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An appalling review of 'The Rocky Horror Show' lit up Instant Tea this week.

### Attorney General Eric Holder announces resignation

Attorney General Eric Holder, Jr. announced on Thurs., Sept. 25, his intention to resign from his post as head of the justice department following the confirmation of his replacement by the Senate. The nation's first black attorney general is one of the longest-serving Obama appointees. He also is the fourth longest tenured AG in history. The civil rights advocate is well known for refusing to defend DOMA and suing Texas over its voter ID law.

— James Russell

### Louisiana state judge says marriage ban is unconstitutional, ruling stayed

Louisiana State Judge Edward Rubin ruled on Monday, Sept. 22, that the state's law banning same-sex marriage is unconstitutional because it violates the due process clause of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the equal protection clause of the 14th amendment and the full faith and credit clause of the Constitution.

Adam Polaski posted at [FreedomtoMarry.org](http://FreedomtoMarry.org)'s blog that "the ruling today grants the second-parent adoption and affirms that the Louisiana amendment violates the due process and equal protection clauses of the 14th Amendment."

On Thurs., Sept. 25, the ruling was stayed following an appeal by the state's attorney general.

— Tammye Nash

### SMU adds LGBT to Women's Center name

The Southern Methodist University Women Center has been renamed the Women and LGBT Center, according to the school's newspaper *The Daily Campus*.

The Center hasn't changed its mission or added any programs, because LGBT programs have

come under the Women's Center since the 1980s. Spectrum, the school's LGBT group, has been based at the Women Center for years. Other programs at the center include the Allies program for students, faculty and staff "to show tangible support of the LGBT community on campus." Participation includes a two-hour training and ongoing educational workshops.

— David Taffet

### Gay South Dakota teen files complaint after allegedly forced to wear 'gaytard' nametag

Tyler Brandt, 16, of Yankston, S.D., filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on Wed., Sept. 14, alleging discrimination by his former employer for being forced to wear a "Gaytard" nametag, according to the Sioux Falls, S.D. Argus Leader.

He resigned from his job at Taco John in June after the manager made wear him the nametag. Brandt told local media at first he wore the nametag because he feared for losing his job.

— James Russell

### An appalling review of 'Rocky Horror' (not mine)

I decided to do something I never, ever do: Publicly call out another "review." In the theater blog called *The Column*, Mary L. Clark reviewed the show ... at least, that's what they call it. As someone who directed my attention to this story pointed out, she refers to out director Joel Ferrell's "lifestyle choice" being affected by the show.

Ummm... what?

I really, really thought we had progressed past the point one's innate sexual orientation was labeled — insultingly, ignorantly, regressively — as a "choice" and a "lifestyle."

Read both my and Clark's reviews and her response to my post on our InstantTea blog.

— Arnold Wayne Jones

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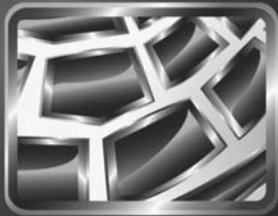


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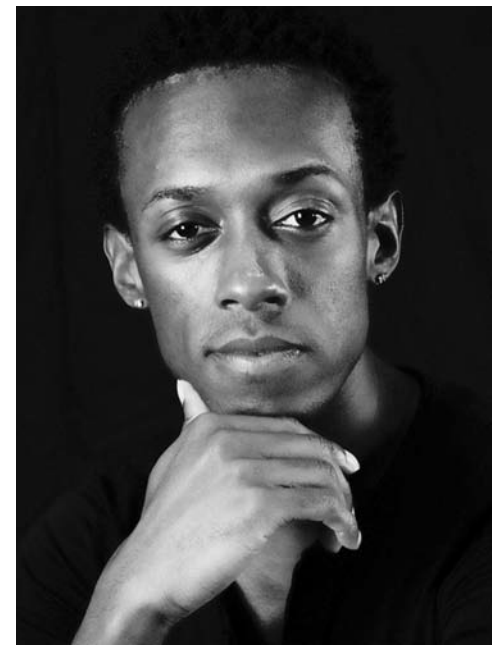
## localbriefs

### Fahari Arts celebrates Dallas Black Pride

Fahari Arts Institute celebrates Dallas Black Pride with a evening of spoken word, dance and film, 8:30 p.m.–midnight, Friday, Sept. 26, at South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 Fitzhugh Ave.

This month's Queerly Speaking features guest artist Jamie Thompson, a Belize native who received a B.F.A. in dance performance and choreography from Belhaven University in Jackson, Miss. He has studied, danced and choreographed with the Belize National Dance Company and Dallas Black Dance Theatre. He is currently the director of operations and associate artistic director at the International Conservatory of Performing Arts in North Texas.

In observance of National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Fahari Arts will have a media showcase and a talk back with local ambassadors of the new Greater Than AIDS campaign, SPEAK OUT!



Jamie Thompson

### Business expo at Melrose

The North Texas GLBT Chamber of Commerce presents the GLBT Business and Community Expo at the Melrose Hotel, 3015 Oak Lawn Ave. 4:30–7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 20.

Expert advice 30-minute presentations include Business Bootcamp with attorney Rebecca Covell and CPA Ron Allen, estate planning for LGBT

couples with attorney Jodi McShan, Road to Retirement with Brian Walker and readings from lesbian fiction with Carson Taite.

Exhibitors will compete for prizes including most innovative, best first-time exhibitor, best giveaway, best staff, best of show and people's choice.

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**LEADING THE CHARGE** | Councilwoman Vonceil Jones Hill chaired a committee advancing all of Dallas' legislative priorities.

# Vonceil Jones Hill resolution could advance pro-LGBT legislation

Councilwoman who refuses to sign a city council welcome letter for Pride came up with wording for a resolution that supports LGBT bills

**DAVID TAFFET** | Staff Writer  
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Vonceil Jones Hill this week proposed a resolution that will advance LGBT equality legislation on the agenda of the Dallas lobbyists in Austin during the upcoming session. The proposal allows the LGBT Task Force to recommend additions to that agenda without a cumbersome process that bogged down efforts in the last legislative session.

Hill — best known in the LGBT community for being the only Dallas City Council member to refuse to sign a letter welcoming people to the city for Pride and refusing to ride on the

council's parade float — worded a resolution that LGBT Task Force members called a brilliant approach.

Every two years, the Dallas City Council appoints an ad hoc committee to instruct its lobbyists in Austin what agenda items to advance. This year's committee is made up of the seven council members who chair the council's other committees. Hill chairs the ad hoc committee.

The committee has taken input on agenda items from council members and a number of sources including the LGBT Task Force.

Former Councilwoman Delia Jasso started the LGBT Task Force as an unofficial advisory group when she learned that no discrimination cases had been prosecuted since the Dallas non-discrimination ordinance was passed a decade earlier. After Jasso left office in 2013, Mayor Michael Rawlings made the LGBT Task Force an official city task force and appointed Councilman Adam Medrano

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## AIDS Outreach Center honors donors, funds mental health counseling

The Red Ribbon Circle came from 2 challenge grants

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AIDS Healthcare Foundation presented a check to the AIDS Outreach Center on Monday, Sept. 22, fulfilling its promise to match all donations of more than \$1,000 during the center's successful Red Ribbon campaign.

When The Meadows Foundation of Dallas presented AOC with a \$72,000 challenge grant opportunity, AOC formed the Red Ribbon Circle, which honors major donors, according to a statement. Those who gave or pledged \$1,000 or more between May 1 and Aug. 15 would have their donation matched and be recognized as a Red Ribbon Circle Founder.

AHF kicked off the campaign with a \$25,000 donation and matched each additional gift of \$1,000 up to \$25,000. They were joined by nearly 40 other individuals, corporations, and organizations. Four months later, the Tarrant County HIV/AIDS service organization's donations totaled \$182,000.

AOC Executive Director Shannon Hilgart said she was grateful for the outpouring of support from donors.

"We are so pleased that AHF and the Meadows Foundation provided this opportunity to initiate The Red Ribbon Circle," Hilgart said. "It is a way

that we can recognize those donors who are able to make larger gifts in support of our mission, and allow them to leave a legacy of caring."

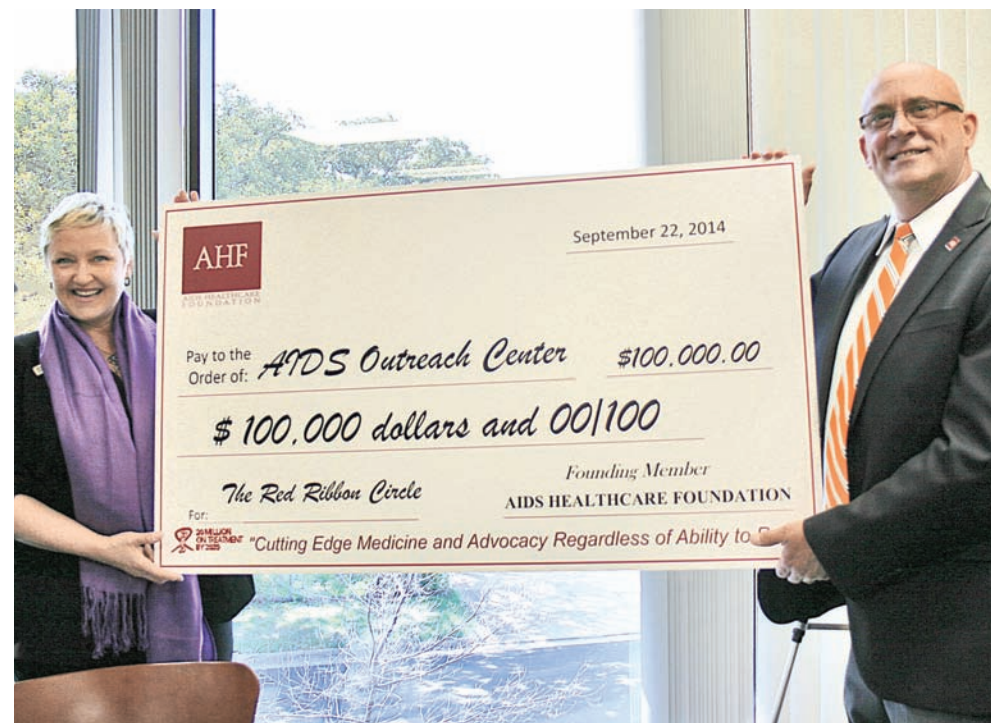
Bret Camp, AHF's regional director, said, "The outpouring of support for the Red Ribbon Circle is a true reflection of the good work AOC is doing and the kindness of North Texans. We are honored to be partnering with AIDS Outreach Center to provide crucial services to people living with HIV and AIDS in the Tarrant County area."

The donations came at a critical time for AOC. As what Camp described as the "only one-stop shop for HIV support services in Tarrant" and seven other surrounding counties, AOC's client base has been steadily increasing. In the past year it has served 1,600 Texans living with HIV, distributing more than 80 tons of groceries and dental services to 1,100 clients through AOC's specialized dental clinic. Alongside AHF, the organization has also tested thousands for HIV and STDs.

Like many other non-profits, however, AOC has struggled to keep up after the 2008 economic collapse.

Anticipating a budget shortfall, Hilgart approached Meadows about filling the gap, said Kathy Taylor, Meadows' senior program officer.

But the foundation does not support general operating funds. Instead they distribute grants to organizations in one of five key areas: arts and culture, civic and public affairs, education and health and human services.



**THANKS FOR GIVING** | AHF Regional Director Bret Camp, right, presents a check representing AHF's donations to AOC this year to AOC Executive Director Shannon Hilgart. (James Russell/Dallas Voice)

In AOC's case, the foundation's increasing interest in mental health was attractive to them. The grant's criteria honored longtime major donors, gained new donors and received a grant to support their mental health counseling. In AOC's case, "their work healing the whole body" was impressive, said Taylor.

The challenge grant model ultimately proved to be the right solution to make up for the gap.

Linda P. Evans, president and CEO of the Meadows Foundation, could not be more pleased. "As the only [HIV/AIDS services] organization serving Tarrant and surrounding rural areas, AOC is making a huge difference in the lives of people living with this illness. [We] admire and respect their work, particularly the mental health program and the work being done to remove the stigma of HIV/AIDS."





**INFLUENTIAL** | The Dallas Convention and Visitors Bureau held a reception at The Hickory Street Annex near Fair Park on Sept. 18 to introduce its "LGBT Big Influencers," 11 LGBT men and women chosen as LGBT ambassadors for the city. They are Marcus Monson, Vanessa Benavides, Blake Baker, Angela Amos, Malcolm Gage Jr., Krystal Summers, Dr. Cordell Adams, Jaime Duggan, San Santiago, Joseph Hernandez and Gregory Kilhoffer. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

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as its chair.

The task force has been discussing issues it wants the city's lobbyist to address in Austin when the legislature convenes in January. Employment non-discrimination heads the list.

While an employment non-discrimination bill may be introduced, most of the work for LGBT advocates in Austin revolves around killing bad legislation.

While some items — like restricting gays and lesbians from adopting — pop up regularly, it's hard to guess what malicious bills may be introduced. Last session a contentious debate over LGBT resource centers at state universities appeared on the agenda with little warning.

Medrano said he presented Hill with a list of items upon which the task force had agreed. But Hill had a better solution and came up with wording for a resolution that avoids debate on individual items.

"Support legislative recommendations from city task forces (such as the LGBT Task Force, the Education Task Force, the Poverty Task Force, the Domestic Violence Task Force, the Fair Park Task Force and others) that are consistent with the policies of the city council, the city's legislative agenda and city council strategic priorities," Hill's resolution reads.

Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance President Patti Fink, a member of the LGBT Task Force, said, "The strategy is to not argue over every little item."

In addition, she said, Hill's resolution allows the lobbyists to address any negative legislation not anticipated.

Dallas lobbyist Larry Castro said he spends most of his time addressing anti-municipal legislation every session. Many of these bills, introduced by rural legislators, restrict the power of cities.

At a hearing at Dallas City Hall on Monday, Sept. 22, Castro said he expected a bill that would restrict a city's right to protect categories of people not covered by federal law. The bill would be presented to counter Houston's HERO ordinance and

San Antonio's recent non-discrimination law that have been controversial and prompted failed recall bids in both cities. That law would also invalidate the Fort Worth and Dallas ordinances that have been in effect for more than a decade without controversy.

In the last session of the legislature, LGBT activists wanted Dallas lobbyists to work with Equality Texas to help derail some bad legislation.

In June 2013, the LGBT community clashed with city council members over a resolution proposed by Councilman Scott Griggs.

Former Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano put the resolution supporting marriage equality and statewide LGBT-inclusive workplace protections on the agenda while Rawlings was out of the country. To get the resolution off the agenda, the mayor called in from Brazil and was considered present.

LGBT activists attended the city council meeting wearing red and stood, turning their backs to council members who opposed the resolution.

The process of getting Griggs' resolution of support was so slow and divisive, however, that by the time the council addressed it, the legislative session was over.

Hill's resolution for the upcoming session avoids that sort of divisive debate.

At the Sept. 21 briefing, Castro presented a list of major items he plans to address with legislators. The issues involve everything from urban blight and code enforcement to designating Dallas as the official home of the 2036 Texas Bicentennial celebration. City council members from the southern sector of the city pushed him to support legislation allowing for stricter regulation and inspection of boarding houses, which are a problem in their districts.

Castro said he has a general rule for supporting or opposing legislation.

"If it expands city authority, I support it," he said.

The LGBT resolution along with the full lobbying agenda will be discussed by the full city council at its briefing on Oct. 15 and voted by the council on Oct. 22.

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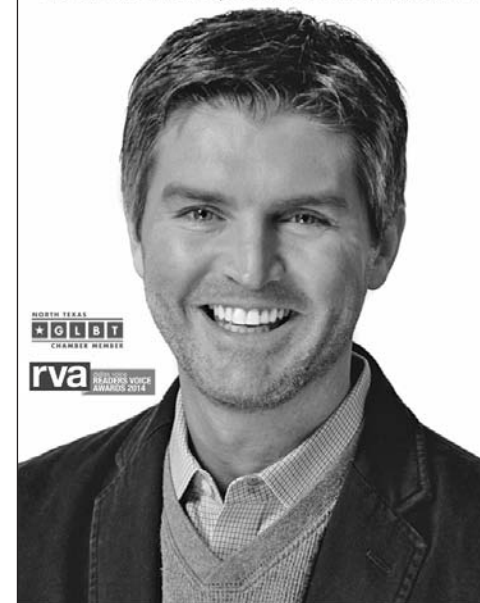
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# 'Cure' in disguise

Arlington 'ministry' dedicated to 'curing' homosexuality gets prize money for NT Giving Day fundraising efforts

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When it comes to the people of North Texas, the phrase "go big or go home" certainly applies — especially when it comes to their pocketbooks.

The sixth annual North Texas Giving Day took place on Sept. 18, giving donors in North Texas an opportunity to give to local nonprofit organizations that they may not have been previously aware of. And the giving was good.

North Texas Giving Day, powered by the Communities Foundation of Texas, raised a total of \$26.3 million for local area nonprofits, surpassing 2013's total by more than \$1 million.

In addition to those donations, some nonprofits also received special grants and prizes given out by local foundations for reaching certain goals throughout the day. One of those nonprofits was Living Hope Ministries in Arlington, which received two grants totaling \$10,000 from the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation.

ATF gave these grants to the nonprofit with the most unique donors between 2–6 p.m. and between 6 p.m.–midnight on North Texas Giving Day.

But some supporters of the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation and NTGD may be surprised to find that Living Hope Ministries is an ex-gay ministry whose sole purpose is to help people "leave homosexuality" and "stop the suffering of same-sex attraction."

Additionally, Living Hope Ministries received bonus funds for all donations over \$25 based on a prorated dollar match awarded by Communities Foundation of Texas.

Living Hope Ministries is not a physical church, but is instead an organization with the sole purpose of counseling men, women and children who have same-sex attractions they believe conflict with a Christian identity. Living Hope does not identify itself as an ex-gay ministry, but rather as a Christian organization that teaches men and women how to "overcome homosexual feelings by leaning on Christ."

At least one NTGD donor said she was shocked to learn that Living Hope Ministries was allowed to participate in NTGD. "I don't feel like this is for the betterment of our communities and takes away from other legitimate nonprofits actually making significant contributions," said the woman, a city of Dallas employee who asked that her name not be used.

Living Hope Ministries, which is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, used its website to actively recruit support-

ers to give during NTGD so that the organization could qualify for the additional prizes and awards. The 501(c)3 nonprofit raised \$60,035 for its anti-gay congregation, beating organizations like Alliance for Children, which raised \$57,125 toward its mission of protecting North Texas children from child abuse, and The Resource Center, Dallas' LGBT community center and HIV service organization, which brought in \$14,480.

Arlington Tomorrow Foundation Executive Director Carolyn Mentasana said she was shocked and concerned when she learned that an ex-gay ministry was receiving ATF grant funds. She said that ATF gave the grant money to Communities Foundation of Texas with the understanding the funds would go to a nonprofit engaged in community outreach and support, regardless of race, gender, religion or sexual orientation.

On Wednesday, Sept. 24, after being made aware of Living Hope's purpose, Communities of Texas Foundation and Arlington Tomorrow Foundation reached an agreement through which Living Hope would receive prize money from Communities of Texas Foundation but not any grant funds from Arlington Tomorrow Foundation.

Because Living Hope was not designated as a physical place of worship during the NTGD application process, Communities Foundation officials said they will still honor the grant to Living Hope despite now knowing about the organization and its functions.

"We verify 501(c)3 status, but we do not make a judgment as to what their causes are," said Carol Goglia, director of marketing and communications at Communities Foundation of Texas. "Our committee verified that [Living Hope Ministries] was in good nonprofit standing and that they didn't appear to be a physical church."

A representative from Living Hope Ministries said that the grant funds would not be used towards one specific program, but for the overall operation of its services.

Many other religious-based nonprofit organizations received donations and prizes from NTGD, but these organizations have clear, tangible programming.

For example, the Presbyterian Night Shelter is a housing program for adults, the elderly, families, those with mental or emotional disorders and veterans. And the Union Gospel Mission provides the homeless population of Dallas with meals, clothing, shelter, emergency medical services and daycare for children. The Stewpot, a First Presbyterian Church of Dallas program, offers a safe haven for homeless and at-risk individuals in Dallas, providing resources for basic survival needs as well as opportunities to start a new life.

The Rev. Jim Mitulski, interim senior pastor at Cathedral of Hope, a congregation of the United States Church of Christ, said he is "disappointed



**HOUSED IN THE CHURCH** | Living Hope Ministries' website lists its physical address as 301 S. Center St. in Arlington. That is the address for the Wade Building, a commercial building owned by — and bearing the name of — First Baptist Church Arlington. (Tammye Nash/Dallas Voice)

that NTGD is a way to support this organization. This is a program based on bad science and bad religion. It is preying on people's weaknesses and exploits them.

"To me, this is similar to funding a hate group, because this organization goes against people's normal and natural sense of self. This is prejudice in a religious cloak," Mitulski said.

The Cathedral of Hope, the largest LGBT Christian congregation in Dallas, did not participate in NTGD because of religious exemptions.

Living Hope Ministries Executive Director Ricky Chellete couldn't be reached for comment.

But according to an article Chellette wrote for the ministry's magazine, "Each week, over 100 people gather in three locations for our in-person support groups for young adults, men, women, friends and family and wives of men who struggle with same-sex attraction. Our staff spends thousands of hours each year in personal, pastoral counseling and mentoring with individuals seeking help for their unwanted same-sex attractions. Our young adult and adult retreats draw over 120 people from states across the U.S. and countries across the globe for a weekend of bible study, discipleship and worship."

In addition to its in-house worship services and

annual retreats, Living Hope also offers online support forums with more than 7,800 members from 170 different countries. Many of the ministries clients have posted testimonials on the website praising its efforts to help them control their same-sex attractions.

The ministry, on its website, makes no claims to have "cured" homosexuality in its clients, nor do any of the clients claim to have been "cured." But the testimonials make it clear the clients believe that LGBT and Christian identities are mutually exclusive.

The American Psychological Association does not classify homosexuality as a mental disorder and says that churches and mental health practitioners should not make efforts to "cure" same-sex attraction.

Living Hope Ministries held its 25th Anniversary Fundraising Celebration Banquet at the Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas the day NTGD was held. Park Cities Baptist is one of Living Hope's many partner churches in the North Texas region. The physical address for Living Hope, 301 S. Center St. in Arlington, is in the Wade Building, a building owned by First Baptist Church Arlington, according to the Tarrant County Appraisal District website. ■

# PRIDE Calendar

PRIDE 2014

## September

- **Sept. 26: The Gay Softball World Series**  
Championship Eve Bash. Woody's Sports & Video Bar, 4011 Cedar Springs Road. [DallasSeries2014.com](#).
- **Sept. 26: Queerly Speaking**  
South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 Fitzhugh Ave. 8:30 p.m.–midnight.
- **Sept. 26-28: Beyond Vanilla XXIV**  
Host hotel is Crowne Plaza — Downtown, 1015 Elm St. Overflow hotel is Hotel Lawrence, 302 S. Houston St. Events at the Crowne Plaza and at Dallas Eagle, 5740 Maple Ave. [BeyondVanilla.org](#).
- **Sept. 26: 5 Factor**  
7 for Parties, 150 Turtle Creek Blvd., Suite 107. 7–9 p.m. \$50. [MyResourceCenter.org](#).
- **Sept. 27: The Gay Softball World Series Closing Celebration**  
Cedar Springs Road from Reagan to Knight Streets. 7 p.m.–midnight. Free.
- **Sept. 27: Jackie K. Jones Memorial Ride**  
Revlon Courtyard, 720 N. Lancaster Ave. to White Rock Lake and back. 9:30 a.m. Benefits AIDS Service Dallas. [AIDSDallas.org](#).
- **Sept. 28: 'Same Love, Same Rights' LGBT Wedding Expo**  
150 Turtle Creek Blvd., Ste. 107, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Event is free but donations of \$5 requested. For information call 828-645-8750.

[RainbowWeddingNetwork.com](#).

- **Sept. 30: GLBT Business & Community Expo**  
Warwick Melrose, 3015 Oak Lawn Ave., 4-7:30 p.m. Sponsored by North Texas GLBT Chamber of Commerce. Free admission; exhibitor tables \$100 each or \$75 for a shared table. For information contact Tony Vedda by phone at 214-865-6516 or by email at [tony.vedda@glbtchamber.org](mailto:tony.vedda@glbtchamber.org). [GLBTChamber.org](#).

## October

- **Oct. 2: Teen Pride**  
Music, dancing and pizza for ages 14-19. Celebration Community Church, 908 Pennsylvania Ave, Fort Worth. 6–8 p.m. [Celebration-Community-Church.com](#).
- **Oct. 2: Evening benefiting the Dallas County Democratic Party Coordinated Campaign**  
Beverages and food trucks. 401 Exposition Street. 5:30–7:30 p.m.
- **Oct. 2-4: Southern Regional Health Disparities & Leadership Conference**  
Crowne Plaza, 1015 Elm St. [BHAPConference.org](#).
- **Oct. 2-6: Dallas Black Pride Weekend**  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1015 Elm St. [DallasSouthernPride.com](#).
- **Oct. 3: Festive Fall Gathering**

Private home, 3905 Summercrest Drive, Fort Worth. \$75 benefits Equality Texas. Rep. Marc Veasey is special guest.

- **Oct. 3: HRC Reception for Rep. Krysten Sinema**  
1400 Hi Line Drive, 6th floor. VIP reception: 5–6 p.m., reception: 6–7:30 p.m. \$250–2,600. 214-269-7761.
- **Oct. 3: Burgers & Burgundy**  
Private home, 4637 Meadowood Road. 6:30–9:30 p.m. Chefs John Tesar, Blaine Staniford and others in a foodie fundraiser for DIFFA.
- **Oct. 4: Tarrant County Pride Parade and Festival**  
Parade steps off at noon at Weatherford and Houston streets. Festival noon–6 p.m. [TCGPWA.org](#)
- **Oct. 4: Inclusive Counseling's LGBT Adoption Options**  
Jonathan's Place, 6065 Duck Creek Road, Garland. 11 a.m. RSVP [therapy@inclusivecounseling.com](mailto:therapy@inclusivecounseling.com).
- **Oct. 5: LifeWalk**  
Lee Park, 3333 Turtle Creek Blvd. Register 11 a.m. Walk at 1 p.m. [LifeWalk.org](#).
- **Oct. 5: Tarrant County Pride Picnic**  
Trinity Park, 2987 Trinity Park Dr, Fort Worth. Noon–6 p.m. [TCGPWA.org](#).
- **Oct. 9-12: QCinema Film Festival**

Rose Marine Theater, 1440 N. Main St., Fort Worth. [Qcinema.org](#).

- **Oct. 11: National Coming Out Day**
- **Oct. 12: Jennings Street Festival**  
Jennings Avenue between Pennsylvania Ave. and W. Cannon. 2–8 p.m. benefits AIDS Outreach Center.
- **Oct. 12: Spirit Day**  
Stand with LGBT youth against bullying.
- **Oct. 15: DIFFA Style Council party**  
Announcement of the 2015 Season Style Council and Legends members. Neiman Marcus, 1618 Main St. 6 p.m.
- **Oct. 18: Spooktacular**  
Fundraiser for the GLBT Leadership Education and Advocacy Program (GLBT LEAP), 6-9 p.m., at ilume 2, 3109 Douglas Ave. For information call 214-865-6516.
- **Oct. 19: Great Gatsby Party**  
Benefits AIDS Interfaith Network. The home of Faye C. Briggs, 5909 Desco Drive. 3–6 p.m. [AIDSInterfaithnetwork.org](#).
- **Oct. 17-18: International Gay Rodeo Finals**  
John Justin Arena, 1051 Rip Johnson Road, Fort Worth. \$15 one day, \$25 two days. [IGRA.com](#).

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# When will we rise up?

Elections this November could be the most important in our lives as Texans. Will LGBT Texans claim their power and vote?

Tell me, Texas lesbians and gays, when, exactly, are we going to embrace our power? Yes, we already have, in many ways. We have ascended to positions of influence across professions and in elected office. We have conquered the frontiers of design, décor and the arts. We can even marry the person we love — well, at least in 19 states and the District of Columbia.

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But when are we going to step up and do what it needs to be done to win the war?

In less than two months, Texas will elect a new governor and lieutenant governor. And we stand at a crossroads, with vastly different choices and two disparate futures.

One road, a narrow and treacherous path, will take us further toward the same, repressive future. It is a road where its marshal seeks to limit the rights of anyone who passes down it, particularly women, gays, lesbians and Latinos.

In fact, this road will become even more hazardous, for the man who wants to control the path, a lawyer, is dead-set on continuing to deny equality to its gay and lesbian travellers and restrict the rights of women — our sisters, mothers and friends — who share the road.

The other road, broad and intended for all Texans, has largely been blocked off since it was looked after by a Texas woman decades ago. This road offers equal footing to each and every



Todd Whitley  
Contributing Columnist

Texan, and it could be restored by another Texas woman who would usher in a new era where all are welcome to travel, regardless of their gender, ethnicity or whom they love.

At the risk of hyperbole, this could well be the most important election of our lives here in the state of Texas.

So when are we going to stand up for ourselves and say, once and for all, "Attorney General Greg Abbott, we are mad as hell that you've used our tax dollars to marginalize and discriminate against us, and we no longer require your service to our state. And Sen. Dan Patrick, we don't really want you in the Legislature and we sure don't want you controlling it."

When, fellow Texans, will we demand that the tax dollars we have paid to the federal govern-



WENDY DAVIS | Texas needs a woman in the governor's mansion ... again.

ment be re-routed back to Texas and put to the work for Texans who need healthcare, specifically at-risk men with HIV/AIDS, women and children whom our current governor is hell-bent on denying access to?

Will we stand up and say that we're tired of Republicans bullying Texas women?

And that we're sick and tired of their attempts to gerrymander and suppress the votes of Texans, particularly our African-American and Hispanic sisters and brothers?

Oh, Texas gays and lesbians — when?!

When are we going to realize our power? When are we going to rise up with our votes and our Gucci wallets and rid the Texas republic of bigots who would sign an amicus that equates our same-gender-loving marriages to incest and pedophilia?

I have said it before and I will say it again, every day until the November 4 election:

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If every "liberal" ...

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ernment shouldn't be controlling their bodies ...

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If every homosexual and transgender person who's tired of politicians bullying us and denying us equity ...

If every one of us showed up at the polls Nov. 4, the road toward equity for all Texans would be re-opened and a new era could begin.

Will you stand up? Will you bring others with you?

Or will you yield, again, to the bullies in power? Or will you get distracted? (Oh, look: a hot guy in sexy underwear on the next page.)

The choice at the crossroads is theirs. And it is ours.

And by the way: you have 10 days left to register to vote.

What are you going to do? ■

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# How the 'City of Hate' is becoming bike-friendly

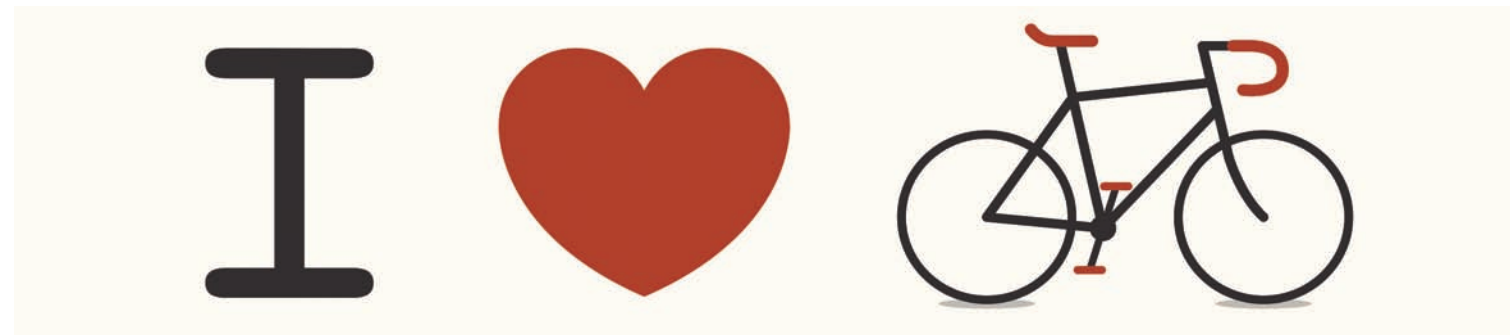
THOMAS CANTU  
Contributing Columnist

Last year, 2013, marked the 50th anniversary of the Kennedy assassination, and the commemoration uncovered hurt feelings and brought to the forefront conversations we usually held in hushed tones. Dallas' old "City of Hate" label was revived for the first time in decades.

But at the same time, the "Bike Friendly" movement has begun to emerge from the very neighborhood that earned Dallas that moniker, recasting the city into one known for being nice ... at least to cyclists.

A nonprofit organization from Oak Cliff leads the Bike Friendly movement here. It started six years ago with a small group of friends looking to improve their neighborhood. Bike Friendly Oak Cliff was their answer, a nonprofit aiming to promote bicycle advocacy and awareness in Oak Cliff.

BFOC's influence now spans citywide and they have taken great strides toward the hum-



ble goal of improving Oak Cliff.

For a fledgling organization, Bike Friendly Oak Cliff has made remarkable headway. BFOC's influence is evident by the bike lanes that extend, spider-web-like, throughout the city. Now, when it comes to city planning, City Hall not only considers motorists and pedestrians, but cyclists as well.

In light of citywide success, BFOC remains true to its original cause, a better Oak Cliff. This year's Bike Rosemont event provided more than 800 sets of bicycle safety lights for the local elementary

school's students, a great contribution to the neighborhood. The program also taught bicycle safety and the rules of the road to participants.

BFOC's annual Bike Commuter Energizer Station on National Bike to Work Day is the most popular and active station in the city, complete with mariachis to serenade riders as they cross the Jefferson Viaduct.

BFOC's most anticipated yearly event is held in October. Cyclesomatic is a fun-filled, monthlong series of bike-friendly events organized by BFOC. A few of the events include a photo scavenger

hunt, brewery tour, bike-in movie, cycle-cross race and a bicycle rally to Dallas City Hall. All events are family friendly and BFOC encourages everyone to find a reason during Cyclesomatic to get back on a bike and enjoy the innocent pleasures of childhood once again.

Fifty years ago Dallas became the City of Hate. Riding a bicycle cannot fix that, but a Bike Friendly Dallas is a step in the right direction and it all starts in your neighborhood. ■

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# A home run

Dallas' third time hosting GSWS is perfect timing for a new era in sports

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It's been 10 years since the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Association chose Dallas to host its Gay Softball World Series, and this year's series seems to have exceeded expectations already. The last time was marred by near-constant rain interrupted only by extreme heat. So far this year, the weather has played ball with the more than 3,500 players who have descended on North Texas for a week of play on and off the field.

At Monday's opening ceremonies at Annette Strauss Artist Square, local officials including councilmembers Scott Griggs and Adam Medrano and Sheriff Lupe Valdez welcomed teams from as nearby as Austin and as far as Vancouver. Valdez mingled and posed for pictures with players who, initially, gathered at a respectful distance ... until they were told, "In Dallas, we hug our sheriff."

Dale Hansen, the local sports broadcasting legend who helped usher in a spirit of gay inclusiveness in sports with his strident defense of Michael Sam in February, spoke to a rapt crowd — the only time during the ceremonies that were met with complete quiet followed by a large ovation.

"We're not a bunch of redneck sons of bitches," Hansen informed the out-of-towners. "We only elect them to state office." He also said that, of the 5,000 emails he got after his video commentary went viral, 98 percent supported gay rights ... including those from NFL players.

Games began at three facilities across North Texas on Tuesday, with action on 16 fields of play. With 170 teams competing (according to NAGAAA's president) and a minimum of six games apiece guaranteed until the elimination rounds, literally thousands of innings of softball will be played until the final strike-out.

But not all the action has taken place on the diamond. Evening events included a trip to Arlington to watch the Rangers play and the GSWS Pageant at JR.'s Tuesday, hosted by Cassie Nova.

On Wednesday, the GSWS's version of *America's Got Talent* — which featured showstopping performances by Drag Racers Laganja Estranja and Mesquite's own Alyssa Edwards — captivated the sold-out crowd at the Rose Room, showing that not all the skills ballplayers possess are limited to athletic ability. (B Division shortstop and drag performer Latrice Sims ended up winning both the pageant *and* the talent show.)

Sept. 26 and 27 mark the final games of play (eligible teams will be reduced to about 60), but even members of eliminated teams will probably stick around for the post-game celebrations (a Championship Eve Bash at Woody's on Friday; the Championship Street Party along Cedar Springs that will close down auto traffic on Saturday).

It seems we have really entered a golden age for gay athletics, whether professional or amateur. 2014 has been a watershed for pro athletes coming into their own in football and basketball in particular. Nowadays, the idea of being "gay" and a "jock" doesn't seem so unusual. (Read our essay about gay athletes — outhletes — at InstantTea on DallasVoice.com.)

But that doesn't mean gay sportsmen are just like their straight counterparts. We were tickled by the team names and mottos on the jerseys of visiting teams, with messages like "Kiss our cleats," "Balls deep," "Stroke my ego" and "Size matters." We defy heterosport to be as cleverly suggestive.

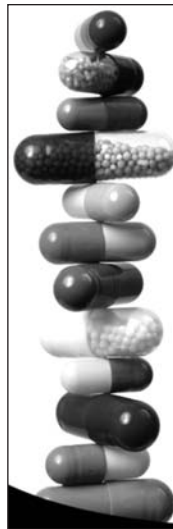
But at the opening ceremonies, the players were still drinking beer, bro-hugging and high-fiving. The time for stereotypes has ended.

Now it's time for *them* to play ball with *us*. ■

— Reporting and photography by  
Arnold Wayne Jones, David Taffet and Tammye Nash



**ON DECK** | Players from Dallas teams and visiting teams turn out for play in the early rounds of the Gay Softball World Series, above and right; the opening ceremonies at Annette Strauss Square showed off Dallas well, including an appearance by ally Dale Hansen, opposite.



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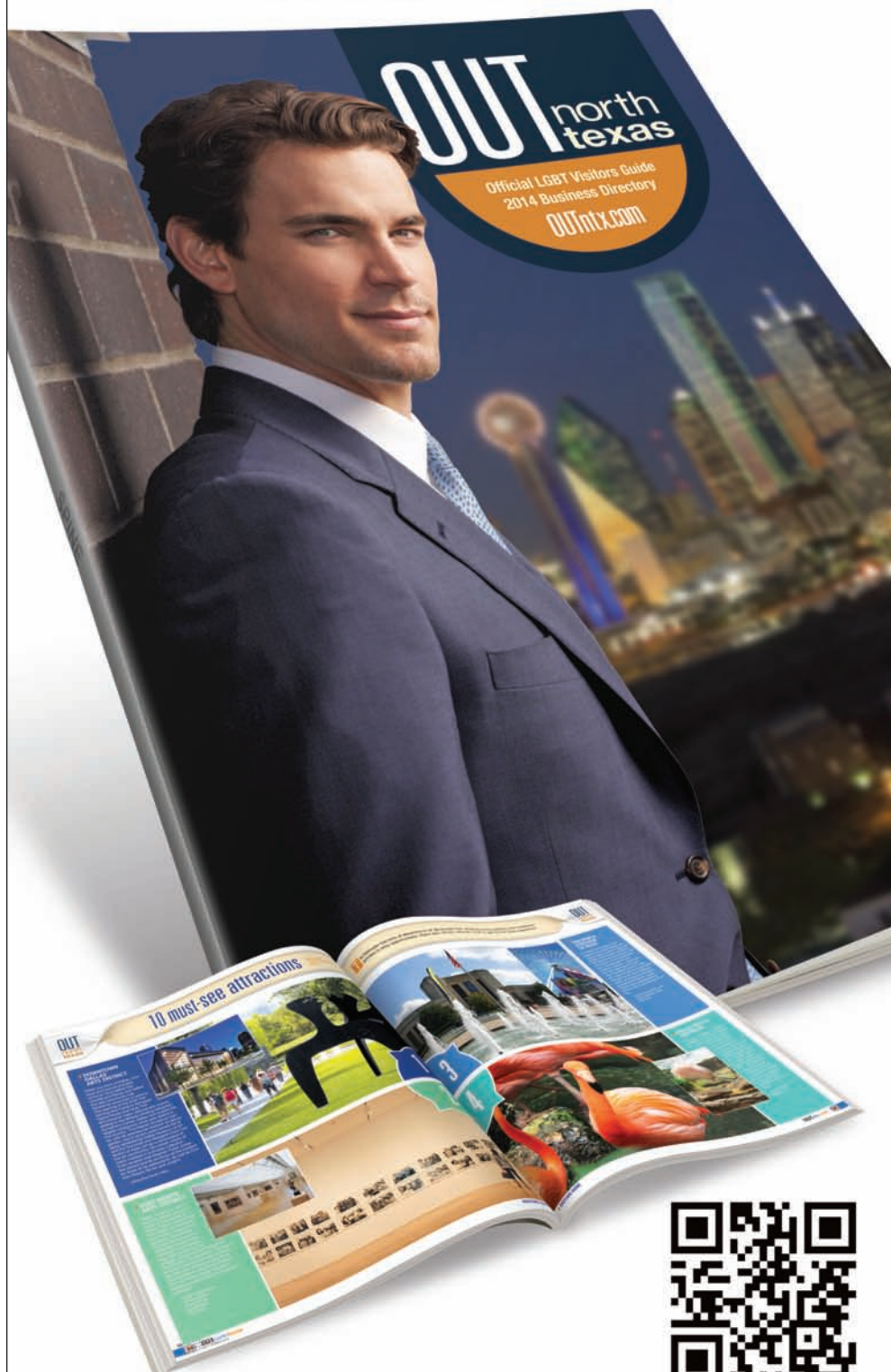
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## A family of DIVAS

The Dallas Independent Volleyball Association marks 25th year with sadness, and a vision for the future

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If you want to know the difference between a group and a team, look no further than the Dallas Independent Volleyball Association.

Last month, one of the organization's young stars, Josh Cain, died in an automobile accident. He had been with DIVA about three years, and "from a skill level, probably one of our best players," according to Adam Cebulski, DIVA's marketing and communications officer. "People were really shocked. The first thing people said was, 'Is there anything we can do?' So we did a fundraiser for his family. A lot of people would post memories on social media."

What makes the reaction perhaps even more remarkable is that, while DIVA is usually tagged as a "gay league," Cain himself was straight.

"It's not often you find a 21-year-old athlete

who is willing to stand up like that," Cebulski says. "He didn't care he was associated with [a gay organization]. He became a great model."

That kind of loyalty — a true family — is something that has long distinguished DIVA's mission and its membership.

Long, indeed. DIVA is celebrating its 25th anniversary year right now, and its 50th official season (12-week spring and fall seasons have been around since the start, and additional summer sessions, tournaments and clinics pepper its calendar). And DIVA is only looking further ahead as it reflects on all that it has accomplished in the past.

"We've grown from a two-court facility at Reverchon Park to a new 12-court facility we just moved into this year in Carrollton," says Ruben Viveros, president of DIVA. "When we started, there were about six teams — maybe 36 people — and currently we have about 400 active, playing members on 57 teams across six skill levels of play, from novice to very skilled."

Not only are some of the founding members still playing, but DIVA continues to attract young men and women as well, of all orientations.

"It's probably the most competitive league [of any volleyball league] in Dallas and especially at the higher levels, where you see more straight individuals. A male and female met through DIVA, and they got married!" says Cebulski.

Certainly the jocks are attracted to the league as an outlet for their competitive edge, but what has long been DIVA's appeal both as an athletic and a social organization is that it welcomes all levels of play.

"The game is easy to understand, it's only six people, and everyone who pays *will* play," says Viveros.

### DIVA calendar

DIVA is always active, but during this milestone year, "we're doing things with more intention," says marketing manager Adam Cebulski. Here's a rundown of events:

**NAGVA Fall Classic Tournament** — welcomes teams from across Texas. Oct. 10–12. Play at Integrated Athletic Development (IAD) in Carrollton; public events at Woody's.

**Pumpkin Bumpkin Tournament** — This annual Halloween tourney pits randomly-selected teams against one another in full costume. Oct. 31. At IAD.

**Miss DIVA All-Stars** — Former winners compete for the 25th anniversary. Nov. 9. At the Round-Up Saloon.







**TEAM SPIRIT** | The death last month of Josh Cain (above in orange, second from left) devastated the members of DIVA, who embraced Cain as a straight ally. (Photos courtesy of The Mug Shot)

"I think the reason we [attract a wide range of members] is the varying levels of play we offer," adds Cebulski. "We have a draft process — you don't have to have a team to be on before you sign up. There's no pressure to already come in knowing people. It's a non-intimidating atmosphere."

In Cebulski's case, he moved to Dallas from Chicago three years ago, where he was already deeply involved in the gay volleyball league. But joining DIVA was two-fold.

"I knew I would seek out DIVA to play, but I also knew I didn't know anyone here, so it was a way to meet people," he says.

"It's very social — you can't hide that fact," agrees Viveros. He opines, though, that the welcoming attitude also gives many LGBT folks a chance to be accepted on a field that they may have been denied in their youth.

"We have a lot of members who have never played sports before, and it's amazing how competitive they can be," Viveros says. "Many of our members are in their late 30s to mid 40s and may have had a difficult time playing organized sports in high school because they weren't as confident or didn't have enough support. I know

I didn't, and I'm a little older than that.

"It's as much an opportunity to play and help people bloom," he continues. "I can't tell you how many people come up to me and say, 'Without DIVA, I could have gone the other way [into introversion]. I have heard that countless times.'"

And with an evangelical zeal, DIVA is always looking to add members, fans and supporters. Although the current season is half over, there are always ways to become wrapped up in their volleyball net.

"We had an entry in the Pride parade," Viveros says. "We are known for the Miss DIVA Pageant, which always benefits the Resource Center, but we also have a bachelor auction. And our end-of-season tournament is coming up."

There's also the Dallas Fall Classic, now in its 24th year and, as always, set for the same weekend as the Texas-OU game (Oct. 10–12). And on Halloween night is the annual Pumpkin Bumpkin game. "Everyone arrives in costume and we randomly draw teams," Cebulski says. There are costume contests and refreshments, but mostly there's the camaraderie that makes being a part of DIVA seem like a family. ■

To learn more, visit [DIVADallas.org](http://DIVADallas.org).

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The number of athletes in town for the Gay Softball World Series is undeniably impressive, but it's not the largest LGBT sporting event held so far this year — not even close.

The ninth Gay Games, which took place last month in Cleveland, boasted *three times* as many competitors. And it was an awesome sight, and walk down memory lane, for Dallas' Christian Minnick, whose history with the Gay Games dates back 20 years.

Minnick was a young man working as a dancer at Walt Disney World in Florida that summer when he first heard about the event, which was holding its fourth incarnation in New York City.

"I said, 'We have to go!'" he recalls of the last-minute decision to pile into the car and drive up for the chance of competing. It was a magical experience for Minnick, who placed in the hurdles, winning a silver medal.

So when a friend called him up earlier this year to see if he was available to serve as head judge in the cheerleading competition of the Cleveland games, Minnick jumped at the chance to relive old glories, and help create some for newer athletes.

"There were 11,000 athletes there — that's more than the last Olympics," Minnick says, noting that an assemblage of queer athletes was, officially, the largest sporting event in the world.

One reason, of course, is that unlike the

Olympics — or even the World Series — there are no qualifying rounds. Anyone can compete in any event, subdivided by age bracket.

"No one had to prequalify. You just needed the drive to compete," Minnick says.

And that drive was apparent to him and everyone in attendance. Minnick says the entire week was one epiphany after another.

"This games was a lot different [than 1994] because of the coming-of-age in the gay and lesbian community," he says. "It was all about inclusion, not exclusion. When I competed, it just had a minimal [number of divisions]. But in Cleveland it had a transgender category, a lesbian category, gay men, broken down by ages, etc. And the attendance blew [my games] out of the water. The support they had was great. People were talking about gay marriage," something Minnick could barely have imagined 20 years ago.

The inclusionary quality was nowhere more evident than with the 99-year-old lesbian who was the only competitor in her age range. "She ran the 400m alone and they gave her a medal. The will power it took! I bawled."

There were other eye-opening experiences as well.

"I went over to the figure skating, where I figured it would be all gay men. But it was female-female pairs, male-female pairs, male couples. I saw a lesbian couple who had been skating together for years. They won the gold *and* they did it together. I just loved that. There was an ability

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level for everyone: darts, bowling..."

But it wasn't all squishy sentimentality substituting for athletic prowess. Minnick was equally impressed by the high caliber of competition he witnessed at many of the events. The volleyballers, for instance, took over a space the size of an airplane hangar and "had 14 games going on simultaneously for three days nonstop," Minnick says. And the track and field games were competitive as well.

"There was a gentleman from Central Europe who had competed on the national level for his national team, and he blew everyone out of the

water. He set the Gay Games record — it was like watching an Olympian. That's what I wanted to see — someone at that level. He even took his partner up onstage with him."

The sports with the biggest jocks, Minnick surmises, were in the rough team sports — rugby, softball, volleyball — as well as track and field and cycling. "They were the hardcore people. They were talking [constantly] about sports — Jason Collins, how rugby will now be an Olympic sport again. A lot said we they were

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CLEVELAND ROCKS | The opening ceremonies featured cheerleaders performing to a full house; the California contingent made the walkway to the festival super gay. (Photos by Christian Minnick)

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• Oct. 25: Halloween on Cedar Springs Road \$50.  
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## November

• Nov. 13: Holiday Wreath Collection  
Galleria Dallas, 13350 Dallas Parkway. 6:30 p.m.

• Nov. 14: Wanda Sykes with Keith Robinson  
Majestic Theater, 1925 Elm St. 8 p.m. Tickets  
available at TicketMaster.com.

• Nov. 15: Black Tie Dinner  
Dallas Sheraton Hotel, 400 N. Olive St. \$400.  
6 p.m.–midnight. BlackTie.org.

• Nov. 20: Transgender Day of Remembrance  
Details of local observances to come.  
Facebook.com/TransDOR.Dallas.

## December

• Dec. 1: World AIDS Day


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**REPRESENTING** | Christian Minnicks, a former Gay Games medalist and cheerleading judge at the most recent event in Cleveland, shows Texas pride.

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going to try out for the U.S. rugby team!" (One of the nail-biter events of the competition was the rugby finals between the U.S. — this year's host nation — and France — Paris will host the 2018 games. France won.)

Even more impressive than what happened on the field, though, was what went on behind the scenes.

"The Athletes' Village was my favorite part," Minnicks says. "Going around and meeting and talking to all the athlete from all the countries. I stayed [two doors down] from the Chinese contingent, which was only five athletes. They actually lived in Hong Kong now because they said they can't live in [mainland] China. It was just really incredible, to talk with people about their countries and why they are here and what they plan to do. Two-thirds had never been to the United States before." (Minnicks' only disappointment was that the Texas contingent was very small, but he was amazed by the turnout among some countries.)

The dazzling, sold-out opening ceremonies included not just performances from Lance Bass, the Pointer Sisters and cast members from *Glee*, but also Ohio politicians embracing the gay athletes to a recorded message from President Obama who cheered on Team USA. And that got Minnicks thinking about the future.

"Ohio is a swing state," Minnicks observes about its political color. "So that's one reason the Republican National Convention is gonna be in Cleveland [in 2016]. They'll be in the same place as all these gay athletes less than two years earlier. That will be very interesting to see." ■



**Monday** 09.29

**'Hands on a Hard Body' opens at T3**

Doug Wright is the man who wrote a solo play about a transgender East German, a musical about the Beales of Grey Gardens and even one about legless mermaids, so adapting a documentary about a contest to see who can touch a pickup truck the longest doesn't seem so odd. The Dallas native will be back in town for the opening of the 2013 Texas-set musical *Hands on a Hard Body* with his collaborator Amanda Green on Monday, but you can catch the show *sans* Wright any time throughout its monthlong run.

**DEETS:** Theatre 3, 2900 Routh St. in the Quadrangle. Sept. 26–Oct. 26 (in previews through Sept. 28). Theatre3Dallas.com.

**Friday** 09.26

**JBFTaste America offers one-of-a-kind chef-driven dinner**

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**DEETS:** Hilton Anatole Wedgewood Room, 2201 N. Stemmons Freeway. 7 p.m. \$350–\$500. JBFTasteAmerica.org.



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**Thursday**

10.02

**Friday**

10.03

**Tegan & Sara open Prismatic Tour for Katy Perry**

What do the three headliners at American Airlines Center this week have in common? All have kissed a girl .. and they liked it. Queer singing twins Tegan & Sara — who came into their own as pop artists this year — will open for gay-loving pop goddess Katy Perry, whose Prismatic Tour plays Thursday and Friday. That should make you roar.

**DEETS:** American Airlines Center, 2500 Victory Ave. Thursday and Friday. 5:30 p.m. doors, 7 p.m. show. Ticketmaster.com.

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### ARTSWEEK: NOW PLAYING

#### THEATER

**Appointment with Death.** Stage version of the Agatha Christie mystery with sleuth Hercule Poirot. Garland Civic Theatre, 300 N. Fifth St., Garland. Through Oct. 4. GarlandCivicTheatre.org.

**Beyond Therapy.** Christopher Durang's absurdist romp about sex, psychiatry and the meaning of life. With area favorites Mark Shum, Dana Schultes and Jackie Cabe. *Final weekend.* Stage West, 821 W. Vickery Blvd., Fort Worth. StageWest.org.

**Doubt: A Parable.** The Pulitzer Prize-winning play about a priest in 1960s New York who may (or may not) have molested a student. *Final weekend.* RTFP Building Studio Theater on UNT campus, 1179 Union Circle, Denton. DanceAndTheatre.unt.edu.

**Hands on a Hard Body.** The 2013 Broadway musical, based on a documentary set in Longview, Texas, concerns a marathon competition where the winner received a new pickup truck. Written by Dallas native Doug Wright. Theatre 3, 2900 Routh St. in the Quadrangle. Sept. 26–Oct. 26 (in previews through Sept. 28; opening night Sept. 29 with Wright and composer Amanda Green in attendance). Theatre3Dallas.com.

**Next to Normal.** The musical about a troubled family that won the Pulitzer Prize. *Final weekend.* Onstage in Bedford, 2821 Forest Ridge Drive, Bedford. OnstageInBedford.com.

**Nice Work If You Can Get It.** An original musical by Joe DiPietro provides a showcase for the songs of George and Ira Gershwin. Bass Performance Hall, 535 Commerce St., Fort Worth, Through Sept. 28.



**BODY BEAUTIFUL** | The artistic movement of Spectrum Dance Theater writhes into the Winspear Opera House on Saturday, presented by TITAS.

BassHall.com.

**Out of Order.** Theatre Britain presents this wily sex farce. *Final weekend.* Cox Playhouse, 1517 H Ave., Plano. Theatre-Britain.com.

**The Rocky Horror Show.** DTC launches its new season with this cross-dressing classic about the sweet transvestite from transsexual Transylvania. Directed by Joel Ferrell. *Reviewed this week.* Wylly Theatre, 2400

Flora St. Through Oct. 19. DallasTheaterCenter.org.

**Shear Madness.** Comic mystery in Theatre 3's downstairs space where the audience helps solve the crime. Theatre 3, 2800 Routh St. (in the Quadrangle). Extended through Nov. 16. Theatre3Dallas.com.

**[sic].** Modern comedy about neighbors wondering their places in the world. *Final weekend.* Bath House Cultural Center, 521 E. Lawther Drive. EchoTheatre.org.

**Tomorrow Come Today.** Undermain Theatre launches its 2014–15 season with this world premiere, a science fiction drama set in the not-too-distant future where technological advances permit the wealthy to cheat death. Undermain Theatre, 3200 Main St. Through Oct. 11. Undermain.org.

**Whodunit: The Musical.** The Texas premiere of this musical mystery comedy by Ed Dixon. Theatre Arlington, 305 W. Main St., Arlington. Through Oct. 5. TheatreArlington.org.

#### FINE ARTS

**Isa Genzken: Retrospective.** The German modern artist — sculptor, painter, videographer and repurposer of found objects — gets a rare and dazzling retrospective at the DMA, in conjunction with the Museum of Modern Art and Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago. Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 Harwood St. Through Jan. 4, 2015. DMA.org.

**Concentrations 57: Slavs and Tatars.** An international art collection, in display as part of the DMA's Concentrations Series. Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 Harwood St. Through Dec. 14. DMA.org.

### FRIDAY 09.26

#### SPORTS

**Gay Softball World Series: Championship Eve Bash.** The night before the final day of game play, teams and fans gather at Woody's Sports & Video Bar, >>> Cedar Springs Road. 8 p.m.–2 a.m. DallasSeries2014.org.

#### COMMUNITY

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**DINING**

**James Beard Taste America Dinner.** Stephan Pyles, Patrick O'Connell and a half-dozen James Beard-honored Dallas chefs cook at this unique fundraiser, which also features celebrity sous chefs. Hilton Anatole Wedgewood Room, 2201 N. Stemmons Freeway. 7 p.m. JBFTasteAmerica.org.

**SATURDAY 09.27**

**CONCERTS**

**The Women's Chorus of Dallas: Celebrate ... The Seventies.** TWCD opens its 26th season with this concert at the Rose Room, a tribute to the songs of the '70s. S4, 3911 Cedar Springs Road. 7 p.m. TWCD.org.

**SPORTS**

**Gay Softball World Series: Championship Street Party.** Cedar Springs Road will be closed down for this gayborhood-wide celebration of the end of the Gay Softball World Series. Cedar Springs Road between Knight and Oak Lawn avenues. 7 p.m.-midnight.

**DANCE**

**Spectrum Dance Theater.** The Seattle-based contemporary dance troupe performs. Presented by TITAS. Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. 8 p.m. ATPAC.org.

**SUNDAY 09.28**

**WEDDINGS**

**LGBT Wedding Expo.** Thinking about getting hitched? Find out all you need to know from gay-friendly vendors at this expo. 7 for Parties, 150 Turtle Creek Blvd., ste. 107. RainbowWeddingNetwork.com.

**FESTIVAL**

**Fiesta Latinoamerican!** The 8th annual fest of Latin culture, with art, food, performances and more. Klyde Warren Park. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. DFWInternational.org.

**FILM**

**Good Morning, Vietnam.** ATPAC and the Dallas Film Society present their Sunset Screening Series, starting with the late Robin Williams' breakout hit. Annette Strauss Artist Square, 2403 Flora St. 8:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY 09.30**

**FILM**

**The Man with the Golden Gun.** The ninth "official" Bond film, the second outing for Roger Moore, and with Christopher Lee as the title villain and Herve Villechaize as his vicious little minion. Screens as part of the Tuesday New Classic series at Landmark's Magnolia in the West Village, sponsored by Dallas Voice. 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.



**WEDDING BELLS** | The GLBT Wedding Expo comes to 7 for Parties on Sunday.

**CONCERTS**

**Cliburn at the Bass.** Italian pianist Beatrice Rana performs. Bass Performance Hall, 525 Commerce St., Fort Worth. Cliburn.org.

**THURSDAY 10.02**

**BROADCAST**

**Project Runway.** Season 13 continues with Heidi, Nina, Zac and Tim. Airs on Lifetime at 8 p.m.

**THEATER**

**Dallas Southern Pride.** Dallas' Black Gay Pride celebration — themed All Gold Everything — begins, and runs throughout the weekend. Host hotel: Crown Plaza, 1015 Elm St. Events are planned for "him" and "her." For a schedule, visit DallasSouthernPride.com.

**BENEFIT**

**Food Truck Fun,** a benefit for the Dallas County Democratic Party Coordinated Campaign, offers a selection of food trucks in support of Democratic candidates. 4209 Parry Ave. 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**CONCERTS**

**Katy Perry: Prismatic Tour with Tegan & Sara and Ferras.** Queer musicians Tegan & Sara and Ferras open for pop goddess Katy Perry for two nights. American Airlines Center, 2500 Victory Ave. Oct. 2-3. 7 p.m. Ticketmaster.com.

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**Oct. 3** | Friday Night Lights OUT! 11pm-???  
**Oct. 13** | Columbus Day Cookout @ 1pm  
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# Billy Masters

How big is Jared Leto? Be the judge

I may be out of the country, but my nationalistic pride rode awfully high while I watched the Miss America Pageant. This year's competition featured two of my favorite things: implants and puppets! Clearly, **Miss Ohio's** ventriloquist rendition of "Super-califragilisticexpialidocious" was the highlight, but our own **Miss Texas** made sure she got her money's worth out of her own puppets"

(I'm assuming they're implants, but only her doctor or a silicone specialist knows for sure.) All in all, I loved every second of it.

The big television event last week was **Barbra Streisand's** return to late night TV. It's been more than 50 years since Babs deigned to appear on *The Tonight Show* (her last visit

was in March of 1963). Why she's stayed away is a mystery, but here's a fun fact: **Johnny Carson** begged her to be on his penultimate show, the slot ultimately filled by **Bette Midler**. Maybe Babs finally returned because she knew **Jimmy Fallon** would gush. Or maybe she just really wanted to sell CDs. Or maybe it was because it was arranged in advance that she'd be filmed from her good side (as if). Yes, the whole business of Jimmy letting her sit in his chair fulfilled an edict from Babs — she had to sit on his left. So the choices were for her to take his chair or for the set to be flipped around (which is what

**Rosie O'Donnell** did). Fallon was happy to oblige, and even made it look kinda spontaneous.

During her first week on the job, **Julianne Hough** wasted no time in creating a scandal on *Dancing with the Stars*. The new girl at the judges' table was chatting with *DWTS* alum **Mario Lopez** on *Extra*. It all went well until she started talking about contestant **Jonathan Bennett**. "He Tweeted me last year and said, like, I had a nice butt. But he also tagged my trainer. And so I was like, 'Oh, he's hitting on me. I should try to go on a date with him.'" Mario asked how that turned out. Without batting an eye, Julianne says, "He's gay. So I was like, that's not gonna work."

This struck me as amusing for two reasons. First, this may be news to Mario, but my faithful fans have known Bennett was gay since I reported his relationship with the now-openly gay **Matt Dallas** back in 2009. Secondly, since when has someone being gay stopped Hough from dating them?

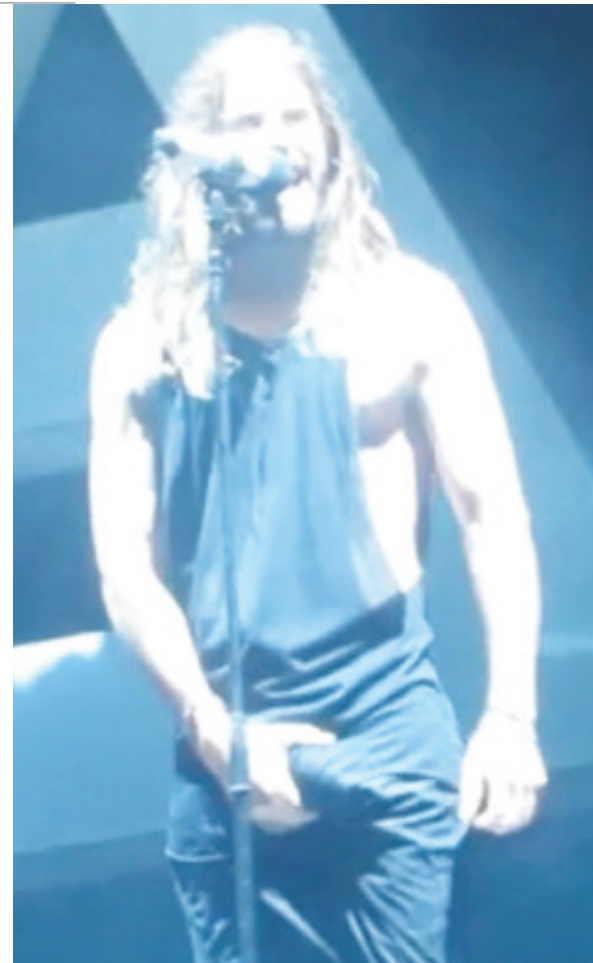
Last week, **Nick Jonas** was all over New York promoting his new single ("Jealous") and a new television series (DirecTV's *Kingdom*). Because he's as smart as he is pretty, his first stop was the gay nightclub BPM. He told MTV News, "It's been a fun couple days partying with some of my gay fans. I love them to death and their support of me, so why not go out and hang?" And hang he did — including posing with underwear-clad strippers. He even showed off his own abs ... anything to sell a CD! When asked about his gay fans, he said, "I'm thrilled by that. I've always had a pretty strong gay fan base, having

been a theater kid. That's a community that I love and have embraced, and they've embraced me. I love them. They're so supportive." They'll be even more supportive when they see his show. Jonas told **Andy Cohen** that *Kingdom* will contain lots of nudity, sex and perhaps more. Andy asked if this meant that Nick's mixed martial arts fighter character was bi-curious. With a mischievous grin, Jonas answered, "We'll see."

Nick then paid a visit to **Ryan Seacrest's** radio program, which was being broadcast in NYC to coincide with promoting the new clothing line, *Ryan Seacrest Distinction*. Jonas was given one of the collection's new shirts and, being a clever cad, Ryan asked Nick to try it on. Nick promptly doffed his top — yeah, like that wasn't the point all along. Seacrest later posted, "It took some convincing, but he finally gave in (and we're glad he did!)" I bet!

**Lance Bass** and beau **Michael Turchin** celebrated the one-year anniversary of their engagement by getting engaged all over again. Turchin wrote, "Who gets proposed to a second time on the first anniversary of the first proposal?? This guy!!" He also posted a photo of what appears to be a brand new engagement ring.

A contestant on a Chilean reality show kinda outed singer **Luis Miguel**. The show is called *Trepadores*, which loosely translates as *Social Climbers*. A male singer competing claims that he made out with



Just how much tucking did Jared Leto have to do for 'Dallas Buyers Club?' No wonder the makeup team won an Oscar.

“This is such a loss for the world. But what a huge loss for QVC.”

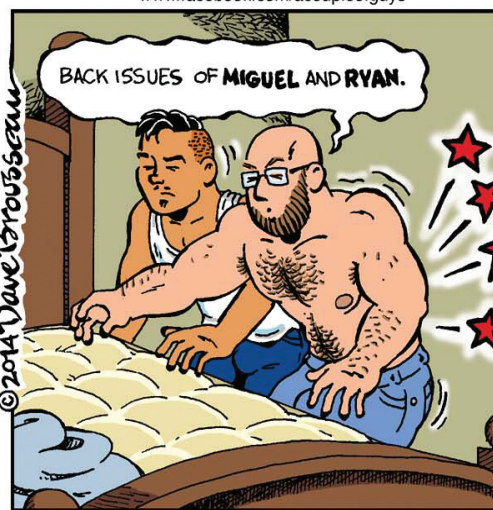
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**Ricky Martin** as a teenager. Plausible. He then shared a second-hand story: "One of my friends who is very cute was taken to Luis Miguel's yacht to be introduced to him. Yes, Luis Miguel is bi." This one loses a bit of punch in translation.

My "Ask Billy" box was flooded with many of you asking the same question. The first query came from Patrick in Florida: "Once and for all — Jared Leto? Does he really have a big dick? Or is it just a lot of hype?"

Since Jared Leto is hot — both as a subject and as an object — this comes up occasionally. The fires were stoked, so to speak, when transgender personality **Alexis Arquette** recently gave an interview to drag comedian **Jackie Beat**: "I had sex with Jared Leto back when I was presenting as a man. And, yes, it's not only massive; it's like a Praetorian Guard's helmet." Tabling the issue that sounds like it could hurt and tickle at the same time, what are we left with? The boasting of a sexual encounter by someone who is less than credible, in my opinion. The situation exploded a few days later. Footage from a **30 Second to Mars** concert showed Jared grabbing what appeared to be a ponderous package in his penile region. Check out [BillyMasters.com](http://BillyMasters.com) and decide for yourself.

When Nick Jonas is trading in his promise ring for a cock ring (anything for his gay fans), it's definitely time to end yet another column. I must confess that I'm slightly concerned about being in Eastern Europe. What a time for me to forget to pack my Isis costume — if I end up next to a guy with a sickle, I wanna go out in style! As long as I have breath in my body, I'm here to answer your questions. Send them along and I promise to get back to you before Julianne Hough outs anyone else from her past.

So, until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.

Have a question for Billy? Send it to him at [Billy@BillyMasters.com](mailto:Billy@BillyMasters.com).



# LIFE+STYLE

## scene



Making a catch during play at the GSWS.



Craig and Eric at the Pride Parade.



Alyssa Edwards performing at the Gay Softball World Series talent show at the Rose Room.



Latrice Sims, who won both Miss GSWS at JR.'s Bar & Grill and the GSWS talent show at the Rose Room inside S4.

Making the **SCENE** the week of **Sept. 26–Oct. 2:**

**Gay Softball World Series: Closing ceremony and street party** at 7 p.m.–midnight on Saturday.

**Alexandre's:** Denise Lee at 10 p.m. on Friday. Deborah Cox at 10 p.m. on Saturday. Lala J at 9 p.m. on Wednesday. So Strung Out acoustic at 9 p.m. on Thursday.

**Best Friends Club:** Imperial Court de Fort Worth/Arlington presents the 17th annual **Crown Jewel Ball** on Saturday. Buffet at 6 p.m. Ball at 7 p.m.

**BJ's NXSI:** Magic Sundays with Jada Pinkett Fox at 8 p.m. on Sunday.

**Changes:** Wall of Food Show at 8 p.m. on Thursday.

**Dallas Eagle:** Charity America Show with Cyda Leigh Edwards at 8 p.m. on Friday. United Court of the Lone Star Empire presents **Knights of the Round Table** show at 7 p.m. on Saturday. **United Court's Turn-About Show** at 7 p.m. on Sunday benefits **AIDS Interfaith Network**.

**JR.'s Bar & Grill:** Edna Jean's Rotten Tomatoes Show with Onyx, Alan, Rita and Alexis on Tuesday.

**Sue Ellen's:** Chris Miller Band on Friday. Chaz Marie Band on Saturday. Tyla Taylor Band on Sunday.

**The Rose Room:** Erica Andrews celebration on Sunday.

**Woody's Sports & Video Bar:** Softball World Series Championship Eve Bash on Friday 8 p.m.–2 a.m.

To view more Scene photos, go to [DallasVoice.com/category/photos](http://DallasVoice.com/category/photos). Scene Photographer: *Kat Haygood*.



Dallas Sheraton at the ilume Pride party.

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Adam Medrano and Scott Griggs at GSWS opening ceremonies.



Marchers in the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade.



Steve Noviello at the ilume.



Softball fans celebrating at S4.



Kris and L.J. watching the Pride Parade from the ilume.



The crew at Havana.



Ginda at Sue Ellen's.



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## From a Modern Family Episode

Solution on page 23

### Across

- Stones ballad
- Where they yell "Cut!"
- Kunis of *Black Swan*
- Tease
- Tori who sang "I am not from your tribe"
- With mouth wide open
- Start of a frustrated cry from Cameron to Mitchell
- More of the cry
- \_\_\_ buco
- Industrial-strength air?
- Out-and-out
- NCAA home of the Bruins
- Sphere start
- More of the cry
- Result of excessive circumcision
- West Side Story* girl
- Mounds ruled by queens
- Cereal box no.
- Put out again
- When repeated, campy
- Poet Moore
- Shaft in a straight simile
- Spank
- More of the cry
- "I've had better ..."
- Canadian gas brand

### Down

- Part of a flight
- Young meat
- Cherry stones
- What you wind up with, per Cameron
- \_\_\_ Tyler Ferguson (Mitchell portrayer)
- Plot unit
- Pronto on *ER*
- Tatum of *The Bad News Bears*
- "\_\_\_ she blows!"
- Staying power, on Broadway
- Former NFL player Tualo
- Patty Hearst's former org.
- Bewitched* aunt
- Penetrating question?
- Cordial, as a welcome
- Finish with
- Diana's accessory
- Deejay Casey
- Prefix with butch or right-wing
- Become an open pansy, e.g.
- Gets wind of
- Spills one's seed
- Mireille of *The Killing*
- Do pioneer work
- Top, to a bottom?
- Gets back in business
- They help bakers get it up
- High-speed connection
- Bruin Bobby
- Slap a bottom
- Stage crew worker, briefly
- Big name in razors
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