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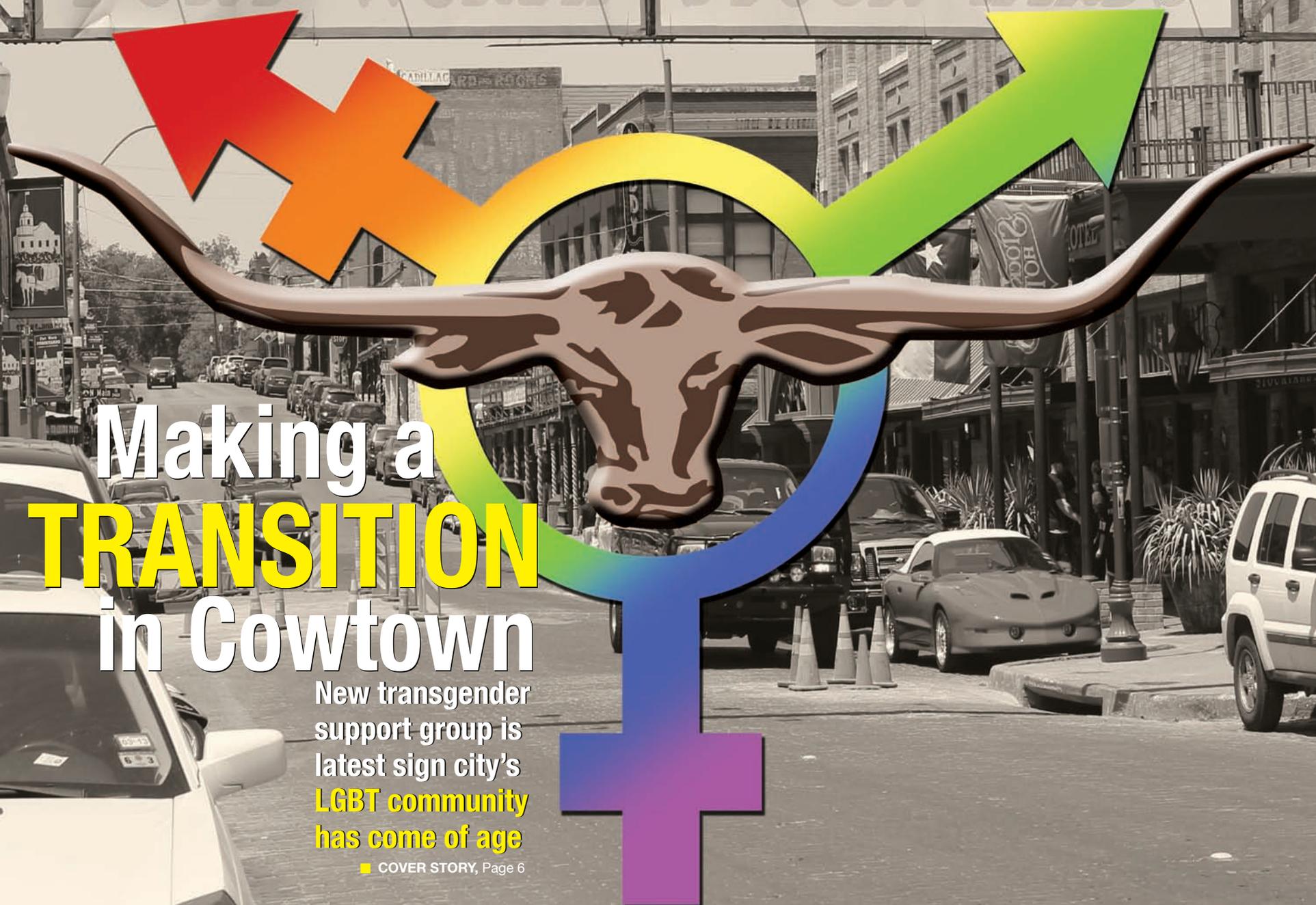
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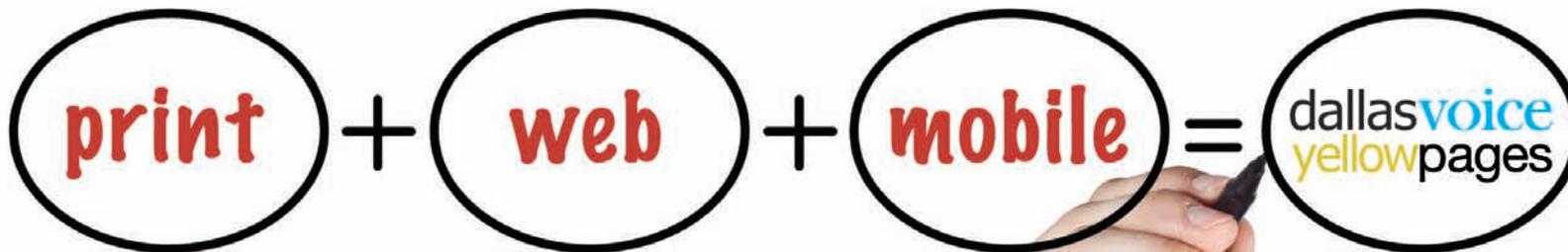
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### DART panel to weigh DP benefits

A Dallas Area Rapid Transit committee is scheduled to discuss offering domestic partner benefits at its September meeting.

DART Executive Director Gary Thomas told Instant Tea on Tuesday that board member Claude Williams has requested a presentation by staff on DP benefits at the administrative committee's next meeting. Williams serves as vice chair of the administrative committee.

Several members of the LGBT community addressed the DART board Tuesday night to explain the importance of offering DP benefits.

Omar Narvaez, who works for Lambda Legal, told the DART board he lost his job a few years ago after working for a company for 14 years. He said he was lucky that his partner's company offered DP benefits.

When he went to work for Lambda Legal a year later, Narvaez said his partner then lost his job, so Narvaez was able to put his partner on his insurance plan.

"We need to add these benefits because happy employees and employees that feel safe are employees that love working here," Narvaez said.

Mark "Major" Jiminez spoke about how he admired DART as an agency but doesn't support the agency's discriminatory policies.

Jiminez and his partner Beau Chandler will marry in September and have been arrested trying

to obtain a marriage license in Dallas County.

Resource Center Dallas' Rafael McDonnell then spoke and referenced DART's equal employment opportunity policy, which he also distributed to board members.

McDonnell said the policy is contradictory because it says the transit agency doesn't discriminate based on sexual orientation, including in the area of benefits.

McDonnell said the efforts of former DART employee Andrew Moss, who could not attend Tuesday's meeting, have been heard loud and clear with the issue now being addressed by the administrative committee. Moss' Change.org petition calling for DART to add DP benefits has garnered 1,159 signatures.

"I think it certainly shows that our petitions, our calls and letters were heard," McDonnell said, adding that he is optimistic about the DP benefits issue moving forward. "I feel pretty good about it getting through the administrative committee. I still think we have some work to do with educating board members, though."

Dallas attorney Scott Carlson was appointed DART's new general counsel by the board on Tuesday.

Carlson is a former board member who voted against adding transgender nondiscrimination protections in 2010.

— Anna Waugh

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# Making a transition in Cowtown



**BANNER BEGINNING** | Founder Nikki Taylor, far left, said after more than a dozen people attended the first meeting of Fort Worth Transgender Support at her residence in May, she moved the group's meetings to Celebration Community Church to accommodate its fast-growing membership. FWTS is the first transgender support group the city has had in several years. (Anna Waugh/Dallas Voice)

## New transgender support group is latest sign city's LGBT community has come of age

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FORT WORTH — Seated in comfy chairs amid dim lights and the scent of cocoa beans at a small coffee shop, a small group shares intimate stories about growing up and being transgender.

The stories range from exile and acceptance to coming out and coming to terms with their new selves. The group of eight is a portion of the membership of the new group Fort Worth Transgender Support that went out for coffee after its July meeting at Celebration Community Church.

Nikki Taylor, the founder of the group, moved to Fort Worth in December to be closer to her kids. Taylor attended Gender Education, Advocacy & Resources, or GEAR, when she lived in Dallas and

still goes to its monthly events, but she felt that she needed something closer to home.

"When I first got here, I was so scared because I thought I was the only transgender person in Fort Worth," she said.

After creating a website for the group, Taylor quickly discovered she was hardly the only trans person in the area. The site drew 60 online members to the chats and more than a dozen people to the first meeting in May at Taylor's home. She knew then that she couldn't accommodate a growing group and partnered with the church for a meeting space.

"It was overwhelming," she recalls about that meeting.

Now about 20 people attend the FWTS meetings on a regular basis with ages ranging from

teens to 60-somethings who are at varying stages in their transition.

Jon Nelson with Fairness Fort Worth, the only LGBT advocacy group in Fort Worth, said the group's formation symbolizes a change in the visibility of trans people.

"The transgender community has been the most discriminated against and the least represented," Nelson said. "Over the last few years that's started to change."

The city of Fort Worth added transgender protections to its nondiscrimination ordinance in 2009 after the Diversity Task Force made 21 recommendations to the City Council after the Rainbow Lounge raid. The only recommendation left is comprehensive healthcare coverage for transgender city employees.

Tori Van Fleet is a Fort Worth city employee who served on the Diversity Task Force and brought up trans healthcare coverage. Van Fleet transitioned in 2006 and had to pay for her own surgery, an expense of about \$50,000 that resulted in financial difficulties later on, she said.

Van Fleet said she doesn't think the City Council needs to vote on adding the coverage, but rather the city should have its healthcare provider delete the line that prohibits trans coverage. She added that the city is close to having conversations about changing the coverage to include trans care.

Van Fleet said Fort Worth hasn't had a trans group since the end of 2009 when a longtime support group disbanded after organizers left. She said a support network is vital to the trans community because "no one goes through what we go

through without having issues."

GEAR coordinator Blair High joined the Dallas group four years ago for support. She now helps run the six-year-old Resource Center Dallas program that includes health services, as well as social and educational events. High said trans groups are important for socializing and helping find resources.

"It was a place I could go and really be a part of a community," High said. "It was a lifesaver."

Among the youngest members of the new Fort Worth group is 16-year-old Azzie, a self-identified socially awkward teen whose mother refuses to call her by her preferred name instead of her female name.

Azzie came to the group through Lisa Earley, who brings her teen daughter to the group in order to support her older daughter who transitioned several years ago.

While Earley's older daughter lives out of state, she said it was important for her to come to the group to support her daughter and to mentor Azzie, who wants to transition after she leaves home for college next year.

Earley said that while Azzie's father goes to PFLAG with her, her mother is unsupportive and refuses to acknowledge that her daughter is trans. But that's what the group is for.

Taylor said Earley has been a blessing to the group because she is so understanding and offers a motherly touch for members who have families that have shunned them for being trans.

"That's amazing that someone has a mother that would go to the meetings for her," Taylor said. "It's one thing to go with your child, but it's another to go for her."

Taylor said she knew she was trans when she was 10 but was a late bloomer and didn't start living as a woman until she was 19. The daughter of a Baptist preacher, she only stayed female for a year amid threats her family would disown her.

"I was thrown back in the closet with shackles," she says of that time when she felt forced to live again as a man.

When she was 32, Taylor decided to live again as a woman and began her transition. Shortly afterward, she found out her girlfriend was pregnant. After her son was born, she wasn't allowed to see him because the mother thought her being trans meant she was a sexual deviant.

But Taylor hired a private detective to find her son and took the mother to court for visitation and to pay child support. After the legal battle, she said she moved to Fort Worth to be closer to her son and his older sister.

Now Taylor uses her experience to offer legal and medical resources for group members, along with emotional and educational support.

"We all have issues, but we try to support each other," Taylor said. "By hanging out with each other, it makes us feel like we have a family that understands."

Healthcare costs are preventing Taylor from completing her transition. While she's changed her name, she's trying to afford reassignment surgery. "I feel like my life is on hold," she said about waiting.

Jessica Peyton started transitioning a few years

### FWTS offers meetings, website

Fort Worth Transgender Support meets every second Thursday of the month at Celebration Community Church, 908 Pennsylvania Ave. in Fort Worth. For more information, visit [www.fortworth-transgender.org](http://www.fortworth-transgender.org).

ago while she was a bus driver for a Wise County school district. She said she switched routes after complaints from parents that a man dressed as a woman was in charge of their kids.

Peyton, 54, recently left that job after 13 years and is looking for one closer to Fort Worth because the city is more inclusive. She also would like to be closer to the group after trying to join others that quickly disbanded after forming.

"It's been a blessing finding this group," Peyton said. "It's definitely needed."

Cassie Nicol came across FWTS on an online search. Having begun her transition two months ago, she was eager for the support and advice.

The 51-year-old came out as trans with a good response from her wife, who she said was encouraging. However, she said they are moving toward separating after other things in their marriage have forced them apart.

Although the new sensations and changes taking over Nicol's body have been intense in the past few months, she said having the group behind her has helped immensely.

"Transitioning can be scary," she said. "I think the best part is just acceptance and not worrying about hiding who we are. That's the biggest thing we all needed and never found anywhere else."

Socials outside of the meetings have ranged from beauty makeovers to how-to lessons on makeup and femininity, and have made Nicol feel like the group is similar a pre-teen clique at times, she jokes.

"We're teaching each other the skills that we would've learned in junior high," she said.

But transitioning for Nicol has been more than teaching her how to live her life; it has saved her life.

"I've been denying it my whole life and got to the point where I didn't want to live," Nicol said. "Transitioning is literally saving my life."

Taylor said FWTS members will march in Fort Worth's Pride Parade in October as an introduction to the local LGBT community. By the end of the year, she plans to have filed and received non-profit status for the group.

She said she wants to develop the group into whatever its members need, highlighting that creating a housing program is among the group's goals among discrimination against the trans community at area religiously-affiliated homeless shelters.

But while the group is still gaining its footing and hopes to hold on longer than those that have come before it, Taylor said the work she's done has given her a purpose by sharing her own story and helping others who are still struggling to tell and live theirs.

"I feel like my life has meaning and purpose," Taylor said. "I don't fret anymore about being an outcast." ■



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## Death

**Keith E. Price**, formerly of Dallas, passed away peacefully Thursday, Aug. 9, 2012, after a long, courageous battle with cancer. He was 57.

Price was born July 23, 1955, in Warren, Ohio, a son of Daniel W. and Phyllis Wardle Price. Price had worked as vice president in charge of private banking at Bank of America, Dallas, for 30 years. He enjoyed collecting model trains and cars.

He is survived by his sister, Diane E. Price of Mercer, Pa.; his brother, Brian Price and his wife Diane, of Boardman, Pa.; and his niece, Emily Price, also of Boardman. Also surviving are his "buddy," Loretta Edwards of Mercer; along with several friends in the Dallas area.

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# Moore helps Democrats write pro-LGBT platform

Dallasite who serves on national committee plays key role in adding marriage equality plank to draft in advance of Charlotte convention

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The platform Democrats wrote in Detroit last weekend includes planks supporting marriage equality, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, immigration equality and LGBT-inclusive anti-bullying legislation.

The “freedom to marry” portion of the draft that will be approved at the Charlotte convention beginning Sept. 3 includes a call to repeal the so-called Defense of Marriage Act.

“There was a lot of strong, positive LGBT wording,” said Erin Moore of Dallas, a member of the national Platform Committee. “With Barney Frank leading the way on drafting, I wouldn’t expect anything less.”

Moore was one of seven members of the committee from Texas.

About 100 people attended the final Platform Committee meeting in Detroit last weekend. Moore said about a dozen were LGBT community members from around the country.

Moore, who helped steer a marriage equality plank into the Texas Democratic platform, said the wording for the national platform was in place before the committee met.

The Freedom to Marry section reads: “We support the right of all families to have equal respect, responsibilities, and protections under the law. We support marriage equality and support the movement to secure equal treatment under law for same-sex couples. We also support the freedom of churches and religious entities to decide how to administer marriage as a religious sacrament without government interference.”

“We oppose discriminatory federal and state constitutional amendments and other attempts to deny equal protection of the laws to committed same-sex couples who seek the same respect and responsibilities as other married couples. We support the full repeal of the so-called Defense of Marriage Act and the passage of the Respect for Marriage Act.”

For weeks before the meeting, Moore called committee members to make sure there was general agreement about the wording. In Detroit, the plank passed with little discussion and by consensus.

“The feeling was the national Democratic Party and the president are catching up to Democrats,” Moore said.

LULAC Dallas Rainbow Council president



Erin Moore

Raul Hinojosa Jr. agreed.

“Last month in Orlando, LULAC passed a resolution supporting marriage equality for all Americans,” he said. “It’s exciting when other organizations stand up and recognize marriage is an important right for all people.”

Another plank calls for passage of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, tying it to job creation and back-to-work. The wording includes transgender protections.

“We know that putting America back to work is job one, and we are committed to ensuring Americans do not face employment discrimination,” the draft platform reads. “We support the Employment Non-Discrimination Act because people should not be fired based on their sexual orientation or gender identity.”

The platform includes mentions of some of the Obama administration’s accomplishments for the LGBT community, including ending “don’t ask, don’t tell,” passing national hate crimes legislation

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# Chick-fil-A fights likely on local college campuses

Anti-gay company has restaurants at five universities in N. Texas, and petitions have already been launched calling for its removal from one

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DENTON — As classes resume in the coming weeks, LGBT groups at local college campuses will deliberate whether to try to have on-campus Chick-fil-A's removed after the controversy over the company's anti-gay positions intensified over the summer.

Two active petitions are asking the administration at the University of North Texas to remove the Chick-fil-A from the student center.

UNT student Joseph Billeaudeau started a Change.org petition to persuade the university's president to remove the Chick-fil-A from the student union. So far, 436 people have signed it.

Billeaudeau wrote on the petition site that "maintaining a contract with an anti-gay vendor like Chick-fil-A undermines what makes this university so great."

"As a student at the University of North Texas, I ask that profit from students not be used to discriminate, or politically oppress the LGBT community. I demand that the University remove Chick-fil-A from the Union!"

UNT alumnus Mike Chinnici started another petition on Change.org with 34 signatures.

"UNT has long stood as a progressive university," Chinnici wrote on the site. "It was one of the first colleges in Texas to integrate during the civil rights movement, and I, as an alumni, ask my alma mater to continue to support human rights and remove a modern symbol of prejudice from the heart of the university."

UNT spokeswoman Kelley Reese told Dallas Voice that as a Chick-Fil-A licensee, "UNT runs its operation in accordance with the university's values of respecting and accepting all individuals."

"Our students, faculty and staff may individu-



'DEPLORABLE' | The co-president of SMU's LGBT student group issued a statement this week calling the actions of Chick-fil-A 'deplorable.' The Chick-fil-A in the student center, shown above, was closed Thursday, Aug. 16, but was expected to be open when classes begin Aug. 20. (Anna Waugh/Dallas Voice)

ally choose to eat at the Chick-Fil-A in our University Union or they may choose to spend their money elsewhere," she said.

Davidson College in North Carolina became the first to suspend relations with Chick-fil-A after the school recently stopped offering the restaurant's food as a choice at its After Midnight functions.

Officials said it was because they wanted to hear from more students about whether to discontinue the relationship permanently.

Chick-fil-A also has restaurants on the cam-

pus of Southern Methodist University, The University of Texas at Dallas, The University of Texas at Arlington and Texas Women's University.

Harvey Luna, co-president of SMU's LGBT student group, SPECTRUM, told Dallas Voice that "the actions of this company are deplorable and does not reflect the values of SMU and this great country. Therefore, it goes without saying that Spectrum does not and will not associate with Chick-fil-A."

SMU spokesman Kent Best told Dallas Voice that Chick-fil-A is operated by ARAMARK,

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which manages SMU dining services, and "there will be no change in the status of the campus Chick-Fil-A. SMU officials will continue to be available to speak with concerned students or others on this matter."

SMU junior Morgane Dimeglio got back to campus this week and was eating in the Hughes-Trigg Student Center. Restaurant choices were limited to Pizza Hut and Subway, as Chick-fil-A was closed until school starts Aug. 20.

Dimeglio said she often eats at Chick-fil-A on campus because she likes the food, despite the company's beliefs.

"The chicken is good, but being anti-gay is not good," she said, adding that SMU should still keep the restaurant on campus but the company should replace its leadership.

Tyler Fincannon, vice president of the LGBT student group Pride at UTD, said any action to begin a petition to remove the university's Chick-fil-A are on hold until classes begin Aug. 27, so more students can be involved.

TWU's PRIDE also hasn't put any plans in motion, but the group will be discussing action when the semester begins Aug. 27.

Action at The University of Texas at Arlington is uncertain as well. Alohi Valdez, president of UTA's Gay Straight Alliance, said she has gotten inquiries from fellow members asking if there will be action when UTA classes start Aug. 23. As a pride peer with the new campus LGBT programming initiative, she said she'll bring it up to other leaders and faculty on campus and come up with a plan.

She said she would want the restaurant to be replaced quickly so students who work there can continue to be employed. But she also has mixed feelings about any action against Chick-fil-A because, while she's stopped eating there, she said others have a right to still do so.

"Any company has a right to exist and a right to put their money where they want," Valdez said. "As a consumer, I have a right to where I want to spend my money."

David Henderson, co-founder of Fairness Fort Worth and an alumnus of UTA who helped start the first GSA on campus, declined to offer a personal opinion on the Chick-fil-A controversy and whether UTA should remove the on-campus restaurant.

"I don't think alumni should be setting the

stage," he said. "I think the students who live, work and study there should set the stage and the alumni should follow. Whatever they decide, I'll back."

UTA spokeswoman Kristin Sullivan said ARAMARK handles the university's food services contract and contracts with the national brand restaurants.

A representative from ARAMARK did not respond to a request for comment about action the company may take at schools that already have Chick-fil-As.

Campus Pride, the national nonprofit that provides resources to LGBT college students, created fliers listing "5 Simple Facts about Chick-fil-A" for students to hand out at schools across the country to try to discourage their classmates from eating at Chick-fil-As on or off campus.

Campus Pride Executive Director Shane Windmeyer said the organization is also encouraging colleges and universities to cut ties with companies like Chartwells, ARAMARK and Sodexo that contract with Chick-fil-A.

And while the controversy over Chick-fil-A's funding of anti-gay hate groups is nothing new, Windmeyer said it has inflamed passions among college students because recent polls show almost 80 percent of young adults think same-sex marriage should be legalized.

With the growing support among younger Americans, he said members and allies of the LGBT community will raise their voices against on-campus Chick-fil-As because the company's funding "actually funds groups that are against a group of students present on campus."

"Dan Cathy doesn't know what he started," Windmeyer said. "The Chick-fil-A brand has now become synonymous with a hate symbol. College students aren't going to tolerate that."

He cited a recent incident at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, where a group of fraternity guys called a gay student a "faggot" in the dining hall while holding a Chick-fil-A bag and shouting that they loved the company. Windmeyer said incidents like that will only worsen and colleges should remove the restaurant to maintain on-campus safety.

"At the end of the day, colleges have a responsibility to provide safe learning environments and having a Chick-fil-A on campus disrupts that safe environment," he said. ■



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# New HIV/AIDS clinic fills void in Fort Worth

California-based AIDS Healthcare Foundation opens Magic Johnson Healthcare Center at AIDS Outreach Center, also plans facility in N. Dallas

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FORT WORTH — AIDS Healthcare Foundation began client intakes on Tuesday, Aug. 14, and expected to begin seeing patients Friday at the new Magic Johnson Healthcare Center at AIDS Outreach Center.

The Los Angeles-based nonprofit operates clinics in four states and Washington, D.C. and in 26 countries around the world. They are close to signing a lease at Medical City in North Dallas to fill a void in HIV care in that part of the city.

AHF Regional Director Adam Ouderkirk said the goal is to provide AIDS care where services are

lacking, not to compete with existing agencies.

AHF already serves 176,000 individuals in 26 countries. In the U.S., AHF operates 20 clinics.

AOC Executive Director Allan Gould said his agency has been working with AHF on a number of events over the past five years and the two entities have developed a good working relationship.

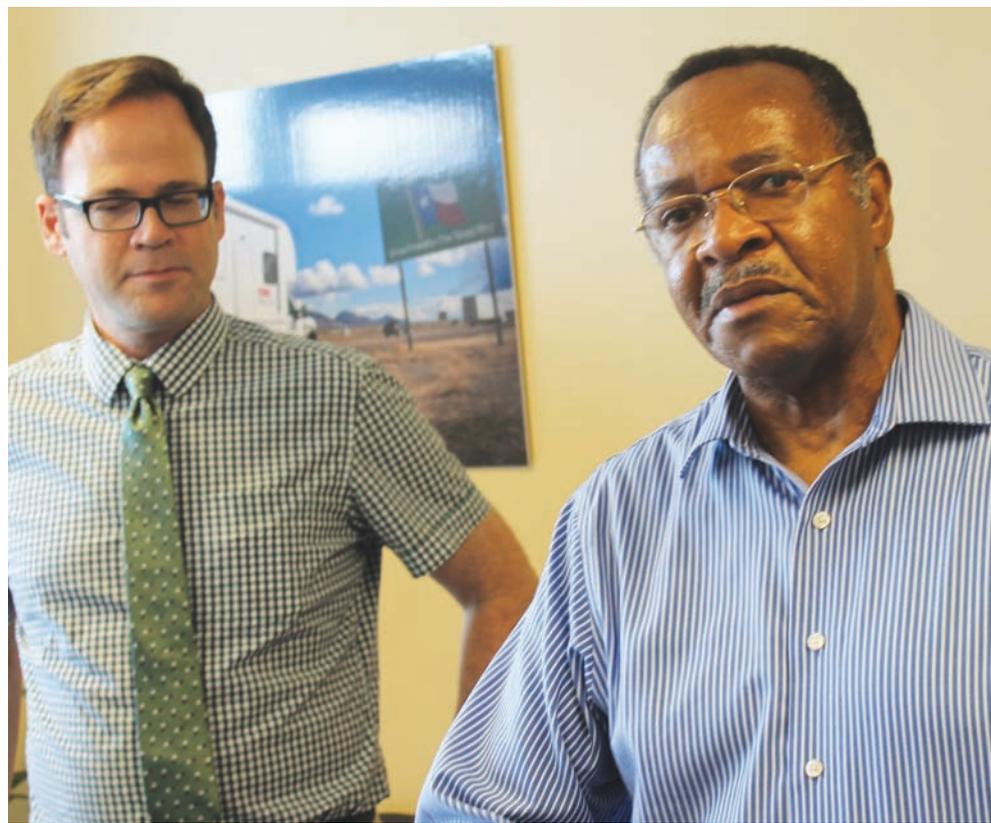
"They approached us about opening a medical clinic," he said. "We've been hoping to add that service since our inception."

Gould said after a series of meetings the boards of the two organizations found they had similar philosophies and voted on the collaboration.

"We're working hand-in-hand," he said. "We offer services they don't offer, and they fulfill a need we've had for some time."

Tarrant County Commissioner Roy Brooks is a past president of AOC. He called the partnership "the right move at the right time to do the right thing."

Fort Worth City Councilman Frank Moss wel-



**GRAND OPENING** | AIDS Healthcare Foundation Regional Director Adam Ouderkirk, left, and Tarrant County Commissioner Roy Brooks address the crowd at the opening of AHF's new Magic Johnson clinic at the AIDS Outreach Center in Fort Worth on Monday, Aug. 13. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

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comed the clinic, saying it would help more people with HIV get proper care and medication.

Gould said the clinic fills a void for some of the clients of AIDS Services of Rural Texas, which closed last summer. That agency operated two clinics — one in Weatherford and one in Abilene. He said AOC has picked up about half of the clients and the clinic will benefit those who are uncomfortable discussing HIV in rural settings with doctors who have little experience with the virus.

The Magic Johnson Healthcare Center will provide only primary care, so many clients will still rely on John Peter Smith, Tarrant County's public hospital. He said the clinic will not replace the hospital or the county health department, which also provides health services, but add needed services.

"We hope to relieve an overburdened and stressed out system," Gould said.

In conjunction with the opening of the clinic, AHF's big-rig Condom Nation 18-wheeler completed a 40-city, 25-state tour in Fort Worth on Monday. The specially equipped truck does condom giveaways and rapid HIV testing.

In 32 days, Condom Nation tested 4,400 people, gave away 10 million condoms and provided safer-sex information in conjunction with local partners. The previous weekend, AHF partnered with AIDS Arms for HIV testing in Oak Cliff.

Ouderkirk said his organization adds services to an area and didn't enter the DFW market to compete. He said that some cities are very territorial and have let him know that AHF is not wel-



Alan Gould

come. Texas has been very welcoming and collaborative, he said.

He said that if the lease is signed on the space at Medical City, a Magic Johnson Healthcare Center would open in Building B as early as October.

According to Bret Camp, Resource Center Dallas health services director, one of the zip codes with the highest HIV infection rates is just north of there. No AIDS service organizations targets that area of the city directly.

In addition, he has been talking to groups in Austin and San Antonio, where he said there is also a growing need. ■

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and issuing an executive order ensuring same-sex couples can have hospital visitation rights. The White House anti-bullying conference held earlier this year at UT Arlington is also listed.

"I'm delighted with the outcome and proud of the work we've done with the party," said Stonewall Democrats of Dallas President Omar Narvaez.

While he wasn't surprised by the inclusion of marriage equality, he said the strength of the statement impressed him.

"But we passed such an inclusive platform in Texas, I expected the same from the national committee," he said. "A lot of states sent pro-equality folks to the meeting."

National Stonewall Democrats Executive Director Jerame Davis called the platform the most inclusive ever passed on either side of the aisle.

"Surprised? No. Pleasantly pleased? Certainly," Davis said.

He said that the only thing that surprised him somewhat was the relative ease with which the pro-LGBT planks were approved.

Moore said the platform also includes a strong statement on HIV care including increased access to healthcare, medications and funding for education and risk reduction programs.

The platform also supports passage of the DREAM Act. In June, Obama issued an executive order that would implement some provisions of the DREAM Act for persons up to age 30.

The DREAM Act would disproportionately

help undocumented lesbians and gays. Heterosexuals have another path to citizenship when they marry a U.S. citizen. Because of DOMA, same-sex marriages are not recognized federally for purposes of citizenship.

The Dream Act would allow those brought to this country before the age of 16 who serve in the military or are in college to apply for citizenship.

In addition, specific language was added regarding LGBT immigration equality.

"For the same reason, we are committed to securing fully equal treatment for LGBT individuals and same-sex couples in immigration and naturalization," the plank reads.

And in a nod to the work that Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has been doing with countries that are persecuting gays and lesbians, the platform states, "Gay rights are human rights."

Moore said that although she was not involved in drafting the language of other parts of the platform, she was interested in the strong support shown for women's issues as well. The platform includes a general statement of support for Planned Parenthood and a woman's right to access birth control.

The draft must still be passed by the full Democratic Convention that meets in Charlotte on Sept. 3-6. Davis said he expected about 450 LGBT delegates to participate, the largest number ever selected for any convention. About 350 LGBT delegates attended the 2008 Democratic Convention.

"For a document meant to get President Obama re-elected, it's a strong statement on LGBT issues," Moore said. ■

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# The choice becomes even clearer

After Romney picks Ryan, Dems add marriage equality to platform, it's hard to imagine how any LGBT person could vote GOP this year

Republican Mitt Romney's selection of Wisconsin Congressman Paul Ryan as a running mate has stolen the media spotlight for the past few days and will continue to be a distraction until the Republican National Convention.

In case you're wondering, Ryan comes down against us on almost every LGBT issue you can imagine.

He opposes same-sex marriage, he defends discrimination against same-sex couples as a freedom-of-religion issue. He refused to include sexual orientation and gender identity in his congressional office's nondiscrimination policy. He voted against federal hate crimes legislation that includes LGBT protections.

Meanwhile, there is another story that should have our full attention, and that is the activities of the Democratic Party's Platform Committee.

The committee met in Detroit last week, drafting the new Democratic Party platform, and it is something every LGBT American should take note of.

The blog Buzzfeed first broke the news of the language that got my attention. The following paragraphs almost made me cry. I hope they will make it into the final language of the platform.

"We support the right of all families to have equal respect, responsibilities, and protections under the law. We support marriage equality and support the movement to secure equal treatment under law for same-sex couples. We also support the freedom of churches and religious entities to decide how to administer marriage as a religious sacrament without government interference.

"We oppose discriminatory federal and state constitutional amendments and other attempts to deny equal protection of the laws to committed same-sex couples who seek the same respect and responsibilities as other married couples. We support the full repeal of the so-called Defense of Marriage Act and the passage of the Respect for Marriage Act."

This would be momentous, since it is the first time such language endorsing same-sex marriage has ever made it into a party platform on the national level. Additionally, another couple of paragraphs were leaked that directly address the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.

"We know that putting America back to work is job one, and we are committed to ensuring Americans do not face employment discrimination. We support the Employment Non-Discrim-



**TROUBLING TICKET** | Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, left, and his vice presidential running mate Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., arrive at a campaign rally Sunday, Aug. 12, in Mooresville, N.C., at the NASCAR Technical Institute. (Associated Press)

ination Act because people should not be fired based on their sexual orientation or gender identity.

"President Obama and the Democratic Party are committed to ensuring all Americans are treated fairly. This administration hosted the first-ever White House Conference on Bullying Prevention and we must continue our work to prevent vicious bullying of young people and support LGBT youth. The President's record, from ending 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' in full cooperation with our military leadership, to passing the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, to ensuring same-sex couples can visit each other in the hospital, reflects Democrats' belief that all Americans deserve the same chance to pursue happiness, earn a living, be safe in their communities, serve their country, and take care of the ones they love."

For those of you who might not know, the Republican platform, at least in Texas, takes the polar opposite view: No marriage, no protections, no acknowledgement of LGBT people except to condemn us, saying homosexuality "tears at the fabric of society."

And yes, I know the Democratic platform has not yet received final approval, and the exact wording could theoretically still change, but these four proposed paragraphs make one thing clear: The Democratic Party takes the LGBT community seriously.



Hardy Haberman  
Flagging Left

More importantly, they are with us in our fight for equal rights and protections under the law.

So let me just make this short and sweet. Take stock of what the Republican Party has done for LGBT Americans in the past — oh, let's say, century! Then compare that to the past four years of the Obama administration and ask yourself, why would any LGBT person vote Republican? That's a question you will have to ask the Log Cabin folks.

Meanwhile, the Democratic Platform contains four paragraphs that could change our world forever. It's a welcome change in my book. ■

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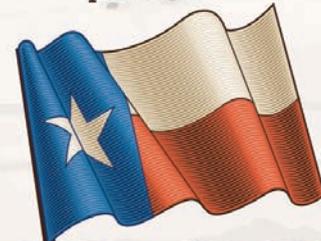
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# A little bit of Monica in our lives



For acclaimed restaurateur Monica Greene, coming back to the gayborhood makes everything old seem new again

It's the day before the first dinner service at Monica's Nueva Cocina at the ilume, and Monica Greene is still taking phone calls from the city. There are a few permits that still need to be approved, still some *Is* dotted and *Ts* crossed. Her interior designer sits in a corner at a sewing machine, diligently hemming a tulle curtain while her hunky bar manager juggles boxes of booze as construction workers toil to erect the signage out front. Anyone would have a reason to seem panicked.

Greene, though — aside from looking justifiably tired — is calm. At least on the outside.

"Opening a restaurant — every detail of it — is daunting," she says. "It's a good exercise in patience."

It probably helps that she's not new to this rodeo. In fact, sitting in a restaurant in the Cedar Springs area is something of a homecoming for her.

Greene is the restaurateur whose Ciudad on Oak Lawn helped rewrite the book on Mexican cuisine with a style that has infiltrated its way into numerous kitchens around town, from Taco Diner to Komali. When Greene closed that signature fine dining spot — she left open the more casual Monica's Aca y Alla in Deep Ellum, although that is closed now — she all but said "goodbye"

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to Dallas as well.

"I went to Aspen for a month and stayed three years," she smiles. "I love Aspen."

What was going to be a mere consulting gig ended up transforming Greene as much as she did the restaurant.

"A friend had a vegetarian restaurant there and I was excited to transform it into something new and vital. But I learned there things I carry with me every day about food," she says. "It was a vegetarian/vegan restaurant, which I had never done before. I learned so much about sustainability. I was cooking there on the line. I never intended

to do all that. I just *did* it."

Greene consulted about restaurants for others while there, but eventually, Dallas harkened her back.

She opened BEE — Best Enchiladas Ever — in Bishop Arts last year to keep herself busy (her daughter now runs it), but since last summer, her plan has been to return to the gayborhood.

And that time has finally arrived.

"You can't help but feel how much things have changed in this area," Greene says. "Cedar Springs is not what I remember it to be. It's grown. It's a very benign community — not just a gay mecca,

or a straight area. For me, to be at *this* place at *this* time ... it's just perfect."

It took longer than she anticipated; it always does. Greene signed the ilume lease and started construction on what was to be Tajin last October with an anticipated opening in first quarter 2012; but like the rest of Oak Lawn, things developed in unexpected ways.

"This space" — she gestures around the roomy, *luxe* surroundings of what she now calls Monica's Nueva Cocina — "was going to be Mexican only, not Tex-Mex. I was then going to move [Aca y Alla] into the Design District," she says. "Then the space next door [occupied by Axiom Sushi Lounge] came available and my business partner and [ilume owner] Luke Crossland suggested I move in here."

Suddenly it all clicked: Tajin would become Nueva Cocina, a reinvention of the storied Monica's that serves high-end Mexican-influenced cuisine at dinner only; the Axiom space would become a new concept, ME Lounge, a casual, lunch-to-late-night social hangout.

"We really needed to expand," Greene says. "Tajin was going to be specialized food at dinner only; now we can be open for lunch

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**THE GODS MUST BE CRAZY** | Mexican culture permeates the decor and the menu at Monica Greene's new Cedar Springs restaurants. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

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# Deep dish pizzazz

Enjoy extra cheese served piping hot, 'Chicago' style

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Everything you really need to know about what made Bob Fosse a brand you can see within the first five minutes of *Chicago*, now at the Winspear from the Lexus Broadway Series: Leggy gals in skin-tight leotards and high heels writhing orgasmically spread-eagled over chairs; limber, hunky men in even tighter fitting hip-huggers showing off every contour of their rockin' glutes and abs; and all of them in bowler hats, shaking their jazz hands, shimmying their shoulders and moving in staccato, suggestive steps. It's all androgynously sexy, with a feline stealth that's bound to titillate (and possibly confuse) the most chaste of audience members.

And isn't that what you go to theater for?

Even if not, it's what *Chicago* does, and does exceptionally well. The show was a big hit when it opened in 1975 — it ran for more than two years — but it was shut-out at the Tony Awards, bested largely by an even huger hit, *A Chorus Line*. It wasn't until the revival hit in 1996, at the height of the O.J. Simpson trial, that the show really dug in with the public consciousness, with its tale of a media frenzy over "celebrity" murderers — vacuous dregs of society famous for being famous. In *50 years or so / it's gonna change, ya know* sing the merry murderesses Velma (Terra C. MacLeod) and Roxie (Tracy Shayne) about the mindless fascination with celebrity; even in 1975, that was meant to be cheeky. Nowadays, living it the post-Kardashian apocalypse, it seems more sadly relevant than ever. (*Chicago* got its revenge: The revival has now exceeded *A Chorus Line's* record-breaking run.)

Perhaps that frustrating timelessness is why the show endures — even after numerous national tours of Walter Bobbie's pared-down staging (re-created here by Scott Faris), which have come through North Texas over the past decade-plus. The production's Billy Flynn, John O'Hurley, was in Fort Worth last year with this very show.

I had thought I'd had my fill of *Chicago*, that its familiarity would be its undoing, at least for



**CELL BLOCK TANGO FOR THREE** | Tracy Shayne, center, is upstaged by the undulating hips of the chorus boys who embody the look of a Fosse show. (Photo courtesy Jeremy Daniel)

those who hadn't seen one of the prior tours or the Oscar-winning film. But Kander and Ebb's score bursts with so many catchy, now-classic showtunes it snags you early. You can't help but revel in how nearly every song seethes with irony, from Roxie's minor-key torch song to her schlubby hubby (Ron Orbach, who's great) to Billy's "All I Care About Is Love" as he cravenly pretends to care about anything *other* than money. Rarely has a score so carefully undercut its lyrics with their meaning.

Of course, there's irony in the casting of O'Hurley himself — a celeb designed to get butts in the seats with the same calculation of the trials at the heart of the musical. The good news is, he's well-suited for the role with his slick smile and surface charm (and he can sing).

MacLeod delivers, too, as Velma. But the show is really stolen by Kecia Lewis-Evans as Mama Morton. She commanded the audience's attention on opening night with her unique phrasing on "When You're Good to Mama," belting it out like Liz Mikel. She had the audience nearly up on their feet, something that seemed to happen again and again.

Do we need another *Chicago*? Maybe not. But despite some pacing problems in Act 2 (and mostly the fault of Shayne, whose Roxie lacks charisma), the production feels as contemporary in its message as it ever did ... and it does so with lurid, primal appeal. When sex is served up to you on a platter, it's hard not to join in the feast. ■

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# Magic Nike

The Olympics may be over, but  
companies like Nike are finally  
taking notice of gays in sports

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**GAME ON** | Australian diver Matthew Mitcham, above, was one of only 23 openly gay athletes at this year's Olympic Games, but that number will grow if OutSports.com's Cyd Zeigler, below left, has anything to say about it.

A few years ago, no one was talking about LGBT issues in sports. Now, everyone is.

Suddenly, the "game that dared not speak its name" turned into a cacophony. Legit sports organizations (the NCAA; American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance) wanted to address homophobia in athletics. So did gay groups like GLSEN, GLAAD and the National Center for Lesbian Rights.

Smaller organizations cropped up specifically around gays in sports. They had names like Athlete Ally, Our Group, the StandUp Foundation and You Can Play.

You couldn't tell the players without a scorecard.

As co-founder of the very popular website Outsports.com, Cyd Zeigler covers LGBT sports for a living — and even he was confused. And he realized many groups were talking past (if not against) each other. Observing so much duplication of ideas and energy, he wondered what it would take to get a variety of organizations into the same room.

Kirk Walker, head softball coach at Oregon State University, loved the idea. He suggested the perfect host: Nike. Walker had worked with the company in the past and had been impressed with their gay-positive attitude.

Robert Goman, a consumer product manager and head of Nike's LGBT & Friends Network, was immediately enthusiastic. With the help of NCLR Sports Project director Helen Carroll and GLSEN Changing the Game sports director Pat Griffin, the Nike LGBT Sports Summit was born.

The first problem was keeping the June meeting to a manageable size. "We wanted it to be a

working group," Zeigler says. "You can't do that with 100 people. We kept it to 25 so we could have real conversations."

Talk they did. Though Nike went all-out as host — covering travel costs and meals; throwing a welcome party and Pride reception at their downtown Portland store; offering meeting space on their Beaverton campus; welcoming Summit participants to march with the Nike contingent at the Portland Pride parade — its real contribution was providing leaders and facilitators.

On one Saturday morning, after two days together, a Nike executive spoke up. "This is great," she said. "But you're not thinking big enough."

Her words were electrifying. "Everyone realized she was right," Zeigler recalls. The group scrapped the rest of the day's agenda, and focused on how they could "really, really change sports in a big way."

Gradually, participants focused on the idea of "champion." Though the word now means an athlete who plays on a winning team, Zeigler says that from the time of the Romans a champion has been defined not by trophies won, but by actions taken.

"A champion is someone inclusive and supportive," Zeigler notes. "We realized how important it is to drive this idea forward: that a champion includes and supports everyone on his or her team."

The newly formed "LGBTQ sports coalition" vowed to work to achieve several goals. They will engage each of the major American professional sports leagues to work toward inclusion. They will try to increase the visibility of out college athletes, coaches and allies. They will devise an "LGBTQ inclusive model policy" for national youth and adult recreational leagues.

And they will promote a new, inclusive definition of "athletic champion" to young athletes,

while providing inclusive training resources to physical education teachers and coaches — you can see that during the Nike commercial spots during the Olympics.

“Everything we do, it’s ultimately about youth and young athletes,” Zeigler says. “That’s something everyone agreed on.”

Of course, any time over a dozen groups get together, there will be contention. At the summit, discussions of funding were seldom easy. “Ultimately, there’s a limited amount of resources,” says Zeigler. “Groups compete for funding. That came through very clearly.”

But overriding those discussions was a more important feeling: trust. “A lot of the people there had never met each other. Or they didn’t understand or trust them,” Zeigler says.

“Trust is a huge part of sports. You have to

trust your teammates. You have to trust a game plan. I think we really built trust among the different groups. There’s a much better sense now of knowing when to lead, and when to follow. The gay sports movement has been going on for 40 years. But I think this is the beginning of the end of homophobia in sports.” He predicts that within four years, anti-gay attitudes in athletics will have faded remarkably.

Why four years? “That’s the length of high school, or the number of years you play in college. It takes four years for each group, beginning to end.”

Zeigler uses one final sports analogy to sum up the good feeling of the men and women at the Nike LGBT Sports Summit.

“Part of winning is playing well together. We’re athletes. We all know how to win.” ■

### Colors of the gay rainbow

Automakers have entire studios dedicated to coordinating a vehicle’s outfit, from details about the interior trim, to the precise woodgrain pattern. And, of course, exterior paint colors. Some of those hues have names so butch Paul Bunyan would feel like a sissy. But others must have been selected by a team of club queens tweaking on their choice of drug. At least it seems that way.

We searched the automakers color catalogues to compile a list of the gayest colors out there.

You gotta question a man who goes around flaunting his blue ox, Babe. Even in a GMC Sierra, he could choose Fire Red, Onyx Black or Mocha Steel Metallic; I’m not sure what any of those mean, but they sound sexy and macho. By contrast, Ram trucks have bruisers like Case Construction Yellow, Detonator Yellow and the straight-guy appropriate blandness of Dark Brown and Bright White. (While Ram’s names are toned down, the actual colors will rock your socks.)

Most of the truly flamboyant colors come on cars likely to be owned by flamboyant drivers. Chevy’s new micro-car, the Spark, is proud of its rainbow: Techno Pink (pictured above), Lemonade, Jalapeno, Salsa and Silver Ice (the latter sounding like the hottest new malt beverage). Ford’s Fiesta sports a package of shades that sound like names for skimpy Speedos: Lime Squeeze (below), Blue Candy, Race Red, Yellow Blaze and Tuxedo Black. Or maybe you’ll stop by the coffee shop and indulge in Mini Cooper’s Hot Chocolate, Pepper White, Spice Orange, Ice Blue or (not making this up) Highclass Gray!

There are a few more that only a half-blind fashion designer could have conjured. Scions come in Hot Lava and Black Currant Metallic (a purplish hue that would look great as microshorts).

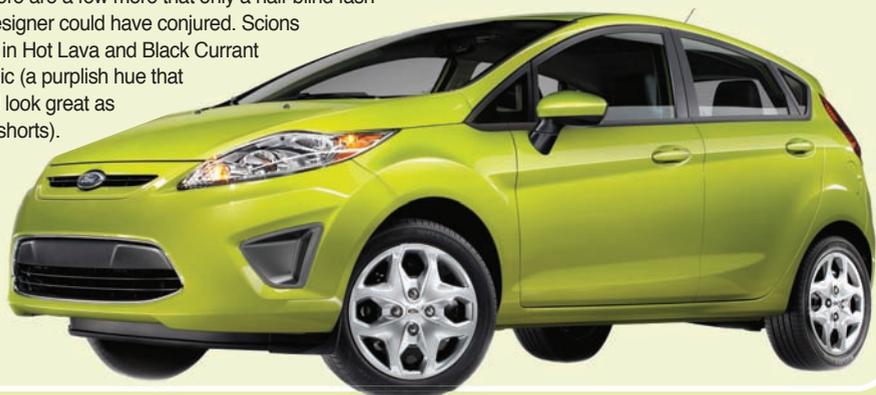


Fiat’s Verde Olivia is a shade of light green, but sounds like a maneuver you might perform between sheets. Afterwards, you could smoke a cigarette over a glance of Rosso, Espresso or Bianco (all car colors), or explore your partner in the Dodge Dart’s Pitch Black.

Although these names sound gay, their vehicles are anything but. Cashmere Pearl Coat and Copperhead Pearl Coat come on the uber-family friendly Dodge Caravan! Ashen Gray and Carbon Flash Metallic sound like lounge decorations, but emblazon the Chevy Camaro. Gay or straight, it is hard to deny the allure of Torch Red, Blade Silver Metallic, Velocity Yellow or Supersonic Blue on the Corvette.

So, what does your car’s color say about you? Are you a farmer if your Ram is painted Case IH Red or wear skinny jeans if your Spark is Denim Blue? Or, are you a big queen puff if you go for Candy White on your VW Beetle or Imperial Blue Metallic on a Camaro? Any color is gay if you’re behind the wheel, so choose what you want, and paint like Skittles. Even a lumberjack once tried on an azure coat.

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and dinner and carry the same clientele Ciudad enjoyed."

It's a move bound to create more buzz in the gayborhood. When it was open, Ciudad — located on the cusp between Uptown and Highland Park — attracted a cosmopolitan mix of customers, from young couples to families, from the business elite to the hipster chic; from buttoned-down foodies to the enthusiastic gay community. By opening deeper into Cedar Springs, many Dallasites who otherwise might raise an eyebrow at the idea of going to "the gay part of town" will make an effort to check out Monica's.

She's led the way down the culinary path before. Aca y Alla was one of the pioneering eateries in Deep Ellum more than 20 years ago, when Monica was still known as Eduardo — before she became perhaps Texas' most famous trans woman. Her Greene pasta and Mexican lasagna became staples for the pierced-and-tattooed crowd (both, by the way, are migrating onto Nueva Cocina's menu) as well as well-heeled foodies who liked the hip look.

The new Monica's promises to be more grown up. Yes, the walls are again a bold deep cabernet



**THE WHOLE ENCHILADA** | Enchiladas at Monica's come with a side of pickled cauliflower, evidencing an emphasis on vegetables Greene developed after working at a vegan restaurant in Aspen, Colo. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

(not, Greene says, her choice, but her designer's) with gigantic reproductions of the heads of Olmec gods staring menacingly from them. But there will be no music in the fine-dining area, and cuisine will be more adventurous than "just" Tex-Mex.

"What vegetables are common to Tex-Mex?" she asks. "What cheeses? What proteins?" If the best you can come up with are black beans, Oaxaca and ground beef, you've discovered the difference between Tex-Mex and true Mexican food. The latter is rich with fish and fowl, plus seasonal vegetables. Those will be highlighted on executive chef Hector Hernandez's menu. ("I advise, but it's his menu, not mine," Greene insists.)

She's just as excited, though, by the synergy that will arise from being a dual-purpose spot.

"It's something you haven't seen done before — not in Dallas anyway. Everyone will enter through the same door and be greeted by me," she says, referring to both the resto and the lounge. The restaurant seating will be by reservation; ME won't have any. Monica will escort you to your preferred locale: Live music or a DJ in the lunch-to-late-night lounge, with a breadth of cocktails and food from \$2 tacos to fresh sushi; elegant destination dining past the velvet drapes.

Both spaces will be "as colorful as Mexico" Greene promises — Nueva Cocina in a vibrant red, ME with a gallery of Mexican wrestler masks — but will serve entirely different menus. All of it, though, will meet her standards.

"We make our own chorizo. We're using modern technique like *sous vide* cooking," she says. That goes for both sides of the aisle.

Greene decided to open during the sweltering days of summer — a far cry from the temperate-to-chilly weather of Aspen. But the heat doesn't bother her. She's just glad to be back in the kitchen. ■

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## Friday 08.17

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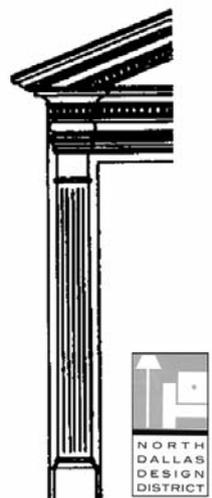
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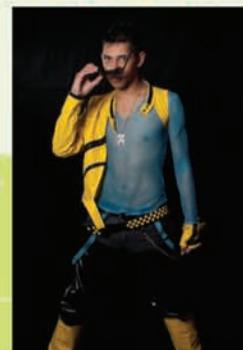

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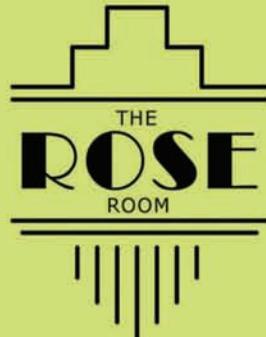
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**Chicago.** National tour of the smash hit. Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. Through Aug. 16. \$50-\$85. ATPAC.org.

## MUSIC

**Pink Party 4,** featuring a slate of musicians and performers raising money for breast cancer research. Sue Ellen's, 3014 Throckmorton St. 9 p.m. Caven.com.

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## COMMUNITY

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## SUNDAY 08.19

## COMMUNITY

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## MONDAY 08.20

## COMMUNITY

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## COMMUNITY

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## THEATER

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## THEATER

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**Ken Ryker** turns 40 on Friday. The award-winning, openly bisexual, Texas-bred star of *The Other Side of Aspen IV* (one of the most popular gay videos of all time) was born in Korea but now lives in California.



**LEO Jul 23-Aug 22**

Stop wasting energy through your mouth and you can accomplish a lot. Prioritize home, family and community in that order. If there's a more economical way to do anything you can find it.

**VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22**

Trust your instincts to do and say the right thing. Friends and authority figures will prove helpful. Don't waste this gift but be very mindful of your long-range goals, professional and otherwise.

**LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22**

Friends can help promote you, but be clear about what you want. Being too nice can encourage disastrous dysfunction. Opportunities for advancement and the chance to quietly accomplish a lot may pull you in different directions.

**SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21**

Your ruler, Mars, comes home to your sign, boosting your energy. It may be hard to focus at first. Accept guidance, even criticism from friends. Blowing off steam in the bedroom can help.

**SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 20**

Take a chance on love, or just sex. New opportunities await for a grand romance, or new thrills with your old love. Breaking appointments can cause trouble; reschedule with respect.

**CAPRICORN Dec 21-Jan 19**

With recent pressures abating you may feel adrift. Your partner can help provide direction and focus. Your instinct for work and accomplishment will also point you in the right direction.

**AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18**

New ideas may show where you need to step back a bit and take a broader view. Balancing cooperation with subtle individual initiatives can challenge your integrity and new friendships.

**PISCES Feb 19-Mar 19**

Nobody lives up to your ideals, but then, neither do you. Don't blame them for not keeping your universe perfect. Your "helpful" suggestions are taken more often as annoying criticism. Stop!

**ARIES Mar 20-Apr 19**

Life has been too intense lately and nobody would blame you for letting off steam. Pour that energy into work or exercise. Puttering around at home will also help keep you out of trouble.

**TAURUS Apr 20-May 20**

Share good news unless it involves money — friends are likely to exploit your good nature. Stash that cash where it will be safe and collect a bit of interest. Your charms should be enough.

**GEMINI May 21-Jun 20**

Flirtation, affability and good manners will open doors for you. Think ahead about what doors you want open. Turn up the charm. Social temptations can be a real distraction from big opportunities.

**CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22**

Daydreams can be a serious diversion from work that needs to be done. That would just feed your worries and undermine your health. You can't do everything, so do what's most important.

**THIS WEEK**

The sun entering Virgo and Mars coming home to Scorpio push us to work. Both aspect Neptune so focus may be hard to achieve. Mediation helps. Venus, Mercury and Jupiter offer opportunity through conviviality. Mix work with pleasure and you can get way ahead.

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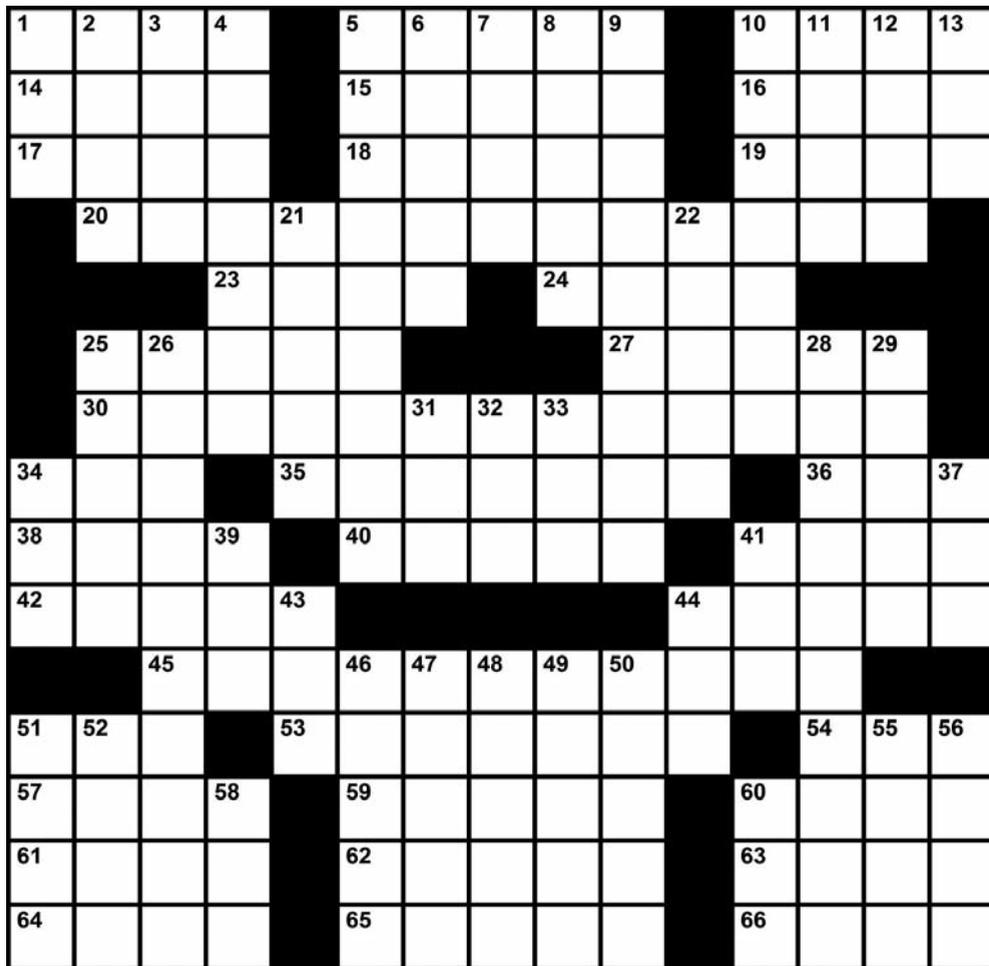
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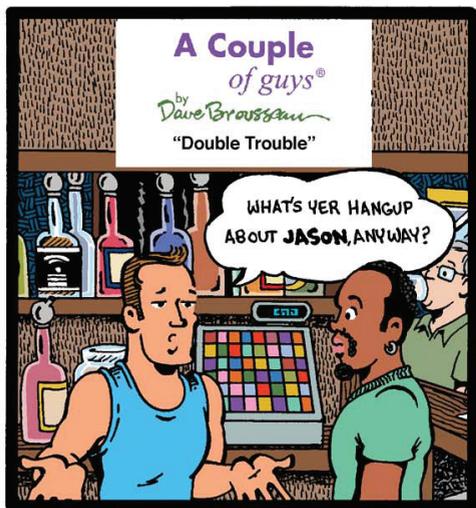
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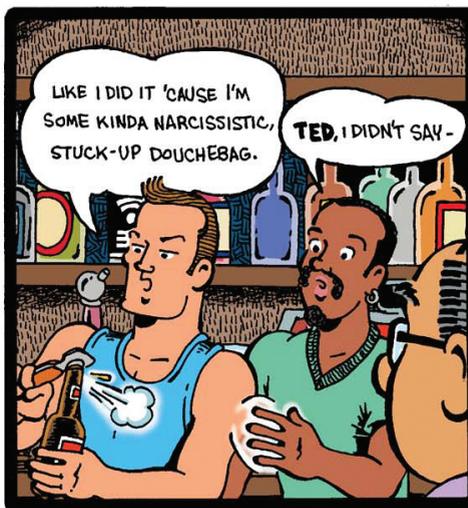
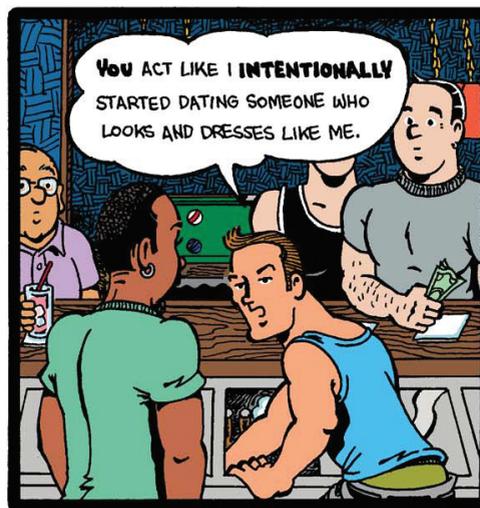
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- 5 Prickteasers
- 10 Alpert of Mame fame
- 14 NG: Aladdin or Scheherazade
- 15 In your face
- 16 Words said near crystal balls
- 17 NG: Cans, in the UK
- 18 Word to someone stroking your tummy
- 19 NG: Mane location
- 20 Start of a Gore Vidal quote
- 23 NG: Fill with bullets
- 24 NG: Sauna bath sites
- 25 Hard woody nut
- 27 Sal Mineo's role in *Rebel Without a Cause*
- 30 More of the quote
- 34 Prefix with Stein?
- 35 Singer Freddie
- 36 NG: Disencumber
- 38 NG: Shankar of sitar
- 40 Subjects of James IV
- 41 "Move your butt!"
- 42 Makes a wet blanket
- 44 Cups and such
- 45 More of the quote

**Down**

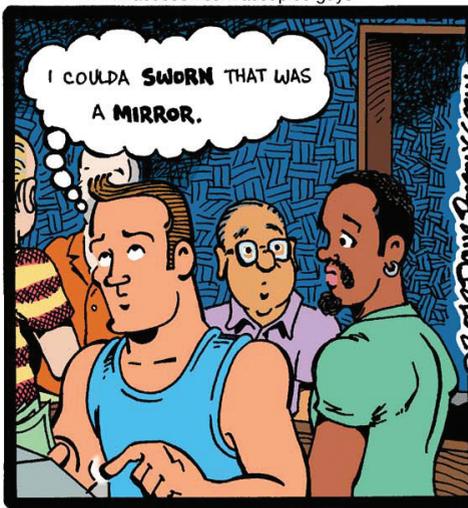
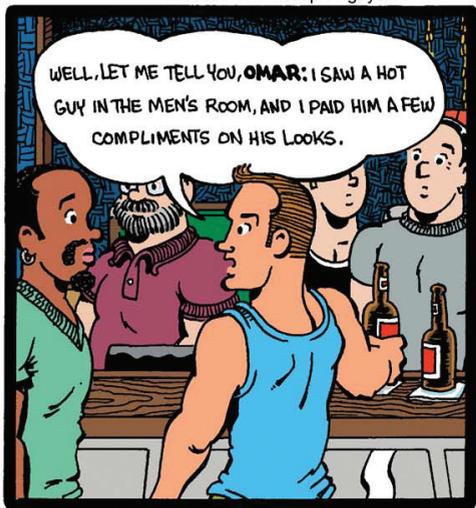
- 1 *Cabaret's* Kit-\_\_\_ Klub
- 2 Opera queen's delight
- 3 Author Thomas
- 4 NG: When repeated, a Faulkner title
- 5 They shoot off hot stuff
- 6 NG: Circumvent
- 7 Output from small pussies
- 8 NG: Part of the media
- 9 G-string wearers
- 10 NG: Doesn't quite tell
- 11 NG: Actor Morales
- 12 Muscle Mary stat
- 13 NG: Spelling contest
- 21 "Air Music" composer Ned
- 22 NG: Full of four-letter words
- 25 Ang Lee, for one
- 26 Screwed up
- 28 Gives a pink slip to
- 29 Hunter that comes out at night
- 31 NG: Atomic energy org.
- 32 The Name of the Rose writer
- 33 NG: On the other hand
- 34 NG: Hesitation sounds
- 37 Orientation determiner, some say
- 39 NG: WWII battle site, for short
- 41 NG: Half of a ballroom dance
- 43 NG: Sinking ship's call
- 44 X at a frat party
- 46 NG: Purity unit
- 47 It may be spitting
- 48 Mapplethorpe models, often
- 49 Randolph Scott's companion Cary
- 50 NG: Petite pies
- 51 Eastern discipline
- 52 What you do at the other end
- 55 Internally pink
- 56 NG: "My stars!"
- 58 NG: Shade of blue
- 60 Sex Crimes division, to B.D. Wong



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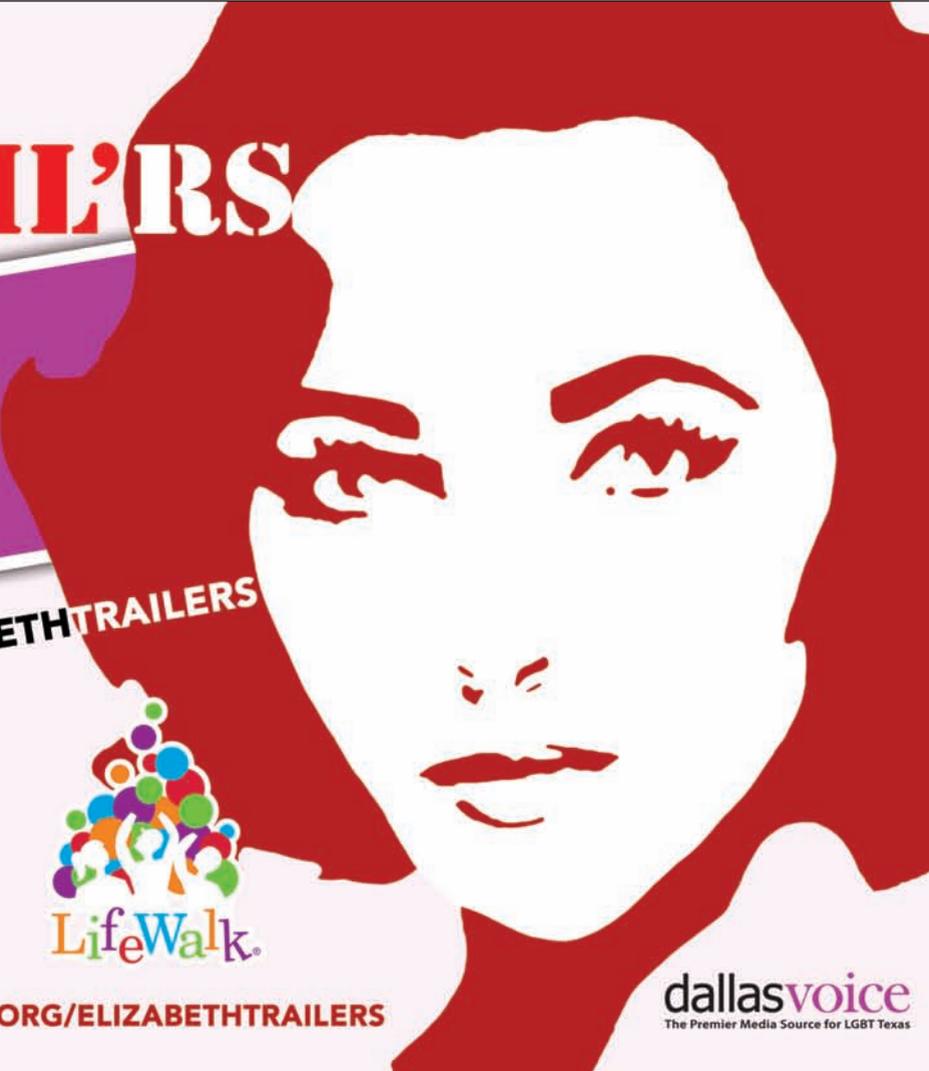
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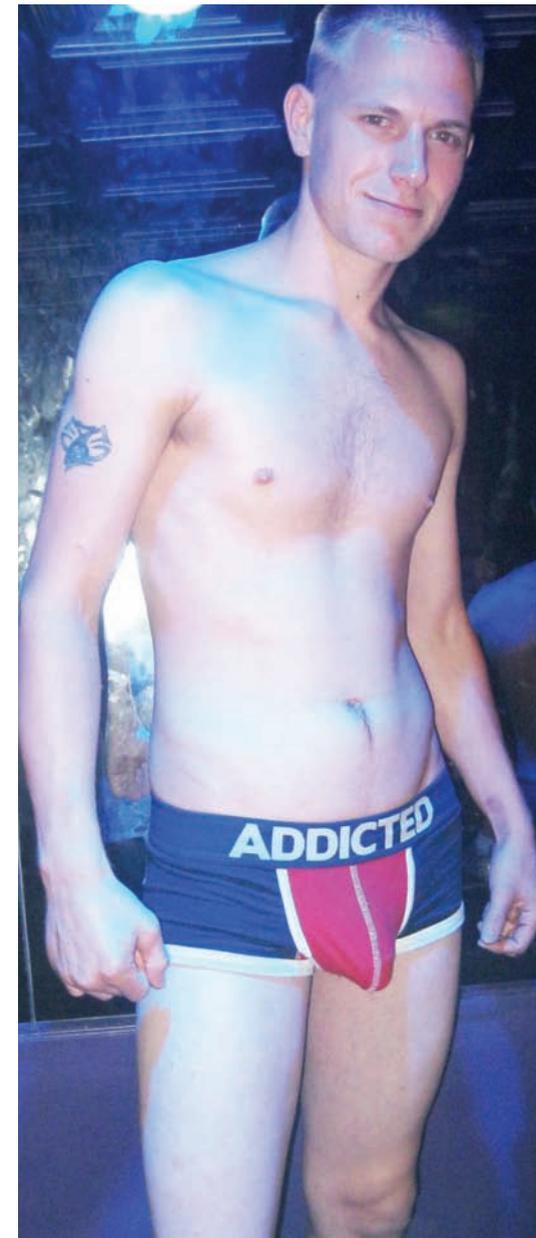
Roger, Morris and D. at TMC: The Mining Company.

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Eric at Cherries.



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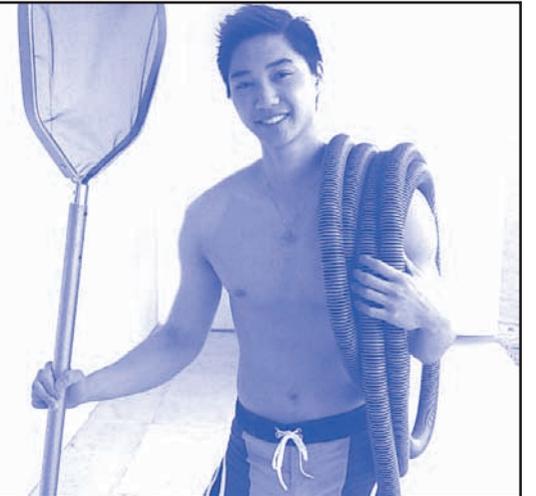
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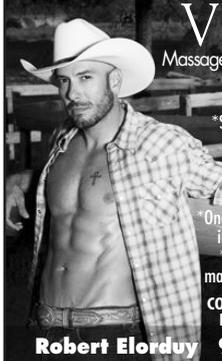


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