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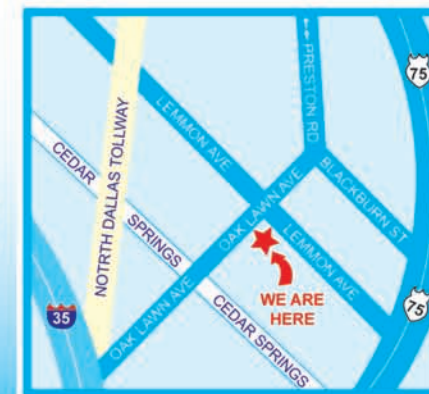
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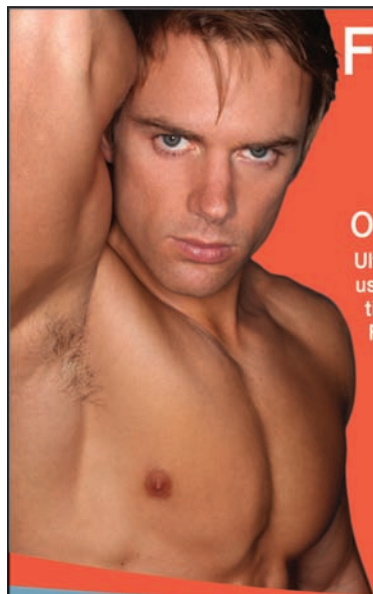
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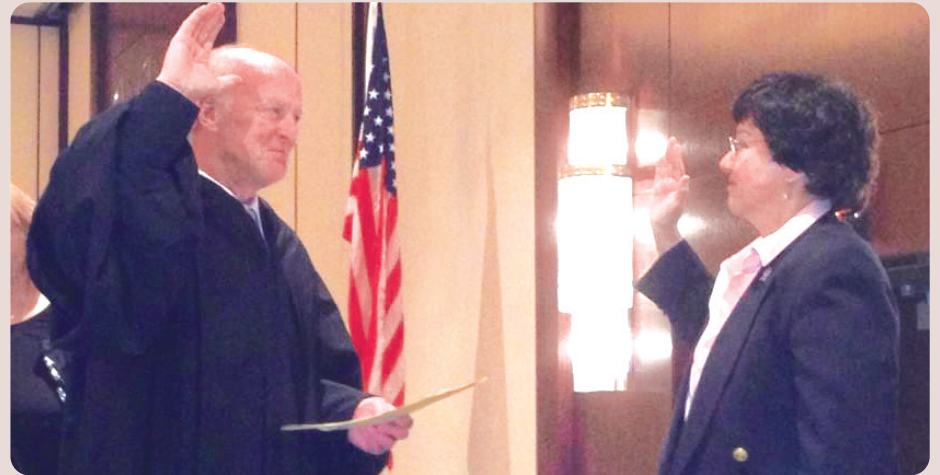
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**RENEWING HER VOWS** | Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez was among county elected officials who were sworn in Monday at the Hyatt Regency during a New Year's Day brunch hosted by the Democratic Party. Valdez, who became Dallas County's first female, first Hispanic and first lesbian sheriff in 2005, is beginning her third four-year term after defeating Republican Kirk Launius in November. (Courtesy of Brad Watson/WFAA-TV)

### Rep. Johnson rips DOMA defense

U.S. House Republicans' funding of the anti-gay Defense of Marriage Act continued Thursday, Jan. 3, as they authorized more spending to defend it in court.

Republicans included authorization of their efforts to defend DOMA in the Rules of the House of Representatives. Spending for DOMA's defense has reached nearly \$2 million.

Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, D-Dallas, joined several who spoke out against the continued funding.

"House Republicans continue to demand drastic cuts to government programs at all levels under the guise of reducing wasteful spending," Johnson said in an emailed statement. "Yet, the GOP's decision to retain a private law firm to defend the discriminatory Defense of Marriage Act is both hypocritical and a waste of taxpayer funds. It needs to be very clear to the American people that the views of the House of Representatives are not being fully represented."

Johnson voted for DOMA in 1996, but is now a co-sponsor of the Respect for Marriage Act, which would repeal DOMA.

Marc Solomon, national campaign director of Freedom to Marry, and the Human Rights Campaign also issued statements.

"It's truly disheartening that, on a day of new beginnings on Capitol Hill, the leadership of the House of Representatives is advancing a measure, through its rules, to continue spending taxpayer dollars on expensive lawyers to defend the so-called Defense of Marriage Act in court," Solomon said. "This law has been struck down as unconstitutional 10 times, with support from judges appointed by Presidents Nixon, Reagan, and both Bushes. It's past time for the Republican leadership to listen to their constituents, a majority of whom support the freedom to marry, and stop wasting precious resources in an effort to treat fellow Americans as second-class citizens."

— Anna Waugh

### Dallas County DP benefits begin

Dallas County's domestic partner benefits program began Jan. 1 and human resources department already has information up online reminding people of the qualifications.

After hitting roadblocks to offer the benefits through the healthcare co-op the county is a member of, the benefits were approved 3-2 by the Commissioner's Court on party lines in October.

Partners of same- and opposite-sex employees who do not have insurance are can receive a subsidy toward their own privately purchased plan. They must have lived together for at least six months, be 18 years or older and not currently married. The county will reimburse employees for 45 percent of their partners' insurance or up to \$295.78 monthly — the amount the county contributes toward employees' coverage — whichever is less.

— Anna Waugh

### Tesar out on 'Top Chef'

Last week, Danyele McPherson — formerly with Stephan Pyles and sous chef at The Grape — was booted from Top Chef, largely for lacking confidence in her dishes. Confidence wasn't a problem for fellow Dallas chef John Tesar, who was considered arrogant by his competitors on the hit reality cooking show.

Last night, Dallas lost its chance at another finalist (as Private|Social's Tiffany Derry and Fort Worth's Casey Thompson were) when Tesar was told to pack his knives and go following a disastrous risotto.

Tesar was given a second chance with a face-off against Lizzie, where each had to make a burger; Tesar's lamb was deemed less worthy than her chicken. (I ate at Tesar's old Commissary, and complaints about service aside, one thing the man knows how to make is a burger.)

Tesar was even given a third shot on the online-only Last Chance Kitchen, where ousted chefs compete against each other for a wild-card spot, but Tesar came up short there, too, against even more arrogant C.J.; Tom Colicchio judged Tesar's foie gras too salty.

(There is one way he might be saved: Tweet #savechefjohn and he might become a fan fave.)

Don't feel too badly for Tesar, though. His new Preston Center restaurant Spoon is worth a taste (read my review later this month), and as he told me recently, "say what you want to about me, but I work hard." That's obviously true.

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# Looking up at the Lege

LGBT advocates say fresh faces and changing attitudes could mean success for pro-equality bills in the 83rd Texas Legislature

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AUSTIN — National momentum combined with a huge influx of freshman lawmakers — including an openly LGBT one — could mean success for pro-equality bills in the 83rd Texas Legislature, advocates say.

With 41 incoming representatives and six incoming senators — the highest number of freshmen in four decades — state LGBT advocacy group Equality Texas expects the changes to shake up views in the Capitol.

“That’s a lot of people who have not had time to form opinions. We’re going to talk to them now,” Equality Texas field organizer Daniel Williams said. “It’s been 40 years since we’ve seen this much change in a session. We will be surprised what happens. Everyone will be surprised by what happens.”

Among the freshman lawmakers will be El Paso’s Mary Gonzalez, the first openly LGBT female to serve in the state Legislature.

Although Gonzalez wants to focus on issues facing her district, she’s also looking forward to speaking out for equality.

“I think I will have an authentic voice because I’ve already shown my desire to have an authentic conversation about issues impacting our community,” she said. “I think that authenticity is really important in trying to get people to come to your side.”

Equality Texas Executive Director Chuck Smith said Gonzalez’s presence could persuade some lawmakers to support legislation that affects one of their own.

“It makes the issues we’re talking about relevant to one of their colleagues,” he said. “It’s not an other [people’s issue] anymore because it’s one of their members.”

Denis Dison, spokesman for the Washington, D.C.-based Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, said relationship recognition legislation — including domestic partner benefits — has never passed a state legislature that lacked an out member. He said Gonzalez will have an impact because the Legislature hasn’t had an out member since Austin’s Glen Maxey left in 2003.

“When they’ve talked about these issues, there’s been nobody to stand up and say, ‘You’re talking about me.’ Mary will be able to do that,” Dison



**READY TO ROLL** | Executive Director Chuck Smith, right, and field organizer Daniel Williams head up Equality Texas’ lobbying efforts. (Anna Waugh/Dallas Voice)

said. “While it still may take time and it may take more out legislators to begin to change what’s acceptable in the body, you have to start somewhere. Mary is obviously confident and outspoken and is not afraid to talk with people.”

When the Legislature convenes on Jan. 8, the GOP state House majority will be 95-55, dropping from 102-48 in 2011. The state Senate will likely keep its 19-12 Republican majority, as a special election set for Jan. 26 to replace District 6’s late Mario Gallegos, D-Houston, is expected to go to a Democrat. Keeping the numbers at 19-12 will prevent a Republican two-thirds supermajority that would allow them to bring any legislation to the floor for consideration.

While lawmakers are expected to focus heavily on the budget, education and healthcare, Equality Texas’ agenda will include HB 238, which would

ban anti-LGBT employment discrimination, and HB 201, which would allow same-sex parents to sign supplementary birth certificates for their adopted children.

HB 226 and SB 73 have also been filed and would prohibit discrimination in insurance based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Other expected pro-equality bills include one to facilitate the change of gender markers on state identity documents, one to repeal the state’s marriage amendment and one to remove the Homosexual Conduct Law from the Penal Code after it was declared unconstitutional in 2003 in *Lawrence v. Texas*. A bill that would offer domestic partner benefits to employees of the University of Texas and Texas A&M University systems and one that would fix the discriminatory “Romeo and Juliet law,” allowing the age-appropriate dating defense

to apply to gay teens, are also likely to be filed again.

Although Equality Texas will welcome some changes in the makeup of the Legislature, the organization’s leaders are hoping at least one thing stays the same.

House Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, a moderate who is likely the most LGBT-friendly speaker Texas has ever seen, is again facing a challenge from the right.

Straus is believed to have enough votes to fend off Rep. David Simpson, R-Longview. But Smith said if Straus somehow loses, it’ll shake up committees and could put Equality Texas’ endorsed bills at risk.

If the speaker changes, Smith said the organization will have to change its strategy.

# Granbury bank employee's firing shows need for ENDA

Bill to ban anti-LGBT employment discrimination statewide will again be among Equality Texas' top priorities in upcoming session

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GRANBURY — When *Brokeback Mountain* star Heath Ledger passed away, Marty Edwards said a co-worker at First National Bank of Granbury asked who Ledger was.

"He was some faggot in a gay cowboy movie," a senior loan officer answered. "Who cares if he died."

When Edwards, who's gay, was later passed over for a promotion, he talked to a human resources representative and an executive vice president.

"They said it was not my work because I did a great job," Edwards said. "I was told that one guy who has three kids, a wife and white picket fence home was a better fit for the image we are looking for."

After years of enduring an increasingly hostile work environment, Edwards was fired in September. He is convinced it was because of his sexual orientation. But in Texas, attorneys say there's nothing he can do about it.

Texas is one of 29 states that lacks employment protections for gays, while 34 states don't protect transgender workers. The federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would ban anti-LGBT job discrimination, remains stalled in Congress.

While some cities in Texas prohibit anti-LGBT discrimination, their ordinances lack teeth because there is no state or federal law to back them up.

State Rep. Mike Villarreal, D-San Antonio, has again filed a bill to ban employment discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity or expression in Texas. The bill, a state version of ENDA, is among Equality Texas' top priorities for the upcoming legislative session.

"It's a civil rights issue for us, but a broader and more appealing discussion point is hiring and firing decisions should be based on ability to perform the job," Equality Texas Executive Director Chuck Smith said, adding that he's hoping the bill will be assigned to the Economic and Small Business Development Committee as it was in the last session.

"They're more receptive to economic arguments. Texas is competing for major employers to relocate here."

Edwards began working for FNB Granbury in July 2001 after graduating from college and



Marty Edwards

worked there more than 11 years.

He said when he was hired, bank executives began grooming him for promotion into management. That stopped about five years ago when he came out.

Contacted for this article, FNB Granbury HR director Lisa Hopkins said she couldn't comment on personnel matters.

"There's more than one side to every story," Hopkins said. "He was fired for legitimate reasons."

Granbury is in Hood County, about 40 miles southwest of Fort Worth.

Edwards said co-workers and management never tried to hide their disgust of his sexual orientation after he came out.

He described the environment as hostile — not just toward him but toward all LGBT people.

A transgender man who owns a local construction company banks with the company. Edwards said that when the trans man was in his branch, others would send him an instant message.

"Let me know when it's leaving," they'd say. "I want to know what it looks like."

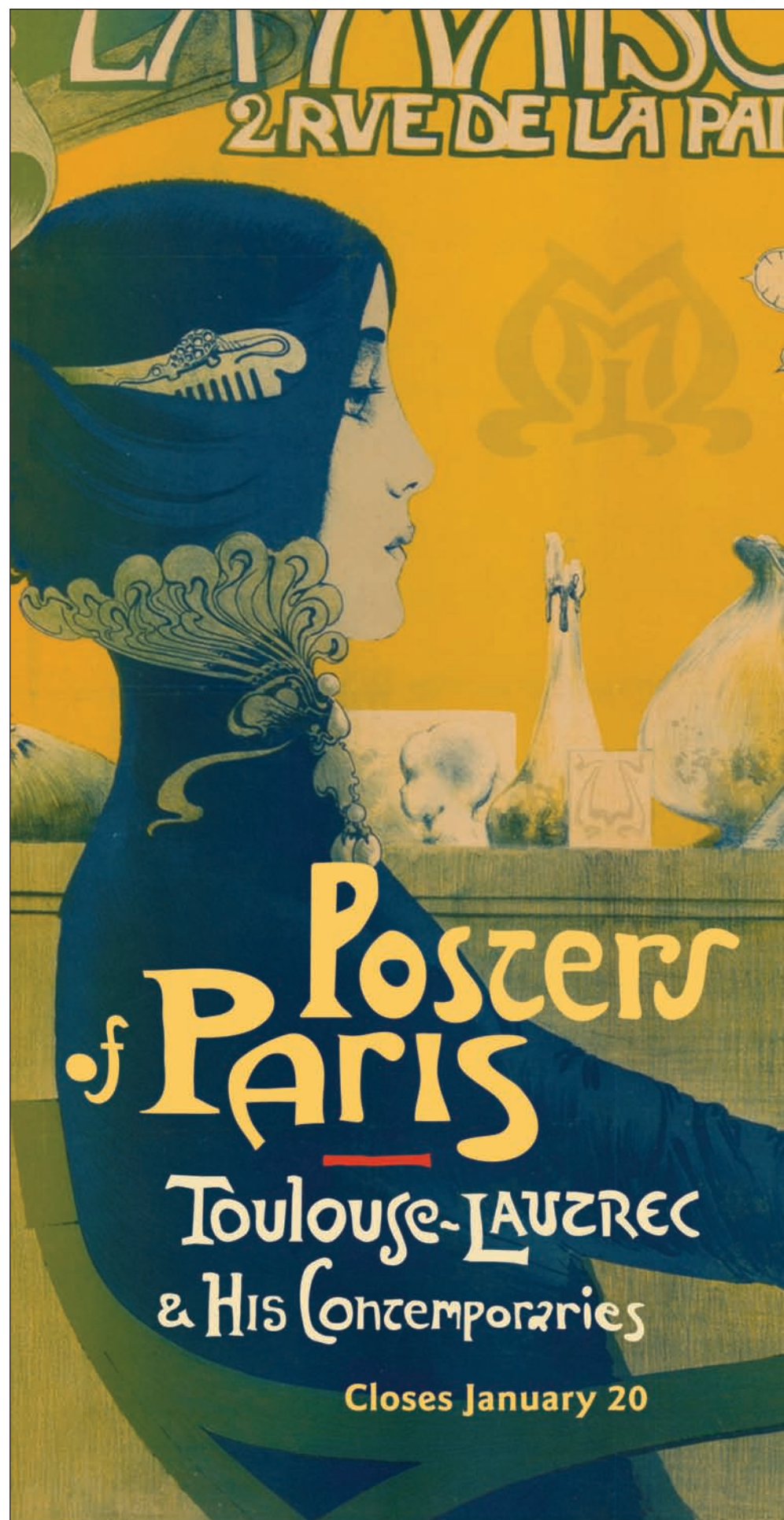
After enduring increasing amounts of harassment at work, Edwards sought counseling.

He said Hopkins told him he needed counseling because "you obviously have some things messed up in your head."

Since he was fired, Edwards has spoken to about a dozen attorneys. None of them would take his employment discrimination case. He discussed a number of angles with attorneys, including firing for retaliation or for seeking counseling and having to endure a hostile work environment.

Fort Worth attorney Susan Hutchison said, "Sexual orientation is not a protected category in

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# As weddings begin in 2 states, 3 more eye marriage equality

Gays get hitched for the holidays in Maryland and Maine; legislatures in Illinois, Minnesota and Rhode Island are next in line to take up issue

midnight on New Year's Eve to ring in the new year as happily married.

Nine states and the District of Columbia now allow same-sex couples to marry, but 2013 may bring marriage equality to at least three more states.

In Illinois this week, the race was against the clock to pass the Religious Freedom and Marriage Fairness Act in both the state House and Senate before new legislators are sworn in Jan. 9.

Illinois Senators were scheduled to hear the bill in committee Wednesday, Jan. 2, but failed to secure enough votes to waive a required 24-hour rule on posting the bill. An amendment was then added to an unrelated bill to push marriage equality through faster.

Senators will have to be called back for a special session Jan. 8 in order to vote on marriage equality.

The House will convene Sunday and Monday, Jan. 6-7, but it remains unclear if legislators will vote on the marriage equality bill or the one with the marriage amendment.

If lawmakers do not approve the marriage

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Same-sex couples began saying "I do," this week in Maine and Maryland, while state legislatures in Illinois, Rhode Island and Minnesota continued to push marriage equality measures in their states.

Maine couples joined newlyweds in Washington state, who began marrying Dec. 9, and lined up at city halls to get hitched across their state Saturday, Dec. 29, when the law went into effect. Voters approved ballot measures allowing same-sex marriage in November in Washington, Maine and Maryland.

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**MAINE SQUEEZE** | Donna Galluzzo, left, and Lisa Gorney leave the City Clerk's office after obtaining their marriage license early Saturday, Dec. 29, at City Hall in Portland, Maine. (Associated Press)

equality bill, LGBT advocates will work with the new Legislature, which will have a Democrat supermajority.

Illinois religious, business and African-American leaders, and the state GOP Chairman Pat Brady announced support.

Some religious leaders also voiced their opposition, most notably Chicago's Cardinal Francis George, who wrote a letter calling same-sex marriage "legal fiction."

"Civil laws that establish 'same-sex marriage' create a legal fiction," George wrote. "The State has no power to create something that nature itself tells us is impossible."

George went on to explain in the letter that the church is not anti-gay, but welcomes gay members and encourages them to live chaste lives.

"People live out their sexual identity in different ways, but the Church offers the means to live chastely in all circumstances, as the love of God both obliges and makes possible," the letter states.

Openly gay state Rep. Kelly Cassidy spoke about the importance of marriage equality for her and her family, as well as her constituents.

"I do this not just as a legislator but a mom of three kids," Cassidy said. "I want the world to be better for them. I want them to know our family is like any other in this state. And they want that,

too."

The Rhode Island Legislature is also moving ahead on marriage equality. House Speaker Gordon Fox has called on legislators to vote on the bill by the end of the month.

Minnesota is likely to follow shortly after. After the failure of a November ballot measure that would have banned same-sex marriage in Minnesota, gay state Sen. Scott Dibble, D-Minneapolis, announced this week that he would take the lead on a marriage equality bill in the upcoming session. He said LGBT advocates want a vote this year, so he'll focus on the economy and jobs, planning to file a marriage equality bill in a few months.

Marriage equality in Hawaii will be determined by how the U.S. Supreme Court rules in California's Proposition 8 case, challenging the state's constitutional ban on same-sex marriage. The Jackson v. Abercrombie case challenged the state's law allowing civil unions but not same-sex marriage.

A district court judge ruled the laws were constitutional in August but the couple appealed.

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals granted a request filed by anti-gay Hawaii Family Forum to stay the appeal pending the Supreme Court's decision in the Prop 8 case. ■



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"Since being the speaker, he's always said he would operate in a way to allow issues to come forward," Smith said of Straus. "In allowing everyone's issues to see the light of day, our issues have gotten committee hearings."

### 'Anything is possible'

When last session's anti-bullying bills passed, Equality Texas called them the first pro-equality bills to pass in Texas since hate crimes legislation in 2001, even though the LGBT-specific protections were edited out before passage.

Still, the organization's leaders said the times are changing and legislators are listening to their constituents, of which a growing number favor LGBT rights.

An October University of Texas/Texas Tribune poll showed 69 percent of Texans support legal recognition — either marriage or civil unions — for same-sex couples, which was the highest percentage since regular polling on the issue began in 2009.

"Texas values are, let people live their lives without interference whenever possible," Williams said. "We're seeing an increasing vocal majority of Texans that believe systematic oppression of LGBT Texans is out of line with Texas values."

In addition, several pro-equality bills have had committee hearings and have been explained to legislators before.

State Rep. Mike Villarreal, D-San Antonio, who filed the HB 238 to ban anti-LGBT job discrimination, said this is the sixth time he's filed the legislation. And while Republicans still control the majority, he's seen improvement in some conservative minds.

"Once again Republicans will control the Legislature, making it a challenge to pass this kind of legislation. However, as each year goes by, I've seen legislators warm up to this idea," Villarreal said. "This may not be the session that it happens, but we're definitely getting closer. We need enough Republicans to believe that a vote for this bill will help them in a general election and won't hurt them in the Republican primary."

State Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston, who has filed a bill each session to repeal the 2005 constitutional marriage amendment and plans to do so again, acknowledged that LGBT issues are still controversial in Texas.

But Coleman added: "The public point of view is slowly changing, and that's a good thing. I believe there's a mood change."

Coleman plans to again file a bill this session to repeal the Homosexual Conduct Law from the Texas Penal Code. The law was declared unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court in the 2003 case Lawrence v. Texas, but remains on the books. He said some issues take time and more publicity before they'll finally pass, adding that anti-bullying legislation took 10 years to pass and only did so after nationally publicized suicides, making it clearly "time for the bill."

"It's a rough road," Coleman said. "You have



**ENEMY NO. 1** | Jonathan Saenz, president of the anti-gay Texas Values, said his group expects "the homosexual lobby to attack any and every section of Texas law that is related to how we define and protect marriage, family, mother and father references, parents, and male and female references."

to start somewhere."

Since the nondiscrimination bill has been filed so many times before, Williams said conservatives have been able to review it in committee, despite it never making it to the floor for a vote. But he said this session's changes could make the bill a success, especially with the increased number of city ordinances that offer the protections.

"I think it would be a mistake to write this bill off. Anything is possible," he said. "As helpful as municipal ordinances can be as far as establishing policy, it can't get you your job back."

In October, state Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas, came out in support of nondiscrimination protections in employment in an interview with Dallas Voice, making him one of the first Republicans in Texas to support pro-equality legislation. Carona also voiced support for the accurate birth certificate bill and offering domestic partner benefits to state university employees.

State Rep. Rafael Anchia, D-Dallas, who filed the birth certificate bill for the third time said the fate for his bill is unknown because of the different makeup this session, but recent national progress on LGBT issues could help.

"You see momentum at the national level and you wonder if that's going to be carried through the state level. You wonder if people are still in an anti-equality frame here in Texas," Anchia said. "I always think we're hopeful that people will have an open perspective on equality issues."

The conservative group Texas Values has targeted Anchia's bill, claiming it would remove "mother" and "father" from all birth certificates. But the bill would only remove language added in 1997 that required one man and one woman to sign the supplementary birth certificates of adopted children. PolitiFact Texas, a nonpartisan fact-checking project, called the claims of Texas Values "mostly false" because a state agency was unsure how it would implement the bill if passed. Anchia called the coverage positive and was glad

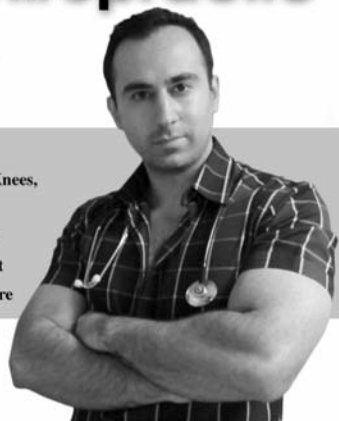
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it placed his bill in a positive light.

"I'm hopeful people will review the bill on its merits and not listen to the intentionally misleading claims made by its opponents," he said.

### 'You need to be vigilant'

Last session, a bill to ban transgender marriage failed to make it to the Senate floor for consideration. A measure that would have banned LGBT resource centers on college campuses failed in the House.

But anti-gay bills are anticipated this session as well. In November, state Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, requested an opinion from Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on whether government entities that offer employees domestic partner benefits violate the marriage amendment.

Texas Values filed a brief in December arguing that offering DP benefits is illegal. When asked if the organization would support any anti-gay bills and what its outlook on the session was, President Jonathan Saenz said "we expect the homosexual lobby to attack any and every section of Texas law that is related to how we define and protect marriage, family, mother and father references, parents, and male and female references."

"We also expect the homosexual lobby to ask for special rights for so-called gay, bisexual, lesbian, transgender, pansexual, cisgender and the growing list of classifications that seem to be an expression of who a person chooses to have sex with or how they feel on a given day," Saenz said.

While a negative opinion from Abbott wouldn't make DP benefits illegal, it could help push through legislation targeting them.

"It's generated a big discussion, and the senator's interpretation with how it might conflict with what's in our Constitution is inaccurate," Smith said.

Williams said Patrick's request is "so far out of the mainstream view" and the organization will lobby to keep local decisions with "local officials

who know the need at the local level."

While Gonzalez will be an advocate for pro-equality bills, she's also prepared to stop anti-LGBT bills from gaining momentum, especially since the city of El Paso and El Paso County offer DP benefits and she doesn't want her constituents to lose them.

"I would just continue taking the lead of my city in making sure that we keep domestic partner benefits. We've already taken all these steps forward. The last thing I want to do is for Texas to take steps back," Gonzalez said. "I think it's really important for my district and for the state that we have an environment that makes everyone feel equal and part of our community."

Anne Wynne, chair of the Equality Texas Board of Directors, noted that no anti-gay bills have passed since the marriage amendment in 2005, and Equality Texas hopes to keep it that way.

"We'll make sure the [anti-gay] bills go nowhere and focus on the bills that we want to go somewhere," Wynne said.

Anchia said anti-gay legislation could always be an issue in the Legislature and constituents should pay attention to the bills their representatives are working on and supporting.

"You need to be vigilant to gauge whether or not negative legislation has a chance of passing," he said. "I'm hoping that as a Legislature we'll focus more on expanding rights rather than curtailing them."

### 'The currency of the Capitol'

Equality Texas is tweaking its strategy this session, bringing in more community engagement for its Lobby Day on March 11 and reaching out early to new and returning lawmakers.

In addition to the Equality is Good for Business program that engages businesses that already have LGBT-inclusive nondiscrimination policies, the organization launched stories of LGBT Texas families who are affected by current laws with

transgender people, 78 percent said they were harassed and mistreated at work.

Based on experiences in other states, Williams Institute expected an additional 203 employment discrimination complaints in Texas per year.

Smith said Texas is an attractive place to do business, but companies will question whether their entire workforce would transfer here without statewide protections because of the perception some of their employees are not wanted in Texas.

Williams Institute estimates the cost of the law to Texas would be \$300,000 the first year and less after that. The report concludes that although there is some administrative cost, nondiscrimination laws attract talented employees, boost productivity and increase satisfaction in the workplace.

Asked whether he thinks a state ENDA would have changed things at FNB Granbury, Smith said he thinks most employers like to follow the rules and be good employers but he acknowledges that some won't. ■

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"The key is to go in and talk about how the law affects you and people you love," Williams said. "It's personal stories that are the currency in the Capitol."

Lobby Day will be different this year as the organization is having team leaders organize groups to attend, so fewer people come alone, increasing participation.

For Smith, who took over as executive director in November, this will be his first session as head of the organization, but it's his fifth session as a lobbyist.

This time, he'll balance fundraising with lobbying. Smith is looking to expand the Equality Texas team by bringing in a major gifts officer to help with fundraising.

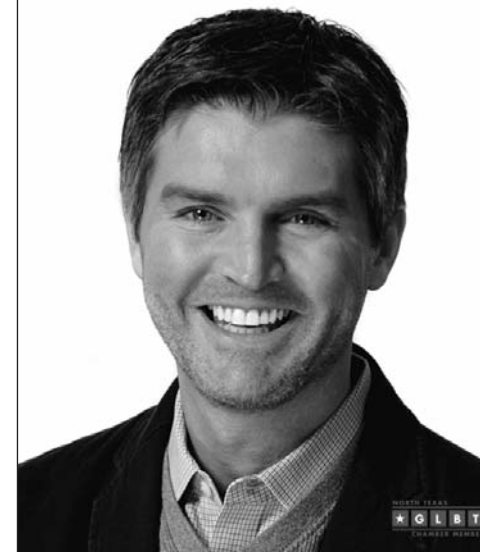
He said the organization is increasing grassroots efforts and public support, including a large push for citizens to contact and meet their representatives.

Smith said it's vital that people visit their representatives and inform them what issues are important to them because many think they don't have any LGBT constituents in their district.

"When lawmakers see them, it makes it real. Any of these issues have an impact on someone who lives in their district," Smith said.

"People should make no assumptions about who these people [legislators] are and what's at their core." ■

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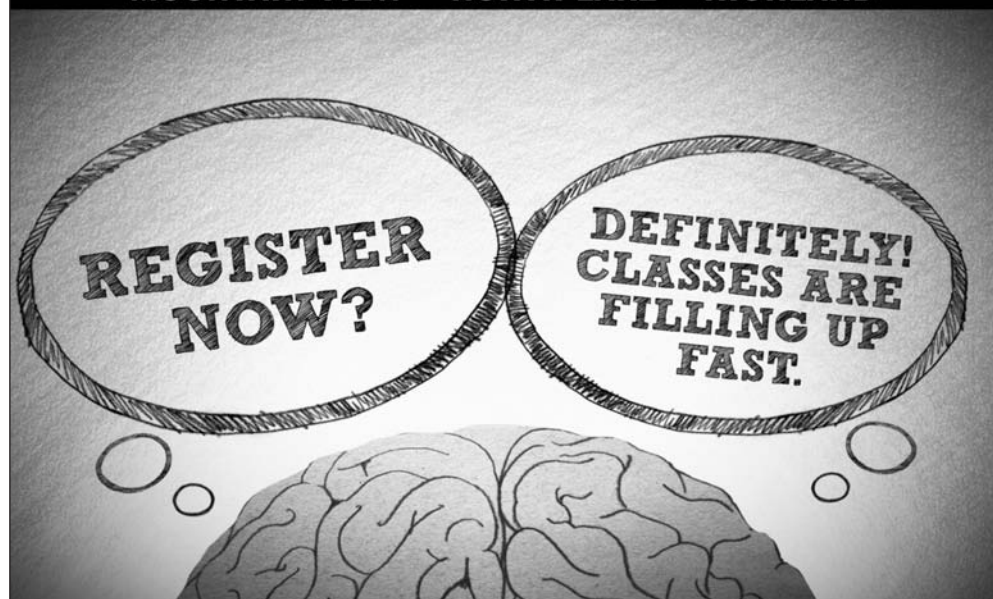
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Texas and so retaliation for reporting such discrimination is also not protected."

Hutchison said Edwards asked her if his employers could "say whatever they want about someone's sexual orientation and make the workplace hostile but I can't do anything about it." Her frustrated response was, "More or less."

Other attorneys told Edwards that creating a hostile work environment only happens legally when comments like those mentioned refer to a protected class.

A study by the Williams Institute, an LGBT think tank affiliated with UCLA, found that a bill like Villarreal's would protect 431,095 LGBT Texans from employment discrimination and have a minimal impact on the state's budget.

In a national 2008 study, 37 percent of gays and lesbians who responded said they experienced workplace harassment during the previous five years and 12 percent had lost a job because of their sexual orientation. In a national 2010 study of

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# Nay to neighing away the gay

Cowboy Church of Virginia Pastor Raymond Bell's claim that Equine Assisted Psychotherapy can turn people straight is horse manure

As a Texan, I have been around horses for years. I have never been a horse owner, and my riding skills are cursory, but I have petted, ridden and cozier up to my fair share of equines. And so, according to Pastor Raymond Bell, I should not be gay.

Bell, chief pastor of the Cowboy Church of Virginia, purports that "addictions" such as homosexuality can be cured by what he calls Equine Assisted Psychotherapy. He claims he uses horses to teach men how to "stop being gay" and encourage them to be more masculine.

In an interview with Gay Star News, Pastor Bell said, "EAP can help any person who is living the homosexual lifestyle or involved in it in any way."

I guess Bell has never attended a gay rodeo or hung around with any of the thousands of gay cowboys and their admirers. The gay cowboys I know are about as masculine as they come, so I just have to question whether this brand of snake oil the pastor is selling has any merit.

The American Psychological Association went on record back in 1975 to declare that homosexuality was not an illness and therefore any kind of "cure" was mere quackery or worse, just plain inhumane.

The good pastor also goes on to claim that being gay comes from events and influences like rape, abandonment and lacking a male role model. Funny, most people would consider me plenty masculine and I've had great male role models like Marlon Brando in *The Wild One* or Steve McQueen in *The Magnificent Seven*.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, the pastor's idea that people choose to be gay or lesbian is just plain silly.

Now, choosing to be a cowboy — well that is arguably something that is a genuine choice. Although lots of people are born on ranches, they actively choose whether to stay there or seek another life outside the rural setting. I know a whole lot of people who actively chose to live in the "big city" rather than live on a farm, my partner included.

But before I go sending the idea of Equine Assisted Psychotherapy out to pasture, I want to state that it has been shown to be an effective tool for working to improve confidence, emotional growth and personal responsibility, especially for adolescents. There are lots of studies that back this up.

The big problem is when you try to use EAP



... AND THE HORSE HE RODE IN ON | If Pastor Bell thinks being around horses can turn people straight, he's probably never attended a gay rodeo. (Chuck Marcelo/Dallas Voice)

to "cure" something that doesn't need curing, that's just plain horse sense. That's one reason why California tried to ban "reparative therapy" for minors back in September. It is also why Bob Spitzer, a pioneer of "reparative therapy," denounced his own activities back in April 2012: "I believe I owe the gay community an apology for my study making unproven claims of the efficacy of reparative therapy. I also apologize to any gay person who wasted time and energy undergoing some form of reparative therapy because they believed that I had proven that reparative therapy works...."

As for Pastor Bell and his claims, well perhaps he has been grazing on a little loco weed. That is the only way I can believe his therapy might be seen as having any value. Frankly I think the whole thing is just plain horse manure.

Now saddle up and let's head over to the Round-Up Saloon for some boot scooting!

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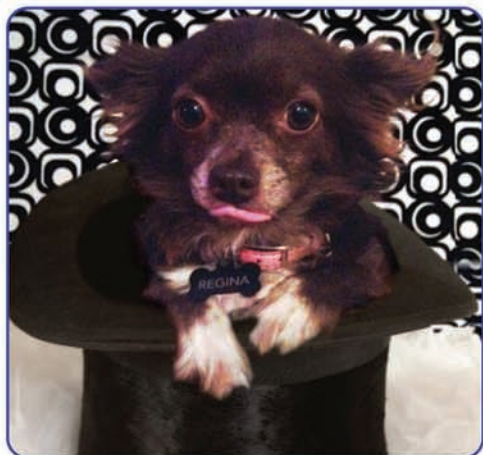


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# Day in, day out

It may be cold outside, but you can keep every day hot inside with sexy gay calendars

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**MEN OF THE MONTH CLUB** | Two North Texan cowpokes are January models for the HomoRodeo.com charity calendar, above, but you can also indulge your love of Spider-Man with the 'Turn Off the Dark' 14-month calendar, right, the Latino models of FuerteMen.com, below right, or one of Colt Studios' many theme calendars — including men in uniform, below left.



Even if 2012 was a banner year for you and you hated to see it go, there are still some good reasons to welcome 2013 with open arms: Calendars. This is the time of year when you can find all kinds of photos to decorate your wall — especially of hot men — all under the pretense of “needing” a calendar to see what the date is. (You have a smartphone; you know the date.)

We admit it, though: The beefcake factor is a good reason to get

a calendar. But so is doing something, ummm, charitable. Homo Rodeo.com, a gay website that offers both information about upcoming rodeo events and a way for like-minded cowboys to meet online, has released its *Cowboy Country: Men of HomoRodeo.com 2013* calendar, made up of photos of “rodeo contestants, professional models who donated their time and just some [members] who wanted to drop their pants for a cause,” explains the calendar’s photographer, Harley Deuce.

And what is that cause? Rodeos, of course.

“Twenty-five percent of proceeds [from the sales] are donated to local gay rodeo associations including the TGRA,” says Deuce. And since fully one-quarter of all sales are to Texans, that’s keeping it in the Lone Star State. Indeed, pick up this stunning selection of photos, and you might recognize some bar buddies on January: Two Dallasites kick off the year by dropping trou. (\$20; available at [HomoRodeo.com](http://HomoRodeo.com) and through your local rodeo association.)

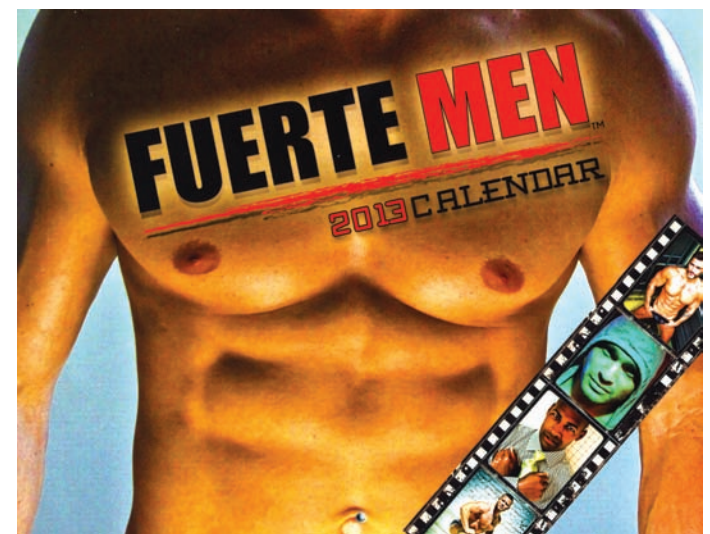
From the prairie to the Great White Way isn’t as far a leap as you might expect — in fact, the leap is pretty simple if you’re Spider-Man. And the 14 models in one calendar are just that — the handsome, athletic men who make up the cast of Broadway’s *Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark*. Unmasked but still leotard clad, they smile and fly through the air in this graphically intensive (but PG-rated) glossy selection of superheroes in a 14-month layout. And with proceeds benefiting Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, you can get your Spidey-sense tingling for a cause. (\$20; available at [SpidermanOnBroadway.com](http://SpidermanOnBroadway.com).)

The gay website FuerteMen.com offers news and information targeting the gay Latino community, and its publisher, El Paso native Sidney Alvarez, developed a calendar to raise awareness and funds to combat bullying and fight HIV/AIDS. One inter-

esting aspect of this gay-specific calendar? Six of the 12 models are gay, and six are straight. Try to figure out which is which. (\$10; available at [FuerteMen.com](http://FuerteMen.com).)

Finally, we have to admit: The Colt Studio calendars may not be designed specifically as a fundraiser. But when you have the history of this producer of gay adult entertainment behind you, well, we’re just happy to shell out some dough for our own amusement. From the Buckshot Boys (for the twinkie lovers) to Uniform Men and Colt Leather (for the fetish crowd) to Butt Beautiful (self-explanatory), there’s a calendar for every taste. (\$16 each; available at [ColtCalendars.com](http://ColtCalendars.com).)

— Arnold Wayne Jones



## More of the best of '12: Tube and Books

10. **The New Normal** (NBC). Ryan Murphy is so over-taxed — in addition to this, he has three other shows on the air (*Glee*, *The Glee Project* and *American Horror Story: Asylum*), all of which took a turn for the worse (however slightly) this year. While *New Normal* wasn't perfect, its sassy discussion of gay issues, including the best comic villain since *Will & Grace*'s Karen Walker in the form of homophobic GOPer Ellen Barkin and the delightful Bebe Wood as a precocious pre-teen, kept us watching.

9. **Nashville** and **Revenge** (both ABC). It wouldn't be fair to call these ABC shows our trashy secrets or our guilty pleasures — they were both damned good in their own rights last year, with interesting storylines and superior acting. The nighttime soap opera has certainly improved since the old days of *Dallas* and *Flamingo Road*.

8. **Downton Abbey** (PBS). Maggie Smith. That is all.

7. **Boardwalk Empire** (HBO). The genius of this series? It doesn't have *any* likeable characters, just unlikeable ones you end up rooting for. Steve Buscemi forms the emotional center of this tale, based on some real characters from the era of Prohibition, but the ensemble work is as good as you'll find.

6. **Modern Family**. The funniest live-action comedy on television got even better this fall in an episode when gay couple Mitchell and Cam crossed paths with two lesbian moms, but that was just the high-water mark in a show that has been consistently great.

### 2012 YEAR IN REVIEW TUBE

5. **RuPaul's Drag Race** (Logo). It helped that the last "newcomer" season had a winner (Sharon Needles) who didn't go simply for glam, and that the *All-Stars* edition brought back some of our favorites. This show still makes *America's Next Top Model* look like it's populated by rejects from *The Walking Dead*. And Ru's deadpan delivery makes it all the funnier.

4. **Archer** (FX). This foul-mouthed animated spoof of James Bond movies, with a petulant superspy and his Oedipal relationship with his mom, who's also his boss, is like *The Sopranos* without James Gandolfini's weight gain ... and a whole helluva lot more laughs. Gayish, sexy and weird, you rarely saw where it was going.

3. **Game of Thrones** (HBO). Mythic fantasy never seemed more vibrant, and never better told than in this remarkable series, which juggles fully 40 major characters across competing storylines without ever becoming confusing. Throw in a lot of hotties (including some same-sex attractions), dragons and rousing battle scenes, and you have the most fully-realized action series since *Alias*.

2. **The Daily Show** (Comedy Central), **The Colbert Report** (Comedy Central) and **Real Time with Bill Maher** (HBO). 2012 was an election year, so almost nothing mattered more than comedians who put the ridiculousness of the election process in perspective — and the liberal perspective (even ironically presented via Colbert's faux Bill O'Reilly impersonation) gave a counterpoint to the serious-as-a-heart-attack mis-



**HUMOR WINS** | The hilariously gay-friendly sketch comedy of 'Key & Peele' won us over.

information of Fox News. Collectively, 2012 would have seemed very different without these folks — not just on television, but possibly at the ballot box.

1. **Key & Peele** (Comedy Central). Comedy Central scored a threefer this year, and this sketch comedy show is the reason why. The one unmissable show of 2012 was this hilarious

satire of everything from same-sex marriage to gay adoption to Rihanna, though it is probably the "Obama and his anger translator, Luther" segments that made each fall episode so timely and funny. We needed to laugh — no one made us laugh harder than these two humorous hotties.

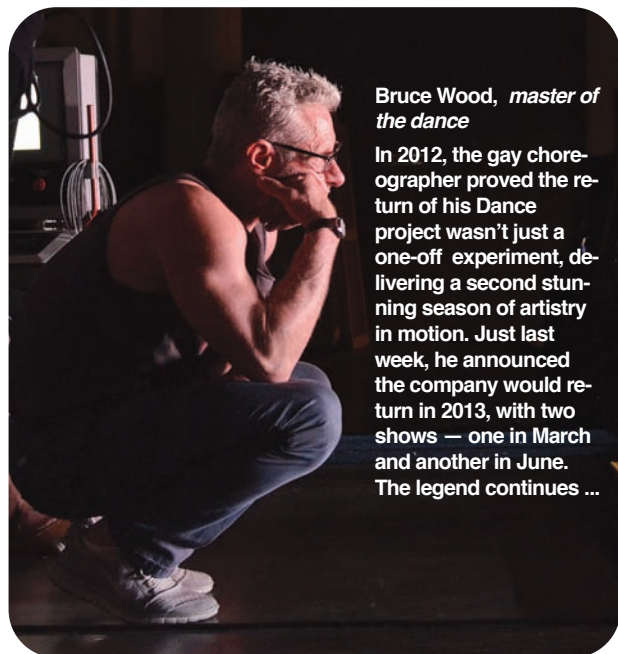
— Arnold Wayne Jones

## Queer locals of 2012

Every year, we start thinking not only about the things and events, but the people who helped define the year for us. Like 'em or not, good or bad, we will forever equate 2012 with what these North Texans brought to the table.

— Arnold Wayne Jones

### 2012 YEAR IN REVIEW PEOPLE



**Bruce Wood**, *master of the dance*

In 2012, the gay choreographer proved the return of his *Dance* project wasn't just a one-off experiment, delivering a second stunning season of artistry in motion. Just last week, he announced the company would return in 2013, with two shows — one in March and another in June. The legend continues ...



**Monica Greene**, *restaurateur*

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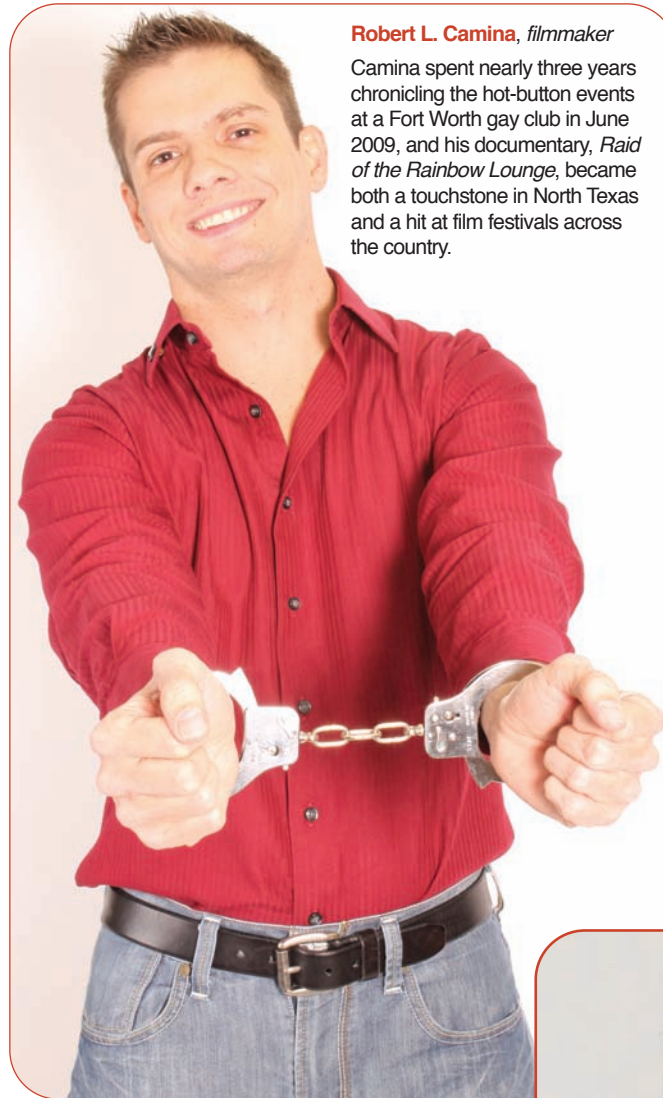


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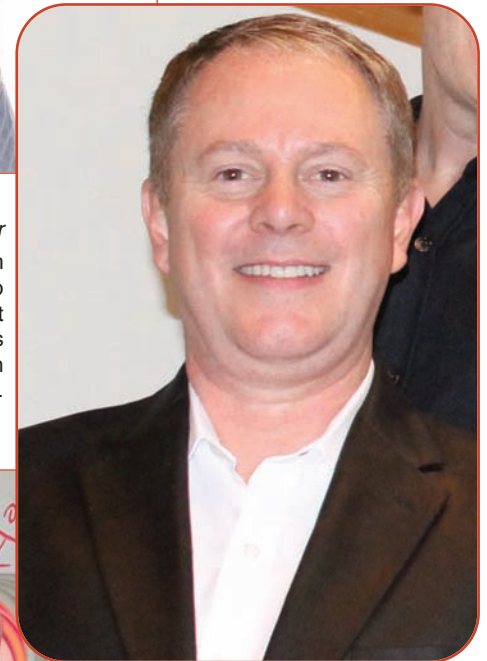
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**Robert L. Camina, filmmaker**  
Camina spent nearly three years chronicling the hot-button events at a Fort Worth gay club in June 2009, and his documentary, *Raid of the Rainbow Lounge*, became both a touchstone in North Texas and a hit at film festivals across the country.



**Molly Whitman, athlete**  
The sports enthusiast brought a feminine energy to the hyper-masculine sport of rugby by founding the Lady Quins Rugby Football Club, an affiliate of Dallas' storied Harlequins men's team.



**Trey Jacobs, musicmaker**  
After spending the last few months of 2011 as interim conductor of the Turtle Creek Chorale, Jacobs — who initially said he was not in the running for the permanent post — was appointed the new artistic director of Dallas gay men's chorus in 2012, launching his own season on October.



**Randy Culbreath, archivist, left**  
Many patrons of Lucky's Cafe have stared up at the names along the fascia chronicling those who have passed, but Culbreath was the first to take steps to preserve and restore it, which he did over the course of the summer and early fall. The resultant wall, which added color and detail, transformed an ageing remnant into a once-again-relevant memorial.





**ABSOLUTE PERFECTION** | Gay author John Boyne's 'Brokeback'-like tale of the first World War, 'The Absolutist,' was easily one of 2012's best novels.

Drivel, dreck, and what the heck. That kind of sums up many books that were released in 2012. There were some good things, some downright awful things, and some things that, well, they weren't bad but they weren't the best books you've ever read, either.

And then there were the gems. I read more than 270 books this year, and (fortunate me!) it was hard to decide on just a handful that represented the best — but I did it. Here, in no certain order, is my personal best of 2012 in reading.

**2012 YEAR IN REVIEW  
BOOKS**

**Fiction**

For me, the world totally ceased to exist while I was reading **The Absolutist** by John Boyne. Set in the years after World War I, it's the story of a former soldier who decides to return some letters to the sister of the friend who wrote them. Years ago, he knew the woman's brother — had a crush on him, in fact — but the man is now dead, and when the sister asks what happened, the narrator tells her. What happened left me absolutely breathless.

I have to admit: I'm not a major Eric Jerome Dickey reader — his books can leave me cold. But **An Accidental Affair** chilled me with the action and double-crossing that happens to the books' narrator, who catches his beloved wife sleeping with another man. What he has to do to get her out of trouble will make you turn the pages so fast, you'll practically rip them.

Here's another end-of-the-war novel I loved: **Freeman** by Leonard Pitts, Jr. It's the story of a former slave who decides to find his wife at the end of the Civil War. He was free in Philadelphia, she was enslaved in Mississippi and there's also a parallel story that moves theirs along. The three tales together make this a novel that'll keep

you in your chair for a good long time.

**The Midwife of Hope River** by Patricia Harman tells the story of a woman who becomes a midwife in the years before the Great Depression. In order to escape her past, she moves to the foot of the Appalachian Mountains to work, but her ways are not like the old ways. This book sings with beauty, love and appreciation for life and for women. You know you've got a good book when you forget that it's fiction, which pretty much sums up this novel.

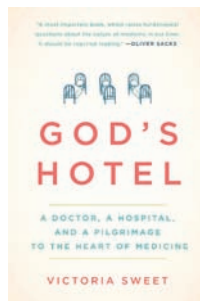
No, I wasn't only hooked on historical novels this year; **The Trial of Fallen Angels** by James Kimmel, Jr. is my last pick in this category because it's one of those novels that asks you to suspend what you don't know because, well, you really don't know it. It's the story of a woman who wakes up in a train station, dead. She was a lawyer in life, and she'll be a lawyer in death, but the court system in this Purgatory isn't what she's used to at all. This is a novel of six-degrees-of-separation and of forgiveness, and that's why it's one of the best of 2012.

*Honorable mention: The Dog Who Danced* by Susan Wilson.

**Non-Fiction**

**Concussions and Our Kids** by Robert Cantu, M.D. and Mark Hyman might seem like an odd pick for a best-of list, but here it is. What Cantu has to say is chilling, horrifying and cautionary. If you're a parent, an athlete or a sports fan, this may be mandatory reading for this coming year.

The sad fact is that **God's Hotel** by Victoria Sweet won't be on any bestseller's lists. Too bad, because it's a Zen-like memoir of the author's years spent as a doctor in a California almshouse. As she was working, she began to study the works of a Medieval nun who was



also a healer, and that — Medieval times coupled with stories of modern medicine — make this a wonderful, strangely calming book.

Like just about everybody in the country, I had my fill of politics, which is why I was surprised to love **Indomitable Will: LBJ and the Presidency** by Mark K. Updegrave so much. Consisting of snippets of interviews of those who worked with, lived with and knew Lyndon Baines Johnson, it is a quick but very fascinating look at a (perhaps unfairly) maligned man in office. It taught me a lot, and it sets a lot of records straight. This is a nice antidote to politics-as-usual, which is why it's on this list.

**The Undead** by Dick Teresi absolutely scared the daylights out of me! This is a book that explores death; specifically, when it occurs which, as it turns out, we don't fully know. Teresi then turns his attention to the issue of organ donation and ... oh, my, if I tell you anything more, I won't sleep tonight. Just go read the book.

Finally we reach **Wait: The Art and Science of Delay** by Frank Partnoy, a scientific book about procrastination and why it's good for business, health and sports. Partnoy also explains why you should teach your kids to delay gratification, why snap decisions are often wrong and why employers should embrace slower workers.

*Honorable mentions: Sweet Hell on Fire* by Sara Lunsford and *Gypsy Boy* by Mikey Walsh.

Happy reading!

— Terri Schlichenmeyer



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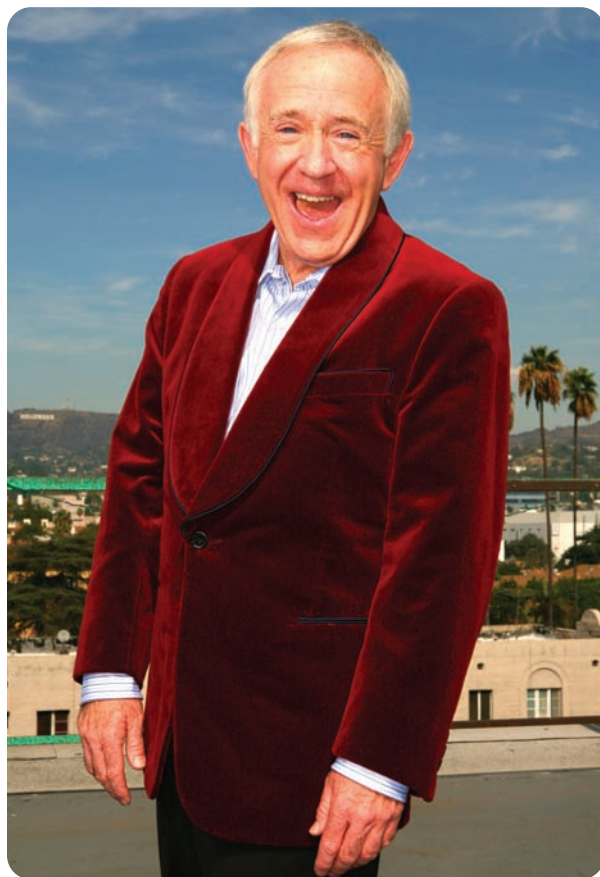
best bets

Friday 01.04

### Chinese Lantern Festival wraps up at Fair Park

It's been lit at Fair Park since before Big Tex got lit himself there, but all good things must come to an end, and that includes the Chinese Lantern Festival. This exquisite, massive exhibit of illuminated fabric sculptures — from classic Asian themes like pandas and dragons to some Texas-inspired livestock — wraps up its run this weekend. The nighttime display is simply spectacular.

**DEETS:** Fair Park at First Avenue and Robert B. Collum Boulevard. 5–10 p.m. \$14–\$19.



Friday 01.04

### Leslie Jordan preaches the gospel of laughs

It has become a holiday tradition as respected as breaking your New Year's resolutions on Jan. 2: *Leslie Jordan's Church Revival*. The Emmy winner comic actor preaches from his pulpit of humor at this annual benefit performance for Legacy Counseling Center and Founders Cottage. Come and be moved by the spirit!

**DEETS:** Eagle's Nest Cathedral, 1508 Cadiz St. 6–9 p.m. \$40–\$150. LegacyCounseling.org and LegacyRevival-EFBevent.Eventbrite.com.

Saturday 01.05

### Bernadette Peters performs at Bass with FWSO

She's been a muse to Stephen Sondheim and she can belt out a number like nobody's business — even out of her tiny frame. Broadway legend and gay favorite Bernadette Peters — who this time last year was wowing them in New York in *Follies*, brings her powerhouse personality to Bass Hall on Saturday, backed up by Cowtown's Symphony Orchestra.

**DEETS:** Bass Performance Hall, 525 Commerce St., Fort Worth. 8 p.m. BassHall.com.



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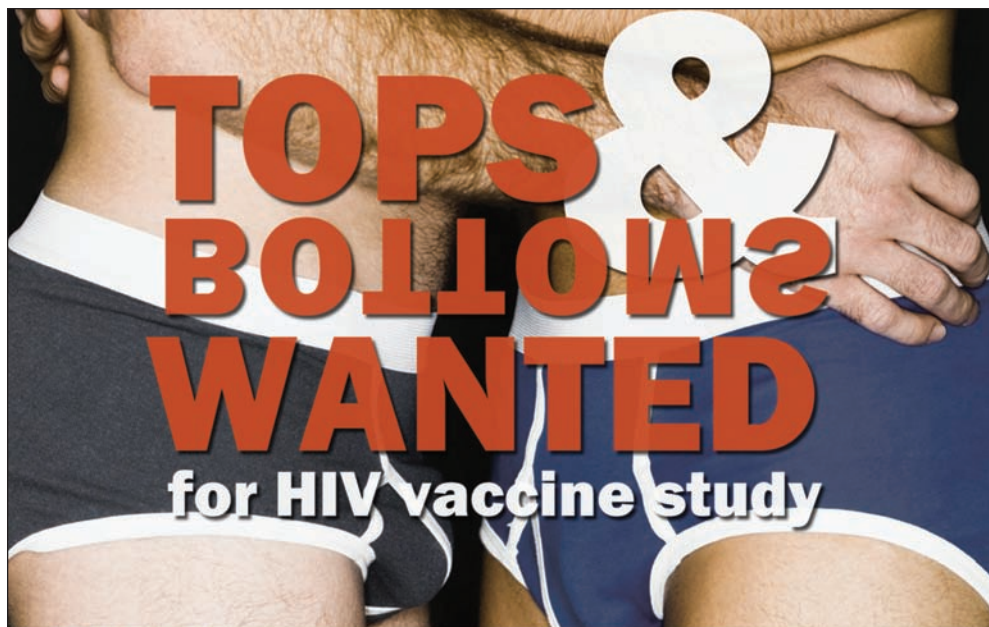
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### FRIDAY 01.04

#### THEATER

**XSR:Die!** Pegasus Theater's latest "Living Black & White" production, set backstage at a play. Written by and starring Kurt Kleinmann and directed by Michael Serrecchia. Performed at two locations. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts, 2351 Performance Place, Richardson. Through Jan. 20; MCL Grand Theater, 100 N. Charles St., Lewisville. Jan. 24-27. \$15-\$35. PegasusTheatre.org and ATPAC.org.

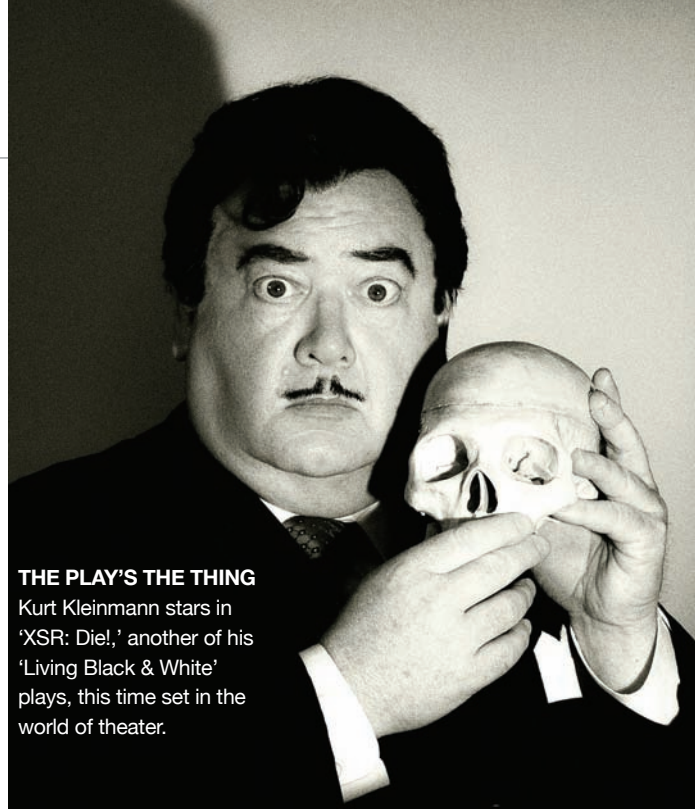
**A Behanding in Spokane.** Dark Irish playwright Martin McDonough's American-set play launches Second Thought Theatre's 2013 season. Bryant Hall at the Kalita Humphreys Theater, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. Jan. 4-26 (in previews through Jan. 6). \$22.50. SecondThoughtTheatre.com.

#### BENEFIT

**Leslie Jordan's Church Revival.** Annual fundraiser for Legacy Counseling Center and Founders Cottage features the Emmy Award-winning comedy star of *Will & Grace*. Eagle's Nest Cathedral, 1508 Cadiz St. 6-9 p.m. \$40-\$150. LegacyRevival-EFBevent.eventbrite.com.

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#### THE PLAY'S THE THING

Kurt Kleinmann stars in 'XSR: Die!,' another of his 'Living Black & White' plays, this time set in the world of theater.

**poraries.** An exhibition of rare posters from the French belle époque. Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 Harwood St. Through Jan. 20. \$14. DallasMuseumofArt.org.

**Anne Frank: A Private Photo Album.** A new exhibit featuring 71 private photos of the Frank family, taken by Otto Frank. Dallas Holocaust Museum, 211 N. Record St. Through March 31. Open daily. DallasHolocaustMuseum.org.

#### COMMUNITY

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Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 7:30 p.m. Free. [Crystalmeth.org](http://Crystalmeth.org).

## SATURDAY 01.05

### CONCERTS

**Bernadette Peters with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra.** The two-time Tony Award winner and gay fave performs with the FWSO. Bass Performance Hall, 525 Commerce St., Fort Worth. 8 p.m. [BassHall.com](http://BassHall.com).

### 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.

**Fuse: Core Group** for gay men ages 18 to 29. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 2-5 p.m. 214-540-4435. [GetYourFuseOn.com](http://GetYourFuseOn.com).

### BROADCAST

**Lambda Weekly.** LGBT radio for North Texas. This week's guests are Carrie Stone and John Culhane, authors of *Same-Sex Legal Kit for Dummies*. 89.3 KNON-FM at 11 a.m. [LambdaWeekly.com](http://LambdaWeekly.com).

## SUNDAY 01.06

### WORSHIP

**The ONE Church,** 5427 Philip Ave. Services 6 p.m. [Dallas1Church.org](http://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](http://DignityDallas.org).

### COMMUNITY

**Youth First Texas Collin County.** Group for LGBTQ youth and allies up to age 22. North Texas Youth Connection - Allen Office, 201 W. Boyd Road. Suite 105D, Allen. 6 p.m. [CollinCounty@YouthFirstTexas.org](mailto:CollinCounty@YouthFirstTexas.org).

## MONDAY 01.07

### COMMUNITY

**Stonewall Group of Narcotics Anonymous.** Meets daily at noon and 7:30 p.m., 5353 Maple Ave. #130 (entrance at rear of building).

**Leadership Lambda Toastmasters** meets to improve public speaking and leadership skills. Oak Lawn Library, 4100 Cedar Springs Road. 6:30-8 p.m. 214-543-5860.

## TUESDAY 01.08

### COMMUNITY

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

**The ONE Church,** 5427 Philip Ave. Bible study 7:30 - 10 p.m. [Dallas1Church.org](http://Dallas1Church.org).

## WEDNESDAY 01.09

### COMMUNITY

**Youth First Texas** groups for ages 14 to 22. 3918 Harry Hines Blvd. Fridays-Saturdays and Tuesdays-Wednes-

days at 6 p.m., Thursdays at 4 p.m. [YouthFirstTexas.org](http://YouthFirstTexas.org).

**FUSE** drop-in weekdays for gay and bi guys up to 29.

Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. Tuesdays-Fridays at 2 p.m. [DFWFuse.com](http://DFWFuse.com).

## THURSDAY 01.10

### COMMUNITY

**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.

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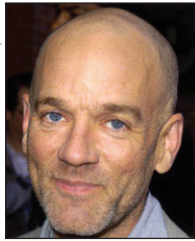
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**CAPRICORN Dec 21–Jan 20**

You’ve been trying to lower the stress factor forever. You keep saying that one day you’ll get off the treadmill and start living, but you never seem to get to it. If you’re still in a place that believes in the importance of having it all, know it is less about possessions than about friendship and peace of mind.

**AQUARIUS Jan 21–Feb 20**

You have to step up your pace if you want to stay balanced. Thank God you’re in the mood for this. It seems like it’s good for you to be busier than ever because there are other issues that could drive you nuts if you had the time to dwell on them.

**PISCES Feb 21–Mar 20**

If your lessons have been more intense than usual, you have to wonder what it is about the way you’ve dealt with things that made them hit a wall. Instead of trying to explain it away, you might want to take a look at how one thing led to another.

**ARIES Mar 21–Apr 20**

If the rate of change seems to be accelerating, get used to it. Everything rides on your ability to keep up with events that have come to bring you back to yourself. This may be one of those transformational milestones that requires you to rock the boat in ways that others find hard to understand.

**TAURUS Apr 21–May 20**

You can move forward if you’re willing to get some help. Your biggest problem comes from the fact that you’ve projected such a self-sufficient front that everyone assumes you’re totally fine working things out on your own.

**GEMINI May 21–Jun 20**

You’re at one of those points where it’s time to flip everything over, or at least make a move that installs something newer and more interesting into your life.

**CANCER Jun 21–Jul 20**

You could have this in a heartbeat if you wanted it less and were willing to give it all the time in the world. Unfortunately others are not as clear about things as you are. To try to hang on or nail them down won’t work.

**LEO Jul 21–Aug 20**

After a stretch where you couldn’t be sure about anything, life is looking better. If you’ve really taken the time to look at what you’re doing, you know that half of your confusion is the result of thinking something else should be going on.

**VIRGO Aug 21–Sep 20**

There is an uneven level of emotional energy being exchanged between you and another person. This could even apply to a situation that isn’t giving you all that it should. When things aren’t balanced, all kinds of issues confuse even simple things.

**LIBRA Sep 21–Oct 20**

You’re looking at things through a pin-hole and it’s making you nuts. The way you have decided to see what’s come out of the last few months has you in doubt about people’s intentions and uncertain about where you stand.

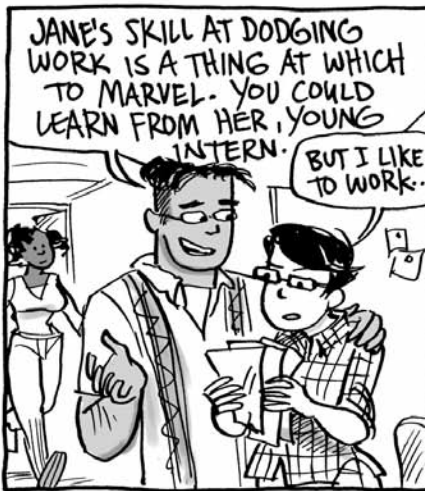
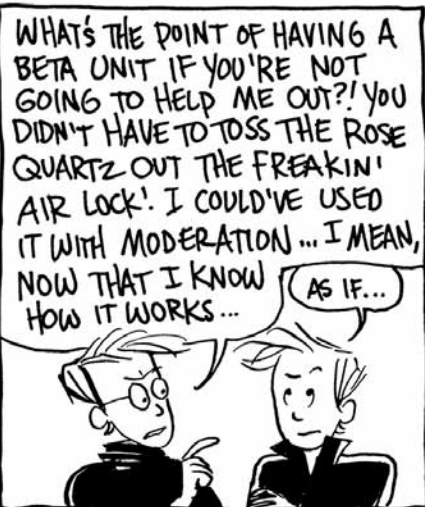
**SCORPIO Oct 21–Nov 20**

You don’t need to cave just because someone else needs you to see things their way. Your tendency to acquiesce is as unhealthy for you as their tendency to over-manage their relationships is for them.

**SAGITTARIUS Nov 21–De 20**

None of this would be a problem if you could see what it costs you to force your will on it. Whatever is, or isn’t, making you happy is more about you than it is about any outside influence. Part of you is never satisfied.

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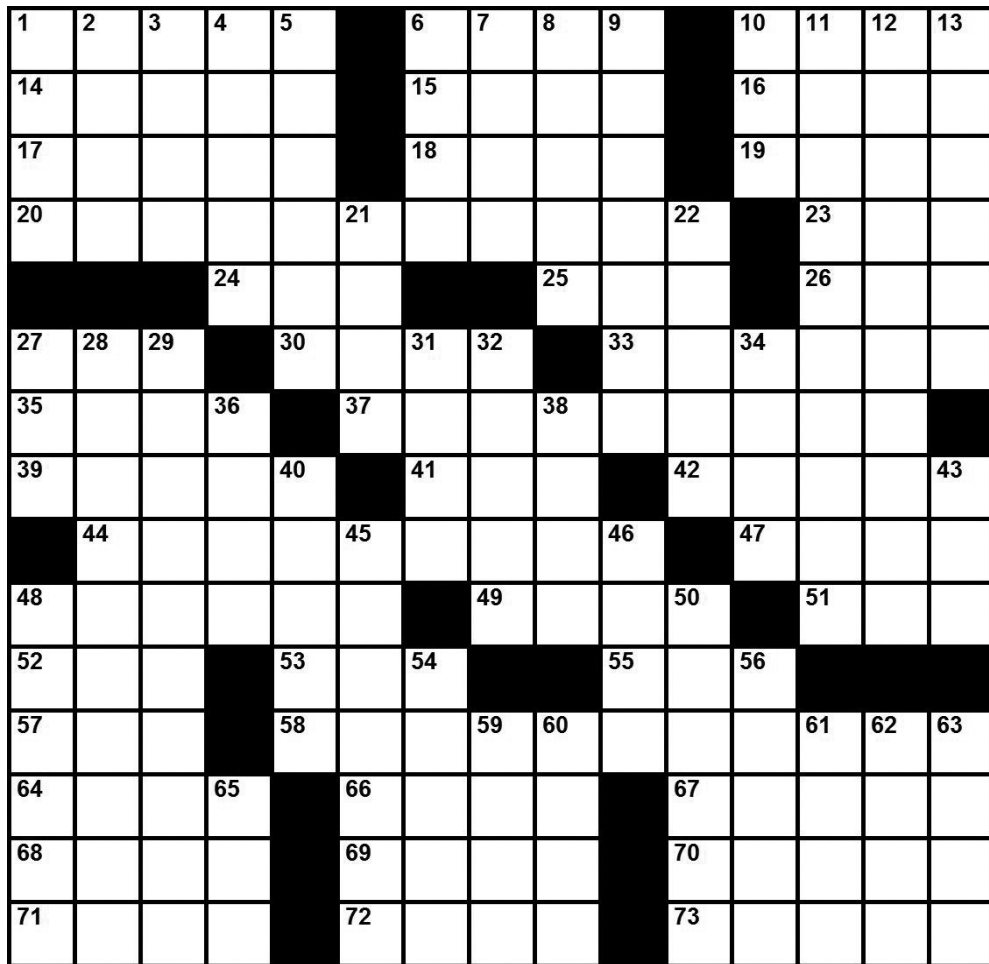
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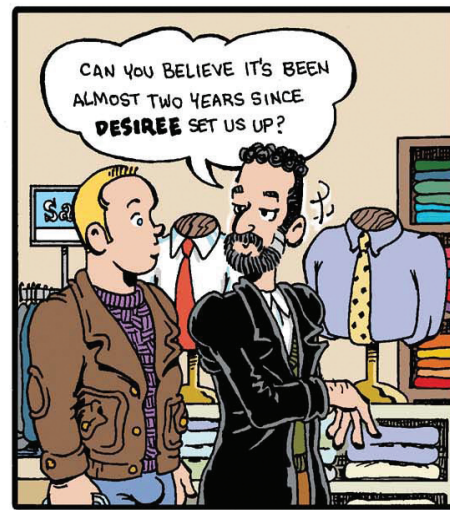
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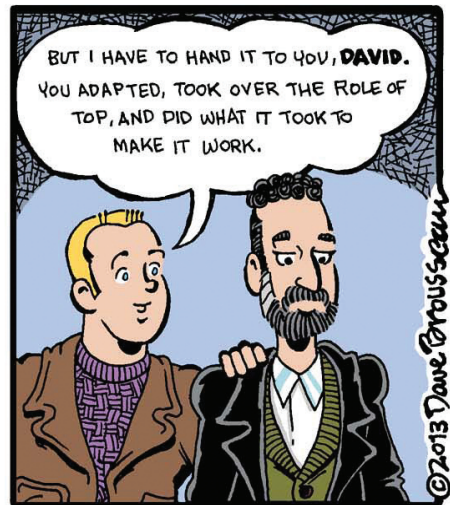
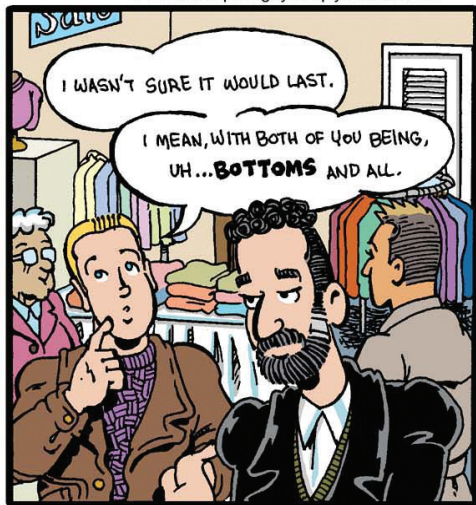
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