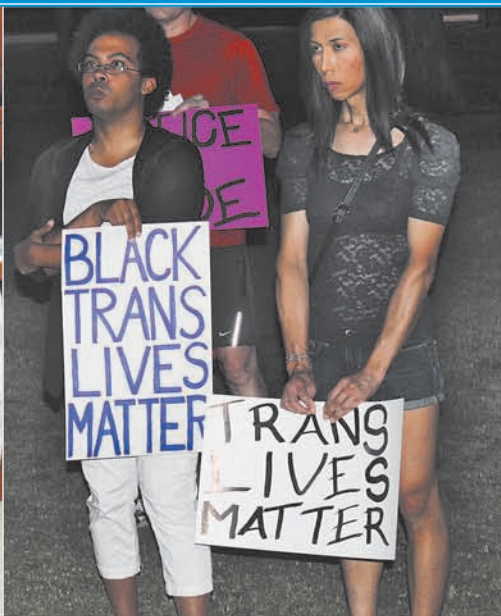


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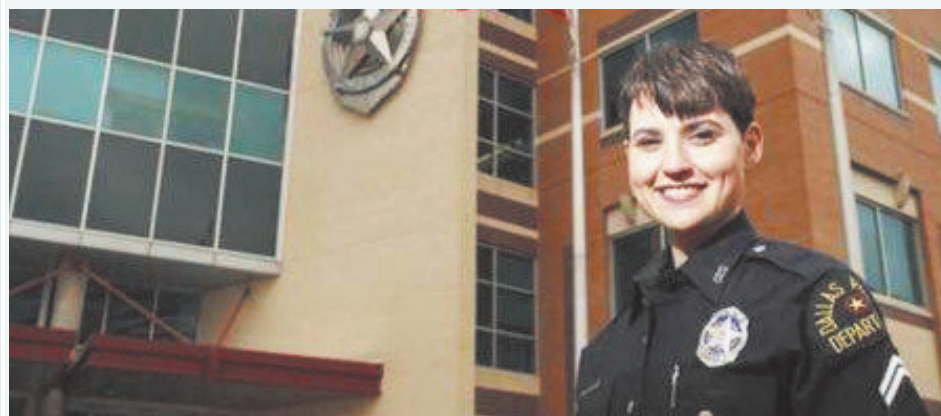


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### Lesbian named Dallas police officer of the year

Sr. Cpl. Monica Cordova, 38, who works in the media relations office of the Dallas Police Department, has been named police officer of the year.

During the fight to get equal benefits from the Dallas Police and Fire Pension Board, Cordova argued at monthly meetings that if she were killed in the line of duty, she wanted her wife and children taken care of the same way any other officer's spouse and children would be.

When arguing her case with words didn't work, she brought her four-year-old son to a pension board meeting as a visual aid. She stood up and said to the board that it was simply unfair that if anything happened to her, her son would not be taken care of the way the children of every other officer are taken care of. At that meeting, several of the seven hold-out board members switched their votes after months of meetings and officers with same-sex partners and children were finally assured they would get equal pension coverage.

That a lesbian would be recognized for her outstanding service on the Dallas Police force is somewhat amazing. In 1989, Mica England sued the DPD for the right to apply for a position. Gays and lesbians were excluded based on the so-called "homosexual conduct law" that is still on the books but is unconstitutional. She won the lawsuit but was never hired. Not until Chief Ben Click arrived in Dallas in 1993 were gays and lesbians welcomed to the department and the DPD began actively working with the LGBT community.

On a personal note, I'm always delighted when Monica's the officer on duty in the media office. She always gets me whatever information I need to get the news out. She's a pleasure to work with.

Congratulations.

— David Taffet

### '80s pop stars Debbie Gibson, Tiffany to headline 2016 MetroBall

The Greg Dollgener Memorial AIDS Fund, which puts on the annual MetroBall party and fundraiser each spring, announced the artists for its 2016 event this morning. 1980s pop icons Debbie Gibson and Tiffany, will both appear at Station 4 at the MetroBall on June 3.

This continues the GDMAF's trend of featuring singers from '80s — last year the Go-Go's front-woman Belinda Carlisle performed, and Andy Bell of Erasure performed the year before that.

— Arnold Wayne Jones

### Hours change at Resource Center during remodel

While Resource Center's community center is closed for the holidays, expect a few temporary schedule changes when it re-opens on Monday, Jan. 4.

As a result of remodeling begun earlier this week, the Reagan and Brown location will have new operating hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

The building will be closed on weekends.

As part of the center's capital campaign, this remodel will consolidate HIV services, nutrition services and the food pantry.

Remodeling is tentatively scheduled for completion in February.

— James Russell

### Gay artist Ellsworth Kelly dies

Renowned gay artist Ellsworth Kelly, 92, died on Sunday, Dec. 27.

Kelly created the stainless steel sculpture "Untitled" for the opening of the Dallas Museum of Art in downtown Dallas in 1983. That work stands as the centerpiece of the museum's sculpture garden.

I met Kelly in 2004 when the museum featured the artist's work in an exhibit entitled Ellsworth Kelly in Dallas.

The museum held a press luncheon where the artist spoke. At the end of his short talk, Kelly invited members of the media to walk through the exhibit with him. I was the only reporter interested enough to stick around and have the artist talk about his work.

Well, if only one newspaper was going to spend time with him, he was delighted it was the gay paper.

We stood in front of one painting that he told me he hadn't seen since he sold it to a Swiss collector in 1952. Walking through the exhibit with him was like being with someone visiting friends he hadn't seen in years.

I commented to him about one painting that used similar shapes to the sculpture in the garden. Excited, he ran to the window outside the Barrel Vault to see his sculpture that he hadn't seen in two decades and said, "Yes!" That was the painting he had in mind when he created the work for the museum, he told me.

Kelly's work also hangs in the Meyerson Symphony Center.

I spent about an hour with Mr. Kelly and what I remember most was what a sweet man he was. He is survived by his husband Jack Shear.

— David Taffet



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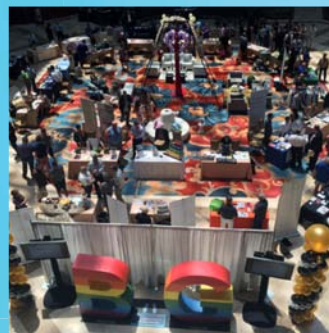
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## THE GAY AGENDA

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.

### JANUARY

• **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.

### • Jan. 2: DFW Trans Ladies Monthly Meeting

Meets 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.

### • Jan. 5: DFW Transcendence Trans/SOFFA Meeting

Trans and ally support group meets monthly on first and third Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. at Barron House Counseling Center, 516 College Ave., Fort Worth. For more information, contact Finn Jones by phone at 214-499-0378 or by email at sfinn.jones@gmail.com.

### • Jan. 5: Dallas Episcopalians for Unity meeting

The first meeting of the group Unity will layout and determine long term goals and address immediate organizational needs. The new Dallas Bishop has banned same-sex weddings in Dallas churches. 6-9 p.m. at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, 14115 Hillcrest Road.

### • Jan. 7: Trans Pride Initiative Community Meeting

Open to the public. 6:30 p.m. at Brazos Room, Center for Community Cooperation, 2900 Live Oak Street. For more information e-mail Nell Gaither at nell@tpride.org.

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Chuck Gary and David Downing offer a free self defense training lesson Jan. 17 at the Round-Up Saloon. Check Gay Agenda listings for details.

• **Jan. 8: High Tech Happy Hour**

Texas Instruments Pride, the LGBT and ally diversity group, hosts its monthly High Tech Happy Hour to increase professional and social contacts between groups and individuals and to foster community. 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Sushi Zushi – West Village, 3636 McKinney Ave., Ste. 150. For more information e-mail Paul von Wupperfeld at pavw@ti.com.

• **Jan 12: Survivors Offering Support**

Support group meeting for survivors of violent attacks meets every second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Resource Center, 2701 Reagan.

• **Jan. 12: Tarrant County Stonewall Democrats**

LGBT Democratic group meets at 7 p.m. every second Tuesday of the month at Tommy's Hamburgers, 2455 Forest Park Blvd., Fort Worth. For more information e-mail Info@tarrantstonewall.org.

• **Jan. 14: Fort Worth Transgender Resource Group**

Support and resource group meets 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 FortWorth-transgender.org/home/index.php.

• **Jan. 14: The Group**

Support group for black men who have sex with men living with HIV meets from 7-9 p.m.

every second and fourth Thursday of the month at a private location. For more information call 214-455-7316.

• **Jan. 15: Little Black Dress preview party**

Designers for the 10th annual Fashion CITED show are having an LBD competition to see whose dress is best. Complimentary valet, food and drinks. Benefits Legal Hospice of Texas. 6:30-9 p.m. at Park Place Volvo, 3515 Inwood Road.

• **Jan. 17: The Wedding Workshop**

The Same-Sex Marriage 101 and Creating a Budget 102 workshops run by wedding industry experts will ensure your wedding is a success. 9-11 a.m. at Renaissance Dallas Hotel, 2222 Stemmons Fwy. Sponsored by Dallas Voice. To register and for more information visit TheWeddingPartyExpo.com.

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• **Jan. 17: Self-defense workshop**

A free self defense training lesson will be taught by Chuck Gary and David Downing and is open to the community. Learn skills that can help you to survive a confrontation

## Obituaries



Bruce Shelton

**Bruce D. Shelton**, 48, died on Dec. 25 after a long illness.

Shelton graduated from West Mesquite High School in 1986 and attended Texas A&M and Richland College. He was an active volunteer throughout the community, volunteering for years at Resource Center and Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance. He was also actively involved in Stonewall Democrats candidates screenings.

Shelton was preceded in death by his grandparents, Inez and Leroy White, Frances Umpleby and Bill Shelton. He is survived by his parents, Ronnie and Clea Shelton; brother and sister-in-law, Randy and Lori Shelton; nephews Jordan and Cameron; uncle and aunt, Carl and Virginia Shelton; aunt Faye Walls; aunt and uncle, Novell and Gordon Allen; great-aunt Irene Wells; numerous cousins and friends.

As per his wishes, there will be no services. He will be buried at Starr Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Starr Cemetery, P.O. Box 1162, Canton, Texas 75103, or to the charity of your choice.

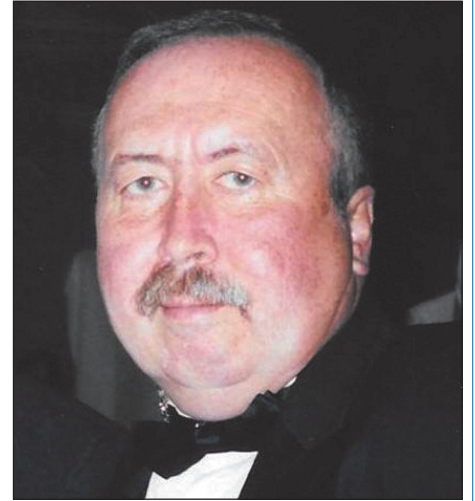
and keep yourself safe. Noon at the Round-Up Saloon, 3912 Cedar Springs Road.

• **Jan. 19: DFW Transcendence Trans/SOFFA Meeting**

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• **Jan. 22: Our Bodies Our Lives 2016**

Reproductive rights continue under attack. Dale Hansen and Amy Vanderloef appear from 6-8 p.m. DJ Jonathan Graham spins for a



Robert "Bob" Jackson

Longtime Imperial Court de' Fort Worth/Arlington and Texas Gay Rodeo Association volunteer

**Robert "Bob" Jackson** died Dec. 27 from natural causes at his home in Fort Worth. He was 68.

He was preceded in death by his parents Walter Lee Jackson and Frankie Fay Jackson and his life partner of over 30 years, the late Tom "Pawpaw" Merit.

Jackson was Emperor XV of The Imperial Court de' Fort Worth/Arlington and the couple was very involved with TGRA since its inception.

He was very involved in his community and he loved a parade – any parade. He was also an animal lover and volunteered at a few animal shelters when he had the time. If you kept up with him on Facebook, you could see him almost daily at some community celebration or festival. All that had the privilege to know him will miss him. He is now at Pawpaw's side. Both are happily watching all of his family and friends.

Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. on Jan. 5 at Celebration Community Church, 908 Pennsylvania Ave., Fort Worth.

dance party from 8-10 p.m. Seven for Parties, 150 Turtle Creek Blvd. RSVP on the group's Facebook page.

• **Jan. 28: The Group**

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## FEBRUARY

• **Feb. 6: Dash for the Beads**

Mardi Gras festival with 5K fun run, one mile walk, costume contest, beer garden with live music. 9:30 a.m. at Kidd Springs Park, 711 W. Canty St.



# THE TOP STORIES OF TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN

ONE



## 1. Supreme Court affirms marriage equality

Wedding bells were ringing loud and clear in 2015 as the U.S. Supreme Court on June 26 issued its ruling affirming marriage equality as the law of the land. But the momentum actually began in the fall of 2014, when SCOTUS refused to hear appeals from several circuit courts, leaving pro-equality rulings in place. And the marriage equality movement continued to pick up steam as 2015 began.

The year began at the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals with a Jan. 9 hearing on cases from Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, and things didn't go well for the anti-equality side. When conservative Judge Jerry Smith mentioned a decision from another Supreme Court case, Roberta Kaplan, the attorney arguing for equality in the Mississippi case, interrupted and said she was the winning attorney in that case. That seemed to shut him down.

Judge William Higginbotham, considered a swing vote on the panel, asked questions like why sterile couples should be allowed to marry, and when the attorney representing Mississippi argued states should be allowed to decide who should marry in the state and opinions in states change, Higginbotham snidely commented, "We've heard that argument from Mississippi in these halls before."

But in the end, the Fifth Circuit never ruled. Weeks after the hearing, the Sixth Circuit became the first appellate court to decide marriage wasn't a constitutional right, forcing the Supreme Court to take that case to settle the difference between districts.

Meanwhile, Sarah Goodfriend and Suzanne Bryant sued Texas in February for the right to marry, based on a health condition (Goodfriend is battling cancer). A Travis county probate judge de-

clared the Texas marriage law unconstitutional and granted them the right to marry. Before state officials — namely Attorney General Ken Paxton — could do anything to stop them, Travis County Clerk Dana DeBeauvoir issued the couple a license and they were married minutes later.

Rep. Tony Tinderholt, R-Arlington, who is on his fifth marriage, filed a handwritten complaint against the probate judge. The scribbled complaint, however, was against the wrong judge and was thrown out.

The Supreme Court heard the *Obergefell* marriage equality case in April. In 2013, Jim Obergefell and John Arthur flew on a medical flight from Ohio to a runway in Baltimore, where they were married. Obergefell sued Ohio to have their marriage recognized after Arthur died of ALS less than two months later. The Sixth Circuit overturned a lower court ruling that said Ohio had to recognize marriage in just this one case.

Justice William Kennedy issued his ruling on June 26, the anniversary of his landmark rulings in two other landmark LGBT rights cases — *U.S. v. Windsor*, which overturned part of the Defense of Marriage Act in 2013, and *Lawrence v. Texas*, which overturned the Texas sodomy law in 2004.

Within hours, couples were getting married in Dallas and Fort Worth. Dallas County Clerk John Warren met with his entire staff before issuing the first license at noon to long-time couple Jack Evans and George Harris. Their pastor's wife, Judge Dennise Garcia, performed their wedding in a Justice of the Peace courtroom.

Judge Tanya Parker performed the next wedding. Other judges deferred to her, because she had refused to perform any weddings until same-

Paxton resisted changes to birth and death certificates. Neel Lane, who represented Texas couples Cleo DeLeon and Nicole Dimetman and Mark Phariss and Vic Holmes in their marriage equality lawsuit against Texas, filed a motion in August on behalf of a Texas man whose husband died in January. Jay Stone-Hoskins wanted to be listed as husband on James Stone-Hoskins' death certificate. U.S. District Judge Orlando Garcia, who wrote the decision to overturn the Texas marriage law, ordered the change made and told Paxton to appear before him on contempt of court charges.

Once the death certificate was fixed, Garcia ordered the state to correct its procedures for issuing birth certificates.

Lane presented the court a case of a lesbian birth mom whose name was taken off the birth certificate when her wife adopted their child. Garcia ordered same-sex parents be treated equally under the law with opposite-sex parents.

Because of the number of circumstances involving adoption, surrogacy and other methods same-sex couples become parents, rewriting the rules took several weeks, but by September, both parents' names could be placed on a birth certificate.

While Texas seemed to drag its feet on fully complying with the *Obergefell* decision, parents in states like Florida and Arkansas first filed lawsuits to get both names on their children's birth certificates in December.

## 2. Crime wave sweeps through Oak Lawn

Attacks in Oak Lawn have been dominating headlines since Sept. 20, the day of the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade, when a gay man was beaten with a baseball bat, kidnapped and then left for dead in the street.

Blake Rasnake said his attackers called him fag as they beat him and dragged him into their car just off Cedar Springs Road. They dumped him on a side street off Wycliff Avenue, near Harry Hines Boulevard, taking only his cell phone.

Laying in the street, Rasnake managed to yell loud enough to get a nearby resident's attention, and that person called police and an ambulance, who took Rasnake to Parkland Hospital.

Less than two weeks later, Michael Dominguez was attacked from behind somewhere in the 3900 to 4000 block of Cedar Springs Road. He has little memory of the attack or anything that happened for several hours afterward.

Dominguez only knows the location had to be on Cedar Springs Road, because he had just left S4, in the 3900 block, to walk home, and he lives on that street. Calls to 911 were placed between Havana, in the 4000 block, and Kroger, in the 4100 block, by bystanders who saw him stagger by. But no one has acknowledged witnessing the attack.

Public attention began to build, but the attacks continued.

Police met with community members at a num-

TWO



sex marriages were recognized.

Several Texas county clerks were hold-outs when it came time to issue licenses to same-sex couples. One clerk quit. Another changed her mind when threatened with a lawsuit that would hold her personally liable for damages. Only in Irion County, west of San Angelo, is the county clerk still refusing to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples. So far, however, no same-sex couple has applied to her office for a license.

The weddings were just the first step, however. How would Texas handle the other rights that come with marriage?

Within hours, state pension funds geared up to accept a same-sex spouses as beneficiaries, but





ber of forums over the next few weeks. They added additional patrols and plainclothes detectives to try to solve the cases. And yet, the attacks continued on a near-weekly basis.

Because the attackers tended to strike from behind, many of the survivors didn't get a good look at their assailants and so weren't able to provide police with descriptions. Those who did see their assailants said they were attacked by either two, three or four black men, by a pair of Hispanic men, by two white men or, in at least one case, by a man and a woman.

By the end of the year, police had reports of 14 men being attacked but few clues, although police were able to begin linking some of the attacks. For instance, Attack Number 14 may have been committed by the same pair that attacked a man in September, a couple of weeks before the parade.

Councilmen Adam Medrano and Philip Kingston diverted bond money originally planned for neighborhood beautification projects to area security initiatives, including more cameras and additional lighting. Medrano spent on Friday night walking Cedar Springs with Mayor Mike Rawlings, who assured the community that city officials were, indeed, concerned and were taking action.

Police funded 10 security cameras to be placed on major street corners. Those cameras will be monitored at City Hall. Bars and restaurants in the area put up additional security cameras around their businesses.

Lee Daugherty, owner of Alexandre's bar, even put cameras up and down the alley that runs behind his bar. Two of the 14 attacks took place at the end of that alley.

Some of the bars hired security firms to patrol their blocks and parking lots and to walk patrons to their cars. Some posted warnings telling patrons not to walk alone.

Police warned Oak Lawn's late-night patrons to walk in groups. They suggested several people leave a bar together and all go to the closest car, and the driver of that car could then shuttle the others to their vehicles.

Some Oak Lawn residents, frustrated with police inability to arrest a suspect, decided to take things into their own hands. Several began patrolling the streets themselves, armed and ready to report anything suspicious to the police. Police, as frustrated as the rest of the community, began working with them.

As the year ended, no one had been arrested,

and the community and police fear the attacks may continue.

Meanwhile, several of the survivors did what Dallas does best: They created a survivor's group called SOS – Survivors Offering Support. Anyone who is a survivor of violent crime is welcome to attend. The group meets monthly at Resource Center.

### 3. Transgender murder toll mounts

At least 23 transgender/gender-nonconforming people were murdered over the last 12 months in the United States, making 2015 one of the worst in recent years in terms of anti-trans violence.

Worldwide, at least 81 trans people were murdered in 2015. And those are just the victims who are reported and acknowledged as trans women and men. Many trans people are mis-gendered by police, media and by family members who have refused to accept their identities.

The year started with four trans women being murdered, including 24-year-old Ty Underwood in Tyler. Underwood was shot to death in her car as she tried to drive away from her ex, Carlton Ray Champion. Champion was found guilty and sentenced to life in prison during a December trial.

Six months later, on July 29, the body of Dallas trans woman "Miss Shade" Schuler, 22, was found in a field near Dallas' Medical District. So far, Dallas police say they have no information and no suspects in her murder.

The trans murders this year intersected with the very public transition of Caitlyn Jenner, the former patriarch of the Kardashian clan who celebrated her transition by being photographed in lingerie for the cover of *Vanity Fair*. While Jenner's story certainly put transgender people and issues in the public eye in an unprecedented way, there were many longtime trans activists who felt that her right-wing, conservative tendencies, fame and more than healthy bank accounts, proved that she was more than a little out of touch with the plight of most transgender people and not in a position to speak for the community.

There were also some who felt that the frenzy of publicity surrounding Jenner and her numerous reality TV shows may have contributed to the anti-transgender violence, considering the vitriol aimed at Jenner amidst all the publicity.

It is important to note that the majority of those

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killed this year were transgender women of color, prompting activist to take up the mantra of “Black Trans Lives Matter.” It is also important to point out that many activists include a number of trans people who committed suicide this year in the roll of those lost to anti-trans hatred.

Transgender murder victims reported in 2015 included:

JANUARY: Papi Edwards, 20; Lamia Beard, 30; Ty Underwood, 24; Yazmin Vash Payne, 33. FEBRUARY: Taja Gabrielle DeJesus, 36; Penny Proud, 21; Bri Golec, 22; Kristina Gomez Reinwald, 46. MARCH: Keyshia Blige, 33; Maya Hall, 27. MAY: London Chanel, 21; Mercedes Williamson, 17. JUNE: Jasmine Collins, 32. JULY: Ashton O’Hara, 25; India Clarke, 22; K.C. Haggard, 66; Shade Schuler, 22. AUGUST: Amber Monroe, 20; Kandis Capri, 35; Elisha Walker, 20; Tamara Dominguez, 36. OCTOBER: Kiesha Jenkins, 22; Zella Ziona, 21.

#### 4. Texas Legislature fails to pass anti-gay bills

The 84th legislative session could have been a disaster for the LGBT community. But equality managed to dodge any number of Republican lawmakers’ bullets in 2015.

Texas was not immune to the Republican wave election ushering numerous arch-conservatives into office across the country. Democrats ran a slate of LGBT allies for numerous statewide seats only to be crushed. Gubernatorial candidate state Sen. Wendy Davis of Fort Worth fell to former Attorney General Greg Abbott and lieutenant governor candidate state Sen. Leticia Van de Putte of San Antonio lost to right-wing state Sen. Dan Patrick. Other rabidly anti-LGBT former legislators, including Ken Paxton — who was fined for securities fraud but still elected attorney general — Sid Miller — who won the ag commissioner’s seat — and others, joined them in taking control.

A Republican Party already divided between two competing ideological factions now had more control than ever. Even after the elections, the Texas House faced another election: the first recorded vote for Speaker of the House in 30 years. The intra-party battle between the Tea Party and the GOP Establishment fizzled fast. Despite a year-long campaign for speaker, Rep. Scott Turner of Frisco garnered only 19 votes to more moderate incumbent Speaker Joe Straus’ 127.

After that battle was over, another began. By the time the pre-filing period ended, legislators had filed about 40 bills targeting the LGBT community, ranging from measures allowing businesses to discriminate based on religious beliefs to jailing transgender individuals who use bathrooms according to their gender and criminalizing those living with HIV.

Molly White, the freshman Republican representative from Belton, found her bills dead on arrival. Others, however, gained traction through a combination of political skill and situation and worry over the pending Supreme Court decision on marriage equality.

Surprisingly enough, the legislative session wasn’t a disaster for LGBT Texans.

Bills introduced by Rep. Cecil Bell, R-Magnolia, which would have barred county employees from issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples, had



the support of a majority of House Republicans and almost passed the House. But opposing legislators managed to run out the clock on a crucial deadline, ultimately killing that bill and others.

In the end, opponents of LGBT equality only got a last-minute resolution in the conservative state senate affirming “traditional marriage” (read: not same-sex marriage).

On the flip side, many bills benefitting the LGBT community were introduced, and one — which would allow a same-sex couple to include both parents on the supplemental birth certificate — even passed out of committee with bipartisan support. Unfortunately, it too died because it failed to meet a crucial deadline.

#### 5. Plano passes rights ordinance; Houston shoots down HERO

City officials in both Houston and Plano fought hard in 2015 to pass LGBT-inclusive equal rights ordinances. But the battles took far different paths.

Houston’s ordinance was more encompassing, protecting individuals based on 15 classes. Even though the City Council approved it, voters overturned it in a November referendum in which opponents ginned up fear with their “men in the women’s restrooms” mantra that targeted transgender women.

Plano’s ordinance, on the other hand, remains intact, but is less far-reaching and has raised concerns regarding its protections for transgender people. It prohibits “discrimination in places of public accommodation, employment practices, housing transactions and city contracting practices.”

LGBT rights advocates were unhappy with the vast number of exemptions listed in the ordinance. Its broad exclusions and problematic language regarding transgender people particularly irked people.

Anti-LGBT opponents claimed both ordinances allow men to use women’s bathrooms. It wasn’t true in either case. In fact, Plano’s exemptions included bathroom use.

The same right-wingers who managed to sink Houston’s ordinance came north and gathered signatures to file a petition repealing the Plano ordinance, just like they did in Houston. But Plano city officials declared all of the signatures invalid

to stave off a referendum. Still, opponents secured victory in May elections when two of the ordinance’s opponents were elected to the council.

In Houston, HERO spent most of the year mired in costly legal battles, culminating in a July decision by the Texas Supreme Court to halt its enforcement. The ruling forced the city to either repeal the ordinance or put it on the ballot. The council soon afterward voted to put it on the ballot, leading to the November defeat.

The ordinance, also known as Proposition 1, would have prohibited discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodation on the basis of 15 protected classes, including race, gender, pregnancy, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability and military status. Religious institutions were exempted, but violators of the ordinance could have been fined up to \$5,000.

HERO’s opponents called the ordinance’s defeat a turning point in the social conservative cause.

“This is a national game-changer,” said Jonathan Saenz of Texas Values Action, which opposes LGBT equality. Claiming the campaign’s success could lead to a nationwide blueprint for other campaigns opposing LGBT rights, he added, “[It was] massive victory for common sense, safety and religious freedom.”

After declaring victory in Houston, anti-LGBT activists set their sights on Dallas, where the city council voted unanimously to revise the city’s nondiscrimination ordinance to include gender identity and expression. That vote, taken at the council’s regular weekly meeting, came after a year of deliberation and meetings by the city’s LGBT Task Force.

But don’t bother telling that to rookie Tea Party state Sen. Don Huffines, a Republican. In a statement to Dallas Voice Huffines called the ordinance the “product of an obscure city task force and a closed-door meeting.”

Unlike ordinances, though, facts are stubborn things. At least that’s how Dallas Councilman Philip Kingston said it. He outright called Huffines and Patrick liars.

“The lieutenant governor is infamous for fomenting mob mentality against the interests of minorities. In Dallas we believe in equal protection under law,” Kingston said.

Dallas’ ordinance continues to stand strong.

#### 6. ‘Religious liberty’ laws take national stage

The concept of religious liberty is not new to the national discourse. But defying the law because of sincerely held religious beliefs certainly was one of the hottest topics of 2015. In particular were bills many LGBT advocates called “right to discriminate” bills allowing broad exemptions for individuals and business owners to deny services to LGBT individuals based on religious convictions.

The debate over state versions of religious freedom restoration bills popped up in legislatures across the country, primarily in response to court rulings legalizing same-sex marriage and the U.S. Supreme Court’s *Obergefell* decision legalizing same-sex marriage nationwide.

Bills passed in Arkansas and Indiana over the objections of LGBT advocates, business groups and progressive organizations. Indiana’s Gov. Mike Pence defiantly claimed the bill enacted there simply protected individuals’ rights to exercise their religious freedom.

Pence and the Indiana legislature ultimately added language clarifying it would not allow for LGBT discrimination.

In Texas, similar battles were waged in the state legislature. A state representative dropped his bill due to objections from a coalition of business, LGBT advocacy, religious groups and elected officials. But another representative filed the bill. Fortunately for LGBT people and their allies those bills were defeated.

After *Obergefell*, numerous elected officials continued donning the mantle of religious liberty in their efforts to avoid recognizing marriage equal-





ity. Kim Davis, county clerk in Rowan County, Ky., became the national poster child for so-called religious liberty when she steadfastly refused to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples, even after a judge sent her to jail. She ultimately relented when a staffer offered to issue the licenses, and then the Kentucky governor agreed to have marriage licenses statewide altered to remove the county clerks' names.

Other county clerks followed suit. Spurred on by Texas AG Ken Paxton's assurances that Texas county clerks didn't have to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples and that his office would help defend those who did so in court, Hood County Clerk Katie Lang also tried to hide behind religious liberty claims. She quickly relented, however after a Granbury couple filed suit and she realized she could be held personally liable for damages.

Nondiscrimination ordinances also were not immune from the debate. From Houston to Plano, anti-LGBT advocates said such ordinances also violated their religious freedom. The messaging was a success in Houston, where a campaign of conservative faith leaders and social conservatives ultimately lead to the ordinance's repeal.

## 7. LGBT couples fight for pension benefits

Even before marriage equality came to Texas, Dallas' two public pension funds — Dallas Em-

ployee Retirement Fund and Dallas Police and Fire Pension — extended benefits to same-sex couples.

The Employee Retirement Fund didn't have as hard a time extending the benefits as the Police and Fire Pension board did.

ERF even discussed some issues like common-law marriage and that issue arose after the marriage equality decision.

For a spouse to qualify for pension benefits, a couple had to be married by the employee's retirement date. At least one retired employee qualified for benefits for her spouse, but another couple didn't because they had never legally married in another state.

So that couple filed a common-law married declaration in Tarrant County, declaring they had presented themselves as a married couple for 20 years. The ERF accepted that document, just as they would have for an opposite-sex couple.

The Police and Fire Pension board wasn't as accommodating. They debated the issue monthly for six months. Lesbian police officers attended the meetings, including Monica Cordova who brought her young son, telling the board she wanted to know he'd be taken care of if she's killed in the line of duty. Another asked board members to suspend their wives' benefits while they debated her wife's benefits.

The board finally relented. But over the past few weeks, it was revealed that the board's attorney investigated Councilman Scott Griggs who



sits on the board and insisted on equal treatment for LGBT cops and fire fighters.

And Cordova was named Dallas Police Officer of the Year for her part in establishing equal benefits for all officers.

Fort Worth beat Dallas to the punch, however, when it announced that beginning Feb. 1 the city would extend spousal benefits to the legal same-

sex spouses of city employees.

And the state of Texas was ready for marriage equality — at least at the state's pension funds.

Within a week of the Obergefell decision, Texas Municipal Retirement System, the Employee Retirement System of Texas and the Teacher Retirement System were registering same-sex spouses for pension benefits.

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# A Christmas Story

## Family, acceptance and the best Christmas gift ever

I know it's a week after Christmas, and the time for heartwarming Christmas stories was maybe last week — you know, on Christmas. But this story hadn't been written then; it was still happening. So I want to share it with you now.



**Leslie McMurray**

Since I transitioned, more than four years ago, one of the questions I'm most frequently asked is how my daughters handle it. There have been some struggles, which is to be expected, and in past columns, I've detailed some of the evidence of those struggles.

My girls are 29 and 35 years old and my oldest has three kids of her own. They are plenty old enough to understand what is going on and to make their own decisions. Still, each has had their moments, and that is 100 percent understandable.

I remember Sarah (my oldest) wistfully remembering the last time she saw me pre-transition, telling me that she wished she'd known at the time that it would be the last time she would see her father.

I remember Chrissy recalling a friend's wedding she attended with her boyfriend (they are going to get married — bet on it). She had a wonderful time — until the "father/daughter dance." That's when she broke down as she realized that would never happen for her.

Transition is a family event. It affects everyone in different ways. It's inherently disruptive, even under the best of circumstances.

I had no answer for either of my daughters, other than to listen. It breaks my heart, too. I never wanted to take their dad away from them, nor did I ever consider myself their mom. That role and place is reserved for my ex-wife of 33 years.

So over the past four years, we have kind of carved out a new place for me in the family. The relationship I have with each daughter is different now, but in so many ways, it's better.

I can be who I am with nothing held back. I love my girls and my grandkids with all of my heart. I also have a person in my life that I love without end (my partner, Katie). We have been living together now for two-and-a-half years, and our bond strengthens every day.

My girls love Katie and treat her like the member of our family that she is. My grandkids adore her. Still, it has to be a lot to take in, and my girls have been beyond wonderful.

Not everyone is so fortunate. I have a lot of friends in the trans community — locally in Dallas and, through Facebook, across the country



and in Europe. It is all too common for those who have transitioned to lose family members. This rejection breaks their hearts. I ache for them.

The stigma of being transgender in public is persistent. Well-organized campaigns denying trans identities are only gathering steam.

The lies told to hurt us are so easy: "No men in women's restrooms" — while the truth is so much more complex. The internal struggle and lived experiences of trans people can't be reduced to a slogan or a sound bite useful in a campaign. We are so much more than that.

I missed seeing my kids for Christmas last year. I was in no shape to travel, having just completed my surgery, and they live far from here. This year, I'm all healed up and was eager to see my kids for Christmas.

Katie and I loaded up the car and headed for Atlanta. Driving across the Deep South is an eye-opening experience. It's a visual reminder that there is a lot of work yet to be done.

Driving across Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama and into Georgia, our situational awareness was working overtime.

We had a busy schedule. Christmas Eve was dinner with my future in-laws, the family of Chrissy's boyfriend. We had never met them, but we were greeted warmly and welcomed into the family. It was easy and relaxed. They have a big family and we were just two more — nothing awkward at all. It was beautiful.

My other in-laws are a little different. My brother-in-law won't hug me; a handshake is the best he will do. My sister-in-law will hug me, though there is some awkwardness.

They don't want to offend, but sometimes go overboard on it, like when she said, "Hey, would you guys move those chairs into the dining room for me?" She then spent the next several minutes trying to explain that she uses "you guys" for men and women: "I say 'you guys' to the girls all the time, so...um, I didn't mean..."

Yeah, I get it. No worries.

Through it all, my girls have been 100 percent behind me. Sometimes though, in the back of my mind ... I wonder.

I know they love me. They have been great to Katie and made her part of the family. But is it something they keep to themselves? I mean, is North Georgia ready to accept us? After all, I know Sarah has a lot of friends in her neighborhood and she has become a central part of a lot of people's lives in her social circle.

Then when we drove up to my daughter Sarah's house on Christmas morning, this is what I saw:

She was flying the Transgender Pride Flag! Right in front of her house!

It immediately brought me to tears. I was speechless. Like the Tony Orlando song, that flag was my "Yellow Ribbon." It was one hundred yellow ribbons, a clear, unambiguous and very public message to Katie and me: "Not only are you accepted, you are embraced and celebrated."

That is the best Christmas present I could ever receive. Thank you Sarah. Thank you Chrissy. Santa has a tough act to follow.

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# Prognosticating

Some 'visions' of the possibilities of 2016

As the New Year approaches, it's tempting to look back at the past and recount the events that made 2015 what it was.

For me 2015 was not a bad year — if you take out the whole heart attack thing and seeing several friends pass on, and the entire 2015 pre-election kerfuffle.

So with that in mind, I would much rather look into the future.

Now, I hate predictions since there is some expectation of them coming true. Additionally, they can be fact checked the following year, making me look more foolish than usual. So here are my "visions" for 2016:

- The crystal ball shows me a man ... he is painting. His work is "primitive," but it keeps him occupied. And that's a good thing since he is a prisoner.

Those "W" paintings will someday fetch fortunes, as they were painted during his incarceration for war crimes when he forgot he had a standing warrant for his arrest in Kuala Lumpur. Should never have taken that paid speaking gig in Malaysia; it was a ruse.

- I see in the cards that local preacher and noted anti-LGBT activist Robert Jeffress will come under pressure from his congregation to "lighten up" on the rhetoric, since the entire music department walked out of First Baptist Church during one of his anti-gay tirades.

- The spirits tell me that as a further concession to Kentucky clerk Kim Davis, the governor of that state will require that all same-sex marriages to be performed "in tongues."

- I have a vision that shows me Texas' U.S. Rep. "Louie" Gohmert Jr. being investigated by the Department of Homeland Security. The search reveals that he is actually a foreign-born national from the United Arab Emirates and never actually applied for citizenship.

He admits the charges are true, comes out as a "secret Muslim," and attempts to institute Sharia Law in Texas. His effort fails because he cannot read enough Arabic to grasp the basic concepts and cannot read enough English to write the pro-



**Hardy Haberman**  
Flagging Left

posed change in the law.

- The crystal ball almost shatters when Ted Nugent, alleged singer and affirmed "ammo-sexual," accidentally shoots himself in the foot, both metaphorically and physically, while brandishing an assault rifle and rant-

ing about Obama coming to get his gun. Ironically the accident happened at a White House reception where, in a gesture of reconciliation, President Obama had just presented Nugent with the firearm as a gift.

- I see, in 2016, the National Geographic Magazine — recently acquired by Rupert Murdoch — discontinuing inclusion of maps in its publication that might give the impression that the earth is round. Similarly, Fox News is forced to change its name to Fox "News" (in quotation marks) by a court ruling declaring that the word "news" actually applies only to events and reporting that is factual and verifiable.

Fox then attempts to copyright the use of quotation marks but is thwarted by Microsoft, which already added any word in quotation marks to its list of products like "Word," "Paint" and "Notepad."

- Finally, as the crystal ball begins to dim, I see a man with bright yellow hair. His orange complexion looks like he has overdosed on beta-carotene, and is matched only by the orange jumpsuit he is wearing. Seems "The Donald" has run afoul of the IRS: His latest hotel was built entirely by undocumented aliens and was financed by chain letters sent to his gullible political supporters.

There may be more in store for 2016, but for now the crystal ball has dimmed. In the words of Maria Ouspenskaya, "Cross my palm with silver if you want to hear more." ■

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The 10 new restaurants that most resonated for us in 2015



# Top tables

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2015 is the year the Dallas dining went irreversibly basic.

This isn't a bad thing. I don't mean basic in the shady, what-a-basic-bitch way. Basic, rather, applies in this context to simplicity. The basic black dress. Mastering the fundamentals. Doing it right.

Of course, fine dining spots still exist, even thrive. The French Room is still one of the best meals you can get in Dallas, and service there is impeccable in the old-school, white tablecloth sensibility. This is partly due, I'm sure, to the economy, but also to changing tastes. A lot of the "basic" restaurants, even those that serve fairly simple cuisine, aren't exactly cheap.

Take, for instance, one of the entries on this list, my top 10 tables of 2015 (I call it top tables rather than "best restaurants" because restaurants are organic things that change over time; this is just a list of ones that impressed me with their newness in the preceding year.) Rapsallion, on Lower Greenville (one of the hottest foodiehoods right now — see sidebar, Page 20), is a hipster haven, with bearded busboys and bar

Fine-dining may be on life support, but Dallas' food scene is thriving

staff, and a chef who looks like he should be chopping lumber as much as preparing a red wine reduction. The setting is buzzy and organic, with a cocktail program that rivals many fancier establishment with foo-foo wine lists. If you want to intrude here wearing a pair of jeans and a polo, you'll feel right at home. You probably feel more out of place if you were wearing a coat with a fraternity tie. And note: You can pay \$150 for a steak at Rapsallion. You just won't suffer through any pretension and fuss.

That accounts for why this list — which chronicles the most memorable meals I had last year — includes several that might be categorized in the "fast casual" category. That's the fastest growing segment of cuisine in the country, and can be written off sometimes as high-end fast food. That may even be the case. But the best of them do something more — with organic ingredients, inventive sauces, authenticity and cleanness of flavor. It was hard, in fact, to narrow the list because of the plethora of excellent restos that cropped up since October 2014. (My lists usually stops before the end of the year



to give new places a moment to breathe; therefore, a number of hot new places — Filament, The Theodore, Wayward Sons, Montlake Cut, Tacodeli and 18th and Vine among them — are eligible for next year's list ... and already heavy contenders. Other earlier-opened restos, like El Bolero, Hickory, Luscher's Red Hots and Remedy, missed the final cut.)

Here, then, a list that includes not only great Italian and sushi, but also street food, Franco-Mexican and more.

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do exceptionally well), but pasta dishes, too. Closer to Dallas, the Eatzi's-ish market/deli/resto CiboDivino, by former Oak Lawn restaurateur Daniele Puleo, brought in the most fabulous and authentic wood-burning oven in which to create its classic pies. You can eat there, or grab a bottle of red to go and savor the gooey, rich pizzas at home. *Vivo 53*, 525 Taylor St., Fort Worth. *Vivo53.com*. *CiboDivino*, 1868 Sylvan Ave. *CiboDivinoMkt.com*.

10 (tie). *Vivo 53* and *CiboDivino*. Perhaps the essence of basic food in the modern idiom can be boiled down to a holy trinity: Pizza, burgers and tacos. So why not pick my two favorite new pizzerias to share this space? When Fort Worth's *Vivo 53* opened last summer, it quickly figured on my shortlist for central Cowtown eateries where you can get reliable, fast, friendly and sophisticated food ... not just pizzas (which they

9 (tie). *Pints and Quarts* and *Rodeo Goat*. As with pizza, the burger is a thing of beauty when executed in the right way, and we have to admire that ground-beef sammies at these two uber-cas but ultra-tasty burger joints. Over in the Design District, *Rodeo Goat* (an import from Fort Worth) creates unusual flavor combinations on its celebrity-named, unsavory concoctions (naming a side dish "the steaming pile," and throwing on habanero, bacon and cheese doesn't suggest understatement, but



**SIP, BITE, SLURP** | The tart, lovely cocktails at *Americano* give Italian food a welcome modernization, top; Sugarbacon's sea scallops, above, gussy up the genre of New American cuisine; a bowl of noodles from *Ten Ramen*, left, is now one of Dallas' essential dining experiences. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)



damn it's good). That's the one near my work. Over on Lower Greenville (where I live), dive diva Brooke Humphries (she of Barcardia, Mudsmith and It'll Do Club) struck a magical balance with her biker-bar-cum-hipster-hang Ps & Qs, with its slate of craft beers, late-night service and exceptional hand-crafted burgers. It completes the ethos of the neighborhood so well, it transcends mere nutrition and takes on a quality of nourishment for the soul. All of which means I'm never far from the salve of a good burger. *Pints and Quarts*, 5354 Ross Ave. *PsAndQsDallas.com*. *Rodeo Goat*, 1926 Market Center Blvd. *RodeoGoat.com*.

8. **Sugarbacon Proper Kitchen.** Truth be told, I don't usually venture into the environs of the Metroplex much farther north than Belt Line Road (suburbanites tend to be less demanding than city-dwellers, and even a bit suspect of innovation), but a trip to McKinney's Sugarbacon is sooooo worth it. Run by former Stephan Pyles protege Jon Thompson, this exquisitely understated haven of New American cuisine (diver scallops, chile-rubbed Delmonico, the eponymous pork belly appetizer) overwhelms you with its unpretentiousness and unexpected deftness. It's a diamond you didn't



Who would have expected the chicken karaage at Uchi could be one of the best bird dishes in Dallas right now? (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

know had such fire 'til the light hit it. 216 W. Virginia St., McKinney. *Sugarbacon.com*.

7. **Café Momentum.** Dallas foodies knew Chad Houser's bona fides as a chef when he and Janice Provost shared the kitchen at Parigi. But when they co-founded the socially-minded pop-

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### You need to be here: Three hot foodiehoods

In 2014, all the buzz was around Trinity Groves and its laboratory of culinary experimentation. It's still a hot ticket, but the last year or so has seen other neighborhoods and developments come online, with exceptional and diverse food offerings. Get your fork over to:

**Lower Greenville.** Once a hubbub of Dallas nighttime life, it dropped off substantially in the 2000s before returning full-force in the past few years. Currently, there are more than three dozen eateries along a four-block strip, including a Trader Joe's. Highlights include newcomers **Rapscaillon** and **Pints and Quarts** for meat lovers, seasoned favorites like **HG SPLY Co.** and **Nora**, as well up-and-comers like **Remedy** (don't miss their dessert offerings, pictured).

**Sylvan Thirty.** This new development, located along I-30 and Sylvan Avenue — duh — catty-corners the already-hot Belmont Hotel and Smoke resto, but the addition of some edgy new eateries (**CiboDivino** and **Ten** made the list; **Tacodeli** might have if it had made the cut-off) is a new go-to place for Cliff-dwellers and those looking to explore their palates.

**The Design District.** The growth of this largely industrial neighborhood into a trendy living-and-eating locale — former Top 10 restaurants like **Oak** and **Pakpao**; current faves like **Rodeo Goat** and **El Bolero**; returning faves like **Primo's**; and even like **SER** and **Meddlesome Moth** — has given Dallas the urban oasis that Victory Park tried to foist on the city, but it seems to have happened here more organically.

— A.W.J.



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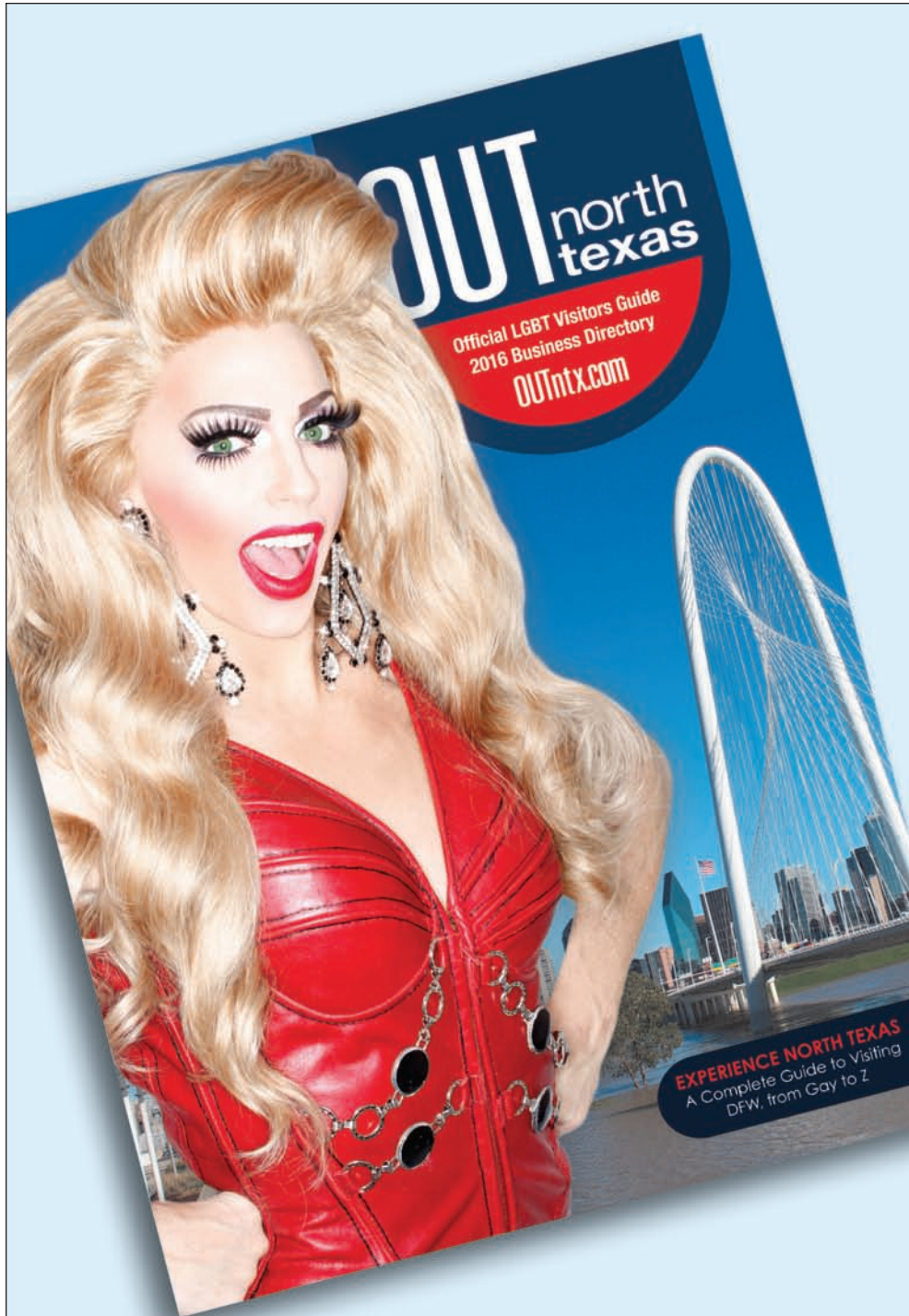


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We like to refer to “the LGBT community,” but we’re all part of a larger collective of many communities: Dallassites, Texans, Americans, earthlings ... consumers of media and patrons of the arts and the things that make life interesting. In the global age, that’s an all-encompassing range of experiences, so boiling all of that down to a collective handful representing an entire year is no easy task. But we took it on anyway, assembling this list of one dozen things that happened in Dallas — or affected us in some way — in the arts, the world of sports, pop culture and media. What about life in Dallas in 2015 resonates for you? Continue the discussion online, and let’s look forward to what 2016 holds.

**Trans Jenner.** Bruce Jenner formally announces he’s a transgender woman in a widely-

watched ABC interview special, comes out on the cover of *Vanity Fair* as Caitlyn Jenner, gets her own reality TV show (*I Am Cait*) ... and completely alienates the LGBT community by proudly supporting Republican candidates and giving only half-hearted support for marriage equality. Meanwhile, folks like Laverne Cox continue to portray the trans community with dignity and seriousness.

**Tallywackers gives equal time to objectifying men.** Ever since word broke about Tallywackers — the male equivalent to breastedaurants like Hooters, Burger Girl or Twin Peaks ... call it a junkyard? — its campy ap-

peal and sexy waitstaff have shown the straight world at large what gay men have always known: A little man candy never hurt anyone. And we even enjoyed the food.

**Dallas Opera’s three world premieres.** Starting with the multimedia sensation that was *Everest* last winter, and continuing up to the gobsmacking season premiere of Jake Heggie

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**SUN’S OUT, BUNS OUT** | Michael Sam shows off his end zone on ‘Dancing with the Stars,’ above, but he doesn’t fare much better there than he did in the NFL combine ... or the Canadian league; the waiters at Tallywackers, opposite, are equally proud of their ASS-ets ... and their ample weiners.





and Terrence McNally's magnificent instant classic *Great Scott* (and, to a lesser degree, the well-intentioned failure of Mark Adamo's *Becoming Santa Claus*) the Dallas Opera showed the community that the art form is alive and well, and can be as contemporary and relevant as anything Broadway can do.

**Hamilton hype.** Speaking of Broadway, the hit musical *Hamilton* — Lin-Manuel Miranda's hip-hop take on American history with a racially and ethnically diverse cast representin' the Founding Fathers (and Brothers) gave theater queens a new star to latch onto. History never seemed so fun.

**Dallas: Drag Racer haven.** Since Bianca Del Rio performed at the start of January last year, about a dozen recent former contestants from *RuPaul's Drag Race* have debuted or returned to Dallas (often through programming at The Brick). Among them: Pearl, Adore Delano, Miss Fame, Trixie Mattel, Trinity K. Bonet, Morgan McMichaels and our own Kennedy Davenport, Alyssa Edwards and Shangela and more.

**Michael Sam foxtrots onto TV, side-steps a pro football career.** After becoming the first openly gay college football player drafted by a pro team in 2014, Sam appeared on the hit competition show *Dancing with the Stars*, lasting several weeks before getting voted off. Meanwhile, his attempt to compete in the NFL combine fails, and his drafting by the Canadian Football League ends quickly when he succumbs to so much pressure. We still admire the guy, though.

**Maxwell Anderson makes a speedy departure from the Dallas Museum of Art.** After helping increase attendance and overseeing sev-

eral important exhibitions, acquisitions and expansions, the DMA's director announces his departure for a new job in New York, less than four years after arriving in Dallas.

**LifeWalk celebrates 25 years.**

**Wedding bells are still ringing in our ears.**

We're pleased as punch about marriage equality, but just as delighted by the highly successful launch of our inaugural Wedding Expo, as well as the disdain heaped upon haters like Kim Davis and even the clerk in Denton County, who resisted issuing same-sex licenses for a few days before submitting to the rule of law.

**Nationally and internationally, gay "leaders" suffer from serious bouts of foot-in-mouth disease.** It wasn't enough the gay fashion designers Dolce & Gabbana disparaged gay adoption and primly advocated for "traditional" family relations in an Italian magazine. Right here on American shores, the gay owners of the Out NY hotel host a fundraiser for homophobic Canadian-born Texas Sen. Rafael "Ted" Cruz ... then make catty comments about gay clientele in New York magazine. (They repeat the blunder with another anti-gay GOP hopeful several months later.)

**TITAS goes all-dance.** After decades of importing music and dance acts, TITAS officially becomes North Texas' premiere exclusive presenter of dance, with nine Dallas debuts (two world premieres!) in a rangy 10-show season.

**Nerd alert!** The in-person shows — the Marvel Universe Live and Marvel Experience Tour — come to North Texas months before the return of *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*. Gay fantasy/sci-fi junkies go into hyperdrive. ■

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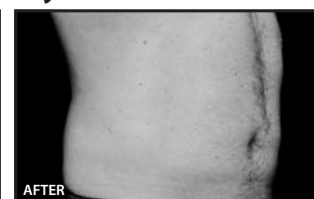


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# Test drive recap

Our auto reviewer ranks the top new rides of 2015

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Fifty-two weeks have come and gone, and during 2015, I reviewed at least that many cars — from fuel-sipping compacts to all-terrain behemoths. Here are my favorites (with base prices listed).

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**10. GMC Canyon.** GMC launched a missile into the mid-size truck segment with chiseled styling while keeping utilitarian CornerStep rear bumpers and EZ Lift/Lower tailgate. Our truck came as a four-door crew cab with beefy steering wheel, red-stitched dash, navigation, heated front seats and Bose audio. Skip the four-cylinder and get the 305-horsepower V6. \$20,955.

**9. Honda HR-V.** On paper, it's just a Fit-based crossover with a 141-horsepower engine that delivers 28/35-MPG city/hwy. But it's more than that. Deep body sculpting complements the fly-bridge console, stitched dash, and glassy touchpads. I loaded all kinds of gear with the seats flipped up. Whether your first or last car, it's a hell of a practical bargain. \$19,115.



**THREE FOR THE ROAD** | Ford's Mustang, above, Jaguar's F-Type R, opposite left and BMW's i8, opposite far right, were among the 10 best cars of 2015 ... and one was even an all-time best-of.

**8. Ford Mustang.** It slaps traditional styling cues with an exotic ass a pony-strewn Porsche would love. Inside, it's all padded and stitched with Recaro buckets. The real shocker comes when kicked by the 310-horsepower turbo-four, click-click six-speed manual and independent rear suspension that tames pavement like an Audi. All that, and 22/31-MPG city/hwy. \$25,195.

**7. Chevrolet SS.** Looking like a big Malibu, the Australian-built muscle car packs a 415-horsepower V8 and six-speed manual transmission. Corvette-derived Magnetic Ride Control erases bumps and grips corners. Head-up display, Bose audio, 4G Wi-Fi and crash avoidance systems fill the cabin. It's a stealth rocket, as sophisticated as a Cadillac. \$46,575.

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**6. Range Rover Sport SVR.** Garnering my highest YouTube views, this debauched carriage mashes Bentley Continental with Hummer. I giggled while throttling the 510-horsepower supercharged V8 and height-adjusting the air suspension. Devour carbon fiber veneer, individually-bolstered leather seats, and 1700-watt Meridian audio. Survey your estate or track club. \$111,350.

**5. Smart ForTwo.** I own a 2009 Smart, but was unprepared for the smoother suspension, planted handling, and turbo engine that delivers 89 horsepower and 33/39-MPG city/hwy. Interiors are roomier and more modern with flatscreens, JBL audio, crosswind assist, and forward collision warning. It appeals to Smart aficionados and normal people alike. \$14,650.

**4. Lexus NX200t.** This compact crossover in F-Sport trim won hearts with its origami styling and alluring interior sporting deeply-bolstered heated seats, heated steering wheel, sewn dash coverings, and wireless phone charging. It moved with a 235-horsepower turbo-four and torque-shifting AWD. It's the car that made me fall in love with Lexus again. \$34,965.



**3. Jaguar F-Type R AWD.** That car is *hawt* — from flush doorhandles to E-Type grille, sensuous hood, and rear haunches drawn tight. It's also comfortable with soft leather, glass roof, and 770W Meridian audio system. Crack the 550-horsepower supercharged V8 as four wheels reach for Jesus. Brembo disc brakes stop yesterday. I'm still vibrating. \$103,600.

**2. Mercedes-Benz GT-S.** If you worship Mercedes, this is the brand's high altar. The grille and gorgeous hood are all 'Benz, but out back, you'll see Porsche 928. My neighbor and I did a high-speed Interstate run en-

sconced within Nappa leather seats and Bestermer audio. Its 4.0-liter Biturbo V8 dispenses 503 horsepower while drivers adjust between Comfort and Race. \$129,900.

**1. BMW i8.** The i8 may be my all-time favorite car. The shape of the flip-up doors is beyond elegant — as is the plug-in powertrain with mid-mounted turbo-three and electric AWD. Plug in for 15 miles of electric range, but step full into 357 horsepower and 0-60 mph in 4.2s. Go easy for 76-MPGe. Slip into heated leather, Harman/Kardon audio, and head-up display. Unlike a Tesla, it drives coast-to-coast without a plug. \$140,700. ■



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up — and, later, permanent resto — Café Momentum (with Houser leading the charge), what seemed like an honorable enterprise (teach at-risk youth the ins-and-outs of the restaurant business) stunned everyone with its elegance and deftness. The food Café Momentum is turning out is as spectacular as any from Cordon Bleu trained chefs. Wow. 1510 Pacific Ave. [CafeMomentum.org](http://CafeMomentum.org).

6. **Pink Magnolia.** “This tastes like happy,” a dining companion said to me when he placed one mouthful of chef Blythe Beck’s defiantly un-

healthy-living food to his lips. I suspect that’s exactly the reaction she wants. Beck has cultivated (cannily) the “Naughty Chef” sobriquet based on her irreverent reliance on butter, booze and bacon, but after a decade spent refining her technique, it has progressed from gimmick to aesthetic, with a social, family-style atmosphere serving salad-deprived dishes to diners who aren’t afraid to enjoy life and grab it by the love handles. (Look for a full review soon.) 642 W. Davis St. [PinkMagnoliaDallas.com](http://PinkMagnoliaDallas.com).

5. **Rapscallion.** The folks who brought the boucherie-bistro Boulevardier to Oak Cliff gave Lower Greenville a kind of urban update with

Rapscallion. With its retro-European vibe (even the font on the sign looks like something designed during *la belle époque*), concern for crafting sophisticated but hearty dishes and a drink menu that’s half the fun, this one could be a game-changer in a big way — the future of artisan hipsterism. 2023 Greenville Ave. [DallasRapscallion.com](http://DallasRapscallion.com).

4. **Americano.** Even though we love pizza, Italian food is much more than just that. Indeed, it’s the handmade pastas, rich sauces, delicate fillings and craft cocktails, all of which this oddly-named spot at the Joule executes with cheer-worthy precision. (Look for a full review



Chef Blythe Beck elevates home-style cooking with indulgent adds-ons, but the friendly atmosphere is as much a selling point as the food. (Photo courtesy Scott Mitchell)

soon.) 1530 Main St.

3. **Ten Ramen.** Perhaps no restaurant on the list captures the “basic” label with more vigor than Ten Ramen. The shop itself is small and difficult to find (it’s snugly under an outdoor staircase in the Sylvan Thirty development). It’s standing-room-only, with no hostess and an attitude that says “figure it out.” The menu is limited (maybe half a dozen dishes). You wonder, what’s the deal? The deal, it turns out, is one of the most satisfying meals you’ll ever have. From the quirky, huge bowls of ramen noodles and broth to the spicy ingredients to the Darwinian sensibility (No to-go orders! No cash accepted! No reservations!), eating at Ten is like a trip to Bangkok without leaving West Dallas. 1818 Sylvan Ave. (no website, of course).

2. **Madrina.** When Julio Peraza stepped in to the kitchen at Komali in 2014, you knew instantly he was a force to be reckoned with. He elevated the cuisine to the level owner Abraham Salum — like Peraza, a French-trained Mexican-born chef — set. When he got his own restaurant where he could play, he turned Madrina into a culinary playground, combining South of France and South of the Border into a single stunner. (Look for a full review soon.) 4216 Oak Lawn Ave. [MadrinaDallas.com](http://MadrinaDallas.com).

1. **Uchi.** OK, so I said fine dining is dead as a new concept. Well, yes and no. You don’t need to wear a blazer to dine at Uchi (Uptown’s most electrifying new restaurant since Star Canyon), but you do get unparalleled service and the most exciting dishes to pass by in recent memory. More than just sushi, the thoughtful takes on everything from chicken to pork, as well as the eye-popping presentations, made this the clear best new restaurant of 2015. 2817 Maple Ave. [UchiRestaurants.com](http://UchiRestaurants.com). ■

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### 30th anniversary season of Pegasus Theatre kicks off with world premiere Living B&W show

If you've never seen a Living Black & White show — one of the masterfully art-directed mystery comedies from Pegasus Theatre — you're overdue. The company is marking its 30th anniversary season with a full slate of productions, starting with the world premiere *Death is a Bad Habit!* at the Eisemann Theatre. Written by and starring Kurt Kleinmann it's a corny comedy with a surprise ending. Prepare to be amazed at the look of it.

**DEETS:** Eisemann Center for Performing Arts, 2351 Performance Drive, Richardson. Through Jan. 24. PegasusTheatre.org.

**Friday** 01.01 —  
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### Shen Yun Performing Arts spins into the Arts District

Known for their glorious colors, elegant movements, evocative music and overall beauty, Shen Yun is a Chinese dance troupe that blends the dance styles of East and West into a graceful evening of art. The company comes into the Winspear Opera House for two weekends, beginning on New Year's Day.

**DEETS:** Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. Jan. 1–10. ATPAC.org.



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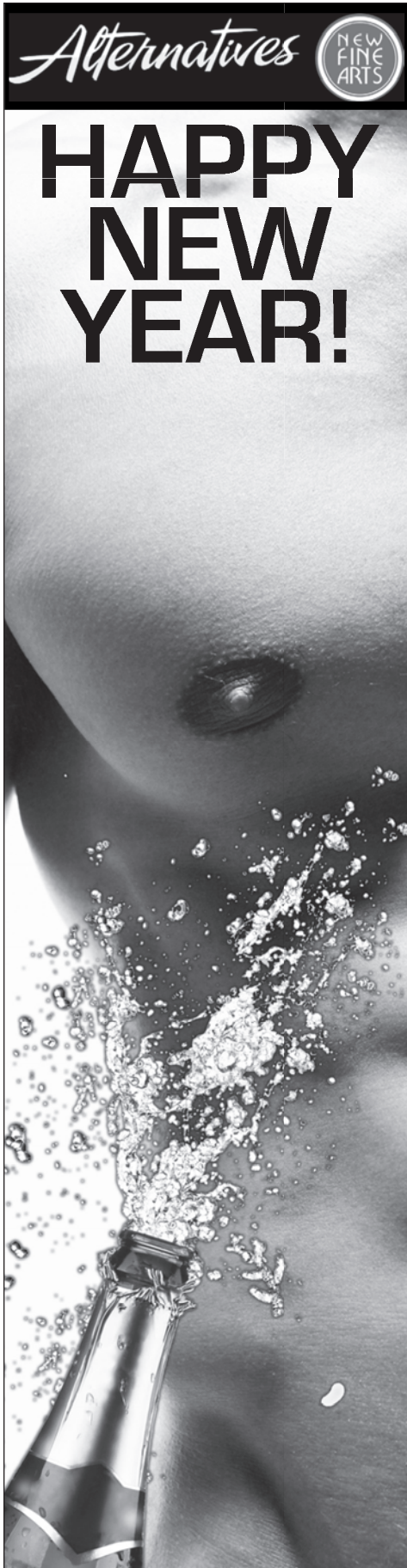
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## calendar highlights

**Editor's note:** Be aware that over the holidays, many groups and institutions may modify or cancel hours or events. Call ahead before planning.

### ARTSWEEK

#### THEATER

**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. Moves from the Addison Theatre Centre to Fort Worth. Stage West, 821 W. Vickery Blvd., Fort Worth. Through Jan. 31. StageWest.org.

**Death is a Bad Habit!** Pegasus Theatre, renowned for its patented In Living Black and White shows, returns for an historic 30th anniversary season with this world premiere murder mystery-comedy featuring the bumbling part-time detective Harry Hunsacker. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts, 2351 Performance Drive, Richardson. Through Jan. 24. PegasusTheatre.org.

**I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change.** Gay playwright Joe DiPietro co-wrote this popular musical revue about relationships. Last week, B.J. Cleveland became a last-minute replacement for Doug Jackson, who fell ill. He co-stars with Amy Mills Jackson, Max Swarner and Kim Swarner. Theatre 3 in the Theatre Too space, 2800 Routh St. in the Quadrangle. Through Feb. 14. Theatre3Dallas.com.

**Clarkston.** Dallas Theater Center presents this world premiere from gay playwright Samuel D. Hunter, about a relationship between workers in a Costco. Wyly Theatre, 2400 Flora St. Through Jan. 31. DallasTheaterCenter.org.

#### 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. *Final weekend.* ThreeSixty Theatre, 2450 San Jacinto St. . ATPAC.org.

#### DANCE

**Shen Yun Performing Arts.** The Chinese dance and music troupe performs. Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. Jan. 1–10. ATPAC.org.

#### CIRCUS

**Lone Star Circus.** The return of the holiday tradition, a classic assemblage of clowning, acrobatics and feats of derring-do. Rosewood Center for Family Arts, 5928 Skillman St. Dec. 26–Jan. 3. DCT.org.

#### FINE ART

**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.

**Castiglione: Lost Genius.** Masterworks on paper from the Royal Collection. Kimbell Art Museum, 3333 Camp Bowie Blvd., Fort Worth. Through Feb. 14. Free. KimbellArt.org.

**Gustave Caillebotte: The Painter's Eye.** Kimbell Art Museum, 3333 Camp Bowie Blvd., Fort Worth. Through Feb. 14. \$18. KimbellArt.org.

**N.S. Harsha: Sprouts, reach in to reach out.** A site-specific 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. DMA.org.

**International Pop.** A survey of pop art, the distinctive modern movement of the 1960s. Dallas Museum of Art,



### STAGE REVIEW: 'Clarkston'

It's training day at the Clarkston Costco warehouse. Chris (Sam Lilja) is the veteran, instructing newcomer Jake (Taylor Trench) on the procedures. They are not complicated: Move this inventory from this box to this shelf; repeat. Show up on time. And try not to break anything. It's grunt work, but solid employment for the natives of this humble berg on the Idaho/Washington border.

Only Jake isn't a native. He's that rarest of birds — a newcomer who seems to want to slow down and take root in this town best known for being a stop on the trail of the Lewis and Clark expedition, a stopover on their route to the Pacific Ocean, and nobody has thought much about it since then. It's like a lot of small-town life: The dull wallpaper of Americana. So what brings Jake here?

**Clarkston.** Samuel D. Hunter's world premiere (a companion to his prior play *Lewiston*, also set in the creaky Upper Midwest), has a hint of mystery to it, not unlike most classic-structure character-driven plays, of which this falls firmly within the tradition: Three characters, minimal set, one act (though, at 105 minutes, not a short play). The drama derives from the interpersonal relationships, the reveal of information Jake and Chris secrete and only dole out occasionally. That's not a lot of forward-thrust to sustain a play (unlike, say, *All My Sons* the reveals never rise to the level of "caused the deaths of soldiers"), though for the first two-thirds, you don't really notice: You do get caught up in their lives.

The more interesting life, as it turns out, is

Chris'. He's a hotbed of hidden emotions. Gay but largely closeted, with a meth-head mom (Heidi Armbruster) and absent dad, Chris aspires to be a novelist (he's applied to the prestigious and exclusive Iowa Writers Workshop) and is saving up money to get out of Clarkston. Jake, though, is the emotional opposite. Out and proud, from a family of means, he over-shares like that person on Facebook we all want to unfriend. But his secrets are more dire: He's suffering from a form of Huntington's disease that should kill him within the decade. He's looking for real world experiences ... which, apparently, include systematically destroying Chris' life.

Oh, dear. We all have a Jake in our lives. Deeply insecure but defiantly unapologetic, he seeks to live others' lives for them: Interceding in their affairs, betraying confidences, acting out of spite and malice without thought for consequences. For the first half of *Clarkston*, you think this will be his story, but it's really Chris' — a prosaic tragedy, as if Willy Loman got cut down before he even met Linda. The transition, though, feels abrupt, and when you realize the pain Jake has caused, it's difficult to sympathize with him at all ... which makes the ending (seemingly hopeful, despite everything that came before it) feel tacked-on and inauthentic.

Still, for most of the performance you do get caught up in the details of these lives, their sadness and their specificity. It's a chamber piece with promise. Operas produced this century. See it, and you'll talk about it for years.

— Arnold Wayne Jones

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# Ask Howard

How to do the wrong thing right

Dear Howard,

You may file this question of mine to you, Mr. Howard, under the tagline heading of, "Happy Marriages Equal Chubby Bliss." My new wife and I got happily *and legally* married the first chance we could back in June. I'm almost ashamed and mortified to admit that only six months later now, we've each *somehow* larded on about 25 additional pounds apiece — *my* gluttonous truth is that Carlie is just such a darned awesome cook; worse, we both love to eat. Rather, I mean, Carlie *loves* being basically a '50s housefrau, and I revere *everything* my amazing wife loves doing for me. So herein lays the crux of my new marriage anxiety:

Neither of us were exactly willowy super models when we first met (we're both well into our late 40s now), so I know shedding our newly acquired "muffin tops" probably isn't going to get very much easier down the road unless we (meaning the two of us, Carlie and I equally, *together!*) make some sort of New Year's resolution here *fast*. I "reasonably" suggested to her that we try maybe just cutting out, like, white stuff, for *only* a month or two, and see how that goes (you know — flour products, rice, potatoes, milk and the likes).

Well, that suggestion sure did *not* exactly elicit honeymoon rainbows and romping unicorns. Carlie instantly decreed she'd rather divorce me and handcuff me starving to a runaway freight train of snickerdoodles than give up pasta, potato chips, cake and/or ice cream *temporarily*. "Besides," she moaned, "we're married now and off-the-market; we're *supposed* to go to seed. In any case," she reasoned, "who'd even notice, say nothing of mind, if we *are* a bit chunky, so long as we're happy? For once, just let's screw New Year's unsustainable weight loss resolutions — we're married now, *finally*, and I want to enjoy getting fat. Anyhow, even if we are a bit paunchy, so what? We're both very healthy girls!"

Howard, should I just throw my hands into the air, buckle to all Carlie's

caloric temptations, and continue down this junk-food strewn wedlock road into a possibly cancer-riddled, diabetic future alongside my beloved new bride toward total heifer-dom? — **Tifanie**

Dear Tifanie,

OK, Tif, here's the deal: I don't know why Lesbysterians like your lovely are such bellicose, extremist, *yakety-yak-yak* drama queens. But as you admitted yourself, you and Carlie are both well into middle-age now. Whatever delusions you may still harbor of retrieving any formerly imagined sort of Kate Moss gloriana, well, those days are simply *never* coming back. Regardless, Tif, were you even to *try* surviving now on but little more than, say, oxygen, cocaine and spring water from this New Year's Day forward to *next* Christmas, you'd still manage to achieve but *reflected* glory. As Twiggy herself, that former paragon of mod emaciation, once bereaved, "When perfection is achieved it's hardly congratulated; when perfection isn't achieved, it's hardly noticed."

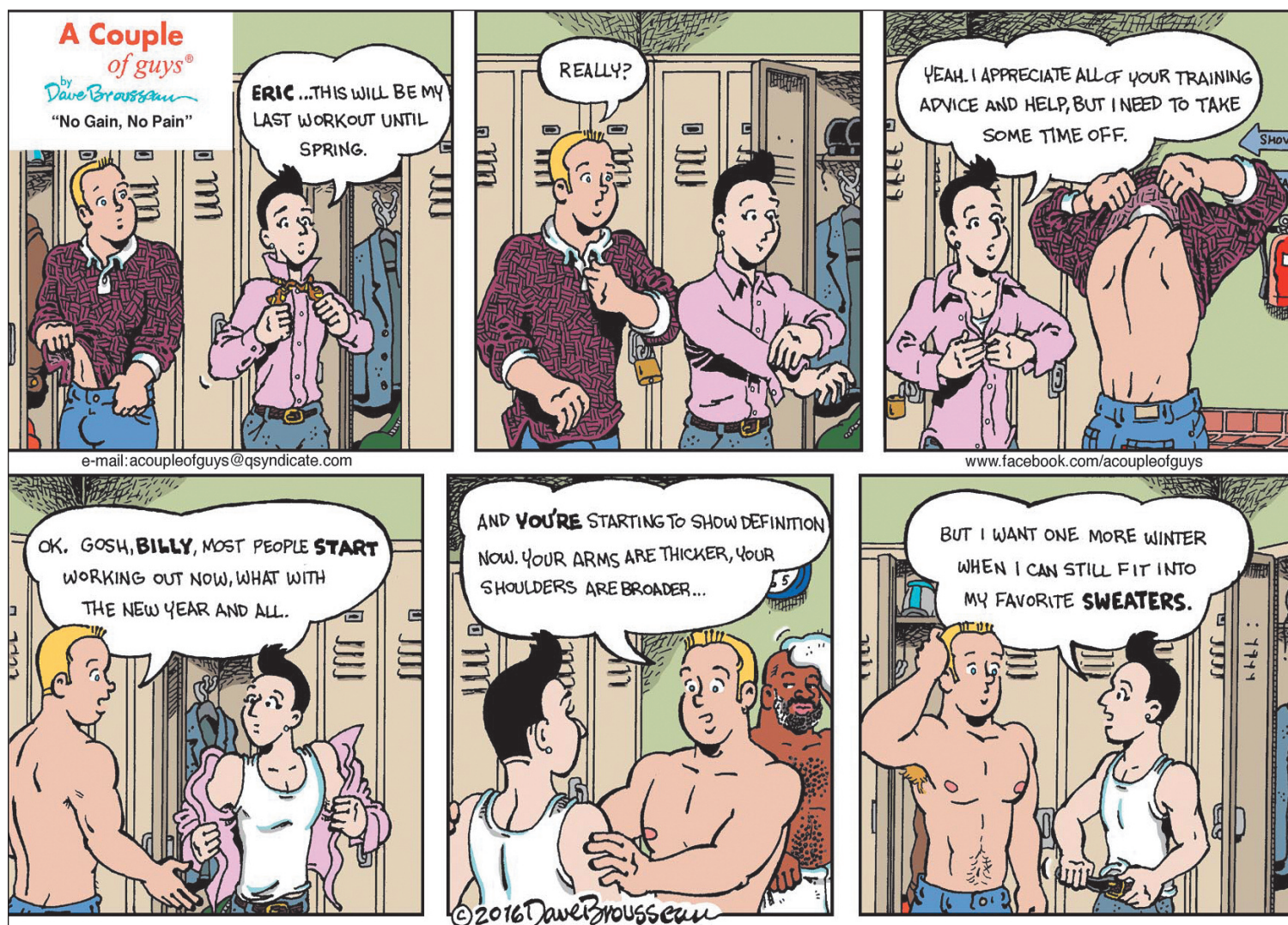
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Dear Howard,

I played exclusively in the lady pond most of my adult life through college, but the closer I get to 30, the more I'm lately starting to think about my clock a-ticking: I've begun dating men. I desire children; I want them to have a father figure in their life. Howard, how quickly is it respectably decent to text or phone a man back I'm interested in, following our first date, if I truly like him and want to go out with him again for a second date? — **Laurie**

Dear Laurie,

Whoa, there, girl! I don't know what the dating tactics used by women on other females may be; however, I do *know* that regarding males in the realm of passion, if a man is interested in seeing you for a second date, trust me, you'll be contacted by said dude for a second date: What men are attracted to, men *will* pursue you... voraciously.



Dear Howard,

What would your porn name be? — **Blackjack Preston**

Dear Blackjack,

My first pet was named Rosemary, the street I grew up on was Lorna Road; therefore, my porn name would be, wait for it: "MISS ROSEMARY LORNA!" Sure makes you wanna just cream your britches, don't it?

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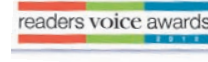
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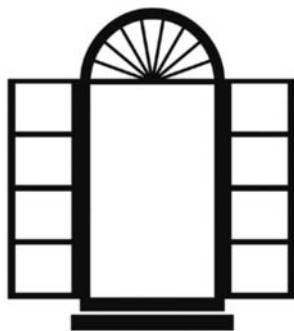
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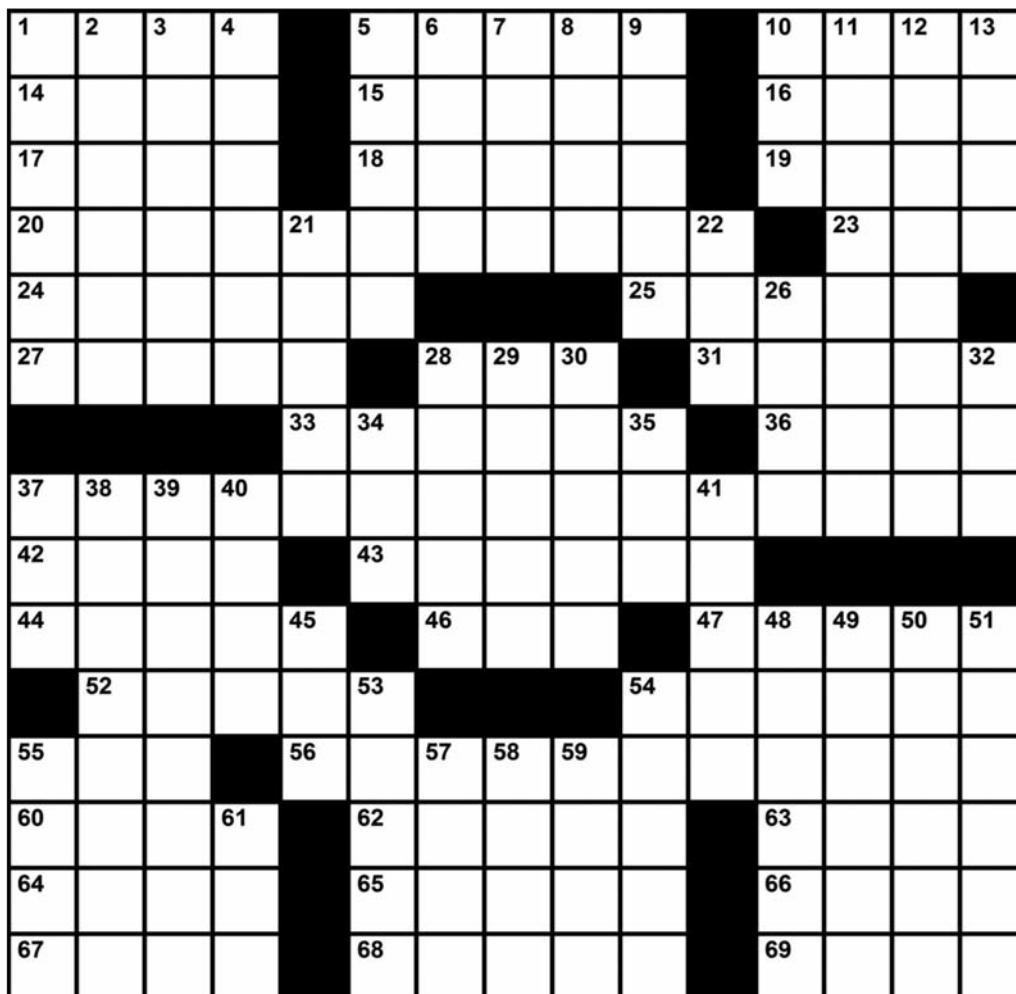
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## q-puzzle



## Happy Anniversary

### Solution on page 23

#### Across

- Part of an actor's pay between parts?
- R.E.M. frontman Michael
- Israeli statesman
- Give a good beating to
- Fable fellow
- Building manager, briefly
- How some chatter
- Jeremy of *M. Butterfly*
- You don't want them in your pants
- President from a southern state
- Fam. docs
- Foucault's farewells
- Peru's \_\_\_ Picchu
- Ivan of the court
- Capone and Capp
- Really feel for?
- Peter Pan opponent
- "Why would \_\_\_?"
- Policy started by 20-Across and ended by 56-Across five years ago
- Penetrating reed
- Poet Edna St. Vincent \_\_\_
- "Over my dead body!"
- Bridal bio word
- Prop department jewelry
- Leisure fabric

- One who does it doggie style?

- Have the blahs
- President from a very southern state
- Lorca's half-dozen
- Billy Elliot portrayer Bell
- Omar of *ER*
- Kinsey org.
- Fragile layer
- Fruit flavor for gin
- Lambda Leg. Defense lawyer, e.g.
- Bowling alley button
- Gay wedding guide author Ayers

#### Down

- Like Krippendorf's group
- Chemical salt
- Earn, slangily
- Emulated Vidal Sassoon, e.g.
- Travels with one's first mate
- Polo of *The Fosters*
- Has the stage
- Bordeaux bridge
- Race site in Auden's land
- Peruvian pronoun
- Anal opening, in slang
- 1998 Ian McKellen film
- Costner character
- Part of an apology

- Albert to Armand, in *The Birdcage*
- Lit \_\_\_ (English major's class)
- Alan of *Little Miss Sunshine*
- Utensil for giving "more" in *Oliver*
- Went to second, to Billy Bean
- Phallic fish
- Belief system
- Doe in Disney's *Bambi*
- Mafia figure
- Like a slave to a master
- Patricia Highsmith, as a writer
- Student on *Glee*, e.g.
- Universal donor
- Part of Adam in a Cukor film?
- If all goes right
- Vibrator, to a sex toy shop
- Beats, to Bernstein
- Uses a rubber
- Air Force rank of Adrianna Vorderbruggen, who advocated repeal of 37-Across
- Shooting type
- Tibet setting
- Opposite of erect
- Israeli author Oz
- Movie theater
- Oink pen





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