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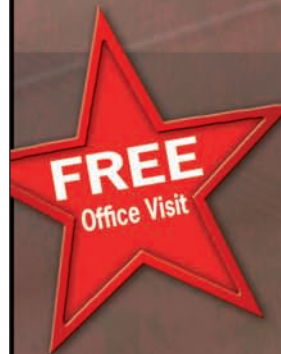
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Funding restored for HIV meals programs

Cuts that alarmed agencies turn out to be paperwork error

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Two Dallas agencies that provide hot meals for low-income people with HIV — Resource Center Dallas and AIDS Interfaith Network — received notice last week that funding for those programs would be eliminated as of Sept. 1.

But the notice was a mistake. Dallas County Health and Human Services spokeswoman Blanca Cantu said Thursday, Aug. 18, that the

mistake should be corrected — and funding restored to the agencies — before the beginning of the state's new fiscal year.

"DCHHS is not defunding the meals programs," Cantu said.

She said that the error was due to a paperwork snafu.

"Funds that should have been split between the food bank and the meals program were inadvertently combined and reflected as one total allocation to food bank," she said. "Recent notifications of funding awards that were sent to service providers reflected the omission of funding for meals."

AIDS services grants funded by the govern-

ment go through a complicated process.

What programs will be funded is decided by the regional Ryan White Planning Council. The Dallas council covers Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Henderson, Hunt, Kaufman and Rockwall counties. Tarrant County is in a different region.

Once the regional Ryan White council decides what will be funded, the Dallas County Administrative agency decides who will get money for the which programs and puts out the contracts.

The money comes from more than one funding stream. Part A money is from the federal govern-

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Gay Dems fear Perry would be 'major step back'

But Dallas Log Cabin president says group would back governor

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Gay Democratic leaders in Texas fear that if Rick Perry becomes president, it would be a "major step back" for LGBT equality.

But the president of the Dallas chapter of Log Cabin Republicans indicated that the gay GOP group would support Perry if he wins the party's nomination.

Faith leaders react.
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Perry, who hasn't been supportive of the LGBT community during his time as governor, ended weeks of speculation when he formally announced that he's running for president on Aug. 13.

And for the most part, LGBT leaders in Perry's home state weren't receptive to the news.

"He will regress everything we have accomplished and take us many steps backwards instead of the many steps forward we've taken under [President Barack] Obama," said Omar Narvaez, president of Stonewall Democrats of Dallas.

"He is a top-tier candidate in that party with its radical right evangelical emphasis," said Dan Graney, president of the Texas Stonewall Democratic Caucus. "He loves little government and low taxes, so he plays right into their hands. God forbid if he were ever elected president. We would take a major step back for equal rights."

Rob Schlein, president of Log Cabin Republi-



ENTERING THE FRAY | Texas Gov. Rick Perry speaks during the Red State Gathering, where he announced his run for president, on Saturday, Aug. 13 in Charleston, S.C. (Associated Press)

cans Dallas, said the group likely will back the GOP nominee whoever it is.

"Rick Perry has been less of a friend to the LGBT community than we'd like, but on the issues that affect us all I think he is better than what we have in the White House," he said.

"We are all looking for a robust economy and he is going to make our national economic policies a lot more conducive to hiring, and that's where I am concerned."

Dennis Coleman, executive director of the

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Cedar Springs lane closures

Atmos Energy will tear up Cedar Springs Road from Throckmorton Street to Oak Lawn Avenue to install new gas lines beginning Monday, Aug. 22.

Two lanes of traffic will be closed. All parking on the street will be blocked. Construction should last two weeks.

Cedar Springs Merchants Association President Scott Whittall said five days notice was not enough time to notify customers about the construction.

He contacted City Councilwomen Angela Hunt and Pauline Medrano to ask that the construction be delayed until after Pride, which is Sept. 18. He said his fear is that the work will drag on for a month or more. He also said that with more notice, the merchants on Cedar Springs would have had time to remind weekday customers who are used to parking in front that there is parking behind the stores and bars. And with more notice, merchants could plan events and specials that would encourage customers to continue shopping on the street during construction.

"The last time we had major construction on the street, they closed the bridge over the tollway for 13 months and four businesses closed," Whittall said.

— David Taffet



County won't add DP benefits

Faced with a \$35 million budget shortfall, Dallas County is unlikely to begin offering benefits to the domestic partners of gay and lesbian employees as part of its 2012 budget, a county spokeswoman said last week.

County Judge Clay Jenkins, who chairs the Commissioners Court, has said he supports offering domestic partner benefits. The Commissioners Court, which has a Democratic majority for the first time in decades, voted earlier this year to add LGBT employees to the county's nondiscrimination policy.

But Dallas County spokeswoman Maria Arita said last week it costs the county an additional \$3,552 for every spouse added to an employee's health insurance. And according to the Dallas Morning News, the county is already proposing to cut \$5.6 million in employee health care costs in 2012.

"It really does come down to dollars and cents," Arita told Instant Tea. "He [Jenkins] likes equality in the workplace in every way for every employee. There's just no equivocating about that, plain and simple, and if it were possible to offer all benefits to all employees ... then he would do that."

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RCD adds board members

Gary Fraundorfer, David Hardt, John McDowell, Deborah McMurray and Ray Switzer have been named to the board of directors for Resource Center Dallas.

Fraundorfer is a vice president, human resources for Dallas-based AT&T.

Hardt is the chief financial for Borders Frame, and has been with the company since 1999. He is the former national president and chairman of the board of the Young Democrats America.

McDowell is a partner with Andrews Kurth in Dallas, focusing on patent litigation, intellectual property and technology law. McMurray is the chief executive officer and strategy architect for Content Pilot LLC, which she founded in 2006 to provide strategic marketing and technology solutions to professional services firms.

Switzer has been with Pepsico in a variety of corporate financial and human resources roles since 1994.

Resource Center also adopted a new mission statement that reads: "Resource Center Dallas is a trusted leader that empowers the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) communities and all people affected by HIV through improving health and wellness, strengthening families and communities and providing transformative education and advocacy."

Jacobs named TCC interim director

Ira M. (Trey) Jacobs III has been chosen by the Turtle Creek Chorale to be Interim Conductor for the 2011-12 season.

For the last four years Jacobs has served as assistant professor and director of choral activities at Eastern Michigan University, until his recent move to live with his partner, Thomas Locke, in Mobile, Ala. Jacobs is currently the music director for the Mobile Theater Guild's production of *The Drowsy Chaperone*.

He will commute from his home weekly to work with the Chorale.

Jacobs' predecessor, Jonathan Palant, resigned in July. TCC board members Justin Lombardo and Doug Mitchell are co-chairing the search committee to find a permanent conductor.

The first open rehearsal for Chorale members is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 23, at 7 p.m. New member auditions will be held Sunday, Aug. 28, from 3 to 6 p.m. The 2011-12 season kicks off on Sunday, Oct. 23 with *The Messiah*.

Resounding Harmony auditions

Resounding Harmony begins its new season with rehearsals on Sunday, Aug. 21 and auditions on Aug. 22 at Oak Lawn United Methodist Church, 3014 Oak Lawn Ave. at 6 p.m. Information is online at ResoundingHarmony.org. ■

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ment and Part B is from the state. Since the contracts were for a Sept. 1 start, which matches the state fiscal year, agencies assumed the funding cut was as a result of budget slashing in the Texas Legislature.

However, Chris Van Deusen, a spokesman for the Texas Department of State Health Services, said, "No changes were made at the state level."

And federal cuts would not have been made mid-year. The Ryan White budget year begins April 1.

Dallas County Health and Human Services Director Zachary Thompson was surprised to hear about the cuts. After checking with the Ryan White representative and the administrative agency, he confirmed that no cuts will be made to the meals programs.

"A revised allocation spreadsheet that reflects funding for both services is being processed immediately for submission to our contracts management division," Cantu confirmed. "Revised awards are expected to be processed in time so that services are not impacted."

The cuts would have had a greater impact on AIDS Interfaith than Resource Center. The \$50,000 that AIN receives annually represents about a third of the agency's budget for its meals program. RCD receives about \$30,000, representing a much smaller portion of its meal program budget.



Steven Pace

RCD serves lunch during the week. AIN serves breakfast and lunch weekdays and sometimes provides dinner on Saturday evening.

About half of the 200 people that access AIN's program are among the most vulnerable and most compromised of those with HIV in Dallas. Many are homeless. Without the meals program, they wouldn't be able to take their medications.

Despite receiving the email that notified them

of the funding cuts just three weeks before they were to take effect, both agencies were committed to continuing their meals programs.

"For the short run, we plan to sustain the program," AIN Executive Director Steven Pace said before the county discovered the error.

Earlier this month, AIN received a \$25,000 grant from the MAC Cosmetics AIDS Fund that would have helped continue the program temporarily.

"\$50,000 is a small investment for a big return," Pace said, adding that one emergency room visit to Parkland Hospital by someone sick from malnutrition could have cost the county more than an annual outlay to feed hundreds of people.

Micki Garrison, nutrition center supervisor for RCD, agreed. She said that without food, people with HIV cannot take their pills.

Several years ago, RCD lost much of its meals program funding from the government and made arrangements with the North Texas Food Bank to buy low-cost pans of food that form the basis of the daily lunches served. RCD supplements that with vegetables, side dishes and desserts.

Garrison worried that NTFB would face cuts in its budget, much of which comes from federal grants.

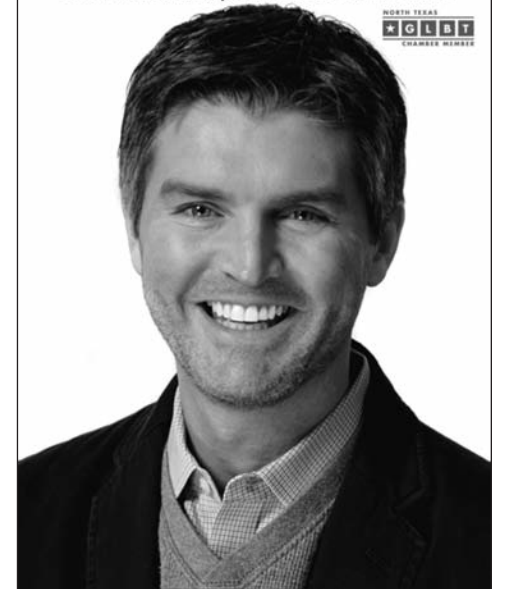
"If that's threatened, there's a big piece we cannot replace," Garrison said.

Carrie Clark of the NTFB said that at the present time, her agency is not worried about any loss of funding and looked forward to continue working with RCD. ■

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James Esh

Ex-Marine trains to battle HIV apathy

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Many riders find themselves becoming gradually more involved with the Lone Star Ride Fighting AIDS over time. But if you're on achievement overdrive like freshman cyclist James Esh, you're going full force right out of the starting gate.

The ex-Marine-turned-lawyer first learned about the Ride in 2010, three years after he moved to Dallas from Arkansas. His interest was sparked by the complacency he'd seen around him regarding the AIDS crisis.

"I was really young when I heard the term 'gay cancer,'" recalls Esh. "In the early '90s, Ryan White brought it back to the everyday American. But [when I started college in 2000] and the subject came up in the courses I was taking, it just wasn't a big deal to most people."

The nonchalance he's witnessed came about because medical advances made the disease easier to control. But those same advances have sometimes come at the cost of sweeping HIV/AIDS under the rug and out of sight.

Ever the vigilant military man looking to set a positive example, Esh decided to take arms against apathy, ignorance and silence by saddling up for the LSR.

And like a good soldier, he went on a reconnaissance mission to learn about the event and its sponsoring organization. The data he gathered met with his wholehearted approval.

"All the money from the LSR is [earmarked for] local agencies," says the ex-Marine. "So the bang for your buck is a lot higher because all the money goes back to the community."

The organization impressed him so much

that he volunteered to become an LSR board member.

Explains Esh, "Participating on the board was not a decision I made in the beginning. It was made after I had already decided to ride. So when the opportunity presented itself, it just kind of worked out."

The freshman cyclist expects to pedal 150 miles in this year's Ride. His goal is an especially lofty one given that he admits that a busy work schedule has not allowed him to train as regularly as he would like.


"I started [preparing] in February but fell off the bandwagon for a few months," he says. "Then I had about two weeks where my bike was in the shop. I've been hitting it hard this past month, though, and will continue to do so because the LSR is less than 60 days away."

Esh also admits to not having cycled with the Texas sun full on his back. The toughness he cultivated during his time in the military will serve him well, especially if the current record-breaking heat wave continues into September.

"It was 104 degrees the other day when I went [cycling] around White Rock Lake," he says. "I was a little crazy for doing it [but] I did grow up in the West Texas Panhandle so I'm not too unaccustomed [to the heat]."

As much as Esh has reintegrated into civilian life, it's clear that he's still a Marine at heart: *semper fidelis* (always faithful) to a cause regardless of the challenges he encounters along the way. ■


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Deaths

Randy McTaggart, 48, died at Baylor Hospital in Dallas on Aug. 10, 2011. He was surrounded in the love of family and friends. A memorial service was held Aug. 14 at Eastgate Funeral Home in Garland.



Born Sept. 10, 1962, in Washington state, Randy lived many places in the U.S. as a child with his mother, stepfather and two siblings, before settling in Dallas where he spent his teen years. He studied public relations at the University of Texas at Dallas.

Randy loved his work as a real estate agent, helping families purchase new homes. Randy worked until his passing with RE/MAX Premier Properties. Randy volunteered for many organizations over the years ... always willing to lend a helping hand ... and particularly enjoyed serving Christmas dinner every year at the Pleasant Grove Senior Center.

Survivors include his parents, Robbie and Warren Litzman of Dallas, and Robert McTaggart of Oregon; brother Rodney, his wife Lisa and their children, Chase and Nicholas; sister Teresa, her husband Tim Ferraro and their children, Anna, Anthony, Amelia and Aidan. Randy was preceded in death by his partner, Steve Tarver, in 1994.

Friends will gather from 7 to 8 p.m. on Sept. 10 (Randy's Birthday) at the Brick in Dallas to have drinks and tell stories about Randy prior to

GA GA for GO GO, the Greg Dollgener Memorial AIDS Fund event.

Because of Randy's own commitment to these charities, his family asks that tax deductible donations be made to the Greg Dollgener Memorial Aids Fund Inc. online at www.gdmaf.org or send checks to GDMAF INC. c/o David Hearn, 901 Mossvine Drive, Plano, TX 75023 or to Habitat 4 Paws, P.O. Box 6771, McKinney, TX 75071.



Charles Poole, 67, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, Aug. 4. He is survived by his loving friends, family and loyal customers. He was the owner of Carpet Cleaning by Charles for more than 40 years and took great pride in his profession and

workmanship. He graduated from SMU with a degree in accounting and worked in that field for several years before starting his carpet cleaning business. Poole was a long-time member the Unitarian Church, a tutor at several Dallas schools and a loyal friend. On the back of his pick-up truck were written these words: "We are all family: We all have value." He lived these words with integrity and honor. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Aug. 20 at 3 p.m. at Wildwood Chapel at Restland Funeral Home with the Revs. Walt and Barbara Marcum presiding. Donations can be made in his memory to the schools where he tutored: Obediah Knight Elementary and T.V. Rusk Middle School.

■ PERRY

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nonpartisan Equality Texas, said the group will look at all candidates from both parties, but is unlikely to back Perry.

"As an organization we would to be more supportive of the governor putting a bid in for president, but we know where he stands on marriage for same-sex couples," Coleman said.

"I'm a little concerned that based on his record he may follow the same rhetoric as [candidate

Michele] Bachmann that may lead him to want to repeal the repeal of 'don't ask, don't tell.'

"People get frustrated because things don't happen as quickly as they'd like, but more mature members of the community remember a time when they could be arrested for going to a club," Coleman said. "The White House has to continue a dialogue with LGBT leaders and people like myself in the movement and publications like the Dallas Voice to hammer down what he has done, and what needs to be done for the LGBT movement." ■

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Faith leaders weigh in on Perry's bid

Local clergy criticize governor's exclusive approach

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With evangelical zeal, Texas Gov. Rick Perry jumped into the presidential race this week. Local clergy weighed in with their reaction.

The Rev. Jo Hudson, senior pastor at the Cathedral of Hope, said that it's appropriate for people running for public office to hold onto their faith beliefs.

"But when you're elected, you represent everyone," she said.

She objected to Perry aligning himself with evangelicals to the exclusion of others and with the American Family Association, an organization identified as a hate group.

"He's aligning himself with people who do damage to others, and that's not the role of an elected official," she said.

She said the harm extends beyond the LGBT community, and she wondered whether it's a winning strategy since recent polls show a majority of Americans believe in equality.

The Rev. Eric Folkerth, pastor of heavily gay Northaven United Methodist Church said, "It's



The Rev. Eric Folkerth

certainly interesting how quickly he's getting traction."

While Perry held his recent day of prayer in Houston, Folkerth was part of a group that gathered at Pegasus Park to express concerns at how non-inclusive the event was.

Perry is Methodist.

"As a part of our tradition, I would hope he would remember and respect that United Methodists are deeply respectful of other Christians and people of other faiths," Folkerth said.

Rabbi Steve Fisch of Congregation Beth El Binah — the local gay Jewish congregation — wasn't as circumspect with his assessment of the Perry candidacy.

"I don't think you can print my reaction," said Fisch.

In his announcement speech, Perry said if he becomes president, the U.S. will be an unqualified ally of Israel.

Fisch said that's typical of evangelical Christians because the gathering of Jews in Israel is a precursor to the Messianic Age.


"We, as Jews, don't believe that Israel is a precursor to anything," he said. "Israel should be supported as a country."

He said Perry wants to make the U.S. into a Christian country.

"That's offensive to me as a rabbi and Jewish leader," he said.

Concerning Perry's day of prayer, Fisch said having a prayer meeting and paying for it with private funds is fine.

"But if any state funds were used, that clearly contravenes the spirit and the letter of separation of church and state," he said. ■



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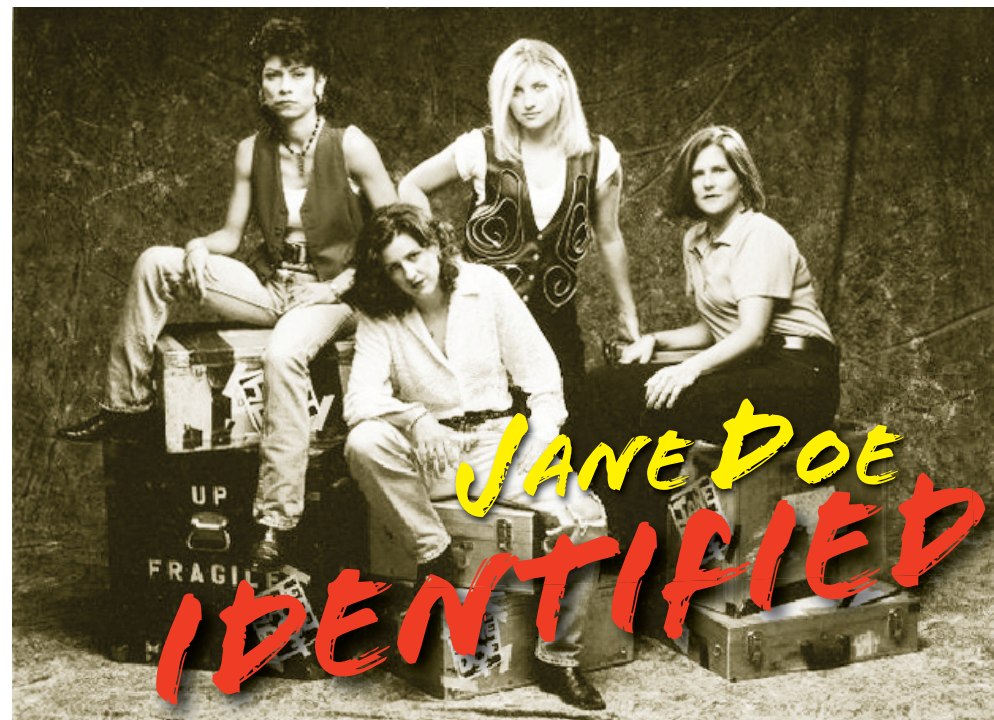


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GLORY DAYS | Gloria Cortez, clockwise from left, Vicci Stewart, Susan Carson and Deborah Drouin in a promo shot for Jane Doe.

After a high wave in the mid-'90s, Jane Doe broke up before blowing up. 15 years later, they reunite with a new perspective and the same drive to rock your face off

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I know that you are my best friend / I can tell you anything, anything / Last year at your birthday party / I had a little too much to drink / Didn't know what I was saying / Didn't know just what to think / You know that I like to sing, you know that I like to dance
"Little Secret" by Jane Doe, 1997.

Deborah Drouin likely didn't realize how prophetic her lyrics would be years later. The singer was just penning lyrics to what would be the first track off Jane Doe's only CD release, *Cherry Pie*. In December 2010, she, guitarist Gloria Cortez and bassist Susan Carson all made their way to Los Angeles to surprise friend and drummer Vicci Stewart for her birthday. The intent was to perform a quickie gig at famed Hollywood club Boardners, but the reunion turned into a surprise for all four ladies. The show didn't just celebrate Stewart — it rekindled a fire, and Jane Doe would rock once again.

"I don't know how they kept it from me," Stewart recalled. "They planned it for six months. I wondered why my friend would ask me to jam to Jane Doe songs. It made sense. When we got together, it felt like we never stopped and that spurred our idea to re-form."

In the Dallas club scene in the mid-'90s, Jane Doe was a household name. They were "that

lesbian band," but in short time, they outgrew fringe status. Not only did they begin the live music Sue Ellen's offers to this day, they were gigging throughout clubs in Deep Ellum, winning over non-gay audiences as well.

Coming together in 1995, Cortez and Stewart teamed up with Carson and Drouin and the result, for them, was a realized dream — the perfect band.

"You dream about that ideal combination where everybody is creatively on the same page," Drouin said.

"The camaraderie was there. I looked forward to playing gigs and rehearsals. Nobody was a downer in the band," Cortez added.

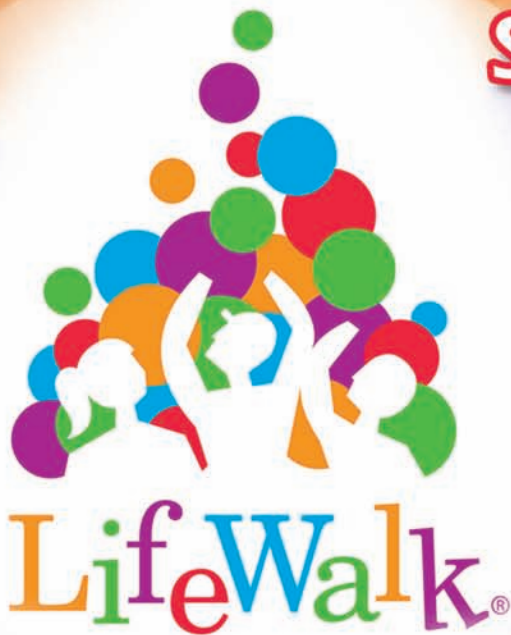
The women hit at the perfect time, with all-female bands making an impact on the general music scene. As The Bangles and The Go-Gos were fading away, harder-edged bands like L7 and The Donnas were riding the alternative grunge wave and gaining notoriety for not being novelty bands, but respected as musicians. Jane Doe reflected that in Dallas and other female bands, lesbi-centric even, joined the fray, such as Blanche Fury and Ciao Bella.

Jane Doe holds the distinction of being pioneers in Dallas — especially in the queer scene. Former Jack's Backyard owner Kathy Jack was with Sue Ellen's at the time and took a chance on two things — the band and offering live music in the club.

"We were the first band to play there," Cortez recalled. "Kathy hired us for Wednesdays and then we moved to Sundays."

"It's so different now. Clubs want you to bring in so many people and it just changed how you look at playing a gig," Carson added. She now performs with her partner Kimberly Castrellon in Bandmates.

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■ JANE DOE

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They found themselves playing to big crowds at Sue's but also booking venues like Club Clearview, Club Dada and Gypsy Tea Room. Initially supporting acts, they were soon sharing bills with such Deep Ellum favorites as Pimpadelic. Lesbian fans followed, and the scene was, for a moment, a perfect cross-section of diversity. Gay and straight mixed together, all for the love of music, and it was because of Jane Doe.

"That gave us a feeling of pride to be who we were," Cortez said.

Carson added, "Deep Ellum and Cedar Springs treated us so well and with a lot of respect. We were just riding high."

The quartet quietly fizzled by 1999. Visions were heading in different directions and without a grandstanding show; they played their last gig at Club Dada. The Jane Doe chapter, which spanned the mid- to late '90s, may have been a short-lived one, but it wasn't without impact. Fifteen years later, the ladies have broached 50 and look at their reunion with ecstatic vigor, but also realism. Stewart reflected on that era with the wisdom of time passing.

"Now it's about embracing the moment, and then I was trying way too hard to become a famous rock star," she said. "You know, I've been playing so long that I am a rock star."

The idea for Jane Doe's reunion in Dallas came from singer Deborah Vial, who hosts a CD release party Saturday, Aug. 20 at House of Blues. After

witnessing them together again at Stewart's party, she asked if they would perform on the bill for her event. Without much hesitation, they agreed.

"It's not just nostalgia. These are four strong women who play music and have successful careers and I love that. I love Jane Doe and I'm so glad they agreed to performing with me," she said.

The ladies simply want to rock it — on Saturday and henceforth, but it'll happen a lot different than before. While Cortez and Carson have remained in Dallas, Stewart lives in California and Drouin calls Seattle home. But they've worked this into their favor. For the foreseeable future, Jane Doe has three cities to play. Their goal is not to reach the glory they once had. Instead, they just can't leave the music behind, and if the chemistry is just as good as it was then, why the hell not?

"I catch myself going, 'Wow!'" Drouin said. "That was an amazing time, but now we get to know how amazing it was."

Carson added that while music is the passion that has kept her (and the rest of the band) young at heart, she wants to remind old and potential new fans that they've still got it. But is there really anything left to prove?

"Maybe to ourselves, but we've appreciated support from the community then and now," she said. "I want the audience to have a lot of fun, and even if it's still a straight world out there, they can see how talented four lesbians can be." ■

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If you liked Bush, you'll love Perry

Anti-gay governor's presidential bid is a nightmare, but sadly some in LGBT community will support him

Someone please shake me awake, because this must be a nightmare. That's what I was thinking last weekend as I watched Texas Gov. Rick Perry's announcing that he's seeking the Republican Party's nomination for president in 2012. The most outrageously outspoken anti-gay governor in the history of Texas has decided that he wants to take his act to Washington.

More than anything else, I've wanted to see a conclusion to Perry's seemingly unending, tyrannical reign over Texas politics, but this is not what I had in mind.

The scariest part is that I wouldn't be surprised at all if Perry snatches the Republican nomination away from current GOP frontrunner Mitt Romney — and anyone else who is eyeing the spot. The only scenario that could make the situation any

worse would be Perry naming his buddy Sarah Palin as a running mate.

My guess is that Perry and his team feel pretty confident.



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The Rare Reporter

This is a career politician who, in addition to being the longest-serving governor, has never lost an election

since he entered politics as a state legislator in 1984.

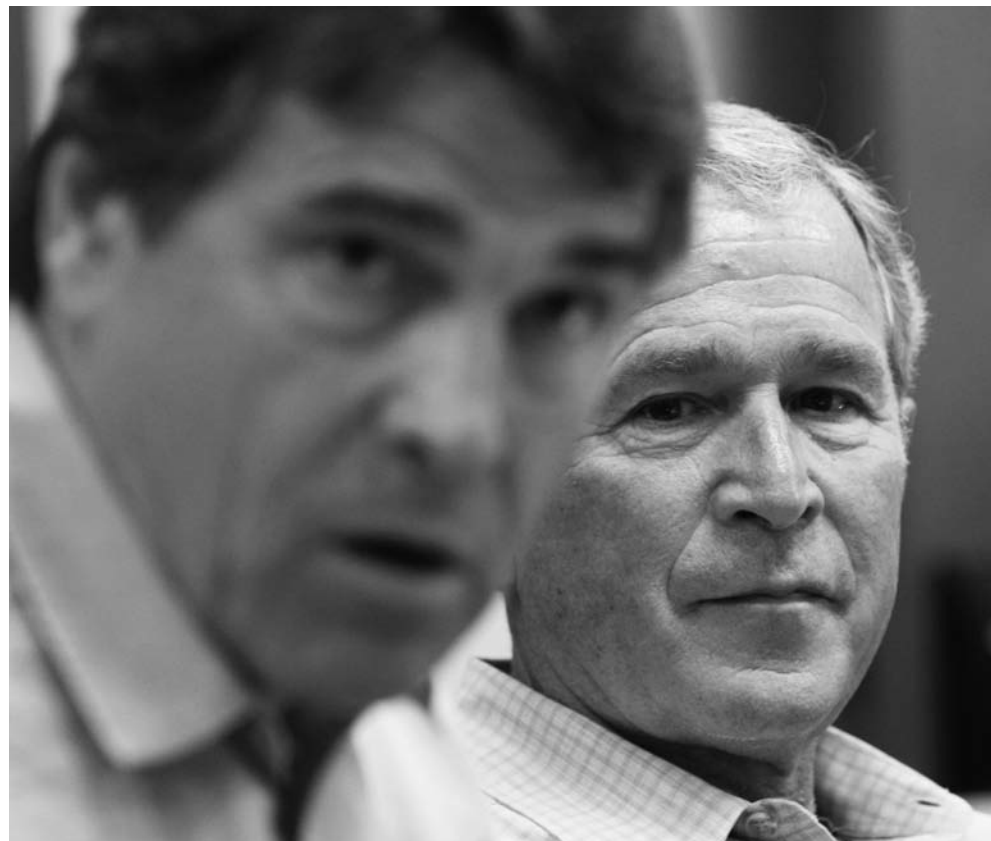
During his announcement speech in South Carolina, Perry focused on economics and steered clear of social issues, but we all know where he stands on LGBT equality.

He is adamantly opposed to it, just as he is to a woman's right to choose.

The week before his announcement, Perry held a rally in Houston to pray away the nation's problems. As the poster boy for evangelical Christians, Perry has made it clear he'll do that group's bidding if he goes to Washington.

In his speech he only referred to overturning President Barack Obama's health care plan, but anyone who thinks he wouldn't target every other progressive measure approved in the last three years is in for a big shock. As a former Air Force pilot and Texas A&M cadet yell leader, he no doubt bristled when "don't ask, don't tell" was repealed.

What makes Perry particularly dangerous to the LGBT community is the rumor that he once was sexually involved with other men in Austin. The rumor has plagued his career, although he appears to have convinced his conservative religious base that it's untrue. Perry may view anti-gay rhet-



Gov. Rick Perry and President George W. Bush are shown together in Austin in 2008. (Associated Press)

oric as a way of combating the rumor.

Gay activists and journalists from the national media are combing through Perry's past at this moment to determine if there is any truth to the rumor, but I suspect they are coming up empty-handed.

I recently wrote that I didn't think there was any truth to the rumor, and I received quite a few emails from gay Texans telling me I was wrong. I spoke with one of them on the phone who told me that a married, closeted male legislator had allegedly told several people that he had been involved sexually with Perry.

The biggest problem with the story is that the former legislator has credibility problems. On top of that, I understand that he now denies having ever been involved with Perry.

The only other incident possibly involving homosexuality is a story about Perry and another Boy Scout in Haskell County being caught in a sleeping bag together on a camping trip. That was when Perry, now 61, was about 10, and he reportedly got into the sleeping bag of a 12-year-old because he was cold. The two reportedly slept "back to back" during the night.

The Scoutmaster reportedly raised a fuss about the innocent incident when he discovered the two boys together the next morning, so that could possibly help explain some of Perry's aversion to anything related to LGBT people. Such a scolding at that early of an age could have made a strong impression on our presidential hopeful.

I had also heard that Perry was seen in the late

1980s in an Austin gay disco called the Boat House, but I have a little trouble believing that as well.

Perry has clearly been motivated all of his life to succeed and overcome his humble beginnings, and that has involved a lot of macho posturing. In my opinion he would never have made an appearance at a gay bar, even if he was bi-curious and experimenting a little bit.

Unless someone has some compromising pictures of Perry or someone credible comes forward to acknowledge a same-sex relationship with the governor, I don't think that story is going anywhere.

There are plenty of tales out there about Perry and wild youthful antics before he was married, but those are of no consequence in 2011, as a veteran politician pointed out to me recently. Hypocrisy equals zilch in terms of derailing a presidential bid in today's world.

In fact, I'm confident many LGBT voters will support Perry for president. It's a curious phenomenon that I've seen time and time again. Politicians can spout anti-gay rhetoric from dawn to dusk, and many members of our community will still vote for them.

To those people I would say, if you liked having George W. Bush in the White House, you no doubt would love seeing James Richard "Rick" Perry in the Oval Office.

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A critical moment for the LGBT community in Turkey

Amnesty International pushes for much-needed protections in new constitution — and you can help

The upheavals of autocratic governments that started in North Africa and spread eastward into Asia have been — and are still being — well documented.

One nation about which we have heard less is Turkey. But that may soon change.

On July 29 The New York Times reported: “Turkey’s top military commanders resigned en masse on Friday.” This is perhaps the most surprising event since Gen. Mustafa Kemal Ataturk assumed power in 1923 and began converting Turkey into a secular state. Politicos quoted in the Times suggested the mass resignation was a last-ditch effort by the military to regain the power it has lost over recent years. Most thought the generals’ Hail Mary pass would fail.

Already, the nation has begun changing in various ways. So, now’s the time for those of us in the U.S. LGBT community to help it change for the better.

Next month, Turkey will draft a new constitution that Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan says will protect “everyone’s lifestyle, belief, language, culture and ideas.”

Not so, says Amnesty International USA. To date, according to AIUSA’s press releases and related emails, the suggested wording does not include any protections for the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender persons. For sure, Turkey’s current laws and customs do not protect LGBTs. Discrimination against Turkish members of our community is so widespread that it includes virtually every aspect of life: employment, education, housing, health care, public services, even credit ratings.

And Turkey’s LGBTs suffer more than discrimination. They are often berated, beaten or imprisoned by the very police and military that should be protecting them.

Failure to recognize LGBT rights flows from the top. One minister recently said the 21st century is too soon to offer LGBTs protection. Another said homosexuality is “a biological disorder, a illness and should be treated.”

Amnesty International’s recent report, “Not an Illness, Not a Crime,” has a cover photo of thousands of people — LGBTs, family members, and other supporters — marching through Istanbul last year with the rainbow flag.

But it also documents all manner of discrimination. One of the most startling is that military service is mandatory, but “gay men are deemed unfit for the military ... and proof of military



Phyllis Guest
Taking Note

service is often a prerequisite for employment.” Even more startling: Gay men who seek an exemption from the military “must prove their homosexuality by showing photos of themselves having sex” or by submit-

ting to a medical “examination.” How unspeakable is that?

Another grim aspect of life in Turkey is that LGBTs feel they have to “conceal their sexual orientation ... [particularly] lesbians and bisexual women.” By law, women are supposed to have equal rights, but because in practice they have less economic, political and social power, “they experience grossly unequal treatment.”

Worse still are the circumstances of transgenders. Their families frequently throw them out; the police harass, jail and attack them; and city authorities force them to live in squalid and/or inconvenient locales. The AIUSA report includes interviews with transgenders who have suffered terribly. The most painful stories are of transgen-

der women who cannot find lawful employment and, to keep body and soul together, become illegal sex workers, thus exposing themselves to sexually transmitted diseases and to violence by their customers and the police.

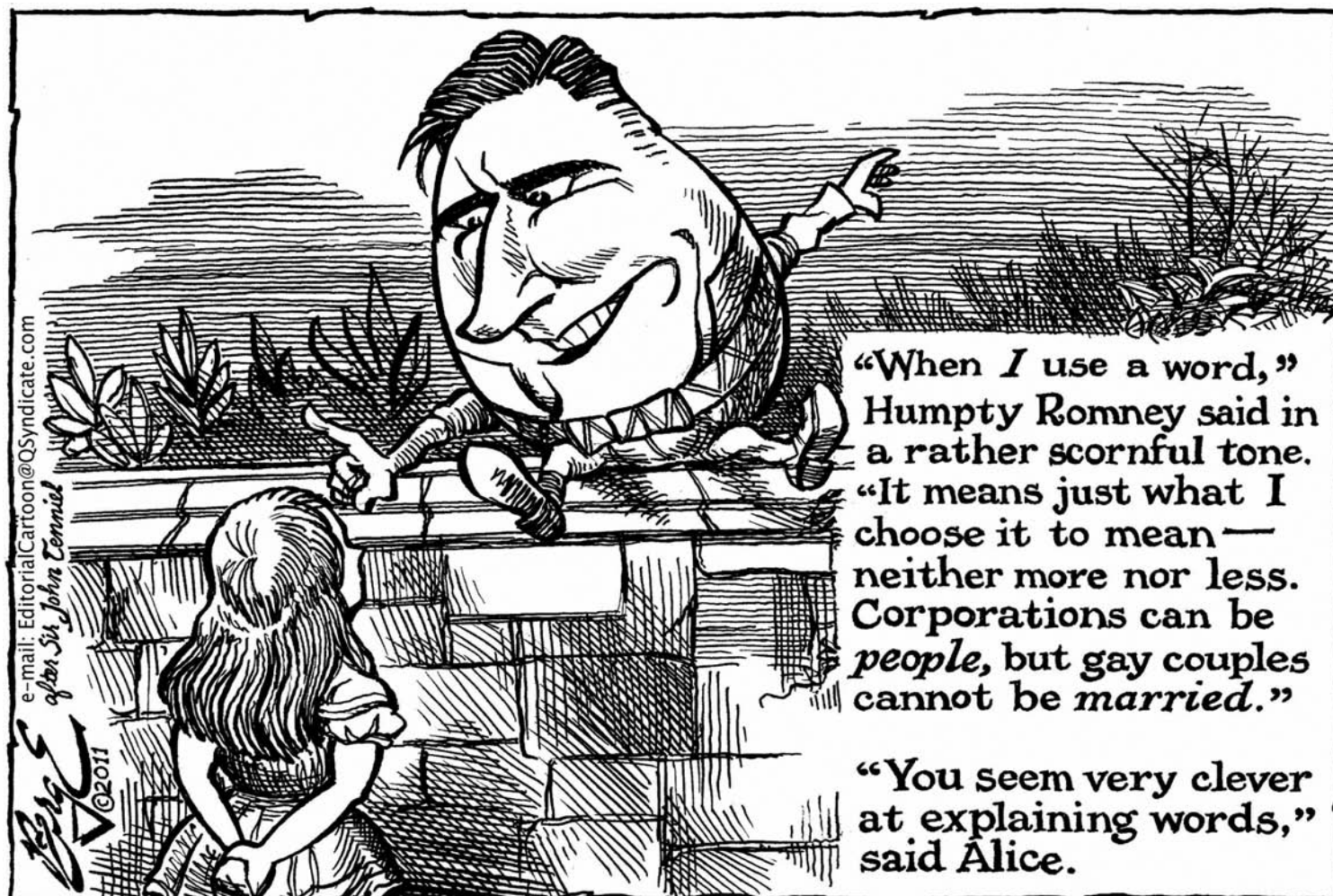
In Istanbul, yet another issue poses real and immediate danger to transgenders. The district of Tarlabasi, which the AIUSA report states is the only area in which transgender women can live “relatively comfortably,” is undergoing urban renewal. Some of the historic buildings are to be refurbished and others are being torn down to make way for expensive new homes. While homeowners expect to be offered some teardown compensation and relocation monies, renters — including virtually all transgender women — will get nothing.

Finally, the right to seek asylum is a problem for LGBTs in Turkey. Whether they are Turkish by birth or have fled to Turkey because of even more severe persecution in a nearby nation, asylum-seekers and refugees usually wait several years to have their cases resolved. Meanwhile, they are “dispersed” to smaller Anatolian towns and cities where residents are even more conservative.

I would have thought that Turkey’s long effort to join the European Union would have encouraged ... ummm ... tolerance. I would have been wrong. But Amnesty International has mounted an urgent campaign to add LGBT protections to the new Turkish constitution.

If you want to join the fight for LGBTs’ constitutional equality in Turkey, just Google “AIUSA Turkey.” The new report and other materials come right up. Also, you can join the AIUSA effort to support equality for LGBTs in Turkey and elsewhere by contacting Amnesty International’s Dallas Group 205. Write to Dr. Rick Halperin, SMU AI, P.O. Box 750176, Dallas, TX, 75275; email him at rhalperi@mail.smu.edu; or call his office at 214-768-3284.

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Blaine Soileau brings old-school philosophy to modern DJ techniques

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Blaine Soileau wouldn't say that his DJing is about his image. The beefy arms, scruffy good looks and shirtless spinning, however, don't hurt one bit when he's at the turntable. If being a muscle daddy gets him a few fans... well, there are worse fates.

Soileau has been a staple in the Dallas DJ scene for years, but don't mistake his image for his talent. He's been mixing music since well before he had hair on his peccs.

"I started [DJing] in high school, which was 1979," he says. "I feel like I've gotten where I'm at not because of any image. I just knew how to market myself."

Soileau (pronounced "swallow") knows the P.R. game well, owing to a stint in Los Angeles when he pursued an acting career. Having to get his name out as much as possible was the game then and it continues to be now. It's just a different arena.

He's fared much better on the DJ path than acting. Soileau has built himself into a marquee name even outside Texas.

With bookings in D.C., L.A., Phoenix, Fire Island and more, he's not only put his

name into a national spotlight, he's also bringing something back to Dallas each time with

some specific hope and with his regular gig at the Dallas Eagle.

"The gay scene here is finally graduating to what's going on now," he says. "I never really had good things to say about Dallas' music scene because of my travels. The music I would experience in other cities was always livelier and happening."

He's changed his mind now that he senses Dallas audiences aren't

"stuck in the '80s and '90s" anymore. It's taking a while, but the sounds of Los Angeles, New York and even Eastern Europe are making way here. And Soileau sees audiences responding.

"For a while, all of us [DJs] here had to spoon-feed the crowd, but I think it's moving into a good direction," he says. "The stuff I'm playing at the Eagle, and the other DJs, we have a much more progressive sound."

He brings that sound to Release, the club night he hosts at the Eagle twice a month. As Soileau infuses a cosmopolitan, modern sound to his party, he's still a purist about technique. He's embraced digital music over vinyl, but in a time when people can call themselves a DJ and program their mixes to autopilot, Soileau still brings some of his old skills to the proverbial turntable.

"There is definitely so much more you can do with digital music, but I don't agree with the programs some are using," he says. "I'm so thankful I learned how to beat-mix. I can manipulate a song just as I would a piece of vinyl and line up the beats old school. Programs that sync songs for you, that's not DJing."

Sometimes Soileau sounds like he misses the club environs of years before. He enjoyed playing the anthems of disco divas like Kristine W and Deborah Cox, but he finds that sound isn't happening right now. His focus was on house music with vocals, but trends now lead to more instrumental tracks. But an unlikely tool now works in his favor.

"The good thing is that radio has become more dance oriented," he says. "There are no remixes needed so when people go out to clubs, they wanna hear stuff on the radio. That gets them on the floor dancing. When it gets packed, then I can give them what I want but maintain the energy of it."

Soileau doesn't worry about setting himself apart from other DJs; he just wants a flawless night. So if that means playing music from the radio in order to have a happy dance floor, he's on board with that.

"If I have to bite the bullet and play Britney, am I selling out? No," he says. "My goal is to make people have a good time. I've never thought about being different from other DJs."

Which perhaps makes him different after all. But we still like it when he takes his shirt off. ■



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Tasting notes

Pyramid scores chef trifecta; foodie app GrubHub debuts



For more than a decade, the **Rising Star Chef** competition of the **Dallas Wine & Food Festival** has singled out local culinary masters expert at pairing food and wine. For the first time ever, three past winners share the same kitchen: **The Pyramid's** exec chef **Andre Natera** (2003 white wine winner) is ably assisted by exec sous chef **Paul Peddle** and sous chef **Andrew McDonald** (2011 white and red wine winners, respectively). Their winning dishes have changed a bit, but the quality of them is excellent, with Peddle's pan-seared cod with caper sauce, pictured, unforgettably terrific.

There's a new website (and smartphone app) to help the savvy foodie find his way about the Dallas culinary scene. On Wednesday, **GrubHub.com** launched its Dallas version. The app (similar to **UrbanSpoon.com**) takes your address and your preferred style of cuisine and matches you up with something to your liking nearby. What sets it apart, though, is that you can also order for delivery or pickup. To induce first-timers, the site is offering a \$10 off coupon at GrubHub.com/DallasSneakPeek until Sept. 11. Dallas is the 14th city covered by the app.

It takes balls to make cake for five years... or does it take five years to make cake balls? Whichever. Point is, the **Cake Ball Company** celebrates its nickel anniversary Friday with \$1 balls — can't beat that at a stripper bar. You can also get a quarter-off coupon from their website.

From Aug. 22 to 27, **Sprinkles Cupcakes** will donate 100 percent of its sales of the vanilla milk choc cake (adorned with a gold star) to Vogel Alcove, a charity helping homeless children.

Grant Morgan has been named executive chef at the Park Lane location of **Bailey's Prime Plus**, following local stints at **Luqa** and **Dragonfly**. At the **Landmark Restaurant** at the **Melrose**, **Mike Pacheco** has been named exec chef.

— Arnold Wayne Jones

Bitter, sweets

It has been a surprisingly long time since a "classic" *Top Chef* series has aired: Almost a full year since something other than *All-Stars*, *Masters* or *Just Desserts*. And I have to say: I miss the original, where up-and-coming chefs with lots of talent actually compete to see who's the best. (Later in the fall, it will return — set in Texas.) But, like a heroin addict settling for Methadone — not as good, but a compromise replacement — the new season of **Top Chef: Just Desserts** will have to tide me through. It's not the real thing, but it's close enough.

Well, more or less. *Top Chef* and *Project Runway* have always stood out because their contestants have real skills — you sense the producers sincerely want the best, not just those who make the best reality television. (What's A-list about the *A-Listers*?) Increasingly, reality competition shows rely on crazy incompetents and arrogant bastards (or bitches) to keep the conflicts alive.

This season of *Desserts* seems to backpedal on that promise, with Craig, pictured left, the flamboyant newcomer to pastry, throwing a wrench into the plans of more seasoned chefs, including Dallas' Lina Biancamano (she who creates the confections at Stephan Pyles, also pictured). The deal with the self-centered Melissa, who you know will stay around too long just to offer viewers a villain.

The season premiere, which adds superchef Hubert Keller as a judge, doesn't have the spark of last season (yet), and it's not clear yet who will add the most enjoyable camp factor. But I take my fixes as



they come. It'll last me til *Top Chef: Texas*; I just know it will; it's gotta.

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'Fright Night' remake preserves original's orgasmic bloodlust — and homoeroticism

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The original **Fright Night** was one of the most subversively gay films of the mid 1980s: The suburban vampire Jerry had a suspiciously familiar relationship with his Renfield-like companion and more rayon disco shirts than any straight man should own. He also was more than slightly obsessed with his teen-aged neighbor Charley, although you could attribute that less to pedophilia than survival instinct.

But the original was also of its age, like lots of '80s pabulum — can you imagine a remake of *Lost Boys*? — a cult horror-comedy that didn't re-

ally scream to be revisited. But since they *have* done so, this question is: Worth it? Yes. Pretty much.

Unlike many remakes, this new *Fright Night* — arriving in the August discount bin, just like its progenitor — sticks surprisingly close to the basic plot, with some sensible updates. Gone is Renfield, but Charley (Anton Yelchin) remains the virginal Everykid; Jerry (Colin Farrell) is no longer the suave metrosexual but a brutish laborer in a wifebeater, exuding bad-boy appeal with a lizard-like stealth; vampire chaser Peter Vincent (David Tennant)

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FOR REAL | Jerry (Colin Farrell) defies the power of the cross in the smart update of the '80s cult hit.

isn't a washed-up horror actor but a Criss Angel wannabe on the Vegas Strip, where Jerry culls his victims.

Like *Scream*, the *Fright Nights* exist in a post-modern world where the characters are aware of the mythology surrounding the supernatural, gleaned mostly from movies. They joke about the *Twilight* books

Not all of the updates are improvements. Changing Peter Vincent from a film actor to a magician undercuts the subtle tribute to B-film icons Peter Cushing and Vincent Price, though Tennant's Russell Brand-like whack-a-doodle performance almost rescues it. And director Craig Gillespie dispatches some peripheral characters without much sense, and the humor is not as prevalent as it was in the original.

But Gillespie keeps key (the seduction of Charley's girlfriend, the unnerving "Welcome to Fright Night ... for real" line), and the splatter effects — especially the unexpected moment where a "turned" human bursts into flame when struck by sunlight, enhanced by the cheesy '50s-style fascination with 3D "moments" — give

the film a campy sensibility. And there are worse ways to spend a scary two hours than imagining the hunky Colin Farrell orgasmically sucking on your ... neck. Hey, it doesn't take a cape and an accent to woo everyone.

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Quiet legend

Iconic crooner Johnny Mathis still has insecurities about music

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In a career tenure exceeding 50 years, Johnny Mathis has touched many with his singing — witness his three Grammy Awards and a listing in the Guinness Book of World Records for having sold 350 million albums worldwide. It's enough to make a man an icon.

You wouldn't know it to talk to him. Without much ego, Mathis doesn't deny or disparage his accomplishments, but neither does he relish them. It's only when someone brings up his achievements that he thinks about what he's done in the world.

"Once in a while, I'll get an inkling of it," he says. "The only time I get euphoric about my career is when people with extraordinary circumstances in their lives — illness, deaths, stuff like that — say how my music has helped along the way. You try to live up to some of this stuff and so you take care of these God-given talents. It can be a little humbling."

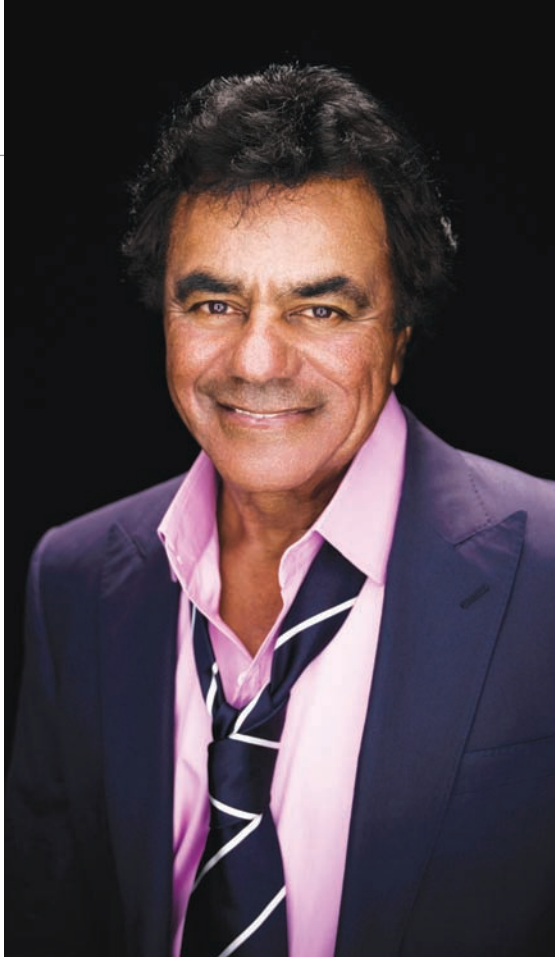
When Mathis steps on the stage of the Meyerson this week for two concerts with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, it marks a homecoming of sorts. He was born in Gilmer and his memories of Texas include the same heat that Dallas has been beaten with this summer; some things never change. Surprisingly, what has also remained the same are doubts about his own talents. The voice stuff, he's got down; the rest — he's working on those.

"I've always been insecure about not being a better musician," the silk-voiced crooner admits. "I'm always a bit hesitant about my talents mostly because I wasn't playing piano lessons or how to read music. I didn't learn about harmony and theory and I was never good at that. That did tend to make me reticent in everyday life."

That reticence extends to other areas. After famously coming out in the early 1980s in an interview with *Us* magazine, he soon after retracted it, due, he later explained, to death threats. When he later discussed his views on homosexuality, he said that some of his reluctance was generational.

Now, though, he has good humor about it, and with a quiet air of class, he stands for that community that felt they had to hide to get by.

"It was hard enough for my [gay] fans while



growing in the business," he recalls. "They treaded pretty lightly but they knew about me. I had their blessings and everybody pretty much knew what was going on. I never had any issues really with it but everybody then took it as their own business."

He doesn't go into any specifics about the current state of his private life, joking, "I'm 75 — what's there to talk about?"

Last year, Mathis released *Let it Be Me: Mathis in Nashville*. Known for his jazz and pop standards like "Chances Are" and "Misty," this collection of country classics may sound like a departure for Mathis, but he has made those tunes his own working in his sophisticated signature style without stripping away the heart of each track. The collection was a sort of tribute to his father.

"I was jazzed to be able to do those songs," he points out. "My dad was born and raised in Texas and he was a singer and piano player. He would sing these songs and those were the first songs I remember hearing. Plus, I've always been a fan. I play golf with Larry Gatlin and Vince Gill and we're all sort of on the same page musically." (The album earned him another Grammy nomination for best traditional pop vocal album earlier this year.)

With all his superstar friends, awards and concerts, Mathis doesn't forget he's a Texan. At one time, he might have, but a different sort of pride has surfaced within him.

"I love that I was born in Gilmer," he declares. "Because we were poor, we just had each other. I always thought I wouldn't tell anybody I was from Texas because I thought it sounded ragtag. As I grew, I discovered a certain sophistication about it. Then I became proud of the fact — of who I am, what I am and where I'm from." ■

JOHNNY MATHIS

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MATHIS EASY | For years, Mathis refrained from talking about his being gay, calling it a 'generational thing.' Now he laughs that, as a septuagenarian, there isn't much to talk about anymore.

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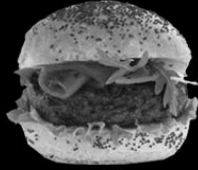
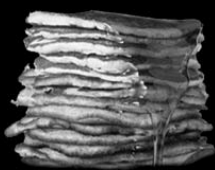
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Streisand dazzles (as usual) on new CD of songwriters' lyrics

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For Barbra Streisand, releasing an album is old hat... especially when she returns to the familiar. Her new album (dropping Tuesday) — her 33rd, following 2009's *Love is the Answer* —

What Matters Most: Barbra Streisand Sings the Lyrics of Alan and Marilyn Bergman, has been on her to-do list for some time: On it, she honors her frequent collaborators, who composed the lyrics to the Yentl soundtrack, "The Way We Were" and more.

It's almost unfair to review Streisand anymore. Her production values are top-notch and there is no denying her voice still gorgeous after 50 years. For what she does, it's perfection. Add to that her status as a music legend, especially among gay men, and nit-picks might seem blasphemous. But regardless of what the makers of *Glee* think, she's still human, and while *Matters* works in the usual Streisand oeuvre, she also refrains in her tone.

On the opener, the Oscar winner "The Windmills of Your Mind," Babs lets the construction shine more than her vocal interpretation, delivering drama but still holding back. Still, her voice is solid, like a perfect wine glass: delicate but sturdy. She continues such subtlety in subsequent tracks "Solitary Moon" and "Something New in My life" (where slight hints of grit in her voice are surprisingly refreshing).

She closes the 10-track album with songs that also rely on similar structure. Face it: She's diva enough to not mind showing off. But her touches to "I'll Never Say Goodbye" and the title track are exquisite.

Soon into the album, though, the impact is lessened. Covering Sinatra's "Nice 'n' Easy" doesn't fit her style. Streisand is not overly sexy, but this track needed to be flirty and sultry; instead she sounds like mom singing a silly "come hither" tune in front of all my friends. Awkward!

There is a downturn in the second half as "Alone in the World" and "So Many Stars" play on.

They make less of an impression and she's less engaged with the lyrics. An Academy Award-winning actress could put a little more emotion into it.

"The Same Hello, The Same Goodbye," though, is a floating dream, and is easily a highlight, as is "That Face" performed jazzy and playfully. Streisand even sounds less on guard than her previous tracks, more relaxed.

For diehard fans, this is Streisand at her finest: Quality production, impeccable voice, timeless tunes. For the rest, this is the same over again. With nothing to prove, I wish she'd be more daring in her music the way she's willing to be with her films (*Little Fockers*, anyone?).



THE WAY THEY WERE | Babs has sung the lyrics of Marilyn and Alan Bergman for decades; now she has an album dedicated to the songs she and others have made famous.



Saloonatics

'Wild Oats' is over the top — in all the wrong ways

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The audience reaction throughout *Wild Oats* says it all. Half the theater-in-the-round patrons sit with stoic looks of boredom, arms crossed in defiance to the attempts onstage to garner laughs. The other half cackles uproariously at the Old West shenanigans in this pseudo-vaudevilian melodrama from playwright James McLure.

I sided more with the arm-crossers than the cacklers, though a laugh occasionally escaped me during this production. *Wild Oats* is one of those unfortunate theater experiences where I found myself focused on the Playbill, counting the number of scene until intermission like an inmate anxiously ticking away the days to parole. Perhaps the fact the theater was stiflingly hot and everyone around me was sweating and fanning themselves with their programs contributed to the prison feel; maybe it was the goofy over-acting by most of the actors. Or quite possibly, it is simply source material that's gone stale.

McLure adapted the play from an 18th century comedy by John O'Keefe, transporting the action to 19th century Muleshoe, Texas. All the elements for a classic Old West comedy are present and accounted for: A Native American with an Irish accent. A devilish pastor. A handsome, Shakespeare-loving cowboy. A flamboyant West Point drop-out. A wealthy, unrefined heiress. So why does it go so horribly awry?

For every moment of inspired lunacy, a joke is

killed by being explained. Nothing kills a punch line more than a dissertation on its funniness. And while some clever gimmicks are funny the first time, they are only mildly amusing the third and fourth and completely worn out by the 16th rehashing. There's a lot to absorb in the frenetic action unfolding all around you, one of the pure pleasures of theater-in-the-round, and this A.D.D. approach can often translate into grand comedy. Instead, it comes across as desperation.

There are some solid performances from actors who know how to tread the treacherous line between over-acting and willful exaggeration. Watching Andy Baldwin and Lee Jamison is sublimely enjoyable regardless of what they're doing. They're captivating, and each knows how to make the most of what they have been given. (A same-sex near-kiss between Baldwin and James Chandler is one of the play's greatest bits of physical comedy.)

This production is the first show of Theatre 3's landmark 50th anniversary season, so here's hoping like the true sowing of wild oats that this is something they just had to get out of their systems. For a company deft at switching from comedy to Broadway musicals to intense drama with such finesse, this miss is easily forgiven.

But a miss it is. Maybe you'll end up on Team Loves It and can joyfully explain what the rest of us missed. We can tell *you* what was interesting in the Playbill. ■

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DEETS: House of Blues, 2200 N. Lamar St. 7:30 p.m. \$10. HouseOfBlues.com.

Wednesday 08.24

'Green' screen

In *The Green*, Michael and David have the ideal suburban life in Connecticut. But an accusation turns their world around and Michael has to defend himself against suspicious coworkers and even his partner's doubts. Q Cinema's Fall Film Series returns with this drama starting Jason Butler Harner and *Glee*'s Cheyenne Jackson.

DEETS: Four Day Weekend Theater, 312 Houston St., Fort Worth. 8 p.m. \$10. QCinema.org

Thursday 08.25

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Triangle Networking Tarrant, for gay-owned and gay-friendly businesses. Dos Gringos, 1510 University Ave., Fort Worth. 6 p.m. \$5. 817-496-3479.

THEATER

The Final Adventure of Hercules. Pocket Sandwich Theatre, 5400 E. Mockingbird Lane. Through Saturday. \$10-\$18. PocketSandwich.com.

Victor/Victoria. Kalita Humphreys Theater, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. Through Sunday. \$30-\$40. UptownPlayers.org.

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MUSIC

Kristy Lee, Anton Shaw and more perform at Pink Party to benefit Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure. Sue Ellen's, 3014 Throckmorton St. 9 p.m. PartyAtTheBlock.com.

SATURDAY 08.20

COMMUNITY

GayBingo Cinema Black and White Classics. The Rose Room (inside Station 4), 3911 Cedar Springs Road. 5 p.m. \$25. RCDallas.org.

DFW Bi Net, a social and support group for bisexual men and women, brunch. La Madeleine, 3906 Lemmon Ave. 10:30 a.m.

Legacy social group of adults 50-plus from Cathedral of Hope. Monthly event. 972-387-3345.

DFW Prime Timers play bingo at private residence. 7 p.m. Call 972-504-8866 for details.

BROADCAST

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

SUNDAY 08.21

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Burger Brunch benefiting Lone Star Ride Fighting AIDS. Hunky's, 3930 Cedar Springs Road. 11 a.m. LoneStarRide.org.

Whosoever Dallas Sunday services. 807 Fletcher St. 9:30 p.m. WhosoeverDallas.org.

The House of Glamour is an event hosted by the Legacy of Success Foundation every third Sunday. The event is a forum for African-American women



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Breath of Life Interfaith Mindfulness Fellowship. LGBT-friendly "meditation and more" event. Inspired by Buddhist spirituality, all faiths welcome. Deaf interpretation provided. Dallas Meditation Center, 727 S. Floyd Road, Richardson. 5 p.m. Donations accepted. InterMindful.com.

The Set, a group of the Legacy of Success Foundation that serves as a safe environment for mature-minded SGL African-American men to create a community meets every third Sunday. South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Ave. 6 p.m.

Family Pride Coalition, a monthly support group for gay and lesbian parents and their children, meets at a private home. For time and location 214-521-5342 ext. 1708.

MUSIC

40 Days and 40 Nights with Immigrant Punk. Queer musician Immigrant Punk, acoustic singer SuZanne Kimbrell and artist Sarah Starseed. Dallas Pizza Lounge, 841 Exposition Ave. 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY 08.22

COMMUNITY

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

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

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

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

The Women's Chorus of Dallas rehearsals. Sammons Center, 3630 Harry Hines Blvd. 7 p.m. 214-520-7828.

CABARET

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

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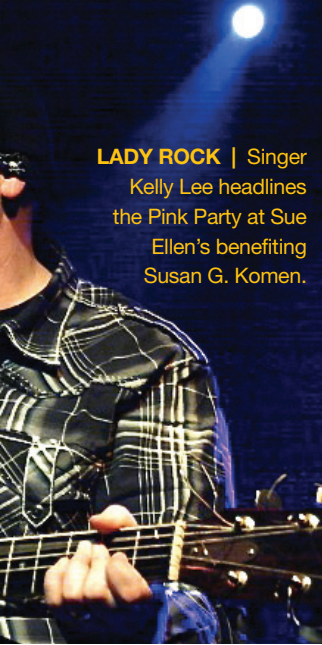
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Road. 6:30 p.m. Visit website for the discussion topic and assignment for the month. RCDallas.org.

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

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

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

BROADCAST

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

WEDNESDAY 08.24

COMMUNITY

Firedancers Dallas Tribe club night every fourth Wednesday. Hidden Door, 5025 Bowser St. 7-10 p.m. Free. Facebook.com/TheHiddenDoor.

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

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

BROADCAST

Lambda Weekly. LGBT radio for North Texas. This week's guest is Rodd Gray discussing the Home for the Holidays project. 89.3 KNON-FM at 7 a.m. LambdaWeekly.com.

THURSDAY 08.25

COMMUNITY

The Group. Support group for black men who are HIV-positive. Every second and fourth Thursday of the month. Call 214-455-7316 for information.

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.

Brokeback Dallas. Support group for gay men married to straight women. Rec Hall of St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, 6526 Inwood Road. 7:30 p.m.

Standing on the Promises Alcoholics Anonymous group. 5910 Cedar Springs Road, Room 107. Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

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

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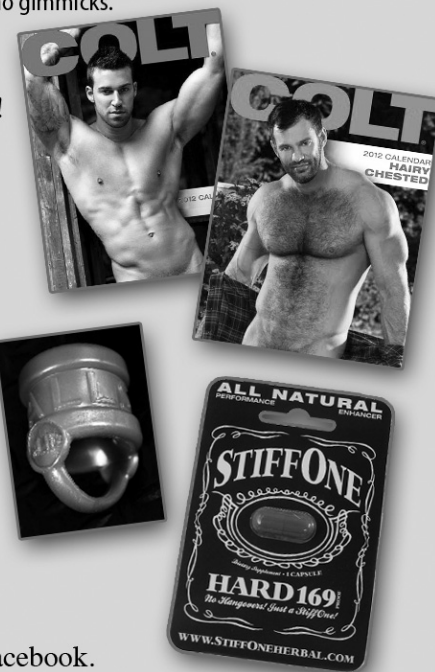
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By Jack Fertig



Marlee Matlin turns 46 on Thursday. Matlin is the youngest woman at 21 to win the Oscar for best actress for *Children of a Lesser God* in 1981. She gained a new fan base by going lesbian as art professor Jodi Lerner in *The L Word*. She placed second in this year's season of *The Celebrity Apprentice*.

VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

Every birthday brings you closer to your remaining accomplishments. Consider how you can change the world. Your most daring ideas need harnessing and work. What's stopping you?

LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

Your situation at home provokes anxieties. Focus on your responses. With focus, you can minimize the angst. With clearer insights you improve the external situations triggering them.

SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

When friends get on your nerves, shrug it off. Turn that irritability into productive criticism. Think before speaking, to improve techniques and productivity without dissing your colleagues.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 20

If you must channel Bette Davis at work, be harder on yourself than everyone else. Being brilliant doesn't get you ahead; getting the job done does. Stay on track and get the job done brilliantly.

CAPRICORN Dec 21-Jan 19

Turn that critical mind on your own roots, your sense of your childhood and family. Talking with siblings can help if you can listen with open heart and mind. It may not be easy.

AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

Focus on sexual health. A complete physical check-up is always a good thing. Meditate also on your needs and desires. Are they at odds? Are they realistic? You may have some hard choices.

PISCES Feb 19-Mar 19

Feeling the pinch can strain a relationship. As long as your partnership comes first, pooling resources makes any future more affordable.

ARIES Mar 20-Apr 19

Rushing to succeed, you step on colleague's toes. Apologize and exercise some foresight and consideration. Your teamwork skills are key to maximizing your own accomplishments.

TAURUS Apr 20-May 20

Your idea of fun has more to do with embroidery or repairing furniture than shaking your bootie. Taking on challenges doesn't mean following a herd. Your friends love you as you are.

GEMINI May 21-Jun 20

Reconciling family issues and sexual values is more complicated than hiding the "gay" when Mom comes to visit. When tempted to criticize relatives, try asking questions instead.

CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22

Dressing and acting like a martinet could start a hot scene in the bedroom; in real life it's a turn-off. Keep your eyes and ears open; your words well-measured and discrete.

LEO Jul 23-Aug 22

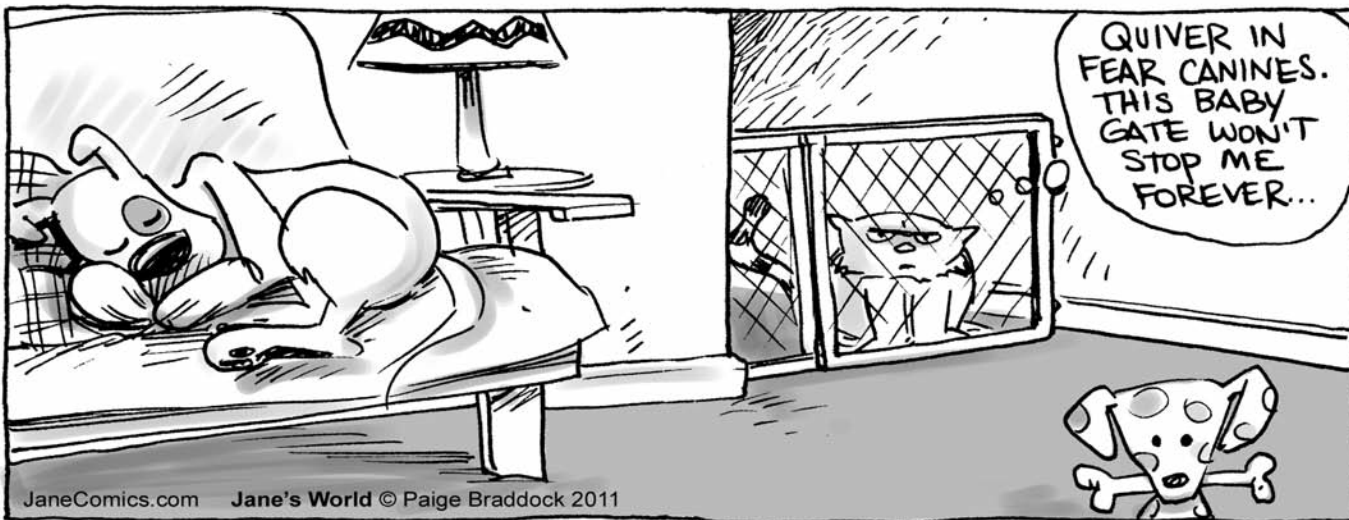
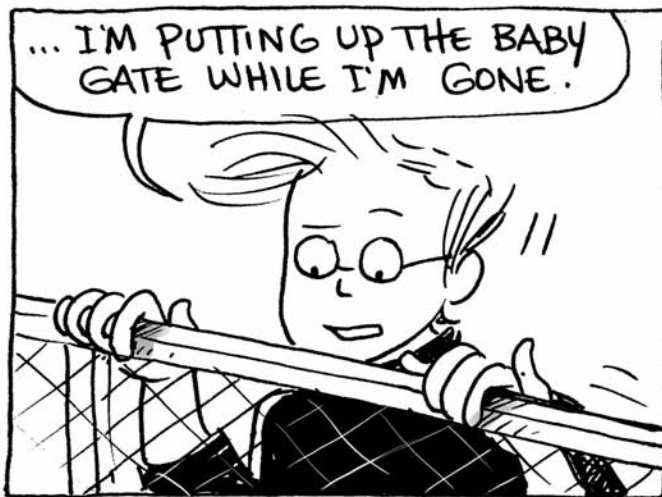
Sexual healing is real; shopping isn't. Amorous adventures at least offer possible rewards along with the risk. Think ahead about your financial, spiritual and physical health in any event.

THIS WEEK

Venus and the sun entering Virgo should point the way to clean, simple aesthetics, but aspecting Uranus and Pluto on the way could trigger some very drastic housecleaning. Thorough is good; ruthless, not so much. "Pirate Jenny" captures the dark side. Nina Simone sings it on YouTube.

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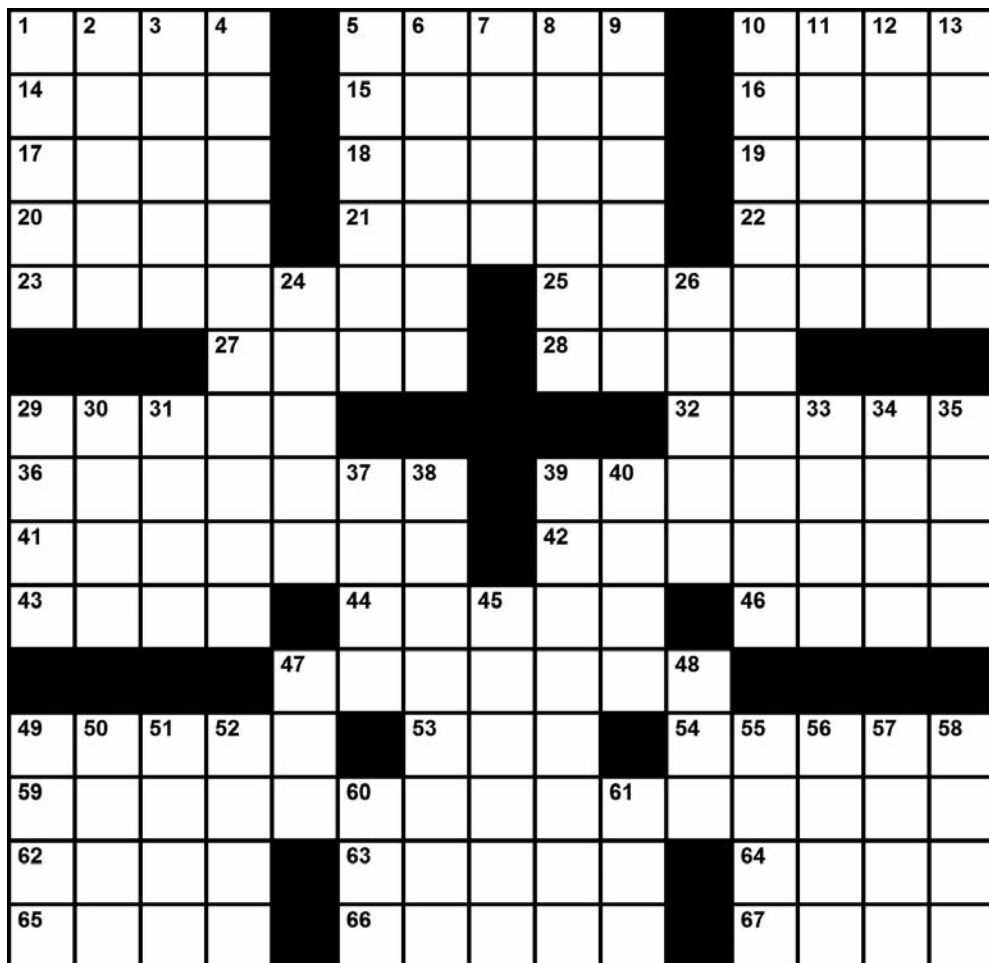
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- 5 Piece by Bette Midler
- 10 Lively dances
- 14 Alec of "Desperate Housewives"
- 15 Top
- 16 Kind of jacket
- 17 Range dividing Europe and Asia
- 18 _____ Hall University
- 19 Cry before claiming immortality
- 20 Actor Auberjonois
- 21 Larry Kramer's "Just _____"
- 22 Problem for one's bitch
- 23 Sitcom with John Mahoney
- 25 Kahlo output
- 27 Where to get off in gay Paree
- 28 "Starting Over" bisexual
- 29 Faux pas
- 32 Peachy, but not fruity
- 36 Games figures
- 39 Woody source
- 41 Cartoonist Alison
- 42 Society crasher
- 43 Art Deco design name
- 44 Shopping aids

Down

- 46 Soviet leader Andropov
- 47 Prepare for printing
- 49 City of "The Bird Cage"
- 53 23rd Greek letter
- 54 "Riverfinger Women" writer Dykewomon
- 59 "Urban legend" of this puzzle
- 62 Explodes, with "off"
- 63 Ready to shoot off
- 64 Cold-cock
- 65 Roadside stops
- 66 Internet surfers
- 67 Former lovers

Down

- 1 Shirtless guy in hot pants
- 2 Fruit peeler
- 3 Bucky Beaver's toothpaste
- 4 With 7-Down, serial novel by an "urban legend"
- 5 Bowl or boat
- 6 Fabled cow owner
- 7 See 4-Down
- 8 Not like the sound of music, traditionally
- 9 Poe poem
- 10 Librettist for a musical adaptation of 4/7-Down
- 11 Prefix for Michelangelo's land
- 12 Marine role of Jim Nabors
- 13 Pussyfoot
- 24 Literate boast?
- 26 Aquarium structures
- 29 Kaplan of Kotter fame
- 30 Spit it out confidently
- 31 It may be cold and hard
- 33 Herr's honey
- 34 HI, once
- 35 Abominable snowman
- 37 Bank (on)
- 38 Glass footwear in a fairy tale
- 39 Not one of the gang
- 40 Vaulted church area
- 45 Part of Ali Babi's opening
- 47 Seventh notes
- 48 Beverage with scones
- 49 Three guys who went to see Mary
- 50 What muscle Marys pump
- 51 Sherman Hemsley religious sitcom
- 52 Piggy's title
- 55 Jelly not for bread
- 56 Very top
- 57 Cairo river
- 58 Queen's "subjects"
- 60 Greek T
- 61 L. Cruz and C. Torres, on "Grey's Anatomy"



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Kay and Katie at Sue Ellen's.



Dan, Trish and Tres at Station 4.

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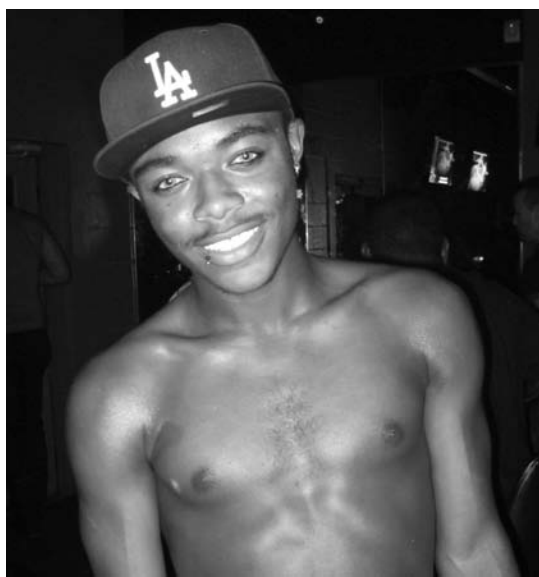
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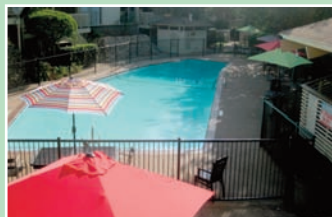
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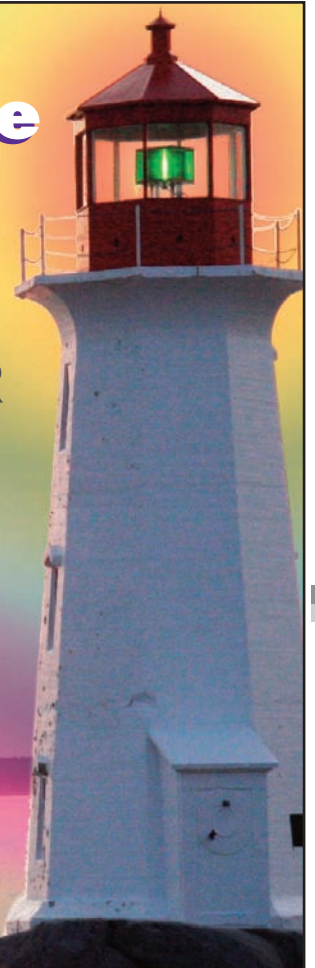
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