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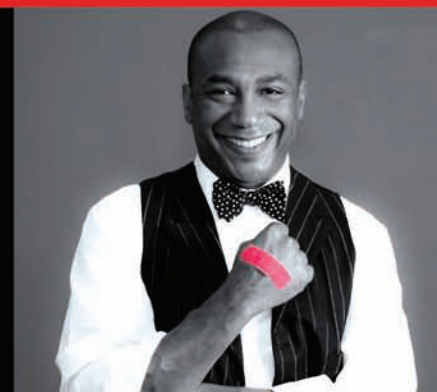
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Couple denied reception space becomes victim of hate crime

A gay couple from Everman refused a rental space for their wedding reception last week had their property vandalized. Ben Allen and Justin Ryan Huggins found "Burn FAG" spray-painted black across their fence on Tuesday.

The couple lives in Everman, a town in Tarrant County located southeast of I-35W and I-20, less than 10 miles from Downtown Fort Worth.

Allen said it happened sometime after 7 p.m. Everman police were called and promised extra patrols in the neighborhood for the next month.

The couple has been together eight years and bought the house two years ago. They haven't had trouble in the past. Huggins's mother lives four blocks up the street. The daughter of the town's mayor lives on their block.

"I don't know how people would have gotten our address," he said.

After police took the report, Allen said they covered the graffiti with a blanket because there's an elementary school across the street.

Allen said he was terrified when he saw the graffiti.

In previous news accounts in Dallas Voice and elsewhere, they were described as a Fort Worth couple. But he said he didn't plan to keep quiet about the attack or the bigotry of the owners of All Occasions Party Place.

Allen said the response from the Everman police was excellent and said it helped that the city had an openly gay officer. He said he hoped the police would look into any connection between the vandalism of their property and the facility.

After the couple marries at a resort near Cancun in April, they still plan to have a local reception. Same-sex marriage has been legal in the state of Quintana Roo where Cancun is located since 2011.

Allen was contacted by someone from an Arlington hotel who read about their story in Dallas Voice and is trying to put together an extremely affordable reception for them.

— David Taffet

DART delays vote on DP benefits

DART's committee-as-a-whole failed to approve a plan that would offer domestic partner benefits to its gay and lesbians employees. By not approving the plan, sending it before the entire board will be delayed until April.

The board met behind closed doors Tuesday, Feb. 26, for more than half an hour to discuss the health plan that would offer domestic partner benefits to opposite- and same-sex partners. The plan was approved by the administrative committee in mid-February.

One motion to table discussion until after the U.S. Supreme Court rules on the California Proposition 8 case was defeated by a 7-6 vote that largely pitted Dallas delegates against the suburbs.

Michael Mohammed, DART vice president for diversity, gave the committee estimated premium costs for the plan that will range from \$60,748 to \$734,849. But he didn't have a figure on the cost of claims. DART, like many large corporations, is self-insured.

Because there were questions about the actual cost of claims, not just premiums, the board decided to continue discussion at the next meeting instead of passing the proposal along for its second vote to the next committee-of-the-whole meeting.

At the next meeting on March 5 the proposal could be sent to the committee-of-the-whole for second approval and then to the full board for final approval in April.

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ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS | Tyler Curry has been criticized for using the word 'fabulous' in connection with his HIV status, but he simply wants people with HIV to live fabulous lives.

Tyler Curry's editorial campaign, The Needle Prick Project, aims to start a conversation about being HIV-positive for today's generation

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Tyler Curry understands the stigma of living with HIV.

Although he's healthy and expects his medications to keep him that way for a long time, he spent a year teaching kindergarten in South Korea before returning to Dallas. After his diagnosis last year, he realized he can't go back.

South Korea won't issue work visas to people infected with HIV.

When Curry, 28, learned he was HIV-positive, he became depressed. One night, he woke up at 3 a.m.

"I couldn't sleep anymore," he recalled. "I opened my laptop and started spilling it."

The article he wrote, "HIV-positive, unapologetic and fabulous," was published by The Huffington Post and The Advocate in November.

That article sparked a series of edgy columns about living his life with HIV and about other people infected or affected by the virus. Accompanied by a stylized black-and-white photo with a red Band-Aid and "Get Pricked" logo, the combination of stories and photos became the editorial campaign The Needle Prick Project.

While the placement of the red Band-Aid indicates a recent blood draw for an HIV test, Curry said getting pricked means more than getting tested. He wants to end the stigma of HIV by starting a conversation.

The reaction has definitely been mixed.

He's been criticized for using the word "fabulous" in connection with his HIV status. He's been criticized for being too flippant. He's been criticized for disrespecting a generation that died of AIDS. And he's been criticized for wanting to reduce the stigma of HIV.

Curry said his objective is to open the conversation and prevent the spread of the disease. Reducing stigma and decreasing fear is his first goal. Living with fear is a health risk to the person infected. And when people feel stigmatized, he said they're less likely to reveal their status to a potential partner for fear of rejection.

That's part of the conversation Curry encourages.

He called waiting to reveal his HIV status to someone he's going out with "the third date cliché."

"Disclose before planning a first date," he said.

That way, he said, if he's rejected, he's not invested. He wants people to know up front about his status because someone once did that for him.

"I thought, how respectful of him to tell me,"

he said.

Curry said he wants people with HIV to live fabulous lives. But so much of what's said about HIV revolves around fear. And people don't talk about it. Once fear and stigma are gone, Curry said it's easier to increase awareness and encourage more people to get tested.

"He's the current voice of HIV culture," Dallas psychologist Keith Bernardo said.

Before The Needle Prick Project, Bernardo only knew Curry in passing until he approached him about his first article. He called Curry a breath of fresh air in his approach to dealing with HIV.

"He was incredibly compelling," Bernardo said. "He was doing the opposite of retreating."

Rather than disrespecting a generation of people who died of AIDS, he's speaking for his generation, he said. He called Curry edgy rather than flippant.

"The redefinition felt brave to me," he said. "He's attacking it from a current medical position."

Bernardo said that in his practice he saw someone whose attitude was, "Phew. Just got the news I'm positive. Now I can have sex anyway I want."

He said that is not Curry's message.

Being fabulous after diagnosis doesn't mean Curry's encouraging people to become infected, Bernardo explained. But being safe and revealing his status to protect his partner does make him pretty fabulous.

Curry said that being unapologetic means not blaming anyone else for his infection but not apologizing for having it. It's part of who he is and that will never change. He knows he won't live a healthy life living with stigma and blame hanging over his head.

Curry asked Terry Loftis, former Resource Center Dallas board president, to be photographed for the project because he had worked on prevention in the community.

"What I love about The Needle Prick Project is someone in Tyler's age group came out and talks about it," he said.

He said the message is prevention. That's not a message he's hearing among gay men in their 20s — to continue practicing safe sex, Loftis said.

He said Curry's approach might seem shocking to someone whose entire circle of friends died of AIDS.

"Someone in his 20s isn't going to have the same perspective," Loftis said. "But it's not a slap in the face. He's putting a face on AIDS, and I admire him for what he's doing."

Kim Landry, who lives in Plano, said her best friend is HIV-positive. So she did a Get Pricked photo shoot with her 15-year-old son.

After the pictures were posted, she said she got a huge response.

"People don't talk to their kids about HIV," she said. "Especially suburban families."

After the picture came out, the reaction from people around her was mixed. Her son's best friend's parents told him all gays are going to



PRACTICAL PARENT | Kim Landry, right, posed for the project with her son to teach him about the disease. She said other parents don't talk about HIV, but some have started to since seeing their picture.

hell. People at her son's school assumed he was gay. Things got so bad, she said, she pulled him out of his Plano school and transferred him to Frisco.

But after other parents saw the picture, they told her that it was OK to have the talk.

"I had some friends say it's not something they thought of talking about with their kids," Landry said.

She agreed with Curry on the idea of eliminating stigma.

"It's just a part of life," she said. "It's not something you asked for."

Landry said she was bothered by some comments she's heard that accuse Curry of making light of HIV by calling his life fabulous or using sex to sell his project.

"In no way is he trying to make HIV sexy," she said. "I'm divorced and I'm the same fabulous person now that I was before. Am I making light of being divorced? Absolutely not."

Curry said he's writing for his generation with no disrespect for all the people who died of AIDS before him.

But he approaches his infection from a modern medical perspective.

"My doctor said at most I'd lost two years off my life," he said.

The reality for his generation is the disease is manageable with medication for most people, and he believes he can do anything now that he could have done before.

Well, almost anything.

After college, Curry worked for the Dallas city manager's office. When he left to get an advanced degree, he was assured that a better job would be waiting for him when he graduated.

But when he finished his degree in 2009, city hiring was frozen.

That's when he decided to travel through Asia and got the job teaching in South Korea. He understands that's not something he could do now because, unlike other treatable diseases, HIV still carries a stigma.

He knows doors have been shut for other people with HIV as well. He hopes that his work to reduce the stigma will once again open that door for him and for others. ■

A fundraiser for The Needle Prick Project will be held at 7 p.m. March 8 at Alexandre's, 4026 Cedar Springs Road. For more information about the project, go to www.Facebook.com/GetPricked.

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Billy Green, beloved friend, brother, uncle and partner in life joined his creator on Feb. 19, 2013. Born on Feb. 27, 1950, in Little Rock, Ark., Billy was raised in North Little Rock and attended North Little Rock High School. Awarded a college scholarship, he was accepted to Hendrix College in Conway, Ark., where he excelled in the mathematics program and was eager to learn from the information technology classes, which were on the forefront of education at the time.



His beautiful voice gave light to the remarkable choir at Hendrix. Billy's love of animals, especially dogs, was complemented by his adopted "granny" who groomed and raised poodles, giving him the opportunity to spend his summers helping and learning from the love of the beloved pets. She also was his guide to Sunday services, where he developed a lifelong love of Christ. Upon graduation, Billy proceeded to a career in information technology, which brought him to positions in Dallas, Santa Clara, Calif., and eventually Little Rock, where he became the Data Center Manager at Baptist Medical Center.

Billy's gifts of love for others, stewardship and devotion to life were tremendous assets to the

healthcare system of Baptist Health. Billy remained active in church as a choir member, pastoral counselor and confidant. After a long and rewarding career with Baptist Health, Billy was diagnosed with heart disease. For the following 14 years he endured many health hurdles, but his beautiful soul continued to shine for others.

In 1999, he and his partner in life, Steven Spain, relocated to Dallas, where he continued to enjoy many new journeys, friendships and joys. Dearest Billy, your love and spirit have taught us to live better and you will forever sing in our hearts. Billy is survived by his partner in life Steven Spain, precious pet Pierre, sisters Charley McAfee (husband Mac), Addie Gassman (husband Ronnie), Pat Scruggs (husband Danny), brother, Richard Green (wife Carol) and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews whom he loved unconditionally.

To Billy, family was treasured and second only to his creator. He found the greatest warmth in the arms and presence of his beloved mother. Although Billy had no children of his own, he found a way to be a special part of his nieces and nephews' lives. He was an impeccable Christian role model for them with a fabulous sense of style.

Celebrations of his life will be held in Dallas at Arlington Hall on Sunday, March 10, at 2 p.m. and in North Little Rock at First United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 16, at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers or gifts, Billy would love to see support or donations given to the SPCA.

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DP benefits at UT, A&M remain in 'Legislature's hands'

State law prohibits adding same-sex partners to health plans at flagship institutions, but advocates say that makes Texas less competitive

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AUSTIN — Faculty and staff at the University of Texas at Austin and A&M University are hoping the state Legislature will pass a bill this session to allow the universities to offer domestic partner benefits.

State Rep. Elliott Naishtat, D-Austin, filed HB 1140 in February to provide competitive benefits to employees of the University of Texas and Texas A&M University systems.

Texas law currently mandates that the systems offer health benefits to dependents specified as spouses and children under the Texas Insurance Code. But the Texas Family Code defines spouse as "a husband, who is a man, or a wife, who is a woman," and specifies that "a member of a civil union or similar relationship ... between persons of the same sex is not a spouse."

Naishtat's bill would add "qualified individuals" to the dependents category of the insurance code, allowing same-sex partners of employees to be added to their health insurance plans.

This is the third year he's filed the legislation. In 2009, the bill received a committee hearing but was left pending.

"I was actually surprised it got a hearing," Naishtat said.

He was hesitant to move forward with the bill this year until he received a call from UT to go ahead and file it. After discussing the bill with UT and A&M faculty, including UT's President William Powers Jr., he said the support seemed strong. Powers has recently been under scrutiny for raising tuition and pressure to increase enrollment. His office did not respond to a request for comment on the legislation.

"I'm certainly not going to suggest the bill will make it to the governor's desk but there's more of a chance [this year]," Naishtat said.

Equality Texas Executive Director Chuck Smith said the university systems may already have the power to offer the benefits based on how the law — which requires them to be competitive — is interpreted.

"The reality is 23 of the top 25 flagship universities offer competitive benefits. By statute, they should offer them," Smith said. "There's an economic cost to the UT and A&M systems because they are at a competitive disadvantage for competing for qualified personnel."

But Jenny LaCoste-Caputo, a spokeswoman for the UT System Board of Regents, said the current interpretation of the law prevents the system from offering the benefits.

"Whether or not to provide domestic partner benefits is a legislative policy decision," she said.

"Our understanding of current Texas law is that without enactment of new legislation the system is unable to offer these benefits. If legislation is passed, the UT System would honor that decision."

Smith said more than 400 universities across the nation offer some form of benefits to domestic partners. Five universities offer them in Texas: Southern Methodist University, Baylor College of Medicine, Southwestern University, Rice University and Trinity University. Allowing the UT and A&M systems to offer the benefits would impact employees at nine academic institutions and six health institutions in the UT system, as well as 12 universities in A&M's system.

Passage of DP benefits legislation could be difficult, especially after a bill was recently introduced by state Rep. Drew Springer, R-Muenster, to reduce a school district's healthcare funding by 7.5 percent if they offer DP benefits to anyone other than an employee or a dependent of an employee. Pflugerville ISD is the only school district that offers the benefits after becoming the first school district in the state to approve them for same- and opposite-sex partners last year.

Legislation opposing DP benefits across the state is anticipated. State Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, requested an opinion from Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott in November on whether offering them defies Texas' marriage amendment that prohibits anything similar or identical to marriage. Abbott has until May to issue his opinion. Patrick's office did not return calls seeking input about Naishtat's bill or whether he would introduce legislation on DP benefits himself.

Karen Landolt started UT's Pride and Equity Faculty and Staff Association in 2006 and has been advocating for the legislation ever since.

Although the Legislature has the anti-gay bill filed, targeting DP benefits in school districts, Landolt said the UT group is hoping that even the conservative lawmakers will see the issue as a competitive business strategy to retain the top faculty and staff.

"We're hoping that this is a more positive environment," she said. "This does help UT's competitiveness."

When Landolt first got involved with the initiative for competitive benefits, her partner was on disability with a chronic condition. While her partner has since gotten better, she wished she'd had the option to put her on her health insurance. Over the years, she's seen faculty take jobs at other institutions because they offer DP benefits, and she's had faculty turn down offers to come to UT because the university doesn't have them.

"We're well behind the curve on this," she said, adding that it's ultimately up to lawmakers. "It's in the Legislature's hands."

LaCoste-Caputo said the UT system "doesn't generally weigh in pro or con on legislation and in fact is barred from lobbying by state law." However, they can offer information about how legislation would affect institutions, which is what



State Rep. Elliott Naishtat

Naishtat expects them to do, so legislators understand how beneficial the legislation could be.

"I would expect representatives from the systems to educate members if need be," Naishtat said. "The bottom line is we have tenured faculty and experienced staff who leave our flagship universities because of these competitive benefits." ■

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Advocacy Day brings HIV issues to the Legislature



AIDS ADVOCATE | Aaron Taylor, who has lived with HIV for more than two decades, is attending HIV Advocacy Day in Austin for the first time to tell lawmakers how funding AIDS programs kept him healthy.

Longtime HIV activists will be 'the face of AIDS' when they share their stories with Texas lawmakers

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Aaron Taylor is going to Austin to tell legislators his story about living for the past 25 years with HIV.

Taylor's been positive since 1989. When diagnosed at age 26, he changed his diet and sleep habits and began to exercise. He remained healthy without drugs being available for seven years.

His partner also tested positive. By the time he got on medication in 1997, his health was failing and he died in 1999.

He began working as a volunteer peer navigator at AOC before becoming a part-time patient navigator on staff. He helps newly diagnosed

younger people maneuver within the system to get into care.

March 4 is HIV Advocacy Day at the Legislature and Taylor will be one of six people from AIDS Outreach Center participating.

He said he's going to Austin just to tell his story and plans to talk about the rate of infection.

"Some of the highest infection rates are among young people," he said. "We need more programs, affordable treatment, more testing and education."

Januari Leo, Public Affairs Field Specialist for Legacy Community Health Services in Houston, helped organize Advocacy Day.

She said the best thing the state of Texas can do is accept Medicaid expansion.

"We have a 24 percent uninsured rate in Texas," she said. "People deserve to have healthcare."

She said Ryan White funding takes care of some of the uninsured, but the reallocation process every few years makes this sort of funding very unreliable. And while more people test positive each year and others with HIV live longer, Ryan White funding has remained flat over the past four years.

Leo said in addition to lobbying for Medicaid expansion, advocates will be supporting HB 1119 written by state Rep. Yvonne Davis of Dallas.

When healthcare providers take a blood sample, an HIV test would become routine under the bill, unless the patient opts out. Health insurance would be required to cover the cost of the test.

"It's not a standard test that doctors give," Leo said. "There's so much stigma, people get freaked out."

Under Ryan White, there was a push to get people tested and get them into care, but much of that testing is done in areas with higher infections of HIV. She said testing by doctors in suburbs and

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rural areas is rare.

AOC education volunteer Sandra Ford will also be going to Austin.

"I want to tell them I'm a disabled veteran, so I can afford my medication," Ford said. "For others it's sky-high."

Ford probably has been positive since 2008 but was diagnosed in 2009. She contracted HIV from a guy she'd known since high school and went to church with who didn't reveal his status to her.

She said there needs to be more education. When she speaks, she promotes condom use and talks about how the disease is and is not spread.

She said former friends avoid her, thinking they can get the disease from drinking after her or breathing the same air.

When she talks to younger people, she gives them a message.

"Don't be stupid twice," she said.

She tells them not to have sex before marriage, but if they do and don't protect themselves, that's being stupid twice.

AIDS Services of Dallas resident Helen Gold-

enberg plans to talk to lawmakers about Medicaid expansion, which Gov. Rick Perry has rejected.

"If we don't keep funding as it is, I'll be negatively impacted," she said.

Goldenberg, 67, said after living with the disease for almost 30 years, she considers herself "the face of AIDS."

A doctor who recognized her symptoms as opportunistic infections first diagnosed the 12-year resident of ASD Spencer Gardens with AIDS in 1984, without a blood test. She ignored the diagnosis since she was engaged to be married and didn't fit the stereotypical profile of people contracting the disease.

But she was living in San Francisco at the time and her doctor already had quite a few patients with AIDS. When she found out her fiancé was HIV-positive, she realized the doctor was correct.

Although Medicare covers her healthcare, the number of people living with HIV in Texas increases each year as people live longer and more are diagnosed. Many of those newly diagnosed

will only receive healthcare if they are accepted into Medicaid, especially in parts of Texas not covered by a county hospital such as Parkland.

Goldenberg serves on the Ryan White Planning Council and is president of the Spencer Gardens residents' council. She credits ASD for her health and for giving her a place to raise her two grandchildren. One, a 20-year-old University of North Texas student, still lives with her.

"By them putting a roof over my head, creating safety, providing food — that allowed me the freedom to work on me and be proactive in managing my health," she said.

By proactive, Goldenberg means not just taking care of her own health. She means speaking to legislators directly and telling them how they can help people with HIV.

HIV Advocacy Day, First United Methodist Church Family Life Center, 1300 Lavaca St., Austin. March 4 at 10 a.m. TexasHIV.org/events.



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Who's afraid of a lesbian in a tie?

Ties can be a staple in a lesbian's wardrobe, but if we're going to wear men's clothes, let's at least do it correctly and fashionably

I have a problem with lesbians in ties. I don't have a problem with lesbians with short hair (I've got short hair), big clunky boots (I've got those too), tattoos (yep), excess facial hair (no comment) or even drag kings (I'm not cocky enough). I'm not talking about FTM transsexuals either — they're not lesbians as far as I know. It's a lesbian in a tie that makes me groan. Standard issue lesbians in poorly executed Windsor knots.

Please, before you flame me for my internalized homophobia or unsolicited sartorial judgment of my sisters, allow me to be the first person to admit that I might be a hypocrite. After all, I put my own cat in a tie last month and posted the pictures on Facebook. There are worse things in the world than lesbians in ties, which is why I am examining my excessive reaction to it here.

This came up because I invited my straight sister to a big gala event for my favorite lesbian civil rights organization. She asked about the dress code and, to assure her that she didn't need to go shopping for something new to wear, I emailed her the photo page for last year's bash. After scanning dozens of thumbnails, I summarized my assessment of the expected attire thusly: "Clearly, all you need is a tie."

Because my sister has hung with lesbians for years and is also the butchiest straight woman I know, I felt no need to explain further, but I did have that niggling feeling that I didn't want the rest of the world to see what lesbians wear to parties. Which made me feel like a schmuck.

I asked my partner how she felt about lesbians in ties and she barked, "I hate it!" I asked her to explain, and she said, "Because they look like high school boys from the '80s." I knew what she meant — one does not find nicely tailored suits and French silk in a gaggle of lesbians. Instead, it's skinny dad ties, typically uncoordinated and too loose. Still, "hate" is a strong word for poor tailoring. I doubt she would have such a reaction to practical shoes and acid-washed jeans, which are about as fashionable.

I prodded her more and, no surprise, she



FIT TO BE TIED | Tailored suits and French silk aren't common lesbian attire. Instead, it's skinny dad ties, typically uncoordinated and too loose, that give lesbian fashion a frumpy, outdated look.

voiced what I felt when I looked at all those pictures: That a lesbian in a tie confirms that old stereotype about lesbians — that we want to be men. This doesn't explain, however, why my partner and I don't have the same reaction to all those other traditional signifiers of masculinity that lesbians (including the two of us) often appropriate, i.e., the clunky boots and short hair.

What's the thing about a tie? Maybe it is the fact that lesbians wear them so badly. Think about it. We have made an art form of lesbian hair. We put Doc Martins on the map for women in America. If you want to see how to make jeans look cool, find a young lesbian and follow her around. There is, in fact, such a thing as lesbian fashion. Except that lesbians never did figure out what all moderately stylish men know: Throwing any old tie onto any old outfit just won't cut it.

I think if I saw a confident butch woman wearing her tie like she gave it some serious thought, I'd be impressed. Straight people probably still wouldn't get it, but they couldn't possibly miss her sense of self-worth and dash, also known as pride.

My advice, though you weren't asking, is to get the best damn tie you can afford, practice your knot technique, proudly ask your local

cleaners to make your suit actually fit your girly body and wear it like you mean it. Thankfully, there are now even some clothing companies that cater specifically to the butch woman of style. I probably won't be buying a tie myself (except for my cat), but you're well within your rights to tell me to get over it. ■

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MODERN FAMILY | The Christian musicians share their inclusive message at two North Texas churches: Grace Fellowship in Dallas Tuesday and Celebration on the Lake in Mabank Thursday.



Jason & deMarco & Mason & Noah

The gay pop Christian couple, now parents of twin boys, tour in support of the beauty of diverse families ... including their own

RICH LOPEZ | Contributing Writer
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Probably few people would confuse deMarco DeCiccio — half of the gay Christian musical group known as Jason & deMarco — for Beyoncé ... even though both are better known by one name than two. But actually, they have a lot in common: Both are parents in the public eye. Just deMarco and his blonder half, Jason Warner, celebrating 10 years in the music business, the couple has become a foursome, with twin sons Mason and Noah joining the clan. But deMarco thinks the comparison ends there.

"Well, we're sort of far away from that kind of fame," he laughs. "The great thing about where we are — that we're not as well-known as she is — is worrying about the kids. Of course, we're careful, but also, the public eye is our life."

That kind of life has taken them back on the road, only this time, it's a family affair. With the aptly descriptive Celebrating Families of Diversity Tour, their itinerary is less about selling a new album (there isn't one) and more about showing off their own family structure while meeting fans and diverse families on the road. Proving that the concept of family has grown into something all-inclusive, deMarco sees these dates as less a concert tour than an

outreach mission.

"We wanted to do a tour that wasn't just about coming to watch us, but to involve many more families," he says. "That was our intention because we do feel it's more of a community and there are different colors to that community. We have seen such diversity and how people have gone out to create their own families."

As they bring their twins along, deMarco admits that they feel more real and authentic than ever. That feeling extends off-stage as much as on. Jason and deMarco bring pajama-clad Mason and Noah into their act, singing a lullaby before bed — albeit set to an electric guitar. For a moment, the audience feels like a part of their family unit. Later in the show, Jason's mother joins them onstage for a duet to complete the *Modern Family* vibe.

"Jason's mom is why he started singing and so his parents are touring with us," deMarco says. "I think it's very powerful to see three generations, as well as the support of our parents on this journey. This really is the family of our dreams while so many people say we're not supposed to exist."

On the flip side, there is the time on the tour bus when the entire family has to cohabitate. A nice idea, but like any relatives in cramped quarters, it can get difficult.

"Oh we've had our moments," deMarco grins, as graciously as anyone can about his in-laws. "When you're in those close quar-

ters, some words get exchanged, but really, I think we're doing great having twins so young in the mix, having your parents in a tour bus and then being in business with your life partner."

The duo strives to travel less now that parenting has replaced brunching, but deMarco has a hint of pride that he can take his sons across the country.

"Every week is so different, but at 21 months old, they have seen both oceans, seen deserts, tried some really crazy foods and just seen this beautiful country," he beams. "Getting the boys used to that at an early age is amazing."

DeMarco is strangely unaffected by the fact that they haven't released new music since 2008's *Safe*. Five years later, he says they don't feel any pressure to produce anything except happy children.

"I don't think having a family did affect our writing and music, or at least not changed it very much," he says. "What has changed are all the issues of equality that's hitting us in a deeper place. And then [President Obama] endorses gay marriage — our marriage. That resonates so much."

That isn't to say they haven't been creative in other ways: Jason has written a book, "and you could say that's the next release of ours," he reveals. "We're thinking about songs for a new album, but I don't think that's going to be for a while. Really, we're just finding time to come up for air." ■

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Family, in living color

The ups-and-downs of family feel authentic if maudlin in Del Shores' 'Yellow'



ANGST FOR THE MEMORY | The high school jock (Justin Duncan) upstages his volatile sister (Zoe Kerr) while her gay BFF (Grant Bower) lusts after him in 'Yellow.' (Photo courtesy Mike Morgan)

After more than half a dozen plays, Del Shores has certainly developed a recognizable recipe: Begin with hilarious jokes in Act 1, fold in melodrama in Act 2 (a pinch of mawkishness recommended). Sprinkle in a gay sensibility, toss with religious zealotry gone bad. Stir it up.

That formula serves him well in *Yellow*, his newest play and in many ways his best. Does the opening scene go on too long? Yes. (It could be cut entirely, in fact.) Is the message about the

damage Christian fundamentalism does to the gay soul ham-fisted? You know it. Do the one-liners make room for sentimental, tearjerker plot twists? Granted. But the question is: Do you care? This is what Shores *does*. And he's made a good living doing it, because people respond.

Certainly *Yellow* taps into a number of familiar issues: Infidelity; teenaged sexual confusion; Bible-thumping as emotional jihad. But Shores (who also directed this production) and his cast tap into an authenticity rare in this kind of domestic comedy-drama — *Steel Magnolias* with a hunky dad.

YELLOW

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The best example of this is Zoe Kerr as Gracie, the starstruck teen with a gay best friend (Grant Bower, who successfully channels Chris Colfer). Anyone who's ever lived with a 14-year-old girl knows that Shores nails her ranting and raving — it's all too eerily accurate. Zoe feels upstaged by her brother Dayne (Justin Duncan), the school jock and apple of his dad's eye. Zoe becomes even more hostile when Dayne is diagnosed with a rare liver disease, the treatment of which turns up dark

family secrets.

Kerr and Bower navigate the odd friendship between pre-sexual besties with genuine humor and pathos, and Shores surprises us by having the men of the family be protective and supporting of the flamboyant boy in homophobic Vicksburg, Miss. All the actors, in fact, bring a lived-in quality, including Kristin McCullough as the seemingly perfect mom and Jeff Plunk as the town DILF. They doff off the jokes as expertly as the tears. *Yellow* might not be as heady as *Red*, but its bluesy tone leaves you in the pink. ■

— Arnold Wayne Jones

TASTING NOTES

We've followed Joel Harloff all around Dallas for years, from back in his days in the gayborhood at **The Landmark** inside the Melrose Hotel. We're glad to see he's landed as the executive chef at **Ocho Kitchen** in Preston Center. He'll be re-vamping the lunch and dinner menus soon.

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Queer women love Subarus for good reason, as the '13 Outback proves



TOUGH AS (FRENCH TIP) NAILS | Outdoorsy, dummy-proof and comfortable, the Outback provides fuel-efficiency in a useful, versatile package. (Photo courtesy Subaru)

Not too big. Not too small. For me, the Subaru Outback is just right. It was the guy at the rental car counter in Denver who first got me hooked on Subarus. I had reserved another category of car (read: cheaper) and the attendant said I *had* to take the Outback. When he insisted even after I refused to pay the upcharge, I knew he must be serious.

I was smitten from the get-go. I loved the look and the feel. And, I admit, I loved the fact that it was instant membership in a club that I really liked belonging to. Not the gay club — that one I was already in. The Subaru Club.

Wherever we went, people asked about the car. "Is that the new black?" "How much do you love your Outback?" "How many Subarus have you had? I'm on my fifth!" I hated telling people it wasn't mine.

A year or so later, when my Jeep started showing signs of wearing out, I went to Subaru of Plano to see if I *really* liked the Outback or if it was just an "out-of-town" fling — what happens in Denver, stays in Denver kind of thing.

Nope — I really did dig it. At 5-foot-nothing, I like a car that doesn't swallow me, but that makes me feel big on the road. The Outback does just that.

I am often toting one thing or another around town, not to mention out of town — my dog Walter to the park, a tangle of Hula Hoops to Move Studio, or a car load of family to Fossil Rim where the zebras all but climbed inside.



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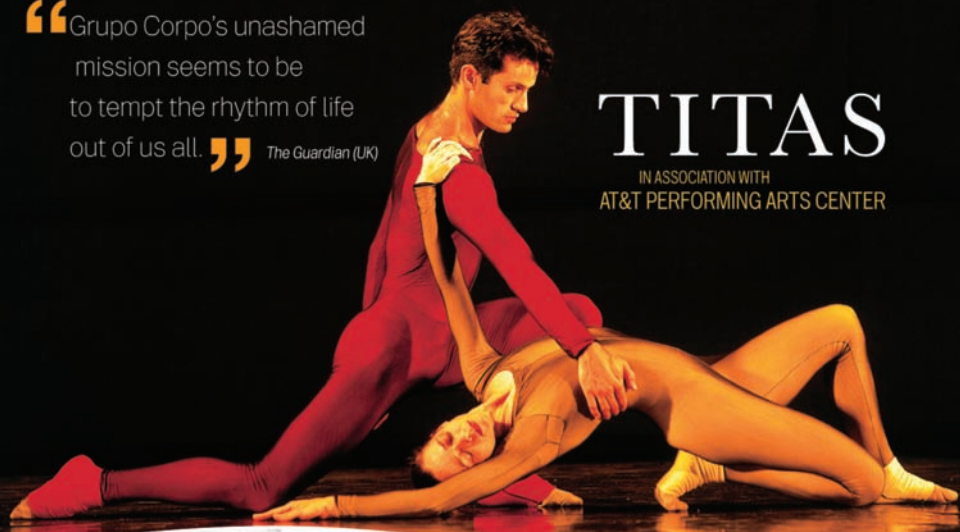
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The thing is, I've never been a real car person. I like it to look good and run well, period. But I actually like driving my car now. Of course, once I got the chance to test the 2013, I realized that I enjoy driving it even better than my 2011. That's always the way, I suppose.

I took the 2013 for a spin in the Outer Banks of North Carolina. The sand dunes were the ideal place to show what an outdoory monster she could be. It took me two tries, but once I was brave enough to really punch it, the Outback went right over the dunes like it was on pavement. Very cool.

My 2011 was already user-friendly, but the 2013 is dummy-proof, ideal for drivers who will never be tapped to lap at Indy. They've primarily done that by adding EyeSight (comprised of two cameras over the rearview mirror), one of the most affordable systems of its kind. Right now you can only get it on the Outback and the Legacy, but it should be available on other models moving forward.

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I don't usually like to follow the crowd. But when it comes to my Outback, I actually don't mind the cliché: Gay women like Subarus. Maybe it's an obvious pick, but it suits me just right. There's a reason clichés become clichés. ■

— Jenny Block

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Memoir of Texas family coping with a troubled gay child strikes a chord

Oddly Normal by John Schwartz
(Gotham Books 2012). \$26; 290pp.

When we're born, our parents count our fingers and toes. They lovingly stroke our skin, look into our faces and wonder what might become of us. That was certainly true of John Schwartz, though in his memoir **Oddly Normal**, he explains how some real battles laid elsewhere.

In retrospect, Schwartz realized that there was plenty of warning before his son, Joe, overdosed on pills. Joe, born in 1996, became a smiley child with a flair for drama and a love of feather boas, fabulous fashion dolls and shiny baubles. At age 3, he asked to dress as a "disco yady" for Halloween. That's when the Schwartzes began to wonder if their toddler was gay.

If he was, John and Jeanne couldn't have loved Joe any less. They had grown up with gay friends and relatives in Texas. But they had seen a lot of anti-gay behavior, too. They felt equipped to help steer their son through life if he had been born with his "sexual identity in place from the get-go."

When it came time to enter school, Joe went

happily. He'd been assigned a teacher who was excited to have in her class an extremely bright kid with an incredible vocabulary, intense curiosity and a voracious reading habit. Sensing that the dolls were no longer appropriate, Joe's parents put them away. "We had built his first closet," Schwartz writes.

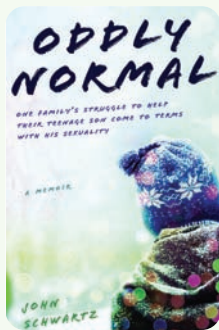
As his school career progressed, however, Joe began feeling isolated. His problems worsened through each progressive grade, and his often-explosive anger wasn't just directed at peers, but at teachers, too. The Schwartzes reached out to Joe's "League of Gay Uncles" to try to understand what was happening. He hadn't come out to his parents yet, but there were "big honking clues" as John recounts, and the Schwartzes were encouraged to let Joe "have his moment" without being pushed.

And then, at age 13, Joe Schwartz overdosed.

I liked *Oddly Normal*, but while Schwartz gives readers a sense of what it's like to raise a child who wrestles with identity issues, it can be alarming to see the misconceptions, miscommunications and roadblocks that the Schwartzes endured. What bothered me were the parts that felt needlessly repetitive. Schwartz gives us an expansive timeline — often *too* expansive. That caused me to lose interest now and then, since it chipped at an otherwise lively memoir.

Still, the story has merit, if only for its solidarity for worried parents. If you're helping a child or teen who's struggling with being gay, then *Oddly Normal* is a book to get your hands on.

— Terri Schlichenmeyer



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Friday 03.01

Begorrah! It's the Irish Festival!

It's not St. Patrick's Day yet, but that's no reason you can't start drinking green beer early. The 31st North Texas Irish Festival gets underway Friday and provides weekend celebration of all things from the Emerald Isle, with music, dancing, storytelling and food (you can never get too much shepherd's pie), as well as a history of the contributions the Irish made to the U.S. And with beer and whiskey tastings, you can experience some of the other contributions the Irish have made to the world. (And, as you can see, it's pet-friendly.)

DEETS: Fair Park grounds. March 1-3. Admission ranges from free on Friday (6-7 p.m.) to \$30 for a weekend pass. NTIF.org.



Saturday 03.02

TITAS holds Command Performance

It's one of the signature dance events of the season: The Command Performance Gala by TITAS. This year, it brings together major stars on the dance world — 10 companies and dancers, including Desmond Richardson, Yuan Yuan, Wendy Whelan (dancing with Desmond in her first gala here), Cervilio Amador and Lisa Giobbi, an aerialist whose act is sure to astonish.

DEETS: Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. 7 p.m. \$12-\$200. ATPAC.org.



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Monday 03.04

Matt Alber, Rusty Johnson perform at COH

He's been compared to Rufus Wainwright, but singer-songwriter Matt Alber, who was raised in the church, brings a unique spirituality to his soulful music. (His single "End of the World" was a hit on Logo.) Alber comes to Dallas Monday, with former Dallas saxophonist Rusty Johnson opening.

DEETS: Interfaith Peace Chapel at the Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. VIP reception at 7 p.m., concert at 8 p.m. Tickets available at the door. MattAlber.com/Dallas.

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THEATER

The Chairs. Ionesco's absurdist classic, presented by Kitchen Dog Theater. The MAC, 3120 McKinney Ave. Through March 9. KitchenDogTheater.org.

Idols of the King. Theatre 3's newest mainstage show, a play with music about "The King," Elvis Presley. Theatre 3, 2900 Routh St. in the Quadrangle. Through March 30 (in previews through March 3). \$10-\$50. Theatre3Dallas.com.

Red. Joel Ferrell directs John Logan's Tony Award-winning play about artist Mark Rothko. Wylly Theatre rehearsal space, 2400 Flora St. Through March 24. DallasTheaterCenter.org.

Titanic The Musical. J Players present this Tony Award-winner for five performances only; directed and choreographed by Linda Leonard. Jewish Community Center of Dallas, 7900 Northaven Road. Through Saturday. JCCDallas.org.

Yellow. Del Shores directs his award-winning play about a Southern family in crisis. *Reviewed this week.* Presented by Uptown Players. Kalita Humphreys Theater, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. Through March 10. UptownPlayers.org.

FINE ART

China Through the Lens of John Thomson 1868-1872. The vanished world of Imperial China is preserved on glass plate made over a four-year period in this new exhibition at the Crow Collection of Asian Art, 2010 Flora St. Through May 5. Free. CrowCollection.org.

Gold on Black: Japanese Lacquer from the Jacqueline Lavant Collection. The beauty of lacquered finishes is highlighted. Crow Collection of Asian Art, 2010 Flora St. Through Sept. 15. Free. CrowCollection.org.

Connecting Dallas to the Holocaust. A special temporary exhibit at the Old Red Courthouse in cooperation with and curated by the Dallas Holocaust Museum. 100 S. Houston St. \$8 admission, \$4 special exhibit fee. March 1-July 14. OldRed.org.

Optical Spaces: The Art of Victor Vaserey opens at the MADI Museum, 3109 Carlisle St. Through April 7. GeometricMadiMuseum.org.

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

Peter Burega, Michelle O'Michael, Raymond Sea. A trio of artists open a new exhibit at Craighead Green Gallery, 1011 Dragon St. Through March 30.

Linear Language. A show featuring six artists, all dealing in line and form. Mary Tomas Gallery, 1110 Dragon St. Through March 25. MaryTomasGallery.com.



PAS DE DEUX | Texas Ballet Theater stages the modern classic 'Voluntaries' and other contemporary pieces at its concert at Bass Hall in Fort Worth this weekend.

FRIDAY 03.01

DANCE

Lambarena / Volontaires. The Texas Ballet Theater presents a diverse program of contemporary works. Bass Performance Hall, 525 Commerce St., Fort Worth. March 1-3. Friday-Saturday at 8 p.m., weekend matinees at 2 p.m. TexasBalletTheater.org.

COMMUNITY

The UNICEF Experience. An exhibition of how UNICEF addresses the needs of children worldwide; gay designer Vern Yip is the chair. Goss Michael Foundation, 1405 Turtle Creek Blvd. 7-10:30 p.m. \$250 and up. UNICEFUSA.org/ExperienceDallas.

FUSE for gay and bi guys up to 29. Daily drop-ins are from 2-8 p.m. weekdays at ilume, 4123 Cedar Springs Road, #2367. DFWFuse.com.

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

Youth First Texas for ages 14 to 22. 3918 Harry Hines Blvd. Tuesdays-Fridays, 4-10 p.m. 214-879-0400.

SATURDAY 03.02

DANCE

Command Performance Gala, presented by TITAS. Ten renowned dancers and companies perform at this annual gala celebration of dance. Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. 7 p.m. \$12-\$200. ATPAC.org.

THEATER

Camelot. The Lerner and Loewe musical, presented by Casa Manana, 3101 W. Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth. March 2-10. CasaManana.org.

FINE ART

The Eccentric Center: New Works by Brent Kollock and Earth Rhythms: Paintings by Michael Roque Collins. Norwood Flynn Gallery, 3318 Shorecrest. March 2-23 with opening night artists' reception at 8

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COMMUNITY
DIVA Bachelor Auction. A fundraiser for the Dallas Independent Volleyball Association, with proceeds benefiting LifeWalk. Woody's Sports & Video Bar, 4011 Cedar Springs Road. 7-9 p.m.

MONDAY 03.04

CONCERTS
Matt Alber. The spiritual singer performs; opening act is saxophonist Rusty Johnson. Interfaith Peace Chapel, 5710 Cedar Springs Road. VIP reception at 7 p.m.; concert at 8 p.m. Tickets available at the door. MattAlber.com/Dallas.

COMMUNITY
Stonewall Group of

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

BROADCAST
RuPaul's Drag Race. The new season continues. Logo at 8 p.m., followed by the behind-the-scenes *Untucked*.

Dallas. Intrigue among the Ewings, with many local actors in roles. TNT at 8 p.m.

TUESDAY 03.05

THEATER
Million Dollar Quartet. A musical inspired by the meeting of Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Elvis Presley and Carl Perkins at Sun Records, featuring classic rockabilly. Bass Performance Hall, 525 Commerce St., Fort Worth. March 5-10. BassHall.com.

CONCERTS
Jason & deMarco Celebrating Families of Diversity.

Grace Fellowship, 411 S. Westmoreland Road. 7 p.m. Free (donations accepted). JasonandDeMarco.com.

COMMUNITY
Dishcrawl. Basically a "pub crawl for foodies," this national movement hosts its fourth event in Uptown. Starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$45. For reservations, visit Dishcrawl.com/Dallas.

WEDNESDAY 03.06

THEATER
She Creatures. A new play, presented by Nouveau 47, about mermaids, dragons and other monsters of myth. Magnolia Lounge inside Fair Park. March 6-16 (new dates). Nouveau47.com.

COMMUNITY
Dallas FrontRunners fun run for runners and walkers at all levels. Meet at the statute of Robert E. Lee at Lee Park at 7 p.m. Dinner to follow. FronrunnersDallas.org.

THURSDAY 03.07

THEATER
The Out of the Loop Fringe Festival. The annual 11-day festival of performance; this year featured among the shows are *The Gay Marriage Plays* and *Elephant in the Closet*, each of which deals with gay issues; Diana Sheehan, Walter Lee and Amy Stevenson also perform their music. Presented by WaterTower Theatre. Addison Theatre Centre, 15650 Addison Road. March 7-17. The opening night production is *The Ugly One*. Visit WaterTowerTheatre.org for a complete schedule of events.

CONCERTS
Jason & deMarco Celebrating Families of Diversity. Celebration on the Lake Church, 9120 S. Highway 198, Mabank. 7 p.m. Free (donations accepted). JasonandDeMarco.com.

COMMUNITY
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.

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UGLY IN ADDISON | WaterTower Theatre kicks off its annual Out of the Loop Fringe Festival Thursday with 'The Ugly One.' (Photo courtesy Mark Oristano)

p.m. NorwoodFlynnGallery.com.

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

BROADCAST
Lambda Weekly. LGBT radio for North Texas. 89.3 KNON-FM at 11 a.m. LambdaWeekly.com.

SUNDAY 03.03

WORSHIP
Cathedral of Hope. Traditional service at the United Church of Christ congregation. 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. CathedralOfHope.com.

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

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PISCES: Feb 21—Mar 20

Life has to balance or it doesn't work. Too much *yang* breaks you down. If you want to get through the next few months, let everything you do be touched with equal parts of *yin*.

ARIES: Mar 21—Apr 20

There are a million reasons why you need to back off. Anyone can see that you have to make a move, but when you put the cart before the horse, nothing comes to fruition. Have your ducks in a row and keep your heart focused on your purpose.

TAURUS: Apr 21—May 20

No amount of forcing your will on this situation could have improved it. When it comes to other people and their ideas about where you need to go from here, you knew enough to shut off your control trips — don't succumb to theirs.

GEMINI: May 21—Jun 20

Whatever you do now is going to open your life up to a greater sense of your own purpose. The last thing you need to do is let your fears and other people's doubts keep you from finding out what you came here for.

CANCER: Jun 21—Jul 20

Between external pressures and internal changes, you insist on being the one who hopes for the best. In theory, high hopes are all one needs, but it pays to review the evidence before you stake your life on things that could go either way.

LEO: Jul 21—Aug 20

You could do so much with all the power you lend to yourself. Maybe this is all about you finding out that any power we have is meant to be given away. The less you make everything be about you, the happier you and everyone around you will be.

VIRGO: Aug 21—Sep 20

The need to come back to center, along with a willingness to really look at what you're trying to create, will remind you that your pictures of perfection need to include you.

LIBRA: Sep 21—Oct 20

By the time your experiences show you that it's safe to trust your feelings, you'll be able to see that you are supported by people who would do anything to get you to see how much they care.

SCORPIO: Oct 21—Nov 20

All of your pictures of how things are supposed to be are in the process of getting reframed. Don't think too much about what it all means. You're going to have to grow into this before you'll be big enough to contain the experience.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 21—Dec 20

There are reasons you feel the need to hide. Don't let pride keep you from clearing issues that are bound to get the best of you if you don't wake up and see how lucky you are and how much you are loved.

CAPRICORN: Dec 21—Jan 20

Make peace with those who have kept their distance up until now. Making amends, or getting to the point where you see that it isn't worth it to keep holding on to the hurts of the past, will go a long way to opening your heart to the beauty of life.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21—Feb 20

Questions will have to fade in the face of circumstance and/or heavier duty practical concerns. At times the only remedy is an internal examination. At other times, the best you can do is nurse yourself through it. Either way, stop flailing around; slow down, get quiet and keep it really simple.

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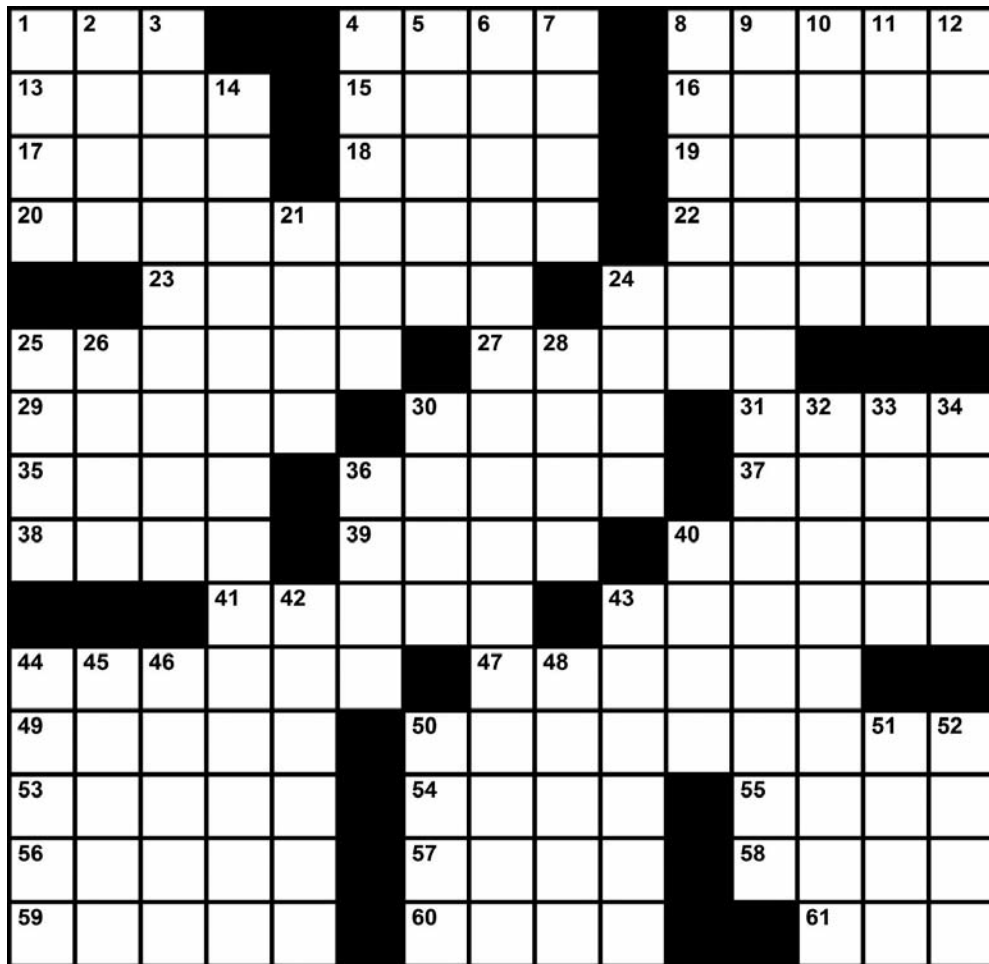
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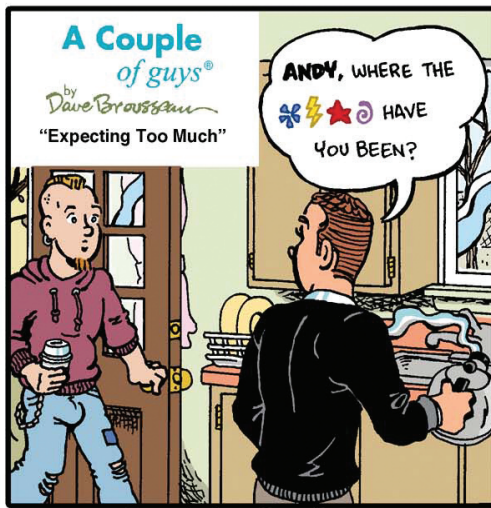
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Albert, Brian, Dan and Michele at Pub Pegasus.

Girls Night Out with Peggy Honea begins the weekend entertainment on March 1 at **Alexandre's**. **Andrea Dawson** performs on March 2. **Anton Shaw** is the midweek entertainer on March 6 and **Matt Baron** on March 7. ... Join the **Dallas Bears** and the **Leather Knights** for their **First Friday Club Nights** on March 1 at the **Dallas Eagle**. The **Dallas Diablos** celebrate **The Third Half** after their game on March 2. Monthly meeting of **Dallas Girls of Leather** begins at 4 p.m. on March 2 followed by **Dynamic Duets**, a **United Court of the Lone Star Empire** benefit for **Youth First Texas** hosted by **Anna Conda** and **Larry Carter**. March 5 is **Eagle Amateur Talent Night** with **Miss Wanda**. ... **Sunel** hosts Wednesday Night Showtime each week at **BJ's NXS**. ... The **Rose Room Rising Star** amateur contest begins at 10:30 p.m. on March 7. ... **Panty Raid Burlesque** begins the weekend at **Sue Ellen's** on March 1. **CC Cross Band** appears on March 2 when the bar also begins weekly **Texas Hold 'em Poker** hosted by **Pocket Rocket**. **Anton Shaw and the Reason** perform on March 3. ... Dance your butt off at **ManCandy** retro every Sunday night at the **Round-Up Saloon** with DJ **Mickey**. ... **Bear Happy Hour** begins at 5 p.m. on March 1 at **Woody's Sports & Video Bar**. **DIVA's Bachelor Auction** takes place on March 3. ... Ping Pong on the patio every Tuesday at **The Grapevine Bar**. ... **Retro Karaoke with Tasha** begins at 10:30 p.m. on Thursdays at **1851 Club** in Arlington. ■

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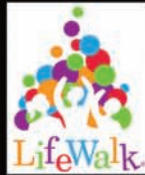


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