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GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN | A participant places a rose in a basket during a Transgender Day of Remembrance observance at the Cathedral of Hope on Sunday, Nov. 18. Each rose commemorated one of the 39 transgender people murdered in the last 12 months. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

Drama Room owner says bar isn't closing despite 'For Lease' sign

Lonzie Hershner, whose family owns the Drama Room on Cedar Springs Road, tells Instant Tea that the "For Lease" sign that recently appeared in the window of the gay bar isn't an indication it's closing.

Hershner said his family, which also owns the Tin Room on Hudnall Street, is in the process of renegotiating its lease for the Drama Room, and the property owner put up the sign as the two sides continue to haggle. Hershner said the lease expired in January and has been extended month to month since then, but the property owner had wanted it to be renegotiated within six months. The owner of the property — identified as Penelope Hatteras in Dallas Central Appraisal District records — didn't immediately return a phone call seeking comment.

"We have no plans on giving up the Drama Room," Hershner said. "We're just holding out as long as possible."

Mickey Briggs, the owner of the bar that previously occupied the Drama Room site, Mickey's, blamed a rent increase when he closed the bar in 2009. Hershner's family also plans to reopen the Hideaway on Buena Vista Street in Uptown. However, neighbors are trying to block the Hideaway from reopening, and a hearing on the liquor license for the bar is now set for Dec. 7. Hershner said the delays related to the Hideaway have not impacted the lease negotiations for the Drama Room.

"Each establishment pays its own bills," he said.
— John Wright

Anti-gay group spreading lies about TX same-sex adoption bill

A bill that would provide accurate supplemental birth certificates to same-sex adoptive parents in Texas came under fire this week from Jonathan Saenz, president of the anti-gay group Texas Values. Saenz appeared on Austin's Fox 7, speaking out against HB 201 filed by state Rep. Rafael Anchia, D-Dallas.

Under the impression that the bill would mandate a change in all birth certificates in the state, Saenz suggested that his three children would have to have theirs changed. But the bill would only apply to adopted children of same-sex couples, allowing both parents to have their names on the certificate. Texas law currently only allows one man and one woman to be listed on birth certificates.

"In the state of Texas, homosexual adoption is allowed, so that's not the issue here. The issue is that you have a small group of people that want to change a birth certificate for everybody else," Saenz said. "This is an issue about what is natural and what is common sense. You have a mother and a father."

Saenz continued to say that the bill would grant gay couples special rights and suggested certificates would allow two or three fathers to be listed on the certificates in cases of polygamy.

Mentioning that the bill has been filed before and never got out of committee, Saenz said it has no chance of passing when the session begins Jan. 8. He also argued that changing the law for birth certificates would impact at least 31 other sections of the family law.

"This type of change would essentially eviscerate the family law as we know it," he said.

Equality Texas Executive Director Chuck Smith also spoke to Fox 7, highlighting that inaccurate birth certificates make it harder for children to get a passport or register for school.

"The current law, as it's written, is forcing thousands of Texas children not to be able to get a supplemental birth certificate that shows who their legal, adoptive parents are," Smith said.

Following the news report, Smith posted a fact check about HB 201 on Equality Texas' website.

"Mr. Saenz apparently had not actually read HB 201 because his on-air statements were factually incorrect," Smith wrote. "I don't know about you, but as a fifth-generation Texan, my 'Texas Values' include telling the truth and working to support the health and well being of all Texas families. And yes, that literally means ALL TEXAS FAMILIES!"

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Major, Beau vow to fight charges

Dallas couple arrested at marriage sit-ins say they'll go to trial if cases aren't dismissed; protest planned outside court appearance Tuesday

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It's been several months since Beau Chandler and Mark "Major" Jiminez handcuffed themselves together at the marriage license counter in the Dallas County Records Building.

Since then, the two went ahead with their wedding plans in September, despite being denied a marriage license. But their court cases are just beginning.

The couple had their first court date Aug. 2 after their July 5 arrests on charges of criminal trespassing for refusing to leave the County Records Building without a license. A rally of supporters on their first court date morphed into another sit-in at the marriage license counter and a second arrest for Jiminez.

The couple is planning another rally in front of Frank Crowley Criminal Courts Building at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, to support Chandler, who's scheduled to be in court after his Sept. 26 appearance was rescheduled.

Chad West, one of the attorneys representing the couple, said Tuesday will be an opportunity for the prosecution and defense to discuss how the case should move forward. He said the case is in the development stage and the district attorney's office is still reviewing it. Jiminez's next court date hasn't been set.

West said he hasn't received a plea bargain offer from the district attorney's office, adding that prosecutors have until Chandler enters a plea of guilty or not guilty to propose a deal.

Chandler will have until late January to enter a plea and the case could go to trial as early as March.

West doesn't expect a plea to be entered or a plea bargain to be reached Tuesday. He expects the DA to eventually offer Chandler and Jiminez plea deals, but he said the couple isn't considering accepting at this point.

"They're very adamant on their position on this case," he said. "My understanding after talking with my clients, they're still weighing the options basically on whether they can even consider taking a plea or whether they want to push this as far as they can."

Chandler said his mind's pretty well made up. "If it's anything less than a dismissal, we'll take it all the way to trial," Chandler said.

Jiminez agreed. "We're not going to take a plea deal," he said. "By taking it to trial, we want to make them look



A PLEA FOR EQUALITY | Beau Chandler, left, and Mark 'Major' Jiminez, shown prior to their arrests at a marriage equality sit-in on July 5, face charges of criminal trespassing. Chandler and Jiminez said they won't accept a plea bargain, meaning either the cases will be dismissed or go to trial. (Anna Waugh/Dallas Voice)

at us in the face and tell us we're not worthy. If a jury of our peers tells us that, then we know where we stand."

Assistant District Attorney Jessica Trevizo is the prosecutor on Chandler's case, which she said is the only case pending. She said Jiminez's case hasn't been processed yet.

Trevizo said both sides will discuss a possible plea deal and negotiate how to move the case

along on Tuesday, adding that "any resolution we can come to is always great."

Chandler said some people don't understand why the couple is pushing to take the cases to trial since they are fighting criminal trespassing charges, not fighting for marriage equality. But he said it's important because the charges resulted from standing up for their rights to marry, so they will see the cases through with a dismissal or a

trial. "The point was to raise awareness," Chandler said. "If we got one person to pay attention that we're being treated unequally, then we've done our part."

Chandler and Jiminez face class-B misdemeanor charges of criminal trespassing, punishable by up to 180 days in jail and a maximum fine of \$2,000. ■



POLICE PEERS | Cpl. Tracey Knight, back left, Fort Worth's LGBT liaison officer, addresses the crowd at a reception for the department's new 'citizen peers' earlier this month. (Logan Carver/Dallas Voice)

FWPD program allows LGBT citizens to develop training for new officers

Halstead cites Rainbow Lounge raid at 1st meeting of new Multicultural Agency — made up of subgroups from city's minority communities

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FORT WORTH — A group of civilians is shaping the future of LGBT education within the Fort Worth Police Department.

Inside a small police academy classroom at the department's training center, LGBT "citizen peers" from varied personal and professional backgrounds will spend the next several months developing the curriculum for future academy classes.

"This is groundbreaking," said Detective Marc Povera, one of two LGBT group facilitators. "This has not been done anywhere around the country."

The LGBT group is one of a half dozen break-out groups from the department's Multicultural Committee.

Each group, comprising citizen volunteers, will meet separately to develop training materials,

which will be used to educate new officers about the culture and customs specific to the respective groups.

Essentially the groups are letting officers know how they want to be treated and what officers can expect to encounter.

The goal, per the committee's mission statement, is "to build a foundation of excellent service through ethical behavior based on mutual respect, education and understanding of our multicultural communities."

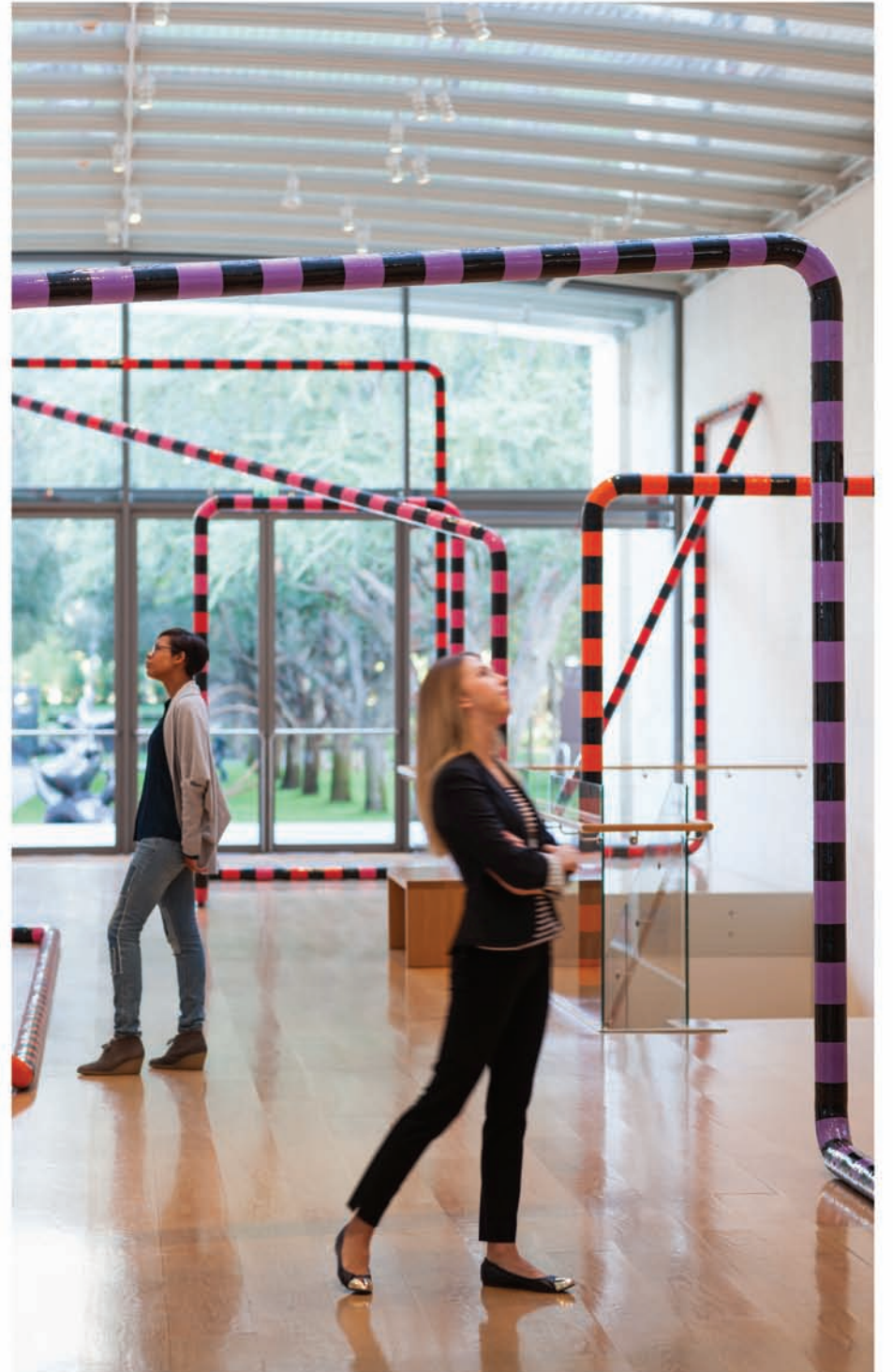
The process is expected to last up to six months but it's up to the citizen peers how long it takes, Povera said.

Each group has two department facilitators who will help steer the meetings and will be able to convey to the rest of the department the information derived from the break-out groups.

Neither Povera nor Detective John Bayer is gay. Department command staff strategically chose facilitators who were not members of the target group.

"If you were part of that group, you really wouldn't be able to relay that to folks because I think it may be a bit of a credibility issue," Povera said.

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LOW DOLLAR | Teresa Cross said she hopes Dollar General — which received a 45 out of 100 on the Human Rights Campaign's Corporate Equality Index — will conduct sensitivity training for employees.

FW woman alleges she was kicked out of Dollar General store for being transgender

Teresa Cross plans to file complaint under Cowtown's nondiscrimination ordinance, which was amended to include gender identity in 2009

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FORT WORTH — Teresa Cross has been a frequent shopper at the Dollar General store near her home since last fall.

But when she went into the store on Saturday, Nov. 3, she said she was kicked out of the store after she corrected an employee about her gender identity.

Now Cross says she plans to file a complaint under the city's nondiscrimination ordinance, which was amended to include transgender protections following the Rainbow Lounge raid three years ago. She also said she's looking into the possibility of filing a lawsuit against Dollar General and hopes the company will learn from the ridicule she endured and make employees undergo sensitivity training.

"They just don't know any better and they need to be educated," she said, adding that no one should have to go through a similar experience. "I think I have restitution coming to me for pain and suffering and humiliation."

Joel Mallory, Cross' attorney, said he is reviewing her case to decide the best approach. There is no state or federal law prohibiting discrimination based on gender identity — or even gender — in public accommodations.

Dollar General did not respond to phone calls or emails requesting a comment by press time.

Cross said she stopped in the store at 1000 Sycamore School Road, grabbed a few items and headed for the register. She overheard store clerks mentioning one register may be cash only, so when she was next in line, she asked if she could use her debit card.

A female employee standing next to Cross told the clerk behind the register that "he" could try to check out with his card, referring to Cross as male.

Cross immediately corrected the employee, telling her that she's a she, not a he. The employee said she wasn't talking to Cross, but to the other employee. Cross said she told the employee that

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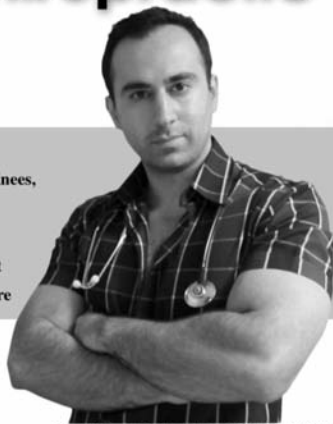
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referring to her as a male was insulting and offered to show her documentation of her gender identity on her driver's license. The employee then replied, "I call it like I see it."

Cross, who said she has been presenting as a woman for seven years, has long hair and was dressed as a woman. She was wearing makeup and a T-shirt with Capri pants. She said it was obvious she was a woman.

"I look like a woman. Why would she single me out and be so rude?" Cross said. "For them to be that rude to me just doesn't make sense."

Cross said the cashier looked puzzled at the exchange between her and the other employee. So Cross told the cashier to forget what her co-worker had said.

"I said, 'Don't pay any attention to her because she's a bigot,'" Cross said. "At that moment, [the other employee] then took the basket away from me and said: 'You're not buying anything here. You can leave now.' So I walked out."

Cross left and later called the Dollar General customer service line, registering a complaint on the phone. She said the complaint reached the district manager, who said she would investigate it. Cross received a verbal apology and was told that the employee made her leave because she was causing a scene, not because she was trans.

She said the conversation that led up to her being asked to leave indicated it was based on her being trans and that the employee didn't want to recognize her identity.

Her complaint then went to the corporate level and she received another verbal apology. She was told that disciplinary action had been taken against the employee.

The city of Fort Worth has had a nondiscrimination ordinance since 2000 that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation in public accommodations such as retail stores. In 2009, gender identity was added to the ordinance in a controversial vote that followed the Rainbow Lounge raid.

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The LGBT group is diverse in its composition. Volunteers include a retired English teacher, a city councilman and a church administrator.

Charlotte Sobel, a retired architect, has served in a similar role before. She was part of the city manager's task force in the wake of the raid at the Rainbow Lounge.

She helped develop the LGBT curriculum out of that focus group and trained more than 5,000 police officers and city employees.

Sobel said she hopes the multicultural group can integrate some of that curriculum into the new academy training program.

She looks forward to working with the other members of the group.

"This is my adopted city, so it was a way for me to give back," Sobel said.

Fort Worth Police Chief Jeffrey Halstead spoke at a reception before the groups began their intro-

Angela Rush, Fort Worth's human resources administrator, said Fort Worth handles discrimination complaints differently than Dallas. Dallas' Fair Housing Office investigates all complaints before handing them over to the city attorney's office for a final determination about whether to prosecute.

Under Fort Worth's ordinance, depending on whether a complaint involves housing, employment or public accommodations, it is referred to a human resources division.

After an investigation, Rush reviews the file and makes a final decision on whether discrimination took place.

Fort Worth also has a Human Relations Commission, which will hear discrimination cases if complainants want to make the commission aware of their situation. In housing cases, complainants can appeal to the commission to review the final decision as an appeal if they think the wrong decision was made, Rush said.

Data for the 2012 fiscal year included three cases filed under sexual orientation. Rush said since trans protections were added, only one complainant came forward. But the complainant ended up filing under sex discrimination instead of transgender discrimination.

Dollar General Corp. received a score of 45 out of 100 on the Human Rights Campaign 2013 Corporate Equality Index, which rates companies according to their LGBT-related policies and procedures. That's a major improvement from its score of zero last year, according to Deena Fidas, deputy director of HRC's Workplace Project.

Fidas said Dollar General didn't participate in the CEI survey last year and HRC couldn't find any inclusive policies or benefits through its own research. The new score is based on the company's nondiscrimination policy that includes sexual orientation and gender identity and expression, along with some "soft benefits" for domestic partners and an employer-supported resource group.

"A zero to a 45 is a significant jump. There's certainly room for them to grow in their rating, especially in the area of equitable benefits," she said. ■

ductory meeting.

He said he has been waiting almost 24 years to see a program like the Multicultural Committee come to fruition.

Halstead said it was important for the community to gather around a table preemptively because eventually there will be a struggle that requires the police department to sit down with the same people.

The chief nodded to members of the LGBT group as he referenced the Rainbow raid that brought the department and the gay community to the table three years ago.

"What hit home was the hurt we all felt in 2009," Halstead told the room of officers and volunteers. "If you want a successful program, the community has to be involved."

Officer Sharron Neal summarized the committee's goal.

"We will not be satisfied until our department mirrors the city of Fort Worth," she said. ■

Gore steps down after only 2 months as ED of Hope 4 Peace & Justice

Longtime local lesbian activist cites 'philosophical differences,' resigns as leader of social justice ministry founded by the Rev. Michael Piazza

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Hope for Peace & Justice is without an executive director after Susan Gore, who was hired in August, left in October.

Gore, a longtime local lesbian activist, said she stepped down from H4PJ due to "philosophical differences."

Gore said she wasn't with H4PJ long enough to be able to discuss specific programs and declined to comment further.

Steven Jolly, chair of the H4PJ board, issued a statement.

"We are grateful for the time that Susan was with H4PJ," Jolly said. "She is a person with a great deal of talent and a warm personality. We wish her the very best as she continues to pursue her passion and works towards her Masters of Theological Studies program at Brite Divinity School at TCU."

Jolly said a national search for a new executive director is under way.

"Hopefully we'll have someone by the second quarter," he said.

H4PJ was launched in 2004 by Michael Piazza, the longtime senior pastor of Cathedral of Hope. Piazza, who is now pastor of Virginia Highland Church in Atlanta and co-executive director of United Church of Christ's Center for Progressive Renewal, remains president of H4PJ.

Piazza didn't respond to a message seeking comment about Gore's resignation.

The Rev. Jo Hudson said the board of Cathedral of Hope established H4PJ but they operate as separate 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations.

"We consider ourselves yoked as partner organizations," Hudson said.

Hudson serves on the board as one of five H4PJ board members that the Cathedral names out of a total of 15.

"We have no other links," she said. "We keep separate finances."

She said that H4PJ keeps the Cathedral of Hope congregation engaged with social justice issues.

"When they have an action, we're a base of strong support," she said.

She said she was thrilled with the work of in-



Susan Gore

terim director Lynn Walters and her work restarting the Safe Schools program. She said she looked forward to linking with additional peacemaking organizations.

"This is a time of rebuilding and reforming," she said.

Hudson declined to comment on Gore's departure but said she likes and admires her.

H4PJ's stated mission is to equip progressive people of faith to be champions of peace and justice. It is based at Cathedral of Hope and works closely with the church on social justice issues.

Piazza served as H4PJ's executive director from its founding until his move to Georgia in 2011. MJ Kaska became program director after Piazza's departure and served until earlier this year. Gore was hired this summer and stayed about two months.

The work of the organization will continue with Walters as interim director. Walters has been a board member since 2007 and was previously on staff. She said the organization currently has a paid staff of two.

"And two on staff at Cathedral of Hope are lent to us a few hours a month," Walters said.

The organization uses between seven and 20 volunteers a month.

According to H4PJ's 990 report filed with the IRS, the organization had an annual budget of \$97,813 in 2010. That was down from almost \$297,034 in 2008 and \$110,012 in 2009.

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DeSorrow Golden is an H4PJ board member who is picking up some of the slack since Gore's departure. He organized an art show and sale of works by prison inmates currently on display in the Fellowship Hall of Cathedral of Hope.

Jolly said the art show is related to the organization's safe schools and anti-bullying program. "Bullies have a higher rate of going to prison," Golden said. "I think there's a certain type of person who doesn't have empathy for other people. Bullies are less likely to have compassion. They're anti-social."

He said the question is how to break that path. "Art is therapy," he said. "They need an outlet to express themselves and make meaning out of their struggles and give purpose to their lives."

Walters said another goal is to make people aware of issues facing inmates when they get out of prison.

So far, several of one prisoner's pencil sketches have sold.

Frank McRae is on death row in Arizona. He does paintings of Native Americans. Walters said he mixes some of his paint from Kool Aid and other creative ingredients and makes brushes from his own hair because of restrictions on certain items.

The show continues through Dec. 9. Half of the proceeds go to the inmates and half is a fundraiser for H4PJ. Inmates may use the money for personal needs but are responsible for purchasing their own art supplies. McRae is donating all proceeds to H4PJ.

Working with the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, H4PJ has begun holding vigils at the Peace Chapel on nights when an execution is

taking place in Texas.

"There was an execution on the 15th of someone who claimed to be innocent," Walters said. "It didn't get much publicity."

She said a bill to repeal the death penalty in Texas has been introduced in the past few legislative sessions. Last session it got a hearing. She said the group hopes this year it will get out of committee and H4PJ will keep the community informed on progress of the bill and when to contact legislators about it.

Jolly said the board met last week to reinvigorate the Safe Schools initiative. Aimed at private schools, the project originally targeted religious schools but Walters said the current board has connections among other private schools as well.

An online assessment form helps schools create or strengthen their anti-bullying programs to create a safe educational environment. H4PJ encourages schools to create policies and procedures beyond the minimum standards of the Texas law that went into effect for public schools in September.

"We met last week to talk about the next steps to get the program into private schools," she said.

H4PJ is in the beginning stages of creating an anti-bullying hotline with partners Contact Crisis Line and Mothers Opposed to Bullying.

Finally, Walters said, H4PJ is showing films on social justice issues after the 11 a.m. service on the last Sunday of the month.

And H4PJ has been working with the church on transgender inclusion issues.

"Some transgender people feel the T is left off the LGBT," she said. "We want to bring more attention to and include more trans people in all of our events."

For more info, visit H4PJ.org. ■

Death

Wesley Ed Phillips, 55, died Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2012, after a long illness. Phillips was born in Brownwood, Texas, on Dec. 20, 1956. He graduated from Brownwood High School, before studying at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

While most of his adult life was spent in Dallas, he lived in Buffalo, N.Y., for several years — quite the climate change for a Texas boy. He had a varied and distinguished career, working as a young man for the telephone company, before starting a career in the funeral industry. He later moved into banking and finished his career managing a help desk at a local company. His career in the funeral industry prompted many stories and comments about the varied aspects of public service and human nature. He, like his grandmother before him, became an avid reader of obituaries. (We hope we did you proud with this one, Ed!)

He had a quick wit and a quiet sense of humor. He loved a tall tale and easily introduced himself to new friends. He attended the Cathedral of Hope in Dallas, serving in the usher ministry, and aided the community in other ways as well. He loved to travel, and he enjoyed quiet time at home with those he loved. He was devoted to his dog, Bambi, who was a Hurricane Katrina rescue.



Phillips dealt with illness with grace and dignity, rarely letting on that he was almost always in intense pain. He refused to let his condition prevent him from giving service to his church or community, and living his life to the fullest.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Tyson and Jo Phillips. He is survived by his life partner, Randy Johnson; his sister and brother-in-law, Jeff and Ty Lawrence; three nephews, Tyson, Justin and Jamie Lawrence, and their wives and children; aunts, Katherine Pate of Dallas and Lucille Ratliff of Lawton, Okla.; and close friends, Ken Kizer of Dallas and Jim O'Dea of Buffalo, N.Y. Phillips was also close to his cousin, Mary Ellen Irving, and her husband, Henry. Kizer, his friend of many years, was vitally important to his care — many thanks to him for his love and support. And last, there is Bambi, who was always at his side. Phillips will be greatly missed by all. Services were Nov. 18 at the Cathedral of Hope. ■

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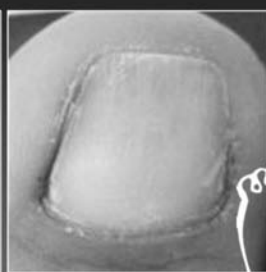
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Reality bitch-slaps the GOP

In its seemingly endless search for scapegoats after Romney's defeat, Republican Party manages to look right past the elephant in the room

It's funny that a party with an elephant as their symbol can't see the elephant in the room. That's the real issue following the stunning loss for Mitt Romney in the general election.

Republicans are looking everywhere for a scapegoat, and they have found plenty of them.

The scavenger hunt began with Karl Rove on Fox News during the election trying to dispute the math that gave Ohio to Obama. He fiddled madly with his calculator trying to re-crunch the numbers while the Fox team used their computer models to correctly project the outcome. He blamed the exit polls for being somehow biased in favor of Democrats. He was wrong!

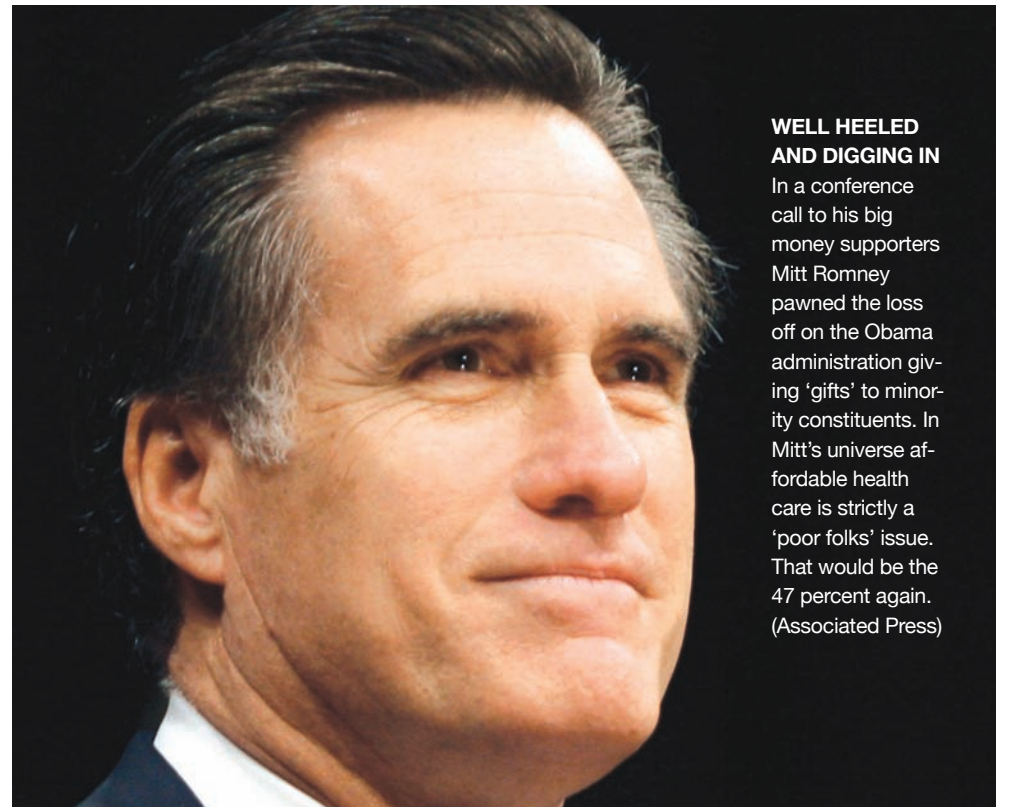
The next possible scapegoat came from the failed candidate himself, Mitt Romney. In a conference call to his big money supporters, he pawned the loss off on the Obama administration giving "gifts" to minority constituents. In Mitt's universe affordable healthcare is strictly a "poor folks" issue. That would be the 47 percent again.

Fox News host Bill O'Reilly agreed on this point, saying that the new majority of Americans who are not old white guys, apparently wanted "stuff" and Obama was willing to give it to them. Again, there is absolutely no data to back any of this up, but that has never stopped O'Reilly or Fox.

Meanwhile, Mother Nature was not exempt from the finger pointing. Haley Barbour, former Republican governor of Mississippi, put the blame squarely on the superstorm. Somehow a natural disaster stunted Romney's momentum. Never mind that some would call the super-storm an "act of God" and the religious right has been strangely silent on that front.

Ron Johnson, a Republican senator from Wisconsin, blamed stupidity for the loss. According to him, the voters who defeated Romney didn't understand "the very ugly math facing this country." This is part of the failed "Obama is a big spender" tactic the GOP tried. The truth is Obama spent less in federal money than any president since Eisenhower. I guess Sen. Johnson never studied "pretty math"?

One commentator this past weekend blamed the lack of "brown faces" in the GOP. Apparently all the Republican Party needs is a face lift. Add a few Hispanic surnames, a few darker-skinned folks and BINGO — you have a winner! Romney even tried it when he got a super-dark spray tan to speak in front of a Hispanic audience. They really believe it's all about appearances. Tell that to



WELL HEELED AND DIGGING IN

In a conference call to his big money supporters Mitt Romney pawned the loss off on the Obama administration giving "gifts" to minority constituents. In Mitt's universe affordable health care is strictly a 'poor folks' issue. That would be the 47 percent again. (Associated Press)

Allen West, who lost his seat in Florida, even after a recount. Window dressing won't win votes; the American people are smarter than the GOP thinks.

And that brings us to the real issue and that is the issues themselves. The whole GOP platform is the problem. It seems they are unable to look inward enough to see the real cause of the loss since that would mean re-examining their trajectory. As they moved further and further right, they lost more and more votes. Add to that a lackluster candidate — and Romney is a poster child for that — and you have no enthusiasm from any moderate voter and downright disgust from independents.

The GOP has been living in a fantasy land, and now reality is giving them a "bitch-slap" wakeup call. They have believed Fox News, forgetting that it is a propaganda machine, not news. They have bought the whole idea put forth during the Dubya years that "we create our own reality."

In case you don't remember, here's the excerpt from an article by Ron Suskind in the New York Times Magazine in October 2004:

"The aide said that guys like me were 'in what we call the reality-based community,' which he defined as people who 'believe that solutions emerge from your judicious study of discernible reality.' ... 'That's not the way the world really works anymore,' he continued. 'We're an empire

now, and when we act, we create our own reality. And while you're studying that reality — judiciously, as you will — we'll act again, creating other new realities, which you can study too, and that's how things will sort out. We're history's actors ... and you, all of you, will be left to just study what we do.'"

And so here we are, studying what they did, only this time reality is a little bigger than anything they can manage or create, and that's the elephant in the room.

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Anteks has always showcased rustic decor. Now owner Jason Lenox is taking a stab at design, too

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In the 17 years that Jason Lenox has been running Anteks, his family's 30-year-old business, the one rule has been this: "Provide people with uniquely American lifestyle furnishings." One thing he does *not* call it is "Southwestern."

"Our style is *sophisticated rustic*," Lenox stresses — whatever that means.

And what that means at Anteks is a warming assortment of earth-toned furniture, trinkets, art and décor that has marked the shop for decades. From the animal-hide upholstery to the collection of antique American flags, Lenox has carved a recognizable niche for himself. And carving seems to play a part in much of the work anyway: Rough-hewn woods and classic club chairs exude the comfortable masculinity of a mountain lodge.

It's a style that Lenox — who lives with his longtime partner, Matt, in the Kessler Park area of Oak Cliff — has carefully cultivated, lending his hand to the look of many items on his showroom floor. Despite its name, Anteks is not full of antiques, but new, specialty items that meet Lenox's standards. When he orders furniture from manufacturers, Lenox rarely takes products as-is; rather, he has them customize pieces to fit with Anteks' aesthetic.

"All my designs start with me thinking, 'What would someone want to buy or use that could be easily adapted'" to a variety of purposes, he says.

In recent weeks, though, he has expanded his hand as a designer, going so far as to manufacture his own line of home décor pieces exclusive to Anteks.

"I have no background [in metal design], I just love collecting Native American works," he says of his newfound interest. "I just saw [similar] stuff in a shop in Albuquerque and I thought, 'I could do that.'"

The results are hand-tooled pieces shaped then stamped with a die. Individual dies are tweaked, adding gemstones or other details, so that most are unique.

The line, made of a copper-nickel alloy that carries the look and weight of hammered silver, ranges from jewelry boxes to curio cases, picture frames to ashtrays and cigar rests — all the kinds of things Lenox himself likes to surround himself with.

Other retailers have already expressed an interest in the collection, which Lenox says will continue to grow, as new ideas come to him all the time.

What it all amounts to is an engaging selection of the manliest of gifts, all with a careful sense of design.

Lenox rejects the idea, though, that the style belongs only in a ranch house next to a gun rack; despite the persistent appearance of antlers and fur, it's a cozy shop — and it is a shop.

Since moving from Lovers Lane to the Design District nearly four years ago, Lenox says one of the biggest challenges is reminding people that the area isn't just for buyers, designers and corporate clients; there are many retail businesses along Dragon Street, Slocum Street, Hi Line Drive and the other avenues that make up the region. "So many people don't know you can just pop your head in here," he says.

But that perception is changing. With the influx in recent years of dining options (Oak, Meddlesome Moth and most recently FT33 — see story on Page 19) and residential developments, in addition to the growth of many galleries, the area is slowly becoming its own destination. "There's a lot to see here," Lenox says. "[The Design District] is open to the public."

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LODGE LOVE | Jason Lenox, above, turned his eye for Southwestern chic on a collection of silver-nickel accessories, including a cigar rest, below, and a curio box, bottom.



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In just a year, tattoo late-comer Ronnie Reynolds has transformed his skin into a living comic book

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For many people, it starts with a tiny butterfly on the nape of the neck, or maybe a four-leaf clover on an ankle. The ritual of the tattoo: You start small and build.

Not Ronnie Reynolds. The 44-year-old bartender and aspiring novelist has been under the needle at least 17 times, representing literally dozens of images. And he's collected all of them since last year.

He began, ironically, with a tattoo tribute to his mother, who passed away three years ago.

"She would kill me for getting a tattoo," Reynolds says of the ink marking her birthday and death. That one paved the way for additional tattoos: His and his partner's names, their anniversary, illustrations of their pets. But now his arms are like living comic books.

Easily his most elaborate tat is the half-sleeve depiction of *The Avengers* superheroes on his left forearm. It features 100 character heads, including Captain America, Iron Man, Thor and his own favorite, the Scarlet Witch. In addition, a scene from *The Avengers* wraps around his entire leg.

Reynolds' love for comic books is evident elsewhere, too, with Spider-Woman on his upper arm and Batgirl and Black Canary on his right forearm. That side will eventually display DC Comics' Justice League of America.

If you think he's comic crazy, you're right: Reynolds has a collection so massive, he hopes one day to sell it and retire from the proceeds. But his personal favorite among his tats isn't even a fictional character.

"It's *Agatha Christie* — I can see it every time I am writing on my computer to give me inspiration. I love my old murder mysteries even more than my comics," he says.

His first novel is a murder mystery set in a London theater, a labor of love that is almost complete. He has already published several short stories and a play with his twin brother.

Reynolds advises people to get tattoos with specific meaning to them. "Don't get a tattoo too small or in the wrong spot. And develop a theme [rather than get one on the spur of the moment]," he says. "Think out how you want your whole arm, leg or whatever before getting the first one to avoid screwing up a later idea."

Each of Reynolds' tattoos were created by an artist at Ink Rats in Irving. "Bud has done all 17 of my tattoos. He is very quick, professional and takes an active interest in my tattoos and myself as well. He's a great guy," Reynolds says. "I send everyone that asks about my tattoos to him."

And plenty of people ask him about his ink on a daily basis, but he loves the attention.

"To me, the best thing that came out of me getting my tattoos is the random conversations that present themselves. I am a basically shy, quiet guy.



INKED WELL | Reynolds has turned himself into a walking comic book, with every member of Marvel's Avengers on his left arm. (DC's Justice League will adorn his right.) (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

— My partner is the outgoing, friendly kind of guy that everyone loves. I'm the guy standing behind him that rarely talks," he admits. "But since getting my tattoos, more people are just coming up and talking to me. They love *Agatha Christie* or collect comics themselves. We just start discussing them and I slowly come out of my shell. They have actually made me more social, which was a bonus I didn't expect."

Wallflowers of the world might just be a needle and some ink away from an improved social life. And a few other perks, too.

"I've come to find out that most gay guys think tattoos are hot, which was a huge bonus," he laughs. "Although straight people stop and comment more often. I've gotten free drinks, dinner and free tickets to *The Avengers* movie."

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Art on the plate

Chef Matt McCallister brings an artistic flair to the kitchen of his new Design District restaurant, FT33

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MASTER STROKES | McCallister's attention to detail gives each dish the look of an abstract painting. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

Most fine dining veterans will tell you a great restaurant experience is not merely about the food, but about the Gestalt of eating out. Sure, we've all talked into a clown's nose while ordering a burger on the way home from work, but if you're gonna go out and drop a few bills for a night on the town, you want something beyond tasty dishes. You want creativity. You want a *show*.

The menu at the newly opened FT33, courtesy of chef/owner Matt McCallister, exudes creativity like sweat from the pores of the marathoner. A celebration of the art of dining, merely looking at the dishes is as much a part of enjoying the meal as the flavors on the tongue. And while that kind of approach necessitates some hits and misses, there's no denying the consummate hand behind them, wringing beauty from sauces and soups, meats and meringues.

For McCallister, composed plates are *de rigueur* at FT33: You don't just look at the food, you behold it — and not just with your eyes, but with all your senses. Flavors here make stranger bedfellows than politics.

Take, for instance, the uni and chive short stack (\$19) — something you will almost never imagine somewhere else. Who puts sea urchin on a pancake and passes it off as an appetizer? But the flavors were phenomenal and unique, and begged for repetition elsewhere on the menu.

The cauliflower soup (\$11), redolent of earthiness (almost like mushrooms, though no mushrooms are in it), is a perfect autumnal starter, though, with a single grape floating in it, perhaps too precious. The 70-day aged ribeye, about 8 oz., was a stellar piece of meat. Cooked perfectly in and of itself, with striations of fat adding in depth, it was completed by a terrific bone marrow purée on top and a roasted hollandaise with celery root purée. The components came together exquisitely, although at \$44, we expected the best.

The trout (\$28) kept our salivary glands in overtime: two planks of skin-on fish, moist and completed with a sprinkling of tarragon, was marred only by a slightly over-salted rice accompaniment.

The short ribs plate (\$33) ideally encapsulated the aesthetic here: With a smattering of root vegetables, a dollop of beef fat and herb salmoriglio, plus finely whipped potatoes, the effect is a deconstructed shepherd's pie — tender and soulful. The problem, of course, with deconstructed dishes is you often need to reconstitute them to get the full impact, as with the chicken, chanterelle, quince and peanut plate (\$27), a peachy riff on a chicken casserole that only comes together when you mix it all up.

Presentation is part of the joy of dining at FT33 (a bad name that sounds like an ATM PIN, but refers to "fire table 33," code for the chef's table). One dessert, arriving on an elaborate palate of twisted burl driftwood, looked like Gandolf's dinner plate. Beauty aside, the panna cotta was the culinary equivalent of Hansel and Gretel's trail of breadcrumbs through a forest of well balanced flavors. The citrusy hints in the custard were exaggerated by bits of pulp atop, while the meringue, seemingly arrested by exposure to liquid nitrogen, took on the characteristics of divinity. The entire log was dotted with lemon curd and lime purée with wafers of mint.

Going all-out on some but not all items does have its downside. Simultaneously, my companion ordered a dessert that looked Lilliputian in comparison, taking up merely a sad corner on its oversized plate. It was as if I was taking Cindy Crawford to the prom and he was stuck with Kathy Bates. It didn't help his creation was barely adequate. He declared the entire thing tasted like table salt; actually, it wasn't all that salty, though the elements were extremely earthy. Blackened sesame seeds coated the nodule of goat cheese while crumbles of pistachio imparted just a slight nuttiness. (The dessert menu could also be larger; one night featured only

four selections while the list of dessert wines and scotches reads like an alcoholic's last night on the town.)

There are other misses or near-misses. The bourbon-glazed pork belly (\$16), as beautifully composed as a Shakespearean sonnet, was a disappointment: Essentially a slightly elevated version of bacon, while lovely it does not stand out as a signature item. Belly has been a specialty of fine-dining chefs for a time, and this doesn't compare to the best in town: Salty, rich, but unremarkable.

Remarkable is exactly what FT33 needs to be. Located in the Design District, it is on the distaff side of Hi Line Drive, nestled among the showrooms and ateliers of Dallas' purveyors of fine fashions. The fit should be a good one, and it may be, if FT33 can become the destination restaurant it needs to be. The décor (browns, antiqued mirrors, rusted metals) is simple and winning, but not edgy — something that would've been cutting in perhaps 2002 but which now seems slightly predictable. The raw wooden chairs are sleek and the banquette is comfortable, but what is the reason for a shotgun layout when Dallas is awash in space?

The homemade breads, while good, included baguette, lavash, sourdough and multigrain; where's the raisin bread, something a New York restaurant will simply insist upon if it wanted to be considered five stars? How about a nutbread? And beyond San Francisco, sourdough feels out-of-step.

Still, service was practically flawless. At one meal, our server leapt at the chance to explain the obtusely written dessert menu in accessible terms (really? "lemongrass" means "panna cotta?") and the food came out deftly. As I contemplated ordering an aperitif, on her own initiative the waitress brought me a taste of that wine.

Like its neighbors, FT33 is design-centric: Put together textures and colors for an eclectic creation to call your own. That's what great chefs do, and what McCallister certainly has in him. ■

FT33, 1617 Hi Line Drive. Open Tuesday–Sunday for dinner, 4:30–11 p.m. FT33Dallas.com.



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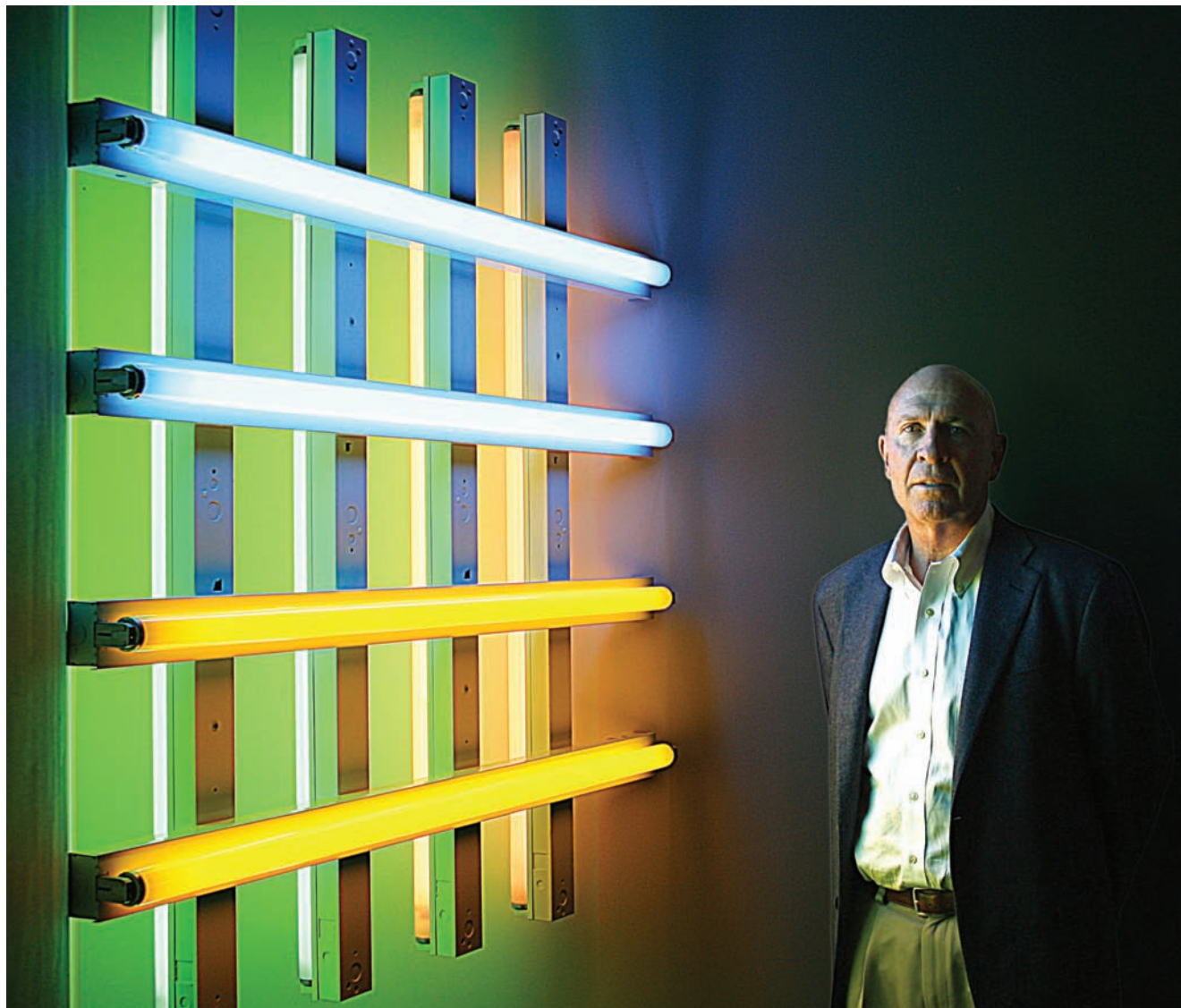
As The Modern nears its 10th anniversary in its award-winning space, curator Michael Auping reflects on his unique vision of art and architecture

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Walking through the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth with its chief curator, Michael Auping, is like being invited over for tea by a happy new homeowner. Although the Tadao Ando-designed building celebrates its 10th anniversary next month, Auping still moves through the space with a fresh eye, giddy about finding the perfect pieces to highlight every specific nook and cranny in this award-winning museum.

"One of the comments I get most is that my way of installing work is so minimal," admits Auping — but he's proud of that. "There are very few things in the building, but each is potent. Each

ILLUMINATING ART | Michael Auping decided to exhibit artist Dan Flavin's untitled light sculpture in a remote corner of the museum to generate curiosity in an otherwise nondescript wall of The Modern.



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piece is given more than ample space to sing its song or tell its story. There's a tendency [for museums] to create entertainment centers with lots of glitz; we are trying to create a unique and contemplative experience."

A seasoned veteran who has curated and written about art for more than 35 years, Auping is insightful about his varied career path that brought him to Fort Worth more than 17 years ago. He began as a freelance curator in Los Angeles before moving to Berkeley in 1977.

"San Francisco was an amazing place culturally and aesthetically at the time," he says. "It was the beginning of the gay revolution, and as a straight man coming from Southern California it was an eye opener to see a city taken over by that. ... [The city] was really a key point in my education as a contemporary art historian."

Auping's director at the San Francisco museum was gay and introduced him to many LGBT artists whom he befriended, including poet Robert Duncan and his longtime companion, the artist Jess. Since then, Auping has created exhibitions on Jess' works and included stories about the couple's relationship in his writings.

After stints with the Ringling Museum in Sarasota, Fla, and Buffalo, N.Y, Auping found a lasting home in Fort Worth.

"It was a completely different place," he says. "If I ever do get around to writing my memoir the title will have to be *Wayward Muse*, because I've gone to a lot of wayward places — all of which have been good, but Fort Worth is the best of all. I've never had this much support."

Auping scored a major coup in 2012 with the Lucien Freud exhibit, which just closed. One of the most engaging exhibitions of art ever seen in North Texas, it received national acclaim for the museum.

Auping is quick to note that many curators would be envious of his tremendous opportu-

nity. Not only did he get to work with a world-class architect to design and build the museum, but he was also given money to purchase art for the space. And that's where his passion truly shines, in acquiring pieces that showcase both the art and the architecture.

"The thing that makes this [museum] special is that it not only honors the artists, it honors the building," he says. "And as a curator, I try to do that; I try to honor both. Artists are my first priority, but the building is a high second. I don't want to put art in rooms that makes the rooms look bad or choose rooms that make the art look bad."

Examples of this intentional editing include Martin Puryear's 432-foot-tall *Ladder for Booker T. Washington* which Auping knew was the perfect

fit for a clear story, concrete-walled space. And there's Anselm Kiefer's lead sculpture *Book with Wings*, placed in the ellipse gallery to marry together the curved walls and concrete. A recent acquisition is a fluorescent light sculpture *Untitled* by Dan Flavin, selected by Auping to illuminate an otherwise non-descript corner of the museum and thereby pique the curiosity of the visitor to further explore the space.

But even with his discerning taste driving the aesthetics of the museum, Auping ensures that The Modern is a place art lovers of all levels can enjoy. And just like his curating style, his advice to would-be art enthusiasts is minimal yet effective:

"Don't try too hard. Just walk around. Treat it as a nature walk and let art speak to you. Maybe later you'll reflect on what jumped out at you and why." ■

Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, 3200 Darnell St., Fort Worth. To mark the 10th anniversary, the museum will unveil a series of new acquisitions culminating in a celebration gala and dinner on Dec. 6. 817-738-9215. TheModern.org.



A glass act: Chihuly at the Arboretum

The Modern isn't the only space in North Texas to use illuminated glass to draw in visitors. Over at the Dallas Arboretum, the exhibit of Dale Chihuly glass sculpture is enjoying the final weeks of its extended exhibition.

Chihuly, whose art glass adorns everything from the lobby ceiling of the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas to the windows of the Dallas Museum of Art, has loaned dozens of pieces, from small icicles that pop out of a fountain at the exit to countless varied pieces of all colors — many extending tendrils, Gorgon-like, into the air. And because it's an arboretum, some, like the one pictured right, recall specific plants (can't you see the spores of a dandelion ready to be caught by the wind).

To fully experience the glamor of the glass, consider attending during Chihuly Nights Sundays—Wednesdays, then Dec. 26–30, when the facility opens at 6 p.m. and the sculptures are illuminated internally for a spectacular light show.

— Arnold Wayne Jones

Dallas Arboretum, 8525 Garland Road. Open daily. \$15 general admission. DallasArboretum.org.



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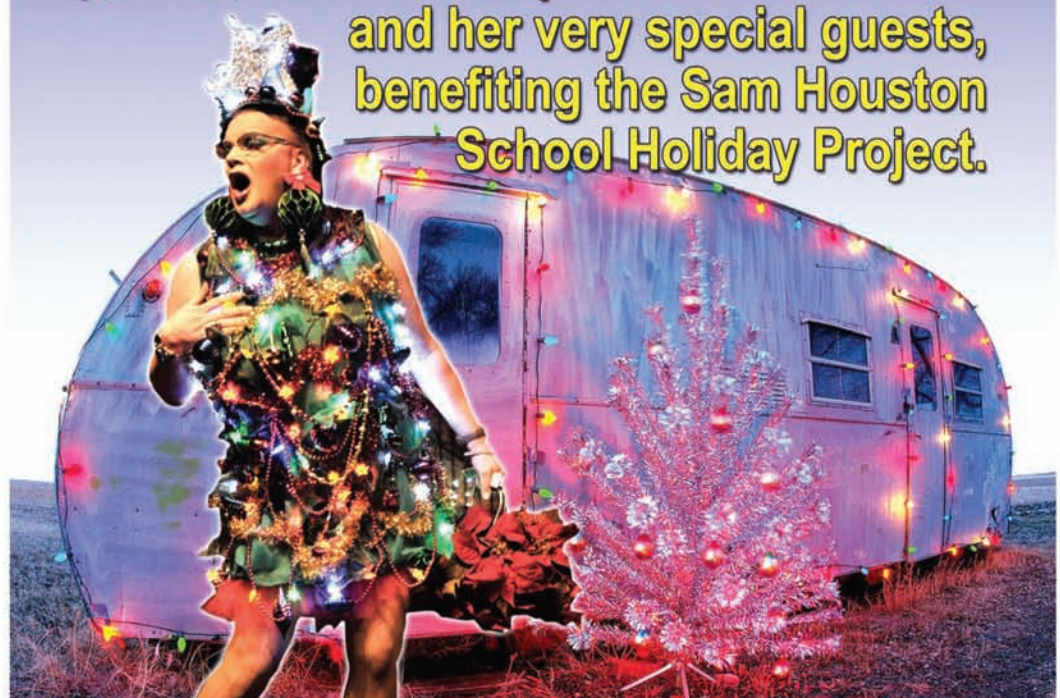
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Dallas

'Xmas Carol' sings for its last time at the Kalita; TBT's 'Nutcracker' goes *en pointe* at Winspear

It's not even Thanksgiving yet, but you can already start getting into the Christmas season. And in Dallas, that means one thing: *A Christmas Carol* at the Dallas Theater Center. For the final time since moving there in 2002, the annual holiday heartwarmer will be at the Kalita Humphreys in Uptown; next year, it'll move down to the Wyly for a complete overhaul. That means it's your last chance to see the classic staging, again with Chamblee Ferguson as Ebenezer Scrooge. Over at the Winspear, Texas Ballet Theater begins the Dallas performances of its most beloved Christmas show, Tchaikovsky's ballet *The Nutcracker*. It plays here for two weeks before moving to Fort Worth for the remainder of its run.

DEETS: *A Christmas Carol*, Kalita Humphreys Theater, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. Through Dec. 23 (in previews through Nov. 29). \$15-\$85. DallasTheaterCenter.org.

The Nutcracker, Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. Nov. 23-Dec. 2. TexasBalletTheater.org.



Addison

WaterTower broadcasts 'Wonderful' radio play; 'Bur-Less-Q' returns to Stone Cottage

Up in North Dallas, the Addison Theatre Centre is abuzz in holiday cheer. WaterTower Theatre premieres a new Christmas tradition, a radio play version of *It's a Wonderful Life* which tells the classic tale with only five actors (including B.J. Cleveland, pictured far left) portraying the entire town. Across the courtyard in the Stone Cottage Theatre, uber-gay MBS Productions revives its own yuletide tradition of *The Nutcracker* ... and it's nothing like TBT's version, as a company of strippers are inadvertently hired to dance-dance-dance, but not to what you'd call the accepted choreography in *The Beulaville Baptist Book Club Presents: A Bur-Less-Q Nutcracker!*

DEETS: *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*, Addison Theatre Centre, 15650 Addison Road. Nov. 24-Dec. 16. 972-450-6232. WaterTowerTheatre.org.

Bur-Less-Q Nutcracker, Stone Cottage Theatre, 15650 Addison Road. Nov. 23-Dec. 29. BurlesqueNutcracker.com.



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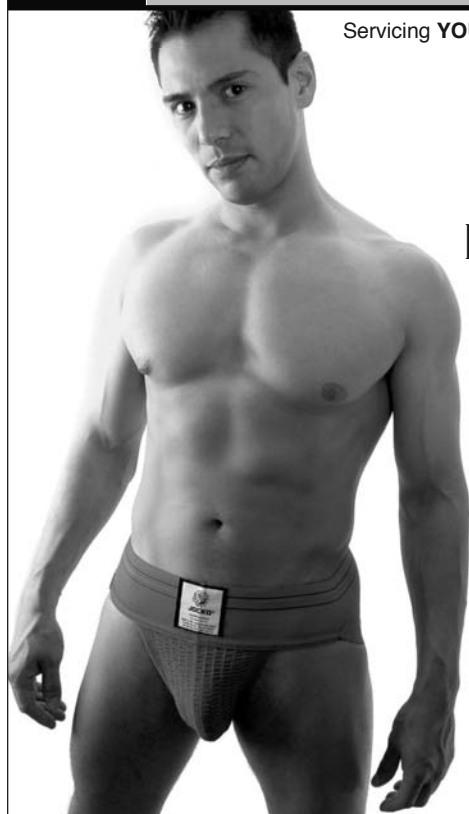
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'CRAZY FOR YOU' | Theatre 3 replaced its planned holiday show, 'Godspell,' with this reworking of the Gershwin musical 'Girl Crazy,' where a Broadway hopeful puts on a show in a Nevada mining town.

FRIDAY 11.23

THEATER

A Christmas Carol. The Dallas Theater Center's traditional holiday show begins its final season at the Kalita Humphreys Theater in Uptown, once again with Chamblee Ferguson in the role of Ebenezer Scrooge and Liz Mikel as Christmas Present. 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. Through Dec. 23 (in previews through Nov. 29). \$15-\$85. DallasTheaterCenter.org.

Avenue Q. Presented by Theatre 3, 2900 Routh St. An adult musical with puppets. Gay puppets. Having sex. Leave the kids at home. Extended through Dec. 9. Theatre3Dallas.com.

The Beauty Queen of Leenane. Oscar-winner writer/director Martin McDonagh's dark play gets a staging from Kitchen Dog Theater. The MAC, 3120 McKinney Ave. Through Dec. 8. \$10-\$30. KitchenDogTheater.org.

The Beulaville Baptist Book Club Presents: A Bur-Less-Q Nutcracker! The annual holiday offering from MBS Productions, a farce-and-ballet about a small town inadvertently hiring strippers to dance *The Nutcracker*. Stone Cottage Theatre at the Addison Theatre Centre, 15650 Addison Road. Nov. 23-Dec. 29. BurlesqueNutcracker.com.

Crazy for You. Theatre 3's newest musical, set to the music of the Gershwins. Reviewed this week at DallasVoice.com. Theatre 3, 2900 Routh St. in the Quadrangle. Through Dec. 15. \$10-\$50. Theatre3Dallas.com.

The Nutcracker. Tchaikovsky's timeless holiday classic, performed with Kathy Burks' puppets at the Dallas Children's Theater. Rosewood Center for Family Arts, 5938 Skillman St. Through Dec. 21. \$14-\$40. DCT.org.

BALLET

The Nutcracker. Sir Ben Stevenson's enduring version of Tchaikovsky's beloved holiday classic begins its run in Dallas' Winspear Opera House before moving to Bass Hall next month. Presented by Texas Ballet Theater. Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. Nov. 23-Dec. 2. Bass Performance Hall, 525 Commerce St., Fort Worth. Dec. 7-23. TexasBalletTheater.org.

FINE ART

Posters of Paris: Toulouse-Lautrec and His Contemporaries. An exhibition of rare, century-old posters from the French belle époque. Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 Harwood St. Through Jan. 20. \$14. DallasMuseumofArt.org.

Gary Farrelly: Terminal Compositions. Gay Irish artist's work shows at Downtown's Ro2Art Gallery, 110 N. Akard St. Through Dec. 8. Ro2Art.com.

Beyond the Lens: The Photography of Resistance and Liberation. A new exhibit featuring the photos of Faye Schulman opens at the Dallas Holocaust Museum, 211 N. Record St. Through Sunday. DallasHolocaustMuseum.org.

On the Silk Road and the High Seas: Chinese Ceramics, Culture and Commerce. New exhibit of centuries-old pottery and sculpture, at the Crow Collection of Asian Art, 2010 Flora St. Through Jan. 27, 2013. CrowCollection.org.

BROADCAST

Malibu Country. New sitcom co-starring Lily Tomlin as Reba McEntire's pot-smoking mom. Ch. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY

Unwired Dallas. Crystal Meth Anonymous (CMA) for those wishing to quit using crystal meth meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 7:30 p.m. Free. Crystalmeth.org.

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

Oak Lawn Group for Gays meets weekly. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 6525 Inwood Road. 7 p.m. For more information, call 214-868-7350.

SATURDAY 11.24

THEATER

It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play. B.J. Cleveland headlines WaterTower's new holiday production, a play version of the Jimmy Stewart film where five actors perform the roles of everyone in Bedford Falls. Addison Theatre Centre, 15650 Addison Road. Nov. 24-Dec.16. WaterTowerTheatre.org.

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COMMUNITY

Dallas FrontRunners fun run for runners and walkers at all levels. Meet on the patio of the rec house at Sunset Bay at White Rock Lake Park. 8 a.m.

BROADCAST

Lambda Weekly. LGBT radio for North Texas on its new day and time. 89.3 KNON-FM at 11 a.m. LambdaWeekly.com.

Harry Hines Blvd. 4-9 p.m. 214-879-0400.

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

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

WEDNESDAY 11.28

COMMUNITY

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.

SUNDAY 11.25

WORSHIP

The ONE Church, 5427 Philip Ave. Services 6 p.m. Dallas1Church.org.

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

BROADCAST

Liz & Dick. A Lifetime TV movie starring Lindsay Lohan as Elizabeth Taylor makes its premiere. Reviewed this week at DallasVoice.com.

COMMUNITY

Youth First Texas Collin County. Group for LGBTQ youth up to age 22. North Texas Youth Connection, 201 W. Boyd Road. Suite 105D, Allen. 6 p.m. CollinCounty@YouthFirstTexas.org.

THURSDAY 11.29

COMMUNITY

Standing on the Promises an Alcoholics Anonymous group that meets at Cathedral of Hope. 5910 Cedar Springs Road, Room 107. Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. **The ONE Church,** 5427 Philip Ave. Fellowship 7:30-10 p.m.

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

MONDAY 11.26

COMMUNITY

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

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

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

BROADCAST

RuPaul's Drag Race: All Stars. Favorite queens return for this competition. Logo at 8 p.m.

TUESDAY 11.27

COMMUNITY

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SAGITTARIUS Nov 21-Dec 20

The rest of your life is at stake — you can't be wasting your time with all of this B.S. It would be great if you could release it and/or let go of the need to prove your point. None of the people you're dealing with are using the same deck.

CAPRICORN Dec 21-Jan 20

The thorn in your side could be anything. For some it has to do with one person who can't behave; for others, it's about something tying you down. The rest seem caught up wondering why the sum total of things is so endlessly unfulfilling.

AQUARIUS Jan 21-Feb 20

Don't be confused by the way people behave — and don't buy into the idea that it's your fault. You're in a situation that requires everyone involved to take full responsibility for themselves. It's obvious that you're doing the best you can.

PISCES Feb 21-Mar 20

The way things have been going you really don't know whether or not you want, or need, to be here for this. Part of you is so ready to beat feet. It's totally understandable. For the last year at least you've been held up in a situation that depends too much on time and the actions of other people.

ARIES Mar 21-Apr 20

Little comes from pushing, though sometimes *life* needs a shove — it's in knowing when to press our case and knowing when to leave it alone that we eventually figure out how to behave. There is no right way to handle this, just play it by ear.

TAURUS Apr 21-May 20

Something has come at you like gangbusters and you're not sure what to make of it. Don't over analyze that which is beyond comprehension; this is one of those lessons that has to be lived and seen in retrospect before you will understand it.

GEMINI May 21-Jun 20

You can't expect others to be anything more than who they are. For some reason, they need to do whatever they're doing. If you feel like you're being victimized by it, you forgot that we create our own reality.

CANCER Jun 21-Jul 20

You are looking out at the horizon with a clear eye, seeing things for what they are. For some, things look pretty grim. If this is hard for you, know that you can only move forward when you come to the place of absolute truth.

LEO Jul 21-Aug 20

Don't worry about how things are going. Keep your heart focused on the idea that this is where you need to be. If it helps, know that you have a certain amount of external support and that it's there for you to latch on to anytime you need it.

VIRGO Aug 21-Sep 20

Before you make any decisions about what to do next, settle down and get simple enough to see what's going on. There have been so many things coming at you all at once and you're trying to juggle a lot of stress.

LIBRA Sep 21-Oct 20

Sometimes you have to bow to the weight of responsibility. It's hard to see that at times like this there's really no choice but to keep on trucking. And when there's no apparent award for the effort, it becomes even more important to hold steady.

SCORPIO Oct 21-Nov 20

You keep breaking the mold for all kinds of reasons, whether not fitting in, needing more space or just running a different timeline than the rest of humanity. Don't judge yourself for being out of synch; it's OK not to be like everyone else.

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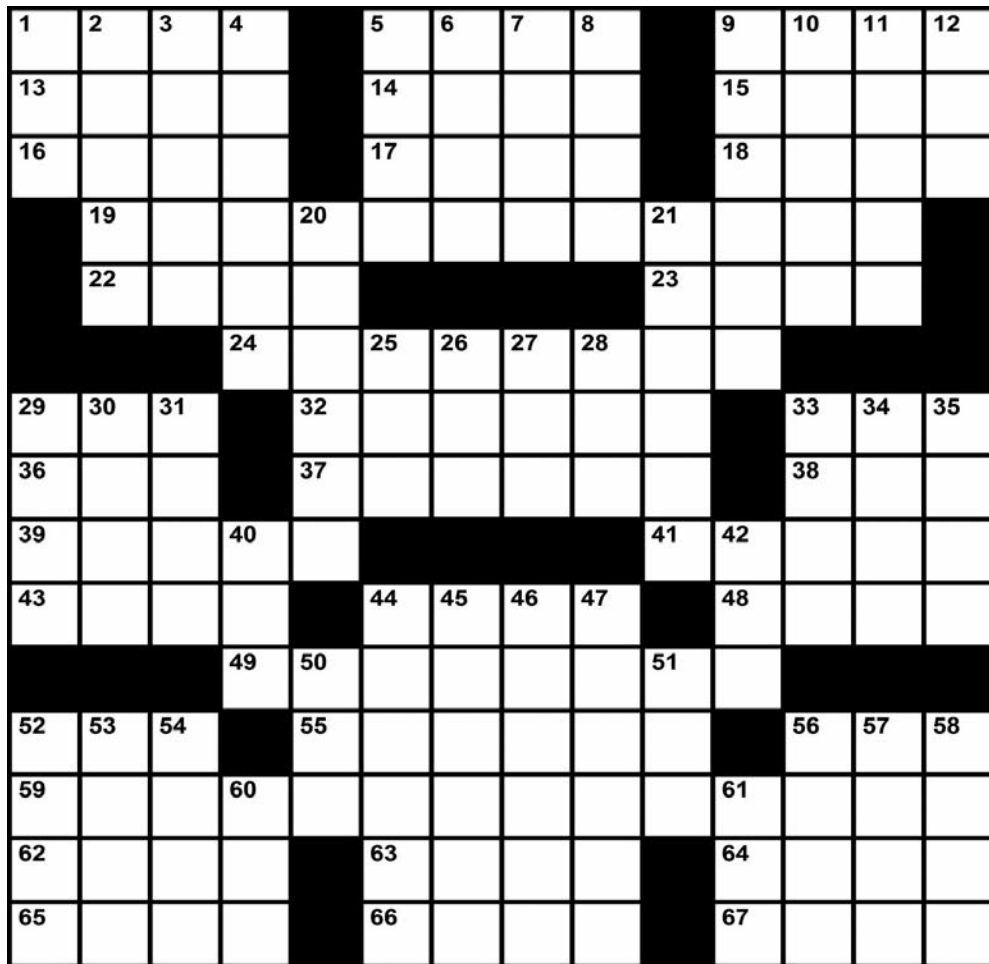
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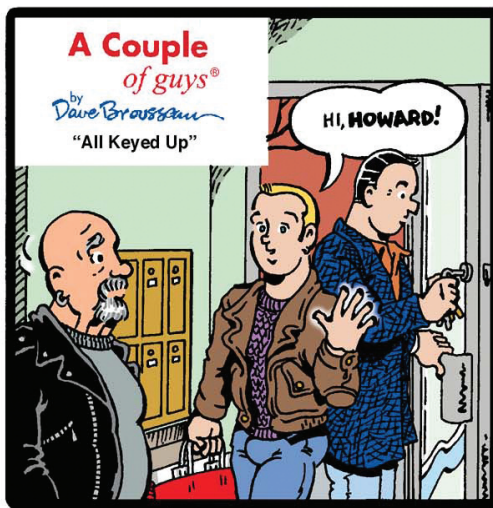
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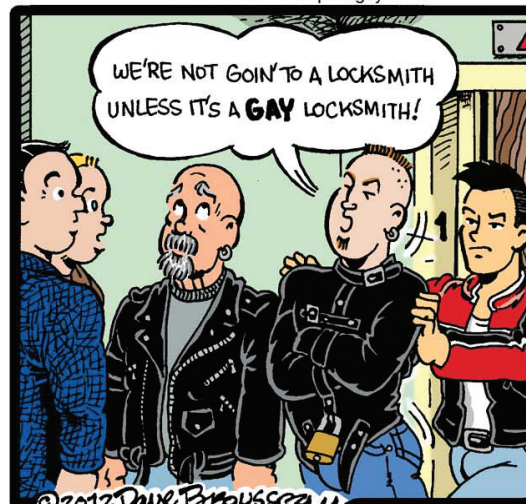
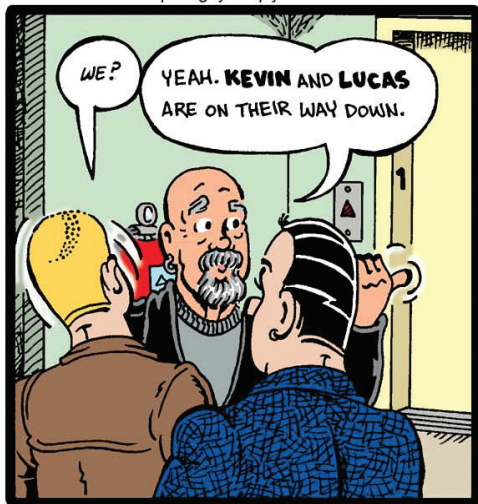
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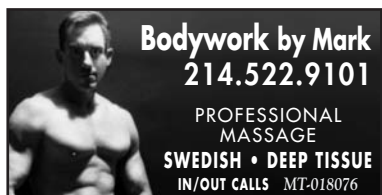
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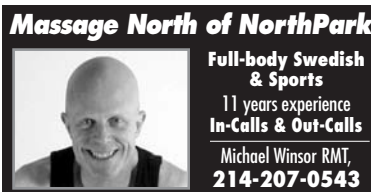
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