inappropriate behavior, but what we're chiding them for is something standing up off their chair and acting like they're dancing," Kunkle said. "For somebody my age, I don't know how anybody can tell if I'm moving or I'm dancing."

"I think that's something that probably needs to be looked at," he continued. "It was created to be a tool to help regular bars. But I don't know if it accomplishes the intended purpose. And it seems a little bit silly in today's world that we have these dance hall requirements."

Rawlings drew a laugh from the audience when he responded, "Through this campaign, I learn a lot ... I have no clue. I don't. Are we going to have fun there? If we're going to have fun, I am all for it. Fun and safety — those are my two things. I have no clue on this."

In answer to non-LGBT specific questions, Kunkle and Rawlings both said they oppose state laws requiring local police officers to question the citizenship status of those they encounter in their duties, and both said they oppose oil and gas drilling within the city limits without further study. ■



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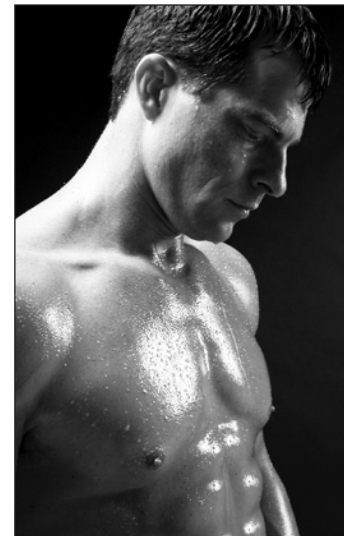
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## Razzle Dazzle: Born to party

32 years ago, a group of friends created a party to celebrate Pride; now 2 of those original organizers are thrilled to see the party return

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They might not have realized it, but when organizers started planning the rebirth this year of Razzle Dazzle Dallas, they were taking the once-annual Gay Pride Month party back to its roots.

In its later years, Razzle Dazzle was a Cedar Springs street party intended to raise money for AIDS service organizations. But at the beginning, it was a party, intended to celebrate the gay community and the gay Pride. Any money left over that could be donated to a worthy cause, said original board members Dick Weaver and Stephen Arnn, was just icing on the cake.

"Several years into it, the idea of raising money became paramount, and candidly, it did bother some of us on the original board," Weaver said this week. "It wasn't that we weren't charitable, and we sure didn't want to keep the money ourselves. But in those early years, the goal was just to put on an event that the community could be proud of and have a really good time at."

In fact, the idea of having a good time and being out and proudly gay was the whole impetus behind Razzle Dazzle in the first place, Arnn said.

Arnn said in 1979, he and Bill Nelson, Terry Tebedo, Michael Ray Blackstock and Tony Williams were members of what was then called the Dallas Gay Political Caucus where plans were underway to have a Gay Pride Month event that June in Dallas. And those plans included a candlelight march from Cedar Springs to Lee Park, where they would have speakers, prayer and maybe some poetry.

"It was to be a 'quiet' evening," Arnn recalled. "I remember that Bill and I were both staggered that a Pride weekend was centered around a candlelight march, and I'll never forget the image of the hysterical outrage Bill had, the faux confusion about what 'Pride' and 'candlelight march' had to do with one another. The four of us immediately wanted to change the aura of 'Pride Weekend.'"

And so they decided to begin planning an "unofficial" Pride event, he said.

"All four of us agreed that showing Pride included being happy — more than sad, a victim of our station in society — and experiencing an incredible 'bigger than life' evening as a community together at a party — Bill loved that word — where we'd dance, have a blast, be outrageous and show the local world that we weren't relegated to the Cedar Springs corridor," Arnn said. "Razzle Dazzle was born that moment, and I think that the name was thrown out that very night, although it probably became solid once the larger group evolved."

Once the decision was made, things started



Dick Weaver with the original RDD t-shirt.

happening very fast. Weaver said he was quickly pulled into the original group of about 15 organizers — a group that, Arnn said, included Howie Daire, "someone who grew up in Tyler and came from a family with oil money and a guy named David who grew up in Amarillo and owned a restaurant on McKinney," along with Frank Caven.

Weaver said, "They [the original group of four] came to me and several others and said, 'Hey, let's do something.' Each of us put up, I think it was \$100 at first and then later we decided to make it \$150 each. "We weren't incorporated or anything like that. We were just a bunch of guys having a party. Today, of that original 15 or so of us, only four of us are still alive. That's kind of scary."

The group reserved the Hall of State at Fair Park as the party site, and they knew they needed a way to promote the event and sell tickets, just to pay expenses. So Arnn came up with a logo, they had t-shirts made up and headed down to the Cedar Springs strip to sell tickets.

Arnn said that pre-event ticket sales went okay, nothing spectacular but enough that the organizers would at least break even on their investment.

"We knew we weren't going to lose money, but we were concerned about there being enough people in the Hall to make it a crowd, to create the excitement we were after," Arnn said. "As Dick pointed out, no one really knew what they were buying a ticket for. It was an unknown."

And so the time came for the party, and organizers got Weaver to park his bright blue MG out in front of the hall, Arnn said, with balloons tied all over to give those arriving a signal as to where to go.

"There were assignments for everything," Arnn said, including rotating assignments for organizers to be standing on the steps of the Hall, taking tickets or selling additional tickets.

"It was an unbelievable, amazing scene as throngs of people arrived on the shuttles, or walked from their cars — huge crowds!" Arnn

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said. "It was hard to keep up. It was thrilling, and scary from the point of keeping the money relayed away from those selling tickets and put it in a safe place."

Weaver added, "The front door was crazy. We were taking money hand over fist. We had no idea how many would show and could not believe how many did!"

Arnn continued, "We were mesmerized standing on those steps. The image of that, of knowing that this group of guys had, in fact, tapped into Gay Pride, is an image I'll be able to see in my head forever."

Weaver said one of his most vivid memories of that night is of "Bill Nelson throwing glitter all over people in pure celebration. We had quite a time of it trying to get that glitter up off the floor the next day. And you know, I was at the Hall of State a year or two later, and I swear I could still see some of that glitter on the floor!"

"I guess my greatest memory of that night is just of people having such a ball. This was something unique and different, just a great opportunity for the whole community to get together and do something together that was about having fun and celebrating who we were," Weaver said.

The party to celebrate Pride had exceeded everyone's expectations, the men said. And while profits weren't huge, there was money left over.

"I think we had about \$1,200 left when it was all over. We didn't want to keep it ourselves, and we were all in the DGPC, and so we decided to donate the money to them," Weaver said.

That first Razzle Dazzle was so successful, that the organizers decided to do it again the next year, and then the next, and the next — and so on, right up until 2003. The group eventually incorporated, elected a board and officers.

They took the party all over the city, holding it in various buildings at Fair Park, in the West End before it was really even the West End, at Market Hall — even at the City Auto Pound one year.

But as years passed, the specter of AIDS began to grow over Dallas, and the celebratory atmosphere of Razzle Dazzle began to change. The LGBT community was at war, and even the annual Pride party had to be geared toward fighting the battle.

"I think, honestly, that it got away from itself toward the end. I'm not making any accusations here, but maybe the people involved then didn't have that pure love of the event. They didn't have that spirit of celebration," Weaver said. "But I sure can't say it died because it wasn't needed."

"We did go through that period when AIDS overshadowed everything," he continued. "It wasn't that we quit celebrating, really, but it sure took on a different tone."

He continued, "These 25-year-olds today don't really understand that war. They don't understand the '80s and the '90s when you were seeing your best friends dying all around you. I know we still have a lot of work today, on things like marriage and 'don't ask, don't tell,' a lot of issues. But we have a lot of good things going on too, a lot to celebrate."

"And I hope that's what people will do, come out to Razzle Dazzle again and celebrate ■

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### ■ RAZZLE

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Four Oak Lawn bars will offer a variety of entertainment, contests, dancers and more. The party runs from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. and participating clubs include BJ's NXS, Zippers, the Brick/Joe's and Kaliente.

Metro Ball begins at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 3, and is the weekend's major AIDS fundraiser.

The party will be held at Station 4 until midnight and includes dancing, raffles, a silent auction and entertainment by Deborah Cox. Tickets are \$25 in advance and available at GDMAF.org or at Skivvies or \$30 at the door.

The event benefits the Greg Dollgener Memorial AIDS Fund, which provides financial assistance to people with HIV and AIDS for critical needs when resources are exhausted through other local organizations.

Two additional events have been scheduled for VIP ticket holders. The Melrose Hotel will host a reception from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. featuring Pinnacle flavored vodkas. The original founders of Razzle Dazzle Dallas will be honored at that reception.

The Round-Up Saloon will hold a late-night private party with hors d'oeuvres on the upstairs deck for VIP ticket holders.

VIP tickets are \$100 and include five days of free reserved parking at ilume, a \$100 merchant coupon book for the Wednesday Wine Walk and more.

Each VIP ticket holder will be entered into a drawing to win dinner, a one-night stay at the Worthington Hotel in Fort Worth and tickets to the musical Chicago at Bass Hall.

Whittall said producers of the show contacted CSMA to offer the giveaway as a promotion for the tour coming because one of the songs in the musical is called Razzle Dazzle.

About 50 autos from Classic Chassis Car Club will be parked along Cedar Springs Road on Saturday until 4 p.m. for an antique and classic car show. Many of the street's merchants will be offering discounts during the day at a sidewalk sale.

The street closes to vehicular traffic at 4 p.m.

for the main event that begins at 7 p.m.

Cazwell will appear on the main stage with Cheer Dallas, Billy Halliday, The Bright, Uptown Players, Chaz Marie, the Gary Floyd Trio, Anton Shaw and the drag-based performance group Something Fabulous!!!

A female impersonator stage will be set up on the deck at Woody's Sports and Video Bar beginning at 10 p.m.

DJ/VJ Mickey Briggs of Dallas and the dance sounds of DJ Tim Pfleuger from OZ in New Orleans will alternate on a dance stage at Cedar Springs Road at Knight Street.

About 40 community groups will have booths with information and activities. A late addition to the Razzle Dazzle line up is a Midway with carnival games, dunking booths, a mechanical bull and an obstacle course.

Admission to the street is free but Whittall said that this is a fundraiser. Beer sales from booths will go toward the donation to charities. Midway sales and collections from participating vendors and organizations will benefit agencies.

A closing party and tea dance will be held at TMC: The Mining Company on Sunday, June 5. Miss and Mr. Razzle Dazzle Dallas will be crowned at the Brick on Sunday, with the contest beginning at 10 p.m.

Whittall said they are hoping to attract 20,000 to 30,000 people for the street party. He said the last time Razzle Dazzle was staged in 2003, an estimated 35,000 people attended.

The Dallas Convention and Visitors Bureau has been promoting the week nationally.

Veronica Torres of the DCVB said, "We're marketing Razzle Dazzle Dallas as a destination event."

She said that they've been promoting weekend stays in Dallas through Facebook and Twitter and on their GLBT Dallas site. The DCVB featured the event at trade shows nationally including at a recent International Gay and Lesbian Travel Association convention.

Whittall said the event has been entirely underwritten so all proceeds will go to the beneficiaries — Youth First Texas, Resource Center Dallas, AIDS Interfaith Network, Cedar Springs Merchants Association Beautification Fund, AIDS Arms, Legacy Counseling/Founders Cottage, Lone Star Ride and Legal Hospice



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■ RUNOFF

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ing a stronger economy. We have to have an open, friendly, diverse and receptive city to do that well," Price said.

Lane said this week he knows he has some ground to make up, based on the numbers from the general election. But he said he believes Hirt's endorsement this week gives him a head start.

"I think that is a really wonderful endorsement to have. She is extremely bright and well thought of, and she got 21 percent of the vote on May 14," Lane said. "Nicholas Zebrun has endorsed me, and that helps too. And I am going to try and meet with Dan Barrett to ask for his endorsement too.

"We've seen a lot of motivation from our voters, and Cathy Hirt has a very avid support group," Lane added. "I think they will all be enthusiastic about coming back out to vote."

Some political watchers in Fort Worth have suggested that the runoff between Dennis Shingleton and Jon Perry for the District 7 City Council seat could help swing turnout in Price's favor, since that district is located in the city's more conservative northwest area. But Lane noted this week that he is from that area of the city, and that he has significant support there, too.

Lane also questioned Price's pledge to "bring good business sense to City Hall," saying that his

12 years on the Council give him insights into how city government operates that Price doesn't have.

"The way our government is set up, you have to build coalitions to get things done. You have to talk to each council member about the issues in their district, work with them to determine what will be the best policy for the city manager to implement. These are all going to be seasoned council members — except in District 7 — and the mayor is going to be the one who's the new kid on the block," Lane said. "I'm the one who has the experience to do those things."

With turnout being such a key issue in who wins, Fort Worth's LGBT community has the opportunity to have significant impact on the outcome. Both Price and Lane know that, and both have voiced their support on issues of equality.

Both have also committed to participate in a forum on Wednesday, June 1, sponsored by Fairness Fort Worth and the North Texas GLBT Chamber of Commerce.

Since Tarrant County officials have never dealt directly with LGBT issues, Price's stance there is something of an unknown. However, her replies published in a "voters guide" issued by right-wing minister Richard Clough's Texans for Faith and Family, gave many in the community pause.

According to Clough's voters guide, Price agreed that marriage should be defined as between a man and a woman, and "strongly agreed" that the city should not spend money to advertise

in LGBT publications.

Price did not respond in the voters guide to a question on whether the city's ordinance protecting transgenders from discrimination is necessary.

But Price said Clough's voters guide misrepresented her reply on the issue of spending money in LGBT publications: "That whole thing with the Faith and Family brochure — they didn't print the explanations with the answers," Price said. "What I said was that the city doesn't need to be advertising anywhere right now. It's just too expensive. But if we are advertising in one [minority] publication, we should be advertising with ya'll [the LGBT press], too. If we are advertising for job candidates, then we need to be advertising everywhere that there will be good candidates."

When asked about the transgender anti-discrimination ordinance, Price — who was calling from her cell while traveling between locations — apparently misunderstood the question and instead spoke to the issue of trans health benefits.

"The question was about paying for [gender reassignment] surgery, I believe, and that's a cost issue. At this point I would have to spend more time studying it before I could say one way or another," Price said. "I don't think the city's insurance pays for fertility surgery either."

The bottom line, Price said, is that "We should never discriminate, not against anyone. We're all God's kids. I know that's rhetoric, but that's the way it is. That's what I believe. Treat everyone fairly."

On the question of health benefits for trans employees, Lane said that he, too, needed to study the issue further before taking a stand, noting that he has asked Fairness Fort Worth Tom Anable help him understand "what sexual reassignment is."

Both Lane and Price, when asked about other special health needs short of reassignment surgery that transgender face, said they were not aware of such issues and would have to study the questions further before answering.

Lane, however, compared the issue to his wife's recent bout with breast cancer.

"If it's an issue for someone, it should be covered," Lane said. "We [the city of Fort Worth] are self insured, and we should be covering our employees' health needs."

Lane also noted that he has a proven public record on LGBT issues that voters can rely on. He was on the City Council in 2001 when sexual orientation was added to Fort Worth's nondiscrimination ordinance, a move he supported.

"We did all that before," Lane said, "and those 19 proposals the City Manager's Diversity Task Force came up with, if I had been on the council then [in 2009] I would have supported every one of them. These [LGBTs] are citizens just like anybody else, as far as I am concerned. It's a pretty practical issue. Discrimination is discrimination, no matter how you look at it, we shouldn't discriminate against anybody. Everyone deserves to be treated fairly and equally." ■

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# Activists: Anti-gay Tennessee law will be challenged

Governor signs state legislation that could gut some local nondiscrimination ordinances

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Gay legal activists are already working on a legal challenge to a new state law in Tennessee, signed into law Monday, May 23, by Republican Gov. Bill Haslam, which prevents local governments from requiring their contractors to abide by local human rights ordinances.

The legislation, entitled the "Equal Access to Intrastate Commerce Act," was aimed at undermining a new Nashville metro area ordinance, signed into law in April. The ordinance prohibited city contractors from discriminating based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

It was passed by the Nashville/Davidson County Metro Council.

Abby Rubinfeld, a Nashville attorney and a former legal director of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, said Tuesday, May 24, that the new state law will "definitely be challenged — we are working on it right now."

Gov. Haslam, who took office Jan. 15, pitched his support for the law as a pro-business act, saying it relieved businesses of the necessity of navigating differing non-discrimination regulations from city to city.

The Family Action Council of Tennessee argued that it does not target LGBT people, and noted that the law does not affect the Nashville Metropolitan Government ordinance prohibiting discrimination by the government against LGBT people.

But no attempt was made prior to passage of the Nashville ordinance to relieve businesses affected by a Nashville ordinance that prohibited contractors from discriminating based on age, race, sex or disability.

Greg Nevins of Lambda Legal's Atlanta office



**DICTATING MORAL POLICY** | Tennessee Republican State Rep. Glen Casada told a Nashville television station he introduced legislation preventing local governments from requiring their contractors to abide by local human rights ordinances because such ordinances dictate moral policy. Gov. Bill Haslam signed Casada's bill into law this week.

said Lambda is not involved in mounting a legal challenge against the Tennessee law, but he called it "a terrible piece of legislation."

The Human Rights Campaign said Haslam was trying to score "cheap political points" by giving a "green light" to anti-LGBT discrimination. HRC noted that a number of large corporations — including FedEx, AT&T, Comcast and the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce — opposed the new state law.

FedEx issued a statement May 20 saying it "values and promotes the unique contributions, perspectives and differences" of all its employees and is "committed to diversity and inclusion in the workplace."

State Rep. Glen Casada, a Republican from Williamson County, introduced the "Equal Access" bill after the Nashville Metro Council passed a law requiring city contractors to sign an affidavit promising not to discriminate based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

Specifically, the bill prohibits local ordinances from having non-discrimination laws broader than that of the state. According to Lambda Legal, Tennessee has no statewide laws prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity in either public or private employment.

Casada told local television NewsChannel 5 that the Nashville ordinance amounted to having the city "dictating moral policy."

Another anti-gay bill — one that sought to prohibit teachers from providing any information about homosexuality to public school students in grades K through 8 — passed the Tennessee Senate 19-to-11 on May 20 but did not get a vote in the House before the General Assembly adjourned May 21.

The original bill — dubbed the "Don't Say Gay Bill" — was amended to limit sex education curricula "to natural reproduction science."

The Tennessee Equality Project said the bill "remains a threat to safe schools for all students in Tennessee," even though the bill no longer references homosexuality specifically.

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## Oetken sidesteps questions on brief in sodomy case

Gay court nominee says arguments in brief he wrote for Lawrence v. Texas expressed his client's views, not necessarily his

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When openly gay federal district court nominee Paul Oetken went before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee in March, Sen. Charles Grassley was the only Republican who showed up.

He introduced Oetken, who was born in his home state of Iowa, but had no questions.

But not all questioning takes place in front of cameras. Some takes place on paper, and that's where Grassley grilled Oetken over his positions on gay-related issues, and Oetken responded in a way that might make some LGBT activists cringe.

"Do you personally believe that government classifications based on sexual orientation deserve a heightened level of scrutiny?" asked Grassley, in one of 17 questions to Oetken.

Grassley's question concerned a brief Oetken wrote for the National Gay and Lesbian Bar Association and submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court in support of overturning laws prohibiting same-sex sexual relations.

The case was Lawrence v. Texas and, in 2003, a majority of the Supreme Court did overturn such laws. Oetken's brief argued that the courts should use the strictest form of scrutiny when examining laws that treat gay people differently.

In responding to Grassley, Oetken put some distance between himself and the brief, saying, "I have not expressed a personal view on this subject. The arguments in the amicus brief that I co-authored in Lawrence v. Texas were arguments made on behalf of clients."

"Although I believed that there was a good faith basis in Supreme Court precedent for making those arguments [in the brief], they do not necessarily reflect how I would approach these issues as a district judge," wrote Oetken.

Oetken also put some distance between his brief and the Supreme Court's decision, noting that, "The Supreme Court in Lawrence v. Texas did not decide that case under the Equal Protection Clause, but rather under the Due Process Clause, and it therefore did not decide the issues addressed in my amicus brief in that case."

Oetken also said, "If confirmed as a district judge, I would apply the applicable precedents of the Supreme Court and the Second Circuit."

Republican Sen. Jeff Sessions also submitted written questions about Oetken's brief in Lawrence. Sessions noted that Oetken had argued



Paul Oetken

that the issue of physician-assisted suicide should be decided by each state legislature.

He quoted Oetken saying, the issue of physician-assisted suicide "should stay where it belongs, in the legislatures" because the states' "varied approaches to the issue may, over time, aid in forming a national consensus, making it possible for Congress to resolve it through national legislation."

But Sessions was interested in how Oetken could argue, in 2002, to leave the suicide issue to the states and then argue, in 2003, "that Texas' anti-sodomy law was something that warranted federal intervention. ..."

Oetken, again, noted that the Lawrence brief included "arguments made on behalf of clients."

His argument to leave the suicide issue to the states, he said, was appropriate given that there was no federal legislation addressing it.

Oetken's nomination was reported out of committee on April 7 and is awaiting a vote by the full Senate.

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# HUD grants to help with housing for those with AIDS

HOPWA program will administer \$9.1 million in competitive grants to develop, improve housing options

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The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on Monday, May 23 announced up to \$9.1 million in grants to address the housing needs of people with low-incomes living with HIV/AIDS.

The competitive grants, offered through the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program, are intended for states and local communities to create more integrated strategies and partnerships between housing programs and other health and human services.

David Vos, director of HUD's Office of HIV/AIDS Housing, said in a statement on the HUD website that the partnerships will help show "how to take holistic approaches to serving some of the nation's most vulnerable, persons living with chronic health challenges and risks of homelessness."

At the end of the three-year grants, HUD will evaluate and publish the results of grantees' efforts in an Integrated HIV/AIDS Housing Plan. The IHHP will be an online resource to help communities "integrate the delivery of housing along with medical and other supportive services," said Vos.

The grants and IHHP are intended to support both President Obama's National HIV/AIDS Strategy and his Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness.

President Obama released a National HIV/AIDS Strategy in July 2010 with specific, measurable targets to be achieved by 2015. One of the strategy's goals is to help people living with HIV "who have challenges meeting their basic needs, such as housing."

The strategy says that "non-medical supportive services, such as housing, food, and transportation, are "critical elements of an effective HIV care system."

The strategy calls for increasing from 434,000 to 455,800 the number of people receiving HIV-related services under the Ryan White Care Act who have permanent housing. The Ryan White Program, the largest federally funded program for people with AIDS, provides services for those who do not have sufficient health care coverage or financial resources.

According to the strategy, "Individuals living with HIV who lack stable housing are more likely to delay HIV care, have poorer access to regular



President Barack Obama

care, are less likely to receive optimal anti-retroviral therapy, and are less likely to adhere to therapy."

One 12-year study of people living with HIV in New York City, cited in the strategy, found that "housing assistance had a direct impact on improved medical care, regardless of demographics, drug use, health and mental health status, or receipt of other services."

But HUD's announcement comes only weeks after the U.S. House passed a budget for Fiscal Year 2012 that AIDS activists believe will diminish HIV programs and services.

The proposed budget, authored chiefly by Rep. Paul Ryan, a Wisconsin Republican, calls for dramatic cuts in Medicaid, which provides health insurance coverage for people with low incomes.

And it calls for dramatic cuts in Medicare, which provides health insurance coverage for Americans 65 and older and for people with disabilities, including AIDS.

In a letter to members of the House in April, a large coalition of groups serving people with HIV had urged a "no" vote on the plan, saying it "will do irreparable harm to people living with HIV disease as well as those at risk for HIV infection."

In addition to addressing the housing needs of people living with AIDS, HUD has also taken several significant steps towards addressing housing discrimination in the LGBT community.

It has issued proposed new regulations intended to ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity in its core housing programs.

It also clarified that, although the Fair Housing Act — a pivotal civil rights act that prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability and familial status, does not specifically cover sexual orientation- or gender identity-based discrimination, it may still provide them with protection in other ways.

For example, discrimination against a gay man because of fear he will spread HIV/AIDS may constitute illegal discrimination on the basis of a perceived disability, HIV/AIDS.

HUD has also instructed staff to inform individuals about state and local LGBT protections that may apply to them. And HUD has told all its grant applicants they must comply with such laws, where they exist.

Applications for the new grants should be submitted at grants.gov by Aug. 2. Winners are expected to be announced by Sept. 20. ■

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# Louisiana House committee rejects gay adoption bill

Advocates say state's ban on adoption by same-sex couples will fall in the courts eventually

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BATON ROUGE, La. — A House committee has rejected a New Orleans lawmaker's bill that would allow two unmarried, same-sex adults to adopt a child together.

Democrat Helena Moreno said that public opinion has warmed to the idea of gay adoption since the bill failed last year, but the House Civil Law and Procedure Committee disagreed and shelved the proposal Monday, May 23.

Louisiana law allows for adoption by a legal relative, but the House bill would add "second parents" to the list of people who can petition for such adoptions. The bill doesn't specify whether the second parent would be male or female, so it would allow both members of a same-sex couple to adopt a child for the first time.

Currently, if a same-sex couple in Louisiana adopts a child, only one parent can be recognized as the legal guardian. Lesbian mothers at the hearing testified that their children face the risk of not having both parents recognized in the event of a divorce, the death of the primary guardian or a medical emergency involving the child.

"This really is something that's in the best interest of a child, to have two parents and two names on the adoption papers," said Moreno.

New Orleans City Councilman Arnie Fielkow testified in support of the bill, arguing that children need a loving home, regardless of the parents' sexual orientation.

"We have so many kids out there that are in foster care, that are in orphanages here in the United States and around the world, that simply do not have parents, do not have people around them that can love them, support them and sustain them," said Fielkow.

He said that current adoption law doesn't recognize that concepts of a "traditional family" are outdated, and that expanding the ability of parents to adopt would be compassionate.

But Rob Tasman, assistant director of the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops, says the church doesn't sanction adoption to unmarried couples, homosexual or heterosexual.

"The best interest of the child extends beyond purely the physical and the material, and what it also pulls in is the spiritual and the moral," said Tasman.

And Gene Mills, who leads the conservative

Louisiana Family Forum, said the bill would go against a 2004 amendment to the state constitution that defines marriage as between one woman and one man.

"We think it's fraught with the possibility of instability in the life of the child, and would respectfully request that you vote no," said Mills.

Rep. John Schroder, a Republican, proposed to defer the bill. No committee members objected.

Marjorie Esman, who leads the Louisiana chap-

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— Arnie Fielkow

New Orleans City Council member

ter of the American Civil Liberties Union, said the courts will likely overturn the state's prohibition against gay parents adopting if the legislature doesn't take action.

"What is happening nationwide is that as these discriminatory laws are challenged, they are falling," said Esman. She said that courts are striking bans down in order to protect children, but she said there isn't currently any active litigation that could overturn Louisiana's law.


The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled on a related issue in April.

A gay couple who wanted both their names to appear on the birth certificate of the Louisiana child they adopted in New York has lost their latest round in federal court.

In Louisiana, adopted children get new birth certificates with their new parents' names on them, but the state contends that putting both men's names on the birth certificate would violate the state ban against adoption by unmarried couples.

The court said that a Louisiana registrar's insistence that only one father's name can go on the certificate does not violate the child's right to equal protection under the law; nor does it deny legal recognition of the New York adoption by both men.


*Lambda Legal, which represented the petitioners, was not immediately available for comment on whether the case will be appealed.*




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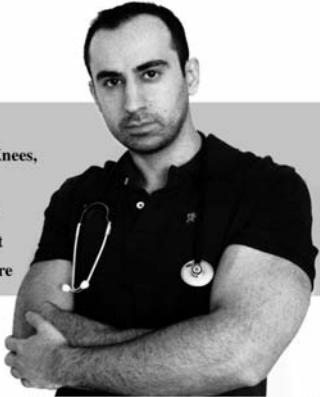
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# Bone voyage

Pet Airways, which plans to add Dallas as a destination this summer, treats pawsengers better than some airlines treat people

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Zoe, a Jack Russell terrier, came up with the idea for Pet Airways — at least according to company founder Alysa Binder.

This summer, Pet Airways is coming to Dallas, Austin and Houston. Exact dates and which airports will be announced later, airline officials said.

Rather than try to get people airlines to treat pets better, Binder, Dan Weisel and Zoe decided to start their own airline just for dogs and cats — and a hermit crab, some gerbils, mice and maybe rabbits soon.

On Pet Airways, all of the pawsengers fly first class. Pets even walk down a red carpet. And unlike most people airlines, meals are included in the price of a ticket, although some picky pawsengers prefer to pack their own.

Binder said drinks are also included. No need for your pet to carry a credit card to purchase those amenities.

And, of course, Pet Airways has a generous frequent flier program — fly five times and get one flight free.

The airline already flies to nine cities including New York, Los Angeles and Chicago. This summer they will add Austin, Houston and Dallas.

The fares run from \$99 to \$249 each way on Pet Airways. On traditional carriers, pets fly as cargo or, when available, under the seat.

The least expensive carry-on is offered by Southwest Airlines for \$75. The carrier must be small enough to fit under a seat.

In cargo, Delta Airlines is the most expensive at \$275.

But on Pet Airways, an animal would never be treated as cargo. Binder said that a cargo hold is dark and the flight is loud and not always fully pressurized. The pet is normally alone and often scared.

Compare that to Pet Airways where, in some ways, Binder said, pets get better treatment than people do on those people airlines.

While security measures are tight, pets are not scanned or x-rayed and no one touches their junk. No need for any of that, said Binder. Each animal is visually examined before boarding.

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She said that no animal should be sedated before flying because it can affect their breathing.

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Attendants are well-trained specialists. Binder said her employees include vets and even a former lion trainer (although Pet Airways doesn’t transport lions).

The cabin is well lit, pressurized and temperature controlled. Pets do not sit out on the tarmac facing extreme heat and cold, where most airline mishaps with pets take place.

Cages are arranged side-by-side along the cabin walls. Although no pet gets a window seat, each one faces the aisle.

Check in is required two hours before flight time. Pawsengers are picked up at the Pet Lounge about 30 minutes after arrival because a potty break is given between the plane and the lounge.

Sometimes people are flying the same day as their pets and the people airline bumps or delays a flight. If that happens, just call Pet Airways and they’ll arrange for the dog or cat to spend the night at a Pet Airways Affiliated Pet Resort.

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# Forum addresses the economics of equality

Adopting inclusive policies is the trend but LGBT employees must still protect their personal finances

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Out & Equal DFW and Resource Center Dallas presented a forum on May 24 on the economics of equality.

Panelists included Rebecca Solomon of Bank of America, Roger Poindexter of Lambda Legal and attorney Rebecca Covell. RCD President and CEO Cece Cox moderated.

Solomon had advice for coming out at work. "The trend of business is adopting more inclusive policies," she said, offering suggestions on how to decide how safe it was to come out at a particular company.

"Look at the policies," Solomon said. "Take a pulse of the workplace and speak to others."

She said that just because policies are in place, look at how they are translated into practice. Is

there diversity training for management? Do policies have any teeth?

As an example, Solomon said that at Bank of America, someone who made the workplace uncomfortable for an LGBT employee because of that person's sexual orientation or gender identity would be escorted out the door that day.

Covell said that a company's affinity groups are an indication of its commitment to diversity.

Poindexter addressed the issue of coming out as HIV at work.

"Unless you need accommodation, there's no need to disclose," he said.

Covell suggested that it was never too early for a same-sex couple to begin estate planning. Since Texas offers no protections or benefits for domestic partners that married opposite sex couples receive, she suggested reviewing all documents with an attorney. Covell said that beneficiaries should be designated for all policies because Texas courts would assign those assets to relatives.



Rebecca Solomon, left, Roger Poindexter and Rebecca Covell

Solomon suggested that a trust is a way for someone to designate assets when an employee is afraid to name a same-sex partner at work. ■

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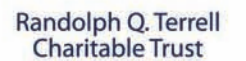


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# Advisor offers strategies for LGBT investors

Merrill Lynch portfolio manager finds her niche serving LGBT community

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A program to help LGBT investors with tax minimization and other challenges faced by the community has led one investment firm to develop a variety of products for people who don't fit into traditional roles, said Carol Meyer, first vice president and private investment portfolio manager at Merrill Lynch's Galleria office.

Meyer said that includes products that address her needs as a single woman.

She said that eight years ago, the company invited her to participate as one of 18 members of their diversity council. Two members were openly gay.

"I didn't know the issues faced by the gay community," she said.

But she quickly immersed herself.

"I learned of the brutality and harassment they faced," she said, and she learned that there were no workplace protections for LGBT people.

As she shifted her specialty to the LGBT com-

munity, Meyer's manager asked her why she was doing this, since she already had a successful practice. But Meyer said serving the LGBT community was something she and her sister, a partner in her practice, were committed to do.

"Some estates are very complicated and more involved," she said. "One client was 29, a doctor who became a new mom."

Meyer said they devised a program that protected the doctor's partner, who became the stay-at-home mom, and included coverage to put their son through college.

Meyer said that she employs the expertise of various divisions of the company. She has devised strategies for gay couples selling businesses whom she introduced to a business specialist.

U.S. Trust is now a part of the company. Meyer said that the trust specialists from that division can help manage anything from art collections to



Carol Meyer

oil and gas royalties to real estate. She said she has seen experts from that field negotiate taxes and keep property leased.

Working with tax specialists or retirement specialists, she makes sure her LGBT clients find the investment that will benefit their situation.

"The rights are different from heterosexual couples," Meyer said. "But there are a lot of things you can do."

She suggested one strategy is to rollover investments from a 401K to an

IRA. While an opposite-sex married couple can continue drawing from a 401K account after the death of one spouse, a same-sex couple has to treat the account as income.

An IRA would allow the surviving spouse to withdraw the money as needed, which for tax purposes is better than taking a lump sum. Meyer said that in an IRA, investors can better control their own investments. ■

## Vedda attends conference

The National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce celebrated National Small Business Week last week by gathering LGBT chamber leaders from Dallas, Philadelphia, Chicago, Miami, Spokane and Minneapolis in Washington D.C.



Tony Vedda of the North Texas GLBT Chamber of Commerce was among those that met.

"My leadership role in NGLCC allows me to be an advocate, not only for people in my region, but for LGBT chambers around the country," said Vedda.

Chamber members strategized new ways to strengthen affiliate LGBT chambers and drive small business growth among the organization's 29,000 members.


NGLCC has been a vocal proponent for President Obama's Small Business Agenda, which calls for "improved access to government contracts [for small business] as well as avoid contract bundling," according to a statement released by NGLCC.

NGLCC also signed a memorandum of understanding with U.S. Department of Commerce in January to "promote cooperation and collaborative action" and "to identify LGBT-owned businesses for the Department's outreach and contracting requirements."

— David Taffet

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# Hitting a tipping point

Sports figures' decisions to come out can push LGBT community one step closer to equality

In his book *The Tipping Point*, Malcom Gladwell writes about what he calls "social epidemics." Just like a disease epidemic can blow up and spread very quickly, ideas can suddenly become embraced by the public at large and spread at a rapid pace.

That point when something goes from being just a few people who embrace the idea to the critical mass needed to flood the mainstream consciousness of the country is the "tipping point."

At its most fundamental level, the LGBT movement begins with opening the closet door. That coming out process is almost always difficult and sometimes it takes years, but it is the beginnings of genuine liberation.

Well, on the coming out front, we may be at the tipping point and for the LGBT rights movement that could trigger a big change

Today I read a story about Jared Max, a sportscaster for ESPN Radio who said this in his morning show:

"Are we ready to have our sports information delivered by someone who is gay? Well we are gonna find out. Because for the last 16 years, I've been living a free life among my close friends and family, and I've hidden behind what is a gargantuan-sized secret here in the sports world: I am gay.

"Yeah. Jared Max. The sports guy who is one of the most familiar faces

in New York sports isn't quite like the majority. And while you already knew I was a little different, this might help make sense of it. But more so, I'm taking this courageous jump into the unknown having no idea how I will be perceived. ..."

This is pretty big news, but even bigger when you consider the other folks who came out in the just the past few weeks:

- Don Lemon, weekend anchor for CNN



Phoenix Suns President and CEO Rick Welts (Michael Chow, The Arizona/Associated Press)

Newsroom announced last week that he is gay. He did so in advance of the release of his new book, *Transparent*, in which he discusses his life as an African-American newscaster and as a gay man.

- Look to sports again as the CEO of the Phoenix Suns, Rick Welts, came out in a story in the New York Times. Why? He said that he wanted to do something to help youth struggling with their own sexual identity issues, to assure them they could come out and still have a successful career.

- Former Villanova basketball star, Will Sheridan, kicked open his closet door coming out publicly on ESPN just a day after Rick Welts.

- And all this after former NFL player Wade Davis came out as part of a GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network) Sports Project a couple of months ago.

Perhaps I am the only one to see a trend here, but when broadcasters and, more specifically, sports figures start feeling it's OK to come out, we might be nearing that tipping point.

This trend is not that new either. In the past few years dozens of high-profile people have made their sexual orientation known. My hope is that the cumulative effect will push things over the edge.

What would that look like? Well, it would be somewhat of a continuation of what we see now: more and more people publicly coming out until the mere act of announcing one's sexual orientation or gender identity will become so commonplace that it is no longer news.

That would signal that LGBT people had really taken a major step toward full equality. The day when a celebrity or sports figure comes out and is no longer headline material, or more importantly no longer feels the need to hold a press conference to do it, will be a great day for LGBT rights.

So to all those celebrities, sports figures, actors, politicians who are still in the closet: Come out! You may be the nudge that pushes things past the tipping point — and that is something that will benefit everyone. ■

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Hardy Haberman  
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# Feedback

## Stonewall Dems still relevant

Stonewall Democrats continues to be an important and relevant voice in the civic life of GLBT Dallas. In fact, most candidates seek out the opportunity to interview and screen with Stonewall in election years.

If Stonewall were irrelevant, as some seem to imply from recent comments via Instant Tea and elsewhere, these candidates would not take the time to seek out the endorsement.

Whenever there is a hotly contested election, invariably one side gets upset and calls the organization "irrelevant." That is a natural response.

Stonewall Democrats of Dallas has a fair, and open endorsement process, and any member in good standing is welcome to participate in that process.

With that said, however, I think I need to say that we don't automatically endorse a candidate just because he or she happens to be gay. We con-

sider each candidate in his or her entirety.

We certainly consider whether a candidate is a member of the GLBT community, but that isn't the only thing we consider when making endorsements.

As a longtime member and former officer of Stonewall, I have seen and participated in many endorsement and candidate screenings over the years. This time it is fair and accurate to say that our Membership and Endorsement Committee was split right down the middle with regard to Angela Hunt and James Nowlin in the race for Dallas City Council District 14.

I couldn't help but notice what seemed to be a generational divide in this particular race. What I noticed was that younger Stonewall members — under 40 — tended to back Nowlin. Those who are more mature (ok, call us old if you must) Stonewall members — over 40 — tended to back Hunt.

There were exceptions of course. But I think this is, overall, a fair and accurate statement.

While the vote on the Endorsement Committee was razor-thin, at the end of the day Nowlin received the most votes and, hence, he received the Stonewall endorsement. I personally supported Angela Hunt because I think she has done

a superb job as a member of the City Council. She does her homework and knows the issues facing this city inside and out.

Another reason I personally chose to back Angela Hunt is because she's not afraid to buck the establishment when necessary. I think it's important to have people on the Dallas City Council who are fighters, and won't just be a rubber stamp.

At the end of the day, Hunt won almost every single precinct in District 14, so the voters not only in the M Streets and Lakewood area, but also in Turtle Creek/Uptown, Oak Lawn, all the way up to Greenway Parks and Bluffview clearly feel like Ms. Hunt is doing a good job representing them.

I applaud Mr. Nowlin's enthusiasm. He's a bright and articulate young man, and I think he learned an important lesson by running, namely that it's difficult to beat a very popular incumbent.

Jay Narey  
Dallas

## Reaction to Nikki Araguz case

The law is the law and she still is a man and

never will become a full woman. Until Texas changes the law Nikki is just like everyone in Texas. We have to follow the law. Just because she is a transgender she is not special. Nothing against transgenders but if you want to get married do it in a state that allows it so we do not have to put families in a longterm trial.

Vicky, via the Web

Gender is more than genitals or chromosomes. Nikki is a woman, heart and soul. Maybe if Texas would step up to the 21st century, cases like this would not have to happen. It all comes down to the fact that Araguz's ex-wife is greedy, pure and simple.

Janet, via the Web

Yes, the law is the law, and the law allows courts to issue orders changing a person's legally-recognized sex. The law also allows people who have such orders to use them to prove their identity when obtaining marriage licenses. The law is in Mrs. Araguz's favor. It's her in-laws who are attempting to ignore the law for their own personal gain, and it looks like they may have found an activist judge willing to ignore the law and rule in their favor. In the end this case boils down to a question of who is Thomas Araguz's widow, the woman he chose to divorce or the woman he chose to marry.

Daniel Williams, via the Web

Nikki is a woman in every way that is meaningful, but I can't help but thinking that a WISE judge would rule that the money be divided three ways. Oh for the days of Solomonic wisdom!

As for Texas, we better wake up: Transgender people are a fact of life, and if Texas doesn't start recognizing their fundamental human rights, businesses will go elsewhere. Prejudice and bigotry is bad for business, bad for Texas and bad for the people of Texas. Marriages don't need "defending" by restricting others from the blessings of monogamous wedded bliss.

As for Nikki, if she wins, a real woman would offer to help defray costs for the ex-wife's son, the son of her dead hero fireman. I am sure she would make such an offer if she won.

Alison, via the Web



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Q Cinema is bringing sexy back. Its 13th annual festival, which begins on Thursday and runs over next weekend, is flush with sexy, fun and campy films, as well as smattering of dramas (gay, lesbian, trans and bi) through shorts and features. And, for a festival of its size, it manages to attract loads of talent, from stars like Bruce Vilanch and Charlie David to filmmakers like Casper Andreas.

And, in true Cowtown fashion, it finds a way to make it all yee-haw fun, with a bowling party and dishy programs.

Here's a preview of some of the programs. ■

## Going Down in LA-LA Land

OK, let's be honest: A lot of gay cinema falls in too-easy pigeonholes and familiar clichés. Twinks getting shirtless. Over-the-top, homo-hating bad guys (who often turn out to be in the closet). Romantic encounters, both cheesy and predictable. Sitcom-y jokes — or else, tortured melodramatic emoting.

But we watch them, and even like them, because they have shirtless twinks. And romantic encounters. And bad guys who turn out to be closet cases.

So sue us. We like our mindless, lightweight fantasies as much as straight folks.

So, when *Going Down in LA-LA Land* starts with new kid Adam (Matthew Ludwinski) moving to Los Angeles only to be put off by backstabbing, dating trouble and career misfires, it looks like it'll be another of its genre: The sappy, silly, easy comedy.

And then something happens: It gets *good*.

Sure, you can see some of the plot turns easier than at the Texas Motor Speedway, but there's also a canny, insider quality that adds some heft and authenticity to it all — largely with not-so-subtle references to real Hollywood (including Bruce Vilanch as a Chi Chi LaRue-esque porn director). Writer-director Casper Andreas has crafted a sexy but also funny and wise squinty-eyed look at Tinseltown, from the seductive side to the seedy (often one and the same), from the glamour to the pitfalls.

Andreas gets good performances from Ludwinski and Allison Lane (and himself as a methed-up photographer), but it's the whole package of nudity, humor and pathos that makes it come together.

— Arnold Wayne Jones

## eCupid

Marshall (Houston Rhines) and Gabe (Noah Schuffman) are both cute, young and seven years into their relationship — and, to Marshall at least, it feels as if that's as long as it has been since they had sex. Hoping to spice up his love life, Marshall downloads an app called eCupid, which promises to match him with the love of his life. But, in traditional genie fashion, you need to be careful what you ask for.

The biggest problem with the film *eCupid* is that it's a silly, supernatural romantic fantasy, but Marshall never seems weirded out that his phone seems to be sending text messages on its own, or that everything going wrong could be fixed with a system reboot.

Still, that's also about the worst thing you can say about this breezy, sexy rom-com, filled with half-naked boys, familiar couples problems and easy-to-digest complications.

— A.W.J.

## Trigger

A bad breakup will leave major scars, whether it's the failure of a band or a couple. In the case of *Trigger*, it's both.

Kat (Molly Parker) and Vic (Tracy Wright) reunite over dinner 10 years after their girl band *Trigger* suffered an onstage blowout. Vic is harder edged, battling her demons, while Kat has moved on to a glossier, pretentious life in Los Angeles. Both are *different* people; the tough part for them is figuring out if they are *better* people.

The movie is mostly a series of conversational vignettes between the two but director Bruce McDonald treats the scenes carefully, so as not to

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NOTICE A COMMON THEME HERE? | Q Cinema is bringing sexy back with its 13th queer film festival, with gay rom-coms like 'eCupid,' top, 'Judas Kiss,' center, and the lesbian drama 'Bloomington,' bottom.



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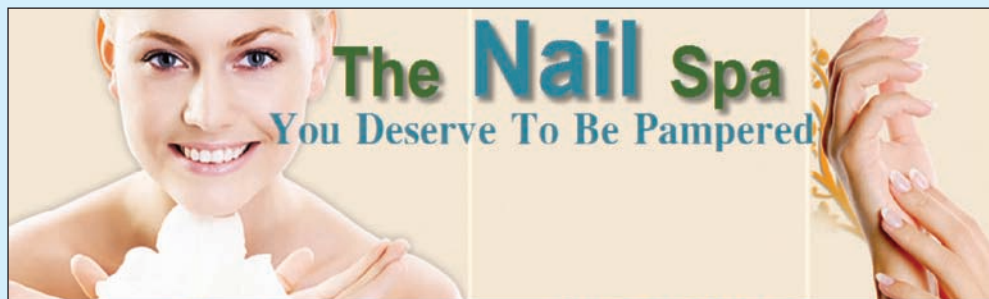


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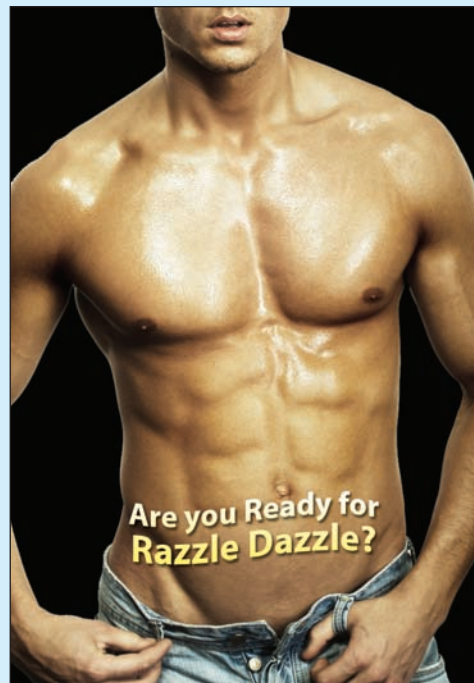
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turn them into a gimmick. We learn about their backgrounds apart and relationships with each other: They were bandmates, they were lovers, they both got fucked up by drugs and alcohol.

Parker gets the flashier role as the bitchy but loveable Kat, but this is Wright's show. As Vic, she delivers depths of frustration and hope while still eking out flashes of exhilaration. Her voice is heartbreaking and genuine. (The role was her last — Wright died of cancer shortly after filming.)

McDonald and screenwriter Daniel McIvor have churned out a very feminine film without pandering to clichés. There is no unnecessary delicacy added here. Minus some kitschy touches that missed the mark (an after-party at a high school?), *Trigger* ends up being a surprising reality check that isn't about a rock 'n' roll band, but how getting older is inevitable.

— Rich Lopez

**Bloomington**

*Bloomington* is about a student-teacher lesbian relationship, which falls under the still-lingering taboo of May-December romance with a strong sense of sexual exploitation. Jackie (Sarah Stouffer) is a 22-year-old college student; Prof. Catherine Stark (Alison McAtee) bears an almost creepy resemblance to Jackie's

mother, who was virtually absent during her daughter's teen years.

Jackie spent those years as an actress in a TV series, *Neptune 26*, which ended four years earlier. Now Jackie's in college, and although her fellow students are awed by her celebrity, her problems fitting in stem more from her own standoffishness. She hears rumors about the notorious Prof. Stark, who beds her female students, only to have them disappear. So when the two meet at a student-faculty mixer, they waste no time hooking up. The power dynamics change when Jackie is asked to reprise her role in a feature version of *Neptune 26* and it becomes Catherine's turn to worry about being discarded.

Perhaps out of fear of the creep factor, none of the displays of affection between the women even approach soft-core porn. They kiss a lot but when they take their clothes off, Brazilian-born writer-director Fernanda Cardoso gets coy about camera placement. Even Jackie's



**ACTION!** | An aspiring actor (Matthew Ludwinski) gets talked into making a film with a notorious porn director (Bruce Vilanch) in Q Cinema's opening night film 'Going Down in LA-LA Land.'

bathtub scene has her well covered in bubbles.

Cardoso has supplied a lot of surprisingly intelligent dialogue about psychology, show business and academia, to shore up a plot

**The Schedule**

All programs at the Rose Marine Theater, 1440 Main St., Fort Worth, except as noted

**Going Down in LA-LA Land.** A gay newcomer find his way in Los Angeles, from porn to closeted movie stars. Filmmaker/stars in attendance. Preceded by the short *On the Bus*.

June 2 at 7:30 p.m.

**Going Down in Cowtown Opening Night Party**

At the T&P Tavern, June 2 at 9:30 p.m.

**Our Shorts Are Showing 1.** Program includes: *The Colonel's Outing, Nothing Happened, Freak, Slip Away, I was a Teenage Werebear*, plus a sneak peek at the new project from Israel Luna and Toni Miller, *The Zombie Project*.

June 3 at 6:30 p.m.

**eCupid.** An app takes over the romantic life of a 30-year-old gay man suffering from the seven-year itch. Filmmaker/stars in attendance. Preceded by the short *Waiting for Goliath*.

June 3 at 8:45 p.m.

**There's an App for That Party.**

At *The Usual*, June 3 at 10 p.m.

**Our Shorts Are Showing 2.** Program includes:

*Amen, Tools 4 Fools, Stay, The Defenders, Under Pressure, Bedfellows, and It's Just a Community Place.*

June 4 at noon.

**The Cost of Love.** A gay escort craves genuine love.

June 4 at 2 p.m.

**Trigger.** Former lovers from a girl band reunite

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**ROCKER CHICKS** | In 'Trigger,' Vic (Tracey Wright, left) and Kat (Molly Parker) recall themselves in their prime, before life took a turn a decade later.

that's purely emotional. The ending may not be what you expect, but it's in line with Cardoso's constant clash between intellect and emotion. A couple of Ani DiFranco songs are well used to boost the film's lez appeal, but your overall reaction will depend on whether you buy the central relationship. I didn't.

— Steve Warren

### Judas Kiss

It's been fun to watch Charlie David mature as both an actor and a producer. He first shot to prominence in the supernatural gay soap *Dante's Cove*, where being hot and naked were the primary criteria. He parlayed that gig into hosting duties for the Logo travelog *Bump!* and the gay romance *Mulligans*.

Now, in *Judas Kiss*, David gets to show off his strongest acting chops yet. He plays Zach Wells, a once-promising filmmaker who pissed away his potential on drugs and bad decisions. When he returns to his alma mater for a film festival, Zach meets his younger self, and gets the chance to fix the errors of his youth.

The supernatural element is more subtle here than *Dante's*, which allows the *idea* behind it to come through: How difficult it is to be someone you aren't, no matter how much information you have.

The production values are as slick and sophisticated as gay cinema gets, and there's a deliberative, smart style to it.

— A.W.J.

### FEATURED SHORTS

#### I Was a Teenage Werebear

A pastiche of '50s-era teen angst films, Elvis musicals, '60s beach comedies and gorefests, the tone of *I Was a Teenage Werebear*, pictured, is so inconsistent as to make your brain hurt. For a musical, the singers aren't great at singing and the (intentionally) cheese makeup (and double-casting once the teens go from twink to bear) is more a distraction than a campy delight. Still, the combination of all these elements creates a quirky sense of surprise, such as when a blow job goes horribly wrong. And there's more than a little beefcake to help numb you a bit. Hey, whatever works.

#### It's a Community Place

When this documentary starts, you sense it will be a story of adversity, a profile of how one small lesbian-owned café changed a town, or the sad/empowering/meaningful legacy of a controversy born in homophobia. But the film never delivers. There are elements about locals in New York's gay-friendly Hawley Green turning hostile, but the end product is basically little more than an episode of *This Old House*, as two women try to turn a building into a business. It ends suddenly and unsatisfyingly, and leaves you wanting more.

— A.W.J.



after a decade. Preceded by the short *Allison My Love*.

June 4 at 4 p.m.

**2 Frogs in the West.** A French-Canadian hitchhiker finds herself attracted to a man and a woman at the same time. Preceded by the short *Refuge*.

June 4 at 6 p.m.

**An Evening with Bruce Vilanch.** The LA-LA

*Land* co-star dishes (followed by a bowling after-party with Vilanch at Lucky Strike).

June 4 at 8 p.m.

**We Were Here.** Documentary about the early days of the AIDS crisis in San Francisco. Preceded by the short *Fucked*.

June 5 at noon.

**AIDS at 30: Panel Discussion.**

June 5 at 2 p.m.

**Bloomington.** A college professor engages in a romance with her female student, a child star.

June 5 at 3 p.m.



**Gun Hill Road.** A Latino man, newly out of prison, discovers his son is now transgender. Preceded by the short *Professor Godoy*.

June 4 at 4 p.m.

**Judas Kiss.** Charlie David stars as a time-traveling filmmaker given a second chance. Filmmaker/stars in attendance. Preceded by the video *Like It Rough*.

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**The Q Awards/Closing Night Party**

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freedom for granted while others still try to take away the freedoms of those who are different. I hope my story makes people more aware of the prejudice and persecution that homosexuals experience in pursuit of the rights and respect we deserve."

Dawn's military background kept her in the closet for much of her adult life. She plans to relate that experience as well for people who struggled during their service — and are perhaps still struggling.

"I was always feeling I had to keep my personal and professional lives segregated. I'm ready to live a life that allows me to be totally true to my family and myself. I hope to share the inner sanctuary of my home with others so that they can see that it is possible to be out, proud and professional," she says.

The show may sound like something heavy PBS might run, taking itself very seriously, but the teaser trailer on the website has polish and a light tone. It hints at the packaging of those previously mentioned network shows but with an added wholesomeness. Being that they do have hopes for a network pick up, it would seem only minor adjustments would need to be made to graduate up to TV.

This first season is expected to consist of a minimum of eight episodes running about 20 minutes each, with plans to expand as it grows in sponsorships. The show debuts May 27 on *LezBeProud.com*. Future episodes will be archived on the site and can also be seen on *OneMoreLesbian.com*.

What it definitely is not, is the *Real L Word* — even if this is a reality show about lesbians and their daily lives. Kristi sees humor in the comparison, but works to dissolve the idea that these women have lives centered solely around sex — or rather, reality TV sex lives.

"Our show is more about educating people and having them not see us as second-class citizens," Kristi says. "We have families, we're CEOs, we have houses. We represent all levels of society and for people to know us as human beings instead of lesbian. That's what's gonna change the world. That's our goal."

The cast talks with good energy about the show, but interestingly has already received flak. There have been complaints that they are "too pretty to be lesbians." Three of the four are also Anglo, leading to criticism the show doesn't represent the diversity of the community. But, they defend, it is still a work in progress.

"We're only here to start this not finish it," Kristi says. "We want to see more culture and we love the butch community. This show is for all shapes sizes colors and cultures. Too pretty to be lesbians? Really?"

If their goal is network, there are some templates that most shows have to have. Of the *Lez Be Proud* cast, one has to be the bitch of the show.

"Ha! We're told if a network picks us up that we need to have some strong personalities," Kristi laughs. "We don't have a bitch character, but if you ask any of us on a day we might be arguing, we'll certainly throw them under the bus."

### Show me the money: Bravo's grab for glamour glory

In order to get a show on Bravo, it doesn't hurt to have one of three words in your title: "Top" (as in *Top Chef* and its spinoffs), "Housewives" (as in one of the seven iterations of that franchise — "real" is also acceptable) and now, it seems, "Million." From *Million Dollar Listing* to *Millionaire Matchmaker*, Bravo seems to be selling glamour: hence, the reality show *Million Dollar Decorators* debuts the same week as *Platinum Hit* (platinum, million — same diff). Neither reality series is as compelling as the network's biggest hits.

*Platinum* at least has the somewhat tarnished pedigree of host Kara DioGuardi. You may call a cable show slumming for the former *American Idol* judge, but based on this *Idol* season, I say she was thrown off a sinking ship. Not that there's much to keep this one afloat. A dozen budding songwriters compete to compose the next pop hit, but listening to writers (most without instruments or strong voices) croak through their R&B isn't the best way to showcase talent (though several shine). And DioGuardi, paired with host Jewel, doesn't show any better judgment than she did on *Idol*. There are some cute contestants (none clearly gay based on the premiere), but we have enough pretty-boys in the music biz. We need more substance than *Platinum Hit* manages. Yeah, cuz substance is what reality TV does best.

The uber-gay non-competition *Decorators* trots out familiar tropes — so familiar as to be ho-hum. This type of show rises and falls on the personalities of the cast members, above; sadly, "bitchy drama queen" has become a description meant to apply to most people in every reality show — which basically means none of these stand out (well, maybe former boy model Ross). Pretentious, egotistical even self-deluded claims to influence ("Sometimes I think my job is more important than the president," one says; "That goes without saying," agrees his friend) define most of the men and women here, even as they deal with artificial crises ("Sharon Osborne needs it three weeks early!?! I guess I'll have to make my magic *again*!!!"). Been there, decorated that.

— Arnold Wayne Jones

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# Numbers game

Chrysler's Sebring redo, the 200 Limited, melds style with speed

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One of the most attention-grabbing commercials during this year's Super Bowl was a Chrysler 200 spot that featured Eminem with the tagline, "Imported from Detroit." Both the pitchman and car are Detroit natives — the former famously, the latter materially. It was all part of the creative re-branding of Chrysler as an uber-American purveyor of urban conveyances for the trendsetters ... and all coming from Motor City. The question is this, "Will that strategy get people to buy a face-lifted Sebring that was not exactly one of Chrysler's blockbusters?"

When designers whipped up the last-generation Sebring for 2007, they tried their best to create a roomy sedan with the classic style of a Crossfire coupe. An eggcrate grille, arching roofline, wrap-around taillamps and stylish Mercedes-inspired interior all worked together well, even if the theme didn't translate perfectly from spankin' sports car to buff sedan. If only the chassis, engine and transmission had lived up to the exterior's promise.

Now under Fiat control, the less-successful Chrysler products are undergoing a thorough makeover.

Of all things the Chrysler 200 imports, style is its best asset. The body shell remains, but everything attached to it is new. Chrysler's stylized chrome grille with revised winged logo dominates the front, 18-in. chrome alloys fill the fenders and wrap taillights grace the rear. Look closer and you'll notice LED light pipes around the front projector beam headlamps and additional crisp LEDs in the center brake lights. A new

hood is more delicately formed. All of this adds up to a design that is more cohesive, precise and upscale.

The drama continues inside. Our test car came with heated black leather seats, beefy steering wheel with the best-feeling leather outside of a BMW, piano black finish around the center controls, and the results of a determined effort to make the cabin seem as expensive as the exterior. I'm glad the Mercedes-inspired instrument cluster and gated gear selector remained; a small

analog clock is appropriate in an aspiring luxury tourer.

In-dash navigation, dual-zone climate control and thumpin' audio system with XM Satellite Radio and USB input for iPods satisfies everybody. It's a place where

you want to be and is no longer polluted by cheap materials that seem as though they were procured from a goat.

It's also quiet. Forty-five new sound deadening treatments were added, like acoustic glass usually found in much more expensive vehicles. Vibrations throughout the vehicle were scrutinized and eliminated while a new three-point engine mount was adapted to the four-cylinder engine to tame its transgressions.

The Sebring had a willing chassis, but it clunked and bunched over rough pavement and only begrudgingly hit the curves. Engineers touched virtually every part. The track is an inch wider and the car has been lowered several millimeters for more stable handling. There's less body roll, noticeably reduced suspension jitter over rough pavement, more precise-feeling steering. I wish engineers would have tuned in a

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**CHANNELING STYLE** | The Sebring 200 Limited goes from meh to marvelous. The body looks the same, but the nips and tucks include chrome for bling and LED lights to give it some high-tech glow.



little more weight to the steering, especially at speed, but it is pleasant enough for a near-luxury sedan.

Drivers will really appreciate the new powertrains. They could choose the base 173-HP 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine for the best fuel economy, but I'd cruise right on by that and opt for the 283-HP 3.6-liter Pentastar V6. Both engines are available with six-speed automatic transmissions, but to save a few bucks, a four-speed transmission can be matched with the smaller engine. Four-cylinders achieve 20/31-MPG city/hwy, while the powerful V6 delivers 19/29-MPG.

I liked the Sebring before, even if it wasn't particularly exciting. Designers gave it their all and engineers tried their best, but the bean counters apparently had their way and insisted on us driving around with an interior that never quite made the cut. That's all fixed — from the divine steering wheel to the quieter interior, improved powertrains and revised chassis. We'll have to see if buyers respond, but this is one car that Detroit should be proud to export.

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# Granola cluster

Hot men, a funky vibe, a thriving downtown scene and easy access to the mountains add up to make Denver the Austin of the Rockies

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"There are two seasons in Colorado," asserts Cartman on *South Park*. "Winter and July."

That's not really true, anymore than the cliché that Dallas is always hot. (Remember three snowstorms this year?) In fact, it's not all that unusual to see folks walking around in shorts or without winter coats, albeit in weather that would chill most Texans.

With summer on the horizon, the already highly livable Mile High City is ideal for warmth-seekers who want to enjoy the outdoors — or the many sophisticated options Denver offers.

Some cities are tweedy; some are silky or denimy or flannelly or, God bless 'em, polyester'd; Denver is a hybrid of Gor-Tex and burlap — in the best possible way.

What is it about hilly college towns with capitols that breed a certain crunchy, alternative-lifestyle vibe? Dallas doesn't have it, unless you count Deep Ellum, which you can't (at least not since 1996). With its comfortable, old condos and warehouses, an easy-going pace, overcast skies and small-city atmosphere, Denver resembles a Rocky Mountain version of Austin or Seattle.

But there's more to the appeal of Denver than just the environment. Colorado is the state with the fittest population in the

Union, and many of the men here exude an unpretentious, earthy masculinity — one local woman told me the unofficial nickname of the city is "Menver." Scruffy guys are common here, hot in a granola-hiker-outdoorsy way. (Grindr, though, is a lot more popular than Scruff; go figure.)

Maybe what attracts them to this city of 600,000 is the diversity of options, from fine dining to museums to history.

It's easiest to stay downtown, where tons of options — from a performing arts center to an urban mall with moviehouse to a full-fledged convention center — provide a hub of activity. The Hyatt Regency, a skyscraper of a hotel with an upper floor bar overlooking the Rockies, an extensive in-house gym and refreshing spa (complete with expert massages), provides a comfortable, mainstream and centrally located hotel option. Clean, well-appointed and easy to spot, it fits the bill nicely.

Denver was founded in 1858, and has long remained the hub of culture and industry in the mountainous part of the western plains. Cowboy culture exists, of course, just like in Texas, but there's an urbane sensibility as well.

**SUN AND SNOW** | Even in winter, Denver isn't a snowbound outpost but an outdoorsy city of breathtaking urban vistas nestled in the shadow of the Rockies. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)



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Both are in the LoDo district, near the terminus of the 16th Street Mall. This mile-long plaza, designed by I.M. Pei, is served by a fast, convenient and free shuttle that makes getting from one part of town to the other a breeze. While in LoDo, visit the old Union Station, now undergoing a facelift but still operational. Across from the station, duck into the historic Oxford Hotel, a charming boutique property with an enchanting foyer (much refinished after years of disrepair following its stint as a brothel.)

In addition to accommodations, the Oxford offers food and drink worth your time. The Cruise Room Bar is a reproduction of the interior of the Queen Mary cruise ship, complete with art moderne accents and classic cocktails. Across the hall, McCormick's prepares mouthwatering fresh-off-the-boat seafood. The clam chowder here is among the best I've tasted, and the crab and mango tower was heavenly.

In general, Denver is a great city to enjoy exquisite food, including seafood (unexpected for a landlocked state). I arrived during Restaurant Week, a nationwide event held in many cities throughout the year; but I have never encountered a town where diners take it so seriously.

ChoLon may be the hottest place in town, a spacious, Asian-inspired bistro from chef Lon Symensma that recalls New York's Buddakan or Las Vegas' Tao, both in décor and in clever twists on Vietnamese and other Asian dishes. A sesame rice cake the size of an hibiscus bloom, served with tomato chile jam, replaced the traditional bread basket, while the peanut and tamarind glaze on the lamb shank perfectly balanced its savory and sweetness.

Not far from LoDo is Larimer Square, a fashionable pocket of fine dining and high end shopping *a la* Highland Park (stop in at Goorin Brothers Hat Shop not just for the novelty of a hat shop, but for exquisite toppers). Local celebrichefs predominate here, including Jennifer Jasinski, chef/co-owner of Rioja, a Mediterranean restaurant of intimate charm and intense, flavorful dishes, like sturgeon with grilled artichoke and tomato tart mousse and sea scallops with a tower of potato and carrot medallions. For a quick drink, Corridor 44 is unique: A champagne bar serving flights of sparkling wine.

You can get drinks and more at the Corner Office Martini Bar and Restaurant inside the distinctly boutique-y Curtis Hotel. The food is a hodgepodge that includes yummy shishito pep-



**DESTINATION DOWNTOWN** | Public art, thriving businesses and a free shuttle makes Denver accessible and packed with options. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

pers, excellent mac and cheese and delicious fish tacos, plus on Sundays a disco brunch that gives life to the campy retro character of place.

History buffs will enjoy exploring the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, which currently has a massive exhibit called *Real Pirates: The Untold Story of the Whydah*, a slave ship that became a privateer. (The collection includes an authentic reproduction of the gally — complete with creaky floorboards and a rocking motion — as well as countless artifacts from gold coins to iron cannons to the ship's bell, unearthed from a sandy grave after 300 years underwater.) Closer in town the Denver Art Museum houses an impressive collection of Western art as well as the Museum of Contemporary Art Denver.

You can buy some of your own art from local artisans at the First Friday art walks in cultural neighborhoods across the city. The Santa Fe District boasts an eclectic array of galleries displaying everything from abstract paintings to Warhol-esque, ultra modern art. North Denver's Tenynson neighborhood features a different style of galleries, including bookstores, glass blowers and antique dealers. The Pattern Shop, a beautiful home and gallery in the RiNo (River North) area, is worth the trip.

Like most cities in North America, Denver celebrates its Gay Pride Week in June (PrideFest 2011 is June 18 and 19). The community in this region is sizeable, with the gayborhood in Denver concentrated on the opposite end of the mall from LoDo. It's a refreshing walk off the shuttle to the Denver Wrangler, a neighborhood leather-and-Levis bar with pool tables and videos. On Sundays, the patio turns into brunch central, resembling a corral of beefy gay men penned for branding. Close by are JR's Denver and Hamburger Mary's, which are hubs of gay life here. You'll have to take a car to get to one of the rougher clubs, Compound, but like most things in Denver, it's worth the hike. ■



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# Drawing Dallas

Fidel Cabrera-Pineda  
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**Name and age:** Fidel Cabrera-Pineda, 23

**Spotted:** Taco Bell at North Central Expressway and Lemmon

**Occupation:** Hip-hop instructor/choreographer

This native of Laredo, Mexico, has resided in Dallas since age 2. Born under the sign of Cancer, tall, handsome Fidel is a self-taught dancer who began moving his feet to music almost from the time he first learned to walk. His mother showed him how to Cumbia at an impressionable age, and that inspired his lifelong interest in dance.

With a natural grace, an instinctive rhythm and a lot of hard work, Fidel has turned his love into a career, burning up dance floors all over Texas, both solo and as part of the FLS Dance Crew. His talent has garnered him three consecutive salsa championships. He is also sought after as a choreographer and creative director in the DFW area. His musical interests include jazz, soul and R&B.

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# Cheer we go!

Dallas Pride Cheer gets its razzle dazzling — for Dallas *and* San Francisco

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As anyone who's ever played a team sport can tell you, even the bleakest of losing streaks has been brightened by the erratic pom-poms and endless effervescence of a cheerleading squad. But the perkier of cheerleaders still needs their own support system from time to time.

That's the case with Dallas Pride Cheer, a local, mostly gay group who use their powers of pep not for sports but by performing at parades and other events to raise money for charitable causes, including Make-A-Wish, Bryan's House and AIDS Arms.

On June 25 and 26, the all-volunteer squad will boost not a team, but our city by taking their talents to San Francisco for Pride Parade weekend. There, they will join other teams from around the world for a series of performances benefiting the Cheer for Life Foundation, a nonprofit that supports agencies around the

globe that provide services to people living with HIV/AIDS, cancer and other ailments.

"We currently have 14 people from our 24-person squad going to represent Dallas," says team captain Bobby Bridgwater, a former UNT cheerleader who parlayed his love of the sport into the nonprofit organization. "Everyone's been working very hard to create the perfect routine and to raise money to travel to California."

To help fund travel expenses, Dallas Pride Cheer is hosting a car wash on Saturday in the Caven parking lot, behind Zini's Pizza Throckmorton.

In preparation for San Francisco and the many other local events they participate in, the group practices every Sunday at Pride All-Star Gym in Carrollton. Members range in age from 20 to 51, with a variety of backgrounds as current and former cheerleaders, athletes and coaches. And they are always looking for more.

"We are always looking for new talent to add to our group," says Bridgwater. "Depending on the person's experience we can plug [someone]



**DANCING IN THE STREETS** | Dallas Pride Cheer marches in last year's Texas Freedom Parade, but will debut a new act at Razzle Dazzle, before moving to a national showcase in San Francisco next month. (Gregory Hayes/Dallas Voice)

into a routine. It's best if we find someone with knowledge of technique, tumbling and stunting. As a group, we are always pushing new stunts, new basket tosses and so on. It's a whole year of learning as a group."

The routine Dallas Cheer Pride performs in San Francisco will be repeated in Dallas in September during the Alan Ross Freedom Parade.

But those interested in seeing the squad sooner can check them out during this year's Razzle Dazzle Dallas, which kicks off June 1.

"Razzle Dazzle is what we have been putting together for the past year," says Bridgwater. "In addition to our cheer portion is a new, fun dance routine. You won't see it anywhere else. It's just something for us to shake it and have fun." ■

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# That '70s musical

Office politics and  
 country music combine  
 for '9 to 5,' a Dolly'd-up  
 women's lib throwback

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The plot of *9 to 5: The Musical* hews closely to the film: Three working girls (we called them "girls" back then) — experienced professional secretary Violet (Dee Hoty), typing pool bombshell Doralee (Diana DeGarmo) and a workforce newcomer, recent divorcee Judy (Mamie Parris) — endure the butt slaps, passed-by promotions and office gossip endemic to the "man's world" of big business. They were stooped over from touching the glass ceiling before we had that term.

When lowlife CEO Mr. Hart (Joseph Mahowald) threatens to have them all fired, they kidnap him and stage a *coup-d'état*, running the company via memo the way they want it run. Of course it is a smashing success, with employees and shareholders. Of course they keep their jobs and Mr. Hart gets his. Of course, of course, of course.

That's actually kind of a good thing. Many stage adaptations of movies swing wildly away from the source material, so this is a comforting, surprisingly tight rendering of a well-worn plot, interspersed with a variety of Dolly Parton-penned songs, several with distinct country flair



**WE WILL SURVIVE** | Doralee (Diana DeGarmo), Violet (Dee Hoty) and Judy (Mamie Parris) take on the boss in '9 to 5: The Musical.'

(but not all). Dolly even makes a video appearance as the narrator. *9 to 5* is a perfectly palatable, even enjoyable musical comedy, a lightweight feminist screed against big business that wouldn't offend anyone who doesn't have a talk show or Fox News or who is not named Trump.

What the show isn't is a stand-out in any measurable way. It could be an office version of *The Producers*, but it lacks memorable

hooks and enough punch to hit a home run.

DeGarmo flexed some acting muscle, affecting a Betty Boopish voice that sounds more like Butters from *South Park* than Dolly clone, and as *American Idol* loyalists know, she can sing. It's Parris, though, who gets the 11-o'clock number, "Get Out and Stay Out," an anthemic power ballad that rivals "I Will Survive" for sheer defiance.

But Hoty, a Broadway star, underwhelms in what is the de facto leading role. She's all glum sarcasm and self-pitying, long-suffering smugness. She and the other leads have a ball on the Act 1 closer, "Shine Like the Sun," but along with Mahowald as the overdrawn villain, she's a disappointment.

So is the set. "It takes a lot of money to look this cheap," Dolly Parton is fond of saying about her signature trailer-trash-won-the-Lotto look of boobs, bleach and bangles. On that basis, I can only imagine that the scenery — mostly comprised of rotating-paneled columns that look like port-a-potties on rollers — must have cost a fortune.

For Dolly fans, hearing an album's worth of new songs (even sung by someone other than her) and the recorded cameo may be worth it alone, but, like the company dental plan, it leaved you wanting more for what you're paying.

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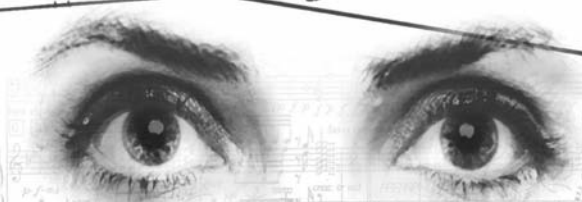
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Broken Gears Project Theatre closes out its season as well with another premiere, *The Hand*, pictured, with Joey Folsom and Jeff Swearingen in a gruesome tale — also of greed. Opens May 31. [BrokenGearsProjectTheatre.com](http://BrokenGearsProjectTheatre.com).

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# Edge of glory

Lady Gaga dabbles with new sounds on the album 'Born This Way'

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Lady Gaga's *Born This Way* can be looked at in two different ways: Either as a second chapter, or as a third. Where *The Fame Monster* was announced as a companion piece to her debut, *The Fame*, I saw it as a stand-alone album, with enough strength on its own not to rely on a predecessor. Now with her third full-length CD (yeah, third) we see the music phenomenon dabbling with her formula ... but not without encountering a few bumps.

As Gaga has blitzed herself into the stratosphere of stardom, she's finding her role as a self-help guru for the disenfranchised — "the freaks," as she's called herself and her "little monster" fans. The plan has worked. And while her first releases were abstract perspectives on celebrity, love and partying, here she's direct in her message not only to her fans, but to the world. She's on a mission to change prejudices and discrimination and she'll do it one media onslaught at a time.

Where here sound has been straightforward dance music, Gaga has begun venturing into new territory. With touches of rock and blues, she's resisting pigeonholing as a club diva. Gaga shows such growth in "You and I" and "Electric Chapel." The subtlety of electric guitar punctuates the still dance-y edge of "Chapel," but "You and I" is solid bluesy despite its Mutt Lange tendencies. That signature background chorus of Lange, mostly heard in his Def Leppard tracks, detracts from the soul of the song, but plays with its gravitas.

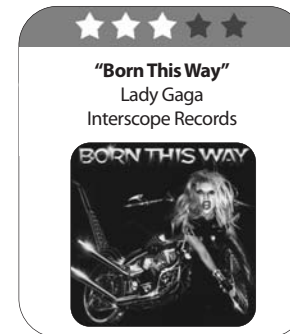
With the buzz of her pre-release singles — "Judas" and the title track — Gaga might have known that throwing in a few obvious hits she could get away with some textures she hasn't pursued before. "Government Hooker" delves in darker territory, but it's also off-putting, though as it unfolds, we hear her voice in a political stance. The song is not her greatest, but the girl obsessed with fame is developing into a woman with eyes opening into substance.

Even with its techno-sheen, Gaga does something lovely with "Bloody Mary." Co-written with DJ White Shadow (as are several tracks on the CD), she shows restraint with visually intense lyrics minus a turbo-charged beat. Words like *We are not just art for Michelangelo / To carve he can't rewrite the agro / Of my furied heart* are degrees above what other popsters are doing and refreshing to see her developing this way.

Lots of Gaga's appeal is in her hooks and the ease of her repetitive chants. They get stuck in your head and perhaps that's been her plan all along. Some songs still have it ("Judas" most famously), but maybe she's moving beyond such tricks.

While she generally succeeds lyrically and musically, she does misstep on occasion. She goes Latin again with "Americano," but not with the sophistication demonstrated on "Alejandro." The fast beat sounds like a throbbing headache and the chorus is

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too abrasive to embrace. "Heavy Metal Lover" has an earworm accompaniment, but the song mostly hangs with a 3 a.m. club beat that just drones on and on.

Gaga also gets too simple sometimes, which has its pros and cons, especially in her more empowering songs. "The Queen" (from the 22-track deluxe edition) has anthemic lyrics such as *I can be the queen you need me to be / This is my chance to be the dance / I've dreamed it's happening* and the beat works, but the structure lacks excitement. Even the guitar touches can't save it. The song is really an echo of Gaga's more popular "Edge of Glory," another simple song, but one that works much better, even if it does recall an '80s confidence-inducing power track complete with, of all things, a saxophone solo by Clarence Clemons.

Gaga likely has a few more hits to come from this CD. "Bad Kids" and "Highway Unicorn (Road to Love)" stand out as enjoyable treats that could score on the charts, but add little to the album's overall package.



**PAWS THEN PLAY** | Even with some growing pains, Lady Gaga expands her artistic vision into some nice maturity in 'Born This Way.'

Artistically, she falls short of *Monster*, but this album is more a gateway to potentially better things. *Born This Way* may not be easy to swallow immediately, but time should be spent with it to explore some of its hidden parts — good and bad.

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## Sunny and sharing: Chaz Bono is a new man

*Transition* by Chaz Bono (with Billie Fitzpatrick), (2011, Dutton), \$26; 245 pp.

The face in the mirror is instantly recognizable: The chin, the eyes that droop when fatigued, the mouth that's etched parentheses around itself. The hair, they eyes, the nose. But what the little girl America knew as Chastity Bono saw on the outside was not what she felt inside.

In *Transition*, the biological daughter of pop icons Sonny and Cher explains what it's like to feel like you're in the wrong body, and how a tiny Hollywood darling went from daughter to son.

On the wall of his home, Chaz Bono has a picture of himself and his parents, taken when he was a toddler. They all look happy, though Chaz says he doesn't remember the day it was taken — or much else of his childhood, for that matter. What he *does* remember is that he always felt like a boy.

As a kid, he dressed in boy duds as often as possible and answered to a male nickname. He played with boys at school, including his best friend. Nobody thought much about it, he says — that's just how it was.

Puberty was rough; eventually, Bono came out as lesbian, but something still wasn't quite right. He didn't identify with women, gay or otherwise, and distant feelings of masculinity colored his relationships with them and with his family. Still, he lived his life as a woman: falling in love, starting a band, buying a house and trying to stay out of the public eye.

Bono's father seemed supportive of his lesbianism; his mother had trouble with it. Happiness eluded Bono so he turned to drugs to cope with the frustration. By then, though, he thought he knew what he needed to do.

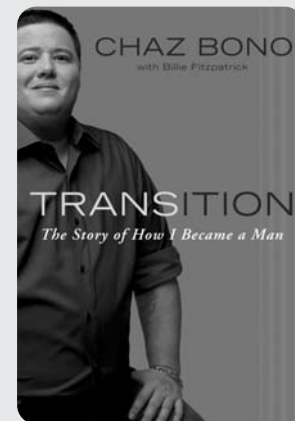
On March 20, 2009, he "drove myself to the doctor's office... I felt only confident that what I was doing was right. ... After all the years of fear, ambivalence, doubts and emotional torture, the day had finally come. I was on testosterone, and I have never looked back — not once."

Chaz says he was never very good at transitions, though he did a pretty good job at this one (with a few bumps along the way).

*Transition* is filled with angst, anger, sadness and pain, but topped off with wonderment and joy. It's also repetitious, contains a few delicately squirmy moments, and its occasional bogginess is a challenge for wandering minds.

For *wondering* minds, however, Chaz is quick to defend and explain away his family's reluctance to accept his gender reassignment, but he's also willing to admit to being hurt by it. Still, contentment and awe shine forth at the end of this book, and readers will breathe a sigh of relief for it.

— Terri Schlichenmeyer







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## Friday 05.27

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OK, let's admit it, dancey divas are a dime a dozen. But without them, we might never have known Lady Gaga or Ke\$ha. Now we have Eva who is navigating the club scene waters. She's made a good start by hitting up the gays, especially with her debut single "Not My Daddy." What gay boy couldn't relate? Plus, you can always say you saw her when.

**DEETS:** The Rose Room at Station 4, 3911 Cedar Springs Road. Doors at 9 p.m. PartyAtTheBlock.com.

## Saturday 05.28

### So you think you can dance?

You'll have the opportunity to show off those dance moves at the star-studded Memorial Weekend party with DJs Seth Cooper, pictured, and Roland Belmares spinning out the night at the old Club One spot. It'll be just like old times. The two will deliver the beats, while you boogie on down.

**DEETS:** 3025 Main St. 10 p.m. PaulKraftProductions.com

## Sunday 05.29

### Hanging out with the jocks

Although we don't mind sitting through the Beat the Heat softball tourney all weekend long, we can't help but swoon over the athletes all washed up for the awards finale. Besides, it's air conditioned inside.

**DEETS:** Woody's Sports & Video Bar, 4011 Cedar Springs Road. 7 p.m. DallasPSSA.org.



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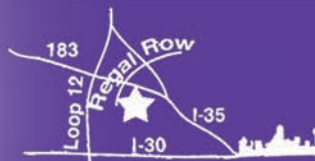
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**Queerly Speaking.** Fahari Art Institute's monthly spoken word event. South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Road. 8 p.m. \$5. FahariArtsInstitute.org.

**City Arts Festival** at Fair Park. Family-friendly festival features fireworks, free museum admission, film screenings, culinary showcase, live music and more. Fair Park, 1300 Robert B. Cullum Blvd. Friday at 6 p.m., Saturday at 11 a.m., Sunday at noon. Free. CityArtsFestival.com

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

**Lambda Pride Toastmasters.** Regular meeting for improving communication and leadership skills. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 6:30 p.m. Lambdapride.freetoasthost.us.

**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.

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

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

**CODA,** codependents support group at Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 7 p.m. Cathedralofhope.com.

**THEATER**

**bare.** Ohlook Performing Arts' pop opera focuses on two gay high school students and their struggles at their private, Catholic boarding school. Ohlook Black Box Theater, 316 S. Barton St., Grapevine. Through June 4. OhlookPerform.com.

**Late Night Double Feature: Psycho Beach Party and Vampire Lesbians of Sodom.** Ohlook presents this campy doubleheader of Charles Busch plays on Fridays and Saturdays only. Ohlook Black Box Theater, 316 S. Barton St., Grapevine. Through June 3. 10:30 p.m. OhlookPerform.com.

**Rock of Ages** featuring popular hard rock and heavy metal tunes stars *American Idol* alum Constantine Mouralis. Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. Through Saturday. \$25-\$150. ATPAC.org.

**FILM**

**Silkwood** screening. The Muller Film and Television Education Foundation hosts this special screening



**EYES ON YOU** | Cathey Miller's work is on display at the 'Magnolia Retrospective' show this weekend at the Ross Akard gallery.

of the Oscar nominated film starring Meryl Streep and Cher. The event benefits the foundation. The Studios at Las Colinas, 6301 Riverside Drive, Irving. 6:30 p.m. \$10. 214-649-4017. FilmTVEducation.org.

**Breakfast at Tiffany's** outdoor screening. As part of the CityArts Festival, a screening of the Audrey Hepburn film will be held on the grassy lawn at Fair Park. Guests may bring blankets and small chairs, but no outside food or drink. Fair Park, 1300 Robert B. Cullum Blvd. 9 p.m. Free. CityArtsFestival.com.

**ART**

**A Magnolia Retrospective** featuring works by local artists including Frank Campagna, Clint Scism, Erica Felicella, Robb Conover, Cathey Miller and Richard Ross. Ross Akard Gallery, 1717 N. Akard St. RossAkard.com.

**SATURDAY 05.28**

**COMMUNITY**

**Khush Dallas** support group for LGBT South Asians meets. Meeting location will only be disclosed to those attending in order to protect the privacy of our members. 7 p.m. 469-454-8741. KhushTexas.org.

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**D.A.M.N.**, Dallas Area Men's Naturists monthly Bare as You Dare event at Dallas Eagle, 2515 Inwood Road, # 117. Texas does mandate a minimum of clothing around the groin!

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

**BROADCAST**

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

**SUNDAY 05.29**

**COMMUNITY**

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

**Awakening Heart Community of Mindful Living.** LGBT-Friendly "meditation & more" event. All faiths welcome. Sign language interpretation available. Dallas Meditation Center, 727 S. Floyd Road, Richardson. 5 p.m. AwakeningHeart.org

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

**Interweave** meets for lunch. Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2875 E. Parker Road, Plano. Noon. 972-248-9343.

**ART**

**Statuesque**, a collective exhibition of contemporary sculpture by six artists. Nasher Sculpture Center, 2001 Flora St. Through Aug. 21. 11 a.m. NasherSculptureCenter.org.

**MONDAY 05.30**

**COMMUNITY**

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

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

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

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

**BROADCAST**

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

**CABARET**

**Mama's Party.** Amy Stevenson hosts the weekly cabaret featuring local stage actors and musicians. Contemporary Theater of Dallas, 5601 Sears St. 7 p.m. MamasParty.com.

**TUESDAY 05.31**

**COMMUNITY**

**QLive! Open Mic.** The weekly event is for would-be comics only. Percussions Lounge, 426 S. Jennings Ave., Fort Worth. 9 p.m. QCinema.org.

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

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

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

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youth. Youth First Texas, 5415 Maple Ave. Suite 225. 6:30 p.m. Dallas.pump.org.

**FUSE** drop-in weekdays (except Tuesdays). For gay and bi guys up to 29. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 3-8 p.m. 214-540-4435.

**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 Alice Murray, director of the Dallas Holocaust Museum, discussing the new exhibit Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals 1933-1945. 89.3 KNON-FM at 7 a.m. LambdaWeekly.com.

### THURSDAY 06.02

#### COMMUNITY

**Razzle Dazzle Dallas** Oak Lawn Pub

Crawl. Jump on the party bus to Dallas-area nightclubs for cocktails, dancing and fun. 8 p.m. Visit RazzleDazzleDallas.com for more information.

**First Thursday Gallery Walk** where all showrooms and galleries along Dragon Street in the Design District will remain open until 8 p.m. each month.

**PFLAG Fort Worth** (Parents, Friends and Family of Lesbians and Gays) meets first Thursdays of each month. First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Church, 1959 Sandy Lane, Fort Worth. 7 p.m. 817-428-2329. Pflagfortworth.org.

#### BROADCAST

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

**Reckless After Dark.** LGBT radio show hosted by Chase Brooks. Aired on FishBowlRadioNetwork.com every week at 5 p.m. ChaseBrooks.com.

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<b>D Division</b>			
Diesel	9	1	0
Demolition Crew	10	2	0
Teddy's Terriers	7	2	1

For complete results, visit DallasPSSA.org.

**Buffalo Wild Wings,** 4140 Lemmon Ave. 7 p.m. OneChurchTX.org.

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

**Stop Smoking** psycho-educational group by the AIDS Outreach Center, 400 N. Beach St., Fort Worth. 2 p.m.

#### BROADCAST

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

### WEDNESDAY 06.01

#### COMMUNITY

**Razzle Dazzle Dallas** opens with the Cedar Springs Wine and Dog Walk. At the Crossroads on Throckmorton Street and Cedar Springs Road. 5:30 p.m. RazzleDazzleDallas.org.

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

**Denton Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.** Public meeting to discuss plans to provide resources to people in Denton who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or ally. 1111 Cordell St. Denton. 7 p.m. Contact Rev. Pam Wat at 940-566-1286 or at OutReachDenton@gmail.com.

**Youth First Texas Collin County.** This group gives LGBT and questioning youth in the North Dallas area a chance to socialize and meet other youth who live in north Dallas and the surrounding rural areas. Led by youth and topics discussed are selected by those that attend. Open to ages 14 to 22. Sundays at 6 p.m. yftcc@youthfirsttexas.org.

**Youth First Texas** groups for ages 14 to 22. 3918 Harry Hines Blvd. 4-10 p.m. 214-879-0400.

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**CELEBRITY BIRTHDAY**

By Jack Fertig



**Heidi Klum** turns 38 on Wednesday. The model turned TV host and producer changed the way we look at the fashion world with her very popular *Project Runway*. Because of the show, some gay designers have gone to be stars of their own like Austin Scarlett, Santino Rice and season four winner Christian Siriano. A *Runway* all-stars is apparently in the works.

**GEMINI May 21-Jun 20**

Get creative. You have big challenges in the next year. Your intuition is now unusually sharp to see how you can turn those into opportunities. Spiritual guidance can be especially helpful now.

**CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22**

Dreams lure you too easily into never-never-lands of fantasy and escape. Sharing some of those phantasmagorical reveries with friends can help you find some practical outlet for them.

**LEO Jul 23-Aug 22**

Remember the difference between dreams and goals. Friends encouraging you to chase after your dreams offer helpful inspiration, but don't let them distract you from practical aims.

**VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22**

Your brain is buzzing with schemes for success. Your partner encourages all your wildest ideas. Not. You need a leveler head with a bit of critical distance to give you pragmatic advice.

**LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22**

Expansive, fortunate Jupiter is starting a year in your house of sex. The deeper you go the greater the rewards. Don't be shy. Neither is without risks, but Jupiter is good to have on your side.

**SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21**

You and your sweetie are due for some frolic. That could open up some questions and confusion. Keeping communications clear is a small challenge. The rewards are well worth it.

**SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 20**

Job opportunities open up for you. Have faith in yourself. If familial encouragement is unrealistic, don't worry about letting them down for what's in the real world. If you're happy, they are too.

**CAPRICORN Dec 21-Jan 19**

You're way too open to distractions and thus, accidents. Meditation, poetry, music or art will get you back in balance. Take classes in any of those. You need new ways of seeing the world.

**AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18**

Struggle between your deepest desires and economic necessity feels brutal. A light, playful conversation with your partner can help you find a way to afford your dreams, or find reconciliation.

**PISCES Feb 19-Mar 19**

Whatever you have to offer, make it heard and known. Your family will back you up in your endeavors, but you really need to be very clear on who you are and what it is you've got.

**ARIES Mar 20-Apr 19**

Your recent lucky spree will focus more on financial fortune. Mad dreams and inspirations offer some clues. Talk out your crazy notions with friends and find a way to bring them to the bank.

**TAURUS Apr 20-May 20**

Recent hard times turn around. Cash in on your good fortune. Turn your friends' suggestions into practical ideas. Inspirations now point the way to future fulfillment of your dreams.

**THIS WEEK**

Mercury squaring Neptune in Pisces while entering Gemini inflates wonderfully imaginative notions. Jupiter entering Taurus could ground them and find profitable applications. Jupiter in Taurus for the next year should be good for the economy. It will be good for bankers at least.

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**WHERE WE LEFT OFF LAST TIME ...WITH A SURPRISING NEW ARRIVAL...**

**RICHARD?! HELLO, EVERYONE. SORRY TO CRASH THIS SOIRÉE, BUT... I JUST GOT A TEXT ABOUT THE LACOSTE-WEARING LEECH'S TAKEOVER SCHEME.**

**SOMETHING I WOULD ADVISE HIM TO SERIOUSLY RECONSIDER.**

**AND WHY WOULD I DO THAT?**

**BECAUSE I DON'T LIKE IT. KYLE MAY NOT WANT ME AROUND ANYMORE, BUT... HE'S THE BEST FRIEND I'VE EVER HAD.**

**AND I WILL NOT SEE HIM TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF BY THE LIKES OF YOU.**

**HA! AND WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO ABOUT IT, YOU ANNOYING LITTLE FAIRY?**

**OH, PRICE...HOW SAD FOR YOU THAT YOU DON'T REALIZE MY GIFT FOR UNCOVERING GOSSIP.**

**LANCE ALREADY TRIED THAT.**

**LANCE DOESN'T HAVE MY CONNECTIONS.**

**OR HE WOULD'VE COVERED THE REAL REASON YOU LEFT YOUR JOB AT BRINKLEY-SLOAN.**

**WHEN MR. BRINKLEY WALKED IN ON YOU HAVING SEX WITH HIS SUPPOSEDLY "STRAIGHT" MARRIED SON...**

**...WHO YOU WERE USING TO STEAL CONFIDENTIAL CORPORATE DATA? VERY SLOPPY, PRICE.**

**I... PAID GOOD MONEY TO COVER THAT UP!**

**SWEETIE...THERE ARE NO COVER-UPS IN MY WORLD. BUT LET'S MOVE ON TO THE MAIN EVENT, SHALL WE? WHICH WOULD BE THIS?**

**I... I...**

**AND WE BOTH KNOW BIG DADDY KINGSBURY WILL DISOWN YOU... AND YOU'LL LOSE THAT KINGSBURY INHERITANCE... IF HE FINDS OUT YOU'RE A QUEER!**

**KYLE... I BELIEVE I'D LIKE TO SIGN BACK CONTROL OF THE B&B TO YOU.**

**BUT WE HAVEN'T EVEN GOTTEN TO THE DARTMOUTH NAKED FRAT-PARTY VIDEO STORY--**

**ENOUGH!!!**

**YOUR RIGHT-WING CHRISTIAN FAMILY BACK IN KENTUCKY DOESN'T KNOW THAT YOU'RE GAY!**

**YOU...WOULDN'T DARE!!!**

**OH, BUT I WOULD.**

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**bitter girl**

**THE NEAR MISS**

**KRISTA'S MOVING INTO MY BUILDING. THE GIRL WHO DAZZLED AND DUMPED ME. THIS IS A NIGHTMARE!**

**C'MON, YVONNE-IT'LL BE OK. DON'T OVER-REACT.**

**YOU'D FEEL DIFFERENTLY IN MY SHOES.**

**I'VE BEEN IN YOUR SHOES. REMEMBER WHEN I DATED MY UPSTAIRS NEIGHBOR? AND IT ENDED HORRIBLY?**

**AND?**

**UH-HUH.**

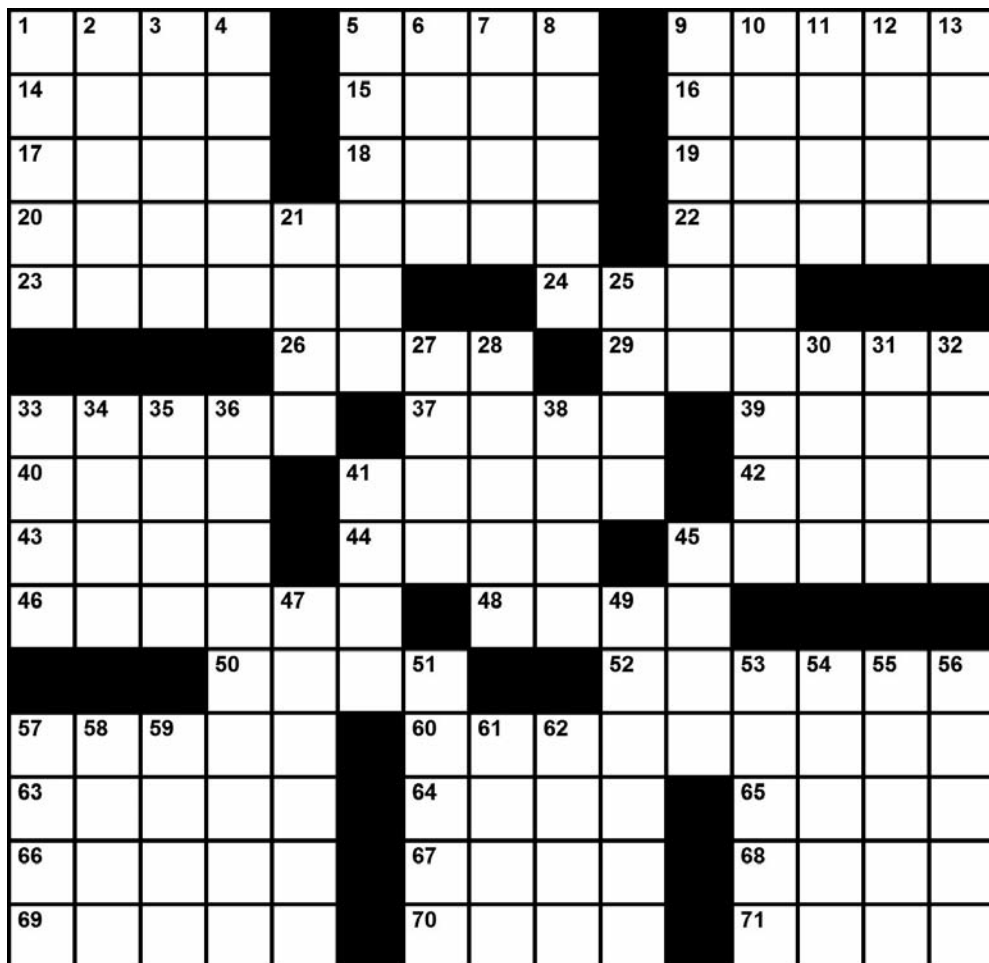
**I WAS TOTALLY MATURE ABOUT IT.**

**NO JUSTICE! NO PEACE!**

**PATSY... JUST LET ME GET MY DAMN MAIL.**

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# Remembering Arthur Laurents

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**Across**

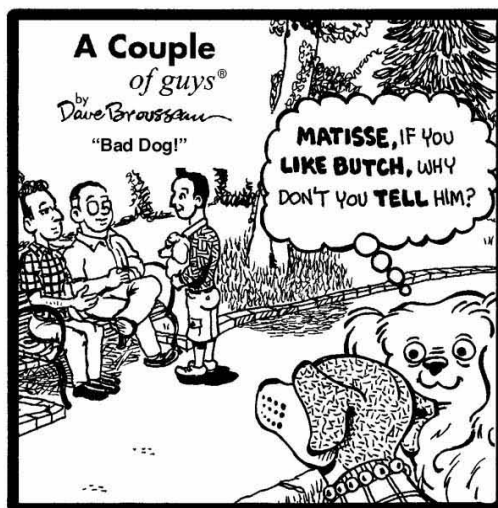
- 1 Two foursomes, to Lorca
- 5 Exclusion of gays from the military, and more
- 9 Denmark coastal feature
- 14 One may be proper
- 15 Morales in movies
- 16 Milk, when it plays in Mexico?
- 17 Top
- 18 Teutonic turndown
- 19 Anesthesia of old
- 20 Gang member of interest?
- 22 City in the Ruhr valley
- 23 Martin of Ed Wood
- 24 Religious splinter group
- 26 Mardi \_\_\_\_
- 29 For skin
- 33 Instrument strummed in Mame
- 37 Comfy and cozy
- 39 Jane of fiction
- 40 Place for Proust
- 41 West Side \_\_\_\_ (Laurents musical about gangs)
- 42 Field of expertise
- 43 Cukor's rib donor
- 44 Crew tools
- 45 Overhand stroke, for Mauresmo
- 46 Menotti's man

**Down**

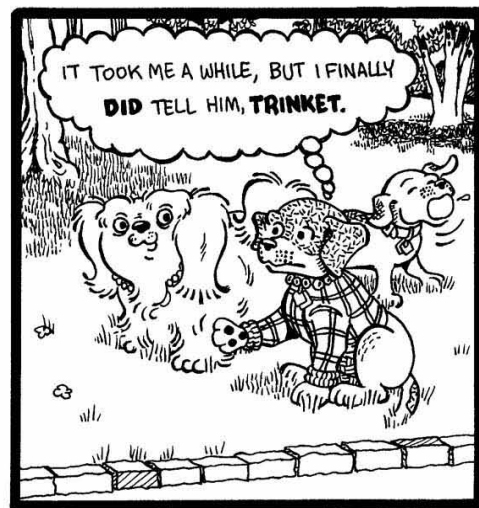
- 48 "Forbidden" perfume brand
- 50 Alternative to butter
- 52 Arousing sounds
- 57 Cinema canine
- 60 Sexy underage gang member?
- 63 Covered with climbers
- 64 Fruit center
- 65 La Douce role of Shirley
- 66 Davis of The Virgin Queen
- 67 Like a thermometer that tastes funny
- 68 Bucks, for example
- 69 Billie Holiday's "God \_\_\_\_ the Child"
- 70 Trust (with "on")
- 71 Tongue of Wilde's land

**Down**

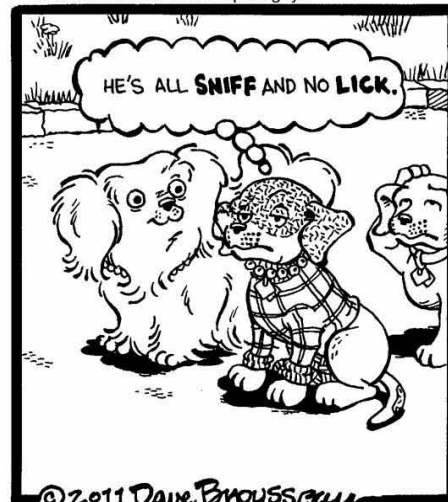
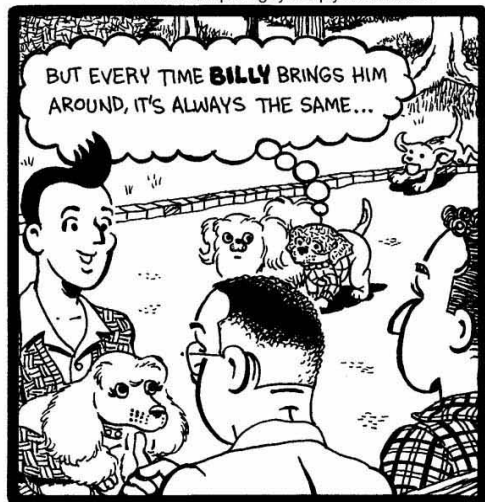
- 1 \_\_\_\_ fours (doggy-style)
- 2 Brown beverage
- 3 Homo sapiens
- 4 Erect
- 5 Charlton Heston classic
- 6 "... against \_\_\_\_ of troubles" (Shakespeare)
- 7 "Neet" rival
- 8 Goes to the bottom
- 9 Rip off
- 10 Sign of a gang member doing golden showers?
- 11 Singer Phil
- 12 South Korea's Syngman
- 13 Laura of Recount
- 21 Food thickener
- 25 Like Cho's comedy
- 27 Nick and Nora's dog
- 28 Stallion's sound
- 30 Vidal's Breckinridge
- 31 Xena deity
- 32 Remini of The King of Queens
- 33 Let out a secret
- 34 Elton John Broadway musical
- 35 At hand
- 36 Huge gang members?
- 38 Bear up there
- 41 In need of a massage
- 45 Mope around
- 47 Passes over in pronouncing
- 49 How a male stripper makes a living?
- 51 Kidman's award for The Hours
- 53 Bear
- 54 Like pinker meat
- 55 They don't use their mouths for talking
- 56 Gawk like a chicken hawk
- 57 Type of leaf found on a head
- 58 Big name in stunt riding
- 59 Dark time, in ads
- 61 Cutting edge creator
- 62 Asian inland sea



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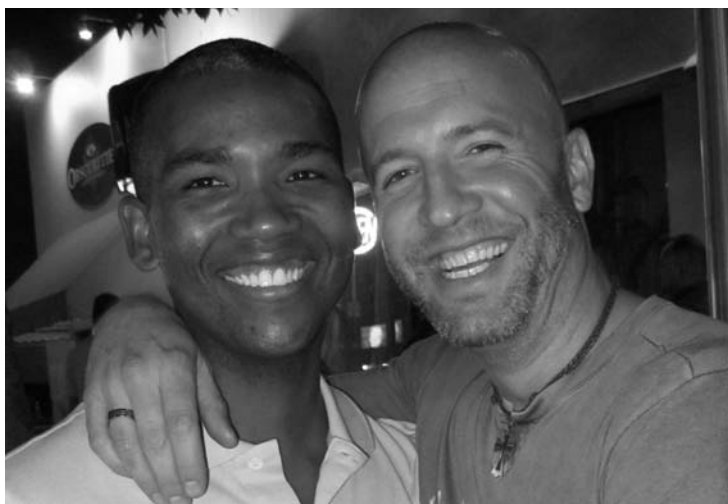
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Craig and Eric on the Strip.



Gabe, Mark and Dan at the Hidden Door.

If you haven't figured it out by now, **Razzle Dazzle** is upon us. The five-day event gets started Wednesday with the **Cedar Springs Wine and Dog Walk**. We apologize now if we stumble on Fido's tail. Thursday the **Jagermeister Oak Lawn Pub Crawl** hits a slew of bars in the hood. Pubs? Bars? Who cares? Give us a drink stat .... Sunday at **Woody's**, groove the night away with **DJ Fierce**. Head to the back patio on Thursday and get your ears tickled as **Denise Lee** sings. Trust, it's a treat .... Wanna see **Britney Spears**? **Station 4** is giving away tickets to her **July 12 concert at American Airlines** Friday night .... All the way from Mexico comes **DJ Alex Acosta** to turn it out Saturday night at the **Brick**. The club adds extra sounds and lasers to the Sunday night **Spin** show with **DJ Bryan Konrad** from Austin and **DJ Adam Metts**. **Team Dallas Voice** and **Pocket Rockets** host the second week of the **P-P-P-Poker Tournament** benefiting the **Lone Star Ride** on Wednesday .... **Sue Ellen's** mixes it up with a nice combination of **Comedy and Burlesque** on Friday. **Kickback** plays Saturday night and **Anton Shaw**, fresh off her audition for **The X-Factor** performs Sunday night with **Trouble** .... **Klub Wet** features **Gary Poe** playing the late show on Saturday and Sunday. **Paul Allen** and **Rik DeRose** perform the afternoon shows right before .... now go bedazzle your outfits for the week. ■

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Alyson, Carla and Martha at Sue Ellen's.



Pig Pen at Klub Wet.



David, Jesse and Robert at Havana.



Tracy and Megan at Grapevine Bar.



Toyla and Adele at Station 4.



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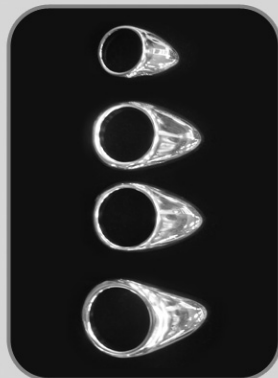
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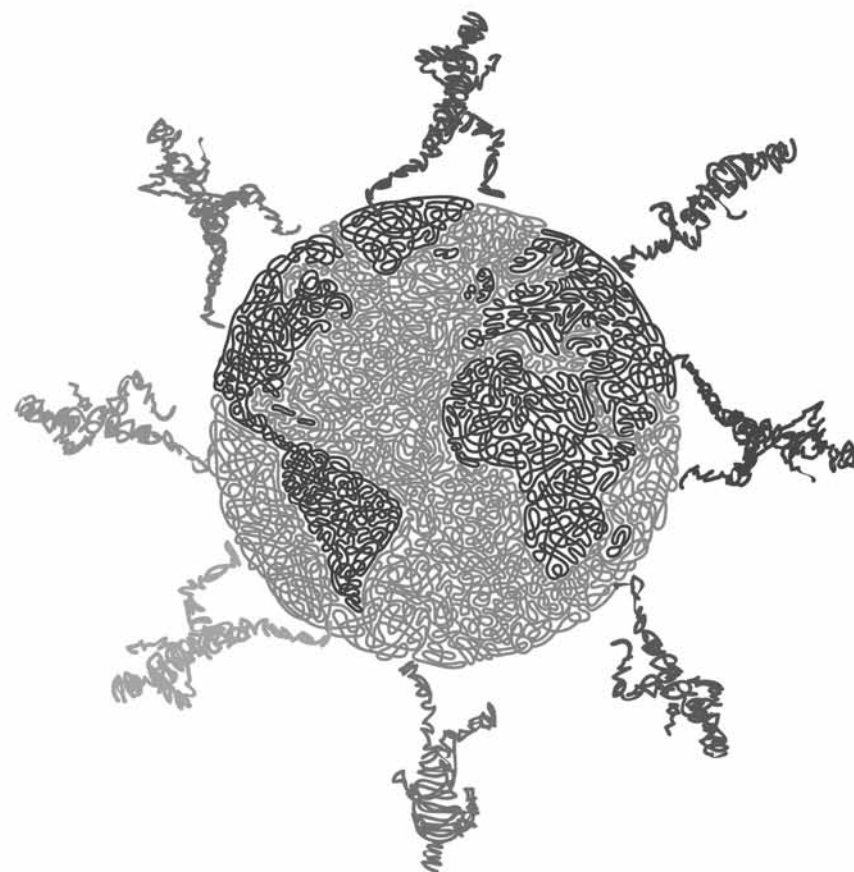
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**SPECTRUM CHIROPRACTIC & ACUPUNCTURE** — 3906 Lemmon, #214; 214-520-0092; spectrumchiropractic.com.

\***STONEWALL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, INC.** — 3626 N. Hall, #723; 214-521-1278; 1-888-828-TALK; stonewall-inc.com.

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**TURTLE CREEK PAIN MANAGEMENT** — 3131 Turtle Creek Blvd.; 214-526-1133; turtlecreekpain.com.

\***UPTOWN PHYSICIANS GROUP** — 2929 Carlisle St., #260; 214-303-1033, uptownphysiciansgroup.com.

**UPTOWN PSYCHOTHERAPY** — 4144 N. Central Expy., #520; 214-824-2009; uptownpsychotherapy.com.

**UPTOWN VISION** — 2504 Cedar Springs; 214-953-EYES; uptownvisiondallas.com.

**VASQUEZ CLINIC** — 2929 Welborn; 214-528-1083; vasquezclinic.com.

**VOSKUHIL, DR. GENE** — 2929 Carlisle, Ste. 260; 214-303-1033.

**WHITWORTH, BRENT, MD** — (Dallas Medical); 8210 Walnut Hill; 214-306-4030; dallas-medical.com.

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\***A-AFFORDABLE INSURANCE** — 4003 Lemmon Ave.; 214-522-1702.

\***ALLSTATE** — (Alex Long); 2700 N. O'Conner, Irving; 972-570-7000; alexlongagency.com.

**ALLSTATE** — (Karen Sandelin); 2717 Wind River; 940-381-5363.

\***BILL PRIEST INSURANCE** — 1402 Corinth St.; 214-860-5700.

**IRVIN INSURANCE SERVICES** — (Farmers); 14651 Dallas Pkwy., # 110; 972-367-6200.

**NEW YORK LIFE** — (Brian Walker); 12201 Merit, Ste. 1000; 214-629-8558.

**STEVEN GRAVES INSURANCE AGENCY** — 2919 Welborn, Suite 100 214-599-0808; stevengravesinsurance.com.

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\***CLUB BABYLON** — 11311 Harry Hines; 972-247-0073; clubbabylondallas.com.

\***CLUB DALLAS** — 2616 Swiss; 214-821-1990; the-clubs.com.

\***MIDTOWNE SPA** — 2509 Pacific; 214-821-8989; midtowne.com.

## ■ real estate

**BOB MCCRANIE & TEXAS PRIDE REALTY** — 1614 S. Broadway, #108; 972-754-0582; texaspriderealty.com.

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**HEWITT & HADBODG** — (Dave Perry Miller); 2828 Routh, #100; 214-752-7070; hewitthadbodg.com.

**HICKMAN & WEBER** — 6441 E. Mockingbird Ln., 214-355-3122, hickmanweberebby.com.

**KB HOMES** — 3546 Melinda Hills Drive; 214-920-9090.

**M STREET LOFTS** — 5800 McCommas Blvd.; 214-708-5363; 3bre.com.

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**NESSEL DEVELOPMENT** — 6603 E. Lovers Ln.; 888-836-8234; nesselinc.com.

**ORAM, MARK** — (Keller Williams); 214-850-1674; gayrealestateagent.com.

**PARKER, BRIAN** — (Ebbys Urban Alliance); 214-443-4909; wcondosdallas.com.

**PARKSIDE CONDOS** — 4777 Cedar Springs; 214-377-2233; parksidecedarsprings.com.

**PARTNERS HOME LENDING** — (Sharon Bellh); 972-692-0640, partnershomelending.com.

**REMAX URBAN** — 214-991-1181; remaxurban.com.

**REPUBLIC TITTLE** — 3131 Turtle Creek; 214-528-8916.

**THE GREENS OF KESSLER PARK** — 1342 Winding Brook Circle; 214-943-1183; thegreensofkiesslerpark.com.

**UPDIKE, JEFF** — (ReMax Urban); 214-943-9400; jeffupdike.com.

**VIEWPOINT MORTGAGE** — (Armando Ramirez); 214-263-5507.

**VIRGINIA COOK REALTORS** — 2626 Cole; 214-292-0000; virginiacook.com.

**WATERSON, RON** — (Prime Lending); 3500 Oak Lawn Ave.; 214-926-9583; primelending.com.

**WYNN REALTY** — (Craig Patton); 18636 Vista Del Sol Dr; 469-449-9917; wynnrealty.com.

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\***ALFREDO'S PIZZA** — 4043 Trinity Mills, #108; 972-307-1678.

\***ALL GOOD CAFE** — 2934 Main St.; 214-742-5362.

\***ANGELA'S CAFE** — 7929 Inwood, #121; 214-904-8122.

\***BIC'S RESTAURANT** — 2245 Midway Rd., Carrollton; 972-233-5819.

\***BLACK-EYED PEA** — 3857 Cedar Springs; 214-521-4580.

\***BOOGIE BURGER** — 3510 E. Lancaster; 817-531-8889.

\***BREADWINNERS** — 33 McKinney Ave.; 214-754-4740.

\***BUFFALO WILD WINGS** — 3636 Frankford Rd.; 972-820-9221.

\***BULL CAFE** — 3908 Cedar Springs Rd.; 214-528-5410; bullicafe.com.

\***BURGER ISLAND** — 525 Arapaho, Richardson; 972-235-8960.

\***BUZZBREWS KITCHEN** — 4334 Lemmon Ave.; 214-521-4334; 4154 Fitchugh; 214-826-7100; buzzbrews.com.

\***CAFÉ BRAZIL** — 3847 Cedar Springs; 214-461-8762.

\***CARIBEAN GRILL** — 3068 Forest Ln.; 972-241-9113.

\***CASA FRANCISCO** — 1001 W. Jefferson; 214-948-1424.

\***CHICKEN EXPRESS** — 5105 Airport Frwy., Haltom City; 817-838-8333.

\***CHINA SUN** — 141 W. Spring Creek, Plano; 972-517-0333.

\***CHIP'S HAMBURGERS** — 4530 Lovers Ln., 214-691-2447.

**COFFEE HOUSE GALLERY** — 609 S. Jennings, Ft. Worth; 817-335-4646.

\***COSMIC CUP** — 2912 Oak Lawn Ave.; 214-521-6157.

\***DAIRY QUEEN** — 508 W. Randol Mill, Arlington; 817-860-2912.

\***DEEP SUSHI** — 2624 Elm St.; 214-651-1177.

\***DICKEY'S BARBECUE** — 2525 Wycliff Ave.; 214-780-0999; dicky.com.

**DUNKIN DONUTS** — 13535 Preston Rd.; 972-239-1700; dunkindonuts.com.

\***DUNSTON'S HAMBURGERS** — 8524 Harry Hines; 214-637-2233.

\***EINSTEIN BROTHERS BAGELS** — 3827 Lemmon Ave., Dallas, 214-526-5221; 3050 University, Ft. Worth, 972-923-3444.

\***ELRDO'S COST PLUS** — 1655 New York Ave., Arlington; 817-548-1121.

\***FIN SUSHI DALLAS** — 4123 Cedar Springs @ ilume 214-443-3840, finsushidallas.com

\***FRESH MARKET RESTAURANT** — 6300 Harry Hines #130; 214-352-2296.

**GOOD EATS GRILL** — 3888 Oak Lawn #101, 214-522-3287, goodeatsgnll.com.

\***SIR SPEEDY** — 2625 Oak Lawn; 214-522-2679.

\***GOOD LUCK DRIVE IN** — 900 W. Rosedale, Ft. Worth; 817-332-5507.

\***THE GREAT AMERICAN HERO** — 4001 Lemmon Ave.; 214-521-2070.

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\***HECTORS ON HENDERSON** — 2929 W. Henderson Ave., 214-821-0432, hectorsonhenderson.com.

\***HONEY MOLASSES CAFE** — 8204 Elmbrook Dr.; 214-905-6100.

\***HUNKY'S** — 4000 Cedar Springs and 321 N. Bishop St.; 214-522-1212; hunkys.com.

\***IT'S A GRIND** — 2901 Indiana, 75226; 214-954-7109.

\***JACK'S BACKYARD** — 2303 Pittman, Dallas 75208; 214-741-3131; jacksbackyarddallas.com.

\***JERSEY MIKE'S SUBS** — 5521 Greenville Ave.; 214-692-6981. dylanliving.com.

\***LA CABANA** — 1417 W. Davis; 214-941-9292.

\***LA DOLCE VITA** — 1924 Abrams Pkwy. at Gaston; 214-821-2608.

\***LOMA LINDA** — 4810 Maple; 214-526-4749.

\***LONE STAR BBQ** — 6320 Beach St, Haltom City; 817-428-7887.

\***LOVER'S EGGROLL** — 3510 McKinney, #D; 214-443-1888.

\***LUCKY'S CAFE** — 3531 Oak Lawn; 214-522-3500.

\***MAMA'S DAUGHTERS' DINER** — 2014 Irving Blvd.; 214-742-8646; mamasdaughtersdiner.com.

\***MAIN STREET CAFÉ** — 2023 S. Cooper, Arlington; 817-801-9099.

\***MCDONALD'S** — 4439 Lemmon Ave.; 214-522-0697.

\***MONACA ACAA YALLA** — 2914 Main St.; 214-748-7140.

\***NIKKI'S RESTAURANT** — 1401 W. Campbell, Richardson; 972-644-0487.

\***O'JEDAY'S** — 4617 Maple; 214-528-8383.

\***ORIGINAL MARKET DINER** — 4434 Harry Hines Blvd.; 214-521-0992.

\***PANDA'S** — 3917 Cedar Springs; 214-528-3818.

\***PIZZA INN** — 5460 Lemmon Ave.; 214-526-2560.

\***PLATO LOCO** — 4810 Maple Ave.; 214-521-3663.

\***POLLO FIESTA** — 4535 Maple Ave.; 214-443-9078; 903 S. Hampton, 214-942-6645.

\***PURPLE ONION DINER** — 1838 Irving Blvd. at Turtle Creek; 214-747-0101.

\***SAL'S PIZZA** — 2525 Wycliff; 214-522-1828.

\***SPIRAL DINER AND BAKERY** — 1101 N. Beckley; 214-948-4747.

\***STANDARD & POURS** — 1409 S. Lamar; 214-565-0383.

\***STARBUCK COFFEE** — 3330 Oak Lawn, 214-219-0369; 4101 Lemmon Ave, 214-522-3531.

\***STRATOS GREEK TAVERNA** — 2907 W. Northwest Hwy.; 214-352-3321; clubstratos.com.

**TEXAS LAND AND CATTLE** — 3130 Lemmon Ave.; 214-526-4664; www.tdcl.com.

**URBAN CAFE & BAR** — 1500 Jackson St.; 214-741-3663; urbancafeandbar.com.

\***TOMMY'S HAMBURGERS** — 5228 Camp Bowie, Ft. Worth; 817-569-1111.

\***WINGSTOP** — 4411 Lemmon Ave.; 214-219-9464.

**ZEN SUSHI** — 308 W. 7th St.; 75208; 214-946-9699; zensushidallas.com.

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**AIDS HOTLINE** — 214-559-AIDS; Sponsored by Resource Center of Dallas.

## ■ aids services

\***AIDS ARMS INC.** — 219 Sunset, #116-A, Dallas 75208, 214-521-5191; 1907 Peabody Ave., Dallas 75215, 214-421-7848; aidsarms.org.

**AIDS INTERFAITH NETWORK** — 501 N. Stemmons, #200, Dallas 75207; 214-943-4444 (Programs), 214-941-7696 (Administration); aidsinterfaithnetwork.org.

\***AIDS OUTREACH CENTER OF ARLINGTON** — 401 W. Sanford, Arlington 76011; 817-275-3311; aoc.org.

**AIDS OUTREACH CENTER OF FORT WORTH** — 801 W. Cannon, Fort Worth 76104; 817-335-1994; aoc.org.

**AIDS PREVENTION PROJECT** — 400 S. Zang, Dallas 75208; 214-645-7300, 214-645-7301.

\***AIDS RESOURCE CENTER** — 2701 Reagan, P.O. Box 190869, Dallas 75219; 214-521-5124; resourcecenter-dallas.org.

\***AIDS SERVICES OF DALLAS** — P.O. Box 4338, Dallas 75208; 214-941-0523; aidsdallas.org.

**AIDS SERVICES OF NORTH TEXAS** — 4210 Mesa, Denton 76207, 940-381-1501; 2540 Ave. K, Ste 500, Plano 75074, 972-424-1480; 3506 Texas, Greenville 75401, 903-450-4018; 102 S. First, Rockwall 75087, 800-974-2437; aidsntx.org.

**EXHALE SERVICES** — 417 S. Locust, #101, Denton 76201; 940-484-2516.

**GREG DOLLGENER MEMORIAL AIDS FUND, INC.** — P.O. Box 29091, Dallas 75229; 972-423-9093; gdmf.org.

\***LEGACY COUNSELING CENTER & LEGACY FOUNDERS COTTAGE** — 4054 McKinney, #102, Dallas 75204; 214-520-6308; legacycounseling.com.

\***LEGAL HOSPICE OF TEXAS** — 3626 N. Hall, #820, Dallas 75219; 214-521-6622; dlh.org.

\***NELSON-TEBEDO HEALTH RESOURCE CENTER** — 4012 Cedar Springs, P.O. Box 190869, Dallas 75219; 214-528-2336; rcdallas.org/nthrc.html.

**NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS HIV PLANNING COUNCIL** — 1101 S. Main, #2500; Fort Worth 76104; 817-321-4743 (Office), 817-321-4741 (Fax); notexasaids.com.

**POSITIVE VOICES COALITION** — 8099 Pennsylvania Ave., Ft. Worth; 817-321-4742; notexasaids.com.

**PROJECT ESPERANZA** — 5415 Maple, #422, Dallas 75235; 214-630-0114.

**TURTLE CREEK CHORALE AIDS FUND** — P.O. Box 190409, Dallas 75219; 214-394-9064; tcraidsfund.org.

**WHITE ROCK FRIENDS MINISTRY** — 9353 Garland Rd., Dallas 75218; 214-324-1193; whiterockchurch.org.

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**ALLIES** — 3116 Fondren Dr., Dallas 75205; 214-768-4796; smu.edu/womenscenter/allies.

\***DALLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY** — 1515 Young, Dallas 75201; 214-670-1400; dallaslibrary.org.

**GAY AND LESBIAN ASSOCIATION OF DENTON** — 940-565-2456; andrew.wexler@gmail.com; orgs.unt.edu/glad.

**GLSEN - DALLAS** — 2505 Wedgela Dr., #235, Dallas, 817-999-0199; glsen.org/dallas, dallas@chapters.glsen.org.

**HOMAGE** — P.O. Box 830688, #12, Richardson 75083; 214-415-8495; mail@hometeam.org.

**HOMAGE AT UTA** — 817-272-3986; tmarsh@uta.edu.

**OUT @ COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE** — 214-991-7851; out.ccccd.edu.

**SPECTRUM** — 3140 Dyer, Dallas 75275; 214-768-4792; people.smu.edu/spectrum.

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS ALLY PROGRAM** — 940-565-2000; ally@unt.edu; unt.edu/ally/index.htm.

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\***DALLAS VOICE** — 4145 Travis, 3rd Floor, Dallas 75204; 214-754-8710; dallasvoice.com.

**DALLAS VOICE YELLOW PAGES** — 4145 Travis, 3rd Floor, Dallas 75204; 214-754-8710; gayyellow.com.

**GAY & LESBIAN ALLIANCE AGAINST DEFAMATION** — 800-GAY-MEDIA; glaad@glaad.org; GLAAD.org.

**LAMBDA WEEKLY** — GLBT talk-radio show. KNON 89.3FM; Lambda Weekly, KNON FM, P.O. Box 71909, Dallas 75271; lambdaweekly@aol.com; geocities.com/lambdaweekly.

**PRIDE RADIO** — 14001 N. Dallas Parkway, #300, Dallas 75240; 214-866-8000; prideradiodfw.com/main.html.

## ■ music

**FRONTIER DRUM & BUGLE CORPS** — 3630 Harry Hines Blvd., #18, Dallas 75219; 972-437-6974; frontiercorps.org.

**OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND** — P.O. Box 190869, Dallas 75219; 214-621-8998; oaklamband.org.

**NEW TEXAS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** — P.O. Box 190137, Dallas 75219; 214-526-3214 (x101); ntso.org.

**TURTLE CREEK CHORALE** — P.O. Box 190137, 75219, Dallas 75219; 214-526-3214 (x101); turtlecreek.org.

**WOMEN'S CHORUS OF DALLAS** — 3630 Harry Hines Blvd., #210,

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**LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF DALLAS COUNTY** — P.O. Box 541712; DALLAS 75354-1719; lpdallas.org.

**LOG CABIN REPUBLICANS OF DALLAS** — P.O. Box 191033, Dallas 75219; 214-346-2115; robschlein@aol.com; dallas.logcabin.org.

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**ALLIANCE OF DESIGN PROFESSIONALS** — 214-526-2085.

**BUSINESS NETWORK OF COLLIN COUNTY** — 972-702-0058; businessnetworkcc.org.

**CATHEDRAL BUSINESS NETWORK** — 214-351-1901 (x304); cbn.info@cathedralofhope.com; cathedralofhope.com/cbn.

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**DALLAS GAY AND LESBIAN BAR ASSN.** — 214-540-4460; adamsseidel@aol.com; dgiba.org.

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**GLEAM** — gleam@aa.com; amrgleam.com.

**GLEE** — 972-605-1212; edsu.edu/glee/index.html.

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**LGBT LAW SECTION OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS** — www.lgbtlawtx.com, 800-204-2222 x 1420.

**NORTH TEXAS GLBT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** — 3818 Cedar Springs Rd., Suite 101-429, Dallas, 75219, 214-821-GLBT.

**OUT & EQUAL DFW** — www.outandequal.org/dallas-fort-worth, DFW@outandequal.org.

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**TI PRIDE NETWORK** — 12500 TI Blvd., MS 8683, Dallas, 75243, 214-480-2800, tipridenetwork-officers@list.ti.com.

**WOMEN'S BUSINESS NETWORK** — P.O. Box 190692, Dallas 75219; 972-949-4355; info@womensbusinessnetwork.org; womensbusinessnetwork.org.

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**BOYS4TOYS** — 4327 Vandelia, Dallas 75219; 214-522-5200; b4t@swbell.net; boys4toys.org.

**COLLIN COUNTY GAY AND LESBIAN ALLIANCE** — P.O. Box 860330 Plano, TX 75086-0030; 214-521-5342 (x1715); info@ccgla.org; ccgla.org.

**DALLAS SOUTHERN PRIDE** — 3100 Main, #208, Dallas 75226; 214-734-8007; dallassouthernpride.com.

**DALLAS/FORT WORTH FEDERAL CLUB** — P.O. Box 191153, Dallas 75219; 214-428-3332; dfwfederalclub.org.

**DALLAS GAY AND LESBIAN ALLIANCE** — P.O. Box 190712, Dallas 75219, 214-528-4233; info@dglia.com; dglia.com.

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\***JOHN THOMAS GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTER** — 2701 Reagan, P.O. Box 190869, Dallas 75219; 214-528-9254; Phil Johnson Historical Archives and Library; 214-540-4451.

**GAY AND LESBIAN FUND FOR DALLAS** — 3818 Cedar Springs Rd. 101, #371, Dallas 75219; 214-421-8177; volunteers@glfdf.org.

**GAY & LESBIAN SWITCHBOARD** — 214-528-0022; rcdallas.org/glicc.html.

**HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVE OF NORTH TEXAS** — 214-855-0520; info@hrinonline.org; hrinonline.org.

**LAMBDA LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND, SOUTHWEST REGION** — 3500 Oak Lawn, #500, Dallas 75219; 214-219-8585; lambdalegal.org.

**LEGACY OF SUCCESS FOUNDATION, INC.** — P.O. Box 700072, Dallas 75370; heritagecelebrationdfw.org.

**NAMES PROJECT DALLAS** — P.O. Box 190869, Dallas 75219; 214-520-SEWS (Phone), 214-553-8129 (Fax); dallasname-

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sproject@hotmail.com; aidsquiltDallas.org.

**NATIONAL COMING OUT PROJECT-DALLAS** — P.O. Box 190726, Dallas 75219, 214-261-5610; comeout.org.

**TARRANT COUNTY GAY PRIDE WEEK ASSOCIATION** — P.O. Box 3459, Fort Worth 76113; info@tcgpwa.org; tcgpwa.org.

**TALK OF THE TOWN TOASTMASTERS CLUB** — 214-404-2118; dgershner@aol.com.

**TRIANGLE FOUNDATION** — P.O. Box 306, Frisco 75034; 972-200-9411 (Phone), 501-643-0327 (Fax); collinequality.org.

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**BATTALION MOTORCYCLE CORPS** — P.O. Box 190603, Dallas 75219; commander@battalionmcc.com; battalionmcc.com.

**BITCHNBRUNCH** — bitchnbrunch.org; bitchnbrunch@yahooigroups.org.

**CLASSIC CHASSIS CAR CLUB** — P.O. Box 225463, Dallas 75222; 214-446-0606; information@classicchassis.com; classicchassis.com.

**COUPLES METRO DALLAS** — P.O. Box 192116, Dallas 75219; 214-521-5342 (x1764); couplesmetrodallas.com.

**DAMN** — DAMNmen.org; P.O. Box 190869, Dallas 75219; 214-521-5342 (x1739); oaklwnygu@hotmial.com.

**DALLAS BEARS** — P.O. Box 191223, Dallas 75219; 214-521-5342 (x2943); dallasbears.org.

**DFW BIG MEN'S CLUB** — P.O. Box 227262, Dallas 75222; 972-AM-I-BIG9; dfwbmc@hotmail.com; chubnet.net/dfwbmc.

**DISCIPLINE CORPS** — P.O. Box 1900838, Dallas 75219; 214-521-5342 (x1731); webmaster@disciplinecorps.com; disciplinecorps.com.

**FIRE DANCERS** — mikejkeith@cs.com; fire dancers.org.

**FLYING "W" OF DALLAS** — P.O. Box 815485, Dallas 75381; 972-514-0511.

**FOR MEN ONLY DALLAS (FMO)** — http://socialnetwork.meetup.com/1102/

**FRISCOPRIDE** — P.O. Box 1533, Frisco 75034; 469-324-4123; friscopride.com.

**FUSE** — 214-540-4435; adam@getyourfuseon.com; getyourfuseon.com.

**GAY AND LESBIAN RESIDENTS OF OAK CLIFF** — galroc.org.

**GAY & LESBIAN SINGLES** — 214-328-6749.

**GAY MEN'S BOOK CLUB** — 214-418-3354; gaymensbookclub@svcbglobal.net.

**GAY OUTDOOR CLUB** — 469-387-2530; mrailey@gmail.com; gayoutdoorclub.org.

**GAYMSTERS BRIDGE CLUB** — P.O. Box 190856, Dallas 75219; 214-946-6464; gaymsters@yahoo.com; gaymsters.org.

**GROUP SOCIAL LATINO** — 2701 Reagan; 214-540-4446.

**IMPERIAL COURT DE FORT WORTH/ARLINGTON** — P.O. Box 365, Fort Worth 76101; 817-897-8612; webmaster@ic-fwc.org; ic-fwc.org.

**JEWEL** — 214-540-GIRL; jewel@rcdallas.org; rcdallas.org.

**KHUSH TEXAS** — http://groups.yahoo.com/group/khushstexas.

**LATE BLOOMERS** — La Madeleine, 3906 Lemmon; 903-887-7371.

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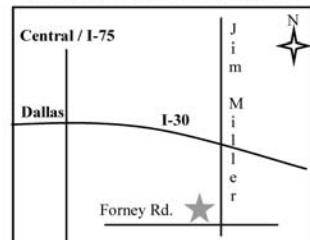
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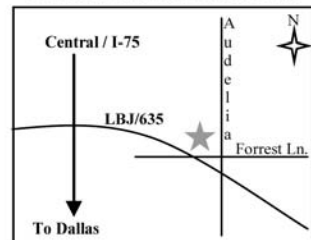
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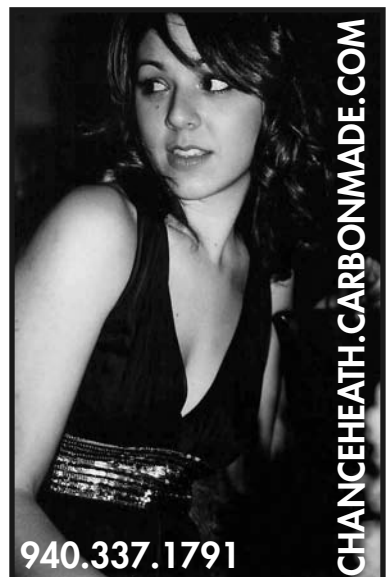




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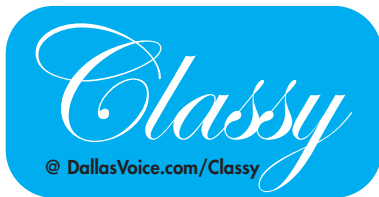
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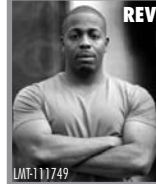
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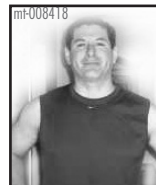
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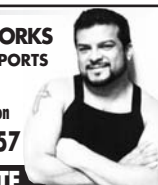
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