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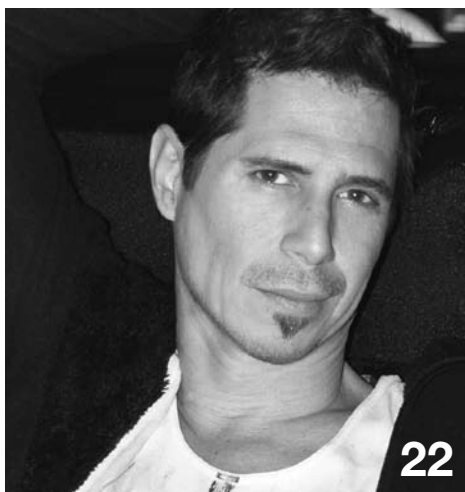
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Fate of Texas primaries still up in the air after SCOTUS hearing

Anybody expecting to get some hint of resolution to the redistricting battle raging in Texas following oral arguments over the issue Monday, Jan. 9, before the U.S. Supreme Court is probably disappointed, as it seems the justices want to see the Texas primary elections, already postponed from March to April 3, pushed back to an even later date.

According to Associated Press legal affairs reporter Mark Sherman, "The justices discussed moving the primary date back further to give the courts handling different aspects of the case more time. 'Why can't this all be pushed back, and wouldn't that eliminate a lot of the problems we are grappling with in this case?' Justice Samuel Alito asked."

And TheHill.com indicated that justices were not happy with either the maps drawn last year by the GOP-controlled Texas Legislature or with the interim maps drawn last month by federal judges in San Antonio, quoting Chief Justice John Roberts as saying during Monday's hearing, "How do you decide between two wrong choices?"

TheHill.com also said, "Most justices indicated they thought both maps were unacceptable and could not be put into law without violating the Voting Rights Act."

The Legislature's maps favor Republicans, especially in Tarrant County where Democratic state Sen. Wendy Davis saw her district taken away, with portions of it allocated to more Republican-leaning areas north and south of Fort Worth.

That map was challenged in federal court by Democratic lawmakers, including Davis, and minority groups who claim that the voting power of Hispanics and other minorities was severely compromised by lawmakers' maps. The federal judges then issued redrawn interim maps that basically re-established Davis' district and created a new Democratic-leaning congressional district in Tarrant County, among other changes.

State officials then appealed directly to the Supreme Court.

At the same time, the federal district court in Washington, D.C., is in the middle of hearing a separate case challenging the lawmakers' maps, with opponents claiming that map violates the Voting Rights Act. That court is not expected to reach a conclusion in time for Texas to hold primaries on April 3.

Officials with both political parties in North Texas have said they are at a standstill until some court somewhere reaches a decision.

"We're waiting, just like everybody else," said Jennifer Hall, interim chair of the Tarrant County Republican Party. Regardless of which map — either one of those in question now or something completely different — is eventually used, Hall said, "It's going to make a lot of work for us."

And Darlene Ewing, chair of the Dallas County Democratic Party, said recently, "Right now, everything is in limbo, right down to the question of, 'Do I even still live in my same precinct?' It's just crazy. We have a whole bunch of candidates who don't even know if they legally reside in the districts where they have filed to run."



State Sen. Wendy Davis

Dallas County Republican Party Chair Wade Emmert said that unless the courts settle the matter by mid-January, "we'll have to push the primaries back again."

The final outcome could impact which party controls both houses of Congress after this year's election. And that could have serious consequences for the LGBT equality movement.

The ongoing battle has already affected the schedule for at least one LGBT political group: Stonewall Democrats of Dallas announced this week that they have had to reschedule their endorsements screening session. The new date for the group's endorsement screenings is Feb. 18, beginning at 9 a.m., in the Rainbow Room at Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. To be eligible to vote on endorsements, individuals must be members in good standing, which means they must have all dues paid current by midnight on Jan. 19.

Gay man robbed, beaten in hate crime outside El Paso bar

A gay man was beaten and robbed in an apparent hate crime Sunday night, Jan. 8, outside a bar in central El Paso. Emilio Moreno, 23, was leaving the Rumors bar when two attackers jumped him in an alley. Moreno's brother, Gerardo Agguire, told KFOX Channel 14 that the suspects — who have not been caught — were hitting Moreno with rocks:

His brothers said the two men beat him up, took his wallet with six dollars in it, his class ring and even his jacket, before leaving him for dead.

"I believe it was a hate crime because they were beating him up and calling him homosexual slurs," said Gerardo.

Neighbors who live next to the alley heard the commotion and called an ambulance. As of Tuesday night, Jan. 10, Emilio was at UMC, being treated for various facial injuries including a broken nose.

"He said to me he wishes he would have died, and I asked him why, and he said so justice can be served and police would take it seriously," said Gerardo.

The El Paso Times reported that police are treating the incident as a hate crime, because of the assailants' use of anti-gay slurs. Anyone with information about this case is asked to call police at 915-832-4400 or Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 915-566-8477.

Last May, after a brutal hate crime outside another gay bar, LGBT advocates held a rally at the courthouse and said El Paso police hadn't done enough to address violence in the area.



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Wait time for Amelia Court appointments questioned

ASOs strive to see more clients more quickly but, Parkland patients continue to wait months

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Over the past year, the wait time to get an appointment at Parkland hospital's Amelia Court appears to have gotten longer, although the staffing level appears to be about the same now as a year ago.

During that same time, community-based AIDS agencies in Dallas say they have expanded services and decreased wait times.

For new Parkland patients, the time from first contact to seeing a doctor can be as short as two weeks. But new patients trying to access services at the public clinic recently have reported waits of as long as four months.

Candace White, Parkland media spokeswoman, said that the clinic is taking new patient appointments as early as February and through March 1. She said she confirmed that with Sylvia Moreno, the hospital's director of HIV services.

White attributed the delay to an increase in the

number of patients accessing the clinic's services due to successful HIV testing efforts throughout Dallas County. Some of the longer wait times quoted over the past few weeks may have been due to the holiday, she said.

However, when a Dallas Voice staff member called Amelia Court on Tuesday, Jan. 10, to make an appointment, he was transferred to voicemail to leave a message. As of deadline time on Thursday, Jan. 12, more than two days later, no one from the clinic had returned the call.

Another caller to Amelia Court was told that those February and March appointments White cited are reserved for established patients only. The next available appointment for first intake for new clients who want access to Amelia Court is April 23, the caller was told.

The Ryan White CARE Act, which funds many of the treatment programs for persons with HIV, specifies patients must receive "access to care within three weeks of presenting," Dr. Gary Sinclair, former medical director of Amelia Court, said.

While he was at Amelia Court, Sinclair said that he and his staff reduced the waiting time to access medical care to two weeks. He left UT Southwestern and Parkland two years ago and is now an in-

dependent consultant involved in covering for physicians for Ryan White programs.

For years, all Parkland primary AIDS care was done at Amelia Court, located on Harry Hines Boulevard, a block from the main hospital. However, to relieve overcrowding at Amelia Court, doctors with experience in treating people with the virus have been seeing patients at three of the hospital's Community Oriented Primary Care facilities in Dallas.

Parkland began opening the COPCs in 1987 to relieve its main emergency room of treating non-emergency cases. The clinics were designed to provide convenient and affordable healthcare throughout Dallas County.

Some of the facilities also have specialties. Two clinics — Bluit-Flowers Health Center in South Dallas and Southeast Dallas Health Center in Pleasant Grove — were designated as HIV treatment sites.

A third — deHaro-Saldivar Health Center in Oak Cliff — previously treated adolescents and young adults with HIV, but that service has been discontinued.

Parkland's clinic has been staffed at about the same level for the past several years.

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Raeline Nobles

City unveils planned Cedar Springs improvements



GETTING THE SIGNAL | A pedestrian runs to avoid traffic as he crosses Cedar Springs Road at Knight Street on Thursday, Jan. 12. The intersection will get a traffic signal under a pedestrian safety plan unveiled by the city this week. (John Wright/Dallas Voice)

Hunt, Medrano present plan to Merchants Association; will include new crosswalk lights, red lights

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In the wake of two pedestrian fatalities on the Cedar Springs strip in November, Dallas officials have unveiled a host of planned safety improvements ranging from crosswalk lights to a new traffic signal to, eventually, the possibility of narrowing the street to two lanes.

Dallas City Council members Angela Hunt and Pauline Medrano, along with city staff, unveiled the changes during a closed-door meeting at the Round-Up Saloon on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 13, with representatives from the Cedar Springs Merchants Association, the Dallas Tavern Guild and other community groups.

The city's Cedar Springs pedestrian safety plan calls for new flashing lights at crosswalks on Cedar Springs by the end of this month. A new traffic signal at Knight Street — where one of the pedestrians was killed — is scheduled to be installed by June.

"They did come with concrete solutions and things that they're starting immediately, which is pretty exciting," Merchants Association Executive

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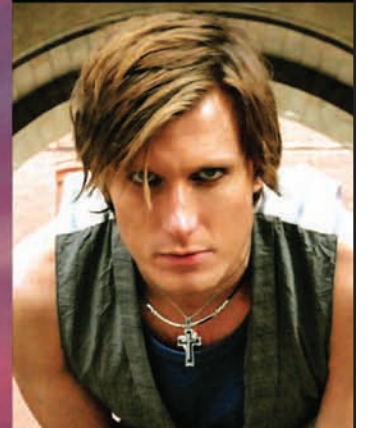
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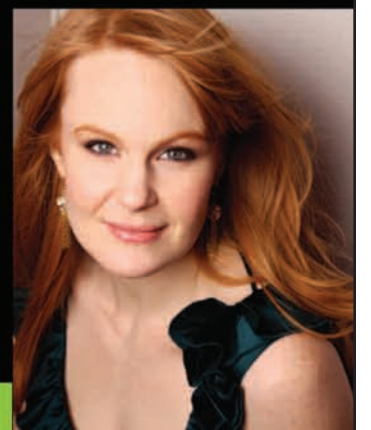
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Deaths



Perry "Bubba" Henderson, 46, died Jan. 2 in Mesquite, where he had lived most of his life. Born March 13, 1965, in Tyler to Perry Lee and Vassie D. (Owens) Henderson, he was known as a gentle bear of a man with a kind and generous heart.

He did volunteer work for Bryan's House, and was a founding member of the Caring Friends Center, which provided personal hygiene items and household cleaning supplies to men, women and children with HIV/AIDS and to women with breast cancer. He later served first as vice president and then president of Caring Friends Center.

He loved to visit with friends at The Round-Up Saloon, and that is where he met his partner, Cary Campbell.

Henderson was preceded in death by his father Perry Lee Henderson, sisters Patsy Hardin

and Terrie Dee Alphin, his partner Cary Campbell, his best friend Richard Curry and his dog Rowdy.

He is survived by his mother, Vassie Henderson of Mesquite; sisters, Belinda Westberry and husband Tommy of Carroll Community, Debora Gaston of Mesquite and Sherrie Harris and husband Jeff of Richardson; and numerous relatives and friends.

Donations in his memory can be made to the Greg Dollgener Memorial AIDS Fund at GDMAF.org.

James David Shelton, 75, of Rancho Mirage, Calif., died Jan. 8 following a valiant three-year fight with liver cancer. His two beloved children, Maria and Raymond, were at his side when he slipped away peacefully.

Shelton was born Dec. 31, 1936, in Lubbock, the son of the late Eva Robinson Shelton and Raymond D. Shelton. He graduated from The University Of California at Berkeley in 1959 and received his masters in science at The University of North Texas in 1991.

In 1963, Shelton moved to Amarillo to work for Santa Fe Railroad. It was there that his two children were born. He was co-owner of Adams-Shelton Communications with his long-time business partner, Keith Adams, owning several radio stations in West Texas, including Z-93 and

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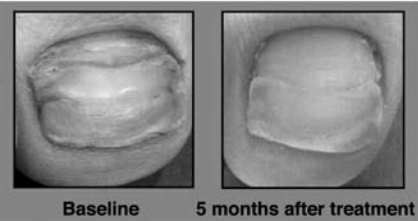


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FUNDING THE FIGHT | Jeff Hickey, right, presented a \$2,000 check to Rafael McDonnell and Cece Cox of Resource Center Dallas on behalf of Ben Cohen's Stand Up Foundation on Thursday, Jan. 12. Ben Cohen is an English rugby star who established a foundation to battle bullying after retiring from rugby last year. The funds will be used to support the center's anti-bullying education projects. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

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KLS. He and Adams were also publishers of Accent West magazine. Shelton served on the Northwest Texas Hospital Board of Directors, including one term as president.

His dedication to his own recovery and sharing that with others lead him to the next chapter of his life as a substance abuse and addictions counselor and interventionist. Shelton began his career in Dallas in the early 1990s, working for several treatment facilities in the North Texas area.

During this time, he also became active in the Dallas LGBT community, starting a support group for married gay men that is still in existence today.

He was a member of The Turtle Creek Chorale for several seasons and also a member of the Episcopal Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

In 1995, he relocated to Palm Springs where he worked as counselor in various programs at The Betty Ford Center in Rancho Mirage for 12 years, until leaving in 2005 to form his own intervention practice. He continued to do contract work for The Betty Ford Center until shortly before his death.

Through his work, Shelton touched the lives of countless people seeking recovery from alcoholism and addiction who will be forever grateful for the change he inspired in their lives.

Just prior to his death, Shelton was made an emeritus member of The Network of Independ-

ent Interventionists in recognition of his years of dedication and service in the recovery field.

He is survived by his life partner of 17 years, Richard Burkhardt of Rancho Mirage; his daughter, Maria Lynn Shelton Dameron and son-in-law, Mark Wallace Dameron, of Centennial, Colo.; his son, Raymond Ted Shelton of Dallas; his granddaughters, Camille and Eden Dameron of Centennial, Colo.; his brothers, Bill Shelton of Aledo and John Shelton of Fort Worth; two nieces and three nephews.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. The family requests that donations in his memory be made to underwrite The Betty Ford Center Children's Program operating in Dallas, Denver and Rancho Mirage. Please make checks payable to The Betty Ford Center Foundation, 41-990 Cook Street, Suite C-301, Palm Desert, Calif., 92211.



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Violent crime falls 13% in Oak Lawn hotspot

But jumps in vehicle burglaries, auto thefts fuel overall increase in 2011 for Maple-Wycliff TAAG

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Violent crime fell roughly 13 percent last year in the 1-square-mile hotspot that encompasses the Cedar Springs entertainment district and most of the Oak Lawn gayborhood, according to statistics provided by the Dallas Police Department this week.

However, the number of nonviolent offenses jumped 7 percent in the area—including significant spikes in vehicle burglaries and auto thefts—leading to a 4 percent increase in overall crime.

The Maple-Wycliff Target Area Action Grid, previously known as the Cedar Springs Wycliff TAAG, stretches generally from Maple Avenue to Lemmon Avenue, and from Oak Lawn Avenue to Kings Road.

The area, identified by DPD as one of 27 crime hotspots citywide, recorded 108 violent offenses from Jan. 1 through Dec. 26 of 2011, down from 122 violent offenses during the same period in 2010. Statistics for the final five days of the year were not yet available this week.

The 2011 numbers put the Maple-Wycliff TAAG at No. 7 for violent crime on a list of the city's worst hotspots. Three years ago, shortly after the hotspots were identified, the Maple-Wycliff TAAG climbed as high as No. 2 on the list.

"I think part of it is the general trend in Dallas and nationally, that crime has gone down," said Dallas City Councilwoman Angela Hunt, whose district includes portions of the Maple-Wycliff TAAG. "I think the other part of it is the additional focus the city has placed on making safety a greater priority in that area."

Sr. Cpl. Laura Martin, LGBT liaison for DPD, cited increased patrols, including plainclothes officers, as well as greater community involvement.



Sr. Cpl. Laura Martin

"The reason we have TAAG areas is they're identified as high crime areas, so we address them with extra patrols," Martin said. "Those areas where we have high crime get more attention, so it would stand to reason that crime would be reduced in those areas."

Both Hunt and Martin also pointed to improved street lighting in the gayborhood, much of which was initiated by Dallas Stonewall Young Democrats' Light Up Oak Lawn campaign.

Martin said even the Office Depot at 2929 Oak Lawn Ave. — where the parking lot has long been plagued by aggravated robberies — re-

cently installed additional lighting.

"If you go over there on the weekend now it looks like Christmas," Martin said. "I don't believe we've had a problem since then at that location."

The 12.5 percent decrease in violent crime in the Maple-Wycliff TAAG was part of an 8.8 percent reduction citywide — which marked the eighth straight annual decline, a record for Dallas.

The Dallas Morning News reported this week that murders dropped to a 44-year low in 2011, while total crime was down 39 percent over the last eight years.

Factors cited as contributing to the trend include the hiring of hundreds more police officers over the last few years, DPD's strategy of hotspot policing and the large number of convicts who are behind bars.

However, despite increased attention from police, the news was not all good for the Maple-Wycliff TAAG. Statistics obtained by Dallas Voice show vehicle burglaries jumped 21 percent from 2010 to 2011, while auto thefts jumped 17 percent.

The Maple-Wycliff TAAG recorded 338 vehicle burglaries in 2011 — or an average of almost one per day — up from 280 in 2010.

Martin noted that the number of vehicle burglaries dropped sharply over the last month of 2011. She said this was after DPD made several arrests of burglars who had been very active in the area.

Martin advised people to park in well-lit, non-isolated areas, away from shadows and tree cover, and to lock their vehicles and set their alarms if they have them.

She also said people should take anything from their vehicles they can't afford to lose, and hide everything else under a seat, or in the glove compartment or trunk.

But she warned people against hiding items after they've already parked, because she said criminals look for this.

"You don't want people to observe you hiding things," she said. "Make your vehicle a hard target. Burglary of a vehicle a lot of times is a crime of opportunity." ■

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Director Scott Whittall said after the meeting. "This is a big deal, and we're excited about it. It's a situation where we're taking something unfortunate and we're going to get as much out of it as we can to improve the street."

Hunt said prior to Thursday's meeting that the improvements have already begun with the recent addition of three streetlights on Cedar Springs.

"I think it's pretty aggressive," Hunt said of the plan, "which it needs to be, given the fatalities and accidents we've had there."

In addition to the two fatalities in November, two pedestrians were seriously injured when they

were struck on Cedar Springs in December. Michael Doughman, executive director of the Dallas Tavern Guild, said the pedestrian safety plan represents "some great work from the city and those in attendance were most impressed with the ideas."

"We had a great turn-out," Doughman said. "Some ideas may need some tweaking but generally speaking, it was very well received. We will be doing an education campaign soon that we will ask the Dallas Voice to participate in. This will include pedestrian safety rules as well as driver safety issues."

According to a copy of the plan provided by Doughman, yellow warning flashers will be installed in both directions at four crosswalks on

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Dallas City Councilwoman Angela Hunt



Scott Whittall

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Cedar Springs, near Knight Street and Reagan Street. The two Reagan street crosswalks will remain in their current locations. The existing crosswalk at Knight Street will be moved to the south in front of Bank of America, while a crosswalk will be added between ilume and the city library.

Whittall said the flashing, solar-powered crosswalk lights will be at motorists' eye level — similar to the ones in place where Knox Street crosses the Katy Trail a few miles away. For the first 30 days, the crosswalk lights will flash around the clock, but after that pedestrians will have to activate them.

The city will also install a traffic signal at Cedar Springs and Knight Street by June, and begin an engineering study Feb. 1 to determine whether a traffic signal is warranted at Reagan Street. Also by June, the city will remove the right turn lane and island on the southeast corner of Cedar Springs and Douglas Avenue.

Other possible additions to the plan include banning left turns onto Cedar Springs from Reagan Street eastbound. According to the plan, police have already increased traffic enforcement in the area, and Whittall said the Merchants Association has signed off on issuing jaywalking citations once the crosswalk improvements are in place.

"If we're going to provide you with multiple safe crosswalk areas, they need to be utilized," Whittall said. "You put your life at risk in an entertainment district if you try to cross somewhere that is not marked."

Long term, the pedestrian safety plan calls for a "complete street" assessment of Cedar Springs, which could include revising the width of the street and reconfiguring lanes over the next three to five years.

"We've been harping and harping and harping on going to two lanes for a long time," Whittall said. "Anything that would increase foot traffic on Cedar Springs and decrease traffic speed on Cedar Springs, we're all for." ■

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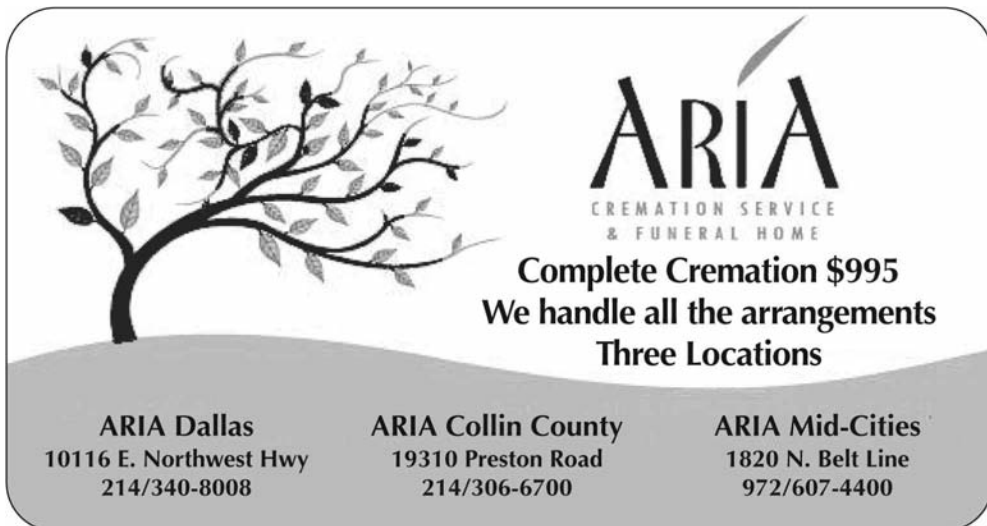
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Volunteers needed for HIV vaccine trial

Researchers looking for men, trans women who have sex with men to participate in study

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UT Southwestern continues recruiting volunteers to participate in a vaccine trial that has been in progress for more than a year.

The Phase II trial is taking place at almost two dozen sites across the country. According to Clinical Research Unit Community Advisory Board member Ernesto Gallegos, Dallas has been among the most successful at recruiting volunteers — but more qualified participants are needed.

Researchers are looking for healthy adult men who test HIV negative, have sex with other men, are between the ages of 18 and 50 and are circumcised.

They are also seeking transgender women who have sex with men.

Volunteers are screened to make sure they qualify for the trial.

Gallegos said participating would be a 12-to-18-month commitment.

He said his involvement began when he volunteered for the study. He had a partner who was positive.

In his initial screening, he was disqualified because he had antibodies to the adenovirus type 5. That common virus is a cause of respiratory illnesses.

Gallegos said that when he learned he couldn't participate directly in the study, "I stepped back [and asked], 'How can I continue to help?'"

That's when he joined the advisory board as its youngest member.

Volunteers receive a physical exam and, if they



Ernesto Gallegos

are accepted into the project, they are administered the vaccine in four doses.

Participants are asked to keep a written record of any reaction to the vaccine and are required to go to UT Southwestern once every three months for an HIV test, an interview and risk

reduction counseling.

A participant cannot contract HIV from the vaccine because it does not contain the virus itself. It is not made from live, weakened or killed HIV or HIV-infected cells.

Phase I of the trial established that the vaccine was safe to give to humans. This phase continues to test safety and dosages.

Researchers will be looking at whether the group getting the vaccine has less chance of contracting the virus and if those who do contract the virus will show smaller amounts of HIV in the blood.

Half the test group will receive the vaccine and half a placebo.

Volunteers will not know whether they received the placebo or the vaccine until after their participation in the study is complete. Those who are inoculated with the placebo will be eligible to participate in future vaccine studies. Generally those who got the actual vaccine are ineligible for future studies, whether the vaccine proved efficient or not.

For more information or to volunteer, go online to HopeTakesAction.org and fill out a short questionnaire or call 214-590-0610. ■

Legacy offering walk-in clinic year-round

FROM STAFF REPORTS
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Legacy Counseling Center experienced such success with the walk-in mental health/substance abuse clinic the center offered during the holidays, Legacy has decided to make the walk-in clinic a permanent addition to the center's services, Executive Director Melissa Grove announced this week.

The counseling center is located in the Uptown area, on McKinney at Elizabeth Street. Walk-in hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and 9 a.m. to noon on Fridays.

Any HIV-positive person who comes to the clinic during those hours will be seen by a therapist and can start services immediately, Grove said. She added that it would be helpful if someone planning to access the clinic could call in advance to let center personnel know they are

coming and what time they expect to be there.

Legacy accepts Medicaid, Medicare, Ryan White, Northstar and private insurance, while utilizing various community grants to cover the cost of counseling. But, Grove added, "No one will be turned away who needs our care."

Legacy has been offering counseling services to HIV-positive individuals for more than 22 years, and has "highly experienced licensed therapists who are experts in dealing with mental health and substance abuse issues, and the unique challenges faced by those who are HIV-positive," Grove said. The center offers individual, couples, group and family therapy and a variety of outpatient programs for those dealing with substance abuse issues. The center also offers psychiatric services to all its clients and free HIV testing twice a month.

The Legacy Counseling Center Crisis Line, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, is 214-207-3953. ■

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But as HIV has changed to a manageable chronic illness, Sinclair said that there has been “a normalization of care.”

That normalization may include longer waiting times for appointments at the public hospital, something that is common in other specializations.

But while Parkland strives to keep the wait time for primary care down, some local agencies that provide clinical service to people with HIV at low or no cost say they have expanded their service and will see new patients quickly.

“On a very human level, it can be quite terrifying to want and need medical care and not be able to find it,” AIDS Arms Executive Director Raeline Nobles said. “AIDS Arms built its second HIV clinic to help with these exact problems in significant and positive ways.”

The agency opened Trinity Health & Wellness Clinic in Oak Cliff this past fall and continues operating Peabody Health Center in South Dallas. Both offer full primary care for people with HIV.

AIDS Arms accepts Medicare and Medicaid as well as private health insurance. And like the county hospital, medical care is free for low-income people without any coverage and is provided on a sliding-scale for others.

Intake takes about a week to complete, Nobles said. Once a person who has an HIV-positive diagnosis is registered as a client, doctors at Trinity Clinic can see a new patient that week.

“With fast access to medical appointments at our Trinity and Peabody clinics and five licensed providers, we are a partner in the solution to very large and disturbing access to care problems in our community,” Nobles said.

The agency is seeking to expand the services it offers its patients and is currently looking for specialists in ophthalmology, cardiology and renal care to supplement its care.

In addition, AIDS Arms is involved in drug research trials, something Amelia Court no longer does.

Sinclair said he believed that was part of a shift in federal research dollars away from “‘How do we treat people?’ to ‘How do we eliminate the



HIGH RISE CLINIC | Amelia Court's HIV services will move to the new Parkland Hospital under construction across Harry Hines Boulevard from the old facility. (DavidTaffet/Dallas Voice)

epidemic?’”

In addition, AIDS Arms is offering several new services to its patients at its Trinity clinic.

Legal Hospice of Texas will soon begin providing on-site legal assistance for disability, social security and HIV-related discrimination issues. Bryan's House will be providing free childcare for patients visiting the clinic on Thursday and Fridays beginning next week. And once a week, onsite psychotherapy services will be offered.

Resource Center Dallas offers a variety of specialized medical services at its Nelson-Tebedo Community Clinic on Cedar Springs Road. Dental care is the most frequently accessed and something not provided by other agencies or Parkland.

With a recent expansion of facilities at the clinic, RCD Communications and Advocacy Manager Rafael McDonnell said the wait time for an appointment is three weeks or less. He said the clinic is able to treat emergencies even more quickly. ■



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The show goes on



OUT ON BASE | Partners Ken Freehill and Darryl Allara have never hidden their sexual orientation or the fact that they are a couple from the military officials with whom they work. But the repeal of 'don't ask, don't tell' has made things less tense in many military communities, they say. (Photo Courtesy Darryl Allara and Ken Freehill)

Partners in life and in business, Darryl Allara and Ken Freehill travel the world staging theatrical productions for the Army. And they have seen a difference since the end of 'don't ask, don't tell'

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The end of "don't ask, don't tell" was a long time in coming — not only for the estimated 65,000 gays and lesbians serving in the U.S. Armed Services, but also for others engaged in little-known, supportive roles for active-duty personnel.

Dallas show business couple Darryl Allara and Ken Freehill, who tour the globe as civilian contractors for U.S. Army Entertainment, were

as relieved as anyone else last fall when President Barack Obama officially recognized the end of the 18-year-old discriminatory policy. The life partners quietly cheered the Department of Defense memo released Sept. 20 lifting the ban on homosexuality, knowing it would provide a new sense of freedom for both them and the gay and lesbian soldiers they encounter on military installations.

"I think that in the communities we've been in, things are less tense," said Freehill during an interview at their East Dallas home recently while the couple took a holiday break from 202 days on the road in 2011.

"I think maybe those people in the past who may have felt reluctant to talk to us now feel more comfortable in approaching us," he added.

At the military installations Allara and Freehill visit, there are ample opportunities for one-on-one conversations with soldiers. Both men are judges for the U.S. Army's Festival of Arts,

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and in a separate contractual project they stage *Murder 101*, an interactive comedy tailored to each base using soldiers and their family members and base civilian employees as actors.

"When we walk into a room, there is so much enthusiasm from everyone," said Freehill, who has 30 years of experience as a director, producer, writer and actor and currently performs in one-man plays locally.

In staging the murder mystery dinner theater productions, the couple meets with volunteers who are interested in performing, assigns them roles, conducts rehearsals, markets the production, directs the shows and appears in the performances — all in one week's time. It's a challenging task with a taxing schedule that they've mastered and carried out for 10 years now.

"We've been very mission-oriented, bringing theater to where it doesn't exist," said Allara, who received a U.S. Army scholarship that led to a degree in theatrical producing and directing after he ended a tour as a medic in Vietnam in 1969.

"By the time the week is over it looks like we've been working with them for a month," Allara said.

Before the ban was lifted, it was a complex situation for Allara and Freehill, who in their roles entertaining, training and evaluating soldiers and their families weren't subject to the provisions of the military prohibition on being openly gay. They wanted to be honest about themselves, yet not detract from the mission of their work.

"I did feel the policy had to be respected, because we never wanted to put a soldier in an awkward position, and we never wanted to cause anyone to be uncomfortable," Allara said. "Our whole mission is to bring joy to everyone."

Even so, the couple knew people would figure out they weren't the rank-and-file type of civilian workers that soldiers expect to see on military bases, Allara noted.

"We have never encountered overt discrimination," Allara said. "By the same token, we have never hidden who we are. It's not a subject we initiate, but we've had soldiers talk to us about it."

Freehill said that during 2011 while the Pentagon implemented the repeal of DADT and conducted related training for military personnel the couple traveled to 37 military installations for 50 events on three continents. They completed their work without experiencing any of the types of discriminatory incidents many naysayers warned would happen in the military if Congress lifted the ban, he said.

"People figure out in short order we're a couple, and not just a theatrical partnership," said Freehill, who points out they have been a couple for 32 years. "They see us together. We don't make a big deal out of it. But they aren't dumb."

Freehill said they have always been careful not to give anyone the wrong impression.

"We are not on the make, and we don't give that vibe off," Freehill said. "Everyone feels secure. We are never alone with anyone."

Allara said his experiences with the military have, for the most part, always been positive and no more discriminatory than in any other walk of life.

As a helicopter medic in Vietnam, he got his first taste of show business when he produced theatrical shows for fellow soldiers using what he had learned at a base playhouse during basic training at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio.

"For lack of a better word it was a M*A*S*H unit, and I was my unit's Radar O'Reilly," said Allara, who noted he "screamed all the way" when he was forced to abandon his company clerk duties and fly in the helicopters to combat zones.

Allara said that deplorable conditions in Vietnam inspired him to take on the staging of a show and probably encouraged fellow soldiers to welcome it.

For one show he requisitioned six jeeps and drivers for the use of their headlights in a theatrical production. A stage was fashioned out of an old flatbed truck.

"We had a terrible morale problem," Allara said. "We were looking for diversion. We needed to find a way to bond everyone together."

Rather than getting court-martialed for the jeep stunt as he feared might happen, Allara's amateur shows, including *Sorry Wrong Number*, brought him praise and requests for productions at other locations, including a production of *Stop the World; I Want to Get Off*.

Those efforts eventually led to his Army-sponsored scholarship to theatrical school in San Diego.

Allara said it is ironic that his theatrical work in the Army led to his lifelong career because he had no interest in theater in high school. The U.S. military has sponsored entertainment programs for personnel since World War II, and most bases had theatrical playhouses before television viewing became the most popular form of entertainment.

"When I was drafted I had no thoughts about theater at all," Allara said. "I was picked on as a kid, and standing in front of people performing was the last thing I wanted to do."

Later, Allara attended graduate school at the University of Arizona where Freehill was an undergraduate, but they never met. Oddly, they discovered later they had participated on a theatrical production at the same time, and they have a playbill with both of their names listed to verify it.

The couple later met in Los Angeles on a theatrical production and became lovers. For a while they operated a show business school together before relocating to Dallas, where Freehill took a job as executive director for the Screen Actors Guild.

It was about that time 17 years ago when

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Allara resumed his association with the military, accepting a job as a traveling second judge for the Army Festival of the Arts, a 40-year-old organization. The senior judge for the organization with whom Allara worked on a Bicentennial show in 1976 sought him out for the position.

"You meet people in life," Allara said. "They go out of your life and then they come back."

When about five years later the senior judge retired, Allara knew he didn't have to look far for a new second judge. The Screen Actors Guild had relocated from Dallas to another city, leaving Freehill without a job. So he joined the Army, too, so to speak.

About 10 years ago Allara and Freehill began staging their murder mystery productions for the Army. They first had designed and produced the mystery shows in Los Angeles, and they tried them out on military audiences with success.

An early production took place in Fort Campbell, Ky., where they still command great respect from base officials, volunteers and audiences, according to Linda Howle, director of the base recreation center.

"They are amazing, and they are fantastic," said Howle in a telephone interview. "They are very creative. Every time I have them here they do a wonderful job, and when they come back it is always an even better performance."

Allara said one of the reasons that he and Freehill enjoy so much respect from military officials is that they have a reputation for making sure the show will go on, no matter what. Their sexual orientation seems to have mattered little, if any at all, to Army officials in charge of military entertainment.

"They know they have two theater specialists they can send anywhere in the world," Allara said.

About 15 years ago, Allara said, he met with a commanding officer who wanted to hire him, and he told the official about his relationship with Freehill.

"I knew they were rounding up soldiers and prosecuting them," Allara said. "I told him I didn't want it to bite him in the ass later. He thanked me for telling him."

Allara said one of the reasons he and Freehill work together well as a romantic and a professional couple is that it is also economically advantageous to them. The Army pays them a flat fee for their work, from which all expenses must be deducted, and the arrangement of staying together on trips allows them to save money.

"We are able to keep rates really low for the Army because we share accommodations," Allara said.

Fees for Allara's and Freehill's contracts come from discretionary funds raised by the Army from ticket sales and other enterprise activity, not from tax dollars, according to the show business couple.

The couple said the only hint of discrimination they ever felt during their travels for the military was when hotel staff asked if they wouldn't prefer separate beds or rooms. Although they've never lost a military contract because of their sexual orientation, they did lose a couple in Los Angeles years ago because of it, they said.

"Discrimination is everywhere," Allara said. "It doesn't have to be in the military."

Allara said that as a combat veteran he sees the greatest benefit of the new policy to gay and lesbian soldiers to be the security of being part of a team, not the advantage of freedom of expression and social acceptance.

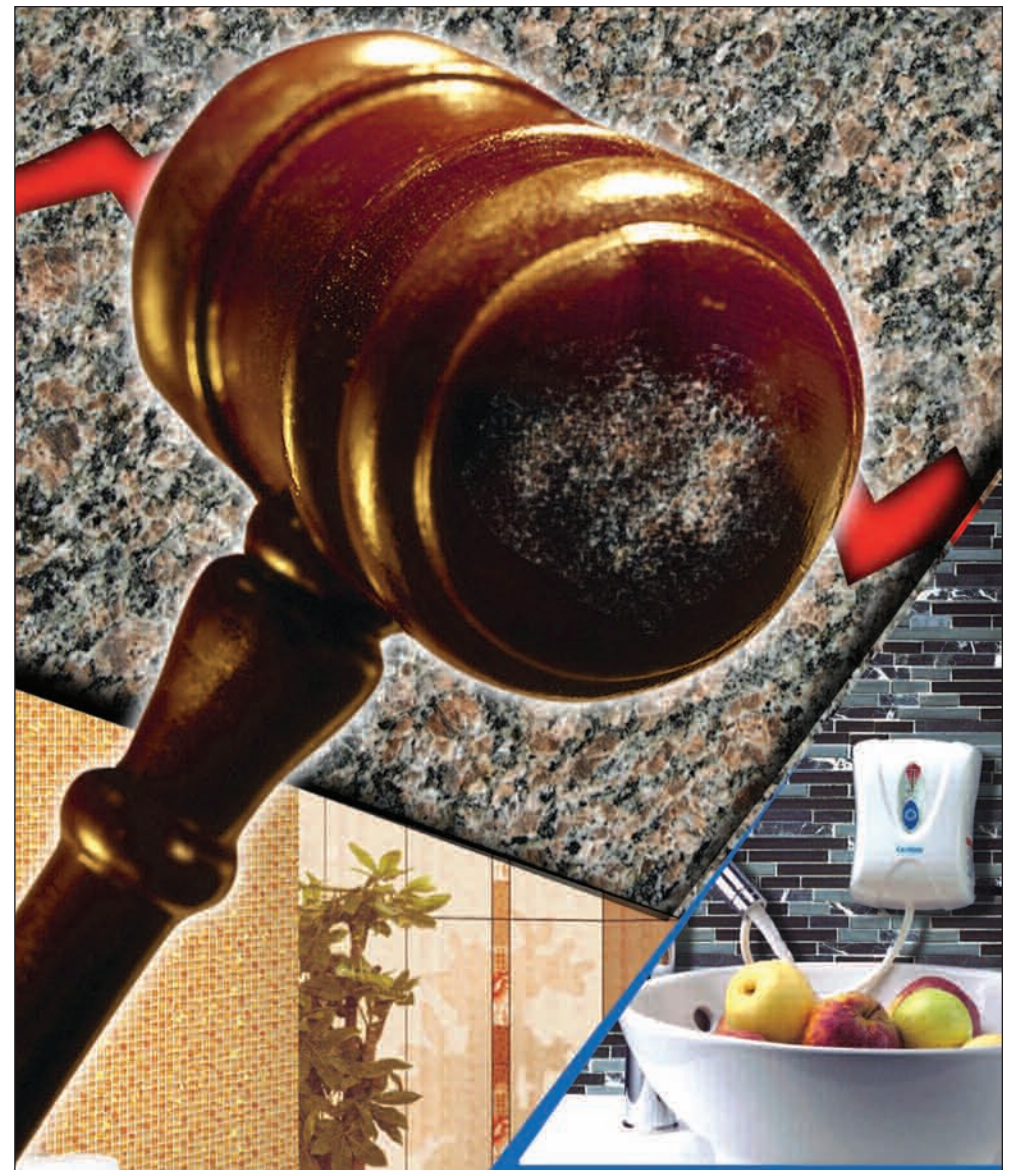
"They now will be able to serve their country without worrying about their backs in addition to the enemy in front of them," Allara said.

For Allara and Freehill, life will continue much as it has for the past decade, together night and day except for when they are out of town on separate judging assignments. It seems natural to wonder whether they might enjoy the occasional break from each other's company, but that is apparently not the case.

"It's lonely," Freehill said. "I admit it. We usually can't wait to get home to be in each other's company."

Allara said that they often debate many subjects related to their work, but they always agree on how they feel about returning home to the company of the best audience anyone could have — the three dogs they rescued.

"It's like dying and going to heaven for us," Allara said. ■



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viewpoints

Kinder, gentler Republicans?

Primary candidates who are the most anti-LGBT didn't fare well in New Hampshire. Could the GOP voters be moving toward tolerance?

The results of the New Hampshire primary must seem like political nirvana for LGBT Republicans who have held their noses while pulling voting machine levers during past presidential elections.

The presidential candidates who in recent weeks and during the televised weekend debates expressed the most tolerant views toward LGBT issues came out on top in the primary, and the ones who didn't wound up in last places.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, whose vitriolic anti-gay messages border on the absurd, finished dead last with less than 1 percent of the vote — just where many gay and straight Republicans and Democrats think he belongs in an enlightened society.

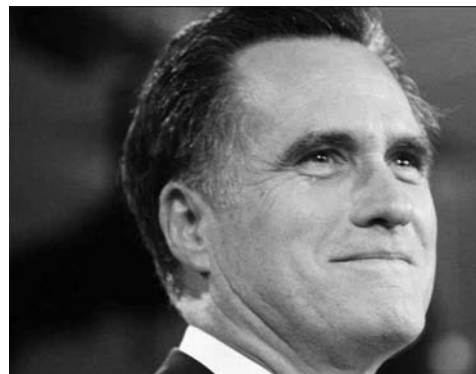
It's doubtful that many voters chose former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney as the frontrunner because he said in the debates he would champion LGBT rights — with the exception of marriage equality. But it is possible New Hampshire voters sent a message that they are tired of candidates pandering to conservative extremists who can't think beyond antiquated religious teachings while the country's economy collapses around them.

Incredibly, while Romney vowed he would never discriminate against LGBT people or "suggest they don't have full rights in this country," and that they should have the right to form long-term committed relationships in some form, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum and Perry couldn't resist the opportunity to throw scraps to their conservative religious bases. The three outspoken anti-gay candidates finished fourth, fifth and sixth respectively, if not as a result of their bigotry then perhaps as just desserts for it.

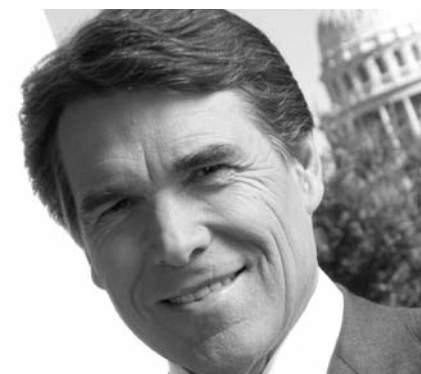
In a similar vein as Romney, Congressman Ron Paul and former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman made statements indicating tolerance and support.

Paul said he objected to the use of the term "gay rights" by candidates on the stage, saying it leads to divisiveness and punishment of LGBT people who are entitled to individual liberty along with everyone else.

Huntsman said he supported civil unions, and he also accused most of the other candidates of all



Gov. Mitt Romney



Gov. Rick Perry

"having something nasty to say" about LGBT people.

In his response to the moderator's question about what gay people who want to form long-term relations should do, Gingrich said he advocated allowing contact that is "intimately human between friends," such as hospital visits. Then he accused LGBT people who want to get married of trying to make straight people "miserable."

Similarly, Santorum condemned same-sex marriage and adoptions by gay parents while making some conciliatory statements about "respect and dignity" for all people. When asked what he would do if one of his sons told him he was gay, Santorum said he would tell him that he still loved him.

But that statement left some LGBT viewers wondering if in such a case the son would soon find himself shipped off to a homosexual rehabilitation treatment center.

Gingrich, who has a lesbian sister who won't support him politically, later asked for the floor during the debate to accuse the media moderators of asking the questions about marriage equality because they are biased in favor of LGBT rights and against Christian religious institutions.

But as usual it was Perry out of the six candidates who made the biggest ass of himself by claiming President Barack Obama's decision not to defend the federal Defense of Marriage Act in court is part of a "war against religion" that would stop if he is elected president.

Perry, who has long fought rumors that he has engaged in secret homosexual activity and has seemingly gone out of his way to offend LGBT Texans during his tenure as governor, had no other comment on the subject.

Of course, not everyone in the LGBT community reacted favorably to Romney's comments about LGBT rights because they did seem contradictory. Although Romney said he would stand up for LGBT rights, it's hardly full rights if one of the most valuable — the right to marriage and its legal protections — is being withheld.

None of the Republican candidates support LGBT issues as fervently as gay and lesbian activists would like to see, but last weekend's debates

marked yet another milestone in the American gay rights movement. During both days of the presidential debate, LGBT rights were discussed for a total of 13 minutes in more favorable terms than anyone might have been expected. With the exception of Perry, all of the candidates apparently tried to sound at the very least humane.

In the Republican candidates' defense, it must be noted that even President Obama, who has done more in the area of LGBT rights advancement than any other American president, still does not support marriage equality. That could come, but it hasn't yet.

In fact, to win the 2012 election with the full support of the nation's LGBT voters, it may be necessary for President Obama to take an affirmative stand on marriage equality, given Republican frontrunner Romney's remarks in New Hampshire.

Now, all of the Republican candidates are headed for South Carolina for that state's primary on Jan. 21, and it will be interesting to hear what gets said about LGBT rights in the conservative state.

Perry is already there, blathering away, but barring a miracle happening for him he will be headed home to Texas for good the day after the primary at the very latest.

Romney on the other hand, having won in both Iowa and New Hampshire, appears destined to a run for president on the Republican ticket this year if he continues his winning streak in South Carolina.

So far, the race for the Republican presidential nomination has made for some of the most interesting political theater in modern times and in no small part because of the recent focus on LGBT issues. The prospect of the ensuing debates between the Republican nominee and President Obama promises to make this one of the most exciting political years ever for the LGBT community and its many straight friends.

It's a good bet the LGBT voter turnout could be the biggest ever seen.

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Agree with the pope? Nope!

Pontiff once again speaks out against LGBT equality, saying same-sex marriage is a threat to 'the future of humanity'

When you hear someone with as powerful a voice as the pope say something is a threat to "the future of humanity itself," you take notice. Pope Benedict uttered these weighty words this week, and what was he talking about? Nuclear capabilities in Iran? Global warming? Famine? Drought?

Nope.

The Holy Father was speaking about marriage equality. Apparently in the rarified air of the Vatican, allowing LGBT people to affirm their relationships and have the same legal rights as heterosexual couples would have apocalyptic results.

In his statement to a gathering of diplomats from 180 countries, the pope said that children

need the proper settings in which to grow, and that "pride of place goes to the family based on the marriage of a man and a woman."

He went on to assert that, "This is not a simple social convention, but rather the fundamental cell of every society. Consequently, policies which undermine the family threaten human dignity and the future of humanity itself."

This little gem was part of his yearly address to the diplomatic corps accredited to the Vatican. Unlike with any other religion in the world, the U.S. actually has an ambassador to the Vatican, representing the Catholic Church, as do many other countries.

It is a mystery I fail to understand, but it is what it is.

This statement comes on the heels of the elevation of New York Archbishop Timothy Dolan to the status of cardinal. Not surprisingly, Dolan is one of the leading anti-LGBT voices in the Catholic Church.

And Pope Benedict himself is certainly no friend of LGBT folk either. In a 1986 pastoral letter



Hardy Haberman
Flagging Left

he wrote before becoming pontiff, then-Cardinal Ratzinger said that homosexuality was "an intrinsic moral evil" and "an objective disorder."

Now to put this in perspective, the Catholic Church claims 1.3 billion adherents worldwide.

This is why what the pope says is news.

But I fail to see this statement coming from the voice of the moral high ground.

The Vatican has been implicated in numerous scandals in recent years, and most of them involve inappropriate sexual behavior with minors. Many of these same scandals not only involve priests, but the systematic coverup of the crimes.

The courts of the U.S. and Europe have been busy prosecuting these cases, and the new media

has covered them ad nauseam.

For me, the big question is this: In a world with so many social and humanitarian problems, why is preventing LGBT people from marrying worthy of such hyperbole?

Will allowing my partner and me to marry for the purposes of gaining the 1,000-plus legal benefits awarded to straight couples in the U.S. going to shake the foundations of our country? Is a gay marriage going to cause straight people to throw up their hands saying, "Well there goes the neighborhood" and divorce?

Nonsense.

This all has to do with control — and few people understand control as well as the current pope. Cardinal Ratzinger was the "enforcer" for the Vatican before his elevation to pontiff. His office was the Supreme Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, a group previously known as (until 1965) Supreme Sacred Congregation of the Roman and Universal Inquisition. You remember them and their always "unexpected" counterpart, the Spanish Inquisition?

The pope will continue to demonize LGBT people and oppose our relationships as long as it serves to increase his control. Much like right-wing politicians, the pope can use this issue as a wedge issue, prying the faithful away from any attempt at social justice in the matter of LGBT rights.

Moreover, this is also designed to bolster the argument that "hate speech" should be protected as a freedom of religion issue, a recent tactic being used by the far-right to oppose LGBT rights and anti-bullying efforts.

Am I suggesting that the pope is colluding with politicians to deny LGBT people their rights? Perhaps not. But his statements will surely be used by the right wing to bolster their arguments.

I just find it sad that the man who has assumed the mantle of the vicar of Christ can so conveniently ignore that Jesus said nothing about LGBT people in any recorded documents. He did, however, say something to the effect of, "Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick and visit the prisoner."

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Victoria, victor

Michael Fulk, aka Victoria Weston, basks in the warmth of an IGRA title

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In 25 years of International Gay Rodeo Association pageants, the top honors have only been won by a contestant from the Texas Gay Rodeo Association three times — one of which was late last year, when Michael Fulk's alter ego Victoria Weston walked away with the Miss IGRA 2012 crown, a first for Dallas and a victory decades in the making.

"I have been dressing in female attire ever since I could open my mom's closet door," Fulk laughs. His drag career started in earnest, however, at a Halloween ball in St. Louis in 1988. One month later, he was doing his first fundraiser, "and within a year I had moved to New York City," he says.

After many successful years as a full-time entertainer in New York City, Fulk returned to Dallas shortly after Sept. 11, 2001.

"My career switched upon my move," he explains. "In NYC, I was an entertainer full-time and a hair and makeup artist part time. Now I am a full-time hair and makeup artist, makeup coach and educator for Artistic Salon Spa across from NorthPark. Entertainment was relegated to a passion rather than the breadwinner part of my life."

But that didn't stop Fulk from competing and performing in drag — a description he's proud to wear.

"We are all born naked, everything that comes after that is drag, honey!" he laughs. "Drag comes in all shapes and sizes: leather drag, business drag, casual, cowboy, club kid ... the list is endless. I have no issue being called a drag queen, female impersonator, illusionist, yadda, yadda, yadda. If that size 11 pump fits and looks fabulous, I wear it. For the most part, though, when people around me speak of what I do, more often than not they simply refer to me as an entertainer."

Victoria Weston stands out among many other drag performers because rather than lip sync, she sings live.

"The entertainers from before Stonewall were live," Fulk explains. "Some sang, some danced, some stripped, but back then there wasn't as much syncing and/or surgery as today. I think I am a throwback to that era. I am first and foremost closely related to the big band singer. That is my passion, whether it is blues, jazz, Broadway or standards."

Since returning to Texas, Fulk has upped the quotient of country-western and pop music in Victoria's act.

"I have heard people say my singing style resembles Shirley Bassey and I have always been compared to the look of Ann-Margret. I couldn't ask for better comparisons. I'll take both of those as high compliments," he says.

Still, he insists, it's best not to take himself too seriously.

"I take the illusion I portray serious enough to not make it a joke. I don't want to be insulting or a cartoon of a woman. Every time I sit down to bring Victoria to life I view my job as putting together an ideal," Fulk says. That means Victoria "doesn't drink, smoke or do drugs. Old Hollywood glamour is my mainstay. Even though I am wearing a lot of makeup, hair jewelry, rhinestones, gowns and great shoes, I guess I want to appear to simply be a red carpet version of what I think a woman looks like: Totally put together. Besides that, I like to think of Victoria as a grounded, drama-free old soul with a wry sense of humor and a heart as big as all outdoors."

Perhaps it's this philosophy and a healthy sense of humor that has kept Fulk from suffering a fate foretold years ago by his drag mother from St. Louis, Miss Tracy.

"God rest her soul, [she] told me to be ready for a lonely life. She said, 'They are either going to hate you as a drag queen and love you as yourself or they are going to love you as a drag queen and hate you as yourself. And be prepared for lesbians to hate and resent you.'" Fulk recalls. "I have found that to be false on all levels."

And few things symbolize that overcoming of obstacles better than a really, really big crown.



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Phoning it in

'Love addict' Robert Diago uses his iPhone to explore his art

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Cell phone attachment is hardly uncommon among gay men. Whether on the treadmill, during happy hour or in the middle of a date, that lifeline to the ether is always at hand, ready to be texted, dialed or simply held for reassurance.

But when one local artist takes a call, it's not his date or his workout but his art that likely is being interrupted. For him, a smart-phone is as important as a brush.

"It was never a conscious thing to make art from it," says Robert Diago, "but it's become something I'm using to create art while feeding some of the art I'm dealing with."

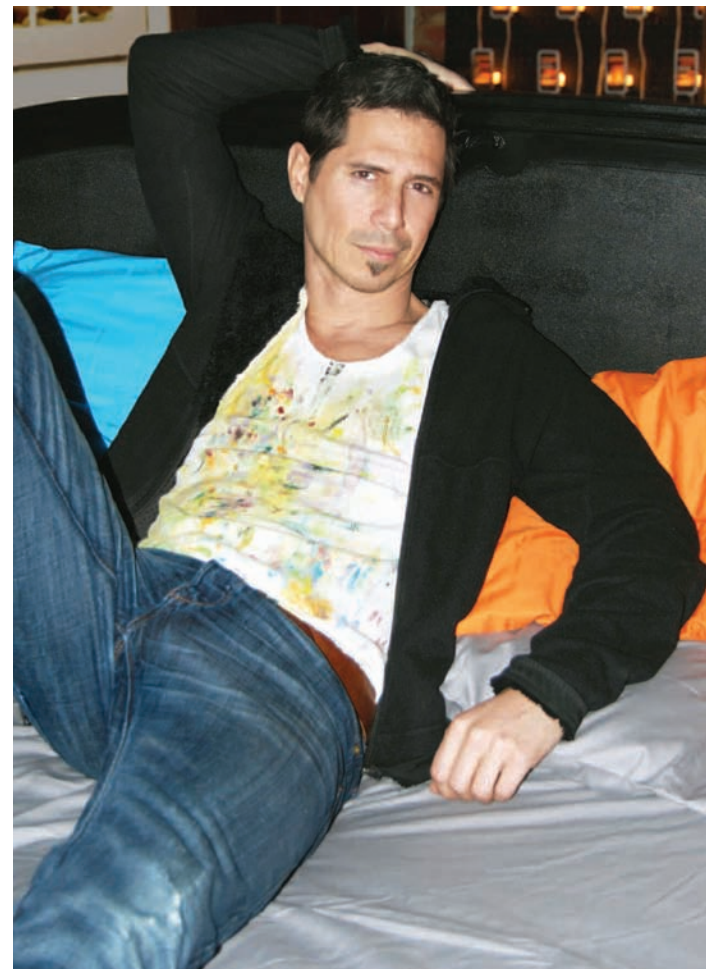
In his new show *Every Then... And Now* at Ro2 gallery, Diago (who writes his name professionally as *r. mateo diago*) exhibits work that peers deeply into his inner conflicts and addictions thanks to his iPhone. Simply by taking pictures with his phone of other photographs, Diago discovered and honed certain degradations that resonated with his messages.

"There were these strange patterns what would occur and even with those old photos, this gave them a very modern, contemporary touch," he says.

But there was also an underlying theme emerging. While examining his past and his love addictions with old photos, he was using the very tool that made his addiction harder to handle. Using a hookup app as inspiration, he created a piece called "Findr Night Lights." Diago freely talks about his codependence, which has manifested into a love addiction. While he may act out on that in some sexual fashion, he's discovered it's rooted in a lack of love and nurturing not met in childhood.

At least, that's what his therapist told him. "I had a very good therapist," Diago chuckles. "As a love addict, I'm looking for that missing piece. I've learned that I need to treat the codependent in me, not the addict."

In turn, his artwork has become therapeutic,



INSIDER ART | Artist Robert Diago lies in a bed which is part of the installation for his new show, which addresses his love addiction — something that has occasionally played out on his iPhone hookup apps, opposite.

and he's been able to address childhood issues such as his father's abandonment and an abusive grandmother. He even turned the ending of his last relationship into a four-piece narrative. Unlike his last show, Diago's intention here is to leave more to the imagination and allow viewers not just to see him, but also themselves.

"I felt like I spoonfed a little too much with [my show] *Junk Drawer*," he says. "I thought to give less this time and start on some middle ground. The purpose of this show is to examine the buzzing in my head when it ingrained into my subconscious. I want everyone to take away from this that if you truly examine your thoughts, you can change the direction of your life."

The Jersey-born Diago followed his then-partner to Dallas 16 years ago from Fort Lauderdale. Back then, art was a part-time gig, but when he was laid off from his job as a graphic designer almost four years, his partner encouraged him to focus on his art.

Fast-forward to today, and the reality of being a full-time artist is arresting. Diago is still on the

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hunt for employment and his own money goes more into his art and booking shows than coming in as a result of it.

"I think it was a good decision, but it's very tough," he admits. I will just continue to do this, but with no income to speak of, I don't know what's next. I'll definitely go where the money is but I do hope this show could be great for me."

If there's one thing his art has given back to him, it is a sense of forgiveness. He can accept he won't have a relationship with his father but he can use him for art. And he's also forgiven himself.

"I love my journey. I chose all these unfortunate things and learned from them to create my work," he says. "I came up against a lot of old demons in this work and was able to let go of them. It was one of the hardest things to do."

There may not be an app for that, but Diago's the man to ask how self-discovery can be found in an iPhone.

TRAVEL DIARY

Gay Days, which for years has organized circuit-party-like festivities during the week-long "Gay Day" in **Orlando** — covering **DisneyWorld**, the **Universal Parks** and more — is expanding west for what they are calling their first "bi-coastal" celebration.

Only the new city isn't really on the coast, or anywhere near it. Their bad.

Still, Gay Days Las Vegas does bring the signature event style to the Pacific time zone.

From Sept. 4–10 this year, the **Tropicana Casino** in Vegas will be host to the Pride party, which will include a travel-retail expo (free and open to the public), daily pool parties and other events around town (pictured).

That follows the annual Orlando blow-out, which takes place as always the first weekend in June. You can book reservations and learn more about both at GayDays.com.

Asian markets are organizing to embrace their LGBT travelers more openly.

Following a symposium late last year in **New Delhi**, sponsored by San Francisco-based Community Marketing, countries across the region discussed reaching out to gay travelers. The New York office of the **Thailand** tourism bureau even announced a pilot campaign, scheduled to launch during the first quarter of 2012, called




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— Rich Lopez

The Loft, 1135 S. Lamar St. Jan. 13. 9 p.m. \$15. BearDance.org.



BEAR NECESSITIES | Atlanta-based DJ Sean Mac mixes movie scores with tribal beats for his Dallas debut at BearDance Friday.

Dallas Voice: Have you played Dallas before? Mac: No, but I've met a lot of wonderful guys from there on Facebook and BigMuscleBears.com and I attended Texas Bear Round Up in 2007, so I have a sneaking suspicion it's going to be a fun time!

What are you looking forward to here? I hear they grow 'em big in Texas! Seriously, though, I'm looking forward to spinning a really good set. The year started off very well in Denver, where I followed Tony Moran with a set on New Year's Eve. The guys had the energy turned up to 11 and, knowing the guys with BearDance, I'm sure this event will be awesome.

How did you hook up with BearDance? Through Facebook. BearDance started with me seeing pictures of friends at one of their events and the conversation started.

Werq it! So what can Dallas bears expect from a Sean Mac set? My goal is to become one with a dancefloor, so I keep the energy up with stuff that we all want to dance to. I'm also pretty animated. It's kind of a joke, but I have to dance while I'm DJing. Laugh if you must — it works!

Oh we will laugh ... but with you, not at you. What's this about movie scores in your mix? Vocal, tribal and disco house are my main genres, but my flavor is cinematic. I

collected film scores when I was younger and that seeps into my sets literally and figuratively. My latest Podcast opens with a recent remix of "Pure Imagination" from *Willy Wonka*, for instance. That's very much a nerd response, so please print "fun and slutty" instead.

You got it. All right, we have some songs we'll want you to play... That's a tricky one. It's like flying an airplane with a back-seat driver. I take requests under consideration, but I have to worry about keeping everyone happy, not just the person making the request.

Fine. We'll slip in a phat cash tip. What's your magic track? I have a few songs that work particularly well, but it depends on the event as to which one might get played. There's a sort of magic associated with the Almighty version of "Perfect Day," and mine and Bryan Reyes' remix of Leona Lewis & Avicii's "Collide" is an audience favorite.

The real question is, do you check your Scruff while DJing? I try to keep the phone off while DJing. But if you see a hot guy on the floor, there's that inescapable urge to look him up and message him instantly, so you won't forget.

You are so right about that.

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How fit does your ride need to be?
We compare the elegant efficiency
of the **Toyota Prius V** with the ballsy
bravado of the **Subaru Impreza**.

CASEY WILLIAMS | Auto Reviewer

There are two ways to achieve fitness: Either become a gym queen and work your sweet little ass off on the stair climber, or go full nerd and starve yourself to thin. Depending on my mood, I can use a good aerobic workout and look buff for my hubby... or I just savor the grilled chicken salad (or veggie burger), kick off the sneaks with a book about a geeky car, and ponder Our Creation.

In the world of five-door compacts, the recently re-designed 2012 Subaru Impreza likes to be worked over hard while the new Prius V thinks its way to saving green. ■

Family heritage

Impreza: Generations of rally champs.

Prius: Golf cart, Previa mini-van.

Alter ego

Impreza: General Lee.

Prius: KITT.

Gay persona

Impreza: Priscilla, Queen of the Desert.

Prius: Michael Kors, Queen of *Project Runway*

Horsepower

Impreza: 148.

Prius: 134 (gas) + 80 (electric).

Number of driving modes

Impreza: 2 — Fast and Furious.

Prius: 4 — Standard, Eco, EV and Power.

Drag coefficient

Impreza: Sexy in satin.

Prius: 0.29, you tart.

Favorite toy

Impreza: Wiper de-icer.

Prius: Pandora radio.

Distance on electricity

Impreza: (insert favorite bodily sound)?

Prius: If we're measuring, about a mile.

How to get dinner

Impreza: Run it down, stick it in the trunk; use Bluetooth to call a meat processor to butcher it for ya.

Prius: Politely ask the Entune System's OpenTable app for suggestions and NAV to plot a course.

Claims to fame

Impreza: Daddy of the wicked WRX; most fuel-efficient AWD in America.

Prius: More Prius, more petrol; most complicated small crossover ever created.

Celebrity most likely to drive car

Impreza: Crocodile Dundee.

Prius: Kardashian stepdad Bruce Jenner.

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GYM RAT OR DIETER? | The hybrid Prius V, above, is surprisingly roomy and powerful, while the Impreza, opposite page, has bearish sex appeal.

Power to the wheels

Impreza: Symmetrical AWD.

Prius: It depends on how much power needs to be transferred to the front wheels. It could come from the battery pack via an electric motor or from the gasoline engine with a continuously-variable transmission that has no set gears, but an infinite range of ratios. Hell, just forget it — bitch is complicated.

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With a unique history and varied interests, life for Moses Herrera is an adventure



MARK STOKES | Illustrator
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Name and age: Moses Herrera, 27

Occupation: Hotel industry strategy and revenue management/talent scout for an entertainment company

Spotted at: Hunky's on the Strip

This handsome, outgoing New Orleans native is the eldest of four brothers, the offspring of an Italian mother and a Spanish father. A charismatic Libra, Moses spent 10 years living in Prague with his family, an experience that opened his eyes to other cultures and set the stage for his future travels.

Decadent past: He attended college at Johnson and Wells in Denver, majoring in marketing with a minor in leadership. His career brought him to NOLA when he attended Southern Decadence, which changed his life. Moses grew to love the circuit and was an active participant for many years. These days his work

requires him to travel, he's been to every state in the union, except Alaska. He also donates his time to fundraising for the youth program of the Montrose Counseling Center, and for 11 years has served on the board of the National Restaurant and Hotel Lodging Association's Prostart Program, which teaches high school students about the hospitality industry.

Staying healthy: Moses enjoys working out, yoga, cycling, kayaking ... and cooking. He has an affinity for Italian and Spanish dishes, which he loves to prepare for his friends. An avid thespian, he appeared in numerous musicals, including *Grease*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and *The Lion King*. He shares his life with Coco, an American cocker spaniel.

Favorite quote: "Good, better, best, never let it rest, until your good is better and your better is best."

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Hours: Noon to 2am • Happy Hour from 2pm to 8pm
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\$3.00 You call it - 9pm until 10pm
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Saturday 01.14

Know when to hold 'em

Poker tourney host Pocket Rockets celebrates one year with its Gala Event and Awards honoring the year's top players. But don't think this means no playing time. Right after the awards, they turn around to start a \$500 tournament sponsored by AIDS Interfaith Network. Rumor has it that some of the *A-List* cast will be there.

DEETS: The Brick, 2525 Wycliff Ave., Ste. 120. 3 p.m. PocketRockets.com.

Saturday 01.14

Country divas live

We're trying to figure out if we even deserve a night of such fabulousity. Lorrie Morgan comes to town with her sass and glam country that paved the way for the likes of Faith Hill and Carrie Underwood. Pam Tillis was a pioneer in country music as one of the first female producers of her own work. They bring us the Grits and Glamour tour and we're thanking the country music gods.

DEETS: Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Drive, Richardson. 8 p.m. \$44-\$62. EisemannCenter.com.

Sunday 01.15

Loving on Gervais' Globes

Everyone was in a tizzy last year when Ricky Gervais ripped so many new ones into Hollywood at the Golden Globes. Surprise! He's back. And with good reason — he's the best part.

DEETS: Watch party at Texas Theatre, 231 W. Jefferson Blvd. 7 p.m. Free. TheTexasTheatre.com.





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FRIDAY 01.13

COMMUNITY

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.

Business Network Collin County luncheon. Fox Sports Grille 5741 Legacy Drive. 11:30 a.m. \$20. 469-335-0606.

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

JEWEL Crafting Circle meets. ilume, 4123 Cedar Springs Road. 6:30 p.m. Visit website for the monthly project. RCDallas.org.

ART

Divine featuring the art of lesbian artist Cathey Miller and Norbert Kox. Recapitated porcelain figures by Click Mort are featured in the upstairs gallery. Webb Gallery, 209 W. Franklin Road, Waxahachie. Through Feb. 5. WebbArtGallery.com.

Every Then...And Now featuring the art of R. Mateo Diago. Ro2 Art Downtown, 1408 Elm St. Through Jan. 28. Ro2Art.com.

CONCERT

Masters of Film: James Newton Howard. The Oscar-nominated composer headlines the symphony center performing music with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra from his movies including *The Dark Knight*, *King Kong*, *Signs* and *The Sixth Sense*. Oscar-nominated director and screenwriter Lawrence Kasdan who emceeds the evening will accompany him. Meyerson Symphony Center, 2301 Flora St. Through Saturday. 8 p.m. \$22-\$125. DallasSymphony.com.

THEATER

Frequency of Death! Pegasus Theatre brings back its annual black and white play that gives homage to old whodunit movies from the '30s and '40s. Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Drive, Richardson. Through Jan. 22. \$20-\$35. PegasusTheatre.org.

New Jerusalem: The Interrogation of Baruch de Spinoza at A Talmud Torah Congregation: Amsterdam, July 27, 1656 by David Ives. Yes, that is the name of the latest production by Stage West. When a man questions Jewish doctrine, regents determine his fate. Stage West, 821 W. Vickery Blvd. Fort Worth. Through Jan. 29. \$15-\$30. StageWest.org.

SATURDAY 01.14

COMMUNITY

DFW Prime Timers Prime Beefer potluck dinner at member's residence. Call 972-504-8866 if you would like to attend.

Choctaw Casino/Bingo trip leaves the second Saturday of every month from 709 Magnolia St., Arlington. \$7. 817-548-8110.

Once in a Blue Moon, women's dance. Dance-Masters Ballroom, 10675 East Northwest Highway,

Suite 2600B. 7 p.m.-midnight. \$10. 972-479-0774.

Dallas FrontRunners fun run. Runners and walkers at all levels welcome. Meet at the recreation house at Sunset Bay at White Rock Lake Park. 8 a.m.

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

BROADCAST

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

SUNDAY 01.15

COMMUNITY

The Set, a group of the Legacy of Success Foundation that serves as a safe environment for mature-minded SGL African-American men to create a community meets every third Sunday. The Jefferson Clubhouse, 1001 Ross Ave. 6-9 p.m. Cocktails begin at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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.

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

CONCERT

Ladysmith Black Mambazo. South Africa's famed a capella world music group comes to Dallas. The Grammy-nominated ensemble has performed with Paul Simon, Josh Groban, Dolly Parton and more, but headline this one-night show presented by TITAS. Winspear Opera House, 2401 Flora St. 8 p.m. \$12-\$65. TITAS.org.

MONDAY 01.16

COMMUNITY

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

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

The Women's Chorus of Dallas rehearsals. Sammons Center, 3630 Harry Hines Blvd. 7-10 p.m.



WORLD IN MOTION | TITAS brings the Grammy-nominated Ladysmith Black Mambazo and their acclaimed world music to the Winspear for one night only this Sunday.

FUSE drop-in weekdays for gay and bi guys up to 29. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. Tuesdays-Fridays at 2 p.m. DFWFuse.com.

TUESDAY 01.17

COMMUNITY

DIVA New Member Clinic. No volleyball experience necessary to play. The clinics are for new members to learn and improve on skills prior to the season. Reverchon Recreation Center, 3505 Maple Ave. 8 p.m. DIVADallas.org.

Stonewall Democrats of Dallas. Ojeda's Restaurant, 4617 Maple Ave. 6:30 p.m. 214-506-3367.

JEWEL Lesbian Fiction Book Club meets. ilume, 4123 Cedar Springs Road. 6:30 p.m. Visit website for meeting dates if they change due to author's availability. RCDallas.org.

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY 01.18

COMMUNITY

DFW Prime Timers Prime Lunch at Moonwok, 8670 Skillman Road. Noon. The group then plays its weekly bridge game at a member's residence. 7 p.m. Call 972-504-8866 to attend.

Legacy of Success Community Mixer encourages community networking. Catfish Blues, 1011 S. Corinth St. 6:30 p.m. LOSF.org.

El Sol, an AIDS Outreach Center support group meets weekly. AIDS Outreach Center, 400 N. Beach St., Fort Worth. 5:30 p.m. Call 817-335-1994 ext. 217 for more information. AOC.org.

BROADCAST

Lambda Weekly. LGBT radio for North Texas. This week's guest is Scott Whittall, the new executive director of the Cedar Springs Merchant Association. 89.3 KNON-FM at 7 a.m. LambdaWeekly.com.

THURSDAY 01.19

COMMUNITY

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 every Thursday. All visitors are welcome. Hully and Mo's, 2800 Routh St. 11:45-1:00 p.m. DallasUptownRotary.org

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

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

Have an event to share? Upload it directly to our online calendar. Visit DallasVoice.com, click on Calendar and follow the prompts to Add Event.

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CELEBRITY BIRTHDAY

By Jack Fertig



Dolly Parton turns 66 on Thursday. The Queen of Country Music is just as busy as ever. In 2011, she recorded her 41st studio album *Better Day* and subsequently hit the road in support of it. She returns to the big screen and costars with Oscar nominee Queen Latifah in the comedy *Joyful Noise* as a choir director's widow. The movie was released this month.

CAPRICORN Dec 21-Jan 19

It's easy to feel beat down about where your hard work hasn't gotten you. Focus on what you have accomplished. That can lead you to a more effective use of your resources.

AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

Some down time will do you good. Starting or joining a provocative family discussion can be very educational; go ahead, stir it up. Bruised feelings will quickly heal.

PISCES Feb 19-Mar 19

You could be a big hit at a dungeon party. Personal insights are better explored with a friend you can really trust. You may uncover inner resources you'd never dreamed of.

ARIES Mar 20-Apr 19

New friends tempt you to do things you'd never expect. That could get expensive. Opening your mind to new possibilities can lead to financial opportunities. but watch your wallet.

TAURUS Apr 20-May 20

Vanity leads to a fall. You've nothing to prove. Those who love you may seem demanding, but rise to the occasion. The challenge will make you stronger.

GEMINI May 21-Jun 20

Some things are better left unsaid. Much as you prefer full frontal frankness, think a bit about what the best strategy really is. However apt, sexual analogies can be more disruptive than helpful.

CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22

Re-affirm any New Year's resolutions about quitting a habit or losing weight. To prioritize and simplify, make three lists: professional contacts; friends you care about; those you don't.

LEO Jul 23-Aug 22

Harsh words with colleagues come back to haunt you. Putting what needs to be said nicely can be a huge boost to your career. Accept an invitation to something you'd normally never do.

VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

Your first ideas are likely to be extravagant and wasteful, but don't let disillusionment stop you. Accept scarcity as a challenge to your creativity. At least you'll never run out of ideas.

LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

A beautifying regimen causes your baby to wonder who you're prettying-up for. It also arouses envy among your single friends. Focus on your health and your natural beauty will shine.

SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

A break from your past seems liberating. You need to criticize and innovate, but build on your past. Even negative examples and painful lessons serve a purpose.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 20

Do something nice for your darling — housework is always appreciated. Showing off will mess it up. Just do whatever's needed. The less you draw attention, the more it will be appreciated.

THIS WEEK

Still in Capricorn, the sun squares Saturn, which can feel limiting; turn that "limit" into focusing on goals. Entering Aquarius on the 20th, the sun squares Jupiter in Taurus offering brilliant opportunities. Some are good, but be skeptical. If it looks too good to be true it is.

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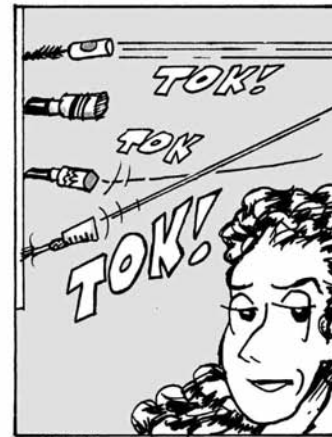
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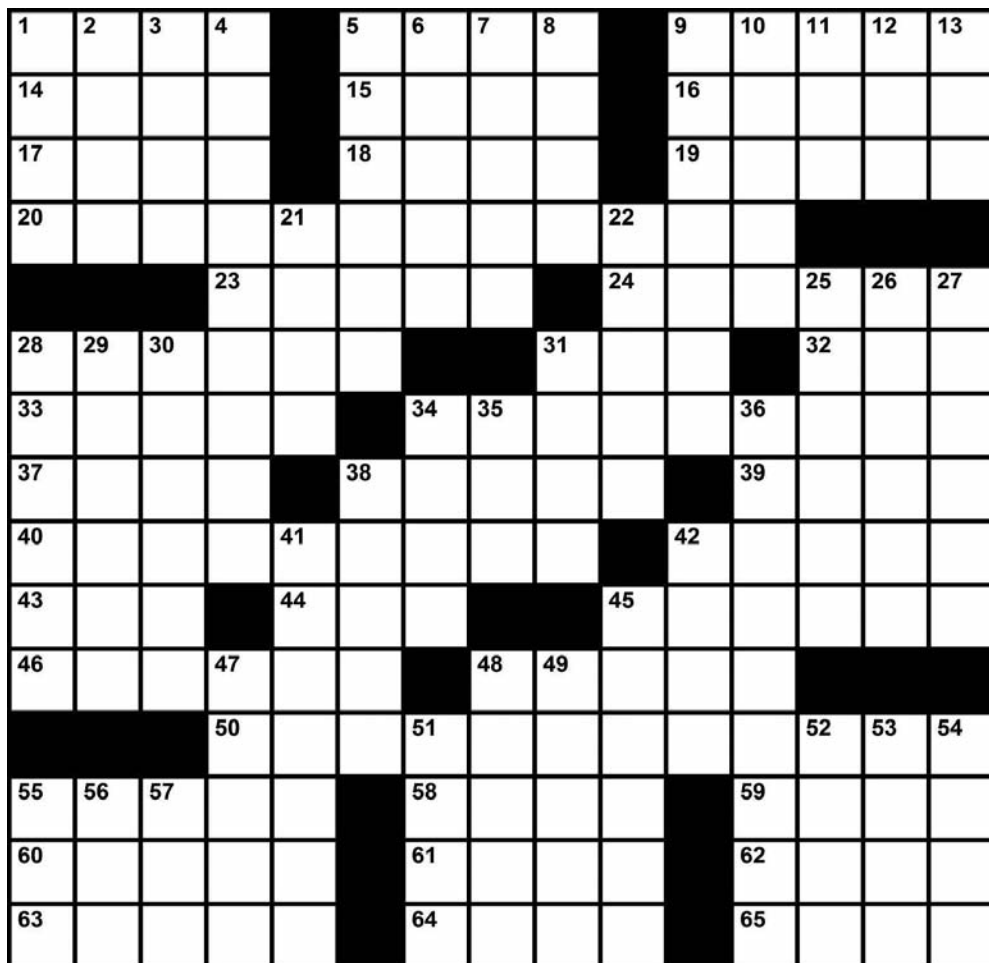
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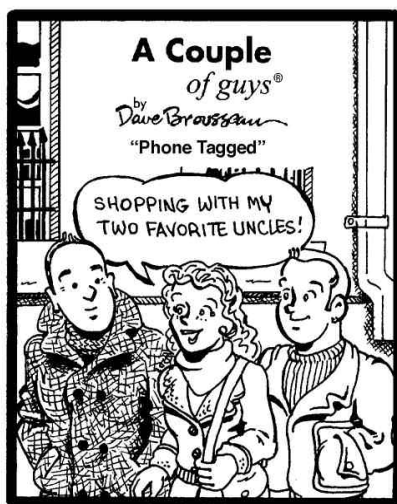
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- 39 Porter's regretful miss
- 40 She admitted a crush on Charlize Theron
- 42 Trial figure
- 43 "Eeww!"
- 44 They could come from Uranus

Down

- 45 Completely faithful
- 46 What livers do
- 48 Spacey's _The ___ Suspects_
- 50 She admitted a crush on Angelina Jolie
- 55 Frock wearer
- 58 Susan Feniger preparation
- 59 Barbra's _Funny Girl_ co-star
- 60 _One of Ours_ novelist Cather
- 61 Like a virgin
- 62 The number of people who like it hot
- 63 Raggedy Ann and others
- 64 Went lickety-split
- 65 Slant unfairly

Down

- 1 Optimist's phrase
- 2 Three guys who went to see Mary
- 3 ___ Baldwin Doesn't Love Me_
- 4 Elizabeth Taylor movie
- 5 Brooks and Barney, for two
- 6 Quite similar
- 7 Nostalgic song
- 8 Came out with
- 9 Top angels
- 10 Dress with a flared bottom
- 11 Henry and June's Anais
- 12 Dress (up)
- 13 From ___ Z (completely)
- 21 One-night-stand partners
- 22 Taj ___
- 25 Made purely academic
- 26 Current event?
- 27 Liam of _Kinsey_
- 28 Cream-filled pastry
- 29 Medium meeting
- 30 Moves like Mae West
- 31 Med. care groups
- 34 Screws up
- 35 François Ozon, to himself
- 36 Huge flop
- 38 Mr. Right-now
- 41 Felt around the head?
- 42 One that plays with balls at the circus
- 45 Crossed swords
- 47 Dam extension
- 48 Finish off
- 49 You might pick one up in an alley
- 51 Little fairies
- 52 Welcome response after an SM session
- 53 _Zami: A New Spelling of My ___
- 54 Shot up
- 55 WNBA position
- 56 Carnival locale
- 57 Will descriptor



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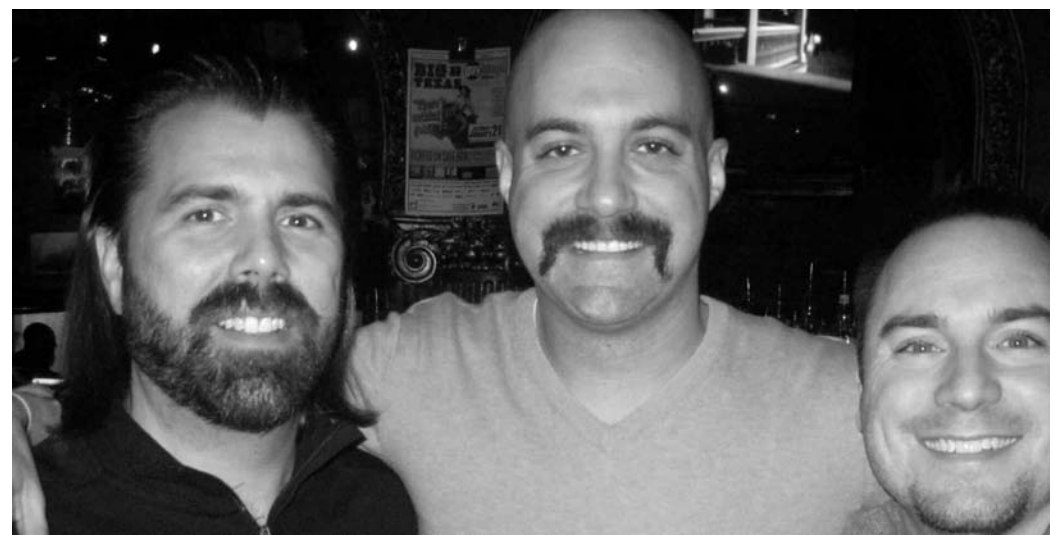
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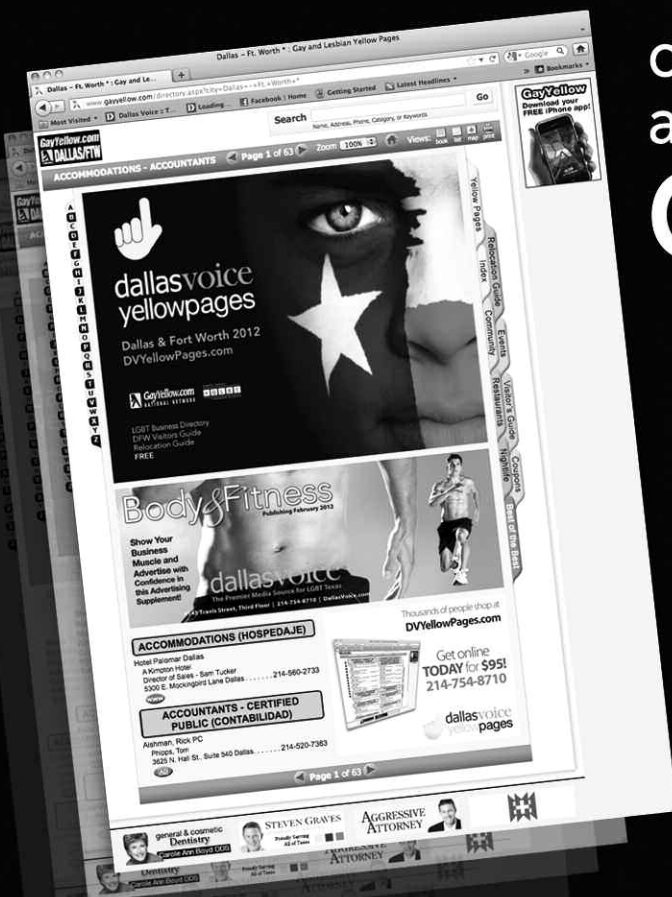
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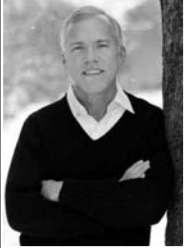


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