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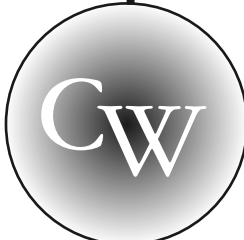
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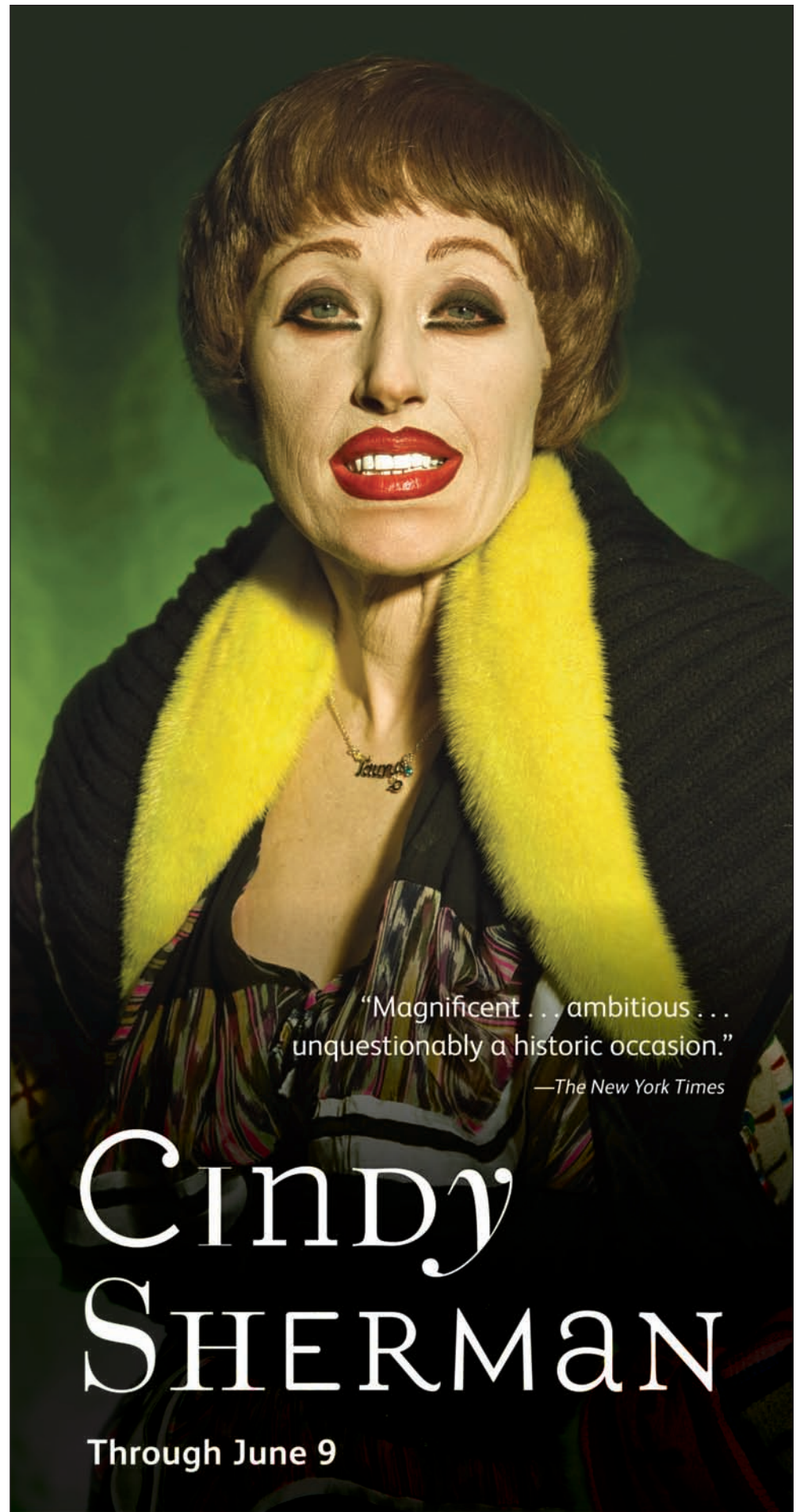
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# Briefs favor marriage equality

Majority of amicus filings ask court to strike down DOMA, Prop 8 — which may signal rulings wouldn't trigger *Roe v. Wade*-like fallout

**Editor's Note:** The following is the third in a four-part series to prepare readers for what to expect March 26 and 27 when the U.S. Supreme Court takes up the marriage equality cases.

LISA KEEN | Keen News Service

When the U.S. Supreme Court prepares to tackle a major legal controversy, such as next week's marriage equality cases, it typically invites advice from groups and legal experts. These people are not a party to the litigation itself but have an interest in the court's decision. They are "friends of the court," offering a little friendly advice on how they think the court should rule.

After the court announced it would hear the appeals involving Proposition 8 and the Defense of Marriage Act, at least 176 friend-of-the-court (or amicus curiae) briefs were submitted.

Of those briefs, 96 were filed in the Proposition 8 case — 53 opposing California's ban on marriage licenses for same-sex couples, 42 supporting it, and one taking neither side. Of the 80 filed in the DOMA case, 49 oppose the federal ban on recognition of same-sex marriage, 29 support it, and two took neither side.

Forty U.S. senators and 172 members of the U.S. House joined in a brief opposing DOMA. Ten Republican senators signed onto a different brief in support of DOMA.

Former Attorneys General Edwin Meese and John Ashcroft submitted a brief; so did the attorneys general of many states.

The American Bar Association — the organization that provides qualification ratings to the Senate Judiciary Committee on nominees to the Supreme Court — submitted a brief. It called DOMA "sweeping in its breadth and devastating in its effect."

"Section 3 is without precedent in federal law," wrote ABA President Laurel Bellows. "Never before has the federal government adopted a definition of marriage that applies across the board to every federal statute and regulation and that excludes a class of people who are legally married under the laws of their States. ...

"By barring a specific class of couples legally married under state law from the federal rights and responsibilities that accompany marriage, Section 3 broke with two centuries of tradition reserving the realm of domestic relations to the States. ...

"More fundamentally, Section 3 thwarts the democratic process by preventing States from al-



## Rallies planned across N. Texas before oral arguments

LGBT advocates and marriage equality supporters will participate in rallies planned around the nation before oral arguments begin in the marriage cases in the U.S. Supreme Court.

The United For Marriage: Light the Way to Justice rallies have been planned in Dallas, Fort Worth and Denton before the Supreme Court will begin hearing oral arguments on March 26 and 27 for *Windsor v. United States*, the case challenging the federal De-

fense of Marriage Act, and the Prop 8 case challenging California's marriage amendment.

Fort Worth's LGBT community will gather bright and early on March 25 at the Rainbow Lounge to celebrate the arguments, as well as state Rep. Lon Burnam's HB 1300, which calls for marriage equality after the state's marriage amendment is repealed. The rally is planned for 6 a.m. to noon. For more, go to [TinyURL.com/RallyFW](http://TinyURL.com/RallyFW).

GetEQUAL TX is having a Dallas rally that night for activists to celebrate the Supreme Court arguments. That rally begins at 7 p.m. at the Legacy of Love monument. For more, go to [TinyURL.com/RallyDallas](http://TinyURL.com/RallyDallas). Stonewall Democrats of Denton County is also having a rally at the Denton Courthouse Square, 110 West Hickory Street in Denton. For more, go to [TinyURL.com/RallyDenton](http://TinyURL.com/RallyDenton).

— Anna Waugh

lowing their gay and lesbian citizens a truly equal share in the benefits and responsibilities of civil marriage. If Congress wanted to encourage the States to choose freely which marriages they would permit, it would have continued to recognize all marriages valid under state law."

The ABA brief, like many others, was not just presenting an eloquent essay conveying the group's position. It was also addressing specific legal issues that the nine justices must wrestle with when coming to their decision — whether the law in question really harms a class of people, whether the federal government is overstepping its constitutional authority to deny recognition to a marriage license granted by a state, and whether the law is interfering with the democratic process,

to name a few.

Ironically, just five days after the ABA filed its brief, Justice Anthony Kennedy shared his concerns publicly about the "democratic process." Kennedy is the justice many think will provide the key fifth vote for a majority in both the DOMA and Proposition 8 cases. And he was lamenting, during an appearance in Sacramento, that the Supreme Court is being asked to resolve such controversial issues.

"I think it's a serious problem," he said. "A democracy should not be dependent for its major decisions on what nine unelected people from a narrow legal background have to say. And I think it's of tremendous importance for our political system to show the rest of the world — and we

have to show ourselves first — that democracy works because we can reach agreement on a principle basis." And Kennedy has been seen as a strong supporter of state sovereignty.

His focus on what democracy should be doing and his choice of words — "unelected people" — worry some marriage equality supporters because the comment echoed the mantras of marriage equality opponents.

The conservative attorneys general of Indiana and 16 other states, including Arizona, Georgia, Michigan and Texas, expressed concern for the "democratic process" in their brief supporting DOMA.

"The Court should not cut short the robust

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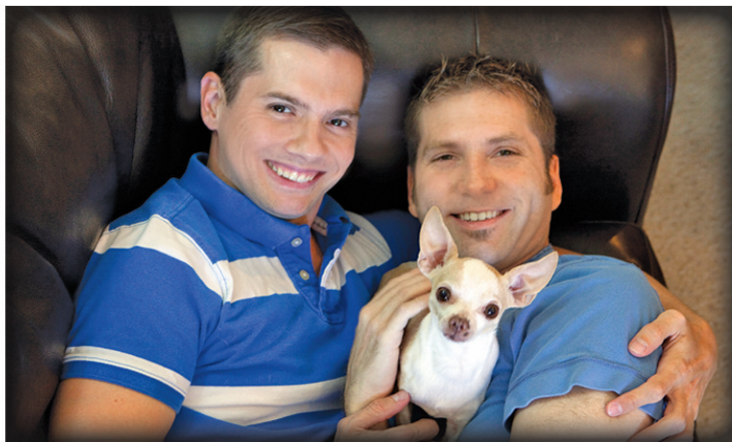


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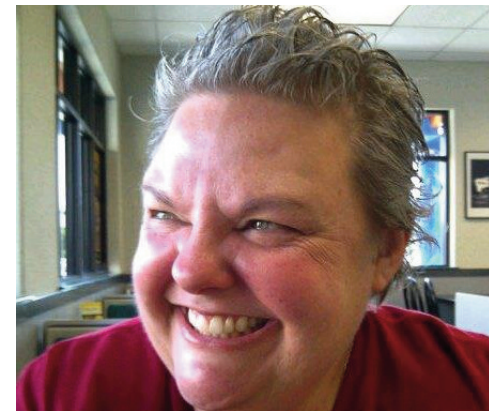
Mari was born in Channelview, Texas, on July 30, 1966, to Kenneth and Marietta Taylor. Her life partner is Robin Cagle. Mari was a graduate of Baylor University, where she received a degree in education. She taught in public schools for 20 years and retired as the director of the Tarrant County Women's Center Adult Literacy Program in December 2011.

Mari was passionate about making a difference to others and to her community. She was very active in the Fort Worth LGBT community. Mari was a member of the Fort Worth Chapter of the Texas Gay Rodeo Association and Tarrant County Gay Pride.

Mari loved to produce and participate in events raising monies for charities in need. One of her favorite charities was the Baron House at Celebration Community Church, where she was an active member.

Mari loved to lift her voice in song and inspire us all, to make warming blankets for others who were also battling cancer, and travel to various International Gay Rodeo's across the U.S. and Canada. Traveling to, seeing and supporting her rodeo family, especially the Crazy ole Heffas, was one of Mari's greatest passions in life. Mari was known as fire-works heffa.

Mari is survived by her life partner, Robin Cagle; her mother and father, Marietta and Kenneth Taylor of Crosby, Texas; brother and sister-in-law, Kent and Sheila Taylor of Crosby, Texas, and their sons Brandon and Bryan; sister and brother-in-law Monica and Rodney Foster of Crosby, Texas, and their chil-



dren Grace and Grant.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Dorthy Dodson and J.O. Taylor, and her maternal grandparents, Claude and Florene Lyall.

Mari's service will be held at Celebration Community Church, 908 Pennsylvania Ave. in Fort Worth at 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 24. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made in Mari's memory to Cancer Care Services and Celebration Community Church.

### Correction

District 14 Dallas City Council candidate Philip Kingston has voted in five Republican primaries and one Democratic Primary since 2002. An article on Page 9 of the March 15 edition indicated otherwise, and we regret the error.



**BIRTHDAY BASH** | Fort Worth Councilman Joel Burns speaks during his Birthday Celebration and Campaign Kick-off in February. The event raised \$82,000 for his campaign coffers. (Courtesy of Ralph Lauer)

# Burns is 1st to run unopposed 3 times in row in Fort Worth

Gay councilman declared winner of 4th term, says he'd consider higher office but remains focused on city issues for at least 2 more years

**ANNA WAUGH** | News Editor  
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FORT WORTH — Municipal elections aren't until May 11, but openly gay City Councilman Joel Burns has already won his District 9 race.

Burns, 44, had an opponent, real estate broker Graham Brizendine, who withdrew his candidacy before they drew for placements on the ballot. The city secretary declared Burns the winner and canceled the election in his district since Mayor Betsy Price is also unopposed. The council adopted an ordinance this week declaring Burns and other unopposed members the winners.

Burns, who was first elected in 2007 to complete the remainder of Wendy Davis' term in District 9, ran unopposed in 2009 and 2011.

He said Brizendine filed because he wanted to serve but didn't have anything against Burns as the incumbent and decided to withdraw. Brizendine did not respond to messages seeking comment.

"This is the first time someone has actually filed," Burns said.

Burns said he's the first Fort Worth official to be unopposed in an election three times in a row since the city began single-member districts in the 1970s.

"I'm proud of that but also know that it makes it so that I don't have that face-to-face connection with going door to door," he said.

Instead of campaigning, Burns, who closed his real estate practice last year to focus on his public service, said he'll spend time planning other things to reconnect with his constituents, especially since his district had the most growth of any when the council redrew the lines last year. Burns' district, which grew from 67,000 to 92,000 in population and expanded from every corner, covers half the Texas Christian University campus and now includes West Seventh Street.

Fort Worth City Council seats don't have term limits and Burns said he's been approached for running for "any and everything" in the future from mayor to the state Legislature, positions he's thought about but won't seriously consider for at least another two years.

"It's not my focus right now. It's something that I have thought of, but my focus right now is serving on City Council for another two years and get-

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ting some additional things accomplished in my council service," Burns said.

Denis Dison, spokesman for the Washington D.C.-based Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund that has endorsed Burns over the years, said Burns' celebrity status after his 2010 "It Gets Better" video would help him among LGBT voters and donors if he ran for a different office. But Dison added: "I don't know that in a broader race, say county or statewide, you'd find tons of people who would know an LGBT politician, even with the notoriety that he's received."

Burns hasn't drawn serious competition for his council seat because of how popular and effective he is, Dison said.

"Joel is an incredibly talented politician, so while he's gained national attention, the thing that makes it hard to run against him is he's completely focused on his job at home on City Council," Dison said. "That's the same kind of trust and respect that will propel him to higher office in the future. He'd be a great state legislator for folks in Tarrant County or at the national level."

Equality Texas Executive Director Chuck Smith said Burns would make "a great servant and would be a benefit to any office."

Felipe Gutierrez, president of Tarrant County Stonewall Democrats, said he wants Burns to run for a higher office, adding that the opportunities to do so aren't always available.

"Personally, I would hope that he'd seek higher office where he'd be able to influence legislation," Gutierrez said. "Joel is one of the most likeable politicians. The people in his district and this city love him, so I see him being the LGBT city councilman for a long time, but I hope one day that he takes an opportunity to serve us at a larger capacity."

For now, Burns is focused on things like funding a bike share program and other improvements in his district, how to shape the city's role in public engagement, and of course the budget.

As for gay issues facing the city, Burns said he's proud of Fort Worth adding transgender protections to its nondiscrimination ordinance, as well as continuing to expand and change diversity training for police and firefighters with the creation of a new citizens' advisory group that includes an LGBT section.

"A lot of the big things we've already accomplished in the last year or two since the Rainbow Lounge raid and I'm really quite proud of that," he said.

Comprehensive trans healthcare remains as the only outstanding recommendation of 21 suggestions from the city's Diversity Task Force that was created in response to the raid. Burns said the recommendation to add the benefits would come from the Health Benefits Advisory Committee and be included in the budget by the city manager.

However, he said he'd consider requesting the benefits be added when the budget goes before the council for approval.

Burns' popularity over the years has made it hard to juggle his council role with speaking en-



**IT GETS BETTER** | Burns, right, and his husband, J.D. Angle, celebrated their 20th anniversary this week. Burns posted this photo of the couple on their wedding day in 1993.

agements he's asked to attend after his video made him a national sensation. He said he's found it difficult to balance the work he does in Fort Worth with the pull of other commitments, which have decreased over the past two years.

"It's been difficult," he said. "It's tough to kind of juggle that. It's not what it was two years ago and I'm actually kind of glad for the kind of regained sanity in terms of scheduling."

He tries not to be gone during the week and only books out-of-state speaking engagements for weekends.

Burns said he was at a neighborhood meeting over the summer and was asked if he'd been hanging out with lesbian talk show host Ellen DeGeneres for the past year because he hadn't appeared at the meeting for several months.

Instead of hanging out with celebrities, he'd been housing two foreign exchange students for the 2011-12 school year so he "was playing dad for a year," he joked.

A coordinator for a foreign exchange student program had seen his YouTube video and sought him out to house 15- and 16-year-old exchange students last minute.

"It was not a planned thing at all. It was kind of an emergency placement," Burns said. "We literally said yes and a day later they were living with us."

He said the national attention has made people think he's away at some grand event when he misses a meeting.

"It's tough to overcome those perceptions that if I'm not omnipresent at every single neighborhood meeting that I'm obviously off doing something that the voters didn't elect me to do, so I have to be very careful about that," he said.

He still attends local, state and national events when he can fit them into his council schedule and said he'll remain an advocate for stronger statewide anti-bullying legislation that includes LGBT protections.

And even amid the constant buzz of his future political aspirations, he remains focused on his council district.

"I get approached about [different offices] all the time," Burns said. "All that's nice and flattering, but my goal is not that right now. It's to finish out at least these next two years on City Council and then beyond that we'll have to see." ■

## Weisfeld tries to use article against Medrano in District 2

Herschel Weisfeld is using our article about Adam Medrano refusing to discuss his sexual orientation to campaign against him for the District 2 Dallas City Council seat.

We've received reports that his volunteers, as well as Weisfeld himself, are handing out a photocopy of the article with Weisfeld fliers.

Weisfeld said his campaign made the decision to hand out the story with campaign information after District 2 voters who'd seen the story asked why they weren't using it to campaign with.

"They felt it has validity," Weisfeld said.

"They have a right to be fully informed."

Anna Casey, Medrano's campaign director, declined to comment. Medrano didn't respond to a phone message.

District 2 is heavily LGBT, covering most of Oak Lawn and parts of downtown and East Dallas. Weisfeld said he hasn't personally handed out the story to voters, but he approved its use for volunteers to hand out. He said it wasn't gay-baiting to inform voters that he is running as an out candidate and to point out that his opponent isn't.

"We don't think this is gay-baiting at all," he said.

Omar Narvaez, president of Stonewall Democrats of Dallas, disagreed, saying he thinks Weisfeld's campaign is gay-baiting Medrano because he's upset Stonewall endorsed Medrano over him.

"I'm shocked to see that in a modern day campaign that an out candidate is using someone's sexual orientation against him instead of focusing on the issues," Narvaez said.

One District 2 resident who lives near Woodrow Wilson High School contacted Dallas Voice on Tuesday, March 19, after receiving a copy of the article at her home on Monday. The woman, Ammie McKenzie, said someone working for Weisfeld delivered a photocopy of the article along with other campaign materials.

McKenzie said she felt the article focused too much on the question of whether Medrano is gay and not enough on his 2000 arrest for running from officers after they suspected him of engaging in homosexual activity in the bathroom of Dillard's at NorthPark. McKenzie said she has children in DISD and as a school volunteer, she had to submit to a background check. She wondered how someone could be allowed on the school board with a criminal record.

"Being gay really does not matter," she said. "If he's doing something that's going to get him arrested ... even if he was with a lady in the restroom, I was more concerned about that, the sexual activity that took place. That's the kind of stuff that's more important than gay or straight."

McKenzie said she initially planned to support Medrano because she's worked with him in the past. She said she assumed he was gay "because of the way he acts," but wasn't aware of his arrest. She said she's now undecided in the race.

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# Homeless woman's reign as 'Crazy Mary: Queen of Oak Lawn' spans over 30 years

Details about her past are sketchy, and while she was once treated with disdain, she's become a beloved institution in the Dallas gayborhood

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Since sometime before 1980, "Crazy Mary" has been a Cedar Springs Road institution.

Details about her past are sketchy. She's told different versions of a story about how she was a nurse at Parkland hospital who suffered a breakdown after her husband died — in some variations it was her daughter who died — and has been on the street, homeless, ever since. She's told others she took drugs from the hospital that

caused her schizophrenia. In yet another story, she was driving down the street, someone flipped her off — and she flipped out.

Over the years, a general disdain for her grew into tolerance and eventually genuine affection.

No one remembers who named her Crazy Mary, but the name was not given with much affection for the person who often seemed out of control, talking to herself, randomly yelling at people on the street and occasionally lashing out violently.

But over the years, she's acquired cult status to become one of Oak Lawn's most famous inhabitants.

Union Jack owner Richard Longstaff called her a fixture in the community. He said in the '80s he used to tell her to move on. But that's nothing he'd do anymore.

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**QUEEN OF HEARTS**  
'Crazy Mary' relaxes at a Cedar Springs eatery in this photo taken from a Facebook page dedicated to her. The page, which has more than 160 members, is used to document sightings but also sometimes to report that she needs a coat or blanket to get through winter.



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"I've gotten kind of attached to her," he said.

When former Oak Lawn resident Latisha McDaniel started a Facebook page, "Crazy Mary: Queen of Oak Lawn," she hoped people would watch out for her.

"Mary represents everything good and ugly about Oak Lawn," McDaniel said.

She said anyone who lives or visits Oak Lawn has had an encounter with her.

"She makes us aware of homelessness and mental illness and her presence is a contrast to pricey Oak Lawn real estate," McDaniel said. "The page makes me feel like we're a community connected through a mutual experience of knowing one lady without a home."

Mostly the group lets people know they've seen Mary, but on occasion word has gone out that she needs a coat or a blanket to help her get through the winter.

When Mary disappears for a period of time, people worry.

But usually when she's gone, she's either at Parkland hospital for a short period while she's getting back on her medications or taking a longer break at Terrell State Hospital.

Lynne Albright was the Dallas Police Department's LGBT liaison officer beginning in 1986.

"She would sleep either behind 7-11 or alleyways off of Rawlins," Albright said of Mary. "It really depended on weather."

At the time, crime on Cedar Springs Road was lower so police officers didn't concentrate on the area.

"I used to take her to Parkland when it was too cold or she was out of control," Albright said.

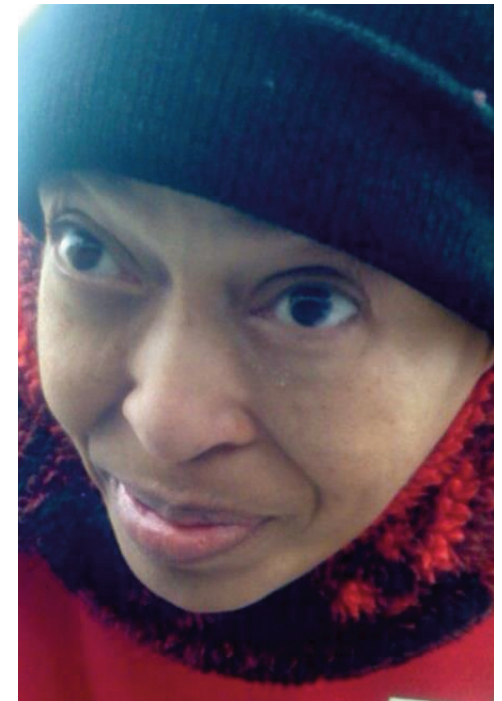
But on the street, little things always made her happy, Albright remembered.

"She loved to go to TapeLenders to see new pictures or artwork," Albright said.

Dave Richardson, who now owns Skivvies, began working on the Strip in 1983 at TapeLenders. He remembers Mary as already a fixture then. He described several incidents when she came into his store and had to be removed. But he told the story with the respect people in Oak Lawn have for her.

"She was a threat a couple of times," he said.

Two men were looking at something on a shelf in the store and she approached them.



'Crazy Mary'

"They must have looked at her funny," he said. "She stomped on his foot and broke a bone."

He said insurance paid the medical bills and Mary had to be escorted out of the store.

In the early '90s, Richardson opened OutLines.

"Mary used to come in," he said. "She'd grab a bottle of cologne and spray herself so she'd smell pretty."

One time when she was in one of his stores, a customer said, "Mary, what are you doing in here?"

She answered that her name is Charlotte.

Richardson said despite being homeless for 30 years, she's relatively healthy.

"She must walk five, six miles a day," he said, adding that her stride remains strong.

While most people think of Cedar Springs Road as her home, Mary is sighted regularly all over Oak Lawn. According to the Facebook page, she's been seen as far away as the Le Madeleine on Preston Road at Forest Lane, eight miles north of the gayborhood.

Michael Bell, who works at Union Jack, called her "a staple of the neighborhood."



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He said he thought her name was Sarah. People in the neighborhood look out for her, he said. One day he was in line behind her at Subway. When she told the person behind the counter that she was hungry, Bell bought her a sandwich. "I know people have given her coats and other clothing," he said.

He saw her happily walking down the street one day wearing a full-length purple body suit with rhinestone bangles. Someone must have been cleaning out his closet, he said.

A bartender who used to work at JR.'s Bar & Grill bought her some clothes and a pack of cigarettes. After giving them to her, he saw her an hour later empty handed. He asked her what happened to the clothes. She said she sold them. When he asked why, she told him because otherwise they'd be stolen.

After so many years on the street, she's learned to take care of herself.

Mary may have family in the area. The most common story is she has relatives in Highland Park or University Park. She's told the staff at JR.'s she has a son.

"She comes from a respectable background," Longstaff said.

He said he was sure she was a professional at one time.

Everyone interviewed for this story said they hoped it would be written with respect. Several teared up as they talked about Mary.

The name given in derision more than 30 years ago is now spoken with regard. Store owners that used to shoo her off now make sure no one else does.

Danny Sikora, owner of Thairrific, said she's come into his restaurant a couple of times. The first time was a cold day.

"She was in a good place that day," he said.

She asked for some hot tea but said she didn't have enough money to pay for it. He sat her at a table and served her a pot of tea while she warmed up.

The affection for Crazy Mary might be summed up by Scott Lackey's post on Facebook after seeing her smoking a cigarette at Starbuck's on Lemmon Avenue.


"She came in and just stared at me smiling," he posted. "She's in a great mood. Very happy and ebullient. I want to hug her." ■

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# Dallas officials join push for DP benefits at DART

Mayor's chief of staff, councilwoman lobby city's appointees to agency's board — 2 of whom voted against moving ahead with plan last month

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LGBT advocates and city of Dallas officials are calling on two of the city's appointees to Dallas Area Rapid Transit's board to support a domestic partner benefits plan.

The DART board is scheduled to consider the plan as a committee-of-the-whole Tuesday, March 26, after the discussion was tabled during a Feb. 26 meeting and postponed due to time constraints on March 5. The plan, which would offer DP benefits to opposite- and same-sex partners and children of DART employees, was approved by the board's administrative committee in a 5-2 vote in early February but must be approved twice by the committee-of-the-whole before final approval by the Board of Directors.

During the Feb. 26 committee-of-the-whole, members voted down a motion 7-6 that would have postponed consideration of DP benefits until after the U.S. Supreme Court rules in two marriage equality cases it will hear next week.

Two city of Dallas appointees to the DART board, Jim Adams and Robert Strauss, voted in favor of the motion. Seven of the 15 DART board members represent Dallas, and one represents both Dallas and Cockrell Hill. The other seven are appointed by surrounding cities served by DART.

Rafael McDonnell, communications and advocacy manager at Resource Center Dallas, is urging members of the LGBT community to contact DART board members, as well as Councilman Jerry Allen, who recommended Adams for the DART board, and Councilwoman Sandy Greyson, who recommended Strauss. Strauss voted in favor of adding transgender protections to the agency's nondiscrimination policy in 2010.

Greyson said this week the council approves all DART appointees, so Strauss isn't technically her appointee.

"I never tell my appointees how to vote on any issue," she added. "I appoint them asking them to do their homework and exercise their best judgment."

Allen did not return calls or emails seeking comment.

Councilwoman Delia Jasso said she sent a letter to DART's chairman this week, sending her support and requesting the board back the plan.

"As chair of the LGBT Task Force, I support matters that positively affect the LGBT commu-

nity," Jasso said. "I share the thoughts of John Danish, Chairman of the DART Board of Directors, that offering these benefits to domestic partners of DART employees is about fairness, justice and accessibility to health care."

Paula Blackmon, chief of staff for Mayor Mike Rawlings, said she's working with RCD on behalf of the mayor to push the DART board to approve the benefits.

"They've taken the lead," Blackmon said of RCD. "When they find a roadblock, I've come in and tried to help."

Blackmon said she's called board members during the process and would try to contact both Strauss and Adams before the vote on Tuesday to seek their support.

The Resource Center has been working with DART to offer DP benefits for two years, but the effort gained steam over the summer when former DART police officer Andrew Moss started a Change.org petition. Moss had to quit work for health reasons and his COBRA coverage expired in December. His husband still works at DART and could add him to his healthcare plan if the board approves it.

McDonnell is also encouraging the board to implement the plan immediately upon passage, instead of waiting until January to begin offering the benefits.

But DART spokesman Morgan Lyons said he's not sure the board could move up implementation. He said additions to the healthcare plan are slated for January because of open enrollment, and the issue of an earlier implementation may come up for discussion during Tuesday's meeting.

McDonnell said DART should approve the plan and Dallas appointees should support it because the city of Dallas has offered DP benefits since 2004.

"The city of Dallas is committed to fairness and equality for all and has offered these benefits for a number of years," he said. "The city tries to position itself as a place that supports all people and this is an example to put those words into action."

The estimated cost of the plan will range from \$60,748 to \$734,849. To be eligible, employees would have to have lived together for at least one year and sign a domestic partnership affidavit. They would also have to provide two other documents proving their shared residency.

The board is scheduled to take up the matter during committee-of-the-whole at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

If approved, the board would again consider the issue April 9 for a second approval before a formal vote on the plan on April 23.

Lyons said board members can be reached by sending an email to Nancy Johnson, director of board support, at [njohnson@dart.org](mailto:njohnson@dart.org). She can also take message for members at 214-749-3347. ■

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democratic debates occurring across the country by deeming same-sex marriage to be a matter of federal constitutional law."

DOMA, they said, "classifies on the basis of a couple's general procreative capacity, not their sexuality as such." They said a ruling in favor of same-sex marriage would "imply collateral invalidity of identical state definitions." But the attorneys general of states who support marriage equality submitted a brief in the Proposition 8 case to say that a ruling against same-sex marriage could have collateral damage on the institution of marriage itself. In six of seven states allowing same-sex marriage, they wrote, the divorce rate is at or below the national average and marriage rates "have generally improved." The brief was submitted by Massachusetts, Illinois, New York, Washington, D.C., Iowa and nine other states.

A brief from a group of former officials of the U.S. Federal Elections Commission identified another injury inflicted by DOMA — one that "handicaps" the ability of gay candidates for federal office by denying them the ability to use their same-sex spouse's assets for campaign purposes.

"The so-called 'spouse exemptions' under [FEC] rules free a candidate in an opposite-sex marriage to utilize for his campaign at least part of any asset owned jointly by the married couple," notes the brief. "A candidate in a same-sex marriage is not free to do so because his spouse is not recognized as a 'spouse' under federal law ...

"Indeed, it is difficult to argue that gays and lesbians are not politically disadvantaged when they are impaired by the very rules that shape political involvement and speech."

That argument — about the relative political power or powerlessness of gays and lesbians — is related to the court's deliberation over what level of scrutiny to use in examining the laws that disadvantage gays and lesbians. It provides support for the idea that the court should use heightened scrutiny.

Each of the friend-of-the-court (amicus) briefs on both sides of both cases is aimed at shoring up support — for specific arguments and, at times, for specific justices.

Importantly, the Obama administration submitted briefs in support of marriage equality in both cases. It did not have to file any brief in the Proposition 8 case but did so, arguing that the California ban violates the equal protection clause of the Constitution, that it should be subjected to heightened scrutiny, and that it fails that level of scrutiny.

A coalition of 50 civil rights groups, led by the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, filed a brief in the Proposition 8 case arguing for heightened scrutiny, saying "discrimination against gay people bears the same features that earlier led to heightened scrutiny of other classifications such as those based on sex or race." This coalition includes the ACLU, the NAACP, and the National Organization for Women, as well as many national and state LGBT groups, such as the Human Rights Campaign, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, MassEquality, Empire State Pride Agenda, Equal Rights Washington and Equality Maine.



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On the other side, African-American groups led by the Coalition of African American Pastors submitted a brief in the Proposition 8 case saying, "racially segregated marriage is not comparable to sexually integrated marriage."

There were also amicus briefs from dueling groups of constitutional law professors. Against Proposition 8, a group of 17 well-known constitutional law scholars, including Harvard University's Laurence Tribe and the University of California's Erwin Chermersky, argue that gay people, as a class, meet the four criteria set by the Supreme Court for triggering heightened scrutiny. Meanwhile, another group of 11 constitutional law professors argue that DOMA does not interfere with state's rights.

The National Women's Law Center joined with the Williams Institute, a UCLA-based think tank studying public policy regarding sexual orientation, in a brief that cites the Supreme Court's 1989 decision in Price-Waterhouse and other sex discrimination cases. The brief argues that laws that disfavor gays are based on the same stereotypes about the "roles, preferences, and capacities of women and men that this Court has rejected in sex discrimination cases under the Equal Protection Clause." Briefs from two conservative women's groups do not discuss the Price-Waterhouse implications. Concerned Women for America's brief says gays can't be considered a politically powerless group, detailing page after page of political victories and support for gays in the White House, Congress, media and public opinion polls.

Counter to that, the Organization of American Historians led a brief that provides a less upbeat picture of gay power. It details the history of discrimination faced by gay people in the U.S., starting with laws against "buggery" in colonial days and covering decades of prejudices created by religious and medical entities, as well as years of police harassment, media censorship, congressional

witch hunts, and legal barriers erected in both civilian and military arenas.

The nation's two premiere LGBT litigation organizations — Lambda Legal Defense and Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders — collaborated on a brief in both cases. They urge the court to define the level of scrutiny that should be applied to laws disfavoring gay people and to define it as heightened scrutiny. But they also urge that, even if the court evaluates Proposition 8 under simple rational review, the ban still fails to achieve a legitimate governmental objective. "Any categorical exclusion from marriage," states the brief, "indelibly marks gay people as second-class."

The National Center for Lesbian Rights, another well-respected national LGBT litigation group, filed its own brief to focus on the fact that no other state has amended its state constitution to exclude gays from marriage after that state's supreme court has ruled that marriage should be made available to gays the same as heterosexuals.

"A state constitutional amendment that purposefully excludes a particular group of citizens from the state's guarantee of the equal protection of the laws," states the brief, "gravely offends the federal principle of equal protection."

And William Eskridge, a law professor at Yale and a frequent commentator on LGBT legal issues, is joined on the brief by three other law professors to argue that the equal protection clause "forbids the state from elevating social stereotypes regard-

ing disparaged social groups into legal regimes that treat members of those groups as second-class citizens."

"Laws segregating public schools enjoyed the support of tradition, as such laws had flourished and had been upheld throughout American history," notes the Eskridge brief. "Once this Court understood that the social meaning and practical effect of such laws was to entrench a racial caste system, however, this Court acted to sweep away all laws segregating the races as a matter of law."

It was Eskridge, by the way, who was one of several essayists in the scotusblog.com symposium two years ago to argue that the same-sex marriage conflict "ought not be resolved one way or the other [by the Supreme Court] until public preferences become more settled."

His argument was that, when the Supreme Court issues a monumental ruling too soon on an intensely controversial issue — such as the right to abortion — it raises "the stakes of politically intense issues to the detriment of our pluralism."

The number and variety of views expressed in the amicus briefs in the DOMA and Proposition 8 cases are evidence of pluralism, but the balance of briefs in favor of striking DOMA and Proposition 8 also provide a strong impression that, if the Supreme Court does strike down both or either laws, the possibility of a prolonged *Roe v. Wade*-like political fallout is unlikely.

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# viewpoints

# Time for Medrano to come out

Having a closeted council member representing one of Dallas' most heavily LGBT districts in 2013 would be a major step back for equality

Twenty years ago this May, Craig McDaniel shattered a glass ceiling when he became the first openly gay candidate elected to the Dallas City Council.

Since then, Dallas has had four openly gay council members, including McDaniel. Two of them, John Loza and Chris Luna, were Hispanic and represented District 2, which is arguably Dallas' most heavily LGBT district.

This year, another gay Latino candidate is running in District 2, Adam Medrano. However, unlike Loza, Luna and two of his opponents, Herschel Weisfeld and Vernon Franko, Medrano has chosen not to be open and honest about his sexual orientation — even though he was once arrested after allegedly engaging in homosexual sex in a public bathroom.

Last week, Dallas Voice posed a simple question to Medrano: "Are you gay?"

"I'm not going to discuss that," Medrano responded. "I don't think that sexual orientation is an issue in the race."

While I suppose this response is preferable to an outright lie — such as the one Medrano told when he denied being gay in an interview with

Dallas Voice last year — it's hardly the type of transparency voters should expect from someone who's asking for their trust with the public's business.

On an LGBT level, Medrano's efforts to cover up his sexual orientation seem to imply that he thinks there's something wrong with being gay — that he's somehow ashamed of it. And let's face it, it's this type of shame that has often led closeted gay people to seek out anonymous sex in public bathrooms. Would history repeat itself if he is elected to the council?

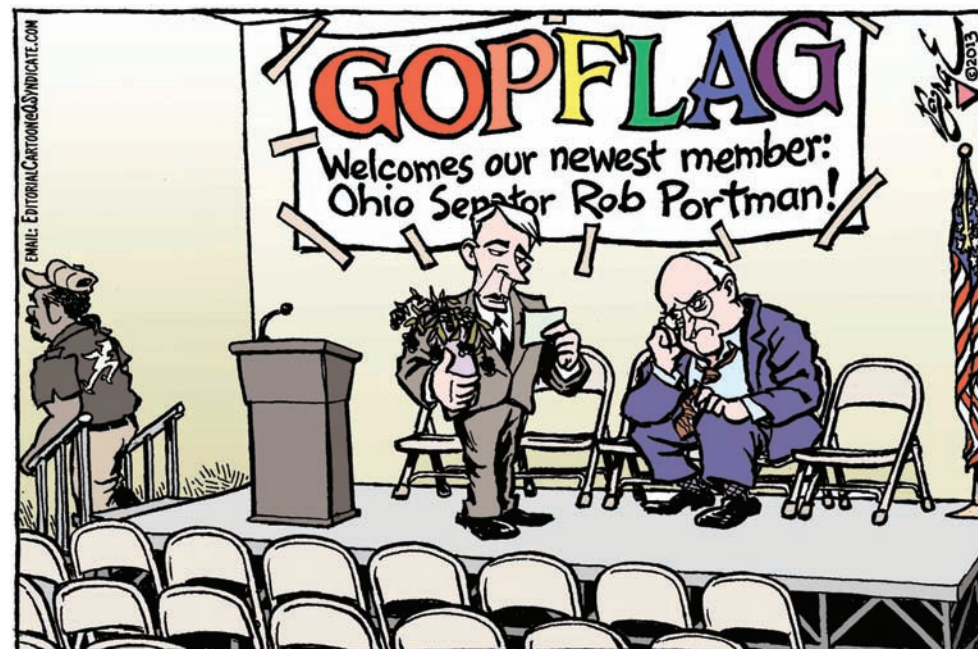
Another problem with closeted gay elected officials — even if they are generally supportive of the community on a policy level, as Medrano appears to be — is that they tend to avoid LGBT issues because they're afraid of being outed.

Medrano has been in office for seven years as a Dallas Independent School District trustee, thrice being elected president of the school board. Medrano and his LGBT supporters tout his vote in 2010 in favor of the district's fully inclusive anti-bullying policy. But this policy passed unanimously, and Medrano wasn't among trustees who led the charge publicly. Meanwhile, other important LGBT issues, such as domestic partner benefits for district employees, have gone largely undiscussed at DISD.

Furthermore, Medrano could have accomplished more for LGBT youth than any policy by simply coming out and serving as a positive gay role model — living proof that it gets better.



**John Wright**  
Senior Editor



"IT'S FROM THE CONSERVATIVE POLITICAL ACTION CONFERENCE. THE CARD SAYS, 'DON'T YOU TWO EVEN THINK OF COMING TO NEXT YEAR'S CONVENTION!'"

But the school board is one thing. Having a closeted City Council member representing a heavily gay district would undeniably be a major step backward for the Dallas LGBT community in 2013.

Which is why it's so difficult to understand why one so-called LGBT advocacy group, Stonewall Democrats of Dallas, would choose to endorse Medrano.

Even though many Stonewall leaders are aware of Medrano's sexual orientation, no one brought it up during the group's recent candidate screenings.

That's probably because some feared the wrath of the powerful Medrano family, which had many members in the room and is a force in the Dallas County Democratic Party.

Mind you, though, this is the same organization that put so much stock in electing an openly gay council member two years ago that it was willing to stab a staunch LGBT ally in the back to endorse her out challenger.

Medrano, because of his family name, as well as the fact that District 2 overlays much of his school board district, remains the odds-on favorite to win the seat.

Coming out wouldn't hurt Medrano's chances, and in fact it would probably help him among the district's many LGBT voters.

But remaining in the closet could hurt him, especially among LGBT voters who may wonder how he can represent their interests if he can't even represent his own.

LGBT political experts have long said that when gay candidates try to hide their sexual orientation, it ends up becoming an even bigger issue.

That's why the best approach for Medrano would simply be to acknowledge that's he's gay and move on to the real issues facing the city — both LGBT and otherwise.

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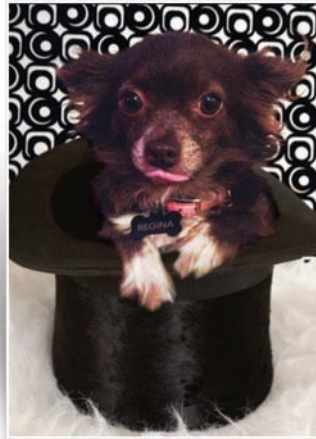
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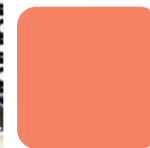
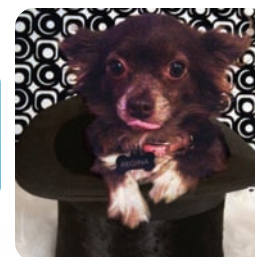
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# Hats off to our winner!



Top vote-getting image for the Top Hat contest was an adorable dog in (of course) a top hat

Frankly, we liked *all* of the nine finalists who made the cut for our Top Hat cover image competition — the glamour, the kitsch, the drag, the wit. Any of them would have made a fun cover to this issue. But there's a reason we call them the *Readers Voice Awards*, and that's because the readers pick the winners. Still, we weren't totally surprised when the Top Hat went to the only one in a Top Hat — quite literally. Winner Franky Bautista's picture of his adorable pooch Regina in an upside-down stovepipe was the clear favorite of voters, who may also have liked the fact that Bautista chose the SPCA as his charity of choice. Who says a dog's life is a bad thing? We tip our hat to you, Franky and Regina.

— Arnold Wayne Jones

## ABOUT THE VOTING

The Readers Voice Awards are an education for us as they are for you. We mix up the categories every so often, like this year changing "Top LGBT Fundraiser" to "Top Party for a Cause." And what's the result? Perpetual winner Black Tie Dinner gets bested by BearDance — showing the bears love to vote when they get to thinking outside the usual.

As it was last year, about 10,000 of you cast ballots across nine categories, with the most votes lodged in Nightlife, which also found "Top Dallas Night Club" the most popular award, followed by "Sexiest Bartender" (we agree — see Page 33) and then "Top Real Estate Agent." That's different than last year, when Dine was the most popular category.

There were many newcomers this year, some familiar names from past awards, but mostly, we were struck by the uniqueness of some votes and the enthusiasm. Here, then, we present your choices for the 2013 Readers Voice Awards.

— Arnold Wayne Jones



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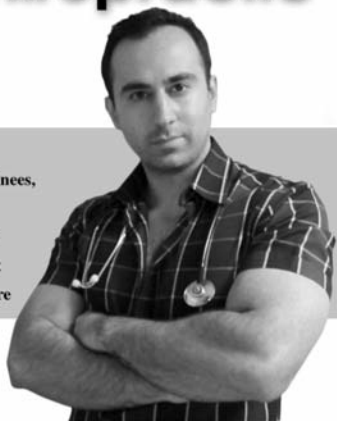
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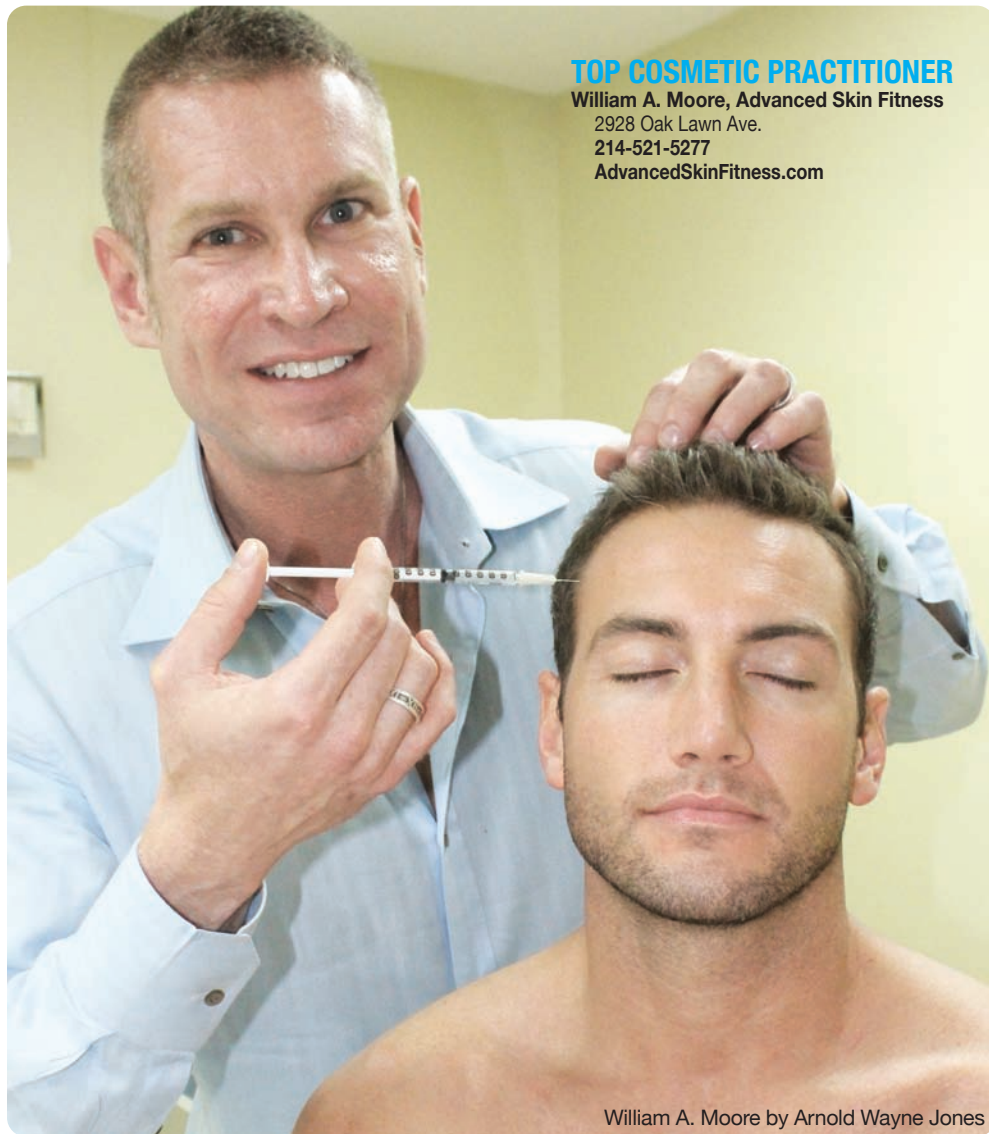
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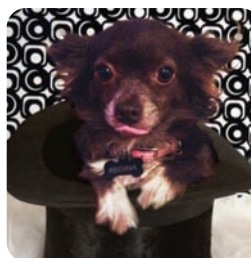
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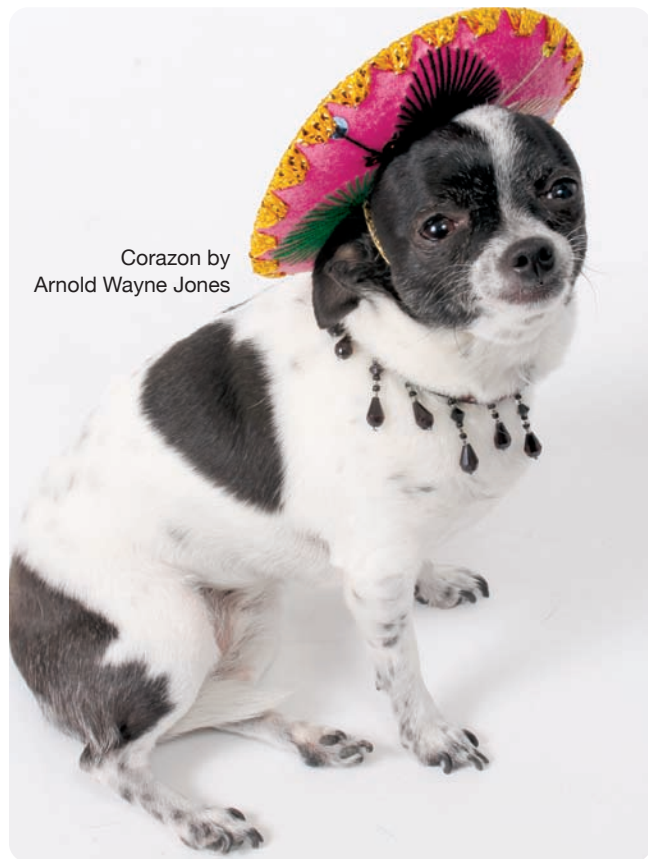
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When we were putting together the favorites to compete for the Top Hat photo competition late last year, we all knew Cori would have to be a finalist. Cori — short for Corazon Bella, Spanish for “beautiful heart” — wasn’t the photographer, but rather the wearer of a pert pink sombrero. Cori was a mini Chihuahua, the best friend of her master, Carroll Nanninga; she came in for a shoot in mid-December; five days later, she died suddenly and unexpectedly — Nanninga was, quite literally, heartbroken. He asked me *not* to include her among the finalists, as it would be too hard. But time soothed the hurt, and Nanninga gave us his blessing to provide a small tribute to Cori (a Readers Voice Award veteran — she was also a finalist for the Top Dog contest four years ago). We have no doubt she would have done well in the voting (she was replaced with the eventual winner, Bautista, above ... also a dog-hat combo), but really, we are just sad to have lost such a lovely and devoted member of the community. She embodies why we even have a Pets category: They are part of our families.

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Stephan Pyles at Stampede 66 by Arnold Wayne Jones

When you have three top restaurants in one town — including the newest, Stampede 66, which I declared 2012's best new restaurant — you're bound to be noticed by foodies. When that same person is Stephan Pyles (he of Routh Street Café, Baby Routh, AquaKnox and Star Canyon), himself a pillar of the gay community ... well, it's not just about being good; it's about being legendary. Pyles has fascinated Dallasites for 30 years with his clever takes on complex flavors, from the Southwestern influence in chile pie now at Stampede 66 to the Southeast Asian tapas dishes at Samar. More than just cooking, though, Pyles has inspired and mentored some of the best young chefs in Dallas right now: Tim Byres, Matt McCallister and Katherine Clapner all called him "boss" once. For the rest of us, he's simply the maestro.

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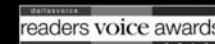


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— Rich Lopez

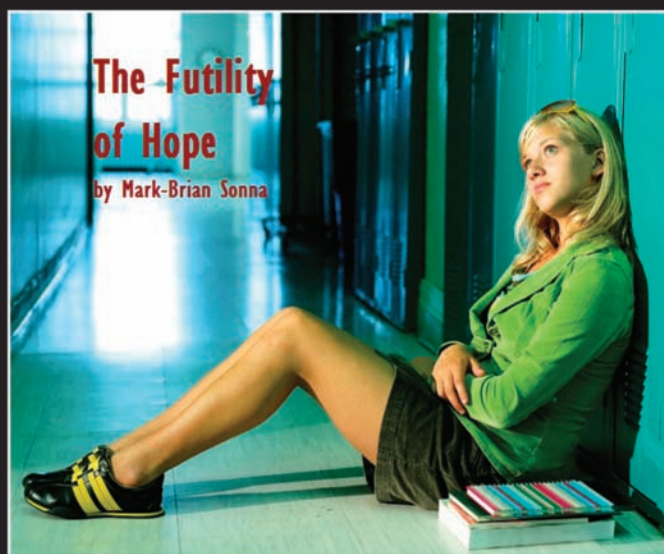
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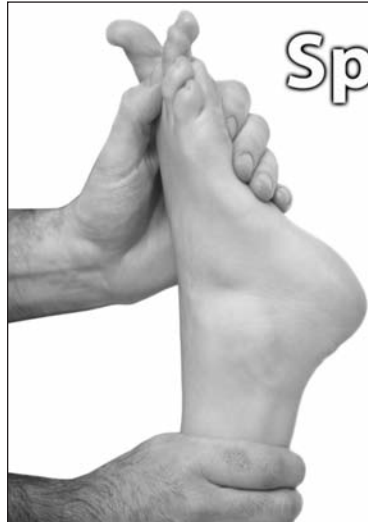
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### TOP NEIGHBORHOOD

Oak Cliff



Graffiti wall in Oak Cliff's Bishop Arts by Arnold Wayne Jones

Longtime residents of Oak Cliff can tell you about the “Oak Cliff Ohhh.” That was the noise that used to emerge from the lips of those who lived across the river whenever the subject of neighborhoods was broached. A quiet mixture of sound conveying everything from “Is it safe?” to “Where is that?” to “You poor dear,” it’s all but a memory now. Today, the “Oak Cliff Ohhh” is a bit more like the infamous “I’ll have what she’s having” scene from *When Harry Met Sally*. Home to trendy restaurants, boutique shopping and rockin’ live music venues (many gay-owned, virtually all gay-friendly), Oak Cliff is *hot*. Some describe the vibe as Austin-like, with mustachioed hipsters riding bicycles and street fests celebrating lesser-known holidays like Bastille Day. Others liken The Cliff (as its known to locals, who fancy themselves Cliff Dwellers) to a modern-day Mayberry, a place where everyone knows their neighbors and it’s not uncommon to gather on the porch for an impromptu after-work salon. Either way, Oak Cliff is proving that a bit of eclectic can go a long way when building a desirable community.

—Jef Tingley

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**TOP LOCAL DRAG KING**  
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When drag king Frankie Klee (aka Frankie 4Play) graces the stage, masculinity and raw sex appeal take human form. This not-so-average king gets his thrills from shocking the audience in a manner reminiscent of a carnival sideshow: From piercing his hand with a 14-gauge skewer to pouring hot wax down his body, Frankie is far from the typical “pretty boy.” 4Play — whose résumé dates back seven years to the former drag king troupe, the Dukes of Dallas — is even responsible for bringing together Mustache Envy, the bi-monthly drag king and burlesque show at Sue Ellen’s. Klee has been a longtime supporter of local music and raising funds for Girls Rock Dallas. While Klee has since stepped down from Mustache Envy, she claims Frankie 4Play will never vanish from the scene. Of course — a good king lives on.

— Amy Price

**TOP LOCAL PRODUCTION (PLAY)**

*Take Me Out* (Uptown Players)  
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Laura Carrizales and Mel Arizpe by Arnold Wayne Jones

**TOP LOCAL BAND, GROUP OR MUSICIAN**

Mi Diva Loca

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— Rich Lopez

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(TIE)

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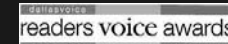
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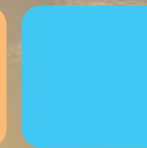
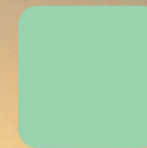
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— Arnold Wayne Jones



**GET LAID DESTINATION FOR BOTTOMS**  
New Orleans

**W**hen you're looking to meet a guy who will meet your needs, well, it's always a good idea to head for a city with a huge

gay population — it's the smorgasbord approach to hooking up. And few cities meet the diversity of criteria the way New Orleans does. Our bottom readers seemed to think the Crescent City was the best place to meet talented top men, and of course that makes sense: The city is open 24/7, and especially during Southern Decadence (above), you simply have a greatest chance of finding all kinds of men there. And those native Louisianans? Surely they're proud of their sexual prowess for good reason — we guar-on-tee.

— Arnold Wayne Jones



Kathryn Yarborough » The Mad Hat



### GET LAID DESTINATION FOR TOPS

San Francisco

When we polled readers about where tops go to get laid, we got some snarky answers (one voter noted every gay in Dallas is a bottom — so why go anywhere?). But the clear favorite for Bottomtown, USA, ended up being San Francisco. At first, we were a little surprised (it actually came in second as a “Get Laid Destination for Bottoms”), but based on our last visit ... well, we see their point. Thing is, SF is a gay mecca: Everyone goes there for everything, so of course you’re gonna find what you’re looking for, especially sexually adventurous guys who have the hospitality to give it up for out-of-towners. It does, though, give the lyric “San Francisco, open your golden gate” a whole new meaning. Or should we say, a hole new meaning?

— Arnold Wayne Jones



San Francisco's Castro Theater by Arnold Wayne Jones

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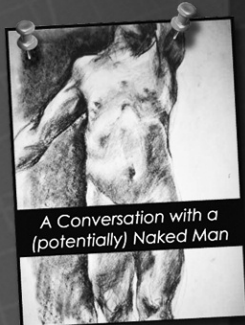
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And so it has been with Jack Kerouac's "unfilmable" masterpiece, the hipster chronicle *On the Road*, written without paragraph breaks on a continuous scroll in 1951 as a stream-of-consciousness riff on Beatnik culture. It commemorates the choppy, slackerish adventures of aspiring writer Sal Paradise and his charismatic friend, the iconic anti-hero Dean Moriarty (avatars for Kerouac himself and friend Neal Cassady) and their travels (often sexual) across post-war America.

But it took Walter Salles — the Brazilian-born director of *The Motorcycle Diaries* and *Central Station* — to find a way of adapting a book no one else has been able to.

"I was confronted with a similar problem adapting *Motorcycle Diaries*," he says in a phone interview. "It was a book I loved when I first read it in the mid-'70s in Brazil, back when there was censorship of art. The characters were in search of all forms of freedom, and they became very emblematic of what we were doing ourselves."

Love of the source material is one thing; resolving the storytelling hurdles in a way that made narrative sense while staying true to the

book was another. So just how did a foreign-born director and writer find the solution to that most American of books?

"I didn't feel ready to jump into this immediately when we first discussed it [in 2004]," he says. "We criss-crossed the country for five years and met with the people who [inspired the character] that were still alive, as well as Lawrence Ferlinghetti and Michael McClure. It was so inspiring, understanding the cultural and social background that fed the story and the complexities of the characters and how they could eventually become film characters. Jose Rivera [took on] an impressionist structure [with the screenplay], adding layer by layer, not following a traditional three-act format. It took 20 drafts before we reached the end — altogether, eight years."

Salles added a jazz underscore that carries the narrative along like a surfboard following the undulations of a wave.

"I was impacted by the jazz-infused quality of the text. Music is suggested directly by Kerouac, but we had to create a soundtrack that could match the music that had been composed in the late '40s — the kind that was decades ahead of its time," Salles explains. He hired Oscar winner Gustavo Santaolalla (*Brokeback Mountain*) to score the film with jazz great Charlie Hayden.

"They would riff on themes Gustavo had written for hours," Salles says. "I wish I had recorded those sessions. It's hard to describe in words, where the jazzman and his instrument were one. This frail old man became a giant once the instrument was in his hands. It was really quite remarkable."





**BROKEBACK HIGHWAY**  
Sal (Sam Riley) and Dean (Garrett Hedlund) experience the joys of being 'On the Road.'

# -whack

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A racy adaptation of Jack Kerouac's 'On the Road'

During the time they were writing the script, Salles even cobbled together a wish-list of actors he wanted to work with, getting commitments from them as long as five years before filming started. That's how hot commodities like Kristen Stewart, Garrett Hedlund and Amy Adams all ended up in this low-budget indie film, which opens today at the Magnolia. And what about the presence of Steve Buscemi?

"I believe no independent film can be made *without* Steve Buscemi," Salles deadpans. "We said to him, 'Pick your role — whatever you'd like to play.' I thought he picked the perfect Steve Buscemi choice [that of a car salesman anxious to have sex with Hedlund's Moriarty]. In shooting the dialogue that precedes the scene where Dean and he are in bed, Steve was so hysterically funny that I could not stop laughing and kept ruining the take. Then the whole crew started to laugh at the same time." But Salles got the ultimate in indie approval from Buscemi. "He said, 'Don't worry — the Coen Brothers do that all the time.'"

That scene, though, is hardly the only one with gay sex in *On the Road* — the film is filled with them ... more, even, than fans of the book might recall. But that wasn't exploitive, Salles says — it was authentic to the *nth* degree.

"We had access to the scroll version — the original manuscript — in 2004 and 2005, three years before it was published for its 50th anniversary edition in 2007," Salles confides. "The original version by Kerouac is *way* rawer and sexually daring than the tamer version pub-

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## QUEER CLIPS



**Olympus Has Fallen.** To say that this political action film is derivative — it is almost a point-by-point cross-section of *Air Force One* and the original *Die Hard*, with the White House itself standing in for Nakatomi Plaza and the president's plane — is not to diminish its effectiveness as an actioner. Great filmmaking? Of course not. Exciting entertainment with evil villains and a rah-rah patriotic message? Damn right. And, with actual tensions between the Koreans presently in the news, it has the added element of seeming plausible. That always improves a movie of this type.

**The Croods.** Mark my words: This will be the latest family film to be railed against by talk radio and the GOP as "indoctrinating" children in the "liberal agenda." And why not: It portrays a family of neolithic cavemen (i.e., Republicans) confronted by the "scary" ideas of a larger-brained *homo erectus* (an unnerving dreamy young man, voiced by Ryan Reynolds) who doesn't believe adherence to mindless tradition is a good thing. It also accepts Darwinism as fact. *Escandalo!* Pissing off John Boehner is reason enough to stand in line for one of the best animated films of the past few years.

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# Big D Fashion Week?

From DIFFA to Fashion Cited,  
preparing for a stylish week

March madness is upon us — not basketball, fashion! Here is a preview of several upcoming events this week in Dallas ... all benefiting charitable causes. ■

— J. Denton Bricker

#### House of DIFFA Collection 2013

**What it raises money for:** HIV/AIDS service and education programs

**The kinds of fashions you'll expect to see:** It's moved beyond basic denim, but old-schoolers still like to dive into their jean pool. Anyway, the runway will be sexed up with the hottest designer jackets fashion has to offer. These aren't your grandma's coats.

**Featured designers:** Only Joan Rivers' name has been mentioned so far — in association a sleek but unwearable bright orange jacket. A multitude of celebrities and designers will be showcasing designs.

**What to wear:** Pull out that outfit you paid way too much for and give it a reason to come out of the closet.

**Time and place:** Hilton Anatole, Saturday at 6 p.m.

#### Dress 4 Yellow

**What it raises money for:** LIVESTRONG Foundation and Cook Children's Cancer Center

**The kind of fashions you'll expect to see:** A barrage of vintage, yellow dresses. It's the yellow brick road to fashion, which is appropriately the theme of their silent auction.

**Featured designers:** Donna Karan, Isaac Mizrahi, Cole Haan, Rachel Roy, Christian Siriano, Elie Tahari,



**SMOKING HOT** | The era of denim is over at DIFFA, but while many smoking jackets will have the haute couture of this one, expect some jeans fabric to enter the mix.

Catherine Malandrino and more.

**What to wear:** Your best yellow frock or accessory. Spring has sprung.

**Time and place:** Adolphus Hotel, Thursday at 11:30 p.m.

#### Fashion Cited: A Style Event

**What it raises money for:** Legal Hospice of Texas

**The kind of fashions you'll expect to see:** They showed a collection of hot little black dresses with a twist at their preview. A diverse range of fashions — from vintage looks to futuristic gowns to a colorful, fun and themed men's underwear collection — means there is plenty here to ensnare the senses.

**Featured designers:** Brooks Brothers, Haggard, Emmanuel Tobias, Marek+Richard Underwear, Cathy Garcia, Francisco Flores and more.

**What to wear:** Something hot and tight with a little color. Ditch the jeans.

**Time and place:** Frontiers of Flight Museum, Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

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lished by Penguin. That's the one we were faithful to."

Salles himself was struck by the nonjudgmental quality of Sam, the narrator. "Most of the time he is talking about acts that were extremely daring for the times and relaying them without adding commentary. This, for me, is very contemporary as well and what we tried to do."

It did not require any convincing to get Hedlund — a rising young star whose sun-dried, caramel baritone and easy sexuality light the screen on fire — to go all the way in exploring that side of Dean.

"Garrett was so enamored by the role — he understood it so well that for him, doing those

scenes was just the way to be faithful to the inherent freedom Dean represented. Dean is the ignitor of the story, the young man who leads the others into territories they never would have explored if he hadn't been there. Garrett understood that perfectly. He also understood the importance of breaking those frontiers then and expanding on those frontiers today. He's a very free-spirited, informed, articulate guy. He did all those scenes with the same abandonment and freedom. It was quite moving to see that. Sometimes when you are doing scenes like those, you may bump into actors who are inhibited — he wasn't at all. Even during [screen] tests he would go quite far into that territory."

It's that freedom that comes through in *On the Road* and gives us, finally, a film that matches its original without missing a Beat. ■



### Friday 03.22

#### Del Shores records standup for DVD release at Rose Room

Del Shores might as well call Dallas home away from home: He was just here directing his play *Yellow* for Uptown Players, and he's now back — this time, though, he's in front of the footlights, performing his newest one-man standup act, *Naked. Sordid. Reality*. As with his past acts, you can expect Shores to dish about his celebrity encounters, his sex life and his career on shows like *Sordid Lives* and *Queer as Folk*. And best of all, you get to be part of posterity: Shores will be recording his performance for a DVD release of the show.

**DEETS:** The Rose Room inside Station 4, 3911 Cedar Springs Road. 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. \$10–\$30. (The first 10 people to email [kristamartinpr@gmail.com](mailto:kristamartinpr@gmail.com), though, can get free tickets!) [DelShores.tix.com](http://DelShores.tix.com).



### Sunday 03.24

#### Cindy Sherman exhibit stuns at DMA

With just herself, a camera and her imagination, Cindy Sherman has revolutionized art photography for 35 years, with pictures in which she is the sole model, makeup artist, decorator and photographer. Like Arbus, she explores the grotesque, often confronting questions of gender identity (John Waters is a huge fan). The massive new exhibit at the DMA, featuring bold, huge portraits (157 in all) — including her entire untitled black and white film stills series, which conjure (without recreating) stereotypical glamour shots of old Hollywood — is a not-to-miss celebration of the modern image.

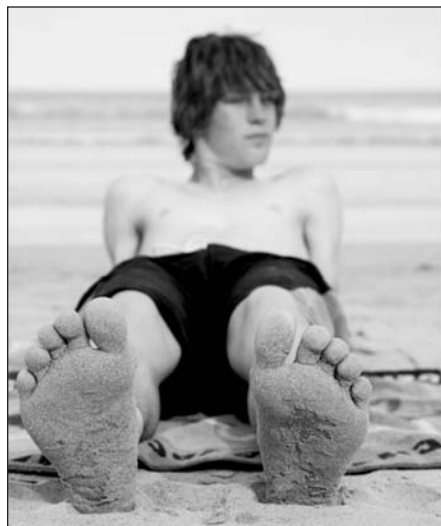
**DEETS:** Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 Harwood St. Through June 9. \$16 exhibition fee. [DMA.org](http://DMA.org).

### Monday 03.25

#### DTC Guild presents staged reading of home-grown Pulitzer play 'Gin Game'

Dallas has produced its share of Pulitzer Prize-winning playwrights (Beth Henley, Doug Wright) — among them, D.L. Coburn, who was inspired to write *The Gin Game* after seeing a play at the Kalita starring Tom Troupe. The story now comes full circle, as Troupe and his celebrated wife, the actress Carole Cook, team for a staged reading of the role made indelible by Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy for this one-night-only reunion of the former DTC acting couple.

**DEETS:** Kalita Humphreys Theater, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. 7 p.m. \$10.



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**WHATEVER, MARY** | P.L. Travers' nanny, immortalized in the Disney film, gets a reworking on the stage with this hit musical now at Fair Park Music Hall, reviewed this week at [DallasVoice.com](http://DallasVoice.com).

## ARTSWEEK: NOW PLAYING

### THEATER

**The Apartment Plays.** A double bill of two one-acts by Bruce R. Coleman: *A Conversation with a (Potentially) Naked Man* and *Larry Kramer Hates Me*. Green Zone, 161 Riveredge Drive. Through April 7.

**A Bright New Boise.** Gay playwright Samuel D. Hunter's comedy about life in an Idaho big box store. Circle Theatre, 230 W. Fourth St., Fort Worth. Through April 13. [CircleTheatre.com](http://CircleTheatre.com).

**The Futility of Hope.** Mark-Brian Sonna's new play, about a conservative girl who meets her biological father, only to find out he's gay. Stone Cottage Theatre, 15650 Addison Road. Through April 20. [MBSProductions.com](http://MBSProductions.com).

**Greater Tuna.** The cross-dressing comedy about small-town Texas. Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St., Grand Prairie. *Through Sunday.* [ArtsGP.com](http://ArtsGP.com).

**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. \$10-\$50. [Theatre3Dallas.com](http://Theatre3Dallas.com).

**Mary Poppins.** The practically perfect nanny flies her umbrella into Fair Park Music Hall, 901 First Ave. Through March 30. [DallasSummerMusicals.org](http://DallasSummerMusicals.org).

**My Name Is Rachel Corrie.** Second Thought Theatre revives its acclaimed show from the Festival of Independent Theatres. Bryant Hall at the Kalita Humphreys Theater, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. Through March 30. [SecondThoughtTheatre.org](http://SecondThoughtTheatre.org).

**The Odd Couple.** Neil Simon's classic comedy of mismatched messy Oscar and prissy Felix. Wyly Theatre, 2400 Flora St. Through April 14. [DallasTheaterCenter.org](http://DallasTheaterCenter.org).

**Red.** Joel Ferrell directs John Logan's Tony Award-winning play about artist Mark Rothko. Wyly Theatre rehearsal space, 2400 Flora St. *Through Sunday.* [DallasTheaterCenter.org](http://DallasTheaterCenter.org).

**A Wrinkle in Time,** Dallas Children's Theater presents

the Newberry Award-winning sci-fi classic, for its 50th anniversary. Rosewood Center for Family Arts, 5938 Skillman St. Through April 14. \$12-\$40. [DCT.org](http://DCT.org).

### FINE ART

**Marc Chagall: Beyond Color.** The groundbreaking surrealist's work, from early posters to costumes to sculpture, are exhibited in a splashy exhibit. Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 Harwood St. Through May 26. Special exhibition fee: \$16. [DallasMuseumofArt.org](http://DallasMuseumofArt.org).

**Cindy Sherman.** Massive collection of massive photographs from the influential artist are on display. Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 Harwood St. Through June 9. Special exhibition fee: \$16. [DallasMuseumofArt.org](http://DallasMuseumofArt.org).

**China Through the Lens of John Thomson 1868-1872.** The vanished world of Imperial China 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](http://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](http://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. Through July 14. [OldRed.org](http://OldRed.org).

## FRIDAY 03.22

### COMEDY

**Del Shores: Naked. Sordid. Reality.** The writer and latecomer to standup records his one-man show for his latest DVD in two shows at the Rose Room. Station 4, 3911 Cedar Springs Road. 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. \$10-\$30. [DelShores.tix.com](http://DelShores.tix.com).

## SATURDAY 03.23

### COMMUNITY

**Dallas Stiletto Stampede.** A "walk for the cure" in high heels (including men) benefiting Susan G. Komen. Plaza at Preston Center, Preston and Northwest Highway. 10 a.m. \$25-\$40. [StilettoStampede.org](http://StilettoStampede.org).

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**House of DIFFA: Collection 2013.** The annual gala, a fundraiser for AIDS issues featuring a runway show presented by Jan Strimple with live and silent auctions. Hilton Anatole, 2201 Stemmons Freeway. 6 p.m. Tickets from \$350. DIFFADallas.org.

## SUNDAY 03.24

**COMMUNITY**  
**Sunday Funday Big Gay Brunch Party.** The inaugural event for North Dallas gays, with DJ Michael Evans and MC Kourtney Wells. Blue Mesa Grill, 5100 Belt Line Road, Addison. 11 a.m.–4 p.m. \$25.

**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.

**BROADCAST**  
**Lambda Weekly,** radio show addressing LGBT issues. 89.3 KNON-FM at 11 a.m.



## MONDAY 03.25

**THEATER**  
**The Gin Game.** Dallas native D.L. Coburn's Pulitzer Prize-winning play arrives for a special one-night-only presentation, with Tom Troupe and Carole Cook performing the lead roles. Presented by the Dallas Theater Center Guild. Kalita Humphreys Theater, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. 7 p.m. \$10.

**BROADCAST**  
**RuPaul's Drag Race.** The new season continues. Logo at 8 p.m., followed by the behind-the-scenes *Untucked*.  
**Dallas.** J.R. is dead, but the Ewings continue their conniving. TNT at 8 p.m.

## TUESDAY 03.26

**THEATER**  
**Oral Fixation: Under the Gun.** Storytelling revolving around a theme. The MAC, 3120 McKinney Ave. 7:30 p.m. \$15–\$20. OralFixationShow.com.  
**Peter Pan.** Cathy Rigby in the children's classic about the boy who never grew up. Bass Performance Hall, 535 Commerce St., Fort Worth. March 26–31. BassHall.com

## WEDNESDAY 03.27

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

## THURSDAY 03.28

**BENEFIT**  
**Dress 4 Yellow.** Second annual fashion show, luncheon and fundraiser for Cook Children's Cancer Center and the LiveStrong Foundation. Adolphus Hotel, 1321 Commerce St.. 10 a.m., registration; 11:30 a.m., show and luncheon. \$250. Dress4Yellow.com.  
**Empty Bowls Fort Worth,** a fundraiser for the Tarrant

**WE ARE CURIOUS YELLOW |** Yellow is the color for the fundraiser Dress 4 Yellow on Thursday, and this jacket — one on the auction block at DIFFA on Saturday — shows a common theme at this week's fashion events.

Area Food Bank, features actual bowls by celebrities, a silent auction and tastes and bites. Texas Hall at Amon G. Carter Exhibit Hall, Will Rogers Memorial Center, 3401 W. Lancaster, Fort Worth. \$45–\$125. TAFB.org.

**Fashion Cited: A Style Event.** A fundraiser for the Legal Hospice of Texas. Frontiers of Flight Museum, 6911 Lemmon Ave. 6:30 p.m. \$50. LegalHospice.org.

**THEATER**  
**Avenue Q.** Theatre 3's hit from last summer and fall returns for an unlimited run in its downstairs Theatre Too space, once again with a cast including Denise Lee, Megan Kelly Bates, James Chandler and Michael Robinson. A puppet show, but not for children (there's lots of sex). Theatre 3, 2900 Routh St. in the Quadrangle. Ongoing. Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays–Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. \$10–\$40. Theatre3Dallas.com.

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**CELEBRITY BIRTHDAY**

**Chaka Khan** turns 60 on Saturday. The Queen of funk-soul, Khan (born Yvette Stevens) has been a favorite of gay club kids and drag queens for more than 30 years, starting with her anthem "I'm Every Woman" and on through "I Feel for You" and other hits.



**ARIES: Mar 21 — Apr 20**

Jumping the gun would be inappropriate now. Your assertiveness leads you to believe that confidence is the only prerequisite for anything. A little humility and the ability to go along with the program will get you more in the long run.

**TAURUS: Apr 21 — May 20**

Things have panned out in ways that have made you truly glad you didn't lose faith. If the last few months have been rough, the corner you just turned is about to show you that life goes better when we let our experience teach us what works and what doesn't.

**GEMINI: May 21 — Jun 20**

As you contemplate the reality of a new horizon, last minute questions as to whether or not this is the right thing to do have become an issue. It makes sense to think twice in situations like this; but only up to a point. Second-guessing is usually a sign that the ego is afraid to grow beyond itself.

**CANCER: Jun 21 — Jul 20**

You keep doing your best to shine everything on. I suspect that part of you wonders how long you can keep it up. There's a fine line between positive thinking and Pollyanna-ism.

**LEO: Jul 21 — Aug 20**

Things would be going a whole lot better if your sense of superiority and/or entitlement wasn't driving everyone around you nuts. Take a good look at what's going on; whatever your truth or your path or your goals are, don't lord things over people and don't expect them to drop down and agree with you.

**VIRGO: Aug 21 — Sep 20**

What's going on now is giving you the opportunity to reclaim yourself. So much of what has gone down has taken away the bigger part of what makes you who you are.

**LIBRA: Sep 21 — Oct 20**

All of us go through times when there's no way to explain to ourselves or others why we need to do what we do. At this point, understanding your situation involves opening up to the idea that others will be there for you no matter what.

**SCORPIO: Oct 21 — Nov 20**

Your story gets more interesting by the day. You can't figure out where you've been all your life because recent developments have taken you further into your wildest dreams. If things are hopping, it's because everything is getting redefined.

**SAGITTARIUS: Nov 21 — Dec 20**

Take time to deal with the things you overlook. Minor repairs are bound to become major if you don't tend to them now. Changing your mind regarding a move or other important shift has become an issue.

**CAPRICORN: Dec 21 — Jan 20**

The coming months will see you grow toward a fuller experience of love. This will not exclude those of you who happen to be single; there are many types of love; you may find yourselves bonding as deeply in friendship and kinship.

**AQUARIUS: Jan 21 — Feb 20**

You never thought life would end up like this. Welcome to the human race! Feeling like you don't have a clue about how you got from A to B seems to be a collective issue these days. There's no point in analyzing it; face it — you're here.

**PISCES: Feb 21 — Mar 20**

You've got to keep going at a time when your energy level is down. There isn't much time or space for the emotional component either. When life gets like this, it leads to exhaustion and it makes it real hard to stay in the Joy Zone.

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**Panel 1:** SURE WISH YA' COULD COME SWIMMIN' WITH ME AT THE "Y" TODAY.

**Panel 2:** HOLD ON, LANCE... CAN'T WE AT LEAST TALK FOR A COUPLA' MINUTES?

**Panel 3:** AW, C'MON, NOW. TELL ME SOMETHIN' 'BOUT YA' THAT I DON'T KNOW.

**Panel 4:** SORRY. I NEED TO GET BACK TO WORK.

**Panel 5:** POST-SEXUAL CHIT-CHAT IS NOT ONE OF MY SPECIALTIES, DREW.

**Panel 6:** SOMETHIN' THAT AIN'T WORK-RELATED, IF YA' CAN MANAGE IT.

**Panel 7:** ALL RIGHT. I WAS A BALLET DANCER IN HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

**Panel 8:** WERE YA', NOW? ANY GOOD? MY INSTRUCTORS THOUGHT SO.

**Panel 9:** THEY WANTED ME TO AUDITION FOR THE JOFFREY BALLET.

**Panel 10:** THEY THOUGHT I HAD WHAT IT TOOK TO GO PROFESSIONAL.

**Panel 11:** OH YEAH? HOW COME YA' DIDN'T GO FOR IT?

**Panel 12:** THAT CAREER PATH SEEMED TOO... LIMITED. AND I WAS ALSO EXCELLING IN MY BUSINESS STUDIES.

**Panel 13:** ULTIMATELY, I CHOSE THE PATH THAT WAS MORE FINANCIALLY REWARDING.

**Panel 14:** N' HOW DO YA' FEEL ABOUT THAT NOW?

**Panel 15:** EXCUSE ME... I THINK YOU'VE MISTAKEN ME FOR ONE OF YOUR... THERAPY CASES.

**Panel 16:** WHADDYA' MEAN? YOU CAN'T STOP YOURSELF FROM ANALYZING ME.

**Panel 17:** I SUPPOSE THIS IS ONE OF THE HAZARDS OF DATING A SOCIAL WORKER.

**Panel 18:** WELL, AT LEAST YA' ADMIT WE'RE DATING. THAT'S PROGRESS.

**Panel 19:** THIS SESSION IS OVER, COUNSELOR...

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**Panel 1:** bad with directions

**Panel 2:** YOU NEVER TOLD ME WE COULD ONLY BE IN A NONMONOGAMOUS RELATIONSHIP!

**Panel 3:** WE'VE NEVER STAYED TOGETHER LONG ENOUGH FOR IT TO COME UP.

**Panel 4:** SHE'S GOT YOU THERE.

**Panel 5:** I DON'T KNOW ANY OTHER WAY TO BE. I TRAVEL A LOT, I WORK ODD HOURS—I NEED MY LIFE TO BE TOTALLY OPEN, BUT YOU'RE SPECIAL TO ME, Y'KNOW...

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**Panel 8:** LOOK, I'M WILLING TO DEAL, NO DATING INSIDE METROPOLITAN NEW YORK. THAT'D BE A FREE ZONE FOR YOU.

**Panel 9:** HOW'S THAT MAKE YOU FEEL?

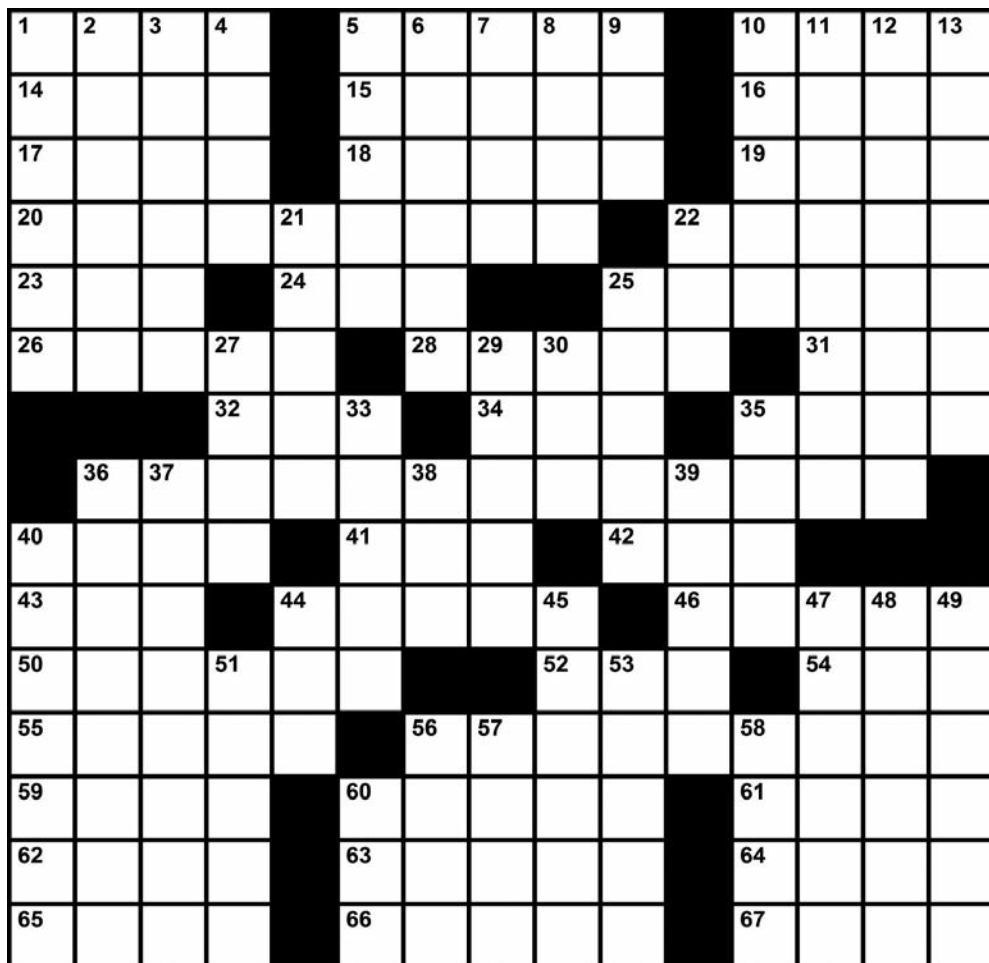
**Panel 10:** LIKE A REALLY SPECIAL TOLLBOOTH.

**Panel 11:** YOU WANT JERSEY? YOU CAN HAVE JERSEY.

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# Not Rhoda's Type

Solution on page 53

**Across**

- 1 Former Korean president in the land of Margaret Cho's ancestors
- 5 Game with men that are queens
- 10 Talk back to
- 14 Chauffeur's order
- 15 Seduces
- 16 Coagulate
- 17 Last word in prayer
- 18 Brian of figure skating
- 19 Plot unit
- 20 With 56-Across, *Rhoda* was a spin-off from this TV program
- 22 *Melrose* \_\_\_\_
- 23 Fabergé creation
- 24 NASDAQ rival
- 25 "My Brother's \_\_\_\_" (ground-breaking episode of the show)
- 26 Oozes through
- 28 "Candle in the Wind 1997" subject
- 31 Vein filler
- 32 From Jan. 1 to now
- 34 Field film name
- 35 Like a straight line, for short
- 36 *Rhoda* star
- 40 Show Boat bundle
- 41 Lodging place

**Down**

- 42 Cole Porter's "\_\_\_\_ Love You?"
- 43 Conduit bend
- 44 Cold shower
- 46 Cary Grant's real last name
- 50 Line from the show that used a certain word for the first time on network TV
- 52 Shakespearean prince
- 54 Jack of Flower Drum Song
- 55 Prelude, for short
- 56 See 20-Across
- 59 Trojans' org.
- 60 Ashley's C&W mother
- 61 Earthenware jar
- 62 Malicious gossip
- 63 Bones below the elbows
- 64 Golda of Israeli politics
- 65 Enc. with a ms.
- 66 Style Tracy Turnblad's hair
- 67 Ogled a hottie in a bar, e.g.

**Down**

- 1 *Pulp Fiction* actor Ving
- 2 Tribute
- 3 Come out
- 4 Start of a rhyme about a tiger
- 5 Has an effect like the Teletubbies
- 6 Threw a screwball, in Billy Bean's game
- 7 Hebrides language
- 8 Student of palms
- 9 Ukr., once
- 10 Sequence for Bernstein
- 11 Top mobster
- 12 *Fantasia* figure
- 13 Took the wheel
- 21 Sample some buns, e.g.
- 22 It may be black-eyed
- 25 Work with the hands
- 27 Part played by Nabors
- 29 Cara of *Fame*
- 30 Postcoital sigh
- 33 In a straight-faced way
- 35 Ron Howard role
- 36 Juicy fruit
- 37 Top athletes
- 38 Suffix with Paul
- 39 Bea Arthur's TV maid Esther
- 40 Top targets
- 44 Word in Brazilian place names
- 45 The "T" in T.E. Lawrence
- 47 *Jeffrey* director Christopher
- 48 Eastern laborer
- 49 Disney lyricist Ashman
- 51 Catch basin cover
- 53 Heed the alarm
- 56 International \_\_\_\_
- 57 Sometime Capote associate Chaplin
- 58 To a degree
- 60 Testacle, in slang



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## scene

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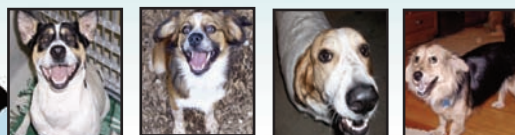
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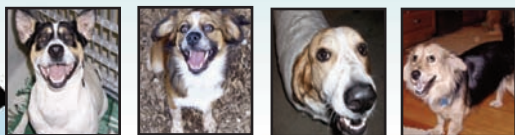
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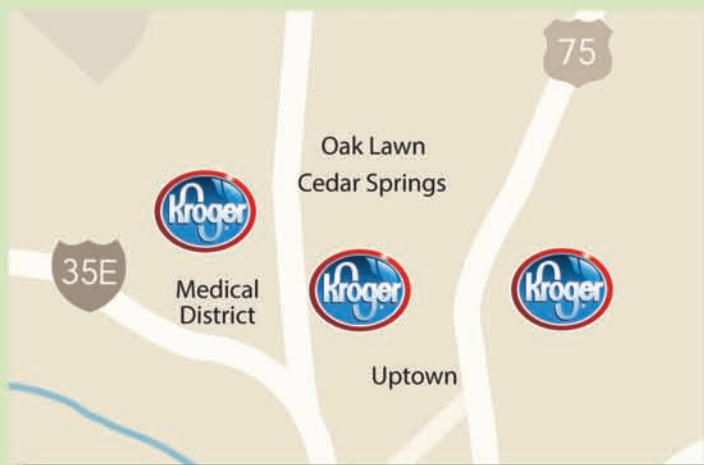
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