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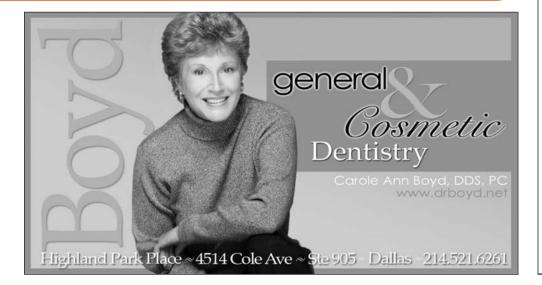
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Hillary Clinton speaks at Mountain View College

About 1,500 people packed into the gym at Mountain View College in Oak Cliff on Tuesday, Nov. 17, to hear Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton speak. This was her first public event in Dallas in this election campaign.

Clinton asked the crowd to become part of the campaign as she listed what her campaign embraces

"That includes defending LGBT rights," Clinton told a cheering crowd. "The right of people to be safe from gun violence."

Clinton used the terrorist attacks in Paris to highlight a difference between herself and Republicans who are calling for closing our borders to Syrian refugees who are also victims of DAESH (aka ISIS). She called for compassion for refugees while being vigilant in screening immigrants.

She touched on healthcare, and said Gov. Greg Abbott should be doing everything possible to increase the number of people with health insur-

Clinton said no one who works full time should live in poverty, calling for a higher minimum wage. She also proposed profit sharing when corporations are profitable, saying executives and shareholders aren't the only ones who should be

David Taffet

CoH receives \$1 million donation; establishes endowment

After talking to the Rev. Neil Cazares-Thomas, senior pastor of the church, about their visions for Cathedral of Hope, a member of the church has donated \$1 million to the church.

Church staff met recently to discuss the best use for the money and will establish an endowment with half the donation to ensure the long-term stability of the cathedral as well as complete unfinished projects and perform long-delayed maintenance.

Bob Shea has been appointed interim advancement director in charge of the new Five Million in Five Years campaign with half a million dollars seeding the fund. The fund will be used to underwrite operating expenses and to endow programming.

The rest of the donation will fund three projects, including repairs that have been delayed because of a shortage of funds over the last few years will begin

Also, acoustics in the Interfaith Peace Chapel will be fixed. Wiring for a sound system is also incomplete in the chapel's main room, and a sound engineer has already been engaged and has recommended solutions to the problem.

Finally, Cazares-Thomas said a new entrance to the Cathedral of Hope campus will be constructed from Cedar Springs Road, including proper signage.

Currently, the entrance from Cedar Springs Road is through a doggie daycare parking lot. Two other entrances to the campus are off Inwood Road. One is down Nash Street, a road that was once residential. Those houses were converted to offices before being torn down. Now two fast food restaurants. form the gateway to the church through that en-

The second Inwood Road entry winds through a car dealership.

Cazares-Thomas said the new entrance will include proper signage to get people onto the campus without thinking they've made a wrong turn into an unrelated business.

Since Cazares-Thomas' arrival, attendance has grown and with it donations. He said his goal is to make faith relevant, citing the Transgender Day of Remembrance service held at the cathedral on Nov. 15 and upcoming World AIDS Day commemorations as examples of what he means.

Resource Center is building its new home on land adjoining Cathedral of Hope and Cazares-Thomas said he's looking forward to it opening, giving the church new opportunities to engage in programming with other sectors of the LGBT community.

"Church is not just a Sunday experience," Cazares-Thomas said.

To participate in the Five Million in Five Years campaign, contact Bob Shea at Cathedral of Hope, 214-351-1901.

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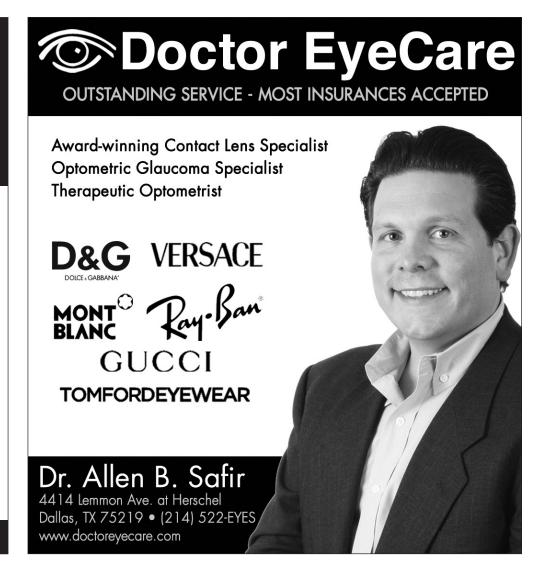


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THE GAY AGENDA

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

NOVEMBER

- Weekly: Lambda Weekly every Sunday at 1 p.m. on 89.3 KNON-FM; 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 St., 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. For more information call or e-mail Ruben Ramirez at 214-540-4500 or rramirez@myresourcecenter.org.
- Nov. 20: Transgender Day of Remembrance Events include memorial at Legacy of Love monument at the intersection of Oak Lawn and Cedar Springs from 6-8 p.m. Memorial service at 7 p.m. at Brite Divinity School, 2925 Princeton St., Fort Worth.
- Nov. 20: HRC DFW Federal Club

November Mixer

6-8 p.m. at Round-Up Saloon, 3912 Cedar Springs Road.

• Nov. 21: "Let Talk About It": Answering Parents Questions

Question and answer session for parents hosted by Alexandria's Hope Advocacy Center hosted by Hebrew Woods with guest speaker Carter Brown. 1-5 p.m. at Resource Center, 2701 Reagan St. For more information call or e-mail 469-850-2411 or alexandriashope2015@gmail.com.

• Nov. 21: Resounding Harmony Presents "Hope Will Rise" Concert

Fall concert for family violence awareness group at 7 p.m. at City Performance Hall, 2520 Flora St. Benefits The Family Place. For tickets and more information visit Bit.ly/1OznpUx.

• Nov. 21: Gaybingo: Ho Hoe Ho Monthly fundraiser for Resource Center from 6-9 p.m. at Rose Room at S4, 3911 Cedar Springs Road. Doors open at 5 p.m. For more information, call 214-540-4458 or email Bscott@myresourcecenter.org.

pet of the week / TOPAZ

Topaz, a female shepherd mix, is about 2 ½ years old and weighs about 33 pounds. She is eager to please and loves to play, but will also love learning. Her adoption fee is \$185.

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• Nov. 21: An Evening of Laughter with Leslie Iordan

Out comedian and actor Leslie Jordan helps ring in the holidays with a benefit for Legacy Counseling Center and Founders Cottage from 8-10 p.m. at the Majestic Theatre, 925 Main St. Tickets start at \$50. Sponsorships and VIP tickets include a private cocktail reception with the star Jordan, premium seating at the show and an exclusive after party. Seats are limited. For tickets and more information visit Legacycares.org.

• Nov. 22: Trinity MCC's All Family **Thanksgiving Potluck**

Pre-Thanksgiving celebration and potluck meal with option to attend worship service. Potluck dishes encouraged but not required. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Trinity Metropolitan Community Church, 933 E. Avenue J, Grand Prairie.

• Nov. 22: Equality Texas Presents Family Feast 2015

Equality Texas hosts family potluck dinner from noon-4:30 p.m. at Ironwood Hall 505 E. 7th St., Austin. 25 percent of proceeds benefit Equality Texas. Minimum of \$10 donation and two potluck items guarantee entry. To RSVP and for more information visit Bit.ly/1RU8bHg.

• Nov. 24: GALA Give Back Night at Durkin Family-friendly happy hour meets every fourth Tuesday of the month from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Durkin Pizza, 8930 State Highway 121, McKinney. Ten percent of proceeds benefit

• Nov. 26: The Group

Support group for black men who have sex with men living with HIV meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month from 7-9 p.m. at a private location. For more information call 214-455-7316.

• Nov. 27: CinéWilde Presents La Cage Aux Folles

Doors open at 6 p.m. with community potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. and movie at 8 p.m. at Texas Theatre, 231 W. Jefferson. Includes English subtitles. Benefit for Home for the Holidays. Donations encouraged. For tickets visit Bit.ly/212mBeK.

Resounding Harmony Presents "Hope Will Rise" Concert



Resounding Harmony, the region's only philanthropic chorus, hosts its fall benefit concert and intimate needs drive for The Family Place, a family violence awareness group. For details, see the Gay Agenda listing.

Donation Drive list

Real Live Connection Clothing, Food and Toiletry Drive

From now through Nov. 20, Real Live Connection in coordination with various venues hosts clothing, canned good and toiletry drives for LGBT and allied youth ages 13-19. Donations will be distributed at Gobble 'til ya Wobble: A Real Thanksgiving Dinner and Celebration With Others, 2-7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22 at the Cosmopolitan Congregation of Dallas, 1812 N. Haskell Ave., Ste. 100.

Donation drop locations include: Cosmopolitan Congregation of Dallas, 1812 N. Haskell Ave., Ste. 100 Round-Up Saloon, 3912 Cedar Springs Road Oak Lawn Library, 4100 Cedar Springs Road Thairrific, 4000 Cedar Springs Road, Ste. E

UPS, 3824 Cedar Springs Road. For more information contact PR@RLC365.org.

AIDS Arms Holiday Toy and Food Drive

From now through Dec. 10, AIDS Arms is collecting non-perishable food and unwrapped toys for families and for children ages 1-17 years. Drop off donations at AIDS Arms, 351 W. Jefferson Blvd. Ste. 300 or pick up can be arranged at Caven Enterprises. For more information call or e-mail Neacy Turner at 214-521-5191 ext. 3336 or nturner@aidsarms.org.

Family Place Critical Needs Drive

The Family Place hosts a toiletry, grocery bag, office supply and more drive for its Safe

Campus residents. Donations will be taken at the Resounding Harmony concert on Saturday, Nov. 21, other drop locations include:

United Methodist Church of Preston Hollow,

6315 Walnut Hill Lane, Oak Lawn United Methodist Church, 3014 Oak Lawn Ave. The office of Gretchen F. Toler, M.D., 5477 Glen Lakes Dr., Ste. 150 Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 700 E. Ovilla Road, Glenn Heights Mockingbird Swim & Total Fitness, 6465 E. Mockingbird Lane, Ste. 500 Greenland Hills United Methodist Church, 5835 Penrose Ave.

For more information call 817-913-9978.

Obituaries



Winfred Eugene

Winfred Eugene Benavente Busbey Jr.

Winfred Eugene Benavente Busbey Jr. of Dallas died Nov. 10 from complications from lung infections at Guam Memorial Hospital in Tamuning, Guam.

Busbey was born Benavente Busbey Jr. March 26, 1978 in Guam and has moved between

Dallas and Los Angeles since 1996.

Busbey, a familiar drag queen along Cedar Springs, performed under the name "Kiona." While living in Dallas he worked at Landmark's Magnolia Theatre from 2001 to 2005, then later worked in Landmark Theatres' corporate office in Los Angeles.

After 2005, he still spent a lot of time in Dallas, moving back temporarily several times. Earlier this year, he had moved back permanently. He then went to Guam for an extended visit, where he passed away.

Busbey leaves behind his mother, Martha Busbey of Dededo, Guam; father Winfred Eugene Busbey Sr., brothers Alex and Nicolas, and sister Samantha Busbey of Little Rock, Ark., and dog Sookie of Los Angeles, Ca.

Official services will be held on 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 21 at Ada's Mortuary in Sinajana, Guam. A local memorial celebration will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 22 at Pepe's and Mito's Mexican Café, 2911 Elm St.

To reach the family or to send donations call

Rita Meno Price at 214-600-5823.



Victoria Leanne **Bucher Chastain**

Victoria Leanne **Bucher Chastain**

Victoria Leanne Bucher Chastain, a Dallas native, died Nov. 5 in Sherman,

Chastain was born on May 11, 1969 in Dallas

and lived in Sherman and Tom Bean for the past 25 years.

Friends and family knew her as a loving mother to her two sons, Alexander and Andrew.

She struggled with lifelong physical challenges stemming from a catastrophic auto accident resulting in brain injury leading to seizures and chronic pain. While her family will miss her, they take comfort knowing she will no longer be in pain.

Along with her sons, Alex of Tom Bean and Andrew of Austin, she leaves behind numerous family members, including her mother Jan Taylor, and stepmother Linda Porter, both of Dallas; father Richard Bucher, and aunt and uncle Sue and Bill Tiemann, all of Kerrville; brothers Rick of Dallas, and Geoff of Denison; stepsister Amye White of Midlothian; and stepbrother Joel Judkins of Auburn, Ga.

There will be no service, as Chastain requested.

Roger Stanley

Roger Stanley, 57, died on Nov. 13 after a



Roger Stanley

double lung transplant. He graduated from Lakehill School in Dallas and received his bachelors degree from Boston University and a masters in social work from University of Maryland.

For two decades, he owned Four Seasons

Assisted Living in Bel Air, Md., and Scrub-A-Dub Dog in Baltimore.

Two years ago, Stanley moved back to Dallas with his husband, Andres Finkielstein, and became a member of Congregation Beth El Binah. He is also survived by his mother Renee, brothers Marc and David, sisters Nancy and Wendy, and seven nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on Nov. 15 at Sparkman Hillcrest. Donations can be made to the American Lung Association or a charity of your choice.

Remembering, mourning and honoring

















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271 transgender people lost in 2015 will be memorialized in TDOR events

JAMES RUSSELL | Staff Writer russell@dallasvoice.com

In January, Ty Underwood was shot and killed in her car in Tyler. She is believed to have been escaping her attacker and former lover, Carlton Ray Champion, 21, who was later arrested. Underwood was 24.

In July, Shade Schuler's badly decomposing body was found in a vacant lot off Riverside Drive in Dallas. Miss Shade, as she preferred to be called, was only identified by a few tattoos on her body, and her gender identity not confirmed until later. There are still no leads in the murder of the 22-year-old transgender woman.

These two transgender women of color were among the 271 transgender people lost this year around the world, according to the Trans Murder Monitoring Project. Of these, an estimated 26 were murdered in the U.S. They will be honored during Transgender Day of Remembrance services across the country on Friday, Nov. 20.

Jabriel Williamson is the organizer of Transforming in Light of Peace, a memorial sponsored by three local black trans advocacy groups, where Yolanda Ford Underwood, Ty's mother, will speak.

While the event is about the transgender community, these murders impact everyone, Williamson said, which makes the Legacy of Love monument, at the intersection of Cedar Springs and Oak Lawn, a perfect location.

"With all the violence along Cedar Springs recently, it's perfect we are holding it in the neighborhood; an event like this can bring communities together," Williamson said. "We're honoring all the transgender lives lost, but with our location we really are honoring all lives."

Renee Baker, a trans woman and counselor

who specializes in trans issues, agreed.

"Transgender equality is about achieving equality for everyone. We want equality for all. Transgender equality is a stepping-stone to gender equality and broader definitions of masculinity and femininity. We should live organically," Baker said.

But between the annual memorials, what else can be done? An event is not enough to bring awareness to challenges facing trans men and

If you need proof of the necessity of fighting stigma and raising awareness around trans issues, look no further than Houston, which became ground zero for transgender scapegoating and discrimination during the recent referendum over the city's equal rights ordinance

Opponents of HERO, as the ordinance was known, described it as a "bathroom ordinance" that would "allow men into women's bathrooms." Their strategy won: HERO was repealed by a whopping 61-percent-to-39-percent vote.

"There's a tendency to defer to people who say they are 'not comfortable' having transgender folks in bathrooms," Baker said. "Well it's not about comfort, but rights and individuals."

When faced with a prevailing transphobic narrative, battling bathroom ordinances comes down "to principles or money," Baker said. "We could design bathrooms everyone uses peacefully." Unisex bathrooms, she suggested, are already widely used. Moving from bathrooms confined within the gender binary to unisex bathrooms could be an option.

Even as unisex or gender nonspecific bathrooms are gaining popularity, such accommodations are not the only answer. Nondiscrimination ordinances are still needed.

"Trans women and trans men can still use bathrooms even without HERO," Baker said. "But they can also be tossed out of public spaces and denied employment without much re-

In the absence of state protections, "we'll

probably rely on the federal government to implement protections," Baker said.

Finn Jones is vice president of DFW Trans-Cendence, a transgender support and peer group for youth and their families. Support groups are as important as educating the public and policies protecting transgender individuals, Jones said.

"Too often we see or hear from transgender teenagers who have been thrown out of their house onto the streets because the parents did not take the time to educate themselves about gender identities," Jones said. "All [parents] see is that their child did not live up to 'their' dream of who their child would become."

Whether it's with a parent, a child, aunt, uncle or even just a friend, support begins at home.

"And support is not just saying you support that person, but being an active participant in that support," Jones said. "Educate yourself, attend support groups like ours with them, offer to go to counseling with them, use the correct pronouns, show respect and empower that individual to be the person they truly want to be-

Unfortunately, Williamson said, a lot of people do not have enough time to volunteer with support groups.

"A lot of our volunteers try to commit 40 hours a month to the organization. But we run into the issue where people want to but cannot commit the time," Williamson said. "Unfortunately there are just not enough resources for transgender people of color."

But like Baker, Jones acknowledges that policies and political allies are important too.

"But a change needs to happen in our legislation as well. Get out and vote. We need more allies on our side to vote for us," Jones said.

Transgender advocates know the somber day of remembrance is necessary, however.

"Hopefully one day we won't have events like TDOR. But for now we must shed light on transgender lives," Williamson said.

























TDOR Events, Nov. 20

Transforming in the Light of Peace

Candlelight vigil and rally from 6-8 p.m. at the Legacy of Love Monument at the intersection of Oak Lawn and Cedar Springs. Guest speaker is Yolanda Ford Underwood, mother of Ty Underwood, a black transwoman murdered in Tyler in

 Brite Divinity School Memorial Service 7 p.m. at Brite Divinity School, 2925 Princeton St., Fort Worth. A full list of events can be found at TheTaskForce.org/transmonth.

Transgender Resource and Support Groups

- DFW Transcendence Trans/SOFFA Meeting is a trans and ally support group meeting monthly on the first and third Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. at Agape MCC, 4615 East California Parkway, Fort Worth. For more information, visit DFWtranscendence.com or contact Finn Jones by phone at 214-499-0378 or by email at sfinn.jones@gmail.com.
- DFW Trans Ladies Monthly Meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month at Agape MCC, 4615 E. California Parkway, Fort Worth. For more information email info@dfwtgladies.org or visit DFWTGLadies.org.
- Fort Worth Transgender Resource Group is a support and resource group meeting every second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Barron House, 516 College Ave., Fort Worth. Use side door. For more information visit FortWorthtransgender.org/home/index.php.
- Resource Center runs four programs for the transgender community through its Gender, Education, Advocacy and Resources program. They include: GEAR Women's Group, a monthly meeting discussing topics relating to feminine gender identity and transitioning from 6-8 p.m. every third Wednesday of the month at Resource Center, 2701 Reagan St. For more information call 214-528-0144 or email gear@mvresourcecenter.org. GEAR: Men's Group, a monthly meeting discussing topics relating to masculine gender identity and transitioning meets on the last Wednesday of the month from 6-8 p.m. at Resource Center, 2701 Reagan St. For more information call 214-528-0144 or email gear@myresourcecenter.org. GEAR Monthly Mixer, a monthly meeting providing opportunities to make new friends and learn more about GEAR in a casual environment from 7-9 p.m. on the last Thursday each month at Resource Center, 2701 Reagan St. For more information and to R.S.V.P. call 214-528-0144 or email gear@myresourcecenter.org. GEAR Voice Feminization Support Group, a monthly training for studying and practicing voice feminization from 2-4 p.m. at Resource Center, 2701 Reagan St. Free,

- but seating is limited to 30. For more information call 214-528-0144 or e-mail gear@myresourcecenter.org.
- Transgender Education Network of Texas is dedicated to furthering gender diversity awareness and education across Texas through education and networking in both public and private forums. For more information visit TransTexas.org.
- Trans Pride Initiative is a local transgender advocacy group helping transgender and gender nonconforming individuals gain access equal healthcare, housing, employment, and education. It hosts two meeting open to the public. Network Affiliates meetings are networking events for transgender organizations and service providers at 7 p.m. at Brazos Room, Center for Community Cooperation, 2900 Live Oak Street. TPI Board meetings are at 6:30 p.m. at Brazos Room, Center for Community Cooperation, 2900 Live Oak Street. For more information visit Tpride.org or e-mail Nell Gaither at nell@tpride.org.
- North Texas Gender Friends is an online support community. For more information visit NTGF.org
- Black Transmen Inc. is a local advocacy, empowerment and support group for black transgender men through all stages of transitioning. Resources include a national hotline, the annual Gender and Advocacy Conference, scholarships and more. For more information visit BlackTransmen.org.
- Trans Lifeline is a nonprofit private hotline for transgender people experiencing a crisis as well as a resource staffed by transgender people. Volunteers are ready to connect callers to resources and prevent self-harm. For more information and a full schedule visit TransLifeline.org.
- The Trevor Project is a nonprofit resource center for LGBT youth. Resources include the crisis intervention hotline Trevor Lifeline, TrevorChat, TrevorText, TrevorSpace and Trevor Support Center. All hotlines and messaging services are confidential. For more information visit TheTrevorProject.org

Transgender men and women lost this year

Transgender murders in the U.S. in the last year

- 1. Melvin, 30, Detroit, Mich.
- Keyshia Blige, 33, Aurora, III.
- Tamara Dominguez, 36, Kansas, City, Mo.
- Kandis Capri, 35, Phoenix, Ariz.
- 5. Amber Monroe, 20, Detroit, Mich.
- Ashton O'Hara, 25, Detroit, Mich. 6.
- Shade Schuler, 22, Dallas, Texas 7.
- K.S. Haggard, 66, Fresno, Calif. 8.
- India Clarke, 22, Tampa, Fla.
- 10. Mercedes Williamson, 17, Rocky Creek, Ala. 11. Penny Proud, 21, New Orleans, La.
- 12. Taja Gabrielle DeJesus, 36, San Francisco.
- 13. Bri Golec, 22, Akron, Ohio
- 14. Lamia Beard, 30, Norfolk, Virg. 15. Papi Edwards, 20, Louisville, Ky.
- 16. Ty Underwood, 24, Tyler, Texas
- 17. Yazmin Vash Payne, 17, Los Angeles, Calif.
- 18. Kristina Gomez, 46. Miami, Fla.
- 19. Mya Hall, 27, Baltimore, Md.
- 20. London Chanel, 21, Philadelphia, Penn.
- 21. Jasmine Collins, 22, Saint Petersburg, Fla.
- 22. Elisha Walker, 20, Smithfield, S.C.
- 23. Kiesha Jenkins, 22, Philadelphia, Penn.
- 24. Zella Ziona, 21, Gaithersburg, Md.

- 25. Gizzy Fowler, 24, Nashville, Tenn.
- 26. Keymori Shatoya Johnson, 24, Albany, Ga.

Transgender suicides in the U.S. in the last year

- 1. Emmett Castle
- Melonie Rose
- Zander Mahaffey
- Aubrey Marike Shine
- 5. Ash Haffner
- Sage David 6.
- Taylor Wells 7.
- Blake Brockington
- Ezra Page
- 10. Taylor Alenana 11. Sam Taub
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Charlize Marie Baker

In January 2103, when I was in the early stage of gender transition, my physician prescribed estrogen cream for me. I had my prescription filled and turned it in to United Healthcare, the insurer where I worked. They denied the claim.

Seems "men" don't take estrogen. But they will pay for hormone replacement therapy for people female identified at birth.

This was quite an eye opener for me. I'd never been denied anything before. This was a first ... but it wouldn't be the last.

I have since spent so much of my own money on transition-related, medically necessary procedures I could have bought that new Lexus and a two-week trip to Europe. None of it was paid for by insurance.

That really sucks. It sucks worse for people who don't have a retirement account that they can bleed dry like I did.

The state of trans healthcare in the United States is an embarrassment. At best, it's a patchwork of coverage that will get you part of the way through, or in some states like California, all of the way. At worst, it's doctors who are so uncomfortable with you they deny you care at all, usually after misgendering you.

It's embarrassing, humiliating and unacceptable. Virtually nothing is taught in medical school about trans health; it's often the trans patients that are educating our doctors!

Charlize Marie Baker has a well-documented medical history of gender dysphoria, and was fortunate enough to find a judge in Collin County who granted her name change in November 2014. She is now recognized by all governmental agencies as female, including on her driver's license and Social Security card.

But when she submitted a claim to her em-



Leslie McMurray Accidental Activist

ployer's insurance company, Aetna, for breast augmentation, it was rejected. She was also denied short-term disability to recover from the surgery, which she ended up paying for out of her own pocket.

This denial is clear discrimina-

tion, as Aetna covers mastectomy for female-tomale transgender patients, and breast reconstruction for female patients who have had mastectomies due to disease.

To single out trans women for denial of coverage just isn't right.

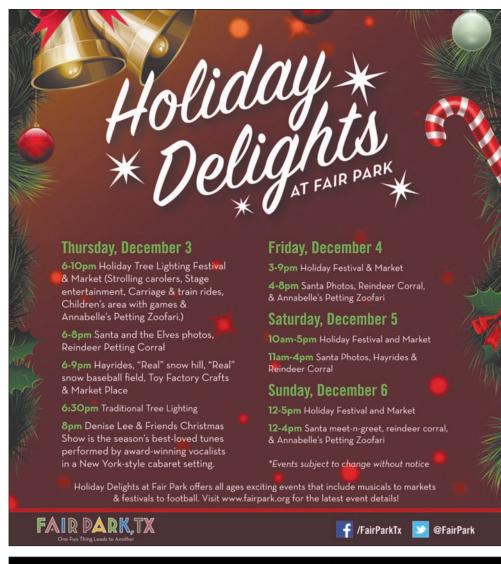
What makes Charlize different from most is that she filed a lawsuit in federal court on Monday, Nov. 16, seeking damages from Aetna, for both the cost of the surgery and recovery of wages lost while she was recovering. It also seeks unspecified punitive damages as well.

If successful, this case could set a precedent that will change the way insurance companies treat transgender health.

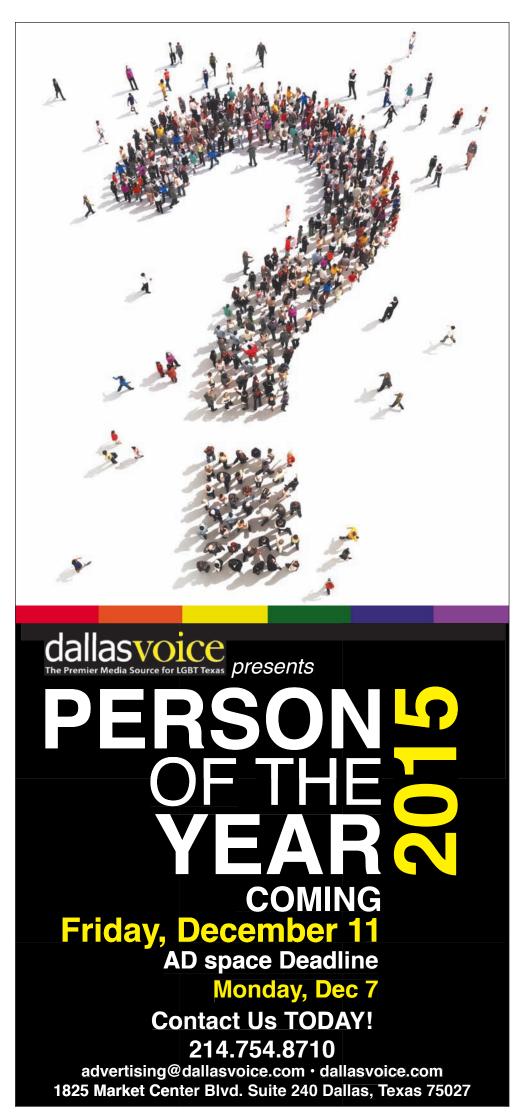
I spoke to Charlize and her attorneys Michael Hindman and Kasey Krummel on Tuesday, Nov. 17, and they feel they have the law on their side.

I asked Charlize how it made her feel when Aetna referred to her surgery as "cosmetic." She answered, "Diminished as a human being. Disrespected. There was no regard for my dignity." She

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Looking for answers to safety problems in the gayborhood



Sr. Cpl. Brittani Pilcek met with merchants and members of the LGBT community at the Round-Up Saloon on Nov.19. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

A number of solutions have been proposed, but attacks continue and no arrests have been made

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While police try to convince the community that extra protection is being provided, the community and business leaders in Oak Lawn continue to question just how seriously the city is taking the situation in the gayborhood, where several men have been attacked and robbed since the first of September.

Lee Daugherty, owner of Alexandre's, walked out of an Oak Lawn Crime Watch meeting, with officers for the Dallas Police Department's Central Patrol Division, on Wednesday, Nov. 18 after hearing what sounded more like attempts to placate the community rather than efforts to actually address the problems.

"We need to focus on rebuilding the community and taking back the streets because these are our streets," Daugherty said. "We must fight complacency."

Daugherty has added cameras to cover parking lot as well as the alley behind his bar at 4026 Cedar Springs Road. Two of the recent attacks have taken place at the end of the alley behind Alexandre's.

Daugherty suggested that anyone who sees people who don't look like they belong in the neighborhood should call 911.

"If they don't respect this community, they won't be here," he said defiantly.

At the crime watch meeting, activist Cd Kirven questioned why only one attack was being treated as a hate crime.

That attack, which took place the day of the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade on Sept. 20, is classified as a hate crime because the victim, a young man who has asked to be identified only as Blake as long as his assailants remain at large, remembers being called "faggot" while being

Some other victims, whose attacks began with sharp blows to the head from behind, don't remember much of what happened when they were assaulted

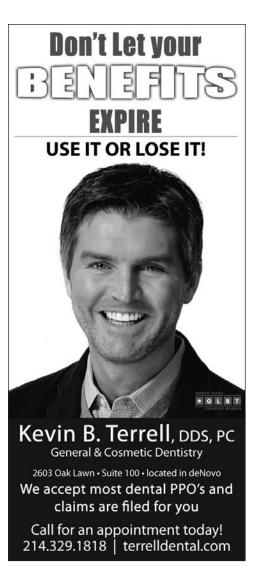
Kirven argued with police that if someone comes to the neighborhood looking to target gay men because they're seen as soft targets, hate is the motivation and those crimes should be investigated that way.

But Kirven said she wasn't trying to be confrontational. She wanted information that could help the community help the police.

"I feel like police are doing their job," Kirven said. "This kind of violence toward the community will take police, business and the community going above and beyond" to stop it.

Michael Redman works at Alexandre's. On Nov. 1, he was walking from the Tin Room to his

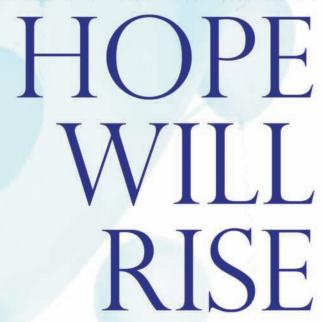
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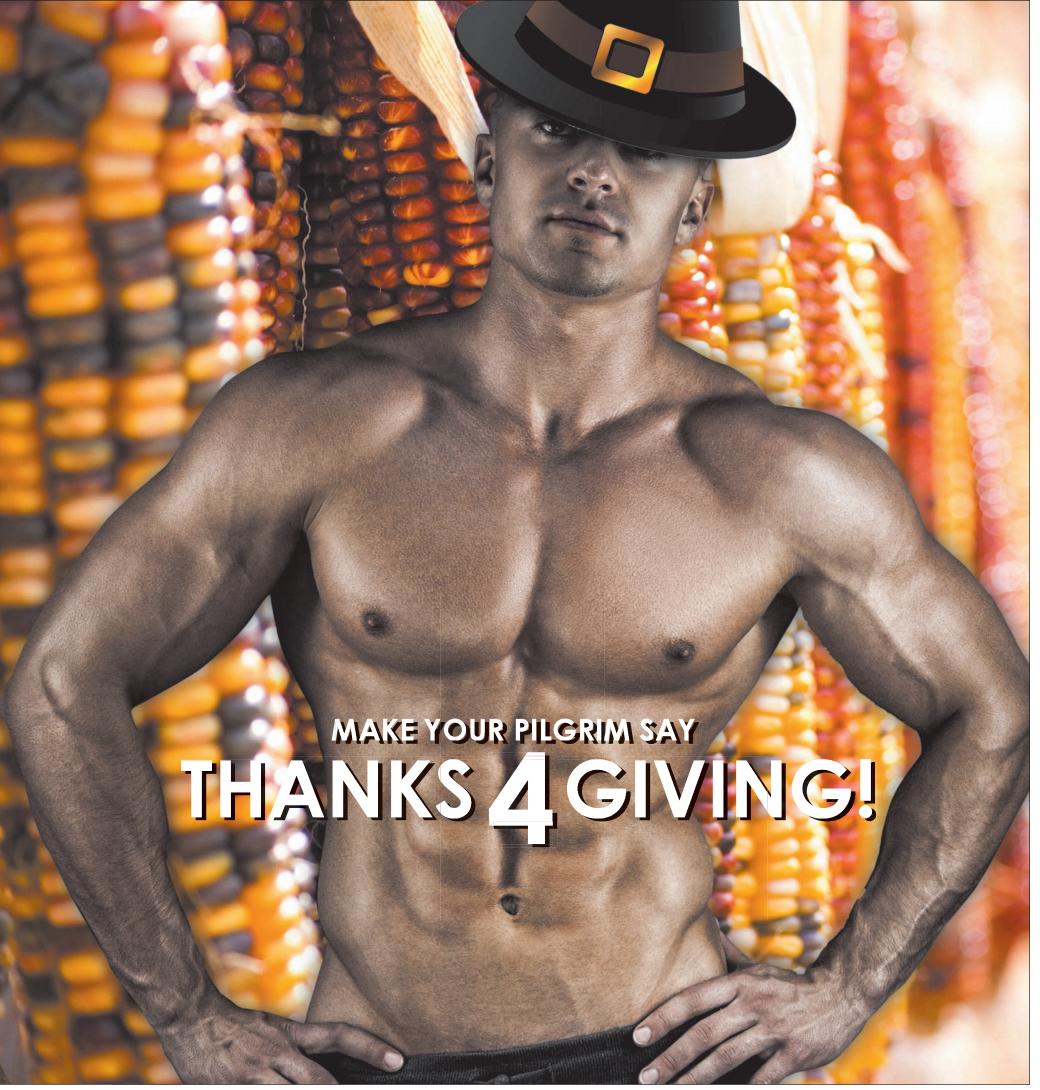


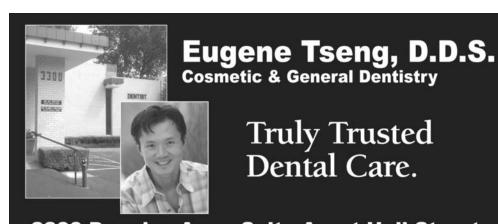
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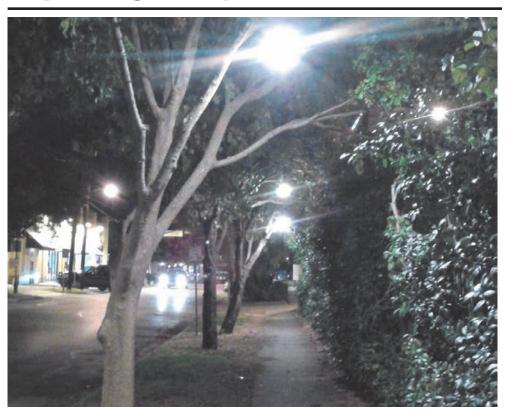
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City bond money to be redirected to improving safety in Oak Lawn



Caven Enterprises recently trimmed back trees and shrubs along the sidewalk behind its Cedar Springs nightclubs and added lighting to help make the area safer for pedestrians after dark. (Photo courtesy Richard Anderson)

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At the Mayor's LGBT Task Force meeting this week, Councilman Adam Medrano announced that \$600,000 in bond money would be redirected from street improvements to neighborhood safety, after a recent rash of attacks and robberies raised concerns in the area.

In addition, Medrano said, the Dallas Police Department will install 10 cameras near the Oak Lawn entertainment district's Target Area Action Grid. Those are already funded.

Medrano said after bond money was dedicated to Cedar Springs Road, the neighborhood rejected all plans the city developed for the area. The only thing merchants, bar owners and community members agreed on was that they didn't want the area to become anything like Lower Greenville.

So city planners, who repeatedly refused to use input given to them during open community sessions, were searching for new ideas.

The Dallas Police cameras will be installed in high traffic areas around Oak Lawn and not where recent attacks have taken place. Medrano said the bond money would be used, in part, for additional cameras to will target those areas.

For example, two attacks have taken place near the alley behind the Valero gas station on Cedar Springs Road. One camera purchased with bond money might be placed on the library building facing that area.

Lighting will be addressed as well. On Throckmorton Street, Caven Enterprises added its own lighting to illuminate the sidewalk along it's paid parking lot. In addition, the company cut down shrubs that were creating dark and dangerous spots along Dickason Street, where many patrons park and at least one attack has taken place.

Michael Zander from Oncor attended the task force meeting and said he'll be working with the city to help identify dark areas and then add street lighting with some of the bond money. He also asked community members to go to his company's website, OncorStreetLight.com, and report streetlights that are out by simply clicking on the specific light on the map or reporting the number on the light pole or the address.

Task force member John Selig suggested looking into emergency call boxes placed throughout the area. He said in a Chicago neighborhood he lived in, that cut the crime rate dramatically.

Medrano appointed a committee to discuss how the money should be spent.

The DPD cameras will be monitored at Dallas City Hall by the police. These are the locations for the 10 cameras already funded:

- Lemmon/Wycliff
- Lemmon/Douglas
- Lemmon/Oak Lawn
- Rawlins/Oak Lawn
- Oak Lawn/Cedar Springs
- Cedar Springs/Throckmorton
- Maple/Wycliff
- Maple/Kings
- Maple/Lucas
- Maple/Oak Lawn

These are already well-lit intersections, but police at the meeting said these are escape routes for criminals. While these cameras are not likely to catch an attack on the street, they're likely to catch a shot of someone escaping the neighborhood.



car on Hudnall Street with two friends. As he approached his car, he was carjacked.

Although his car was impounded on Nov. 4 after police recovered it following a high-speed chase from Grand Prairie to Oak Cliff, Dallas police never contacted Redman to let him know the car had been found abandoned in Deep Ellum. Instead, a Fox 4 reporter told him on Nov. 10 that she had gotten that information from Dallas police.

Redman said he spoke to the detective handling his case once after he picked up the car. He said he was told police found fingerprints, but the prints didn't match the ID of the suspect. The detective told Redman he assumed the car was sold after it was stolen

"There were tons of clues in the car," Redman

Daugherty collected the clues — including items like a Louis Vuitton purse, synthetic marijuana, a pizza menu — and put them in a box in the trunk. Redman said he called the detective again to let him know where the items were, but he never heard back from police.

Because of damage to the car, the insurance company said it would probably total it.

On Thursday, Nov. 19, Northwest Division Sr. Cpl. Brittani Pilcek met with Cedar Springs merchants and the public, saying police "have made some progress in some of the assaults and robberies," Pilcek said. "Some of the victims were hit from behind and in dark areas and couldn't give a good description."

There have been no arrests.

Pilcek said she was looking for ways the community and business owners could work together to make the area safer. She encouraged anyone who is a victim of a crime or who sees something suspicious to call 911.

Ōne person said many people without legal immigration status are afraid to report crime.

"We are Dallas police," Pilcek said. "We are not immigration. We could care less what your status is. Give us your name, your phone number, and we're going to investigate it like anyone else."

Councilman Adam Medrano announced that \$600,000 of the bond money that was to be used for beautification on Cedar Springs Road would be diverted to safety (See story, Page 16). Several of the bar owners and merchants objected.

"I feel it's the city's responsibility to take care of safety," said Matt Miller, owner of Woody's.

Activist Michael Robinson countered, "The business community hasn't stepped up to meet the needs of the community."

Tin Room owner Lonzie Hershner related his experience with calling 911. He said a drunk driver side-swiped a car outside his bar. He called police five times and when they finally arrived, the driver wasn't arrested for drunk driving. Instead, police allowed the woman in the car with the man to drive him home.

One woman who lives in a condo in the area blamed merchants for not partnering with area homeowners associations.

Caven Entertainment President Gregg Kilhoffer said his company is spending \$160,000 a year on private security to patrol the block where its clubs are located.

"Security doesn't leave the block until the last

manager is gone," he said.

The company has also recently added lighting on the sidewalk along its paid parking lot, and had shrubbery trimmed. But zoning requires them to maintain shrubs that are at least six feet tall around parking areas.

"We're adding extra cameras and have signage up everywhere," Kilhoffer said.

Round-Up Saloon owner Alan Pierce said he has cautions broadcasting on screens throughout the bar. He's also adding cameras in front of his club and in the parking lot behind his bar.

"Our door people are talking about safety with



Councilman Adam Medrano talks to a constituent at a meeting at the Round-Up Saloon.

people as they leave," Pierce said.

Last weekend, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence were at the Round-Up passing out cards containing safety information that also had whistles attached. The idea, Pierce said, is that patrons walking back to their vehicles or to their homes can blow the whistles to attract attention and help if they see a problem.

Meanwhile, several attacks more were reported last weekend, including one late-night stick-up at the Bank of America ATM on Cedar Springs Road. Dallas Voice is waiting for details on those inci-





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The primal need to know: How was Charlie Sheen infected?

hat is the first question that came to your mind when you found out that Charlie Sheen is HIV-positive?



John T. Carlo, M.D., M.S. CEO, AIDS Arms Inc.

Was it, "So how'd he get it?"

We probably want to know how Sheen was infected so we can better understand how we feel about him. And by the way, this is OK. Everyone's feelings are their own.

But it is important to understand

why we felt the need to know this in the first place.

As human beings, we all carry with us a primal fear of infectious diseases. Sometimes, it is very apparent, such as what we saw during last year's Ebola crisis here in Dallas. Other times, especially when we are dealing with HIV, it is less obvious, but definitely still there.

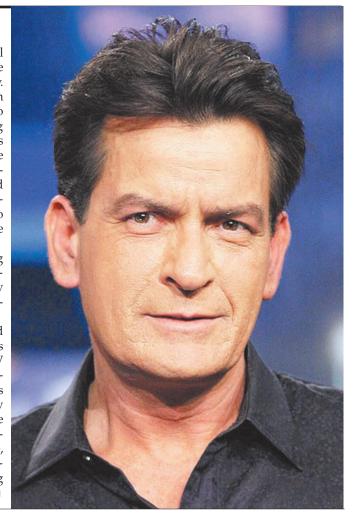
Let's start with why we all carry this primal fear in the first place. Looking back at our ancestors, it makes total sense for us to have instinct guiding us to avoid sick people. There is also another primal instinct from our ancestors — the need to stereotype people as either friend or foe.

We still carry these primal fears; however, today they are not always rational or necessary.

Knowing how Charlie Sheen got infected is a way for us to dispel some of our fears. Putting him in a category — "Oh he is gay, he shared needles, or he had lots of sex" — makes it easier for us to understand him and satisfies the instinct to stereotype. So it is perfectly normal to want to know how Charlie Sheen got infected.

What is not fine is judging someone or treating them differently based on whether are they living with an infectious disease.

This is a great time to remind ourselves how important it is for everyone to know their HIV status, and for everyone to recognize that stigma still exists both inside the gay community and out. Primal fears continue to drive this stigma, and without addressing this core issue, we are not going to make further progress towards ending the HIV epidemic.





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described having her body match her gender as "absolutely an essential part of transition."

Charlize is represented by the Dallas law firm of Hindman/Bynum. I asked Michael Hindman about what message the lawsuit is sending to not just Aetna, but to all insurers. He said, "Primarily, there are very clear standards of care for gender dysphoria. Most important for each individual is proper medical care determined by the doctor and patient. Blanket policies such as these that pick and choose what will be covered are not adequate."

He went on to point out that were Charlize in prison, this would all be covered under the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution. She would literally receive better care as a prisoner than as a valued member of her workplace and society.

Here's the kicker: In 2001 the city of San Francisco made its insurance coverage trans inclusive. The cost of services per employee per year was minimal, with costs per insured per year averaging between 77 cents and 96 cents — less than a

dollar per year per enrollee (according to the HRC).

Really? All this resistance over less than a dollar a year?

Maybe employers and insurers are unaware of just how inexpensive it would be to add trans healthcare to their group policies. There just aren't that many of us. And gender dysphoria, though often fatal. is curable in most cases.

It's also not chronic. Unlike diabetes treatment, once ours is done, it's done.

Though this lawsuit has just been filed and may not be settled for quite some time, it could have far-reaching implications for the trans community nationwide. If successful, this suit would provide guidance for all insurers regarding coverage of trans healthcare.

It would also provide the first real opportunity to recover damages from discrimination. Presently, even cities with equal rights ordinances don't provide a strong deterrent for discrimination. Most apply a \$500 fine and move on. The per-

son discriminated against is unable to recover back pay or seek re-instatement.

That will change if this suit is successful.

The Don Huffines of the world will still seek to place obstacles in our way. No doubt, the 2017 session will be rife with bathroom paranoia throughout the halls of Austin. Hopefully, sanity will prevail.

In the mean time, we will watch with anxious anticipation as this first volley in defense of trans health is fired into the federal court system.

I, for one, am grateful to Charlize Baker for having the courage to move forward in what will no doubt be a long and contentious battle. She and her attorneys, Mr. Hindman and Ms. Krummel, are determined to see this through — all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary.

Hopefully, justice will prevail. Lives depend on it

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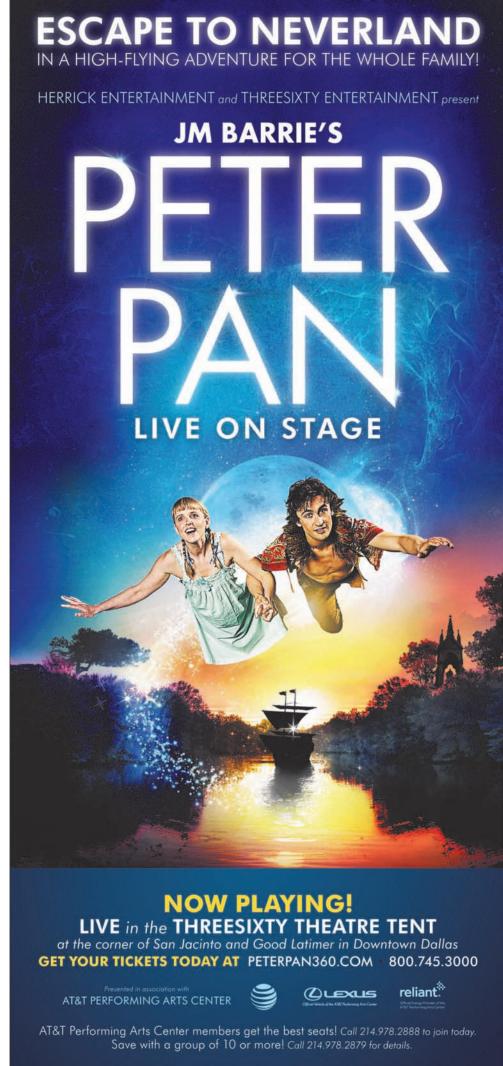
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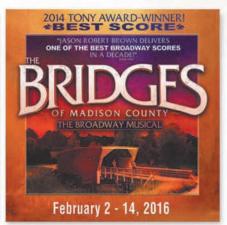


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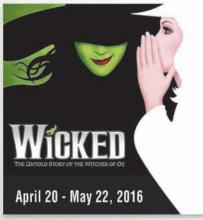


















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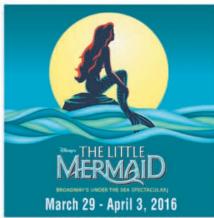
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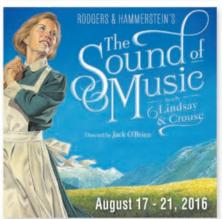


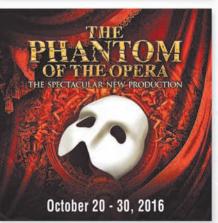














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All gay nerds are about to explode waiting for The Force Awakens to open, and while you can't actually buy a three-beam light saber, you can actually get the gyroscopic Astromech BB-8 Droid seen in the trailer. The remote-controlled toy (ages 4 and up) rolls in any direction and always faces forward — just like in the film. \$59.99.

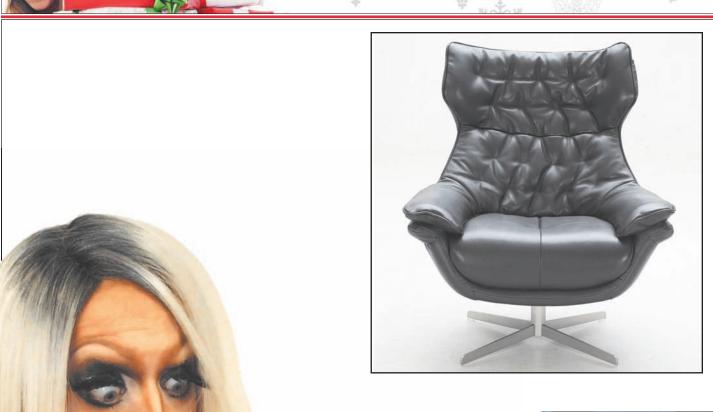
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Let the games begin!

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Available at the Taschen Bookstore, inside the lobby of the Joule Hotel, 1530 Main St.

Local gaming company Gearbox has had a hit with the game Borderlands (which includes two LGBT characters), and now Borderlands: The Pre-Sequel gives fans even more to explore in this addictive first-person role-playing adventure. Rated M. \$19.99.

Available for PC, Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3 at Game Stop. BorderlandsTheGame.com.

The Big Penis Book DIAN HANSON





I pity the foos

Designers (and gay activists) Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams are some of our favorite furniture builders, known for their craftsmanship, style and cleverness, as the Monaco Foosball Table illustrates. Beautiful, practical and fun, it will be a conversation piece and source of entertainment for years to come. \$3,896.

Available at Mitchell Gold+Bob Williams, 4519 McKinney Ave. MGBWHome.com.



A little bit of this, a little of that ...

Gift shopping can be surprisingly difficult for that person on your list who defies easy ideas. A stop by Lula B's, then, can salve your worries. There's something for everyone here, including a one-of-a-kind antique military weapons crate on hairpin legs by Art Junkie. \$250.

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Transgender Awareness Week is over, but having a hero in the trans community goes on. Jack Jackson of AllJackedUp.ca celebrates those role models with a specialty bow tie containing the names of leaders like Laverne Cox and Sylvia Rivera. Get one in a variety of colors. \$55.

Available at AllJackedUp.ca.



Choos me

Women have had access to Jimmy Choo's footwear for a long time, making gay men jealous of Carrie Bradshaw yet again. But you can relax now — Jimmy's crocodile-embossed Belgravia black leather sneakers give you that awesome brand in an amazing and fashion-forward look that's both dressy and casual. \$765.

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Cheers, queers!

The gays love their drinks, and the life's blood of the cocktail is certainly vodka. If you haven't tried Chopin yet (Asia T. O'Hara's spirit of choice), you're missing out on a smooth, elegant potato vodka direct from the distillery in Poland. About \$30.

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Hit the slopes in style

For the ski bum in your life, winter fashion is a must. Heads will turn from the bunny slope to the triple black diamonds in this print fur ski jacket for women from Toni Sailer. \$1,379.

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The gift of relaxation

Long before the word metrosexual, gay men (and many lesbians!) were enjoying a regular mani-pedi, which is something Tyson Nguyen specializes in. (Dallas Voice readers named him the best at his craft in this year's Readers Voice Awards.) Well, Nguyen has opened a new salon — Nailed Nail Bar — where you can get treated to elaborate signature treatments (green tea foot bath!), body massages and even complimentary cocktails! It's a perfect gift to give to your significant other ... or to yourself. From \$18 and up.

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... And look for additional gift ideas in the coming month, exclusively online





LIFE+STYLE

best bets

Friday 11.20

Isabella Rossellini to receive Art of Film Award from Dallas Film Society

Isabella Rossellini got her start in film in big ways - first on sets as the child of actress Ingrid Bergman and director Roberto Rossellini, then starring in Blue Velvet in her first year as an actress. She'll talk about those topics and more as this year's recipient of the Art of Film Award dinner and party.

DEETS: The Space, 171 Oak Lawn Ave. 6:30 p.m. DallasFilm.org.





Leslie Jordan shares stories as only

he can in one-man benefit show

We profiled Leslie Jordan last week, and if you read that piece, you know his voice - and his aggressive take on life — is inimitable. He's returning again to Dallas for a new one-man show of adventures in a performance that benefits Legacy Counseling Center and Founders Cottage.

DEETS: Majestic Theater, 1925 Elm St. 8 p.m. LegacyCares.org.

Friday 11.20 — **Sunday** 12.13

Kitchen Dog continues 25th anniversary season with gay playwright Peter Sinn Nachtrieb's 'The Totalitarians'

Gay playwright Peter Sinn Nachtrieb is a favorite of Kitchen Dog Theater, probably because his darkly comic, contemporary

take on society matches with the troupe's own mission to push the edges of drama. In The Totalitarians, getting its regional premiere this week, Nachtrieb takes on relationships, modern electoral politics and the brink of revolution. Company members Tina Parker, Max Hartmann and Drew Wall lead the cast.

DEETS: The Green Zone, 161 Riveredge. 8 p.m. KitchenDogTheater.org.



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Picnic. William Inge's steamy drama about a drifter who transforms a small town. Final weekend. Theatre 3, 2900 Routh St. in the Quadrangle. Theatre3Dallas.com.

The Sound of Music. Jack O'Brien directs this enduring Rodgers & Hammerstein classic, on its way to Broadway. Final weekend. Fair Park Music Hall, 901 First Ave. DallasSummerMusicals.org

Godspell. Composer Stephen Schwartz's original off-Broadway hit, an adaptation of the Gospel of Matthew turned into a contemporary musical. Greenville Center for the Arts, 5601 Sears St. Through Dec. 6. ContemporaryTheatreOfDallas.com.

The Totalitarians. Regional premiere by gay playwright Peter Sinn Nachtrieb, a dark comedy about politics. Presented by Kitchen Dog Theater their new space in the Design District, The Green Zone, 161 Riveredge. Through Dec. 19. KitchenDogTheater.org.

Sexy Laundry. The return of the hit from earlier this year, a co-production from WaterTower and Stage West, reuniting original cast members Bob Hess and Wendy Welch. Addison Theatre Centre, 15650 Addison Road. Through Dec. 13 (in previews through Nov. 22). WaterTowerTheatre.org.

Miracle on 34th Street. Janelle Lutz, the reigning star of North Texas stages, returns in Dallas Children's Theater's adaptation of the warm holiday classic, with Francis Fusellier as Kris. Rosewood Center for Family Arts, 5938 Skillman St. Nov. 20-Dec. 20. \$15-\$28. **DCT** ora

Blood Wedding. Cara Mia Theatre continues its 20th anniversary season with this work by gay Spanish writer Federico Garcia Lorca. Latino Cultural Center, 2600 Live The Night Alive. Undermain presents the regional premiere of acclaimed Irish playwright Conor McPherson's latest harrowing comedy. Undermain Theatre, 3500 Main St. Through Dec. 6. Undermain.org.

The Addams Family. Andrew Lippa's musical comedy. Directed by Michael Serrecchia. Final weekend. Irving Arts Center, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd., Irving. IrvingArtsCenter.com.

PERFORMANCE

Peter Pan 360. A theatrical-stunt-circus hybrid, this multimedia presentation combines J.M. Barrie's story with high-wire acrobatics and CGI projections inside a 100-foot-tall structure in Downtown Dallas. ThreeSixty Theatre, 2450 San Jacinto St. Through Dec. 6. ATTPAC.org.

COMEDY

Dixie's Never Wear a Tube Top While Riding a Mechanical Bull (and 16 Other Things I Learned While I was Drinking Last Thursday). Dragtastic Tupperware lady Dixie Longate debuts her new show. Final weekend. Presented by Performing Arts Fort Worth. McDavid Studio, 301 E. 5th St., Fort Worth. BassHall com

OPERA

Tosca. Puccini's great romantic tragedy. Performed in repertory with Great Scott. Reviewed this week. Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. Nov. 20 at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 22 at 2 p.m. DallasOpera.org.

DANCE

The Show About Men. The excellent theater-dance experiment about what it means to be a man (including gay issues) debuted at the Festival of Independent Theatres this summer and returns in a new venue

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Jackson Pollock: Blind Spots. An exclusive exhibit of the innovative American painter's late work, a departure from his classic "drip" paintings, but also showing the span of the artist's work. Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 Harwood St. Through March 20. Special exhibit fee. DMA.org.

N.S. Harsha: Sprouts, reach in to reach out. A sitespecific mural, the first in Dallas for the Indian artist, transforms the main corridor of the DMA. Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 Harwood St. Through Feb. 21.

International Pop. A survey of pop art, the distinctive modern movement of the 1960s. Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 Harwood St. Through Jan. 17. DMA.org.

FRIDAY 11.20

COMMUNITY

Panoptikon. The weekly retro disco dance party, presented by Lord Byron. Red Light, 2911 Main St. Doors 9 p.m.

Art of Film Award to Isabella Rossellini. The

acclaimed actress received the annual honor from the Dallas Film Society with a red carpet reception, award and dinner, followed by a screening of her cult classic, Blue Velvet. The Space, 171 Oak Lawn Ave. 6:30 p.m. DallasFilm org

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Dallas Voice's Tuesday Big Movie lineup at the Magnolia

Landmark's Magnolia Theatre shows its commitment to classic film (and not just the hottest new Hollywood releases) with its weekly Big Movie New Classic Series. Each Tuesday night at 7:30 and 10 p.m., the Uptown arthouse screens a different film with contemporary appeal, from modern comedies to Golden Age epics to camp classics and more many with gay themes (hey, Dallas Voice is the sponsor). The lineup, released quarterly, helps movie buffs plan their Tuesdays all the way from now through Thanksgiving.

Here, then, is this quarter's lineup:.

Dec. 1: Saturday Night Fever. A star-making performance by John Travolta, and the movie that made disco an unstoppable craze... for a while.

Dec. 8: In Cold Blood. Truman Capote's "true crime novel" about a brutal mass murder turned into a compelling film.

Dec. 15: Oliver! Lionel Bart wrote and scored this enchanting adaptation of Charles Dickens' novel, a dark and poignant musical that won five Oscars. 7:30 p.m. only.

Dec. 22: A Christmas Story. Don't wait for the Christmas Day marathon — see the holiday classic as it was meant to be seen: on the big screen.

Jan 12: The Magnificent Seven. A Western based on Akira Kurosawa's Seven Samurai, it launched Steve McQueen's career.

Jan. 19: The Boys in the Band, pictured: For decades, the seminal "gay film," about a gay man's birthday party and the drama (and comedy) that derives from it. The feature film debut of direc-



tor William Friedkin.

Jan. 26: Dr. Strangelove, Or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb. Stanley Kubrick's scathing black comedy about nuclear annihilation, with Peter Sellers performing three roles.

Feb. 2: On the Town. Sailors on leave paint the town red in this Freed Unit classic with Gene Kellly and Frank Sinatra.

Feb. 9: Mildred Pierce: Joan Crawford won her only Oscar as the doting mother of a spoiled child. Well-acted, but endlessly campy today.

Feb. 16: The Grapes of Wrath. Henry Fonda became an American icon with this career-defining role as an Okie on the march from the Dust Bowl and in search of life in California.

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SATURDAY 11.21

FrontRunners. Gay jogging group meets at 8:30 a.m. at the statue in Lee Park for a run along the Katy Trail.

EXHIBITION

Meet Your Mammoth Day. A nearly-intact, centuries-old baby Columbian mammoth named Ellie May, discovered in Ellis County in 2014, has been excavated, preserved and donated to the Perot Museum, and you can meet the new addition to the family. Perot Museum of Science and Nature. 2201 N. Field St. General admission: \$19. PerotMuseum.org.

COMMUNITY

Gaybingo. The final Gaybingo of the year has the holiday these Ho Hoe Ho. Station 4, 3911 Cedar Springs. 5 p.m. doors, 6 p.m. curtain. \$25-\$45. MyResourceCenter.org.

COMEDY

An Evening with Leslie Jordan. The Emmy Awardwinning star of Will & Grace and Sordid Lives hosts an evening of storytelling as only he can do it. Proceeds benefit Legacy Counseling Center. Majestic Theater, 1925 Elm St. 8 p.m. LegacyCares.org.

TUESDAY 11.24

Singin' in the Rain. Generally regarded as one of the greatest films not be nominated for a best picture Oscar, and by concensus perhaps the greatest MGM musical of all time, this classic about the coming age of talkies includes some of the best dancing and singing ever put

on screen. (Replaces the previously-announced screening of Mary Poppins.) Screens as part of the Tuesday Big Movie New Classic Series at Landmark's Magnolia Theatre in the West Village, 3699 McKinney Ave. Sponsored by Dallas Voice. Screens at 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. (See sidebar for new lineup of movies.)

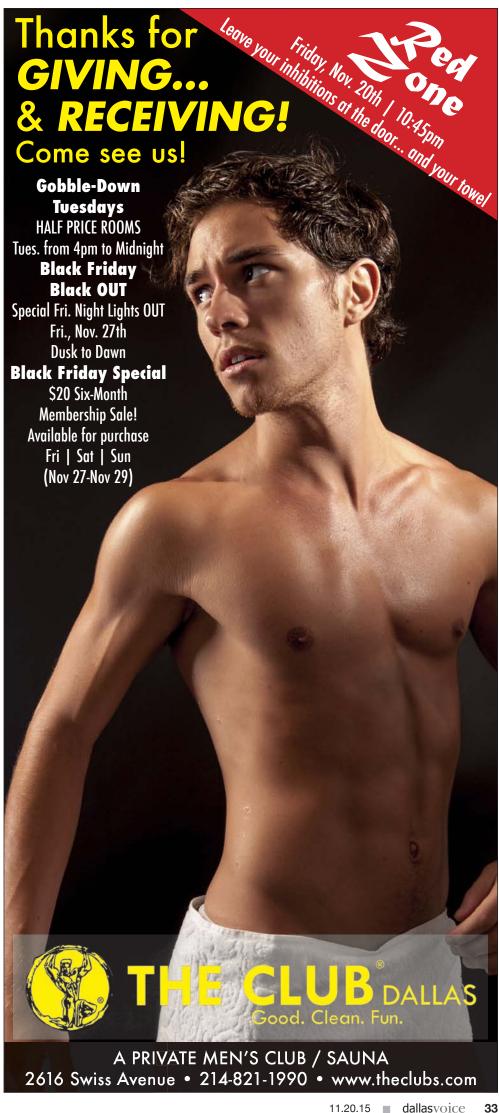
WEDNESDAY 11.25

A Christmas Carol. Dallas Theater Center begins its annual presentation of the Dickens classic, adapted by Kevin Moriarty, this time directed by company member Christina Vela and starring Hassan El-Amin as Scrooge. Wyly Theatre, 2400 Flora St. Nov. 25-Dec. 26 (in previews through Nov. 30). DallasTheaterCenter.org.

Kennedy Davenport and Jasmine Masters' Thanksgiving Eve Show. Right before Thanksgiving, come out and be thankful for all that the LGBT community has to officer with this party, featuring special guest appearances from Jada Fox, Raquel Blake, G Licious "G," Unshante Defoxx and Nicole O'Hara Munro. The Brick, 2525 Wycliff Ave. Doors at 9 p.m. \$15-\$20; VIP tables also available. OneNightInBangkok.org.

THURSDAY 11.26 — THANKSGIVING DAY

Judy Chamberlain Jazz. The jazz vocalist's weekly cabaret performance in the back room of Zippers Hideaway, 3333 N. Fitzhugh St. 9 p.m.



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Jenny Block wonders: Do labels mean anything, and if so, what?

Gender gueer. Butch. Stone butch. Femme. High femme. Andro. Boi. Lesbian. Bi. Gay. Trans.

Labels. I love them and I hate them. I love them because they allow me to self-identify. They allow me to speak to who I am and to find other people who identify the same way. They give me - us - a means to connect and pathways to community.

But I hate them because they cause derision, and that is the last thing on earth we need. It's the alphabet soup problem: LGBTQI. I get it. Everyone deserves a place on the bill. But it can also get extreme and out-of-hand. Why not just settle on queer? Everyone who doesn't choose to identify as straight,

But do that and we're all one lump. And sometimes, a girl needs to rally her own troops to get the support she really needs. Yes, when it comes right down to it, I believe that all of my lesbian sisters let alone all of my queer mates have my back. But when I have a problem of the girly persuasion, it's my fellow high femmes who I want to hear my cry.

Problem is, I'm not always high femme. I mean, I am. But I'm not. I do wear cupcake dresses and insanely high heels. I do prefer that my girlfriend drive and order the wine and open the door for me.

But I also am the bug-killer and the travel-arranger and the logic-maker. I drive a Wrangler. My keys are on a carabineer. And you will find Converse, Levi's,

wing tips and blazers in my closet.

So, am I a femme or a high femme or fair weather andro? I have long hair. If I cut it, does that change everything? If I date someone more femme than I, then do I become less femme? How do the labels serve me at that point?

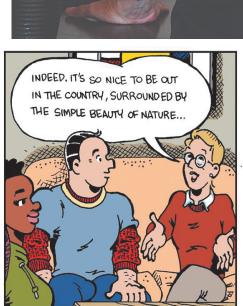
All of that, of course, is solely my internal struggle. Then there's the external issue — how I fit into the world, how the world sees me... the straight one and the gay one. They want to know who I am. They want me to identify. They want to know what I am so they know which box to put me in and how to relate to me. They want to know who I want to be, who I

Some of them want that in order to be respectful and others want to know in order to persecute and discriminate. And therein lies the problem. Or the additional problem in this case. When we start labeling people, we start limiting people. We start forcing them into tiny boxes and even tinier definitions forcing them to question or deny certain parts of them-

If I have to choose one category, what do I do with the rest of me that fits in other places? And choosing somehow invites hating. And not just from outside of the lesbian world or the queer world - also from within. I can't tell you how many times my long hair or short skirts have caused a lesbian to dismiss me for being not gay enough. Not gay enough. Please. I love pussy. That's more than enough.

So where does this leave us?

The answer is as simple as it is complicated. We use labels when they are meaningful to us, when they bring us together, when they break down the barriers that divide us. We reject them when they create divides, tear us down, rip us apart both per-







sonally and as a group.

It's tough out there no matter who you are and tougher for some more than others. So we have to be kind - to ourselves and to one another. Label yourself as you like. Or not. And respect the labels that others choose for themselves, whatever they may be. Labels should be salves not swords.

Jenny Block is the author of the new book O Wow! Discovering Your Ultimate Orgasm.

Have a question about sex you want Jenny to address? Email it to GirlOnGirlsJenny@gmail.com.

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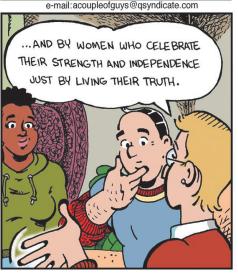
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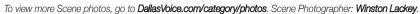




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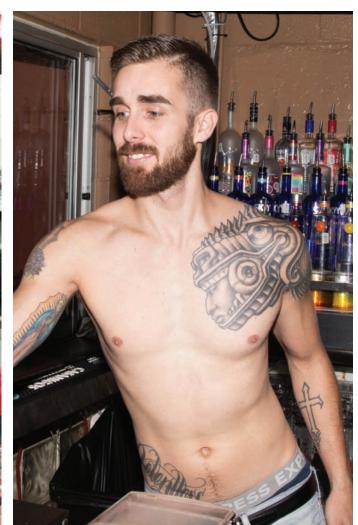
Making the SCENE the week of Nov. 20-26:

- Alexandre's: Ashleigh Smith on Friday. Chris Chism and the band on Saturday and Wednesday. Alicia Silex on Thurs-
- Brick/Joe's: Thanksgiving dinner at 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday for staff and customers. Non-perishable food items for Resource Center Food Pantry will be collected.
- Club Reflection: Imperial Court Children's Charities fundraiser at 7 p.m. on Friday. Trinity River Bears meeting at 2:30 p.m. and cookout at 4 p.m. on Sunday.
- Dallas Eagle: DFW Leather Corps club night on Friday. MasT Dallas meeting at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Annual Wreath **Auction** benefitting the **Sharon St. Cyr Fund** at 7 p.m. on Saturday.
- Round-Up Saloon: Bear Happy Hour from 6-9 p.m. on Friday. Fourth annual Feed the Community Thanksgiving feast from 2-6 p.m. on Thursday.
- Sue Ellen's: Scoty Isaacs featuring Laci Talyor on Friday. Ashley Bradberry Band on Saturday. Kathy & Bella at 3 p.m. and Bad Habits at 6 p.m. on Sunday.
- Woody's Sports & Video Bar: Dallas at Miami on the big screen at noon on Sunday. Chanel Champagne's Thanksgiving Show at 8 p.m. on Sunday. Carolina at Dallas at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday. Jada Fox Show with special guests at 11 p.m. on Thursday.



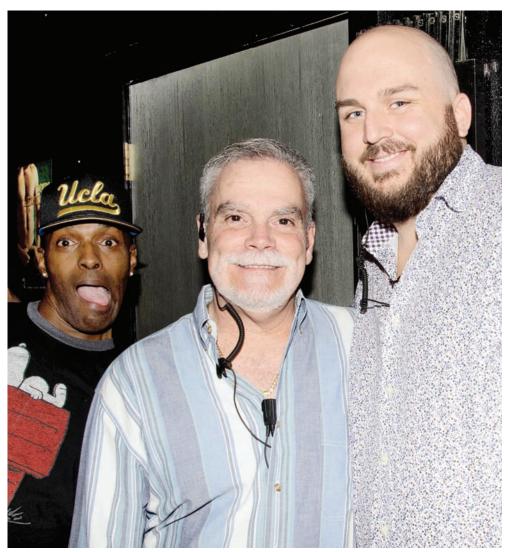






Trixie Mattel and friends at The Brick.





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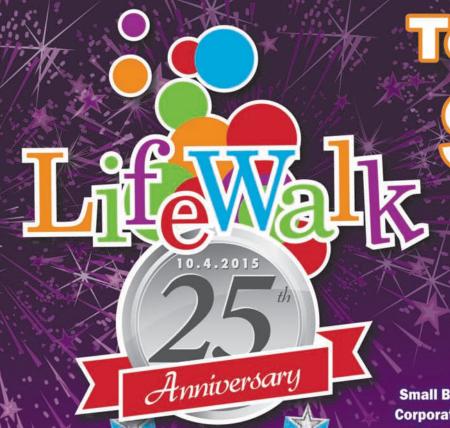
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