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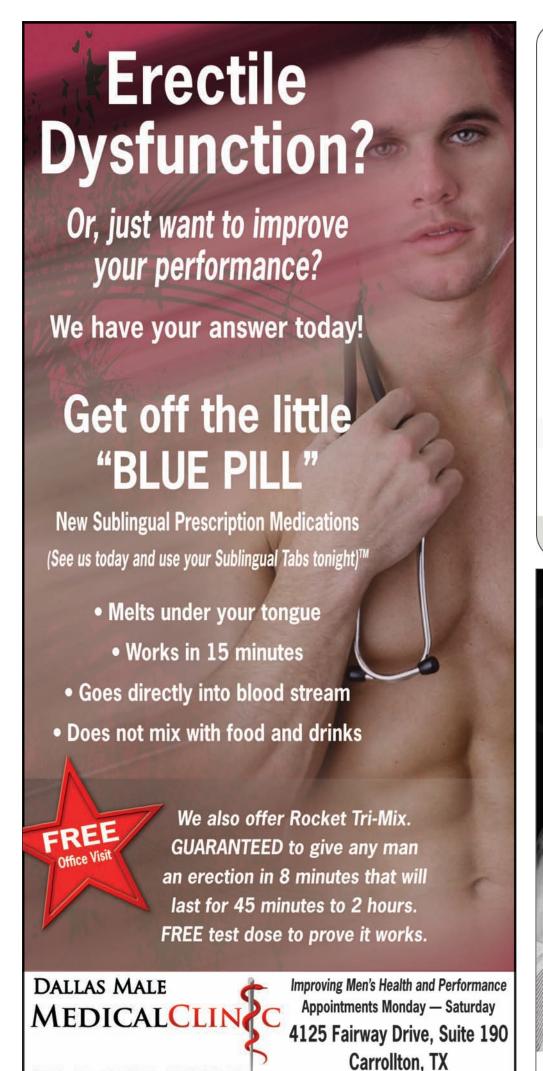
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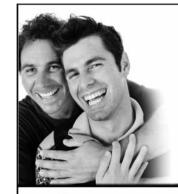
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# 'AIDS at 30' forum set for Tuesday

Panel discussion to explore the current status of HIV treatment and the future of treatment and prevention efforts in next decade

TAMMYE NASH | Senior Editor nash@dallasvoice.com

Thirty years after the first cases of what would eventually come to be known as AIDS were discovered in gay men in Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York, the struggle to contain the worldwide epidemic continues.

But where do we stand today in that fight, 28 years after HIV was determined to be the cause of AIDS, and 24 years after the FDA approved AZT as the first real treatment to fight HIV?

On Tuesday, June 28, Dallas Voice — in partnership with Cathedral of Hope and a slate of business sponsors and community organization partners — presents "AIDS at 30: A Community Forum," to explore the questions of where we are now in the fight, and where we are headed.

The forum will be held at Cathedral of Hope's



Manisha Maskay Ph.D



Dr. Christopher Evans M.D

that the issue of HIV and AIDS is not yesterday's story, but that it is, indeed, tomorrow's story."

The forum will be divided into three sec-

hope for a cure, and

The forum will be divided into three sections, with AIDS Arms Associate Executive Director Manisha H. Maskay, Ph.D., leading off on the topic of

"HIV Prevention Strategies and Challenges for the Next Decade."

Maskey has more than 30 years of experience in the field of public health, medical nutrition therapy and health education and behavior change. In addition to her work at AIDS Arms as both associate executive director and director of community and client services, she has worked for the Columbus Health Department in Columbus, Ohio, and as an assistant professor of medicine and director of clinical nutrition and health education services

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# Interfaith Peace Chapel, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the forum runs from 6:30 p.m to 8 p.m. The forum is free and open to the public.

"We decided to produce this forum, 'AIDS at 30,' from a 'today and tomorrow' perspective," said Robert Moore, Dallas Voice publisher.

"We all know the story of AIDS over the last 30 years. What people are really hungry for now is a real-world look at where HIV prevention and treatment are headed over the next decade," Moore added. "People want to know that there is

# Equality March returns to downtown

Governor's new alliance with a hate group is expected to draw attention to 3rd annual Dallas rally

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Gov. Rick Perry's planned event in Houston with the hate group American Family Association in August has gotten many LGBT allies energized, according to Daniel Cates. And he and other organizers for the third annual Equality March said they hope that new energy helps turn out more participants for the march happening Saturday, June 25, in downtown Dallas.

Cates, who recently became North Texas regional director of GetEqual, said that the march is a demand for full legal equality for LGBT people and an end to religious-based persecution.

But he made it clear that organizers are not bashing religion: "We're calling on lawmakers to make good on the promises in the Constitution," he said. "And we've had an amazing response from our allies — especially in the Christian community."

He said many people see the discrimination against the LGBT community as a violation of the separation of church and state.

March co-organizer Nonnie Ouch said the Perry event is partially state-funded.



**ON THE MOVE** | The 2010 Equality March LGBT rights on display in downtown Dallas. Saturday's march returns to downtown. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

"Fellow activists from around the state are very angry about what Perry's doing right now," she said. "Using state funds to produce such an exclusive event is wrong."

Ouch will also be one of the speakers at the rally following the march. Ouch is a senior at Texas Tech in Lubbock and is spending her summer as an intern at Resource Center Dallas.

March for Equality begins at the John F. Kennedy Memorial Plaza at 6 p.m. Cates urged those attending to "bring signs, flags, banners, bull horns, drums or any means of expression."

C.D. Kirven will emcee the rally. Among other speakers and march sponsors are Jesse Garcia

with LULAC Rainbow Chapter and Brittany Rayson-Stubblefeild, a member of Students for a Democratic Society. Resource Center Dallas, Stonewall Democrats of Dallas and International Socialist Organization Denton and Dallas Branches are also endorsing the march.

The Rev. Stephen Sprinkle with TCU's Brite Divinity School, student and recent Mount Pleasant mayoral candidate Kooper Caraway and I Am Equal Project founder Jason Beckett are also among the speakers. Beckett will be at the Aloft Hotel in Downtown Dallas throughout the day with fashion photographer Matt Spencer to collect pictures for his I Am Equal project.

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#### Southwest pilot's rant



Houston's KPRC Channel 2 reported on a recent incident involving a pilot for Dallasbased Southwest Airlines whose cockpit microphone became stuck on, allowing air traffic controllers and crews from other flights to hear an anti-gay, misogynistic, ageist rant about what the pilot considers a lack of flight attendants suitable for him to

An air traffic controller repeatedly tried to interrupt the pilot and alert him that his microphone was on, but the pilot didn't notice. Much of the anti-gay language has been bleeped out in the audio posted on Channel 2's website, but it's not hard to fill in the blanks:

"Well, I had Tucson to Indy all four weeks and, uh, Chicago crews ... 11 out of 12 ... there's 12 flight attendants, individual, never the same flight attendant twice," the pilot said. "Eleven (expletive) over the top (expletive), (expletive) homosexuals and a granny. Eleven. I mean, think of the odds of that. I thought I was in Chicago, which was partyland. ... After that, it was just a continuous stream of gays and grannies and grandes."

After an inaudible comment by his copilot, presumably about gays, the pilot continues: "Well I don't give a (expletive). I hate 100 percent of their (expletive). So, six months, I went to the bar three times. In six months, three times. ... Once with the granny and the fag, and I wish I hadn't gone."

According to Southwest Airlines, the pilot was suspended without pay for the incident, but the company declined to say for how long and added that Southwest considers it "a family matter."

The FAA also issued a statement saying it "expects a higher level of professionalism from flight crews, regardless of the circumstances."

Cece Cox, executive director of Resource Center Dallas, is quoted extensively in the story. "I hope it's an isolated incident. I hope they look and see what's happening in their culture because clearly this incident shows that there's something happening in this culture that allowed this person to make those kind of remarks and exhibit this kind of hostility, discrimination and hate."

UPDATE: The flight attendants union, in its statement, said it is "dismayed by the response from Southwest Airlines' management" and that the company has "added 'insult to injury." The union also says its attorneys will investigate the possibility of filing an EEOC complaint with the federal government based on the incident.

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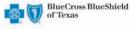


































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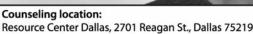
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#### Agencies offering free HIV tests

In observance of National HIV Testing Day, AIDS Interfaith Network, in partnership with Dallas County Health and Human Services, will offer free, on-site, anonymous HIV tests on Monday, June 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mexican Consulate in Dallas, 1210 River Bend

Prevention information will be available in English and Spanish, and testing will also include screenings for syphilis, chlamydia, and gonorrhea.

Resource Center Dallas will offer expanded free walk-in testing opportunities Friday and Saturday, June 24-25 and Monday, June 27.

Free HIV testing will be offered Friday at the Nelson-Tebedo Community Clinic, 4012 Cedar Springs Roadd, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The clinic will be open regular hours for testing on Monday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

#### **DFW Bi Net celebrates Pride**

DFW Bi Net is celebrating national LGBT Pride Month with a mixer from 6 pm. to 9 pm on Thursday, June 30, in the Great Room/Champagne Room at ilume on Cedar

The event will feature margarita and pina colada machines and a drag performer.



Kyle Mabbitt

#### **CCGLA** elects board

Collin County Gay and Lesbian Alliance JCPenney Pride members recently celebrated national Gay Pride Month with a mixer at Seasons 52 durwhich CCGLA members also elected board members.

Kyle Mabbitt unaniwas mously elected to his first term on the board, and Morris Gar-

cia, Rosemarie Odom and Bob Shimmin were unanimously re-elected to new two-year terms. The 2011/2012 CCGLA board also includes continuing members Belinda Carmikle, Jeanne Rubin, Jane Schmidt and Ron Turner.

The new board's first meeting will be Sunday, June 26, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Parr Library in Plano, during which board members will elect new board officers.

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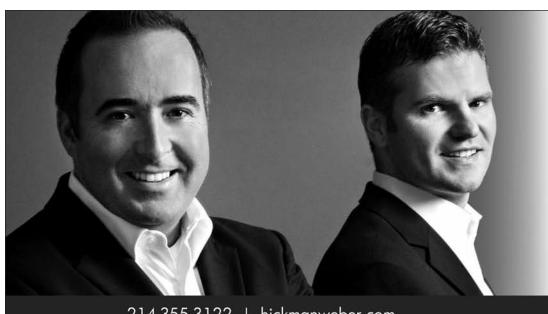
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# The cycling bard

Valerie Skinner has, for 8 years, put the poetic coda on the end of the annual Lone Star Ride Fighting AIDS

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Valerie Skinner loves to tell stories. And for eight of the last 10 years, she has harnessed her talents to write the narrative poems that have become a staple of the Lone Star Ride Fighting AIDS closing ceremonies.

Indeed, her efforts have become so much a part of the ride experience that for many, to imagine the event concluding without Skinner reciting her poetic coda has become unthinkable.

The LSR's "cycling bard" is also the administrator and vice president of the Holloway Family Foundation, which helps individuals who through illness, age or disability — cannot help themselves. For the first six years of LSR, the HFF was the presenting sponsor; since then, it has become a stalwart contributor.

"[In1999], Mike McKay, then executive director of the AIDS Outreach Center, talked with me about whether our family foundation would be interested in sponsoring this new event," Skinner recalls. "We were already [donating to] the three targeted beneficiary agencies [AIDS Outreach Center, AIDS Services of Dallas and the Resource Center of Dallas]. So of course I thought it was a fantastic idea."

Skinner had no intention of doing more than offer financial assistance through the organization that her parents, Graham and Carolyn Holloway, had established in 1994. However, her attitude changed drastically after she attended the first LSR closing ceremony in 2001.

"The energy and excitement of the crew and the riders and everybody that was participating — it was overwhelming," says Skinner. "I don't

really even have the right adjectives to describe what a powerful experience it was. And I just thought, 'Wow! I don't just want to be an outsider, I want to be involved in this."

Her enthusiasm piqued, Skinner promptly bought a bicycle and began to train to do the full ride, which typically averages 175 miles over two days. But between her duties at the Holloway Foundation and the demands of her four-child, three-dog household, she was unable to cycle more than a minimal amount for an LSR "marathoner" — just 20 to 30 miles a week.

Despite always finishing dead last (or very close to it), Skinner prides herself on having peddled almost every mile. She does admit, though, to having used the LSR sweep truck one year to

cover five miles she simply could not manage. "I was so far behind," she explains, "that I knew it would detrimentally affect other people

Being consistently among the "LSR laggards" never bothered Skinner. If anything, her dogged slowness and ability to evade LSR sweep trucks when she's just a few miles shy of ride's end but also late to the finish line — have gained her

"I don't try to do it on purpose. I just call it playing my diva card," says the rogue cyclist. Or her poet's card. Jotting down the lines of verse she will read at the LSR closing ceremonies, after all,

For Skinner, being part of the LSR isn't only about participating in a worthy cause. It's also about spending time with what she calls her "ride family" and having fun, even under what can sometimes be very trying circumstances.

She remembers a time when she and an old college chum were cycling along an open stretch of road during the 2005 LSR. The weather was hot and unbearably humid; it was a day that had chased everyone else indoors.

"We [were passing by] this farm and there was this methane gas from these cows," she says.



Valerie Skinner

"And it was just the nastiest thing. We [wanted] to throw up. We were so sick [and] hated each other for being out there."

Then rain from a sudden storm soaked both women to the bone.

"We started bobbling and then she fell under me and I fell into a ditch," Skinner laughs. "It sounds silly, but it was one of the most crazy fun experiences ever. I don't know how, but we finished. And [what with] the pictures we have and everything else, it was a great memory."

Skinner is definitely not your average rider. But listening to her talk about her experiences, you get the impression she wouldn't have it any other

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

#### **FORUM**

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at the University of Chicago.

Dr. Brady Allen, M.D., with Uptown Physicians Group will lead the discussion on the evening's second topic, "HIV/AIDS Treatment

Dr. Allen, who graduated from Southwestern Medical School in Dallas and completed his internship and residency at New Haven Hospital in Connecticut, has been one of the preeminent doctors in treating HIV/AIDS since the early days of the epidemic in Dallas. After a brief retirement in 2008, he returned to Dallas and to Uptown Physicians in January 2009 to continue his practice.

Dr. Chris Evans, M.D., M.P.H., with AIDS Arms' Peabody Health Center in Oak Cliff, winds up the presentation with a discussion on "What is the Future of HIV Treatment? The Facts. The Hope. The Fiction."

A Yale University graduate, Dr. Evans completed medical school at Drexel University in Philadephia before completing his residency in Internal Medicine and a fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Montefiore Hospital in The Bronx. He has been involved in clinical researcher on HIV/AIDS since 2001 and has participated as a sub-investigator in more than 15 studies on HIV/AIDS treatments.

The forum concludes with an opportunity for audience members to ask questions of the

Platinum sponsors for the forum are Uptown Physicians Group and the Vasquez Clinic. Rx Partners Pharmacy is a gold sponsor.

Community organizations partnering with Dallas Voice to present the forum are AIDS Arms, AIDS Outreach Center of Tarrant County, AIDS Interfaith Network, AIDS Services of Dallas and Resource Center Dallas.

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### texasnews

# What's ahead for LGBTs in Dallas, Fort Worth under cities' new mayors

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With municipal election runoffs finally complete in North Texas, LGBT advocates in Dallas and Fort Worth said they are looking forward to working with new mayors and councilmembers in both cities.

Mayoral runoff candidates in both cities openly and diligently courted LGBT voters, and all four candidates participated in forums specifically addressing LGBT issues. Advocates said those efforts indicate that Dallas Mayor-elect Mike Rawlings and Fort Worth Mayor-elect Betsy Price will likely be willing to work with the LGBT community in the years to come.

"I was very pleased that both candidates, Betsy Price and Jim Lane, had an open dialog with our community during the runoff campaign," Fairness Fort Worth President Thomas Anable said. "And I believe we can continue making the kind of progress we have made over the last two years as we go forward with Betsy Price as our mayor."

Price, former Tarrant County tax assessor/collector, defeated lawyer and former City Council member Jim Lane, 56 percent to 44 percent.

Anable noted that Price and her husband, in another outreach to the LGBT community, attended Celebration Community Church on the Sunday before the June 18 runoff vote. Celebration, pastored by the Rev. Carol West, has a primarily LGBT congregation.

"We have already completed diversity training for 20 percent of the city's employees, and with Mayor-elect Price having said she is on board with continuing that training, and with set-asides for GLBT-owned businesses, we are looking forward to working with her on these and other issues," Anable said. "I have to say I am very pleased with the way the [electoral] process worked in Fort Worth."

In Dallas, Stonewall Democrats of Dallas President Omar Narvaez and Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance President Patti Fink said they are looking

forward to a productive relationship with Mayorelect Mike Rawlings, even though both organizations endorsed his opponent, David Kunkle, in the runoff. Rawlings defeated Kunkle, 56 percent to 44 percent.

"We had some differences in policy approaches during the election cycle itself, but I fully expect that Mayor-elect Rawlings and DGLA will have a good working relationship going forward," Fink said. "I know that DGLA will work to have a good relationship, and I don't expect that Mayor-elect Rawlings would want any less.

"Elections are a time when we have some heated discussions about who we want to lead our city, but when it's done, we all come together and work for what's best for the city," Fink added.

DGLA endorsed another candidate, Ron Natinsky, in the general election, at the same time issuing a rare warning against Rawlings, saying that Rawlings seemed likely to put business considerations ahead of human rights considerations.

However, when Natinsky failed to make the runoff, DGLA gave its endorsement to Kunkle without re-issuing the warning against Rawlings.

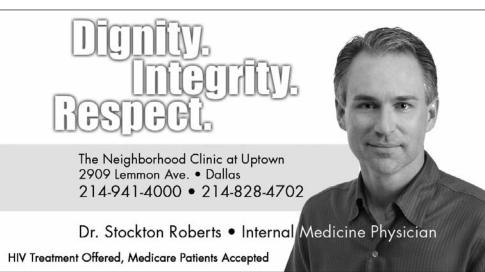
Narvaez said that while Stonewall's endorsed candidate did not win, "we are looking forward to working with Mike Rawlings.... I think we will see some really good things coming out of the City Council in the next few years."

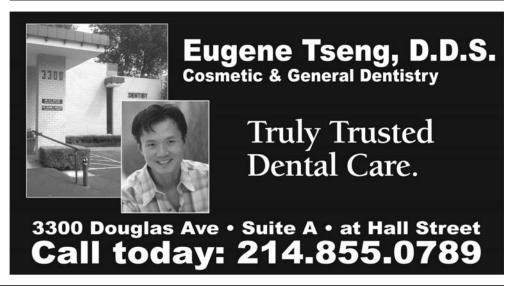
Narvaez said that although Stonewall Democrats endorsed Kunkle as an organization, "we had several members who supported Rawlings and worked on his campaign and with him. Mike Rawlings is a great idea man who will work well with all the communities in our city. I don't think he is the kind of person to hold a grudge. He is a bigger man than that.

"I think he will be there to support our community, and we will support him as well, because our main mission is to move Dallas forward and make it a better, more inclusive city for everyone."

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**IMMIGRATION INEQUALITY** | Attorney Stacy Webb, left, advises his client, Mark J., on U.S. immigration policy. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

# Denied

Dallasite and his Canadian partner, like other bi-national couples, have to get creative to live together, thanks to anti-gay U.S. immigration laws

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The men profiled in this report asked, on the advice of their attorney, that their full names not be used because their case is pending before immigration officials.

After the 2001 death of his partner, Dallasite Mark J. found a second chance at love. But with

the U.S. government standing between them, Mark and his new partner knew their "happily ever after" wouldn't come easily.

Mark and his first partner met Greg K., a Canadian, on line in the 1990s and began a long-distance friendship. After Mark's partner died suddenly in 2001, Mark and Greg began visiting each other.

By 2005, their friendship developed into a relationship — but one that is not without its difficulties. Mark said he and Greg speak on the phone three times a day, and once every two months they spend 10 days together.

It's not an ideal arrangement, but they chose to work it out that way because neither was ready to move because of their jobs, and both have family obligations that tie them to their homes. Mark,

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for example, cares for his deceased partner's mother, who is in her 90s.

But the situation could change soon. Mark and Greg are both are in their 50s, and both plan to retire in five years. Still, even then, federal immigration law poses a major roadblock.

To explore their options, Mark and Greg visited attorney Stacy Webb, who specializes in immigration cases and estate planning services and was recently qualified as a pro bono attorney for Human Rights Initiative. HRI is a Dallas-based organization that offers service to local refugees and immigrants who have suffered human rights abuses.

Webb told them their options are limited.

Mark can move to Greg's home in Ontario if the couple marries. But Greg only qualifies for a 90-day U.S. tourist visa and cannot move to Dallas to live with Mark.

The problem is U.S. immigration inequality.

The foreign partner in a married, opposite-sex couple can apply for residency in the U.S. and will automatically be granted a green card, unless there is a specific reason for exclusion. The green card gives the spouse permanent residency and the right to begin the process of applying for citizenship.

But because the federal Defense of Marriage Act specifically prohibits legal recognition of same-sex marriage, couples like Mark and Greg don't have that option.

"As an attorney, it can be frustrating when same-sex couples come to me for help with their immigration issues," Webb said.

"Here is a couple that has taken every possible step to formalize their relationship. They've prepared mutual wills and powers of attorney, held themselves out to the world as a committed couple, and shared their lives for several years. But because the federal government chooses not to recognize that relationship, there is no way for Greg come to this country legally," Webb said.

Canada issues visas on a point system. On his own, Mark scored too low to obtain permanent resident status. According to Canada's Lesbian and Gay Immigration Taskforce — known as LEGIT — age and any health conditions that require long-term health and social service support

would count against an immigrant.

But Mark did score points for his education and work experience.

However, under the Canadian marriage equality law, Mark can apply for permanent residency as Greg's spouse if they marry in Canada or in one of the U.S. states that offer marriage, civil unions or domestic partnerships.

Because they are planning ahead, if Mark decides to move to Canada, he should not encounter any problems, according to Webb. LEGIT says the application process takes anywhere from three months to three years.

Although DOMA prevents the U.S. government from recognizing same-sex marriages, the proposed Uniting American Families Act would allow an American partner to sponsor a spouse. That bill is stalled in Congress.

"One of the stated goals of U.S. immigration policy is to 'keep families together," Webb said. "However, they obviously don't mean our families because same-sex citizens cannot petition for their partners or spouses."

UAFA would remedy the injustice that tears same-sex families apart.

According to the New York-based Immigration Equality, 19 countries allow bi-national couples to sponsor their same-sex partners for immigration. Canada is among them. The U.S. is not.

Steve Ralls, spokesman for Immigration Equality, said, "Canada is a very welcoming country for lesbian and gay couples."

Many of Immigration Equality's clients move to Canada for a number of reasons. Proximity, Ralls said, is an advantage. But even more important is that same-sex couples receive all the benefits of heterosexual couples once they become Canadian residents.

"Everything from an enormously progressive health care system to tax benefits, including filing tax returns jointly," Ralls said.

Mark can be listed as a beneficiary of Greg's Canadian Social Security benefits. Greg cannot receive benefits from Mark's American Social Security.

Ralls said that a number of bi-national couples have immigrated to Canada, even in cases where neither is Canadian.

One applies to become a Canadian resident based on the point system. Once a resident, that BARRED, Page 13



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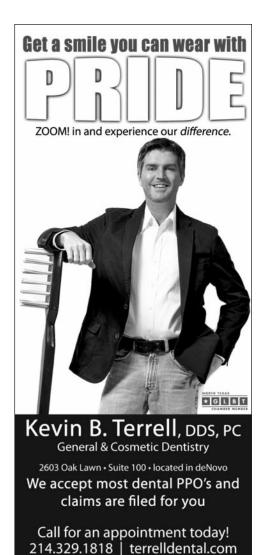
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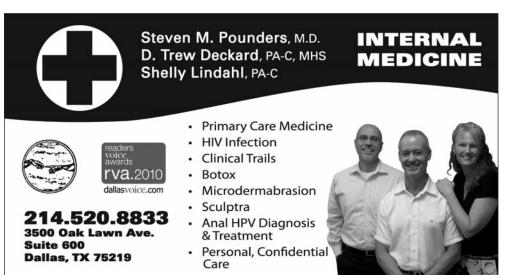
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# businessnews

# Oak Cliff does gayborhood differently

In the city's second largest collection of gay-owned businesses, gay and straight mix nicely

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None of the gay business owners in Bishop Arts could say exactly how many of the other business owners in the Oak Cliff neighborhood were gay.

That's because "no one cares about your color or if you're gay or straight," said Hunky's owner Rick Barton at his Bishop Arts restaurant. Barton recently served as president of the Bishop Arts Merchant's Association.

In the early 1980s, the Bishop Arts District began when a gay couple opened a restaurant in a corner space of an old warehouse in an area that was once the busiest trolley stop in Dallas.

That space later became Vitto, a gay-owned Italian restaurant and today is the coffee shop, Oddfellows.

Bishop Arts differs from Cedar Springs in a number of ways. The Oak Lawn street is a busy, four-lane thoroughfare that leads to Love Field, while the Oak Cliff neighborhood has a small-town feel that winds along several side streets off two-lane Davis Street.

Oak Lawn has plenty of bars. But while alcohol sales in restaurants were approved for Oak Cliff in November, bars, taverns and dance halls were not. So Bishop Arts remains a collection of restaurants, art galleries, stores, a gym and professional offices.

Barton said that the stores in Bishop Arts are all "mom-and-pop" affairs.

"That's what's cool about Bishop Arts now," he said.

Barton called Oak Lawn lively, hopping and contemporary, while Oak Cliff, he said, is a little bit retro

"People come and stroll and window shop," he said. "It's a small-town feeling."

Paul Kirkpatrick and Mike Harrity opened Bishop Street Market 15 years ago. Harrity said each of the last three years he has seen record sales.

Before opening, the couple looked at Lakewood and thought about Oak Lawn, but rents scared them away. At the time, he said, rent in Bishop Arts was "dirt cheap."

"I had my business here eight years before my parents [who live in North Dallas] would come down to see it," he said.

"If you want to be killed ...," he said his mother warned.

Now, Harrity said, the area has become a major destination for people from around the city.

"People don't stumble on us," he said.

Michael Amonett owns Alchemy Salon. He is also president of the Old Oak Cliff Conservation League.

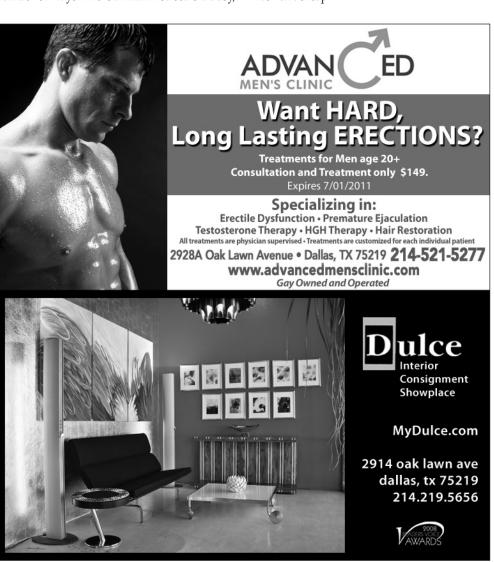
He said those in Bishop Arts need to be vigilant to keep the area from looking like Uptown and filling with chain stores.

The largest chains in the area now are Café Brazil and Gloria's — both local, homegrown businesses.

The new Gloria's is actually the relocated original that opened 25 years ago, several blocks away. Earlier this year, the restaurant moved into Bishop Arts in the renovated Firehouse No. 15, the same vintage as the fire station on Cedar Springs Road.

And attorney Chad West opened his law firm in a restored house on Bishop Avenue next to Gloria's. He recently expanded his business with a

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new office in Fort Worth near Keller.

West is a big Bishop Arts booster.

"To me, you have the benefit of a large city but the feel of a small town," he said. "Go to lunch, see your neighbors and wave to them." Future plans will bring more people to the area while adding to the retro, small town atmosphere. A new trolley line from Downtown to Methodist Hospital that runs over the Houston Street Viaduct should be running by 2014. Then, the next link would extend near — or possibly through — Bishop Arts.

#### **BARRED**

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person can sponsor his or her partner for residency.

Ralls said that if UAFA passed in the U.S., binational couples would have to undergo the same strict criteria as opposite-sex couples. That includes intrusive interviews that confirm the validity of a relationship.

He said that UAFA was recently reintroduced in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate with its largest number of cosponsors. But that's still not enough votes for the measure to pass.

Two Texas representatives — Sheila Jackson Lee of Houston and Eddie Bernice Johnson of Dallas — are among the sponsors.

"The current House makes it difficult to pass," Ralls said. "But if they tackle immigration reform, it will be GLBT-inclusive."

He said he thinks that immigration reform legislation will be introduced in Congress before the end of the summer.

Ralls said that if Republicans and Democrats can agree on major issues — such as a path to citizenship — relationship equality will pass as part of the package.

Cannon Flowers is CEO of Human Rights Initiative. He advises bi-national couples planning to live in the U.S. to stay legal and work with an attorney.

"You can make a lot of mistakes before you realize what you've done," he said, adding that any misrepresentation of immigration status — on a credit card application, a loan or other legal document — could be considered fraud and used years later as a permanent bar to immigration.

"Get legal advice before you start the process," he said

Flowers, who is himself in a bi-national relationship, said he began doing research before he and his partner entered the U.S.

"There are more options than people realize,"

He mentioned a friend in Houston who has four degrees and noted that educational visas are relatively easy to obtain. Another of Flowers' friends lives in California on an artist's visa. Flowers said that those visas are also obtainable if you can prove a certain level of achievement.

Another of Flowers' friends qualified for a green card because, as a doctor, he provides a level of skill needed in the country.

"Get creative," Flowers advised those looking for ways to get a visa.

Bi-national couples pay a heavy price for maintaining a relationship. Some couples give up jobs and move away from extended family to be together. Mark and Greg have made the decision to work another five years until they are ready to retire. But in the meantime, they have to maintain two separate residences and incur high travel expenses to be together.

Flowers counted his partner's education, an investment in a business they may never have started and attorney's fees as his biggest expenses.

"His tax filing is more complicated because of his entrepreneurial visa status," Flowers said. "And he spends thousands more per year in accounting.

Visas to reside in the U.S. must be picked up in the home country. So each time a visa is renewed or changed from one category to another, a trip that may involve travel halfway around the world will be required.

Webb said that as an attorney, he's sworn to abide by the laws of the United States. But as an advocate for his clients, he believes it's time to change the laws to honor all families.

"The founders of this country recognized that we all have the right to 'life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," Webb said. "What can be more basic to the pursuit of happiness than being able to choose with whom you share your life?"







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# viewpoints

# Tin Moses' 10 **Commandments** of Target Field

Security guard at Twins' ballpark reprimands kissing lesbians with biblical law, prompting complaint to Department of Human Rights

mong the security guards at Target Field in Minneapolis, one stands out for his overriding moral concerns. The fellow is a little tin Moses, and the stadium is his Mount Sinai — with mustard and relish.

Taylor Campione and Kelsi Culpepper encountered him when they decided to take in a Minnesota Twins game on May 27.

According to City Pages, the young women arrived a little late to the game, and Culpepper headed for the restroom, first giving her girlfriend a quick peck. A middle-aged security guard immediately walked toward Campione, shaking his head.

"I saw you kissing that girl; you can't do that,"

"I can kiss whoever I want to," Campion re-

torted, showing quicker reflexes than most infield-

"Well, we don't play grab-ass said the here," guard.

If the women shared only a quick kiss, as they claim, this man's sense of anatomy leaves something to be desired. He



must think catchers squat on their ears. Campione told Culpepper what had tran-

spired, and Culpepper confronted the guard, saying, "I don't understand what's wrong with kissing my girlfriend."

After some arguing, the security guard declared, "Well, here in the stadium, we adhere to the Ten Commandments."

That one would've left me speechless. I wouldn't have known whether to laugh, shriek or look around for Charlton Heston.

What I do know is there is no commandment about kissing, same-sex or otherwise. So which commandments was the man talking about? Which ones do they adhere to at Target Field?

I suspect these are the Target Field 10 Commandments:

1. You shall have no other team but the Twins. Even if they're in the cellar and playing like Muppets.



ON TARGET | By decree of tin Moses in a security guard's uniform, there's no grab-ass allowed at the Minnesota Twins' Target Field.

- 2. You shall have no other idols beyond Joe Mauer. You shall not bow down to Alex Rodriguez, Joey Votto or Big Papi, nor clothe yourself in their T-shirts or jerseys.
- 3. You shall not swear. At least not out loud. If the Twins hit into five double plays in one game, cursing under your breath is acceptable.
- 4. You shall keep the Sabbath day holy by attending a Sunday game and praying like crazy for a win.
- 5. You shall honor your father and mother by bringing them to the ballpark. Contact a service representative for more information on the special "Honor Your Parents, Pay for Their Tickets" package.
- 6. You shall not murder. Even if the guy behind you spills his Landshark Lager and soft shell tacos on you during the seventh-inning stretch.
- 7. You shall not be gay and commit a display of affection. Try a National League park for that.
- 8. You shall not steal. But the team damn well bet-
- 9. You shall not lie about being old enough to drink. If you attempt to deceive, Twins mascot T.C. Bear will stone you with peanuts and cheese curds.

10. You shall not covet your neighbor's ass, your wife's ass or anybody's ass, for grab-ass is not played at Target Field. However, teammates shall whack the ass of any player who hits a grand slam.

These must be the commandments the security guard was thinking of when he scolded the lesbians. If he had carried two laminated stone tablets in his wallet to whip out on such occasions, things might've gone easier.

Campione and Culpepper are filing a complaint with the Minnesota Department of Human Rights. It's unknown whether the guard is filing a complaint with God.

The man has received a verbal and written reprimand for his "unacceptable" behavior, said a Twins spokesman. But he's still on the job, so anyone he catches misbehaving at Target Field will be subject to ejection and locusts.

Leslie Robinson wrote about another ballpark brouhaha over lesbian kissing three years ago. Read column and much more General Gayety.com, and email Leslie at lesarobinson@gmail.com.

# Feedback

#### Southwest pilot's anti-gay rant

I don't get the story. I mean, these two guys were talking with each other and they didn't know the mike was on. Are we supposed to hate Southwest Airlines now and demand they are fired? They were suspended? What are we saying to people? People don't have a right to freedom of speech? It's not like they went through the plane calling people fags, etc. This is just too much for me. I'm gay, but I don't think I should expect the world to unconditionally love me. These guys did nothing wrong, and I am sorry my community thinks everything should be perfect. This is just wrong. It was a mistake, and I don't believe any malicious intent can be taken. As much as we want to be queens, we can't demand heads to roll every time we are offended. Good Lord!

EricDallas, via the Internet

Did nothing wrong? Nothing? I understand

the feeling that we don't get to expect everyone loves us, but this was a workplace issue more than anything. If those things were spoken in my office, I would fire the employee immediately. No other employee in the cockpit should be subjected to such hate speech in the office and companies have a serious legal calculation to make about how they handle such incidents. Speech is free but there are consequences. I don't expect this guy to like me, but if I am working with him, I expect he will not use epithets, etc.

I think it's also vital to note the connection between misogyny, sizism, ageism and homophobia. They are cut from the same cloth.

*Mrs. Sippi, via the Internet* 

The real problem with this is the fact that this individual blocked the ability for Air Traffic Control to do their job. During his entire tirade, this individual — responsible for hundreds, if not thousands of lives - was unable to issue instructions to maintain the safe operation of their

airspace. You may or may not agree with what he said, but not only did he endanger everyone in his airspace, but he also broadcast curse words. Call the FCC!

ATC, via the Internet

I don't know who's the worst offender here, the ignorant pilot, Southwest for choosing to call this a "family matter" and brushing off any further obligation or Eric, an allegedly gay man who seems to be just fine with bigotry, hatred, ignorance and an overall lack of basic human respect. It's a sad day when this kind of disrespect is addressed with further disrespect . Shame on vou all.

**RPatrick**, via the Internet

First of all, this isn't a freedom of speech issue. The amendment says that you have the right to free speech and the "government" can't stop you. Southwest Airlines is not the government. Whether you are employed by the NBA, SWA or

any mom-and-pop shop, they can decide if what you say while you are their employee will affect your employment status.

I'm not going to judge/condemn SWA for this one ignorant man's statement. They did what they felt was appropriate for their employee. People should just move on. There are more important fish to fry in his world. And btw, I am a hetero and a huge gay rights activist, but this is not where I believe we should be focusing our energy.

Grandma Johnston, via the Internet

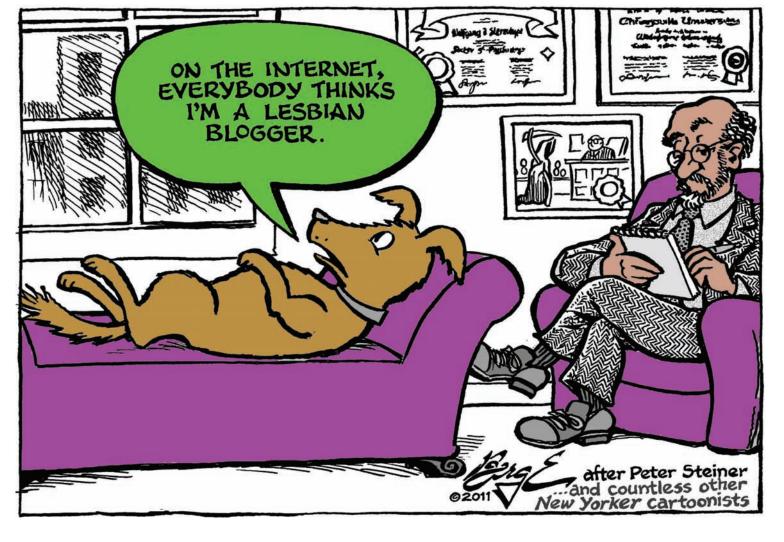
I bet if he was calling them the "n" word, he would be out the door! Double standards. It's okay to belittle and make fun of gays' rights. Wrong. We are all accountable for the words that come out of our mouth and if they keep him on, Southwest is saying they agree with his words! *dbruce,* via the Internet

He is a closet-case or insecure. He needs to be fired! Enough of this bullshit! People really need to start taking more responsibility for their actions! I am sick of people getting away with their shit! Society has no more scruples and morals! *David*, via the Internet

I agree with dbruce. To be fair, when I wonder if something qualifies as discrimination or hatespeech, I apply the "N" test. If someone said the "N" word instead of "fag," would people react any differently? If we said it was illegal for blacks to marry — instead of gays — how would America respond? We must not let these situations pass without notice when they fail the "N" test.

I hope this pilot spends some of his time off in sensitivity training. This pilot's belief that he is entitled to sex with flight attendants is pretty shocking. I wonder how his wife feels when she reads a transcript of her husband's words. Go Figure, via the Internet

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BLOOD-SUCKING HUNKS | It could be hard to run from these beefy vampires in 'Bite Marks,' a horror comedy starring Dallas native Benjamin Lutz.

# LIFE+STYLE

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# Something WICKED this way comes

Alt-gay gorefest Fears for Queers is back for seconds as vampire director Mark Bessenger presses the flesh

**RICH LOPEZ I** Staff Writer lopez@dallasvoice.com

ark Bessenger may be the first person to coin the term "horror drag." The film director, who comes to town Saturday for Dallas' second annual Fears for Queers Film Festival, ponders over what queer audiences find in horror films. As he sees it, the gays *love* screams.

"Whether [it's because] we identify with the monster as an outcast, or because people dress up in all that horror drag, I'm kinda surprised [LGBT-themed horror festivals] are not happening more often," he says.

Bessenger's first produced feature, *Bite Marks*, closes out the one-day fest, following a successful premiere at the San Francisco International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival last week. And even though Fears for Queers isn't as big, Bessenger is glad organizers Shawn Ewert and Andrew Rose approached him for it.

"It's like we were made for each other," he says. "How often do you run into a gay film festival of horror movies? I can't wait to see how Texans react. And to have it shown at the theater where Lee Harvey Oswald was apprehended? That's such a bonus."

In *Bite Marks*, Brewster, a truck driver (played by Dallas native Benjamin Lutz), is dealing with his sexuality. While on the road, he picks up a hitchhiking gay couple working out some issues of their own. If you think the premise sounds suspiciously like the plot of a gay porn film, you are not alone.

"Even during casting, we were asked if this was a porno," he laughs. "Without giving too much away, Brewster is hauling a shipment of coffins to a funeral home, but when the GPS misleads them, they find themselves in an abandoned junkyard — and the coffins may not be empty."

Written to be dark and brutal, Bessenger made changes during talks with his executive producer. Initially, the hitchhikers were straight, but changed to same-sex to broaden the demographic. (How often has *that* decision been made?) He also changed the tone to more of a horror comedy.

The decisions have paid off. Bessenger's reaction from the San Fran crowd was enthusiastic.

"The feedback I've gotten has mostly been about the comedy," he says. "I think they responded because of its gay edge and snappy lines. One funny thing was the more conventional horror scares I use, the audience wasn't familiar with."

Bessenger was thrilled hearing gasps in the audience and seeing people jump in their seats. Although he says his next film will be straightforward horror, the gay element isn't lost on him. His approach has been to create the film and then figure in an LGBT aspect. He has no problem being the "gay filmmaker," as that sensibility will creep into his movies regardless.

"Of course it depends on who I'm making the movie for, but be-

cause I am gay, there will likely be that aesthetic," Bessenger says. "If I had done *Avatar* or *Super 8*, there would be something gay in there. Artistically, something of yourself has to seep in even if it's just a line of dialogue or a reference."

But making *Bite Marks* so gay was easier because all the lead actors were out, including Lutz, an SMU grad making his feature film debut. Lutz performed in Dallas with the likes of Kitchen Dog Theater and the Dallas Theater Center, but left for L.A. six years ago. But he's downplaying his homecoming.

"I am really excited to see it on my home turf," he says. "I can't be nervous about reactions. I've done my work, it's up there and there's nothing I can do."

But he had some nerves going into the part. Unlike the blue-collar Midwesterner Brewster, Lutz is a Texas boy; he worried if that would hinder his performance.

"I've never driven a truck or done certain things Brewster has," he says. "I was nervous I wouldn't have a believable accent, but everything really fell in place. I felt like I was in really good hands with Mark."

Both Bessenger and Lutz are at work on their next films, and Bessenger for one is excited about the continued growth of LGBT voices in film into something broader. He just wants them to scream as well.



#### **Fears for Queers' lineup**

DOA Blood Bath Entertainment teamed with out film-maker Shawn Ewert and his company Right Left Turn Productions to bring back the second annual Fears For Queers LGBT Film Festival, consisting of feature films and short scarefests — all by queer filmmakers. The films — which all screen Saturday at the Texas Theatre in Oak Cliff — run the gamut from camp to terrifying.

In J.T. Seaton's feature **George's Intervention**, friends of George meet to help him with his addiction to eating people. Considering George is a zombie, they may have trouble sticking around through the night.

**Cupcake**, left, is likely the first zombie lesbian musical. The short fits in a chorus line of zombies amid a love story in the suburbs. A lesbian couple moves into

Hobart, but the crabby pair of old ladies next door aren't having it, but beware of that pale-looking mailman.

The Finnish film **Metsästysmaata**, below, takes two



strangers led by a mysterious girl into the deep woods where no one can hear them scream.

Lola Rocknrolla is back with cinematic screwballery in the short, I Was a Tranny Werewolf.

**Bite Marks**, right, closes the fest along with a Q&A with director Mark Bessenger, actor Benjamin Lutz in attendance.

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# Love gone wrong

Relationships are screwed up in 'Dying City,' '5 Women,' 'Cyrano'



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ll of the female characters in Alan Ball's comedy  ${\bf Five}$ Women Wearing the Same Dress fit cozily into "types:" Cynical young rebel Meredith (Catherine DuBord); perky, Bible-quoting Frances (Heather Sims); saucy beauty queen Trisha (Emily Scott Banks); emotionally volatile Georgeanne (Barrett Nash); blowsy lesbian Mindy (Catherine Wall). You can practically hear a pitch meeting where he tried to get a network to option it as a sitcom.

But there's nothing wrong with situational comedy, especially when it's presented with such frothy fun. The danger is when the jokes and set-ups never move beyond what's expected. Familiarity truly can breed contempt.

That doesn't happen here, though it could. When Meredith enters — cig drooping from her lips, her sunglasses and leather biker jacket barely hiding a bridesmaid dress that looks like a hideous explosion of Pepto-Bismol, taffeta and bows — it seems like a shorthand to establish her character as "the bad girl." But DuBord goes further, as Ball's script allows her, finding depth between all the one-liners.

She and the other four ladies are all attendants at her sister's wedding, though none of them seem to like the bride very much. They reconnect with each other, bonding over their hatred for the sickening frosting-colored gowns, the sleazy guests ... and sometimes each others' prejudices. (Frances is appalled that the groom has a lesbian sister "and everyone knows it!? They look just like

The cast is superb, with the standouts a sassy, beautiful Banks (whose authoritative entrance pegs her instantly as the character to watch) and Wall (who delivers the punchy lines with brio). Ball is clearly out-magnoling Steel Magnolias, with dishy dialogue as well as zingers about the Christian right and thoughtful observations about AIDS and child abuse, but he never lets those aspects weigh down its confectionary tone. If there's only one June wedding you attend this year, make it this one.

Dying City isn't the most upbeat title for a play that itself is sometimes swallowed by sadness, but Second Thought's regional premiere of this play about a gay man (Rhett Henckel) who visits the widow (Grace Heid) of his twin brother (also Henckel) a year after his apparent suicide in Iraq has much to recommend it, notably its two actors.

As the gay brother, Henckel is marvelously superficial playing an actor who's a bit too full of himself and whose attempts to connect with his sister-in-law fall infuriatingly short. Heid is less accessible emotionally (she spends too much time with her arms crossed across her slender frame), but she modulates the scene between past and present beautifully.

The play itself is a reverie on Truth and Perception and War and Human Understanding — big

themes that are difficult to resolve, or even give sufficient cursory treatment, but if writer Christopher Shinn bites off more than he can chew, he gets props for trying to do something meaningful and contemporary without banging his (or our) head into a wall.

For 40 years, Dallas' Shakespeare in the Park has been just that: The Bard, and just the Bard, outdoors.

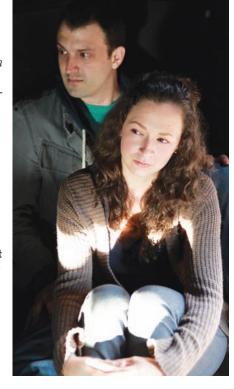
But Bill only wrote 38 plays (and far fewer good ones), so to mix it up this season, Shakespeare Dallas has thrown in Edmond Rostand's Cyrano de Bergerac. It is a somewhat puzzling addition. Rostand wrote it about 300 years after Shakespeare; although written in verse (in French), the translation of this production removes most of the poetry.

And then there's this little problem: It's not actually that good of a play. Cyrano's poetry is purple; the death scene is needlessly prolonged; the characters largely unlikable.

This production clocks in at more than three hours — a long time to sit in the punishing winds and Texas heat of Samuell-Grand Amphitheater. Its famous central conceit — that the big-nosed poet and warrior Cyrano (Chris Hury) writes all the love notes to his beloved Roxane (Lydia Mackay) on behalf of the doltish young hottie Christian (Austin Tindle) – isn't even introduced into more than an hour in. Until then we spend a lot of time with peripheral characters; after then, we begin to realize what a high-maintenance and superficial bitch Roxane really is. (When Christian doesn't woo her with good poems, she turns on him like a

I cannot imagine that the director,

Raphael Perry, has ever instructed any actor to "tone it down:" There's a stentorian, commedia dell'arte flamboyance to the performances he leads, and it's rarely needed, even in the gustiness of outdoors that often carried the miked voices of the actor into the trees. (At times, the winds blew so hard on the extensively caped cast I thought it might morph into a stage version of Batman; I started looking to see if Julie Taymor was around.) Even the costumes are freakishly overdone, some shoes be-



decked with such garish pompoms that it appears the actors are continually kicking Teletubbies.

Nonetheless, the balcony scene (perhaps that's the Shakespeare connection) is superbly wrought by the central actors, and despite its length (and the overall "eh" reaction I had when it was over) there is a calming, civilized wave that befalls as you sit amid nature, eating cheese and pinot grigio out of a picnic basket while a play rages on before you. It ain't the Winspear. But neither is it a walk in the park.

Five Women Wearing the Same Dress. Through July 2. ContemporaryTheatreofDallas.com. Dying City. Through July 2. SecondThought Theatre.com. Cyrano de Bergerac (in repertory with As You Like It). Through July 23. Shakespeare Dallas.org.



SEEING PINK | A gay bridesmaid (Catherine Wall, top left, with Catherine DuBord) looks 'just like a real woman' in 'Five Women;' Cyrano (Chris Hury, above) turns love into war; a gay actor (Rhett Henckel, top right) visits his brother's widow in 'Dying City.

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# Tasting notes Murray's: What a friend we have in cheeses; White Rock holds a picnic

What a friend we have in cheeses, now that Murray's Cheese Shop has moved out of the ghetto of Greenwich Village in New York City and hit the real center of the cheese world, the hometown of Paula Lambert: Dallas.

At least, that's how I approach it at my house, where a day without cheese is like a day without sunlight. So to have the celebrated from agerie inside the Kroger Dr. Pepper Station is a coup for local cheese lovers.

The shop groups its cheeses by use more than style: Melting cheeses, stinky cheeses, spreadable, etc. Even better, there's a section for this month's specials, where you can get great deals. Don't hesitate to ask for samples, or go outside your comfort zone, such as a deliciously crunchy version of two-year gouda called Reypanaer, or the veiny, pungent Smokehaus blue.

White Rock Lake celebrates its centennial with several culinary events this weekend. On Saturday, the beach turns into the **Veranda Lounge**, with a day-long choice of meals. Culinary couple Jeana Johnson and Colleen O'Hare of Good 2 **Go Tacos** serve brunch from 10 to 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch and wine at noon. afternoon tea at 2, cocktails at 4:30 and dinner with chef Marc Cassel starting at 7 p.m., followed by music and fireworks.

Then on Sunday, Brian C. Luscher, chef/owner of The Grape, hosts Chefs' Picnic at the Lake, starting at noon at the Bath House Cultural Center. Cassel will be back, along with Jeff Harris of RedFork, Nathan Tate and Randall Copeland of Restaurant Ava and others. Visit HighlandParkCafeteria.com for more info and to purchase tickets.

Central 214 executive chef Blythe Beck recently adopted a dog, which motivated her to hold a benefit for **Operation Kindness**. (It's also a mission close to our hearts — Dallas Voice profiles a shelter pet for adoption every week.) On June 30, the restaurant at the Hotel Palomar will



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hold a VIP Party — that's Very Important Pet on the patio, with drink special and all-you-caneat bites for just \$10. It runs from 7 to 10 p.m.

Dish is back with its drag brunch this Sunday, and will do them twice a month from now on, with bottomless mimosas and a special brunch

Taste of Dallas returns to Fair Park, Friday, July 8 through Sunday, July 10. The annual festival of food features live music, contests and lots of tastings. Among the chefs on-hand are gay restaurateur Scott Jones of Macho Nacho and Cowtown Diner and Jason Boso of Twisted Root Burger Co. and Cowboy Chow. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$8 at the gate. See the full lineup at TasteofDallas.org.

- Arnold Wayne Jones



#### **TRAVEL DIARY**

Josh Flagg, pictured, a star of the Bravo series Million Dollar Listing who came out earlier this year, is letting his Pride flag wave. Flagg will host a four-day dance party in the Quepos/Manuel Antonio area of Costa Rica next month. It takes place July 21-25 in a gated community on the Latin American nation's South Coast. To learn more, visit HMCRPride.com/party.

GayTravel.com is reaching out to the queer artistic community to highlight the local arts scenes in destinations for its readers.

LGBT artists and allies who work in any media are invited to submit pieces that would be of interests to gay travelers - pieces promoting events, trends or just themselves that can add to the experience of visiting new locales. You can read more about it on the website, or email sophie.needelman@gaytravel.com for details.

— A.W.J.



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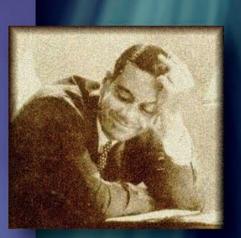
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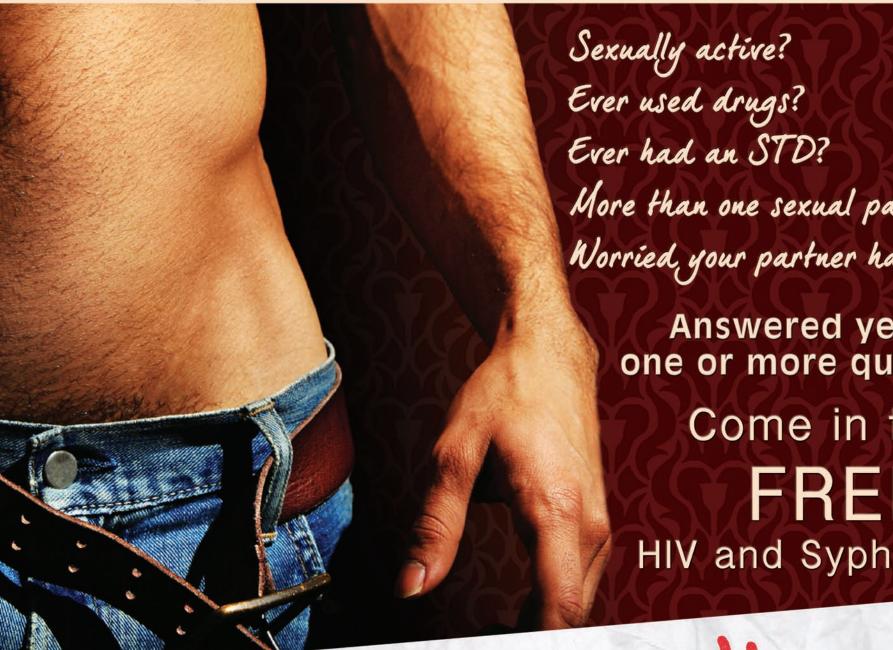
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## LIFE-STYLE



### **Sunday** 06.26

#### Boys to men

Finally, it's cool to like New Kids on the Block and not be a teenage girl in the late '80s. Likely you imagined holding hands with Jordan and Joey, but Jonathan was really the cutest. Good looks, the quiet one and lo and behold, gay! Jonathan Knight came out publicly earlier this year. They team with the all-grown '90s boy band, Backstreet Boys.

**DEETS:** American Airlines Center, 2500 Victory Ave. 7:30 p.m. \$32–\$92. Ticketmaster.com.

### **Tuesday** 06.28

#### Three decades later

Dallas takes a look at current treatments for HIV/AIDS as well as the challenges of the future at AIDS at 30: A Community Forum. Manisha Maskay and Dr. Christopher Evans of AIDS Arms speak on prevention strategies and the hopes of the near future while Dr. Brady Allen covers today's treatment.

**DEETS:** Interfaith Peace Chapel, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 6 p.m. InterfaithPeaceChapel.org.

### Thursday 06.30

#### Oh, does he have talent

You probably caught wind of the Baroque dandy singer Prince Poppycock on *America's Got Talent*. Although he didn't snag the top spot, he's a winner in our eyes with that voice, costumes and theatrics.

**DEETS:** The Rose Room, 3912 Cedar Springs Road (inside S4). Midnight. \$8–\$15. Caven.com.









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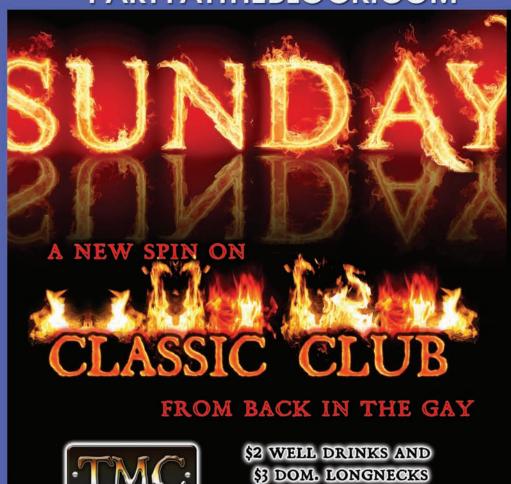
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#### calendar

#### **FRIDAY 06.24**

#### COMMUNITY

**Queerly Speaking**. Local musician Jurni Rayne debuts her new single at the Fahari Arts Institute event. South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Ave. 8 p.m. \$5. FahariArtsInstitute.org.

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

#### SATURDAY 06.25

#### **COMMUNITY**

North Texas March for Equality. Prior to the march, the I Am Equal photo project will work to create the largest photo mosaic ever with those in attendance. Aloft Dallas Downtown, 1033 Young St. 11 a.m. IAmEqualProject.org.

Khush LGBT South Asian Social. Our meetings are restricted to LGBT South Asians and their partners. Meeting location disclosed to those attending in order to protect members' privacy. For information, contact the group at 469-358-6940, khushtexas@gmail.com or visit KhushTexas.org.

#### EII N

Fears for Queers GLBT Horror Film Festival. The second annual event features scary movies all by queer filmmakers. A portion of the proceeds go toward Youth First Texas. Texas Theatre, 231 W. Jefferson Blvd. 2 p.m. \$10. DOABloodBath.com.



#### **SUNDAY 06.26**

#### **COMMUNITY**

**Inaugural DFW LOW Rider Bike Show** with awards given for spectators' choice, best femme and best butch motorcycles. Sue Ellen's, 3014 Throckmorton Road. 3 p.m.

Youth First Texas Collin County. Open to ages 14 to 22. 1200 Commerce St., Suite 121, Plano. 6:30–8:45 p.m. CollinCounty@YouthFirstTexas.org.

**The ONE Church,** 2515 Inwood Road, Ste 213. Services at 11:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Dallas1Church.org.

#### CONCERT

Night and Day: The Music of Cole Porter. Performed by the Turtle Creek Chorale along with guest performers. Meyerson Symphony Center, 2301 Flora St. 8 p.m. \$37–\$65. TurtleCreek.org.

#### **MONDAY 06.27**

#### COMMUNITY

**Log Cabin Republicans**. Mattito's, 3011 Routh St. 6:30 p.m. 214-346-2115.

**PFLAG Denton**. Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2200 Bell St., Denton. 7 p.m.

#### **TUESDAY 06.28**

#### COMMUNITY

**JEWEL Writing Discussion & Exchange** meets. ilume, 4123 Cedar Springs Road. 6:30 p.m. Visit website for the discussion topic and assignment for the month. RCDallas.org.

**Q's Day Potluck**. Friendly casual LGBT gathering every Tuesday . The Corporate Image, 5418 Brentwood Stair Road, Fort Worth. 7 p.m. 817-446-3395.

#### **WEDNESDAY 06.29**

#### COMMUNITY

Out @ NBCUniversal invites all to join in for an exclusive NBC's *The Voice* viewing party. Round-Up Saloon, 3912 Cedar Springs Road. 6:45 p.m.

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

#### **THURSDAY 06.30**

#### COMMUNITY

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

#### **BROADCAST**

**The Jesse Garcia Show**. Airs on KNON 89.3 FM Thursdays at 7 a.m. JesseGarciaShow.com.

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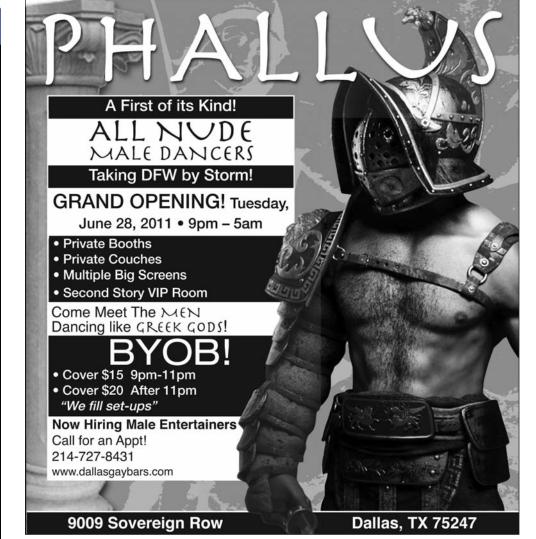
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#### **CELEBRITY BIRTHDAY**

By Jack Fertig

Ted Haggard turns 55 on Monday. Haggard was prominent in anti-gay conservative religious groups such as the National Association of Evangelicals until his gay sex and crystal meth scandal in 2006. He has since tried ex-gay therapy, but earlier this year, he came out to GQ magazine identifying as bisexual.



#### CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22

Your best inspirations are the most challenging and rebellious ones. Huge changes are necessary. If your bosses can't see you offering the key to their survival you may need to relocate.

#### LEO Jul 23-Aug 22

Work more behind-the-scenes and in committee with others. Your personality and accomplishments will shine through stronger. An open mind gets you further than an open mouth.

#### VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

Don't worry about getting the notice you deserve. Count on your friends to support you. Trying to be clever and creative will ruin everything. Trust your partner's advice.

#### LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

Your partner's ideas to help you get ahead create more troubles than solutions. Those notions are a springboard to helpful strategies. A colleague helps put that fertilizer to good use.

#### SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

Sudden outspokenness gets you into big trouble. Having a safe, playful outlet could open up some useful, constructive ideas. Just remember: There's a time and a place for everything.

#### SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 20

Retail is not therapy. Examining your roots is. You are feeling the crisis of values and can offer a lot of insight. Get creative. Your best resource is your connectedness, not your money.

#### CAPRICORN Dec 21-Jan 19

If you need to choose between your partner and your family you need to reevaluate some thngs. A sibling or close friend has helpful insight. Work also helps to lend perspective.

#### AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

Think and speak carefully to open up secrets. A creative telling may be more effective than a literal exposure. The most important consideration: What's most important and effective?

#### PISCES Feb 19-Mar 19

Too many friends? It's about quality, not quantity. Some are just a drag on your resources. Spend time with the few who are beneficial to your spirit. Ask who you really enjoy playing with.

#### ARIES Mar 20-Apr 19

Stress at home makes you explode on all fronts. A neighbor helps alleviate the problem. At least have someone you can talk with. Take time out as you need it.

#### TAURUS Apr 20-May 20

Friends' efforts to assuage your financial worries backfire, but provoke you to think constructively. New ideas are helpful but need careful consideration. Don't do anything impulsively.

#### GEMINI May 21-Jun 20

Charm and beauty are your strong cards to highlight your assets. A little self-promotion goes a long way. Overplaying it just makes you look slutty. Not the right time for that now.

#### THIS WEEK

With the sun making a T-square to Uranus and Pluto, big scary changes can lead us to take ourselves too seriously. Venus is in Gemini to remind you that playful flirtations can open up creativity and solutions.

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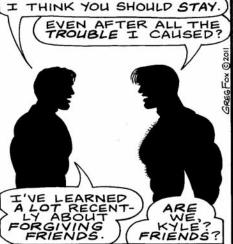


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# A Couple of guys® Dave Browssam "Unlucky Pierre"







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# **Prisoner of Love** Solution on page 25

#### Across

1 Give the once-over in a bar

5 K on Lesbos

10 Bitch

14 Like a broken horse

15 Fashion designer Perry

16 Spread it on your muffin

17 With 23-Across, movie about a prisoner of love

20 Stuck (on)

21 Marilyn Monroe's two big ones

22 "We're doomed!"

23 See 17-Across

25 Jim, who acted in the movie

26 Sympathetic sounds

27 Calculate the bottom line

31 Byron's before

32 Gender-bending actress Cushman

34 \_\_\_ mater

37 Cocteau contemporary Maurice

38 Scarlett's plantation

42 Start of a quote from the movie

44 Film noir classic

45 More of the quote

46 Roof animal of Tennessee

47 White House closet woman

50 Lodge man

51 TV's Queen of the Jungle

NAH. ANDY, THE LAST FEW TIMES WE

TOOK A CHICK TO YOUR PLACE, YOU ACTED

LIKE I WASN'T EVEN THERE

53 Ruler at Karnak

55 End of the quote

59 Way out there

62 Tickle pink

63 Male actor named Julia

67 Collette of The Hours

68 Language that may be vulgar

69 Lounge (around)

70 Art Deco name

71 Stallion's sound

72 Langston Hughes was born here

#### Down

1 Scarlet letter, e.g.

2 Simon of Amadeus

3 Illicit love affairs

4 "Over my dead body!"

5 F, in the orchestra pit

6 Homeopathic plant

7 Pudding fruit

8 Spots on cards

9 What hangs from a Cuban

10 Pink, for one

11 "It"

12 Paul of Mad About You

13 Seaman running down the deck

18 Head of costume designing

19 Ill-chosen

24 In order (to)

25 Circumcises

28 It may be rough

29 Foil maker

30 Tabloid mainstay Lindsay

32 When repeated, a 1953 Cole Porter musical

33 JFK posting

34 Nuts and bolts

35 Remini of The King of Queens

36 Wee bit

39 One side of a vote

40 Get excited

41 Seeks answers

43 Baby boomers' kids

45 I. Newton discovered it

48 Places for mikes

49 Set straight

52 Bone-chilling

54 Tennessee Williams' lover Frank

56 Flamboyant style

57 Cold war defense assn.

58 Direction from Stephen Pyles

59 Devoured Beard's sweetmeats

60 Tit-tat connection

61 Queen of the hill

64 Mouth-open-wide sound

65 What an Israeli shoots off

66 Feline sign





## LIFE+STYLE

#### scene



O., C. and Z. at Station 4.

With summer officially upon us, you might get antsy with the heat. Perhaps we'll see you cooling off at any of these spots .... Victoria Weston hosts Stars Over Texas: A Celebration of Stonewall at the Rose Room on Sunday. Local singers and drag queens along with the Austin Baptist Women put on a fab night of Pride benefiting TGRA .... Mr. and Miss Texas Charity will be crowned Saturday at the Brick. The night supports **Home for the Holidays**. After the pageant, stick around for the club's **Beach Party** with **DJ Adam Metts**. On Tuesdays, **DJ C Wade** spins during Chick Happy Hour .... Try a Slowhand on Friday when they play at Jack's Backyard. Kickback and Sic Chics perform Saturday. For your humpday pleasure, The Marfalites bring roots and rockabilly to the stage on Wednesday .... Local musician Jurni Rayne debuts her new single at Friday's Queerly Speaking at the South Dallas Cultural Center .... Get your goth drag on at Panoptikon Friday with DJs Lord Byron, Angry Jon and Son of Sam at the helm. The weekly event is held at the old Club One spot 3025 Main .... OK, how can you not love that the the Rainbow Lounge has made Beer Pong an official night every Wednesday? ... Need some chills? Head to Oak Cliff for Fears for Queers 2 film fest at the Texas Theatre. Yes, it is exactly what it sounds like .... Check your brains at Team Trivia Wednesdays at JR.'s Bar & Grill .... Very cool.

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Nicki, Corey, Pris, Joe and Dusty at the Round-Up Saloon.



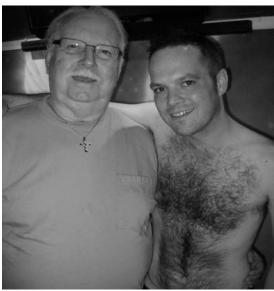
Doug, Mylea, Sammy, Chris, Jessica, Liz and Jenny at Wet Lounge.



Joe, David, Gary, Matt, Russell and Don at the Hidden Door.



Clint and Chyna at 1851 Club.



Jerry and Jimmy at Pub Pegasus.

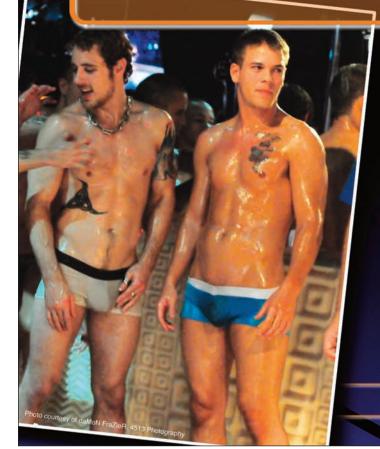


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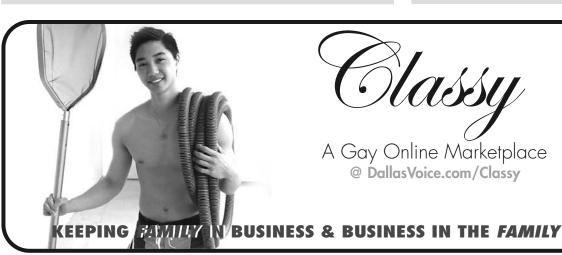


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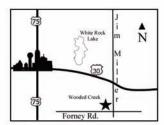
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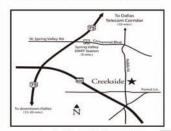
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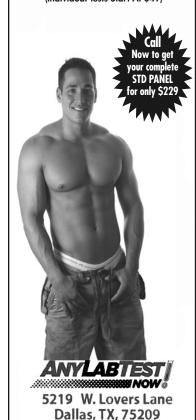
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