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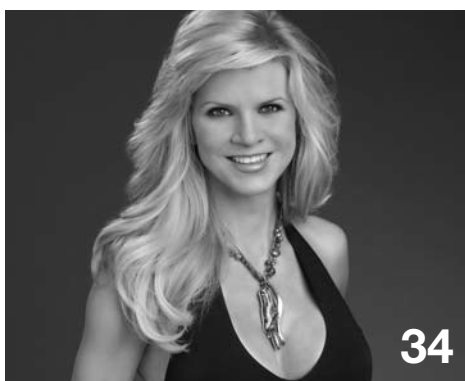
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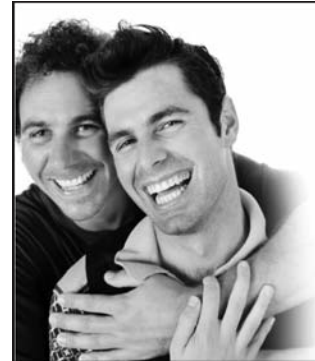
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# FWISD adds gender identity, expression to policy

New language in nondiscrimination policy is same as that added to faculty and staff policy earlier this year

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The Fort Worth ISD board passed a new student conduct policy that includes anti-retaliation, nondiscrimination and harassment language specifically adding gender identity and expression to the protected classes.

Sexual orientation was already included in the FWISD policy.

Similar language was added into the nondiscrimination policies affecting FWISD faculty and staff members earlier this year. That makes Fort Worth the first district in Texas to protect students, staff and faculty based on sexual orientation, gender identity and expression.

The new policy was included on the consent agenda, which means it passed without discussion, along with other non-controversial changes.

Fairness Fort Worth President Thomas Anable stressed that the policy changes this week “have nothing to do” with the district’s anti-bullying policies and programs.

“The bullying policy will comply with state law,” Anable said. “No bullying will be allowed and it will refer back to the student conduct policy.”

Anable added that students and their parents have to sign and agree to abide by the policy.

“Parents need to sign so they know what is expected,” he said.

Openly gay FWISD school board member Carlos Vasquez said that he was delighted the new policy passed on June 28, the second anniversary of the Rainbow Lounge Raid and the 42nd anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion.

He said the policy passed without public discussion but with some private discussions among board members.

“One [board member] didn’t know the terminology,” Vasquez said.

Vasquez said that before the policy passed for faculty and staff earlier this year, “We didn’t have a gay and lesbian teachers organization. Now we do.”

He said the district has a number of gay and lesbian principals and administrators. The only teacher he knew that would be covered by the new policy was a substitute who had some problems at one school where she worked.

“This settles that as far as policy is concerned,” he said. “This is a preventive policy to make sure



Thomas Anable

people know we’re here to protect them.”

Vasquez said he thought the district’s new anti-discrimination policy will work hand-in-hand with the anti-bullying programs.

“If they violate the policy, they can be sanctioned and placed in an alternative school,” he said of students.

Vasquez also said that Fairness Fort Worth was instrumental in getting the policy passed, and he gave special credit to Anable and David Mack Henderson for working with board members to make the change happen. ■



Mike Rawlings

## Pride reception draws crowd to Dallas City Hall

New mayor promises to have ‘open doors’ to LGBT community, says he harbors no hard feelings over endorsements

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About 50 people attended Dallas’ first-ever official LGBT Pride Month Reception at City Hall on Monday afternoon, June 27.

Mayor Mike Rawlings was among six council members who appeared at the event, which was organized by Councilwoman Delia Jasso and her LGBT task force.

Standing before a Pride flag draped from the wall of the Flag Room on the sixth floor, Rawlings spoke briefly at the start of the reception and drew cheers when he pledged to have

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For more photos and for video of the reception, go online to [DallasVoice.com](http://DallasVoice.com)



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### Trio robbed at gunpoint in Tuesday incident near Cedar Springs

A lack of adequate street lighting is being blamed for another robbery near the Cedar Springs strip.

Shane Cain said he and two female friends, all members of the LGBT community, were walking from their vehicle to their apartment complex in the 2900 block of Throckmorton Street at 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, when they were robbed at gunpoint by two suspects.

Cain, who lives in the Gardens Apartments at 2910 Throckmorton, said the first suspect pressed a gun against his face while the second pointed one at his friends and demanded their purses.

The suspects then fled on foot, the victims told police.

“We need to get more lighting on Dickason and Throckmorton. It’s just too dark,” Cain said.

“I’ve lived there for four years and nothing’s been done in four years. What does it take, one of us getting killed? If something is well lit, that can act as a deterrent for somebody.”

One of Cain’s friends, Skyy Boopsma, said the suspect “pulled out a gun and said ‘Give me your purse, bitch’ and pulled it off my arm.”

According to a police report, the purse and its contents are valued at more than \$3,000.

“Everything I own was in my purse,” said Boopsma, who also lives at the Gardens.

Cain said his other friend resisted and attempted to throw her purse over the fence of the apartment complex. The suspect pulled her to the ground and dragged her across the concrete but didn’t get the purse. Cain said the suspects, two black males wearing white T-shirts, took off running toward Dickason Avenue.

Boopsma said she doesn’t believe the incident was an anti-gay hate crime.

Cain said when police responded, they used GPS to track Boopsma’s stolen cell phone to a residence in the vicinity of Knight Street and Lemmon Avenue. He said he believed authorities were trying to obtain a search warrant for the residence.

Sr. Cpl. Sherri Jeffrey, a spokeswoman for DPD, said there had been no arrests as of Wednesday afternoon.

Dallas Stonewall Young Democrats has been working to improve street lighting in the Oak Lawn area through its Light Up Oak Lawn campaign.

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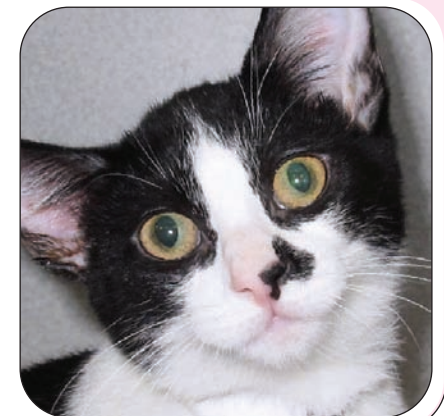
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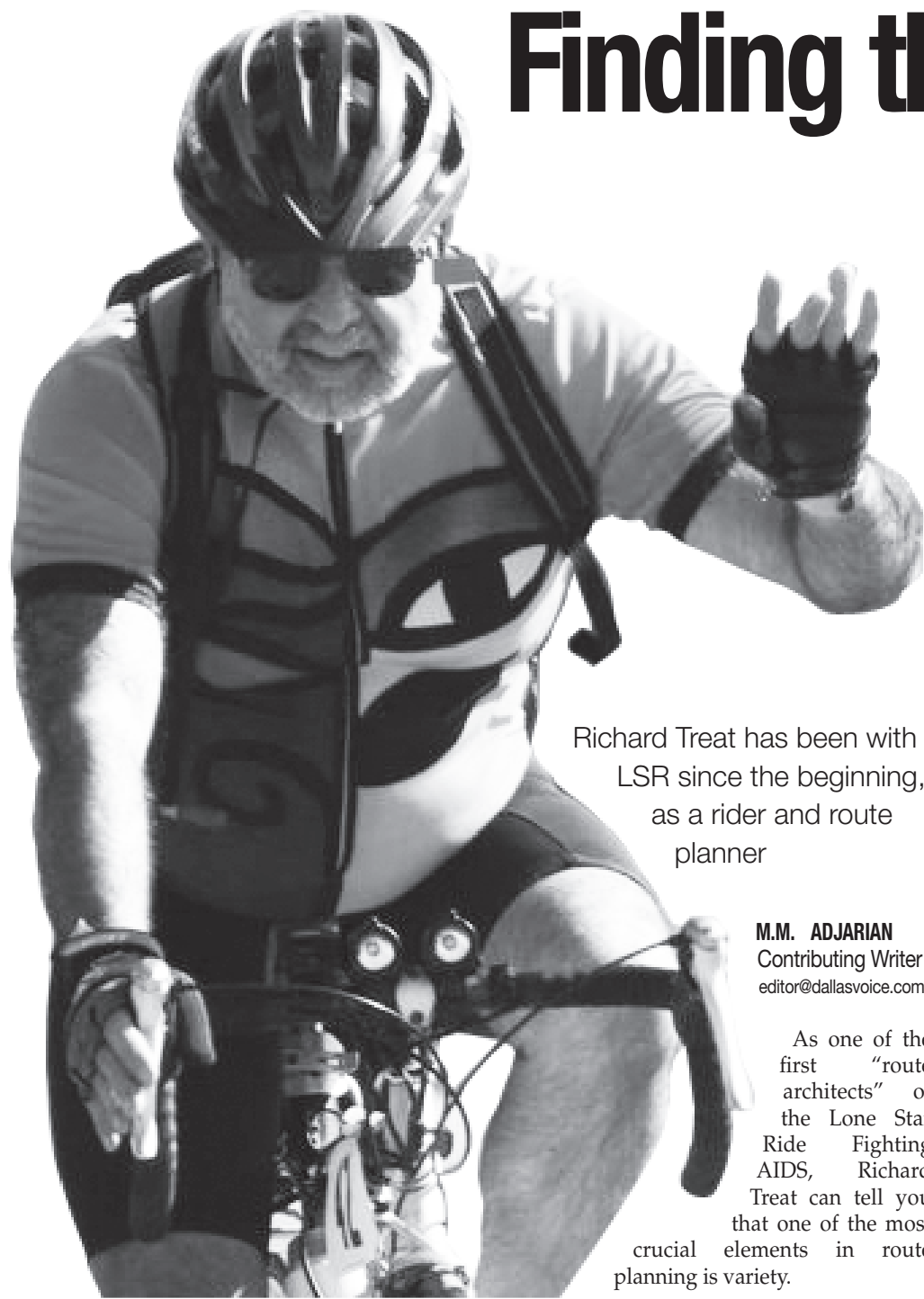
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# Finding the route to success



Richard Treat has been with LSR since the beginning, as a rider and route planner

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As one of the first “route architects” of the Lone Star Ride Fighting AIDS, Richard Treat can tell you that one of the most crucial elements in route planning is variety.

He can also tell you that he’s one of the proud and hardy few able to say that he’s ridden in all 10 of Lone Star Rides.

A veteran of the 1999 and 2000 Texas Tanqueray AIDS Rides organized by Palotta Team-Works, Treat jumped at the chance to become involved in the Lone Star Ride, which emerged from TTAR’s controversial ashes.

“[TTAR provided] a limited percentage of return to its beneficiaries,” Treat says. “And the beneficiaries felt they could do better if they took it upon themselves to conduct their own event. I had at that point expressed an interest in becoming involved in the [LSR] steering committee, and my role ended up being route planning.”

In the beginning, the routes took cyclists from Fort Worth to Dallas or Dallas to Fort Worth. While riders could never be sure from year to year of the actual roads that would comprise the ride, they could always be assured of one thing: Diversity.

Says Treat, “It was always a challenge to come up with a good route. [It would have to have] scenic elements to it, preferably on lesser-traveled roads. [And it] would also have to have a physical challenge to it in certain spots.”

Starting in 2009, the more or less straight-line trajectory of the route changed. Now each day of the ride begins and ends at the American Airlines Training Center in Fort Worth, on Hwy. 360, just south of Hwy. 183. One leg of the ride typically takes place in Tarrant County and the other in Dallas County, giving the route a figure 8 shape.

It’s a mild twist of irony that Treat has traveled down a varied life road himself. The self-described “war baby” was born in Fort Benton, Mont., one year before the formal surrender of Japan in World War II.

“Right after graduation from high school [in Billings, Montana], I decided to go to Abilene Christian to do my bachelors. And that’s how

I got to Texas,” he says.

From Texas, Treat’s path wound through Mexico, Columbia and Argentina, where he did church work for almost nine years.

He then returned to Texas and became a New Testament translation consultant for an organization in Fort Worth. From there, he migrated into a position at Verizon and later, one at Marcus High School in Flower Mound, where he taught Spanish.

He has now retired from teaching in public schools.

Although Treat has participated in other charity rides — such as the MS 150 — LSR is especially close to his heart.

“[I do it for] friends who are HIV-positive [or who] have died,” he explains. “I’m committed to the work of the agencies involved [in putting together the LSR].”

After a moment’s reflection he also adds, “I myself have also been a recipient of services that [the agencies] perform with community.”

Treat points out that unlike the Texas Tanqueray AIDS Ride that preceded it, the Lone Star Ride began as a local event in which every dollar earned went straight to the beneficiaries. Now the goal is to make the LSR a larger event. But to do that, it will need, in part, to draw more mainstream cycling enthusiasts from the Metroplex.

“I think a lot of people in the cycling community perceive it as a gay event, and there’s perhaps a certain amount of stigma [attached to the LSR] for that reason,” Treat observes.

Still, the Lone Star Ride is growing, albeit slowly. Any apparent obstacles it encounters along its own path are simply part and parcel of a bigger, more important journey.

“It’s just the challenge of the route,” Treat says. ■

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# SMU kicks off GALLUP

New LGBT alumni group helps dedicate GLFD reception room in Simmons Education building

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After several failed attempts, a new LGBT alumni group formally launched at Southern Methodist University this week with a reception at the Simmons School of Education on Monday, June 27.

To go with the school's Mustang theme, organizer and SMU Law School alum Pam Buchmeyer dubbed the group GALLUP — Gay And Lesbian League of University Persons.

"I'm not sure why it took so long to do it," said GALLUP member Jim LeCroy.

Organizer Shellie Crandall suggested that it just took a little persistence and a call to the alumni association from the dean of the Simmons School, David Chard, who is openly gay.

The group's goal is to be inclusive. Although under the alumni association banner, faculty and staff, current students and those who've attended but not graduated are welcome to join.

Affinity groups are formed within alumni associations to encourage donations, and Buchmeyer said that she made a donation to the school for the first time through a project of the Gay and Lesbian Fund for Dallas.

GLFD set a goal of raising \$25,000 for the dean's reception area in the new Simmons School of Education building. That building opened in September of 2010.

Two plaques were placed in the reception area: One honors the donation on behalf of the GLFD, and the other lists names of individuals or couples who donated \$1,000 or more to the school.

Chard said that anyone waiting to see him will see the plaques.

Buchmeyer said that in its first week, GALLUP had about 30 people sign up. More than 40 attended the reception.

"We also hope to be a bridge to the community for SMU students," Buchmeyer said.

Chard addressed the group at the plaque's unveiling.

"You don't come to work everyday to be the gay dean," he said.

But he said he has been out since he was first interviewed for the position and unquestionably been accepted.

Since he came to SMU, Chard said, the Simmons School of Education has partnered with the LGBT community in several ways. Its donation to Black Tie Dinner is the largest donation made to any outside organization by any of SMU's schools.

Simmons also partners with Resource Center Dallas to provide a counseling program.



SMU alumna Pam Buchmeyer

Chard noted that when the program was first proposed, he was told that no one would want to go work there. Instead, the program has a waiting list of students who want to do their internships at the community center.

He said that when RCD expands into its new building, he expects to expand the counseling program.

Buchmeyer said that GALLUP plans to hold two events each year including something at homecoming in October. ■



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"open doors" to the community.

"I met many of you during the campaign," Rawlings said. "Some of you were supporting me, others were not. But I'll tell you this: I knew that this was a fabulous community that I wanted to partner with when I became mayor. Thank you for what you have done for this city."

Prior to the reception, Rawlings told Dallas Voice he has no hard feelings about the fact that both Stonewall Democrats and the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance endorsed his opponents in the election — with DGLA even issuing a rare warning against him.

"Not at all," Rawlings said. "We must all have a spirit of understanding. I don't have anything like that [hard feelings]."

Rawlings didn't specifically mention the LGBT community during his inauguration address at the Meyerson Symphony Center earlier in the day. But at the Pride reception, he told attendees that the community fits with the major themes he outlined in the speech: becoming a city of diversity, opportunity and excellence.

"As far as I'm concerned, you are right on with my plan, and I want to be right on with yours, and so we will continue to talk, and I am just pleased that we are here to honor gay and lesbian Pride month in the city of Dallas," Rawlings said.

Monday's reception was hosted by Jasso, Councilwoman Angela Hunt and newly appointed Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano. In addition to Rawlings, other council members who attended were Scott Griggs and Linda Koop.

"This is my first official action as a Dallas city councilman," said Griggs, who replaced Dave Neumann in heavily gay District 3. "It couldn't be for a better community."

Jasso and Hunt said later they weren't disappointed that only six of 15 council members at-

tended the reception. They said it was a long day that began with the swearing-in ceremony, and many council members likely had family in from out of town.

"This is an overwhelmingly supportive council for the LGBT community, so I wouldn't take that as a slight in any way, shape or form," Hunt said.

Others who spoke during the Pride reception were Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez, City Manager Mary Suhm, Assistant Fire Chief Debra Carlin and Assistant Police Chief Vince Golbeck.

Jasso and members of the LGBT task force took turns reading portions of an LGBT Pride Month Proclamation. Two members of the task force, Stonewall Democrats President Omar Narvaez and DGLA President Patti Fink, also spoke.

Audience members included openly gay former Councilman John Loza, who said he was unsure why no one had ever organized a Pride Month reception previously. Loza noted that Dallas celebrates Pride in September, and the focus has always been on getting council members to ride in the parade.

"No one ever brought it up before. I guess it was an oversight on all our parts," Loza said, adding he was pleased that it was finally done. "I'm looking forward to having the flag raised next year."

Loza was referring to Jasso's stated goal of flying the Pride flag outside City Hall next year. But after the reception, Suhm indicated that may not be as easy as it sounds.

It's doubtful the city would replace one of the three flags that fly from pointed white poles in the City Hall Plaza, Suhm said. And flying the Pride flag below one of the other flags, even if logistically possible, likely would be poor flag etiquette.

Suhm suggested the best way to accomplish the goal would be to convince Rawlings to hang the Pride flag from the balcony of the mayor's office.



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# Vaccine now in local trial shows promise

Advancements in treatments, ongoing prevention efforts give researcher hope for a world without AIDS

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HIV and AIDS: These two abbreviations require little explanation.

They have been on the minds of any sexually active person for the last 30 years regardless of gender, age or sexual orientation. Those six letters have produced fear in the uneducated, the disease they represent running rampant in impoverished communities and most of sub-continental Africa.

Thirty years ago, if a doctor diagnosed a patient with AIDS, it was essentially a death sentence — a quick death sentence. No one knew that they were dealing with and no one really knew how it spread.

The virus has been responsible for more than 25 million deaths since 1981, with 1.8 million dying in 2009 alone. It has decimated communities and is the scourge of entire continents.

In Dallas County a third of the people with HIV will have a diagnosis of AIDS in a year.

There is no known cure for HIV/AIDS, but doctors around the world are working tirelessly to eradicate the virus.

Dr. Mamta Jain, director of HIV Research at UT Southwestern and acting medical director for HIV Services at Parkland Hospital, is one such doctor. She is currently involved in a trial vaccine that researchers hope could destroy HIV/AIDS in the U.S.

The HVTN 505 study that Jain is a part of is not actually up for FDA approval. But the knowledge gained from the tests could lead to a comprehensive vaccination, researchers say.

The important information is in the viral loads taken from candidates trying the vaccine. A reduced viral load in someone who is HIV-positive could delay the symptoms of the disease, giving the person a longer life and better quality of life.

The results of the trial will be a study on the rate of viral load changes between those who had the vaccine and those who didn't.

The virus itself works by reducing the amount of cdT-cells in the body, which are responsible for fighting infection. If a person has HIV and his cdT-cell count drops below 200 they are considered, at that point, to have AIDS. All participants are HIV-negative.

Jain said trials of the 505 vaccine involving monkeys are being done at the National Institutes of

Health and that results look very promising so far.

But it's just the beginning.

"Models are models. Until you look at it with human beings you don't know the full potential," Jain said. "Every little step gives us a better understanding of what type of vaccine will work. That's why we need volunteers."

"Until we try this vaccine and see the impact of it we won't know how it works. It's that knowledge that drives HIV study."

Jorge Diaz is one of the trial's current participants. He said his only incentive to try the vaccine was to help the community. Diaz just recently finished his last injection and said the whole ordeal was not really all that taxing.

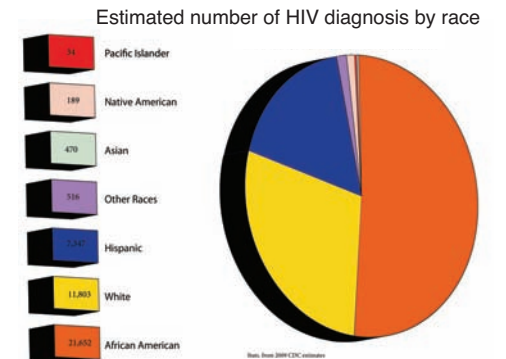
"The only thing really rigorous about the trial is the amount of blood drawn," he said. "The first time, they took 18 vials."

Diaz said he suffered no side effects, and he thinks 505 could lead to an all-encompassing vaccine.

But while this vaccine may help to stop AIDS in America, it probably won't do much for the African-born strain of the virus.

"There are different clades of HIV," Jain said. (A clade is defined as a group consisting of an organism and all its descendants.)

"There are different things circling the African sub-continent," Jain continued. "They are doing



trials in Africa, so they can gain a better understanding of what vaccine would need to be there."

Although not there yet, Jain said the 505 vaccine is definitely positive step forward toward complete understanding of HIV and its transmission.

## Other advancements

Vaccinations are not the only area, Jain said, in which advancements have been made in the fight against the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

"In the last 30 years we have seen a tremendous amount of energy and support go into developing life-saving drugs," she said.

At Parkland, Jain said, she has had patients that had a cdT-cell count below 200 who, with the right medicine, have improved their count to above 500 in a couple of months.

The work of researchers and doctors since the virus was discovered has transformed HIV from being uniformly deadly into a chronic, but manageable disease, Jain said.

Now if someone is diagnosed with HIV/AIDS at 20, they could live an additional 50 years using the right anti-retroviral.

This is a far cry from 30 years ago when people were dying six to eight months after being diagnosed.

Jain noted that while the earliest medicines used to combat AIDS were highly toxic, "We have better medicines now. If someone gets infected, we have incredible drugs to help them live a healthy life."

There are pills now that can only need to be taken once a day and have very few side effects, especially compared to the old drugs. The new medication makes it easier to live with the virus since people don't have to take pills every eight hours.

Despite these improvements, Jain said she has seen people who will stop taking their drugs for various reasons.

"Sometimes they lost their insurance and don't have resources [to buy the medications]," she said. "Sometimes they feel OK and just don't want to take them."

AIDS is a psychological disease as much as it is physical, Jain said, adding that she has seen patients she's had for years who are doing well but



Dr. Mamta Jain

# Boosting dendritic cells may be key to new AIDS therapy

In revolutionary new HIV research, Dr. Louis Sloan tests a vaccination that appears to get patients off medication

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A revolutionary new vaccine allowed all 19 participants in a trial to stop taking any HIV medications during the investigation that lasted more than a year, according to a local physician participating in the trial.

A few who participated in the trial are back on medication. The majority are not, said Dr. Louis Sloan of North Texas Infectious Disease Consultants, located on the Baylor campus. Sloan is investigating the new HIV vaccine therapy that is individually designed for each person.

In the new therapy, dendritic cells are harvested from a patient through a blood draw. Those cells are then stimulated, boosted with Interferon and peptides in a lab at Baylor Hospital, and then injected back into the patient.

The theory of the vaccine, Sloan said, was to use these immune system cells to boost the CD8 cells, which would keep the HIV under control.

Sloan said Phase 1 of the trial, which primarily tested the safety of the vaccine, recently ended. Effectiveness was a secondary consideration.

The vaccine proved safe: The only side effect was some soreness at the injection site, Sloan said.

But the vaccine appears to have been effective as well — at least temporarily.

The 19 people who participated in the study

were all HIV-positive and on medication, and each had undetectable viral loads when the study started.

The cells were reintroduced to the body with four injections over six months. The study lasted a year.

During the period of the study, most of the patients were able to stop all HIV medications. Although the patients' viral loads were no longer undetectable, those levels did remain low.

By the end of the study, their CD8 counts rose dramatically while their CD4 cell counts remained above 350 in most cases.

The protocol called for all of the participants to return to their medications at the end of the trial. A few did, Sloan said, but most have decided not to begin taking medication again.

"We've had to beg people to go back on medication," he said.

Sloan's director of clinical research, Bryan King, said that they are monitoring those patients closely, making sure they do not fall below a CD4 cell count of 350. That's the lowest level he likes to see before beginning a patient on medication, he said.

Phase 2 will involve 70 to 100 patients.

Before that phase begins, researchers here and in France are evaluating whether the vaccine was more effective against certain strains of HIV or if certain portions of the vaccine combated the virus better than others.

Re-injecting a patient's own dendritic cells to battle disease is not new. At Baylor, doctors have been treating melanoma successfully for almost a decade with this same method, putting that cancer into full remission.

Sloan doesn't know if he will have the same



Dr. Louis Sloan



Bryan King, director of clinical research

success against HIV.

"I'm not sure we'll ever have a cure with dendritic cells," he said.

But, he said, he expects the treatment to lead to HIV becoming a long-term, non-progressive disease.

"It's a reasonable alternative to being on medication," Sloan said.

Sloan expects Phase 2 of the trial to be ready in 2012 but until then, he said, researchers will evaluate and tweak the vaccine.

Results of the study have not been published yet, but Sloan expects to publish them later this year.

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## DEFINITIONS

**Dendritic cells** are cells in the immune system that process antigen material and present it on the surface to other immune system cells. They act as messengers between the innate and adaptive immunity. Dendritic cells are present in tissues in contact with the external environment, such as the skin and the inner lining of the nose, lungs, stomach and intestines. They can also be found in an immature state in the blood. Once activated, they migrate to the lymph nodes where they interact with T cells and B cells to initiate and shape the adaptive immune response.

**Antigens** are any substance that causes your immune system to produce antibodies against it. An antigen may be a foreign substance from the environment such as chemicals, bacteria, viruses or pollen. An antigen may also be formed within the body, as with bacterial toxins or tissue cells.

**Pathogens** are agents of disease, and the term most often refers to an infectious organism such as a bacteria, a virus or a fungus. Non-infectious agents of disease, such as a chemical, are also sometimes referred to as pathogens.

The **innate immune system** provides an immediate, but non-specific response when a pathogen invades the body. If pathogens successfully evade the innate response, the **adaptive immune system** is activated by the innate response and the immune system adapts its response during an infection to improve its recognition of the pathogen. This improved response is then retained after the pathogen has been eliminated, in the form of an immunological memory, and allows the adaptive immune system to mount faster and stronger attacks each time this pathogen is encountered.

**Peptides** are a type of amino acid that provide communication throughout the immune system and coordinate and control immune system actions. Peptides are referred to as cytokines in the immune system and through their communication ability they create a chain reaction of activity from cell to cell through "cytokine circuits" to generate and then control the immune response.

**T cells** are a type of white blood cell that are at the core of adaptive immunity. The T cells are like soldiers who search out and destroy the targeted invaders. There are two primary types of T cells: CD4 cells and CD8 cells.

**CD4 cells** are "helper" cells that initiate the body's response to infections. CD4 cells are the host cells that aid HIV in replication. HIV attaches to the CD4 cells, allowing the virus to enter and infect the CD4 cells, damaging them in the process. The fewer functioning CD4 cells there are, the weaker the immune system and therefore the more vulnerable a person is to infections and illnesses.

**CD8 cells** are also called killer cells. They are instrumental in fighting cancer and viruses. CD8 cells also produce antiviral substances, or antibodies, that help fight off the foreign invader.

**B cells** are a type of white blood cell — specifically, a type of lymphocyte — many of which mature into what are called plasma cells which produce antibodies — proteins — necessary to fight off infections. Other B cells mature into memory B cells. All of the plasma cells descended from a single B cell produce the same antibody which is directed against the antigen that stimulated it to mature. The same principle holds with memory B cells. Thus, all of the plasma cells and memory cells "remember" the stimulus that led to their formation.

## Truvada study shows an increase in protection for HIV-negative men

Pre-exposure prophylaxis may be a way to help control the HIV epidemic, but many say the drug will promote unsafe sex, is too expensive and may have side effects

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In November 2010, researchers released a study that found that HIV-negative men who took the anti-retroviral drug Truvada consistently and dramatically lowered their chances of contracting HIV.

But soon after, the AIDS Healthcare Foundation in Los Angeles published an ad in several newspapers — including Dallas Voice — disputing the results. Among other concerns mentioned, they are afraid that men will stop using condoms if the drug is approved as pre-exposure prophylaxis, or PrEP.

A letter supporting the research was circulated and signed by 170 AIDS organizations. None of those was from Dallas, but several from Houston are on the list of supporters.

Dr. Robert Grant is the lead investigator of the Truvada study. The research was done independently of the drug manufacturer Gilead.

Although the company contributed the medication used in the study at no charge, Gilead had no other input.

Both those taking a placebo and those taking Truvada increased their condom use during the study. But the group that used Truvada consistently showed 72 to 95 percent more protection than those who only practiced safe sex.

Those who skipped a daily dosage were as unprotected as those who were on placebo.

In response to critics, Grant said that with counseling, condom usage should actually increase.

The AIDS Healthcare Foundation charged that condom usage would decrease with PrEP. They believe that many men would take the daily pill thinking that they would be protected from contracting HIV.

There is also concern that for those who use Truvada as a preventive medicine and then contract HIV, fewer treatment options would be available to control HIV. Representatives of the foundation questioned whether those who contract HIV after using Truvada as a prophylaxis might develop resistance to the drug.

Dr. Nick Bellos of Dallas, who has treated people with HIV since early in the epidemic, said he is pleased to see the PrEP study results.

"I think it's promising. It does look like it could be beneficial," Bellos said.

Although he said his long-term preference is for a vaccine, Bellos considers the PrEP treatment to be a step in the right direction.

Still, he said, he would like to see more research that shows the benefits of PrEP.

Dr. Louis Sloan of North Texas Infectious Disease Consultants at Baylor is less optimistic. He said he is concerned about the side effects associated with using Truvada, noting that even if only 3 percent of patients experienced kidney failure, that number was high when simple condom use is effective.

AIDS Arms Executive Director Raeline Nobles said that her agency will be doing some PrEP trials.

Nobles said that while she is also concerned about decreased condom usage, she thinks some situational PrEP usage might be extremely helpful in controlling the spread of the virus.

Grant suggested that some people who use Truvada as a prophylaxis will use it situationally. He said someone coming out of a long-term relationship might begin PrEP until they become more comfortable with safer-sex practices.

A couple who has recently begun a relationship may use PrEP until they feel enough time has



passed for them to both be tested as negative. Or the negative member of a sero-discordant couple may use the preventive medication to maintain his negative status.

A heterosexual couple trying to get pregnant when one of the partners is positive is another short-term situational use of the medication.

Among other things, the AIDS Healthcare Foundation charges that the Truvada study shows that the drug is less effective than condom use. They wrote that the study did not replicate real world experience, pointing out that participants were counseled monthly, which doesn't translate into the way most people would take the drug.

Another concern is cost. The current price of Truvada is \$45 per pill, which is more than \$16,000 annually. Insurance doesn't cover the cost of a flu shot, an annual preventive vaccine that costs less than a single Truvada, and there are questions over whether insurance companies would cover the cost of a daily preventive medication.

They also question whether uninfected men are likely to take preventive pills daily for the rest of their lives. A quick, unscientific poll of 10 single gay men, some in the Dallas Voice office, showed that only three in 10 would.

As questions remain, however, PrEP studies continue, including one at Dallas' AIDS Arms, that could answer some of them. ■

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then will just hit a time where they stop taking pills due to pill fatigue.

That's why Dallas service providers need to focus more attention on counseling, she suggested.

Jain said the LGBT community is largely responsible for much of the progress in the battle against AIDS.

"A lot of credit has to go to the gay community, which was there in the early days," she said. "They played a very important activist role by trying to generate focus, energy and funding. With out that work we would not be where we are today."

Jain cited viral Hepatitis-C as an example of what HIV/AIDS could have been without the activism of the LGBT community. Viral Hep-C affects more people, she said, but does not have the resources behind it that AIDS research does.

## Looking ahead

Despite such improvements in treatments and advances in the search for a vaccine, the battle against AIDS is far from over, according to Jain.

"We can make tremendous improvements in people's lives, but 20 percent of HIV-positive people in the U.S. don't know they have it," she said.

Because people could be infected with HIV and yet remain asymptomatic for years, the virus can do silent damage as it remains untreated — and they could pass it on without realizing it.

That's why, according to Jain, the Centers for Disease Control has recommended universal testing.

Diaz agreed that testing is paramount.

"People should get tested every six months if they're sexually active, and even if they aren't they should be tested once a year," he urged.

Jain said testing has been invaluable in virtually eliminating mother-to-child transmission of the virus in America. Every pregnant woman in the U.S. is tested for HIV and if she is positive, she can be put on powerful anti-retroviral therapy that can keep her from passing the virus to her unborn child.

## Other areas of prevention

Aside from the vaccine, Jain said, work in other areas of prevention has yielded positive results.

"We know that behavioral risk counseling works and we also learned that circumcision can help resist the risk of HIV infection," she said.

These methods are not 100 percent effective, though, and education about the virus is key to winning the battle. Transmission is not as prevalent in the LGBT community as it once was, ac-

ording to Jain.

"The gay community has a great connection, and I feel like if I diagnose someone in the gay community they know where to get help," she said.

Diaz agrees. He said he's seen ads in publications like the Dallas Voice alerting people to where they can get tested and where they can get help. Some clubs even have free testing on Saturday nights.

The greatest rise of new HIV/AIDS positive patients has been African-Americans, Jain said.

This runs congruent with what Diaz said he is seen as well. He said men who don't consider themselves to be gay but still have sex with other men can contract the virus and then pass it along to wives and girlfriends.

"Since they don't see themselves as gay, they are not getting tested," Diaz said, adding that it is vital to get information about testing and prevention to these groups. He suggested a hot line for those who don't label themselves as gay, so they can get the proper information.



Jorge Diaz

There have been some communication efforts with these groups though. Jain said she has seen a slow and steady decrease in new cases. This could be a good sign according to Jain.

"It's not a failure," she said. "If we are testing more people and catching it earlier we can change the trajectory of their lives."

Although not there yet, the dramatic changes in prevention and treatment of the virus have lead Jain to believe that there will one day be a world without HIV and AIDS. ■

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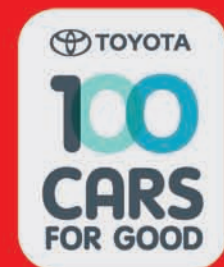
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# Funding shifting toward prevention as officials struggle to reach those on opposite ends of the age range

While medical, support services will continue for those already infected, efforts to prevent new infections will get more attention, DHHS says

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As new HIV infections continue to be recorded, officials are shifting the focus to a new, comprehensive prevention model, according to Dallas County Health and Human Services Director Zachary Thompson.

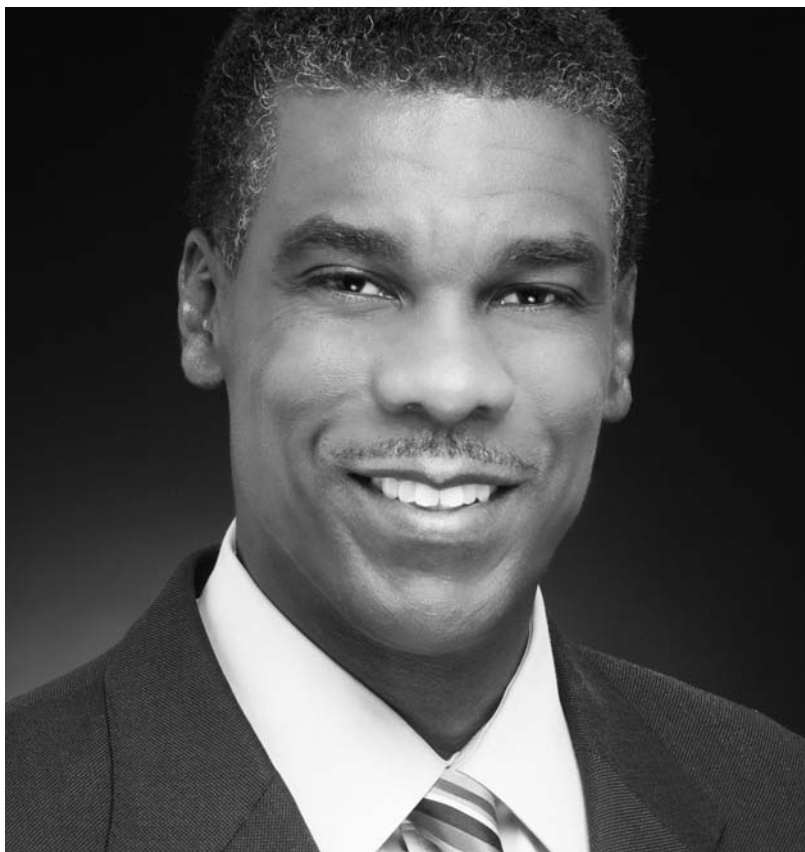
Thompson said that while funding will still go to support and medical services for those already infected with HIV, the focus on preventing new infections will be stronger than before.

Thompson said that Dallas leads Texas in the number of HIV and AIDS cases. The numbers are on the rise for youths ages 13 to 24, individuals aged 45 and older, African-Americans, and MSMs (men who have sex with men). New prevention programs are aimed at these audiences, which in the past have proven difficult to reach.

"Younger people think they're invincible," Thompson said, "while the individuals above 45 seem to think that their partners are safer."

But neither assumption is true, Thompson said, encouraging those who think they transcend HIV to get tested and know their status, know their partner's status, and protect themselves.

As for the numbers among people of color, Thompson said he expects to see an increase in HIV infections among African-American men and women.



Zachary Thompson

"Reaching the people of color has been a challenge over the years," said Thompson, revealing that for many years communities of color have seen HIV and AIDS as a "white person disease."

Thompson made a reference to Magic Johnson and how his infection brought the attention to communities of color.

"We've got to move past the stigmas and focus on prevention efforts," Thompson said.

The new comprehensive prevention model, Thompson explained, tries to target these high-risk groups. He said the county has been working towards setting up more testing facilities in areas that have higher numbers of HIV infections, such as the 75243 zip code.

New funding is also going towards setting up community-based organizations for prevention.

Thompson said that prevention must start at a community level and start "bottom-up, not top-down."

In order to reach men and women aged 45 and over, Thompson has said that the county is looking into having HIV and AIDS education available in the community libraries, civic groups and churches. For the youths in the 13-to-24 age range,

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# Being HIV-positive and living a positive life

Shannon Sims knows all about the circumstances that cause many trans women to end up with HIV, because she's lived through it

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Life as a prostitute, a drug dealer, a homeless woman, a transgender woman, an HIV-positive woman, a Texas prisoner and guard, a showgirl and a college student brings her a mix of experiences few could match.

But at 31 years of age, despite her difficult road so far, Sims has hope. She says she has never given up on God and that her bad karma is behind her now.

"I am going to have a childhood someday," she says, "and have a birthday party."

Sims grew up in the South Dallas area as one of four children who all had different fathers. Sims never had a chance to know her own father.

Making it harder was the fact that her mother, Dorothy Walker, was never able to accept the feminine side of her transgender daughter.

"I was on my own since 13, when my mom gave me the boot," Sims says.

She says her mother reached a breaking point when Sims evolved past playing with Barbie dolls and began expressing herself in a more feminine and vocal manner. That was the beginning of Sims' life as a transient.

"I used to sleep on the streets for weeks at a time," she says, "mostly in the South Dallas and Fair Park area."

Sims lived under bridges and was "in and out" of trash cans, finding food to eat wherever she could.

She says many have no idea what it was like living and sleeping with "roaches and insects crawling all over me." She says her circumstances left her little choice but to turn to prostitution to survive, a choice that she wishes she had never

been forced to make. She said she "came to Oak Lawn to prostitute [herself] for years and years."

Even today, though it is largely past her, Sims says she has had to "turn a trick or two" to make ends meet, since other jobs can be very hard to come by. To those who might judge her for her decision, Sims says they need to understand that when you are an obviously transgender woman, "you can't just walk into a place and hand them a resume."

Indeed, the National Center for Transgender Equality reported in 2011 that 16 percent of a national transgender population feels "compelled to work in the underground economy for income (such as doing sex work or selling drugs)."

When Sims was 17 years old, she got a lucky break. By night, she had been living in a ticket booth at Fair Park in Dallas, sneaking through the air conditioning ducts to get in. To lull herself to sleep, she would read through the telephone book.

"By the grace of God, I came across the number for the Job Corps," she says.

The next day, Sims called the Job Corp number, and she kept calling until she was given a chance to join the North Texas Job Corps program. That gave her a new start in life, allowing her to get her GED, a driver's license, clean clothes, career planning and job placement as a security guard.

But at 18, Sims just hadn't reached a level of maturity to handle the responsibility of her new life. Then she started selling drugs, and it all came crashing down around her.

"I got pulled over for about a kilo — 960 grams of crack cocaine," she says. "That was my first time in trouble with the police."

That first time cost her five years of prison time — three years from 2000 to 2003, and another two years from 2005 to 2007. The official charges were drug possession, drug manufacturing and drug distribution.

It was not quite four years ago, Sims says, that she came out of prison "with a new attitude." She said she had to make a change and "either continue to do the stuff I was doing, or begin to ex-

perience the positive side of life."

While her new positive attitude was a good thing, though, her newly HIV-positive status left her with another obstacle to overcome.

Sims explains that she engaged in some risky behaviors while she was in prison, and she believes that is how she contracted HIV.

"In prison, I was the queen of the block and the most feminine thing there," she says.

Sims' life on the streets gave her the smarts to keep her safe in prison, but she was unable to protect herself from the AIDS virus. While she was between stays in prison, Sims received support, as well as her diagnosis as HIV-positive, from the Renaissance III AIDS service organization in South Dallas, which closed its doors in 2005.

As an HIV-positive transgender woman, Sims is not alone. The HIV infection rate among transgender individuals is approximately four times the national average. According to the 2011 NCTE national survey, the HIV infection rate is 0.6 percent for the general population and 2.6 percent for the national transgender sample of 6,450 individuals.

The HIV infection rate increases to 15.3 percent for transgender individuals that engage in sex work. People of color in the transgender sample reported higher rates of infection: 24.9 percent for African-Americans, 10.9 percent for Latinos/Latinas, 7 percent for American Indians, and 3.7 percent for Asian-Americans.

Sims is not surprised that the infection rates are higher for the transgender population. She says it's a result of the things many trans women have to do to survive.

She says she knows too many transgender women that are in the same situation she's in, "just trying to survive and make it."

Sims' lack of choices landed her in the Dallas jail for prostitution. After getting out of prison, Sims didn't know what to do and went "out on my own to Cedar Springs. ... An officer propositioned me, and they [ended up putting] a leg monitor on me."

At one point, when Sims was just out of jail,



Shannon Sims

"this dude on a bus" gave her a phone number for Project Reconnect, a program operating through the city of Dallas that helps prisoners gain re-entry into society.

"Without them, I don't know where I would be," she says of the program, adding that this program was what finally helped her turn her life around and helped her transition to a normal daily life. She also credits health and food pantry programs at the Resource Center of Dallas as "making a way, when there was no other way."


Sims says she has seen at least 10 of her friends die of HIV and she wants to make sure she takes care of herself.

Sims works with Oak Lawn restaurants now, and is pursuing an associate's degree in business at El Centro College. She hopes to pursue a bachelor's degree in accounting next.

After completing her education, Sims says she would like to channel her energies into creating a resource group that specifically advocates for and supports transgender health and vocational education.

At night, Sims is also known as Laylonni Duvall on the drag circuit. And for now, Sims is thrilled to be able to afford her own place with "a flat-screen TV, a few pretty things and a sleigh bed." And, she says, she loves being a non-operative transgender woman and doesn't want to have gender reassignment surgery.


But then she looks up for a minute and says, "Well, maybe one day." ■




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they're looking into social networking technology such as Facebook and Twitter to get the word out, as well as starting more school-based programs.

But Thompson also said that people have gotten too caught up in the numbers and infection rates and haven't paid enough attention to the individual communities that don't have the resources to help prevent the spread of HIV and

AIDS. He agreed that AIDS has fallen out of popularity as a "cause," and that some are getting complacent about taking care and protecting themselves.

But AIDS isn't going away and we are not in a safe zone yet, Thompson said. The key is prevention, paying more attention to the community and getting tested.

"Testing, testing, testing," Thompson emphasized. Know where you stand and keep yourself protected. ■

## Where to get tested

### In Dallas County

- Dallas County Health and Human Services Department:

The clinic is located on the third floor of the DCHHS building, 2377 N. Stemmons Freeway in Dallas, in Room 336. The fee is \$15 or \$20, depending on the type of test requested. Results can be obtained within an hour with the Rapid Test (\$20) or in 3-to-5 days with the ELISA (\$15).

Results must be picked up in person. Picture identification required.

To get tested for HIV and syphilis, call 214-819-1980.

Appointments are required for individuals who chose to take the Rapid Test.

For more information, go online to [DallasCounty.org/Department/HHS/HIVIntervention.html](http://DallasCounty.org/Department/HHS/HIVIntervention.html)

- Dallas tSTD services:

LabCorp, 3801 Gaston Ave., Suite 104; Dallas; testing available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Complete HIV and antibody testing is \$249. For information go online to [TSTD.org](http://TSTD.org).

- AIDS Interfaith Network:

Testing services offered free to qualified clients at the AIN offices, 501 N. Stemmons Freeway, Ste. 200 in Dallas. Call 214-943-4444 or go online to [AIDSInterfaithNetwork.org](http://AIDSInterfaithNetwork.org).

- AIDS Arms:

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- Resource Center Dallas:

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### In Tarrant County

- Tarrant County Public Health:

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- AIDS Outreach:

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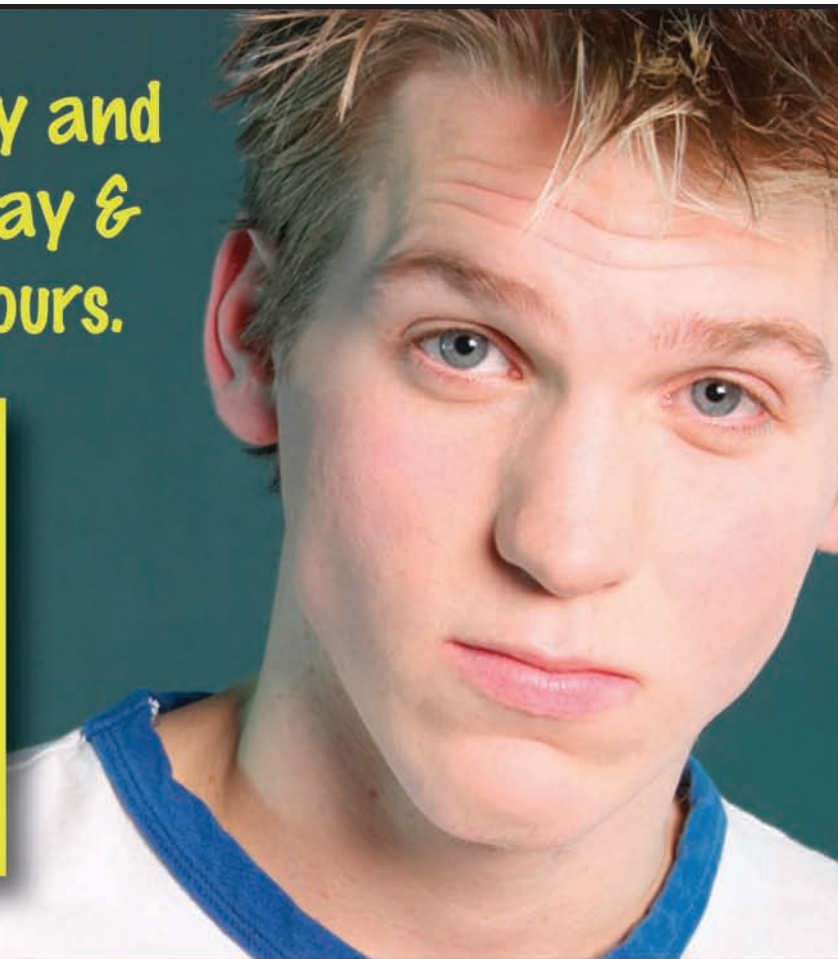
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# Marine goes from the closet to a positive life

A former Marine talks about how being closeted led to drug use, which led to HIV infection. But he doesn't let the virus control his life

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*Editor's note: Daniel is identified in this story by his first name only at his request.*

Daniel's lifelong dream was to join the U.S. Marines, and so at age 18, fresh out of high school, he enlisted.

Daniel was determined to be the best Marine he could be, and he trained hard. But when he started to struggle with his sexuality and the difficulty of staying closeted while in the service, all the training couldn't help. So Daniel, desperate for some relief, some escape, turned to IV drugs. Soon he was addicted.

Eventually, Daniel conquered his addiction and two years ago, at the age of 38 and after 20 years of service and after rising to the rank of master sergeant, he prepared to retire from the military.

Two months shy of retirement, though, Daniel came down with a cold that he just couldn't seem to shake. So he went to his doctor, who took blood for testing. The results weren't good.

Daniel had HIV.

As dire as the news seemed, Daniel's doctor offered some hope, telling him that an HIV infection is no longer the death sentence it once was. The doctor told him, "You can live 30 maybe 40 more years — maybe even longer with the strides they're making in trying to find a cure for this," and urged Daniel to find out everything he could about HIV/AIDS and the treatments that are available.

Daniel took that advice and today, at age 40, he is optimistic about his future and refuses to let HIV/AIDS control his life. Instead, he says, his life controls the disease, as he explains in this conversation with Dallas Voice.

**Dallas Voice: What do you mean that your life controls your infection?**

Daniel: Well, I don't let the infection keep me from doing what I want to do in and with my life. I'm going to college; I have a loving boyfriend, and I have a career. The disease keeps me from doing

some things, and I don't go to certain places where I know I run a higher risk of getting a cold that could become worse. But really, it doesn't control me. I do the things I want to do, and live pretty much how I want to live. Well, I want to live in a mansion, but that's obviously not happening anytime soon!

**DV: How do you maintain such a positive outlook?**

Daniel: I'm glad you asked me that question, because it's a really good one. Most people think that when you become infected with HIV it's a quick death sentence. It was, 30-some-odd years ago, and yes, there are still strains of HIV that can kill a person within a year. But for the most part, HIV and AIDS itself won't kill you. Your weakened immune system and catching a cold that turns into pneumonia or something like that are what usually kill people. Well that, and hatred and ignorance.

**DV: What was it like learning that you were HIV-positive in the Marines?**

Daniel: It wasn't easy. I thought there might be a chance, because I'd remembered somebody I

had used with was HIV-positive. But I didn't remember sharing a needle with them. Turns out I did. Point is, it wasn't easy.

I'm from the generation that thought being gay was the worst thing ever and that it was a choice whether or not to be gay. We didn't know much about being gay and what's worse is that HIV wasn't taught to us so much. We were taught to use protection, but what about those of us who turned to drugs to ease the pain of our lives? What about those of us who were in the closet and didn't want to seduce young men, but instead, just have a man our age to come home to and love?

My generation made it hard, and that mentality carried over into Marines.

I went through the five stages of depression, of course, and the men in my platoon were told. They all knew I had been an addict at one point, and that I'd gotten clean. I told them that was how I got infected and they believed me. I kept my orientation quiet and played like "one of the guys." I had to or else I'd have gotten booted out under [the military's anti-gay policy called] "don't ask, don't tell," which is still technically in action. It's being reviewed for a repeal but it still exists on a case-by-

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case sort of deal.

**DV: What is a day-to-day example of your life due to your status?**

Daniel: I'm not a cripple; as I said my status isn't all-controlling. I live my life just like anybody else: I get up in the morning, get a shower, eat breakfast and go to school and then to work. And then come home, make and eat dinner, then, if my boyfriend and I feel up to it, have sex. I'm normal, just like anybody else. That's what a ton of people's lives are like.

Yeah, I have to take medicine for it. But I also live a pretty healthy and fit lifestyle. The medicine is expensive; everybody knows that. If you live a healthy lifestyle and take care of yourself, your life won't be much different from before.

It might sound cheesy, but to quote Miley Cyrus, "Life's what you make it."

**DV: You said that you're sexually active. Is your boyfriend HIV-positive, too?**

Daniel: No, he's not — thank God for that. He's negative, and we take all the steps possible to keep him that way. ... Just be protected and be cautious. A small amount of time and caution could save you from a lifetime of the disease.

**DV: What do you have to say to the addicts out there who might be putting themselves at risk of becoming HIV-positive?**

Daniel: First off, addiction is a disease. It's a sad thing that the generation before mine, and my generation, didn't realize this before. Today's generation and the generations coming up are becoming more aware of this.

Secondly, addiction has no known cure, just like HIV doesn't. It's smarter to sober up — and sober is synonymous with being clean because any substance abuse at all is still addiction, whether it be alcohol or narcotics — and make meetings rather than to run the risk of infecting yourself with a second incurable disease.

If you are out there using, or in the rooms of NA or AA and are thinking about using, seek help. Don't use, because you may just come down off that high and find yourself in a worse situation than you were before.

Thirdly, if you're not at the point in your life yet to where you can get clean, be smart. Don't share needles, syringes or anything like that. If you do a ["play and party," where you get high and have sex], use a condom. I can't stress that enough: If you're going to use, protect yourself as best you can.

I still think you shouldn't use at all, and I'm a prime example that there is life after addiction and that you can live your life without using drugs. Just get yourself some help. Find some recovery. That goes for the kids who go to raves and clubs to meet people, too.

**DV: Why do you think so many people are afraid to talk about HIV?**

Daniel: Do you mean besides the fact that we live down here in Texas, where there's a hell of a

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lot of conservatives? Well most people are afraid to talk about it because they don't understand it. As the age-old idiom states: "What we don't understand, we fear."

People need to be educated, especially the youth in schools. MTV has its "Teen Mom" TV series, and that's almost glorifying pregnancy and unprotected sex among teens. We gays aren't the only ones affected by HIV; the straight community is, too.

Teens and young adults need to be taught about abstinence, I can understand that. After that though, they need to be taught about safe sex, and sex between gay couples. The gay community is majorly harmed by this not being discussed in the health classes in high schools and middle schools.

Teens are teens; they're going to have sex, going to experiment to some degree. It's better that they be protected and have knowledge not just about abstinence, but that they also know about safe sex and sex between same-sex couples.

**DV: How do deal with the knowledge that you've got to live with this disease the rest of your life? And what do you have to say to those out there who find out they are HIV-positive?**

Well, I kind of feel like I answered this one already through most of my other answers. But here's how I live life: I make myself get up on the days when I feel like crap. Even when I'm having a horrible day, I think, "Hey, it could be a lot worse. I could be dying right now, or starving to death because my government decided I'm not an actual person, or even be a slave to human trafficking."

Yeah, I've got HIV. Yes, there are times when it is hard, and where I can feel myself being hit. But you just have to force yourself to keep at it. The going will get tough, but you can do it.

I try not to think morbidly, but sometimes I do. And that's okay, because it puts things in perspective for me.

You have to take life as it comes, one day at a time, and live it on the terms of that day. Sometimes you'll be on a pink cloud, happy and enjoying life, when everything is good like an upbeat pop song. At other times, you will have issues and have to live with them.

As for what I have to say for those who find out they are HIV-positive: Breathe, pray, seek out your friends and family, and find out all you can about your exact status and conditions. The more informed you are the better.

Life may feel like it stops when you get the diagnosis, but it doesn't. You can still keep living life, still follow after and achieve your dreams, and you can inspire others to do the same. You are still the same person you were before you got the diagnosis, and you still have a life to live; so keep your head up and live it. ■

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# North Texas ASOs: What now, what's to come

AIDS service organizations in North Texas offer a variety of programs and services to people with HIV/AIDS — from case management, to meals, to housing. Here is a list of the major ASOs in North Texas, what programs and services they offer now, and what they plan to offer in the future.

### • AIDS ARMS

351 West Jefferson Blvd. Suite 300  
Dallas 75208; 214-521-5191  
Founded: 1986

What they do: HIV testing and prevention, long term risk reduction intervention, community outreach and education, client eligibility and intake, case management, outpatient medical care, medication assistance, medical case management, substance abuse and mental health treatment and support, prison outreach and community re-entry, support groups, client education.

What's new and upcoming: In May, AIDS Arms broke ground on their second clinic that should open by the end of the summer. In addition to providing health services for persons with HIV not currently accessing medical care, the new facility will have resource rooms to bring the services of a variety of agencies under one roof.

A new pharmacy will open in the facility to provide the medications needed by clients.

Research will take place at the new clinic including looking into new PrEP treatments for persons with HIV.

### • AIDS Interfaith Network

501 N. Stemmons, Suite 200  
Dallas TX 75207; 214-941-7696  
Founded: 1986

What they do: Outreach, linguistic services, HIV prevention and prevention for minority women, client advocacy, transportation services, The Daire Center adult daycare, meals program, volunteer services, pastoral services.

What's new and upcoming: Programmatically, Executive Director Steven Pace said the agency would like to shift more resources to prevention. Pace put together a coalition of four agencies — AIN, ASD, Legacy and Legal Hospice of Texas — that plan to locate in one building. The Coalition for HIV/AIDS Services, as the multi-tenant non-profit center will be known, is negotiating for a building in North Oak Cliff and hope to begin renovation in 2012. The new building would eliminate leasing, allow the agencies to pool some services and equipment and provide one-stop shopping for clients.

### • AIDS Outreach Center

400 North Beach Street  
Fort Worth 76111  
817-335-1994  
Founded: 1986

What they do: The Sandy Lanier Nutrition Center, Geisel-Morris Dental Clinic, medical case management and mental health counseling programs.

What's new and upcoming: Two years ago, AOC began offering more direct medical services with its dental clinic. Over the next two to three years, Executive Director Allen Gould said his agency would like to add more direct medical services including a clinic and a pharmacy to meet all of the needs of clients in one central location. He said they are determining whether to partner or build on their own to provide the services that would compliment what's being done at the public hospitals.

### • AIDS Service Dallas

P.O. Box 4338  
Dallas 75208  
214-941-0523  
Founded: 1985 as the People With AIDS Coalition

What they do: Housing. ASD operates four apartment complexes to serve 225 men, women and children in 125 privately configured apartments.

What's new and upcoming: ASD partners with Community Housing Development Organization developers to create models of senior housing throughout North Texas. As a consultant/co-developer, ASD receives incentive fees, which is unrestricted money that goes toward AIDS programs. The agency already owns three lots behind Hillcrest House. ASD President and CEO Don Maison said that they're working on zoning so they can develop the property. With 350 people on the waiting list for housing, Maison said he hopes to develop additional housing in Oak Cliff and elsewhere in the city.

### • Anthony Chisom AIDS Foundation

P.O. Box 225104  
Dallas, Texas 75222  
Phone: 214-239-9145  
Founded: 2008

What they do: Bring support, health and medicine to people living with HIV/AIDS in the form of help with COBRA payment assistance, medication payment assistance, bus passes, rent, utility and emergency assistance.

What's new and upcoming: "We're a new agency, so we're securing more funding to do more of what we're already doing," said Anthony Chisom. In the fall, the agency hopes to be able to include cell phone bills in its utility assistance program. This fall, Chisom is taking an exploratory trip to Malawi with hope to open a clinic there and is looking for partners to help make that happen.

### • A Sister's Gift

1515 N. Town East Blvd. #138-380  
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214-421-4274  
Founded: 2003

What they do: Services for women with HIV including testing, counseling and group sessions, short-term emergency assistance, case management, buddy program, education programs.

What's new and upcoming: "Being a seven-year-old agency, our primary agency objectives center around introducing the community and stakeholders to our female-based service structure — being apparent females living with HIV need a different type of support than what was provided 30 years ago," said Executive Director and CEO Cheryl Lewis Edwards. "Our long-term strategic plan hopes that ASG can serve as a catalyst for the community, clients and families to talk about HIV with the same ease the public now speaks about breast cancer."

### • Health Services of North Texas

4210 Mesa Drive  
Denton, Texas 76207  
940-381-1501

Founded: 1988 as AIDS Services of North Texas

What they do: With offices in Denton, Plano and Greenville, HSNT serves a five-county area including Rockwall and Kaufman Counties and areas of Dallas north of LBJ Freeway. HSNT provides a variety of services from HIV testing to transportation, primary health care services, food pantry, insurance assistance and case management.

What's new and upcoming: The agency is focusing on becoming a Federally Qualified Health Center and expanding in the direction of providing primary health care to low-income people while continuing a special focus on persons with HIV.

### • Legal Hospice of Texas

3626 N. Hall, Suite 820  
Dallas 75219  
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Founded: in 1989 as Dallas Legal Hospice

What they do: Legal services for low-income persons diagnosed with terminal illnesses or HIV disease.

What's new and upcoming: Executive Director Roger Wedell said that as people live longer, the cases his agency handles become more complex. Founded to do simple estate planning, Legal Hospice now works on complex long-term disability and employment issues that may take months to resolve. He said he thought that trend will continue.

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### • Legacy Counseling Center

4024 McKinney Ave., Suite 102  
Dallas 75204  
214-520-6308  
Founded: 1991

What they do: Mental healthcare, substance abuse treatment, and special care housing services for people challenged with HIV and AIDS.

What's new and upcoming: Executive Director Melissa Grove said that Legacy has had 1100 percent growth over the last decade. The agency is looking for new therapists, especially gay male therapists, to meet the need. Legacy is also planning to expand its women's programs so that women from around the state can attend its retreats. Fewer terminal patients stay at Legacy Cottage that once exclusively did hospice care. More people are at a crucial moment of their illness who are integrated back into a productive life.

### • Resource Center Dallas

3701 Reagan St.  
Dallas 75219  
Founded: in 1983 as the Foundation for Human Understanding

What they do: Operate the AIDS Resource Center, Nelson Tebedo Clinic, AIDS Food Pantry as well as the Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

What's new and upcoming: Currently RCD is expanding dental programs and has a capital campaign to build new community center on land already purchased that is adjacent to Cathedral of Hope on the corner of Inwood and Cedar Springs Roads. The Center will bring all of its programs under one roof and continue to provide additional meeting space and services for community groups. Executive Director Cece Cox said that over the next few years, the agency is looking to expand a number of health programs to the general LGBT community that are now funded only for people with HIV and a new major focus will be general wellness programs.

### • Samaritan House

929 Hemphill St.  
Fort Worth 76104  
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Founded: 1991

What they do: Housing and resources for persons living with HIV/AIDS and other special needs in Fort Worth.

What's new and upcoming: After being refused a zoning variance last year for an additional property, Samaritan House recently began a collaboration with another non-profit to operate 184 units of quality, affordable housing for low-income individuals and families. Over the next few years, President and CEO Steve Dutton said that he hopes to provide additional housing for people with HIV/AIDS.

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What does NY victory really mean for gay Texans?

3 Republican senators deserve credit for courage, but 3 senators does not a sea change make

Like a lot of Dallasites, I watched the vote in the New York Senate online Friday night, June 24. My partner was patient with me; we were having dinner in a very nice restaurant, yet my conversation consisted of updates on the debate.

The iPhone got a lot of use that night.

As the final votes were being taken and the last speeches were made, the total came down on the site of justice and 33 senators, including three Republicans, voted for the bill, which allows same-sex couples as to legally marry in New York.

Gov. Cuomo signed the bill later that same night and history was made. I was as happy as the thousands who danced in the street outside the Stonewall Inn.

But for a gay man living in Texas why does what happens in New York matter?

Well, that is a good question. I am reminded of the old picante sauce commercial in which two grizzled cowboys ask where it was made, and after reading the label one says — with so much disdain you can almost taste the bitterness — “New York City!”

I suspect our Texas Legislature will look at the New York law and sound pretty much the same way. The pundits have been trying to read a lot into the vote.

Rachael Maddow, MSNBC commentator, saw this as a change in Republican politics. Her premise is that a Republican-controlled body actually passed the bill, and maybe that sounds like some kind of directional shift for the GOP. Maybe the GOP will drop their staunch resistance to gay rights and move on to other wedge issues.

Though it would be nice should her view prove true, I really doubt that shift was as major as some may think. After all, it was only three senators who stepped out of rank with their Republican colleagues. That is hardly a sea change.

Hardy Haberman  
Flagging Left

And already, there are calls by more conservative voices within the GOP to vote those three out in the next election, and I suspect their votes in favor of marriage equality will have repercussions. I would like to think that the GOP is dropping the tirade against LGBT rights from its platform. But down here in the Lone Star State and elsewhere in the heartland, I don't see that happening any time soon. As long as the question of marriage rights is left up to the states it will remain one of inequity.

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ervative Democrat Rubin Diaz voted against equality.

It will take a federal mandate to get this changed across the country. Without that, equality will be the property of some states but not others, and the reciprocity will remain in question.

Laws of one state normally are recognized in others. But apparently LGBT folk are different. We are denied that reciprocity along with more than 1,000 other rights granted to married couples.

I would not have chosen same-sex marriage as the banner issue in our fight for equality, but it has moved to the forefront and must be addressed. It is only a step toward full equality for LGBT citizens but it is a big one.

And it's time Congress and the president gave this matter a little help. Left to the states, it won't happen.

President Obama has said he is evolving on the issue of same-sex marriage. Well, evolve already!

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

# The value of an ounce of prevention ...

It's true that after 30 years, treatments are available that can control HIV, but the question is, can we afford the treatments?

Three decades into the HIV/AIDS epidemic, more is known about the disease than ever before. But the future looks as uncertain as ever in terms of how it will be managed in coming decades.

Treatments for HIV infections have radically evolved since the early days when medications like AZT prolonged the lives of some HIV-infected individuals but failed to help others because side effects like nausea and pain caused the patients to quit taking the drugs.

Now, HIV-infected people often appear to be living longer and healthier lives, thanks to the development of the anti-retroviral drugs in the 1990s. Although healthy appearances often belie the massive, complicated regimens of multiple, often-changing medications to sustain patients, there is no doubt HIV-infected people are enjoying a better quality of life.

Ongoing research by scientists around the



**David Webb**  
The Rare Reporter

world gives hope to the possibility there will someday be a vaccine to protect against HIV and possibly even eradicate it after infection.

Just recently, it was reported that a man suffering from both leukemia and HIV

who received a bone marrow stem cell transplant in Germany in 2007 is now HIV-negative. His bone marrow transplant reportedly came from a donor who was immune to HIV, an immunity that some scientists believe exists in about 1 percent of the Caucasian population.

The downside of all this is the enormous cost of HIV treatments when they eventually become available to the public. The bone marrow transplant treatment is incredibly painful, dangerous and expensive, so its widespread use is unlikely.

Billions are already being spent on the delivery of anti-HIV drug cocktails, and those costs are expected to spiral in the next decade to astronomi-

cal amounts.

At the same time, all of the major countries in the world are struggling to remain solvent during the worst financial crisis of more than a half-century.

Regardless of what medical treatments become available, the majority of people may not be able to afford them. Millions of people in the U.S. are unemployed and uninsured for health problems they face.

The states and the federal government have long provided health care and other resources for HIV/AIDS patients, but crashing budgets are already placing limits on those programs.

And it's only going to get worse as governments struggle to make ends meet.

Insurance premiums are rising so quickly in tandem with the rising cost of health care that many companies are struggling to provide benefits for employees. A decade ago, it was common for companies to pay for 100 percent of employees' health insurance policies, but now it is more common for employers to require 20 percent payments of premiums by employees.

In addition to government cuts, the amounts of money HIV service organizations have been able to raise from the charitable public is almost

certainly going to decrease as well. People just don't have as much income to share with less fortunate people.

For older Americans looking to retire and anticipating the end of their job-afforded health insurance, the availability of medical care through the federal Medicare program is going to be more problematic, as it will be for younger people contracting new HIV infections.

And even if an older American has abundant financial resources to access whatever medical care is available, the truth is that the drug cocktails that have prolonged the lives of younger people just don't work as well for anyone over 50, according to scientific studies.

It's hard to believe that the 30th anniversary of the HIV epidemic observed this month was accompanied by a United Nations report that 30 million people have died from the disease, and that 7,000 new infections occur globally every day.

What's more, a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study was released earlier in the month reporting that LGBT students are more likely than heterosexual classmates to engage in risky behavior like alcohol and drug use, which presumably could lead to unprotected sexual activity. It is believed that an estimated 40,000 new infections occur yearly in the U.S., often in people who are unaware of their HIV-positive status.

So three decades into the HIV epidemic, we find ourselves pretty much where we were in the beginning back in 1981 when we realized it was likely a blood-borne, sexually-transmitted disease in most cases. No matter how rich someone is or how old they are, an HIV infection is unaffordable in every way imaginable.

Prevention of an infection is still the best answer for everyone. ■

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# She's a wonder!

For drag diva **Celeste Martinez**, Wonder Woman isn't an act — she's a way of life



When Michael was a boy, his parents divorced and he went to live with dad, who worked all the time and was seldom home. So little Michael found a role model on TV.

"That's when *Wonder Woman* came on television," he recalls, referring to the CBS series starring Lynda Carter. "Wonder Woman was a second mother to me, one who taught me right from wrong in a way. She stood for something. Plus she was so statuesque and feminine and graceful, but still stern and strong. I watched that show religiously and as soon as the episode was over, I was back outside, reenacting what had just happened."

The series ended in 1979, but by the time Michael had grown into drag diva Celeste Martinez, the Amazonian princess was still a powerful force. Since 1993, appearing as Wonder Woman has been the hallmark of Martinez's drag act.

It's not just a passing fancy, either. Martinez has every single Wonder Woman comic book since 1983. "When I got my first job, the first thing I did with my paycheck was get a subscription to *Wonder Woman*," she says.

Martinez's devotion has also made her a regular at Zeus Comics, the gay-run superhero store on Lemmon. Such a fixture is she there, Martinez even appears in the next episode of *The Variants*, the web-based comedy series set at Zeus. (See sidebar.)

"I've known [store owner] Richard Neal for years," she gushes. "They are a fun group."

But before her debut as a Web star, Martinez will show her patriotism this Independence Day weekend with a series of shows at the Rose Room — all in the guise of her hero, whom she sincerely tries to evoke onstage in spirit

as much as appearance.

Martinez's costume — golden lasso, bullet-deflecting bracelets, tiara, cape, boots and star-spangled panties, all in the colors of the America flag — is familiar to fans of the classic character as well as the TV series, but maybe not so much the new generation of comic readers. That's intentional.

"With issue no. 600 [of *Wonder Woman*], they were trying to get a bigger audience so they updated her look, but the real Wonder Woman fans were not happy," Martinez explains. "They are about to do *another* reboot with all of DC Comics characters, so as to make the original Wonder Woman fans

happy."

The timing of the show is fortuitous: Wonder Woman is a perfect image for the Fourth of July, Martinez affirms.

"She represents the best of humanity in the sense she's non-judgmental and sees the best in everyone. She's gracious and empowers strength and the best in all of us," she says. "And she does it in red, white and blue." ■

## CELESTE MARTINEZ

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## 'The Variants' season 1 on DVD

You could make a case that what *The Office* is to corporate America, *The Variants* is to quirky small business on the fringe of society: gay-run comic book store.

(OK, maybe *The Office* is just the corporate version of *Clerks*, but you get the comparison.) The folks at Zeus Comics who created this webseries make fun of themselves, their customers and their own queer nerdiness, but it never gets mean-spirited.

*The Variants* began last summer as an experiment, but generated enough traffic that it's already back for season 2 (the next episode, airing Wednesday, features Celeste Martinez). Until then, it's a hoot to see all the local people and places in the season 1 DVD, now available.

The DVD contains lots of cool extras — audio commentary, a blooper reel, a slideshow or art and rants from misanthrope clerk Barry — but the best things about the DVD? Watching the entire series play out at once like one long feature ... and not having to worry about bandwidth problems interrupting your stream.

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## POSTCARDS FROM MEXICO Pride, Museum Chopo

The city's LGBT community celebrated Gay Pride Month with several very gay events at the Museum Chopo, a contemporary and experimental space that looks more like a gothic cathedral building built in 1902. The Chopo has always been home to Ciudad de Mexico's LGBT artistic community, annually hosting Pride Week festivities.

This week alone, the Chopo has sponsored several LGBT cultural events, such as a contemporary dance performance by the gay dance company La Cebra, directed by well-known gay contemporary dancer José Rivera. La Cebra celebrated 15 years of the dance company's existence by performing "No Soy Pancho Villa, ni me gusta el futbol" ("I am not Pancho Villa nor Do I Like Soccer").

Earlier this week, the Chopo opened with México's longest annual LGBT art show: XXIV Festival Internacional de la Diversidad Sexual (International Festival of Sexual Diversity). This year's exhibit, "Diferente" ("Different"), features paintings, photography (far right), collages and items that are sexually diverse, was well attended. ■

— Jesus Chairez

Chopo Museum, Dr. Enrique González Martínez 10, Col. Santa María la Ribera, Mexico City. The exhibit runs through Oct. 19.

To see more photos from Mexico City's Pride Parade and Museum Chopo, visit [DallasVoice.com/Category/Photos](http://DallasVoice.com/Category/Photos)



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# Embracing the pink

Breast cancer survivor **Leslie Ezelle** turned tragedy into hope, with a new business and a spot on HGTV's 'Design Star'

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Going through the horrors of breast cancer may be the best thing that ever happened to Leslie Ezelle.

In 2008, the Dallas resident was a stay-at-home mom to her four kids and stepkids when she was diagnosed. Not a lot of people, even friends, knew about it at the time.

"During breast cancer, I was in complete denial — I wouldn't talk about it," Ezelle now admits. "I did six weeks of radiation and wouldn't talk to anybody there; I just wanted to get in and out."

But while outwardly nothing was wrong, inside she was falling apart. "What am I gonna be when I grow up?" she asked herself. And the answer was: Follow your dream.

"I thought maybe I could combine all the things I have always had confidence in — my artwork and my painting and my design — and make a living at it," she says.

For years, Ezelle — a former Dallas Cowboys cheerleader — had been an amateur decorator, offering her eye to close friends and family free of charge. But in the middle of breast cancer treatment, she decided it was time to make it official and "start charging for it."

In 2009, she started her company, LeslieChristine Designs. Around the same time, she took another huge step.

"I was in and out of the hospital during breast cancer with infections and reconstructive surgery," she says. "I started thinking, 'What I *really* want is my own design show. And I want it to be different than other kinds of reveal shows, built around my crazy life. I want it to be like *Modern Family*.'"

Ezelle's crazy life includes sharing an adopted daughter, Ella, with her ex-partner Marisa Diotalevi; rearing her stepson and adopted sons with her wife Libby; managing "a petting zoo" of a four-legged family that includes a one-eyed Shih-tzu and countless other fauna; and fitting it all into a small house in Preston Hollow.

And the best way to *get* such a show, she felt, was to compete for it.

Ezelle and her clan were already huge fans of HGTV's *Design Star* competition series, which pits 12 aspiring decorators against each other, with the reward being their own weekly series. She figures she might as well try it.

"The day of the deadline, I FedEx'd my stuff to them. Real soon I went up there to meet them. Then I got a call that I was accepted. It was quick and pretty amazing, but really cool, though. They were auditioning for close to nine months; to go through it that long would have made me a nervous wreck. I did it on a whim and it worked out beautifully."

## DESIGN STAR

Season premiere airs on HGTV  
July 11 at 8 p.m.

**DESIGNING WOMAN** | Dallas designer Leslie Ezelle survived breast cancer and is now one of the hopefuls on the new season of HGTV's 'Design Star.'





**FAB CONFAB** | Ezelle, above center, and another contestant confer with mentor David Bromstad on the upcoming season of 'Design Star,' below, in her cheerleading days with the Dallas Cowboys.

This season, gay designer Vern Yip returns as the head judge (alongside Genevieve Gorder and Candice Olson), with guest judges like Thom Felicia and Nate Berkus, plus the addition of a new mentor: The gay former series winner and current TV host David Bromstad, who serves as a Tim Gunn-esque mentor. (Gay judges, gay mentor, gay contestant: This might be the gayest show on TV *not* on Bravo — and that includes Logo.)

Until the winner of the series is revealed (she can't talk about it), Ezelle's own design business is doing well.

"I seem to be caught up with the straight-male-bachelor-penthouse scene, which is really great because they have money!" she

laughs. "I'm actually doing my first gay male couple shortly — the first gay clients I've had."

But Ezelle found the whole TV experience worthwhile.

"I felt like I knew all these guys," she says. "Vern is so sweet, so straightforward. I've heard critics and other designers describe him as the Simon Cowell [of the show], but I'm not at all intimidated by him. We have much in common: He and his partner had a baby. He lost his mom to cancer, and he's very dedicated to this foundation [in her memory]. I learned that the day before I went to check into the show and I just lost it. He's a good guy!"

Ezelle herself is becoming a devotee of cancer awareness, as well. While she was undergoing treatment, she refused to acknowledge how serious things were.

"I didn't want to see anything pink — I didn't want to 'play' breast cancer. But that's really what brought me to the show. I've decided to embrace the pink."

For the season premiere on July 11, Ezelle is hosting an invitation-only screening party and fundraiser for Susan G. Komen foundation at Studio Movie Grill.

"I'm trying to raise \$25,000 for Susan G. Komen, hopefully more," she says. "It's my time to pay back and bring awareness. Of course, I may be hiding under the table when [the episode] airs, out of embarrassment..."

Ezelle finished her last cancer treatment on Dec. 27 — a milestone for her, but not one she would readily trade.

"Breast cancer really drove me in this direction," she says. "It makes you remember, 'It's not that bad — I'm not dead. I don't have it as bad as this [person.]' And I think my story is what got me on the show. Doom and gloom brought me to my dreams."

And if all works out, it just may make those dreams come true.

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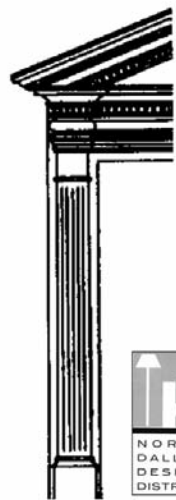
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# Italian lesson

FIAT revs back to U.S. shores with the 500, a sporty mini to make you *pazzo*

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Ever since I saw *Under the Tuscan Sun*, I've had a passion for all things Italian. I've visited Pisa, Florence, Venice and Rome and come home *più in amore* (more in love). It's a land where products are still crafted with elegance and for enjoyment. So if a Vespa scooter is a little too daring for your Italian adventure, the 2012 FIAT 500 may be your idea *uno divertimento in una bottiglia* (fun in a bottle).

After a 27-year hiatus, FIAT returns to the U.S. market with a car slightly smaller than a Mini Cooper (in some ways, it's an enclosed Vespa).

You can imagine some Italianate temptress in a flowing white frock ripping through backroads and downtown city streets behind the wheel of a *Cinquecento*, as it's traditionally called. You'll

also have to imagine the car being built in Toluca, Mexico. And by Chrysler. That's actually a good thing — the U.S. version is an evolution up from the car that debuted in Europe a couple of years ago. Fashionistas and enthusiasts will recognize its shape from three villas away.

*Forma de bellezza* (shape of beauty). Design is based on the original 500 (built from 1957 to 1975), however its engine was relocated from south to north and drives the front wheels. Stylists did a great job concealing the flip by placing the engine behind large round headlamps, a stubby hood and graphic relief that all echo the original. Some find the shape as pleasing as a gondola while others despoil it as ugly as a *cacha bruta* (hideous cow).

A canted hatchback with chrome-detailed tail-

lamps are classic. Sport editions like our buck ride on stylish 16-in. alloys, dressed up with a spoiler and chrome exhaust tip, bust through the mist with foglamps and illuminate the night with projector headlamps.

*Lusso accessibile* (affordable luxury). Taken inside, passengers feel like their Toyota Yaris snuck out, co-luxuriated with a Ferrari and came home glowing from the fornication. Painted dash surfaces, leather-wrapped steering wheel, available leather seats and Euro colors make the interior feel like it came from a car costing many multi-

ples more. Automatic climate control, Bose audio with CD player and USB input, power windows and moonroof add comfort while front, side curtain and driver's knee airbags en-

hance safety.

The speedometer and tachometer encircle an LCD display for easy read-out; temperature, clock and odometer sit in a large pod behind the steering wheel. Every convenience is present, but fades into its surroundings as not to ruin driving pleasure. *Semplice è meglio* (simple is better).

*Dimostralo!* (Prove it!) In my mind, there's a rolling lane through the Italian countryside calling my name to ring out every ounce of power my car (and willpower) can muster — we must prove ourselves worthy. OK, the 500's 101-HP 1.4-liter, four-cylinder engine — connected to a five-speed manual transmission — isn't so exotic. A stiff clutch and tiny pedal will give you mid-sleep charley horses, but once mastered, the car

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is a joy to rev to the reds, clicking through the gears with the snap of a wrist. A dash button puts the car into Sport mode for quicker steering and throttle response. If the engine's verve doesn't move you, then maybe the excellent 30/38-MPG city/hwy fuel usage will.

*Possa la strade venirti incontro* (may the road rise to meet you). Driving the 500 is what sets it apart from the average Toyota Yaris, Honda Fit or Chevy Aveo. Steering is precise, while four-wheel anti-lock disc brakes stop yesterday and a full range of electronic controls keep the car on-path. An independent front, twist-beam rear suspension system is engineered with cost in mind, but sport-tuned shock absorbers and springs reach down to grasp the road. You can toss the car without fear of kissing ditches. Treading down the Interstate at unmentionable speeds seemed calm, quiet and comfortably within the car's realm.

*Aprire il tetto* (open the roof). FIAT will not stop with the 500 coupe: A cabriolet will be introduced this summer and a sporty Abarth edition comes later. Alfa Romeo, controlled by FIAT, is also expected to return to the U.S. by 2014. You'll see FIAT's large scale influence sooner as small and mid-size Chrysler products are re-engineered onto its platforms beginning next year. All of them may make you want to *andare senza camicia* (go shirtless) and dance in the street. Or not.

*Quanto costa?* Steamy steeds from Ferrari, Lamborghini and Maserati have been with us for years, but it has been outside of a lifetime that cars from Italy have been affordable. With an as-tested price of \$19,500, the Fiat 500 Sport becomes *la voce della ragione*, the voice of reason.

*Amano l'Italia* (love Italy). It's easy to hone a passion for Italian goods; I wouldn't give up my Persol sunglasses for anything. You also may crave a Gucci purse, Prada shoes or an Armani suit. But in America the best way to experience Italy is to read *Under the Tuscan Sun* (or any other Frances Mayes books) or buy a FIAT 500 and drink gallons of Lavazza coffee while driving it (sounds good to me). Put it in a bottle and enjoy. ■

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**Name and age:** Sarah Wilson, 27.

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**What kind of car:** Black 2007 Nissan Versa SL, baby! Almost paid for.

**Name of car:** Buffy.

**So, do you drive a hearse?** No. We do have some minivans for transport, but nothing too exciting.

**So, do you ever transport bodies?** Hell, no!

**Live ones — like friends?** Oh. Well, I get passengers sometimes.

**How many can you fit in your car?** Legally, five.

**What are the rules of your car?** No smoking. You spill it, you clean it up. Don't touch the radio.

**Best car memory:** In high school I had a '92 Ford Escort LX station wagon. I remember cruising with some friends and blasting the bass. I recall Beastie Boys. Stuff you do in high school — in a station wagon.

**Funniest road trip story?** It's not really a road trip but driving to Chili Fest in Snook, Texas was fun. Just passing all the drunken people on the road and everyone acting a fool.

**Passing drunk drivers does *not* sound like fun.** Anyway, what's in your CD changer? Let's see, I have the *Repo* soundtrack, a bluegrass mix tape and Radiohead.

**Does Buffy have a/c?** Hells yeah, you better believe it. If it didn't, I'd shoot myself.

**What is your commute?** Just about five minutes. I live at Buckner and I-30 and drive about eight miles to Beltline and Highway 80 in Mesquite.

**GPS or Mapsco?** GPS! Mapsco's old-school. Don't you have to print it out? Who does that anymore?

**Do you ever ask for directions?** Hell, no! I'd rather drive around in circles looking for the place.

**How do you rate this car to your previous ones?** This is like a 10-double plus. I don't have a key first of all so I can't lock them in. It's got douche-tooth [*editor's note: she means Bluetooth*] so I can talk to my car and it has good gas mileage.

**If money were no object, I'd be driving a...:** Volkswagen Karmann Ghia. I had a crush on that car when I was a kid.

**Sexiest thing about your car?** Probably the pump-action lumbar support. That sounds sexy, huh?

**Are there any downsides to this particular car?** It's size. It *is* small.

**So you're a size queen:** I can be when it matters.

**Where is one place you would like to drive your car?** I'd like to drive it to somewhere on the East Coast, for sure. Let's go to New York.



**Are you a grandma driver or speed racer?**

Dude, I am speed racer. It's best not to slow down around me.

**Do you drive around looking for the best deal on gas?** Nah. I have that gas app that shows you where the best prices are.

**Tell us a mortician joke.** How about, "What's a necrophiliac pick-up line? 'Would you like to go out on a date? I'll take your silence as a yes.'"

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# Yip, Yip, hooray!

TV designer Vern Yip has a new house plan: Being dad to 2 kids

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It's a rainy late spring day, and Vern Yip is late for his personal appearance in North Dallas. It's the kind of thing that — as anyone who has watched Yip over the years on home-improvement shows like *Trading Spaces*, *Deserving Design* and *Design Star* can attest — probably drives the persnickety, precise man insane.

Of course, that attention to detail is also what has made him one of the most popular and respected people in a reality TV industry that often values flash over substance.

Still, with the new season of *Design Star* about to begin airing, Yip is as enthusiastic as his collected demeanor will allow.

"We're back in New York again," Yip says of the upcoming season. "It's a really, really good season. We walked into my favorite room ever in the history of the series. It's a very tight competition."

High praise coming from Yip, a direct and constructively critical judge who does not suffer fools gladly and which can sometime come off as curt. Well, only if you aren't any good.

"I think I'm very fair," he says with a touch of defiance. (At least one contestant from this season — Dallas' Leslie Ezelle — agrees; see story on Page 34.) "For me, the person who wins this gets their own TV show! That is a *huge* deal." And he wants to make sure the prize is deserved.

"We release you into people's homes. When you design someone's house, you're dealing with the biggest investment they will make in their lifetime. I want to make sure

you are fully capable of executing your concept."

So what about clients who have horrible ideas and want you to make them happen? In true Type A personality mode, he says judgment must trump emotion.

"The homeowners are *not* designers. It up to you as the designer to get to the core, the essence of what they want," he advises. (Interior designers, he explains, have to pass rigorous testing; those without such certification can only call themselves "decorators.")

He is not afraid to hold others to his high standards.

"Back on *Trading Spaces*, if you were on my team, I was a task-master," admits the compact, handsome and surprisingly energetic designer — though that last title hardly gives him adequate credit. Yip is a licensed interior designer and a practicing architect in addition to his hosting/judging duties on several HGTV series and his extensive charitable work and designing a line of products for I.O. Metro, a retail store with a branch on Alpha Road in North Dallas. And then there's his latest job description: Dad.

Yip and his partner Craig Koch have two children through surrogacy — the most recent born just a few months before our interview.

"I've never been away from my daughter before," Yip says upon his trip to Dallas. "I've always wanted children, to be a dad. It's an integral part of the human experience. But it's a balance of the personal and professional lives."

And the new family is putting all his skills to the test: He's in the process of putting a 2,400-square-foot addition to his own house.

Wait a sec: How does the notoriously fussy perfectionist

**STICKY FINGERS** | Having children has helped Yip embrace the value of chaos — something he never did on 'Trading Spaces.'

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with the exacting, geometric style adjust to the chaos that is a house filled with sticky-fingered babies?

"It has already made me a better designer," Yip says. "Being a dad has made me more

aware and loosened me up a little, which I like. I am very O.C.D. Kids make that impossible. You manage the chaos. It's not like I like having toys everywhere, but it has allowed me to appreciate imperfection." ■

## YIP'S TIPS: 10 SIMPLE DECORATING IDEAS

Not everyone can afford a designer — or get on an HGTV show. For the rest of us, Vern Yip offers these suggestions for making your space work for you.

**Make your space a reflection of you and your personality; go eclectic!** Design no longer has to be relegated to one style for an entire house or even an entire room. Your home should be a reflection of you and a manifestation of your unique personality. Since people are multi-dimensional, your home should be too.

**Invest in quality items that will endure.** Your home is not a set for a photo shoot or a place that should be off limits; it should be a special atmosphere designed to support the most important moments in your life shared with your family and friends. Invest in quality that will endure. Quality does not equate with price: Just because something is expensive doesn't mean that it is of high quality. Likewise, just because something is inexpensive doesn't mean that it is of poor quality. Great quality items at accessible price points can be found in the right places.

**Pepper your space with unique pieces!** Although the majority of your home will have high quality furniture that will likely be found in other homes across America, or even your neighborhood, look for a handful of furniture pieces that have a unique, hand-crafted quality that really sing to you. Items that have character and show the heart and soul someone put into making them often are wonderful conversation starters.

**Don't be afraid of big and bold.** Scale is important in the overall scheme of a room design, so embrace a few bigger items that really can make a statement. Appropriately used, scale makes a room feel balanced and complete. If you fill a room with pieces that are all of the same scale, nothing will pop and the result will be bland and boring. Take a cue from Mother Nature who juxtaposes large trees next to small bushes. It will help make your room feel comfortable to be in.

**Use color to stimulate and excite!** Color is a powerful design tool and mixing in doses of color into a room can be an easy and fun way to update a space and make it feel like a real reflection of you. Paint is a wonderful way to inject color into your home, but don't forget throw pillows, throws, rugs and curtains — all phenomenal, easy and often inexpensive ways to liven a room.

**Mixing wood tones enriches a space.** Many people feel that all of the wood tones in a room have to match; it simply isn't true. Mixing woods in a singular space can make it feel rich, sophisticated and unique. It is true that sticking to general wood color areas helps pull a room together, so be cautious about mixing woods with tonally unrelated backgrounds (for example, cherry-red undertone



doesn't necessarily look great with maple-yellow). If you look at wood carefully, you will see all kinds of colors in the graining and background.

**Invest in open and closed storage.** You can never have enough storage! Storage keeps your home looking pulled together and functioning while life happens. Open storage pieces, like bookshelves and consoles, are wonderful for displaying objects and as designated surfaces for decorative pieces that make a home feel warm. A room full of open storage, however, doesn't function very well because there is no place for the visual pollution to go. That's where closed storage pieces come in: buffets, end tables with doors and trunks offer easy places to tuck away messier items that don't necessarily deserve displaying.

**Rugs and curtains finish a room!** Rugs act as warm, grounding forces in a room while curtains finish off the vertical space flanking windows, adding needed visual comfort. Select your rug and your curtains before selecting your paint to ensure that your room comes together perfectly. The chances of finding a rug and curtains to work perfectly with a predetermined paint color are much worse than starting with a rug and curtains and selecting from the endless array of paint colors that are available. You can customize paint to curtains or a rug but not the other way around.

**Every room should have touches of white and black.** White is the reflection of all color and black is the absorption of all color, making these two colors the ultimate in neutrals. White and black will literally go with anything. Touches of white in a space will catch the eye and act as a highlight while bits of black will recede and add depth. Adding a little of each to every room through furniture, accessories, textile items and artwork.

**Include all kinds of lighting.** Recessed cans are great for providing overall illumination in a room, but they won't complete a room on their own. Table and floor lamps are an important source of warmth and function that inject light at levels that recessed lights can not. Additionally, pendant lights are not only critical sources of light but also offer a chance to hang a floating piece of art.

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# Anything was possible

From DIFFA to the stage, John Ahrens has witnessed the evolving art of HIV

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John Ahrens ended up in Dallas accidentally, but it's an accident that may have saved his life. In the late 1960s, he was enrolled at Yale University's drama department, studying theater alongside classmates like Christopher Durang, Sigourney Weaver, Wendy Wasserstein and Meryl Streep. It was a magical time.

"I lived in New York until the late 1970s," he recalls. "Back then, in 1976 in New York, anything was possible — you had Paul [the gay character] onstage in *A Chorus Line*, it was post-Stonewall." The Continental Baths had acts like Bette Midler and Barry Manilow before anyone knew who they were. "Later you had *La Cage aux Folles* with Georges singing 'I Am What I Am.'"

In other words, it was a great time to be gay.

Or so it seemed. Ahrens moved to Dallas in 1978, putting him 1,300 miles away when the AIDS epidemic hit New York hard. Ahrens first realized how serious the situation was when he called a friend to inquire about a former roommate; the roommate had died.

All those emotions came flooding back to him last month, when he made a pilgrimage to New York specifically to see the revival of *The Normal Heart*, Larry Kramer's 1985 play about the AIDS crisis. Ahrens caught a Sunday matinee; four hours later, it walked away with three Tony

Awards including best revival of a play.

"It was amazing," Ahrens says, choking up slightly. "It so accurately describes the panic everyone was living through, especially those still in the closet. It has gotten better" over the years.

That seems to be the consensus. *The Normal Heart* arrived in New York about the same time as another play about AIDS, *As Is*, but met with a very different reception. *As Is* made it to Broad-

way, where it was rewarded with three Tony Award nominations and the Drama Desk Award for outstanding new play. *The Normal Heart*

remained off-Broadway, underground. And its angry political tone was eventually eclipsed by Tony Kushner's two-part epic *Angels in America*.

But when's the last time you heard someone talk about *As Is*? Meanwhile, Kramer's play has earned cult status. (For years, Barbra Streisand tried to direct a film version.)

"*The Normal Heart* was so much of its time," Ahrens opines, "but seeing it brought it all back. It captured the horrors of it all. The visualization of John Benjamin Hickey's performance was so authentic — back then, you could look at someone and know they had HIV."

It was a horrific time, but also one that spurred great achievement and sacrifice. "It changed a lot of people and made them get their

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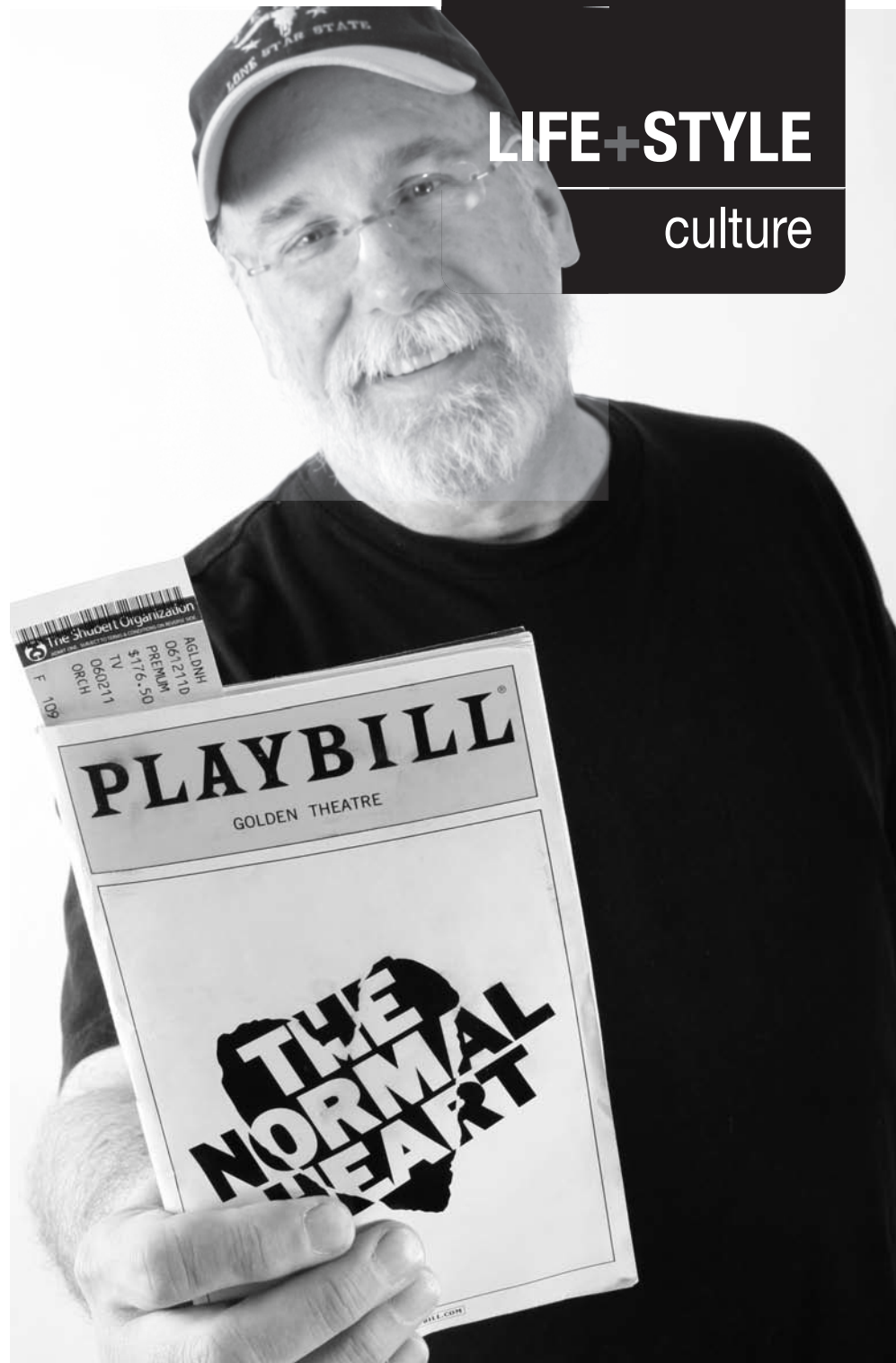
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**YA GOTTA HAVE 'HEART'** | Ahrens, above, was moved to tears by the revival of 'The Normal Heart,' which captured the panic of the AIDS epidemic in the 1980s; below left, designs from two decades of DIFFA auctions, which improved greatly from the days of 'ugly fabrics.' (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

shit together," he says.

Ahrens, a respected costume designer, was present for the first auction of clothes from DIFFA, the Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS. He still remembers the first piece he designed: A red leather number with a hoop skirt meant to evoke Christian Lacroix... "worn by a 6-foot-tall redhead." (He's referring to Dallas supermodel Jan Strimple, a long-time supporter of DIFFA and an AIDS activist, one of Ahrens' oldest friends.)

It probably wasn't his best work — back then, it was hard to *do* your best work.

"We all got our fabric from the same fashion line, and that line was really ugly," he says. "Some of us were getting our fabric the night before the show."

Things have changed. The designs became more fabulous, the designers more high-profile,

the fabrics of better quality. But what Ahrens remembers most are the people — in particular, the lesbian community.

"They were the soldiers," he says frankly. "Lory Masters and her generation? Hell, they took on so much," caring for the mostly gay men who suffered.

Back then, even being associated with AIDS took heroics; today, gay and straight, HIV-positive and -negative men and women readily lend their names and faces to campaigns such as Faces of Life, Dallas-based photographer Jorge Rivas' campaign for AIDS awareness. The stigma has diminished — but it is not gone.

Ahrens didn't see *The Normal Heart* when it first ran in New York more than 25 years ago, but seeing it in 2011 truly made him see how far things have come — and how far they still have to go.

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# Proof positive



Terrance Gilbert combated the stigma of HIV by turning his camera on himself

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When Terrance Omar Gilbert takes a look at himself, he does it in dramatic fashion. It's not with a mirror that he gazed into the man he is, but through a lens. At 18, Gilbert was diagnosed with HIV; by 24, his body had deteriorated to 110 pounds before he got on medication. That's when he decided to use his camera to document his body's reaction and transformation.

"It's very difficult, but those early pictures are something I have to look at in order to appreciate where I am now," says the 25-year-old photographer. "I look back at them and think about how I felt and the pain I was in. I see a skeleton."

In Gilbert's petite body, now 40 pounds healthier, lies a dynamo. He struggled initially after the diagnosis, suffering depression and a sense of dread along with coping with the stigma of having HIV — which, in his African-American culture, was an added burden. But he opted not to be seen as a victim. Instead, he strived for self-awareness and empowerment. That resolve led him to point the camera at himself, where he could gain something even more important: Knowledge.

"Never once was I exposed to proper sex education in school, so I educated myself," he says. "For me to go in and do research, now that I work professionally in the field, that makes me have a passion to help anyone. And honestly, I can do that through pictures."

Gilbert teamed with Fahari Arts Institute for their "Arts and AIDS" season, which addresses the disease through African-American perspectives. Gilbert was set to debut his photographic essay for the *Poz Eyes* exhibit in April, but there was a bump in the road.

"That didn't happen as planned," Fahari artistic director Harold Steward says. "But we're reworking it and intend to have Terrance's work up maybe by the end of summer."

The intent of *Poz Eyes* is to feature exhibits by queer, poz black artists in solo shows. The rescheduling, however, worked in Gilbert's favor: His pictorial essay is perpetually evolving, and he has added photos to his work.

"My goal is to do a day, to six months, to a year with this project," he says. "And the year

**HIV IN FOCUS** | Gilbert's photo essay is part of a series by queer black artists. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

wrap up would roughly be around October. I have done portions of it at conferences and as well as the Positive Youth Conference which will be here in August."

The photos range from abstract images of himself to daily living to visits to his doctor.

But Gilbert just isn't about his pictures. Although it's his artistic expression, he's been an advocate for education and awareness with intent on teaching people his age, notably African-

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Americans, the language of HIV and the preventive nature people can approach it with. In Houston, he worked with Empowerment as an introduction

to AIDS advocacy work. Upon moving to Dallas, he transferred to United Black Ellument to expand his work. He is now the Youth Ambassador for the Anthony Chisom AIDS Foundation, which the organization announced last Monday.

Although he speaks in a professional and serious demeanor, Gilbert chuckles at his own vanity and admits to pulling out the camera for random photos of himself to post on Facebook.

"I have like 1,300 pictures on there, and, like, 1,200 are of me," he laughs.

The photographer who had been taking pictures since he was a child has the philosophy that every picture tells a story. And his own story turns out to be one of the most compelling — and not just for him. Gilbert is documenting not only his own life, but also the face of HIV in a younger generation.

"I found this was my calling," he says.

For more on Gilbert's photography work, visit [TrademarkPhotography.Blogspot.com](http://TrademarkPhotography.Blogspot.com).



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Newly HIV-positive, fashion student  
 Trevail Anderson doesn't let his  
 status deter him from his dreams

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**Name and age:** Trevail Anderson, 23

**Spotted at:** Union Jack

**Occupation:** Fashion design student

This gorgeous Gemini who originally hails from Shreveport, La., has made Dallas his home for the last three years. His Creole heritage is a gumbo of nationalities, including French, Caribbean and Dominican, all simmering together in one tall, sexy frame.

**Always the fashion:** Creatively blessed with a talent for fashion and design, he's a senior at Wade College, and his skills have garnered him the 2011 Dallas Market Center's Career Day competition grand prize. He takes the accolades in stride. He has interned with local designer Nicolas Villalba; Valentino is his fashion hero. Trevail plans to orchestrate and design his own line of women's wear and read-to-wear fashions. Most recently, his designs appeared in the Urban Jungle fashion show held at Station 4.

**Catwalk:** With his exotic features and streamlined body, modeling is natural for Trevail, and he has been involved in numerous assignments. Cooking is another of his outlets, an interest instilled in him by his grandmother; Creole dishes, of course, are a favorite. He enjoys exploring the Farmer's Market as well as his own garden.

**Out and about:** Trevail has always acknowledged his sexuality. "I came out straight out of the womb!" he jokes.

**Favorite quote:** "Work hard and play hard. What doesn't kill you makes you stronger."

**Flawless:** This past April, Trevail commemorated his one year anniversary of being HIV-positive. He wants to set an example for those who are poz so they will not to let anything hinder them from making their dreams a reality. He describes himself as a diamond that has been cut by pain. We consider him flawless.

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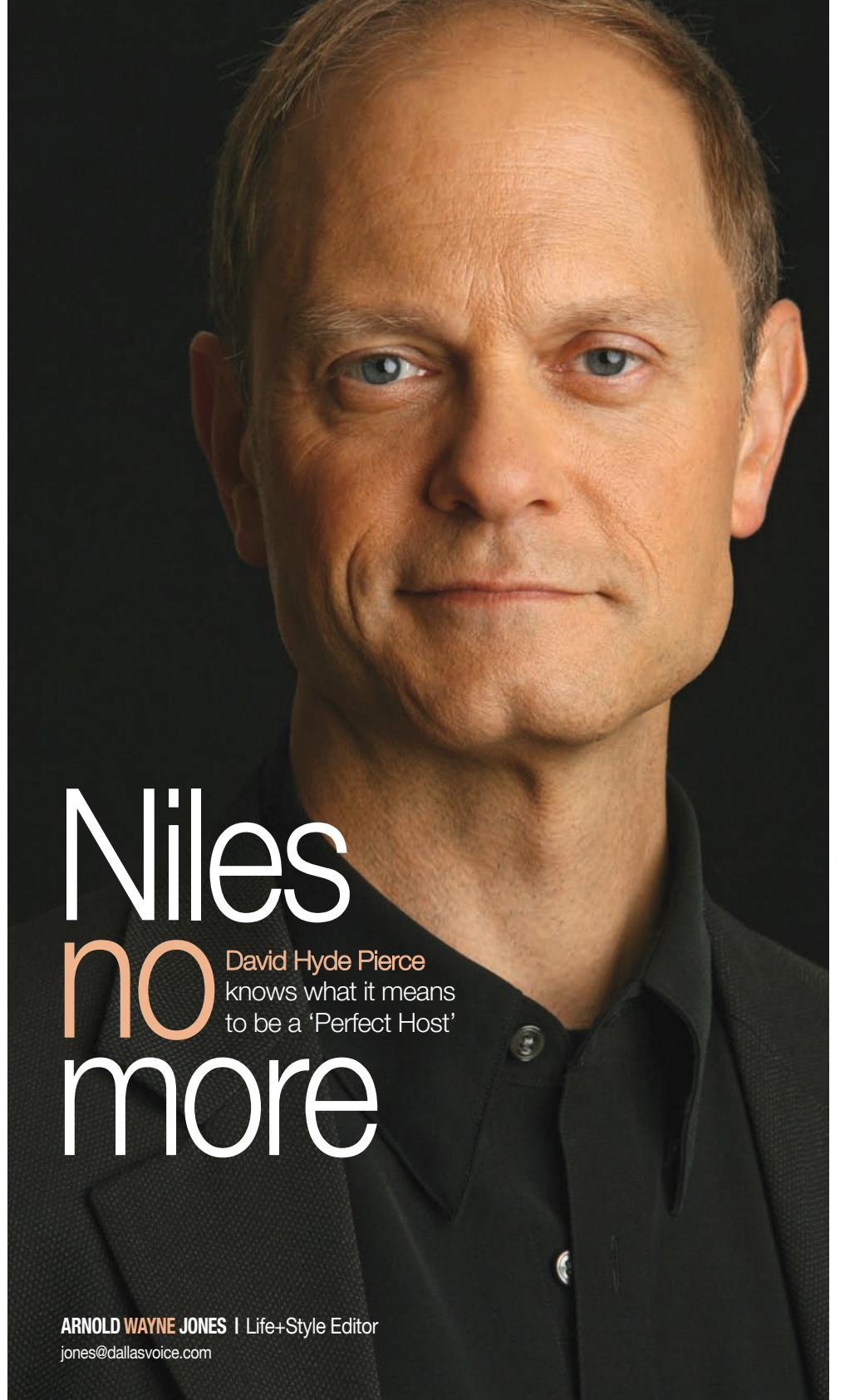
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**QUEER CLIP: 'Transformers'**

I know it's pointless to attempt a serious critique of a movie aimed at developmentally disabled capuchin monkeys; *Transformers: Dark of the Moon* will make more in its opening weekend that probably all the

Coen Brothers films combined. But it's worth noting that it does so with a cast largely assembled from the Coens' stable: Frances McDormand, John Malkovich and a returning John Turturro add credibility if not much class or logic to the latest save-the-world-from-robots actioner. (Why would anyone trust a race that



On television and onstage, David Hyde Pierce has enjoyed the rare perk of being a character actor who gets leading-man attention — and money. By the time he ended his 11-year run on the acclaimed sitcom *Frasier*, Pierce had become the highest-paid series regular *not* to headline a series in TV history. (Four Emmy Awards will do that for you.) In 2007, he added stage superstardom to the resume when he won the Tony Award for best actor in a musical (against tough competition) playing a sad-sack cop in *Curtains*. (That followed a hit run as one of the leads in *Spamalot*.)

On film, though, Pierce has always been the second banana, often giving memorable supporting roles in movies like *Wolf* or voicing animated characters in *A Bug's Life* and others, but never being asked to carry them.

Not anymore. Pierce finally gets above-the-title billing — but keeps his character-actor cred — in the indie comedy-thriller *The Perfect Host*.

"These opportunities don't come around a lot except for the Tom Cruises of the world," Pierce admits. "When they first showed me the poster, I saw my name big and my picture all over it. I realized that's what it means to be the star of the movie."

Of course, Pierce knows the box office expectations aren't as high for his film as its opening-weekend competition, *Transformers 3*. *The Perfect Host*, which got its local premiere in April at the USA Film Festival but opens in some cities for a commercial run this week (it was screened earlier this week at the Texas Theatre as well), is a quirky and enjoyable romp full of twists — so many, in fact, it's difficult to talk about without spoiling some of the surprises.

On the surface, it's about a career criminal named James (Clayne Crawford) who talks his way into the home of a sophisticated but meek suburbanite named Warwick (Pierce). James plans to kill Warwick, but then the tables are turned on him, as the evening spins out in ways that recall such thrillers as *Misery*, *Rear Window*, *Psycho* and *A Clockwork Orange*.

Only not. And with more humor. Well, you gotta see it to get it.

"It's a movie where what seems to be is continually not," agrees Pierce, trying not to give away any secrets. "People who seem benign

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are not and those you think are dangerous maybe aren't. At Sundance, many people said seeing it a second time is a lot of fun, knowing what's real and what's not."

"The most influential film was Joseph Losey's *The Servant*, but also Polanski's early work — *Cul-de-Sac*, *Compulsion*," says first-time feature director and co-writer Nick Tomnay. "Warwick is doing [this] to satisfy his fetish. He's actually quite a happy guy — he's not conflicted about it. But the last note of the film is very dark."

For Pierce, it was an opportunity to stretch but without veering too far from his screen persona. Warwick is as fastidious as Niles Crane but has a kooky side Niles never did. It's a transition that he embraced.

"Especially when you're seen on a TV show, you can't pretend the past didn't happen," he says. But Warwick allows Pierce to be both the "perfect host" of the title and act out deep, id-like compulsions. And it also gave Pierce the chance to do something he rarely has done in public: Disco dance.

"I got a friend of mine who was a dancing coach to choreograph that," Pierce says. "That was great to do."

Theater remains a passion for Pierce, though; in addition to his performances in *Curtains* and *Spamalot*, he was in New York seeing *La Cage aux Folles* — once with his former co-star, Kelsey Grammer (whose performance he raved over), and once with the replacement cast of Chris Seiber in Grammer's role and Harvey Fierstein as his drag-queen boyfriend.

"Harvey was great," he says. "There's an added layer because of course Harvey has lived it in a way."

Pierce, who is gay and lives with his long-time partner in California, has been very active in recent years coming out in support of same-sex marriage. But he's not definitive about Warwick's sexuality.

"I think Warwick would be up for anything," he says with a wink. ■

gives *themselves* the name "Decepticons"? But I do have some questions for that abortionist responsible for this monstrosity, Michael Bay:

- I wonder why the only gay people in your movie — Ken Jeong (from *The Hangover*) and Alan Tudyk — are portrayed as psychopaths who assault men in the rest room or fey closet cases. (Oh, right — none of the people in your movies manifest anything close to genuine human qualities.)

- Do you have no sense of scale? How does a 2-seater sports car like a Camaro transform into a robot the size of a house? And speaking of size, when Sentinel Prime (voiced, in some strangely ironic ways, by Leonard Nimoy, mocking his Spock character) escapes, why does the military have such a hard time finding him? He's 60 feet tall and dense enough that he probably tilts the earth off its

axis.

- The same goes for your action sequences: If you upchuck so much visual vomitus at the audience at one time, we never have time to orient ourselves. I know you think you are showing balletic violence, but it's just incoherent. Even the good scenes are obscured by all the chaos. (The best sequence is the most human: Commandos soar in wing suits.)

- Who do all these robots from zillions of years away turn into cars? (It's easy to spot the good guys: They are all Chevys.) And why do they talk like ghetto gangstas and Italian goombahs and British fops? Don't they have their own culture?

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Mexicans laugh at us gringos for eating “lunch” at noon and “dinner” at 6. Go into a bistro in Mexico City — or a lot of European towns for that matter — and you’ll see diners gorging themselves at 4 p.m., with the big meal of the day still yet to come.

Americans are not likely to change their eating habits so radically, but restaurants are catching on that maybe folks would like to enjoy a bigger meal, at a good price, earlier in the day. It helps their bottom line, too, as many eateries — especially high-end ones — are finding themselves wanting for customers willing to splurge a little on something other than gasoline.

Over at Craft — among the highest of high-ends — new chef de cuisine Tim Blevins is flexing his muscle for the lunch menu. Founding chef Tom Colicchio’s traditional style of freshly prepared, family-style New American fare still dominates at dinner, but during the day, Blevins has created more familiar *a la carte* entrees, most under \$12, with service streamlined to give you the chance to explore the textures of Craft without breaking the bank or spending longer than your lunch hour enjoying a meal.

The menus at Craft have never been designated simply “summer” or “spring,” or updated with a Post-It pinned on the corner or chalk board indicating “today’s special.” Rather, they usually contain today’s *date* — this is what the kitchen thinks is good *now*. That means, literally, a bill of fare: A small menu printed daily on butcher paper outlining the chef’s best of the day.

The set-up is conducive to sharing if you wanna dine with friends or coworkers, but each item makes a hearty meal in itself, though the br-

uschetta and chevre with walnut pesto (\$8) provides an ideal appetizer: Soft, salty goat’s milk cheese melts in your mouth as the crunch of toast and nuts give it body. (You don’t need it, though: Every meal comes with a complimentary arancini, a baseball-sized risotto cake with a sweetness from the honey-vinegar gastrique.)

I was taken aback by the “duck egg, escargot, asparagus and brioche” (\$10). The combination suggested something like an open-faced sandwich, but it was more of a scrambler, with the egg fluffed around a good-sized dish and dotted with escargot and cubes of toast. It’s a surprisingly healthy dish, what with greens and being high in protein, though you realize why snails are usually doused in garlic and butter: It gives them flavor they don’t inherently have.

The sam’ich here ain’t no ordinary bread-meat-bread stackable. At nine bucks, the croque madame with ham and pecorino cheese and a fried egg floated on top, is the most luxurious single-digit lunch special you’ll probably find in town. Sure, it’s a cholesterol bomb (a handful of lightly dressed frisee does nothing to convince you it’s a low-cal option), but the ultimate in Francophile comfort food.

The kitchen hand rolls the garganelli (\$14), a cigarette-sized pasta tube tossed with sweetbreads. If you’re a fan of the thymus gland of a cow (and who isn’t?), you’ll like the spicy bite from the tomato; if not, it’s an excellent introduction to a tasty delicacy that deserves more respect.

I was disappointed by the chewiness of the beef short ribs (\$16) — that meat should fall off the bone — but the sauce was flavorful and the gnocchi so creamy I’m surprised they made it from my fork to my mouth. When’s the last time you thought about eating this kind of lunch when someone else wasn’t buying? ■

**GNOCCHI SHINES** | The creamy potato dumplings and the flavorful sauce almost excuse a slightly chewy beef short rib at Craft’s surprisingly affordable, streamlined lunch. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

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Otep Shamaya is quite the unpredictable rock star. She's dead serious about her place in heavy metal and her band OTEP. Last time we interviewed her, every joke we cracked went by without even so much as a chuckle. Or maybe we're just not funny. She and her boys in the band are on the road supporting their new album *Atavist*.

**DEETS:** Trees, 2709 Elm St. Doors at 7 p.m. \$15-\$19. All ages. TreesDallas.com.

Sunday 07.03

**Camping out**

The 23rd Annual Miss Firecracker pageant returns just in time for July 4. Heavy on the camp and actual singing, the contest is also a benefit for TGRA and its charities. The winner goes on to compete for Miss Charity America. The lovely Victoria Weston will serve as one of the hosts.

**DEETS:** Dallas Eagle, 5740 Maple Ave. 7 p.m. DallasEagle.com.

Thursday 07.07

**'Beat' of a different drum**

Chicano beat poet Christopher Carmona signs copies of his new book *Beat*. He's a staunch LGBT ally challenging notions of gender roles in his poetry. Sounds like a cool guy to us.

**DEETS:** Cliff Notes, 1222 W. Davis St. 7 p.m. Free. Facebook.com/OakCliffNotes.



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*With the holiday weekend, consider contacting the below organizations directly for any schedule changes.*

## FRIDAY 07.01

### COMMUNITY

**DFW Bi Net** meeting. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 7:30 p.m. 214-521-5342 ext. 1761.

**Dallas Fresh Leather** meets every first Friday, Dallas Resource Center, 2701 Reagan St. 7 p.m. NLA-Dallas.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. YouthFirstTexas.org.

### THEATER

**As You Like It** plays as part of this year's Shakespeare Dallas summer season. Rene Moreno directs the comedy, adding gay flair to the classic. Samuel-Grand Park Amphitheater, 1500 Tenison Parkway. Tuesdays-Sundays at 8:15 p.m. Through July 23. \$10 weekends. ShakespeareDallas.org.

**Next to Normal.** Kalita Humphreys Theater, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. Through Saturday. \$30-\$50. UptownPlayers.org.

### ART

**6 Arms to Hold You.** A new exhibit by Ro2 premieres work by Cathey Miller, John Gonzales and Joey Seeman. Through July 8. The Aloft Hotel, 1033 Young St. Opening reception at 6 p.m. Ro2Art.com.

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

## SATURDAY 07.02

### COMMUNITY

**SPCA of Texas Pet Grief Counseling** monthly program helps those who have lost an animal cope with their loss. Dealey Animal Care Center, 362 S. Industrial Blvd. 1 p.m. 214-651-9611.

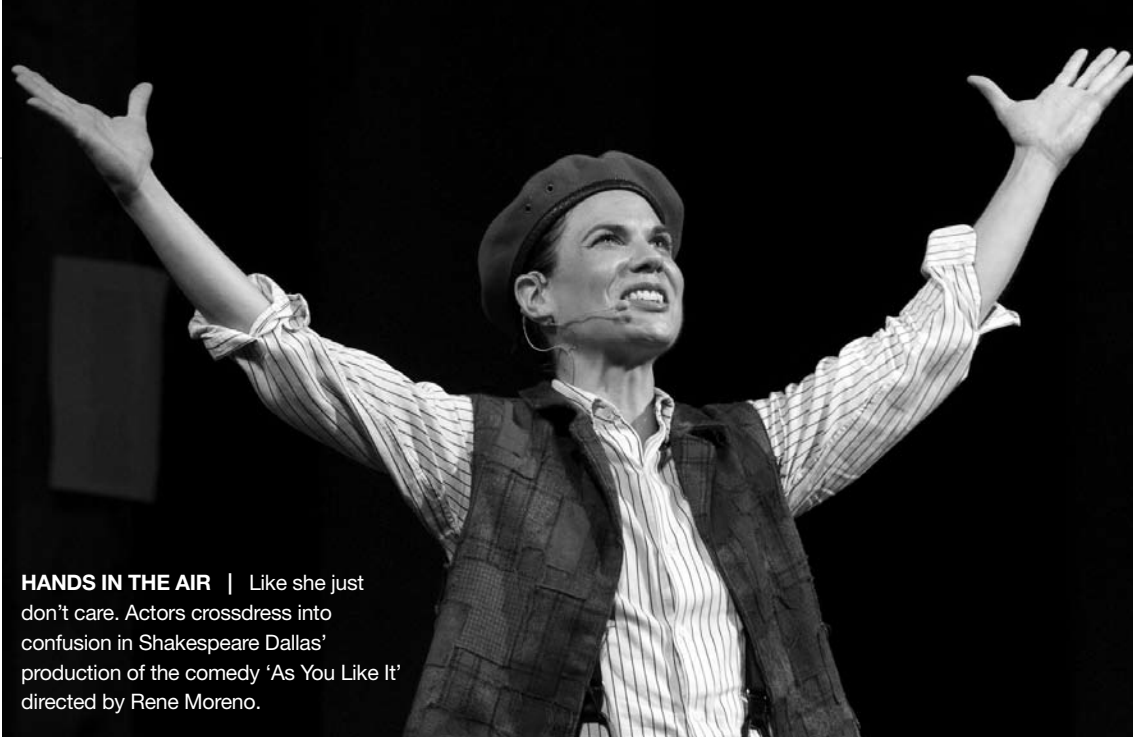
**Dallas Gay Roleplayers Club.** Gamers meet to play and discuss role-playing games. Half Price Books Community Room, 5803 E. Northwest Highway. 3-6 p.m. 214-360-0833 ext. 222.

**Cathedral Couples** potluck dinner and social. For location, call 972-252-7124.

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

### BROADCAST

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



**HANDS IN THE AIR** | Like she just don't care. Actors crossdress into confusion in Shakespeare Dallas' production of the comedy 'As You Like It' directed by Rene Moreno.

## SUNDAY 07.03

### COMMUNITY

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

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

**Men's Medicine Wheel Gathering** discussion and ceremony at a private residence in East Dallas. 3 p.m. 214-908-6261.

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

**Friends Associating and Relating**, social group, meets twice a month for potluck dinners, game nights, and more in the evenings. Call 214-328-6749 for details.

**Youth First Texas Collin County.** Group for LGBTQ and allies up to age 22. North Texas Youth Connection, 201 W. Boyd Road, Ste. 105D, Allen. 6 p.m. CollingCounty@YouthFirstTexas.org.

**Breath of Life Interfaith Mindfulness Fellowship.** LGBT-friendly "meditation and more" event. Dallas Meditation Center, 727 S. Floyd Road, Richardson. 5 p.m. Donations accepted. InterMindful.com.

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

## MONDAY 07.04

### COMMUNITY

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

**Self-esteem support group** 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.

### CABARET

**Mama's Party.** Amy Stevenson hosts the cabaret of local performers. Contemporary Theater of Dallas, 5601 Sears St. 7 p.m. MamasParty.com.

## TUESDAY 07.05

### COMMUNITY

**Classic Chassis Car Club.** Ojeda's 4617 Maple Ave. 6:30 p.m. 214-446-0606.

**National Leather Association-Dallas** meeting. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 7 p.m. NLA-Dallas.org

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

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

**FUSE Movie Night** every week. For gay and bi guys up to 29. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 7 p.m. GetYourFuseOn.com.

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

**Cathedral Ringers** handbell rehearsal. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 6:45 p.m. Contact Jeremy.crosswhite@gmail.com for information.

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

### BROADCAST

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

## WEDNESDAY 06.29

### COMMUNITY

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

**Unwired Dallas.** Crystal Meth Anonymous (CMA) group meets exclusively for those wishing to quit using meth. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 7:30 p.m. Free. Crystalmeth.org.

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

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

**FUSE** drop-in weekdays (except Tuesdays).

For gay and bi guys up to 29. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 3-8 p.m. 214-540-4435.

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

**20Something** social group meets at Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 6:15 p.m. Cathedralofhope.com.

**EI Sol,** an AIDS Outreach Center support group meets weekly. AIDS Outreach Center, 400 N. Beach St., Fort Worth. 2 p.m. 817-335-1994 ext. 217. AOC.org.

### BROADCAST

**Lambda Weekly.** LGBT radio for North Texas. 89.3 KNON-FM at 7 a.m. LambdaWeekly.com.

## THURSDAY 06.30

### COMMUNITY

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

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

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

**Choir and orchestra rehearsals** at Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 7 p.m. Cathedralofhope.com.

### BROADCAST

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

**Reckless After Dark.** LGBT radio show hosted by Chase Brooks with Cat Michaels, Krystal Summers and James Doyle. The show takes on topics from gay rights to pop culture. Airs on FishBowlRadioNetwork.com. 5 p.m. ChaseBrooks.com.

## this week's solution

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**CELEBRITY BIRTHDAY**

By Jack Fertig



**Billy Campbell** turns 52 on Thursday. Campbell has everyone swooning as Darren Richmond in *The Killing*. But his heartthrobby good looks set the boys' hearts aflutter as he played gay character Dr. Jon Fielding in the landmark miniseries *Tales of the City* as well as Stephen Carrington's lover in *Dynasty*.

**CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22**

Venus in your sign makes you more attractive, but not necessarily to whom you want to attract. Stick to your standards. A philosophical sense of humor gets you through awkward advances.

**LEO Jul 23-Aug 22**

Clear the air and explore new ideas. Just be careful when and where. Once you have those ideas honed and polished your boss will probably love them.

**VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22**

Whatever you're worried about, face it directly. Discussing it with your partner could solve it. If words fail you, try round one in the bedroom.

**LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22**

Worrying about family and relations holds back your career, but understanding them will strengthen you. It's all in your attitude and knowing how empowering your roots really are.

**SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21**

There is pleasure in getting to the truth of the matter, but doing so is disruptive to personal and work relationships. Conspire with your potential allies in your search for understanding.

**SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 20**

Be challenged by new ideas. Consider them and see how they might be constructively applied. You love your theories, but practical experience is what proves truth and value.

**CAPRICORN Dec 21-Jan 19**

Asserting yourself creates disaster at home. Pay attention and be ready to adapt. It may take sacrifice, probably of some aspect of your ego, but willingness to transform will save you.

**AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18**

Pay close attention to what your partner has to say. You don't have to agree; you do have to think about it. Affirming roots gives you the strength to make necessary changes.

**PISCES Feb 19-Mar 19**

Changes at work are a blessing in disguise. Friends' advice that you don't like will prove most helpful. It may need more discussion for you to fully understand. Keep an open mind.

**ARIES Mar 20-Apr 19**

Brash overconfidence gets you into trouble. You have what it takes, but consider what your strongest virtues are. A little humility will give you perspective and enhance your strengths.

**TAURUS Apr 20-May 20**

You get away with anything, but second-guessing yourself ruins this lucky streak. Don't get trapped in dawdling. Stay clear on your ideals and they will pull you through.

**GEMINI May 21-Jun 20**

Your mouth gets you in trouble. Trust in your friends for appropriate guidelines. Meditative reflection is helpful, not just for verbal discipline, but for clarity in professional goals and partnership.

**THIS WEEK**

Mercury in Leo, cranking up egos and voices, is at the end of a "yod" with Pluto and Chiron. The real challenge is to shut up, listen and adapt to difficult new realities. Venus making a T-square to Uranus and Pluto stresses relationships, forcing major adaptation. Your work is cut out!

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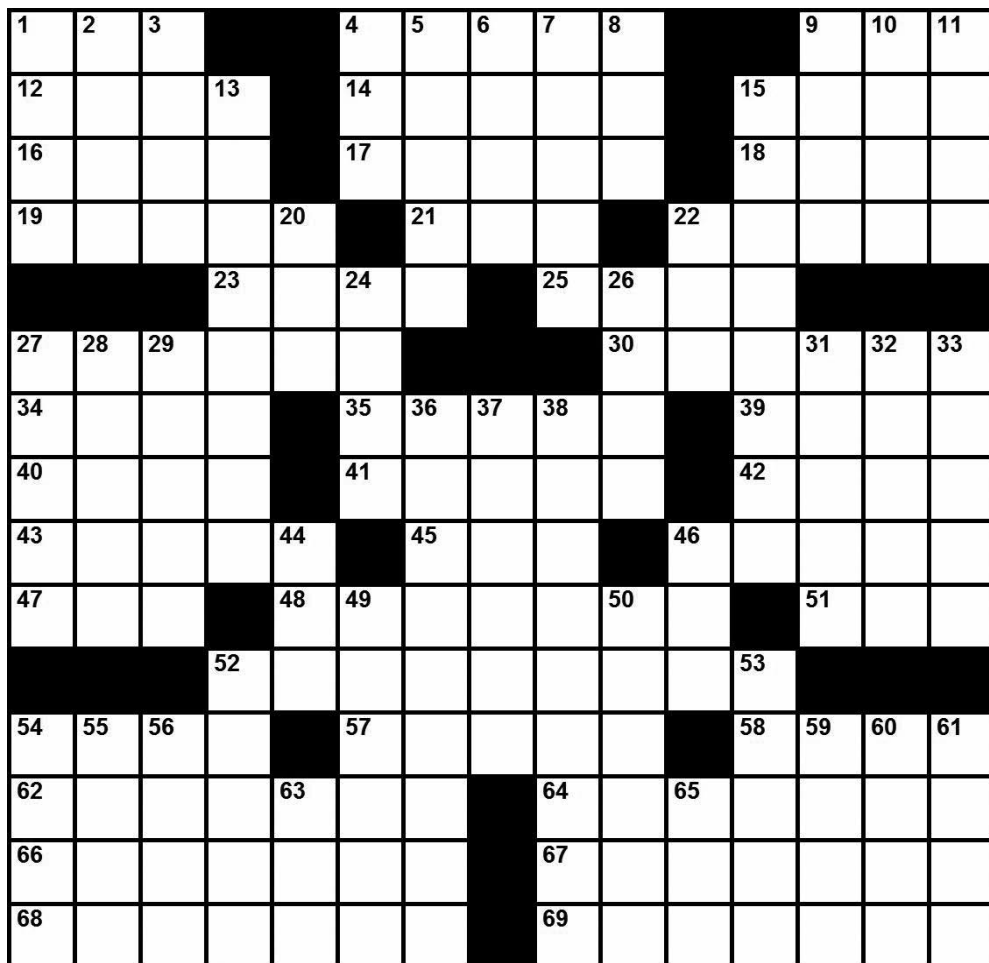


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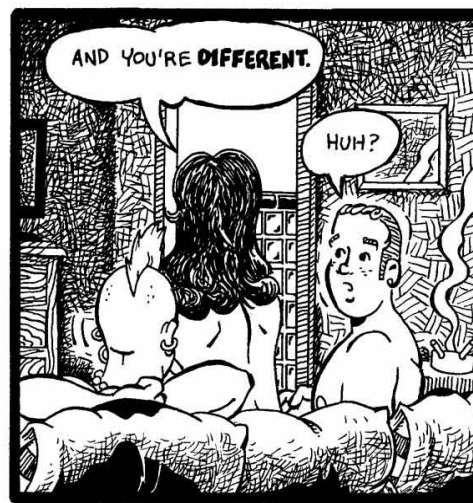
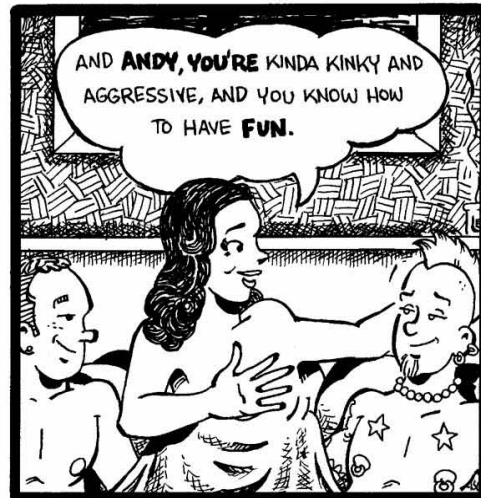
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- 16 Nathan of The Producers
- 17 Furnishings
- 18 River near Dunkirk
- 19 "... a \_\_\_ deferred" (Hughes)
- 21 MGM rival, once
- 22 Madonna flick, with Dick
- 23 Huck Finn's transport
- 25 Mariah or Madonna
- 27 Peter Pan opponent
- 30 Paul Taylor, for example
- 34 Windows picture
- 35 James Baldwin work
- 39 Legal plea, briefly
- 40 "Forbidden" perfume
- 41 Ribbed fabric
- 42 Davenport site
- 43 Pithy, like Quentin?
- 45 "... Yankee Doodle Dandy"
- 46 Lesbos and others
- 47 Coop group member

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- 2 Barbra's Funny Girl guy
- 3 Fruity drink
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- 6 With 37-Down, perverted smile, to Brutus?
- 7 Brought up the rear?
- 8 Organ pleased by Bernstein
- 9 Mercury maker
- 10 Business VIP
- 11 Lean and strong
- 13 Rip a new asshole, to Brutus?
- 15 See 52-Across
- 20 Wrestling surface
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- 44 Pitchfork-shaped Greek letter
- 46 Sussex suffix
- 49 Gomer's drawl, e.g.
- 50 Attack helicopter
- 52 Start something with Mauresmo
- 53 Tried to tackle tight ends, e.g.
- 54 Lickety-split (abbr.)
- 55 Pet with green hair
- 56 Golf announcer Dave
- 59 Old paper part
- 60 Colonist loyal to Britain
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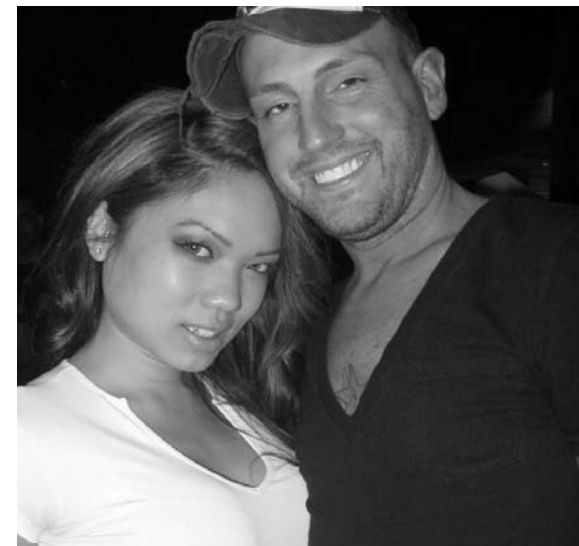
Dancers at Rainbow Lounge.

Well, we were pretty bummed to hear about **Jack's Backyard** closing over last weekend. But they rebound a bit by taking over **Woody's** upstairs as **Jack's Back Patio** on weekends and Wednesdays. **Ciao Bella** plays Saturday .... We then heard about **Best Friends Club** in Fort Worth closing, but they bounced back as the owners of the **Rainbow Lounge** bought the club. Maybe that was the plan all along. The club will get some revamp action and open in no time, we hear .... **The Dallas Eagle** hosts the **Hanky Party** on Friday. Just know your pockets. Tuesdays is movie night with **Flicks** and every Thursday find out who the **Bear of the Week** is .... So, anyone checked out new club **Phallus** yet? We're a tad curious about the all-nude male dancers. "Men dancing like Greek gods?" Yes, please .... **Club Exklusive** celebrates one year with a concert by hot chica **Dulce Maria** on Saturday. That looks like a blast .... **Q-Roc.tv** hosts the **LGBT Glow Party** on Saturday. **DJ Passion** on the turntables, **Cris Dee and the T-Men** performing and live glow art all at **Blue Mesa Grill** by Northpark. They recommend going sleeveless to get your own glow art .... **DJ Don Queen** hosts **Paradise Garage**, a night of retro disco, Friday at **TMC: The Mining Company**. Don't expect lube jobs! ... **Nina Flowers** from **RuPaul's Drag Race** performs while **DJ William Umana** sets the music in motion at **the Brick** Saturday .... Hope you have Monday off to recover.. Happy 4th! ■

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Heather, Heather and Heather at Sue Ellen's.



Cindy and Charles at TMC: The Mining Company.



Jason and Warren at Drama Room.



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**VAN HYUNDAI** — 1301 S. Hwy I-35 East; Carrollton; 1-888-80HYUNDAI; vanhyundaionline.com.

## clubs

\***ALEXANDRE'S** — 4026 Cedar Springs Rd.; 214-559-0720.

\***1851 ARLINGTON** — 1851 W. Division, Arlington; 817-801-9303.

\***BEST FRIENDS** — 2620 E. Lancaster, Ft. Worth; 817-534-2280.

\***BJ'S NX5** — 3215 N. Fitchugh; 214-526-9510; bj5nxs.com.

\***THE BRICK/JOE'S** — 2525 Wycliff Ave.; Ste. 120; 214-521-3154; brickdallas.com.

**CHANGES** — 2637 E. Lancaster; 817-413-2332.

**CHERRIES** — 2506 Knight St.; 214-520-8251.

\***CLUB KALIENTE** — 4350 Maple Ave; 214-520-6676; kaliente.cc

\***CLUB REFLECTION** — 604 S. Jennings; 817-870-8867.

\***CROSSROADS LOUNGE** — 515 S. Jennings, Ft. Worth; 817-332-0071.

\***DALLAS EAGLE** — 5740 Maple Ave.; 214-357-4375; dallaseagle.com.

\***DRAMA ROOM** — 3581 Cedar Springs; 75219; 214-557-1094

\***EXCLUSIVE** — 4207 Maple Ave.; 214-432-2826.

\***HAVANA** — 4006 Cedar Springs; 214-526-9494.

\***HIDDEN DOOR** — 5025 Bowser; 214-526-0620.

\***J.R.'S** — 3923 Cedar Springs; 214-528-1004, caven.com.

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

**KLUB WET** — 4100 Maple Ave.; 214-559-3005.

**LAKEWOOD BAR & GRILL** — 6340 Gatson; 214-826-3888.

**LEVEL** — 3903 Lemmon Ave.; 214-498-5815; levelbarandgrill.com.

\***PEAKERS** — 2615 Oak Lawn; 214-528-3333.

\***PUB PEGASUS** — 3326 N. Fitchugh; 214-559-4663.

\***RAINBOW LOUNGE** — 651 S. Jennings, Ft. Worth; 817-870-2466.

\***ROUND-UP SALOON** — 3912 Cedar Springs; 214-522-9611; roundupsaloon.com.

\***STAMPEDE FT. WORTH** — 621 Hemphill; 817-335-0196; stampedefortworth.com.

\***STATION 4** — 3911 Cedar Springs; 214-526-7171; caven.com.

\***SUE ELLEN'S** — 3014 Throckmorton; 214-559-0707, caven.com

\***THE MINING COMPANY** — 3903 Cedar Springs; 214-521-4205.

\***TIN ROOM** — 2514 Hudnall; 214-526-6365; tinroom.net.

**WOODY'S SPORTS AND VIDEO BAR** — 4011 Cedar Springs; 214-520-6629.

\***ZIPPERS** — 3333 N. Fitchugh; 214-526-9519.

## entertainment, adult

**ADULT NEW RELEASES** — 9109 John Carpenter Fwy.; 214-905-0500; dallasadultvideostore.com.

\***ALTERNATIVES OF NEW FINE ARTS** — 1720 W. Mockingbird Ln.; 214-630-7071.

\***MOCKINGBIRD VIDEO** — 708 W. Mockingbird Ln.; 214-631-3003.

\***NEW FINE ARTS WEST** — 1966 W. Northwest Hwy.; 972-869-1097.

## entertainment, adult

\***ODYSSEY ADULT VIDEO** — 2600 Forest at Denton Dr., 972-484-4999; 950 W. Mockingbird Ln., 214-634-3077.

\***PARIS ADULT BOOKS & VIDEO WAREHOUSE** — 1118 Harry Hines; 972-263-0774.

\***THE VIDEO STORE** — 3015 Arapahoe at Galaxie; Garland 75044; 972-495-1460. 214-528-6500; robbivley.com.

**ZONE D'EROTICA** — 2600 Forest, Dallas. 972-241-7055, zonederotica.com.

## entertainment, general

\***ARLINGTON MUSEUM OF ART** — 201 W. Main St., Arlington; 817-275-4600; arlingtonmuseum.org.

**ARTES DE LA ROSS** — 1440 N. Main St; Ft. Worth; 76164; 817-624-8333.

**BASS HALL** — 330 E. 4th St.; Ft. Worth; 817-212-4280.

**CASA MANANA** — 3101 W. Lancaster Ave.; Fort Worth; 817-321-5030; casamanana.org.

**CITY PERFORMANCE HALL** — 2700 Flora St.; 75201; 214-880-0202; dallasperformingarts.org.

**DALLAS ARBORETUM** — 8525 Garland Rd.; 214-515-6500; dallasarboretum.org.

\***DALLAS MUSEUM OF ART** — 1717 N. Harwood; 214-922-1204.

**DALLAS SUMMER MUSICALS** — 5959 Royal Ln., #542; 214-421-5678; dallassummemusicals.org.

**DALLAS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** — 2301 Flora St.; 75201; 214-871-4038; dallassymphony.com.

**DALLAS OPERA** — 214-443-1000; dallasopera.org.

**DALLAS THEATER CENTER** — 2400 Flora St.; 214-252-3927; dallastheatercenter.org.

**DIAMOND JACKS CASINO RESORT** — 711 Diamond Jacks Blvd., Bossier City, LA.; 866-5JAXMAX, diamondjacks.com.

**FT. WORTH OPERA** — 31-877-FWOPERA; fwopera.org.

\***INWOOD THEATRE** — 5458 W. Lovers Ln.; 214-352-6040.

\***LAKEWOOD THEATRE** — 825 Abrams Rd.; 214-827-LAKE.

\***MAGNOLIA THEATER** — 3699 McKinney Ave.; 214-520-0025.

**MBS PRODUCTIONS** — 214-951-9550; mbsproductions.com.

**MCKINNEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER** — 111 N Tennessee; McKinney; 75069; 972-547-2650.

**MODERN ART MUSEUM** — 3200 Darnell, Ft. Worth; 817-738-9215.

**SAMMONS PARK** — (Annette Strauss Artist Square); 2100 Ross Ave.; 75201; dallasperformingarts.org.

\***THEATRE THREE** — 2800 Routh, #168; 214-871-2933; theatre3dallas.com.

**TITAS** — 2403 Flora St.; 75201; 214-880-0202; titas.org.

**UPTOWN PLAYERS** — P.O. Box 192264; 214-219-2718; uptownplayers.org.

**WATERTOWER THEATRE** — 15650 Addison Rd.; 972-450-6232; watertowertheatre.org.

**WINSPEAR OPERA HOUSE** — (Margaret McDermott Performance Hall & Nancy Hamon Rectal Hall); 2403 Flora St.; 75201; 214-880-0202; dallasperformingarts.org.

**WYLY THEATRE** — (Potter Rose Perofrmance Hall); 2400 Flora St.; 75201; 214-880-0202; dallasperformingarts.org.

## healthcare

**ADVANCED FOOT CARE** — Dr. Michael Saginaw, DPM; Dr. Richard Swails, DPM; 3131 Turtle Creek Blvd., Ste. 850; 214-366-4600.

**ADVANCED SKIN FITNESS** — 2928 Oak Lawn Ave.; 214-521-5277; advancedskinfitness.com.

**ALLEN, DR. BRADY** — 2929 Carlisle, Ste. 260; 214-303-1033; uptownphysiciansgroup.com.

**AUERBACH, DR. LYNNE** — (Uptown Chiropractic); 2909 Cole Ave., #205; 214-979-9013.

**AUTUMN JOURNEY HOSPICE** — 5347 Spring Valley Rd.; Dallas 75254; 972-233-0525; autumnjourneyhospice.com.

**BELLOS, NICHOLAS C., M.D.** — (Infectious Disease); 2909 Lemmon Ave.; 214-828-4702.

**BECKMAN, DEBORAH, M.S., L.P.C., N.C.C.** — 214-824-2009; uptownpsychotherapy.com.

**BOYD, CAROLE ANN, D.D.S.** — 4514 Cole, #905; 214-521-6261; drboyd.net.

**CITY DOC** — 5301 W. Lovers Ln., 214-352-7800 2909 McKinney Ave., 214-871-7000, citydoc.net.

**CORE HEALTH WELLNESS CENTER** — Eric Peay, D.C.; 3131 Turtle Creek Blvd., #820; 214-219-3300; corehealthwellness.com.

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**DERM AESTHETICS & LASER CENTER** — Dr. Anthony Gaglia; 670 W. Campbell Rd., #150; 972-690-7070.

**DENTAL IMPLANT CENTER** — 5301 W. Lovers, #102; 214-956-9100.

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**DISHMAN, KEITH; OPTOMETRIST** — 4311 Oak Lawn, #125; 214-521-0929; idrdishman.com.

**FLOSS** — 3131 Lemmon Ave.; 214-978-0101; flossdental.com.

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## healthcare

**HANDY, WILL** — 214-824-2009; uptownpsychotherapy.com.

\***HEALTH E. LOOKS** — 1201 W. Airport Frwy, Suite 330, Euless. 817-684-1860, healthlooks.com.

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\***MELROSE PHARMACY** — 2506 Oak Lawn; 214-521-2133.

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**NEIGHBORHOOD CLINIC UPTOWN** — 2909 Lemmon Ave.; 214-941-4000.

**NORTH TEXAS INFECTIOUS DISEASES CONSULTANTS, P.A.** — 3409 Worth; 214-823-2533; infectiousdiseases.com.

**OAK LAWN EYE ASSOCIATES** — Dr. Randy Atwood; 3525 Lemmon; 214-219-3393.

**OAK LAWN DERMATOLOGY** — 3500 Oak Lawn, Ave., Ste. 650; 214-520-8100; oaklawndermatology.com.

\***OAK LAWN PHYSICIANS GROUP** — 3514 Cedar Springs Rd.; 214-520-1810.

**PALETTI, ALFRED J., DDS** — 5510 Abrams Rd., #102; 214-691-2969.

**PARMAHEALTH SPECIALTY PHARMACY** — 817-968-4668; parmahealthspecialty.com.

\***POUNDERS, STEVEN M., M.D.** — 3500 Oak Lawn Ave., #600; 214-520-8833.

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**PRIDE PHARMACY GROUP** — 2929 Carlisle St., #115; 214-954-7389; pridepharmacygroup.com.

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**RIHA, KENNETH E., DDS** — 3102 Oak Lawn Ave., #204; 214-521-5900; dallasdentalassociations.com.

**SAFIR, DR. ALLEN** — (Doctor Eyecare); 4414 Lemmon Ave. doctoreyecare.com; 214-522-3937.

**SERENITY CHIROPRACTIC & WELLNESS** — 12240 Inwood Rd., Ste 230, 75244; 972-989-7998.

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

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

**TERRELL, KEVIN, DDS, PC** — (Dentist); 2603 Oak Lawn Ave., #100; 214-329-1818; terrelldental.com.

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**TSENG, EUGENE, D.D.S.** — 3300 Douglas, Ste. A; 214-855-0789.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**IRVIN INSURANCE SERVICES** — (Farmers); 214-521-0929; idrdishman.com.

**FLOSS** — 3131 Lemmon Ave.; 214-978-0101; flossdental.com.

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## private clubs

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

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

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

## real estate

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**HENRY, JOSEPH** — (Keller Williams); 214-520-4122; texaslistingagent@aol.com.

**HEWITT & HADGOOD** — (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; 3brecc.com.

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**NALL, STEVE** — (Virginia Cook); 972-248-5429; texasohomey.com.

**NESSLE DEVELOPMENT** — 6603 E. Lovers Ln.; 888-836-8234; nessleinc.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## restaurants

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

\***ALL GOOD PIZZA** — 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.

\***BULLI CAFE** — 3908 Cedar Springs Rd.; 214-528-5410; bulli cafe.com.

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

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

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

\***CARIBBEAN 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; dickyeyes.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.

\***ELROD'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, goodeatmgrill.com.

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

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

\***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.; 214-922-1212; 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.

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

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

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

\***LOME 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 CAFE** — 2023 S. Cooper, Arlington; 817-801-9099.

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

\***MONICA ACA Y ALLA** — 2914 Main St.; 214-748-7140.

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

\***O'JEDA'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; dubstratos.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**\*LEGAL HOSPICE OF TEXAS** — 3626 N. Hall, #200, Dallas 75219; 214-521-6622; dlh.org.

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

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

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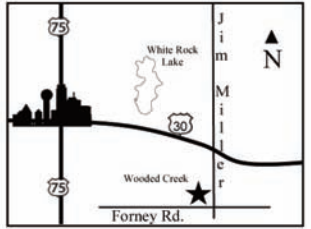
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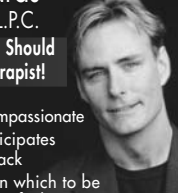


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