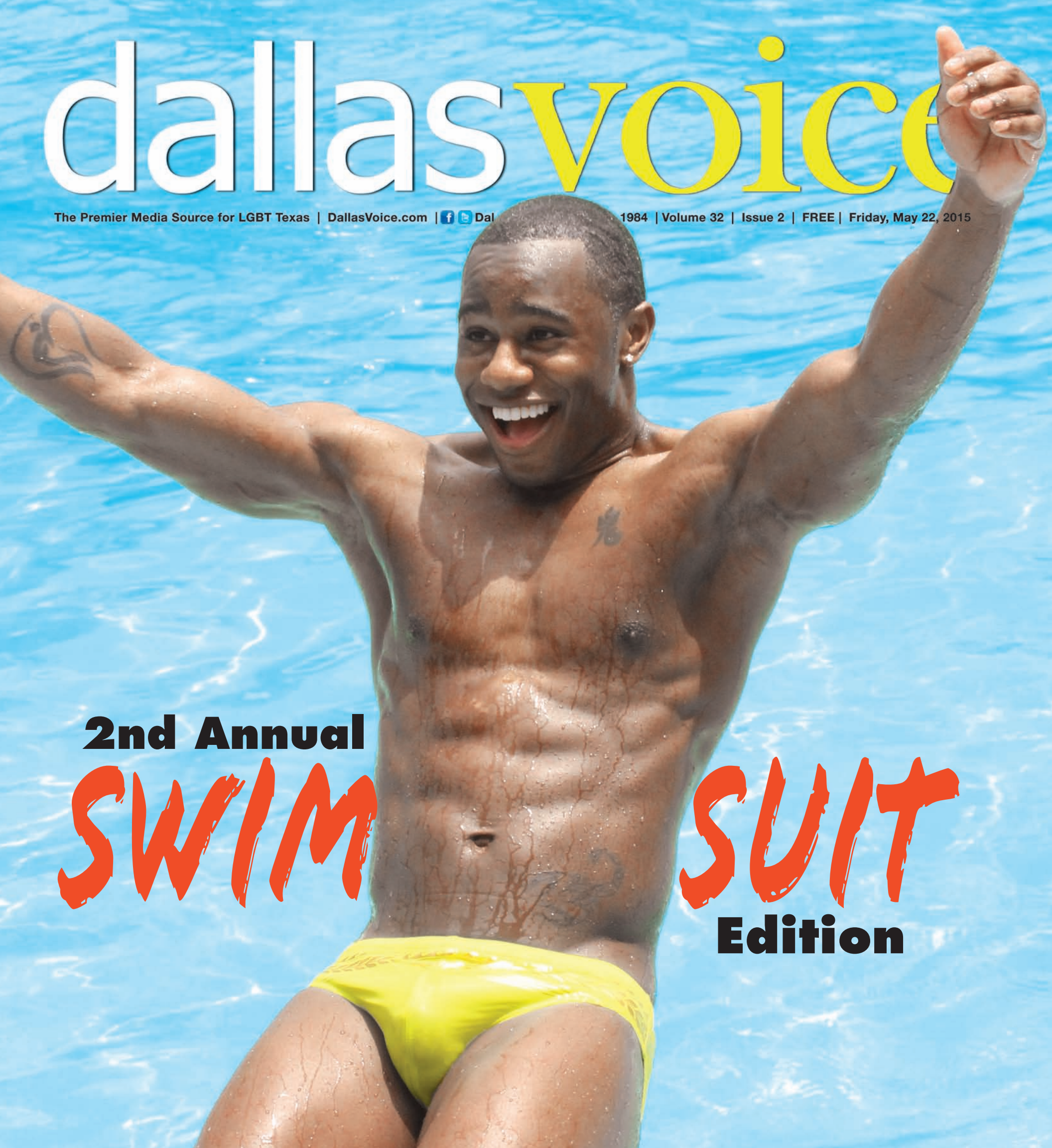


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Mike Anglin, left, and Kevin Hodges present an entire set of Turtle Creek Chorale's recordings to the LGBT archives at the University of North Texas. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

### Turtle Creek Chorale history added to UNT archives

The Turtle Creek Chorale donated its entire catalog of recorded music and videos to The Dallas Way at its May 19 rehearsal.

Members of The Dallas Way, the North Texas LGBT history project, and University of North Texas, the repository for items donated through The Dallas Way and other LGBT organizations and individuals, were on hand to receive the donation.

Chorale Executive Director Bruce Jaster, along with chorale President Kevin Hodges, passed a basket of the recordings to Mike Anglin. Anglin was a founder of both The Dallas Way and Turtle Creek Chorale and, as an attorney, incorporated both organizations. Anglin passed the collection to Dreanna Belden, UNT Libraries assistant dean for external relations, who will add it to the LGBT collection and portal to Texas history.

— David Taffet

### Texas House reaches accord on Pastor Protection Act

A bill reaffirming the rights of clergy to refuse to perform marriages — including same-sex marriages — that violate their religious beliefs passed in the Texas House on Thursday, May 21 on a bipartisan vote, after its sponsor reassured legislators clergy may only refuse to perform those marriages

in their official capacity.

Despite rumors that Rep. Cecil Bell, R-Magnolia, intended to try and attach his anti-gay HB 4105 to Sanford's bill as an amendment, the amendment never came. HB 4105 would have withheld pay from county clerks issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples. It died last week without coming to a vote.

— James Russell

### Gates tells BSA to change policy

Robert Gates, president of the Irving-based Boy Scouts of America, has called on the organization to change its policy on gay scout leaders.

"I remind you of the recent debates we have seen in places like Indiana and Arkansas over discrimination based on sexual orientation, not to mention the impending U.S. Supreme Court decision this summer on gay marriage," he said.

He said he wasn't asking the board to make any changes at this meeting, but said he was speaking to them as bluntly as he did when he headed the CIA and Defense Department.

"We must deal with the world as it is, not as we might wish it to be. The status quo in our movement's membership standards cannot be sustained. ... We must all understand that this probably will happen sooner rather than later," he said.

— David Taffet

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## THE GAY AGENDA

*Have an event coming up? E-mail your information to staff writer James Russell at russell@dallasvoice.com by Thursday at 10 a.m. for that week's issue.*

### MAY

• **Weekly: Lambda Weekly every Sunday at 1 p.m. on 89.3 KNON-FM.** State Rep. Celia Israel is the guest; **United Black Ellument** hosts discussion on HIV/AIDS in the black community at 7 p.m. every second Tuesday of the month at 3116 Commerce Street, Suite C; Fuse game night every Monday evening but the last of the month at 8 p.m. at the Fuse space in the ilume, 4123 Cedar Springs Road, Apt 2367; **Fuse Connect** every Wednesday from 7 p.m. at the Fuse Space.

• **May 22: Harvey Milk Day Celebration** Honor the memory of Harvey Milk from 8-10 p.m. at the Legacy of Love Monument for a celebration and candlelight march concluding with a birthday cake reception with entertainment and speakers. For more information e-mail [milkdaydallas@gmail.com](mailto:milkdaydallas@gmail.com) or visit [On.fb.me/1ODO1Uy](https://www.facebook.com/1ODO1Uy).

• **May 24: LGBTQ Saves Compassion Cabaret**

The fundraiser for LGBTQ Saves includes live entertainment at 7:30 p.m. at Westside Unitarian Universalist Church, 901 Page Avenue, Fort Worth. Pre-show soiree at 7 p.m. Limited seating available. \$25 each. To purchase tickets visit [Bit.ly/1H1pGPg](http://Bit.ly/1H1pGPg).

• **May 27: Pride Screening Benefitting Equality Texas in Plano**

Fundraiser for Equality Texas features a screening of the 2014 movie *Pride* based on a true story about the unlikely bond between a rural United Kingdom labor union on strike and the London-based gay and lesbian activists who supported them. 6:30 p.m. at Angelika Film Center, Shops at Legacy, 7205 Bishop Road, Plano. Preceded by coffee and sweets reception sponsored by Bonnie Ruth's Bistro Francaise et Patisserie and Global Peace Factory Coffee Bar. Tickets are \$12 online at [EqualityTexas.org](http://EqualityTexas.org) or \$15 at the door. For more information, including sponsorship information, call Jeanne Rubin at 469-682-2198.

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Pride, released in 2014, tells the true story of LGBT and union activists in England working together against a common foe: Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. As Thatcher works to bust the power of the mineworkers' union, the London LGBT activists reach out to support the striking miners and their families in a tiny rural Welsh town. It's touching, timely and will also screen as part of a fundraiser for Equality Texas at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27 at the Angelika Plano at the Shops @ Legacy, 7205 Bishop Road, Plano. \$12 tickets in advance or \$15 at the door.

### • May 30: Evening of Hope

Benefits AIDS Outreach Center. 6:30 p.m. at Worthington Renaissance Hotel, 200 Main St., Fort Worth. Pre-party for sponsors at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$175. Tables are \$1750. For sponsorship opportunities and ticket information, call 817-916-5224.



### • May 30: DPD "Chief on the Beat" at Reverchon Park

Dallas Police Department hosts a community fair and festival celebrating everyone's favorite canines with costumes, vaccinations and other community resources from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Reverchon Park, 3505 Maple Avenue. For more information contact DPD Community Affairs at 214-671-4045.

## JUNE

### • June 2: DFW Transcendence Trans/SOFFA Meeting

Trans and ally support group meets monthly on first and third Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. at Agape MCC, 4615 East California Parkway, Fort Worth. For more information call Finn Jones at 214-499-0378 or by e-mail at sfinn.jones@gmail.com.

### • June 4: Fort Worth PFLAG meeting

Meets every first Thursday of the month from 7-9 p.m. at First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Church, 1959 Sandy Lane, Fort Worth. For more information call 817-428-2329 or visit PflagFortWorth.org.

### • June 5: Fairway to Equality Auction and Calcutta

Auction and fundraiser for HRC DFW's Fairway to Equality Golf Tournament with celebrity emcee Dana Goldberg begins at 6:30 p.m. at Sue Ellen's, 3014 Throckmorton. Free and open to the public.

### • June 6: Fairway to Equality Golf Tournament

Benefits HRC DFW. Sold out. For more information visit HRC.org/Dallasgolf.

### • June 6: DFW Trans Ladies Monthly Meeting

Meets from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month at Agape MCC, 4615 E. California Parkway, Fort Worth. For more information e-mail info@dfwtgladies.org or visit DFWTGLadies.org.

### • June 11: LifeWalk "What's the Fuss?" Tour and Mixer

Meet the people behind the work at AIDS Arms clinics with a tour and mixer beginning at 6 p.m. at the Trinity Health and Wellness Center, 219 Sunset 116-A. Tours begin at 6 p.m. and the program at 7:15 p.m. For more information and to RSVP e-mail Hannah Orsburn at hannah.orsburn@aidsarms.org

### • June 14: SPCA Paws Cause 2015

20th anniversary celebration of SPCA fundraiser for SPCA of Texas' Mary Spencer Spay/Neuter and Wellness Clinic at Village Fair from 6-9 p.m. at the Jan Rees-Jones Animal Care Center, 2400 Lone Star Dr. Tickets are \$150 each. Limited quantity. For more information, visit Pawscausedallas.org.

### • June 14: Fifth Annual North Texas Gay Pride Festival

Family-friendly festival features entertainment including former McKinney resident Hollie Cavanagh and Jane McGarry of WFAA as well as games, photo booths and vendors

from 1-5 p.m. in downtown McKinney, 218 E. Louisiana. Benefits Collin County's Hope's Door, an organization offering domestic violence resources and services. Tickets are \$5 per person beginning May 1 at Northtexaspride.org on or \$10 per person at the gates. Children 12 and under are free. For more information visit Northtexaspride.org.

### • June 16: DFW Transcendence Trans/SOFFA Meeting

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### • June 18: Urban Engagement Book Club: Capital in the Twenty-First Century by Thomas Piketty

CitySquare's monthly Urban Engagement Book Club explores various social justice issues with writer Randy Mayeux and local social justice leaders. Free. Noon of every third Thursday at the Opportunity Center, 1610 S. Malcolm X Blvd. For more information visit CitySquare.org.

### • June 18: Pride Party in Plano

Celebrate pride and toast the pending Supreme Court decision on marriage equality with GALA North Texas from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Blue Martini Lounge, 7301 Lone Star Drive, A-110, Plano. Event includes half price discount drinks, free appetizers and raffle prizes. For more information visit On.fb.me/1PR9HrD.

• June 19: Dallas Juneteenth Festival Free event and festival features vendors, games, food, live music and games from noon-5 p.m. at Martin Luther King Community Center, 2922 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. For more information call

LaRhonda Bacon at 214-670-8419.

• June 20: Gaybingo: Super hero/villain Monthly fundraiser for Resource Center takes place 6-9 p.m. at Rose Room at S4, 3911 Cedar Springs Road Doors open at 5 p.m. For more information call 214-540-4495 or e-mail Gaybingo@myresourcecenter.org.

• June 24: Lambda Weekly fundraiser Draconis van Trapp, Molly Midori, Brook and Vincente, Athena C Sapphire and Syd Gotswood perform at 7-10 p.m. at Cedar Springs Tap House, 4123 Cedar Springs Road to raise money for KNON, the non-commercial radio station that has hosted the world's longest continuously running weekly LGBT radio show since 1983.



Melissa Grove

• June 27: Be An Angel Benefit for Legacy Counseling Fundraiser for Legacy Counseling three course dinner and passed hors d'oeuvres by Chef Wendy Krispin, complimentary

red and white wine, specialty cocktails by Stoli, live and silent auctions, and fabulous entertainment by Vince Martinez.

### • June 28: TAG Pride Picnic

Tyler Area Gays hosts its largest pride picnic yet with more auction items, entertainment, food and vendors. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Southside Park, Tyler. For more information e-mail info@tylerareagays.com or visit Tylerareagays.com or on Facebook at Facebook.com/TylerAreaGays.



# Beyond the Rainbow: Baltimore, Ferguson, New York and the pursuit of justice

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*Editor's Note: This is Part 1 of a two-part look into relationships between police and the LGBT community in North Texas, and how we are working to avoid the unrest that has erupted in Ferguson, Baltimore and New York.*

Between June 27 and June 28, 2009, Fort Worth police officers filed 577 reports, providing a glimpse into the often unexpected and complex situations facing law enforcement. Where one officer intervened in a suicide attempt and helped the individual into rehabilitation, others arrested sex offenders and sought runaway children.

But report 090071988, filed shortly after midnight on June 28, stands out.

That's when a Fort Worth police officer grabbed Chad Gibson and slammed him headfirst to the floor inside the Rainbow Lounge, then dragged him outside the then-newly-opened gay bar. As a result of the officer's aggressive force, Gibson suffered bleeding in his skull and was taken to the emergency room.

Gibson was cited for public intoxication.

Five others were arrested and booked at the city jail.

In the police report filed afterward reporting officer K. Gober wrote that he, along with a sergeant, five other officers and an agent with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, visited the Rainbow Lounge and the nearby Rosedale Saloon and Cowboy Palace out of public safety concerns — a common practice.

"[They] are public places and are known to routinely over-serve alcohol to patrons who are already intoxicated to a degree they are a danger to themselves and others," Gober wrote in the report summary.

Despite palpable rage at the time of the incident, Police Chief Jeff Halstead initially resisted calling the incident a hate crime or excessive use of force. Instead, he defended the officers.

It didn't help the raid fell on the 40th anniversary of another police raid on a gay bar: the Stonewall Inn in New York City.

In the summer of 2009, the nation was in an uproar over the Rainbow Lounge raid, rage exacerbated followed by coverage of other bar raids in Atlanta and elsewhere. To

those who knew the story of the 1969 Stonewall raid and riots 40 years before, it was déjà vu, as if nothing had changed and no gains had been made for the LGBT community.

Six years later, the nation is once again embroiled in controversy over police bias and use of excessive force. In Baltimore, Ferguson, Mo., and New York, a toxic combination of segregated urban policy, economic injustice and police force has fueled the deadly results leading to riots and unrest.

But the Rainbow Lounge raid did not spark violent riots akin to Stonewall. Change did not come fast in Fort Worth, but through the work of determined activists and an embarrassed city government, the raid ultimately fueled reforms and LGBT relations within the department, the city and TABC.

Despite the strides made in Fort Worth following the raid, the question remains especially in light of recent shootings as close as Grapevine: was the Rainbow Lounge an anomaly, or could the next Ferguson happen here, in North Texas?

## Just one incident

In the ongoing struggle for LGBT equality, it just takes one incident to break the community's fragile trust in law enforcement.

Communities are the sum of their parts, consisting of individuals with a wide range of lived experiences and personal history. But in every community, some are more disadvantaged than others.

One report detailed the disparities when it comes to reporting violent crimes and reporting biases by, among others, the police.

The 2013 National Report on Hate Violence Against LGBT, Queer and HIV-Affected Communities, by the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, reports nationwide fewer survivors of sexual assault or rape report their cases to the police out of fear of reprisal. The report, issued by a nationwide coalition of LGBT advocacy groups including the Montrose Center in Houston, reveals some of those disparities.

Only 45 percent of LGBT, queer and HIV-positive individuals reported cases of hate crimes or intimate partner violence, down from 56 percent in 2012. Just 32 percent reported experiencing hostile attitudes from



the police in 2013, a slight increase from 27 percent during the previous year.

The report indicates the transgender community is the most likely to experience discrimination and violence at the hands of police, evidenced supported by the National Center for Transgender Equality and other groups.

"Transgender persons — and more specifically, transgender persons of color — are picked up for solicitation for the simple fact that they are carrying more than one condom. One could certainly make a case for profiling," wrote Sally Huffer, the community projects specialist at Montrose who also contributed to the report. "Trust of law enforcement gets chipped away when it continually releases crime reports that re-victimize transgender persons when it uses phrases like, 'a man dressed as a woman,' [or the] wrong pronouns to refer to the victim.

"It isn't that far of a reach when we see what's happening in Ferguson and Baltimore to wonder how individual bias can supersede police department policies, especially in situations where the adrenaline is elevated," she added.

But don't isolate social unrest and rioting to just police negligence, noted Emily Farris, an assistant professor of political science at Texas Christian University who studies urban policy. "There seems to be a lot of interest in what city might be the 'next Ferguson' or 'next Baltimore.' I don't believe the events in Ferguson or Baltimore were anom-



alous," Farris wrote.

Socioeconomic and geographic factors historically have played a role in unrest.

She pointed to a report released in July 1968 by an 11-member commission appointed by President Lyndon Johnson, a year

before the Stonewall Inn raid. The Kerner Report, named for commission's chair, Illinois Gov. Otto Kerner, analyzed and detailed the causes of the ongoing nationwide race riots. It indicted the structural oppression wrought by white Americans toward black

Americans.

The report concluded the country was "moving toward two societies, one black, one white — separate and unequal."

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## Here comes the sun — and it's bringing skin damage with it

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Hot.

That's the name of the game when it comes to summers in Texas. And what better way to beat that heat than to head to the pool or one of our many area lakes. And that tan you're bound to get would just be icing on the cake, right?

Well, maybe we need to rethink that plan.

Oh, you can still head for the pool or the lake. Just be sure to protect your precious skin from the damage all that sunshine can inflict.

Skin cancer, according to the Centers for Disease Control, is the most common form of cancer in the United States, and melanomas of the skin are the most common type of skin cancer.

In 2011 — the most recent year for which CDC data is available — 65,647 people were diagnosed with melanomas of the skin in the U.S. Of those, 38,415 were men, according to the U.S. Cancer Statistics Working Group.

In that same year, 9,128 people — 6,001 men and 3,127 women — died from melanomas of the skin.

Those numbers are scary enough, in and of themselves. But a new study released in March by researchers from the University of California, San Francisco, suggests that gay and bisexual men in this country get skin cancer at twice the rate of heterosexual men.

Twice the rate.

Researchers mined data from government health surveys conducted in California between 2001 and 2009 to come up with their numbers. They also found that gay and bi men are more likely to engage in indoor tanning than straight men.

About 6.6 percent of gay and bi men in the study had experienced skin cancer, compared to only 3.3 percent of the straight men. And

around 5 percent of the gay and bi men said they had participated in indoor tanning in the past year, compared to only 1.7 percent of the straight men.

Lesbians and bi women, according to the study, are no more likely than hetero women to get skin cancer or to engage in indoor tanning.

The UCSF researchers said they believe that indoor tanning — or ultra-violet (UV) tanning — plays a significant role in the increased risk of skin cancer among gay and bi men. Statistics from an earlier study cited by the Skin Cancer Foundation backs up that premise, saying that UV tanners are 74 percent more likely to develop skin cancer.

UCSF Associate Professor of Dermatology Sarah Arron stressed the importance of making sure people see the link between indoor tanning and skin cancer. "The primary reason that men and women engage in indoor tanning is because of the cultural association of tanning with a healthy look and overall attractiveness," Arron told USA Today. "We need to dispel the myth of the healthy tan."

And more recent news, this from Consumer Reports, suggests that even those of you who thought you were protecting your skin by using sunscreen might not be as safe as you thought.

Of the 34 sunscreens tested by Consumer Reports, 11 failed to meet the SPF levels advertised on their packaging, especially after being exposed to water.

Dallas dermatologist Dr. Farhad Niroomand noted that in truth, there's not much difference between SPF 30 and SPF 100. He recommends using sunscreen with SPF 30-50 and applying it every two to three hours while you're in the sun. After two or three hours, he added, get out

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# LGBT aging summit set for June in Dallas

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In the 1980s, the gay community was suddenly hit by the AIDS epidemic, and the community rallied to provide care and services to the ever-growing number of people getting sick and dying quickly. Many of those newly-formed organizations based their model of care on mainstream services provided for the elderly.

Today, the picture of the LGBT community is quite different. AIDS has become a manageable chronic illness, rather than a death sentence. And the community is making amazing headway toward equality.

But a new crisis is looming. As baby boomers approach retirement age, the LGBT community

bers and allies of all ages at Senior Source on Harry Hines Boulevard.

Flowers worries that a large number of gays and lesbians are facing old age alone. Many never had children and some are alienated from their families, he explained. The aging summit will address these problems and is looking for a number of solutions.

Bart Poche, a researcher at the Center for Psychosocial Health Research at the University of North Texas and project manager for the center's aging LGBT study, will present at the summit.

He said his study is looking for quality of life issues. Research into the aging LGBT population is a fairly new field, although UNT's psychology department has been doing research for more than four years.

"We expect to find things we don't even know we're looking for yet," Poche said.

He added that one of the things making his study interesting is that he's studying people in Texas — and he expects to see different results from what researchers are finding in New York and California.

Poche said he hopes the summit will provide an opportunity to bridge the generational divide.

"This generation barely survived," he said. "The new generation has less fear."

The community has "work to do to create a hero mentality deserving of this generation that fought in Stonewall and survived the AIDS crisis," Poche declared.

While UNT studies begin to reveal the needs of the aging LGBT community, Rob Emery's organization, SafeHaven is working to provide a safe and stimulating place for LGBT community members to live.

Emery has visited assisted living and memory and nursing care facilities across North Texas and around the country. He said most welcome gay and lesbian residents, but none offer any activities specifically for LGBT residents — or even assurances of safety.

"Having no programming is problematic," he said. "Even more problematic is when it turns out management is not cool with Mr. Smith in 3G."

Often, gays and lesbians have to go back into



Cannon Flowers, left

is facing a silver tsunami.

Cannon Flowers has been concerned about this problem for a number of years and has been quietly looking for support from inside and outside the LGBT community. In February, he attended a conference at the White House on LGBT aging, and Flowers is the main organizer of an LGBT Aging Summit set for June in Dallas. The summit will be open to community mem-

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## The unlikely advocate

Diana Finrock Farrar weaves her unexpected story into a book that tells the story of Texas' diverse LGBT community

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Diana Finrock Farrar was a happily married suburban wife and mother of three.

Today, she says, she's the same person, except she's married to a woman, has written a book and has become what she describes as "an unlikely advocate" for the LGBT community.

"Post divorce, I fell in love with my best friend," Diana explained. "I had never been attracted to women before."

Diana met Charlotte in church. They had children at about the same time, were friends for 20 years and both divorced at about the same time.

"Our emotional bond post divorce began evolving into something," Diana said. She called the period after their divorces a scary time, each having lost relationships two decades long.

Over the next two years, the friendship between the two women developed into an attraction. But

neither said anything to the other, both worrying, Diana said, "What if I'm wrong?"

Charlotte said something first about her changing feelings. but Diana said she doesn't even remember where or when she said it. Even as their relationship developed, Diana said, she never saw it coming.

In 2010, they went to Canada and got married.

Having both been married before, they understood the legal and social benefits of marriage. They knew in this case, when they got back to Texas, they'd receive none of those benefits. But it was still important to them to get married.

"We were doing it for us," Diana said, adding that she and Charlotte wanted to show each other how committed they were to their relationship.

"We focused on just us," Diana said.

For a year, they told no one they had gotten married. When they finally decided to tell family, it was quite an undertaking.

Diana has three children. Charlotte has two. Each woman has four siblings. Some were out of town and they wanted to talk to each one in person.

Diana said every family member was accepting. One said, "I don't understand this well, but I love you."

Diana knew she'd have the support of her

brother, Channel 5 meteorologist David Finrock — he and his wife met through their best friend, who is gay.

She described David as “not a jumping up and down sort of guy,” but he did jump toward her and hug her. They had recently lost their mother and Diana was the only unmarried sibling.

“He was glad we were happy,” she said of her brother. “David was hurting for me because I was alone.”

Once family knew they were married, Diana and Charlotte started living more openly. In 2012 they took the next step and told their friends, most of whom they knew from church and most of them who knew the two women as married to men.

2013 to March 2014. During that time, events like the Supreme Court’s Windsor and Prop 8 decisions were issued. When she began writing, only nine states had marriage equality. By the time she finished, 17 states had rulings declaring their marriage laws unconstitutional.

“[The Texas trial court ruling] had just occurred when I sent the book to the publisher,” she said.

Diana called writing the book a life changing experience. She learned to live more openly and show people, “We’re not scary,” she said and lives her life trying to make a difference.

Diana has gone to Austin on advocacy days and marched in parades. She’s spoken at PFLAG groups and in churches. It’s an important part of progress toward equality, she believes.



Diana Finrock Farrar, center, with, from left, Fox4’s Mike Doucey, wife Charlotte, brother and KXAS weatherman David Finrock and WFAA’s Dale Hansen at the 2014 Black Tie Dinner.

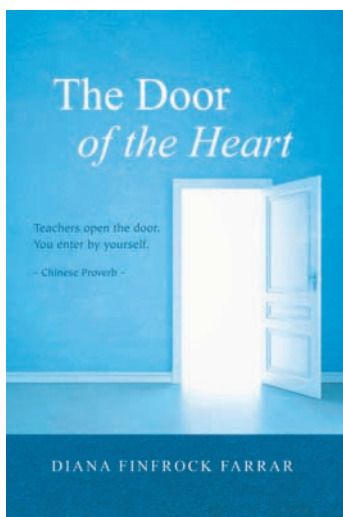
The next step in becoming an unlikely advocate, Diana said, was writing her book. *The Door of the Heart* is a tapestry of stories of characters based on her, people she knows and a composite of many other people intended to paint a picture of the LGBT community she has come to know.

Diana said she was sitting in church one Sunday morning and she and Charlotte had been talking about ideas for a book about the LGBT community. “Everything in that worship service told me, ‘You have a story to tell,’” she recalled. “Charlotte leaned over and said, ‘I feel it too.’”

Within three days Diana was busy writing. Her religious beliefs steered much of the story.

“I can’t be part of a Christian faith being used as a weapon,” she said. “If we profess to be Christians, we need to be disciples in all ways.”

Diana wrote the book in real time from March



“By not speaking out against injustice,” Diana said, “we’re complicit. That’s what I hope every reader gets.”

Diana has already heard from people how her book had changed some lives. She said she heard from someone in Austin who told how, when her best friend’s brother came out, the mother threw the son out of the house. They gave the mom the book. The son’s allowed back home now, and they’re working on repairing and rebuild-

ing their relationship.

Diana said she hopes her book continues to change lives.

“It’s definitely changed ours,” she said.

*The Door of the Heart* by Diana Finrock Farrar is published by AuthorHouse and is available at Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com. ■

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Like the Kerner report, Farris emphasized anger toward the police is a part of, but not the whole reason behind, urban riots. "People participate in upheavals for a reason that usually is not just the anger at the precipitating event but also frustration at a larger set of underlying issues in their community," she wrote.

The Los Angeles riots of 1992 are another example. That summer, police officers were indicted for beating of a black taxi driver named Rodney King. Black residents had had enough.

"A combination of the conditions of poverty among blacks and ethnic diversity with racial tensions, and the effects of increased immigration and economic restructuring in addition to the beating of Rodney King" triggered the looting and violence that shut down the city, Farris noted.

Fort Worth however is not Ferguson or Baltimore or Los Angeles. Farris pointed to promising figures both nationwide and locally in the decennial U.S. Census report.

The Dallas/Fort Worth area was one of the least segregated in terms of large cities, Farris wrote. "Dallas-Fort Worth's dissimilarity index, which measures how evenly two groups are distributed in a neighborhood, fell by 10 points between 1970 and 2010."

After the 2009 Rainbow Lounge raid, Fort Worth appointed its own commission to address LGBT disparities and needs.

One of the action items included appointing a

LGBT liaison within the police department, similar to positions in the Dallas Police Department and now, the Dallas County Sheriff's Office. In the aftermath of the Rainbow Lounge, Officer Sara Straten served as the first liaison; the position is currently held by Cpl. Tracey Knight.

**"One split second can be deadly and unravel the trust that has taken years to build."**

— Sally Huffer  
The Montrose Center

Knight described the role as another approach to the city's community policing policy. As LGBT liaison, she presents the LGBT perspective to the department. She also presents the police's perspective to the LGBT community.

"I understand community fears and I can also (sometimes) do a better job of explaining 'why' things are done a certain way by a police officer," Knight wrote.

Another part of her role includes maintaining relationships with the department's LGBT officers as well as with community leaders and activists in the city. That includes attending weekly sessions at Celebration Community Church, where officers, the police chief and community members address concerns in a relaxed environment.

But are we the next Ferguson?

"There are most likely many different reasons and points of view on this but personally I believe that one of the reasons is because we [Fort Worth and FWPd] have a long history of community policing – this is not a new thing for us here," Knight suggested. "We also have a highly trained and very professional police department. That's not to say that improvements can't be made because there is always room for improvement. ... We strive to maintain our community relationships and build upon the trust that we have in each other."

But as Huffer sees it, oppression is still embedded in LGBT history. Addressing problems requires a comprehensive approach and sensitivity to repair the past.

"Like many communities, you cannot forget your history, and especially for our senior population, police raids at social clubs were a reality ... along with the verbal and physical harassment," she wrote. "One split second can be deadly and unravel the trust that has taken years to build." ■

*Next Week: More on the aftermath of the Rainbow Lounge Raid and how it sparked reform in other North Texas communities.*



JULY

- **July 2: Fort Worth PFLAG meeting**  
Meets every first Thursday of the month from 7–9 p.m. at First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Church, 1959 Sandy Lane, Fort Worth. For more information call 817-428-2329 or visit PflagFortWorth.org.
- **July 2–5: 50th Anniversary of LGBT Civil Rights Movement**  
The 50th anniversary in Philadelphia celebration includes panels, LGBT history exhibits, parties and more. Each day features LGBT history exhibits at the National Constitution Center, National Museum of American Jewish History and Independence Visitor Center along with fireworks on July 3 and 4. For more information, visit LGBT50th.org and Gaypioneers.com.
- **July 4: DFW Trans Ladies Monthly Meeting**  
Meets from 7:00–8:30 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month at Agape MCC, 4615 E. California Parkway, Fort Worth. For more information e-mail info@dfwtgladies.org or visit DFWTGLadies.org.

- **July 7: DFW Transcendence Trans/SOFFA Meeting**  
Trans and ally support group meets monthly on first and third Tuesdays from 7–9 p.m. at Agape MCC, 4615 East California Parkway, Fort Worth. For more information call Finn Jones at 214-499-0378 or by e-mail at sfinn.jones@gmail.com.

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■ **AGING**, From Page 11

the closet just to live safely in retirement and assisted living facilities.

Emery said SafeHaven is negotiating for property in Oak Lawn to open an assisted living facility that will keep residents connected to the LGBT community.

"Every management company we've spoken to loves this idea so much, they all want to do it with us," he said.

Flowers said the summit would take a multi-prong approach. Assisted living facilities targeting the LGBT community are in the mix, but

won't cover the entire need. Another approach is finding those existing facilities that welcome LGBT residents and help them provide programming that will keep them engaged.

Home care, visiting nurses and volunteer assistance — a re-imagining of The Buddy Project that helped people living with AIDS get through their lives — are more ideas that will be discussed.

The Rev. Steve Sprinkle, a gay professor at Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth, will deliver the summit's keynote address.

He called aging LGBT baby boomers "numerous, talented and powerful" and said, "I

hope the summit will bring talent together and actualize the power the community has and stimulate allies to step up along with us."

Sprinkle said the aging boomer population has a lot in common with millennials — both show a responsibility for their community.

"The new generation at Brite is interested in meaningful lives rather than just careers," he said.

Sprinkle said the summit would address challenges the aging LGBT population faces.

"No kids to take care of us," he said. "In nursing care we're forced to go back into the closet. That's a powerful problem after we

worked so hard for our freedom."

One solution he proposes is doing something the LGBT community has always been good at doing: Because so many people enter their senior years alone, we need to help create our own families to take care of each other.

"We know how to do it," Sprinkle declared.

He said his pitch to younger LGBT community members is if we build the infrastructure now, it'll be there for them when they need it. ■

*LGBT Summit On Aging presented by the Coalition For Aging, LGBT | Dallas-Ft. Worth from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on June 13 at Senior Source, 3910 Harry Hines Blvd. Free but registration requested.*

■ **SUN**, From Page 10

of the direct sun for awhile to let the skin DNA repair itself. Then re-apply your sunscreen before heading back out.

He said that the FDA has recently reclassified labels on sunscreens, "so major reputable brands should be okay."

Avoiding the sun, Dr. Niroomand added, is better than any sunscreen. That means wearing SPF-proof clothing, hats and shades when you're in the sun. And Dr. Breck Thrash with Highland Dermatology agreed.

"Physical sun blockers are always better than chemical sun blockers like sunscreens," Dr. Thrash said. "Zinc oxide and titanium dioxide block both UVA and UVB rays, and that gives you complete coverage."

Chemical blockers block either UVA rays or UVB rays, not both. And the chemical sunscreens tend to carry an increased risk of causing allergic reactions. Plus, Thrash reiterated, "the chemical sun screens get worn out by the sun; they have a finite life span."

If you're going to be in the sun, "definitely put a physical sun blocker on your face and the backs of your hands. Use the more expensive zinc oxide or titanium dioxide as a base coat, then add the cheaper sunscreens over that for extra protection," Dr. Thrash said.

He noted that physical blockers have been improved so that they now rub into the skin better and are transparent instead of white. They are also hypoallergenic.

Dr. Thrash added that people with richer complexions, such as Hispanics and African-Americans, are not immune to skin damage from exposure to the sun. They, too, should wear sun blockers and sunscreens. And even on cloudy days, the sun can damage your skin.

"It's not that damage from the sun will be worse on cloudy days. It's that people tend to stay out longer on cloudy days because they don't think they are getting any sun," he said.

That's similar to the reasoning behind a recent study from Australia which seemed to indicate that wearing sunscreen didn't prevent the skin from being damaged by the sun.

"It's more likely that people put on sunscreen and they think they are protected so they stay in the sun longer," Dr. Thrash said. "Remember, just because you've put on sunscreen or a sun blocker, you aren't making yourself invincible." ■

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# A message for black SGL/gay men:

**W**ake the hell up! June is rapidly approaching, and we will soon know if the U.S. Supreme Court will deliver a landmark ruling deciding whether the U.S. Constitution requires states to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples, and whether states must recognize same-sex marriages performed in other states.

Thinking about this takes me back to when I was a new LGBT activist in 1994, bright-eyed and bushy tailed and ready to take the world by storm by burning down bridges of bigotry and ignorance.

When I came out, I didn't gently open the closet door; I kicked that SOB down. And there was no turning back.

I immediately connected with an old friend, the Rev. Philip V. Matthews, a former minister at Cathedral of Hope in Dallas, who I didn't know was a gay man when we first met while doing outreach in an area housing unit for persons living with AIDS. Phil was the foundation through which my activism was birthed.

In addition to attending CoH for a brief period (sanctuary from my United Methodist Church home), I was provided with books and materials to read about the LGBT community, homosexuality, religion, and historic/contemporary black figures in the LGBT movement. It changed my life.

Phil had started a small group of black men — 12 members — who met in each other's homes once a month to dialogue about all of these subjects over a simple meal and drinks. These men were professional, educated, well-spoken — and what you would call "masculine." After attending for the first time, I liked what I saw and expressed a need to Phil to extend the scope of the group beyond its 12 members. I received his blessing and moved forward.

Within a year, the group known as The Men's Gathering — Dallas (TMG-Dallas) grew to 120 members, with meetings at the former Oak Lawn Community Services Center "Daire Room." We also started meeting outside of our standard monthly meeting just for fun, building a complete community.

I was able to secure funding through Dallas Urban League Inc. for program support for condom distribution, presentations and pre-post survey data collection, making our activities more well rounded.

We and other minority/black LGBT organizations also garnered local and national attention through co-sponsorship of the former National Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum in 1996.



**Buster Spiller**  
Contributing Columnist

The forum was usually hosted alternately in Los Angeles or a city on the East Coast; Dallas was the first southern city to host the event. My "official" public coming out was marked by a cover photo and story with myself and other black LGBT leaders in the No. 1 black weekly newspaper in Dallas.

Topics of discussion were selected very strategically, and sometimes discussions included attendance from folks other than black gay men — like lesbians or the non-black partners of some members.

One issue that usually ignited deep conversation was community labels, i.e., masculine/feminine, top/bottom, butch/femme. I have to admit those meetings perplexed me because my dating/LTR choices have always been dictated by a person's personality traits and characteristics, not solely the outside appearance or bedroom proclivities.

After serving as president of TMG-Dallas for two years, I stepped down to start my theater company, still keeping in touch with members periodically. My desire to move on had a lot to do with internal strife and conflict regarding how public we were going to be as an organization.

Some members wanted complete anonymity while others, like myself, wanted complete exposure. I was already visibly representing the organization, including appearances in print and on radio talk shows (some gospel), and I didn't see the need for a veil of secrecy. I connected our organization with non-gay organizations to perform community service projects and during my tenure, had our group march in the Alan Ross Texas Freedom parade as an official entry. As we marched down each block holding our 10-foot banner, complete with African-inspired motifs, I couldn't have been more proud of us as black men.

But in the end a vote was taken and secrecy won. Rather than return to another closet, I moved on. After 3-4 presidents and a floundering membership, the group eventually went defunct — but not before spawning brother organizations in Houston (started by a former officer of the Dallas group) and one in the Michigan/Ohio area.

That was 15 years ago. Recently, I was on a Facebook friend's page — a black gay male —

and a picture of Derrick J. and Miss Lawrence, stars of the hit Bravo show Fashion Queens, was posted with the caption, "This is how Andy Cohen and BRAVO displays the gay BLACK MAN.....HOUSTON WE HAVE A PROBLEM!!!!!!!!!"

I commented that I didn't think there was anything wrong with either male, and in return I was told that we need to see more masculine black males on a national platform to earn respect. I thought about my TMG-Dallas days, took a deep breathe, and replied:

"We're disrespected, period, and those two men living their lives have little to do with it. We can present ourselves as the MOST masculine men possible and the black community will still think of us as men who want to be women and f\*\*\*\* in the ass."

"You need a culprit to blame for our misery, try the black church, that same place we go to weekly to get our spiritual ass whuppings which we faithfully SUPPORT. When black gay men not like Derrick J. and Miss Lawrence have the COURAGE to stand up to the black church, our families, and to others and call them ALL on their s\*\*\*, effeminate males like those two will cease to be an embarrassment."

"We have to stop these internal divisions. We can't depend on the white LGBT community to do it for us. We've ridden their coattails for too long."

What is it about being masculine that is superior to being feminine? Why is one state of being preferred over the other? Does patriarchy still have that strong a hold on how we perceive women? Is being a woman, looking like a woman or adopting habits associated with women (i.e., certain clothing, makeup, shoes, etc.) wrong and not desirable?

Why do we hate women?!

With all of the strides that have been made in the LGBTQ movement (a lot of it with minimal black LGBT involvement), I continued to sit there completely dumbfounded as comments kept coming, most affirming the poster's sentiment — including some from straight black females, which was really puzzling.

We are on the cusp of history as a LGBT community, one I have worked on to see this day. As a newly married person, the significance of this day cannot be understated. It is the single most defining moment of my life as a black SGL/gay man, a moment those before me like Langston Hughes, Richard Bruce Nugent, Countee Cullen, Claude McKay, Wallace Thurman, Alain Locke, Bayard Rustin, James Baldwin, Alvin Ailey, Sylvester, Glenn Burke, E. Lynn Harris, Phil Reed, Roy Simmons and countless others couldn't have envisioned seeing.

And all my black brethren can concern themselves with is how a person chooses to present themselves publicly. Are you fucking kidding me?!

The more things — and times — change, the more they stay the same. Black SGL/gay men: WAKE THE HELL UP!

*Buster Spiller is a longtime activist and award-winning playwright from Dallas.*



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Theresa in a Grecian-inspired one-piece by Charlie by Matthew Zink.

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Welcome to Dallas Voice's second annual Swimsuit Edition!

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By the pool with Terrance in N2N, Jeremy in MacKeene, A.J. in Bullzerk, Skylar in Rock Star and Frederick in Marek+Richard.





P.J. gets our hearts racing in a racer by Charlie, and taunts us in the weeds in cannabis-inspired trunks by Marek+Richard.

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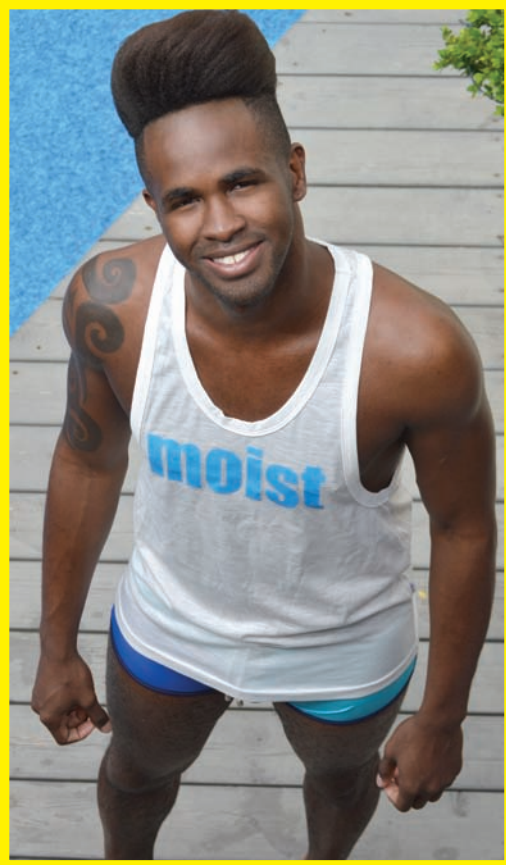
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Frederick glistens in a 'moist' racerback tank and blue tidal wave trunk (both by Marek+Richard). Terrance gushes at puppy Pepe in a white patriotic T by Cockpit USA, while Joel dotes in a nautical inspired blue shirt by Southern Tide.



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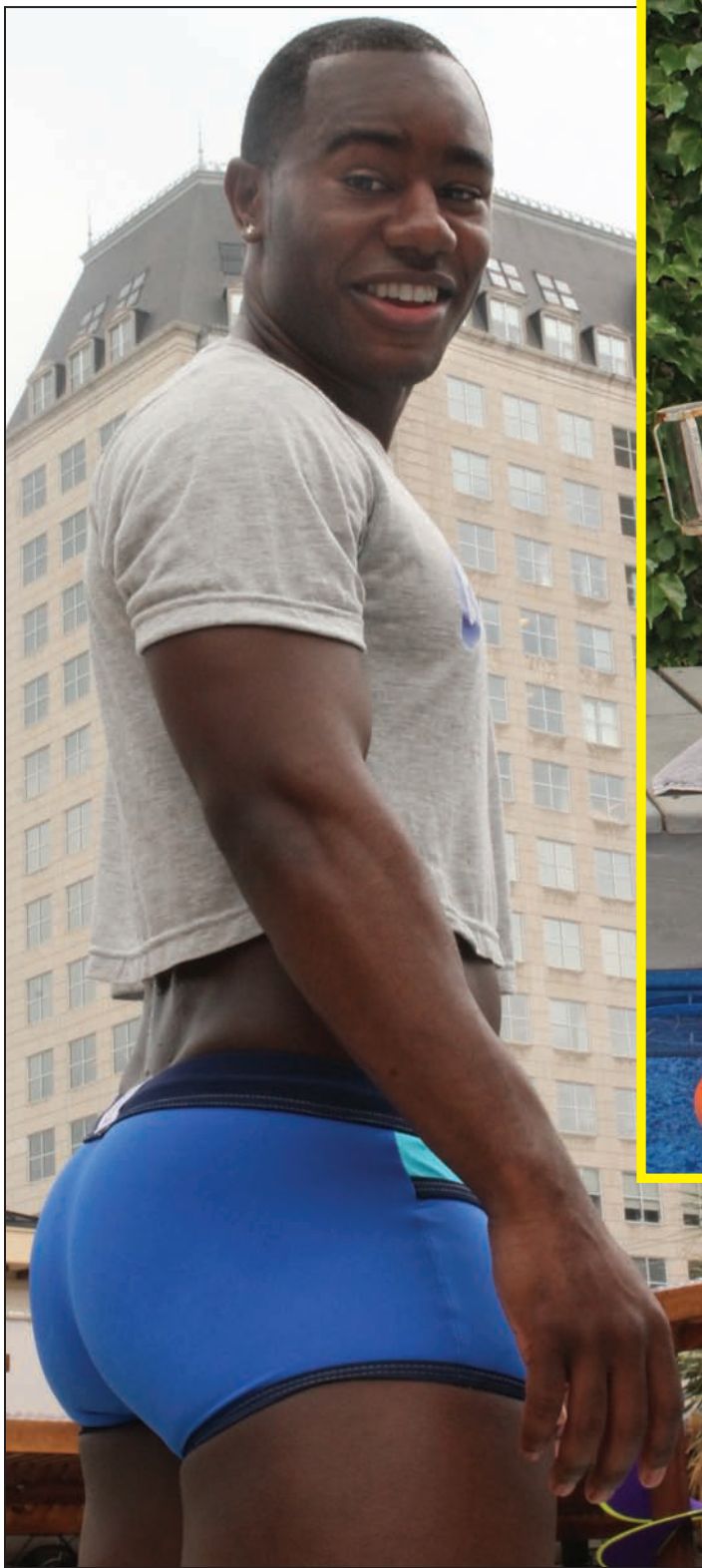
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Joseph shows it's all about that b-ass in a bold tidal wave trunk and wet crop tee, both by Marek+Richard. ... Frederick looks on in an eye catching orange/green tropicale bikini by M+R. Theresa glimmers in a turquoise deco foil bikini by Charlie by Matthew Zink with a gold framed gemstone necklace by OpalMilk. .... Show off your dualities in all the right ways in the unforgettable coral red & turquoise Charlie scarf print trainer shorts by Charlie by Matthew Zink. ....

Opposite: A.J. brags a bit in this Marek+Richard crop top, but Joel and Terrance are too into each other to notice while wearing N2N Bodywear.



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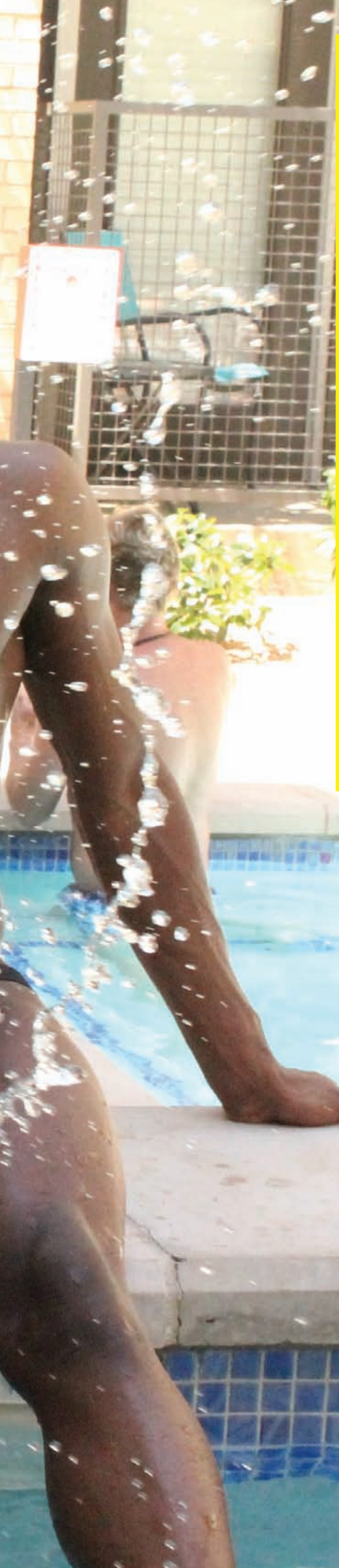
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Terrance dares to pose (with an eight-pack, no less!) in an orange/grey daredevil bikini by N2N Bodywear.

Terrance's chin is on fleek in a black/white competitor trunk by N2N Bodywear.



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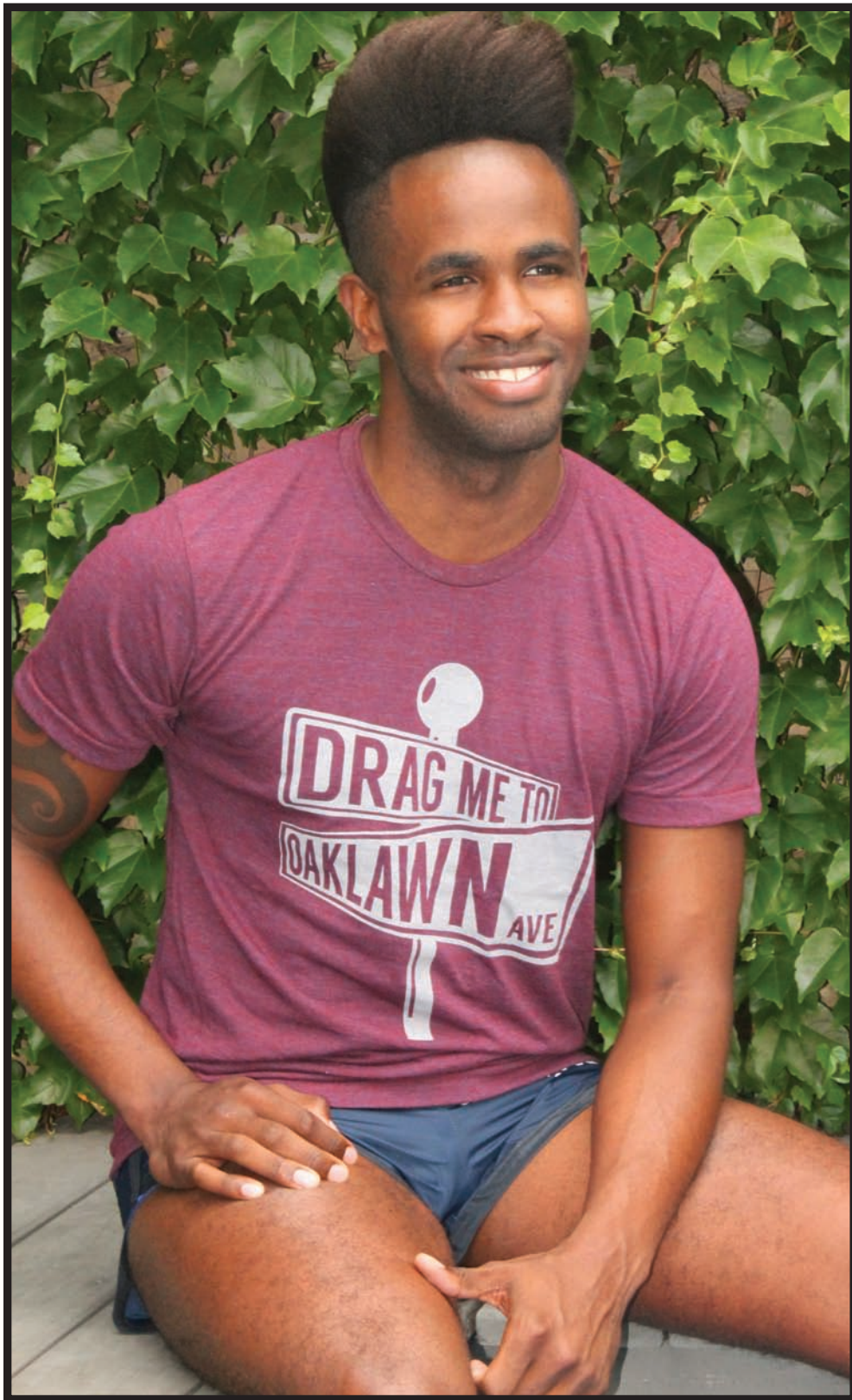
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Joseph stretches it out in the pink OMFG floral snapback by Marek+Richard and turquoise parroquet swim shorts by MacKeene. ... Joel looks like he was made for the creatively cunning LA pop sport bikini sexily styled by N2N Bodywear.



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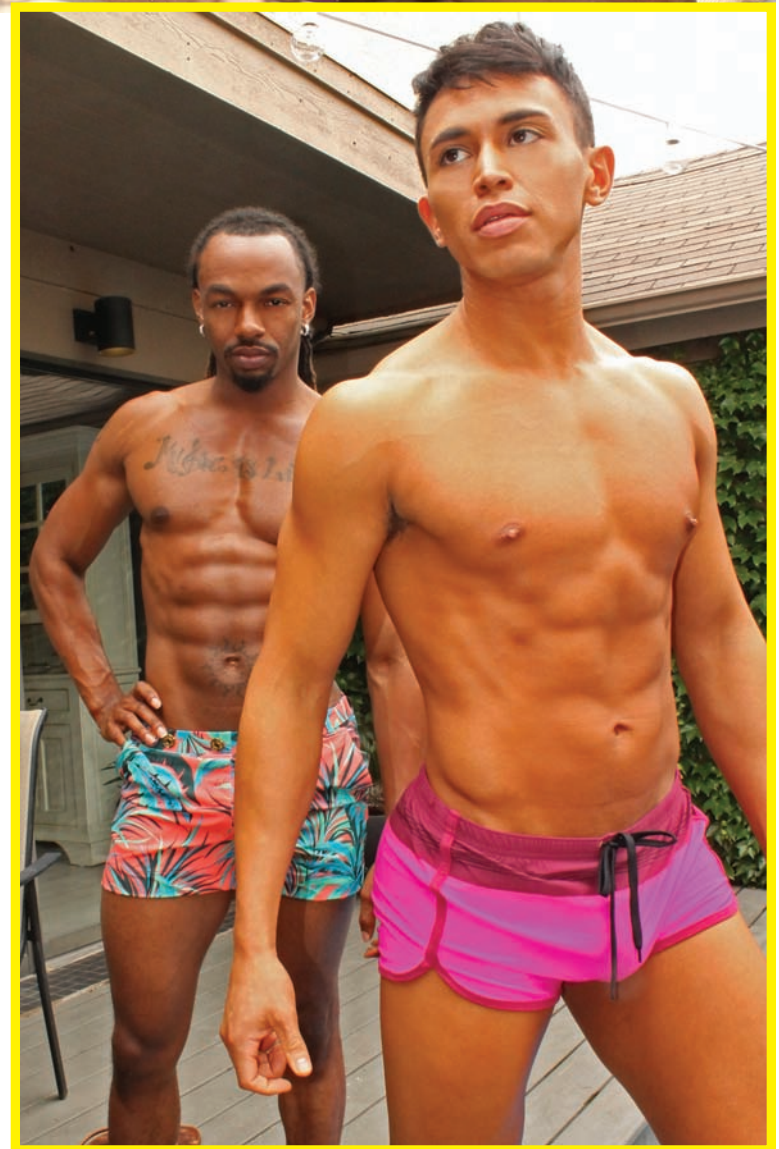
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Theresa shines like the sun as she steps into the water in a yellow/white Charlie scarf bikini by Charlie By Matthew Zink, accompanied by fringe leather neckpiece and brown armband by OpalMilk. Skylar is right behind her in a Caribbean blue lifeguard brief by Charlie by Matthew Zink and righteous hat screaming YASS! about those abs .... Terrance ponders life in the tropics in a purple print by N2N Bodywear. ... P.J. shows the new meaning of washboard in a pink palm resort short while A.J. turns up the heat in the striking berry trainer, both from Charlie by Matthew Zink.



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**DEETS:** The MAC, 3120 McKinney Ave. May 22–June 27. KitchenDogTheater.org.

## Saturday 05.23

### TWCD, Metropolitan Winds unite for 'Planet Earth' symphony performance

Two of Dallas' longstanding music ensembles, the Women's Chorus of Dallas and the Metropolitan Winds, have never performed together ... until now. The groups join forces Saturday for a matinee concert of Johan de Meij's *Symphony No. 3: Planet Earth*, which makes its North American premiere this weekend.

**DEETS:** City Performance Hall, 2520 Flora St. 2:30 p.m. TWCD.org.



## Sunday 05.24

### Wendy Ho drags herself to Cedar Springs for midnight show

Wendy Ho lives up to her name ... well, we're assuming. Sometimes called America's only "female drag queen," she's fresh off of her *Dragcon* appearance, and will settle in for a one-night stand at the Rose Room Sunday. Expect the rapper, singer and performance artist — she also calls herself "truth teller" — to entertain with music, stories and all around fabulousness.

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**The Firestorm.** A politician in an interracial marriage finds his campaign compromised in this centerpiece mainstage production of Kitchen Dog Theater's annual New Works series. The MAC, 3120 McKinney Ave. May

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**Belleville.** Drew Wall stars in this heartbreaking examination of a relationship in crisis, written by Amy Herzog and directed by Lee Trull. Presented by Second Thought Theatre. Bryant Hall on the Kalita Humphreys campus, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. Through June 13. 2TT.co.

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**Dream Cafe.** Brian's life as a single gay man is explored through six scenes, performed in a different order each night (as determined by the audience). A revival of Alejandro de la Costa's 2010 play. Contains nudity. Stone COttage Theatre, 15650 Addison Road, Addison. May 28–June 21. MBSProductions.net.

**Stop Hitting Yourself.** Part of the Off-Broadway on Flora series, this clever contemporary satire is performed by Austin's Rude Mechanicals. Potter Rose Hall inside Wyly Theatre, 2400 Flora St. May 28–30. ATPAC.org.

**True West and Speed-the-Plow.** Fun House Theatre and Film embarks on this repertory run of two show by classic American playwrights Sam Shepard and David Mamet, performed by a cast of teenaged actors. Plano Children's Theatre, 1301 Dolphin Drive, ste. 706, Plano. May 28–June 6. \$8. FunHouseTheatreAndFilm.com.

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# Ask Howard

How to do the wrong thing right

Dear Howard,

Why is it so impossible to find a decent boyfriend through online dating sites? Am I alone here, or does every gay man have this problem? I've joined three of those stupid sites in as many months, but every time I agree to meet one of my "matches" for coffee or lunch, I instantly feel like some sort of escort callboy being flimflammed for a freebie. It's like every man out there is just cruising around for live porn to hook up with. Nobody wants to actually *date*.

I'm so *over* trying to find love through social media. I have an uncle who met his partner "old-school" back before the Internet even existed, and they've been together now for almost 20 years. My best friend's sister is a lesbian, and she's been with her "wife" now for more than 30 years. What did they do right way back in the olden days that I'm somehow missing? — **Scott**

Dear Scott,

Well, way back in the prehysterical days of yore when dragons breathed fire from Pangaea's flat edge in a long-forgotten epoch — that is, the 1990s — people were forced via necessity to actually *talk one-on-one* with each other. They engaged in an archaic term known as "conversation."

You might wanna give this "conversation" thing a revival shot sometime, Scott. You'd be shocked and more than a little awed by what miracles of romance can be achieved face-to-face over texting, via zombie-punching buttons from the palm of one's hand.

Dear Howard,

Recently, here in the gayborhood where I live, a new tenant moved into the apartment adjacent to mine. I was off work the day his moving

van pulled up. The man's in soap-opera-star shape, owns a lacquered black baby grand piano, several waist high alabaster obelisks, a big box of vintage vinyl records (the one on top being Barbra Streisand's *Butterfly*), three gargantuan fake Warhols, two Persian cats and one female... wife.

We're talkin' rhinestones and glitter practically spilled out his mouth when he pinched his wife's shoulder. And he did his best Miss America wave up at my balcony, "Honey, look! Hey, hey, neighbor!"

The whole building has been abuzz ever since they set up home, regarding who should be the one to inform him that he's gay, but he seems oblivious to everybody *except* his wife whenever they're out by the pool — in his metallic magenta Speedo — and now I'm honestly wondering if, maybe, he's one of those rare men just *too* queer to be gay? — **Raymond**

Dear Ray,

Of course, we've all heard the urban myths of effeminate heterosexuals being spotted from time to time in our midst... although they're more elusive, frankly, than Bigfoot and far less credible. To spin a riff on a familial mallard phrase known to all: If it looks like Rock Hudson, and if it talks like Truman Capote, and if it walks like the Lady Chablis in a tiara, then it's probably attracted to penises.

**We've all heard the urban myths of effeminate heterosexuals being spotted... although they're more elusive than Bigfoot.'**

Dear Howard,

I'm worried about my college roommate. We're both gay, and he's filthy hot, but his only goal in life seems to be sex, sex and more sex... although almost never with me. Seriously, man, I'm getting kind of tired being his backup booty-call every single time one of his Grindr tricks doesn't pan out, or whenever one of his two-week-long/love-of-his-life "soul mate" relationships invariably heads south.

I hate to gripe about scoring regular sex with a hottie, but really I'm being almost exploited here, just because my bed's conveniently five feet away. The only time he seems at all into me is when he's lit-



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erally *in* to me, grunting. I feel like I'm nothing but his 'ho. Advice? — **Jeremy**

Dear Jer,

"Butcha are, Blanche, you *are* in that chair!"

— Howard Lewis Russell

Have a question about etiquette, love, life or really anything? Send it to AskHoward@dallasvoice.com and he may answer.

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Jeff and Zach at The Tin Room.



Friends hanging out at The Grapevine.

Making the **SCENE** the week of **May 22-28:**

- **Alexandre's:** **Walter Lee** at 10 p.m. on Friday. **Alicia Sillex** at 10 p.m. on Saturday. **Londee** at 9 p.m. on Thursday.
- **Best Friends Club:** **DJ Sno White** on Friday and Saturday.
- **BJ's NXS!** **Military Maneuvers.** Donations collected all weekend benefit the **National LGBT Memorial** in Washington, D.C. **Andrew Christian Underwear Auction** at 10:30 p.m. on Thursday hosted by **Shebeata Pinata** benefits the **Turtle Creek Chorale** and **Dallas Red Foundation**.
- **Brick/Joe's:** Come out this Memorial Day weekend to Happy Hour, hot dancers and sexy men. Karaoke every Monday night after **RuPaul's Drag Race**.
- **Cedar Springs Tap House:** **Tiki Party** on Sunday. Wear your island best.
- **Club Reflection:** **Trinity River Bears** cookout at 4 p.m. on Sunday. **Imperial Court** show at 8 p.m. on Thursday.
- **Dallas Eagle:** **National Leather Association** presents **Leather Perspectives** at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday. **Together We Stand** show benefits **Turtle Creek Chorale** and **Home for the Holidays** at 7 p.m. on Saturday.
- **Rainbow Lounge:** **DJ Carl Katana** on Friday and Saturday bringing the best in videos on 6 screens.
- **S4:** **Resource Center** offers free HIV testing at 11 p.m. on Friday.
- **Sue Ellen's:** **Barefoot Hippies** on Friday. **The What's Up Band** on Saturday. **Kathy & Bella** at 3 p.m. on Sunday. **Bad Habits** at 6 p.m. on Sunday.
- **TMC: The Mining Company:** **Harvey Milk Day** celebration begins at the **Legacy of Love** monument at 8 p.m. and moves to the bar for an after party on Friday. **Caven Enterprises Benevolent Association** pool tournament on Wednesday. ■

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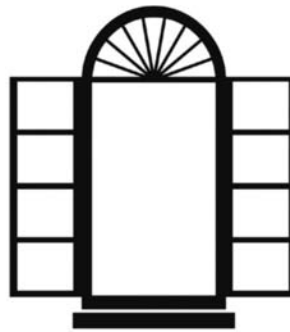
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**In His Own Words**

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**Across**

- 1 Start of a quote from *The Harvey Milk Interviews: In His Own Words*
- 7 More of the quote
- 13 As a bottom limit
- 15 Green fruit
- 16 Open, to Billie Jean
- 17 Working stiff
- 18 Before, to poets
- 19 Solidly behind
- 21 Palm Pilot, e.g.
- 22 *Romeo and Juliet*, e.g.
- 28 More of the quote
- 30 Playful talk
- 32 It may be under the tongue
- 35 Ref for Woolf
- 36 Thought originators
- 40 Shakespearean prince
- 41 Editor's word
- 43 Opera highlights
- 44 *Cunt* author Muscio
- 45 When actors should come
- 47 More of the quote
- 48 Poet Dickinson
- 49 More of the quote
- 52 Get a load of
- 53 Queen of the hill
- 54 Walk like you're fagged out

**Down**

- 57 Best example
- 61 *I Shot \_\_\_ Warhol*
- 65 Elton John Broadway musical
- 66 Bottled spirits
- 67 Diggs of *Rent*
- 68 Disney duck nephew
- 69 End of the quote
- 70 Herbert's *Fortune and Men's \_\_\_*
- 1 Log Cabin pundits do this to candidates
- 2 "Take \_\_\_ leave it!"
- 3 Stick together
- 4 Ship, to seamen
- 5 Provincetown souvenir
- 6 U-turn from NNW
- 7 Gardner of *Show Boat*
- 8 *Chicago* director Marshall
- 9 Logical beginning
- 10 Get bent
- 11 Piggied out (on)
- 12 *Brothers & Sisters* mother
- 14 Laid-back sort
- 15 Over one's head
- 20 Siegfried's partner
- 22 Stuff for a blow job?
- 23 Mapa of *Switched at Birth*

- 24 What the Greeks plucked
- 25 Moves with a hum
- 26 Chaplin widow
- 27 Sink-trap shape
- 28 Next up, in Dave Pallone's sport
- 29 Like some cuisine
- 30 It's a bust
- 31 Prudential rival
- 33 Name of many a gay bar
- 34 *Three Tall Women*, and more
- 37 Horror writer Michael
- 38 Precollege ed
- 39 Churlish chap
- 42 Mardi Gras, e.g.
- 44 Flatter, perhaps
- 46 Summer for Colette
- 48 Awfully long time
- 50 Part of a Seven Dwarfs' song title
- 51 Bona fide
- 54 "Poppycock!"
- 55 Lucy of *Charlie's Angels*
- 56 It may be Sapphic
- 58 Report card blemish
- 59 *Bambi* doe
- 60 Earhart's milieu
- 62 Nureyev's nyet
- 63 Change color
- 64 "Let's do it!"

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