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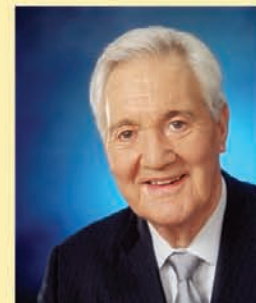


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# Mayor's role vital for LGBTs

Gay former councilman says that choice between Rawlings, Kunkle means gay community 'can't lose'

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Even though Dallas has a "weak mayor" form of government where the city manager is the person with actual control over the city's day-to-day operations, having mayor who supports LGBT equality is still very important for Dallas' LGBT community, advocates said this week.

Voters go to the polls Saturday, June 18, to decide whether Mike Rawlings or David Kunkle will replace Tom Leppert, who resigned from office earlier this year to run to replace Kay Bailey Hutchison in the U.S. Senate. Although Leppert reached out to the LGBT community for votes, pledging his support on LGBT equality issues, when he ran against gay candidate Ed Oakley in 2007, in recent months he appeared to backtrack

on those issues as he prepared for his senate campaign.

Oakley, a former City Council member, said this week that having elected officials who understand and embrace the diversity of the city played an integral part in progress the city has made on LGBT issues.

"We wouldn't have passed [the] nondiscrimination [ordinance including protections for LGBT people] if Laura Miller wasn't sitting in that [the mayor's] seat," he said.

Miller, who had campaigned on adding a nondiscrimination ordinance, put it at the top of her agenda when she came into office.

"The city manager could not have done that," Oakley said. "The mayor accomplishes what he wants to accomplish."

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Patti Fink agreed.

"Until Laura Miller made it [the nondiscrimination ordinance] a priority and put it on the agenda, it didn't happen," she said.

She said that although the city has a strong city manager form of government, the mayor can be an advocate, and he or she is the one that presides over the council that sets policy.

Stonewall Democrats of Dallas President Omar Narvaez said the mayor is the face of the city.

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## Happy B'day, Donna Dumae!

Over the years Don Jenkins, through his drag alter ego Donna Dumae, has helped raise thousands of dollars for charitable causes — most notably HIV/AIDS services — in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

This week, Don(na) turns 50 years old, and true to form, is using the occasion as yet another opportunity to raise money for a worthy cause.



Donna Dumae and Empress Anita Martini (who is also celebrating a birthday this week) are hosting the "Golden Oldies" fundraising show and birthday party on Sunday, June 19, at The Brick/Joe's, 2525 Wycliff Ave. Cocktail hour starts at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit Resource Center Dallas' Food Pantry, which helps feed people with HIV/AIDS.

Donna and Empress Anita are also inviting performers to join in. If you are interested in strutting your stuff for charity, get there by 6 to be part of the line-up. And if performing isn't your strong point, then bring your wallet and show your appreciation for these folks who have been doing so much for so long to help others.

— Tammye Nash

## Hightower: Voters want change



Early vote totals up in runoff; gay candidate says anti-gay tactics 'falling on deaf ears'

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ARLINGTON — Conventional wisdom says that turnout in a runoff election will be lower than in the general election. But if early vote numbers are any indication, voters in

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# Advocates urge LGBTs to vote in FW runoff

Burns: Future mayor's support could make the difference in maintaining recent progress in Cowtown

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FORT WORTH — Spurred on by the national spotlight focused on the city in the wake of the June 28, 2009 raid on the Rainbow Lounge and the harsh criticism that followed, Fort Worth has in the last two years made huge strides forward in protecting its LGBT citizens and treating them fairly.

LGBT advocates and city officials alike praised that progress, boasting about how far the city has come in such a short time: The city now offers its gay and lesbian employees benefits for their same-sex partners; the city's nondiscrimination ordinance now includes protections for transgender people, and all city employees are required to attend diversity training classes that specifically address LGBT issues.

But those changes haven't come without protest from some of the city's more socially conservative quarters. And this year's municipal elections pro-



Joel Burns



Lisa Thomas

vided those conservatives with a chance to use the power of their votes to turn back the clock. It seems, though, they missed their chance.

The May 14 general election saw all but two of the City Council incumbents — a majority of whom supported the changes — returned to their offices. The two not re-elected — Mayor Mike Moncrief and District 7 Councilman Carter Burdette — did not run for re-election. Both those races will be decided in the Saturday, June 18, runoff election.

The race to replace Burdette, who voted against the amendment to the nondiscrimination ordinance, comes down to Dennis Shingleton and Jon

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## Broadway at the Bass

Everything old isn't always new again — sometimes it's just old.

That seems to be the case with the upcoming 2011-12 Broadway at the Bass Series, which takes place at Bass Hall in Fort Worth. The selection of splashy musicals probably looks familiar, because most of these tours have already been to North Texas — some quite recently.

The season kicks off on Nov. 8 with *Shrek the Musical* (last year's State Fair musical). That's followed by Irving Berlin's *White Christmas* (opening Nov. 29), Monty Python's *Spamalot* (currently playing at Fair Park Music Hall; opens Feb. 7), *Mary Poppins* (the State Fair Musical two years ago, opens March 27), and ending with Blue Man Group, which bored me to tears at the Winspear earlier this season (June 26).

In addition, three "add-on" shows — not part of the season subscription — will play: *The Wizard of Oz* (Sept. 30), *The Midthown Men* (Oct. 26 only) and *Young Frankenstein* (March 14 and 15; it played at the Winspear earlier this season).

To me, that looks like a pretty safe line-up; then again, if you missed any of these when they came through the first time, this is your chance to catch them finally.

— Arnold Wayne Jones





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### AIN competing for a free Toyota

AIDS Interfaith Network is one of 500 finalists in Toyota's 100 Cars for Good program. The company will award vehicles to 100 nonprofit organizations based on votes from the public. Voting began last month and continues through July 10. Voting is done on Toyota's Facebook page, Facebook.com/Toyota. Supporters are encouraged to go online and vote for AIN. Visitors to the page can vote once a day.

### On the Border gives to AIDS Arms

The Knox Street location of On The Border is participating in a "Give Back Day" on Wednesday, June 22, in which a portion of the proceeds of the day's sales will be donated to AIDS Arms. Diners who tell their servers they are there for "Give Back Day" will have a percentage of the

cost of their meal will be donated to the agency. Landon Starnes, a member of the Guys and Dolls LifeWalk Team and a volunteer with AIDS Arms, coordinated the event.

On the Border on Knox Street is a sponsor of LifeWalk.

### National HIV testing day

National HIV/AIDS Testing Day is June 27. Texas is fourth in the nation in the number of reported HIV/AIDS cases, and the Dallas/Fort Worth area has the largest number of reported HIV/AIDS cases in the state.

AIDS Outreach Center, in collaboration with the National Association of People With AIDS — Mayors Campaign Against HIV, will provide free and confidential testing for HIV/syphilis on Friday, June 24, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Miramonte Apartments, 2800 Las Vegas Trail, Fort Worth.

Individuals who test on this day will receive a free ticket for food and an upcoming Hip-Hop Concert. On Monday, June 27, AIDS Outreach Center will again provide free and confidential testing for HIV/syphilis at Fort Worth City Hall, 1100 Throckmorton St., Fort Worth between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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# 10 years-plus of riding to fight AIDS



Derwin Hall

Derwin Hall likes the athletic side of LSR, but what he loves most is the chance to give back to the community

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At 41, Derwin Hall is a man in the prime of life. But with a full decade's experience under his belt as a Lone Star Ride Fighting AIDS participant, he is — at least in LSR terms — an "old timer."

For nine of those 10 years Hall, a Merck pharmaceuticals community liaison and HIV/AIDS educator, has been a cyclist. The one year he didn't ride, he served as a delivery driver, bringing food and water to the LSR pit crew members.

As an event, Hall says, the Lone Star Ride speaks to his earliest love: Sports.

"I've been athletic my entire life," Hall says. "[I had] college scholarships in track and field. I was a [sprinter]."

Hall first participated in the final Texas Tanqueray AIDS Ride in 2000, the year before the Lone Star Ride Fighting AIDS organization held its first event. A gallant thrift store 10-speed took him the full distance — 325 miles — between Houston and Dallas.

The memory of an HIV-positive man Hall dated in the early 1990s help stir him to become involved with both rides. That relationship rocked Hall's world; what he learned about the disease and those who live with it changed him forever.

"Because of [this man] and my love for him, I ended up volunteering and then working in the HIV field," he recalls. "Every job I've ever had [since] in my adult life has been with AIDS service organizations."

The LSR is one ride Hall says he would never *not* do. What the event stands for is what keeps him coming back year after year.

"[The Lone Star Ride gives] dollars to agencies that provide services to the population that has been impacted by a devastating disease," he explains.

"And since [fighting HIV/AIDS] has been my passion and career pursuit, that's why I'm here."

Hall's commitment to Lone Star Ride has not stopped him from finding other ways to give back, not just to the LGBT and HIV/AIDS communities, but to the community as a whole.

"I've done a number of local rides that may not be HIV/AIDS specific," he says. "They can be for multiple sclerosis, they could be for cancer. They could be for anything."

Hall's penchant for helping others is clearly visible in how he approaches LSR itself. For example, when it comes to some of the event's notoriously difficult hill climbs, Hall has made it a point to assist the less nimble among his fellow riders rather than peddle and pump to the top and continue on alone.

"I've turned around, gone back down and helped coach and motivate other riders that might be struggling a little more to get up the hill," he says. "It's not a race, [after all]; it's a ride."

For all that Hall has given to the LSR as a fundraiser, volunteer and "hill climber's angel," he has also gotten help himself during the course of this event. One year, this most seasoned of riders found that somewhere along his path, he'd somehow taken a wrong turn.

"Although I was lost," Hall says somewhat sheepishly, "people were out there looking for me. [They] eventually found me and got me back on the right track."

With so much support available to LSR participants regardless of who they are, it's no wonder that Hall loves the event as much as he does.

"I have seen people of all races, all ages, all sizes, heights and weights doing this bike ride. So it's not just for the physically fit. It's for those interested in giving back to the community."

"Or," he adds, a warm and knowing humility inflecting his voice, "those who just want to be challenged."

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## Andy Smith honored by United Way

Gay TI executive joins board of UWMD, heading outreach to LGBT community

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United Way of Metropolitan Dallas recently honored Andy Smith with the agency's Live United Volunteer Award.

Smith also recently joined the UWMD board of directors, becoming the only openly gay board member for the agency.

UWMD President and CEO Gary Godsey said, "He's the kind of guy I'd like to have 100 of. If he says yes, it's a done deal. He always follows through."

Smith, the director of corporate philanthropy for Texas Instruments, chairs both the Volunteer Experience Subcommittee and the UWMD LGBT Partnership Committee.

In his position at TI, Smith coordinates support for United Way. His company is one of the agency's leading corporate contributors.

Although United Way was, in the early 1990s, hesitant to award grants to LGBT organization Resource Center Dallas, RCD has now become a regular recipient of United Way funding.

This is no longer "your father's United Way," Smith said.

"They [the Resource Center] have really earned their stay at United Way with some really great proposals," Godsey said.

AIDS Arms got one of this year's larger United Way grants. Bryan's House was added to the list of recipients for the current grant cycle.

Smith said that United Way doesn't want to just be involved with the LGBT community, United Way wants to be a part of the community. That's why the agency had an entry in last year's Pride parade and a booth at Razzle Dazzle Dallas earlier this month, and has become a regular Out & Equal participant.

Smith said his involvement with United Way began in Austin with Communities In Schools — Central Texas Inc. When he moved to Dallas and



Andy Smith

went to work for TI, he got involved as a donor to the United Way campaign.

In his current position, Smith manages TI's giving campaign. But he also creates volunteer opportunities for individuals, teams and families that include mentoring, tax consulting and staffing health fairs.

He said those opportunities are also available to other members of the LGBT community through United Way.

This year, United Way changed its giving campaign to focus on education, income and health. As a result, new agencies were included and others lost their United Way funding. All applicants currently apply and are vetted annually.

"There's a rigorous stewardship process," Smith said.

The allocation panels help vet grants and decide where the money goes and said that up to 200 volunteers participate.

He said a number of committees, including marketing and finance, need volunteers as well.

Godsey said that United Way could not operate with its volunteers and he called Smith a shining example of inspirational leadership. ■

beth Lopez, Collin County Gay and Lesbian Alliance co-founder Dawnetta Miller, Stonewall Democrats of Tarrant County President Lisa Thomas and Community Unity Respect Education co-founder Rosemarie Odom.

Meetings are open to the public. For more information go online TDWCC.org.

### Correction

In the story about United Black Ellument in the June 10 issue of Dallas Voice, was incorrectly identified as a social and support group for gay African-American men with HIV/AIDS. United Black Ellument is a social and support group for gay African-American men. The focus is on HIV/AIDS prevention. ■

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#### TDWCC to mark Gay Pride Month

The next general meeting of Texas Democratic Women of Collin County will be Monday June 27, at 6:45 p.m. at the Preston Ridge Campus of Collin College, 9700 Wade Blvd. in Frisco, Building L, Room L135.

The June meeting is being held in a different room than usual. But as always, there will be refreshments and time to socialize.

In honor of Gay Pride Month, TDWCC will host a panel on LGBT issues featuring some of the leaders of the movement in North Texas and moderated by Jeanne Rubin. The panel will include Equality Texas board member Eliza-

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## Araguz vows to take fight to the Supreme Court



**WEDDING DAY** | Firefighter Thomas Araguz III and Nikki Araguz were married in 2008. After Thomas was killed in the line of duty last year, his family and ex-wife went to court to keep Nikki from getting his death benefits, saying the marriage was invalid because Nikki was born a male.

Trans widow hires law firm involved with Lawrence v. Texas to appeal ruling denying her access to her dead husband's benefits

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HOUSTON — Transgender widow Nikki Araguz this week announced a new legal team and vowed to appeal a judge's ruling denying her death benefits all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary. Araguz said the Houston firm of Katine & Nechman, which served as local counsel in the landmark Lawrence v. Texas case that led to a Supreme Court ruling overturning Texas' sodomy law, will represent her on appeal.

In late May, State District Judge Randy Clapp of Wharton County issued a two-page ruling saying Araguz isn't entitled to death benefits from her husband Thomas Araguz III, a volunteer firefighter who was killed in the line of duty last year.

Clapp granted summary judgment to Thomas Araguz's family, which filed a lawsuit alleging

that the couple's 2008 marriage is void because Nikki Araguz was born a man, and Texas prohibits same-sex marriage. Nikki Araguz, who until now has been represented by Frye & Associates, said she expects Katine & Nechman will partner with national LGBT advocacy groups on the appeal.

Araguz said she chose to switch law firms because the high-profile case could have broad implications for transgender equality, possibly addressing fundamental legal questions about how gender is determined.

"I think that collaborating with multiple national organizations' legal teams, and the Supreme Court experience of Mitchell Katine, is the better way to go for the greater good of everyone who's going to be affected by the outcome of this case," Araguz said this week in an interview with Dallas Voice.

Phyllis Frye, the well-known transgender attorney who heads Frye & Associates, didn't respond to a phone message seeking comment. A representative from Katine & Nechman confirmed that the firm is likely to take the case but

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said any further comment would have to come from partner Mitchell Katine, who couldn't immediately be reached.

Ken Upton, a Dallas-based senior staff attorney for the national LGBT civil rights group Lambda Legal, agreed that Araguz's case could be an important one for the transgender community. Upton said he believes Clapp should have at least granted Araguz a trial.

"If they've got any evidence at all, the rule is they should get to go to trial and prove their case," Upton said. "The judge really gave her short shrift."

In their motion for summary judgment, Thomas Araguz's family cited a San Antonio appellate court's 1999 ruling in *Littleton v. Prange*, which found that sex is determined at birth and cannot be changed.

Araguz's attorneys, meanwhile, argued that the *Littleton* decision is unconstitutional and isn't binding on courts in other parts of Texas. They also noted that in 2009 the Legislature added a court order of sex change to the list of documents that can be used to obtain marriage licenses in Texas — effectively overturning the *Littleton* decision.

South Texas College of Law professor James W. Poulsen, a Harvard-educated expert in family and marriage law, submitted a written affidavit in which he argued that even if the Araguzes' mar-

riage was void when it was celebrated in 2008, it became valid when the 2009 law took effect.

"Proper resolution of this case does not require this court to take a position on transsexual marriage," Poulsen wrote. "Nor would such a determination be proper. The issue has been determined by the Texas Legislature."

Also submitting a written affidavit was Collier Cole, a licensed clinical psychologist and a professor at University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston who specializes in the treatment of gender dysphoria. Cole said Araguz, now 36, began hormone therapy at 18 and, according to medical standards, completed her transition sometime in the late 1990s, even though she didn't have surgery until 2008. Cole concluded that, "I regard her [Araguz] medically and psychologically as female."

But Judge Clapp chose not to address any of these arguments in his order granting summary judgment. Araguz, who has a Texas driver's license and a California birth certificate indicating that she is female, said she was born with a birth defect.

"The doctors misidentified me at birth as male, and as I grew up, I developed into a female, and by 13 I had already developed breasts," Araguz said. "It was not until much later that I was able to medically take care of it."

"It's a birth defect like an extra toe or an extra finger," she said. "If you had the option to have it removed, you would." ■



**FIGHTING ALL THE WAY** | Trans widow Nikki Araguz, pictured here with her late husband Thomas, says she will fight a lawsuit seeking to strip his death benefits from her all the way to the Supreme Court.

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# Who decides what's medically necessary?

Trans advocate says trans health benefits are about what medical treatments are necessary, not about cost or personal beliefs

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Say the phrase "transgender health benefits," and most people immediately think insurance coverage that pays at least some of the costs of sexual reassignment surgery. But there's a lot more to it than that.

The problem, said National Center for Transgender Education Executive Director Mara Keisling, is that issues of medical treatment are being made by accountants rather than by doctors. And trans-phobia is playing a role in too many of those decisions.

Neither the city of Dallas, the city of Fort Worth, Dallas County nor Tarrant County offer fully inclusive health care benefits for their employees. But they are not alone.

According to reports, when city officials in Portland, Ore., voted unanimously earlier this month to offer transgender health care benefits, the city became only the third local government in the nation to do so. San Francisco was the first to do so and San Francisco County does now, too.

In the business world, the odds are a little better for trans employees looking for adequate insurance coverage. According to the Human Rights Campaign, in 2009, 22 percent of the Fortune 100 companies offered trans-inclusive health benefits, while such benefits were offered by 7 percent of Fortune 500 companies, and 3 percent of Fortune 1,000 companies.

Still, those numbers are dishearteningly low. And sometimes, even when a trans person thinks they are covered, insurance companies — whether in an attempt to cut costs or out of anti-trans bigotry — will find a way to deny claims.

"A lot of insurance plans exclude what they call 'transition-related care,'" Keisling said. "That can mean a lot of different things, but they all have similar implications."

"Transition-related care" can be divided into two parts, Keisling said: the costs directly related to gender reassignment surgery, and the other treatments and services that are related, things like checking hormone levels, lab tests and mental health services associated with the transition process.

"Even someone who has fully transitioned probably still needs to get her hormone levels checked on a regular basis. And insurance com-



Education Executive Director Mara Keisling

panies will deny those claims by saying they are 'transition-related,'" Keisling said.

There is also the issue of sex-specific care, she continued. After transitioning, a trans woman will qualify for regular mammograms, but not for regular prostate exams — which she still needs, too.

And a lot of trans men face similar difficulties, Keisling said. "A trans man might need a pap smear or some other kind of gynecological care, and they are often told no, insurance won't cover that," she said.

She described another case in which a trans man was told by his doctors that he was facing serious gynecological problems and needed to have a hysterectomy. Because he was trans, however, insurance wouldn't pay.

"Insurance said, 'No. We don't pay for sex-change operations? The doctors said, 'This isn't transition surgery. This is a medically-necessary procedure.' But they wouldn't pay," she said.

But in some cases, the discrimination is even more blatant.

"The insurance for federal government employees specifically excludes coverage for the costs of [gender reassignment surgery], but there have been a number of cases where that was used to exclude coverage of any type for transgenders," Keisling said.

"I know of a federal employee who was told insurance wouldn't pay for care for her son's broken arm because she was transgender. Another trans woman who was anemic and needed transfusions was told insurance wouldn't cover the treatments because she had 'transsexual blood,'" she said.

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"The list goes on and on. I know another trans woman who was playing for a woman's softball team and broke her arm during a game," Keisling continued. "She went to the hospital, had the X-rays and got her arm set. Then the insurance company turned around and denied the claim. They said if she weren't transsexual, she wouldn't have been out there playing for a women's team and she wouldn't have broken her arm."

When it comes to these "really egregious stories" that are "so clearly wrong," Keisling said, the victims can hire lawyers and get remedies through the courts. Still, she said, "You have to know what to do, how to get things fixed." And court cases aren't cheap, either.

Still, things do seem to be changing for the better, at least when it comes to federal employees, Keisling said. Federal officials recently issued a letter to employees stressing that when it comes to the exclusionary language in the insurance policy, "surgery means just that — surgery, not pre-operative care or post-operative care. And they stressed that this isn't a change. They aren't just now saying that. That has always been the rule. They just want to make sure people know the rule and follow it."

Officials with the Veterans Administration also sent a similar letter regarding insurance coverage for transgender veterans.

But the message doesn't seem to be filtering down to lower levels of government. For instance, mayoral runoff candidates in both Dallas and Fort Worth have said that when it comes to the question of health benefits for transgender city employees, they have to study the issue more before deciding where they stand. And for three of them — Mike Rawlings and David Kunkle in Dallas and Betsy Price in Fort Worth — it comes down to a question of costs.

Jim Lane, the other Fort Worth mayoral candidate, said at a recent candidate forum that as it had been explained to him in terms of Vietnam veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome: In the 1970s, most people dismissed claims of post-traumatic stress. But as medical science has advanced, post-traumatic stress has become acknowledged as a serious problem that requires medical treatment.

That, Keisling said, is what it all comes down to: What is medically necessary? And who gets to answer that question?

"We want insurance to cover things that are medically necessary. We are not asking them to cover things that are not medically necessary," she said. "Boob jobs are not in the medically necessary category. Electrolysis treatments, fertility treatments — those things are not medically necessary."

Gender transition, though, is different. And, Keisling said, the American Medical Association agrees.

"The American Medical Association has said that transition-related health care is medically necessary. It is not experimental. It is not optional. It is medically necessary," she said. "And we don't want insurance companies deciding what is medically necessary. We don't want city council members deciding what's medically necessary. We want doctors making those decisions."

The issue of cost, Keisling said, should not be an issue at all.

In fact, according to HRC's website on transgender health care, "the annualized costs to the employer of providing insurance coverage for transgender-related care are typically minimal" and even "negligible for medium-sized to larger employers."

The HRC website notes that the best available data on cost comes from the city of San Francisco and San Francisco County, and only limited data is available even then, since trans benefits are a relatively recent occurrence there.

"The cost of services per employee per year

“ We don't want insurance companies deciding what's medically necessary. We don't want city council members deciding what is medically necessary. We want doctors making those decisions.

—Mara Keisling  
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was minimal, with costs per insured per year averaging between \$0.77 and \$0.96: less than a dollar per year per enrollee," according to information on the HRC website, which is based on the report *San Francisco Transgender Benefit: Actual Cost and Utilization (2001-2006)*. "The precise number of claimants is uncertain since for most years the data is reported by claim and not by claimant. Thus the average dollars per claimant per year ranged between \$3,194 and \$12,771. The average five-year cost per claimant was between \$15,963 and \$63,853 for the period from 2001-2006."

Keisling said, "Does it cost money to offer these benefits? Sure. But the truth is, it will save more money in the long run. With the proper benefits, people get to be healthy, physically and mentally, and that has an undeniable impact on the quality of the work they do.

"The real problem is that when people think of transition and treatment for transgenders, they think of it as something dirty," Keisling added. "But it's not dirty. It's not shameful. It's just like any other kind of medical care. This is about medical treatments that are medically necessary and that's it. That whole debate over 'medically necessary' is done. It's over.

"Now the businesses are starting to fall in line, and even the federal government. Now it's time for the cities, for the counties to get on the stick and start offering their employees the benefits they deserve."

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# Unitarian Church forms Outreach Denton

Programs and meeting space will be made available for LGBT youth, seniors and other groups

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When a teen at Denton Unitarian Universalist Fellowship came out, the Rev. Pam Wat knew just what to do — hook her up with her high school's gay/straight alliance.

Problem was, the teen attended a small school near Denton that had no GSA.

Then a lesbian member of the congregation lost her partner. Wat wanted to refer her to a grief support group — but couldn't find one in town that could guarantee the woman would be welcome.

Wat, who moved to Denton from San Francisco last year, quickly realized that a number of services she was used to having readily available, were simply *not* available in Denton. But it was the death, in December, of a congregation member Wat called "our gay activist" that was the tipping point.

This man, she said, was the one who kept the congregation up-to-date on concerns in the LGBT community. Last fall he brought attention to the teen suicide problem. This spring, after his death, Wat said, there was a noticeable lack of information about LGBT issues.

That's when Wat knew she had to jump in. So she called a summit at the church.

About 90 people attended the June 1 meeting to discuss the local needs of the LGBT community. The result was the creation of Outreach Denton.

Members of six local churches attended, including Harvest MCC of Denton and Trinity Presbyterian Church. Both offered their facilities as well.

Wat said that people who attended signed up to volunteer in a variety of areas, but the youth issues attracted the most attention and will be the first addressed.

LGBT teens need a safe space and a meeting place without traveling to Dallas or Plano. Youth First Texas has offered to provide some training in July for volunteers putting together the Denton youth group.

Wat said that the group might open as a Denton branch of the organization, similar to the Collin County YFT satellite.

Others expressed interest in reviving PFLAG.

PFLAG has been one of the few LGBT groups that flourished for more than a decade in Denton, but it floundered when founder Kathy Massey stepped down from leadership.

Wat said that a welcoming grief support group was also needed in the community. A chapter of Lambda AA was vital and senior issues needed to be addressed, too, she said.

Wat said that she needs a list of resources to



The Rev. Pam Wat

offer reading material and phone numbers, even if those contacts are in Dallas. She said that Sandy Swann, librarian at Resource Center Dallas and a member of the Unitarian congregation in Denton, was a constant source of information that she regularly brings from the Resource Center in Oak Lawn.

"Lots of professors participated in the meeting," Wat said, including the faculty advisor for GLAD, the LGBT group at University of North Texas.

She said that gave her ideas for a lecture series and programming as well as a way to partner with UNT and Texas Women's University.

"I have been overwhelmed and delighted by the support from the congregation," Wat said.

She said that one older member's initial reaction was, "Will people start calling us 'the gay church?'" But after fretting about it for a week, Wat said the following Sunday the man told her he had spoken to gay members and friends and was sorry about his initial reaction.

She said he then made a generous donation to help fund Outreach Denton.

"That made me understand how far we need to go to be welcoming," she said. ■

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DFW Ladies on Wheels (L.O.W.) Riders is having an open ride Saturday, June 18, and women riders of all ages, orientations and skill levels are invited to join in.

The group will meet at 4 p.m. at the Cedar Hill Home Depot — on the northeast corner of the intersection of FM 1382 and Hwy. 67, according to spokeswoman Robin Funk. After deciding where to eat, the group will ride together to dinner and then head down to Ennis to take in a flick at the drive-in movie.

DFW L.O.W. Riders is the North Texas chapter of the statewide women's motorcycle group headquartered in Austin, Funk said. The organization, which celebrated its 10th year in May, also has chapters in Houston and San Antonio.

Funk said the DFW chapter currently has about 14 members, and holds open ride events about once a month to try and increase their numbers.

"We are mostly just a group of women who like to ride. We have members at all skill levels. Some are just getting a bike and want to ride with a group to learn the rules of the road and for safety. Others have been riding for years," she said.

Funk herself has been riding for about 15 years, and she said all but three of the chapter's current members have at least 10 years' riding experience under their belts.

Still, the newbies shouldn't let that scare them away. "Like I said, we welcome riders at all skill levels, and we try to schedule a variety of rides

that everyone can enjoy."

DFW L.O.W. Riders are also giving non-riders to get in on the fun with the first of what they hope will become an annual DFW L.O.W. Riders Bike Show on Sunday, June 26, starting at 3 p.m. at Sue Ellen's, 3014 Throckmorton St. in Dallas.

They'll have plenty of bikes on display, with awards presented for "Spectators' Choice," "Best Femme Bike" and "Best Butch Bike."

Entry fee is \$15 plus one can of food to be donated to Resource Center Dallas' food pantry for people with HIV/AIDS.

"We do a lot of food drives. We've had drives to donate to the North Texas Food Pantry, and of course, donations we collect at the bike show will be for the Resource Center's food pantry," Funk said.

Joining the L.O.W. Riders a good way for women to get involved with the community, too, Funk said, noting that while the group is open to all women bikers, "we seem to get the best response from the LGBT community."

Funk said that the DFW L.O.W. Riders try to schedule at least two rides a month; some are closed — for members only — while some are open. They also try to schedule longer rides for members, too.

"Scheduling is always a problem — trying to find a time when the most people are able to go. But we do the best we can," she said. "We'll have members going to Cayote, Texas this year. And several of us, including me, are riding to Canada this year."

"Right now, our main purpose is to just get together and ride, to enjoy each other's company and being out on the road," Funk added. "But we want to add other events and we want to add new members. So if anyone is interested, they should come out and join us for the open ride this weekend, and come to the show the next weekend. They'll have a great time." ■

For more information on DFW L.O.W. Riders, upcoming events and how to join, go online to [DFWLowRiders.net](http://DFWLowRiders.net).

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# Get your Pride on!



**DANCING DOWN MARKET** | A dancer performs for the crowds along Market Street during the annual gay Pride parade in June 2010 in San Francisco. (Tony Avelar/Associated Press)

North Texas' largest Pride events don't happen until September and October, but there are plenty of Pride festivities happening now, from Houston to New York to San Francisco

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Break out your rainbow flags and spray-on glitter for the month of June, the official national Gay Pride Month. All over the United States folks are setting up their parade floats and getting ready for a month-long Pride celebration.

If you're in Dallas then you'll have to wait until September to ride along in the parade, but other major cities from coast to coast — including some in Texas — have already started their club parties and street festivals.

The Pride parade and celebration in Dallas was moved to September in the early 1980s to commemorate Judge Jerry Buchmeyer's ruling that overturned Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code,

also known as the state's sodomy law.

Even though Buchmeyer's decision was overturned on appeal by the Fifth Circuit Court, Dallasites decided to keep the Pride celebration in September in part to take advantage of cooler temperatures.

Dallas' annual parade is called The Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade, named in honor of the former Dallas Tavern Guild executive parade who was a longtime activist and primary organizer of the parade from the time the Tavern Guild took it over in 1983 until his death in 1995.

This year's parade is set for Sunday, Sept. 18, and other events on the September Pride schedule include Gay Day at Six Flags and more.

For more information, go online to DallasTavernGuild.org.

Earlier this month, Dallas' one-time traditional June Pride party, Razzle Dazzle Dallas, was resurrected after several years, coming back as a five-day slate of events culminating with a street party Saturday, June 4, on Cedar Springs. Proceeds benefit several community organizations, and will be distributed Monday, June 20.

Tarrant County Pride Week events were moved

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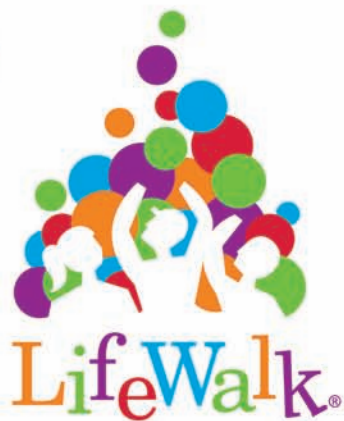
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to early October several years ago, but following the June 2009 raid on the Rainbow Lounge, enthusiasm for the celebration regenerated, making the 2010 events — including the parade, the always-popular Pride Picnic and the newly added street fair — the largest in years.

This year the parade — set for 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1 — is being moved downtown, and the Pride Picnic will be held Sunday, Oct. 2, from noon to 6 p.m. at Trinity Park.

Tarrant County Gay Pride Week 2011 begins Sept. 29 and runs through Oct. 9, with the International Gay Rodeo Association bringing its international finals rodeo to Cowtown for the final weekend of Pride week.

For more information, go online to [TCGPWA.org](http://TCGPWA.org).

The Dallas Black Pride celebration — this year presented by DFW Pride Movement and called "HIS-Story and HER-Story" — is scheduled for Sept. 29-Oct. 1. Author Uriah Bell and adult film star and CEO Rock Rockafella are already confirmed as special guests.

For more information, go online to [DFWPride-Movement.org](http://DFWPride-Movement.org).

## June Pride in Texas

But if you are looking for a June Pride celebration close to home, don't despair.

Collin County has quickly become a burgeoning gay hotspot in the DFW area and they're holding their first-ever Pride event this year with the "Come as you are Pride Party" at Aparicio's Restaurante Mexicano and Sports Bar, 216 E. Virginia St. in McKinney, on Saturday, June 25, from 5:30 p.m. to midnight.

The party is a fundraiser for C.U.R.E., an organization committed to raising funds for and awareness of HIV/AIDS programs and organizations. C.U.R.E.'s next project is to bring to Dallas the largest display of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt since the Quilt was displayed in Washington, D.C., in 1997.

For more information go online to [CureNTx.org](http://CureNTx.org) or look for event information on Facebook.

Texas' largest June Pride celebration happens in Houston, and it all kicks off this weekend with Opening Ceremonies beginning at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 18, at Jones Plaza, followed by the Gay Men's Chorus' "Anything Goes" Concert, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Jones Hall. The opening night of Pride winds up with Matt Alber Live at the Hard Rock Café, beginning at 10 p.m.

"Divas of Diversity," the opening of a nationwide comedy show tour, begins at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 19, at The Houston Club.

Midweek, on Wednesday, June 22, you can "Dine With Pride" all day at The Chelsea Grill to help support the Houston LGBT Pride Celebration. Thursday night, June 23, beginning at 10 a.m., head to Meteor Lounge to watch the finals of Pride SuperStar, and on Friday, June 24, you can "Rock the Runway," beginning at 8 p.m. at South Beach Night Club.

But the biggest of the big Pride events in Hous-

ton start Saturday, June 25, with the Houston Pride Festival, a multi-block party in the heart of Houston's Montrose gayborhood, taking place from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and featuring a wide variety of performers on different stages.

And just as the festival is winding down, the Pride Parade will be gearing up. The parade through Montrose — Texas' first night-time gay Pride parade — steps off at 8:15 p.m. and the parties carry on through to Sunday.

For all the details, go online to [PrideHouston.org](http://PrideHouston.org).

There's not a lot of information available yet on Pride in Amarillo, which has been hosting a Pride-fest for 20 years. But we do know that another, much smaller group — Repent Amarillo — has its Jesus Fest on the same day every year for the sole purpose of preaching loudly to the Pridefest participants.

El Paso has already held their Pride events for 2011 and have scheduled next year's events for June 8-12. Galveston and Austin are holding their Pride events later in the year. Galveston's Pride is in October with a celebratory block party while Austin's is in September, kicking off Sept. 10 from noon to 6 p.m. with a Festival in Fiesta Gardens in East Austin.

## Pride around the U.S.

The majority of the U.S. still celebrates Pride in June to commemorate the 1969 Stonewall Riots, where LGBT New Yorkers retaliated against an unjust police raid on a gay hangout in Greenwich Village. After that, resistance efforts took place all over to fight discrimination.

## New York

Of course, one of the largest Pride celebrations is in New York itself, and it starts this year with the Rally Pride kickoff at Rumsey Playfield in Central Park on Saturday, June 18, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Well-known performers, such as cast members from Broadway's *Priscilla Queen of the Desert*, and motivational speakers from the LGBT community will be featured.

Ross "The Intern" Matthews and comedian Christine O'Leary will be M.C.s for the rally, and headline performer is singer Oh Land.

The women-only Rapture on the River event, with DJs Susan Levine and Mary Mac, is being held on Pier 54, 13th St. at the West Side Highway, on Saturday, June 25, from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.

New York's 2011 Pride March is Sunday, June 26, beginning at noon. The parade steps off at the intersection of 36th and 5th streets, and ends at the intersection of Christopher and Greenwich streets.

Grand marshals for the NYC Pride March this year are Dan Savage and his partner, Terry Miller, creators of the It Gets Better Project, the Rev. Pat Bumgardner of MCC New York and The Imperial Court of New York.

The Pride Festival begins at 11 a.m. that day and runs through 7 p.m. It takes place on Hudson Street between Abingdon Square and West 14th Street.

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# Getting 'Classy' online with Dallas Voice

LGBT newspaper introduces a new online classifieds section that includes pictures and video and integrates with social media

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"No one else is doing what we're doing," says Dallas Voice Classified Sales Director Greg Hoover, who has checked dozens of other newspaper websites to make sure he's got it right when he talks about the Voice's new online classified ads service. "We're launching a new product known as Classy, a gay online marketplace," Hoover notes, calling Classy a "new, updated version of what classified ads should be."

As Classified Account Manager Chance Browning points out, the new online classified service "combines multiple media formats," allowing the advertiser to incorporate a link to an outside website, pictures, Youtube video and even video uploaded from a phone.

Advertisers can also add bold, color headlines and share their ads on social media sites, including Facebook and Twitter.

It's all integrated into the system.

"And there's plenty of room to describe your business," Hoover adds, stressing how easy the process is: Register, build your online ad, review and edit it and you're done.

"Normally, the price per ad will be \$10 per week, including video and pictures," Hoover says. "But to introduce the product, for a limited time, we're offering Classy free for a four-week run."

Browning says, "It's the perfect time to try an ad under multiple headers to see what works best."

To prevent spam and scams, all Classy ads will be reviewed first by the Classifieds Department staff. But the ads will be "live" and available online by the next business day. Hoover says he has a notebook full of scams that thieves have attempted over the years he has been with Dallas Voice so that he has an edge on making sure no scam ads go live on the website.

Those who advertise in the classified section of Dallas Voice's print edition will automatically get a text ad on line. The newspaper's organizational directory has also been incorporated into Classy with basic listings.

Print advertisers and organizations can upgrade their ads themselves to run pictures and videos with their online listings for free for four weeks during the introductory period.

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The party winds up with Dance of the Pier, from 2 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., at Pier 54 in Hudson River Park, 13th Street at the West Side Highway. Wynter Gordon will be on hand for a special early performance, and DJs Lina and Vito Fun back up headliner DJ Ana Paula.

For complete details on NYC Pride, go online to [NYCPride.org](http://NYCPride.org).

## San Francisco

Another of the largest celebrations is in San Francisco, where they have an astonishingly large number of events.

The parade along Market Street kicks off at 10:30 a.m. on June 26 at Market and Beale streets and ends at Market and 8th in Downtown.

Among the Grand Marshals this year are Chaz Bono and Olympia Dukakis.

The Trevor Project is being honored as National Organizational Grand Marshal. Academy Award-winning screenwriter Dustin Lance Black will appear with the Trevor Project.

A large percentage of Pride events have been always 18- or 21-plus, due to their venues, but in San Francisco they've got a few youth-appropriate events, including Kidspace Chef, where LGBT families and their kids get to cook together, held at 10:30 a.m. on June 18 at the San Francisco LGBT Community Center (and it's free).

San Francisco held a Youth Prom on June 10, for youths aged 13 to 20, which was not unlike Dallas' Gayla Prom that happened in May.

For complete details on SF Pride, go online to [SFPride.org](http://SFPride.org).

## International Pride Mexico City

If you are looking to head south for the summer, the Mexico City Pride parade is on Saturday, June 25, from 10 a.m. to noon. The parade is known as Marcha del Orgullo Lésbico, Gay, Bisexual, Transgénero, Travesti, Transexual e intersexual, and this year binational activist Jesus Chairez of Dallas and Mexico City will be on hand for the celebration and will report on it for Dallas Voice.

The parade route begins at the Ángel de la independencia and proceeds to the Zocalo.

For complete details on Mexico City Pride, go online to [Orgullo.com.mx](http://Orgullo.com.mx)

## Toronto

Canada's Pride Toronto holds its official Pride Launch Party on Thursday, June 23, at 8 p.m., with performances by bands The Clicks and Creature.

The Toronto street festival begins on Friday, July 1, with a Trans March in the evening and a Trans Verse stage amongst others, and runs through to 11 p.m. Sunday night, July 3, with entertainment on eight stages.

For complete details on Toronto Pride, go online to [PrideToronto.com](http://PrideToronto.com)

So whether you're getting your Pride on with gay happy hour or marching in a parade, there's a Pride event somewhere in the U.S. suited just for you, beginning in June and lasting all the way through October. ■



Greg Hoover, right, and Chance Browning (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

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Hoover explains that what distinguishes this product from others is that everything is included for one low price. Pictures and video carry extra charges on most other sites.

On some sites, categories such as “help wanted” refers to outside sites such as HotJobs.com or JobsResource.com. That won’t happen with Classy.

Hoover says most advertisers are coming to Dallas Voice Classifieds — and will choose to use Classy — because they are looking for someone who understands their needs.

“You want someone who understands the LGBT community,” he says. “Whether the person they’re looking for — a doctor, an attorney, a plumber, a carpenter — is gay or not, you know they have a comfort level with the gay community because they are advertising in the gay newspaper specifically to reach gay potential customers.”

Hoover says that advertisers tell him repeatedly that they get a bigger response from their Dallas Voice ads than from other publications, including larger, daily newspapers. He says he hears from employers that they get more qualified applicants from Dallas Voice.

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**Liver problems,** including death, can happen in people who take KALETRA. Blood tests in people who take KALETRA may show possible liver problems. People with liver disease such as hepatitis B or C who take KALETRA may have worsening liver disease. People should tell their doctor right away if they have any of the following signs and symptoms: loss of appetite, yellowing of skin or eyes (jaundice), dark-colored urine, pale-colored stools, itchy skin, and/or stomach area (abdominal) pain.

**Inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis),** which may be serious and cause death, has occurred in some people who take KALETRA. You have a higher chance of

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**Changes in body fat** have been seen in some people who take anti-HIV therapy. The cause and long-term health effects of these conditions are not known at this time.

**Increased bleeding has occurred in some people with hemophilia** who take protease inhibitors, including KALETRA.

If you are taking birth control pills or using patches to prevent pregnancy, you should use an extra form or a different type of birth control, since birth control pills or patches may not work as well while you take KALETRA. Talk to your doctor about how to prevent pregnancy while taking KALETRA.

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The long-term effects of KALETRA are not known at this time.

This is the most important information to know about KALETRA. For more information, talk with your doctor.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch), or call 1-800-FDA-1088 (1-800-332-1088).

If you cannot afford your medication, contact: [www.pparx.org](http://www.pparx.org) or call the toll-free number (1-888-4PPA-NOW) or (1-888-477-2669) for assistance.

For additional information about KALETRA, call 1-866-KALETRA (1-866-525-3872) or visit [KALETRA.com](http://KALETRA.com).

**Please see Brief Summary of Prescribing Information on the following pages.**

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**KALETRA**®  
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# KALETRA® (kuh-LEE-tra) (lopinavir/ritonavir) Tablets

# KALETRA® (kuh-LEE-tra) (lopinavir/ritonavir) Oral Solution

## Patient Information

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

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

#### KALETRA may cause serious side effects, including:

- **Interactions with other medicines. It is important to know the medicines that should not be taken with KALETRA.**

Read the section "What should I tell my doctor before taking KALETRA?"

- **Changes in your heart rhythm and the electrical activity of your heart.** These changes may be seen on an EKG (electrocardiogram) and can lead to serious heart problems. Your risk for these problems may be higher if you:
  - already have a history of abnormal heart rhythm or other types of heart disease.
  - take other medicines that can affect your heart rhythm while you take KALETRA.

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

- dizziness
- lightheadedness
- fainting
- sensation of abnormal heartbeats

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

### What is KALETRA?

KALETRA is a prescription anti-HIV medicine that contains two medicines: lopinavir and ritonavir. KALETRA is called a protease inhibitor that is used with other anti-HIV-1 medicines to treat people with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV-1) infection. HIV-1 is the virus that causes AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome).

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

### Who should not take KALETRA?

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

### What should I tell my doctor before taking KALETRA?

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

- have any heart problems, including if you have a condition called Congenital Long QT Syndrome.
- have liver problems, including Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C.
- have diabetes.
- have hemophilia. People who take KALETRA may have increased bleeding.
- have low potassium in your blood.

- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if KALETRA will harm your unborn baby. Birth control pills or patches may not work as well while you take KALETRA. To prevent pregnancy while taking KALETRA, women who take birth control pills or use estrogen patch for birth control should either use a different type of birth control or an extra form of birth control. Talk to your doctor about how to prevent pregnancy while taking KALETRA.
- take KALETRA during pregnancy, talk with your doctor about how you can take part in an antiretroviral pregnancy registry. The purpose of the pregnancy registry is to follow the health of you and your baby.
- are breast-feeding. Do not breast-feed if you are taking KALETRA. You should not breast-feed if you have HIV-1. If you are a woman who has or will have a baby while taking KALETRA, talk with your doctor about the best way to feed your baby. If your baby does not already have HIV-1, there is a chance that HIV-1 can be passed to your baby through your breast milk.

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

#### Medicines you should not take with KALETRA.

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

- ergot containing medicines, including:
  - ergotamine tartrate (Cafergot®, Migergot, Ergomar, Ergostat, Medihaler Ergotamine, Wigraine, Wigrettes)
  - dihydroergotamine mesylate (D.H.E. 45®, Embolex, Migranal®)
  - ergonovine, ergonovine and methylegonovine (Ergotrate, Methergine), ergotamine and methylegonovine
  - Ergotrate Maleate, methylegonovine maleate (Methergine)
- triazolam (Halcion®), midazolam hydrochloride oral syrup
- pimozide (Orap®)
- the cholesterol lowering medicines lovastatin (Mevacor®) or simvastatin (Zocor®)
- sildenafil (Revatio®) only when used for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension. (See "Medicines that may need changes" and "What are the possible side effects of Kaletra?" for information about the use of sildenafil for erectile problems.)
- alfuzosin (Uroxatral®)

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

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

#### Medicines that may need changes:

- birth control pills that contain estrogen ("the pill") or the birth control (contraceptive) patches
- certain anticancer medicines, such as nilotinib (Tasigna®) and dasatinib (Sprycel®)

- certain cholesterol lowering medicines, such as atorvastatin (Lipitor®) or rosuvastatin (Crestor®)
- certain other antiretroviral medicines, such as efavirenz (Atripla® and Sustiva®), nevirapine (Viramune®), amprenavir (Agenerase®) and nelfinavir (Viracept®)
- anti-seizure medicines, such as phenytoin (Dilantin®) carbamazepine, (Tegretol®), phenobarbital
- medicines for erectile problems, such as sildenafil (Viagra®), tadalafil (Cialis®), or vardenafil (Levitra®)
- medicines for tuberculosis (TB), such as rifabutin (Mycobutin®)
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- inhaled medicines such as salmeterol (Serevent®) or salmeterol in combination with fluticasone propionate (Advair®). Your doctor may need to change to a different medicine
- medicines for gout, such as colchicine (Colcrys®)
- medicines to treat pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), such as bosentan (Tracleer®) or tadalafil (Adcirca®)
- pain medicines, such as fentanyl (Duragesic®, lonsys™, Fentora®) and methadone

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

### How should I take KALETRA?

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

babies younger than 14 days of age unless your doctor thinks it is right for your baby.

- If a young child drinks more than the recommended dose, it could make them sick. Contact your local poison control center or emergency room right away.
- Talk with your doctor if you take or plan to take metronidazole or disulfiram. You can have severe nausea and vomiting if you take these medicines with KALETRA.
- When your KALETRA supply starts to run low, get more from your doctor or pharmacy. It is important not to run out of KALETRA. The amount of HIV-1 virus in your blood may increase if the medicine is stopped for even a short time. The virus may become resistant to KALETRA and become harder to treat.
- KALETRA can be taken with acid reducing agents used for heartburn or reflux such as omeprazole (Prilosec®) and ranitidine (Zantac®) with no dose adjustment.
- KALETRA should not be administered once daily in combination with carbamazepine (Tegretol® and Eptol®), phenobarbital (Luminal®), or phenytoin (Dilantin®).

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

### What are the possible side effects of KALETRA?

**KALETRA can cause serious side effects.**

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

face may also happen. The cause and long-term health effects of these conditions are not known at this time.

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

Common side effects of KALETRA include:

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

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

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

### How should I store KALETRA?

**KALETRA tablets:**

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

**KALETRA oral solution:**

- Store KALETRA oral solution in a refrigerator, between 36°F to 46°F (2°C to 8°C). KALETRA oral solution that is kept refrigerated may be used until the expiration date printed on the label.
- KALETRA oral solution that is stored at room temperature (less than 77°F or 25°C) should be used within 2 months.
- Keep KALETRA away from high heat.

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

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

**General information about KALETRA**

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

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication Guide. Do not use KALETRA for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give KALETRA to other people, even if they have the same condition you have. It may harm them.

This Medication Guide summarizes the most important information about KALETRA. If you would like more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your pharmacist or doctor for information about KALETRA that is written for health professionals. For more information about KALETRA call 1-800-633-9110 or go to [www.KALETRA.com](http://www.KALETRA.com).

### What are the ingredients in KALETRA?

Active ingredient: lopinavir and ritonavir

Inactive ingredients:

**KALETRA 200 mg lopinavir and 50 mg ritonavir tablets:**

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

**KALETRA 100 mg lopinavir and 25 mg ritonavir tablets:**

copovidone, sorbitan monolaurate, colloidal silicon dioxide, and sodium stearyl fumarate. The film coating contains: polyvinyl alcohol, titanium dioxide, talc, polyethylene glycol 3350, and yellow ferric oxide E172.

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

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

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# Moving animals from hardship to happy endings



**6 MILLION DOLLAR HORSE** | Veterinarian Marty Polasko holds Midnite's reins while two representatives from ProsthetiCare look on and Animal Planet's Mike Marshall films. (Dallas Voice/David Taffet)

Horse that was starved and locked in stall for up to two years makes happy adjustment at Argyle's Ranch Hand Rescue, while mini horse Midnite is becoming a media darling

**DAVID TAFFET** | Staff Writer  
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ARGYLE — The work at Ranch Hand Rescue in Argyle has gotten national attention since Midnite, an abused and handicapped miniature horse, was fitted with a prosthetic hoof.

"Midnite has become an ambassador for the ranch," said Bob Williams, president of the gay-owned and operated rescue.

Mike Marshall of Animal Planet's *Pets 101* flew in from Boston last week to film Midnite and talk to some of the people he has affected. The segment should air this fall.

Midnite arrived at the ranch last year after being seized by law enforcement.

"Here's a horse that would have been euthanized," Williams said.

He was either born without a left rear coffin bone and hoof or lost it in an attack early in life.

"Midnite had no muscle strength, was malnourished, was beaten, would cower," Williams said. "It took him two weeks to come near us."

Lane Farr of ProsthetiCare in Fort Worth made the prosthetic for the horse. He was at Ranch Hand Rescue for the taping. He said the first time he put the limb on Midnite the horse was bucking.

"Now he's so used to it he doesn't know it's on," Farr said.

The only difference between fitting a human and a horse, he said, was that Midnite couldn't tell him where he was feeling pressure.

"So I reached down with a probe," he said.

But while Marshall was there to film the uplifting story of the miniature horse with the prosthetic leg, the animals are there because they've

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been rescued from severe starvation and abuse. One of those is a horse named Honey Boy.

### Honey Boy

When Animal Planet visited, Honey Boy was grazing freely for the first time in years in a field just beyond camera range.

Honey Boy was seized several weeks ago from a farm in Brownwood. The horse, which Williams estimates is 28 to 30 years old, had been starved and is about 800 pounds underweight.

Honey Boy's owner plea-bargained and surrendered the horse. Despite a rule that they will only take animals if law enforcement prosecutes, Williams said he took the horse because officials pleaded that he was in such bad shape, no one else could handle him.

Williams said Denton County is aggressive in its arrests and prosecutions of people who abuse animals. He said that other areas don't necessarily prosecute.

According to Steve Harris, owner of Steves' Market and Deli in Brownwood, the abuse of this horse has been going for several years. Neighbors had been calling the sheriff about the animals on the farm since the family that owned Honey Boy and other animals moved to Brownwood.

Joyce Fisher, who lives across the street from the people who owned Honey Boy, said their neighbors moved to Brownwood three years ago with six horses, 18 dogs and no money.

She said only two horses are left on the property and the dogs were taken out into the country and abandoned. One of the six horses died, but Fisher did not know what happened to the others.

She said that not only did Honey Boy not get much food, but also he had no water.

"They didn't pay their water bill," she said. "And they wrote bad checks to every vet in the area."

So the horses got no veterinary care, either.

The former owners will be in court in July, but not on charges of animal abuse. They are facing a number of charges of writing bad checks.

"We really appreciate someone taking care of Honey Boy," Fisher said.

Last week, Honey Boy was out in the field grazing. Despite having been abused, he walked up to anyone who came into his field, enjoying the love and attention.

Most animals arrive more fearful than Honey Boy is, Williams said.

"We do everything at the animal's pace," he said.

One technique Williams uses is holding their heads to his heart several times a day while talking gently to them, reassuring them that they'll be OK.

"Before you know it, the horse starts to come out of its depression," he said.

But Honey Boy is showing little sign of depression. Williams said they're feeding him beets soaked in water every four hours to jumpstart his digestive system. His teeth are mostly gone and he may be blind in one eye. Williams said he doesn't

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 **see more online**

Watch video of Midnite working with trainers to build strength in his hip and of some of the other rescued animals at Ranch Hand Rescue online at DallasVoice.com



**DOLLY LLAMA** | Al, a rescued llama that stands more than six feet tall, follows visitors and enjoys posing and mugging for the camera. (Dallas Voice/David Taffet)

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**HORSE D'OEUVERS** | Honey Boy, an emaciated Palomino, was seized in Brownwood in May and now grazes in a field in Argyle trying to regain about 800 pounds. (Dallas Voice/David Taffet)

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know how long Honey Boy will live, but he'll be safe and comfortable for the rest of his life.

Ranch Hand Rescue is limited by space, number of volunteers and money. Other landowners in the area have volunteered their fields. Two horses seized last week are recovering at a nearby ranch under the care of Williams and his partner, veterinarian Marty Polasko.

### In the beginning

After suffering a stroke five years ago, Williams decided to retire from corporate life and do something he loved. So he and Polasko, his partner of 24 years, founded Ranch Hand Rescue.

Polasko is a vet and owner of American Pet Spa and Resort, which shares the property with the rescue facility.

When the SPCA takes 70 horses from a ranch, Williams said, he can only take the five that are in the poorest shape. The most abused horses he's taken at one time is 17.

But he said every seizure is expensive. On-going operating costs mount with every new arrival.

Shep Shepard saw a story online on Dallas Voice about a recent seizure and decided to volunteer. He said he spent most of his first day picking up 100 bales of hay that had been donated by

a rancher near Gainesville. That should last about three months.

"It's a great way to get out of town for the day," Shepard said.

"They have sheep and rabbits and turtles and goats and llamas and alpacas and each has special dietary needs," he said. "And they pay staff because there aren't enough volunteers."

He said he'd like to hook Ranch Hand Rescue up with someone with new fundraising ideas or who could incorporate the ranch into other fundraisers within the LGBT community.

"The need became obvious when they took in Honey Boy," Shepard said.

Not only do Williams and Polasko, along with their staff and volunteers, look out for the animals, but the recovered animals seem to look out for each other.

One by one, each of the horses as well as Al, a tall black llama who likes to follow visitors around, went to the fence to see Honey Boy. Each one poked his head through the fence and gently nuzzled the injured horse. They seemed to be telling him he was safe now.

And Angel, a horse that now shows no sign of the abuse and starvation she suffered, seemed to notice that Midnite was out of food in his pen. Williams said Midnite, who arrived emaciated, is getting fat so they're controlling his diet.

Angel grabbed a mouthful of hay from her bin

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**TEEN ANGEL** | Angel runs in an open field, showing no sign of the abuse she suffered before coming to the Ranch Hand Rescue. (Dallas Voice/David Taffet)

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and walked over to Midnite. She lowered her head so the miniature horse could reach and Midnite had a snack.

And when he was done, Angel brought him a little bit more.

### Midnite's triumph

Before getting his artificial limb, Midnite struggled for up to 45 minutes to get up.

"Once he put it on and was ready to go, he didn't want to give it back," Farr said.

Williams said Midnite got right up and began walking and then started running.

Midnite is kept in a pen while his hip muscles are strengthening. Williams said he's afraid the horse will start running and break a hip, an injury that couldn't be repaired.

But Midnite comes out of the pen often to exercise with a trainer. They're teaching him how to shift his weight.

Williams said he gets dozens of emails about Midnite every day and is in tears reading them.

"A girl who was having her leg amputated visited," Williams said. After seeing how well Midnite adapted to his new leg, she went through her own surgery with less fear.

A blind girl came to the ranch and Midnite, who just a few months earlier would cower, let

the girl touch him from head to tail.

And he's become a well-traveled little horse. Midnite has been to Scottish Rite Hospital in Oak Lawn three times already to visit the children having orthopedic surgery and they're planning another visit soon.

Recently Mayor Annise Parker invited Midnite to Houston for the opening of a new "Playground Without Limits" for handicapped children. Everything in the park, including a swimming pool, is wheelchair accessible. But Midnite was the star attraction.

Among others visiting the ranch and speaking on camera to Marshall about Midnite was Lily, a 13-year-old double-amputee who was also fitted for her legs by Farr.

"I like to walk him around and brush him," she said. "He's my friend."

Williams said he believes Midnite has a special gift.

"When children with special needs meet him, it's emotional to watch them bond," Williams told Marshall on camera for Animal Planet.

Even though Midnite is the one getting most of the media attention right now, each of the animals that comes to Ranch Hand Rescue comes with a story. And thanks to the efforts of Williams, Polasko and their employees and volunteers, now those stories have a chance to have a happy ending. ■



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David Kunkle



Mike Rawlings

■ **MAYOR**

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"The mayor makes sure people and city services are being taken care of. He makes sure our civil rights are being protected. His big job is promoting the city," Narvaez said.

And the city's LGBT community can play a big role in who wins the seat this year.

In the general election on May 14, turnout in what are considered the top 10 precincts in the LGBT community, mostly in Oak Lawn and North Oak Cliff, was 38 percent, compared to a citywide turnout rate of only 11 percent.

And if early voting totals are any indication, LGBT voters have the chance to play an even bigger role in the runoff outcome. In the May election, 46,109 people voted early in Dallas County. In the runoff, only 27,962 voted early.

Narvaez said that because voter turnout is traditionally low in runoff elections, the LGBT community could decide the mayor's race.

"People [in our community] were heavily engaged in this election," Narvaez said. "I don't see them suddenly not voting for mayor."

While DGLA and Stonewall Democrats have both endorsed David Kunkle in the runoff, Mike Rawlings has the support of many members of the LGBT community, including several gay former elected officials.

Both candidates actively sought the endorsement of both DGLA and Stonewall, and both have actively campaigned in the community.

Oakley said that Rawlings' life experiences are different than some members of the City Council that Oakley served with who did not support LGBT issues.

"He faced our issues in the corporate world," Oakley said.

He said that Rawlings' company, Pizza Hut, had nondiscrimination policies in place and embraced diversity.

Fink said Kunkle has a proven, and public, record on LGBT issues.

"Kunkle has a proven record working in the community and being an advocate for us," she said, noting that as police chief, Kunkle turned the LGBT Dallas police liaison position into a fulltime position and presided over the police department while an officer transitioned without incident and with his support.

"And we worked with him on diversity training," she said.

Former Dallas City Councilmember Chris Luna said, "The biggest role the mayor plays is cheerleader, spokesperson and figurative head of government."

He said that when something like the Rainbow Lounge raid in Fort Worth or a raid at a gay bathhouse happens, the mayor's job is to say, "This is wrong. I'm going to go gather the facts."

The mayor needs to know when something's wrong, he said.

"That's why so many people feel burned by Leppert," he said.

Luna said that the mayor also appoints the chairs to all boards and commissions, which many council members served on before being elected to office and Rawlings was president of the park board.

The mayor makes committee assignments. When Councilmember Angela Hunt opposed Leppert's positions, he took those assignments away.

"The mayor helps distribute the power," Luna said.

In the race between Kunkle and Rawlings, Luna said, "I have my preference, but from a community standpoint, we can't lose." ■



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Perry, neither of whom has made any significant outreach to the LGBT community in this race.

But the runoff battle between Betsy Price and Jim Lane to replace Moncrief as mayor has been a different story. Both candidates have expressed support for equality and fair treatment, and — for the first time ever — Fort Worth’s mayoral candidates participated in a forum specifically on LGBT issues, held June 1 and sponsored by LGBT advocacy group Fairness Fort Worth and the North Texas GLBT Chamber of Commerce.

At that forum, Lane and Price said they believed the protections based on sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression in the city’s nondiscrimination ordinance should be maintained, although Price reportedly said of the ordinance at another forum in April that she didn’t “like the idea that the city is in this business at all.”

Both candidates said they support maintaining the Fort Worth Police Department’s LGBT liaison officer position and continuing diversity education training now mandated for all city employees. Both also said they would support continuing efforts to promote Fort Worth as a tourist and convention destination within the LGBT community.

Price and Lane both said, however, that when it comes to the one remaining item on the City Manager’s Diversity Task Force’s “to-do” list — expanding health benefits for transgender city employees — they need to study the issue further before making a decision on where they stand.

Fort Worth, like other cities in the Metroplex, has a “weak mayor” form of government, one where the city manager is the one with the power to hire and fire department heads, prepare the annual budget and oversee the day-to-day operations of the city.

Yes, the City Council is the entity that hires — and fires — the city manager. And yes, the council has final say on the budget. But, as Fort Worth’s gay Councilman Joel Burns pointed out, each council member including the mayor has just one of nine votes in deciding these and other questions.

So why does it matter so much whether the new mayor of Fort Worth supports equality and fair treatment for the city’s LGBT residents? Because of what the mayor represents.

“Yes, the mayor has one vote, the same as any other council member. But that one vote is an influential vote,” said Burns, who represents Fort Worth’s District 9 and was re-elected last month, without opposition, to a second full term.

“The mayor is in a position to take a leadership role, to use that office as a bully pulpit and set an example for other people on the council,” Burns continued. “The mayor can have a real influence on the way other council members vote on an issue.

“Look back at 2009 when we voted [to amend the nondiscrimination ordinance to include protections for transgenders]. Mayor Moncrief voted with us on that issue and we won. But we might

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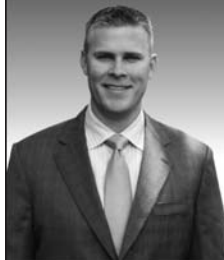
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not have won without the influence his vote may have had on some other councilmembers," Burns said.

"Plus, the mayor plays a very important role as the city's main ambassador," and the LGBT community benefits from having a mayor who promotes Fort Worth as a city that welcomes everyone, including LGBT visitors, and that treats its own LGBT citizens fairly, Burns said.

Burns said this week he doesn't expect to see many LGBT issues coming before the council in the near future; of the 20 initiatives and changes proposed by the City Manager's Diversity Task Force in the months after the Rainbow Lounge raid, 19 have already been approved and implemented.

The one proposal not yet approved involves health care benefits for trans employees. City staff have been studying the potential costs of expanding those benefits and results of that research is likely to be presented when the council considers the budget later this year.

While the city has made tremendous progress, Burns said, LGBT residents need to stay involved and informed, and they need to get out and vote in the runoff on Saturday.

"We've made a lot of progress," he said, "but

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Fort Worth mayoral candidates Jim Lane, left, and Betsy Price

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## Cowtown voters turning out

Overall turnout in the May 14 general elections in both Dallas and Fort Worth hovered at around 10 percent.

Generally speaking, turnout in runoff elections tends to be lower than in general records. And if early voting is any indication, Dallas will meet that expectation.

Not so in Fort Worth.

In the May 14 election, 17,053 people voted early, including those who mailed their ballots in.

According to the Tarrant County elections website, through the end of early voting on Tuesday, June 14, 16,152 voters had cast early ballots — and that total does not include mail-in ballots, meaning the final early vote tally for the runoff is likely to exceed the general election early vote total.

Poll watchers have suggested that a runoff between Dennis Shingleton and Jon Pery for the District 7 City Council seat along with a bond issue election in the Keller school district — part of which lies inside the Fort Worth city limits — are helping bring voters back to the ballot box for the runoffs.

But that may not be the big draw. Gay Fort Worth Councilman Joel Burns said this week that it is the mayoral runoff between Betsy Price and Jim Lane that likely has voters responding.

"This is really the first contested mayoral race Fort Worth has had since 1977," Burns said. "Even back in 2003 when Cathy Hirt and Mike Moncrief were running to replace Kenneth Barr, everyone knew that Moncrief was going to win.

"This is the first time in more than 30 years that we are going into election day not knowing, really, who will be the next mayor. This is a close race still."

Polls in Fort Worth will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, June 18.

—Tammie Nash

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now we need to make sure we don't take any steps backward."

Lisa Thomas, an openly gay member of Fort Worth's Human Rights Commission and president of Tarrant County Stonewall Democrats, echoed Burns' sentiments.

"I believe it is imperative that we elect a mayor

in Fort Worth that supports the rights of all citizens and visitors," Thomas said in an email this week to Dallas Voice.

"The LGBT community has come so far in the past two years. ... But there is more to be done, and we need a mayor that understands our issues and ... [We need to] continue to improve the working relationships that have been developed," Thomas said. ■

## ■ HIGHTOWER

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Arlington's District 5 are defying conventional wisdom. And Chris Hightower thinks that's a good sign.

Hightower is the gay man challenging incumbent Lana Wolff for the District 5 seat on Arlington's City Council. Hightower came out on top of the five-candidate heap in the May 14 general election, with 39 percent of the vote. Wolff, first elected to the council in 2003, earned a place in the runoff with 35 percent of the vote.

In the May 14 general election, District 5 voters cast 1,179 early ballots, including mail-in ballots. Of those early votes, 42 percent went to Hightower, compared to 34 percent to Wolff.

Early voting for the runoff ended Tuesday, June 14, with a total of 1,196 ballots, including mail-in ballots, cast, Hightower said.

Hightower, who if he is elected would be Arlington's first openly gay council member, said this week that he has concentrated his runoff campaign efforts on keeping his supporters motivated and on getting them back out to the polls for a second time.

"We feel good," Hightower said Wednesday, June 15. "I think the early vote shows we've got a lot of motivated voters out there."

Hightower said that there are a number of "hot-button" issues drawing voters back to the poll, in-

cluding the city's thoroughfare development plan and a hike and bike plan now under consideration. But, he added, he thinks voters' desire for new representation is the biggest draw.

"It's been awhile since we had any real change at City Hall, and the voters are ready for it now," Hightower said.

Although none of the other four candidates in the general election tried to make an issue of Hightower's sexual orientation — and Wolff has not done so in the runoff — the candidate did find himself the target of anti-gay campaigning by at least one Arlington resident.

"It happened in the general election campaign, and it continued into the runoff," Hightower said. "I guess that kind of thing is probably typical of politics in general. But we're just keeping our head down and keeping on talking about the real issues, the things the voters care about. And I think [the anti-gay tactics] are falling on deaf ears.

"The personal attacks just aren't getting it any more," he continued. "Voters in municipal elections are smart. They are concerned about the real issues, things like good streets, cutting down on crime and keeping the city safe, creating and keeping good neighbors. Those kinds of personal attacks just aren't getting any traction with the voters."

Hightower added, "People care about the issues. People are ready for a change, and we have given them something to vote for." ■

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# Helping change begin at home

NGLTF staffer says national organization focuses on grassroots to help local activists make change at home and nationally

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Change happens one person at a time, and change begins at home. That's why the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, even though it is a national organization, focuses on activism at the grassroots level.

NGLTF Deputy Executive Director Darlene Nipper, in Dallas recently to talk with local activists and offer NGLTF's help, said, "Our approach is working to collaborate and strengthen the grass roots community. We strengthen home communities to advance LGBT rights."

NGLTF held its annual Creating Change conference in Dallas last year, and over the course of the months spent preparing for the conference, the organization's staff made friends here.

"We spend time in places where we've held conferences," she said, working to continue developing those relationships.

Nipper congratulated Dallas activists on their recent successes with Dallas County, the Dallas Area Rapid Transit board and Dallas Independent School District, and saying NGLTF was available to help as the community continues to move forward.

When NGLTF works with a community, Nipper said, the organization encourages local activists to ask, "What do you need?" and "What do we have?" — and then compare the answers.

The goal, Nipper said, is to build power, to get resources, to fight ballot measures and to pass inclusive legislation and ordinances.

"I'm proud of how we engage with people," she said.

She called Creating Change the town square of the movement.

"Everyone else, all the groups come [to Creating Change] to strategize," Nipper said.

She credited the organization's ability to play that strategic role to NGLTF's history as the oldest national LGBT organization.

"There's something about being a little older," she said — hinting that not only is NGLTF older, but also maybe a little wiser in its approach, although she stressed how well the various LGBT groups work together.

Each of the different advocacy organizations have a role to play, Nipper said, and the Task Force's niche is grassroots organizing.

"We're on the ground doing the training and preparing the local folks to do what they need to do to get the local ordinances passed," Nip-



**CREATING CHANGE** | While in Dallas to meet with supporters, NGLTF Deputy Executive Director Darlene Nipper discussed the Task's Force's work. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

per said.

She said that much of the language for local ordinances, especially those that are gender-inclusive, comes from language NGLTF has written. The organization has studied effective anti-bullying legislation and suggests wording to local groups working on the issue.

On the federal level, Nipper said the LGBT community has been very successful recently, noting that, "Monumental change has been going on."

She pointed to four big pieces of legislation have been, if not passed, at least seriously considered: Defense of Marriage Act repeal, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, repeal of the 'don't ask, don't tell policy' and hate crimes legislation, "which we got and never celebrated. I'm not sure what that's about."

Nipper said the community has also been very successful in making concrete policy change at the administration level, stuff that

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# 'Traditional values' take a hit in the polls

Percentage of people saying government should 'promote traditional values' drops below 50 percent for the 1st time

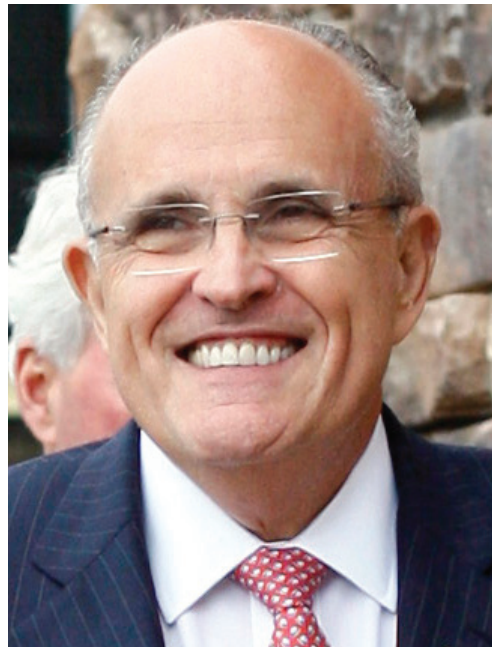
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"Traditional values" didn't do too well in the latest CNN poll of American adults.

For the first time in the 18 years since the question was first asked, the percentage of adults thinking that the government should "promote traditional values" has dropped below 50 percent.

Of the 1,015 adults surveyed between June 3 and 7, 46 percent said the government should promote traditional values, but 50 percent said government should "not favor any set of values." Four percent had no opinion.

The survey results, which were released Sunday, June 12, had a margin of error of plus or minus three points.



**HIGH AND LOW** | Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, left, had the highest favorability ratings of possible Republican presidential candidates in a recent CNN poll. Former Alaska Gov. Sara Palin, right, had the highest 'unfavorability' rating.

Just last year, 53 percent of respondents said government should promote "traditional values" and, according to CNN, past polls have shown support as high as 59 percent (in October 2001 and January 1996).

But since the question was first asked, in 1993, responses have fluctuated dramatically.

In 2001, for instance, the question was asked in September and again in October. In September 2001, 53 percent said government should promote "traditional values"; in October, 59 percent said so.

The previous low point for traditional values came in September 2005, when only 50 percent of adults said government should promote them.

CNN did not explain what it meant by "traditional values," but in political discourse, the phrase has emerged as code for "anti-gay."

The right-wing Traditional Values Coalition defines traditional values as including the view that homosexuality is an abomination, but also includes views that are anti-abortion, pro-death penalty and pro-religion.

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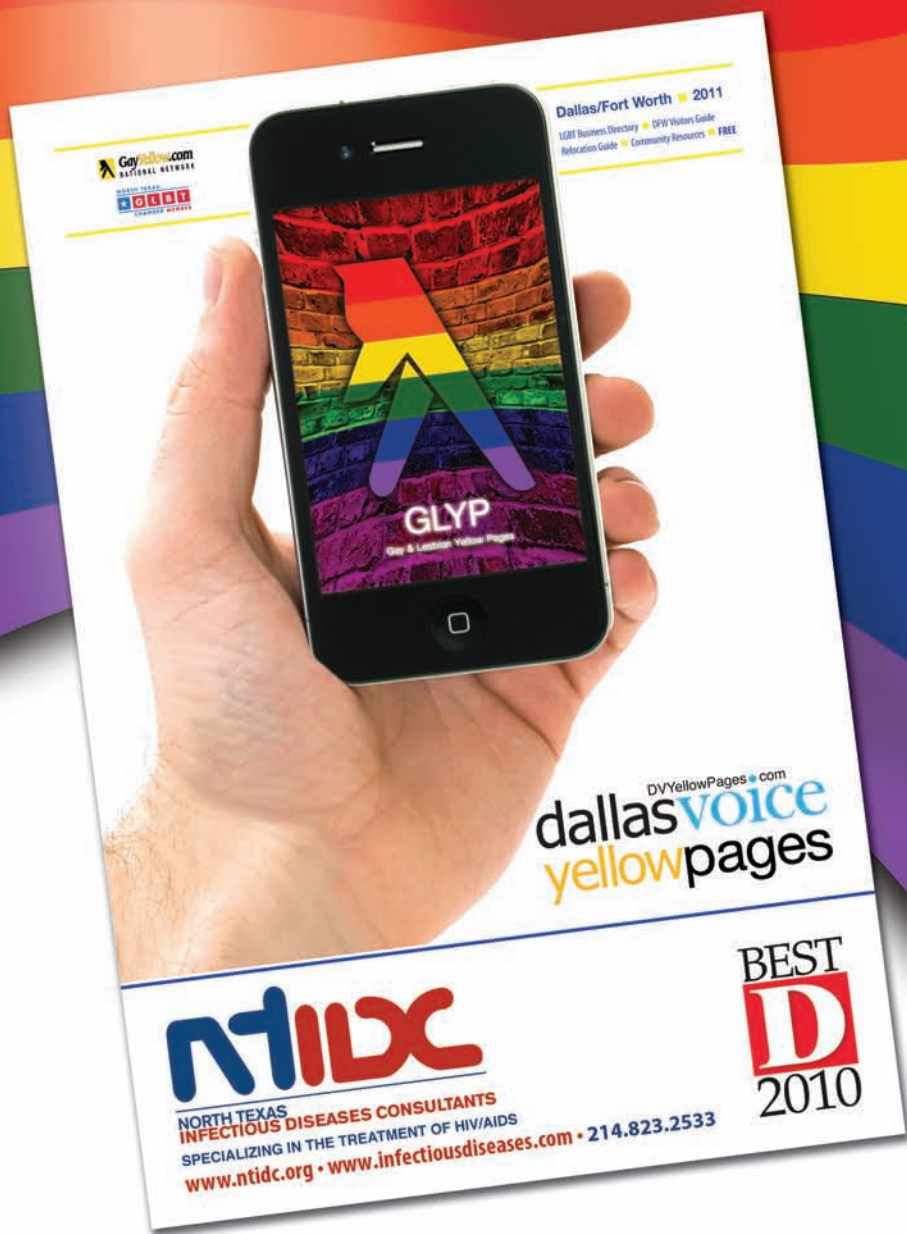
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can get done without Congress," on issues ranging from hospital visitation to the census count.

Having LGBT people counted as part of the census might not seem like a huge advance, Nipper said, but it can have a huge impact because being counted includes the LGBT community as part of the fabric of American culture.

"Every dollar in the federal budget begins with the census," she noted.

Nipper also pointed out that many agencies have begun taking laws and regulations such as the Family Leave Act and applying them to the LGBT community. The State Department expanded regulations relating to diplomats' families and extended those to cover same-sex partners.

"HUD has changed the definition of family because of the work that we do," she added, giving credit for much of that change to NGLTF's New Beginning Initiative.

She explained that the Task Force approached President Obama's transition team members before he even took office, presenting team members with about 80 regulatory policies the activist thought could be changed by agency heads or the White House.

"The transition team used that as a strategy for changes they could make," Nipper said. "They took it on because it was so clear. It gave us a jump-start."

Among the issues the Task Force embraced last year at the Creating Change conference in Dallas was benefits equality for the elderly.

"We have a public policy and government affairs office so we have a person working on aging related issues," Nipper said, adding that inequality in social security benefits and taxes

are at the top of the agenda.

Recently, the Task Force has been working with Transportation Security Administration, saying that new security procedures and equipment can create situations where transgenders might be treated with disrespect and even attacked.

Nipper said that the new technology gave NGLTF new opportunities to talk to federal officials to work out new policies that will respect the transgender community.

The list of issues, regulations and policies NGLTF is working on is long.

"We work on education bills," Nipper said. "We're working on ENDA."

More generally, she said that when the new Congress came into office in January, NGLTF strategizes with other groups about how to get any bills passed over the next two years.

"We need to identify who's on our side. Who's willing to stand for equality?" she said.

Nipper said means identifying LGBT-friendly Republicans and working with them, as well as identifying Democrats who are not supportive.

"One of the most exciting things we're working on to compliment the wide array of leadership development is that we're doing an on line academy," she said. "People can get training on line."

The Task Force Academy for Leadership and Action includes tools, resources, a resource library and a component that is interactive and developmental and parts of the program are tailored to the individual.

Nipper said it's a good way to feel connected between Creating Change conferences.

The next Creating Change conference will be held in Baltimore Jan. 25, which was moved earlier next year to not conflict with the Super Bowl. ■

For more information about the on line academy and NGLTF, visit [TheTaskForce.org](http://TheTaskForce.org).

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Some polls have asked questions concerning "traditional marriages," usually seeking respondents' views on allowing same-sex couples to marry.

Two years ago, Fox News asked, "Do you think straight people in your community who have traditional religious values are tolerant of gays and lesbians and their beliefs?" Sixty-seven percent said they think straight people in their communities are "very tolerant" or "somewhat tolerant."

CNN's question was asked this year along with questions concerning Republican candidates for president, in a preview of CNN's debate Monday night with seven GOP contenders.

CNN asked survey participants to express their opinions on 10 potential candidates. Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who has suggested he might run, had the highest fa-

vorability ranking.

Fifty-five percent of adults surveyed said they had a favorable opinion of Giuliani. He was followed by former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney with 39 percent, and U.S. Rep. Ron Paul of Texas with 34 percent.

Former vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin earned the highest "unfavorability" rating: 52 percent of respondents said they had an unfavorable opinion of the former Alaska governor.

Palin was followed by former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, of whom 44 percent of respondents said they had an unfavorable opinion.

Interestingly, the respondents also identified Palin as the Republican who represents values of Republicans.

The Democratic Party fared better than the Republican Party in the poll. While 55 percent of those surveyed said they had a favorable view of the Democratic Party; only 49 percent had a favorable view of the GOP. ■

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### Midway Hills hosts forum on intolerance

Speakers focus on the impact of prejudice on the LGBT community

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The more that members of Midway Hills Christian Church talked about bullying, the more they realized how frequently the issue of religious intolerance came up, usually as the root of bullying.

"We saw it impacting people's lives across the spectrum," said Roger Wedell, an openly gay Midway Hills member.

And as the discussions continued, the more adamant the church members became about the necessity of finding ways to combat intolerance and bullying. Out of those discussions was born the church's new Tolerance Task Force.

The task force has since issued a Statement on Religious Intolerance and on June 12 hosted its first town hall on the subject. A second meeting will be held on Monday, June 20, and the public is invited to share their personal experiences.

The Rev. Terry Zimmerman, the senior minister at Midway Hills, called the statement "a call to solidarity of faith groups which present an alternative voice to the ones that speak the loudest and provide the most inflammatory sound bites for the media."

But Zimmerman hopes the meetings result in more than just preaching to the choir.

"We're hoping there are other groups out there as interested as we are, to form an alliance and share information," he said.

Zimmerman said it's the bad news that always makes headlines. But he recently attended a conference of clergy sponsored by Human Rights Campaign where he learned that studies show a majority of people want equal rights for everyone.

"That says to me they want tolerance," Zimmerman said.

He said that recent events such as passage of anti-bullying legislation have helped bring his traditionally liberal congregation alive again.

"So much damage has been done in the name of religion," Zimmerman said. "So many people have given up on church when it doesn't stand up for what it knows is right."

He and members of his congregation want to make sure, through the Tolerance Task Force, that people know Midway Hills does stand up for what they know is right.

"We're hoping through this to let a broader spectrum of the community know there are other voices out there," Wedell said.

Midway Hills has been an open and affirming congregation since the 1970s. When the AIDS crisis hit, they were one of the original churches that worked with AIDS Interfaith Network. Beginning in the early '90s, they



The Rev. Terry Zimmerman

hosted P-FLAG, which met at the church for more than a decade. The church is a member of Disciples of Christ.

Just because there are louder voices that are intolerant, he said, doesn't mean those are the only voice.

The first panel included two people who discussed the impact of intolerance.

One is Becky Holmes, a candidate for ordination at Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University. She spoke about the impact intolerance has had on her, first as woman dealing with leadership of the Southern Baptist Church and then as a lesbian.

The other is Jeremy Liebbe, a volunteer with Youth First Texas who spoke on the struggle youth have with their sexual orientation and gender identity. After surviving several suicide attempts, he assists other youth deal with the intolerance they face.

The upcoming panel includes three speakers. One is a counselor who works with Youth First Texas and will talk about youth issues.

In addition, Betsy Winter will discuss the journey of the Presbyterian Church to reach its new position on the ordination of gay and lesbian clergy, and Melissa Weaver, a staff attorney with Human Rights Initiative, will speak about the impact on immigrants seeking asylum.

Zimmerman said that at the first meeting, he felt a sense of helplessness that feeds on itself.

"We need to break that chain so people can be empowered," he said. "We're helping people find their voice." ■

*Midway Hills Christian Church, 11001 Midway Road, Monday, June 20 at 7 p.m.*

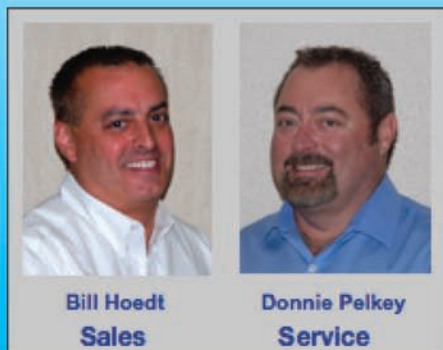
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# Dealing with the 'A' word

We appreciate our allies, but we also want to preserve our LGBT-only space

As most of my friends and readers know, I am an active member of the leather community. What you might not know is that there is currently a brouhaha raging in that community about who really belongs and doesn't belong.

It reminds me of the debates about how many letters to append to LGBT. Right now it's up to eight with a tongue-twisting "LGBTQQAI" as the latest permutation (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Allies, Intersex).

The letter that has caused so much discussion among leather folk is the "A," which stands for "allies" in the alphabet soup that is political correctness.

I have a great affinity for allies, and most of them would fall into the category of "straight."

Straight people, or the "heterosexuals" as some call them, are not a bad group for the most part. Some of my best friends are straight, and to their credit they often march with us in the local Pride parade.

The problem in the leather world with straight people is that not all of them are allies. Many of them fall into the category of what I could call "sexual tourists," free-thinking (or at least thrill-seeking) heterosexuals who poke about in the world of leather to spice up their love lives.

Now, I am not opposed to people having rich and exciting sex lives. I think that is one of the great gifts our creator endowed us with.

Sex can be fun, if you do it right, and so I have no problem sharing advice and venues with my straight fellows.

Where I do have a problem is when they take over space that was previously the venue of queer leatherfolk or, more often, state their resentment at queer leatherfolk wanting their own spaces.

In the vanilla world this is happening as well. Just look at the gentrification of gayborhoods across the country.

When the San Francisco Eagle Tavern, a landmark of leather history in that city, closed to be remodeled as a straight bar the issue became even clearer.

Right here in Dallas, the Oak Lawn/Cedar Springs gayborhood is in flux as well. New businesses and developments are springing up everywhere.

That in itself is not a bad thing, but when folks move into what is essentially an "entertainment district" they have to expect the kind of lifestyle that goes with the territory.

I have heard complaints about parking on the street—not surprising since parking is at a premium.

But for those who are miffed about it, try finding a parking space in Greenwich Village in New York.

Recently, new metrosexual residents of San Francisco's Castro District have been bemoaning the open display of affection between same-sex couples on the street. Well, when you move into the most famous gay neighborhood in the world, you are going to see that!

Same thing here in Dallas; it comes with the territory.

As in the leather community, there are spaces that have been staked out through years of struggle as "leather-space," and though we have made our straight friends welcome, they cannot expect us to surrender the space completely.

In our LGBT community as well, we can welcome our allies, but not surrender our identity or our "queer space" to them.

It is not a matter of hospitality, it is a matter of preserving hard-earned turf.

I understand that many LGBT folks want to fully

assimilate into society, and I believe that is not a bad thing when it comes to rights and duties of citizenship in our country.

But I also do not want to blend in so completely that I disappear.

Like many ethnic minorities, I still value the culture I grew up with as a gay man, and I don't want to see all of it surrendered to make straight allies feel welcome. They are welcome as long as they understand the importance of our space.

It is true in the LGBT community and the leather community, and it is something our allies would be better off understanding.

As a child I used to complain to my mother about Mother's Day. "When is kids day?" I'd ask her.

And she would smile and answer: "Every day is kids day."

Now I understand her logic.

In our society, everywhere is "straight space," so neither we nor our allies should find it unusual at all that we want our own "queer space." ■

Hardy Haberman is a longtime local LGBT activist and a member of Stonewall Democrats of Dallas. His blog is at <http://dungeondiary.blogspot.com>.



Hardy Haberman  
Flagging Left

## Feedback

### Incident at fundraiser a stark reminder of how far we have to go

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** On Tuesday, June 28, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Dallas Voice and a host of HIV/AIDS service organizations in Dallas-Fort Worth will sponsor a public forum at Cathedral of Hope's Interfaith Peace Chapel, AIDS @ 30: A Community Forum. Then on Friday, July 1, Dallas Voice will publish a special issue marking the 30th anniversary of AIDS, also exploring where we stand today in terms of prevention efforts, treatments and development of a vaccine, and where those efforts are headed.

This week, Dallas Voice received the following letter from Donnie Pangburn that makes it clear, no matter how far we've come in the battle against HIV/AIDS, we still have a very long way to go, even when it comes to educating our own community.

Officials at LOGO were contacted and given an opportunity to respond to the following letter. By press deadline on Wednesday, June 15, they had not responded.

The June 11 Weenies and Martinis event at Jack's Backyard was produced by Team Dallas Voice to benefit

Lone Star Ride Fighting AIDS. Team Dallas Voice accepted the offer by the producers of LOGO's A-List Dallas to participate and film the event.

#### Appalled by lack of HIV knowledge

I went to Jack's Backyard to a going-away party for a friend on Saturday, June 11, and soon realized there was a fundraiser raffle going on to support HIV/AIDS services through the Lone Star Ride Fighting AIDS. Of course, it made the evening more enjoyable to me as not only have I been a volunteer at Resource Center Dallas for years and have donated a lot of time and money to the cause—not only with our community, but with organizations in Africa as well—I am also HIV-positive myself and therefore know first hand the daily struggles that anyone with HIV faces.

It is my understanding that cast members of LOGO's A-List Dallas were there at the event to sell

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raffle tickets.

One of the A-Listers, Phillip Willis, approached me and my friends and asked us to donate \$20 for some raffle tickets. I instantly reached into my pocket and gave him \$20. I asked Phillip what they were raffling off, and he stated, "It doesn't matter; it's for a good cause. It's for all those poor, sad, old people."

I asked whom he was referring to, and he just winked and said, "You know — them." I replied, "No, I don't. Who are you referring to?" He said, "You know, those ones who have AIDS." My response to him was, "I am HIV-positive, and I'm not poor or sad."

His mouth just dropped open, and he just walked away without saying another word.

I chose then to approach the Lone Star Ride table and, in tears and anger, asked who was in charge. I explained to him exactly what happened. I was immediately dismissed and told, "Well, if you want to go talk to the cast member, Phillip, he's around."

That's all he had to say.

I took his advice and approached Phillip and said, "I'd like to introduce you to my friends." I then proceeded to educate him on his lack of tact and knowledge. He instantly replied, "I don't know what you're talking about, and I never said that."

He attempted to leave, but I told him I wasn't finished speaking. I once again tried to educate him, but he didn't want to have anything to do with it. So he chose to walk away, without saying another word — no apology, nothing.

I am hurt, and I am furious that Phillip Willis was so incredibly uneducated and full of disregard — and he was there to represent an organization in our GLBT community and to represent himself as an upstanding citizen of the GLBT community of Dallas.

I am also extremely upset at LOGO, who obviously did not do their homework in choosing the cast members for their show.

Please know that regardless of how this hurts me personally or how angry I am, this is not about me. This is about the increasing number of men between the ages of 18 and 25 who are contracting HIV in our community. According to my

doctor, it is spreading like wildfire. Something needs to be done.

If my letters, conversations and emails prevent just one person from contracting HIV, then I've done my job.

*Donnie Pangburn, Dallas*

### A response from LSR

As president of the board of Lone Star Ride Fighting AIDS, I would like to thank Donnie Pangburn.

There are specific, definable moments in our lives when an event, a trigger, compels us to no longer be silent and instead, speak out. The comment made to Donnie about people with HIV/AIDS at our Weenies & Martinis event on June 11, was just such a definable moment.

Those words changed everything for him. Instead of simply getting angry, he got busy.

This experience for Donnie and for all of us at Lone Star Ride is a painful reminder that this kind of ignorance and discrimination still exists, as unbelievable as we wish it were 30 years into the fight against HIV/AIDS.

We are outraged by Donnie's experience, as everyone should be. The fact that these statements were made, not just by a member of our community, but by a person who was attending an LSR event to help raise money for HIV/AIDS, is unfathomable to us.

As a gay female, who has lost many friends and been involved with HIV/AIDS causes, I thought everyone in the gay community knew and cared about HIV/AIDS. I thought our own community would be the place that people living with HIV/AIDS would be safe from the discrimination and stigma. Boy, was I wrong.

According to the prevention program at Resource Center Dallas, it believed that a quarter-million Americans have HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, and are not aware of it. More than 40,000 Americans are infected with HIV every year.

Gay men, bisexual men and heterosexual men who have sex with men account for more than half of new HIV infections. In Dallas County, we continue to see an increased infection rate in people between the ages of 13 and 25, as well as those over the age of 45.

Although we have made a great many strides in education about and treatment of HIV/AIDS, it is apparent that there is more to be done. There is still a segment of society, even in our own community, that clings to the myth that, "It can't happen to me." It is not until we have experiences like this or encounter personal tragedy, that we are willing to change our attitudes and behaviors.

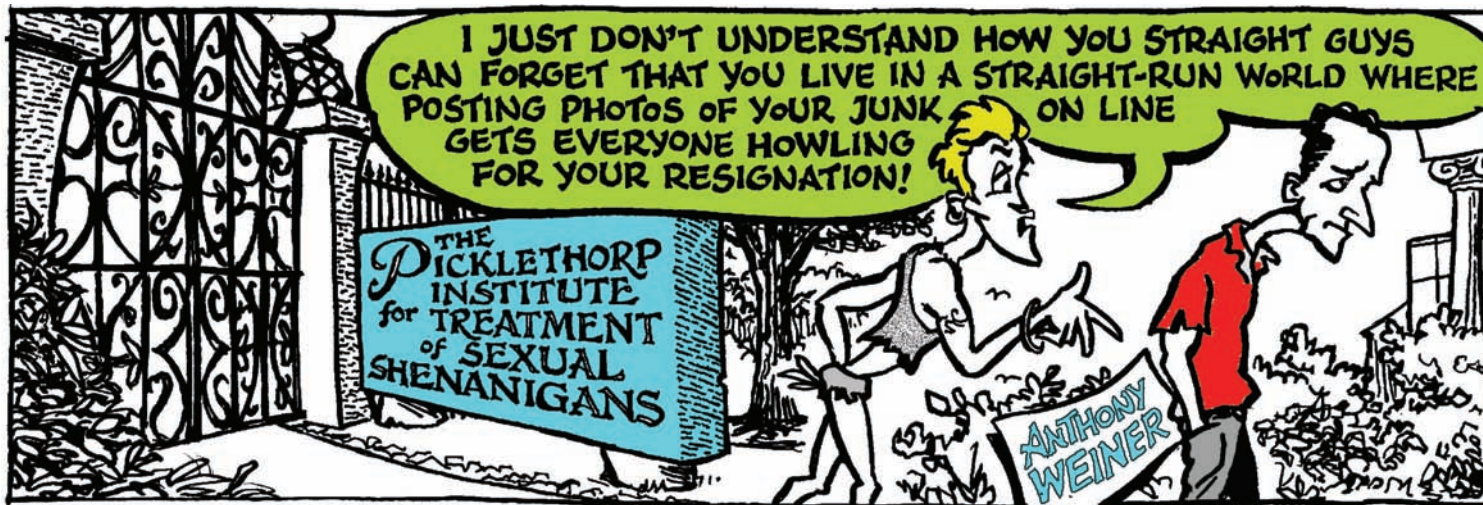
If you, too, are incensed by what Donnie experienced, join him. Do something. Donate time or money — anything. Just please, get educated.

Know your risk, know your status, and above all, make smart choices. If you need help or information, contact one of the local AIDS services organizations.

I would like to personally express my gratitude to Donnie and others like him that continue to speak out against this type of discrimination and strive to erase the stigma of HIV/AIDS.

*Laura Kerr, president, Board of Directors, Lone Star Ride Fighting AIDS*

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For co-parenting couple **Tyler Scoresby** and **Jonathan Ingram**, every day feels like **Father's Day**

**T**he story of Tyler Scoresby and Jonathan Ingram, like all good gay love stories, started at the gym. That's where Ingram, a graphic designer, and Scoresby, a physician, met more than three years ago, not long after Scoresby came out and divorced his wife of seven years. Scoresby dated a few men before Ingram, "but he was the first to express a definite interest in meeting my kids."

"Before he'd let me get involved with them, he kind of interviewed me!" Ingram says.

"I told him, there are times when I'll have the kids but you may want to go out with friends. But he was really clear about wanting to be a dad with me," Scoresby says.

And that's exactly what they are now.

Currently, the couple (they legally wed in Provincetown, Mass., last September) share custody with Scoresby's ex-wife, getting the kids — Ella, 8, and Brett, 6 — every Thursday, the first, third and fifth weekend each month, select holidays and all of July ("a traditional set-up," Scoresby calls it). And they will have them this Sunday, June 19 — Father's Day. But honestly, they don't expect to make a big deal out of it.

"We have no major plans," Scoresby says, 35. "We have fun every weekend. When there are two parents [in a heterosexual household], the woman usually gets the kids to celebrate Father's Day. But it's just us celebrating each other."

"We keep them active all the time," Ingram adds. "We do crafts, play on the trampoline, take road trips," including one next month to California to see the Redwood Forest. And being that there are two fit, athletic men leading this household, roughhousing is the rule, not the exception. The kids seem to love it.

Scoresby calls Ingram "a perfect partner in parenting. Neither of us has a defined role. We don't try to compare it to a straight relationship."

The children have taken to Ingram whole-heartedly. They call Scoresby "Daddy" and Ingram "Jonathan," but both act, and are treated, like full parents.

"A lot of times I think they like him better than they do me," Scoresby jokes. "They respect him like a parent and he loves them like one."

Ingram, now 41, had been interested in having children when he was younger, "but you put it aside when you come out. If I was going to have kids, it was not going to be an easy road." He came from a fairly large family himself, which included one adopted sister.

Meeting Tyler, Ella and Brett presented an opportunity to be the dad he always wanted to be.

"Parenting comes naturally for me," he says. "I get to do the same stuff as Tyler without dealing with the divorce. Everything else I deal with — motivating them, teaching them how to ride bikes, cleaning up after them, reading books to them at night or dealing with a nightmare — is the same."

But they do try to operate under a different set of rules. Both had been reared in nurturing but conservative straight households that put an

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**A FAMILY UPSIDE-DOWN** | Jonathan Ingram, left, with 6-year-old Brett and biological dad Tyler Scoresby, right, with 8-year-old Ella, show how a family with two gay dads can be a rough-and-tumble affair — and the kids seem to love it. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)



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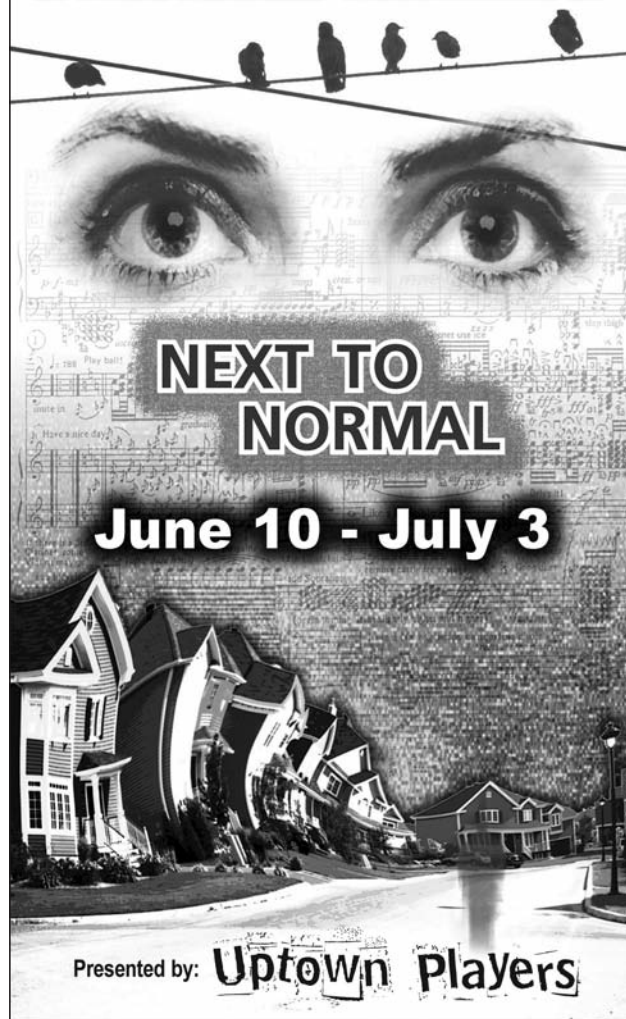
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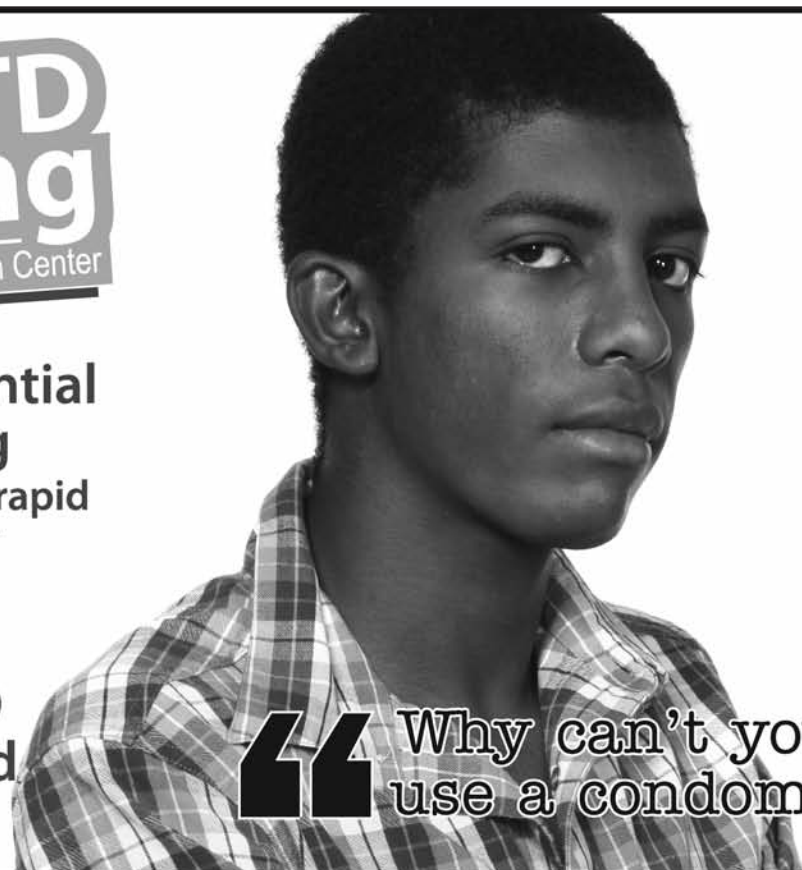
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**BOUNCE** | One advantage in a two-dad household? Lots of fun physical activities, like jumping on the backyard trampoline. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

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emphasis on values, and saw aspects of parenting they liked. But they wanted to achieve those goals their own way.

"When there aren't set roles, it gives you a lot of freedom," Ingram says. "For instance, there are many ways to be a moral person that are not tied to religion. So every Sunday morning [when we have them], we spend about an hour and a half on what we call 'human time.' We like to think of it as the next generation of parenting."


They did worry at first about how to introduce Ingram as Daddy's partner, though that has ended up being unexpectedly easy.

"Because they were so young [when we met], they really don't remember what their lives were like before me," Ingram says. "We certainly show affection around them like any straight parents would." About a year into the relationship, they read Ella *And Tango Makes Three*, a children's book about a family of same-sex penguins.

"Ella was already around clearly defined families and we wanted to make sure she could always tell her friends, 'Yeah, I have two dads,'" Ingram says. "We said, 'Do you understand our family is a little different, but that doesn't mean we are less or bad?' She pointed at the penguins and said, 'That's me, that's you, that's Daddy.' It was like she already got it."

That's one reason you won't hear the dads talk down to Ella and Brett. They explain honestly why someone is there to photograph them, and both kids pose like burgeoning runway models. And they are excited to start human time soon.

It's all going so well, in fact, the couple have talked about having more kids, whether through adoption or surrogacy. But whatever they decide, one thing is certain: With two men in the house, every day feels like Father's Day. ■



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# Just Koz

Out saxophonist (and proud oenophile) **Dave Koz** turns collaboration into musical art

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Saxophone player Dave Koz likes to have several things on his plate, so it makes sense that he'd want to pair them with wine — his *own* wine. He admits to not being a lover of vino, but an outright oenophile who drinks and appreciates it.

He describes his brand's cabernet, from the Napa Valley vineyard Vinum Cellar (there's also a Koz chardonnay and sauvignon blanc), as "very fruity, it's fresh," before settling on this: "You know, the best way to describe it is friendly. You share it with people you love and it puts you in a good mood."

While that description might also go for any number of vintages and varietals, it certainly is a good summation of the man Dave Koz, who performs at the Meyerson on Father's Day.

He has released 12 albums in a 23-year career, including 2010's *Hello Tomorrow*, which, as he has done time and time again, is

filled with collaborations from important names from the music world at large, including Herb Alpert, Keb' Mo' and Sheila E. And as with *Hello Tomorrow*, which fuses blues, funk and other styles into Koz's smooth sax sounds, his music puts the listener in a good mood.

That also goes for when he's tackling heavier themes, such as what inspired his latest album: The constant wave of change sweeping everyone's lives ... including his own.

"I was reeling with my own personal changes, including my mom passing away a few years ago, and the reality of that," says Koz. "There were also a lot of changes in my business, in my daily life. The more I started talking to people about it, I realized there were so many people waking up going, 'Wow, it's a lot different than I thought it was going to look.'"

The music he wrote for songs like "When Will I Know For Sure" and "Anything's Possible" tap into that, which is more open to interpretation

**JAZZ MAN** | Sax and cabernet share a place in the heart of Dave Koz, but it's only the former you'll enjoy at the Dallas Symphony on Sunday.

when it's mostly instrumental music (he also sings vocals on his take on the Burt Bacharach song "This Guy's in Love With You").

"Instrumental music is an interesting thing, because we're living in a vocal world," he says. "There's a transparency that comes when someone plays the saxophone or piano or guitar that allows the listener to have a more personal experience with that song. The idea is for me to put as much emotional information into that saxophone so that someone on the receiving end can feel something."

Having witnessed enough changes to inspire an album, one thing that surprisingly didn't change for him was when, at 40, he officially came out in a 2004 interview in *The Advocate*.

"I never thought I would do it, but it just kind of bubbled inside of me and next thing I knew I was coming out," he says. "It was the best decision I ever made. That being said, I would caution against telling anyone matter-of-factly that you have to come out. The reason it was a non-issue for me was because I was ready."

Koz says that his decision was embraced in the jazz community, which has had a perception of being homophobic. A few weeks ago, he invited fans to participate in a video shoot in Ventura, Calif., for "This Guy's In Love With You," with the idea to celebrate love, and being bold enough to love whomever you wish, regardless of sex, race, religion or creed. He called it a "love mob," and according to his website, it was a success.

Like his wines, proceeds from which benefit Starlight Children's Foundation, consider it just another thing he does for a good Koz. ■



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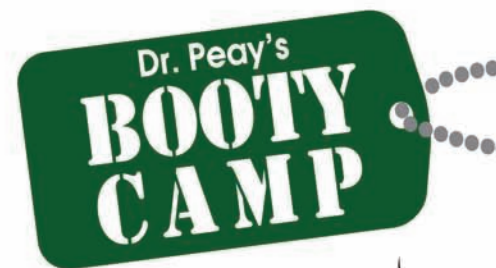
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# Let's misbehave

Turtle Creek Chorale,  
from Cole Porter & beyond

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The name Cole Porter conjures in most people an erudite American composer, the one who wrote the witty ditty "Anything Goes." But who knew he was kind of a perv — at least, as a lyricist?

While the members of the Turtle Creek Chorale plan to keep their composure in the upcoming concert *Night and Day: The Music of Cole Porter*, artistic director Jonathan Palant reveals that Porter had an edgy side. His song titles alone are some obvious give-aways, but hidden lyrics about penises and post-op eunuchs are shocking.

"He was really smart, but yeah, a little dirty," Palant says. "We're not singing those lyrics

of course, but it's not hard to figure it out with songs like 'I Wanna Be Raided By You' and 'Rub Your Lamp.'"

And then there's the snicker effect when Palant discusses the tunes that thread throughout the concert.

"The songs that link the show include 'Blow Gabriel Blow,' 'You're the Top' and... yes, I know," he says. "The TCC blows and tops Cole Porter — that could be your headline!"

The concert will, in true Turtle fashion, feature a heavy dose of fabulousness. It isn't just a celebration of Porter, it's a choral romp with showmanship. Michael Serrecchia directs and choreographs the show, which will feature the Turtle Tappers, a group of 15 dancers with a twist, dueting puppets, circus clowns and strongmen. Add featured vocalist Denise Lee and lead dancer Jeremy Dumont, and it will become an event.

Even while steeping in standards from the American Songbook, Palant and Serrecchia

bring a modern take to the program with some mashups, like Lee fusing "Let's Misbehave" and "Let's Fall in Love" in what Palant calls "a duet with herself." Yeah, and puppets.

"She's so funny and clever," he says. "The puppets are twins but she's the voice. We're thrilled to welcome her back to the stage. She has such a rapport with the men and the audience. You just fall in love with her."

"This is very much a fun, Friday night out at the movies show," Palant says. "It doesn't pull at heartstrings, there's no memorial, no loss but not 'ooey goeey.' It's just fun and people can come and enjoy. They don't have to think, they can just be entertained — which is one of the pillars of our mission."

With that, he does hint at what to expect in the near future. The chorale will mark its upcoming 32nd season with special guests including the Fort Worth Symphony and the return of the United States Army Chorus.

And, Palant promises, "an ode to Madonna." Both Madonnas, actually.

Until then, it's about Cole Porter and what he wants the audiences to not only enjoy, but learn from. Palant bets people are more familiar with Porter than they think: His melodies permeate everything from commercials to elevator music. For Palant, that is part of Porter's legacy and magic.

"When I listen to the radio, I go through the station until I find a song I like," he says. "Then I stay on that station to hear other songs. Porter's music transcends through history and sparks familiarity, so people will hear his popular songs but learn about new ones."

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# Soap. Opera.

John Jones gets down and dirty with his two passions —singing and handcrafting boutique soaps

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**FRESH SCRUBBED** | John Jones' soap-making business plan includes catering to gay boys and the church social blues hairs in Highland Park. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

John Jones toiled away complacently at his day job at an electric utility office, but he also had a creative side that needed nurturing. A healthy dose of entrepreneurialism led Jones to exercise control over his destiny and explore another aspect of his personality. And it included soap. And opera. "I always wanted to start my own business," Jones says. "I wanted to be creative, but it had to be something I could afford to do."

The thing was, Jones didn't have an exact idea of what he wanted to do. His only criteria were a cheap set-up cost and something that would feed his creative talents. His *a-ha* moment came while watching HGTV's *Househunters*, where a couple featured on one episode mentioned they were in the soap-making business and that they lived off of it. That piqued Jones' curiosity.

He bought books, did online research and soon found himself experimenting with lye and oil ratios and fragrance mixtures. Before too long, Jones came up with a recipe that he liked for handmade soaps — not from kits and poured into molds (that "isn't really making soap," he says), but crafted raw.

"I knew I could do that and it was fun and creative," he says. "Now I have these big pots I work with and my guest room is now my soap room."

Jones dashes off the lingo with ease, using terms like "saponify" (converting fat into soap) and extolling the benefits of using goat's milk as a base. While he sounds like an old pro, he's only been at it for a year. But he also realized he needed a new approach to make his product stand out in the marketplace.

It wasn't just ingredients that would set him apart, but his market. Jones wanted a line of *gay* soaps with campy names.

"I wanted cute, catchy titles for the different soaps," he says. "So I put ground coffee beans into my coffee bar, and oatmeal in my country bar. Others have their specific fragrances" as well. Leather bar, anyone? How about bear bar? And then there's his gay bar, with its rainbow layers.

Notice a pattern here? It's not by accident.

"I wanted a fresh, fun approach to this, not an old lady approach," he says. "Me being gay and a bear, I wanted that to be my target audience. So these aren't your normal soap scents."

Friends helped him with covering the spectrum of the kinds of "bars" he could frequent, hence products that include piano bar, disco bar, sports bar, even a Goth bar.

"That has dragon's blood in it," he explains.

Still, while he saw the gay community as a primary market, his soaps are good enough for anyone. Thanks to his mother, he found a niche market and created and named soaps geared toward the church-social crowd.

"I got the gays covered and the sweet, old Christian ladies, too," he laughs.

In October 2010, he created Velvet Rope Soaps, navigating the very scary ordeal of official state filings, obtaining liability insurance for cosmetic products, using invested monies in his company efficiently ...and, of course, making the soap. Jones' boyfriend helps him package the soaps and bath soaks, a scented bath salt that's his other item right now.

At first it was totally an online affair, but after sending out samples, Velvet Rope is now available on store shelves.

"Skivvies has been selling my product for the last four months," he says.

"They just put in their third order and added a second shelf! They've been great and I've been happy with it. Now some of my goals are getting it into the Highland Park area and Deep Ellum."

The soaps are still available online, with the added benefit that he can customize soaps, including helping customers develop personalized scents. But for the moment, his signature is branding the soaps with catchy phrases. Many have the company name on them, but he's open to something else. Just ask.

"I can monogram soaps, put custom labels, wedding dates," he says. "I was in the vendor market at Texas Bear Round-Up this year and my biggest seller was the leather bar soap branded 'cum pig.' Everyone said they were getting it for their boyfriend." Uh-huh.

As if his job and his business didn't keep him busy enough, there's also his interest in singing opera that siphons off his time. Jones is working with local musician and performance artist Kurtz Frausun on *The Dawn*, billed as an electronic German war opera. The avant-garde show is scheduled for a November premiere at the Eisemann Theatre in Richardson.

"Yeah, it's been an interesting experience," Jones says. "Kurtz composed the music around our singing. I've never done anything like this before."

But Jones is quick to get back to his soaps. He discusses potential new products, but wants to keep that under wraps. He has quickly become a savvy businessman even while discovering a new passion. At the very least, people can *always* use soap — and he encourages dropping it every once in a while.

"Oh yeah," he says. "Fun things can happen when you bend over in the shower."

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## Drawing Dallas

Cosmopolitan designer Douglas Allen is always a stranger, yet always at home

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**Name and age:** Douglas Allen, 48

**Spotted at:** Carlisle and Knight, walking his beagle, Belle

**Occupation:** Designer

Dallas is the landing pad for this world-traveling designer, who splits his time between the Big D, San Francisco, Chicago and London. This grey-topped quadragenarian certainly doesn't blend in with his heavy black frames set against thick salt-and-pepper hair.

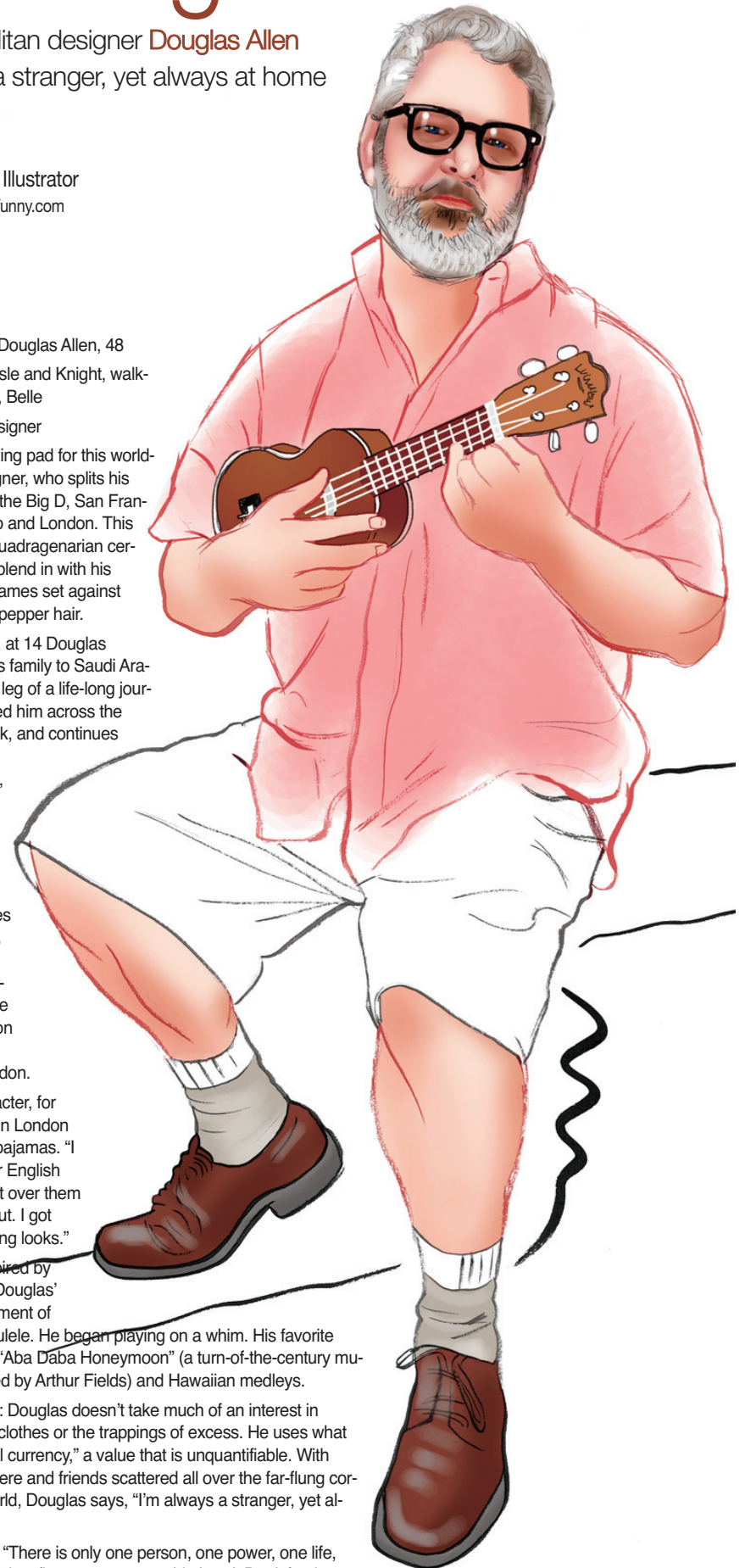
Born in Alabama, at 14 Douglas moved with his family to Saudi Arabia — the first leg of a life-long journey that has led him across the globe and back, and continues today. He speaks Arabic, French, Italian and a bit of Swedish. His trek continues next month, when he leaves for Cartagena, Colombia, where he's designing a home interior. As soon as it gets hot, he's off to London.

Definitely a character, for three months in London he only wore pajamas. "I threw a proper English summer jacket over them when I went out. I got some interesting looks."

**Grey hares:** Inspired by Bugs Bunny, Douglas' musical instrument of choice is a ukulele. He began playing on a whim. His favorite tunes include "Aba Daba Honeymoon" (a turn-of-the-century musical composed by Arthur Fields) and Hawaiian medleys.

**Social currency:** Douglas doesn't take much of an interest in money, fancy clothes or the trappings of excess. He uses what he calls "social currency," a value that is unquantifiable. With roots everywhere and friends scattered all over the far-flung corners of the world, Douglas says, "I'm always a stranger, yet always home."

**His philosophy:** "There is only one person, one power, one life, and each of us is a finger puppet on a big hand. Don't freak out over the journey or circumstance of your finger puppet identity because in reality you are the big hand. Accept 100 percent where you are. Don't resist. Accept and let go. That is the only way forward and out."



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# Cook Tesar

The Commissary, John Tesar's foray into burgers *and* fine-dining, is as bipolar as it sounds

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My foodrelationship with John Tesar is long and largely accidental.

He first cooked for me back when he worked at Rick Moonen's restaurant in Las Vegas, about six months before he took over the kitchen at the Mansion on Turtle Creek. I last ate his food at the Mansion about a week before his infamous, sudden departure a few years ago. He then turned up last fall at DIFFA's "Burgers and Burgundy" event; among a slate of excellent chefs, he made one of the top hamburgers there.

He "accidentally" cooked for me again at a soft opening for The Cedars Social last February, after the chef scheduled to cook got snowed in and he stepped up. That was soon before he opened his latest venture, The Commissary — really, the first resto that has been truly his: Not Moonen's, not a hotel's, not at a one-time charity benefit.

It's a puzzling name for any restaurant aiming for high-end status, sounding, as it does, like a functional, personality-free grocery store on a military base, or a lunchroom where the daily special is

apt to be creamed beef on toast, popularly called shit-on-a-shingle by all my Air Force family members. It doesn't really evoke fine dining.

Of course, the answer is that Tesar *isn't* trying to do anything high-end. Like the folks who started Twisted Root Burger Company — Cordon Bleu-trained chefs who just wanted to open a burger joint *they'd* eat at — he wants mass appeal, not critical cred.

Why, then, take over a space in One Arts Plaza vacated by Dali, a delightful wine bar that oozed sophistication? Tesar has changed the interior only slightly: The clear polycarbonate countertops with sunken cork remain, as do the artsy chairs; an oversized decorative clock looms over the dining room. (The bathrooms have been updated, artwork replaced by black slate on which are written rotating chalk drawings and sayings — "Go Mavs!" or "America Rocks!" ... stuff like that. I guess some could call it art; looks more like colorful toilet graffiti to me.)

And more to the point: Tesar *likes* the serious-chef mantle. He's reserved the chef's table, in a narrow, separate room along the main dining hall, for fancy, multi-course prix fixe meals, featuring foo-foo reductions and sous vide techniques and hoity-toity ingre-



dients.

If a restaurant could be diagnosed as bipolar, The Commissary would be in the DSM IV. The food certainly is good, sometimes great, but that schizophrenia dominates your opinion of it. At one dinner, two different folks took our drink order, only to deliver our table-neighbors' drinks to us. Later, long after my flatbread had been ravaged clean and my cocktails and water glasses were as dry as British wit, no refills were forthcoming.

It's not just dinner. At a recent lunch, our waitress was smart, informed about the menu and polite. She (or rather, the kitchen) also forgot our appetizers (both of them), which we only received *after* the entrees were well on the way to completion. Though we

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**DER COMMISSARY** | In the main dining room, the Tandoori lamb lettuce wrap burger, left, is do-it-yourself; in the chef's table, burgers are replaced by foie gras and lobster, above. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

ordered the deviled eggs *with* caviar, they arrived without. We got a ramekin of caviar *after* two of the three eggs were gone; we were charged full price for it.

That doesn't breed loyalty, even when the food is excellent.

And there is definitely excellence on the menu, mostly made up of gourmet burgers and foodie-targeted sides, with a sizeable alcohol selection. (The Commissary seems to have inherited much of Dali's wine list along with its décor.) The chips-and-salsa with guacamole (\$7) was serviceable enough, with a thick, potent salsa that was almost heavy enough to be a pasta sauce. Even better are the avocado fries (\$7), so thick they looked like fossilized raptor claws, until you bite into the soft, fleshy avocado strips, as buttery as a chardonnay.

Avocado makes its way onto a lot of dishes, including the Big-Tex

burger (\$9), though it was the salsa cruda that supplied the hearty punch to the taste buds. Like all the burgers, it came with a side of matchstick fries that you gotta love: Crunchy, thin, un-greasy and addictively salted. They really do call to mind commissary food, like something in a junior high cafeteria... which I mean in the best way. Comfort food expressed as a fried julienne potato. Sweet potato tots (\$4) make for a fun substitute.

The star of the burger menu, however, is The Farmer (\$9): 8 oz.

of grass-fed medium rare beef topped by a perfectly poached duck egg, white cheddar and a thin membrane of speck. You stare at it longer than seems Christian, admiring the beauty of the tuft of albumen, strained by gravity on the yolk to burst before your eyes. Before that happens, your hands grip around the brioche bun, jauntily astride the burger like a sporty tam-o'-shanter, breaking the seal; the yellow goo that doesn't make it to the back of your throat streams down your sleeves and onto the plate. It's a black hole of cholesterol from which pulses only waves of flavor and fat, but I'm not complaining. Eating it is a sensual food experience, and like most sensual things, messy. I've never had a burger here that didn't look like surgery after I'd finished.

Lower-cal versions ("super model" they call them, though I can't imagine seeing Kate Moss within a catwalk of a sloppy burger bar) are available, supposedly with lettuce wraps. The

one I ordered, the Tandoori lamb (\$8; also available on pita) was less wrapped than do-it-yourself ready. The tzatziki sauce was mild, though it blended well with the Tandoor spices.

In the private dining room, you sense the schizoid aspect even more prominently. Tesar is a self-confessed seafood chef, which makes the decision to do a burger joint puzzling in the first place. When he gets to stretch culinary muscle with a chef's tasting menu, it's heavy on scallops, oysters, cuttlefish; even a lobe of foie gras is undergirded with a piece of lobster.

The tasting menu, different each meal, is a fabulous affair, but even still, not really white-glove star treatment (maybe he'll come to the room to introduce each dish, maybe not), though unassailably well-conceived.

Some of the minor touches impress more than the big ones. The locally-made pickles are to-die-for yummy, and the pecan pie with housemade vanilla ice cream (even though I ordered it without; ah, well) chunky and rich.

Still, the Commissary's duality — high-end and down-home; exquisite presentation but only when they get the order right — taxes your patience. Service needs to improve, and the fennel/artichoke salad

should be 86'd (it's flat and flavorless), but I'd go again just to gaze upon that duck egg, dirty thoughts entering my head. Let it stain my shirt; true love always leaves scars. ■

**OVERALL RATING** ★★★★★

**The Commissary**, at One Arts Plaza, 1722 Routh St. Open Daily for lunch and dinner, 11 a.m. No reservations except for chef's table. [TheCommissaryDallas.com](http://TheCommissaryDallas.com).

Excellent burgers compete with a vague style and spotty service. The chef's table is fine and reasonable.

- Food:** ★★★★★
- Atmosphere:** ★★★★★
- Service:** ★★★★★
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# Dynamic duo

Dallas' fittest gay couples share their secrets for staying healthy and happy

It's been said that couples who bench-press together, stay together. OK, maybe that's never been said, but it should have been — especially about gay couples. There's something special about a relationship built on shared values, especially if those values include the inspiration and motivation to stay in shape. And, in an era when childhood obesity is alarmingly on the rise, recognizing those who stay fit as they age together seems like an especially responsible activity.

Which is why we kick off a new series in Dallas Voice dedicated to fit couples — those who bond over a decadent lunch of Bibb lettuce and Tic-Tacs instead of burgers and beer. You're unlikely to see a muffin in their hands — or a muffin top around their Spandex.

We begin the series with a couple who have made exercise a part of their lives and their relationship for more than 20 years.

— Jeff Tingley

**Names and ages:** Dave Swenson, 48, and James Maddox, 43.

**Occupations:** Swenson: Manager for a Frisco software company; Maddox: Customs broker

**Years together:** 21 in October.

**Sports:** Swenson: Swimming; Maddox: Running and biking.

**Exercise regime:** Swenson: I swim with the Dallas Aquatic Masters (DAM) three to four times a week. I also lift weights at the gym, but not nearly as often as I'd like. I used to run and do triathlons, but running injuries have pushed me more towards swimming.

Maddox: I lift weights five times per week, as well as run and row three times a week.

**Do you play any sports or are you on any leagues:** Swenson: I'm a registered U.S. Masters swimmer, and swim with the Dallas Aquatic Masters. I used to swim fairly regularly in masters swim meets, but I'm starting to enjoy open water swimming more than pool swimming. Last summer I swam in the Waikiki Roughwater swim in Hawaii, finishing second in my age group and 24th overall out of about 1,000 swimmers. In July, I'm swimming in the International Gay and Lesbian Aquatic Championships in Oahu, which includes another open water swim.

**Most memorable athletic goal accomplished:** Swenson: There have been a few, for different reasons. Qualifying for the 1984 Olympic Trials; being named to a U.S. National Swim Team; setting the SWC swimming record in the mile; breaking a world record in masters swimming; completing my first marathon; and watching James finish his first half-marathon.

Maddox: I have completed two half-marathons. It is a great feeling to cross that finish line after months of continual exercise and pushing yourself.

**Upcoming fitness goals:** Swenson: Just to remain active and healthy. If my legs hold out, I'd like to finish an Ironman distance triathlon one day.

Maddox: Lose 10 pounds for our July beach vacation.

**Least favorite piece of gym equipment:** Swenson: A treadmill — running in place is a slow form of torture.

**Least favorite exercise:** Maddox: Sit-ups!

**Workouts preference: mornings or evenings?** Maddox: I prefer to run in the evenings. However, as the temperature increases, I will run in the morning before work, when it is cooler. I primarily lift weights on my lunch hour and row in the evenings at the gym.

**Favorite spot in North Texas to exercise outdoors:** Maddox: White Rock Lake is beautiful. The Katy Trail has beautiful *people*. However, the Addison Trail, near my home, is nice and convenient, so I utilize it most often.

**If you could become an Olympian in any sport, what would it be and why:** Maddox: Gymnastics. The talent and skill of good gymnasts is so evident in their performance. The best ones make it look so easy. And, they have incredible physiques.

**How do you reward yourself for a great workout:** Maddox: Cheesecake and peanut butter!



**ATHLETIC PAIR** | World-class swimmer Dave Swenson, right, and his biking-running mate of 21 years James Maddox, left, will be headed to Hawaii next month for Swenson to compete in a major gay swimming meet. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

# Green energy

It's hit & myth with 'Green Lantern'

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They are debates familiar to most comic book fanboys: Who would win a foot race — Superman or the Flash? Who's smarter: Batman or Brainiac? Can Mr. Freeze make a beam so cold ... well, you get it. It's pointless fantasy-stuff — a script for *The Big Bang Theory* played out in real life dozens of times a day.

Add to that this conundrum: Is the human will stronger than the sense of fear? That's the ultimate premise of *Green Lantern*, the latest DC Comics hero to nab his own film franchise. And if you don't know the answer *right now*, well, you've never read a comic book. Or seen a summer movie.

Hal Jordan, the Earthling who became part of the Green Lantern Corps of protectors of the cosmos, was always one of my favorite superheroes. By day he was a test pilot — *a test pilot!* — but by night he could fly without an airplane or a cape, and got to wear a cool-ass ring and tights. Magic jewelry *and* camping equipment: It tapped into every gay pre-teen male's compet-

ing desires to be butch and fabulous.

There's a lot of mysticism and mythology in this cosmically scaled fantasy, and director Martin Campbell has settled on a phantasmagoric style more Bosch and Giger than Jack Kirby. Many of the scenes, especially those on the planet Oa, have the pearly, soft focus of '70s porn. It makes for a unique look, especially as



populated by thousands of alien species (humans are the poor green trash of the Corps), but it also makes you constantly aware that you are watching a CGI movie. *Avatar* made you believe in a different world; *Lantern* makes you believe only in the rampant use of green screen. It's *TRON* with aliens.

Which is not to say it's terrible. In fact, I tried, at various times before, during and after the movie, to want to love it or to hate it; I could do neither.

The script, co-written by *Brothers & Sisters* creator Greg Berlanti, isn't humorless, but lacks the razor wit and comic pacing of *Iron Man*. (The



'TRON' WITH ALIENS | Ryan Reynolds is ripped as the Green Lantern — who cares if he can act?

best line comes when Hal's girlfriend, played by Blake Lively, notes that the mask does not hide his identity very well: "I've known you my whole life, you think I wouldn't recognize you because you covered your cheekbones?")

Ryan Reynolds has always been so pretty, that not being much of an actor has been inconsequential. It's not that he *can't* act, it's that no one cares much about seeing him try. With his chiseled face and ripped, lean body, he's nice to look at. But his puppy dog eyes and a toned-down bad-boy attitude make him somehow more appealing here.

At least Reynolds registers *some* personality; I practically had to consult my notes to recall that Lively was even in it. One of the weaknesses of the plot is that there are so many extraneous

characters: Hal's best friend; his fellow Lanterns; the seems-to-be-the-villain-at-first senator (Tim Robbins); the turns-out-to-be-not-much-of-a-villain nebbish (Peter Sarsgaard, who's so weird he's good); and the CGI villain, a Lantern run amok called Parallax. It's a classic case of franchiseitis: The filmmakers are so concerned with trying to create a franchise series, they forget to make the movie in front of them.

Well, maybe not forget, but they could do a better job of letting the story play out in more epic fashion. (Berlanti writes for TV, and the script has a tendency to tie up issues in the space between where commercial breaks would go.) Stay to till after the end credits to fully appreciate where *Green Lantern 2* will start.

Or don't. It hardly matters. ■

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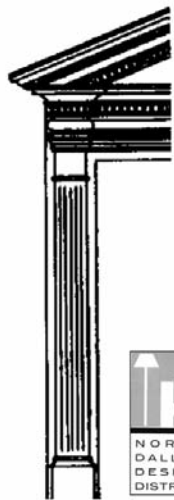
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## Mama rising

A Southern mom becomes a PFLAG pimp in gay sitcom 'You Should Meet My Son!'

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A Southern mom, Mae (Joanne McGee) — more over-the-top than anything Tennessee Williams would have conceived (her Pigeon Forge accent makes Dolly Parton sound like Kate Middleton) — clucks over her single son Brian (Stewart Carrico). Every week for Sunday dinner, she invites him over, trying to set him up with the "right girl."

But Mom doesn't seem to notice Brian has a "roommate" who's as well dressed as he with gelled hair and lots of naked statuary around their restored Victorian house filled with antiques. At least until the roomie "moves out" and Brian becomes inexplicably dependent.

It's a familiar premise in the traditional gay comedy: The anti-gay parent slowly realizing their son is a poofster, then going through the process of coming to terms with it. There's the visit to the gay reparative therapist (a Texas redneck who sounds suspiciously like George W.), and the struggles with the Old Testament.

Only in *You Should Meet My Son!* (which screened earlier this year at OutTakes Dallas), those scenes are over 20 minutes in (a good thing, too — they are weak and clichéd, and played for dumb laughs that never come). Mom, despite her limp-wristed Tinkerbell slurs against "those kind" when talking about her hairdresser, suddenly becomes Sharon Gless from *Queer as Folk* once she finally figures it out: If her son's gonna be a sodomite, dammit, she's gonna find him a man who satisfies him sexually.

Mom becomes her gay son's pimp.

Writer-director Keith Hartman's script has a

frustrating tendency to veer uncontrollably between farcical camp (think *But I'm a Cheerleader* or *Another Gay Movie*) and witty banter (a scene with Brian and one of his mom's female set-ups has a sassy repartee). When it's good, it's a lot of fun.

And it's good often, especially once Mae and her sister Rose (Carol Goans) go cruising a gay bar on the hunt for Mr. Right, and end up recruiting an ensemble of drag queens, leather daddies and twinks (including a potential love interest played by Steve Snyder). In a twist on *The Bird Cage*, Mae hosts dinner parties designed to out her family and frighten away the closet cases and homophobes. Think *Auntie Mame* with male strippers.

Those moments trump the intrusively annoying perky bossa nova-like score — all Austin Powers retro horns and go-go boot silliness — and the inconsistencies in the script, not the least of which is Mae's magically fluid gaydar. (She couldn't pick up on obvious clues about her son for 30 years, but eventually, the second she sees a muscle twink in a tank top she instantly pegs him as a bossy bottom and sets about Yenta-izing with the unrelenting determination of Megatron. Mae might seem like a Southern Baptist, but she's really a Jewish mom.)

The supporting cast does a lot of the heavy lifting, combining beefcake with saucy flamboyance and ease on camera. But even though McGee overplays at first, Mae ultimately endears herself to us, allowing her love for her son to guide her, not her prejudices. It's a surprisingly heartfelt way to end a silly comedy.

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# 'Dying' onstage

Rhett Henckel plays twin brothers — one straight, one gay — in 'Dying City'

It's not unusual for an actor to play multiple roles in a single play, but that's a position usually reserved for minor characters. But for Rhett Henckel, the two men he plays in *Dying City* — twin brothers — are the *main* characters. One, seen in flashbacks, is a straight man who may have killed himself in Iraq; the other is a gay actor who visits the dead man's widow a year after his death.

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We asked Henckel about playing two roles — and which one he identifies with more.

— Arnold Wayne Jones

**Dallas Voice:** One of your characters, Peter, is described as an "intimidatingly handsome actor." **Typcasting?** Henckel: I've been *self-described* as that, but I don't hear it all the time. I have to act a little for it — I have to earn it this time.

**Peter has a promising career, but he seems to have slept his way there. Same question.** [Laughs] That's maybe some advice I should take! If I want to have as promising a career as him, I should be more promiscuous. I've never really had that opportunity to do that — maybe I should have initiated it more. Though in rehearsals, I have flirted with [director] Lee Trull much more than I expected to. I'm constantly trying to gauge my fuckability in Lee's eyes.

**The play jumps quickly between years, and requires you to go between Peter, who's gay, and his twin brother Craig, who's straight. How do you subtly convey which character you are?** I hope that I am doing it subtly. I think Christopher Shinn is very intentional on that — he wants the audience to be confused for a bit, even though they are two distinct characters. I'm not working off myself because I don't see that character; it's been through the eyes of Kelly [Craig's widow] that I find the characters. Peter and Craig have very distinct opinions of Kelly, so that has opened up a lot.

But I think they are really alike. There's a reason you are supposed to be confused. They have a lot of the same psychology and grew up in the same household. I have a therapist I talk to who I shared this play with, and when I said they had been described as

polar opposites, he looked at me strangely. He thought they weren't at all opposite, but really two extremes of one person. We're all sort of that complex.

**Which character do you relate to more?** When I first started I identified as Peter — his passive-aggressive way of dealing with people; being an actor; his rampant egoism. But once we got into rehearsal, it was Craig I found quicker. There's a quiet fury in this man that I feel like I ended up relating to. A lot more things are going on in Peter; Craig is a little bit simpler.

**Peter is kind of complicated, for one, pretending to be antiwar to his gay friends even though he could not escape his conservative upbringing: Midwest values, guns, hawkishness about spreading freedom. Did you get that contradiction in him?** I'm not even sure that's entirely true — that's what Craig says Peter told him. It's hard to get to the core of what Peter really believes. Getting to the core is what's so devastating. Being really honest about how we feel, confronting ourselves.

**If I had to label the main theme of the play I would say it's about how difficult true honesty can be: to others, to one's self. What's your take on it?** No, that's absolutely correct. Lies in this play are a very core theme. As any great play, it confronts this idea of what is the absolute truth. I hadn't thought of it before, but Brick [in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*] is a very similar character to Craig. And even Peter. What is a lie and what is full disclosure and what is truly at the core of ourselves? It's really fucking messy when we get right down to it.

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# Out of step

Fitting in seems overrated in two musicals of substance

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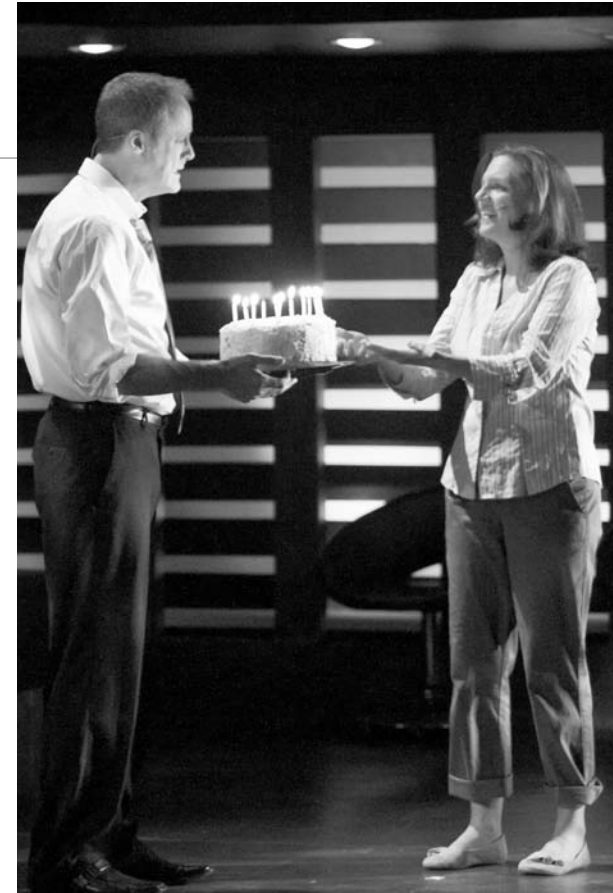
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Reality: It's so inconvenient sometimes. For Diana, the wife and mother in *Next to Normal*, reality often means staying drugged to the point of catatonia; for 12-year-old working class kid *Billy Elliot* struggling through life in an England mining town interferes with his passion to dance. Mental illness and politico-economic upheaval — not exactly the stuff of the typical song-and-dance musical. But there is little typical about either of these shows.

For Uptown Players, the regional premiere of *Next to Normal* is the best show the company has ever done: The best cast, all of whom are at the top of their games; the best set; the best band (a pitch-perfect performance, led by music director Scott A. Eckert); and the best directing personally for Michael Serrecchia, who moves the scenes seamlessly as the play hits you in waves, alternatingly poignant and humorous.

It's not the easiest material to make into a musical. Diana (Patty Breckenridge) had struggled with bipolar disorder for years, ever since a tragedy left her with a slipping grip on reality. Her husband Dan (Gary Floyd) has soldiered on, monitoring her prescription use and looking for warning signs. But what if Diana doesn't want to feel "normal"? What if feeling a little crazy is her baseline — it's normal for her?

At the same time we watch Dan and Diana



**OUT, OUT BRIEF CANDLE** | A birthday cake triggers a couple's painful memories in 'Next to Normal.' (Photo by Mike Morgan)

work through their marriage, we see how their daughter Natalie (Erica Harte) and her new boyfriend Henry (Jonathan W. Gilland) mirror their relationship from 20 years ago.

These are heavy issues, but for each moment of devastation, you are simultaneously awed by its beauty and power. It helps that the score — basically a rock opera — is performed by some of the best singers around. On all her songs, Breckenridge reaches into the emotion and the musicality; nowhere is she better than on "I Miss the Mountains," a heartfelt ballad of the Jewel-Indigo Girls variety that you can imagine hearing on the radio.

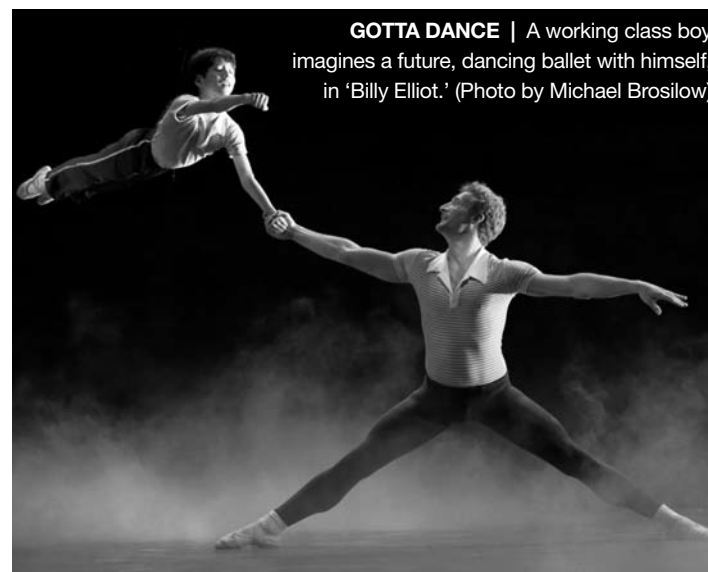
Floyd's lilting tenor melds gorgeously with Anthony Carillo, playing Dan and Diana's son Gabe, especially on "I Am the One" and "It's Gonna Be Good." Carillo imbues his performance with an impressive physicality as well, bursting out of his skin on the anthem "I'm Alive."

*Next to Normal*, which won the Tony Award for best score as well as the Pulitzer Prize for

drama, sounds sad, and sometimes it is, but its genius is leaving the audience with the memory of the power of the human spirit. This is not a musical about depression; it is a musical about hope.

You could say almost the same thing about *Billy Elliot*, now at the Winspear Opera House. This national tour of the Elton John hit about how a boy discovers ballet is perhaps an even less likely topic for a musical treatment, given its context: A strike

**GOTTA DANCE** | A working class boy imagines a future, dancing ballet with himself, in 'Billy Elliot.' (Photo by Michael Brosilow)





during the Thatcher Administration that, in the mid-1980s, nearly resulted in a British civil war, and polarized the classes in a way that hadn't been seen in a century.

Billy (played on press night by Giuseppe Basilio, but with a rotating Billy almost each performance) is growing up amid the fiercely testosterone-fueled environs of Northern England, with a father and older brother who are miners, with only the memory of his late mother and his often soused grandmother to nurture him.

Billy is forced to study boxing, but when he wanders into a ballet class led by Mrs. Wilkinson (Faith Prince), he begins to realize that being different isn't easy, but it sure is liberating.

You know you're in a strange world, even in musical theater, where the showstopping number in the first act ("Expressing Yourself") is a lavish tap-dancing fantasy about the joys of cross-dressing, led by Billy's fey companion

Michael, who seems more at home in his burgeoning sexuality than his older friend.

Everything about this production is massive — the sets, the themes, the score, the dances, the talent, even the accents — *except* the kernel of it: The lone boy who wants to make a better world for himself. (In the show's most moving sequence, miners contribute what they can to help fund Billy's audition for the Royal School of Ballet, because they realize — sadly, beautifully — that Billy represents the future, *their* future, as their industry is being gutted by right wing bullies.)

Broadway veteran Prince demonstrates her star-power with a flashy supporting role, but Basilio is a remarkable young dancer, with fine lines and a commanding presence during a duet with his older self and on his big solo number, "Electricity." On opening night, the audience swelled in a sustained, spontaneous ovation. It was completely deserved. It was, itself, electric. ■

#### ON THE BOARDS

**NEXT TO NORMAL** at the **Kalita Humphreys Theater**, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd.

Through July 3. UptownPlayers.org.

**BILLY ELLIOT** at the **Winspear Opera House**, 4103 Flora St. Through June 19. ATPAC.org.

#### O'Hurley gives 'em the old razzle dazzle

Don't toss the term "Renaissance man" at John O'Hurley. He may be an actor, singer, writer and composer, but he just won't have it. Though maybe he'll at least have a sense of humor about it.

"Oh, do people still say that?" he asks with a laugh.

O'Hurley is the man you know, but name you can't quite recall. Most famous for his role as adventurer-businessman J. Peterman on *Seinfeld*, he's actually an experienced song-and-dance man, which he gets to remind people of when he returns to the role as Billy Flynn in *Chicago*, which settles in for five performances at Bass Hall this weekend.

Although he has an extensive stage background, he's content that many people may only be familiar with the musical through the movie.

"That's fine, because it rekindled interest in the show," he says. "The movie was imaginative but the [stage] show is much more. Sets are minimal and in your mind more. It's such an innovative presentation."

As with Anderson Cooper and his *Chicago* predecessor Richard Gere, O'Hurley embodies the silver fox — sexy but mature. His sophistication, good looks and humor are what also prompted People magazine to name him one of their sexiest men alive in 2006, when O'Hurley was a sensation for his appearances on *Dancing with the Stars*. (He was the runner-up, but later won a celebrity rematch.) The honor, though, was short-lived.

"It was very funny to hear that news. It was during that swirl right after" *DWTS*, he says. "I remember rolling over with my hair messed up and sleep in my eyes and my wife saying, 'Look at you, Mr. Sexy.' She brought me back down to earth then."

O'Hurley seems to be everywhere — and he prefers it that way. When not touring with *Chicago*, he hosts the National Dog Show on NBC every Thanksgiving Day, is finishing his third book and composes music.

"I enjoy moving from thing to thing," he says. "My mind moves in lot of different directions anyway, so I like to do that a lot."

That keeps his acting chops in tip-top shape.



He's played Billy Flynn before, but he tries to avoid repeating himself. Each performance is a new adventure.

"I made a promise to myself back in 1984 that I would surprise myself every night," he says. "Something new will happen or an idea occurs to me and it keeps me fresh and present. The role gets deeper, so it changes every night for me."

He did appear in the promo video for The Charles Schulz Celebrity Golf which shows O'Hurley at his best: Dry humor. He endorses Rangé Golf Balls and guess what he invites people to play with? The video is now on YouTube.

—Rich Lopez

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# There's no place like home

With the Mavs' victory and the Super Bowl, all eyes are on Dallas lately. But many locals don't know just what Uptown has to offer

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Every year, when they bring in travel journalists from all over the world to promote Dallas as a gay destination, the Tavern Guild shows them everything the city has to offer a visitor. (See sidebar.) Just this week, all eyes were on Victory Park as the Mavericks won their first NBA championship title. In other words, lots of people from outside have had Uptown Dallas on the brain.

So let me ask: Where, exactly, is Uptown?

There's a lot even Dallas natives don't know about the Oak Lawn-adjacent neighborhood. And that's something the local association is trying to change.

Uptown, officially, is just a single square mile,



**CLANG CLANG CLANG WENT THE ...** | Uptown's trolley service has a history and plans for expansion. Best of all, it's free. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)



## A Brit abroad in Dallas

Doug Mayo may like Dallas more than a native Texan.

The Australian-born travel writer, now living in Great Britain, has visited as part of the Tavern Guild's international journalists' tour on several occasions; the last time, in April, he ended up staying a week longer than anyone else.

And the entire time he was here, Mayo had a look on his face like a kid in a candy shop. And he knows it.

"I love Dallas," he gushes on a rare break from sightseeing. "Dallas is all about the people — I've met the nicest people in the world here. I could actually live here quite easily."

Even during the Texas summer? Well, for Mayo, it's less about the weather than what it has to offer.

"It's probably not as much of a culture shock as moving somewhere else," he says. "[People] don't equate Dallas with culture, but you appreciate wine, cabaret, the arts. The performing arts district is out of this world — the Wyly and the Winspear are amazing. And for me, it does *seem* to be a Democratic state, considering that there are some Republican presidents from here."

So what does an Aussie by way of England find so appealing about Dallas? Just give him a second to count the ways.

"The Round-Up is just surreal because it's such a Dallas thing — there's something about it that is dis-

tinctively 'Texas,'" Mayo says. "You don't realize it, but you won't find something like that in London."

The Book Depository is a draw as well, as is some of our architecture: "My last tour, we toured the construction of Cowboys Stadium. It's a phenomenal building." He even enjoyed going a bit west to Cowtown to see the cattle drive and inspect Bass Hall before trips to Billy Bob's and the Rainbow Lounge, all of which he loved.

And what about the food? Well, that might be the easiest sell of all.

"Central 214's my favorite," he says. "[Chef] Blythe Beck can work out a way of chicken-frying anything."

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bordered roughly to the south by Woodall Rodgers Freeway, to the west by the Katy Trail, to the east by North Central Expressway and to the north by Haskell Street. But they've packed a ton of stuff in that district: Five hotels, all pretty high end (the Stoneleigh, the Ritz-Carlton, the Crescent Court, Zaza and the Hotel St. Germain); 90 bars and restaurants; three live theaters ... and tons of gay folks, of course.

Uptown didn't used to be "up;" it used to be "low." When the plans were drafted in the 1980s for construction on the Crescent, the area was described as "Lower Oak Lawn," which is how many in the gayborhood still see it. But Uptown has some attractions unique to it.

Not the least of these is the McKinney Avenue Trolley system, which circles Uptown before crossing over the Woodall canyon and dead-ending on St. Paul Street between the Dallas Museum of Art and the Fairmont Hotel. That'll change soon; plans are underway to extend the end of the line and make it a true loop. That should add to the 390,000 riders who hopped one of the three trolleys in 2010. And best of all, they rode them for *free*.

If you haven't ridden the trolley yet, it merits your time. Because they are antiques, these are not cookie-cutter light rail trains but variously sized, one-of-a-kind streetcars loaded with history. One of the cars is 101 years old; one has distinctly European styling; they come from as far away as Australia, and run on tracks that won't need to be repaired for decades.

One trolley trip can take you from right next to Stephan Pyles Restaurant back up McKinney Avenue, where you can grab a cocktail at Sambuca and an appetizer from Fearing's across the street; up toward State-Thomas, which hides some hip bars like The Nodding Donkey; and past the West Village where Cork has a variety of wines. And you're just a few paces from the Cityplace DART stop, so you don't have to drive home after indulging. ■

### Tripping on a budget

Recently, my boyfriend and I wanted to embark on a fun, easy and cheap getaway. Since I live in Rhode Island, we were sold on the idea of a short drive out to Provincetown, Mass. right on the tip of Cape Cod. We gave ourselves a budget of just \$150 for the 24-hour adventure — and even with gas at four bucks a gallon, we made it happen. Here's how we did it ... and how you might on *your* next trip:

**Call motels and inns directly.** While booking online is super convenient, it's always helpful to talk to a real person. They will know of any last-minute cancellations or special discounts.

**Travel off-peak.** Our motel room was just \$87 on a Thursday night. The same room on Friday before Memorial Day goes for \$150. We saved \$63 by leaving a day early.

**Travel locally.** While the world is full of wonderful destinations, many great spots are in our own backyards. You don't have to travel far to have a great time. And staying closer to home will help keep costs under control. By driving the two hours to P'town, we saved a potential boatload of transportation expenses (airfare, taxi, etc.).

**Eat like a local.** P'town's downtown core, like many tourist spots, is full of great but pricey restaurants. By taking a short drive off the beaten path, we were able to find a local hangout with more reasonable

prices — dinner cost \$28 for the both of us.

**Use your feet.** While P'town has some convenient paid parking lots, we were able to find a free parking spot a short walk from downtown (a \$10 savings). Some destinations also offer great public transit options, making for an affordable and fun way to experience a town and meet new people.

**Take advantage of the free stuff.** Some of the best things Provincetown has to offer — landscapes, beaches and nature trails, people-watching and architecture (like the Pilgrims Monument, pictured) — are free. Hanging out in the sand and getting a little sun charges the soul and doesn't break the bank.

**Pack your own beverages.** For less than \$10, we filled my trunk with bottled water and soft drinks so we didn't waste money on motel vending machines. Even better, bring along a reusable water bottle to stay hydrated and help save the environment. Cheers!

**Hit up the grocery store.** Since we were only staying for one night, stocking up on groceries didn't make a lot of sense, but for longer trips, I love packing the mini fridge full of fresh food. It's a lot cheaper than restaurant dining — and a lot healthier. Fruits, veggies and sandwiches bought at a local grocery store make for great food alternatives.



**Take advantage of free food.** Our motel offered a free continental breakfast. It wasn't super fancy, but a quick croissant and coffee tided us over until the bigger meal of the day. Ask about any included meals when booking your room.

**Talk to the locals.** I try to befriend locals wherever I go. Natives can be a tremendous resource of recommendations and often know of free events (concerts, festivals, etc.). Be friendly and wear your smile.

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# Beach reads

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## Miguel's Secret Journal



*Miguel's Secret Journal* by A.V. Zeppa

In this debut novel by recently out author A.V. Zeppa, a teacher of English and music at Hostos-Lincoln Academy in New York, the title character Miguel is a 15-year-old gay Latino living in a poor and violent section of

the South Bronx. A gifted artist who is emotionally, physically and sexually abused, Miguel meets and falls in love with Gabriel, another gay student at school. As the boys' relationship deepens, Gabriel lets Miguel in on a not-so-little secret that will change his life — and perhaps the course of humanity — forever. *Miguel's Secret Journal* is the first in a planned series.

## Nina Here Nor There: My Journey Beyond Gender

Author Nick Krieger's eye-opening transgender memoir isn't just about making the transition from woman to man, but about dismissing a binary way of life and blurring the lines between gender and identity. This story of self-discovery starts when lesbian travel writer Nina moves to San Francisco's Castro District and meets a group of queer friends who modify their bodies and debunk traditional ideas of gender. Soon Nina begins masculinizing her own appearance — first by refusing to shave her legs and eventually opting for surgery to reduce and reform her chest. During this empowering journey, Nina transforms into Nick, a self-aware entity who's content existing somewhere in the middle.

## Rounding Third

by Walter G. Meyer  
In the eyes of his father, 17-year-old Rob Wardell is a failure. He doesn't fit in at home, at

school or on the baseball field where he warms the bench in a vain effort to appease his dad. But Rob's outlook changes when he befriends the team's new star pitcher, Josh Schlagel, and engages in an off-field relationship that leads to an outcome neither boy anticipates. Popular jock Josh has a secret (and the bruises to prove it) and when all is revealed, Rob must step up to the plate to save his friend from a harrowing truth that he's kept hidden for so long.

## Games Frat Boys Play

by Todd Gregory  
In this sizzling follow-up to *Every Frat Boy Wants It*, Todd Gregory returns to California State University-Polk where boarding-school brat Jordy Valentine is starting his first semester. Immediately intrigued by Beta Kappa fraternity and enamored by its rush chair, Chad York, Valentine pursues the handsome Greek god only to be rejected. Scorned, the freshman devises a plan to physically transform himself in order to catch the eye of York and in the process is thrust into a world of illicit locker-room trysts and late-night encounters with other brothers.

## The Road Home

by Michael Thomas Ford  
After a car accident incapacitates 40-year-old photographer Burke Crenshaw, he returns to his widowed father's house to recuperate and receive temporary full-time care. As his dad embarks on a new relationship, the ailing Burke begins a quest of his own — to uncover a 125-year-old mystery hidden in a series of letters from a Civil War soldier to his fiancé. With the help of local librarian Sam Guffrey, Burke unex-



pectedly unlocks a past that forces him to confront his own — the choices he made, coming to terms with his mother's death, repairing the relationship with his estranged father and ultimately how to live as a successful and confident gay man.

## Finally Out: Letting Go of Living Straight

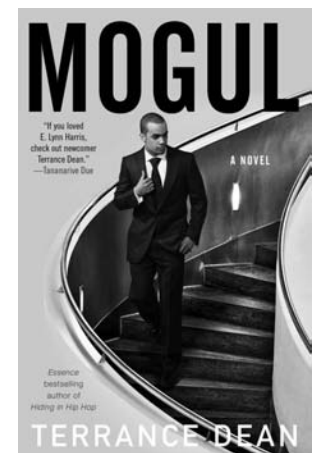
by Loren A. Olson  
Between 3 and 8 percent of the U.S. male population is gay, and prominent Midwestern psychiatrist Loren A. Olson is among them. But the first 40 years of his life was built on a lie: After two decades of marriage to a loving and devoted wife, Olsen, a father and grandfather, accepted that he was romantically and sexually attracted to men. The result of his experience is this powerful tell-all that explores human sexuality — particularly that of mature men — and how to cope with coming out later in life.



## Queer: The Ultimate LGBT Guide for Teens

by Kathy Belge and Marke Bieschke  
A sort of handbook for LGBT teens everywhere, authors Kathy Belge and Marke Bieschke offer this comprehensive guide that includes sections on how to come out (and handle the repercussions), ways to deal with bigotry and homophobia, how to find likeminded friends, dating, sex and more.

Often interjected with humor and personal anecdotes, this must-read also includes fascinating sidebars on queer history and a wealth of health, community, safety, political and reading resources that send a message more along the lines of "the best is yet to come" rather than just "it gets better."



## Mogul

by Terrance Dean  
Hot on the heels of the latest same-sex hip-hop scandal (NYC DJ Mister Cee was recently arrested for public lewdness: Receiving oral sex in a car from another man), Terrance Dean's compelling page-turner fol-

lows Big A.T., who climbs the rungs of the music industry ladder with the help of powerful Larry "Pop" Singleton. Identifying A.T.'s potential to become a powerhouse producer, Pop introduces the rising star to Tickman, a Brooklyn lyricist with whom he begins a secret affair. But when scandalous photos of A.T. surface on the desk of a national news program — and land in the hands of his girlfriend, Jasmine — A.T. must decide whether to come clean or keep quiet for the sake of his career.

## Hidden

by Tomas Mournian  
After enduring 11 months of abuse at Serenity Ridge, a gay-to-straight boot camp for "troubled" teens, Ahmed escapes to San Francisco where he finds an underground safehouse inhabited by seven other runaways. Now known as Ben, Ahmed finds solace in his new life with these misfit strangers, who struggle to survive omnipresent angst, infighting and desires that threaten their secret society, while also struggling to remain below the radar of would-be captors until they're legal adults. *Publishers Weekly* proclaimed that Tomas Mournian's fiction debut will have readers "almost suffocating on the palpable sense of fear and claustrophobia that permeates this heartbreaking story."

— Mikey Rox

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There's a difference between a TV show that is intentionally cheesy and one that induces



cringes by mistake. Thankfully, **RuPaul's Drag U** knows exactly what it's doing, laying the puns on thicker than Jujubee's makeup. They can still induce groans, but at least we're all in on the joke.

After all, *Drag U* is all about the fun side of our favorite competitive drag queens. Leaving (most of) the drama over at the *Drag Race*, each week queen "professors" (including Season 1 winner Bebe Zahara Benet, pictured) are tasked with making over three ordinary women and unleashing their inner divas, complete with drag personas and styling. On the line are sorta-fabulous prizes like jewelry, a vacation and a cash prize of \$3,166.17 (seriously).

But it's what the women gain in self-esteem that's the most valuable parting gift, and don't think the producers don't know it. In the first episode alone, one of the women is trying to overcome the pain of having her ex-husband end their marriage via email; she, of course, learns "to love herself again" with the inducement of wigs and outrageous makeup. That's some powerful Oprah-level stuff, but Ru, "Dean of Drag" Lady Bunny, guest judges like Beverly Johnson and the rest of the girls give advice that's equal parts sassy and sincere.

The result? Incredible transformations at the end of an hour of deliciously fluffy television — and every one of these straight gals owes it to the gays. For anyone in withdrawals since *Drag Race* ended, or in love with makeovers, or just interested in learning more about one contestant's husband's "diesel mangina," the second season of *Drag U* is more than deserving of a season pass on your DVR.

— Steven Lindsey

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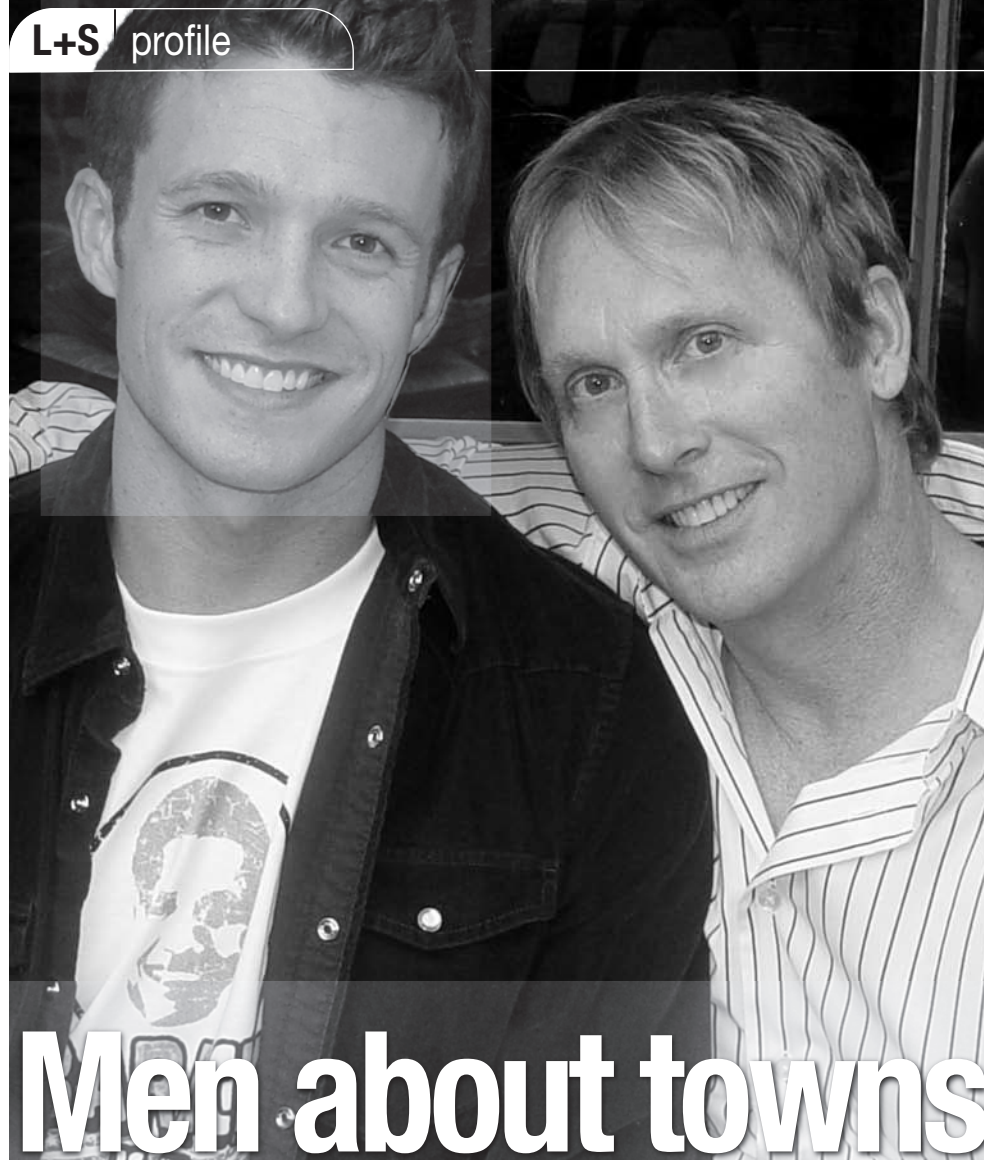
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# Men about towns

Jason Dottley and Del Shores are happy making Dallas their second home

**STEVEN LINDSEY** | Contributing Writer  
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Hollywood has had more than its fair share of powerful couples. Bennifer. Brangelina. Tomkat. And now, Delson?

Yep, Del Shores and Jason Dottley are gay, they're in love and they're diversely talented. And they seem to have made Dallas almost a second home.

"I love Dallas so much, I listed it twice in an article on my favorite places in the South that I did for a gay travel site," Dottley says.

"We have great friends here and always stay with our friends Patrick and Kevin. Texas will always be my home state and Dallas has adopted me and treated me like a star and a friend," adds Shores, who grew up in Winters, Texas, and sets most of his plays in the Lone Star State.

Both stay incredibly busy. Between them, they have nearly every entertainment segment covered: singer, actor, dancer, playwright, producer, director, screenwriter, activist and standup comic. Throw in craft services and they'll never want for work again.

Shores gave the world a comedy classic with *Sordid Lives*, a play-turned-movie-turned-TV-series-turned-live-comedy-show that has practi-

cally become the writer's alter ego. Then there are his other plays and movies, like the upcoming 2012 release of the movie version of his tragicomedy *The Trials and Tribulations of a Trailer Trash Housewife*, as well as plans to turn his latest critically acclaimed play, *Yellow*, into a film.

For husband Dottley — whom Shores married first in 2003 and then again (legally) in 2008 prior to passage of Proposition 8 — acting in Shores' projects is only one of his occupations. Pop music is keeping him busier than ever; his first single, "Party Round the World" with Debby Holiday, brought him a Billboard Top 20 record. He followed up with "Hit Play!," which broke into the Top 30. He's performed both in Dallas.

Now, he's making it a threefer. This week, his latest single, "Pop It," dropped and will certainly be one of the songs he performs as part of his Nation of Jason tour at Station 4 on Friday.

Tonight is just the beginning of a full summer for Shores and Dottley, who will be touring again together: Shores with his new show, *Del Shores Sordid Confessions* (booked for July 8 in the Rose Room), and Dottley with *Nation of Jason*.

**POWER COUPLE** | Dottley, left, pursues his music career with a show in Dallas Friday, while Shores has added standup comedy to a resume that includes challenging Republicans to debate gay issues.

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For anyone looking to catch either star while they're in town, there's a certain diner that is a pretty sure bet, as it's on both of their short lists for favorite places to eat.

"Lucky's, every time," Dottley says. "Same dish: chicken fried chicken. I don't even have to say it, they just know."

For Shores, favorite hangouts include "The Rose Room and the Round-Up. And I like The Tin Room for a not-so-guilty pleasure. I gave up guilt," he says. "Uptown [Players] is always a treat."

"Oh, and anywhere Krystal Summers is performing," Dottley adds.

If he's lucky, he won't have to go far, as Summers is a regular cast member at the Rose Room where Dottley performs tonight.

"My Nation of Jason tour is eye-candy mixed with hot music and a sense of old-school style that I think has been lost on club culture. It's fun. It should make you feel good about life, to make you wanna dance!" he says.

Shores has been tap dancing a bit himself these days — only not onstage. First there was the bitter fight with the Logo network over residuals from the *Sordid Lives* series, which left heart-broken fans yearning for a second season that will never be. (There appears to be a happy ending though: He is already talking about doing more *Sordid Lives* movies, and the experience provided grist for his standup routine.)

He also engaged Tennessee state Sen. Stacey

Campfield ("What an asshole, right?" Shores says plainly), who sponsored a bill preventing the discussion of homosexuality in schools, in a war of words on Facebook, challenging the politician to a debate and calling him a coward when he tried to wiggle out. And he's currently on a crusade against gay Republicans.

"Oh, and I can rant, can't I?" Shores laughs. "Let's just say that the Log Cabin Republicans and I are not loving each other lately. I challenged the [Dallas Chapter] president, Rob Schlein, to a debate here in Dallas. I wanted to charge and give all the money to the cause of

our choice — mine was Youth First Texas. He would write nasty comments on my fan page, but was too chickenshit to debate me on the topic: 'How Can You Support Gay Rights and be a Republican?' It's appalling the

anti-gay rhetoric in the Texas GOP platform. I don't get it."

Rants aside, the meat and potatoes of his life is supporting Dottley, and vice versa. Dottley has booked the first date for his debut one-man show at the Rrazz Room in San Francisco: *XXX: My First 30 Years ... Get Your Mind Outta the Gutter* (he hopes to bring it to Dallas eventually, too). And Shores has more irons in the fire beyond pissing off the political right wing in this country.

"I pursue my writing and directing, Jason his acting and singing and we work our asses off to make everything work!" Shores says. "And we love it still."

#### NATION OF JASON

**The Rose Room at Station 4,**  
3911 Cedar Springs Road.  
June 17. Doors open at 9 p.m.

#### Skate the night away



It's been a while since LGBTs would trek out every week to Grand Prairie to Forum Roller World for gay skate night, a hit with the community that eventually fizzled away. Never fully deterred, though, Don Blaylock — who used to DJ the event — decided it's time to bring it back.

"People loved it before," he says. "I thought it would be great to bring back and have something for people to do."

Blaylock says that interest had already been brewing when he started handing out flyers on the street.

"The response has been so positive," he says. "There is an unbelievable interest in it."

Just don't expect to find info about it online. Blaylock is old-school and doesn't do things on "the computer" too much. (Advice to Mr. Blaylock: Facebook is so much easier.)

"I'm just doing it by good ol' word of mouth," he laughs. "I'm stuck in the '70s."

Skate night won't be the same as before in two ways. First, Blaylock is not returning to the DJ booth. Instead, he's in talks with the rink DJ to play tunes that will work for the fabulous crowd as well as for the regular weekend skaters.

Second, it's going from a weekly event to monthly. Figuring that overexposure may have contributed to waning interest the first time, skate night will be every third Saturday of the month, but this first one will be Friday.

"I just wanted to get it going and began planning it before I thought about it too long," he says.

Skate nights will begin at a meeting place for a quick energy-boosting nosh, then skaters will roll off to InterSkate Roller Rink in Lewisville. For now the cost will be the admission fee at InterSkate and people can bring their own wheels.

—Rich Lopez

**Gay Skate Night, June 17. Meet at Hunky's, 3940 Cedar Springs Road, at 6:30 p.m., then InterSkate Roller Rink, 1408 S. Highway 121, Lewisville at 8:30 p.m. \$3. InterSkate.net. 214-207-7430**

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**B**oys wear all kinds of swimwear: Cute little square-cut briefs are perfect for showing off around the pool, but manly men prefer board shorts when sail boarding or tubing the Guadalupe River. Some square cuts even have belts to look like real shorts.

While it might be sexy to imagine those little patches of Spandex being ripped off a ripped guy,

most of us prefer a little more robust coverage when engaging in robust activities.

It's the same for 4x4 vehicles. So we compared two: One a bit femme (the Jeep Compass) the other overtly butch (the Ford F-150 SVT Raptor). Like those swim trunks, they are cut from entirely different cloth. But you can still look damn good sporting them whatever you decide. Dare to compare. ■

#### Number of portals:

**Compass:** With 5, handily wins the "my doors are greater than yours" competition with prissy ease.

**Raptor:** 4. In manly fashion, takes the position that it's not the number of doors you have, but what you do with them. Anyway, fewer places to enter is *totally* a guy thing.

#### Toughest journey:

**Compass:** Grandma's garden.

**Raptor:** Baja 1000.

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**Compass:** Trail Rated, like a preppie in Birkenstocks.

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**Compass:** Blackberry Pearl Coat — way too pretty to be a cowboy.

**Raptor:** The Ingot Silver Metallic with Molten Orange Interior spans you until you hurt.

#### Tire diameter:

**Compass:** I've seen bigger.

**Raptor:** A ravaging 35 inches, baby!

#### Favorite "extra:":

**Compass:** Flip-down tailgate speakers for that all-night rave.

**Raptor:** Trailer brake controller helps give your toy a tug.

#### Towing capacity:

**Compass:** 2,000 lbs. — and look at those soft hands!

**Raptor:** Four tons — that's 8,000 lbs., *Mary*.

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**Compass:** A fuel-efficient 22/28-MPG, like a club queen thriving on lettuce.

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#### Horsepower/cylinders:

**Compass:** 172 horses from an inline 4. But who's counting?

**Raptor:** 411 from a V8 ... because most men do.

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**Compass:** 2006, and just got its first facelift.

**Raptor:** 1948 — fuzzy bears only look hotter with age.

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Friday 06.17

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Being a bridesmaid is a thankless job, as the ladies know in *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress*. The Alan Ball (*American Beauty*, *True Blood*) play shows irreverence toward the custom as the ladies hide away from their duties and begin to bond over their experience in lamé.

**DEETS:** Contemporary Theatre of Dallas, 5601 Sears St. 8 p.m. Through July 10. \$27–\$32. ContemporaryTheatreOfDallas.com.

Friday 06.17

**Pop in to the pop-up for DIFFA**

Designer Showhouse Sale literally pops up a store in the Design District for high-end bargains for the home. But Friday, a portion of the sales will benefit DIFFA Dallas. Now that's a good deal.

**DEETS:** Design District, 1525 Dragon St. Through June 30. 9 a.m. DesignerShowhouseSale.com.

Saturday 06.18

**Handler? We hardly know her**

Seems like it was just yesterday Chelsea Handler graced these parts back in April 2010. This time, she's touting her new book, *Lies Chelsea Handler Told Me*, with a tour by the same name. But really, who can get enough of the lady?

**DEETS:** Verizon Theater, 1001 Performance Place, Grand Prairie. 8 p.m. \$59–\$69. Ticketmaster.com.



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## FRIDAY 06.17

## COMMUNITY

**Juneteenth Celebration**, the City's annual event featuring city of Dallas information booths, games, food, live music from local artists and live broadcasts. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, 2922 MLK Jr. Blvd. Noon. Free. 214-670-8419. MLKCelebrationDallas.org.

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

**'til Midnight at the Nasher**. Third Fridays at the Nasher come with live outdoor concerts and movie screenings in the garden. Bring blankets to spread on the grass and enjoy the night sky looming over Dallas. Nasher Sculpture Center, 2001 Flora Street. 6 p.m. NasherSculptureCenter.org.

**FUSE** drop-in weekdays for gay and bi guys up to 29. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. Tuesdays-Fridays at 2 p.m. DFW-Fuse.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. Youth-FirstTexas.org.

## SATURDAY 06.18

## COMMUNITY

**Red Dress Party 2011**. The DFW Sisters host this fundraiser party benefiting the Sisters' grant fund and the Resource Center Dallas. DJs Ronnie Bruno and Mary XTC provide the music. TMC: The Mining Company, 3903 Cedar Springs Road. 9 p.m. \$20-\$50. DFWRedDress.org.

**Young Femme Professionals** garage sale fundraiser. Join the group for networking and shopping at the YFP event. 5628 Tremont St. 7:30 a.m.-noon. Find the group on Facebook.

**DFW Bi Net** brunch. La Madeleine, 3906 Lemmon Ave. 10:30 a.m.

**GayBingo. Studio 70**. With hosts Jenna Skyy, Asia O'Hara and Patti Le Plae Safe. The Rose Room inside Station 4, 3911 Cedar Springs Road. 5 p.m. \$25. 214-540-4495.

**Legacy 50+**. Social group for men and women 50 and up fostering fellowship and active living. Meets at private home or the church. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 6:30 p.m. Cathedralofhope.com.

**Prime Timers bingo**. Private residence. 7 p.m. Call 972-504-8866 for more information.

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

## SUNDAY 06.19

## COMMUNITY

**The House of Glamour** is a forum for African-Amer-



**BAD HABITS** | The DFW Sisters trade in black for red this Saturday when they host the Red Dress Party at TMC: The Mining Company.

ican women to dialogue. Brooklyn's Jazz Cafe, 1701 S. Lamar St. 3 p.m. LOSF.org.

**Awakening Heart Community of Mindful Living**. LGBT-friendly "meditation and more" event. All faiths welcome. Dallas Meditation Center, 727 S. Floyd Road, Richardson. 5 p.m. AwakeningHeart.org

**The Set** serves as a safe environment for mature-minded SGL African-American men to create a community. South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Ave. 6 p.m. LOSF.org.

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

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

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

## MONDAY 06.20

## COMMUNITY

**F.A.C.E.**, support group for those impacted by HIV/AIDS. 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.

## TUESDAY 06.21

## COMMUNITY

**Empowering Allies** seminar and event. Out & Equal Dallas-Ft. Worth presents the Out & Equal national tour on "Ally Empowerment" with Dr. David M. Hall, author of *Allies at Work*. The day's event features training with Dr. Hall to teach potential straight allies about the experiences of LGBT people, how the

workplace is affected, what makes an ally and how to become powerful allies to LGBT friends and colleagues. Texas Instruments, South Campus Auditorium, 12500 TI Blvd. (South Lobby). 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$30. For more information call 214) 567-0592.

**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.

**Stonewall Democrats of Dallas**. Ojeda's Restaurant, 4617 Maple Ave. 6:30 p.m. 214-506-3367.

**JEWEL Lesbian Fiction Book Club** meets on the third Tuesday. ilume, 4123 Cedar Springs Road. 6:30 p.m. Visit website for meeting dates if they change due to author's availability. RCDallas.org.

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

## BROADCAST

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## WEDNESDAY 06.22

## COMMUNITY

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

**Firedancers Dallas Tribe** fourth Wednesday club night at the Hidden Door, 5025 Bowser St. 7 p.m. Free. Facebook.com/TheHiddenDoor.

**Youth First Texas Collin County** for ages 14 to 22. 1200 Commerce St., Suite 121, Plano. 6:30-8:45 p.m. 214-879-0400.

**Prime Timers Prime Lunch** at Pappas Barbecue, 2231 W. Northwest Highway. Noon. Call 972-504-8866 to attend.

**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.

**Legacy of Success Foundation Community Mixer**. This is intended for community networking and is held every third Wednesday. Catfish Blues, 1011 S. Corinth St. 6:30 p.m. LOSF.org.

## BROADCAST

**Lambda Weekly**. LGBT radio for North Texas. This week's guest is political cartoonist Kathy Fitzgerald. 89.3 KNON-FM at 7 a.m. LambdaWeekly.com.

## THURSDAY 06.23

## 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.

**The Group**. Support group for black men who are HIV-positive. Every second and fourth Thursday of the month. Call 214-455-7316 for more information.

**Career Fellowship** support group for those seeking employment. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 7 p.m. 972-662-4499.

## BROADCAST

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

**Reckless After Dark**. LGBT radio show hosted by Chase Brooks. The show takes on all topics from gay rights to pop culture. Airs on FishBowlRadioNetwork.com at 5 p.m. ChaseBrooks.com.

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By Jack Fertig



**Meredith Baxter** turns 64 on Tuesday. For most of the '80s, Baxter played Elyse Keaton on *Family Ties*. She's mostly been seen in TV films and guest-starring roles. In an interview with Matt Lauer on *Today* back in 2009, she came out of the closet as lesbian. Her memoir *Untied* was released this past March.

**GEMINI May 21-Jun 20**

As dystopian as the future looks, you'll find a way to thrive. Trust your instincts and reconsider the most important lessons you learned from your mother. Talking with siblings can clarify that.

**CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22**

Frustrations in love and career are too big to solve by yourself. Fortunately you have some very wise and resourceful friends. As odd as their ideas may seem, they will likely help.

**LEO Jul 23-Aug 22**

It's easy to worry yourself sick. Arguments make it worse. Focus on your career. Working through sexual issues is healing. Quiet time alone gives you space to think about what you need to do.

**VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22**

Sharing your innermost thoughts will open up ideas for creative fun. On the way, you open up some difficult childhood memories. Resolving an ugly past can clear the way for a better future.

**LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22**

Your home and partnership are heading for big changes. Be generous and comforting in bed. Family commitments need to change. Be clear on what those are. Be adaptive at work.

**SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21**

Obsessing on details leads to accidents and misunderstandings. Don't neglect the important details; just keep it all in perspective. Your partner's advice and practical support will prove helpful.

**SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 20**

Now's the time to find a job you enjoy. Channeling your sexual charisma into the job search is helpful, but if you already like your work that charisma can go back to what it does best.

**CAPRICORN Dec 21-Jan 19**

Trying to manage your family or community will backfire. Focus on having fun. If you're looking for love, play at being moody, broody and intense; but remember, you're playing.

**AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18**

Conversations open up deep psychological insights. Don't be afraid to ask questions of your family, no matter how odd. Releasing old tensions could have surprising health benefits.

**PISCES Feb 19-Mar 19**

Reality is challenging your values and your plans, but that's life. Adaptability and a sense of humor will help you stay true to your core while everything else goes crazy.

**ARIES Mar 20-Apr 19**

Be very sure that your career is in line with your ambitions. Being unhappy on your job track will get you derailed. Contempt for authority is well-deserved but pick your battles strategically.

**TAURUS Apr 20-May 20**

"Bad religion" is a subjective experience. Focus on your own personal beliefs; know where you find clarity, support and reassurance. Respect others' paths while finding your own.

**THIS WEEK**

For the next few months we get a taste of the Uranus-Pluto square that will dominate the next five years. Recent political turmoil has just been the set-up for major crises and changes ahead. Astrologically it looks a lot like 1848, 1939 and the '60s. Buckle your seatbelts; it's gonna get bumpy.

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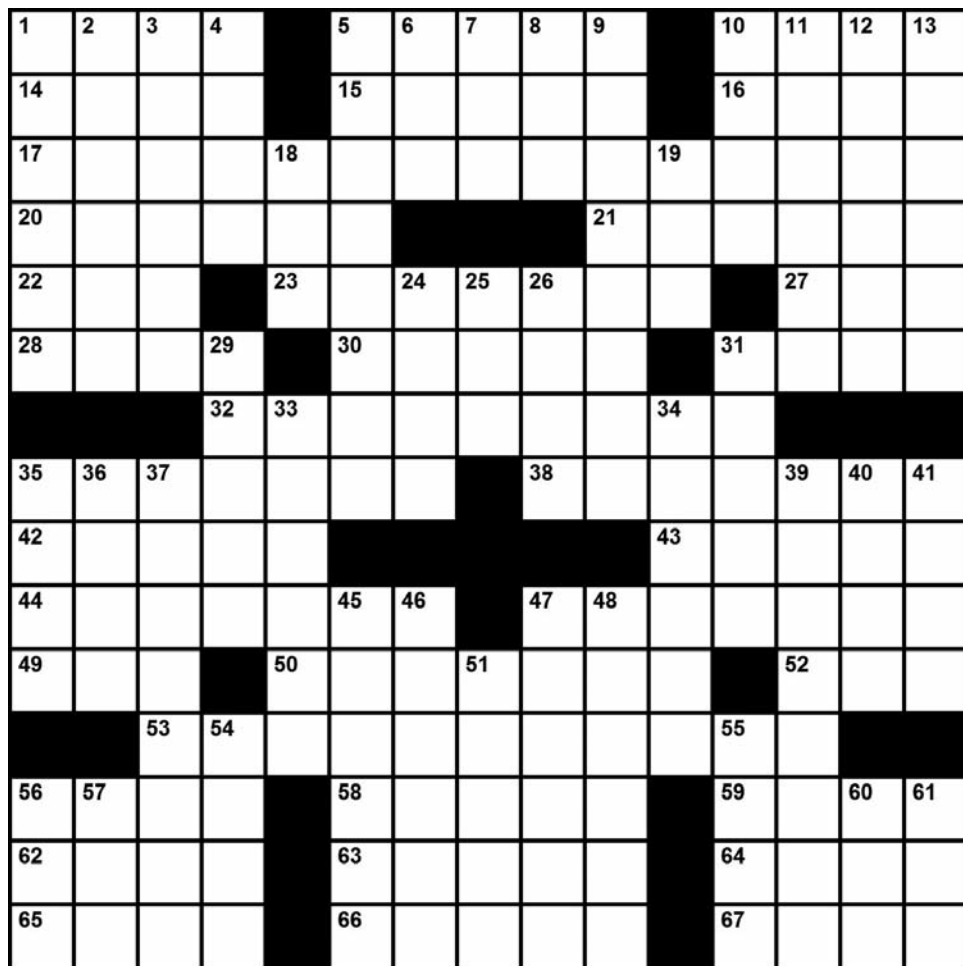
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**Across**

- 1 Huge opening?
- 5 My Fair Lady composer
- 10 Sitcom with a cross-dressing corporal
- 14 Airline to Ben Gurion
- 15 Out in front
- 16 Online intro
- 17 Start of the title of a Broadway show
- 20 Artificially enhanced man
- 21 "Keep your pants on!"
- 22 Request of Vanna
- 23 Queen of Latin Pop Gloria
- 27 Hero's ending
- 28 One in bondage
- 30 Hair color, e.g.
- 31 Circle of life for The Lion King?
- 32 End of the title
- 35 Pen for talking animals
- 38 Indication of a used rubber
- 42 Puppeteer Lewis
- 43 Thespians should know them
- 44 9 inches, e.g.
- 47 Exhausting
- 49 "... a \_\_\_ of troubles" (Hamlet)
- 50 Where queens park their butts

52 Hosp. worker

- 53 Portrayer of the show's title character
- 56 ID for Sandra Scoppettone
- 58 Bone to pick
- 59 Pound of verse
- 62 Tight group
- 63 Fruity-smelling compound
- 64 Kind of beer
- 65 Toy that does tricks
- 66 Skip it
- 67 Adam's apple location

**Down**

- 1 South Beach and P'town, to many
- 2 Comedienne Boosler
- 3 Victor of Life with Judy Garland: Me and My Shadows
- 4 On top of that
- 5 Shakespeare in Harlem poet Hughes
- 6 Bit of resistance on the circuit
- 7 Old market letters
- 8 Forerunner of Col. Cammermeyer
- 9 One who engages in pedagogy
- 10 Dog in The Mask
- 11 Mauresmo of the courts
- 12 Pilgrim's goal
- 13 Where young travelers sleep together
- 18 Prospector's find
- 19 Contemporary of Bela
- 24 Stephen McCauley's \_\_\_ Enough
- 25 Enjoy orally
- 26 Manicurist's tool
- 29 Laissez-\_\_\_
- 31 Woody secretion
- 33 Fruit-filled pancake
- 34 Porter's burden
- 35 Label on a lemon that isn't a fruit
- 36 Words of woe
- 37 Namby-pamby
- 39 Like some donuts
- 40 Go for another tour
- 41 Sister company of ABC
- 45 Triangles, e.g.
- 46 The Importance of Being \_\_\_
- 47 Hit-or-miss
- 48 Hard
- 51 The \_\_\_ beat (masochistic partner?)
- 54 Golden Rule preposition
- 55 Type of pool
- 56 Hardly hospitable
- 57 Road warning
- 60 Charlotte of Facts of Life
- 61 Cartoon prince's son



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Lacy, Jordan and Kyle at Drama Room.



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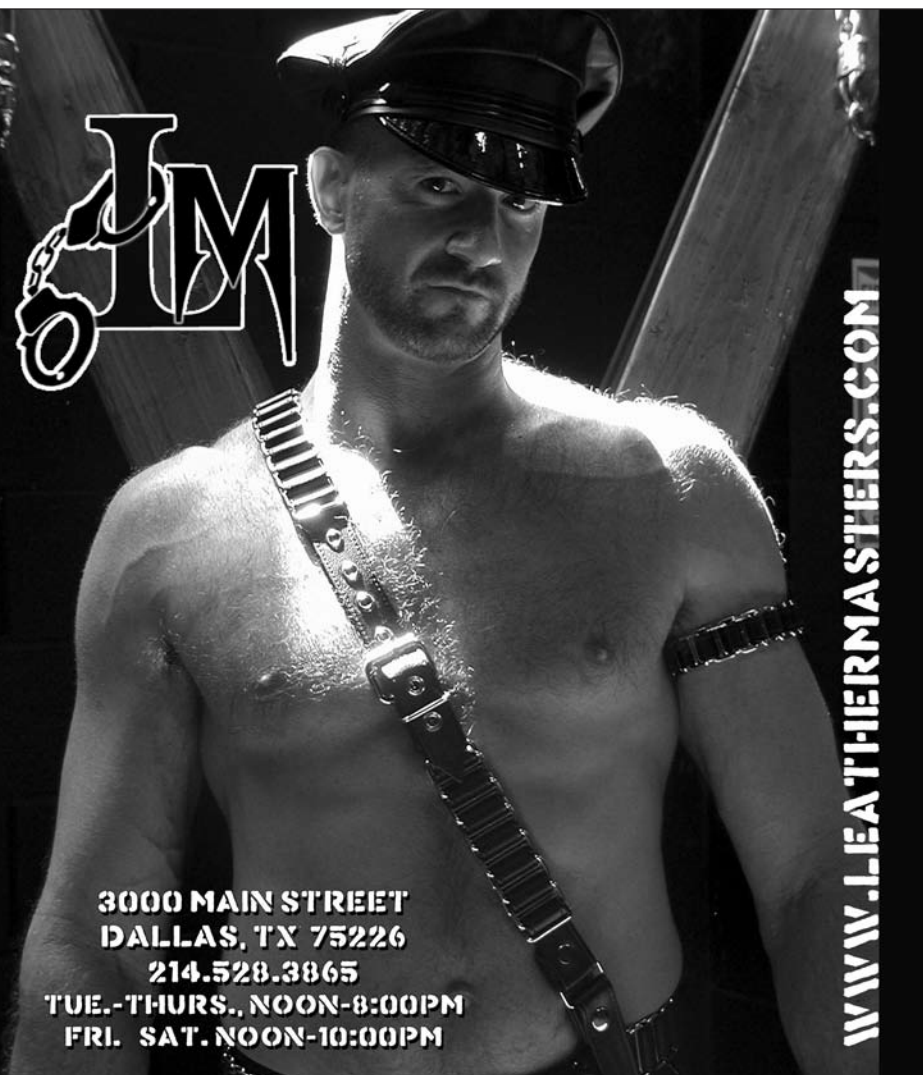


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**ALLSTATE** — (Karen Sandelin); 2717 Wind River; 940-381-5363.

\***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.

## private clubs

\***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.

**DYLAN, THE** — 4533 Cedar Springs, 75219; 214-520-5945; dylanliving.com.

**HENRY, JOSEPH** — (Keller Williams); 214-520-4122; texastextingagent@aol.com.

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

**MARTIN, KEN** — (David Griffin); 214-293-5218.

**NALL, STEVE** — (Virginia Cook); 972-248-5429; texasomegyu.com.

**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 Belli); 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.

## restaurants

\***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 Fitzhugh; 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; dickleys.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, 817-923-3444.

\***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, goodeatsgnill.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.

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

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

\***O'JEDER'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.

## services

**ALLEN, RON, CPA, P.C.** — 2909 Cole Ave., #300; 214-954-0042.

**ALTA MERE TINTING** — 4302 Lemmon Ave.; 214-521-7477; altameddallas.com.

**ARIA CREMATION SERVICE** — 214-340-8008; cremation.com.

\***ARIEL'S PEST CONTROL** — 5319 Alta Vista Ln.; 866-570-4681

# organizationdirectory

## ■ hotline

**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; 214-521-5114; 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 CTG** — 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-TEBODO HEALTH RESOURCE CENTER** — 4012 Cedar Springs, P.O. Box 190869, Dallas 75219; 214-528-2336; rcdallas.org/nthr.c.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; tccaidfund.org.

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

## ■ education

**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@gchapters.glsen.org.

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

**HOMAGE AT UTA** — 817-272-3986; tmarshall@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.

## ■ media

**\*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; glad@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; oaklawnband.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 (x 101); turtlecreek.org.

**WOMEN'S CHORUS OF DALLAS** — 3630 Harry Hines Blvd., #210,

## ■ political

Dallas 75219; 214-520-7828; twcdoffice@twcd.org; twcd.org.

**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.

**STONEWALL DEMOCRATS OF DALLAS** — P.O. Box 192305, Dallas 75219; 214-887-4990; jesse.garcia@stonewalldemocratsdallas.org; stonewalldemocratsdallas.org.

**STONEWALL DEMOCRATS OF DENTON COUNTY** — P.O. Box 703392, Dallas 75370; 972-890-3834; info@stonewalldemocratsdentoncounty.org; stonewalldemocratsdentoncounty.org.

**TARRANT COUNTY STONEWALL DEMOCRATS** — P.O. Box 185363, Fort Worth 76181; 817-913-8743; info@tarrantcountystonewalldemocrats.org; tarrantcountystonewalldemocrats.org.

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## ■ professional

**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.

**DALLAS PRIDE RESOURCE GROUP** — bruce.shelton@bankofamerica.com.

**DALLAS GAY AND LESBIAN BAR ASSN.** — 214-540-4460; adamseidel@aol.com; dgiba.org.

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**DELOITTE GLOBE** — dallasglobe@deloitte.com.

**GLEAM** — gleam@aaa.com; amrgleam.org.

**GLEE** — 972-605-1212; edsu.edu.com/glee/index.html.

**GLOBE** — P.O. Box 50961, Dallas 75250; 972-308-7233; marie.garza@irs.gov; fedglobe.org.

**IBM EAGLE** — haywardm@us.ibm.com.

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**LEADERSHIP LAMBDA TOASTMASTERS** — info@leadershiplambda.freetoasthost.com; leadershiplambda.freetoasthost.com.

**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.

**PRIDE DFW METROPLEX** — roger.brownlow@jpmorgan.com.

**RAYMOND GLBTA** — Roland Zuniga, 972-344-5245, rz@raytheon.com.

**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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**BLACK TIE DINNER, INC.** — 3878 Oak Lawn Ave., Ste. 100-B #321, Dallas 75219; 972-733-9200; blacktie.org.

**BOYS4TOYS** — 4327 Vandelia, Dallas 75219; 214-522-5200; b4t@swbell.net; boys4toys.org.

**COLLIN COUNTY GAY AND LESBIAN ALLIANCE** — P.O. Box 860030 Plano, TX 75086-0030; 214-521-5342 (x1715); info@ccglja.org; ccglja.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@dglja.com; dglja.com.

**DALLAS GENDER SOCIETY** — 214-540-4475.

**DALLAS TAVERN GUILD** — 214-571-1073; michaeldoughman@sbcglobal.net; dallastavernguild.org.

**\*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/glc.c.html.

**HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVE OF NORTH TEXAS** — 214-855-0520; info@hronline.org; hronline.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@tcgppwa.org; tcgppwa.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@battalionmc.com; battalionmc.com.

**BITCHBRUNCH** — bitchnbrunch.org; bitchnbrunch@yahoonrgroups.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@hotmail.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-1-BIG9; dfwbmc@hotmail.com; chubnet.net/dfwbmc.

**DISCIPLINE CORPS** — P.O. Box 190838, Dallas 75219; 214-521-5342 (x1731); webmaster@disciplinecorps.com; disciplinecorps.com.

**FIREDANCERS** — mikejkeith@cs.com; firedancers.org.

**FLYING "W" OF DALLAS** — P.O. Box 815485, Dallas 75381; 972-514-0511.

**FOR MEN ONLY DALLAS (FMO)** — http://socialnetwork.meetup.com/1102/

**FRISCO PRIDE** — 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** — galrocc.org.

**GAY & LESBIAN SINGLES** — 214-328-6749.

**GAY MEN'S BOOK CLUB** — 214-418-3354; gaymensbookclub@sbcglobal.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-fw.org; ic-fw.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.

**LEATHER KNIGHTS** — P.O. Box 190111, Dallas 75219; 214-559-3625; leatherknights.org.

**LONG YANG CLUB** — 214-521-5342 (x428); lyc\_dfw\_tx@hotmail.com; longyangclub.org/dallas.

**LVL/PWA CAMPOUT** — John; Tex4ever@hotmail.com.

**MEN OF ALL COLORS TOGETHER** — P.O. Box 190611, Dallas 75219; 214-521-4765; groups.yahoo.com/group/mactdallas.

**NATIONAL LEATHER ASSOCIATION-DALLAS** — P.O. Box 190432, Dallas 75219; info@nla-dallas.org; nla-dallas.org.

**NORTH TEXAS RADICAL FAERIES** — groups.yahoo.com/group/ntraadfae.

**OAK LAWN COUPLES** — oaklawn Couples.com.

**ONCE IN A BLUE MOON** — 10675 East Northwest Hwy., #2600B, Dallas 75238; 972-264-3381; cschepps@sbcglobal.net; once-in-a-blue-moon.org.

**ORANGE CLUB** — groups.yahoo.com/group/orange-club.

**OUT TAKES DALLAS** — 3818 Cedar Springs #101-405 Dallas 75219; 972-988-6333 (Phone), 866-753-9431 (Fax); outtakesdallas.org.

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**PRIME TIMERS OF DALLAS-FORT WORTH** — P.O. Box 191101, Dallas 75219; 972-504-8866; information@primetimers-dfw.org; primetimers-dfw.org.

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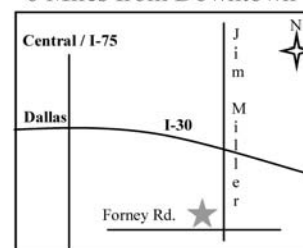
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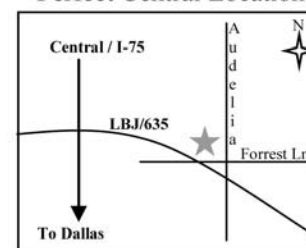
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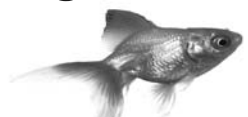
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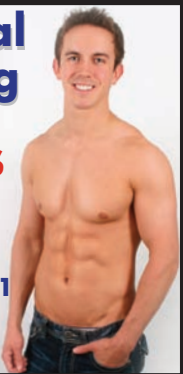
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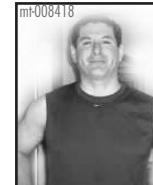
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