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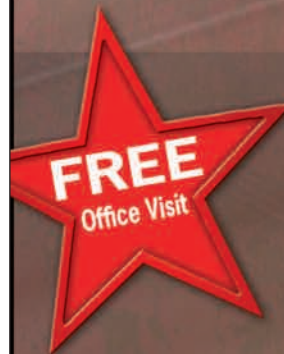
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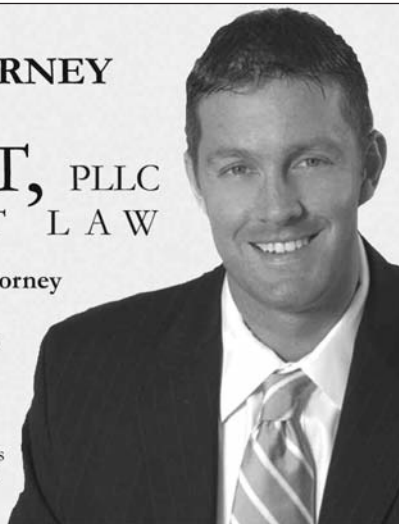
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## Secretary of State Clinton delivers historic speech on LGBT rights at U.N. in Geneva

In what LGBT equality advocates are heralding as a remarkable and historic speech, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on Tuesday, Dec. 6, told diplomats from around the world that LGBT rights are universal human rights, equal to women's rights and racial equality, and that the U.S., under the administration of President Barack Obama, will from now on take a country's treatment of its LGBT citizens into consideration when making decisions on awarding foreign aid to that country.

Clinton delivered the speech before a gathering at the United Nations in Geneva, home of the U.N.'s human rights body.

Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese said that with the speech Clinton "distinguished herself as a legendary champion of rights for all people." With her "remarkable speech," Solmonese added, Clinton "showed the power of American leadership that calls on the world to live up to the idea that all people are entitled to basic human rights and dignity. There is no question that the administration's record of advancing equality for LGBT people has been enhanced by the leadership of Secretary Clinton."

In a statement released shortly after the speech, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Executive Director Rea Carey thanked Clinton for "taking to the world stage to send the unequivocal message that LGBT people everywhere should be able to live freely and with dignity."

Clinton's speech, Carey added, "made it clear that the fair and equal treatment of LGBT people worldwide is a moral imperative and a priority and legitimate concern in U.S. foreign policy."

Clinton delivered her address shortly after the White House Press Office released a statement announcing that President Obama had sent out a presidential memorandum instructing U.S. diplomatic officers and agencies to "promote and protect" the rights of LGBT persons abroad.

Watch video of the speech at read a transcript at [tinyurl.com/7yere3e](http://tinyurl.com/7yere3e).

— Tammye Nash

## Hotel Palomar hosts Operation Kindness for Santa Paws photos

Here at the Voice, we have a soft spot for Operation Kindness, the no-kill animal shelter which offers us a "pet of the week" in the paper. In fact, we love pets, period. We also like the gay- and pet-friendly Hotel Palomar. So we're happy to let y'all know about Santa Paws, the pet-photo opp at the Palomar this weekend that benefits Operation Kindness. Bring by your dog (or cat or bird or snake or gerbil) and get a free pet-master photo, and help yourself to cocoa and hot apple cider and munchies for man and beast. You can also meet Troy, the new director of pet relations at the hotel and ambassador to four-legged guests.

Of course, it would be nice with all of these freebies that you drop a little cash for Operation Kindness, which will also be there offering up some pets for adoption.

The event takes place Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 10 and 11, from 2-4 p.m., at the Palomar on Mockingbird and Central.

— Arnold Wayne Jones



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Rick Perry

## The 'Brokeback Perry' meme

On Wednesday morning, when I first saw Rick Perry's new anti-gay ad, I posted here on Instant Tea that it looked a lot like a scene from *Brokeback Mountain*.

At the time, though, it's doubtful I could have put my finger on what triggered this reaction. Well, now we all know: It's the jacket, stupid!!! The above image, which is of unknown origin, showing Perry in the ad below Heath Ledger in the movie has gone completely viral. It's also given birth to a meme, as you can see below.

Also, in case you want to put one of those jackets on your (War on) Christmas list, Senior Editor Tammye Nash informs me that it's likely a Carhartt (and she would know).

— John Wright



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**A QUARTER CENTURY** | Craig Hess was Resource Center Dallas' second employee when he started 25 years ago. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

## Hess marks 25 years with RCD

Co-workers call him the steady force, the quiet authority and the keeper of institutional knowledge

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Craig Hess marked his 25th anniversary as an employee of Resource Center Dallas appropriately enough on World AIDS Day, Dec. 1.

To put that amount of time in perspective, World AIDS Day dates back only 23 years.

Currently, Hess is the insurance assistance coordinator at RCD. When he was hired in 1986, he started as the volunteer coordinator.

Hess was the second person hired by the organization — after community educator Mike Richards and before the agency's first executive director, John Thomas. Hess said three people were hired that day.

"When I took the job, it was temporary — six months and they'll find a cure," he said. "This has been the longest temporary job I ever had."

RCD Communications and Advocacy Manager Rafael McDonnell called Hess "a living history book" and "the keeper of institutional knowledge" for the agency. He said that Hess is a steady force at the center and is treated with a great deal of respect.

"He's the quiet authority," McDonnell said.

Hess describes himself a little differently.

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# Jenkins takes home Stonewall's Pink Pump

County judge among officials, members honored at Democratic group's annual Holiday Party

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Nearly two years ago, in a controversial move, Stonewall Democrats of Dallas endorsed Larry Duncan for county judge over establishment-backed candidate Clay Jenkins and openly gay incumbent Jim Foster.

On Monday, Dec. 5, Stonewall Democrats presented Jenkins — who defeated Duncan and Foster in the 2010 primary before winning the general election — with the group's coveted Pink Pump Award, which honors a straight ally who's gone above and beyond on behalf of the LGBT community.

Stonewall President Omar Narvaez said regardless of the decision to endorse Duncan, Jenkins has been very open to working with the group. Stonewall's board tapped Jenkins, who chairs the Commissioners Court, for the Pink Pump primarily due to his role in adding sexual orientation — and later gender identity and expression — to the county's employment nondiscrimination policy this year.

"That's a huge deal," Narvaez said. "We're the only county in the entire state of Texas that has a fully inclusive nondiscrimination policy for its employees. ... So much has happened — a lot of stuff that never would have happened under our last county judge, who was a member of the [LGBT] community."

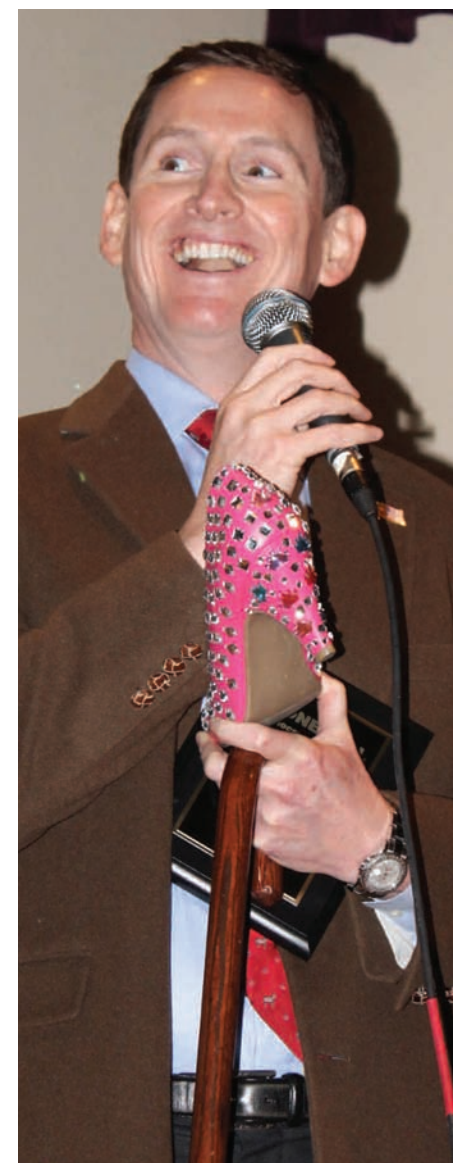
Also this year, Parkland hospital's Board of Managers — appointed by the Commissioners Court — added domestic partner benefits for the facility's 9,400 employees. And, although the county didn't add DP benefits for its own workers due to budget constraints, Jenkins has said he'll push to do so next year.

"The good part is, at least it's come up," Narvaez said. "It's something that we can work toward now."

Jenkins beat out Dallas City Councilwoman Monica Alonzo and Stonewall member Gillian Parillo to take home the Pink Pump, which comes in the form of a bedazzled pink high-heeled shoe.

The county judge was on hand at Stonewall's Holiday Party to accept the shoe, despite undergoing surgery earlier in the day to have screws removed from his leg.

Jenkins was walking with a cane and, unlike



**AND THE WINNER IS** | Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins accepts the Pink Pump Award — which consists of a bedazzled pink high-heel shoe — during Stonewall Democrats' Holiday Party on Monday, Dec. 5 at Sue Ellen's. (John Wright/Dallas Voice)

at least one past recipient, unable to try on the Pink Pump. As he took the stage in the Vixen Lounge at Sue Ellen's, he held up a plastic biohazard bag containing the screws — the remnants of a nasty fall he took on the ice in February.

"There is a strength in our diversity and a common bond in our shared values here in Dallas County," Jenkins said later. "Stonewall

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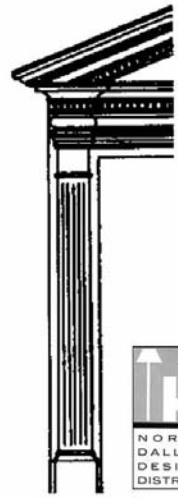
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### Cocktails for a Cause Red Ribbon Bash

The Cocktails for a Cause Red Ribbon Bash, benefiting Resource Center Dallas, begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at Central 214 at Hotel Palomar, 5300 E. Mockingbird. Admission is \$25.

### Hardy Candy Christmas benefit show and auction

Miss IGRA Victoria Weston, Trisha Davis and Donna Dumae host the 25th annual Hardy Candy Christmas benefit show and auction, presented by TGRA-Dallas and the United Court of the Lone Star Empire on Saturday, Dec. 10, starting at 8 p.m., at Dallas Eagle, 5740 Maple Ave.

Proceeds benefit TGRA and UCLSE and the organizations they have chosen as beneficiaries.

Other events coming up at Dallas Eagle include the Stocking Stuffers Auction benefiting PPF on Dec. 16 and UCLSE's Jingle Ball Golden Rings 5 benefiting Youth First Texas on Dec. 17.

### Christmas Stocking Auction at The Round-Up

The Round-Up Saloon, 3912 Cedar Springs Road, will hold its annual Christmas Stocking Auction on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m., and preview baskets will be on display in the bar on Saturday, Dec. 10.

Proceeds benefit Legacy Counseling Center and Legacy Founders Cottage.

### Black Tie Dinner check distribution party

The Black Tie Dinner committee will distribute checks representing proceeds from its 30th annual dinner, held last month, to the Human Rights Campaign and the dinner's 17 local beneficiaries on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 6 p.m. at the Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 N. Harwood. Those attending will also have the chance to visit the exhibit *The Fashion World of Jean Paul Gaultier: From the Sidewalk to the Catwalk*, now on display at the museum.

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# VA hospital still reviewing lesbian vet's complaint

Officials to decide on discipline for nurse accused of anti-gay tirade

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Officials at the Dallas VA Medical Center are expected to decide within weeks whether to discipline a nurse accused of discriminating against a lesbian Marine veteran who sought mental health treatment.

The VA Medical Center has placed the nurse, Lincy Pandithurai of Cedar Hill, on administrative duty pending the outcome of its investigation into a complaint from 28-year-old Esther Garatie of Irving.

Garatie, a former Marine lance corporal who was honorably discharged in 2006, said she sought treatment for severe depression and possible post-traumatic stress disorder — including thoughts of suicide — on Oct. 12.

Garatie alleges that during a two-hour tirade, Pandithurai told her she was living in sin and said that was the reason for her mental health issues. Garatie said the nurse advised her to accept Jesus and become straight.

Monica A. Smith, a spokesman for the VA Medical Center, said this week that the hospital's investigative board completed its inquiry into Garatie's complaint on Friday, Dec. 2. The investigative board's report will now be forwarded the hospital's Executive Office.

"The Executive Office, Human Resources, and the Office of General Counsel will review the board's report and determine what, if any, actions are necessary," Smith said. "We expect this will take no longer than a few weeks."

More than 16,000 people have signed a petition at Change.org calling for the VA Medical Center to terminate Pandithurai based on Garatie's complaint. Garatie has also filed a complaint against Pandithurai with the Texas Board of Nursing.

Both the VA Medical Center and the Board of Nursing have policies prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Pandithurai didn't return phone messages from Dallas Voice seeking comment about the complaints.

Since Dallas Voice first reported on the complaints in late October, both the Dallas Observer and the Dallas Morning News have published articles.

Jessica Gerson, Garatie's close friend who's been assisting her with the complaints, said this week that the ex-Marine is holding up well despite the publicity. However, Gerson said the VA Medical Center is still "dragging their feet on pro-



Esther Garatie

viding real therapy."

Gerson said Garatie has finally been assigned a permanent therapist but won't be able to see the doctor until Dec. 16.

"This is rather disheartening, as you might imagine, but unfortunately not particularly surprising at this point," Gerson said in an email this week. "The publicity has been hard for her, particularly the need to relive what happened at the VA (and some of her other traumatic experiences) over and over again, but she's been a real trooper, as ever."

"She's such a private person that this publicity has been deeply uncomfortable for her, not only because of the need to relive her experiences, but also simply because she's the kind of person who prefers to stay quietly in the background," Gerson said. "It's taken a great deal of courage for her to set her preference for privacy aside enough to seek justice for what happened." ■



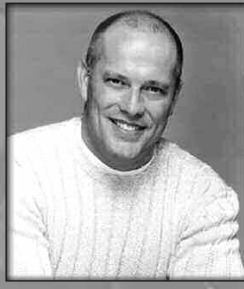
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# CSMA planning to hire security

Merchants association would like to cut down on panhandling and vagrants along the retail side of Cedar Springs

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Cedar Springs Merchants Association decided to hire a guard to patrol the east side of Cedar Springs Road. Storeowners and landlords will fund the additional security.

Caven Enterprises, owner of four bars on the west side Cedar Springs, has had guards patrol that side of the street for years.

CSMA President Scott Whittall said several incidents prompted hiring the guard.

"We deal with panhandlers and vagrants daily," Whittall said.

A burglary at OutLines several weeks ago was among the incidents that prompted the move.

OutLines owner David Lester said, "A gentleman of dubious character was in the store."

He said the salesman kept an eye on him. The man said he was going to purchase six pairs of jeans, selected a variety of sizes and styles and took them to the counter. The salesman followed the man to the cash register but as he walked behind the counter, the man grabbed the slacks and ran out the door.

Lester said the presence of security on the street would help.

"The security person will have a phone," he

said.

A salesman in a store could call the guard to come down to that store. Lester said it might not have prevented the theft, but the man would have been less likely to grab and run if a guard was standing outside the front door.

"The presence tends to tell people we're watching," he said.

He said at night during the week the parking in back can be dark and lonely. A security guard could watch people as they go to their cars.

However, the guard will not be full time. The days and hours will vary from week to week.

Lester said that it would be nice to have someone full-time but this is what they can afford. He said the fluctuating schedule would make it harder to announce which hours would be best for shoplifting. Some days the guard will patrol during the afternoon. Other days security will continue into the evening.

Caven Enterprises has employed security guards around its clubs and parking lots for years.

"We've had security as long as I've worked for this company," said Caven president Gregg Kilhoffer, who has been with the company for 27 years.

On any one night Caven has three to seven guards — one at each club entrance, one in the parking lot, one in paid parking and one or two roaming the perimeter.

"Security is very important," Kilhoffer said, "And I'm very proud of that."

Kilhoffer, who is on the board of the merchant's association, said he would like to see security during the day for the stores and restaurants.



**SAFETY AND SECURITY** | OutLines owner David Lester believes that a security guard will help make shopping on Cedar Springs a safer and more pleasant experience. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

"That would help us deal with people who harass customers," he said.

Whittall said that CSMA is still interviewing companies to provide the protection required. He said he thought they had a deal with one company but that company wasn't willing to patrol on a varying schedule.

"Vagrants know when security is there," Whittall said.

Police advised the group to vary hours and days to keep panhandlers and vagrants off-guard.

Whittall said that in his eight years as a Cedar Springs merchant, he hadn't encountered any violent crime along the street. And a security guard would not patrol the residential streets where many people park on weekends where muggings have occurred.

Lester said that unfortunately a guard wouldn't have prevented the recent hit-and-run accidents involving pedestrians either.

But Whittall said panhandling is a major problem that merchants hoped to get under control.

"Not a day went by that I didn't have to deal with it," Whittall said.

Whittall sold Buli and the transfer to new owners happened last week. He said the new owners had to deal with a panhandler in the store the first hour they were running the business.

To fund the guard, CSMA planned to hold a holiday dinner and cabaret on Friday, Dec. 2 at The Rose Room. Whittall said that several other events that evening conflicted including a Human Rights Campaign holiday party. Only half the seats sold so CSMA decided to postpone it.

Whittall said the event will be moved to early spring. Singer Linda Petty who was slated to appear, told him that she would be available for the group whenever they rescheduled it. She said she'd rather sing for a full house to help them raise more money. ■

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## HESS

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"I'm the voice of reason among the insanity," he said.

Hess said he's amazed at what Resource Center Dallas has become.

In the beginning, he said, "This was as grassroots as it could be. And now we're a United Way agency. Government funding? We never thought of that back then."

He recounted how the insurance program he heads got started in the late 1990s. Dallas County helped Resource Center Dallas make COBRA payments for its clients. At the time, Parkland Hospital estimated that the \$60,000 in insurance payments it funded saved the county more than \$6 million.

"Now it's more like \$100 million saved," Hess said.

Hess said his background is in accounting. "I like doing it because it's very exacting," he said. "There's no leeway. It's very organized. This is extreme accounting."

He called his job the one no one else wants to do.

RCD Executive Director and CEO Cece Cox was among the agency's staff who heaped praise on Hess.

"When I first met Craig, he wore a different



Cece Cox

pair of high tops everyday and drove a Cadillac convertible," Cox said. "He's always had his own style and there's something to be said for that."

But her admiration for him was apparent.

"He's given 25 years of service to this community," she said. "He's dedicated his life to that service."

Cox said that she gets letters from clients about how much Hess has helped them.

"With this job comes many complaints," she said. "To have a client take the time to send a let-

ter of gratitude catches my attention."

But she said to get letters about him repeatedly is a testament to his value to the organization and its clients.

Client Services Manager Jennifer Hurn said it struck her when Hess remarked that the names on the buildings are real people to him.

"Most of us here now can't say that," she said.

Hess agreed and was more comfortable talking about the many other people who helped build the center than about his own accomplishments.

He mentioned Bill Hunt who helped create the Food Pantry and the hot meals program that he

dubbed "Chez Louise."

"Bill wanted lunch served on china because it was about dignity," he said. "Social, not institutional."

And Hess has taken that lesson to heart. He explained why he's devoted his life to RCD's clients.

"I could be any one of the clients," he said. "If this happened to me, how would I want people to treat me?"

So how long can clients count on him to continue doing his temporary job?

"I'm there till it's over," he said. ■

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## Deaths

**Leon Bidez Catlett III**, 40, of Little Rock, Ark., died Nov. 29 at Harris Methodist Hospital in Dallas.

A friend to many and a dedicated volunteer to numerous organizations, Catlett devoted the last four years of his life to the service of others. Known for the ever-present smile on his face, he treasured his immediate family and the countless friends that made up his extended family.

He will be remembered for his passion and unconditional commitment to non-profit organizations. During the last years of his life, he held several leadership positions, serving as vice chair and board member of Legacy Counseling Center and Legacy Founders Cottage; volunteering at Resource Center Dallas, AIDS Interfaith Network and Kidscape Foundation, and serving on the Ryan White Planning Council.

Catlett is survived by his parents, Leon B. Catlett II and wife, Roxanne of Little Rock, and Carol B. Furo Fisher and husband, Kenneth of Plano; his brothers, C. Cori Catlett and wife, Christy, and Aaron Fisher, both of Little Rock; sisters, Kasey Fisher of Dallas and Marcia Catlett Goodloe of Little Rock; grandmother, Betty Butler and husband, Houston, of Searcy, Ark.; grandfather, Sammy Furo and wife, Kay, of Hot Springs, Ark.; grandfather, Bobby Dean Hughes of Jack-



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Leovich, Renee Nolen and husband Ronald, Rhonda Turner and husband Andrew, Sam Furo and Adam Furo; cousins, Liz New and husband Chris, Jay Pullam, Catherine Curran, Joe Matthews, James Matthews, Helen Matthews, Nicholas De Salvo, Alix Matteson and husband George, Sara Smith and husband Will, Ben Bond, Walter Catlett and wife Suzanne, Michael Catlett and Robert Catlett; and niece Bryce Holland Goodloe and nephew Tosh Chiles Goodloe, in addition to numerous close friends including Gretchen Kelly, Steven Weir, Tony Key, Don Gaiser David Andrews.

Catlett was interred at Brearley Cemetery in Dardanelle, Ark., on Dec. 5.

A celebration of his life will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m. at eM — The Venue, Suite C, 1500 Dragon Street in Dallas. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Resource Center Dallas Hot Meals Program/Food Pantry and Legacy Founders Cottage. ■

### PRIDE PROCEEDS



**CHECK DISTRIBUTION** | Representatives of the five organizations named as beneficiaries of the 2011 Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade gather at the Round-Up Saloon to pick up checks representing their share of proceeds from the Pride parade. Dallas Tavern Guild, which puts on the parade each year, distributed checks totaling \$18,700 during the guild's monthly meeting on Thursday, Dec. 1, with each beneficiary's share determined by the number of shifts each group's volunteers worked during the parade and Festival in Lee Park in September. AIDS Interfaith Network received \$4,300; AIDS Arms received \$3,400; AIDS Services Dallas received \$2,400; Legacy Counseling Center received \$1,100 and Youth First Texas received \$7,500. Beneficiaries are in the front row. Tavern Guild members are behind them. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

## STONEWALL

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exemplifies that strength through promoting human rights, protecting public health, registering voters and fostering leaders. I'm honored to accept this year 'Pink Pump' and committed to building a stronger, more progressive Dallas County."

Jenkins was one of several elected officials and Stonewall members honored during the party, which was moved from the Round-Up Saloon this year. Narvaez said the party saw its second-highest attendance ever — behind 2008 — and raised almost four times as much as in any previous year.

The increased fundraising was due to the sale of individual sponsorships, as well as proceeds from the auctioning of lunches with elected officials. Lunch with Jenkins' counterpart on the Commissioners Court, longtime LGBT ally Dr. Elba Garcia, went for \$400. Lunch with Judge Tena Callahan, who handed down a landmark ruling in a gay divorce case in 2009 and is up for re-election next year, went for \$300. And lunch with lesbian Sheriff Lupe Valdez, also up for re-election in 2012, brought two matching bids of \$400 each.

Alonzo, who was elected to represent District 6 on the council this year, read a proclamation



**GOING TWICE** | An auction for lunch with Sheriff Lupe Valdez brought in two matching bids of \$400. (John Wright/Dallas Voice)

from the city recognizing Stonewall Democrats, which celebrated its 15th anniversary in October. Attendees at the Holiday Party also heard from Gilberto Hinojosa, a candidate to replace Boyd Richie, who's retiring as chairman of the Texas Democratic Party.

Hinojosa, already endorsed by the statewide chapter of Stonewall Democrats, predicted that in 2012, Texas will "move much closer to turning blue." Thanks to new redistricting maps, Democrats could pick up anywhere from three to six congressional districts in Texas, and up to 15 seats

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in the state House, he said.

Demographically, Democratic groups account for 70 percent of voters in Texas, Hinojosa said.

"There are more of us than there are of them," he told the group. "We're not winning because we're not getting our base out."

Hinojosa also touched on the State Democratic Executive Committee's recent decision not to put a nonbinding resolution in support of same-sex marriage on the 2012 primary ballot. Although he isn't a voting member of the SDEC, Hinojosa said he spoke in support of placing the resolution on the ballot before the vote during last month's meeting.

"It's an issue the party needed to take a stand on," he said. "We lost on that issue, but there will be time to bring it back again." ■

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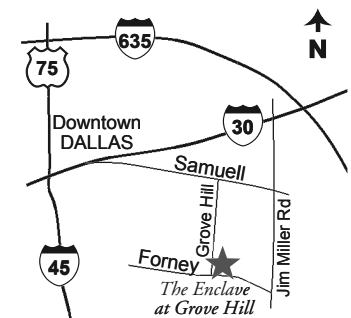
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# Clinton makes history with speech to the U.N.



**GREETING THE CROWD** | U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, left, shakes hands after her speech on human rights issues at the United Nations headquarters in Geneva on Tuesday, Dec. 6. (Anja Niedringhaus/Associated Press)

Secretary of State calls on all nations to make sure LGBTs are treated with respect, dignity; president directs agencies to protect LGBT rights

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U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, in an historic speech on Tuesday, Dec. 6 at the U.S. Mission to the U.N. in Geneva, called on the governments of all nations to ensure that their LGBT citizens are treated with respect and dignity.

Her speech came shortly after the White House Press Office released a statement announcing that President Barack Obama had issued a memorandum directing the State Department to lead an interagency group to provide a "swift and meaningful response" by the U.S. government to "serious incidents that threaten the human rights of LGBT persons abroad."

The memorandum and speech represent a dramatic escalation in the Obama administration's support for the human rights and respectful treatment of LGBT people worldwide.

President Obama's memorandum directs federal agencies involved with dispensing aid and assistance to foreign countries to "enhance their ongoing efforts to ensure regular federal government engagement with governments, citizens,

civil society and the private sector in order to build respect for the human rights of LGBT persons."

It also directs federal agencies to ensure that LGBT people seeking asylum or status as refugees have "equal access" to protections. And it calls on agencies engaged in activities in other countries to "strengthen existing efforts to effectively combat the criminalization by foreign governments of LGBT status or conduct and to expand efforts to combat discrimination, homophobia and intolerance on the basis of LGBT status or conduct."

A senior State Department official, who on the condition that he or she not be identified, told a group of reporters en route to Geneva Tuesday that the administration had "instructed ambassadors to challenge laws that criminalize LGBT status or conduct."

"We're putting some money into it," said the official, of the memorandum's aim. "We're setting up a global equality fund, \$3 million, to support [non-governmental organizational] activists working on this subject."

The State Department released a transcript of the press briefing, including a question from a reporter who asked, "How does the administration reconcile the fact that the president won't explicitly endorse marriage for gay couples at home, but here you are touting human rights, of which marriage is one?"

The official responded that Clinton's speech in Geneva and the administration's global policy on civil rights for LGBT people are "dealing with the

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first iteration of questions."

"You don't attack, you don't commit a violent act, against somebody because of their sexual orientation. You don't criminalize conduct," said the official. "And so, we're here, trying to, again, broadly speaking, identify a human right, a global human right, which starts with those fundamental principles and which is consistent with everything we're doing across the board."

The State Department official characterized the president's memorandum and Clinton's speech as "the most expansive articulation of what has ... been a policy of the administration from the get-go."

Clinton's speech was delivered at the Palais at United Nations headquarters in Geneva to an audience of invited members. She spoke in recognition of the 63rd anniversary of Human Rights Day, coming up on Dec. 10, the date when the United Nations adopted a "Universal Declaration of Human Rights" in 1948. The speech, web-streamed live, took place before an audience of about 500 people that gave Clinton and her speech a prolonged and warm reception. But Clinton made clear she knew she was speaking to a tougher audience.

"Raising this issue, I know, is sensitive for many people," said Clinton, "and that the obstacles standing in the way of protecting the human rights of LGBT people rest on deeply held person, political, cultural and religious beliefs. So, I come here before you with respect, understanding and humility."

Clinton acknowledged that "my own country's record on human rights for gay people is far from perfect," noting that, "until 2003, it was still a crime in parts of our country."

She even seemed to make an elliptical reference to President Obama's famous statement that his opinion about same-sex marriages is "evolving." But she said she is hopeful that "opinion will converge once again with the inevitable truth — all persons are created equal."

She said that the "perhaps most challenging" argument against treating LGBT people with respect "arises when people cite religious or cultural values as a reason to violate, or not to protect, the human rights of LGBT citizens."


She likened such justifications to ones used against women and other minorities, adding that slavery, once justified as "sanctioned by God, is now properly reviled as an unconscionable violation of human rights."

She closed her speech by telling LGBT people, "You are not alone. People around the globe are working hard to support you and to bring an end to the injustices and dangers that you face. ... You have an ally in the United States of America." ■

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# Donations: Glass half empty or half full?

A recent study shows that donations from individuals dropped in '09, '10. But numbers may be up for '11

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How well the LGBT groups are doing financially may well depend on whether one sees a glass as "half empty" or "half full," but a report, released Tuesday, Dec. 6, by an independent think tank, certainly provides some facts to ponder.

Fewer than 3 percent of LGBT adults make contributions to national LGBT organizations, and the number of individuals giving to LGBT groups dropped 12 percent between 2009 and 2010, a trend that has been in play for the past five years.

The nation's 40 largest and most important LGBT groups increased their combined revenue (cash and in-kind) by 1 percent between 2009 and 2010 from \$163 million to \$164 million, and they spent all but \$4.6 million of that.

But the top 10 anti-gay groups spent "almost three times as much" as the 40 "major" pro-LGBT groups in 2010.

On average, national LGBT groups spend about 79 percent of their revenue on programs, 10 percent on management and administration, and 11 percent on fundraising.

While there are many harsh realities there, the Movement Advancement Project, an independent think tank devoted to studying how best to marshal the LGBT movement's resources to "speed advancement of equality for LGBT people," thinks the movement may be at a "turning point" financially.

"While [LGBT organizations] continued to cut expenses in 2010, organizations saw a slight increase in 2010 revenue, and are projecting expense budget increases for 2011," said MAP in its 2011 National LGBT Movement Report.

"This," said MAP, "suggests the LGBT movement may be at a turning point, or at least stabilizing, after seeing large drops in expenses and revenue over the last three years, mostly related to the economic downturn."

MAP concluded that the "downward trend" in expenditures by the groups, a trend "precipitated by the economic downturn, may be at or nearing an end."

The evidence, it said, is the fact that national LGBT groups' projected expense budgets are 13 percent higher this year than last while their debt is smaller.



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The report also reflects what economists and politicians have been discussing for a long time about the trend of wealth accumulating among corporations and a few individuals.

The average LGBT group, said MAP, receives 45 percent of its revenue from its 10 largest contributors. At the same time, organizations are increasingly getting their revenue from "corporations, bequests, in-kind contributions, fundraising events and other sources of income."

"Of particular concern," said the MAP report, "contributions from individual donors dropped sharply (a 14 percent drop, or \$9.3 million) between 2009 and 2010. This revenue drop was mostly offset by revenue increases from corporations (41 percent increase, or \$1.8 million), bequests (30 percent increase, or \$1.6 million), fundraising events (6 percent increase, or \$1.1 million) and other income (126 percent increase, or \$3.2 million)."

MAP made its analysis using financial data from 40 LGBT groups, 27 of which had annual budgets of more than \$1 million, and 13 additional organizations whose missions are considered "critical" to the LGBT movement.

The groups included such well-known national organizations as the Human Rights Campaign, Lambda Legal, and the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, as well as state groups, including MassEquality, the Empire State Pride Agenda and

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# Appeals court rules in favor of fired transgender woman

Conservative 11th Circuit panel overturns trial court decision, says firing violated her right to equal protection

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A three-judge panel of the conservative 11th Circuit U.S. Supreme Court of Appeals on Tuesday, Dec. 6, ruled in favor of an employee of the Georgia General Assembly who was fired after telling a supervisor that she was undergoing male-to-female sex change treatment.

The supervisor, Sewell Brumby, told the employee, then known as Glenn Morrison, that the gender transition would be "disruptive" to the workplace, that it would make some co-workers "uncomfortable" and that "some people would view it as a moral issue."

The employee, now known as Vandiver Elizabeth Glenn, filed suit with the aid of Lambda Legal Defense saying the firing violated Glenn's constitutional right to equal protection.

The firing, argued Lambda, was both discrimination based on sex and based on a medical condition. A district court ruled for the supervisor.

But the panel said the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution "requires the state to treat all persons similarly situated alike or, conversely, to avoid all classifications that are 'arbi-

trary or irrational' and those that reflect 'a bare ... desire to harm a politically unpopular group.'

"The question here is whether discriminating against someone on the basis of his or her gender non-conformity constitutes sex-based discrimination under the Equal Protection Clause," said the panel, in *Glenn v. Sewell Brumby*. "... we hold that it does."

Those reasons included a 1989 decision in *Price Waterhouse v. Hopkins* in which the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that it was sex discrimination for a law firm to deny a promotion to a female lawyer because she was perceived as "macho."

"All persons, whether transgender or not, are protected from discrimination on the basis of gender stereotype," said the panel. "... The nature of the discrimination is the same; it may differ in degree but not in kind, and discrimination on this basis is a form of sex-based discrimination that is subject to heightened scrutiny under the Equal Protection Clause. Ever since the Supreme Court began to apply heightened scrutiny to sex-based classifications, its consistent purpose has been to eliminate discrimination on the basis of gender stereotypes."

The panel took note that supervisor Brumby had expressed concern that other female employees at the General Assembly "might object" to Glenn's use of the women's restroom. But it said Brumby presented "insufficient evidence" to show this was the deciding motivation in firing Glenn.

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MAP Executive Director Ineke Mushovic said MAP used audited financial data for each group. Where an organization, such as the Human Rights Campaign, has a tax-deductible entity 501(c)(3), a non-tax-deductible entity 501(c)(4), and/or a political action committee, MAP combined the data and showed it all under one group name.

Mushovic said MAP agreed with participants not to release financial data on individual groups.

But Mushovic said the top 10 groups, in terms of revenue, are Equality California; the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation; Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network; the Human Rights Campaign; Lambda Legal; the National Center for Lesbian Rights; Out & Equal; the Point Foundation; Senior Action in a Gay Environment and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

MAP said the 40 LGBT groups represent 71 percent of all money spent by LGBT advocacy groups. It calculated this by analyzing 990 forms

filed with the Internal Revenue Service by LGBT groups reporting more than \$25,000 in revenue.

The five-year-old MAP organization issued a report last August showing that the LGBT movement is making progress but is being dramatically outspent by its opponents. That report, too, noted that only 3.4 percent of LGBT people made a contribution to national LGBT groups in 2009.

The 2010 report noted that while 550 LGBT non-profit groups collected a total of \$574 million in contributions during 2009, most of that money (\$299 million or 52 percent) went to providing health services and community center programs. About \$192 million (33 percent) was spent on advocacy, and about \$35 million (6 percent) on legal challenges.

Arts and recreation accounted for about \$36 million (6 percent). Only \$13 million (2 percent) is spent on public education.

The current study was funded by 14 foundations that provide funding to LGBT groups, including the foundations started by well-known gay philanthropists such as David Bohnett, David Geffen, Tim Gill, Jim Hormel and Jon Stryker.

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# AOC to host new Magic Johnson HIV/AIDS clinic

Gould expects new clinic to open in April, giving HIV/AIDS patients in Tarrant County more options for care

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FORT WORTH — Officials at AIDS Outreach Center of Tarrant County and the AIDS Healthcare Foundation, headquartered in Los Angeles, announced on World AIDS Day, Dec. 1, that basketball legend and AIDS survivor Earvin “Magic” Johnson will be lending his name to three new AHF-affiliated healthcare clinics — including one planned at AOC’s Fort Worth facilities.

The other two new AHF Magic Johnson Healthcare Centers will be in Brooklyn, N.Y., and Atlanta.

AOC and AHF officials had announced in late September that the boards of the two agencies had signed a letter of intent to develop the Fort Worth clinic.

AOC Executive Director Allan Gould said this week his agency is “very excited” that the clinic being planned here was chosen to be an AHF Magic Johnson Healthcare Center.

“It is definitely something we had hoped for, and we are very honored that the Magic Johnson Foundation and AIDS Healthcare Foundation trust us to operate this new clinic,” Gould said. “His [Johnson’s] name will bring an even larger degree of publicity to our agency and to the work we do here. And hopefully, that will open some doors that were not so fully opened to us in the past. This can’t be anything but great news for us.”

AHF is the largest provider of HIV/AIDS

medical care in the U.S., and serves more than 100,000 patients overall in 22 countries. Created in 1987, the foundation generates its operating capital through its own self-created social enterprises, including AHF Pharmacies, thrift stores, healthcare contracts and other strategic partnerships.

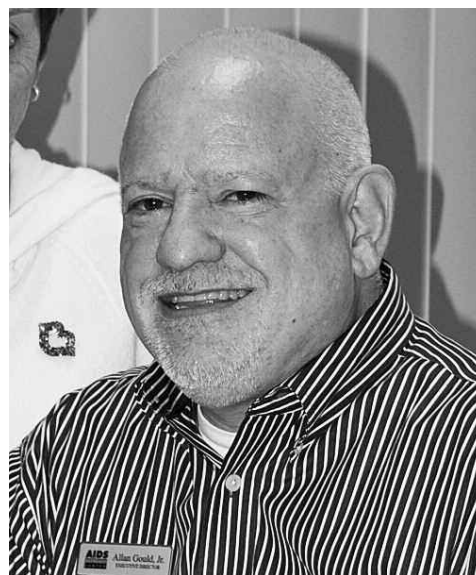
Johnson, who was still playing pro basketball in 1991 when he announced publicly that he was HIV-positive, is chairman and founder of the Magic Johnson Foundation. The foundation raises funds for community-based organizations focused on HIV/AIDS education and prevention.

“Magic Johnson is not just an outstanding businessman and a sports legend. He is also a hero to thousands because of the way he lends his name to the fight against HIV/AIDS,” Gould said. “When he stepped up to declare that he was HIV-positive, he did a tremendous amount to help lessen the stigma of AIDS.”

Gould said the most important aspect of the new AHF Magic Johnson Healthcare Clinic at AOC is that it will “offer clients a choice.”

“I am not saying anything negative about JPS Healing Wings [HIV clinic] or the Tarrant County Health Department’s AIDS clinic. They do a great job,” Gould said. “But there are still people lining up at both those clinics every day to see a physician and get the care they need. Now there will be a paradigm shift in access to medical care in our region. Now those clients will have a choice.”

He said that the new clinic, “ideally, could see up to a thousand clients a year, once it is staffed. But I think in the first year we will see 400 to 600 patients. What that will do is lower the number of patients going to Healing Wings and the public health clinic, and shorten those lines, that wait time. This gives those clients another opportunity to access expert, top-of-the-line, cutting edge



Allan Gould

medical care.”

Gould said the new clinic will occupy about 4,000 square feet of AOC’s facilities at 400 N. Beach St., and that it will include a pharmacy, as well.

“This new clinic will offer medical treatment and prescriptions, regardless of the patient’s ability to pay,” Gould said. “That’s a huge element that we will be bringing to the table that has not been previously available” in Tarrant County and surrounding rural counties AOC serves.

Gould said AHF first approached AOC officials about five months ago, and that AOC officials “were really honored” to be considered as the site of a new AHF clinic.

“It is something we have wanted to do for some time,” Gould said. “Having a clinic has long been an integral part of our mission, and when we moved to our new location here on Beach Street, we did so hoping that the additional square footage this new space gives us would give us the chance to have a clinic.”

But even after they were approached by AHF, “we took our time and did our due diligence,” Gould said. “It takes times to figure out if you want to be a federally qualified health care clinic or go a different route. You have to look at all the



Magic Johnson

parameters involved and all the different permits and licenses you have to have. It can become quite daunting.”

Even when they announced the letter of intent in September, he said, details were still being negotiated. That’s why when AHF CEO Michael Weinstein said during his visit to Fort Worth last month that he would love to see the new clinic open on Feb. 14, 2012, “our jaws just dropped to the floor,” Gould said.

“Even under the best circumstances, the process of getting [construction] permits and rearranging the existing offices — opening by Valentine’s Day simply was not feasible.”

Still, Gould said, word of the new clinic is already getting around and “We are already getting resumés for physicians who want to come and run this clinic, from nurse practitioners and others who want to work here.

“This truly is a huge event for Tarrant County,” Gould continued. “I know there are a number of community health care clinics in Dallas, but this will be the first one in our area that isn’t run by a major medical facility. The role that AOC has been trying to foster for some time is now coming to fruition, and that speaks volumes about the respect we have built up. ■



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## Planning, preparation can make the holidays much more jolly for all



Candy Marcum



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LGBTs often deal with stress, depression during the holiday season due to family issues

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Many people have such high expectations for the holidays that they get depressed when those expectations aren't met. And in the LGBT community, dealing with family issues is often painful.

Counselor Candy Marcum said that holiday depression is the gap between how you think your life should work and how it is working.

"If you think Christmas should be family and love and laughter and you're having trouble paying the rent and your family rejects you, then work to lessen the gap," Marcum said.

She suggested changing the idea of how the holiday should be.

Marcum said that many people come out to family during the holidays because that's when families get together.

And coming out in person is usually better than

over the phone.

But, Marcum said, making a big announcement at the dinner table might not be the best way to do it.

Counselor Randy Martin said that anyone intending to come out to family over the holiday needs to plan and prepare beforehand.

"Find someone to bounce it off of," such as a friend or sibling, he said. "Like a dry run."

But when to spring the news? Each family is different, Martin said.

In some families, it's best to talk about big news in pairs.

In others, groups are fine.

If a family has an expectation of how holiday dinner should be, interrupting it with this sort of news might not be the best idea. But in some families it could be the perfect setting, Martin suggested said.

Going home for the holidays and introducing a new partner is another stressful situation. Even the fully accepting family may react awkwardly to the new situation.

Marcum suggests staying in a nearby hotel might be the answer to avoiding family conflict. That avoids the embarrassing question of sleeping

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arrangements.

Or talk to family ahead of time. Staying with a sibling or other relative might work also.

Martin agreed that a hotel stay could be a perfect alternative for a couple during a holiday visit: "Maybe Grandpa smokes and one of you can't tolerate it, or your family gets up much earlier than you do," he said.

He added that any number of situations could make it simpler all the way around not to stay with one's parents.

Marcum said another uncomfortable situation is visiting family after a breakup. While you might have moved on, everyone else could be feeling the loss for the first time, she said.

"Now you've got a new one [partner]," Marcum said. "That's awkward at best."

Martin agreed. "The family already has a pattern down. Do what you can to let everyone else catch up," he said.

Loneliness is another common problem many people in the LGBT community face during the holidays.

Happy childhood memories of the holidays can bring on a bout of depression when those expectations will not be met because of family rejection, Marcum said.

Others are alone for the holidays simply because of distance, cost of travel or having to work.

Martin suggested doing some extra preparation for the holidays, especially if that time of year tends to be difficult. While many people spend quite a bit of time going to parties and shopping for everyone else, he suggested spending time making plans for yourself.

"Loneliness is real," Martin said. "We're hard-wired to be connected. Make plans."

And he said make back-up plans in case other plans fall through. Think of whom to contact if you're alone — maybe someone to go with to a movie.

Marcum agreed, adding, "Be good to yourself."

"Make a plan that pleases you," she said. "Whatever gives you joy."

She suggested going to church, volunteering in a soup kitchen or having friends or neighbors over.

"Buy yourself something," she suggested. "Wrap it up and put it under the tree."

She said that when sadness around the holiday is a result of bad family relations, keep the door open.

"Take the high road with your family," Marcum said. "Continue to reach out."

That includes inviting them to visit, and calling or sending cards and emails to keep in touch.

Martin's general advice is to stay connected. He said that if exercise is part of your regular routine, make time to get in a workout. He said to not let all the parties and shopping and pressure from the holiday become overwhelming.

And Marcum gives a word of warning about drinking during the holiday

"Watch your alcohol intake," she said. "Alcohol is a depressant." ■

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Oral Roberts' grandson vacuums and makes coffee in a public display designed to debunk the idea that there's an ominous 'gay agenda'

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To bridge the gap between what most evangelicals imagine when they think of a gay couple and what he knows most gay couples do, Randy Roberts Potts has come up with *The Gay Agenda*, a performance piece designed to be boring.

For a weekend, Potts, the out gay grandson of evangelist Oral Roberts, and his boyfriend Keaton Johnson will set up house, so to speak, in a public space in various locations in the central U.S. They will watch TV, make coffee and even take a nap.

What they won't do is kiss or even touch much.

And they hope people from the area will come and watch — but only for a short time. Because what they'll be doing is extremely boring.

They expect that local media will come and talk to them about their mundane lives. And on Sunday morning, Potts hopes a local church will allow him to come and speak.

Like many gay people, Potts had to deal with family issues wrapped up in religion. And like many other gay men, before he came out, he married and had three kids.

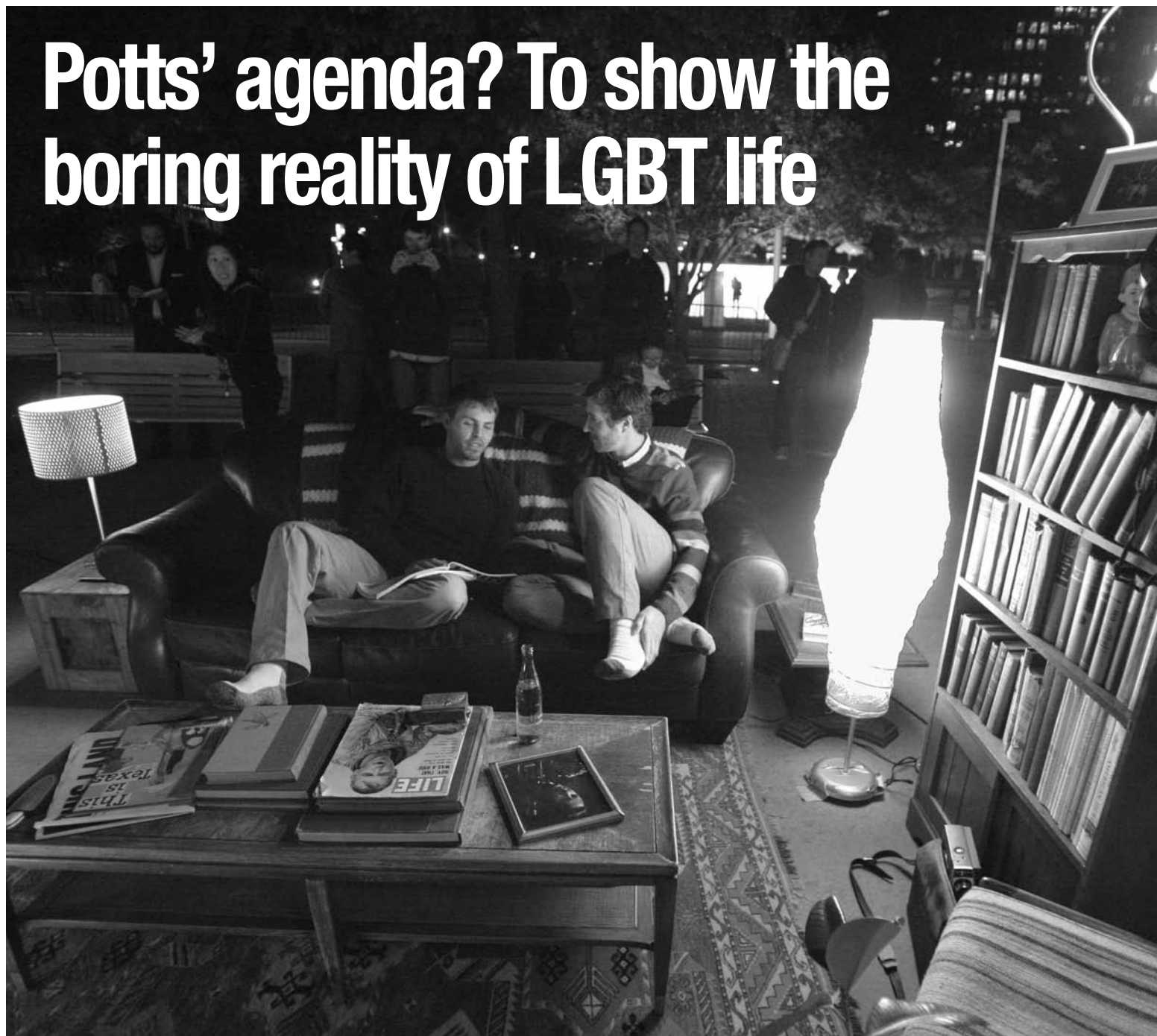
But Potts' family was a special challenge. His grandfather Oral Roberts' side of the family was the liberal side.

Potts said that he hasn't spoken to his mother — Oral's daughter Roberta who sits on the board of Oral Roberts University — in a year. But he doesn't mourn that loss. He said he never had a close relationship with her.

On his father's even more conservative side of the family, dancing was out and they never watched movies. Potts said he taught cousins on that side of the family what the pictures and numbers on playing cards meant.

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# Potts' agenda? To show the boring reality of LGBT life



**GAY AGENDA** | Randy Roberts Potts and his boyfriend, Keaton Johnson, perform 'The Gay Agenda' to show what ordinary lives gays and lesbians lead. (Photo courtesy of Randy Roberts Potts)



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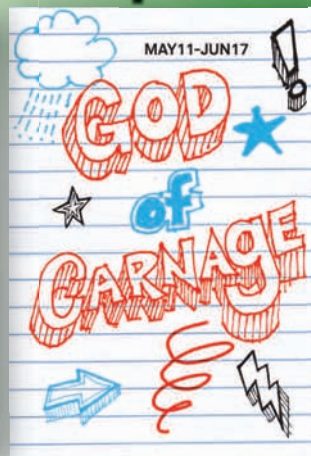
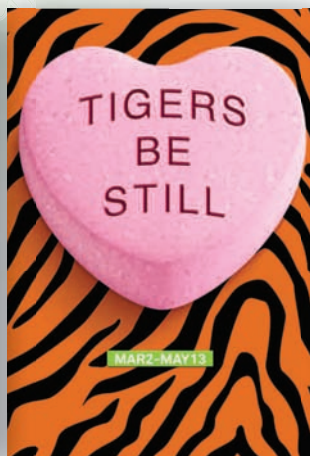
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But Potts is healthy and happy. He shares joint custody of his children and adores them. He and his boyfriend just celebrated their one-year anniversary. And his boyfriend's family has warmly welcomed him into their family.

But Potts understands the pain many people from similar backgrounds feel. And he knows that much of it comes from the misconception people have about the lives gay people lead.

Before taking their show on the road, Potts and Johnson did a test run at the Aurora Arts Festival in the Arts District in Downtown Dallas on Oct. 30. They set up a living room along the street near the Winspear Opera House and proceeded to do those routine things people do at home. They spent much of the evening sitting and watching TV.

A small sign identified the art project. Potts said one woman watched curiously for a few minutes, then noticed the sign, grabbed her young daughter's hand and moved along quickly. Others responded with amusement or simple bewilderment.

Potts said that there was little show of affection between him and his partner. He said that normally people don't spend their time at home being affectionate. They just hang out

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AND PUPPY MAKES 3 | Potts and Johnson spent most of their time at the Aurora Arts Festival on the sofa watching TV. (Photo courtesy of Randy Roberts Potts)

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together and do something dull like watch TV.

And the point wasn't to shock people: When Potts and Johnson sat together on the couch, they were watching television. They weren't kissing. They weren't touching.

One of them got up to make some coffee. He brought a cup of coffee to the other, fixed the way he likes it. Again, that's something couples do at home.

Boring.

That's the point.

"Most people think of two men having sex," Potts said. "This project is to push back on that stereotype."

After the successful tryout in Dallas, Potts plans to take the installation on tour. Over the next year, he'd like to take the installation to some smaller cities, maybe one a month.

Tulsa? Maybe they'll visit his hometown eventually. He said that may be the finale of the tour. But the first stop will be in his home state in Oklahoma City.

Potts said he's not looking for confrontation or dangerous situations and he's not looking to be a martyr. The goal is simply to perform *The Gay Agenda* in small cities throughout the center of the country.

In Dallas during the art fair, Potts said he felt safe performing out in the street. But in small-town America, he wants some level of protection.

So the plan is to rent an abandoned store window and borrow some living room furniture from some local gays so Potts and Johnson don't have to haul their apartment all over the country. Then, for two days, they'll lead their boring lives in the storefront for anyone in town to watch.

On Sunday morning, he said, he hoped a local church would allow the grandson of the famous evangelist to speak to the congregation.

"I don't consider myself a preacher. "But churches are on the forefront of the battle for gay rights," he explained.

To help fund the project, Potts is collaborating with the non-partisan Liberty Education Forum, a sister organization of Log Cabin Republicans. Potts said he thought that group would be a perfect partner because of its experience working in conservative areas.

He said the idea is to leave people with a different impression of gay people and what they do in their private lives in a way they're not getting on television.

Potts said that the characters from *Will & Grace* and *Modern Family* have made *The Gay Agenda* possible. But this time the characters aren't in New York or California, but right there in small-town America next to the kind of people the LGBT equality message needs to reach.

And while Potts doesn't expect churches to suddenly embrace their LGBT members and neighbors, he hopes to nudge them toward providing a safer community.

If the piece succeeds in drawing attention and softening views, Potts said he'd like to see other same-sex couples perform *The Gay Agenda* in their own hometowns. But for now, he just hopes

Liberty Education Forum will help him book about one performance a month over the course of the next year.

### Why take the risk?

"If I felt accepted by my family, I wouldn't go out and do this," Potts said. "It's my attempt to say, 'I'm not that weird.'"

Johnson is in his late 20s and has been out since high school. His motivation is different.

"He wants to make things be the way he thought they always were," Potts said.

Potts noted that there's not much outreach to the evangelical community. The national organizations mostly work with potential allies. Most people in the LGBT community are afraid of or don't know how to approach evangelicals.

But Potts knows that community intimately and deals with his strict religious upbringing with some amusement. He speaks of the university his grandfather founded with some pride, mentioning the school's two best-known alumni — presidential candidate Michele Bachmann and Homer Simpson's next door neighbor, Ned Flanders.

"Okaly dokaly," Potts said. "Look at his wall. He has an ORU diploma hanging up."

And although he tends to avoid contact with his immediate family in Oklahoma, Potts did attend his grandfather's funeral. But he was not invited to sit with the family. And while his mother was delivering the eulogy, she spotted him in the audience. From the stage, in front of thousands of people, she began yelling at him.

Potts said he figures she was the one who looked foolish, not him.

### Sharing the message


A year ago, Potts made an "It Gets Better" video dedicated to his Uncle Ronnie, Oral's son who was also gay and who committed suicide. The video has gotten more than 130,000 hits.

And when he takes *The Gay Agenda* to smaller cities in Middle America, he said he hopes people will see that gays and lesbians lead the same sort of lives as straight people, that LGBTs aren't a threat. If he gets to speak in a church, Potts said he hopes the congregation will get his simple message.

"I will be talking about the difference between tolerance and acceptance," he said. "The LGBT community has been tolerated, in varying degrees, for the last 40 years since Stonewall. Tolerance is better than what came before, when our freedom of assembly rights were not guaranteed and even gay book clubs could be [and often were] stormed by the police."


He said he wants people to understand that gays and lesbians would like to be open about themselves on Main Street, not just on a cruise, in a gay bar or on a gay-themed sitcom.

"Our little performance piece is symbolic of a move out of the ghetto and onto Main Street — how we're received in each community will say a lot about how accepted our community is in that locale," Potts said. "Our gay agenda, if there is one, is to be loved and accepted." ■



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# Enduring enigma

Alan Turing's pioneering work made modern technology possible. But because he was gay, he remains, technically, a criminal

Last week my partner and I gave each other early Christmas gifts: We exchanged iPads. As we got home with our new gadgets, I made an assessment of the number of computers we had in our house, and I was astounded.

Between us we have no fewer than eight computers, not counting the tiny computers we carry with us that we mistakenly call our telephones.

I remarked to my partner, "We are living in the age of *Star Trek*, minus the replicators, transporters and warp drive."

And that is pretty much a true statement. The things we can do now with our iPhones would have astounded the top minds at IBM just 15 short years ago.

So many amazing gadgets that make our lives easier, better and richer are to a great extent the result of the pioneering work of a gay man from the United Kingdom named Alan Turing. Turing was a brilliant mathematician whose contributions to the concepts of algorithms and computation made all those computers in our house possible.

Furthermore, his work in cryptanalysis in the now-famous Bletchley Park Government Code and Cypher School led to the development of a machine known then as the "bombe." It was an electromechanical code-breaking computer that broke the German Enigma code and helped stop Hitler. Because of his work, Turing was awarded the Order of the British Empire in 1945, an honor roughly equivalent to a Congressional Medal of Honor.

His amazing body of work, most of which is so highly technical that it is hard to describe in such a short space, has led historians to call Alan Turing the "Father of Computer Science." Without Alan Turing, I would most likely be typing this column on an electric typewriter. Such was his impact on our modern world.

The dark side of his story happened in 1952. That year, he met a man outside a cinema in Manchester and they struck up a relationship. Turing invited the man, Arnold Murry, to his house several times. On one of those visits, Murry opened Turing's house up to a thief, his accomplice, and they stole several things from his home.

When Turing reported it to the police, he admitted that Murry was more than just a visitor; Murry was his lover.

And that's where the story gets dark.

Turing and Murry were both charged with "gross indecency" because homosexual acts were illegal in the United Kingdom at that time. Turing was convicted and given an onerous choice: He could go to prison or he could accept probation, the terms of which included chemical castration via hormone injections.

Turing's security clearance was rescinded and he was prevented from ever working in the field

of cryptanalysis again. He was even prevented from ever discussing his work during World War II.

Turing was found dead on a June morning in 1954, with a half-eaten apple beside his bed. The autopsy showed he had ingested cyanide, possibly from the apple, and his death was ruled a suicide.

What makes this tale even sadder is that to this date, Alan Turing has never received an official pardon from the British government.

Today there are statues and plaques and tributes to the "Father of Modern Computing." He even received a posthumous apology from then-Prime Minister Gordon Brown in 2009.

But his criminal record still stands. The inhumane treatment Turing endured has been acknowledged, but this great man deserves more.

Today there is a movement to have the government pardon Alan Turing as we enter the new year. One hundred years after his birth, the global scientific community has declared 2012 as "Alan Turing Year, a Centenary Celebration of the Life and Work of Alan Turing." It seems fitting that during his commemorative year, the British government could offer a posthumous pardon to a man to whom we all owe so much.

So far there are only a few thousand signatures to the petition. It is my hope that every LGBT individual will sign it as an offering to one of our own who gave us so much. Why it has taken this long is truly an enigma. ■

The petition is online at: [Submissions.Epetitions.Direct.gov.uk/petitions/23526](http://Submissions.Epetitions.Direct.gov.uk/petitions/23526).

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# Knowing the stats, finding help

Despite the perception, suicide rate is usually down during the holidays. But the statistics are still alarming

One of the biggest myths about suicide apparently is that people are more likely to kill themselves during the Christmas holidays. That's what I had always thought. But now I know I was misinformed about that and much more related to suicide.

It turns out the month of December actually has the lowest number of suicides during the year, and spring and fall months have the highest incidence, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It is speculated that people who might be suicidal think less about killing themselves during the holidays because increased social activity distracts them from their thoughts.

The federal agency recently released the results of its study of suicidal thoughts and behavior in adults for the years 2008-09. The report, which reveals that someone kills him or herself every 15 minutes in the U.S., provides some interesting statistics about suicidal thought. It is the first report to present such data state by state.

One of the more interesting findings of the study is that suicidal thought and behavior vary widely from state to state. About 2.2 million adults — representing 1 percent of the nation's adult population — acknowledged making plans in the study year to commit suicide, ranging from 0.01 percent of that number living in Georgia to 2.8 percent in Rhode Island.

About 1 million adults reported attempting sui-

cide, ranging from 0.01 percent in Delaware and Georgia to 1.5 percent in Rhode Island.

The report's researchers concluded that adults in the Midwest and West were more likely to think about suicide than those in the Northeast and South. Adults in the Midwest were more likely to make plans to commit suicide than those in the South, but suicide attempts did not vary by the four regions.

The variance among the states' statistics is peculiar, but suicide statistics in general seem to be perplexing. As in the case of loved ones who are often left wondering why victims killed themselves, researchers must try to make sense of the data the victims' deaths leave behind.

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention reports that four men commit suicide for every woman who kills herself, as was reflected in the 2008 statistics when 28,450 men succeeded in killing themselves compared to 7,585 women.

Yet women reportedly attempt suicide three times as often as men.

By age, suicide is the sixth leading cause of

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death for children 5-to-14 years old, and it is the third leading cause of death for people 15-to-24 years old. Rates of suicide among adult men rise with advancing age, and men 65 and older are seven times more likely than women to commit suicide.

Women are most likely to commit suicide between the ages of 45 and 54, and then again after age 75.

By ethnic groups and race, the highest rates are seen among Native Americans, Alaskan-Americans and Anglos. The lowest rates are seen among Latinos and African-Americans who commit suicide at rates of less than half of what is seen in the other groups.

People diagnosed with AIDS are 20 times more likely to commit suicide, according to the foundation.

Among LGBT people the reports of suicide attempts are significantly higher in comparison to straight people in similar socio-economic and age groups, according to the report "Talking About

Suicide and LGBT Populations." The report published by the 2011 Movement Advancement Project notes that statistical information about suicides among LGBT people is scarce.

Indeed, most of the statistics about suicidal behavior and suicide seem to create more questions than they facilitate understanding, but researchers have identified certain constants.



**David Webb**  
The Rare Reporter

People who kill themselves are most likely to use a firearm in the process; their deaths are likely to occur after they have made an average of 11 previous suicide attempts; they might suffer from major depression; they may abuse alcohol and other drugs, and they could be victims of bullying, physical abuse or sexual abuse.

There are preventive measures that can be taken if someone is in crisis and at risk of suicide, and it is a good idea to be prepared for such an event.

The strongest indicator of a suicide risk is a previous attempt or ongoing expressions of intense distress and despair. Those people must never be left alone, and they should immediately be afforded

mental health treatment.

Psychotherapy has helped people who are at risk of suicide survive, and alcohol and drug abuse treatment can succeed in saving lives that seemed destined for destruction.

And even though it turns out the holidays are not a time when people are most at risk for planning or attempting suicide, the myth has created an opportunity to raise awareness about a pre-

ventable tragedy for both the potential victims and their loved ones.

After all, there often are no second chances when it comes to a risk of suicide. ■

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## Feedback

### Perry's anti-gay ad in Iowa

What does gays serving in the military have to do with prayer in schools or your faith, Gov. Perry? Shamelessly pandering to voters of faith by conflating two unrelated issues is not a recipe for success. Gov. Perry's attack on service men and women regardless of their sexual orientation is unprecedented. Mr. Perry has stated that he would reinstate "don't ask, don't tell," even though a survey conducted and released by the Pentagon shows that

70 percent of service members have positive reactions or no problem with the repeal of the policy.

Stonewall Democrats of Dallas honors and is thankful for our service men and women and their sacrifices for our freedoms. Stonewall Democrats of Dallas condemns this opportunistic ad released by the Rick Perry campaign.

Sadly, Mr. Perry has decided to release this anti-LGBT attack ad a day after President Obama issued a memorandum to federal agencies to address LGBT inequality abroad. The memo directs all federal government agencies to "promote and protect the human rights of LGBT persons" and establishes a working group to monitor the progress of the initiative.

In addition, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton delivered a speech at the U.S. Mission to the U.N. in Geneva to commemorate the signing of the U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights and devoted most of speech to discussing this new measure. This is the first strategy put forth by any U.S. administration to combat discrimination toward LGBT people outside the United States.

President Obama's dedication to LGBT equality within the United States has had a major impact on the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Americans. No other president has expressed the kind of deep commitment to improving the lives of LGBT people and certainly no other president has attempted to project such a promise around the world.

Stonewall Democrats of Dallas applauds President Obama and Secretary Clinton for their steadfast leadership on these issues, as well as all of our service men and women.

*Omar F Narvaez, president, Stonewall Democrats of Dallas, via Instant Tea*

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# Nobody does it Eder

Broadway diva  
Linda Eder talks of  
her longevity ... and  
her drag queen imitators

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The earliest evidence of what Linda Eder would become is available, of course, on YouTube: A video of Eder, maybe 19 or 20, singing Melissa Manchester's "Looking Through the Eyes of Love" at the 1980 Miss Minnesota pageant. (She didn't win the title.)

But Eder doesn't blanch with embarrassment when confronted with this relic of her past. Now a responsible adult, she offers *that* Linda Eder career advice.

"There's a whole list of things I'd tell her not to do," she insists. "My advice would be to save more money. Don't spend so much because you don't really need so much."

Eder turned 50 this year, and the wisdom earned from the passage of time is clear in her tone. She's relaxed, professional and unfazed discussing the range of her career, whether working with her ex-husband on her last album *Now* or the drag queens that perform her work. But she does seem to get jazzed about one thing — longevity.

"What makes me proud of this album is just the fact I am here at 50 and making records," she says. "I've been most fortunate to have this kind of career and I have a real sense of accomplishment with this album."

Now, her 13th that dropped in February, reunited her with longtime collaborator Frank Wildhorn, the man behind *Jekyll and Hyde* — the musical that put Eder on the Broadway map. But Wildhorn is also Eder's ex-husband (they divorced in 2004). Still, she describes the experi-

ence as drama-free.

"You know, it worked out fine and it really was easy. We stay in contact," she says. "For this album, we brought back some of the same people from before. Things were slightly different now that I'm my own entity if you will. There was a little more freedom but it wasn't he ever made me do anything I didn't want."

After 20 years since her first release, Eder knows she's not radio fodder, but she also knows her audience.

"I certainly hoped for this kind of career. Making records is fun," she says. "Fortunately people enjoy my voice."

That, of course, includes her large contingent of gay fans. She understands the territory that comes with being a Broadway diva.

Eder even relishes it.

"I've been pretty lucky to have gay fans. They are my more lively audience and that's why I love playing for them. I appreciate it so much," she gushes.

Drag queens aren't lost on her, either.

"Do you know that there is this drag show called Better than Eder? That's so great," she says.

She'll likely introduce some of her new works



**CHRISTMAS ANGEL** | Singer Linda Eder will bring Christmas magic to her holiday concert at the Winspear and she's hoping her gay fans will turn out. Being a Broadway diva with that voice — they likely will.

when she returns to Dallas Sunday for her holiday concert at the Winspear. Eder helps ring in the season with *The Linda Eder Holiday Show*. Her *Christmas Stays the Same* CD from 2000 featured both original and traditional carols with that Eder touch; getting the chance to perform them on stage is what drives her at this time of year.

"You know, I'm an entertainer and doing these shows with talented people and musicians is just a fun hang," she says. "It's hard to believe still that I get to do this for a business."

She'll argue the celebrity label, but knows she is one in a certain sense. Eder doesn't propose a false modesty either when asked about her past work. Instead, she actively strives for a sense of normalcy.

"I don't think of myself [as a star]," she says. "I was driven early on and carved a niche career for myself but I found that I wanted to pull back to a level of success that was normal. I'm simply a musician. I might call myself a minor celebrity."

Her fans might disagree. ■

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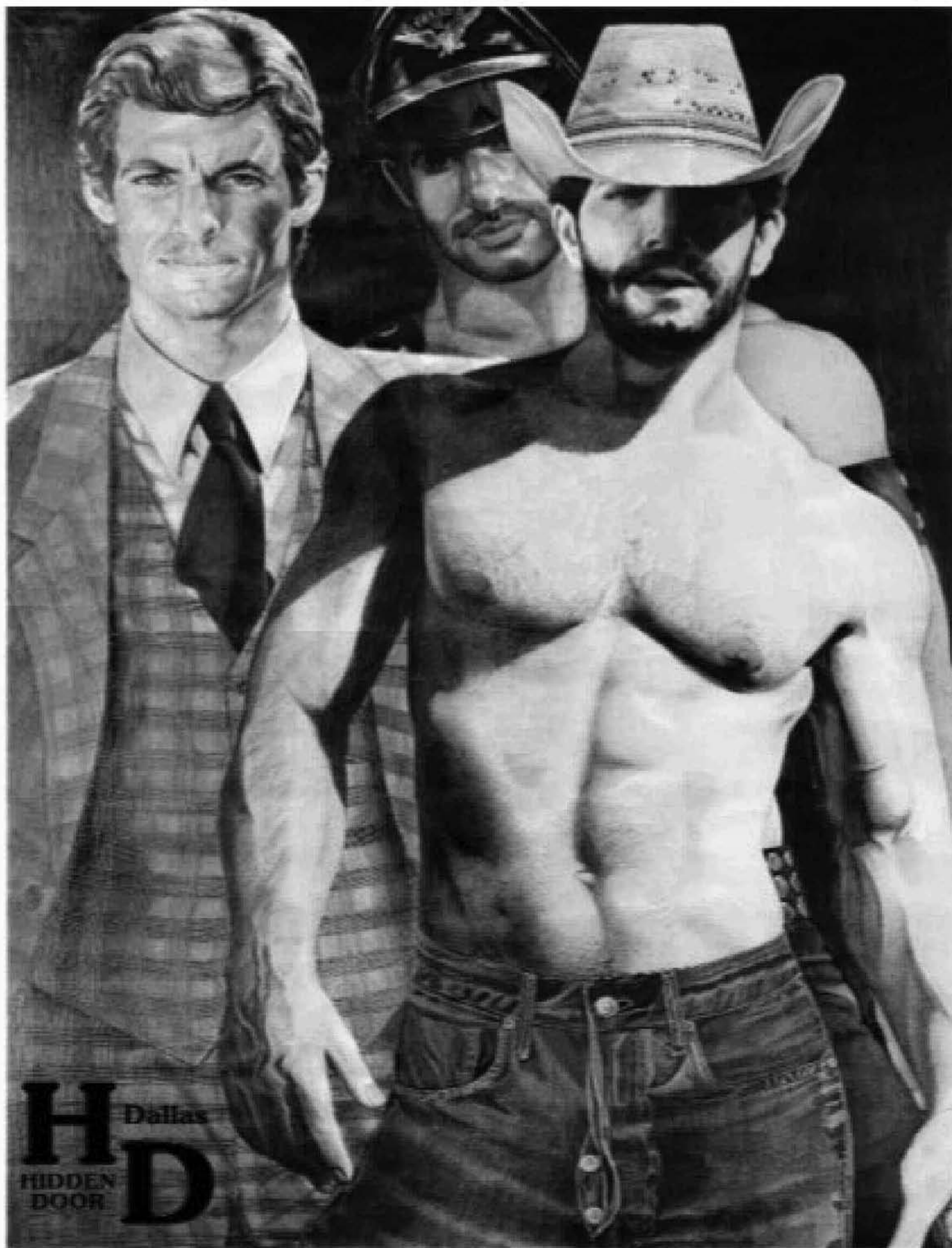
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# Safe bet

Turtle Creek Chorale plays it safe for the holidays — and it shows

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Tradition is a funny thing, especially during the holidays. Christmas doesn't feel like Christmas without Charlie Brown and his sad little tree, or driving through neighborhoods to gawk at the twinkling lights. But while changing routines can shake things up, it's also a good way to start new traditions.

In the Turtle Creek Chorale's holiday show *My Favorite Things*, many of the chorus' traditions remain intact: The poinsettia dedication, Santa Claus ho-ho-hoing it up, a sign-language version of "Silent Night." But a spike in the egg nog would not be out of place.

To be fair, the chorale underwent some major changes in the last few months, appointing both a new executive director, David Fisher, and interim conductor, Trey Jacobs, who has had to hit the ground running with a season (and dates!) already announced. You can grant them some slack for that, but the chorale's opening concert, while at times inspiring, could also feel anemic.

Getting off to an energetic start, a crew of members tells the audience about their indulgences before launching into the show's title track performance. A humorous and high-spirited tone kicked off the show gloriously, followed by the gorgeously majestic "Gloria Fanfare." Jacobs wields a confident hold over the solid-sounding voices of the chorale. But that energy takes a major nosedive with a troika of serious and somber numbers.

The small Encore group turn up the silly factor with "An Elf's Life" but miss the mark. The voices are reliable, but the cast lacks the panache needed for the bit to soar. The number is saved by an Occupy North Pole elf that generates major laughs and applause. The first act ends almost as soon as it begins with spirits high in the always punchy "We Need a Little Christmas."

Although I don't quite get the monks-versus-nuns concept for "Hallelujah," the second half

opener is hilarious as singers combine flag corps and Bob Dylan, lifting lyrics on cards in choreographed fashion. Whether on purpose or not, the small mistakes with upside-down cards or missed signals add a comic layer that hopefully they'll keep.

The same can be said for "Jingle Bells," as members demonstrate some fancy foot-stepping — part ballet, part drill team, but charming as heck. When confusion ensues as they link arms, it ends up being flat-out hysterical, adding volumes to the light-hearted tone.

These gaffes contribute wonderful charm to the show. But they might consider reverting from the live retelling of "The Christmas Story According to Linus" to the actual recording; a man dressed as Linus just

doesn't convey the tender heart of the original. The accompanying live Nativity only reminds me of my one-line role as a shepherd in my elementary school play, and *The Sound of Music's* Maria is a running gag through the show that never quite works.

At times, *My Favorite Things* is weighed down by an abundance of downbeat songs in succession, and a lack of contemporary tunes does allow for younger audiences (not children necessarily, either) to be reeled in. The twenty-somethings in front of me didn't seem to connect with the show, giggling and whispering during some of the songs.

But *My Favorite Things* is still a solid show, even with some misguided nuances. Opening night jitters were apparent, but gave an unexpectedly welcome relief to the concert. Fisher's poinsettia dedication was anecdotal and beautifully poetic and Jacobs handled the chorale and the audience with experienced savvy. The dreary rain and biting cold didn't dampen the audience as that other annual chorale tradition occurred: The standing ovation. ■

### MY FAVORITE THINGS

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**SANTA'S BACK** | The Turtle Creek Chorale continues its tradition of bringing ol' Saint Nick out for its Christmas concert, but some tweaks might make the show feel more contemporary. (Photo courtesy TCC)

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# Slick move

Sex god Michael Brandon extends his porn empire

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Michael Brandon has been a big name in sex for decades. One of gay porn's iconic stars, his DVDs, website and live performances have kept him in the public eye since the early 1990s — and his legendary prowess (and size) have kept young hearts fluttering for this now-46-year-old performer.

But lately, Brandon jokes, he's feeling more like a vacuum cleaner salesman than a sex object. That's because wherever he goes, Brandon always has his sample bag handy. It's not Willie Loman, but big man's Willie.

Michael Brandon has gone from porn star to lube seller. Don't feel too bad for him. It's actually a good gig.

The gay-owned company Product 54 produces a wide variety of silicone-based consumer products, from a cuticle treatment to one that helps divers put on and take off their SCUBA suits. The latter is also popular in the fetish community, "helping men and women put on their rubber gear," Brandon says. "But my expertise is lube."

Of course it is. And the signature product of the company is its 9x6 Lube — a name that, while it sounds like it might have been named after Brandon specifically, was actually already in place before he became associated with it.

After 9x6 came into being, Brandon was approached about an endorsement deal for the start-up company. He rejected the idea.

"I was with ID Millennium and told them, 'I'm really not looking for anything new [to endorse]. But someone slipped a bottle in my pocket. I tried it and I liked it. And I loved the stain-free aspect — very few silicone based lubes that offer that.'"

That's when he agreed to help market the lube — mentioning it in his tweets, giving away the product at his shows, etc. But Brandon saw great potential in the product and took a bold move.

"I saw some opportunities there, so I came home from a trip and told the president I wanted to invest and benefit from what I saw as a company about to explode," he says. "That means I am both a vested partner *and* the face of the brand."

That has its downsides, as he knows from years as a celebrity spokesperson.

"When you become the brand, any and all questions start coming to you — whether it be a shipping problem or uses or whatever," he says. "Of course, when they have any positive feedback, I receive that, too. Usually you have to say [to fans], 'I'm just endorsing it — you need to direct your questions to the inner office of the company.' I can't do that anymore. I'm the vice president... I have *everything* to do with the inner office!"

This isn't the first time Brandon has made a foray into the business world. In addition to running his own career — including the brand that is his reputation and his marketable appeal — Brandon was a partner in the Raging Stallion adult video company, which produced his Monster Bang line of DVDs (named for his sizeable member).

"It's a very similar situation: Everywhere Michael Brandon goes, so does my product. It's a win-win," he says.

Of course, it helps that Brandon makes for a great salesman in the gay market.



**NAUGHTY SANTA** | Michael Brandon returns to Dallas for the third time this year to launch his new lube line at Tapelenders.

"When I walk into a store, there's a 50-50 chance they'll recognize me — that's my foot in the door. Then I tell them, 'I want to offer them a sample of my 9x6 — that's my *second* foot in the door.'" He laughs. "Then I come do launch parties in sexy get-ups. In West Hollywood, I dressed down in a construction belt."

Brandon will host his launch party Saturday at Tapelenders, the first retail outlet in the Dallas market to carry 9x6, with a holiday themed costume: Naughty Santa, a sexified bit of fur and red that Brandon tried out last week at an event and turned out to be a huge hit.

He's happy to be back in Dallas for the third time since the summer. Before this year, Brandon admits, he had written off Texas as a forum for his talents; he could never get a club to book his live show and thought he had priced himself out of the market. But he's already thinking of Big D as a second home — he loves visiting.

So what accounts for his sudden popularity here?

"Dallas needs love!" he exclaims.

And love usually comes with a little lube.

Michael Brandon will be signing autographs and running a stocking-stuffer special (buy an 8 oz. bottle, received six 1 oz. bottles as gifts), but a "naughty and nice" gift bag with \$75 purchase.

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## Auld lang sigh

A very sappy *New Year's Eve*... but still fun

There's a long history of uniting big stars in a jam-packed ensemble cast. Sure, typically C-list celebrities met their fates in capsized ships and burning buildings, but there's something about the combined star power of multiple marquee names that are irresistible draws.

In *New Year's Eve*, the wattage is high: Robert De Niro, Zac Efron (pictured), Halle Berry, Lea Michele, Sarah Jessica Parker, Hilary Swank and Michelle Pfeiffer join more than a dozen of their Hollywood colleagues in this quasi-sequel to director Garry Marshall's previous celebfest, *Valentine's Day*. (By the time he gets to *Cinco de Mayo*, there's gonna be nobody left but Charo, Justin Bieber and Cheech Marin.)

Like *VD*, *NYE* involves multiple story lines that converge in some way or another by the end of the movie — in this case, culminating around the stroke of midnight. Predictable themes of fresh starts and the letdown of holidays populate the various love stories and there are moments of genuine emotion and heartfelt humor.

There's nothing blatantly gay about the film, but plenty of gay-by-association appeal thanks to LGBT faves Swank, Parker, Michele, Efron and too-hot-for-TV Josh Duhamel. Sofia Vergara, the buxom star of *Modern Family*, is a great foil to the increasingly unlikable Katherine Heigl, whose character never really clicks with the audience.

What's great about *New Year's Eve* is Marshall's way of leveling the playing field among his regular stars and mega-stars. Everybody gets equal billing, equal screen time, and for the most part, equally fun roles. That any holiday film delivers cloyingly sweet dramedy should be anticipated from the moment you pop a twenty down at the ticket window, but it sure would be nice to be caught off-guard with just a single moment that is completely organic and unexpected.

Alas, most of the stories' conclusions could be predicted by a 10-year-old, but there's such an earnestness and joy in the actors' performances paired with their gosh-darn eye twinkles and larger-than-life charisma that make this movie worth at least a Prosecco toast, if not a half-glass of real champagne.

— Steven Lindsey

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# Came art

'Shame,' British artist Steve McQueen's intense look at a sex addict, delves into the dark



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For the first 20 minutes or so of **Shame**, the first NC-17-rated movie to get a legit theatrical release in awhile, not much happens — or rather, not much is said. We don't even know that the man we are following (Michael Fassbender) is named Brandon. (We do, however, know he has a big wiener — there's lots of full-frontal here.)

We just know that he has a lot of sex. *A lot.* And not with the same women, or even the same *kind* of woman. He targets various races ages and types. We hear repeated voicemails from one woman he seems to have bedded and ignored; he pays for a call girl; he flirts with a married lady on a commuter train; he even jerks off alone in the shower. He doesn't seem to discriminate, or even know anything about self-control.

But Brandon falls in a weird netherworld between contemptible cad and admirably effective womanizer. He doesn't share much about his personal life, and his face doesn't reveal much. When a business colleague uses a string of come-on lines to seduce a woman at a bar, Brandon stands back like an old panther, waiting for the eager cub to annoy the gazelle before he subtly strikes. The woman sees it coming. He isn't a jerk, just sexually charismatic. He has patience.

At least he does until his sister Sissy (Carey Mulligan) shows up. Their relationship is complex and disturbing (we first see Sissy, as Brandon does, fully naked in his shower) but we never fully know its details. She seems to show up out of nowhere every so often, this time as a Marilyn-esque torch singer whose performance hypnotizes the bar's patrons and the movie audience as well.

Indeed, "hypnotic" seems like the perfect word to describe *Shame's* overall aesthetic. The writer-director, British artist Steve McQueen (no relation; he also made the gay-themed short *Bear*), uses blank cityscapes and cold, Edward

Hopper-esque shots composed to suggest the deep-seated alienation of Brandon — and, by extension, all of us.

The intense, sterile interiors and scenes of everyday life — one reason we see Fassbender naked so much is he wanders from bedroom to toilet, takes a piss and brushes his teeth with the same routine we all do — make it resonate. McQueen has made a story that's entirely specific yet universal, even as it makes us uncomfortable at its forced intimacy. It oozes desperation.

McQueen's visual style is deceptive. One scene — the only honest "date" Brandon has in the movie, a dinner with a co-worker he's been flirting with — is a single take, the camera largely static; another is an immense tracking shot, following Brandon on a jog through the streets of New York. The technique is dazzling but still doesn't draw attention to itself. He's a jumble of what works, moment to moment.

And virtually all of it works. Fassbender, cool as the back side of the pillow, plays brilliantly off of Mulligan's frenetically unstable Sissy, as well as the emptiness of Brandon's life. He's chilling, and devastating as he undergoes painful self-examination.

The dark sexuality is the frankest since *Blue Velvet*, but it also sends mixed signals. A scene late in the film where Brandon crosses the last frontier and explores his repressed homosexuality is as explicit as you're likely to see in a theater, but it also suggests a last-gasp, the point at which Brandon's "shame" finally overcomes him. Or is it saying that the guilt he feels over his sexual exploits are confined to the hetero world — that gay hardcore subculture gets it right, and shame is an antiquated, bourgeois emotion? The film is perhaps too impenetrable to reveal itself in that way. That's a shame. ■



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**LET'S GET LOST** | A sex addict (Michael Fassbender, right) deals with his disturbed sister (Carey Mulligan, left) in the provocatively sexual drama 'Shame.'

# Corpus delectable



Texas' Gulf Coast is a scenic (and nearby!) getaway from the cold winter

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Although America's Gulf Coast doesn't have any major gay beach resorts, the Texas coast's largest city, Corpus Christi, contains notable attractions while the southern tip of the Texas South Padre Island has developed as a getaway, thanks in part to biannual Splash South Padre Island gay parties.

## Corpus Christi

With a population of just more than 300,000, Corpus Christi is the largest community along the coast, just a three-hour drive down I-37 from San Antonio. The city enjoys a sheltered setting on Corpus Christi Bay, which separates it from Padre Island. From downtown Corpus, it's an easy drive to the island, which is home to popular seaside attractions like the scenic town of Port Aransas.

A fairly conservative city with a strong military presence, Corpus has a limited gay scene but is home to noteworthy attractions. The outstanding Art Museum of South Texas and Museum of Science & History anchor a waterfront cultural district that includes the Harbor Playhouse Theatre and a complex of restored historic houses known as Heritage Park.

A bit north, the Harbor Bridge leads to the North Beach neighborhood, home to the world's oldest surviving aircraft carrier, the World War II-era *USS Lexington*, now an impressive floating museum. Next door, the excellent Texas State Aquarium is home to sea turtles, river otters, piranhas and three graceful bottlenose dolphins.

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The Hidden Door is the primary gay club on the south side of downtown that features good drink specials, a cheery patio and the piano cabaret side bar the Loft.

If you'd rather stay outside of the bustle of downtown and near the beach, Anthony's by the Sea is a terrific, lesbian-owned B&B in Rockport, 30 miles up the coast from Corpus Christi. This comfy six-room property is just a few blocks from Aransas Bay, and rates include a hearty breakfast, which you can enjoy on the shaded patio.

## South Padre Island

Bustling South Padre Island, the southernmost Gulf Coast town, has long been famous as a family vacation spot and Spring Break destination. In the past few years, two raucous gay circuit parties now call it home — Splash South Padre Island held twice a year, once in late April and again in the fall (usually late October or early November). Splash South Padre Island is a fun visit, drawing revelers from all over the country. (Dates are announced a few months in advance.)

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**BREAKING DAWN** | Early risers on South Padre Island are treated to first light glistening over the Gulf of Mexico, which offers a winter retreat — not just a spring break destination. (Terry Thompson/Dallas Voice)

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The geography can be confusing for outsiders. Because the central section of the island is preserved wilderness, you can't drive from the northern side to the southern side. The town of South Padre Island is the only substantially developed part of the island, and from Corpus you take U.S. 77 south to Highway 100 east, about a four-hour drive.

With a mild climate, a couple of miles of beautiful beachfront, and a restaurant scene that's become more sophisticated, this narrow island community is a terrific destination year-round, especially from fall to spring, when the weather is mild (it can be a little toasty in summer, although Gulf breezes moderate the temperatures).

The preferred activity here is relaxing: laze on the beach, ride horseback at Padre Island National Seashore and enjoy the usual sorts of recreation you'd find at the seashore: fishing, boating, kite-boarding, surfing, snorkeling, and even dolphin-watching cruises. Fans of nature should check out the fascinating South Padre Island Birding Center, which comprises of a nature center and a network of boardwalks that lead out along the bayfront (where you can spot everything from alligators to least sandpipers). Just across the Queen Isabella Causeway on the mainland, the his-

toric village of Port Isabel contains shops, restaurants, a marina (with boat tours) and an historic lighthouse.

Seafood is naturally big in the area, and the Dirty Al's/Daddy's restaurant group is among the top contenders with locations on the island and across the bay in Port Isabel. Fried shrimp, oysters on the half shell, and blackened fish shine. The low-frills Manuel's in Port Isabel is a good bet for outstanding Tex-Mex fare, with enormous breakfasts. More upscale, urbane options include stylish Cafe Kranzler, where specialties include lobster omelets at breakfast and marinated sesame-crusting ahi at dinner; and Zeste, a gourmet market and restaurant known for creatively prepared tapas, salads, sandwiches and other healthy fare.

There are no gay bars on South Padre Island, but establishments like Mooncussers and Louie's Backyard are welcoming and often host LGBT parties during Splash weekend.

South Padre is lined with resorts and condos facing the Gulf and others set along the bay. Most properties are moderately priced, such as the relatively new Hilton Garden Inn and the small, friendly spot on the beach, the Palms Resort, one of the best values on the island with kitchenettes and the on-site cafe overlooking the water that serves tasty, casual food. ■

## HOLIGAYS ON ICE

*Remembering Christmas* by Tom Medicino, Frank Anthony Polito and Michael Salvatore (Kensington, 2011). \$15, 250 pp.

It happens every year. First you start seeing Christmas decorations. Then you notice yourself mouthing the words to carols while shop-

ping. You start to get nostalgic, missing family and remembering this gift and that holiday dinner through rose-colored glasses. It's ho-ho-horrible, a homesickness for something you never really had — who ever had a perfect holiday, anyhow?

In *Remembering Christmas*, three authors use three gay-themed novellas to show the only things perfect are the ghosts of Christmases past.

It's funny how we remember special things we got for Christmas at the same time we remember things we didn't get. In "Away, in a Manger" by Tom Medicino, middle-aged James is empty-handed and empty-hearted. Life as a gay man in New York was good once. There was always another party, another summer on Fire Island, another trip with Ernst, James' lover and mentor.

But Ernst is now an old man with fusty habits, the summer house is a tired tradition that needs to be retired and James wants ... *something*. Then, while on his way to spend Christmas with his family, car trouble strands



him in a tiny town where his future is hiding, covered in snow.

Remember wishing for that one special thing to show up beneath the tree? No matter how old you are, it's hard not to have a specific gift in mind when you see piles of gifts, and in "A Christmas to Remember" by Frank Anthony Polito, all Jack Paterno wants is a boyfriend — specifically, Kirk, his pal from high school. There's much history between them, many mutual friends and boyhood memories in common, but even though Jack is pretty sure Kirk's gay, Kirk isn't so sure himself.

Sometimes, lost love feels keener at Christmas-time. When Neil broke up with Theo just before the holidays, Theo decided that he might as well do what he said he'd never do, and go home for Christmas. But in "Missed Connections" by Michael Salvatore, a chance encounter with an old love becomes an odd gift.

Though my mother told me not to judge a book by its cover, I have to admit that I did. This book looked like it was going to be a fun read.

I should've listened to mom.

*Remembering Christmas* is fatally dark-mooded. It pouts and mutters, feels sorry for itself, gets morosely introspective and wallows in pity page after page after page. There are occasional bursts of good tidings of great joy, but the melancholy and angst overpowers them. I think I could have handled that in one story, but the similar theme of all three tales made me want to drown my sorrows in spiked egg nog.

If you're single, hating it and want some paper commiseration, then this book will be good company this season. But if you're looking for a holiday book that makes you feel all Christmas-y, this one is a perfect disaster.

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When you have been with someone for more than 20 years, the relationship can sometimes get stale. You get in a rut, following a routine and doing the same things over and over again. Sometimes, things can get boring.

But Patricia Cornwell knows how to avoid that pitfall; the woman in her life for so long, Dr. Kay Scarpetta, never gets boring — not to Cornwell, and not to the millions of readers who follow Scarpetta's life through Cornwell's popular series.

Scarpetta is the forensic scientist first introduced in Cornwell's 1990 debut novel, *Post-Mortem*, as chief medical examiner for the state of Virginia. In their 21 years together — January will make it 22 — Cornwell has written 18 more Scarpetta novels, following the career of the bril-

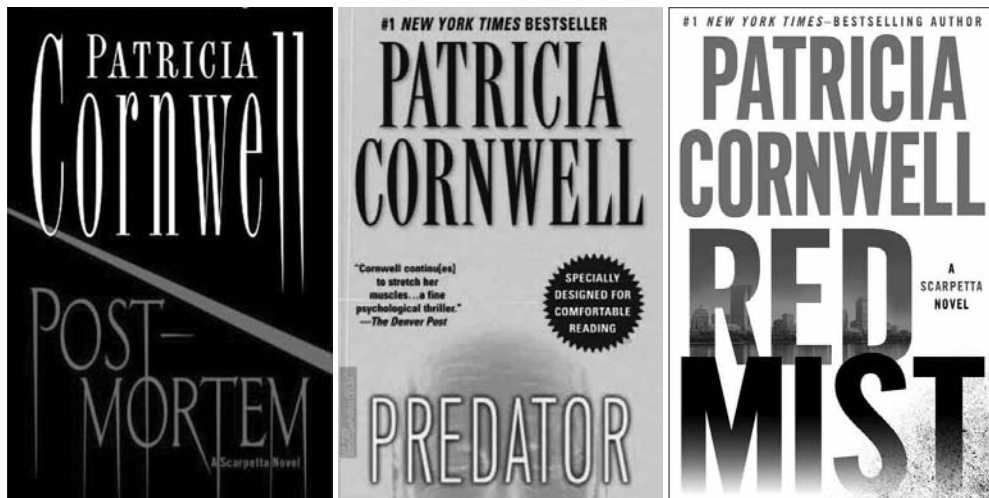
liant crime-solving doctor and a supporting cast that includes her husband, FBI agent Benton Wesley, her genius lesbian niece Lucy Farinelli and her longtime associate and investigator Pete Marino.

The latest installment in the series, *Red Mist*, takes them into yet another of Cornwell's intricately tangled plots in which Scarpetta and her family face constant danger while trying to weave together disparate clues to solve a mystery and catch the killer.

It may sound formulaic, but Cornwell's own knowledge of forensic science and the author's willingness to let her characters, in effect, create themselves and explore the world keep the formula constantly updated.

"The most important thing [in keeping such a

**PAT AND KAY** | Cornwell has spent 21 years with one woman in her life — her crime-solving medical examiner alter ego, Kay Scarpetta. (Photo courtesy Gina Crozier)



**TWO DECADES OF CRIME** | Patricia Cornwell has been with her heroine, Kay Scarpetta, from 'Post-Mortem' to the current 'Red Mist' with titles like 'Predator' in between.

long-running series fresh] is when you know what made something work in the first place," says Cornwell, who will be in Dallas Tuesday for a book-signing. An author has to retain that successful element while at the same time allowing the characters to change along with the rest of the world.

To do that, Cornwell says, "I live very much in the real world. I am always going out and exploring to see what new ideas I can find. ... These characters, they live in the same world I live in. In our post-9-11 world in 2011, there's no similarity now to what was going on in 1988 and '89 when I was writing *Post-mortem*. I try to reflect through my characters the same things I am experiencing."

One constant throughout the Scarpetta series, however, is Cornwell's attention to detailed (and accurate) science. That's another "adventure" that Cornwell lives, as well.

Cornwell, 55, started her career as a crime reporter with the Charlotte Observer. She became so fascinated with the science of solving crimes that she left journalism to work as a computer analyst and technical writer in the office of Virginia's chief medical examiner.

"The first time I stepped foot in a medical examiner's office, I knew, this is where I want to be," Cornwell says. She remains "an ongoing student of everything that goes on in forensic science, in medicine and in crime."

Cornwell's books have never wanted for LGBT fans, and Cornwell acknowledges that there has always been a segment of her fan base that wanted to see Scarpetta come out as lesbian.

"I don't think that's ever going to happen. I think by now, she's pretty settled in her marriage to Wesley," Cornwell laughs.

But Lucy is one major out character, a step Cornwell says happened as organically as all of the rest of the character development through the years.

"When I was writing *Body Farm*, there was this scene where Lucy walks into her aunt's living room, a teen full of angst who just got a driver's license. When I saw her in my mind, I thought, 'Oh my god, she's gay,'" Cornwell says. "It was not premeditated. I never try to

change any of my characters into something they're not. I just knew at the time that was who Lucy was. I do that with all my characters, let them be who they are, and it doesn't matter whether people like it or not."

Cornwell acknowledges that the gay angle probably cost her some readers but likely gained her some, too, for the same reason.

Lucy Farinelli is fully fleshed out, with good traits and flaws. She is never a villain, but she's not perfect, either. Cornwell has never tried to turn Lucy into some kind of symbolic representation to promote LGBT rights.

Because that's not who Lucy is. And it's not who Cornwell is, either.

Cornwell married her partner, Dr. Staci Gruber, in 2006 in Massachusetts, but didn't really talk publicly about her marriage until about a year later.

"Our relationship was never really secret, and it wasn't that we just weren't talking about it [the marriage]. It's just that people didn't think to ask about it," Cornwell says. "But when there became a reason to talk about it, that came easily."

That reason, she continues, came in 2007 when she started thinking about the thousands of committed same-sex couples who aren't able to legally marry.

"When you have a committed relationship and live where that relationship is legally recognized, you start to feel very badly that there are so many places where people are not honored that way," Cornwell says. "You can't legislate that people should think and feel the same way you do, and I don't campaign about it. But when I am asked, I speak openly and honestly about it. First and foremost, you have to be honest."

"I think it's shocking that at a time when we are facing the kind of problems this country has, that people are focusing on issues like this, on who can and can't get married. It's just phobic and silly," Cornwell says. "You can be an example without being on a soapbox. I am not a preacher. I am not a politician, and I wouldn't be any good at trying to present any kind of message that way. I just live my life very honestly and let that be my example." ■

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# Occupy Christmas!

That one-percenter Scrooge actually has a heart at DTC; a panto aims for the 'Dick'

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Having seen *A Christmas Carol* at the Dallas Theater Center about a dozen times now, which plays for a full month every December, the thing I can never quite wrap my mind around is how, during the other 11 months of the year, folks don't see crotchety ol' Ebenezer in themselves — at least, the ones running for the Republican presidential nomination. Scrooge is a right scourge (c'mon, don't tell me that never occurred to you?) of the poor. In the opening moments, he rejects the idea of giving money to charity.

"Isn't that what the workhouses are for?" he cruelly asks. Why don't the poor do us all a favor and die, he rhetorically wonders, "and decrease the surplus population?" It's the transformation at the end — the transition from starting as Gingrich (or is that Gin-grinch?) and ending up as Obama, all yes-we-can and full of hope — from which the beauty of the story emerges. And he gets there entirely via some ghosts, not with the assistance of Occupy Hyde Park.

The Theater Center has been roasting this chestnut since the Carter administration, but to be honest, there's almost always something new to enjoy with it. The surprise this year (other than the *absence* of both Denise Lee and Liz Mikel — the first time in my memory at least one has not be in it) is how the director, Joel Ferrell (returning to the show after taking a break last year), has brought out both the humor and the horror of this most famous of ghost stories.

The play begins as it never has before: With a flashback. We see Jacob Marley (Jonathan Brooks) on his death-bed years earlier, writhing in such agony you can imagine the horrors

**VERMIN AND PEARLS** | A rat queen (Kate Rutledge) terrorizes a cross-dressing Dick Whittington (Jad B. Sexton) in the latest panto from Theatre Britain.



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**GOD BLESS US** | The Ghost of Christmas Present (Kevin Ryan Smith, left) shows Scrooge (Kurt Rhoads, right) what his behavior hath wrought in DTC's 'Christmas Carol.' (Photo courtesy Karen Almond)

of wandering through limbo the better part of a decade before he finally manifests in Scrooge's chambers to warn him to change his ways. That appearance is equally frightening, as is the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come, looming 10 feet tall, scratching the outline of Ebenezer's grave on the ground like a fingernail on a blackboard.

But the moments of levity are more buoyant than before as well. Brooks and Steven Walters, as ghoulish and plainly gay businessmen who foppishly snipe at the dead man whose funeral has been long overdue, give a sassy bitchiness to the scene that's never been there before. Brian Gonzales' brogued-out Fezziwig has the twinkling airiness of a leprechaun.

The only weakness, if you can even call it that, is Ebenezer himself.

The part this year is played by Kurt Rhoads, who has a long history with the DTC since the 1980s and has certainly seen his share of *Carols*. He's a brittle ol' fussbudget in Act 1, but Act 2 is where the magic really happens — that's where Scrooge finally develops the Christmas spirit and reminds us all not to be as cynical and hatemongering as the Michele Bachmanns and Rick Perrys and FoxNewses of the world ... that, indeed, the one-percenters can be real people, too.

Rhoads gets there, but the transition lacks the warm-n-fuzzies you look forward to every year. Maybe it's because his makeup is *too* good: Stringy white hair, a sallow, mottled complexion, angular, hard features. He looks the same before and after — a bit of rouge might have softened and warmed him, giving Scrooge human coloring at least.

Not that it matters much. The point is, in the end, the season has made a better person out of a rich guy. Hey, that's why we go to the theater: We enjoy the fantasy.

The character of Dick Whittington doesn't have quite the resonance this side of the pond as Ebenezer S. does, but in England, he's a staple of

history (once lord mayor on London) and the comic stage, with his cat as well known as he. So it was about time Theatre Britain turned **Dick Whittington** into one of their annual Christmas pantos.

If you haven't seen a panto, they are difficult to describe without sounding slightly batty. They are children's theater, but they also have a lot of drag characters. They have broad slapstick comedy and simple plots among the dirtiest fast-paced jokes this side of Judd Apatow. They have sing-alongs and ghosts and lots of corn-dog gimmicks. In short, they are for every taste, even if you don't know it.

For instance, having a main character called "Dick," you're likely to be assaulted with a barrage of, ahem, "dick" jokes: "What's your name?" "Dick." "I like you already!" Or: "We have three minutes to find Dick." "You can't find dick in three minutes."

There! That chuckle, that grin you just allowed yourself? *That's*

panto.

The newest show is a naughty charmer with some of the raciest humor this side of Russell Brand. There's Dame Overeasy (James Chandler), a guy in a dress all tarted-up, she obviously works in a tart shop (that's part of the hidden gaggery of a show like this). Dick (played by a woman, Jad B. Sexton) brings along his cat Tom (Jean-Luc Hester, a great pantomimist with feline moves and purrs) to defeat the rats, led by a queen (Kate Rutledge), who looks like Julie Newmar switching alliances, inviting hisses from the audience.

The pop culture references — from *Titanic* to Beyonce to a trio of Disney-esque gangster rats (the best of whom, Chris Sykes, looks like he actually grew up in a sewer — and I mean that in the best possible way) who seem to have stepped out of a lost reel of *Ratatouille* — are plentiful for the adults, the physical humor over-the-top kid-friendly. It makes for good, not-so-clean family fun. ■

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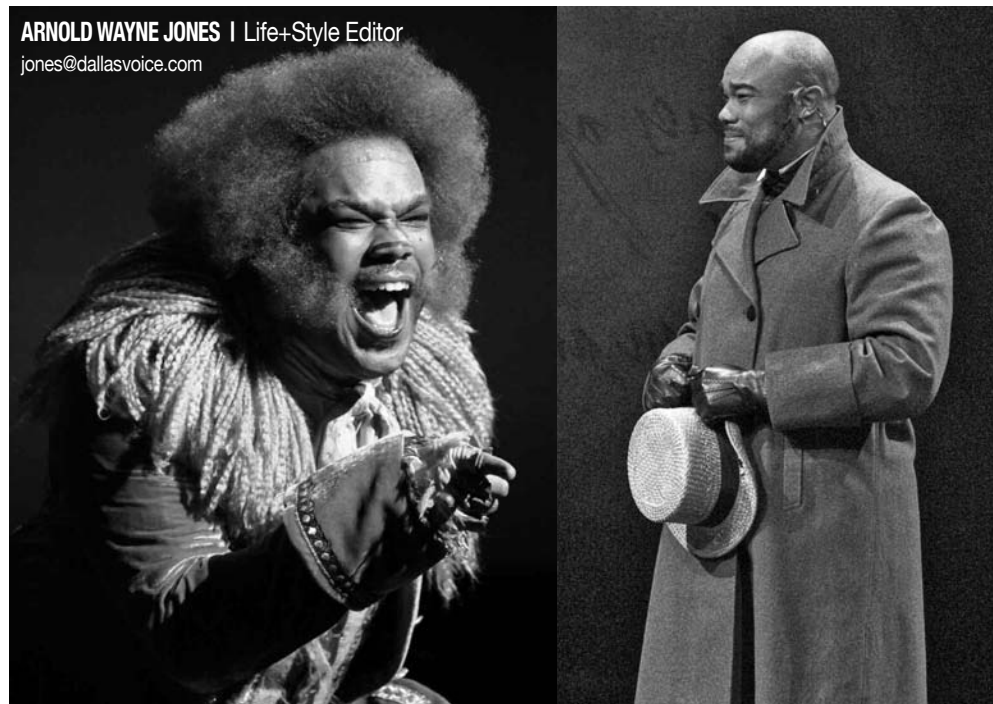
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# 'Carol' charming

The lion, the ghost and the wardrobe changes of Carol-er David Ryan Smith

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David Ryan Smith isn't a Dallas native, he just seems to play one onstage.

The New York-based actor has made the Dallas Theater Center almost a second home in 2011 — first playing the Cowardly Lion in last summer's *The Wiz* (one of the triumvirate of friends of Dorothy, along with the Tin Man and Scarecrow, who stole the show), and currently in several roles, most notably the Ghost of Christmas Present, in DTC's annual revival of *A Christmas Carol*.

So what accounts for his sudden honorary Texan status? Even he doesn't know.

"I'd never even been to Texas until this summer," he says. He grew up in Asheville, N.C., before attending school in Indiana and later San Francisco; he moved to New York six years ago. But he "had a great time" here.

*Really?! He liked spending a record-settingly sweltering summer in a furry lion suit? Well, yeah, kinda.*

"I'm not a big musical-theater actor, but I'd always wanted to do *The Wiz*," he says. He'd auditioned for the DTC before when the company held casting calls in NYC, but actor and part never quite clicked before. Still, he agreed to assist the casting director, helping read other actors for parts. Then the casting director suggested *he* would be right for the Lion. DTC artistic director Kevin Moriarty agreed, and his Texas tour was on its way.

"The Theater Center is great — the facility and the people. And working with the Dallas Black Dance Theater was amazing, they are all so talented." He even became friends with his *Wiz* co-

star Liz Mikel, who is in New York right now preparing for her Broadway debut in *Lysistrata Jones*.

But Smith also wanted to work with DTC's Joel Ferrell. "Liz and Cedric [Neal] told me, work with him if you can," he says. So when Ferrell returned this year to direct *A Christmas Carol* again, Smith jumped at the chance.

It actually wasn't his first experience with DTC's annual holiday show — Smith had worked in San Francisco with former DTC associate Jonathan Moscone, who mounted a version of *Christmas Carol* in the 1990s. "He was really proud of that show," Smith says.

So what's it like staying in the holiday spirit 10 times a week since Halloween? Not as hard as you might imagine, Smith says.

"We do original music, not the same old Christmas carols you hear everywhere, so at least it doesn't make you cranky," he says. "And wearing those boots [as the Ghost of Christmas Present] takes you into a whole other reality. I see my job in that role as forcing [Kurt Rhoads, who plays Scrooge] into changing. Kurt's a wonderful acting partner."

An even better partner is Smith's boyfriend of five years, Josh. How do they handle Smith being on the road so much?

"It's part of the job," he sighs. "Usually he comes to visit, but because of how the holidays fall this year, he won't get down here, though he visited during *The Wiz*. And actually it makes the time we spend together all the better."

That's the way to stay in the holiday spirit — especially for a man *playing* a holiday spirit. ■

**FROM OZ TO DICKENS** | David Ryan Smith got a chance to work at both DTC home bases in 2011, playing the Cowardly Lion in 'The Wiz' at the Wyly, and now multiple roles in 'A Christmas Carol' at the Kalita. (Photos courtesy David Leggett and Karen Almond)

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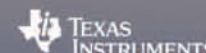
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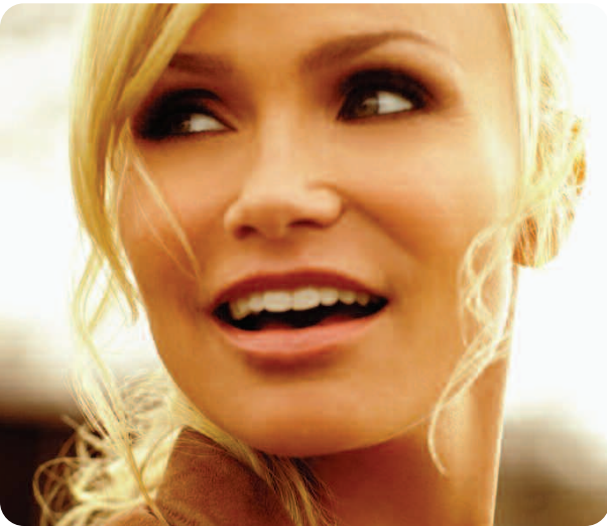
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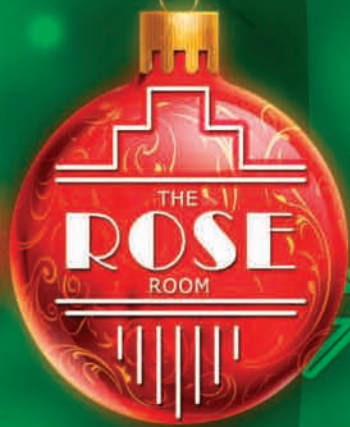
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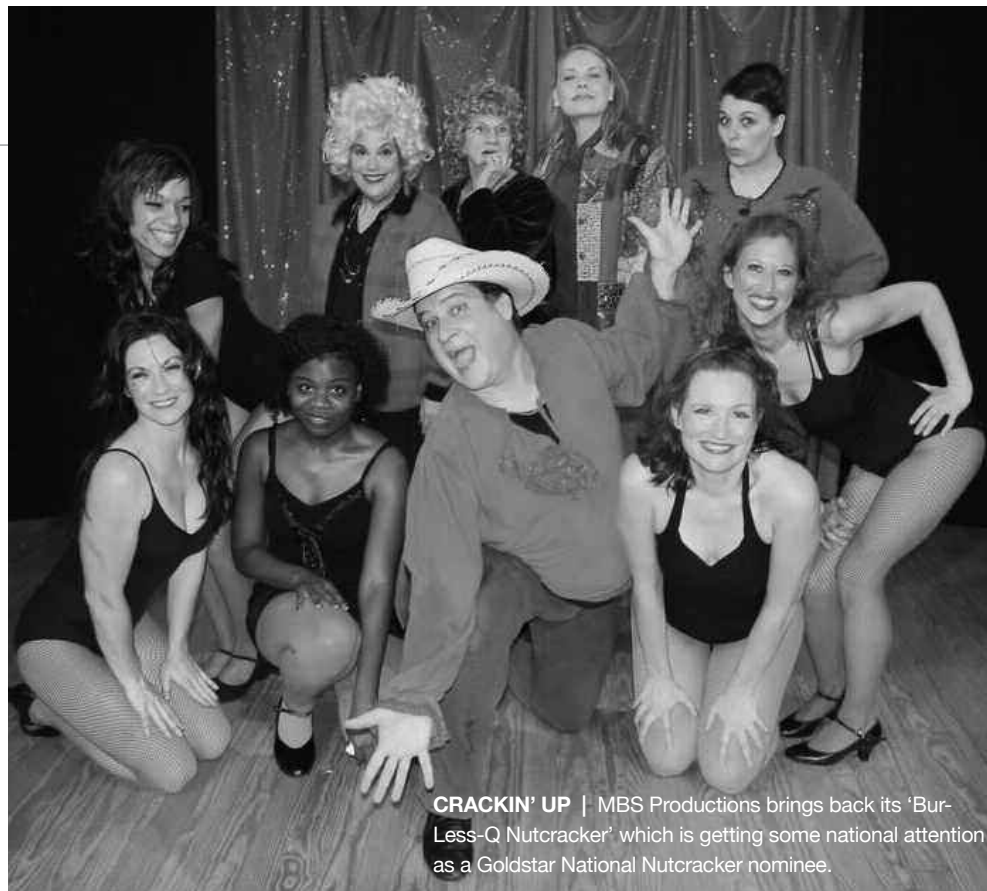
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**Cathedral of Hope** worship service. Ch. 8 at 12:35 a.m. (Friday after midnight).

## CONCERT

**The Polyphonic Spree's 9th Annual Holiday Extravaganza** with DJ Pendergrassin', We're Not Dudes, Syncopated Ladies and the Spree. Canned food and toy donations are encouraged for the North Texas Food Bank and Toys for Tots. Lakewood Theater, 1825 Abrams Parkway. 6 p.m. \$25. LakewoodTheater.com.

## SUNDAY 12.11

## COMMUNITY

**White Out Social** by Chill Sunday. The holiday edition of the weekend happy hour with DJs Tyrone Smiley and Greg Watton. The Foundation Room at House of Blues Dallas, 2200 N. Lamar St. 2 p.m.

**Expressions**, a free gender support group for men and women led by volunteers. Resource Center Dal-

las, 2701 Reagan St. 7 p.m. 214-540-4475.

**First Community Church of Dallas** worship services. The church is open and affirming. FCC of Dallas, 9120 Ferguson Road. 11 a.m. FCCDFW.org.

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

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

## MONDAY 12.12

## COMMUNITY

**Stonewall Democrats of Tarrant County.** Tommy's Hamburger Grill, 3431 W. 7th St., Fort Worth. 7 p.m. 817-913-8743.

**PFLAG Mesquite.** St. Stephen United Methodist Church. 2520 Oates Drive, Mesquite. 7 p.m. 972-279-3112.

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

**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.

## TUESDAY 12.13

## COMMUNITY

**DFW Prime Timers Prime Diner** at Dunston's Steak House, 8526 Harry Hines Blvd. Call 972-504-8866 to attend.

**Late Bloomers**, social support group for women who came out later in life. La Madeleine, 3906 Lemon Ave. 6 p.m. 903-778-4446.

**Lambda Pride Toastmasters.** Regular meeting for improving communication and leadership skills. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 6:30 p.m. LambdaPride.FreeToastHost.us.

**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 evening. The Corporate Image, 5418 Brentwood Stair Road, Fort Worth. 7 p.m. 817-446-3395.

## WEDNESDAY 12.14

## COMMUNITY

**Lambda Legal Monthly Mixer.** Dish Restaurant and Bar, 4123 Cedar Springs Road. 5:30 p.m. 214-522-3474.

**Cathedral Business Network** second Wednesday meeting. Location to be determined. 11:30 a.m. Contact Anita Haddy for more information. 214-351-1901. CathedralOfHope.com.

**American Veterans for Equal Rights** North Texas Chapter meets. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan. 7 p.m.

**American Veterans for Equal Rights** Lone Star Veterans Chapter. BLGT veterans group meets in Fort Worth. 7:30 p.m. Info at LSVCpres@aol.com.

## BROADCAST

**Lambda Weekly.** LGBT radio for North Texas with hosts David Taffet, Patti Fink and Lerone Landis. This week's guest is local activist Latisha McDaniel. 89.3 KNON-FM at 7 a.m. LambdaWeekly.com.

## THURSDAY 12.15

## COMMUNITY

**The Set** by the Legacy of Success Foundation is for African-American men to dialog. South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Ave. 6 p.m. LOSF.org.

**The House of Glamour** is a monthly event by the Legacy of Success Foundation for African-American women to meet and caucus. Brooklyn's Jazz Café, 1701 S. Lamar St. 3 p.m. LOSF.org.

**The Rotary Club of Dallas-Uptown** meets. All visitors are welcome. Hully and Mo's, 2800 Routh St. 11:45-1:00 p.m. DallasUptownRotary.org

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

**Standing on the Promises** Alcoholics Anonymous meets. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road, Room 107. Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

## this week's solution



**CELEBRITY BIRTHDAY**

By Jack Fertig



**Susan Powter** turns 54 on Monday. The fitness trainer gained fame through infomercials, *The Susan Powter Show* and her catch phrase "stop the insanity" in the '90s. The former Dallas-based entrepreneur came out in 2004 and has three sons. This year, Powter was a guest judge on *Ru-Paul's Drag Race* in February and profiled on *Good Morning America* in October.

**SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 20**

Trying too hard to be a big shot only guarantees you'll never be one. Focus on modesty and your hard work speaks for itself. Learn from criticism, but consider the source.

**CAPRICORN Dec 21-Jan 19**

Knowing your inner strength makes you generous and kind. Being mature, thoughtful and aesthetically conservative helps you get ahead. Being smug will only bring you down.

**AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18**

Difficult family secrets can leave you wondering who you really are. Analyzing sibling rivalry can shed some light on the mystery. Feeling lost is the admission that leads to finding your true self.

**PISCES Feb 19-Mar 19**

You might be able to avoid arguments that threaten your relationships and career. You don't have to like, accept or agree with everything you hear, but you should consider it.

**ARIES Mar 20-Apr 19**

Even when working on organizing minutiae, don't get caught up in details. Keep an eye on the larger picture. You may need to sacrifice a battle to achieve victory.

**TAURUS Apr 20-May 20**

Getting more physical and less cerebral helps you live a more balanced life. Instant gratification is a distraction from meeting your real needs. With thoughtful planning you'll achieve the latter.

**GEMINI May 21-Jun 20**

Start work on recent relationship problems. You feel stuck at first. That will pass. Evaluate your patience and commitment and your partner's, but save that information for a later decision.

**CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22**

Looking too far ahead trips you up. Hone your expertise on details that need immediate attention. It takes effort to be diplomatic, especially at work. Criticism is best focused on oneself.

**LEO Jul 23-Aug 22**

Playing hard hurts friendships and your reputation. Striving for a personal best is better than crushing your opponents. Focusing on technique and personal accomplishment helps you at work.

**VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22**

If you can't avoid fights, make an effort to listen. Consider other viewpoints, little as you may like them. It will all make sense later. The best solutions may come slowly. Be patient.

**LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22**

Worries about mortality or the meaning of life make you eager to figure it all out. Talking it out with a good friend raises more questions than answers. That's good, honest and real.

**SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21**

Pessimism and striving for control drive away those you love. List your priorities and another of your assets. Some problems you can solve. Others you just need to let go of.

**THIS WEEK**

Mars in Virgo sesqui-square Jupiter in Taurus goads people to be more stubborn, assertive and critical. Listening patiently and graciously, and learning how to improve, gives you an edge. Being a cranky know-it-all doesn't.

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**Kyle's Bed & Breakfast** by Greg Fox

**KYLE?! BREYER? WHAT'S GOING ON?**

**I, UH... ..GOT FIRED.**

**FIRED?! WHY? WHAT HAPPENED?**

**I JUST CALLED YOUR JOB, AND THEY SAID YOU HAVEN'T WORKED THERE FOR WEEKS!**

**HE WAS GOING TO GET A COLONOSCOPY.**

**LET ME FINISH. HE SAID I WOULD PROBABLY ENJOY A COLONOSCOPY...**

**... 'CAUSE "FAGS LIKE HAVING THINGS STUCK UP THEIR ASSES."**

**I'M NOT A VIOLENT PERSON, KYLE. BUT...**

**...HE'S BEEN DIGGING AT ME WITH THESE HOMOPHOBIC COMMENTS FOR MONTHS.**

**OKAY... EXCELLENT REASON TO PUNCH SOMEONE IN THE FACE.**

**THIS TIME... SOMETHING IN ME JUST SNAPPED.**

**I'M SORRY I DIDN'T TELL YOU. I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO THINK I'M A LOSER.**

**OH, BREYER... YOU KNOW I'D NEVER THINK THAT!**

**WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING FOR MONEY? WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN EATING?**

**SALTINES.**

**SALTINES?!**

**AND GRAPE TANG. YOU KNOW THE ASTRONAUTS DRANK TANG, KYLE?**

**YES, I KNOW THAT.**

**C'MON... PUT SOME PANTS ON. I'M TAKING YOU OUT FOR BREAKFAST AT THE PANCAKE COTTAGE.**

**KYLE... (AND THEN I'M TAKING YOU FOOD SHOPPING.)**

**I WISH I COULD BE A BETTER MAN FOR YOU.**

**I KINDA' LIKE THIS ONE JUST FINE...**

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**bitter girl**

**sight specific**

**WAR HORSE**

**THAT WAS TERRIBLE.**

**THAT WAS GREAT!**

**NICE PLACE, MIN... I'M FREEZING! WOOD, IT'S HOT IN HERE.**

**I'M FREEZING! LEMME BUMP IT UP TO 85...**

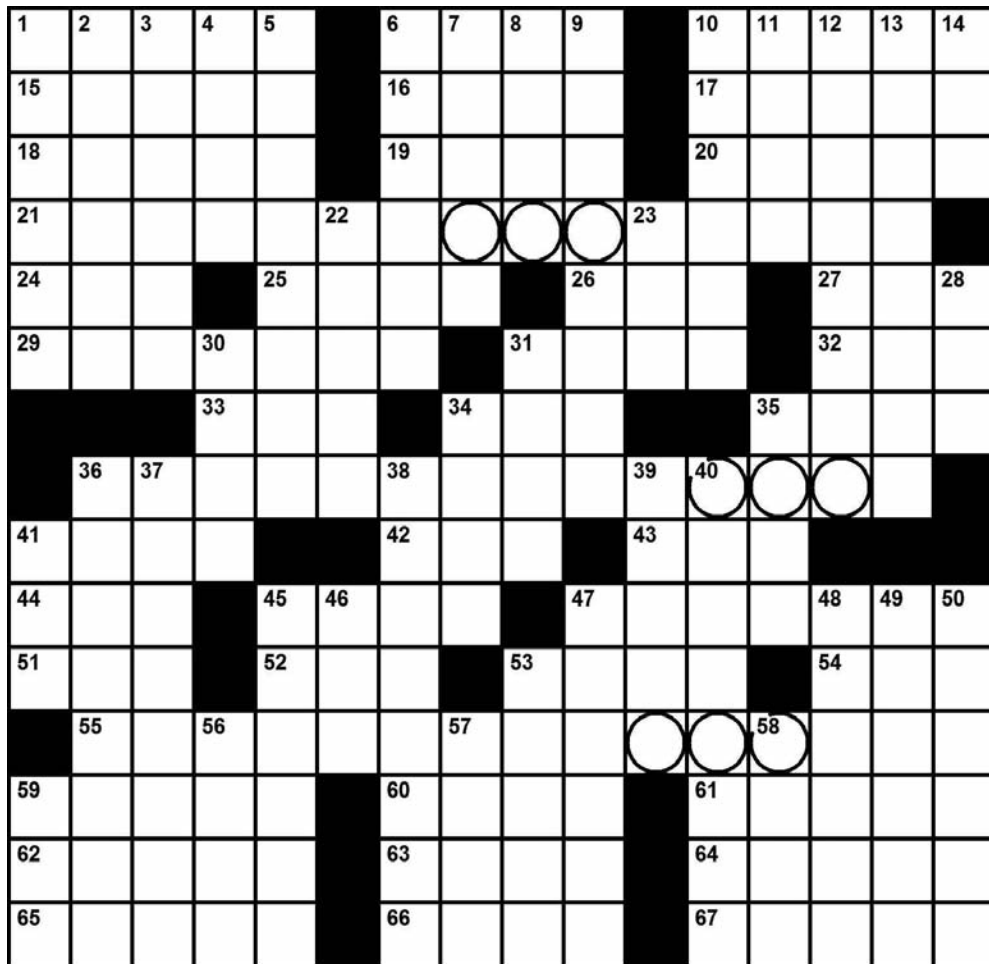
**YOU'VE GOT A LITTLE SMEAR ON YOUR LENSES THERE...**

**YES...YES, I DO...**

**SO YOU AGREE ABOUT SOMETHING...**

**...GLASSES JUST GET IN THE WAY.**

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# Breaking Up the Band

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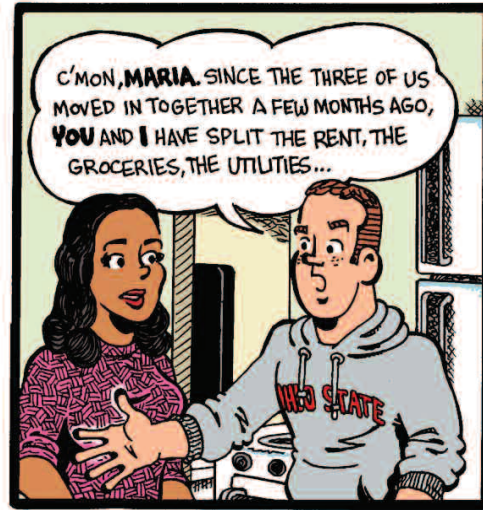
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- 15 Milk, in Madrid
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- 17 Some bounders
- 18 Like Machu Picchu
- 19 Chi-town's paper
- 20 Have words
- 21 Robin Williams
- 24 Blow it
- 25 Walk nervously
- 26 Be in the hole
- 27 Pen end
- 29 Order more of
- 31 The rainbow flag has six
- 32 Juan's tail?
- 33 Malt drink
- 34 Neth. neighbor
- 35 River of 34-Across
- 36 Richard Chamberlain
- 41 Absolutely positive
- 42 Band "broken up" in 3 answers
- 43 Mar. basketball tourney
- 44 "Very interesting ..."

**Down**

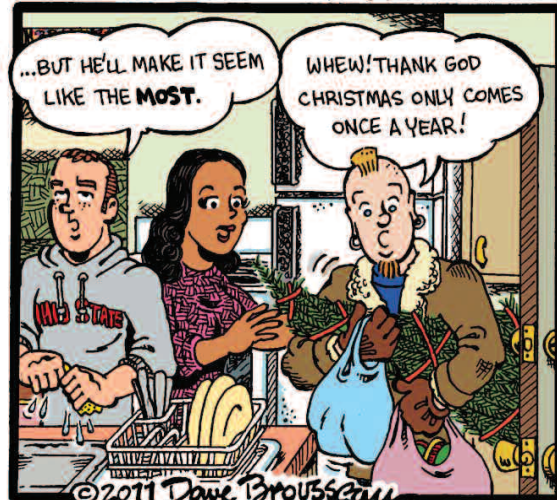
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  - 47 In your face
  - 51 Merchandise ID
  - 52 Swan Lake step
  - 53 Emulate Dr. Callie Torres
  - 54 Homer's outburst
  - 55 Othello
  - 59 Cole Porter's "\_\_\_ Men"
  - 60 Oscar-winning Patricia
  - 61 "The evil that \_\_\_" (Shakespeare)
  - 62 Black to Rimbaud
  - 63 Art Deco design name
  - 64 Able to bend over
  - 65 Jock's Johnson support
  - 66 Essen's river
  - 67 Attachments for fake glasses
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- Down**
- 1 Eagle, at times
  - 2 Poe poem
  - 3 Comes about
  - 4 Moby Dick chaser
  - 5 Camper's erection
  - 6 Comic theme
  - 7 Short Peter on the screen
  - 8 "Village Voice" honor
  - 9 "Black Sheets of Rain" musician
  - 10 Pink and lavender
  - 11 Do damage to
  - 12 Take two letters from this for an orgasm
  - 13 Like 42-Across someday, maybe
  - 14 Ethnic suffix
  - 22 It may be hard to keep straight ones
  - 23 Leave open-mouthed
  - 28 Limbo need
  - 30 Crack the whip at, e.g.
  - 31 A sailor may grab it while cruising
  - 34 Jessica of The Illusionist
  - 35 Himalayan humanoid
  - 36 New York Liberty maneuver
  - 37 Type of quarterback
  - 38 Paul of the underground
  - 39 Some lend it
  - 40 He shoots off with a long barrel
  - 41 Moo \_\_\_ pork
  - 45 Maintenance cost
  - 46 Comic Charlotte
  - 47 Distributor of queens
  - 48 Handsome young man
  - 49 Head
  - 50 Spasms, like orgasms
  - 53 Ledger of Brokeback Mountain
  - 56 Razor choice
  - 57 Cole Porter's Indiana hometown
  - 58 "Let \_\_\_!"
  - 59 November winners



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## MONDAY

Hours: 2pm to 2am  
\$3.00 You call it - all day and all night

## TUESDAY

Hours: 2pm to 2am • Happy Hour from 2pm to 8pm  
\$2.00 Well Drinks  
\$2.00 Domestic Beer  
\$3.00 You call it - 9pm until 10pm  
Karaoke 9pm until 1am

## WEDNESDAY

Hours: 2pm to 2am • Happy Hour from 2pm to 8pm  
\$2.00 Well Drinks  
\$2.00 Domestic Beer  
\$3.00 You call it - 9pm until 10pm  
Dropping Aces Poker \$75.00 Free Roll at 7pm until  
Whitney Paige & The Cherry Girls Show at 11pm

## THURSDAY

Hours: 2pm to 2am • Happy Hour from 2pm to 8pm  
\$2.00 Well Drinks  
\$2.00 Domestic Beer  
\$3.00 You call it - 9pm until 10pm  
Coming Soon... Open Mic Comedy Night at 10pm  
Hosted by Kyle and Todd of QLive  
\$100.00 to the Best Comedian  
Patio Bar Open

## FRIDAY

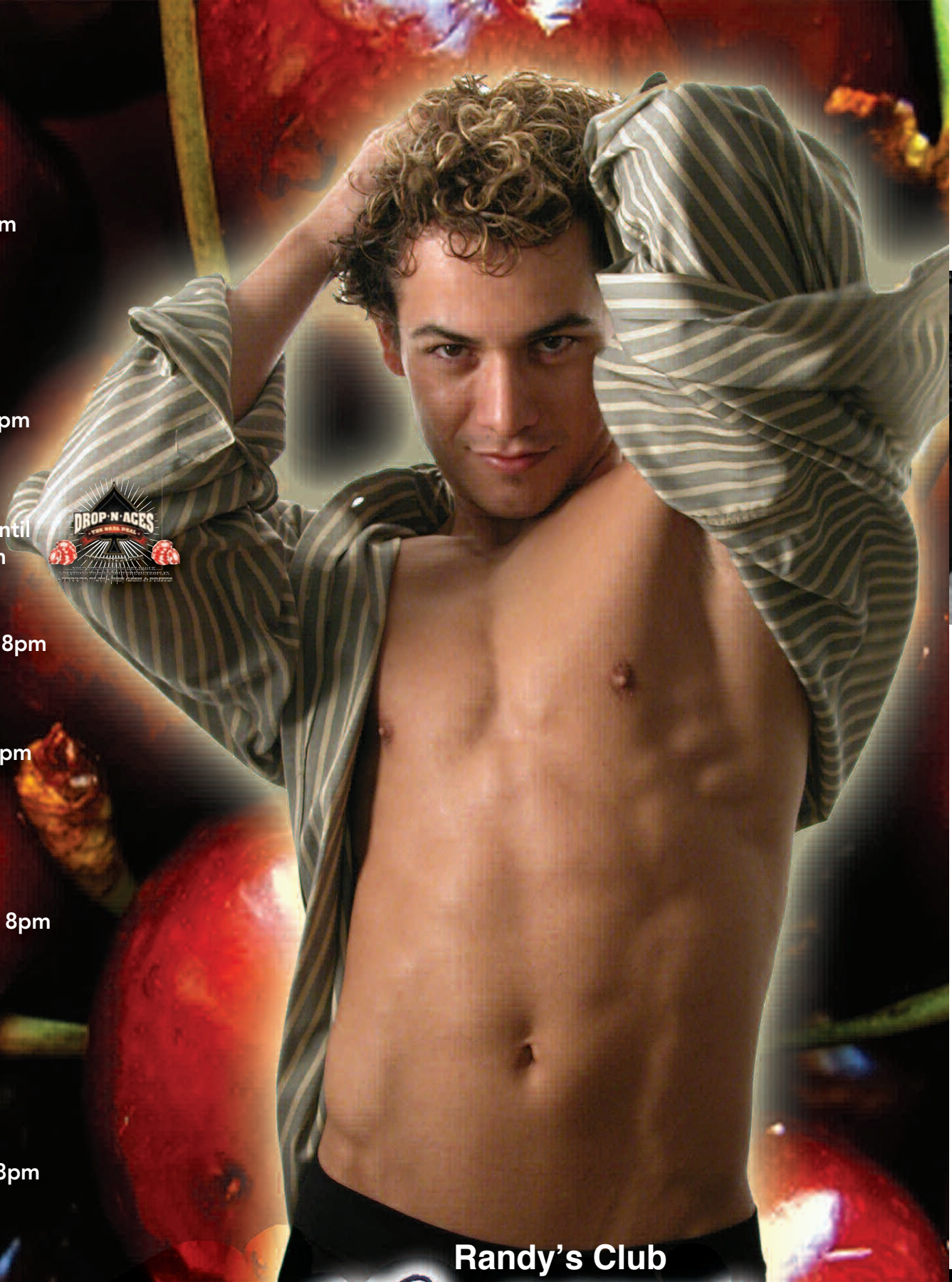
Hours: 2pm to 2am • Happy Hour from 2pm to 8pm  
\$2.00 Well Drinks  
\$2.00 Domestic Beer  
\$3.00 You call it - 9pm until 10pm  
Patio Bar Open  
Kelexis Davenport Show at 11pm  
Live DJ Michael Jon Spinning

## SATURDAY

Hours: 2pm to 2am • Happy Hour from 2pm to 8pm  
\$2.00 Well Drinks  
\$2.00 Domestic Beer  
\$3.00 You call it - 9pm until 10pm  
Patio Bar Open  
Live DJ Michael Jon Spinning  
Saturday Night Midnight Madness Show • 2nd & 4th Saturdays

## SUNDAY

Hours: Noon to 2am • Happy Hour from 2pm to 8pm  
\$2.00 Well Drinks  
\$2.00 Domestic Beer  
\$3.00 You call it - 9pm until 10pm  
Patio Bar Open  
Texas Hold em Poker \$75.00 Free Roll at 1pm in the Cherry Room  
Hosted by Drop-N-Aces Poker  
"Rising Star Show" at 10pm



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# LIFE+STYLE

## scene



Curtis, Sonia and Susan at Grapevine Bar.



David, Darren and Shawn at the Hidden Door.

Ready to hit the the town? So are we! ... Everyone's invited to the **Brick** on Friday to celebrate **Mz. Connie's Birthday**. We don't know how many candles are on the cake though. The **UCLSE** hosts **Investiture XXXVII: Western Burlesque with Fantasy Showgirls and Gentlemen Cowboys** on Saturday. Whew. How's that for a mouthful? The event celebrates newly elected monarchs **Empress Lips LaRue** and **Emperor Marshall Styers** .... The **Annual Christmas Stocking Auction** returns to the **Round-Up Saloon** Sunday. Win lots while proceeds go toward **Legacy Counseling Center** .... Acoustic rockers **Halcyon** from Florida headline **Sue Ellen's** Friday with **Bad Habits** opening. **Tyla Taylor** turns it on Sunday and **Bella and Darla** are the artists in residence this month on Wednesdays .... Head to the **Hidden Door** on Thursday as the club celebrates its **32nd Anniversary**. They'll even feed you with a complimentary buffet. Score! ... Snazz it up for the **Cocktails for a Cure Red Ribbon Bash** at **Central 214** on Friday. The event includes fancy bites, cocktails and an auction, of course. The night benefits **Resource Center Dallas** .... **Randy's Club Cherries** is looking quite fine with their daily line up. On Fridays, **Michael Jon** deejays and shares the night with the **Kelexis Davenport Show**. **Dropping Aces Poker** hosts **Texas Hold 'Em** on Sundays followed by the **Rising Star Show**. And **Whitney Paige** and the **Cherry Girls** work every Wednesday. ■

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Bobby and Bridget at Drama Room.



Brent and Narc at Station 4.



Steven, Paul and Travis at Pekers.



Phil at BJ's NXS!

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

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

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

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

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**DALLAS DENTAL CARE** — 4323 Lemmon Ave; 214-522-4444; ddsmile.com

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**\*ANGELA'S CAFE** — 7929 Inwood, #121; 214-904-8122.

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**\*BIC'S RESTAURANT** — 2245 Midway Rd., Carrollton; 972-233-5819.

**\*BLACK-EYED PEA** — 3857 Cedar Springs; 214-521-4580.

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

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

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**\*COSMIC CUP** — 2912 Oak Lawn Ave.; 214-521-6157.

**CREMONA KITCHEN** — 2704 Worthington; 214-871-115. www.cremonabistro.com.

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**\*DICKEY'S BARBECUE** — 2525 Wycliff Ave.; 214-780-0999; dickyeyes.com.

**DUNKIN DONUTS** — 13535 Preston Rd.; 972-239-1700; dunkindonuts.com.

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

**\*HUNKY'S** — 4000 Cedar Springs and 321 N. Bishop St.; 214-522-1212; hunkys.com.

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

**\*LONE STAR BBQ** — 6320 Beach St, Halton City; 817-428-7887.

**\*LOVER'S BIRDO** — 3510 McKinney, #D; 214-443-1888.

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**\*MAMA'S DAUGHTERS' DINER** — 2014 Irving Blvd.; 214-742-8646; mamasadughtersdiner.com.

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**\*MCDONALD'S** — 4439 Lemmon Ave.; 214-522-0697.

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**LOLIITA'S** — 4218 Lemmon; 214-564-0115.

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**PANDA'S** — 3917 Cedar Springs; 214-528-3818.

**\*PIZZA INN** — 5460 Lemmon Ave.; 214-526-2560.

**\*POLLO FIESTA** — 4535 Maple Ave., 214-443-9078; 903 S. Hampton, 214-942-6645.

**\*PURPLE ONION DINER** — 1838 Irving Blvd. at Turtle Creek; 214-747-0101.

**\*SAL'S PIZZA** — 2525 Wycliff; 214-522-1828.

**\*SPIRAL DINER AND BAKERY** — 1101 N. Beckley; 214-521-4747.

**\*STARBUCK COFFEE** — 3330 Oak Lawn, 214-219-0369; 4101 Lemmon Ave., 214-522-3531.

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**TILLMAN'S ROADHOUSE** — 324 W. 7th St.; 214-942-0988; tillmansroadhouse.com.

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**AIDS INTERFAITH NETWORK** — 501 N. Stemmons, #200, Dallas 75207; 214-943-4444 (Programs), 214-941-7696 (Administration); aidsinterfaithnetwork.org.

**AIDS OUTREACH CENTER** — 400 North Beach Street; Fort Worth, 76111; www.aoc.org; 817-335-1994.

**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.

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**AIDS SERVICES OF NORTH TEXAS** — 4210 Mesa, Denton 76207, 940-381-1501; 2540 Ave. K, Ste 500, Plano 75074, 972-424-1480; 3506 Texas, Greenville 75401, 903-450-4018; 102 S. First, Rockwall 75087, 800-974-2437; aidsntx.org.

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**GREG DOLLGEMER MEMORIAL AIDS FUND, INC.** — P.O. Box 29091, Dallas 75229; 972-423-9093; gdmf.org.

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

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

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**LAMBDA WEEKLY** — GLBT talk-radio show. KNON 89.3FM; Lambda Weekly, KNON FM, P.O. Box 71909, Dallas 75371; lambdaweekly@aol.com; geocities.com/lambdaweekly.

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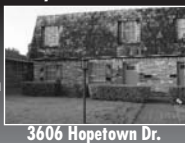
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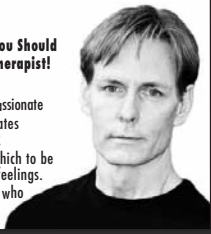
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