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Marlee Matlin to keynote Black Tie Dinner

Decorated veteran Eric Alva tapped as Birch Award winner; special entertainment still to be announced

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Black Tie Dinner co-chairs Nan Arnold and Chris Kouvelis this week rounded out their 2011 "dream team" with the announcement that award-winning actress Marlee Matlin will be keynote speaker at the November fundraising event, and that decorated Iraq War veteran Eric Alva will receive the Elizabeth Birch Equality Award.

"We are so thrilled to have both of them with us this year," said Arnold. "This gives us a real 'dream team'" of honorees and speakers this year.

Black Tie officials announced earlier this year that local activist Chet Flake and his partner, the late Bud Knight, will receive the 2011 Raymond Kuchling Humanitarian Award, and that Modern Family star Jesse Tyler Ferguson will re-

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Marlee Matlin



Eric Alva

Parkland adds DP benefits; Dallas County won't

Fitzsimmons slams commissioners for failing to study issue

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The domestic partners of gay and lesbian employees at Parkland hospital will soon have access to health benefits, after the facility's Board of Managers voted this week to approve a proposal first put forward nearly four years ago.

The Board of Managers voted 6-0, with one member abstaining, to offer DP benefits to gays and lesbians who are among the Parkland Health & Hospital System's 9,400 employees.

The addition of DP benefits at Parkland, which takes effect Jan. 1, is expected to cost \$696,635 in fiscal year 2012. But Dr. Lauren McDonald, who chairs the Board of Managers, said offering the benefits will make the hospital more competitive for workers and

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DISD adds trans protections

Board votes to include gender identity and expression in harassment, retaliation and discrimination policies

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Dallas Independent School District added protections for students based on gender identity and expression during its regular board meeting on Thursday, Aug. 25.

The six items expanding protection were initially part of the consent agenda. The items were pulled from the consent before the meeting for a separate vote and then all but two later returned to the consent agenda and passed unanimously.

Only one speaker addressed the issue in the comment period before the vote.

After talking about having been bullied in school, Omar Jimenez told the board, "Treat everyone the way you want to be treated."

The vote was delayed several hours by a discussion on redistricting of board trustee districts.

Two items passed later, one by a 6-3 vote. The other passed 8-0 with one abstention. The contentious issues involved substitute teacher contracts, not the transgender protections.

The discussion and vote on those items came after press time and will be reported on line.



DOUBLE-CHECKING | Dallas Independent School District Board of Trustees President Lew Blackburn reads over his notes during the board's meeting on Thursday. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

The new policies relate to discrimination, retaliation and harassment by faculty and staff against students and against other faculty and staff.

Two weeks ago, the board discussed the entries on this week's consent agenda. Rafael McDonnell, strategic communications and programs manager for Resource Center Dallas, attended the meeting and said they were reviewed with little discussion and no dissent.

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Gay FWISD boardmember to challenge Burnam

Carlos Vasquez, the openly gay Fort Worth school board member whom we profiled in a cover story last month, announced on Facebook he plans to challenge State Rep. Lon Burnam, D-Fort Worth, in next year's Democratic Primary. Burnam is a staunch LGBT ally and one of the most liberal members of the House.

Here's Vasquez's announcement:

"After careful consideration I have come to the conclusion that many of the problems faced with public education are attributable to a broken State Government in Austin. With over four billion dollars cut in public education we need to refocus on what matters most, a strong public school system.

"Today, I am announcing my candidacy for State Representative in District 90 in the Democratic Primary of 2012.

"Please join me and invite your friends to my campaign kickoff on September 16, 2011 at Las Ranitas at the Grand Plaza 4200 South Freeway Suite 1715 from 5:30-8:30."

If Vasquez were to prevail in both the primary and general elections, he would become only the second openly LGBT legislator in Texas' history.

— John Wright



Cedar Springs fire station may keep ladder truck

Earlier this month, we reported that Fire Station 11 on Cedar Springs Road might lose a ladder truck.

City Councilwoman Angela Hunt, whose district includes the first station, said this week that according to the latest she's heard, the truck is expected to stay put.

City Manager Mary Suhm conducted the city's first survey of equipment distribution in 25 years. The report showed a need for more fire equipment in the southern half of the city. Initial plans were to move one truck from the Oak Lawn station to South Oak Cliff.

"The last I heard, it was not going to be moved," Hunt told us.

She said moving the truck was part of the initial plan but no final decisions have been made. Hunt's office was flooded with calls about maintaining safety in Oak Lawn.

"Nothing final yet," Hunt said, "But the latest is to keep it at the 11th."

— David Taffet

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AIN poker tourney set at the Brick

A charity poker tournament is set for Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Brick, 2525 Wycliff, to benefit AIDS Interfaith Network.

The Dallas Bears and the LGBT poker league Pocket Rockets will co-host the event with the Brick. Miller Lite is the sponsor and play begins at 3 p.m.

It's free to play but AIN will benefit in a number of ways. The agency will receive a portion of the drink specials sold. Players may buy additional chips, and the Bears will hold a 50/50 raffle.

A cash prize pool of \$500 will be awarded and all levels of players are welcome.

Bates set for Dallas Black Pride

Christopher H. Bates will speak at the Dallas Black LGBT Community Summit on Friday, Sept. 30 at the Dallas Marriott City Center Hotel. He is the director of Health and Human Service's Office of HIV/AIDS Policy.

Bates will discuss the federal government's response to the high infection rate among young gay African-American men. He has 20 years experience in public health policy and has been with OHAP for more than a decade.

Bates administers funds for the Minority AIDS Initiative and advises the Undersecretary of Health on education, prevention, testing, research,

care and treatment strategies. Information is available at DFWPrideMovement.org.

Martin offers program for couples

Randy Martin, LPC, will facilitate an eight-session program for couples, Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. throughout September and October.

The program is based on the theory and practice of Emotionally Focused Couples Therapy (EFT). The first session focuses on the new science of love and what it teaches us. The next seven sessions focus on helping couples shape and use the seven conversations laid out in the book *Hold Me Tight* by Sue Johnson, the developer of EFT.

Couples interested in participating should contact Martin at 214-520-7575. The cost of the program is \$500 per couple and includes a copy of the book *Hold Me Tight* and other necessary materials.

NGPA seeks donations

The National Gay Pilots Association recently awarded \$22,000 in scholarships and is seeking donations for future awards to aspiring LGBT aviators.

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Doubly positive

David Hodge, captain of the E-racing Stigma team for Lone Star Ride, says cycling for the cause is in his blood

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Lone Star Ride Fighting AIDS cyclist David Hodge is what you could call doubly positive: Not only is he one of the most upbeat, life-loving people you could hope to meet, he also happens to live with the very disease that LSRFA exists to combat.

When he turned 40 five years ago, Hodge decided to mark his definitive entry into middle age with a celebration of physical fitness.

"I wanted to do something big and fantastic," the Parkland imaging specialist recalls. "Some friends of mine and I were talking about bicycling, [something] I hadn't even thought about for a while. I hadn't been on a bicycle in 20 years."

So Hodge immediately began training — but not for the LSRFA.

"We have a similar ride in Atlanta," he says. "The name of the event is the AIDS Vaccine (AV) 200 and [it benefits] the Emory AIDS Vaccine Center. I [started participating in] 2006."

As the name suggests, the Atlanta ride covers 200 miles, about 20 more than LSRFA. It also takes place in late spring (May) rather than late summer (September).

Hodge's resume also includes two appearances in the seven-day AIDS LifeCycle Ride, which takes place every year in June. The route covers approximately 600 miles between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Hodge officially began riding with the LSRFA just last year, when he moved from Atlanta to Dallas. But already he's doing double duty as the captain of one of the oldest teams to be saddling up for the event: E-racing Stigma, the LSRFA Positive Peddlers team.



E-racing Stigma team captain David Hodge, left, and his team members

"The whole concept [for the team] came from [a desire] to get the word out," he says. "Just because you have an [HIV] diagnosis, that is not a death sentence anymore so long as you take care of yourself. You really can be an active member of society and help out anywhere you can."

As team captain, Hodge fulfills a number of important duties.

"[I'm] the person who gets all the information out, whether we're having social events or training rides," he explains. "[I also have to] keep people motivated to get their fundraising done. [Our] team is also very involved in the closing cere-

monies."

Participating on a team like E-racing Stigma is a lot like riding with family. Members bond through similarities — in this case, positive diagnoses. At the same time, they also take care of each other on the road.

Says Hodge, "In the bicycling community, when you go and out and deplete your body of every ounce of water and electrolytes and food, [you're in danger of] 'bonking.' Your fellow riders watch out for those kinds of [potential problems]."

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Hodge's body, but so does an equally passionate dedication to cycling for the community he loves. In May, the E-racing Stigma team captain returned to Atlanta to participate in the 2011 AV200; and recently, the odometer reading on Hodge's current bicycle slipped over the 4,000-mile mark.

"[The cause] is something that's very dear to my heart, so that's why I keep doing what I do and cycling as many miles as I can," he says. "It's in my blood now and I can't stop doing it." ■

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Seven Points' gay mayor, partner indicted



Seven Points Mayor Joe Dobbs, left, and his partner Michael Tayem with one of Dobbs' supporters following his election last year.

Charges reportedly stem from altercation at City Hall between Dobbs, Tayem and an investigator for the DA

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SEVEN POINTS, TX — Gay Mayor Joe Dobbs and his life partner, suspended police officer Michael Tayem, have been indicted by a Henderson County grand jury on criminal charges in connection with an alleged incident at the Seven Points City Hall on Aug. 16.

Charges of assault on a public official, official oppression and interference with public duties were filed against Dobbs, 36, on Aug. 19, and a charge of interference with public duties was filed against Tayem, 29, on the same day, according to Henderson County judicial records.

Assault on a public official is a third-degree felony; official oppression is a class A misdemeanor and interference with public duties is a class B misdemeanor.

Judicial records show warrants for the arrests for Dobbs and Tayem are now closed. District Judge Dan Moore of 173rd District Court set bond for Dobbs at a total of \$13,500 for his three charges and \$1,000 for Tayem's one charge, according to published reports.

The charges reportedly stemmed from an altercation Dobbs and Tayem had with an investigator for the Henderson County District Attorney, who was serving a grand jury subpoena in connection with an ongoing investigation of city business being conducted with another law enforcement agency.

Additional charges reportedly may be brought against the Seven Points officials at a later date. The ongoing investigation has focused on allegations that city contracts were negotiated improperly by Dobbs and Tayem, who was in a management position on the police force before his suspension.

The criminal charges follow more than a year of controversy since Dobbs was elected in a landslide. He promised in his campaign to return integrity to the city of Seven Points on Cedar Creek Lake after several high-ranking city officials were indicted and convicted on criminal charges. An FBI investigation led to the prosecution of the former city officials, which included the former mayor, a municipal judge and a city council member.

After his election, Dobbs managed city business on his own for a year after several members of the City Council boycotted meetings, preventing a quorum. The dissenting council members had supported Dobbs' opponent in the election.

Since Dobbs was elected, the city has seen two police chiefs terminated. One was fired by Dobbs and the other reportedly was asked to resign. The current police chief reportedly was also asked to resign recently and refused.

Dobbs, who is also chief of the city's volunteer fire department, allegedly tried to pressure Police Chief Curt Koger into resigning because Dobbs was angry about a police report detailing a citizen's complaint that Tayem had ridden a motorcycle through a neighborhood at a high rate of speed with red lights and a siren sounding, according to the Cedar Creek Pilot.

Dobbs reportedly asked Tayem to join him and help put out a fire.

Tayem was suspended from the police force in May after a citizen filed a complaint claiming that he was abused by the police officer while being jailed. That complaint has also been under investigation by state and federal law enforcement agencies.

Tayem managed Dobbs' campaign for mayor, calling himself Dobbs' "bulldog."

Dobbs said in an interview after his election that although he won the office by a large margin, a small group had tried to use his sexual orientation against him during the campaign. He claimed a former city official called him a "queer bitch" in a public setting. ■

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Making up a winning team

Pekers gay bar sponsoring team of Dallas Police officers in softball league

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When most people in Dallas think of nightclubs sponsoring a softball team, they think of the Pegasus Slowpitch Softball Association. But the owner of the gay bar Pekers, located on Oak Lawn Avenue, this year broke that mold by sponsoring a team of Dallas police officers competing in softball league that plays in Garland.

Frank Holland, owner of Pekers, said the partnership started after some of the officers responded to a call in his bar's parking lot. The extreme heat of this year's North Texas summer was taking its toll on the officers, so Holland's bar offer them water and food.

Not long afterward, "They actually came in and asked us if we would sponsor them," Holland explained. "They remembered how nice [the people at] Pekers were, and they loved the logo."

Holland also said the bar has gotten very good response from its patrons, who think it's great that Pekers is sponsoring the officers' team.

"Most of the gay bars have a really good rapport [with the Dallas Police]," Holland said. "We think it's a good thing for the community because it shows the police are not as homophobic as people think they are."

And the officers are happy with the arrangement, too.

Officer Brian Nolff, one of the softball team members, said that he and his fellow officers worked in the Oak Lawn area and had been look-



Frank Holland

ing around at different sponsorship opportunities. The gayborhood had been kind to them in the past, Nolff said, so they figured Pekers' sponsorship of the team would be a good connection for them.

"It's been real positive as far as the officers [and the community] are concerned," Nolff said.

Nolff said it doesn't matter where the sponsorship comes from, as long as the team supported. The prospect of having a gay bar as a sponsor didn't deter any of the team members, he said, adding that they "haven't had an issue with it yet."

Pekers will be paying for the team's uniforms and other equipment, and club staff and patrons plan to caravan out to Garland to watch the games. The games will be held on Monday nights at Audubon Park at 7 p.m. ■

■ DISD

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Last fall, board members discussed gender identity and expression during the debate on the comprehensive new anti-bullying policy.

"We did a good job of educating them on the topic then," McDonnell said.

He said these changes brought the harassment, retaliation and discrimination policies in line with the policies passed to combat bullying.

"They wanted to make the language match the anti-bullying policy," McDonnell said.

The only questions asked were about a provision on genetic information required by the federal government.

Federal law requires genetic privacy. The law was passed to protect people from insurance companies requiring disclosure of genetic testing to find predisposition to certain diseases.

But it also protects a transgender person from having an employer release genetic information about his or her birth gender that might differ from presentation.

DISD became the third school district in Texas

to include gender identity and expression in its harassment policies after Houston and Fort Worth ISDs. McDonnell said other districts were waiting to hear what changes in policy the legislature would require in the session that ended in May.

He suggested those districts look at the DISD policy, which he called the most comprehensive in protecting students, faculty and staff.

"Now the focus is how the policy is being used," McDonnell said. "Are the students protected?"

McDonnell also said that he participated in a training session with DISD security officers. The session was lively with a lot of questions, he said, which he believes means they are serious about stopping bullying and harassment in Dallas schools.

When Dallas schools opened this week, all students were given a code of conduct that contains the new anti-bullying policy. Each student had to return a signed form that they read and understood the policy.

The anti-bullying bill that was passed by the legislature in the spring goes into effect on Sept. 1. In Dallas, the policies are already in place. ■



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SUCCESS | Brian Bleeker, left, keynote speaker for the Landmark Dinner held Aug. 13 at the W Hotel, is pictured with Lisa Blue Baron, center, and Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez. The event raised more than \$120,000 for Lambda Legal. (Photo courtesy Debra Gloria)

Death

Paul David Tomko, 41, of Dallas died on Aug. 19.

He was born in El Paso and graduated from Irvin High School and University of Texas in El Paso.

Tomko had lived in Dallas for the past 10 years. He worked as a senior IBM consultant, and previously had worked as a project manager at CPM, and before that worked at White Sands Missile Range.

Tomko was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy Tomko.

He is survived by his father, Donald Tomko; brothers, Jackie Tomko, Donald Tomko Jr., Dwayne Tomko and Jammye Tomko; nieces, Megan Tomko and Samantha Tomko; and many aunts, uncles and friends.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Aug. 27 at 11 a.m. at North Dallas Funeral Home, 2710 Valley View Lane.

Tomko was a frequent donor to AIDS Inerfaith Network, Resource Center Dallas and Genesis Women's Shelter and donations in his memory can be made to any of these organizations.



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ceive the Media Award.

Comedian and *Sordid Lives: The Series* star Caroline Rhea will be emcee for the event.

Arnold and Kouvelis also hinted that more big announcements are yet to come, thanks to the involvement of dinner sponsor Diamond Jacks Casino and Resort of Shreveport.

"Diamond Jacks has stepped up from their previous Silver Sponsor level to become a Diamond Level sponsor, and that has been a huge deal for us," Arnold said. "It lets us do even more than before."

"They have been super to work with," she continued. "Diamond Jack's played a huge role in helping us secure Marlee Matlin as our speaker, and they are playing a huge role in helping us bring in some other very special entertainment. We hope to be making that announcement soon."

Matlin in 1986 became the youngest woman — and the only deaf person — ever to receive the Academy Award for best actress when she won the award at age 21 for her role in *Children of a Lesser God*. She also won a Golden Globe award for that role.

She went on to a successful career in both movies and television, including a role as Bette Porter's partner, Jodi Lerner, in 29 episodes of Showtime's lesbian drama *The L Word*, from 2007



MEDIA STAR | 'Modern Family' star Jesse Tyler Ferguson will receive the 2011 Media Award at the Black Tie Dinner in November.

to 2009.

Matlin has also been active in a number of charitable organizations, including Easter Seals, where she was named an honorary board member; the Children Affected by AIDS Foundation,

Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, VSA arts and the Red Cross Celebrity Cabinet.

She was appointed by President Clinton in 1994 to the Corporation for National Service and served as chair of National Volunteer Week.

Arnold described Matlin as a vocal supporter of LGBT rights.

Retired Marine Staff Sgt. Alva, a San Antonio native, was the first American serviceman injured in the Iraq War, losing his right leg when he stepped on a land mine while leading a supply unit in March 2003.

In 2007, Alva came out publicly as a gay man and has been working with the Human Rights Campaign since then to end the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy which has kept lesbians and gay men from serving openly.

Although Congress voted last December to repeal DADT, the policy has remained in effect while military leaders conducted training to prepare the military for open service by lesbians and gays. The president and the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff certified repeal last month, and repeal takes effect, finally, on Sept. 20 — less than a month before Alva will accept the Elizabeth Birch Equality Award in Dallas.

"This is such an exciting time for him," Kouvelis said of Alva. "He has been working tirelessly since he left the service and came out to get DADT repealed. Now it's finally happening."

"We are just so thrilled with what he has done for our community, and so thrilled that he will

be accepting this award. He is a real hero," Kouvelis added.

Arnold added that when DADT repeal legislation last December, Alva was "standing there, right behind him, looking over the president's shoulder as he signed it." She also said that Alva, who is featured in the current issue of *GQ Magazine*, was a special guest a previous Black Tie Dinner.

"It is so wonderful to have him back with us, especially at such an exciting time," Arnold said.

The Black Tie co-chairs this week also offered a preview of some of the items that will be included in the luxury auction at the dinner this year.

Auction items include an eight-day trip to Rome and Malta, a complete bathroom remodel, a Scotland wedding package and a Puerto Vallarta vacation.

In addition, raffle tickets are still available, for \$100 each, for a chance to win a 2012 Mercedes Benz C300 Sport Coupe, donated by Park Place Motorcars of Dallas. Raffle tickets are available online and from Black Tie board members and beneficiaries.

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Oak Lawn retailer wholesales his own brand

David Richardson of Skivvies has designed a line of men's underwear that is now selling around the country

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Dave Richardson not only sells underwear at his store Skivvies on Cedar Springs Road but now wholesales a line under the store's name.

"I've always wanted to create some underwear styles of my own," said Richardson.

This week he and his partner Todd Seaton are in Las Vegas at MAGIC, the largest men's apparel wholesale market, looking for new lines for their store and selling the new Skivvies line to other stores.

When it opened, Skivvies was the first men's fashion underwear store in the country, Richardson said. With its 5,000-square-foot space, it has remained the largest.

Richardson said that others have copied his idea and some individual brands have opened retail outlets. But his concept of selling underwear as fashion was new when he created the



GENTLEMEN PREFER SKIVVIES | Dave Richardson shows off one of his new Skivvies designs that will soon be available in stores across the country. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

store.

About 30 years ago, Richardson began his retail career at TapeLenders with his partner, Steve Freeman. After Freeman's death, Richardson took over the rental outlet and expanded with a

store in Austin.

In 1994, he and Seaton, his new partner, opened OutLines and about five years later Skivvies. They have since sold the other stores

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New app offers safety in numbers



RIDE SAFE | Cyclists in the Lone Star Ride Fighting AIDS each year peddle through some pretty isolated stretches of road. This year, MobileTREC is equipping each rider with the SafeTREC application and service to give them an added layer of security on the road. MobileTREC is also donating \$1 from every SafeTREC subscription to Lone Star Ride. (Tammye Nash/Dallas Voice)

SafeTREC service now partnering with Lone Star Ride; adds a layer of security to life, company officials say

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We all know what happens when you find yourself in an emergency situation at your home, and you pick up your landline to call 9-11 for help: The 9-11 operators can use their system to determine your exact location and send help, even if you aren't able to tell them where you are.

But what happens if you, like many people these days, use your cell phone as your home phone instead of having a landline? What happens if you are in your car, or perhaps walking or cycling?

Those locations can't be wired into the 9-11 system, and the best emergency operators can do is triangulate your location to within a three-, six- or nine-mile radius, depending on the circumstances. And when minutes count, that might not be good enough.

That's the problem that the people at MobileTREC were trying to solve when they came up with their SafeTREC and SafeKidZone applications for smart phones, according to Martin Lobe, MobileTREC's vice president of sales and mar-

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while expanding Skivvies.

"I've learned what design aspects sell the best," Richardson said. "So in my new line I've combined the colors, fabrications, fit, pouch design and waistband materials that our customers like best."

Through a contact in the garment industry, he found a factory in Medellin, Columbia that is manufacturing the product in relatively small runs of 10,000 pieces at prices he can wholesale competitively.

After the first manufacturing run, Richardson and Seaton tested the brand in their own store.

"To my great surprise and pleasure, it's been selling very well," Richardson said.

Then they held their product launch party on the last Atlantis cruise and picked up a few retail accounts. Skivvies is now selling in stores

such as LA Sporting Club in Los Angeles and Underwear Station in Miami.

For the Las Vegas market, they chose the top five models, counting on those models to catch on across the country.

Since "skivvies" is a military term, Richardson decided to use military terms for each of the designs in the line. "Rear admiral," he said, has the butt cut out.

Richardson said that when he got into the business, most underwear lines had two or three styles and colors.

"Now we get new styles in constantly," Todd said.

As for the wholesale line, Richardson said he's hoping to grow slowly and steadily.

"We don't want to be a flash in the pan," he said.

He said he doesn't want to overextend his company and would be delighted with about. ■

A slide show of men modeling the new Skivvies line is available on line.

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keting.

Users download the MobileTREC app they want to their smart phone and then pay a \$9.95 per month subscription fee to use the service. Lobe said the company is also working to finalize a family plan for \$19.95 a month that he hopes will be available within the next month.

To use the service, he explained, users designate a specific button on their phone as the "panic button," and in case of emergency, they push that button and the MobileTREC operators contact the appropriate responders. And the MobileTREC apps marry with the phone's GPS signal to send responders to the user's exact location, Lobe said.

Lobe said the applications and MobileTREC's subscription services can give users an added layer of security and some options that you don't get with 9-11.

With the SafeKidZone app, children can punch the panic button and that activates a whole community of responders — friends and family as well as police and fire — to come to their aid.

Lobe explained that users establish a network of contacts among family and friends, and if a child needs help, the SafeKidZone program sends an immediate text and email to the established "safety network" as well as to the company's 24-hour Response Call Center. Then the child, the "safety network" members and the Call Center are linked through a live conference call.

That lets everyone know what the child's situation is, allowing the closest family member or friend to respond immediately or if necessary, the Call Center personnel will notify 9-11 to send police or fire, giving them the child's exact location.

SafeTREC is the same sort of application and service, only geared for adults, such as college students, senior citizens, business travelers or those on vacation.

"Think about someone, an adult, who may have some sort of disability or illness, and they fall in their home and can't get up. They don't

need medical attention, but if 9-11 sends an ambulance, they have to pay for that. With SafeTREC, they push the panic button and the system sends someone in their safety network over to help them up," Lobe said.

"I have gay friends, and when I started looking into it, doing some research, I realized just how often gay bashings are happening, and how sometimes gay people are not getting the proper protection from police in some instances. And I knew that our service is something that could be very, very helpful to gay people," Lobe said. "We want to let the LGBT community know that this is available, that they are not alone."

The service is also perfect, Lobe said, for sports enthusiasts — like cyclists or runners — who might find themselves out on the road and suddenly in need of help. And that, he added, makes a partnership between MobileTREC and Lone Star Ride Fightings AIDS a perfect match.

MobileTREC CEO Don Ferguson explained that his company will be equipping every Lone Star Ride Fighting AIDS rider with the SafeTREC service, and will also donate \$1 from every subscription to LSRFA.

The two-day Lone Star Ride, scheduled this year for Sept. 24-25, raises money for three AIDS service organizations — AIDS Services of Dallas, AIDS Outreach Center of Tarrant County and Resource Center Dallas.

"I can see the Lone Star Ride is a worthwhile event where people are getting together to help others, and I am excited for SafeTREC to become a part of it," Ferguson said.

And helping people help each other, he added, is one of the goals of the company.

"Our system is designed not only to protect people when they are in danger but also to build a safety network so people are automatically looking out for each other," Ferguson said. "Man is not an island. We survive better together, and that is what we are doing at SafeTREC. We are creating a community of people looking out for each other." ■

For more information, go online to MobileTREC.com

Online revenge can now mean a felony conviction



Chad West



Laura Martin

Local officials stepping up enforcement of new Internet harassment law targeting those who harass, impersonate others online

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Dallas police and the Dallas County District Attorney's office have begun stepping up enforcement of a 2009 Internet harassment law that makes it a felony to impersonate, imitate or otherwise harass others in e-mails, instant messaging programs and commercial social networking sites.

And some gay men who use online dating and social media sites are getting caught in the crosshairs.

"Word is getting out about the law," Dallas LGBT police liaison Laura Martin said, adding that she's spoken to a number of people who have been harassed with phone calls, Internet posts and fake Facebook pages.

"It usually happens when a relationship ends," Martin said, "[when] someone is seeking revenge."

She said that usually the person filing the complaint just wants the harassment to stop. And when she's made calls to the person, Martin said, it usually does stop.

But with the new Texas Penal Code 33.07, those using such sites to harass someone could be

charged with a felony.

Since the beginning of July, criminal defense attorney Chad West said he has signed four new clients charged under the law. Three of them are gay.

The cases are varied. One involves harassment through a Facebook page; another is a "text message situation," West said.

West said one of his clients had been dating a closeted man for years. When the closeted man broke off the relationship, the two remained in touch for awhile, but then the closeted man wanted to cut off all communication.

West said his client told him his feelings had been hurt by his ex's actions and then "one night he did something stupid."

On Craigslist, the client posted his ex's first name, last initial and cell phone number with a picture of someone else. Within minutes the ex began receiving calls.

After talking to one of the callers, the victim found the page on Craigslist, printed it off and filed a complaint with the police who tracked the IP address.

West's client, with nothing prior on his record other than speeding tickets, was arrested and charged with a third degree felony. If convicted, he faces two to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

In another case, one man was impersonating his boyfriend online. Using the victim's passwords, he signed onto dating sites such as Manhunt to find out if the victim was cheating on him.

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Cheating is not a crime. Impersonating someone else online in Texas is. And that man has now been charged with a felony.

Manhunt does what it can to prevent that sort of situation, Manhunt CEO Adam Segel said. A button on profiles allows a member to report fake or malicious profiles.

"Whenever Manhunt receives reports of harassment between users, we investigate to the best of our ability and take whatever steps are necessary to rectify the situation," Segel said.

"This may include suspension or deletion of the offending user's account," he explained.

Segel said that Manhunt always cooperates with the police once officers have obtained a subpoena, but those instances are rare. "Fortunately this isn't something we hear about very often," he said.

West has spoken to the victims in all of the cases he represents. He said that all of them just want this to go away and that none seem interested in appearing in court to testify about intimate details of their lives.

And that's the best hope West's clients have.

Defending the charge is difficult when police have hard computer evidence of where the harassment originated and when a victim is willing to testify, West said.

The Craigslist case is furthest along and may be reduced to a Class A misdemeanor, but that still carries the possibility of up to a year in jail and a \$4,000 fine. Probation or deferred adjudication are possibilities as well. Even if dismissed, the legal fees can mount quickly.

West said one of the victims he spoke to isn't interested in putting his ex in jail but wants him to get counseling. A judge could set that as a condition of the probation or deferred adjudication.

Katherine Robinson is an assistant Dallas district attorney who prosecutes Internet crimes. She said that her office looks at cases like these very carefully, but because the law is still new, she hasn't seen any cases come to trial.

Robinson said the Texas law was prompted by

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improve the quality of care it provides to patients.

"I think if anything it eventually enriches us as opposed to costing us money," McDonald said after the vote, adding that DP benefits have been "a long time coming."

In September 2007, McDonald pulled a proposal to add DP benefits from the Board of Managers' agenda at the last minute, citing opposition from "ultra-right wing, homophobic" board members.

Parkland is Dallas County's public hospital, and the Board of Managers is appointed by the Commissioners Court, which was then controlled by Republicans.

"We opted at the time not to even bring it up," McDonald told Dallas Voice in 2008. "If you have a vote that's negative, you send a message."

After Democrats took control of the Commissioners Court at the start of this year, several new

a 2006 cyber-bullying case in Missouri.

Megan Meier, 13, took her own life after being told online that the world would be better off without her by "Josh," a boy who friended her on MySpace.

"Josh" turned out to be Lori Drew, an adult woman. Megan was one of her daughter's classmates.

However, Drew had not violated any criminal law at the time. She was charged and acquitted of violating the terms and conditions of MySpace under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

Robinson said that after that case, legislatures started enacting stricter Internet harassment laws.

"That case hit home how devastating it can be," Robinson said.

Assistant District Attorney Rick Watson has handled two cases under the Internet harassment law.

"I talk to the victim, balance what they want and make sure the public is safe," he said.

In one case, a high school student created a Facebook page with another student's information and made threatening remarks.

The student received four years probation but only after a psych evaluation to make sure he was not a danger.

Watson said the student thought he was pulling a prank, and had no idea he would be charged with a felony.

Watson said that although charges may be reduced, they're not likely to be dismissed.

West warned that although these cases may eventually be pled to misdemeanors, the arrest and associated costs can be enormous. He said that the potential is a felony conviction and with all the attention placed on bullying last fall, Internet harassment is being taken seriously by law enforcement in Dallas.

And Dallas County is not the only place police are pursuing these cases. Of West's four clients, only two are in Dallas. One is in Denton and another is in Collin County.

Web extra: The full text of the Texas Penal Code Sec. 33.07: ONLINE HARASSMENT can be found online at DallasVoice.com.

members were appointed to the seven-person Board of Managers. The new members include Dr. Roberto de la Cruz, who is openly gay and made the motion to approve DP benefits on Tuesday.

"It's a big day," de la Cruz said after the vote, adding that he trained as an intern at Parkland in the 1990s. "It's a personal day for me because I come from here."

The Board of Managers member who abstained from Tuesday's vote was Jerry Bryant. "I don't want to discuss it," Bryant said when asked the reason for his abstention. Bryant was appointed to the Board of Managers by Republican Commissioner Mike Cantrell earlier this year.

Although Parkland is adding DP benefits in 2012, the Commissioners Court has no plans to do so for Dallas County's roughly 7,000 employees, County Judge Clay Jenkins confirmed this week.

Jenkins, a Democrat who chairs the Commissioners Court and supports offering DP benefits, said he was "very pleased" with the Parkland vote

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District Clerk Gary Fitzsimmons

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and had lobbied for the change among appointees to the Board of Managers.

"I think that's the right thing to do for a variety of reasons," Jenkins said. "We've got to recruit and keep the very best staff, and this is an important component of successfully doing that."

But Jenkins noted that the county is facing a \$35 million budget shortfall this year and already plans to cut \$5.6 million in employee health care costs — under a proposal that's set to be voted on by the Commissioners Court next Tuesday, Aug. 30.

Jenkins said he hopes to look at adding DP benefits next year, when the county's budget shortfall is expected to be smaller. He added that the Parkland board's vote will "put the county in a better position to favorably consider doing this."

"I will use the empirical data that arises from that decision in crafting a plan for the county," Jenkins said.

District Clerk Gary Fitzsimmons, who's openly gay, said a plan for the county to offer DP benefits should already have been crafted.

Fitzsimmons said he met with the newly elected members of the Commissioners Court — Jenkins and Dr. Elba Garcia — in January and asked them to initiate a study of the cost of offering DP benefits.

But when Dallas Voice inquired about the status of the DP benefits initiative earlier this month, it became clear that no such study had been conducted. Instead, a county spokeswoman provided the newspaper with "off the-cuff" figures, Fitzsimmons said.

The Commissioners Court voted in April to add sexual orientation and gender identity to the county's employment nondiscrimination policy. But Fitzsimmons called that move "largely symbolic" and said it has little potential financial impact.

"It's not enough to expect our elected officials to support equality in the workplace when it doesn't cost them," Fitzsimmons said. "They need to support equality in the workplace when it does cost them." ■

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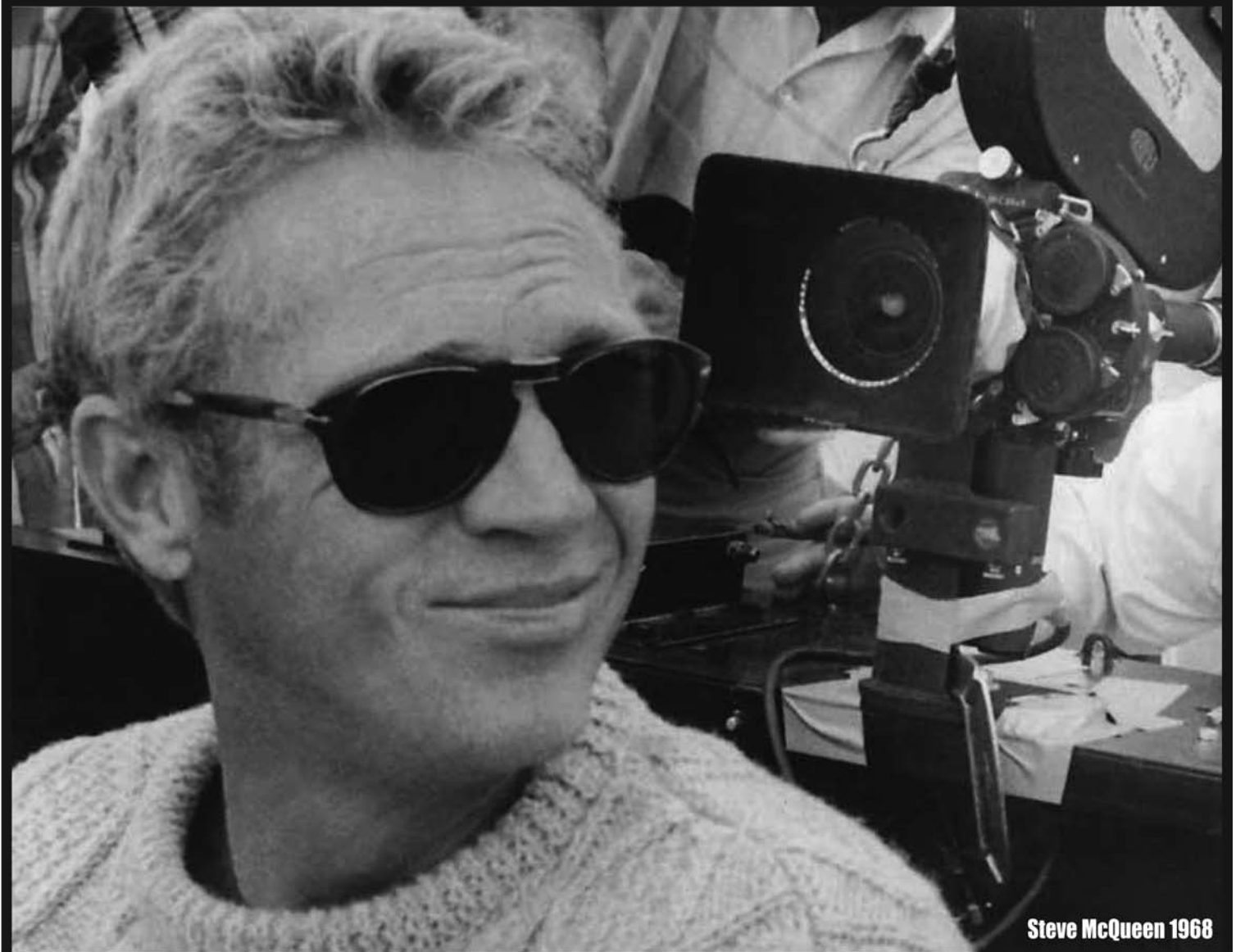


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Are LGBT students safer this year?

A year after a rash of teen suicides focused attention on the problem of anti-LGBT bullying, some experts say it's true things have improved, but not nearly enough

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Anti-LGBT bullying took the national stage last fall after the highly publicized suicides of several teens bullied for being or being perceived to be LGBT.

The relentless bullying, many believe, may have been one of the contributing factors in many of those youths' decisions to attempt suicide, and their deaths led to a surge of anti-bullying awareness campaigns and media coverage.

But will LGBT students entering school this fall be any safer after a year of heightened awareness about the issue? Two LGBT leaders are doubtful, although they acknowledge some positive changes.

Eliza Byard, executive director of the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network, said, "Last fall, the nation as a whole woke up to the potential consequences of this problem."

And this year, "more schools are aware of what they need to do, and there are more resources out there," she said.

But while "we've made progress" in people's understanding of anti-LGBT bullying and "ideas and policies are getting traction," Byard said, there is still "a lot of work to be done."

David McFarland, interim executive director/CEO of The Trevor Project, the leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to LGBT and questioning youth, said he too believes there is a long way yet to go.

"We're not there yet because we're continuing to see anti-LGBT rhetoric and movement across this country that has a negative effect on young people," McFarland said. "There is greater awareness around this issue, but LGBT students still experience bullying and harassment at an alarming rate."

Research has shown the negative effects of bullying. GLSEN's 2009 National School Climate Survey found that nearly 9 out of 10 LGBT students experienced verbal or physical harassment at school in the previous year, which was related to increased depression and anxiety and decreased self-esteem.

And a study in the May 2011 Journal of School Health found that anti-LGBT bullying at school "is strongly linked" to negative mental health for its victims, including an increased frequency of sui-



ANTI-BULLYING CONFERENCE | President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama sit with Brandon Greene of Burrillville, R.I., right, and Jacqui Knight of Moore, Okla., as they meet with students and parents from the Conference on Bullying Prevention in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington last March. (Pablo Martinez Monsivais/AP)

cide attempts and increased risk for engaging in behaviors that can lead to infection with STDs and HIV.

The increased risks exist not only while the victim is in adolescence, but also in young adulthood.

At the federal level

Federal actions taken over the last year to address anti-LGBT bullying include, most promi-

nently, an anti-bullying conference hosted by the White House in March 2011, at which President Obama told attendees that bullying is "more likely to affect kids that are seen as different," including those who are different because of sexual orientation.

The U.S. Department of Education has also issued a number of letters to educators, reminding them:

- that federal laws require schools to take action

against bullying, including gender-based and sexual harassment of LGBT students.

- that schools receiving federal funds must provide equal access to school resources for all student groups, including gay-straight alliances, and that GSAs "can help make schools safe and affirming environments for everyone."

- that effective state anti-bullying laws include ones that specify "actual or perceived characteris-



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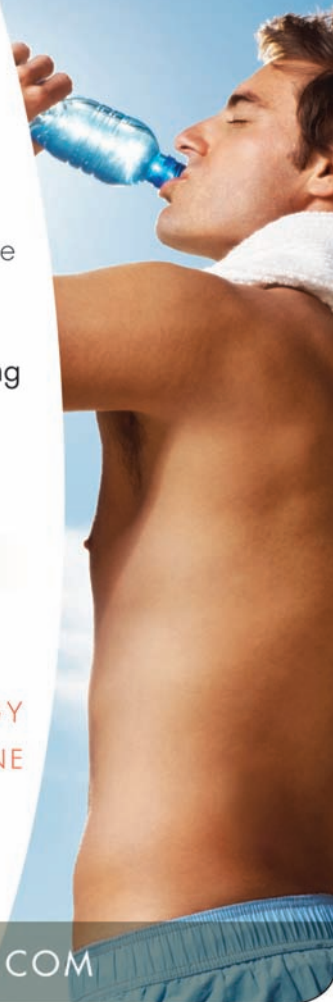
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Testing a new era: Who defines spouse?



IN DOUBT BECAUSE OF DOMA | NCLR attorney Shannon Minter, third from left, stands with other marriage equality supporters outside the California State Supreme Court during a March, 2008 press conference. Minter says that confusion caused by DOMA could lead to NCLR client Jennifer Tobits losing benefits due her from the estate of her late wife, Elyn Farley. (Marcio Jose Sanchez/AP)

Dispute over woman's estate between her partner, parents highlights the problems of DOMA

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One obituary described Elyn Farley as a happy, studious, pet-loving attorney married to her spouse Jennifer Tobits and only "reluctantly" wearing dresses to attend Mass.

The other described her as a fierce litigator and champion to the underdog, survived by her parents, her brother, various aunts and uncles, a godmother, and "good friends for life who will be in her heart forever, Jennifer and Nancy, of Chicago; and numerous cousins and other devoted friends."

The first was published in the Chicago Tribune, in the city where Farley lived with her spouse Jennifer Tobits. The latter was published in the Roanoke Times, in Virginia, where Farley grew up.

The first was drafted by one of the lesbian couple's friends and was reviewed and edited by Tobits.

The latter was coordinated by Farley's parents who, according to Tobits, did not consult her about its contents.

The first makes clear that Farley was married to a woman; the latter scrubs that reality out of her life story.

Now, Farley's surviving spouse, Jennifer Tobits, and her parents, Joan and David Farley, are squaring off in two different courts over their different portrayals of Farley.

In probate court in Illinois, they are fighting

over Farley's will. In a federal court in Pennsylvania, where Farley's law firm is headquartered, they are trying to influence a judge's determination of who should properly receive the benefits of Farley's profit-sharing plan.

"This is the new era," said Shannon Minter, legal director of the San Francisco-based National Center for Lesbian Rights. "We are all familiar with hearing stories about parents stepping in and not honoring their children's relationships and trying to take all the assets. Now that so many couples are in marriages or civil unions or domestic partnerships, it's still happening; but we have a degree ... of legal protections that we didn't have before."

But in this new era of litigation, Minter said, "there is a lot of confusion" caused by the federal Defense of Marriage Act.

DOMA

DOMA is the federal law that prohibits the federal government from recognizing marriages between same-sex couples. It has two sections.

One states, "No state ... shall be required to give effect to any public act, record, or judicial proceeding of any other state ... respecting a relationship between persons of the same sex that is treated as a marriage under the laws of such other state, territory, possession or tribe, or a right or claim arising from such relationship."

The second section reads, "In determining the meaning of any act of Congress, or of any ruling, regulation or interpretation of the various administrative bureaus and agencies of the United States, the word 'marriage' means only a legal union between one man and one woman as hus-

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band and wife, and the word 'spouse' refers only to a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife."

Farley's parents, represented by the right-wing Thomas More Society, a pro-life law firm, say DOMA precludes the courts from awarding any of Farley's death benefits to Tobits.

Minter of NCLR, which is representing Tobits, says DOMA does not apply to private employers, such as Farley's law firm.

"[P]rivate employers cannot use that as an excuse for not honoring our marriages," said Minter.

Nevertheless, Farley's law firm, Cozen O'Connor, has asked a federal court to settle the dispute for them.

The Tobits/Farley case

Jennifer Tobits and Ellyn Farley were married in Toronto on Feb. 17, 2006, and made their home in Chicago. Just a few weeks after their marriage, Farley was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer, which she battled for four years.

She died on Sept. 13, 2010.

Shortly after Farley's death, her parents, Joan and David Farley of Roanoke, Va., petitioned an Illinois probate court for the right to take over administration of their daughter's estate. They also sought the assets of a profit-sharing plan Farley had, as partner of the Cozen O'Connor law firm.

The firm filed a motion on Jan. 24, 2011, asking the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania to determine who gets the benefits payment.

"In the last week of her life," said Minter, "Ellyn wrote a will because she feared her parents would try to take everything from Jennifer."

"Ellyn appointed her close friend Nancy [Tuohy] to be the executor of the estate," he explained. "Initially, Nancy accepted that position and acted as the executor but declined the responsibility later after she realized that she would need to hire an attorney in order to resolve the Farleys' various claims to Ellyn's estate."

"The Farleys knew that Jennifer and Ellyn married," explained Minter. "But they take the position that the marriage is not valid and are arguing that it should not be legally recognized because of DOMA."

What will Illinois do?

The underlying issue in this case is whether Illinois will recognize the marriage, said Minter.

A civil unions law took effect in Illinois on June 1 this year, and, according to James L. Bennett, Midwest regional director of Lambda Legal, "Illinois recognizes marriages performed in other states or countries, even Canada, as civil unions in Illinois."

Under that law, said Minter, Tobits would be preferred over Farley's parents to be administrator of Farley's estate.

The law firm states, in its document to the federal court, that the firm "had not received a valid designation of beneficiary form from Ms. Farley prior to her death."



Evan Wolfson

Following Farley's death, said the firm, Farley's parents presented them with a beneficiary form "purporting to show that Ms. Farley had designated them as her beneficiaries ... and had represented her present marital status as 'single.'"

The form was dated Sept. 12, 2010, the day before Farley died.

But Cozen also notes that, "inconsistent with the declaration" that Farley was "single," the beneficiary form submitted by the Farleys "also purports" to have the notarized signature of "Ms. Farley's spouse."

The firm says the form "is not signed by [Farley's] spouse."

"Accordingly, Cozen O'Connor cannot determine the validity of this designation of beneficiary form," states the firm's document to the court.

Tobits, in documents she filed with the federal court, denies ever signing the beneficiary form, but she also acknowledges obtaining a "blank designation of beneficiary form" for Farley's father the day before Farley died.

Tobits said she did this because the father had instructed hospital staff that the parents — and not Tobits — would make medical decisions for Farley and because she "feared" the father "would refuse her access to Ms. Farley's hospital room unless she complied."

"Wanting to see her dying wife and to avoid a dispute in the hospital with her wife's parents," said the documents filed by NCLR, "Ms. Tobits went home to retrieve the form."

Tobits said she was not present when Farley purportedly signed the form and that the form "was signed" about 30 minutes after Farley had begun vomiting blood.

Farley "fell asleep that night" and died the following morning.

Tobits claims that Farley "suffered from weakened intellect," that Farley's parents exercised "undue influence" over Farley, and that Farley did not sign the form of her own free will.

"Ellyn did not have to fill out a form for her spouse to get the benefits," Minter said. "Under the plan, the benefits go to an employee's spouse unless the employee designates someone else and

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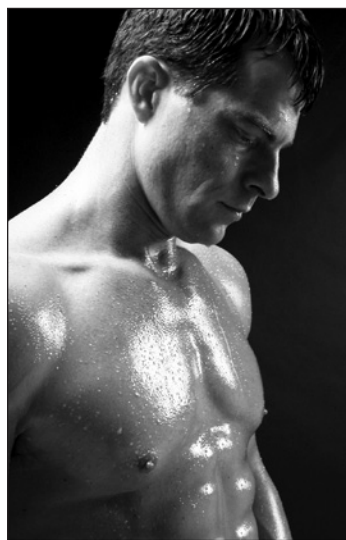
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Judge apologizes for delay in ruling on trans inmate's case

Kosilek's case demanding that the state pay for her gender reassignment surgery dates back to 2006

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BOSTON — A federal judge has apologized to a transgender inmate who has waited years for a ruling on whether she can get a taxpayer-funded sex-change operation.

Michelle Kosilek, a convicted murderer, first sued the Massachusetts Department of Correction 11 years ago.

Two years later, U.S. District Judge Mark Wolf ruled that Kosilek was entitled to treatment for gender-identity disorder, but stopped short of ordering surgery to complete Kosilek's transformation into a woman.

Kosilek sued again in 2005, arguing that the female hormones she was receiving were not enough to relieve her anxiety and depression. Kosilek argued that the surgery was a medical necessity and that the Department of Correction was violating her constitutional rights by refusing to provide the operation.

Since 2006, Wolf has heard hundreds of hours of testimony from medical experts and others, but has not issued his ruling.

On Thursday, Aug. 18, as Kosilek's lawyers made additional arguments citing recent rulings in other transgender cases, Wolf apologized for taking so long.

"I deeply regret that my decision in this case has not yet been issued," he said.

Wolf, the chief judge at U.S. District Court in Boston, has handled a number of noteworthy cases recently.

He presided over the trial of former House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi, who was convicted in June of conspiracy, extortion and other charges.

He also is scheduled to rule on a request for a new trial in the federal death penalty case of Gary Sampson, a drifter from Abington who was sentenced to death after killing three people during a weeklong crime rampage in 2001.

Wolf told attorneys for Kosilek and the Department of Correction that he knows the case "is extremely important ... to all parties."

"I will continue to keep that in mind," he said. Kosilek, born as Robert, was convicted of killing his wife in 1990.

Kosilek, now 62, legally changed his name to Michelle in 1993. She has received hormone treatments and lives as a woman in the state prison in Norfolk, a medium-security, all-male facility.

During the Aug. 18 hearing, Kosilek's lawyer, Frances Cohen, said a recent ruling by the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in the case of another



Michelle Kosilek

transgender inmate bolsters Kosilek's claim that prison officials are violating her constitutional rights by denying her the surgery.

In the ruling, the appeals court upheld a lower court judge who found the state Department of Correction had shown deliberate indifference to inmate Sandy Battista's medical needs by repeatedly denying her request for female hormone treatments.

The court found that the department's claim that its decision was based on security concerns had been "undercut by a collection of pretexts, delays and misrepresentations."

Prison officials have cited similar security concerns in the Kosilek case, saying that allowing her to have the surgery could make her a target for sexual assaults by other inmates.

Cohen said the security concerns were also a pretext in the Kosilek case.

"It is remarkably similar to what we've been hearing in this court for quite some time," she said.

But Richard McFarland, a lawyer for the Department of Correction, said the prison officials are genuinely concerned about security problems if Kosilek is allowed to have the surgery.

He cited the testimony of former DOC Commissioner Kathleen Dennehy, who said the department's decision to deny the surgery had nothing to do the costs — about \$20,000 — or the political ramifications of allowing an inmate to have a taxpayer-funded sex-change operation.

McFarland said the DOC has given Kosilek hormone treatments, female items and psychotherapy to help her deal with gender-identity disorder.

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Elmhurst College becomes 1st to ask about sexual orientation

Students who identify as LGBT might qualify for scholarships, can be directed to campus groups, president says

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ELMHURST, Ill. — Elmhurst College in suburban Chicago has become the first in the country to ask students directly on admissions applications about their gender identity and sexual orientation.

The application asks: "Would you consider yourself to be a member of the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered) community?"

Students who answer "yes" may be eligible for a scholarship that will pay up to a third of tuition, said Gary Rold, the college's dean of admissions. The information also will help officials direct incoming students to services and groups that could help them on campus, Rold added.

"Increasing diversity is part of our mission statement," Rold told the Chicago Sun-Times. "This is simply closing the loop, in many ways, of another group who has a very strong identity. It may not be race and religion, but it's an important



Circle Hall at Elmhurst College

part of who they are."

The question will appear on applications for students hoping to start in the fall of 2012. Like questions about race and religion, answering is optional and will not affect admissions decisions.

Elmhurst College is a private, liberal arts college that has 3,300 undergraduate students. It is affiliated with the United Church of Christ.

"It is kind of a pleasant surprise that Elmhurst College in Illinois is the first campus to ask an identity question," said Shane Windmeyer, executive director of Campus Pride, a national non-profit group. "Some of the leaders in college admissions have done similar stuff but never asked the question."

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"We argue that the treatment provided to Miss Kosilek is adequate" and the surgery is not a medical necessity, McFarland said.

Wolf asked both sides to submit additional arguments in writing by Sept. 16. He tentatively scheduled another hearing for Oct. 11. ■

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Voluntary manslaughter conviction an option in McInerney trial

LOS ANGELES — A California judge has decided jurors may consider voluntary manslaughter in the trial of a teen accused of murdering a gay classmate at school.

Ventura County Superior Court Judge Charles Campbell decided Tuesday, Aug. 23, the panel could opt for the lesser charge rather than first-degree murder if they find Brandon McInerney guilty of killing 15-year-old Larry King.

The Ventura County Star reports Campbell felt that not allowing jurors to consider voluntary manslaughter would be problematic if there is an appeal.

The shooting occurred in February 2008 at E.O. Green Junior High School in Oxnard. McInerney, who is now 17, did not testify.

Closing arguments were expected to begin Thursday, Aug. 25.

The trial was moved to Los Angeles because of pretrial publicity.

Officer who produced anti-gay videos can stay in the Navy

NORFOLK, Virginia — A Navy panel says the former commander of a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier who produced raunchy videos aboard the ship can remain in the service.

The board of inquiry issued its recommendation Wednesday, Aug. 24. It had been looking at whether to dismiss Capt. Owen P. Honors from the Navy.

Honors was relieved of command in January after media reports about the videos surfaced. The videos included simulated same-sex shower scenes, anti-gay slurs and references to prostitution in foreign ports.

Honors says the videos were made to improve morale while teaching important shipboard lessons. He helped produce and appeared in the videos that aired on the ship between 2005 and 2007, when he was the ship's executive officer.

Both sides satisfied in talks over school district policy

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Both sides say they held productive talks toward settling two lawsuits

against Minnesota's largest school district challenging its policy requiring staff to remain neutral when sexual orientation is discussed in the classroom.

The plaintiffs say the policy prevents the Anoka-Hennepin School District from protecting kids perceived as gay from bullying and harassment.

Both sides issued a statement Tuesday night, Aug. 23, after talks mediated by U.S. Magistrate Judge Steven Rau in St. Paul saying they "look forward to future constructive dialogue." They also say they've agreed not to comment further on the settlement process.

No new talks are scheduled.

The lawsuits were filed this summer on behalf of six former and current students by the Southern Poverty Law Center and the National Center for Lesbian Rights after previous settlement efforts failed.

Gay council candidate says he is target of anti-gay messages

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — A gym owner who says he's the first openly gay candidate to run for Charlottesville City Council says he's been receiving anti-gay messages.

James Halfaday told the Daily Progress one of his fliers was returned Aug. 7 with a disparaging message and his face crossed out. He said he sought legal advice but was told the defaced flier didn't constitute a threat, so there was little he could do.

Halfaday said the flier is the latest in a string of attacks, including a July 31 email accusing him of "promoting perversion" and an insulting Facebook message in May. The Facebook message was configured to make it look like it was sent by Kathy Galvin, one of Halfaday's six opponents in the Democratic primary, but both campaigns and party officials say Galvin had nothing to do with it.

A letter to Halfaday and Galvin from Charlottesville Democratic Committee co-chairs Tom Vandever and Jim Nix says the message was likely generated "by an unknown third party" with the goal of damaging the campaigns of both candidates.

Nix and Vandever urged both campaigns to keep the incident quiet to lessen its impact.

Halfaday said he originally wanted to keep the hate mails quiet because he assumed they would die down and he didn't want to start an "uproar" in the gay and lesbian community.

He said he chose to come forward now because he's run a successful campaign despite the negatives, adding that he's not going to be intimidated.

Jonathan Stevens, a Galvin campaign adviser, said he thought the Facebook issue was a "dead letter" a long time ago.

"It was put aside as one of those nasty little things that can happen on the Internet," Stevens said.

Nix said that, to his knowledge, Halfaday is indeed the first openly gay person to run for City Council.

"This is 2011, it's not 1970 or something like that," Nix said. "Sadly, we do still live in an age where some people just don't accept that and do mean things."

Philadelphia trans inmate being moved to men's prison

PHILADELPHIA — A transgender woman who has been incarcerated at Riverside Correctional Facility, the city's only prison for women, for the past 14 months is being moved to a facility for male prisoners after complaining that a corrections officer had forced her to perform oral sex on him, according to reports by The Advocate.

Jovanie Saldana, 23, who has been living as a female since she was 12, was charged in June 2010 with felonies including armed robbery. Prison officials reportedly did not know Saldana was transgender until they recorded a telephone conversation between her and her mother while investigating Saldana's allegations against the corrections officer.

The Advocate reports that Saldana, who has not had gender-reassignment surgery, should have undergone a cavity search when she was first incarcerated in the prison, and then again each time she returned following outings for court appearances.

Lorenzo North, president of the union representing corrections officers, has said that the error in searching Saldana is proof that the officer Saldana accused of sexual abuse is innocent, according to the Advocate.

Teacher didn't violate policy with anti-gay Facebook post, officials say

Lake County School District Superintendent Susan Moxley has reinstated Mount Dora High School social studies teacher Jerry Buell, suspended after making anti-gay posts to his Facebook page, saying the posts did not violate the school district's code of conduct, WFTV.com has reported. Mount Dora is in Florida.

Buell, the district's former teacher of the year, was transferred to an administrative position while district officials investigated complaints over his Facebook page. Buell allegedly posted on Facebook that same-sex unions are a "cesspool" that make him want to throw up. The posts reportedly angered a number of his Facebook "friends," including current and former students.

Mount Dora High School graduated Brett Winters filed the complaint against Buell, saying that his Facebook posts indicated he was "dangerous to gay students."

Buell insisted he was "exercising my [free speech] rights as a citizen of this country."

The district is still investigating comments Buell made on a school web page and a class syllabus, and the teacher has been given a list of directives to follow, although that list has not been made public.

Fred Karger invited to California GOP's convention

Openly gay Republican presidential candidate Fred Karger has been invited to speak at the upcoming California GOP convention, according to reports by On Top Magazine. The invitation came within an hour of the publication of an article in the San Francisco Chronicle in which Karger accused the party of giving him "the cold shoulder."

Karger has said that his 2 percent showing in several recent polls marks him as a legitimate candidate, and State GOP Communications Director Mark Standriff said Karger has always been welcome in the California GOP.


But Jimmy LaSalvia, executive director of the gay Republican group GOProud said Karger is not a credible candidate.

"Unfortunately, Fred Karger is playing a stunt, and his stunt has run its course," LaSalvia told On Top.

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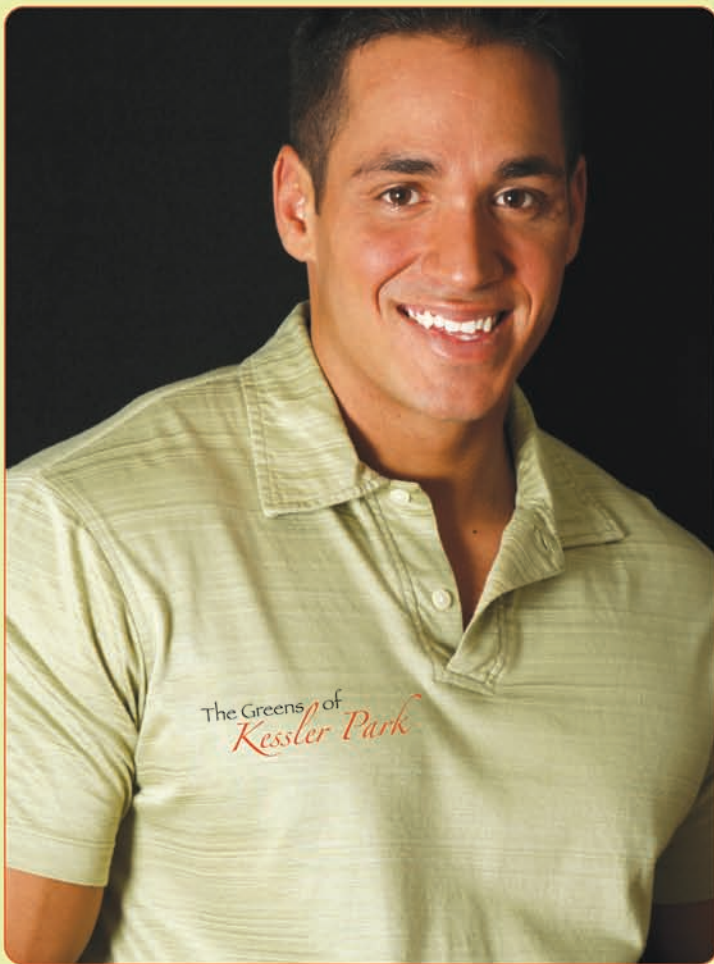
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tics of students who have historically been targets of bullying," such as sexual orientation and gender identity.

In the states

On the state level, since last fall, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut and Rhode Island enacted anti-bullying legislation that explicitly prohibits bullying based on sexual orientation and gender identity, as recommended by the Department of Education, making a total of 14 states that do so.

The others include California, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Vermont and Washington.

An additional two, Massachusetts and Wisconsin, specify sexual orientation, but not gender identity.

North Dakota and Texas enacted anti-bullying laws in the last year, but those laws do not enumerate sexual orientation and gender identity.

And Byard said there has been "tremendous activity at district and local levels" across the country to address bullying.

McFarland, too, stressed the importance of local action.

"Schools and communities need to take concrete steps, creating safe spaces where youth can receive support from caring adults," he said.

Both the Trevor Project and GLSEN are among the organizations that provide training to help them do so.

Byard said, however, that, "The biggest problem we have right now is that schools are in crisis because of the economy. We've got to make sure schools that want to do the right thing are not prevented because of a lack of resources."

It may be tough going. The federal Fiscal Year 2011 budget drained more than \$100 million from the two primary federal grant programs that ad-

dress bullying. And state education budgets continue to face cuts.

McFarland noted that, in some districts, the problem may be attitudinal as well as budgetary, especially in states and school districts with "no promo homo" laws or policies preventing school-based instruction that could be interpreted to be positive about homosexuality.

Eight states — Alabama, Arizona, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas and Utah — have such laws statewide, according to GLSEN.

But individual school districts in other states may have similar policies, as does the Anoka-Hennepin School District in Minnesota, part of which is in the congressional district of presidential candidate Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn.

The National Center for Lesbian Rights and the Southern Poverty Law Center recently filed a lawsuit against the district, claiming the policies "exacerbated" anti-gay harassment. This caused some students "serious emotional harm, including anxiety, anger, and depression, which led some of them to consider or attempt suicide."

In the nine months between November 2009 and July 2010, at least four LGBT students within the district died by suicide.

Federal anti-bullying legislation "would make an enormous difference," said Byard.

Three pairs of bills in the U.S. House and Senate would address anti-LGBT bullying and harassment in schools and universities. But the bills seem unlikely to pass the current Republican-controlled House, despite having a handful of Republican co-sponsors.

Still, Byard and McFarland feel the efforts over the past year have had some positive effect.

"After last year, more doors are open," Byard said. "People know this needs to be done."

McFarland added, "For the first time, the challenges of LGBT youth are no longer invisible on a local, state, or national level."

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the spouse gives written consent, which must be notarized," he explained.

"The Farleys filled out the form and pressured Ellyn to sign, but Jennifer did not" give her written consent, said Minter.

Cozen O'Connor court documents confirms, "Ms. Tobits' signature does not appear on the designation of beneficiary form in the space reserved for spouse consent to beneficiary designation."

Marriage discrimination

Evan Wolfson, founder and president of the National Freedom to Marry organization, said the dispute "highlights how unfair marriage discrimination is, adding to tensions and bad actions even within families."

And DOMA, he says, "gives those who would tear families apart an extra weapon to use even if the weapon itself is not appropriate."

The Farley parents' attorneys say DOMA is im-

plicated because the benefits they seek to acquire from Farley's law firm are part of an ERISA plan.

ERISA — the Employee Retirement Income Security Act — is a federal law that sets minimum standards for pension plans in private industry.

NCLR's Minter acknowledges that ERISA "governs many aspects of how benefits must be structured.

"But the plan here," he said, "defines spouse for itself, which is perfectly acceptable under ERISA."

And DOMA "does not apply," said Minter, "because [the law firm's beneficiary plan] is private."

"Jennifer meets [the law firm's plan] definition," said Minter. "ERISA does not dictate how private employers define spouse or prevent them from treating married LGBT employees equally. Likewise, because there is no need to look beyond the plan's clear definition of 'spouse,' it is irrelevant whether Pennsylvania law would define it differently in some other setting."

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viewpoints

The 'fundamental' issues at hand

When those on the religious right attack, their hatred is born of fear and frustration. But we have to remember not to react in kind

This weekend I watched some clips of right-wing evangelicals on YouTube. Aside from raising my blood pressure a few notches, it gave me an insight into the reason these folks are so angry — and more specifically, why they are so angry at LGBT people.

Imagine you are a fundamentalist. That means you say you believe that everything in the Bible is literally true — the great flood, Jonah and the big fish, Noah and the ark, Adam and Eve, all the miracles, etc.

It sounds comforting at first, to believe in a world where everything is in God's control and our fates are decided. But if everything in the Bible is "literally" true, then we are stuck with a paradox: The God who Jesus depicts as loving and filled with grace, becomes an almost psychopathic killer if all the stories of the Old Testament are true.

Suddenly you are standing on shaky ground.

Furthermore, to really believe the literal interpretation of the Bible, you have to live in a cognitive dissonance, where in your daily life you confront a reality that does not match what you read in the "literal" Bible.

That takes a lot of work to keep things straight and to keep reality from seeping in to what you say you believe.

I think this is why fundamentalists as a group always seem so angry. They are exhausted and frustrated.

Imagine how difficult it would be to read a story about God creating the world in six days while at the same time seeing scientific evidence that creation took billions of years.

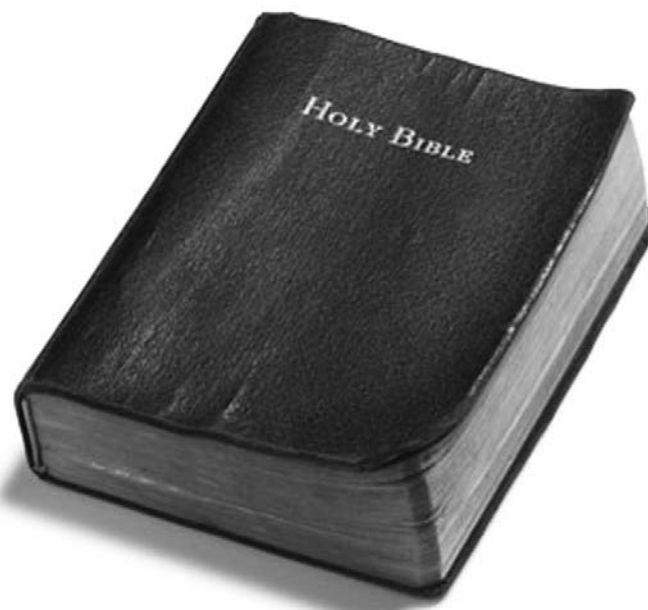
You begin denying science and slide down the slope into creating justification for why there are creatures like dinosaurs which never are described in the Bible. You come up with things like, "The fossils were put on earth to test our faith."

Frustrating isn't it?

What's more you begin to suspect that the real problem is that some people, yourself not included, are making God mad, and if the Old Testament is to be taken literally, you don't want to do that!



Hardy Haberman
Flagging Left



Who are these people? Well, they are anyone different from you, obviously, and LGBT people fall smack in the middle of that group.

It really is little wonder we as LGBTs are being scapegoated by these fundamentalist folk. They are seeking a way to explain away the problems of their world, and since we are so obviously different from them, we must be the problem.

That's why they are so adamant about "defending marriage." If we LGBT people start getting married and have our relationships accepted as mainstream, it chips away not at their heterosexual marriages, but at their lock on being favored by God.

Remember: They believe only a small group of righteous people will be saved when the grand finale comes. In the mind of these people there has to be a group who is "worthy" and a group who is "unworthy." If we start paring down the qualifications of what makes a person worthy, it lessens their chances of being in that group.

Now before you go wondering if I am some kind of atheist heathen, I assure you I am not. I consider myself a follower of the teachings of Jesus, and that makes me a Christian. And that's the real point of this whole discussion.

As a gay man who is Christian, I am a double threat to the fundamentalist right-wing. I am stripping away another of their "get into heaven free" cards, and this makes them even more angry.

My problem as a Christian is remembering Jesus' most important teaching — that whole "love thy neighbor" thing. It's really hard to do when thy neighbor would just as soon see you disappear.

But the alternative is to live with the same anger and frustration as the fundamentalists, and that just doesn't seem to be a very good alternative.

So what I have resolved to do is this: The next

time I am angered by someone thumping their Bible on TV and ranting about the "evil homosexuals" who are leading the country to ruin, I will see through their hatred and recognize the scared and vulnerable person underneath who is fighting against the wind of justice.

I will try to remember that their struggle is ultimately futile. I will try to find some love in my heart for them.

Then, I will promptly get online and donate money to a worthy cause that works for real justice for LGBT people and

make that donation in their name. Kind of poetic justice isn't it?

Hardy Haberman is a longtime local LGBT activist and a board member of the Woodhull Freedom Alliance. His blog is at <http://DungeonDiary.Blogspot.com>.

Feedback

On Randy Roberts Potts

After seeing you on CNN last night, all I can say is shame, shame, shame on your mother and other family members for not practicing what they preach. And what Jesus taught was love — unconditional love. You don't need those types of people in your life. Good luck in wherever your life leads. You are so brave!

Audra Hollis, via Instant Tea

Congratulations on overcoming the mind-boggling obstacles you have had to overcome. I am from Tulsa, and I know how judgmental and cold-hearted the Oral Roberts organization can be. Thank you for coming out and being honest with yourself and the public. You are someone that other gays — adults and youths — can look up to. Maybe your example will stop someone that the "loving, Jesus-filled" church has rejected and thrown in the gutter from committing suicide.

Stormy Miller, via Instant Tea

How sad, but how typical of these "Christian" families to not speak to their own family member.

Nelson, via Instant Tea

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On Maple & Motor vs. the gays

I first went to Maple & Motor after reading a positive review in Dallas Voice by Rich Lopez. As a gay man, I've never experienced any GLBT discrimination at Maple & Motor. I'm not really sure why anyone would.

Of course, I don't walk in with a sign that says, "Gay Dude Here," but if I did, I don't think it would be a problem.

I've been there with some lesbian friends of mine that are very open and touchy with each other — you know, no problem showing their affection for each other in public — and no problem there either.

I just can't help but feel there has to be something more going on. I don't know, since I was not there when these people feel they were discriminated against, but I would be the first to stand up for them and support them if I saw it.

Carl Smith, via Instant Tea

My partner and I patronize Maple & Motor about twice a month, and Mr. Perkins is always nice, friendly and very talkative (in a good way).

I've never found him to be the least bit rude and definitely never homophobic or anti-gay.

It seems that a lot of gays these days scream homophobia as soon as someone disagrees with them or tells them something they don't want to hear.

Vinny, via Instant Tea

I don't get it. That email that was sent to Mr. Perkins seemed really vague and didn't give any specifics. Seems to me that you folks at the Voice should get some more information/facts before putting a headline on your website like that. It makes it sound like sensational journalism.

For the record, I also have been to Maple & Motor and had a perfectly fine dining experience. I was with a group of friends, some of whom were very affectionate with each other in the restaurant, and we had no problems at all.

Harry, via Instant Tea

These accusations by innuendo are a pathetic excuse for journalism. Neither article contains one single example or even shred of evidence of discrimination. Total non-stories such as these serve only to discount real and hurtful cases of

discrimination against our community.

Further, you're potentially harming a small business owner who is attempting to earn a living through hard and honest work, and who is creating jobs in our own backyard.

I know one thing for sure: I have never patronized Maple & Motor, but I will make a point to do so in the very near future.

Blaze Bridges, via Instant Tea

I also have been to Maple & Motor on several occasions with my friends without seeing anything negative. I believe Mr. Perkins hit it on the head when he was quoted saying that they don't kowtow to snottiness. It is definitely not a place to bring attitude, and it's not a gay birthright to inflict it on others.

That said, I also would like to know exactly what was alleged. I know there's a link to a previous podcast, but I can't listen to a whole podcast about several topics to get the essential facts on this issue.

Rebecca, via Instant Tea

I have to say this comes as a huge surprise. I go to Maple & Motor about twice a month and with

someone, I might add, that is a little out there. And Jack is very friendly to us all.

It's a burger joint: You come in, you order your food and you eat it.

They have rules that keep people from hogging tables; they don't like their door left open, and if it is an issue, well they say something.

Maybe as a community we should turn our focus to issues that make our community look bad rather than going after a guy in a burger joint.

JP, via Instant Tea

Sounds like some queen just didn't get a full order of chili fries.

Jack E. Jett, via Instant Tea

It doesn't matter who you are. If you're a jerk, they'll treat you accordingly and not put up with your bad attitude.

Chris Reed, via Instant Tea

I never have had an issue with Maple & Motor. Good burgers, though a little over-priced for just a burger. I'd rather spend my money on a cheaper and just as good burger at Hunky's. If the Voice wants to use its journalistic investigative skills on homophobic burger joints, check out Carl's Jr.

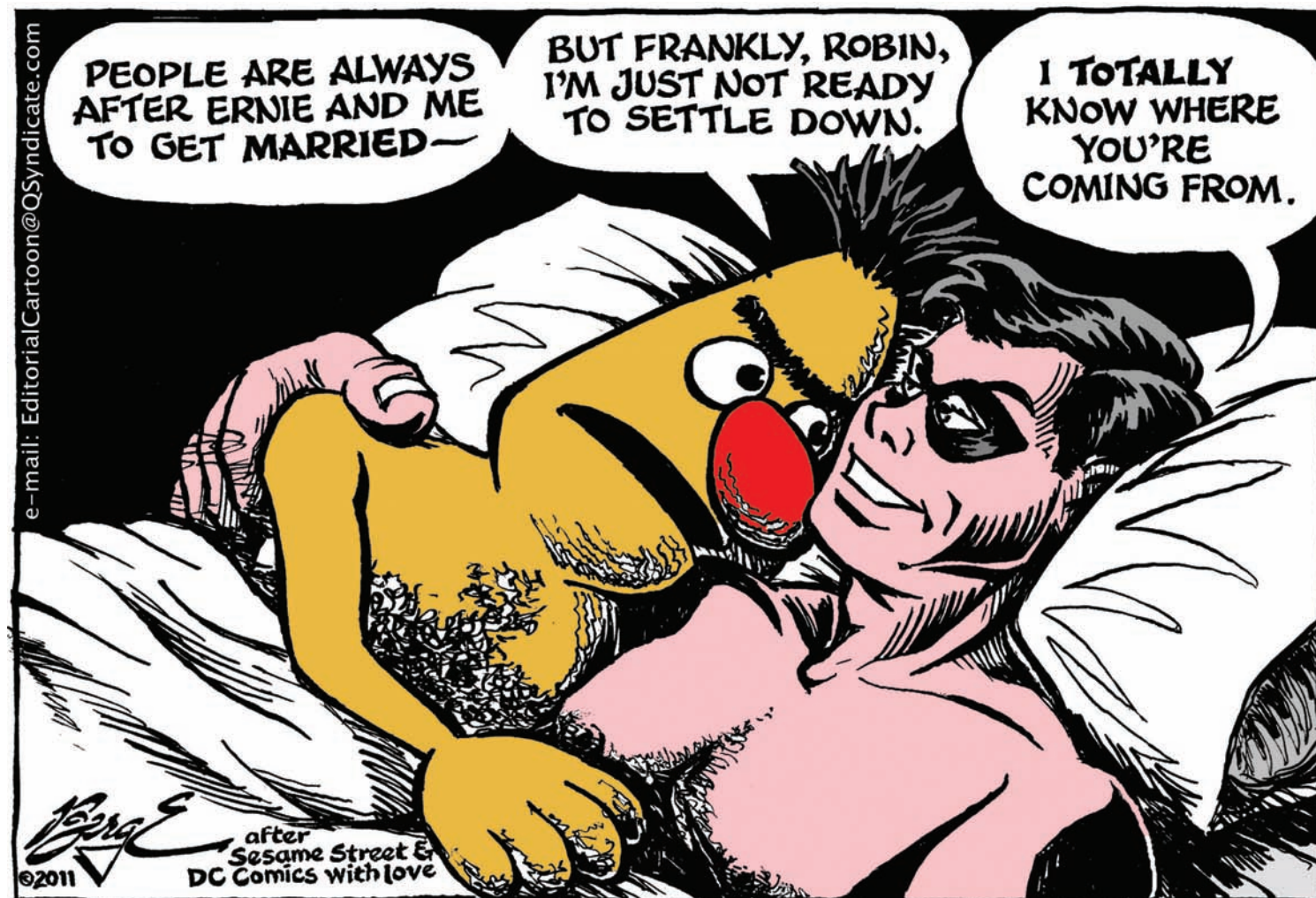
Lelaylerue, via Instant Tea

I tend to agree with every comment here — including the "I will make it a point to go there" because I plan on going there, too. Granted, I don't plan on going there "looking" for anything other than a good meal, which is more than I can say for some who may read this.

Another thing I agree with is that too many people these days feel they're "entitled." Yes, we are the ones patronizing the establish, and everyone should expect a certain level of service. But that doesn't mean you have to act like an ass if everything doesn't go your way. My motto: If you act like an ass, expect to get treated like one, and that's more than likely what happened here. As Jack said, some queen didn't get exactly what they wanted, and started spitting glitter everywhere.

BDUB77, via Instant Tea

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Lady Go-Go

Guitar chick Jane Wiedlin and the rest of the Go-Go's are back — although they claim they were never really gone

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SHE'S GOT THE BEAT | Go-Go's guitarist Jane Wiedlin stays away from gender labels, but still fights for gay rights.

Nothing makes you feel older than an album from your youth celebrating a milestone anniversary. Nothing! Those defining tunes as you came of age may be timeless, but it's a reminder that you aren't.

As the seminal '80s band the Go-Go's celebrates three decades since *Beauty and the Beat*, time seems to have hardly touched guitarist Jane Wiedlin. With her little girl voice and sassy wit, Wiedlin has kept the same spunk she had when the iconic girl group burst onto the scene.

"In some ways it feels like three years ago and other ways, like 300 years ago," she says.

Wiedlin wants to make one thing clear: The concert she and her bandmates will give this weekend is *not* part of a reunion tour — there's nothing to reunite. Rather, the Go-Go's just aren't "a very active band" who have taken "a big chunk of time off."

Whether or not she's kidding, the tour has injected the band with a vigor that they'll put on display Friday at the House of Blues. Dallas thought they might get a nostalgic taste of the band when they were set to perform last year. But Wiedlin unintentionally derailed that.

"It was the day after my birthday and a few of us decided to take a midnight hike up to the top of this hill," she explains. "We wanted to have this epic light saber battle. But as we walked home, I literally fell right off a cliff. I heard my knees explode; I was rolling through poison oak! I went and found the cliff and I had fallen about 15 feet."

Such an anecdote reveals several things about Wiedlin: She's an

admitted *Star Wars* geek, and she's the adventurous type. She has a limp now, but otherwise, she's back in the game. The time off gave her some time for introspection — about touring in the early days, the fun the ladies had on the road and the experience of putting those shows together. Even with the ups-and-downs of the band, she thought everyone was having the best time possible — why not again?

"You know, I get sucked into the minutiae of being onstage, but it's extraordinary," she says with little gasps. "Our intention is to make this tour the most fun we've had in decades, which will make it fun for other people."

Which seems like a given with such musical faves like "We Got the Beat," "Vacation" and "Head Over Heels." But is new music in sight for the band that never really broke up? Wiedlin and the gang aren't ruling it out.

"It looks possible to record together, even though we don't have to have a major label," she

says. "That used to be such a big deal to make music, but now with the web, it's very DIY. Like getting back to those '70s punk rock days. Charlotte [Caffey] and Kathy [Valentine] just wrote a new song for the band."

Wiedlin gives the impression that she can't sit still, whether she's a star in the comic book *Lady Robotica*, partaking in her admission that she's a BDSM perv or acting in indie films, Wiedlin's voice suggests she may never stop working — whatever the work may be.

"I'm working all the time. I just wrote and directed my first sci-

fi movie, *The Pyrex Glitch*," she says. "That's on the film fest circuit. Hopefully people will find it as funny as I do. But we're all really busy. Belinda [Carlisle] has her jewelry and textile company and Gina [Schock] is been writing songs for Miley Cyrus. Everybody is still so active even though we're old."

Wiedlin has discussed her bisexuality, although she prefers to stay away from labels. In an interview with *AfterEllen.com*, she told the site she's had sex with both sexes, but that "bisexuality is such a loaded term." But she loves her gays and as Prop 8 played out in California, she experienced both the joy of gaining equality and the disappointment of marriage privileges being taken away.

"For a few months in the summer of 2008, we got equal rights," she says. "I wanted to be part of that celebration! But then Prop 8 happened and I've been fighting it ever since. I became an ordained minister to marry same-sex couples. I'll go anywhere to do that so people can be together as they should be. Oh, and as a disclaimer, I'm completely non-religious."

Her focus is now on the tour and even with her bum knees, she laughs off any obstacle that would keep her from enjoying giving a good show. And while the audience will hear Go-Go's hits and perhaps even Carlisle's, don't be so sure on hearing Wiedlin's one-hit wonder song "Rush Hour." The pop confection made a top 10 splash back in 1988. In fact, she's almost betting on it.

"You know, that song has been a thorn in my side," she chuckles. "It is so hard to play live because it has like millions of synths in it. I've never been able to crack it to make it sound good, but I'd love to hear Belinda sing it."

We'd go for that.

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Broadgay at Winspear

Lexus series adds queer event to upcoming season of musicals

The Lexus Broadway Series offers a musical lineup of shows that feature classic stories and contemporary rock 'n' roll. But they go one step further in the 2011-12 season with the stage equivalent of special edition DVDs, featuring enhanced performances and pre-show engagements for subscribers — including its gay patrons.

Dallas Voice Life+Style Editor Arnold Wayne Jones will host a conversation every second-week Tuesday about 45 minutes before each show. The series, called GLBT Broadway, will highlight the appeal for queer audiences for the shows in the series. The discussion will touch on issues of gender identity and sexuality in regards to the show and the teams behind them. Some — such as the season lead-off, *Hair* — might be easier to analyze from a gay perspective than, say, *Jersey Boys*, but that's part of the fun of the series.

The season starts with *Hair*, which won the Tony in 2009 for best musical revival. Youth in 1960s America are all about peace, love and understanding — including nudity and homosexuality — in this iconic musical. *Sept. 20–Oct. 2.*

The epic *Les Miserables* follows with a new

25th anniversary production. *Dec. 20–Jan. 1.*

Best musical Tony winner *In the Heights* details the immigrant experience as characters find a new life in their new country. *March 13–25.*

Alt-rockers Green Day went Broadway with *American Idiot*, touted as a mashup of a rock concert and staged musical. *May 8–20.*

The season concludes with *Jersey Boys* and Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. Classic hits like “Big Girls Don’t Cry” and “Can’t Take My Eyes Off of You” tell the tale of this well-accomplished music group from the ‘50s. *June 12–July 15.*

Other subscriber series include Broadway University, hosted by SMU theater professor Kevin Hofeditz which will explore themes of the show and its place in theater history (every second Saturday matinee) and Broadway Uncorked (every second-week Wednesday), where an expert sommelier will host a wine tasting based on the show. We wonder what *American Idiot’s* wine will be.

— Rich Lopez

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■ FERRELL, From Page S5

Ferrell decided to take a breather when in 2008 he received a call from Moriarty, who had only recently been appointed the new A.D.

“He asked, would I choreograph *The Who’s Tommy*. It became very apparent he was testing the waters with me, to see if it made sense for me to be connected with the Theater Center. Even still, coming on staff? I did not see that coming.”

Ferrell thinks Moriarty has been instrumental in “making the Theater Center more relevant to Dallas than it had been in a long time, arguing

that it should be doing innovate stuff and regain a national footprint. It feels like we’ve made some great progress in that way,” he says.

As for Ferrell himself, he’s still excited about his new role in shaping the North Texas theater scene, and has found a sense of serenity.

“There was a time when I thought the amount of shows I did was the barometer of my success,” Ferrell admits.

Not so much anymore. He’ll take quality over quantity any day. If only he could just slow down.



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Stage pink

Queer highlights from the upcoming theater season

RICH LOPEZ | Staff Writer

Anticipation should be strong for the upcoming theater season in general. Ambitious shows like *Giant*, *The Tempest*, *West Side Story* and *Hairspray* all dot the stage horizon.

But we also like to see some of our own up there. As we look over the upcoming offerings from local theater companies, we always ask, "Where's the gay?" In addition to Uptown Players' first Dallas Pride Performing Arts Festival, here are some of the others.

Fall

Singer-songwriter Duncan Sheik gave an indie music flair to the musical adaptation of the 1891 play **Spring Awakening**. Set in 19th century Germany, *Awakening* follows a group of youths as they discover more about themselves and their rapidly developing sexuality.

The original Frank Wedekind play was controversial in its day, depicting abortion, homosexuality, rape and suicide. Now the show just has an added rock 'n' roll score. Along with Sheik's musical perspective, Steven Slater wrote the book and lyrics in this updated version which debuted in 2006 on Broadway and won the Tony for Best Musical. Kevin Martin directs.

WaterTower Theater, 15650 Addison Road., Addison. Sept. 30–Oct.

Although the Dallas Opera canceled the opera she was set to star in, lesbian soprano Patricia Racette will still perform at a TDO gala. (Photo Devon Cass)



23. *WaterTowerTheatre.org.*

It's almost un-Texan if you're gay and not familiar with Del Shores' tales of Southern discomfort. *Southern Baptist Sissies* and *Sordid Lives* are pretty much part of the queer vernacular in these parts, but Shores got his start way back in 1987.

How will those northern folks take to Shores work (And by north, we mean past Central Expressway past LBJ)? Jeni Helms directs **Daddy's Dyin': Who's Got the Will** for McKinney Repertory Theatre this fall. As the family patriarch suffers a stroke, the Turnover family gathers as they wait for his death. This family may just put the fun in dysfunctional.

McKinney Performing Arts Center, 111 N. Tennessee St., McKinney. Sept. 30–Oct. 7. McKinneyRep.org.

WingSpan Theatre Co. will produce one of the greater comedies of theater-dom this fall: Oscar Wilde's **The Importance of Being Earnest**, with Nancy Sherrard sparring over the gay wit's price *bon mots* as Lady Bracknell.

Bath House Cultural Center, 521 E. Lawther Drive. Oct. 6–22. WingSpanTheatre.com.

Although **A Catered Affair** might sound a bit like *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*, it has the added flair of Harvey Fierstein's wit. That's because he wrote the book for the show alongside John Bucchino's music and lyrics. The play is based on the Gore Vidal-penned 1956 film *The Catered Affair* starring Bette Davis.

When Jane and Ralph decide to get married, Jane's mom Agnes wants to put on an elaborate spectacle of a wedding. The truth is, she can't afford it and Jane isn't all too thrilled about a huge affair. As in most cases, the wedding planning is more about the mom than the daughter and Agnes soon realizes the fact. Jane's Uncle Winston — the proverbial gay uncle — is left off the guest list and is rightfully pissed. But as most gay characters, he rallies to be the voice of reason and support.

Theatre Three, 2800 Routh Street, Ste.168. Oct. 13–Nov. 12. Theatre3Dallas.com.

Lesbian soprano Patricia Racette was going to be featured in the production of *Katya Kabanová* but unfortunately the show was canceled by the Dallas Opera. But fear not. Dallas will still get to bask in the greatness that is her voice as Racette will perform **An Evening with Patricia Racette**, a cabaret show with classics from the Great American Songbook for a patron recital.

Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. Nov. 9. DallasOpera.org.

Spring

Kevin Moriarty directs **Next Fall** for the Dallas Theater Center next spring. Written by Geoffrey Nauffts, the play centers on Luke and Adam, a couple with some unusual issues. What's new about that in gay couplehood? Not much, but when Adam's an absolute atheist and Luke's a devout Christian, the two have been doing their best to make it work.

The comedy played on Broadway in 2010, garnering Tony and Drama Desk nominations. And now Dallas gets to see how, as DTC puts it, "relationships can be a beautiful mess."

Kalita Humphreys Theater, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. April 13–May 6. DallasTheaterCenter.org.



Nancy Sherrard will star as Lady Bracknell in WingSpan Theater Co.'s fall production of Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*, perhaps the greatest comedy ever written by theaterdom's gayest wit.

Perhaps the most surprising queer offering this next season is Theatre Arlington's production of **The Laramie Project**. The show usually creates quite a stir — at least it did in Tyler, thanks to Trinity Wheeler — so how will this suburban audience handle it? Doesn't matter. Props to T.A. for taking Moises Kaufman's play about the tragic bashing and death of Matthew Shepard to its community.

Theatre Arlington, 305 W. Main St., Arlington. May 18–June 3. TheatreArlington.org.

Usually the question with MBS Productions is "what's not gay?" Founder Mark-Brian Sonna has consistently delivered tales of gay woe and love that are sometimes silly and sometimes sweet, but always a laugh.

This season is no different. Playwright Alejandro de la Costa brings back drag queen Lovely Uranus in **The Importance of Being Lovely**. The last time we saw Uranus, Sonna wore the stilettos and pink wig in last season's *Outrageous, Sexy, (nekkid) Romp*. This time around, Uranus graduates to leading lady status as the show is all about her as audiences follow her through the changes she makes in her make-up, wigs and men.

Stone Cottage Theatre, 15650 Addison Road, Addison. July 16–Aug. 11, 2012. MBSProductions.net.

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Turn off the 'Dark'

Del Toro's horror remake is nothing to be afraid of

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A spooky mansion. Chiaroscuro lighting. A child whisked into a world of phantasm by otherworldly creatures. Ah, the unnerving joy that was Guillermo del Toro's *Pan's Labyrinth* — or, for that matter, *The Orphanage*, which he produced. Both those films were among the most frightening of the last decade. Del Toro showed a skill at tapping into something primal about children in danger that speaks to a universality about the vulnerability of youth.

If only *Don't Be Afraid of the Dark* came anywhere near that.

It starts off promisingly, more than a century ago, as a scullery maid descends a dark, stone staircase into the basement of a madman, only to have her teeth chipped from her skull. It's a harrowing scene, but nothing that follows ever

approaches it for real thrills.

Based on a cheesy 1970s TV movie that clearly kept little Memo del Toro up at night, *Don't Be Afraid of the Dark* is basically about how the Tooth Fairy is really a coven of disgusting little rodents who terrorize children.

Sally (Bailee Madison) has been sent by her mother to live with dad (Guy Pearce) and his girlfriend (Katie Holmes) in the fixer-upper Rhode Island estate they are restoring to its former grandeur. Like all movie children of divorced parents, she retreats from human contact, discovering a nest of creatures living in an ash-pit under the house.

Surprisingly, these nocturnal, fanged, batlike

BRIGHT IDEA | A girl (Bailee Madison) uses a Polaroid camera's flashbulb to scare off terrorizing tooth fairies in a thriller that lacks bite.

gremlins who whisper subversive comments to Sally ("They don't love you! Come live with us! Don't turn on the light!") and shred clothes are *not friendly!* That's a conceit that has never made sense in bad movie: How kids are *not* afraid of clear dangers like monsters lurking in the shadow, but *are* afraid of bearded handymen and talking stuffed animals... both of which this movie has.

Del Toro, who wrote and produced, and Troy Nixey, who directs, seem more concerned with gross-outs and the cinematic equivalent of yelling "Boo!" from behind a door than telling a sensible story. That might be acceptable if the scares were authentic, or even scary. But once we see the gremlins, they seem more laughable than terrifying: Troll dolls who can't handle a little flashbulb. (The script relies on the use of a Polaroid camera, long since gone, for its one stab at plot development.)

Holmes turns in a better-than-it-deserves performance as a stepmom who comes to believe a raving little girl, and the house itself evokes images of Henry Miller's *Turn of the Screw*. Unfortunately, the rest of the film is close to the Karen Black thriller *Trilogy of Terror* than serious horror. Unlike the gremlins themselves, this film lacks teeth. ■

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QUEER CLIP: 'OUR IDIOT BROTHER'



If Jesus came back today, I think he'd be a lot like Ned Rochlin (Paul Rudd) in *Our Idiot Brother*, stumbling through life while erring on the side of putting too much faith in humanity ... kinda like the first time around.

After eight months in prison for a dumb mistake, Ned finds himself with no home and no money. Life with his (s)mother (Shirley Knight) is unbearable so he moves on to his three sisters, wrecking each of their lives in the process.

Natalie (Zooey Deschanel) is a "former bisexual" in a lesbian relationship with a lawyer (Rashida Jones), while Liz (Emily Mortimer) has a sleazy husband (Steve Coogan) and a son and Miranda (Elizabeth Banks) is a writer nearing a career breakthrough.

Ned's experience with his more worldly siblings leads to mixed results. When he's unable to function in a three-way with a woman and another man, Ned feels guilty about it until a neighbor (Adam Scott) consoles him: "Just because you're straight doesn't mean you're homophobic."

How the women deal with their brother — the sweetest, most honest guy in the world — makes for pleasant entertainment. It introduces so many good characters it could be a sitcom pilot ... if any network could afford that cast.

— Steve Warren

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Dallas Voice: What was the best part of your *Last Comic Standing* experience?

Notaro: I wasn't on for very long, maybe two or three episodes. To me it was kind of a ridiculous thing. There were so many comedians who took it very seriously. I guess it's a good opportunity for people to burst onto the scene out of nowhere. For me, I was kind of glad I didn't get into the final round — I enjoyed that I just made it to the semi-final round. When you get to that level, you're just on for three minutes, just doing a set. It's kind of like doing a late-night talk-show set. That was the best thing. And I made some good friends out of it. I'm doing this Podcast now with David Huntsberger, who I met on *Last Comic Standing*. In general, it's kind of a blur to me. It happened so quickly in such a short amount of time that it wasn't this monumental thing that happened. I kind of forget that I was on it.

Who are your comedy inspirations? Before I got into standup, I was really into Richard Pryor and Joan Rivers and Paula Poundstone and Steve Martin, people like that. It changed when I got into standup. I really started to be inspired by my peers that I was coming up with — Maria Bamford, Zach Galifianakis and Sarah Silverman. That's who started influencing and inspiring me after I got started. Your tastes get so refined. Not that I don't think the others were great still, but I would rather listen to my friends these days.

How does it feel to be the first comedian to release a comedy album on uber-hipster indie label *Secretly Canadian*? I'm thrilled. I feel so honored and lucky. I'd been offered deals with different comedy labels, but it just didn't appeal to me. I know I'm not the biggest comedian ever [though] if people are into comedy, they probably know who I am. When *Secretly Canadian* offered me a deal, my manager said, "We'll look at [the deal] and I'll talk to the label." I said, "You can talk all you want, but I know in my gut that I'm signing." They've been so supportive and helpful. They've carried out every part of what they've promised. It's just cool. It feels good.

How did you decide what material to include on something as significant as your debut album *Good One*? I wanted to mix in some things that I had written in the past year that was a little newer. But then I also wanted to put some less popular, older bits of mine on there. I was [recently] in Philadelphia and for my whole show, this woman kept saying "*No mo-leste*," which I guess is my signature bit. She kept

she touches on a variety of topics, ranging from Chastity Bono and Taylor Dayne to artificial insemination and babies taking showers. We spoke with Notaro just prior to the release this month of her album. ■

— Gregg Shapiro

turning to her husband saying, "When is she going to do it? I can't wait until she does 'No moleste.'" I was like, "Lady! Shut your trap!" I feel like I had to put certain bits on there and for my own good I wanted to put in some newer stuff. There's also some improvisational things that were more in the moment. That's how all my shows are — new stuff, old stuff, right on the spot.

So "No moleste" is your "Free Bird." I guess so. But I feel like my Taylor Dayne story that I wrote in the past year is creeping up on that popularity.

Do you know if Taylor Dayne is aware of being the subject of a comedy routine? Has she contacted you? Yeah, her agent contacted my manager a month or two ago. Her agent told my manager that Taylor wanted me to know that she heard through the grapevine that I was telling this story about her and that she's a fan of mine and that she'd like to work with me one day [laughs]. I don't know what on earth we would do together, but I know I don't need a comedy partner. And I also know I can't sing. But, yeah, it's the weirdest and funniest thing that has ever come my way. The Taylor Dayne story just won't stop going.

The deluxe edition includes the "Have Tig at Your Party" DVD, described as the "human equivalent to the 'burning log' DVD." What was the inspiration for the concept? Touring so much, I missed so many parties and get-togethers. This friend of mine, years ago, was having a party. And I was sitting in my hotel room thinking, what if I videotaped myself in my hotel room and I just mailed that to her and she could just play it at her party. I didn't do it, but it inspired the idea of me making that DVD. And every time I mentioned it to people, they would laugh and say, "You have to do that!" So I did and hopefully people will enjoy it. It's me standing there and I say very little every now and then.

You are going to be on tour for the next several months. What are you looking forward to about being on the road? When I'm doing my college tour, I'm bringing my old friend Tom Sharp as my opener. He's such a funny guy. We came up in comedy together. He used to write for Zach Galifianakis. With the regular tour dates, I'm hitting a lot of major cities and I have so many friends in those cities. I'm going to be doing venues that I've never done, even though I've been to those cities before. I'm anxious to see some old friends, hit some new venues. I think it's going to be a good time.

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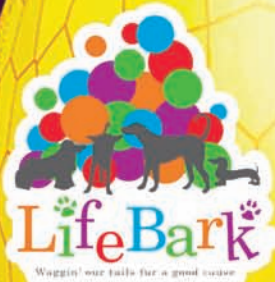
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Dynamic duo

New partners Curtis Cook and Shane Friesenhahn shake their booty ... camp



There's the nursery rhyme that begins, "Jack Sprat could eat no fat, his wife could eat no lean..." But apparently if Jack Sprat were in a same-sex relationship, it would be a fat-free household all the way around. Such is the case with this month's fitness profile: Curtis Cook and Shane Friesenhahn. The lads have been together for just three months, but the real number that caught our eye was their collective body fat: 19 percent and shrinking by the day. How do they do it? Diet, exercise and rewarding a great workout with a sexy new swimsuit rather than a hot fudge sundae. ■

—Jef Tingley

Names and ages: Curtis James Cook, 24, and Shane Friesenhahn, 37.

Occupations: Cook: HAMP processor at Nationstar Mortgage; Friesenhahn: owner of Silk Sculptures, a floral design studio.

Length of relationship: Three months

Sports and activities: Pool volleyball and Dr. Peay's Booty Camp

Exercise regime: Cook: I attend Dr. Peay's Booty Camp two days a week and go to L.A. Fitness a couple times a week. When I go to the gym, I always do abs first, then either upper body or legs followed by 15 to 20 minutes of cardio. My workout usually totals around an hour to an hour and a half. My goal is to go to the gym on my days off of [boot camp], but it doesn't always happen.

Friesenhahn: [Boot camp] five days a week, which consists of cardio, Plyometrics and light resistance training.

Upcoming fitness goals: Cook: I'm lean, but I want to be toned. My goal is a slightly bigger chest and defined mid section. I also want my body fat around 8 percent; as of the beginning of July it was 12 percent. I think my goal of toning up will automatically help me reach my body fat percentage goal.

Friesenhahn: I'm currently right below 8 percent body fat, but my new goal is

to boast a "lean and mean" 6.5 percent — a little bones showing never looked so good! I will say that making better nutritional choices, mostly organic, really helps.

Best "eat this, not that" tip: Friesenhahn: Well, instead of Krispy Kreme donuts or a starchy cereal, I replace it with whole fruits such as blueberries, a Pink Lady apple or grapefruit. As for my sweet tooth, I am in love with organic crunchy peanut butter with a banana or a piece of gluten free bread that has live sprouted grains. I am also an avid believer in supplements including as astaxanthin, fish oil and many others.

Workout preference: mornings or evenings? Cook: I like both. I would like to work out in the mornings more, but it is just so hard to get up that early.

Friesenhahn: Evenings mostly, but just to mix it up I do like to attend the "crack of dawn" morning workouts as well.

How do you survive an outdoor workout in the Texas heat? Friesenhahn: My exercise group works out in the shade, unless we are running the typical mile required. Everyone brings the essentials like water and Gatorade. Sometimes [our trainer] brings ice when it's really hot. The main thing is to read your own body and take mini breaks to regroup. Other than that, I really enjoy sweating and releasing toxins.

Favorite spot in North Texas to exercise indoors: Cook: The L.A. Fitness by my work in Lewisville, because I don't feel like I'm being cruised the entire time.

If you could become an Olympian in any sport, what would it be and why? Cook: I've always wanted to do gymnastics. The parallel bars and tumbling are my favorite. I even took tumbling private [lessons] for a month when I was 20 and learned a back handspring in only four sessions.

Friesenhahn: Ice figure skating. The blend of artistry and athleticism is super challenging. I used to roller skate my long drive as a kid and pretend I was practicing for the next Olympics!

How do you reward yourself for a great work out: Friesenhahn: Two ways. First is a trip to Yumilicious. Then on to find an even more "skimpy" swimsuit to wear at the next pool get together.

Cook: I definitely don't eat badly afterwards because then I feel guilty and it's as if I just negated the entire work out. I reward myself by maybe buying something a little smaller and more fitting because I know I will look good in it. I also like to go lay out in my Speedo after a good week of working out because I feel confident with my body. Basically I reward myself by showing it off.

FIELD OF DREAMS | Partners Shane Friesenhahn, rear, and Curtis Cook show off their inner yogis at Lee Park. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

DRIVER'S SEAT: MARK TRIMBLE, FLUTIST



Name: Mark Trimble, 44.

Occupation: Musician (flute) and music educator.

How might we know you: My partner Ami Sadeh and I helped create the BearDance events.

Type of car: Blue 2008 Nissan Altima Coupe.

Best car memory? Driving my Nissan 350Z the first time with my partner around town with the top down!

Funniest road trip story: I don't know if it's funny or sad, but I had an audition in Tennessee and a drunk driver sliced off a big chunk of metal off the side of the trunk. It was my dad's Oldsmobile Delta 88. I had to tie that chunk of metal back on the car as it flapped all the way back to Cincinnati where I lived.

Hmmm... we vote sad. OK, buy or lease? Lately I prefer leasing. I get the itch for something new or different about every three to four years. It doesn't hurt that you can get a bit more car for less money per month!

You play the flute, but ever in the car? I think I've played it in my partner's car while he's been driving. It's not at all practical for the driver and it doesn't work well in the passenger seat either. There are better places to practice. Now I will practice finger patterns for music on the steering wheel from time to time though, and that's a great way to practice without the instrument.

What do you jam out to? NPR or BPM on satellite radio. Sometimes it's Beethoven or Lady Gaga.

Don't you musclebear types drive Jeeps or big trucks usually? Am I really that now? Ha! Maybe I do need to get the requisite truck! I'm not about all my image with my car, it's more about the driving experience for me, and I like fun-to-drive cars usually as long as they are roomy enough for me.

Since it's hot as hell out, how's your A/C? It is fantastic! I'm lucky to have a garage to park in at home so that it's not all heated up when I leave the house in the summer, but even when it's been out in the sun, it cools down very quickly.

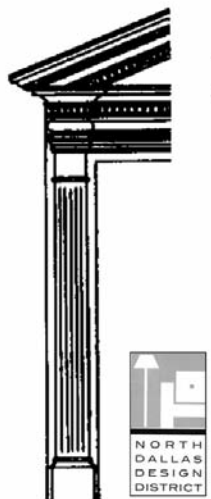
Sounds great. So, one last thing: floatist or flautist? Well, it can be both actually.

— Rich Lopez

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Batter UP!

7 Dallas teams
storm Chicago to
(repeat?) victory at
Gay World Series

Sure, Dallas is still basking in the championship light of the Mavericks winning the NBA Finals — and even the Rangers making the final of the MLB series — but some smaller teams around these parts have made their own news.

Last year, the local team TKO won the B Division championship at the NAGAAA World Series in Columbus, Ohio. They weren't the only heroes: Four other teams from the Pegasus Slowpitch Softball Association placed in the top five in other divisions.

Could this year be a repeat? Seven teams are embarking on a trek to Chicago for the 35th Annual Gay Softball World Series. TKO is back in the mix but has graduated to the A Division while the remaining six round out the other divisions.

— Rich Lopez

For more information about the teams visit DallasPSSA.org and for the World Series, visit GaySoftballWorldSeries.com.

A Division

Team: **Round-Up TKO**

Factoid: The most competitive and serious division, this is for the true hardcore athletes out to win. Last year, after 11 tries, TKO won their first World Series titles as B Division champs; this year, they have moved up to A — the only local team in this division.

B Division

Team: **Dallas Woody's Xplosion**

Factoid: This team just formed last year — and actually defeated TKO in a June scrimmage.

Team: **Hidden Door Eagle Assault**

Factoid: You could say this is the team's first season (it didn't exist with this name until recently), although some say it's morphed from the team Wolfpack.

C Division

Team: **Dallas Voice Drillers**

Factoid: In their first year together, the team says hard work, focus and practice are their way of preparing for the series — and maybe a shot or two.

Fun factoid: "Three out of seven players are drag queens," third baseman Keith Dossiere says. "Figure out which ones." (We think he's kidding, but not sure.)

Team: **Round-Up Fuse**

Factoid: Currently the division champions, Fuse also boasts an 11-game winning streak.



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MAVERICKS OF THE DIAMOND | Dallas Voice Drillers teammates, from left, Charlie Burrow, Joe Praznik, Selso Sifuentes, Jake Lewis, Reggie Markham and Keith Dossiere hope to best 54 other Division C teams at the NAGAAA Gay World Series in Chicago next week. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

D Division

Team: **Round-Up Diesel**

Factoid: "We are the 'bear' team in the PSSA," team member Curtis Glenn says. "We are kinda the Susan Lucci of softball. We have finished in 5th place in our last three tournaments."

Team: **Dallas Boom**

Factoid: The Boom had a very healthy season with a 12-win record out of a 16 game season. They dominated most victories with scores two and three times above their opponents.



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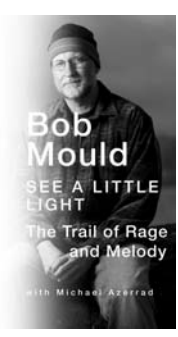
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Broken Mould

Queer punk pioneer Bob Mould turned an abusive childhood into a musical movement, but memoir targets hardcore fans



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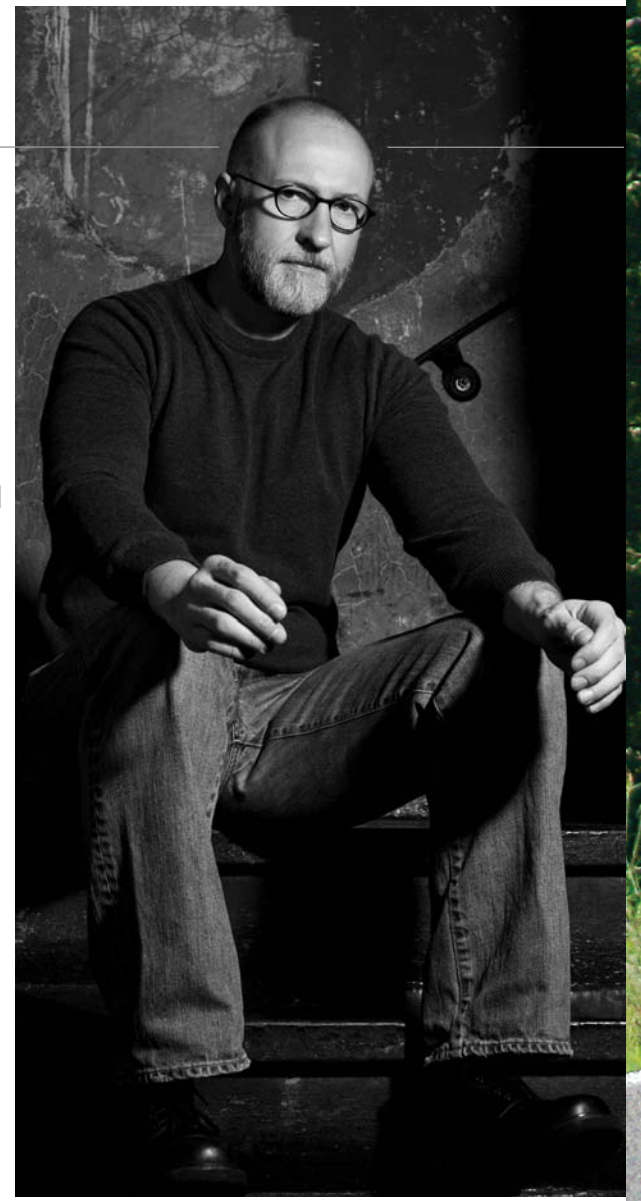
When Mould was born in 1960 in the northernmost end of New York, he entered a family wracked with grief: Just before he was born, Mould's elder brother died of kidney cancer. He surmises that the timing of his birth resulted in his being a "golden child," the family peacekeeper who sidestepped his father's physical and psychological abuse.

"As a child," he writes, "music was my escape."

Mould's father, surprisingly indulgent, bought his son guitars and young Bob taught himself to play chords and create songs. By the time he entered high school, Mould knew that he had to get out of New York and away from his family. He also knew he was gay, which would be a problem in his small hometown.

He applied for and entered college in Minnesota, where he started taking serious guitar lessons and drinking heavily. His frustrations led him to launch a punk rock band that made a notable impact on American indie music.

Named after a children's game, Hüsker Dü performed nationally and internationally, but Mould muses that perhaps youth was against them. He seemed to have a love-hate relationship with his bandmates, and though he had become the band's leader, there were resentments and accusations until the band finally split.



HUSKER DON'T | Bob Mould turned his youthful rage and homosexuality into a music career. (Photo by Noah Kalina)

But there were other bands and there were other loves than music, as Mould grew and learned to channel the rage inside him and the anger that volcanoed from it.

"I spent two years rebuilding and reinventing myself," writes Mould. "Now that I've integrated who I am and what I do, I finally feel whole."

If you remember with fondness the '80s, with its angry lyrics and mosh pits, then you'll love this book. For most readers, though, *See a Little Light* is going to be a struggle. Mould spends a lot of time on a litany of clubs, recording studios, and locales he played some 30 years ago —

which is fine if you were a fellow musician or a rabid, hardcore fan. This part of the book goes on... and on... and on, relentlessly and relatively esoteric in nature.

Admittedly, Mould shines when writing about his personal life but even so, he's strangely dismissive and abrupt with former loves, bandmates, and even family. I enjoyed the occasional private tale; unfortunately there were not enough.

Overall, *See a Little Light* is great for Mould fanboys and those were heavy into the punk scene. For most readers, though, this book is way out of tune.

— Terri Schlichenmeyer

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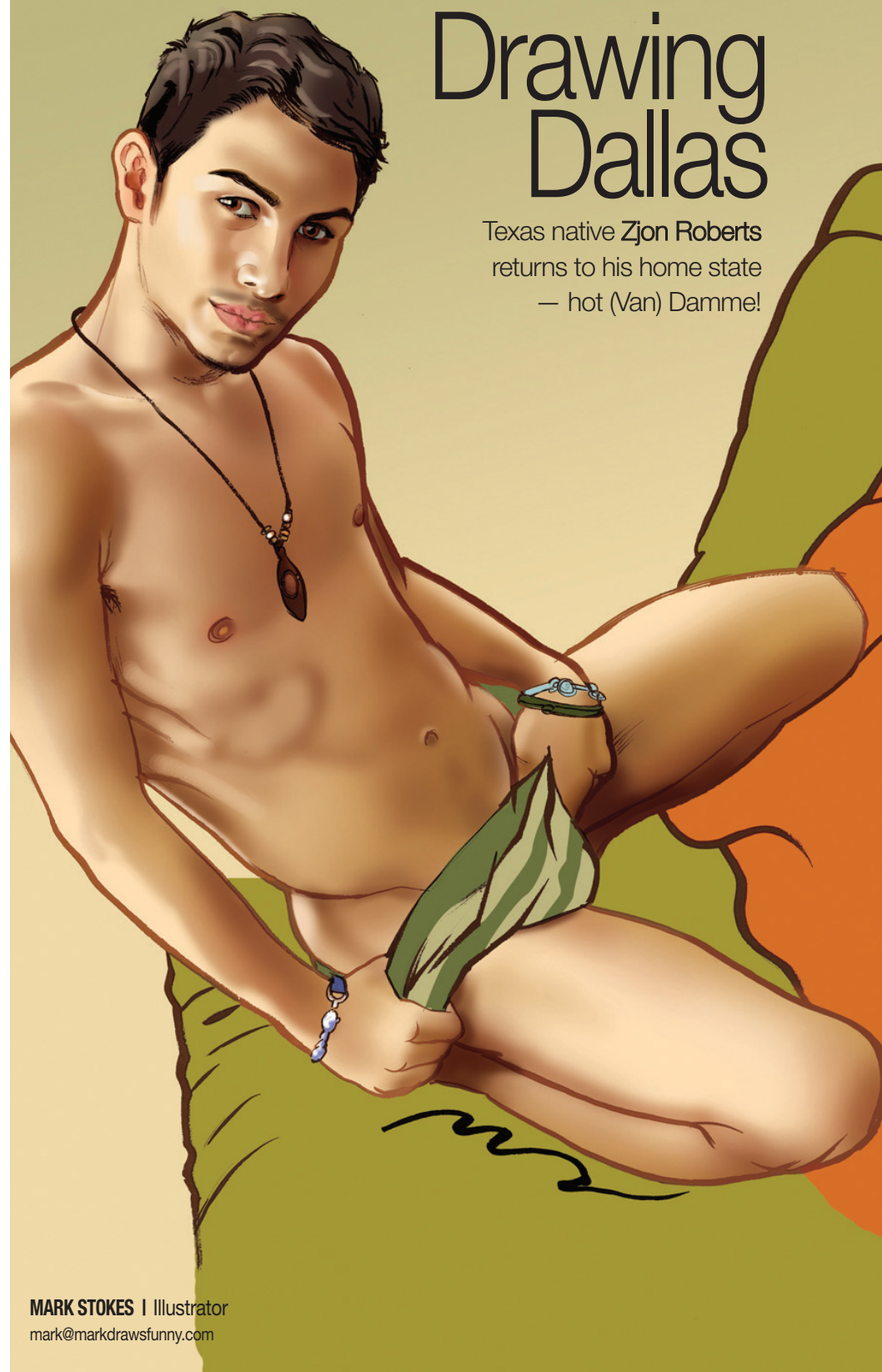
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Texas native Zjon Roberts returns to his home state — hot (Van) Damme!

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Name and age: Zjon Roberts, 19

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Virginia slim: With his sparkling eyes, lithe frame, and smooth gait, it's hard to miss gorgeous Virgo, Zjon Roberts. Born in Fort Hood, Texas, Zjon spent most of his formative years in Virginia Beach, Va. A few months ago he followed some friends to Dallas and is now settling in and making Big D his new home.

This quiet, unassuming, brown-eyed beauty hails from a large family; his mother named him Zjon after her favorite actor, Jean-Claude Van Damme. His hobbies include music, dining (vegetarian dishes are a favorite), socializing and when the mood strikes, dancing (he can stop a room when he gyrates).

He enjoys an active social life here in his new hometown; and you may occasionally spot him at the Drama Room, and occasionally at the Tin Room. Wherever he goes you can be sure he won't blend in with the crowd!



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Disc men

Matt Zarley tackles relationships while Adam Tyler delivers smart pop on new releases

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'CHANGE' IS GONNA COME | Matt Zarley is a whole lotta hunk, but surprises with an insightful album about his past relationships.

porary but by a refreshingly new, gay (and far hunkier) version of, say, Michael Bolton or Phil Collins. Well-polished songs beautifully showcase Zarley's vocal talents, on songs like "Perfect" and "Forgive Me (For Not Forgiving You)" which evidence a tenderness that makes it almost hard not to swoon along.

Dance tracks, though, don't do him justice nor add much to the album. His sexy talk in "Trust Me" is unconvincing. As the fifth song, *Change*, marks a small decline in making a bigger impression. The previous ballads, and even the album opener "WTF," are en-

gaging enough, but from "Trust" on, the songs almost disappear.

"Apology" and "I'll Always Remember" display sweet emotion, but with ordinary skill. This is a shame; the album is well paced before it downshifts at this point. The fault though, is in the music. Lyrics resonate strongly and are probably my new go-to when I can't find the words to appease an angry or hurt boyfriend.

The title track suffers from cheese factor, but it is less a

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CHANGE BEGINS WITH ME
Matt Zarley
Independent



Matt Zarley may be all scruff and muscle, but he has a sweet delicacy to his voice that's properly displayed on his newest album, **Change Begins With Me**. He's the product of Broadway, but it would seem his sights are on the music charts.

Back in May, Zarley previewed his album with "WTF," a whimsical dance track that pitted an earnestly lovestruck singer against the man who done him wrong. The song is borderline silly, if fun, though the accompanying video was painful to watch.

For the most part, the tone of *Change* is adult contem-

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self-help tune than an admission of bad love-life decisions. Zarley holds himself accountable for mistakes he made as a gay man — I'm not sure I've heard that message recorded before. Sure, "Change" swells into a clichéd climactic chorus, but it's a fascinating juxtaposition from the lead song.

I'm not a big fan of remixes, but the two bonus tracks of "WTF" surpass the original. The beats are a helluva lot of fun to groove to. Instead of reworking the song into an unrecognizable version, the remixes amp up the rhythm and scale back on some of the gimmickry of the original.

With bumps along the way, Zarley provides a collection of songs that start him in a bad situation and result in a brighter tomorrow ... so much so that it may beg for an immediate second listen with some songs making more sense.

Adam Tyler describes himself as a pop music geek and it shows on his debut release *Shattered Ice*. This is a good thing. He sidesteps a lot of easy traps to deliver 11 tracks of wow.

On first impression, *Ice* opens as any other dance album in the "dime a dozen" category, but quickly, the opening track, "Like a Drug," moves into a techno-rock hybrid, hitting many correct notes. Tyler gives an onslaught of an opener that is held up by subsequent tracks.

The album leans more into electronica elements, but Tyler treats them with care, layering bass-lines and blippy flourishes into solid sounds. "Music Freak" could have easily been a pedestrian effort, but he saves it by not adding extraneous effects. Tyler has a gift for letting the song build itself rather than throwing everything against the wall to see what will stick.

Tyler doesn't have the vocal strength of Zarley, but he belts within reason and recalls some of the quality of Paul Lekakis. He has enough depth to go slower on the opening of "I Won't Let You Go," while offering a healthy set of lungs on the title track. There isn't a lot of sur-



HE'S DONE HIS HOMEWORK | Adam Tyler studies pop music enough to make some of his own with his debut album 'Shattered Ice.' With strong confidence, Tyler makes a stellar impression.

prise in his vocal spectrum. This provides a particular comfort and even consistency, as his music should keep listeners on their toes.

The blemishes on this album are minimal and perhaps expected from a debut. "Forgive Me" is weak with middle school lyrics. "Touch" is a misguided track that begins with a keyboard track that sounds like a child trying to play ABBA's "Lay All Your Love On Me." Here, he makes the mistake of adding a little too much flair, and to a slower beat, it misses the bullseye.

The album recovers immediately with strong tracks like "Taking Back My Love" and "Let Me Breathe."

Shattered Ice finishes with minimal versions of previous tracks that calm the robust energy down. "I Won't Let You Go" on piano is a gorgeous ballad and "Forgive Me" fares far better as an acoustic tune than it did before in its electro incarnation. These add to Tyler's versatility.

For a debut, Tyler seems to have set a goal and met it, which would explain the amount of confidence in *Ice*. His songs don't play as mere musical byproducts in search of superstardom. He has a true genuine sound that pulls you in and when it lets go, you almost wish it didn't.

Thank goodness for the repeat button. ■



Son of a beach

A family vacation proves unexpectedly gay as Myrtle Beach, S.C., gets Pride

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The trip to Myrtle Beach, S.C., had more to do with a family reunion than finding a good destination for gay travelers. After all, Myrtle Beach is a pretty lazy, conservative town in the perennial Red State, one where teenaged spring breakers and families gather to enjoy the warm surf and the resort-town appeal of seafood and beachcombing and overpriced cocktails. Queer travelers can hit one of the three gay bars, all within blocks of each other — Club Traxx, Time Out! and the Rainbow House (a lesbian club).

But the weekend I arrived, just by coincidence, it turned out to be Gay Pride.

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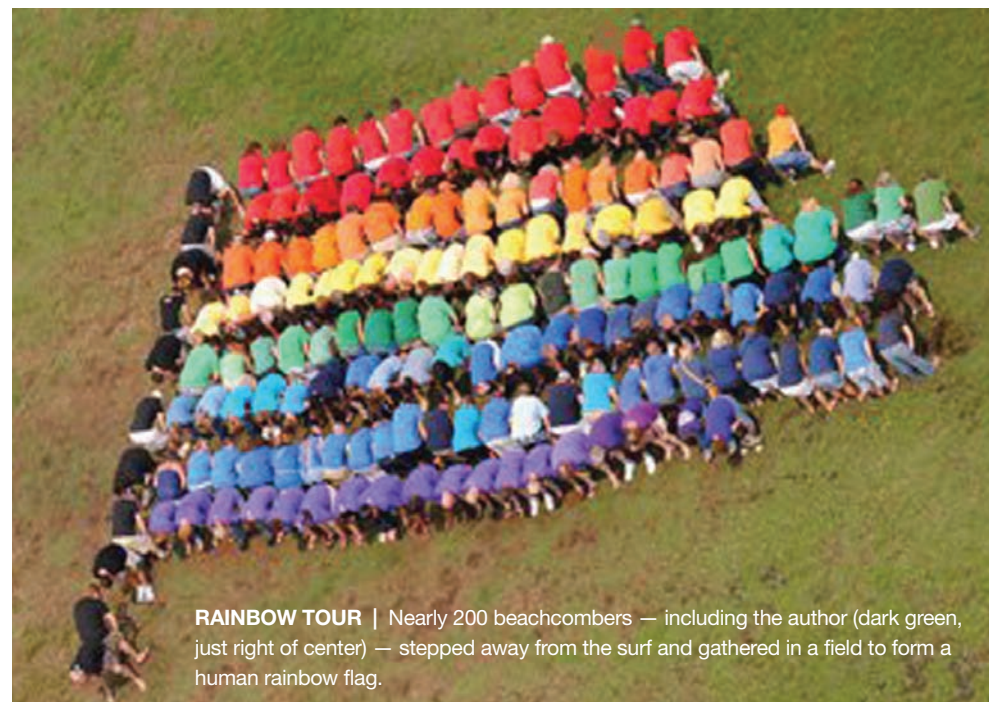
Keep in mind, the gay community in Myrtle Beach is small, so “Gay Days,” plural, felt more like Gay Day, singular: One major event and then life as usual in Coastal Carolina.

The major event, though, was an ambitious one: Gathering members of the LGBT community and their allies to form a “human rainbow flag.” People signed up to wear a pastel-colored T-shirt and arrange themselves in the traditional configuration. A few others wore black, forming the flagpole.

The entire event was threatened by showers late Friday and early Saturday, but despite a slightly muddy field, nearly 200 people turned out, huddled closely on a muggy afternoon, while a photographer flew above in a helicopter.

Numbers weren’t uniform; there were too many reds and too few purples; but the effect was one of a flag waving in the breeze.

In order to do the shoot, members faced each



RAINBOW TOUR | Nearly 200 beachcombers — including the author (dark green, just right of center) — stepped away from the surf and gathered in a field to form a human rainbow flag.

other before bending forward to allow the broad field of their shirts to form the colors. Directly across from me stood Elke Kennedy, a resident of Greenville in the Upstate. Elke and her husband established SeansLastWish.org, raising awareness of anti-gay violence, after their gay son was beaten to death and his killer spent less than a year in jail.

Elke spoke at a rally following the photoshoot, and dozens in attendance listened to her recount

her son’s harrowing attack and death before two drag queens performed and a DJ spun dance hits. People started to file out after a while, off to the beach, or the clubs, or even the boardwalk, where the Texas Star-like Skywheel gives great views of the beach ... and sits next door to the campily named souvenir shop the Gay Dolphin.

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Sunday 08.28

What's your identity?

Identity Festival, the first-ever exclusively electronic music tour, hits the Big D including queer faves Hercules and Love Affair, pictured, the neo-disco project from New York backed by gay DJ Andy Butler. Steve Aoki, The Crystal Method and Nervo also perform at the all-day event.

DEETS: Gexa Energy Pavilion, 1818 First Ave. 1 p.m. \$35. Ticketmaster.com.

Thursday 09.01

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Business Network Collin County luncheon. Fox Sports Grille, 5741 Legacy Drive, Plano. 11:30 a.m. \$20. BusinessNetworkCC.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. DFWfuse.com.

Youth First Texas groups for ages 14 to 22. 3918 Harry Hines Blvd. Fridays-Saturdays and Tuesdays-Wednesdays at 6 p.m., Thursdays at 4 p.m. YouthFirstTexas.org.

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

Stonewall Group of Narcotics Anonymous. Meets daily at noon and 7:30 p.m. 2438 Butler St., Ste. 108.

THEATER

Wild Oats by John O'Keefe and adapted by James McLure. Theatre Three, 2900 Routh St. Through Sept. 10. \$10-\$40. Theatre3Dallas.com.

Xanadu at K.D. Studio Theatre, 2600 N. Stemmons Freeway, Ste. 180. Through Saturday. \$20. Level-GroundArts.com.

FILM

Science Fiction Double Feature screens *Repo! The Genetic Opera* and *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* with *Repo* co-author Terrance Zdunich in attendance. Lakewood Theater, 1825 Abrams Parkway. 10 p.m. \$13. LakewoodTheater.com.

SATURDAY 08.27

COMMUNITY

Charity Poker Tournament benefiting AIDS Interfaith Network. The event is produced by Pocket Rockets Dallas and the Dallas Bears. The Brick, 2525 Wycliff Ave. 3 p.m. PocketRocketDallas.com.

Khush Dallas support group meets for social outings. Meetings restricted to LGBT South Asians and their partners. Meeting location disclosed to those attending in order to protect members' privacy. Call 469-454-8741 or email khushdallas@gmail.com for more information. KhushTexas.org.

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

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

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MUSIC

Mi Diva Loca performs with special guests Mr. Pixie and Jeff Doll. Sue Ellen's, 3014 Throckmorton St. 9:30 p.m. PartyAtTheBlock.com.

SUNDAY 08.28

COMMUNITY

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

Whosoever Dallas Sunday services. 807 Fletcher St. 10:45 a.m. WhosoeverDallas.org.

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

Lutherans Concerned, LGBT affirming group for Lutherans. King of Glory Lutheran Church, 6411 LBJ Freeway. 7 p.m. 214-855-4998.

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

Dignity Dallas sponsors Roman Catholic liturgy. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 6 p.m. 214-521-5342 ext. 1732. DignityDallas.org.

Resounding Harmony holds weekly rehearsals at Oak Lawn United Methodist Church, 3014 Oak Lawn Ave. 7 p.m. ResoundingHarmony.org.

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CONCERTS

Vanity Theft, Hunter Valentine, Sick of Sarah. Sue Ellen's, 3014 Throckmorton St. 9 p.m. PartyAtTheBlock.com.

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MONDAY 08.29

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

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TUESDAY 08.30

COMMUNITY

QLive! Open Mike Night for comedy. Percussions Lounge, 426 S. Jennings Ave. 10 p.m. QCinema.com.

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY 08.31

COMMUNITY

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 age 29. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 3-8 p.m. 214-540-4435. RCDallas.org.

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

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THURSDAY 09.01

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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.

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CELEBRITY BIRTHDAY

By Jack Fertig



Phil McGraw turns 61 on Thursday. The former Wichita Falls resident has used his talk show *Dr. Phil* to address LGBT issues regarding youth and same-sex marriage. He recently spoke to CNN about the damages of ex-gay practices in the wake of Michelle Bachmann's presidential campaign.

VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

As naughty fantasies come inside your head, explore them safely there. Putting them into reality could be delicious, but be careful! However you explore them, you learn a lot about yourself.

LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

Everyone wants an argument. Can't they just be nice and agree with you? There's nothing wrong with sticking to your guns. Shooting them off freely drives away people you care about.

SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

You may feel hassled by an overbearing boss. Bite your tongue and take it all in as feedback to help you do your job better, no matter what the tone. There's always room for improvement.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 20

Your idea of playful banter can really upset some people. That could be a good thing when done in the right time and place. In any event, there will be a price to pay, so make sure it's worth it.

CAPRICORN Dec 21-Jan 19

Capricornian brilliance at sex is one of the zodiac's best-kept secrets. The more it stays that way, the better off you are. Keep that info on a need-to-know basis.

AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

If you can't avoid debate, keep one eye inward to see how your arguments reflect your deepest fears and insecurities. Keep a friend nearby with whom you can have an honest talk about that.

PISCES Feb 19-Mar 19

Taking a cut in pay might be a necessary strategy for long-range benefits. Don't get taken advantage of. If money gets tight, you have the creative resourcefulness to make it through.

ARIES Mar 20-Apr 19

Your idea of fun and good humor upsets some people. In the right time and place that could be a good thing, but think ahead about consequences and whom you can afford to piss off.

TAURUS Apr 20-May 20

Arguments at home reflect and exacerbate your insecurities and doubts. Reflect on childhood patterns and how they affect you now. Probably best to do that on your own.

GEMINI May 21-Jun 20

Your mouth is getting even further ahead of your brain than usual, and your libido is somewhere inbetween. The brilliance of your ideas depends on how much you challenge yourself.

CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22

Hiding financial problems from your partner will make the situation worse. It may be time to renegotiate how you deal with bills and expenses. Explore ideas now, but don't make decisions.

LEO Jul 23-Aug 22

Others admire your brilliance nearly half as much as you do, but a good showman always leaves the audience wanting more. The ability to listen makes you more popular than the ability to talk.

THIS WEEK

Mercury in Leo stimulates creative thinking, but also a lot of self-promotional BS. While in Leo he's agitating the Pluto-Uranus square, leading people to take their notions way too seriously, but those aspects can trigger bits of revolutionary genius. The trick there is to not challenge everyone around you, but to challenge yourself.

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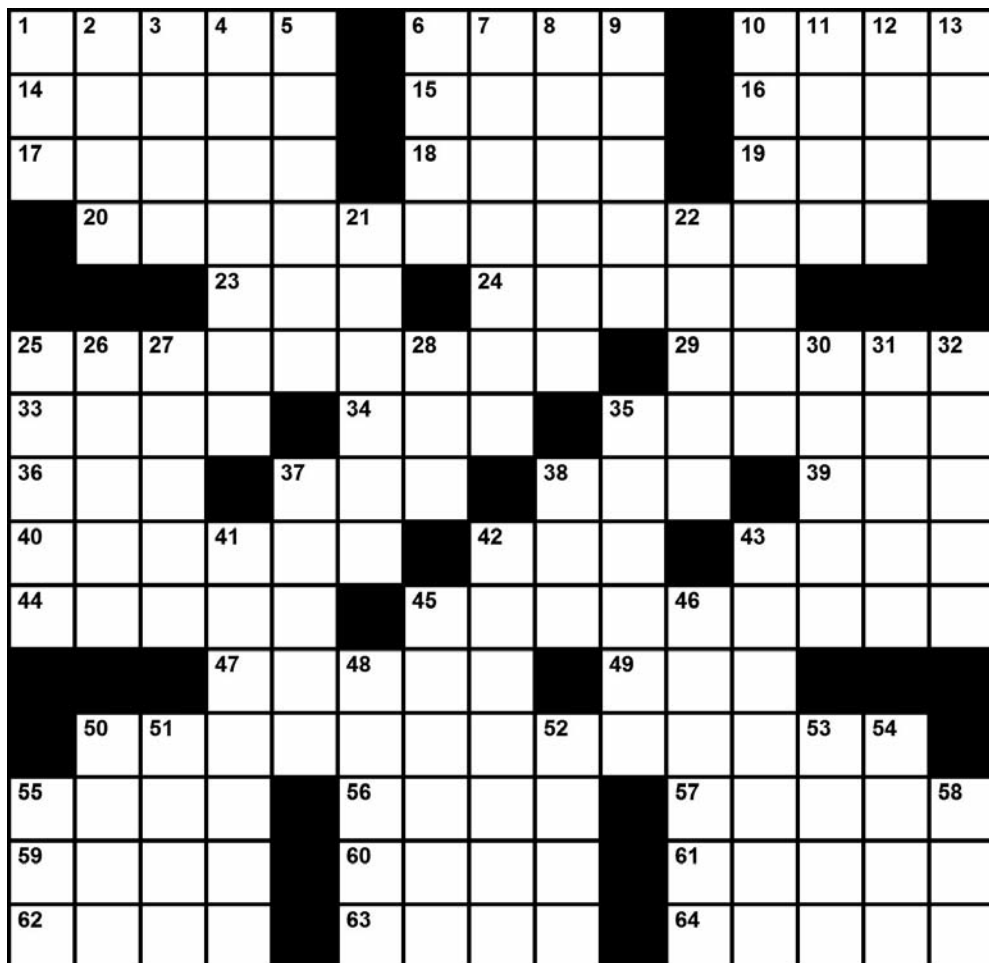


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Things Don't Always Go Swimmingly

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- 10 Wineglass feature
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- 15 Angry, with "off"
- 16 Tops
- 17 Muscular strength
- 18 "Let's see now, where ___?"
- 19 Puts bills in the G-string, e.g.
- 20 103-mile trip attempted by 45-Across
- 23 Trick ending
- 24 Anouk of film
- 25 45-Across didn't use this in her swim
- 29 Mother of the bride, to the other bride
- 33 Boss of The Dukes of Hazzard
- 34 Dedicated poem
- 35 Enticing words at Barney's
- 36 Improve wine or cheese
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- 38 Sighs for a lover who lies between one's thighs
- 39 Here, in Le Havre
- 40 Another Day in Paradise writer Christopher
- 42 Three for Sophia
- 43 "Like ___ not"
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- 47 Pink fruit
- 49 Gomer's mail service
- 50 "I'm almost 62 years old and I'm standing here at the ___"
- 55 Anal alternative
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- 59 Beach toy
- 60 Chicago producer Meron
- 61 Totally ridiculous
- 62 Timothy Daly's sister
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This Paper is 100% RECYCLABLE



Greg and Randy at Best Friends Club.



Mia, Thom, Josh and Brandon at the Rose Room.

Let's find out how you might be spending your nights these next few days. And no we don't mean skimming **Grindr** profiles **Krimson Door** opens the weekend at **Sue Ellen's** Friday night. **Voice of Pride 2010** winners **Mi Diva Loca** performs Saturday night with **Mr. Pixie** and **Jeff Doll**. Sunday night will rock the hell out of this weekend with a concert by **Vanity Theft**, **Hunter Valentine** and **Sick of Sarah** **The Dallas Eagle** celebrates **Ms. Texas Leather** weekend with parties Friday through Sunday. After the **Meet and Greet** on Friday, **DJ Troy Sands** turns out the tunes for the dancefloor. **The United Court** hosts the **Renegades, Rebels and Rogues Show** Saturday and follow up with the **Emperor's Black and White Ball** on Sunday hosted by **J.R. Duran** **Immigrant Punk** had to cancel last week's show, but rescheduled for this Sunday at the **Dallas Pizza Lounge**. **Suzanne Kimbrell** still opens and live art by **Sarah Starseed** will be on hand **James Crook** hosts the weekly **Pool Tournament** on Mondays at **The Brick** and then later in the evening, **Eric Way** takes over **Karaoke** duty. Show off your skills in public at **Talent Night** on Wednesday with **Dominique Skyy** and **Kiana Lee**. Then watch the beef Thursday at the **Bump and Grind Amateur Strip Night** **Woody's** will feature singer **Andrea Dawson** on the **Back Patio** Friday night. **Kickback** does their thing Saturday night Well, it looks like you're all set to have at it. ■

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

■ insurance

***A-AFFORDABLE INSURANCE** — 4003 Lemmon Ave.; 214-522-1702.
***ALLSTATE** — (Alex Long); 2700 N. O'Connor, Suite 125, Irving; 972-570-7000; alexlonginsuranceagency.com.
ALLSTATE — (Karen Sandelin); 2717 Wind River; 940-381-5363.
***BILL PRIEST INSURANCE** — 1402 Corinth St.; 214-860-5700.
IRVIN INSURANCE SERVICES — (Farmers); 14651 Dallas Pkwy., # 110; 972-367-6200.
NEW YORK LIFE — (Brian Walker); 12201 Merit, Ste. 1000; 214-629-8558.
STEVEN GRAVES INSURANCE AGENCY — 2919 Welbom, Suite 100 214-599-0808; stevengravesinsurance.com.

■ private clubs

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

■ private clubs

***CLUB DALLAS** — 2616 Swiss; 214-821-1990; the-clubs.com.
***MIDTOWNE SPA** — 2509 Pacific; 214-821-8989; midtowne.com.

■ real estate

BOB MCCRANIE & TEXAS PRIDE REALTY — 1614 S. Broadway, #108; 972-754-0582; texaspriderealty.com.
DYLAN, THE — 4533 Cedar Springs, 75219; 214-520-5945; dylanliving.com.
HENRY, JOSEPH — (Keller Williams); 214-520-4122; texaslistingagent@aol.com.
HEWITT & HAGOOD — (Dave Perry Miller); 2828 Routh, #100; 214-752-7070; hewitthabgood.com.
HICKMAN & WEBER — 6441 E. Mockingbird Ln., 214-355-3122, hickmanweber.ebby.com.
KB HOMES — 3546 Melinda Hills Drive; 214-920-9090.
M STREET LOFTS — 5800 McCommas Blvd.; 214-708-5363; 3bre.com.
MARTIN, KEN — (David Griffin); 214-293-5218.
NALL, STEVE — (Virginia Cook); 972-248-5429; texashomeguy.com.
NESSEL DEVELOPMENT — 6603 E. Lovers Ln., 888-836-8234; nesselinc.com.
ORAM, MARK — (Keller Williams); 214-850-1674; garyrealestateagent.com.
PARKER, BRIAN — (Ebbys Urban Alliance); 214-443-4909; wcondodallas.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; 214-828-8916.
THE GREENS OF KESSLER PARK — 1342 Winding Brook Circle; 214-943-1183; thegreensofkwesslerpark.com.
VIEWPOINT, JEFF — (ReMax Urban); 214-943-9400; jeffupdiike.com.
WINDMILL MORTGAGE — (Armando Ramirez); 214-263-5507.
VIRGINIA COOK REALTORS — 2626 Cole; 214-292-0000; virginiacook.com.
WATERSON, RON — (Prime Lending); 3500 Oak Lawn Ave.; 214-926-9583; primelending.com.
WYNN REALTY — (Craig Patton); 18636 Vista Del Sol Dr; 469-449-9917; wyynnrealty.com.

■ restaurants

***ALFREDO'S PIZZA** — 4043 Trinity Mills, #108; 972-307-1678.
***ALL GOOD CAFE** — 2934 Main St.; 214-742-5362.
***ANGELA'S CAFE** — 7929 Inwood, #121; 214-904-8122.
***BIC'S RESTAURANT** — 2245 Midway Rd., Carrollton; 972-233-5819.
***BLACK-EYED PEA** — 3857 Cedar Springs; 214-521-4580.
***BOOGIE BURGER** — 3510 E. Lancaster; 817-531-8889.
***BREADWINNERS** — 33 McKinney Ave.; 214-754-4740.
***BUFFALO WILD WINGS** — 3636 Frankford Rd.; 972-820-9221.
***BULL CAFE** — 3908 Cedar Springs Rd.; 214-528-5410; bullcafe.com.
***BURGER ISLAND** — 525 Arapaho, Richardson; 972-235-8960.
***BUZZBRENNS KITCHEN** — 4334 Lemmon Ave.; 214-521-4334; 4154 Fittzugh; 214-826-7100; buzzbrenns.com.
***CAFÉ 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; dickleys.com.
DUNKIN DONUTS — 13535 Preston Rd.; 972-239-1700; dunkindonuts.com.
***DUNSTON'S HAMBURGERS** — 8524 Harry Hines; 214-637-2233.
***EINSTEIN BROTHERS BAGELS** — 3827 Lemmon Ave., Dallas, 214-526-5221; 3050 University, Ft. Worth, 817-923-3444.
***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, goodeatsgrill.com.
***GOOD LUCK DRIVE IN** — 900 W. Rosedale, Ft. Worth; 817-332-5507.
***THE GREAT AMERICAN HERO** — 4001 Lemmon Ave.; 214-521-2070.
***HECTORS ON HENDERSON** — 2929 W. Henderson Ave., 214-821-0432, hectorsopenhenderson.com.
***HONEY MOLASSES CAFÉ** — 8204 Elmbrook Dr; 214-905-6100.

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***HUNKY'S** — 4000 Cedar Springs and 321 N. Bishop St.; 214-522-1212; hunkys.com.
***IT'S A GRIND** — 2901 Indiana, 75226; 214-954-7109.
***JACK'S BACKYARD** — 2303 Pittman, Dallas 75208; 214-741-3131; jacksbackyarddallas.com.
***JERSEY MIKE'S SUBS** — 5521 Greenville Ave.; 214-692-6981.
***LA CABANA** — 1417 W. Davis; 214-941-9292.
***LA DOLCE VITA** — 1924 Abrams Pkwy. at Gaston; 214-821-2608.
***LOMA LINDA** — 4810 Maple; 214-526-4749.
***LONE STAR BBQ** — 6320 Beach St, Haltom City; 817-428-7887.
***LOVER'S EGGROLL** — 3510 McKinney, #D; 214-443-1888.
***LUCKY'S CAFÉ** — 3531 Oak Lawn; 214-522-3500.
***MAMA'S DAUGHTERS' DINER** — 2014 Irving Blvd.; 214-742-8646; mamasdaughtersdiner.com.
***MAIN STREET CAFÉ** — 2023 S. Cooper, Arlington; 817-801-9099.
***MCDONALD'S** — 4439 Lemmon Ave.; 214-522-0697.
***MONICA 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'S CAFE** — (Virginia Cook); 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; stratos.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.

■ services

ALLEN, RON, CPA, P.C. — 2909 Cole Ave., #300; 214-954-0042.
ALTA MERE TINTING — 4302 Lemmon Ave.; 214-521-7477; altameredallas.com.
ARIA CREMATION SERVICE — 214-340-8008; cremation.com.
***ARIEL'S PEST CONTROL** — 5319 Alta Vista Ln.; 866-570-4681
***B-TAN** — 4113 Lemmon Ave.; 214-219-1833.
CRAIN & CRAIG PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS — 214-366-2300; crain-craig.com.
CHRISTOVER SANDLIN HOMES AND REMODELING — 817-727-3718; sandlinrh.com.
***ENERGY FITNESS** — 2901 Cityplace West Blvd.; 214-219-1900.
***EXCHANGE PARK MALL** — 6300 Harry Hines.
FLOWER ROAD — 4123 Cedar Springs Rd.; Suite 1428; 214-987-2766; flowerroad.net
GAYDSL.NET — oaklawn.tv.
H&R BLOCK — (Skip Stark); 5617 Lemmon Ave.; 214-522-0179; hbtkblock.com.
***HOLLYWOOD STYLE NAILS** — 3523 Oak Lawn; 214-526-7133.
***IRON PRESS CLEANERS** — 3818 Cedar Springs; 214-443-9936.
***JESSICA HAIR SALON** — 4420 Lemmon; 214-521-9244.
***LA BELLE SALON** — 4030 Cedar Springs; 214-528-38

organizationdirectory

■ hotline

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, 903-540-4018; 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; 214-528-6308; legacycounseling.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ education

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ media

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

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

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

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

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

■ music

FRONTIER DRUM & BUGLE CORPS — 3630 Harry Hines Blvd., #18, Dallas 75219; 972-437-6974; frontiercorps.org.

OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND — P.O. Box 190869, Dallas 75219; 214-621-8998; oaklawnband.org.

NEW TEXAS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA — P.O. Box 190137, Dallas 75219; 214-526-3214 (x101); ntso.org.

TURTLE CREEK CHORALE — P.O. Box 190137, 75219, Dallas 75219; 214-526-3214 (x 101); turtlecreek.org.

WOMEN'S CHORUS OF DALLAS — 3630 Harry Hines Blvd., #210, Dallas 75219; 214-520-7828; twcdoffice@twcd.org; twcd.org.

■ political

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF DALLAS COUNTY — P.O. Box 541712; DALLAS 75234-1719; lpdallas.org.

LOG CABIN REPUBLICANS OF DALLAS — P.O. Box 191033, Dallas 75219; 214-346-2115; robschlein@aol.com; dallas.logcabin.org.

STONEWALL DEMOCRATS OF DALLAS — P.O. Box 192305, Dallas 75219; 214-887-4990; jesse.garcia@stonewalldemocratsofdallas.org; stonewalldemocratsofdallas.org.

STONEWALL DEMOCRATS OF DENTON COUNTY — P.O. Box 703392, Dallas 75370; 972-890-3834; info@stonewalldemocratsofdentoncounty.org; stonewalldemocratsofdentoncounty.org.

TARRANT COUNTY STONEWALL DEMOCRATS — P.O. Box 185363, Fort Worth 76181; 817-913-8743; info@tarrantcountystonewalldemocrats.org; tarrantcountystonewalldemocrats.org.

■ professional

ALLIANCE OF DESIGN PROFESSIONALS — 214-526-2085.

BUSINESS NETWORK OF COLLIN COUNTY — 972-702-0058; businessnetworkcollin.com.

CATHEDRAL BUSINESS NETWORK — 214-351-1901 (x304); cbn.info@cathedralohope.com; cathedralohope.com/cbn.

DALLAS PRIDE RESOURCE GROUP — bruce.shelton@bankofamerica.com.

DALLAS GAY AND LESBIAN BAR ASSN. — 214-540-4460; adamsseidel@aol.com; dgliba.org.

DALLAS LAMBDA MEDICAL NETWORK — Contact Paul Jentz; 214-820-6930; paul.jentz@baylorhealth.edu.

DELOITTE GLOBE — dallasglobe@deloitte.com.

GLEAM — gleam@aa.com; amrgleam.com.

GLEE — 972-605-1212; edsu.edu.com/glee/index.html.

GLOBE — P.O. Box 50961, Dallas 75250; 972-308-7233; marie.garza@irs.gov; fedglobe.org.

IBM EAGLE — haywardm@us.ibm.com.

LAMBDA PRIDE TOASTMASTERS — 5910 Cedar Springs, Dallas 75219; lambdapride@freetoasthost.us; lambdapride.freetoasthost.us.

LEADERSHIP LAMBDA TOASTMASTERS — info@leadershiplambdafreetoasthost.com; leadershiplambdafreetoasthost.com.

LBGT LAW SECTION OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS — www.lgbtlawtx.com; 800-204-2222 x 1420.

NORTH TEXAS GLBT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE — 3818 Cedar Springs Blvd., Suite 101-429, Dallas, 75219, 214-821-GLBT.

OUT & EQUAL DFW — www.outandequal.org/dallas-fort-worth, DFW@outandequal.org.

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RAYTHEON GLBTA — Roland Zuniga, 972-344-5245, rz@raytheon.com.

TI PRIDE NETWORK — 12500 TI Blvd., MS 8683, Dallas, 75243, 214-480-2800, tipridenetwork-officers@list.ti.com.

WOMEN'S BUSINESS NETWORK — P.O. Box 190692, Dallas 75219; 972-949-4355; info@womensbusinessnetwork.org; womensbusinessnetwork.org.

■ services

BLACK TIE DINNER, INC. — 3878 Oak Lawn Ave., Ste. 100-B #321, Dallas 75219; 972-733-9200; blacktie.org.

BOYS4TOYS — 4327 Vandelia, Dallas 75219; 214-522-5200; b4t@swbell.net; boys4toys.org.

COLLIN COUNTY GAY AND LESBIAN ALLIANCE — P.O. Box 860030 Plano, TX 75086-0030; 214-521-5342 (x1715); info@ccglja.org; ccglja.org.

DALLAS SOUTHERN PRIDE — 3100 Main, #208, Dallas 75226; 214-734-8007; dallassouthernpride.com.

DALLAS/FORT WORTH FEDERAL CLUB — P.O. Box 191153, Dallas 75219; 214-428-3332; dfwefederalclub.org.

DALLAS GAY AND LESBIAN ALLIANCE — P.O. Box 190712, Dallas 75219; 214-528-4233; info@dglja.com; dglja.com.

DALLAS GENDER SOCIETY — 214-540-4475.

DALLAS TAVERN GUILD — 214-571-1073; michaeldoughman@sbcbglobal.net; dallastavernguild.org.

***JOHN THOMAS GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTER** — 2701 Reagan, P.O. Box 190869, Dallas 75219; 214-528-9254; Phil Johnson Historical Archives and Library; 214-540-4451.

GAY AND LESBIAN FUND FOR DALLAS — 3818 Cedar Springs Rd. 101, #371, Dallas 75219; 214-421-8177; volunteers@glfd.org.

GAY & LESBIAN SWITCHBOARD — 214-528-0022; rcdallas.org/glcc.html.

HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVE OF NORTH TEXAS — 214-855-0520; info@hronline.org; hronline.org.

LAMBDA LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND, SOUTHWEST REGION — 3500 Oak Lawn, #500, Dallas 75219; 214-219-8585; lambdalegal.org.

LEGACY OF SUCCESS FOUNDATION, INC. — P.O. Box 700072, Dallas 75370; heritagecelebrationdfw.org.

NAMES PROJECT DALLAS — P.O. Box 190869, Dallas 75219; 214-520-SEWS (Phone), 214-553-8129 (Fax); dallasnamesproject@hotmail.com; aidsquiltDallas.org.

■ services

NATIONAL COMING OUT PROJECT-DALLAS — P.O. Box 190726, Dallas 75219, 214-261-5610; comeout.org.

TARRANT COUNTY GAY PRIDE WEEK ASSOCIATION — P.O. Box 3459, Fort Worth 76113; info@tcgpwa.org; tcgpwa.org.

TALK OF THE TOWN TOASTMASTERS CLUB — 214-404-2118; dgshmer@aol.com.

TRIANGLE FOUNDATION — P.O. Box 306, Frisco 75034; 972-200-9411 (Phone), 501-643-0327 (Fax); collinequality.org.

■ social

BATTALION MOTORCYCLE CORPS — P.O. Box 190603, Dallas 75219; commander@battalionmc.com; battalionmc.com.

BITCHNBRUNCH — bitchnbrunch.org; bitchnbrunch@yahoogroups.org.

CLASSIC CHASSIS CAR CLUB — P.O. Box 225463, Dallas 75222; 214-446-0606; information@classicchassis.com; classicchassis.com.

COUPLES METRO DALLAS — P.O. Box 192116, Dallas 75219; 214-521-5342 (x1764); couplesmetrodallas.com.

DAMN — DAMNmen.org; P.O. Box 190869, Dallas 75219; 214-521-5342 (x1739); oaklwny@hotmial.com.

DALLAS BEARS — P.O. Box 191223, Dallas 75219; 214-521-5342 (x2943); dallasbears.org.

DFW BIG MEN'S CLUB — P.O. Box 227262, Dallas 75222; 972-AM-I-BIG9; dfwbmc@hotmail.com; chubnet.net/dfwbmc.

DISCIPLINE CORPS — P.O. Box 190838, Dallas 75219; 214-521-5342 (x1731); webmaster@disciplinecorps.com; disciplinecorps.com.

FIRE DANCERS — mikeykeith@cs.com; fire dancers.org.

FLYING "W" OF DALLAS — P.O. Box 815485, Dallas 75281; 972-514-0511.

FOR MEN ONLY DALLAS (FMO) — http://socialnetwork.meetup.com/1102/

FRISCO PRIDE — P.O. Box 1533, Frisco 75034; 469-324-4123; friscopride.com.

FUSE — 214-540-4435; adam@getyourfusion.com; getyourfusion.com.

GAY AND LESBIAN RESIDENTS OF OAK CLIFF — galroc.org.

GAY & LESBIAN SINGLES — 214-328-6749.

GAY MEN'S BOOK CLUB — 214-418-3354; gaymensbookclub@sbcbglobal.net

GAY OUTDOOR CLUB — 469-387-2530; mrailey@gmail.com; gayoutdoorclub.org.

GAYMSTERS BRIDGE CLUB — P.O. Box 190856, Dallas 75219; 214-946-6464; gaymasters@yahoo.com; gaymasters.org.

GROUP SOCIAL LATINO — 2701 Reagan; 214-540-4466.

IMPERIAL COURT DE FORT WORTH/ARLINGTON — P.O. Box 365, Fort Worth 76101; 817-897-8612; webmaster@ic-fwa.org; ic-fwa.org.

JEWEL — 214-540-GIRL; jewel@rcdallas.org; rcdallas.org.

KHUS TEXAS — http://groups.yahoo.com/group/khus-texas.

LATE BLOOMERS — La Madeleine, 3906 Lemmon; 903-887-7371.

LEATHER KNIGHTS — P.O. Box 190111, Dallas 75219; 214-559-3625; leatherknights.org.

LONG YANG CLUB — 214-521-5342 (x428); lyc_dfw_tx@hotmail.com; longyangclub.org/dallas.

LVP/PWA CAMPOUT — Rick; campout@lvpwpa.com; http://www.lvpwpa.com;

MEN OF ALL COLORS TOGETHER — P.O. Box 190611, Dallas 75219; 972-504-4765; har-groups.yahoo.com/group/mactdallas.

NATIONAL LEATHER ASSOCIATION-DALLAS — P.O. Box 190432, Dallas 75219; info@nla-dallas.org; nla-dallas.org.

NORTH TEXAS RADICAL FAERIES — groups.yahoo.com/group/ntradfae.

OAK LAWN COUPLES — oaklawnlwn.com.

ONCE IN A BLUE MOON — 10675 East Northwest Hwy., #26008, Dallas 75238; 972-264-3381; xschepps@sbcbglobal.net; once-in-a-blue-moon.org.

ORANGE CLUB — groups.yahoo.com/group/orange-club.

OUT TAKES DALLAS — 3818 Cedar Springs #101-405 Dallas 75219; 972-988-6333 (Phone), 866-753-9431 (Fax); outtakesdallas.org.

PRIME TIMERS OF DALLAS-FORT WORTH — PO Box 191101, Dallas 75219; 972-504-8866; information@primetimers-dfw.org; primetimers-dfw.org.

RAINBOW GARDEN CLUB — P.O. Box 226811, Dallas 75222; 214-941-8114; info@rainbowgardenclub.com; rainbowgardenclub.com.

SAVVY SINGLES NEWS DFW — http://singles.meetup.com/2049/

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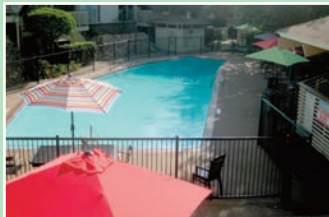
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