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## Union Station is now EBJ Union Station



National and local leaders gathered in Downtown Dallas Saturday, April 6, for the dedication of Eddie Bernice Johnson Union Station. The historic train station was built in 1916 while segregation was still prevalent.

"If my work highlights any one thing in particular, it is that I have made it a point to help others," Johnson said during her remarks. "And you've heard that this station was segregated, but now, it fits me. It's open to all, regardless of religion, regardless of the origin of birth, regardless of party, regardless of gender. That's what I love."

The city of Dallas voted to rename the transit stop for Congresswoman Johnson in 2016. Those in attendance at the unveiling recognized her service to North Texas in the Texas Legislature and in Congress. U.S. House Majority Leader Steny H. Hoyer and Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings were among the speakers who high-

lighted Johnson's contributions to North Texas. "It is very fitting that Dallas is paying tribute to Chairwoman Eddie Bernice Johnson by renaming Union Station, which was once a segregated space, after a pioneering African-American woman who has been instrumental in making one of America's most diverse cities into a growing hub for research and innovation that inspires the world," Hoyer said.

Dallas officials and other members of Congress were among the dignitaries in attendance.

— from staff reports

## Dangers of Trump's trans military ban

With implementation of the Trump administration's transgender military ban looming, representatives of the American Psychiatric Association and military policy researchers at The Palm Center were expressing concerns about the ban's impact on individual service members and the military over all.

The ban is set to take effect today (Friday, April 12), and at that time, most transgender service members will be required to follow the standards of their biological sex or be removed from service.

Previous Department of Defense policy, established under the Obama administration, allowed transgender service members to seek

treatment. Now, the APA pointed out in an April 9 press release, "DoD intends to discriminate against those who did."

APA President Altha Stewart, M.D., added, "The APA has long fought against discrimination against any patient population. This ban perpetuates discrimination and stigma against transgender people. Furthermore, this ban harms the military by depriving the service branches of willing and capable members."

Researchers with The Palm Center warned that reinstating the ban means that "politics is trumping both military readiness and equal treatment of service members."

Palm Center Director Aaron Belkin said, "Fully 100 percent of transgender troops are threatened and stigmatized by this ban."

— Tammye Nash

## Woodruff appeals conviction to U.S. Supreme Court

Brandon Woodruff has appealed his murder conviction to the U.S. Supreme Court. He is seeking a dismissal of his verdict based on a violation of his 6th Amendment rights that occurred when prosecutors recorded a private jailhouse conversation between him and his attorney prior to his trial. Lower courts ruled that he wasn't harmed by this.

Woodruff was convicted of the 2005 murders of his mother and father despite no physical evidence linking him to the crimes. The prosecution mostly used character assassination during the trial, because Woodruff is gay. Among the trial evidence is that the night of the murder,

Woodruff and friends were at S4 on Cedar Springs Road.

Filmmaker Scott Poggensee has been documenting the case in a film called *Texas Justice* that is making the film festival rounds.

— David Taffet

## Perez Hilton outs Sultan of Brunei's son

In the wake of reports that Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei is implementing Sharia law in his country, including the death penalty by stoning for gays, gay blogger Perez Hilton has outed the sultan's second-born son, Prince Azim.

Hilton outed the prince via a video uploaded to YouTube. In the video, he said, "Y'all know I don't out people anymore. I used to do that back in the day, but I'm making an exception here. I'm guessing the Sultan of Brunei doesn't know that his son, Prince Azim, is a big old homo. I would know because I have spent time with Prince Azim."

Various reports also indicate that the Sultan's younger brother, Prince Jefri, is likely to run afoul of the tenets of Shariah Law. According to News.com.au, Prince Jefri is a "sex-obsessed" playboy who lives an "exorbitantly lavish lifestyle, flying in plane loads of women whom he entertained and showered with gifts."

Under Brunei's new law, adulterers could be stoned or whipped, and convicted robbers could have their right hand or left foot cut off.

— Tammye Nash



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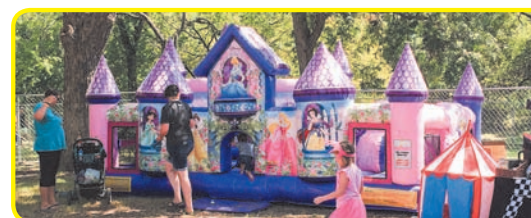
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## APRIL

### • April 12: Compassion Fatigue Symposium

Keynote speaker is author Kristina Hallett, and Denette Mann speaks on mindful self-compassion from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Lovers Lane UMC, 9200 Inwood Road.

### • April 12: Prime Timers

Happy hour at 5:30 p.m. at JR.'s, 3923 Cedar Springs Road.

### • April 12-14 Dallas Art Fair:

100 exhibitors from around the world includes announcement of new acquisitions for Dallas Museum of Art from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and noon-6 p.m. on Sunday at Fashion Industry Gallery, 1807 Ross Ave.

### • April 13: FashionCited

FashionCITED is a locally produced fashion show featuring up and coming Dallas clothiers and designers and benefits Legal Hospice of Texas at 6:30-9:30 p.m. at sixty five hundred, 6500 Cedar Springs Road. Tickets at [Givezooks.com](http://Givezooks.com).

### • April 13: Different Strokes Golf Association (DSGA)

DSGA, the LGBT golf organization,

plays at 10 a.m., at Twin Creeks, 501 Twin Creeks Drive, Allen. \$60 includes golf, cart, range balls and prizes. Information at [DSGADallas.org](http://DSGADallas.org) or email [communications@dsgadallas.org](mailto:communications@dsgadallas.org).

### • April 13: Pride in the Park

Live music by Tipsey the Band and Tat Girl DJ, food trucks, vendors, bounce house, face painting, children's story time tent, community organizations from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Betty Virginia Park, 3901 Fairfield Ave., Shreveport.

### • April 13: The Circle open call

Casting call for contestants in Netflix ultimate popularity contest *The Circle* from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at The Redrock Bar & Grill, 18110 Midways Road #208. Info at [TheCircleCasting.com](http://TheCircleCasting.com). Register at [thecircleus@studiolambert.com](mailto:thecircleus@studiolambert.com).

### • April 13: Leather & Lace

Leather Masters celebrates its 30th anniversary with Leather & Lace, a show by the DFW Sisters from 7-10 p.m. at The Hidden Door, 5025 Bowser.

### • April 13: Prime Timers

Potluck hosted by Sean at 5 p.m. at 1521 Heidi Drive, Plano.

### • April 13: Meet the candidates

GALA presents buffett and cash bar from 2-4 p.m. at Cafe Del Rio, 401 Central Expressway S., Allen.

• **Weekly: Lambda Weekly at 1 p.m. on Sunday on 89.3 KNON-FM with David Taffet, Lerone Landis and the late Patti Fink.** This week's guests are **Dr. David Lee** and **Dr. John Carlo**; **Silver Pride Project Coffee and Conversation** from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Monday at Oak Lawn Library and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Wednesday at Grauwyl Library; **Unwired Group of Crystal Meth Anonymous** meets Sunday at 5:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at Resource Center, 2701 Reagan St.; **Core Group Meeting** every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.; **Fuse game night** every

Monday evening except the last of the month at 8 p.m. at the Fuse space in the 3918 Harry Hines Blvd.; **FuseConnect** every Wednesday from 7 p.m. For more information call or e-mail Jalenzski at 214-760-9718 ext. 3 or [Jalenzski@myresourcecenter.org](mailto:Jalenzski@myresourcecenter.org); LGBT square dancing group **Pegasus Squares** meets the second and fourth Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, 4105 Junius St. For more info, email [pegasussquares@gmail.com](mailto:pegasussquares@gmail.com); **Dallas Frontrunners** meet for a walk or run on the Katy Trail at Oak Lawn Park, Turtle Creek and Hall Street, every Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. and every Saturday at 9 a.m.;



Friends of the late Spanke Studer, near right with Richard "Edna Jean Robinson" Curtain, continue his tradition of raising donations for residents of AIDS Services of Dallas with Spanke's Toilet Paper Party Sunday afternoon. See listings for details.

### • April 13-14: Turtle Creek Spring Arts Festival

Two-day arts festival featuring local and regional artists and crafters, live music, food trucks and more from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday at Reverchon Park, 3505 Maple Ave.

### • April 14: Palm Sunday

### • April 14: Spanke's Toilet Paper Party

Items collected benefit AIDS Services Dallas from 4-8 p.m. in the lawn and courtyard of 3953 Hawthorne Ave.

### • April 14: GDMAF Cookout

Cookout to support Gloria's quest to be Miss LifeWalk at 3 p.m. at The Hidden Door, 5025 Bowser. \$5.

### • April 14: Prime Timers

Road trip to Main Street Arts Festival in Fort Worth. Meet on the NE corner of Main Street and 7th Ave. at 1:15 p.m.

### • April 14: Oak Cliff Earth Day

Terrarium workshop for kids presented by Methodist Hospital. Recycle your glasses. Annual Earth Day celebration from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Lake Cliff Park, 300 E. Colorado Blvd.

### • April 14: Green Source DFW Run for the environment

Fifth annual 5K run and one mile fun walk. Check in at 8:30 a.m. Race at 9:30 a.m. and awards at 10:30 a.m. at Lake Cliff Park, 300 E. Colorado Blvd. The park is accessible from downtown via street car.

**Leadership Lambda Toastmasters** practices and develops speaking and leadership skills from 6:30-8 p.m. on Tuesdays at First Unitarian Church, third floor of the Hallman Building, 4012 St. Andrews; **Thrive** support group from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. followed by mixer every Monday at Resource Center, 5750 Cedar Springs Road; **Lambda AA** meets at 7 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. and has a men's meeting at 10 a.m. on Saturdays and meets at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sunday at 1575 W. Mockingbird Lane #625. Call 214-267-0222 for details; **LGBT Sex Addicts Anonymous** meets at 6 p.m. every

Friday at 1919 Independence St., Room 19, Plano. 972-316-9188 for details; **Leadership Lambda Toastmasters** gay-identified Toastmasters group meets from 6:30-8 p.m. every Monday at the First Unitarian Church, 4015 Normandy Road (does not meet on Mondays that are holidays); **United Black Ellument** hosts discussion on HIV/AIDS in the black community (UBE Connected) at 7 p.m. every fourth Tuesday of the month at 3918 Harry Hines Blvd.; **DVtv in Spayse**, news and entertainment discussion live streaming every Friday, 4-5 p.m., on the Spayse Station YouTube channel.



Register at [Run4Environment.org](http://Run4Environment.org).

• **April 14: Stand Up & Read**

Take the mic and take control for up to five minutes at Twilight Lounge, 212 Lipscomb St., Fort Worth. \$20.

• **April 16: Stonewall Democrats of Dallas**

Largest Democratic club in Texas meets at 6:30 p.m. at Mattito's, 3102 Oak Lawn Ave.

• **April 16: Q-mmuniTEA**

LGBT+ history in Dallas from noon-1 p.m. in the Galerstein Gender Center, 800 W. Campbell Road, SSB 4, 300, Richardson.

• **April 17: Prime Timers**

Lunch at 12:30 p.m. at The Dinner Table, 580 W. Arapaho Road, Richardson.

• **April 18: GALA Happy Hour**

Free appetizers, game tables, for GALA's third Thursday happy hour from 5-8:30 p.m. at Henry's, 5741 Legacy Drive, Suite 100, Plano.

• **April 18: Log Cabin Republicans**

Dr. Shahid Shafi of the Tarrant County GOP. Cocktails from 6-7 p.m. Speaker at 7-8 p.m. Mattito's, 3102 Oak Lawn Ave.

• **April 18: TAG Youth Support Group**

Open to youth of all ages from 5-7 p.m. at Tyler Public Library Taylor Auditorium, 201 S. College Ave., Tyler.

• **April 18: Dental Health Clinic Open House**

Resource Center holds an open house at its new dental clinic from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at 9535 Forest Lane Suite 230.

• **April 19: First Passover seder**


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# Turtle Creek Park is open for business

After a period of turmoil, Oak Lawn's front lawn welcomes the community back

DAVID TAFFET | Senior Staff Writer  
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After a decision by the Dallas Park board to change the name of Oak Lawn Park to Turtle Creek Park earlier this month, Turtle Creek Park Conservancy President and CEO Gay Donnell wants to welcome everyone back to Oak Lawn's beautiful front lawn.

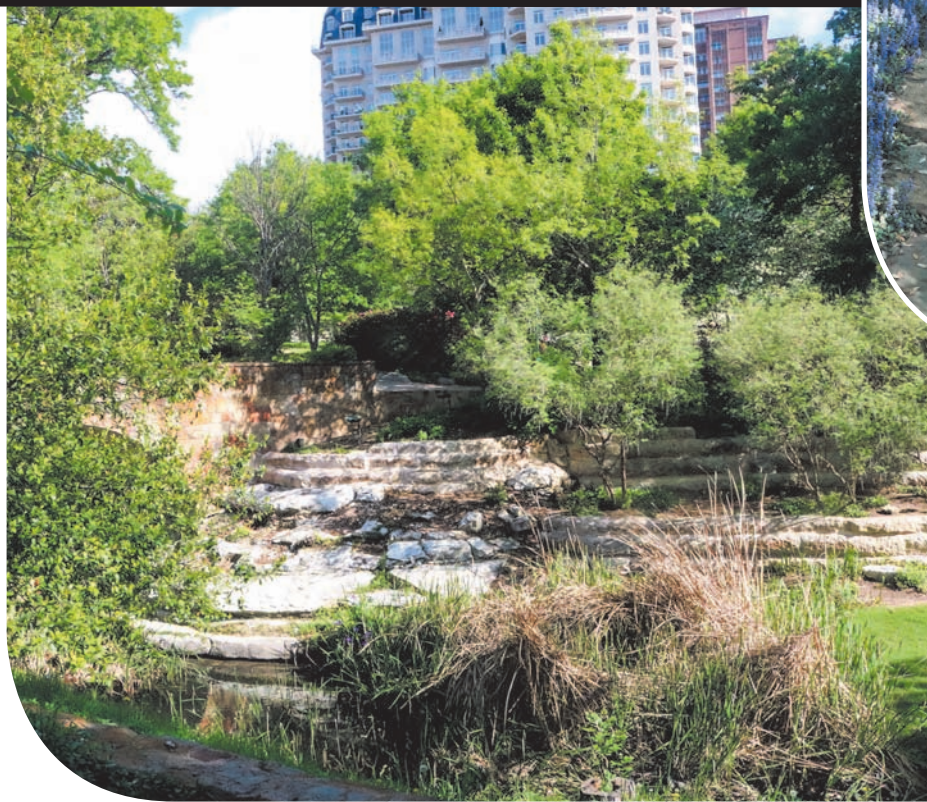
Easter in the Park, including the Pooch Parade, is on April 21, and Donnell said volunteers are still needed. The event, previously staged by the Cedar Springs Merchants Association, was picked up and revived by the conservancy after the merchants group decided not to continue its sponsorship.

The event dates back to 1965 when the Dallas Symphony performed its inaugural outdoor concert next to Arlington Hall. The cost was \$3,000. By the time the orchestra stopped its Easter performance, the cost had risen to more than \$75,000 because of holiday overtime pay and other cost increases.

But along the way, Easter in the Park became a day for picnics, silly bonnets and dogs in costume. In 1969, The Dallas Morning News described the event as a gathering place for hippies. Ten years later, the LGBT community made Oak Lawn home and brought their dogs to the park for the day.

People dressed in bigger and sillier bonnets and dressed their dogs to match. That was the beginning of the Pooch Parade.

This year, Easter in the Park begins at 1 p.m. with the Easter Egg Hunt for kids at 1:30 p.m., the Pooch Parade at 2 p.m. and



pictures with the Easter Bunny at 3 p.m. Conservancy board member Keith Head said they need volunteers throughout the day for the events, beginning at 8 a.m. for setup, but they need most of the help during the afternoon.

Volunteer training takes place from 5:30-6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, in Arlington Hall. While attending training isn't mandatory, Head said it's helpful, and they're providing drinks and some great snacks.

## Renewing a relationship

Donnell said she hopes this is the beginning of a renewed relationship between the conservancy and the LGBT communities and other diverse communities in Oak Lawn. She emphasized that changing the name to Turtle Creek Park was meant to show that everyone is welcome in the park and that taking the park out of Oak Lawn was never the intention, as some in the LGBT community feared. In fact, she said, the name "Oak Lawn Park" came with a bit of its own bad history.

When the park was opened in 1909

as Oak Lawn Park, it was designated whites only, Donnell explained. The African-American community in Oak Lawn at that time lived around Lemmon Avenue and Inwood Road. The closest African-American entertainment area was the State Thomas neighborhood, and the shortest route from the residential area to the entertainment was through Oak Lawn Park. But blacks had to walk around the park.

Members of the LGBT community had filed an application to retain the name Oak Lawn Park out of concern that the name change was an attempt by developers to strip another neighborhood out of Oak Lawn, as has been done with other areas such as Uptown, State-Thomas and the Medical District around Parkland Hospital.

## Recovering from the past

Donnell noted that during the many attempts over the last couple of years to remove the statute of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee from its plinth in the park, areas of the park were barricaded. That was followed by armed, open-car-



ry demonstrators marching around the newly-empty plaza.

That wasn't the kind of environment that encouraged the weddings, photography, picnics and celebrations that the park has always enjoyed, she said. As a result, donations, grants and memberships that support preservation, maintenance and upgrades diminished.

The bronze confederate statue was finally removed in 2017, but the plinth upon which it stood for more than 80 years remained until the beginning of this year.

That left the park with an open eyesore, Donnell said.

She told members of the Dallas City Council they weren't "going to leave us with a muddy hole in the ground," and council members agreed they needed to finish the job. Now, all that remains in the area where the statue stood beginning in 1936 is a low brick retaining wall with only part of the original sign that now reads simply, "Arlington Hall."

The plaza has been filled in with soil and will become an open, grassy area — at least until the Conservancy decides what to do with it, Donnell said. So far, she said, "We have no definite plans. We want to hear from the community with ideas."

## Looking to the future by remembering the past

Ideas of what to do with that area have included installation of new statues, with John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King Jr. and other leaders suggested. But, Donnell said, there are other places in the park for statues. No artist wants to



# TPIF seeking grant proposals



**TAMMYE NASH, I.** Managing Editor  
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**T**he board of directors of Texas Pride Impact Funds this week issued its second “request for proposals” call, asking for Texas-based non-profits that provide support and services to the state’s LGBTQ community to submit grant requests. Through its grants, TPIF “will help eligible organizations whose work — whether current, new or joint projects — is consistent with the TPIF mission of ‘securing the future for LGBTQ Texans by inspiring giving and investment and expand opportunities to enrich our communities,’” according to a press release issued by the organization.

The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. Friday, May 10. Grant awards will be announced as early in the fall as possible, a spokesperson said.

TPIF’s call for proposals in its first-ever grant cycle last year “drew proposals from 38 organizations around the state,” the press release noted. In that first cycle, 15 grant requests were funded, for a total of \$120,000 in funds distributed by TPIF.

TPIF Vice President Judy Sherman said the organization plans to distribute up to \$120,000 in grants again this year.

“The goal of the [request for proposals] is to identify organizations that are doing incredible work but lack the staff or financial resources to fulfill their mission,” said TPIF Treasurer David Carlson. “The health — and future — of the LGBTQ community in Texas is in the hands of non-profit partners who do so much with so little. Very few other foundations will fund LGBTQ nonprofits and programs; therefore, it is vital that we support a wide variety of community needs.”

Sherman agreed, adding, “At the end of the day, we are really looking to serve the most under-served, most marginalized needs across the state. We were thrilled to give a grant last summer to an organization in Midland, a sup-

port group working with transgender individuals out there. And then from Midland, down to South Texas. We are supporting a group in Harlingen, on the border, in staging a Pride festival this summer. That is huge. Those groups are typically completely under-the-radar for major funders.

“You hear their stories, you go down there and see how those folks are living, and it will break your heart,” Sherman said. “Those of us in North Texas think we have some idea of what’s going on down on the border, but we don’t — at all. It’s been very enlightening for everyone to see what’s happening there.”

TPIF’s grants are intended for “organizations and projects that align with funding priorities that include health care, seniors, youth, employment, and social support” — priorities determined through TPIF’s statewide needs assessment survey, completed before the first round of grants last year.

Applicants must have status as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or documented fiscal sponsorship by an organization with current 501(c)(3) status; documentation proving the applicant does not discriminate “with regard to race, color, gender, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, marital status, national origin, political affiliation, ancestry, veteran status, physical disability, socioeconomic status, or source of income in its employment practices, selection of board members, selection of students, or acceptance of clients for services or products, or as otherwise provided by all applicable federal, state and local laws;” and proof that the program or service to be funded “clearly tracks the of the number of LGBTQ Texans served and/or documentation of the impact on the LGBTQ community in Texas.”

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# Social Security recognizes lesbians' common-law marriage

Claudia Bell applied for surviving spouse benefits, but her claim was held up for more than a year

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**M**ore than a year after she applied to receive surviving spouse benefits from Social Security, the federal government finally recognized Claudia Bell's marriage, paid her back payments and awarded her regular monthly checks going forward.

Bell met Tisha Garcia in 2003 at a Guys and Dolls fundraiser for LifeWalk. Garcia was one of the founders of the group that is one of LifeWalk's largest fundraising groups. Garcia later moved into Bell's house where they shared living expenses and presented themselves as a married couple.

In order for Garcia to qualify for Bell's insurance through her employer AT&T, Bell and Garcia went to Austin in 2005 to sign the state's only city registry as "Legally Recognized Partners." They then received a state-issued certificate recognizing their relationship.

In January 2014, Garcia was diagnosed with a very difficult to detect form of breast cancer. Despite Garcia's regular mammograms, by the time doctors found the cancer, it had reached stage 4. The cancer was also "triple negative," Bell said, meaning that it is a type that is hard to fight even with massive amounts of chemotherapy.

Although Bell and Garcia wanted to get married legally, marriage equality had not yet come to Texas. They considered flying to another state, but Garcia's cancer had already spread to her brain, making airplane travel impossible.

Then in the fall of 2014, a court ruled marriage legal in Oklahoma. Bell and Garcia drove up to Oklahoma, got their marriage license and were married in November.

Garcia died the next month.

When Bell retired in December 2017, she applied for Social Security — not her own, but her wife's — under a benefit known as a surviving spousal benefit.

"I applied to receive the money my wife paid all of those years," she said.

But in order to qualify for some spousal benefits, Social Security among them, a couple must be married at least nine months. Texas, however, has a very broad common-law marriage law: Two people who present themselves as married in Texas are, basically, married.

Community property in divorces and inheritance in many Texas cases have swung in favor of the common-law spouse.

So Bell claimed she and Garcia had been in a common-law marriage, and she used the "legally-recognized partner" certificate they had signed in 2005 to prove intent.

Bell learned from the Social Security office that she qualified for her wife's benefits, which means that she was at least 60 years old and did not make more than \$17,640 a year. She was told that her pension from AT&T was excluded as income and wouldn't prevent her from receiving Garcia's Social Security benefits.

Bell was also told the application for benefits would go to attorneys for the Social Security Administration.

But while the government didn't exactly deny Bell's claim, she said that one very pleasant Social Security employee told her she'd receive her benefits "when hell freezes over," because the employee said, she had never seen the administration award benefits to a same-sex common-law spouse.

So, Bell spoke to attorneys at Lambda Legal. The local office referred her case



Claudia Bell, left and Tisha Garcia.

to California, where they were working on Social Security litigation. They considered her case, but decided not to pursue it because while her common-law claim was legitimate, they said, it wouldn't have national impact because common-law marriages are legal in only a few states.

Meanwhile, a number of other same-sex couples in Texas had their common-law marriages affirmed for purposes of pensions.

In Dallas, for the spouse of a retired city employee to receive pension benefits, the couple has to prove they were married on the date of retirement. At least two couples who receive pensions from the city of Dallas filed with the county to affirm their common-law status, which dated back to before the U.S. Supreme Court's June 2015 *Obergefell v. Hodges* marriage equality decision.

But while Dallas recognized common-law spouses soon after marriage equality became law in Texas, Social Security dragged its feet.

Then suddenly in March 2019, Bell got a call from the local Social Security office. The employee had her answer a number of questions: Could she prove she was retired from AT&T?

Bell sent a letter from the company and her final pay stub, proving that she did indeed qualify, and finally last month received a lump sum payment dating back to her initial December 2017 application. And on April 1, the Social Security Administration deposited her first regular monthly payment in her account.

When she turns 70, Bell said she will apply for her own Social Security benefits, explaining that the difference between applying at her current age and waiting until age 70 is a difference of about \$1,000 a month.

And Social Security is now recognizing same-sex spouses as married in Texas if they were together before the *Obergefell* decision, and the government is paying benefits as they would to opposite-sex couples who were able to get married before 2015. ■





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# Roads, loose dogs, clean parks are tops for District 4 candidate

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At 24, Asa Woodberry may be the youngest person running for Dallas City Council out of 52 candidates vying for the 14 positions. But age isn't an indication of ability or motivation.

Woodberry, running in District 4, is also one of five out candidates running for a seat at the horseshoe.

Incumbent District 4 Councilwoman Carolyn King Arnold tried to demean his experience at a recent candidate forum, but Woodberry got the best of her:

"Experience hasn't fixed our roads," he said. "Experience hasn't cleaned up our parks. And experience hasn't raised our minimum wage."

To be clear, Woodberry respects experience. But he also believes there's more to being a good councilmember.

"Experience matters," Woodberry said. "But everybody has a first day at work. I'm willing to learn."

And others seem to believe he'll do just that. The Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance gave Woodberry its endorsement. Three of the five candidates applied for the DGLA endorsement, but incumbent Arnold wasn't one of them. She also didn't seek the backing of the Stonewall Democrats of Dallas.

Woodberry graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in polit-

ical science and a minor in finance. He received his master's degree in urban regional planning with a concentration in housing and community development. His Masters project looked at ways the issue of homeless veterans has been approached in other cities and how those ideas could be used in Dallas.

Woodberry said he believes in the possibility of reducing or even ending homelessness in the city so much, he had an appointment with his councilman to fill his district's seat on the city's task force on homelessness. But that appointment was with former Councilman Dwaine Caraway, who resigned just two days later after being charged in a felony bribery case. Last week Caraway was sentenced to 56 months in prison on bribery charges.

Woodberry jumped into the race after working on a legislative campaign last fall after Caraway's resignation.

"I've always been interested in government and politics on all levels," Woodberry said, adding that he'd heard that millennials and young people are now the biggest voting block. "We care, and we're engaged," he said.

Last year, he got involved in Rep. Rheta Bowers' campaign for the Texas Legislature. Her district runs through eastern Dallas County and includes parts of Mesquite and Garland. Bowers replaced Republican Cindy Burkett who ran for a state Senate seat.

Woodberry described Bowers as a working mom who didn't have money going into her first campaign for public office. So instead, she knocked on doors

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Asa Woodberry

and relied on volunteers to get her name out there.

"She is my role model," Woodberry said.

He listened to people in his district — the way he saw Bowers listen to people in hers — to decide which issues were important for him to focus on in the council race. The top issue in his district, he said, is infrastructure — roads, sidewalks, alleys, lighting and replacing falling, broken or unreadable signs. But loose dogs are also a major problem across southern Dallas, he added, noting he has "personally been attacked by a loose pit bull."

And, Woodberry said, parks in his district are dirty and overrun with trash and debris. Lots of older and retired people live in the district, and he'd like to see the parks in the area upgraded so grandparents would have a place to take their grandchildren.

"Most of the parks in our district don't even have restroom facilities," he added.

Parts of the district are food deserts, Woodberry continued, and he'd like to see more grocery stores and restaurants opening there. There's plenty of fast-food-fried-fish-and-burger places, he said, but nowhere to get a healthy meal.

Lancaster Road runs through the heart of the district. While Wynnewood Village, a little to the north of District 4, is getting a redo, Woodberry would like to see the four corners of shopping centers at Kiest Boulevard receive the same upgrade. He said people don't always feel safe in that area now.

Despite some political wrangling about Woodberry's experience, he said the campaign has been quite cordial.

Eleven candidates ran in a special election to replace Caraway last year, and when the election was over, they did something unusual: Most of them went out to dinner together. The ones who didn't join were out of town or had another commitment.

Woodberry said the four challengers to Arnold have been just as cordial. At candidate forums, they arrive early and chat. During forums, they're more likely to make jokes than to truly criticize each other.

While block walking, Woodberry knocked on a door, and then realized it belonged to opponent Dawn Blair's mom. While he didn't get her vote, he said, they chatted for about 15 minutes.

Keyaira D. Saunders, another of his op-

ponents, has given him fundraising advice. She is running for the third time, but she offered him ideas on what worked for her during her first run for office.

One day, Woodberry said, he was knocking on doors on one side of the street, and Saunders was knocking on doors on the other side. At some point, they stopped in the middle of the street to chat.

So Woodberry isn't worried about his district finding good representation. But he believes his ideas will steer District 4 in the right direction.

He noted that a Walmart store recently opened in the area.

"They don't pay a living wage," he said, adding that low wages force people to take second and even third jobs just to make ends meet. He said he'd rather attract fewer but higher-paying jobs to the district instead of a lot of jobs that ensure people can't take care of their families.

"DeSoto just passed paid parental leave," he said, noting the new ordinance that passed in that city last week, the first city in North Texas to do so. He said that once elected to the Dallas City Council, he'd like to explore the possibility of that in Dallas. ■

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# SB 17 hasn't passed yet; other bills are on the move

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**A**fter losing the battle to get an anti-transgender bathroom bill passed through the Texas Legislature in 2017 — twice, once in regular session and once in special session — Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick this year has turned his attention toward getting a “religious refusal” bill enacted.

A total of 15 religious refusal bills have been introduced in this session of the Texas Legislature. “But the mac-daddy of them all, the No. 1 threat and the one that Dan Patrick is pushing is Senate Bill 17,” Equality Texas Interim Executive Director Samantha Smooth said this week.

And despite social media memes to the contrary, SB 17 has not been passed by the Legislature, Smooth added. It has only been passed by the Senate; it has been sent to The House State Affairs Committee but does not appear to have as much support there.

“There is a meme going around that says SB 17 has passed, and that means people might not realize we have to keep fighting,” Smoot said. “We are adjusting our own communications to make sure people understand SB 17 has not passed and that it is go time. It is time to get active.”

“Call your state representative,” she urged. “Call the members of the committee. Let them all hear from you. We’ve got a fighting chance. We beat the bathroom bill [in 2017]; we can beat this, too.”

But even if SB 17 is defeated, Smoot warned, the battle continues. Even though Patrick’s pet bill is the “No. 1 threat, there are 14 other ones out there. And if we stop SB 17, I predict we will start seeing the others moving,” she said. “Our best defense is making sure that our elected officials understand that the LGBT community and our allies see this bill for what it is, which is a gigantic

invitation to discriminate in all aspects of life, and make sure that they see we are mobilized.

“If they see that we are treating this bill with the same intensity and resolve we treated the bathroom bill with, that will make these lawmakers think twice about voting for it,” she added.

Texas’ business community, which can often lean to the right when it comes to politics, stepped up and spoke out en masse against Patrick’s bathroom bill in 2017. Many of them have started coming forward to speak against the religious refusal bill, too.

“The business community was instrumental in defeating the bathroom bill in 2017, and they are already having an impact” this year in efforts to defeat SB 17, Smoot said. “It is extraordinary that all these pro-equality businesses have taken the bold step of publicly opposing these religious exemption bills. When Apple and Amazon and Google and others like them speak out, the lawmakers will listen.”

Smoot said that Patrick seems to have “a very personal agenda when it comes to the LGBTQ community, and he pursues it even when his agenda is not shared by the mainstream interests of the state. He pursues it to the political peril of his allies.

“He uses the LGBTQ community to fan the flames of intolerance within certain elements of his base, but the political price he pays seems greater. Just look at the last election for proof,” she added. “He seemed to back off at the beginning of the session, but that didn’t last long. I

can only assume it is personal.”

## Other anti-LGBT efforts

The 15 religious refusal bills that have been introduced are not the only dangerous pieces of legislation to be introduced in this session. There are, Smoot said, five or seven — “depending on how you count them” — other bills causing concern.

One of the most heinous, Smoot said, is House Bill 1910, co-sponsored by Rep. Jay Dean, R-Gregg and Upshur Counties, and Rep. Harold Dutton, D-Houston. HB 1910 is currently “sitting in Dutton’s committee, the Juvenile Justice and Family Issues Committee. It is a terrible bill that would tie the hands of judges making custodial decisions, including in foster care situations.”

The bill would prevent judges from taking into consideration a child’s gender identity when it comes to making decisions regarding custody, and “Everything we know tells us how vitally important it is for these [transgender] children to have at least one affirming adult in their lives.

“Everything we know about family law tells us that the No. 1 principle is to do what is in the best interest of the children. Telling a judge that they are prohibited from doing that just flies in the face of what is human and common sense and just,” Smoot declared.

Although at face value, this bill could be seen as preventing a judge from placing a transgender child with an affirming parent or guardian, Smoot said that



John Carlo at the Capitol, above. Rep. Michelle Beckley laying out her bills, left.

it is “intended to be negative. Everyone knows there are better judges and there are worse judges when it comes to sensitivity to these issues, and if this were law, it perhaps could prevent a bad decision. But the aim of the bill is to prevent the affirming parent from having any edge in a custody hearing.

“This has nothing to do with what’s good for kids and everything to do with taking the side of the non-affirming parent in a custody battle,” she said.

Smoot noted that a number of state agencies are “up for sunset review” this session. That means that legislation authorizing those agencies is expiring and needs to be renewed, which leaves opening for anti-LGBT forces to step in.

“There are always agencies sunsetting in a legislative session. But this time, some of those reviews could be open to anti-LGBT amendments. We’ve seen no red flags yet, but we will be watching,” she said. “And if any negative bills start moving, we will be sending out the information to alert our community.”

## On the positive side

There are several pro-equality bills that have been introduced this year, including House Joint Resolution 64, which would remove from the Texas Constitution an earlier amendment banning marriage equality, and HB 978, which would update the state legal code to make the language in marriage laws gender neutral.

Both are authored by Rep. Michelle Beckley, a freshman Democrat from Carrollton.

According to a press release from Beckley’s office, the lawmaker “laid out her bill ... in the House Committee on Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence” on Monday evening. If approved the resolution on the ballot for this year’s November election.





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### TURTLE CREEK,

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create replacement art, she added.

Other ideas for the area include grassy steps with, in one version, memorial bricks framing the steps. In another, those steps would explain the history of the park from before its founding.

Donnell said she has heard one story of how, in the early 1890, cedar trees from what is now the park were cut down and the lumber used to build bridges in Marsalis Park in Oak Cliff. Some of the lumber was even used to construct some of the original cages for the Marsalis Park Zoo, she added.

Going back even further, sabre-toothed tigers may have roamed the area tens of thousands of years ago, and Native American relics found in the park show the area was inhabited as far back as 3,000 years ago.

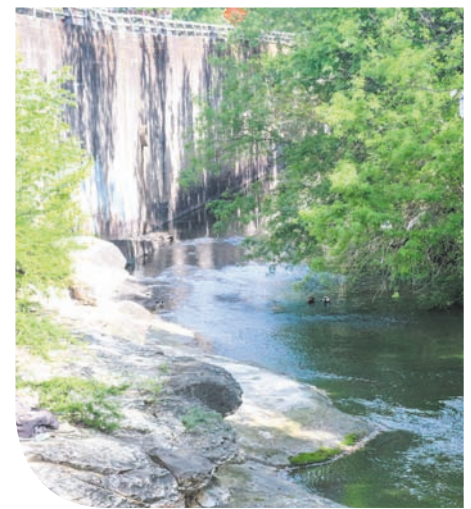
The Turtle Creek name pre-dates the Oak Lawn name by decades, Donnell said: Texas Rangers camped along the banks of the “creek with all the turtles” in 1837 when they were fleeing attacking Indians.

The history steps would acknowledge how developer Mark Lemmon created the park in the 1890s as a way to encourage people to move all the way north to Oak Lawn. Other milestones in its history include the acquisition of the park by the city in 1909, changing the name to Lee Park, and the dedication of the General Lee statute by Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt in 1936. The park’s place in the history of Dallas’ Pride celebration and its status as a gathering place for the LGBT community would be included, with information about the celebration in the park marking Judge Jerry Buchmeyer’s 1982 ruling declaring Texas’ sodomy law unconstitutional.

### The people’s park

Donnell hopes that in addition to coming for Easter in the Park and Day at the Races, which takes place on May 4, people will come any time and explore all of Turtle Creek Park, which includes three distinct areas. The original park runs from Hall Street to Lemmon Avenue and from Lee Parkway to Turtle Creek Boulevard, and includes Arlington Hall.

The steps of Arlington Hall were used by the LGBT community for years to announce parade entry award winners, share the community’s victories and



mourn its losses. The Alan Ross AIDS Memorial is situated along a quiet walkway between Arlington Hall and Lemmon Avenue. And LifeWalk steps off from the front lawn the first Sunday in October each year.

Pergolas and bridges in the park date back to the 1934 Works Progress Administration.

The second section has been part of the park for a couple of decades. It sits directly across Turtle Creek Boulevard and extends to the foot of the Katy Trail, between Hall and Lemmon. This area features several sculptures and has been a game area since the 1940s. One roque court (similar to croquet) has been restored, while other areas were turned into shuffleboard, bocci ball and petanque courts and a putting green. There’s also a new ramp to the Katy Trail near Hall Street.

The third section of the park Donnell calls five acres of wilderness. That area runs from Turtle Creek Boulevard to the Katy Trail and from Hall Street to Bowen Street.

Donnell said she hopes to keep this area natural, only adding a couple of picnic tables and maybe changing some railings to something less obtrusive along Turtle Creek.

Throughout the three sections of the park, Donnell said, 50 new saplings were donated this spring and placed mostly in groups of three. Other trees, she noted, are coming to the end of their lives, and Donnell stressed the importance planting new trees to make sure the park is as beautiful 100 years from today as it is now.

Head said he and other gay members of the Conservancy board welcome the LGBT community to the park and hope that LGBT people will be as big part of Easter in the Park as they always have been. ■





Rep. Michelle Beckley

"The United States Supreme Court made marriage equality the law of the land in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, and Texas has failed to remove this discriminatory language from our Constitution," Beckley said. "This resolution will repeal Section 32, Article 1 from the Constitution to reflect and address same-sex marriage."

The amendment, then known as Proposition 8, banning legal recognition of same-sex marriage in Texas was approved by voters in November, 2008.

Smoot noted that Beckley's HB 978 has been sent to the same committee. "It doesn't change state policy, but it would provide a much-needed update to the legal code. Right now, the legal code only talks about husbands and wives, so same-sex couples don't exist in Texas law," she said.

But Beckley's bill "would make the language gender-neutral so that our relationships are recognized and so state judges can apply the law fairly and correctly, with proper guidance. It's time for the state of Texas to legally recognize our families," Smooth said.

### Johnson's 'prior authorization' bill

Prism Health North Texas CEO John Carlo testified in committee on April 8 for a bill sponsored by Rep. Julie Johnson, HB 3058, which addresses the problem of prior authorization for medical care that has become a burden to physicians providing care to their patients.

Prior authorization can lead to a delay of care and, at times, may result in

a denial of medically necessary care all together, experts say.

Insurance companies also deny or restrict access to certain medications, only covering less-expensive medications. In the case of HIV meds, the lower-cost option may be the same class of drug, but may not work as well on all people, Carlo told committee members.

Those with HIV have to undergo pri-

or authorization every month when they need to refill their prescriptions. A delay in authorization may lead to a lapse in treatment, which can cause viral resistance.

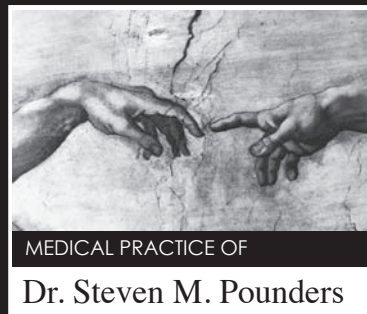
"Timely treatment for HIV/AIDS patients is crucial, as their resistance to drugs is time-sensitive," Carlo said. "HB 3058 will address this by prohibiting health plans from requiring prior autho-

rization on HIV/AIDS drugs."

Johnson's bill would prohibit prior authorization for prescription drug benefits, regarding prescription drugs to treat HIV and/or AIDS. According to Johnson, this would lead to better quality of life for patients with HIV/AIDS, and would eliminate needless bureaucratic red tape for prior authorization when the condition is not changing. ■



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## Looking to our future

It is our responsibility to help young girls reach goals, or to at least not stand in their way

This past weekend, I had the honor of helping mentor some of the best and brightest middle-school-age girls in North Texas. Girl Up is a leadership development initiative of the United Nations Foundation that has as its mission encouraging girls to be bold and not shy away from careers in STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) fields.

Girls are vastly under-represented in STEM fields, and the thinking is that it's going to take all of us to solve the mess we've gotten ourselves into.

Research has shown that girls want to change the world and make it a better place but are often stymied by stereotypes that girls aren't good at math or science (They are though!) and other societal obstacles to advancement.

Of the girls surveyed in a study conducted by Microsoft, 72 percent said it was important for them to have jobs that directly helped the world. But only 37 percent saw STEM careers as an avenue to achieve that goal.

Girl Up aims to change those perceptions.

The talent in that room was amazing. I felt like the odd duck as there were three high-powered leaders from AT&T on the panel with me — and those women are sharp!

After spending the day with these girls, I was so impressed with their energy and innovative solutions to problems. And yes, they really do want to change the world. Our job as mentors was to act more as facilitators. It wasn't up to us to push these kids in any direction; our job was to help them accomplish what they set out to do.

The last half of the day featured the girls breaking into small groups to define a problem and then to create a solution for that problem. Then they would pitch this idea to the panel, and we would



We had bright, creative middle- and high-school-age girls, many from high-earning zip codes. Want to take a guess at what the overwhelming issue these girls feel the need to solve?

Access to mental health care and safety in their classrooms.

I don't remember what was on my list of top issues when I was in middle school, but mental health care and being safe in the classroom sure weren't on it.

For solutions, one group of girls want to create an application that will connect kids going through a difficult time to other kids and potentially to therapists who might donate their time. Kind of like an on-line hotline.

Another group wanted to create a training program for teachers and school counselors to help them better control their classrooms, to help them recognize the signs that a kid is having mental health issues and to help make the kids in the classroom feel safer.

Isn't all of this OUR JOB? Shouldn't WE make sure these kids at such a vulnerable age absolutely KNOW where they can turn for help? Shouldn't schools and administrators be the ones to make sure educators are trained and held accountable for this training?

Where did we go wrong?

This problem isn't isolated to a few dis-

judge them on a variety of criteria before awarding \$2,500 to first place, \$1,500 to second place and \$500 to third.

It felt a little like *Shark Tank*.

Worldwide, the percentage of girls who don't know where to turn for mental health assistance is nearly 50 percent. That's a problem. The girls acknowledge the stigma surrounding mental health issues and they want to break those down.

And bullying in schools is still a major issue. Students shouldn't be afraid to go to school. If you are a teacher or school administrator reading this, does your school or district have a comprehensive anti-bullying policy? Are teachers trained to intervene?

I know we ask a lot of teachers and they aren't paid what they deserve, but we have to do better.

If it's an education problem, there is help available to train teachers and administrators. If it's an enforcement or discipline problem, then fix it.

Parents, know what is going on in your kids' lives. Encourage them, support them and love them. Accept them for who they are. This is especially critical for kids who identify somewhere in the LGBTQ community. I heard from a teacher near Houston who reached out because of a 5th grade trans student had suicidal ideation and wasn't being supported at home.

These kids feeling like they have no hope is unacceptable.

We have to fix it.

Please.

We can't afford to lose one more of these precious, amazing kids. They are our best and brightest, and they are screaming for help. Hearing no response, they are trying as best they can to fix it themselves. They deserve more.

How about we step in and help. Or at least get out of their way. ■

*Leslie McMurray, a transgender woman, is a former radio DJ who lives and works in Dallas. Read more of her blogs at [lesliemichelle44.wordpress.com](http://lesliemichelle44.wordpress.com).*





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# Fashionably late

Style mavens Ari Seth Cohen and Valerie von Sobel celebrate mature locals at Advanced Style Dallas

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Valerie von Sobel — one-time Hollywood starlet, acclaimed interior designer, tireless philanthropist and style icon — answers her telephone a bit flustered, having just paid a tradesman \$800 to fix her gate. It's an expense that might leave most of us disgruntled, but the repairman was pleasant, and she's happy to have it out of the way. Her demeanor is sunny and upbeat.

"Give me one ounce of reason to be glad and grateful, and I will take it," says von Sobel. "But that [attitude] came out of

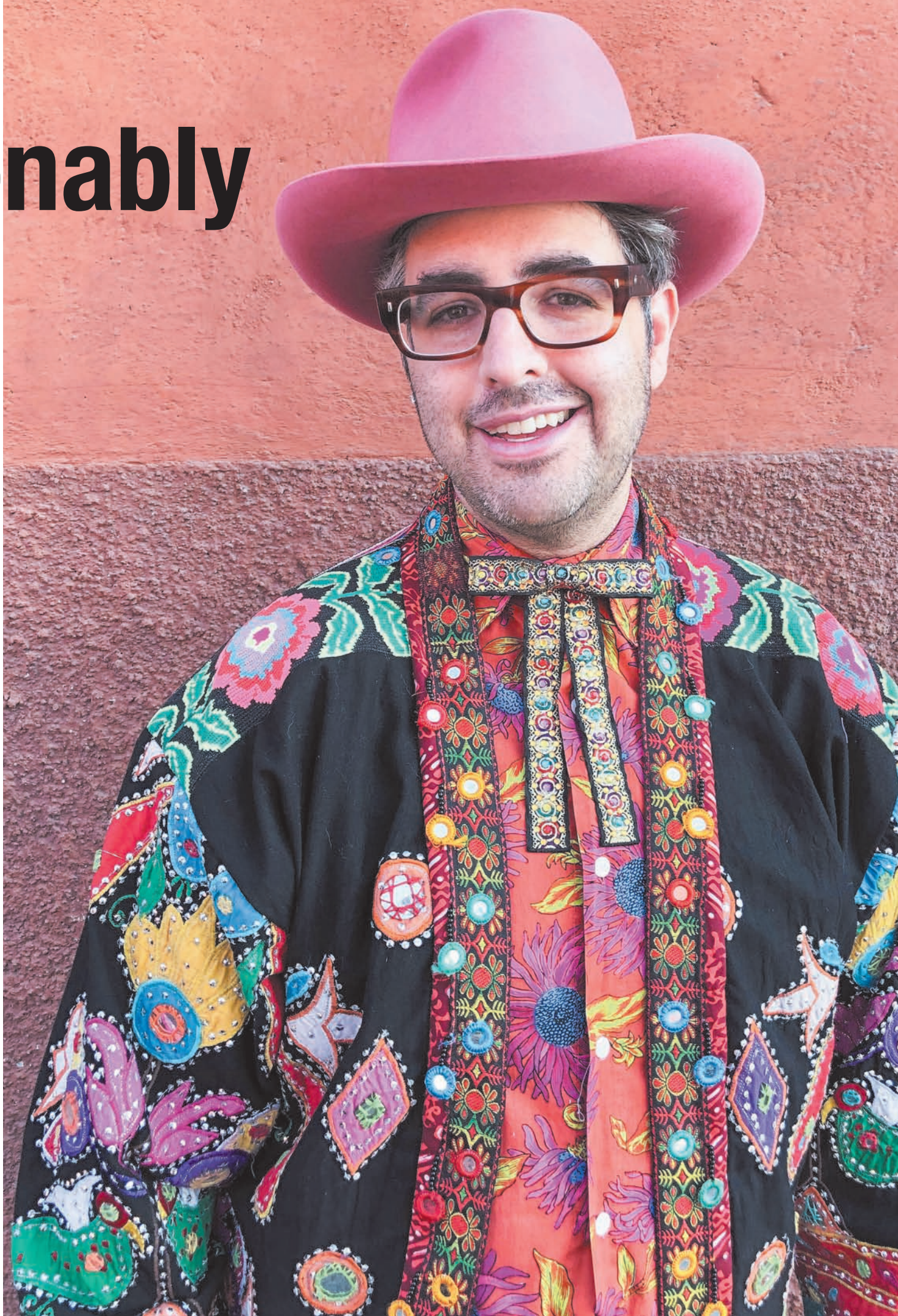
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many, many years of deep suffering."

Suffering, indeed. In the early 1990s, von Sobel lost her husband, her mother and her 19-year-old son within 12 months of each other. Initially, she spiraled into a profound depression. Soon, however, she responded by establishing a foundation (now called Compassion Can't Wait) that provides funds to families of terminally-ill children. She put her energies squarely into that.

But when she was finished with mourning, she rediscovered her own sense of style was stronger coming through such a maelstrom.

"I burst into this [current] creative zone about 10 years ago," she says. "When I was younger, I was always appropriate and elegant. Today, I am not elegant — I don't give a shit. It







Ari Seth Cohen's appreciation for style led him to start a popular fashion blog; he put octogenarian Valerie von Sobel on the cover of one of his books, above.

takes a certain amount of confidence and non-caring [to develop a real style]. Now I really know the meaning of that."

Which makes her the ideal co-chair, along with fashion photographer Ari Seth Cohen, of the Advanced Style Fashion Show and Fundraiser, which comes to the Design District on April 25 as a benefit for Ed-U-Care Dallas. The show, conceived by local fashionista Will Kolb, will feature a runway of 50-and-over models, taken from all walks of life... and all demonstrating their own sense of style. But it's unlikely any of them will outshine von Sobel herself.

"I just turned 79," she says. "If you look at my photo on Instagram [from my birthday], I felt about 14 years old."

That's the germ of what style means to her. And to Cohen as well. Cohen's essential fashion blog, called Advanced Style, plays on the dual understanding of the word "advanced:" Both super-sophisticated, and coming later in life. Runway models may typically be 20-something size 2s, but a few crows' feet and roomier dress sizes don't mean

you don't have style — in fact, it often means you have more.

"I started my project [as a photographer, blogger and now fashion-book author] in 2008 when I first moved to New York City. My grandma had lived there growing up, and she was my best friend, so I always had a very positive picture of ageing because of her. When she passed away, it left a big void in my life, so I looked for something to fill that void. After I met these incredibly well-dressed, vital women on the streets" of NYC, he found the way to do that.

Older women (and men) impress him because they don't conform to trends, or even social conventions, but march to their own drummers.

"My [vision of style] is based upon personal expression more than it would have anything to do with fashion," Cohen says. "Style is very personal — how one chooses to live their life. It never makes any sense to me to hear someone say, 'That's not stylish,' because it is — it's *your* style. It's more about the spirit

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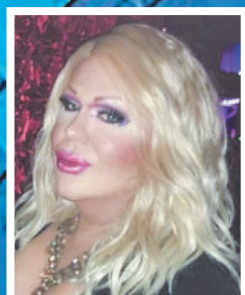




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The Advanced Style runway show and fundraiser on April 26 isn't the only fashion-based news in North Texas this week. Here are some other events to put on your style radar:

**Fashion CITED.** Newly-minted Congressman Colin Allred, a good-looking man in his own right, serves as honorary chair of this year's Fashion CITED: Seasons of Love event. The annual fundraiser for the Legal Hospice of Texas (which provides free legal services to people with HIV) will be hosted by *Bachelor* alum Jack Stone, and features designs by Francisco Flores, Silk Threads, ENRO and more. The show takes place April 13 at Sixty Five Hundred, the event space at 6500 Cedar Springs Road. 6:30 p.m. \$70. [LegalHospice.org/events](http://LegalHospice.org/events).

**Dior: From Paris to the World.** The Dallas Museum of Art will soon open its exhibition celebrating more than 70 years of the French design house's legacy and influence, including looks exclusive to the show at the

DMA. Tickets for the exhibition, which runs May 19–Sept. 1, go on sale Monday. Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 Harwood St. [DMA.org](http://DMA.org)

**BLKLN Shop.** [BLKLNclothing.com](http://BLKLNclothing.com), a website from Dallas-based fashion designer and style blogger Jim Duran, has just launched a new e-commerce platform on its site called BLKLN Shop. The destination will feature a curated selection of menswear from the company, as well as fashion-forward looks from other designers' spring/summer collections, priced to be affordable to young local gayboys (and straight probably, if you're into that). You can visit it at [BLKlncllothing.com/blklshop](http://BLKlncllothing.com/blklshop).

— Arnold Wayne Jones

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of the people and their attitude than the clothing. A lot of the women I meet don't dress for other people, they dress for themselves. They have been able to collect and curate a wardrobe, they know what proportions [or colors] work for them."

And chief among those Cohen has encountered who exude that are von Sobel.

"A friend of mine had taken a picture of Valerie years ago and sent it to me, and I kept it in the back on my mind that this was someone I wanted to meet and photograph one day," he says. "She's one of the most fashionable people I've ever met and became a dear friend."

Von Sobel has her own thoughts on style, but she and Cohen agree that it's more than a question of clothing but of attitude and life choices.

"There is an appliance I was wearing at the Chateau Marmont recently that Lady Gaga wears on the red carpet — I wear it on a Tuesday night," she deadpans. "It's doing it not for attention but for myself. I am humbled by the creativity of others. Style is about creativity. You look at the looks most people will find outrageous, and I see it all as a reflection of joy — not whining through life but being grateful. When you know great sorrow, you can appreciate great joy."

She wasn't to the manor born. An immigrant from Hungary in the 1950s, she moved to California and was soon signed by 20th Century-Fox Studio as a contract player (her biggest role was a sexy woman alongside Jimmy Stewart in *Mr. Hobbs Takes a Vacation*), where she was dressed by the costume department. Looking back, she declares, Old Hollywood was a fashion-free zone.

"It was pathetic — with today's eyes, so simplistic, so elemental. Shapes didn't change, just colors and fabrics. I'm not sure how we actually called that fashion. I think there was very little creativity within the boundaries of fashion."

It's not about money. Cohen talks of how he'd look through his grand-



Valerie von Sobel's Instagram account features many of her dazzling style choices.

mother's scrapbooks of her family in Iowa and see photos of women who didn't have a lot of money but looked distinctive. (Nowadays, he concedes, it's almost more difficult to be distinct because of social media. "It's harder to be individual because there is so much visual content that has normalized everything. In a sense, the word hipster doesn't even really apply anymore.")

"I don't buy my clothes on Rodeo Drive — I'm much smarter than that," von Sobel counsels. "I'm good at combining items from a thrift store, a runway, vintage. I can travel with four items, and you'll never know I'm wearing the same thing. It's about accessorizing — hats, gloves, belts, corsets. I have stood on the shoulders of elegance. I have always loved elegance, but we are talking about a totally different thing [when we talk about personal style]. You have a choice — you can refer to your traditions and quietly declare 'This is not for me,' or you can go with it. It's about creating. It all goes together with the way you speak, write, decorate or see the world. It reflects how you feel."

*Proceeds from the show benefit Ed-U-Care Dallas. VIP cocktail reception at 7 p.m., runway show at 8 p.m., hosted by Ron Corning. In addition, Cohen will be signing copies of his latest book, Advanced Love, and von Sobel will be signing copies of Cohen's last book, Advanced Style: Older and Wiser (on which she graces the cover) and American Originals (proceeds of which benefit Compassion Can't Wait) at Interbang Books, 10720 Preston Road on April 24 at 7 p.m.*

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Lela (Natalie Young) remains upbeat despite the intrusions of her life by a man (Garret Storms) in the darkly-comic drama 'Lela & Co.' (Photo courtesy Karen Almond)

## Pollyanna in Hell

The dark vaudeville of 'Lela & Co.' Plus, DTC revisits the Bard

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The topic of *Lela & Co.* is harrowing, so playwright Cordelia Lynn's decision to cast her play as a comedy is a brilliant and risky one. Presented as a kind of vaudeville — the set is bathed in a pink gel and dominated by a faux crescent moon that suggests a gooily romantic trifle — the central character Lela (Natalie Young) flounces around in a tutu, willingly recounting her journey from child to widow as an innocent, buoyant, sunny disposition, even as she is visited with a parade of horrors.

Lela tells her story from (I imagine) age 10 until her mid-teens, during which period she is abused by her father, then her brother-in-law, then husband and finally a soldier (all played by Garret Storms). Lela's endurance and resolve serve as the emotional pulse of the play, a testament to what she, and all women, are capable of.

Young strikes the ideal note of hopefulness and damage. Her Lela is neither a doormat nor a cipher but an avatar of a human spirit that can't be crushed.

Storms recently played Prior Walter in Uptown Players' *Angels in America*, but his role here (actually, multiple role) is closer in personality to another *Angels* character, Mr. Lies — the embodiment of deception, id, doubt and baser instincts. He slithers around the stage in a gaudy sharkskin suit, smiling vacantly even as he commits unspeakable acts — a monument to how the world often ignores the worst in it.

The playbill notes that *Lela & Co.* is "based on a true story," and that's sort of accurate; with her ethnically neutral name and lack of identifiable era or country, it feels like a story that has been told countless times by innumerable women in endless warzones who survived to bear witness. That's both its horror and its message of salvation.

The Dallas Theater Center is back to Shakespeare, this time in one of the Bard's comic fantasies, *Twelfth Night* — a cross-dressing bauble about shipwrecks, mistaken identities and romantic entanglements that probably seemed pretty lame 400 years ago. Its success depends largely on its execution and the good will it can generate.

DTC's production splits that baby. While director Kevin Moriarty imbues

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# QUEER CLIP: 'Diamantino' at DIFF

**D**iamantino (Carlo Cotta) is an artist, and like many artists, not a model of stability. First is his medium of expression: Not paint or marble, but a soccer ball. He's as gifted with a ball between his feet as Michelangelo with a brush between his fingers. But he also isn't fully engaged with reality. As he runs up and down the field, he imagines himself alone with the goalposts... except for enormous fluffy puppies who run alongside him in puffs of pink smoke. He's also pretty stupid.

On the day before the World Cup Final, while relaxing on his boat, Diamantino — Tino — notices a drone spying on him... operated by two lesbians, he later learns. He also helps rescue some refugees, which opens his eyes to the wider world and negatively affects his performance on the field. His sisters, twin shrews who only value Tino for his income potential, agree to sell the rights to his genes to a shadowy organization so that he can be cloned... and a new



race of super soccer players built.

*Diamantino* is, from almost its opening frame, a wild fantasy that plays its weirdness straight, as in cult classics from the 1980s like *Repo Man* and *The Adventures of Baron Munchhausen*, or more recent throwbacks like *How to Talk to Girls at Parties*. It has a fairy-tale tone with a huge dollop of social satire.

Cotta has the adorable appeal of a big, dopey dog. His Tino is open-hearted,

both asexual and pansexual, friendly and driven... and a conundrum for the scheming outsiders (his clownishly venal sisters, the lesbian spies, a medical cabal) who can't believe he's for real. It's a queerish take on *Being There* or *Forest Gump* and just as charming.

— Arnold Wayne Jones

Screens April 16 and April 17 at 10:15 p.m. at the Magnolia. For more information, visit [DallasFilm.com](http://DallasFilm.com).

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the production with lightness, turning it into a beachside hippie party, the follow-through doesn't always work. Once again (as with *All the Way* and *The Great Society*) the action is obscured by an unnecessary downstage fixture; the choice (also once again) to recast a role written as a male and put Liz Mikel in it (this time as Sir Toby Belch; she's previously been both Jacob Marley in *A Christmas Carol* and Matthew Brady in *Inherit the Wind*) feels like misguided gimmickry. With the setting, Sir Toby would be perfectly played as a Wooderson-esque stoner, a quality Mikel does not project. And the musical interludes seem hesitant; the score could use more calypso influences, more vigor.

Then again, Blake Hackler's fussy dweeb (as Andrew Aguecheek) and Alex Organ's hilarious monologue as the stuffy and deluded Malvolio generate such hearty belly laughs that you can overlook other missed opportunities. Moriarty's interpretation of the queer relationship between Sebastian (Chris Ramirez) and Antonio (Ace Anderson) adds a poignant button on the festivities. And at 100 minutes, it's perfect as a beach read.

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GMC is blowing the redesigned 2019 Sierra pickups off of dealer lots as if they were the latest smartphone, and the most elusive of the new models is the AT4 — the Sierra with all the hiking gear. Nobody needs all of the capability and style that comes with the muscular Sierra, but go for a drive and you'll sure crave it. I recently had a chance to sample the truck at its recent media launch.

“The 2019 GMC Sierra AT4 debuted all-new, purposeful technologies for the premium truck segment and the new Off-Road Performance Package takes it a step farther,” said Duncan Aldred, vice president of Global GMC. “It offers optimized performance, both on- and off-road.”

Sexing it up, you'll notice the AT4's 2-in. factory lift, black chrome exterior trim, body color grille surround, off-road kicks and red vertical recovery hooks from the curb. There's even GMC's flexible MultiPro tailgate that can be configured six ways including a workbench, wide step, or bed extender. You might also admire body color door handles and bumpers, but you'll have to slide behind the wheel to really appreciate the AT4's strengths.

Behind the noir grille style is a snarling 6.2-liter V8 engine delivering 435 horsepower — an additional 15 ponies over standard Sierras — connected to a smooth shifting 10-speed automatic transmission. Choose the optional performance exhaust system and stomp the throttle often to tickle your giggle. Engineers also conjured standard 4-wheel-drive with 2-speed transfer case, locking rear differential, skid plates and Rancho monotube shock absorbers. That means you can bang boulders and come out on top. Hill descent control and GMC's traction select system ease it up and down challenging trails.

When pavement turns to rugged dirt, you'll really appreciate the AT4. We spent several hours weaving up and down narrow rutted roads that only Border Patrol finds appetizing. We also climbed up rock faces and slammed

Interstates. In all conditions, the big truck felt nimble, absorbed the rough trail and never put a wheel wrong. Passengers checked their e-mail with 4G Wi-Fi, cranked up their heated seats, synced up to two phones via Bluetooth, and did so in a hushed cabin. A 15-in. diagonal widescreen head-up displayed included speed and vehicle inclinometer. It's way over-kill for the morning commute, but almost nothing will stop your morning commute if you're driving this truck.

It does all that, and comes with an

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Given the Ram Rebel and Ford Raptor, GMC needed a bit more breadth in

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**Friday 04.12 — Sunday 05.05**

### Kitchen Dog opens 'Wolf at the Door'

Isadora has an abusive husband, Septimo, who gets another young woman pregnant, whom he moves into the home they share. But the women are not as unfriendly to each other as they could be, both united in freeing themselves as a roving pack of wolves closes in... literally. Marisela Trevino Orta's contemporary play, *Wolf at the Door*, begins the Dallas leg as part of its "rolling world premiere," courtesy of Kitchen Dog Theater.

**DEETS:** Trinity River Arts Center, 2600 N. Stemmons Freeway. KitchenDogTheater.org.



**Sunday 04.14**

### Pink Martini plays outdoor concert at Strauss Square

Pink Martini is a quirky group — a "little" orchestra (still pretty huge) that plays not only classical music, but also Latin, jazz and a kind of Hollywood glam in keeping with its queer roots (courtesy of founder Thomas Lauderdale). The catchy pop band returns to Dallas in time for spring weather for an outdoor evening concert at Downtown's Strauss Square.

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**Bubbling Brown Sugar.** Lively musical revue about the music of the Harlem Renaissance — Duke Ellington, Billie Holiday and more. Jubilee Theatre, 506 Main St., Fort Worth. Through April 28. JubileeTheatre.org.

**Disaster!** Seth Rudetsky and Jack Plotnick co-wrote this musical spoof of 1970s-era disaster movies. Presented by Uptown Players. *Final weekend.* Kalita Humphreys Theater, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. UptownPlayers.org

**The Father, a Tragic Farce.** Florian Zeller's play (translated by Christopher Hampton) about an aged Parisian man suffering dementia (David Coffee). Presented by Stage West, 821 W. Vickery Blvd., Fort Worth. Through April 28. StageWest.org.

**A Few Good Men.** The stage play (later a movie) about hazing in the military and the quest for justice. Presented by Theatre Arlington, 305 W. Main St., Arlington. Through Sunday. TheatreArlington.org.

**Hamilton.** A small musical you may have heard of. Fair Park Music Hall, 909 First Ave. Through May 5. DallasSummerMusicals.org.

**Once on this Island.** Calypso-flavored fantasy adaptation of *The Little Mermaid*. Presented by The Firehouse Theatre, 2535 Valley View Lane, Farmers Branch. Through Sunday. TheFirehouseTheatre.com.

**On Your Feet.** Musical about the lives of Gloria and Emilio Estefan and featuring the music of Miami Sound Machine. Part of the Broadway at the Bass Series; presented by Performing Arts Fort Worth. Bass Performance Hall, 525 Commerce St., Fort Worth. Through Sunday. BassHall.com.

**Twelfth Night.** Shakespeare's comedy, set at a beach. Wyly Theatre, 2400 Flora St. Through April 28. DallasTheaterCenter.org.

**The Wolves.** A finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, this play deals with the cutthroat world of girl's high school soccer. *Final weekend.* Studio Theatre at the Wyly Theatre, 2400 Flora St. DallasTheaterCenter.org.

**Wolf at the Door.** Marisela Trevino Orta's new dark fairy tale about Isadora who finds the strength to stand up against her abusive husband, Septimo. Presented by Kitchen Dog Theater. Trinity River Arts Center, 2600 N. Stemmons Freeway. Through May 5. KitchenDogTheater.org.

### FESTIVAL

**Soluna.** The Dallas Symphony Orchestra spearheads this annual celebration of the visual and performing arts (which coincides with Dallas Art Month and Art Fair Week, with performances and events across many platforms and in a variety of disciplines. Through April 27. Visit MyDSO.com/soluna for details.

### FILM

**13th Annual Dallas International Film Festival.** The week-long festival will screen 130 films and host numerous filmmakers and celebrities. Festivities are centered around the Magnolia Theatre, 3699 McKinney Ave. Consult the website for full details. Through April 18. DallasFilm.org.

### DANCE

**DBDT: Encore! — Rising Excellence.** Dallas Black Dance Theatre presents this production of emerging artists as part of the Soluna festival. Moody Performance Hall, 2520 Flora St. April 12–13. ATPAC.org.

### FINE ART

**Berthe Morisot: Woman Impressionist.** One of the most acclaimed of the Impressionists in her lifetime, Morisot fell into obscurity in the 20th century but has been rediscovered for her talent in this comprehensive exhibition. Dallas Museum of Art 1717 Harwood St. Through May 5. DMA.org.

**Jonas Wood.** Mid-career exhibition of the modern American painter. Dallas Museum of Art 1717 Harwood St. Free. Through July 14. DMA.org.

**Fortuny: Friends and Followers.** Examination of the influence of the 19th century Spanish painter. Meadows Museum, 5900 Bishop Blvd. on the SMU campus. Through June 3. MeadowsMuseumDallas.org.

## SUNDAY 04.14

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# Cassie Nova

Notes on hecklers, redux

Greetings and salutations! As I sit down to my computer today to write, it is raining. Actually, it is storming. I love it. Hopefully the rain will wash away some of the plant spunk from the air, and I can go a full day without a sneezing fit. I have the most annoying sneezes. They are either full on yells or very unfulfilling little inward sneezes that almost blow out my eyes. It is very sexy.

I have something I want to vent about. A few weeks ago, at my Monday night Freakshow a JR.'s, I had an encounter with an idiot. I know ... shocking. We were having a great show; the bar was busy, the tips were good. It seemed like everybody was having a good time. Since starting this show five years ago — we have always closed with the old drag show standard: “If You Don’t See.” Drag queens have been doing that song since before even I was doing drag. We even used it as the old Rose Room closing number. It’s just fun.

Now, keep in mind that some of my girls who work on Monday nights have been there for all five years and should absolutely know that song backwards and forwards ... Hell, even the audience knows every word to the song. Still, many of my girls eat some of the words on it. I, as the emcee and the boss, make the younger girls get up there to do the closing production. I like to sit back and be real judgy.

So on this particular night, I thought it would be fun to fuck with the girls that didn’t know every single lyric. I announced that if any one of them missed a *single word*, we would start it over from the beginning. The pressure was on! Then the song started.

First to step up was Fantasha, the consummate professional — she knows every word and every beat and hits them perfectly. Next up was Raquel Blake (one of the girls who has been with the Freakshow from the very beginning and has performed this song probably more than any other cast member) ... who immediately messes up the lip-sync. I yell to the DJ, “Start it over... she fucked it up!”

The song restarts and the girls devise a strategy: The ones who know the words perfectly will help the newer girls get through it by feeding them the words from behind their backs. It was hilarious. I made them restart the song at least four times. It was like a full-out dress rehearsal, and no one was leaving until the choreographer said it was perfect. I was loving it; the crowd was loving it. The girls were acting aggravated, but they were having fun as well.

That’s when the idiot appeared. This little man in his early 20s walked up to the front of the stage and started to scream at the girls, “Don’t let her treat you like that, she’s a bully.” Like, seriously yelling it. “She thinks she is better than you ... she’s a bully.” It was like that scene at the end of *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* when



Donald Sutherland opened his mouth and screeched while pointing — This kid pointing at me and screeching, “*Bully!*”

First I want to say, what a beautiful life this kid has lived if he thinks that what I was doing is bullying. What kind of fairy-tale existence has he had that would make him think that ribbing and banter between drag queen sisters for the sake of the show is bullying? I was shocked. Then I was pissed. I have never wanted to wring someone’s neck so badly in my life. I had a split second in my mind where I showed the little fucker what actual bullying looked like and I ripped him a new one, but then reality set in, and all I could really say was, “Gurrl, bye!”

I let the girls finish the song — which they finally did perfectly — and we ended. I had

been rolling my eyes so hard at this kid that I was starting to get dizzy, so I went into the DJ booth to get away from him. He then proceeds to go up to each one of the other showgirls to ask them, “Why do you let her bully you? She thinks she’s better than you.” My girls mostly just told him to shut up, that we were having fun. They told him to chill out and go away... except May May Graves, who told him, “She signs our checks so she is better than us.” I about fell over when she told me that.

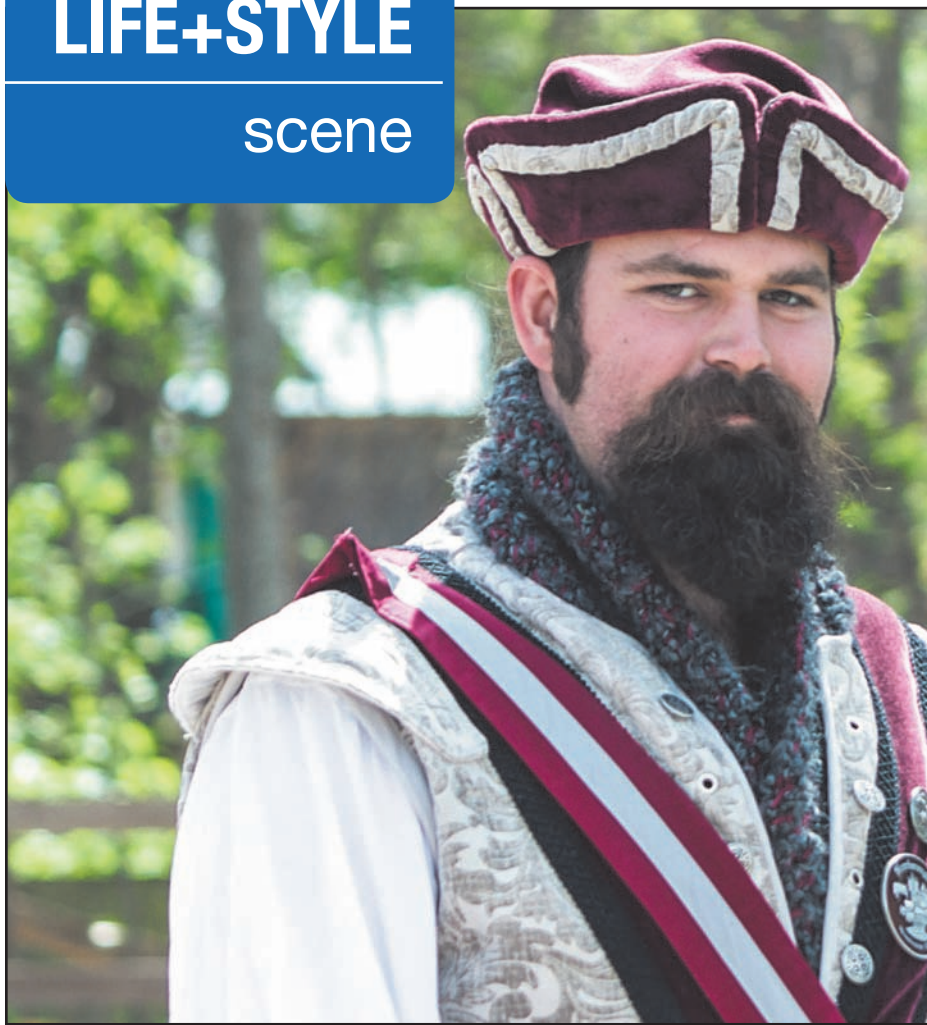
For the record, I adore my girls. I feel very parental towards each of them. I love them and know that the shows at JR.’s can be hard to do sometimes. But they always do a great job and I couldn’t be more proud. To the young boy that considers me a bully,

I would just like to say, “Bless your heart!” which we all know is southern for... well, you know.

As someone who actually was bullied into my teens, in a way, I would like to thank my bullies. You helped make me into the person I am today. I learned to stand up for myself. I learned to defend myself. I learned how *not* to treat a person. Bullying is never OK, but in my case, I learned from it. It hardened me in ways that have been very beneficial as a human and especially as a drag queen. Stay strong my friends and don’t let anyone dull your shine!

Remember to always love more, bitch less and be fabulous! XOXO, Cassie Nova.  
Email Cassie as AskCassieNova@gmail.com.



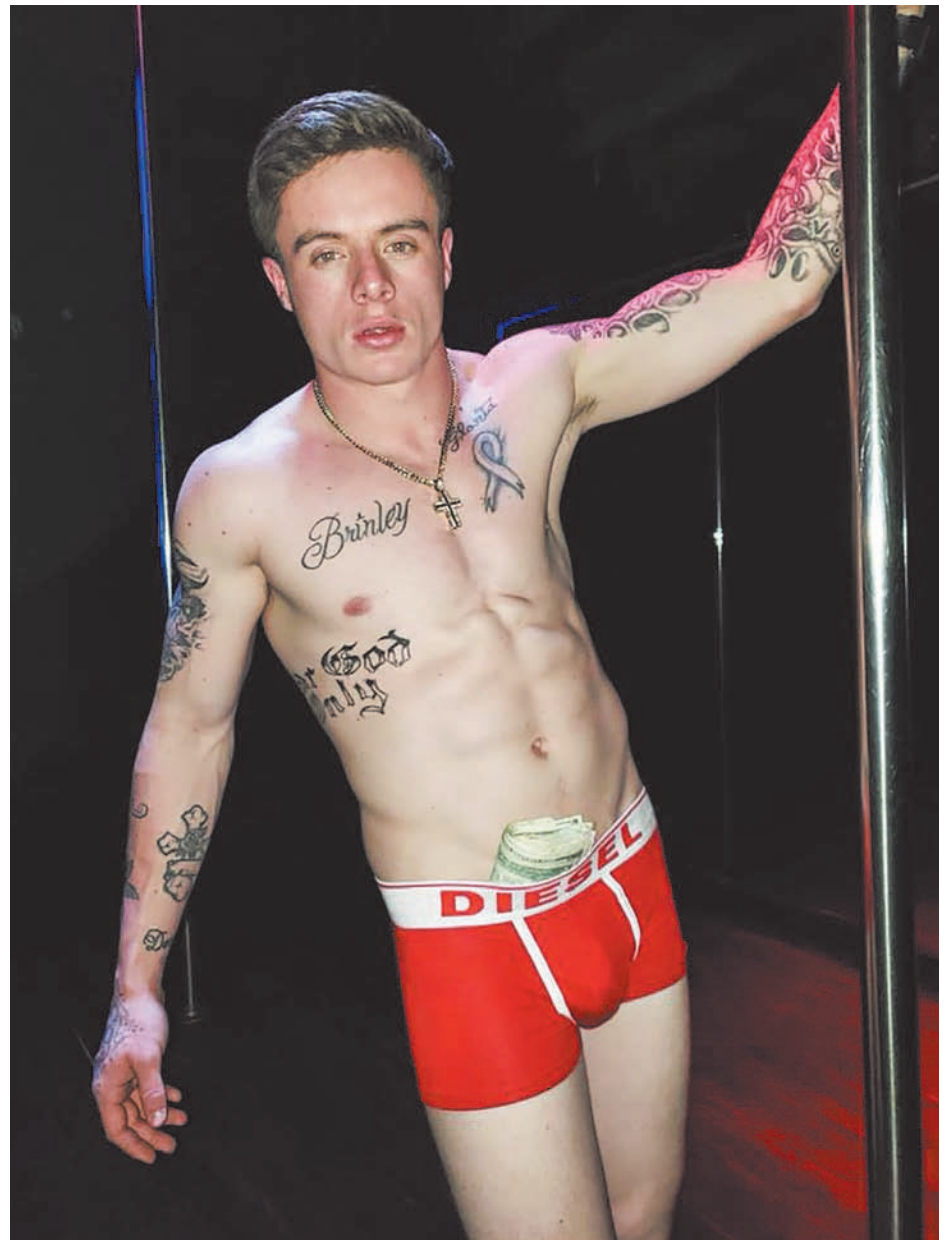


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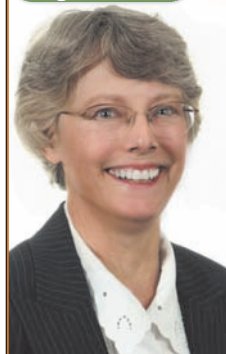


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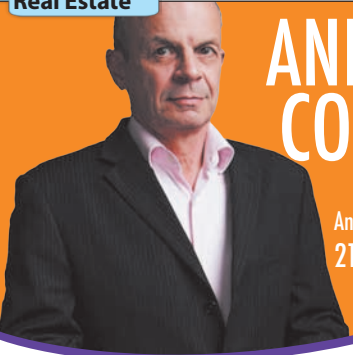
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15 What a knight sticks  
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16 Morales of  
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17 Cartoonist Peter  
18 Kofi once of the UN  
19 Hottie in a bar  
20 R&H classic of 1951  
23 Early preposition  
24 Cheated, slangily  
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27 A. Earhart concern  
28 Dam problems  
33 Sound of three men  
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34 *La Dolce Vita* director  
36 Bride and bride's  
vehicle  
37 Song from 20-Across  
reimagined for two  
men in *R&H Goes Pop*  
41 Fingered  
42 Ask on bended knee  
43 "Lesbians ignite!"  
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45 Phallic fish hunter  
46 Opposite of neg.  
49 Gabe of "Welcome  
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51 Rosie's ex

- 53 Episodes with  
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54 The H of R&H  
59 *Mrs. Doubtfire* attire  
61 Bea Arthur's Findlay  
62 Wealthy one  
63 Have a thing for  
64 Popular hero of  
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65 "... against \_\_\_ of  
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66 Belgian river  
67 Barriers that sound  
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68 Overly brainy sort

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- 1 First name in mysteries  
2 Campbell's Soup  
can painter  
3 *The Importance of Being*  
\_\_\_  
4 Used tongues  
5 *American Beauty*  
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6 Mild oath  
7 Jodie in a remake  
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8 Big name in shoes  
9 Turns on  
10 "Let's do it!"  
11 Rock in a very  
large belt  
12 Amelie of tennis  
13 Russell/Kreiger  
musical

21 Screws around

- 22 Tag antagonists  
26 \_\_\_ once (like  
simultaneous orgasm)  
29 If that fails  
30 Dress with a  
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31 *Roots* family head  
32 Wolf's warning  
34 Castro not of  
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35 Frasier's response  
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37 How to do a musical  
about the Witches  
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38 Oscar nominee for  
*The Hours*  
39 Old playbill from a  
Broadway show, e.g.  
40 Lends an ear  
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