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Oklahoma state Sen. Al McAffrey lost his bid for U.S. House of Representatives, receiving 36 percent of the vote.

Had he won, he would have been the only Democrat in the Oklahoma delegation and the first openly gay representative in this part of the country. — David Taffet

Resource center receives Hoblitzelle grant

As an investment in the agency’s future capacity to provide programs and services to the LGBT community and people affected by HIV/AIDS, Resource Center has received a $50,000 grant from the Hoblitzelle Foundation to upgrade and modernize its computer servers.

“In order to successfully serve the LGBT communities of North Texas and people affected by HIV, the center must provide staff with the tools necessary to efficiently and effectively carry out their jobs,” said Resource Center CEO Cece Cox. “We are grateful to the Hoblitzelle Foundation for their support of the center.”

Rafael Anchia, a member of the Hoblitzelle Foundation’s board of directors, added, “Resource Center truly makes life better for thousands of people in the greater Dallas area. The foundation is proud to make this investment in the center’s future.”

The center plans to install a cloud-based hosted server that includes ample hard drive space, memory and ease of expandability. This will save the center over $100,000 in capital expenditures, which in turn can be redirected to programs for LGBT youth, seniors and families as well as people living with HIV.

The server will also accommodate future growth as the center expands its programming in a new community center, to be built near the intersection of Cedar Springs and Inwood. The Hoblitzelle Foundation has previously donated to the center’s capital campaign. Groundbreaking for the new facility is scheduled for early 2015.

— David Taffet

Restraining order bars Houston from offering equal benefits

A district judge ordered Houston to stop offering same-sex benefits to its employees on Wednesday, Nov 5. The order states that the city cannot issue benefits under the city’s charter and Family Penal Code because same-sex couples are not formally recognized by Texas.

“The city is preparing an immediate appeal. Once that appeal is filed, the ruling will be stayed and a previous order issued at the federal court level allowing the city to implement same-sex spousal benefits will continue in effect. As a result, the action will have no impact on the status quo,” city spokeswoman Janice Evans said in a statement.

— James Russell

Body found near Cedar Springs Road

A body was found near Cedar Springs Road and Turtle Creek Boulevard at about 10 a.m. on Nov. 3. There’s no report yet if the death is being investigated as a homicide.

As of press time, the body had still not been identified and cause of death remained “unexplained.”

Police report:

On Monday, November 3, 2014 at about 10:07 a.m., officers received a call from Dallas Fire and Rescue regarding a person deceased in the creek located at 2800 Turtle Creek Boulevard. The body of an unidentified white male has been recovered. The investigation is ongoing and there is no further information at this time.

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CitySquare celebrated the opening of CitySquare Opportunity Center on Thursday, Nov. 6.

Located on the southeast corner of Malcolm X Boulevard and I-30, the center will benefit residents of east and south Dallas and the Fair Park area. The 52,000-square-foot multi-service facility houses a food distribution center, a wellness center, offices for CitySquare’s AmeriCorps program, Food on the Move, CitySquare’s after school and summer feeding program and employment training center.

The center opens new options for individuals and families to receive comprehensive services and opportunities they need to achieve progress and begin to work their way beyond poverty and into viability and self-sufficiency.

For information visit CitySquare.org.

Trans Health Fair at Amelia Court

Trans Pride Initiative presents its third annual health fair in conjunction with Parkland Hospital and UT Southwestern. Health screenings, including mammograms, are available for anyone who is uninsured or underinsured. Discount flu shots and free HIV testing is available.

A goal of the fair is for those in the trans community and others who participate to connect to care. Parking is free 11 a.m.–5 p.m. on Nov. 8 at Amelia Court Clinic, 3910 Amelia Court. For information visit TPRide.org.

H4PJ celebrates women

Hope for Peace and Justice presents Celebrating Women. National Center for Lesbian Rights Executive Director Kate Kendall is the keynote speaker.

The weekend begins with the Solidarity With Women mixer at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at Sue Ellen’s Vixen Lounge, 3014 Throckmorton St. The symposium begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8, at Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road, and there will be a Celebration of Women reception from 5-7 p.m. Saturday at the Interfaith Peace Chapel, also at 5910 Cedar Springs Road.

Kendall will also address the 9 and 11 a.m. services at Cathedral of Hope on Sunday, Nov. 9, and the 11 a.m. service will be followed by a brunch in her honor at Margaux’s Bridge Bistro, 921 N. Riverfront Blvd.

A Spanish-language sermon by Yinessa Romera with a special blessing for all women begins at 1 p.m. Sunday at CoH, followed by a Tex-Mex lunch and a workshop with author Betti Ibarra.

For tickets and other information visit H4PJ.org/WOMEN. For scholarship information call Roger Stanley at 214-351-1891.

pet of the week / YETI

Yeti is 1-year-old, spayed female lab mix. If she looks a little somber here, it’s because she’s still waiting to be chosen. She’s sweet, gentle, loving pooch and would love to have a family to call her own. She has been at the shelter since late September, so her adoption fee has been waived. Yeti’s ID# is A852106, and she’s waiting for you at Dallas Animal Services and Adoption Center, 1818 N. Westmoreland, Dallas, 75212.

The Adoption Center is open 11 a.m.–6:30 p.m., Monday-Saturday, and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. All adopted pets are spayed or neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. Standard adoption fees are $85 for dogs and $55 for cats. They also offer discounts on adoption fees for pets over 6 years of age, to any senior citizen that adopts a pet, and to anyone adopting more than one pet at a time. For more information, visit DallasAnimalServices.org or find us on Facebook at Facebook.com/DallasAnimalServices. Photo contributed by Judi Burnett.

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Going on the offensive

READY TO FILE | Rep. Rafael Anchia, D-Dallas, shown here in a file photo, said that even though conservatives control the Texas Legislature for 2015, it is important to stay on the offensive and introduce pro-LGBT legislation. He will introduce a measure Monday to repeal Texas’ statutory ban on same-sex marriage. (Harry Cabluck/Associated Press)

Even as Texas’ LGBT community is still reeling from the disappointment of the 2014 midterm elections, a group of LGBT allies in the Texas Legislature announced this week that they are “going on the offensive” against the Lone Star State’s ban on marriage equality.

State Rep. Rafael Anchia, D-Dallas, and Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston, are joining with colleagues in the Texas Senate on Monday, Nov. 10, to pre-file legislation providing for both a statutory repeal and a constitutional repeal of Texas’ constitutional amendment prohibiting legal recognition of same-sex marriage.

Monday is the first day that Texas lawmakers can begin filing legislation for the 84th Legislature, which convenes Jan. 13.

Anchia said he and Sen. Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa, D-McAllen, will introduce the statutory repeal bills on Monday, while Coleman and Sen. José Rodríguez, D-El Paso, will introduce legislation to repeal the constitutional amendment prohibiting legal recognition of same-sex marriage.

“I am practical about the chances of this legislation passing,” especially after midterm elections, Anchia said.

“But we still want to be on the offensive. We are not going to sit back and do nothing.”

Liz Zornes, Anchia’s chief of staff, explained that Texas currently has both statutory and constitutional provisions prohibiting same-sex marriage.

Lawmakers in 1997 passed a bill prohibiting the issuance of marriage licenses to same-sex couples, and in 2003 they approved a measure to void any same-sex marriage or civil union performed in any jurisdiction.

Most recently, Texas voters approved an amendment to the state Constitution to ban legal recognition of same-sex marriage.

Zornes said Anchia’s bill would “expand the definition of marriage to encompass a marriage between two men and/or two women. Further, the bill would repeal statutory restrictions against the recognition of a civil union or similar relationship entered into in another state between two persons of the same sex.”

Zornes said Anchia’s bill in the House, and Hinojosa’s companion bill in the Senate, would be “enabling legislation for a joint resolution” to repeal the anti-marriage-equality constitutional amendment. She said Anchia’s bill would “have no effect” unless voters repeal the amendment, or unless the court system strikes down the ban.

Even though the repeal is not likely to get far in the Texas House, Anchia said putting it out there could have a positive effect in the long-term.

“It’s about raising consciousness in the body” of the Legislature, he said. “We are in a very different place nationwide than we were in [in 2005 when the amendment was approved by voters]. And challenging legislators on their beliefs means that they will think about the issue.”

With Republicans almost winning a super-majority in the Texas Senate, picking up three seats in the state House and sweeping the statewide offices, the outlook for Lone Star LGBTs “on the legislative and executive sides certainly seem daunting,” Anchia said. But at the same time, he added, “10 years ago when we started fighting this issue [of same-sex marriage], we certainly didn’t think we’d be where we are today nationally in just 10 years.

“Like I said before, think of where we were 10 years ago. Yes, [most Republicans in Texas government] have made their positions on this very clear. But we have to continue to fight, to raise their consciousness on these issues,” Anchia said.

“But that’s here in Texas. When you look, you’ll see that nationally, we are right on the verge of reaching that tipping point. People are changing their minds and changing their positions” on LGBT civil rights issues.

Anchia concluded, “We just have to keep on moving forward. Whether this new group [of Texas Republican officeholders] change their minds or not, we keep moving forward. Either they change their minds or we just switch them out with someone new and better in four years.

“Every journey starts with small steps,” he said. “We are making those small steps. And we make strides forward every time we engage another person in dialogue on the issues.

“We just have to focus on the positives and keep moving forward. Eventually, the arc of justice will bend in our direction.”
Scam artist who has been working in the Oak Lawn area posing as a model agent, has a long criminal record.

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Scam artist Jerry Rogers, who has been working in the Oak Lawn area posing as a model agent, has a long criminal record.

Rogers has been going to bars on Cedar Springs Road and passing out business cards identifying himself as Jerald Dean with Dorf Modeling. Dean is an alias and Dorf Modeling doesn’t exist.

Several bars as well as Starbucks on Lemmon Avenue have banned him from their property.

Since Dallas Voice first reported the story of how Rogers lured men to fake modeling sessions, additional stories have surfaced. Victims charge, among other things, that Rogers drugged them and raped them.

He approached a Dallas Voice photographer while she was taking photos for the Scene section of the newspaper and tried to involve her in his modeling scheme. She described him as “creepy” and was afraid he was trying to steal her camera.

Rogers has arrest records in Florida and Ohio dating back to 2001 when he was 20 years old.

The latest arrest and conviction was in 2012 in Columbus, Ohio, where Rogers was charged with identity theft and receiving stolen property.

In January 2013, he pleaded guilty to one charge of receiving stolen property and the identity theft charge was dropped. He was sentenced to seven months in prison no fines. Court costs were suspended.

That sentence ran concurrently with a guilty plea he entered for two other cases where he was charged with receiving stolen property.

“After the imposition of the sentence, the court notified the defendant, orally and in writing, that the defendant shall be subject to a period of optional post-release control,” Judge David W. Fais wrote in sentencing Rogers.

The period of probation is three years.

If Rogers is charged in Texas, Ohio could revoke his probation.

While any juvenile record would not be available, Rogers’ first arrest as an adult appears to have been in 2001 when he was charged with violating an anti-stalking protection order. That charge was dismissed.

At the same time, however, he was found guilty of telephone harassment, a first-degree misdemeanor, and criminal trespass.

In 2002, he was charged with theft and a few months later with forgery. He received a plea deal and pleaded no contest to lesser charges.

Rogers’ first prison time may not have been until 2003. While Ohio records show he was not released until September 2004, Florida records show him charged with theft in April of that year.

Sometime after his release from prison in Ohio, Rogers moved to Dallas. He began spending time in bars in Oak Lawn earlier this year.

Joseph Gifford, who reported Rogers’ scams to Dallas police and told his story to Dallas Voice, said he assumed Rogers was homeless, because he was usually found sleeping in area bars and coffee shops.

Rogers wrote on his “Jerald Dean” Facebook page that he was returning to Ohio. That post has since been removed, and earlier this week new photos of one of his “model” victims were posted online.
LGBT activists worry about state, national politics after Tuesday

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“Texas took a further right-turn Tuesday night, which is a real set back for women, minorities and the LGBT community here in Texas,” Stonewall Democrats of Dallas President Jay Narey said of the mid-term election results. “If there was a bright spot among the results Tuesday, Dallas and Dallas County was it. The city and the county remained overwhelmingly blue and in Democratic control.”

At Stonewall’s election watch party at The Round-Up Saloon on Election Night, as it became clear Republicans swept the statewide elections, Narey said he hoped to simply maintain the status quo in the upcoming legislative session.

Mark Quigley, Stonewall’s communications chair, offered “props to Equality Texas for that.”

While Democrats feared what might come out of the next session of the legislature, Metroplex Republicans President Rob Schlein offered another take: “We listened to a lot of victory speeches last night,” Schlein said on Wednesday, Nov. 5. “Not one of them talked about ‘traditional marriage’ or marriage bans or anything anti-gay.”

Schlein called the district attorney’s race — where Susan Hawk became the first Republican elected county-wide in Dallas in a decade — a “nail-biter,” and said he was delighted with the outcome.

“Expect competency, integrity, less bullying and better moral at the [Dallas County DA’s] office,” Schlein said.

Another Republican winning candidate Schlein had touted was former Dallas City Councilwoman Linda Koop, who now replaces Rep. Stephani Carter, a Tea Party Republican, in the state House of Representatives District 102.

“I think she’ll be good at budget matters,” Schlein said of Koop, noting that she was a council leader on budgetary matters during her tenure there.

Koop also was a consistent ally on the council on matters relating to the LGBT community, and she can be expected to continue that role in the legislature, Schlein said.

Schlein said that Morgan Meyer, a Republican elected to replace Dan Branch in state House District 108 representing Highland Park including parts of Oak Lawn, is “a pragmatic leader with a focus on fiscal matters.”

Still, Quigley expressed disappointment about statewide races.

“We had strong candidates top to bottom,” he said of the Democratic slate, expressing special concern with the outcome of the attorney general race.

“We are especially shocked and disappointed Texans would elect someone of such questionable background,” he said of Ken Paxton, the Republican who defeated Sam Houston to replace Greg Abbott as AG.

According to a disciplinary order made public in May, Paxton violated the Texas Securities Act by soliciting investment clients without being a registered as an investment adviser. He was reprimanded and fined $1,000.

Quigley blamed media for not covering Paxton’s legal problems and Houston not having enough money to run the campaign he needed to win.

He said he is already looking forward to the 2016 elections.

“Hillary [Clinton] will be a motivating factor,” he said, but added that two years is a long time and anything can happen.

He said over the next two years, with both houses of Congress in Republican hands, the party will not be able to blame not getting anything passed on Obama. He said he expected to see the split between Tea Party and fiscal conservative Republicans to become more apparent.

“President Obama fortunately retains veto power and Republicans do not have the necessary two-thirds majority in either chamber to override a presidential veto,” Narey said.
Dallas County bucks Texas’ red voting trend

Republican won countywide election for DA, but in other races, Democrats won by wide margins

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If Dallas politics represented politics throughout the rest of Texas, national news outlets would be reporting a Democratic landslide in the governor’s race that swept in a slate of new faces.

In Dallas County, Wendy Davis garnered a commanding 10 percent lead over Republican Governor-Elect Greg Abbott. And Leticia Van de Putte, in her race for lieutenant governor, received just a few thousand votes less than Davis to defeat Republican Dan Patrick handily in Dallas County ballooting.

If Dallas County voting patterns were echoed throughout the state, Republican George P. Bush would have been forced into a runoff with Democrat John Cook for agriculture commissioner, and David Alameel would have been just a few thousand votes short of an outright win and forced incumbent John Cornyn into a runoff.

But Dallas County doesn’t reflect Texas voting patterns and none of the statewide candidates that won in Dallas County won their races overall.

Abbott received a majority of votes in Davis’ home, Tarrant County. He won the majority in Democratic Harris and Bexar counties. Among large urban counties, Davis’ win was larger by percentage only in Travis and El Paso counties.

Susan Hawk is the first Republican elected countywide Dallas County since Sheriff Lupe Valdez led a Democratic sweep in 2004. Hawk, who replaces two-term District Attorney Craig Watkins, previously served as a criminal court judge, a position to which she was elected as a Democrat.

Watkins was the first black district attorney in Texas. He quickly gained national fame testing DNA evidence that exonerated convicted murderers and others. But Watkins angered many Democrats over the past year and lost their support because he supported a challenge to Dallas County Democratic Chair Darlene Ewing.

Ewing won her race over the Watkins’ assistant DA, Heath Harris.

He also supported three challengers to incumbent judges, including Judge Lena Levario, who held him in contempt of court during the 2013 trial of oil heir Al Hill III, who claimed he was indicted on mortgage fraud charges as a favor to Watkins’ political benefactor, Lisa Blue.

The challengers Watkins supported managed to oust popular officials in the Democratic Primary last spring.

A strategy whispered among some Democrats was to get Watkins out of office by supporting his opponent and then retake the office in four years in blue Dallas County. But if Hawk, the first woman elected DA in Dallas, builds support and a reputation as a fair district attorney, that may not be easy to do because of the power of incumbency.

As a judge, Hawk had a reputation for finding innovative ways to rehabilitate probationers. In the LGBT community and for those with HIV, she built relationships with counselors from AIDS Arms and Legacy Counseling to ensure inmates with HIV received their medication and remained compliant.

Hawk has said she plans to continue Watkins’ exoneration project.

While no new LGBT candidates were elected in the county, the influence of the community was apparent in at least one race.

Felicia Pitter worked in the office of openly gay District Clerk Gary Fitzsimmons. Fitzsimmons supported her candidacy in the Democratic Primary, and she won a four-way primary race and took an easy victory in Tuesday’s general election.

While openly gay Judge Tonya Parker was unopposed, she received more votes than most of the other judges running unopposed for judicial district court positions.

In the biggest win for the LGBT community, a nondiscrimination proposition to change wording in the city charter won with 75 percent of the vote.

While nondiscrimination in city employment has been the law in Dallas for two decades, the proposition changes wording in the city charter. Gender identity was included in the definition of sexual orientation in the ordinance. They’re now simply listed as two protected categories.

The recommendation for the change in wording came from the mayor’s LGBT Task Force chaired by Councilman Adam Medrano.

County Clerk John Warren, who was easily re-elected was recently asked if he would issue marriage licenses once Texas became a marriage equality state. He said he wanted to be the first to issue them.

A number of elected officials who are members of Stonewall Democrats sailed to victory including former Dallas City Councilwoman Pauline Medrano who becomes the new county treasurer.

County Judge Clay Jenkins’ name recognition soared as he became the focus of two national stories this year. He welcomed President Barack Obama to Dallas to discuss housing up to 2,000 children fleeing violence in Central America and he became the calm face of Dallas as America freaked out over the Ebola virus.

Jenkins sent a message to supporters after his victory. In it, he referred to the immigration issue.

“Too many of our neighbors live in the shadows due to our broken immigration system,” Jenkins wrote. “We need a bipartisan solution to our immigration policy and a shared sense of community for everyone.”

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Republicans near super majority in state Senate, increase their margin in the House by 3

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Election Night, Tuesday, Nov. 4, couldn’t have gotten any better for Texas Republicans. The party swept statewide offices and fell just two seats shy of a supermajority in the state House.

But when Republican Konni Burton bested Democrat Libby Willis for the open Senate District 10 seat in Tarrant County before 11 p.m., the Colleyville Tea Party activist gave Republicans their biggest prize: a near super majority in the state Senate.

Sen.-elect Burton, like her fellow Senate freshmen, bested an establishment Republican in the March primary and a May runoff. She beat former Rep. Mark Shelton, the preferred choice of Tarrant County Republicans to win the GOP nomination, before defeating Willis on Tuesday to succeed Sen. Wendy Davis, who lost her bid for Texas governor.

Burton will be joined by a handful of hardcore conservative freshman legislators, including Sens.-elect Don Huffines and Bob Hall, both of whom who successfully ran to the right of incumbent Sens. John Carona and Bob Duell.
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Texas remains red and Texas Democrats have a severe case of the blues following midterm elections on Tuesday, Nov. 4, in which Republican candidates swept all the statewide races.

But Daniel Williams, field organizer and legislative specialist for Equality Texas, said this week the outlook for Texas LGBTs may not be as bleak as some think.

State Sen. Wendy Davis, the Fort Worth Democrat who made national headlines in 2013 when she successfully filibusted draconian anti-choice legislation, had been a beacon of hope to most of the LGBT community — and other progressive Texans — when she decided to run governor.

Although she didn’t have campaign coffers as deep as Attorney General Greg Abbott, the Republican candidate for governor, Davis ran a solid campaign. And while she wasn’t expected to win the race in such as deeply red state, many pundits did expect the race to be close.

But it wasn’t.

With statewide voter turnout at just over 33 percent, Davis was able to pull in less than 40 percent of the 4,708,556 votes cast in the race. That gave her about 39 percent of the vote, compared to Abbott’s 59 percent.

The remaining 2 percent was split between Libertarian Kathie Glass, Green Party candidate Brandon Parmer and write-in candidate Sarah M. Pavitt.

Even though the Davis-versus-Abbott contest got most of the attention, in Texas and elsewhere, it was the race for lieutenant governor that many considered the most important.

Texas has a “weak governor” form of government in which the governor’s most powerful function is calling special sessions of the Legislature and setting the agenda for those sessions.

The lieutenant governor, on the other hand, is president of the state Senate. Among the lieutenant governor’s powers are debating and voting on all issues when the Senate sits a “committee of the whole,” deciding all parliamentary questions, determining the order in which legislation will be considered in the Senate, and casting the determining vote in case of a tie.

Democratic Sen. Leticia Van de Putte’s loss to Republican Sen. Dan Patrick in that race was one of the biggest blows to the prospects for advances in LGBT rights in Texas over the next four years.

Van de Putte, a pharmacist from San Antonio, captured 39 percent of the 4,676,358 votes cast for lieutenant governor. Patrick, a right-wing radio talk show host from Houston, received 58 percent, with the remaining 3 percent split between Libertarian Robert D. Butler and Green Party candidate Chandrakanthan Courtney.

Van de Putte’s loss was made even more disheartening by the fact that even some otherwise faithful Republicans, including Metroplex Republicans President Rob Schlein of Dallas, had suggested that Van de Putte was the better candidate.

Margins in the other five statewide races — not including judicial races — were similar:

- Republican Ken Paxton defeated Democrat Sam Houston, 59 percent-38 percent, for attorney general.
- Republican Glen Hegar defeated Democrat Mike Collier, 58 percent-38 percent, for comptroller.
- Republican George P. Bush — nephew of former Texas Gov. and former U.S. President George W. Bush — defeated Democrat John Cook, 61 percent-35 percent, for land commissioner.
- Republican Sid Miller defeated Democrat Jim Hogan, 59 percent-37 percent, for ag commissioner.
- And Republican Ryan Sitton defeated Democrat Steve Brown, 58 percent-37 percent, for railroad commissioner.

Still, Williams said, there is room for some hope for LGBT Texans — just probably not in the Senate.

“Republicans are not fungible,” Williams said. “Neither are Democrats. That said, there will obviously be some differences, and they are not likely to be that positive for the LGBT community.”

The biggest disadvantages for the LGBT community will likely be in the Senate, he said. But there’s a lot that remains to be seen there, too.

“There will be some big differences, I am sure, in the way [current Lt. Gov. David] Dewhurst has run the Senate and the way Patrick will run the Senate,” Williams said. “But the Senate’s next session will be very, very hard to predict. Almost a third of the senators are brand new, and there is a new lieutenant governor.

“It’s going to be hard to predict what will happen there, but there’s no doubt it will be different,” he said.

But it may well be a different story in the Texas House, Williams continued.

“I think the House is going to be friendlier than it has been for the last couple of sessions. Almost all of our really strong allies there were re-elected, except for [Fort Worth Democrat] Lon Burnam [in District 90] who lost in the primary. But his replacement, Ramon Romero Jr., could be a very strong ally for us in his own right,” Williams said.

And in Dallas County, former Dallas City Councilwoman Linda Koop defeated Tea Partier Stephani Carter in the Republican Primary and Democrat George M. Clayton in the general election to win the District 102 seat.

“I think [Koop] could prove to be very good on our issues,” Williams said. “I’m not calling her a rainbow-flag-waving, vocal LGBT advocate, but she is absolutely a sane voice on LGBT issues.”

He continued, “We are getting to the point in the Texas House where we are right on the tipping point of the House being 50-50 in its support for LGBTs. I am very hopeful about the direction the House is taking.”

Williams said Equality Texas, the statewide LGBT lobbying organization will be “switching to a defensive strategy” for the 2015 legislative session. “That doesn’t mean there’s not room for advancement. But it does mean that we are going to have to tackle the challenges differently,” he said.

With new leadership in the Senate and an unknown crop of candidates taking office in January, Williams said Equality Texas has already started work — and community members need to do the same.

“It’s more important now than ever before that LGBT people make their voices heard,” he said. “The Action Center on our website has contact information and sample letters to send to your legislators — even the ones who haven’t started the job yet.

“Most of these freshmen [legislators] may already have an opinion on marriage, but it’s unlikely they’ve ever had to deal with any of the other issues affecting LGBTs. We have the opportunity now to be the first ones to talk to them about those issues, and that’s huge,” Williams said.

“There are 67 days before the Legislature is sworn in, 67 days to set the tone for the session. So do it now, while they are still in their home towns,” he added. “We win when they understand that we are human beings, that we live in their neighborhoods and go to their schools and shop in their grocery stores and attend their churches. So call your representative now. You have 67 days.”

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Healey makes history; Michaud falls short

The good and the bad for LGBT and ally candidates in Tuesday’s election

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Lesbian attorney Maura Healey made history Tuesday night, Nov. 4, winning election as Massachusetts’ attorney general and becoming the first openly gay person to be elected as attorney general of any state.

But U.S. Rep. Mike Michaud’s chances of becoming the first openly gay person to be elected governor of any state fell short.

There were mixed results for other LGBT candidates Tuesday night. None of the U.S. House’s six openly LGBT members lost re-election, but — so far — three of four challengers seeking election to the House have lost their campaigns.

Election totals are not yet final for Republican Carl DeMaio’s congressional bid in San Diego, but as of early this morning, results showed DeMaio leading with 50.3 percent.

Healey makes history

In Massachusetts, Healey, who served as a deputy attorney general and led that office’s lawsuit against the Defense of Marriage Act, won another stunning victory Tuesday night. A first-time candidate for political office, Healey trounced her Republican opponent by a margin of 63 percent to 37 percent.

Healey won her primary in September against a Democrat who won the endorsement of both the state party and Massachusetts’ pro-gay governor, Deval Patrick.

“When I entered this race, I was a newcomer. I’d never raised a dollar. I’d never asked for a vote,” said Healey, during her victory speech Tuesday night. “But I’ll tell you what: I wasn’t new to being an underdog. And I wasn’t new to the work of the attorney general."

In thanking her “family,” Healey did not mention her partner, state appeals court Justice Gabrielle Wilhoit. That is probably because the Boston Globe did an article early in the campaign

PRIDE Calendar

November

- **Nov. 7–9: A Celebration of Women**
  National Center for Lesbian Rights Executive Director Kate Kendall is the featured speaker. The weekend includes book studies, film screenings and a symposium sponsored by HopE 4 Peace & Justice. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road.

- **Nov. 8: Trans Health Fair**
  11 a.m.–5 p.m. Amelia Court Clinic, 1936 Amelia Court. Chest and breast screenings and diagnostic exams at UT Southwestern’s Center for Breast Care, Third Floor, Seay Biomedical Building, 2201 Inwood Road. [Tpride.org](http://www.tpride.org).

- **Nov. 13: Holiday Wreath Collection**
  Galleria Dallas, 13350 Dallas Parkway. 6:30 p.m. $50. [DIFFADallas.org](http://www.diffadallas.org).

- **Nov. 14: Wanda Sykes with Keith Robinson**
  Majestic Theater, 1925 Elm St. 8 p.m. Tickets available at [TicketMaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

- **Nov. 15: Black Tie Dinner**
  Dallas Sheraton Hotel, 400 N. Olive St. $400. 6 p.m.–midnight. [BlackTie.org](http://www.blacktie.org).

- **Nov. 15: AIDS Outreach Center Garage Sale**
  Donations accepted 7 a.m.-4 p.m. on Nov. 13 and 14 at AOC. No pick ups available. Garage sale on Saturday from 8 a.m.-noon at 400 N. Beach St., Suite 100, Fort Worth.

- **Nov. 15: Double feature**
  Daniel Karslake’s For the Bible Tells Me So and Every Three Seconds with a talkback with Karslake benefiting AIDS Outreach Center’s Sandy Lanier Nutrition Center. 12:30-5 p.m. at Kimbell Art Museum Piano Pavilion, 3333 Camp Bowie Blvd., Fort Worth. $20 or $15 with a donation of five shelf-stable food items.

- **Nov. 16: Transgender Day of Remembrance Spirit Walk**
  Walk begins at Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road at 6:30 p.m. Entrance of walkers and memorial at Cathedral of Hope at 7 p.m.

- **Nov. 16: Dallas Transgender Day of Remembrance Candlelight and Roses Memorial**
  Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with music by MosaicSong, Partners in Harmony and The Transcontinentals. Memorial ceremony is at 7 p.m. with keynote address by Carmarion Anderson, readings by community members, musical interludes, remembrances and video of local community members who have been lost, followed by closing comments and ending at 8:30 p.m. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road.

- **Nov. 20–Dec. 20: Story Corps**
  Mountainview Community College, Building E Lobby, 4849 W. Illinois Ave. 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Free and open to the public.

- **Nov. 21: Marc Vezsey’s second annual 33rd Congressional District Job Fair**
  Mountainview Community College, Building E Lobby, 4849 W. Illinois Ave. 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Free and open to the public.

December

- **Dec. 1: World AIDS Day**
- **Dec. 1: Night of a Thousand Names**
  CURE honors The Names Project Foundation, Dr. Steven POUNDERS and Dr. Louis Sloan. Noah’s Event Space, 2151 N. Greenville Ave., Richardson. 6 p.m. [CUREnTX.org](http://www.curentx.org).

- **Dec. 22: Ring in the Holidays with Leslie Jordan**
  Benefit for Legacy Counseling Center at 8 p.m. at Theatre Three, 2800 Routh St. Suite 168. [Tickets at LegacyCares.org](http://www.legacycares.org).
Right-wing influence

The “archconservative cabal” has been victorious, with a clean sweep in Texas. Efforts by an ultra-right-wing group to elect Republicans paid off. All of the targeted Democrats lost their elections, including Democrat Libby Willis in Senate District 10.

Campaign finance records reveal Luke Macias consulted all but one of the prevailing Republicans, including Willis’ opponent, Tea Party darling Konni Burton. It was in that race where one of the groups — the National Family Council — mailed out anti-gay flyers targeting Willis in the final weeks of the campaign. (Visit DallasVoice.com for our expose on the mailer and the network of organizations, posted earlier this week.)

Meanwhile, both Colorado Senate races targeted by the right-wing organizations remained too close to call, even two days after the election. Democratic Sen. Rachel Zenzinger was trailing Republican Laura Woods, while Democratic Sen. Andy Kerr was ahead of Republican Tony Sanchez.

The question remains if last minute mailers by NAGP, NFC and others pushed the Republicans to victory or if a national wave contributed to the Republicans edge.

Colorado is seen as a swing state. Coloradans narrowly re-elected the incumbent Democratic governor but ousted Democratic Sen. Mark Udall.

If Colorado is purple, then Texas is solidly red, with Democrats wallowed in statewide elections. Regardless, a new group of powerful hard right Republican operatives have officially landed in Texas. — James Russell

As part of their campaigns, both Hall and Huffines opposed any form of pro-LGBT legislation.

In the SD-10 match up, LGBT issues were not explicitly mentioned until a mailer from the National Family Council hit voters’ mailboxes. It blasted Willis for having the support of the LGBT community.

At the time, Burton spokesperson Luke Macias denied any affiliation with the mailer. An investigation by Dallas Voice later found that to be false. (When asked by the political newsletter Quorum Report if the mailer was homophobic, however, Macias declined to comment.)

With House Democrats clinging to 52 seats and Senate Democrats stuck with only 10, what does that mean for pro-LGBT legislation in the Senate?

“It’s anybody’s guess,” said Daniel Williams, field organizer and legislative specialist with Equality Texas.

In the past Democrats were able to use what is known as the two-thirds rule, meaning if all eleven Democrats opposed legislation, the Republican majority would have to compromise. But Lt. Gov.-elect Dan Patrick, another hardcore conservative, has called for the rule’s elimination.

If Patrick wins that battle, “We will need to be more persuasive,” Williams said.

But the outlook isn’t all doom and gloom, Williams said: “It’s doable. We’ve done it in the past.” And it helps the climate in the Texas House is also changing.

“There are a lot of freshmen and sophomores [in the Texas House] who are more vocal and less opposed to LGBT issues,” he said. If nothing else, the lower chamber should not be stridently opposed to pro-LGBT bills.

Williams cited incoming members Rep.-elect Cesar Blanco, D-El Paso, and Linda Koop, R-Dallas. Aside from Rep. Lon Burnett, D-Fort Worth, who was defeated in his primary re-election by Rep.-elect Ramon Romero, D-Fort Worth, all of the House’s pro-LGBT advocates are returning.

Despite the widespread dismay among progressives, including those in the LGBT community, James Riddlesperger, a professor of political science at Texas Christian University, said Tuesday’s election results really do not change much. The already conservative legislative body really couldn’t have gotten any more conservative, he said.

“Ninety percent of government commitments are the same, regardless of your party,” Riddlesperger said. “Everyone wants good infrastructure, good schools and clean water. Everyone wants an efficient government.

Even a new and more conservative Senate needs to pass legislation.

In both the House and Senate, the rhetoric among more conservative members may be louder and more heated. But they’re in the minority. Even with a more activist conservative Republican caucus in the Senate, the temperament should remain the same. Just as in the past, Riddlesperger expects “a chilling session for LGBT rights.”

The real test for social issues will come when the Legislature convenes in January, though. Besides deciding the fate of the Senate’s two-thirds rule, some of the first issues legislators must face concern recent court rulings striking down portions of the state’s strict new anti-abortion law and ban on same-sex marriage.

To Riddlesperger, a Willie Nelson song summed up the new legislature: “What can they do now that they haven’t done already?”
A personal perspective on Perry

Looking back at the longest-serving Texas governor’s time in office

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e knew a new governor would be taking power in Texas come January 2015, one way or another. Gov. Rick Perry — the longest serving, most blatantly anti-LGBT governor in Texas history — finally will be stepping down.

What a wild ride Perry gave Texas’ LGBT community. Assuming the helm of Texas government in December 2000 when then-Gov. George W. Bush won the presidential election, Perry dropped his first bomb on the LGBT community in 2002 by declaring the state’s same-sex sodomy law as “appropriate.”

In 2005 he supported the state ballot proposition that defined marriage as only a union between a man and a woman, and in the same year in a speech in Fort Worth he suggested LGBT veterans returning from the Iraq War should find a more liberal state in which to live.

In his book — On My Honor, published in 2008 — Perry compared homosexuality to alcoholism, and he said LGBT people should practice abstinence. When Perry unsuccessfully campaigned for president in 2012, he criticized the repeal of “don’t ask, don’t tell,” and he gave his support to a proposed federal constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage nationwide.

A former Eagle Scout, Perry advocated that the Boy Scouts of America continue its discrimination against gay Scouts and volunteer adult leaders. In short, every chance he got as governor, Perry bash ed LGBT people and their civil rights movement.

His stance took some people off guard because as a Democrat-turned-Republican politician, he never gave any indication as a candidate for the Texas Legislature, agriculture commissioner or lieutenant governor of his anti-gay views. His newly embraced, vocally anti-LGBT philosophy shocked me, too, when I finally learned about it.

I went to work as a staff writer for the Dallas Voice in 2001, the first year of Perry’s governorship. I had covered LGBT issues and AIDS for the mainstream and alternative media already. But it would be my first job covering LGBT issues exclusively.

I never dreamed I would be spending so much time writing about the Texas governor, whom I met as a young man when he was a Texas A&M cadet. Perry’s anti-LGBT views surprised me because I know many of his friends from Haskell County to my early college days at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. That group includes a gay man, a lesbian and quite a few gay-friendly people.

I don’t think any of them share Perry’s views about homosexuality, but they do all regard him fondly and proudly.

I understand why they like Perry. When I met him, I thought he was one of the most handsome, charming and friendly people I had ever met. What a let down I have experienced during the past 14 years of watching him practice politics.

The most ironic part of my coverage of Perry is that he became the subject of a persistent rumor that he led a secret gay life prior to his marriage in 1982 in his early-30s to Anita Thiipgen, and that he continued clandestine sexual relations with men during his entire political career.

Perry attempted to ignore the rumors, but they became so widespread that he finally addressed them when LGBT activists started holding “Come out of the closet, Rick” signs in front of the Texas Capitol. The first time the governor’s spokesman returned one of my phone calls for the Dallas Voice was to deny the governor was gay.

Gay former Texas Rep. Glen Maxey even wrote a book about the gay rumors concerning Perry named Head Figure Head: The Search for the Hidden Life of Rick Perry.

A Texas Monthly editor called me during that time to ask me what I thought about the rumors. I had to tell the truth. I considered them to be far-fetched and a bit hilarious. I graduated from the University of Texas at Austin, and I still lived there in the early 1980s when Perry supposedly went to gay bars and drove and jogged the cruise route. If that had happened, I would have observed it.

In fact, I don’t really believe that Perry is as intolerant as his political rhetoric would suggest. He is a seasoned campaigner who knows what to say to keep his political base solidly behind him. Like many politicians, he will say whatever he considers necessary to get elected. Don’t forget how George W. Bush courted gay political leaders in Texas when he ran for president in 2000, then turned on them when he got in office.

That said, it’s good to see Perry go, even though his successor will likely be as bad if not worse on LGBT issues. At least I won’t continually be at odds with a group of good people who still consider him and his wife to be their hometown buddies.

David Webb is a veteran journalist with more than three decades of experience, including a stint as a staff reporter for Dallas Voice. He now lives on Cedar Creek Lake and writes for publications nationwide.
Witness to change

Aged faces of those in All Saints memorial program offer hope that the depths of the epidemic have passed.

It’s rare that a PowerPoint presentation makes me cry. It happened last Sunday. Every year, our church celebrates All Saints Day with a service dedicated to all the congregation and family members we lost during the past year. It is always a moving moment, even if it does remind me of the Academy Awards tribute video.

Seeing the faces and names of those people — who may not have been important to me, but certainly were to people in my church and the community — always gives me pause. It not only reminds me of the gifts these people were to our community and their families, but it confronts me with my own mortality. Death is inevitable and because of that most people, myself included, don’t like to be reminded of it.

So while trying to hold back tears when familiar faces appeared as the presentation played, and trying to stuff down those fears about death and dying that everyone gets, I noticed something strange. The pictures seemed odd.

As I watched the faces move and dissolve, one into another, and the choir sang a moving song, I was struck by how odd the faces looked: These people had grey hair, weathered faces, drooping eyes — all the signs of old age!

It lifts my spirits to see people whose lives were full and rich and long. It makes me feel happy to have known so many of them for years, and to have been part of their lives and families.

Hardy Haberman
Flagging Left

It lifts my spirits to see people whose lives were full and rich and long. It makes me feel happy to have known so many of them for years, and to have been part of their lives and families.

With only a couple of exceptions, I did not see any faces that were young or even middle aged. I think that is a sign of something greater happening, the reality of an epidemic that may be coming to a close.

To not have to sit through a parade of images that elicit the words, “He was so young” and, “Gone too soon” gives me hope — hope that the next generation of LGBT youth will never have to experience that shock of seeing someone who you had lost track of, and suddenly they were gone. Youth who will never have the experience of hearing the name of a lover or a close friend read in a waverering voice and added to a list of those that fell ill and wasted away, who do not have to have a funeral every couple of weeks or sew those tear-stained panels for the NAMES Quilt.

The advancements in treatment for HIV are astounding, and though much marketing hoopla is made of HIV being a “manageable disease,” I was loath to consider it so. My experience with AIDS has been straightforward and fatal.

But I now believe that future generations will find that hard to understand, and that also gives me hope.

I say all this not to trivialize the passing of anyone, nor to stallow in the maudlin nostalgia that can be so tempting when you have lived through the kinds of trauma LGBT people of my generation did.

I say all this as something uplifting that can come of this changing demographic. LGBT people are growing old! Some of us never thought we would, and that makes the All Saints Day PowerPoint memorial a testament to resilience and the future.

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.” Hebrews 12:1
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**2015 Jeep Renegade.** Built in Melfi, Italy, the Renegade shares architecture with the Fiat 500X. Cute styling with removable roof panels and taillamps inspired by Jerry cans are a delight. Engines include 160 horsepower/1.4-liter and 184 horsepower/2.4-liter 4-cylinder engines — both with 9-speed automatic transmissions. Trailhawk packages employ a crawl mode and skid plates for adventure. If compact crossovers are hot, then Renegade is a toasty ember. **Base price:** $20,000.

**2015 Ford Mustang.** The original pony car marks 50 years all new. It’s more aerodynamic, but looks faster and more muscular. Enthusiasts will expect a base 300 horsepower 3.7-liter V6 and optional 435 horsepower 5.0-liter V8, but may be surprised at the new 310 horsepower turbo-four that achieves 32-MPG hwy. For the first time ever, an independent rear suspension comes standard and gives Mustang the refinement needed to gain new fans.

Our preview of the best new models for 2015

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**CASEY WILLIAMS | Auto Reviewer**

On the highest of high-ends, the 2015 Bentley GTC V8 S, top, is a convertible that oozes sex appeal and power; much more affordable is the Jeep Renegade, left, with its removable roof and off-road sensibilities; the Nissan Murano, above, balances roominess, safety and design smarts.
here and abroad. Base price: $23,600.


2015 Nissan Murano. Murano re-captures its original impact with design based on the Resonance Concept. It achieves an efficient 0.31 coefficient of drag with grille shutters and underbody air deflectors. Four cameras and three radar systems help avoid crashes. Passengers enjoy rear seat heaters and USB, panoramic moonroof and Bose audio. Move out with a 260 horsepower 3.5-liter V6. Base price: $29,000.

2015 Acura TLX. Honda’s luxury brand combines its mid-size cars for 2015. The new TLX flaunts athleticism with torque-vectoring AWD and a choice of engines — a 206 horsepower, 2.4-liter 4 with an 8-speed transmission or 290 horsepower 3.5-liter V6 with 9 speeds. Fuel economy reaches 35 MPG. Styling is smooth and chiseled, but a bit of a snore. While comprehensive, the two-screen infotainment system is baffling. Base price: $30,995.

2015 Lincoln MKC. Lincoln’s Escape-based crossover combines a crafted interior and ‘40s Continental style with technology like MyLincoln Touch infotainment, THX II Certified Audio, foot-activated hatch, collision avoidance systems and automated parking. Step out with a 285 horsepower 2.3-liter turbo-4 or 240 horsepower 2.0-liter turbo engine. A drive proves Lincoln can blend tradition with technology. Base price: $33,100.

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2015 BMW 2-Series Convertible. The redesigned 2-Series sticks with the elegant simplicity of a soft top that can retract in 20 seconds at speeds up to 30 mph. Those speeds come quick with a 240 horsepower turbo-four or 320 horsepower turbo-6. Driving modes adjust for Eco Pro, Comfort, Sport and Sport+. LTE navigation updates and apps for Facebook and Twitter add technology. Parking Assistant eases the car into parallel spots, but it’s best enjoyed on autumn roads. Base price: $38,850.

2015 Dodge Challenger Hellcat. Unholy, ungodly, demonic, slithering serpent of evil! Hellcat will run 0–60 mph in 3 seconds flat, and reach 200 mph with its supercharged 6.2-liter HEMI V8 producing 707 horsepower. Driven reasonably (yeah, right), it achieves 13/22-MPG. Selectable drive modes adjust the chassis and drivetrain for sport, tour and track. Icon muscle car style coexists with the world’s easiest to use infotainment system. Base price: $59,995.

2015 Mercedes-Benz C63 AMG. Putting Mercedes back at the top of compact luxury is the C63 AMG. Flowing lines convey speed while a new interior lavished with wood and leather features a graceful center control stack. Burmester audio and cloud-based infotainment are available. Built in the “one man, one engine” AMG tradition, the 4.0-liter biturbo V8 produces up to 503 horsepower. Drive modes adjust the suspension and drivetrain from “tour” to “race.” Base price: $65,000.

2015 Bentley GTC V8 S. That’s a lot of letters, but they represent the quintessential Beverly Hills Bentley convertible. Bespoke interiors spoil with hand-sewn leather, book-matched veneers and real chrome. Naim audio is divine. Under the aluminum hood is a 4.0-liter twin-turbo V8 delivering 521 horsepower through AWD and 21-in. wheels. Personalize with massaging front seats and carbon-ceramic brakes. Roll up anywhere and you’ll get respect! Base price: $219,925.

Every red-blooded American boy has lusted for a Mustang at some point in his life, and the 2015 models, top, remind us why; the new BMW 2-Series offers a soft-top with staggeringly beautiful lines; Dodge’s Challenger Hellcat shows why muscle cars are always in fashion. ... And 2 sneak previews for 2016

2016 Chevy Volt. You’ll have to wait a year for the next plug-in, extended-range Chevy Volt, but we’ll see a preview during January’s Detroit auto show. A completely new design wraps all-new batteries that will be smaller, lighter, and enable greater driving range than today’s fossil-free 40 miles. A larger 1.5-liter gasoline engine kicks harder when electricity depletes. The car that taught us how to plug in should really turn us on. Base price: Think $30,000.

2016 Fiat 500X. Bound for more than 100 countries, Fiat’s larger 500X will be built alongside the new Jeep Renegade in Melfi, Italy. Six gasoline and two diesel engines match with up to nine speeds (depending on market). Output reaches 184 horsepower for the 2.4-liter 4-cylinder engine. Lane departure and blind zone warning systems will be optional. If you wanted a cute little Fiat, but needed more space, your car is coming. Base price: Around $20,000 (available spring 2015).
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Patient Information

STRIBILD® (STRY-bild)
(elvitegravir 150 mg/cobicistat 150 mg/emtricitabine 200 mg/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 300 mg) tablets

Brief summary of full Prescribing Information. For more information, please see the full Prescribing Information, including Patient Information.

What is STRIBILD?

- STRIBILD is a prescription medicine used to treat HIV-1 in adults who have never taken HIV-1 medicines before. STRIBILD is a complete regimen and should not be used with other HIV-1 medicines.
- STRIBILD does not cure HIV-1 or AIDS. You must stay on continuous HIV-1 therapy to control HIV-1 infection and decrease HIV-related illnesses.
- Ask your healthcare provider about how to prevent passing HIV-1 to others. Do not share or reuse needles, injection equipment, or personal items that can have blood or body fluids on them. Do not have sex without protection. Always practice safer sex by using a latex or polyurethane condom to lower the chance of sexual contact with semen, vaginal secretions, or blood.

What is the most important information I should know about STRIBILD?

STRIBILD can cause serious side effects, including:

1. Build-up of lactic acid in your blood (lactic acidosis). Lactic acidosis can happen in some people who take STRIBILD or similar (nucleoside analogs) medicines. Lactic acidosis is a serious medical emergency that can lead to death. Lactic acidosis can be hard to identify early, because the symptoms could seem like symptoms of other health problems. Call your healthcare provider right away if you get any of the following symptoms which could be signs of lactic acidosis:
   - feel very weak or tired
   - have unusual (not normal) muscle pain
   - have trouble breathing
   - have stomach pain with nausea or vomiting
   - feel cold, especially in your arms and legs
   - feel dizzy or lightheaded
   - have a fast or irregular heartbeat

2. Severe liver problems. Severe liver problems can happen in people who take STRIBILD. In some cases, these liver problems can lead to death. Your liver may become large (hepatomegaly) and you may develop fat in your liver (steatosis). Call your healthcare provider right away if you get any of the following symptoms of liver problems:
   - your skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow (jaundice)
   - dark “tea-colored” urine
   - light-colored bowel movements (stools)
   - loss of appetite for several days or longer
   - nausea
   - stomach pain

You may be more likely to get lactic acidosis or severe liver problems if you are female, very overweight (obese), or have been taking STRIBILD for a long time.

3. Worsening of Hepatitis B infection. If you have hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection and take STRIBILD, your HBV may get worse (flare-up) if you stop taking STRIBILD. A “flare-up” is when your HBV infection suddenly returns in a worse way than before.

- Do not run out of STRIBILD. Refill your prescription or talk to your healthcare provider before your STRIBILD is all gone.
- Do not stop taking STRIBILD without first talking to your healthcare provider.
- If you stop taking STRIBILD, your healthcare provider will need to check your health often and do blood tests regularly for several months to check your HBV infection. Tell your healthcare provider about any new or unusual symptoms you may have after you stop taking STRIBILD.

Who should not take STRIBILD?

Do not take STRIBILD if you also take a medicine that contains:
- adefovir (Hepsera®)
- alfuzosin hydrochloride (Uroxatral®)
- cisapride (Propulsid®, Propulsid Quicksol®)
- ergot-containing medicines, including: dihydroergotamine mesylate (D.H.E. 45®, Migranal®), ergotamine tartrate (Cafergot®, Migergot®, Ergostat®, Medihaler Ergotrate®, Wigraine®, Wigrlettes®), and methylergonovine maleate (Ergotrate®, Methergine®)
- lovastatin (Alcor®, Altoprev®, Mevacor®)
- oral midazolam
- pimozide (Orap®)
- rifampin (Rifadin®, Rifamate®, Rifater®, Rimactane®)
- sildenafil (Revatio®), when used for treating lung problems
- simvastatin (Simcor®, Vytorin®, Zocor®)
- triazolam (Halcion®)
- the herb St. John's wort

Do not take STRIBILD if you also take any other HIV-1 medicines, including:
- Other medicines that contain tenofovir (Atripla®, Complera®, Viread®, Truvada®)
- Other medicines that contain emtricitabine, lamivudine, or ritonavir (Atripla®, Combind®, Complera®, Emtriva®, Epivir® or Epivir-HBV®, Epzicom®, Kaletra®, Norvir®, Trizivir®, Truvada®)

STRIBILD is not for use in people who are less than 18 years old.

What are the possible side effects of STRIBILD?

STRIBILD may cause the following serious side effects:
- See “What is the most important information I should know about STRIBILD?”
- New or worse kidney problems, including kidney failure. Your healthcare provider should do blood and urine tests to check your kidneys before you start and while you are taking STRIBILD. Your healthcare provider may tell you to stop taking STRIBILD if you develop new or worse kidney problems.
- Bone problems can happen in some people who take STRIBILD. Bone problems include bone pain, softening or thinning (which may lead to fractures). Your healthcare provider may need to do tests to check your bones.
- Changes in body fat can happen in people who take HIV-1 medicine. These changes may include increased amount of fat in the upper back and neck (“buffalo hump”), breast, and around the middle of your body (trunk). Loss of fat from the legs, arms and face may also happen. The exact cause and long-term health effects of these conditions are not known.
- Changes in your immune system (Immune Reconstitution Syndrome) can happen when you start taking HIV-1 medicines. Your immune system may get stronger and begin to fight infections that have been hidden in your body for a long time. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you start having any new symptoms after starting your HIV-1 medicine.
The most common side effects of STRIBILD include:

- Nausea
- Diarrhea

Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.

- These are not all the possible side effects of STRIBILD. For more information, ask your healthcare provider.
- Call your healthcare provider for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking STRIBILD?

Tell your healthcare provider about all your medical conditions, including:

- If you have or had any kidney, bone, or liver problems, including hepatitis B infection
- If you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if STRIBILD can harm your unborn baby. Tell your healthcare provider if you become pregnant while taking STRIBILD.
  - There is a pregnancy registry for women who take antiviral medications during pregnancy. The purpose of this registry is to collect information about the health of you and your baby. Talk with your healthcare provider about how you can take part in this registry.
- If you are breastfeeding (nursing) or plan to breastfeed. Do not breastfeed if you take STRIBILD.
  - You should not breastfeed if you have HIV-1 because of the risk of passing HIV-1 to your baby.
  - Two of the medicines in STRIBILD can pass to your baby in your breast milk. It is not known if the other medicines in STRIBILD can pass into your breast milk.
  - Talk with your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby.

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements:

- STRIBILD may affect the way other medicines work, and other medicines may affect how STRIBILD works.
- Be sure to tell your healthcare provider if you take any of the following medicines:
  - Hormone-based birth control (pills, patches, rings, shots, etc)
  - Antacid medicines that contain aluminum, magnesium hydroxide, or calcium carbonate. Take antacids at least 2 hours before or after you take STRIBILD
  - Medicines to treat depression, organ transplant rejection, or high blood pressure
  - amiodarone (Cordarone®, Pacerone®)
  - atorvastatin (Lipitor®, Caduet®)
  - bepridil hydrochloride (Vascor®, Bepadin®)
  - bosentan (Tracleer®)
  - buspirone
  - carbamazepine (Carbatrol®, Epitol®, Equetro®, Triglax®)
  - clarithromycin (Biaxin®, Prevpac®)
  - clonazepam (Klonopin®)
  - clotiazapate (Gen-xene®, Tranxene®)
  - colchicine (Colcrys®)
  - medicines that contain dexamethasone
  - diazepam (Valium®)
  - digoxin (Lanoxin®)
  - disopyramide (Norpace®)
  - estazolam
  - ethosuximide (Zarontin®)

- flecainide (Tambocor®)
- flurazepam
- fluticasone (Flovent®, Fionase®, Flovent® Diskus®, Flovent® HFA, Veramyst®)
- itraconazole (Sporanox®)
- ketoconazole (Nizoral®)
- lidocaine (Xylocaine®)
- mexiletine
- oxcarbazepine (Trileptal®)
- perphenazine
- phenobarbital (Luminal®)
- phenytoin (Dilantin®, Phenytek®)
- propafenone (Rythmol®)
- quinidine (Neudex®)
- rifabutin (Mycobutin®)
- rifapentine (Priftin®)
- risperidone (Risperdal®, Risperdal Consta®)
- salmeterol (Serevent®) or salmeterol when taken in combination with fluticasone (Advair Diskus®, Advair HFA®)
- sildenafil (Viagra®), tadalafil (Cialis®) or vardenafil (Levitra®, Staxyn®), for the treatment of erectile dysfunction (ED). If you get dizzy or faint (low blood pressure), have vision changes or have an erection that lasts longer than 4 hours, call your healthcare provider or get medical help right away.
- tadalafl (Acirca®), for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension
- telithromycin (Ketek®)
- thioridazine
- voriconazole (Vfend®)
- warfarin (Coumadin®, Jantoven®)
- zolpidem (Ambien®, Edular®, Intermezzo®, Zolpidem®)

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of all your medicines and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist when you get a new medicine. Do not start any new medicines while you are taking STRIBILD without first talking with your healthcare provider.

Keep STRIBILD and all medicines out of reach of children.

This Brief Summary summarizes the most important information about STRIBILD. If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider. You can also ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for information about STRIBILD that is written for health professionals, or call 1-800-445-3235 or go to www.STRIBILD.com.

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All gays have two incomes and are rich, right? They all drive Bimmers and shop at Nordstrom? Yeah, well, not quite. Many of us struggle to make car payments, but don’t want to drive ugly, under-equipped cars. Given these fly rides that cost under $30k, we don’t have to.

**Chevy Spark.** Sporting paint colors like Denim, Salsa and Lemonade, Chevy’s cute compact flaunts style and tech. It comes standard with alloy wheels, A/C and power windows. Access smartphones through USB and touchscreen for Pandora and BringGo navigation. Get 4G LTE wifi. Step into the 84 horsepower, 4-cylinder engine and enjoy 30/39-MPG city/hwy. Spark starts at $12,170.

**Jeep Renegade.** Built in Italy, Renegade shares architecture with the Fiat 500X. Trailhawk packages employ a crawl mode and skid plates for hard-core adventures. Removable roof panels invite sky. Engines include 160 horsepower/1.4-liter and 184 horsepower/2.4-liter 4-cylinder engines — both attached to a 9-speed automatic transmission. Wade in for around $20,000.

**Honda CR-V.** Revised styling accompanies fuel economy ratings of 27/34-MPG city/hwy from the 185 horsepower 4-cylinder engine — all for $23,320. Enjoy Pandora, SMS text messaging, Bluetooth and push button starting. Of course, if that bonus check came in, you can toss in more Benjamins for Forward Collision Warning, Collision Mitigation Braking System, Adaptive Cruise, Lane Keeping Assist, Lane Departure Warning and Honda LaneWatch sideview camera. Excellence comes standard.

**Ford Focus ST.** ST works it with 18-in. Rado Gray alloys, aggressive facias, Magnetic Metallic paint and fast-charging USB port. Recaro seats, flat bottom steering wheel and heated sport steering wheel conjure Porsche visions. SYNC ApplLink allows smartphone owners to download 60 apps. The 252 hp EcoBoost 4-cylinder engine and 6-speed manual will make you row it until you choke it. All that — and a sippy 23/32-MPG city/hwy — starts at $23,625.
Buick Encore. Like an Ivy League twink, she's small, but sophisticated. A chrome grille and portholes identify the breed, but urban-friendly dimensions part wind with a 138 horsepower turbo-4 and optional AWD. Enjoy 25/33-MPG city/hwy. Technology includes a 4G LTE with hot spot, voice-activated infotainment and heated seats/steering wheel. Safety is enhanced with forward collision alert, blind spot warning, rearview camera and rear traffic alert. Be courageous: Get Brilliant Blue Metallic. Prices start at $24,160.

Scion FR-S. Like that hottie at the gym, FR-S focuses on weight reduction for quick moves. The rear-drive sportster sprints with its 200 horsepower Subaru-built Boxer engine — best enjoyed with a snick-click 6-speed manual transmission, but 25/34-MPG with an automatic. Sexy colors include Raven, Asphalt and Firestorm. Deeply bolstered seats, aluminum pedals and Porsche-style gauges dress the interior. Grip and snip from $24,900.

Hyundai Sonata. Styled to look like the stunning new Genesis sedan, Sonata is a hell of a deal. Base models offer a 185 horsepower 4-cylinder engine that delivers 25/37-MPG city/hwy, but a 245 hp turbo-4 is available for an upcharge. Smart Cruise Control with stop/start capability, panoramic sunroof, heated/cooled seats and heated steering wheel hit the options sheet. Prices start at $21,150 — $28,575 for the turbo.


Buick's Encore, opposite, can haul people — and ass — with urban sophistication; Ford's Focus, above, sips gas for under $24k; Hyundai's Sonata, left, delivers 245 turbo-charged horses for $28,575.
Trucks are like a certain nursery rhyme where one is too small, one is too large, but right in the middle, one is just right. Of course, some of us prefer smaller bowls of porridge or have an appetite for a larger one, so just right for one may not be just right for all. Nobody will judge the size of your porridge, so rock on with the one you like.

2015 GMC Canyon. You and your hot husband just moved into that chic downtown loft. You’re going to need a vehicle that fits in the parking garage, parallel parks at the restaurant and can haul a load from Crate & Barrel. Style is important, but so is towing an occasional jet ski. Here’s your truck.

Canyon is like an SUV with a flatbed. Load up on navigation, USB, Bluetooth, Bose audio and Pandora. GMC enhanced its IntelliLink infotainment system with text messaging, Siri Eyes Free and wifi hotspot. Forward collision alert, lane departure warning, and rear camera enhance safety.

As with larger Sierra pickups, Canyon employs a CornerStep rear bumper, EZ Lift tailgate, GearOn system to re-configure the bed and enough tie down locations to make any night interesting.

Step into the 200 horsepower 4-cylinder engine that delivers 20/27-MPG city/hwy., or the 305 horsepower V6 that tows 7,000 pounds. Either way, you’ll haul your wares with panache to spare. If Canyon seems light in its loafers, move up to a bigger bowl of tonnage. Base price: $20,955.

2015 Ford F-150. What does a beer can and F-
150 have in common? Nope, not *Duck Dynasty*. Both contain intensive amounts of aluminum, though the F-150 employs aerospace-grade alloys … until now, the purview of Jaguars and Audis. Ford removed 700 lbs. from the F-150’s weight, allowing it to accelerate faster, haul more and employ more efficient engines.

Under hood is a choice of 325 horsepower 2.7-liter EcoBoost V6, 365 horsepower 3.5-liter EcoBoost V6, or 385 horsepower 5.0-liter V8 engines. They’re always ready to engage in a little mud play. Styling is smoother and lit with LEDs, but a drunken drag queen could recognize an F-150. Cool tricks include integrated loading ramps, LED cargo lighting, 110-volt power outlets, and key fob-operated tailgate. Grille shutters enhance fuel efficiency. Safety was enhanced with 360-degree cameras, second-row inflatable safety belts, adaptive cruise, lane keeping assist and blind spot warning.

The high-tech F-150 can easily tow a vintage Chris Craft boat, proving wood and aluminum go together. Need more brawn? Get a bigger bowl.

Base price: $25,420.

2015 Dodge Ram 3500. If Noah had one of these, he could have parked his ark anywhere or engaged in light gardening with a tractor or two. Ram 3500 tows up to 30,000 pounds — the equivalent of seven BMW 5-Series cars with a Smart to spare. We’re talking 30-foot mobile mansions or a corral of horses hauling ass through mountains without sweating thy ass.

You’ll care about throbbing powertrains. Ram HD comes standard with a 383 horsepower 5.7-liter V8. But we’re looking for the optional 410 horsepower 6.4-liter HEMI V8 or 6.7-liter Cummins turbo-diesel that kicks out 385 horsepower and 865 lb.-ft. of torque. Supplemental air bags keep the big boy’s rear-end level when bearing heavy loads.

Ram is also stylish. Check the beefy fenders and streamlined contours. Black Forest Green Pearl and Robin Egg Blue paint sounds cute; Case Construction Power Tan, New Holland Agriculture Blue and Case IH Red are more butch. Interiors come basic or luxed-out like a Mercedes. Get the Maybach-inspired Mega Cab. Base price: $31,210.
Our ability to accessorize

Customizing a factory automobile can turn your car into your personal playground

CASEY WILLIAMS | Auto Reviewer

As Clairee so smartly informed us, what sets mankind apart from the beasts is our ability to accessorize. It’s also one of the toughest tricks for any queen to learn. An Armani suit is suave, but only if accompanied with the perfect watch, tie and shoes.

The same is true of your car. Choose the right accessories, and you’ll turn your ride from transportation to heaven on highways. And you can often get that ride for a song.

Here are some of our favorite current add-ons.

**Hot ass**. You don’t think you need heated seats until you get them, then you know: nothing better than a hot ass on a cold day. Most new cars, even the Chevy Sonic and Smart, offer them. Many luxury makes even shove them in the rear. If it’s summer and your ass is too hot (imagine!), check out ventilated seats, too. Luxury brands even add massagers. Divine.

**Warm fingers**. There’s a lot of science that proves blood flows strongly through your hands, and changing their temperature quickly changes your body’s. Hence, the great trend of heated steering wheels — made all the better when hand-stitched leather is involved. Like heated seats, they sound stupid until you flip them on in colder weather. It’s like a Jacuzzi for your mitts.

**Heads up, baby**. General Motors was the first manufacturer to introduce heads-up displays, way back in the ’80s. New versions are reconfigured for audio, tachometer, navigation and other key info. HUDs are a must for driving enthusiasts who want to keep their eyes on the road. Cadillac, Buick and Corvette have some of the best, but Mercedes, BMW and Lexus are close behind.

**Sweet pipes**. Especially in Texas, we spend a lot of time in our cars, so spring for the best audio system you can afford. It sounds expensive up-front, but you’ll never regret it. Think of how many hours lost on the road during rush hour and the music you love. Unlike at home or even a theater, engineers know exactly where you’ll sit and can perfectly optimize what hits your ears, whether that’s Lady Gaga, Tony Bennett … or both.

**Foot action**. If you’re a queen who can’t even open her own door, you’ll love this one: Foot-operated trunklids. Wave your foot under the bumper and up goes the lid. When your arms are full of shopping bags, luggage or baby stuff, they’re da bomb. Check for them on vehicles as varied as the Ford Explorer, Range Rover Evoque, Cadillac Escalade and Hyundai Sonata.

**Shopping tip**. As any fashionista knows, you never pay full retail or buy the entire suit at once. If you like the pants, buy just the pants. Automakers often create packages that group what they think will be favorite features. Except, I’m one of those people who will buy a basic car with the entry-level engine, stick shift and leatherette … then load up on heated seats, premium audio and configurable lighting. I’ve ordered three cars to get it right.

Point is, if you want all that’s in the package and are willing to pay for it, great. I love you. If not, many automakers list key options separately and you can choose them a la carte. Visit your favorite automaker’s website and click “build it” to find out. It’s easier to buy a vehicle out of inventory, but dealers will happily order a car that suits you perfectly.
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questioning the propriety of Healey holding campaign meetings at the home she shares with Wolohan, since state law prohibits judges from supporting political campaigns.

Healey did, however, say to her cheering audience, “For those who can’t be here tonight, I love you.”

Human Rights Campaign President Chad Griffin issued a statement Tuesday night, saying, “Maura Healey is one of the staunchest advocates for equality we have in this country, and we join her in celebrating her historic victory tonight. As the nation’s first openly gay attorney general, she is an inspirational trailblazer and will fight to guarantee civil rights and legal equality for all people of Massachusetts.”

Michaud in Maine

In Maine, Michaud got a significant campaign boost one week before the election when third party candidate Eliot Cutler, a staunchly pro-gay contender, told his supporters to vote for whoever they thought could win.

That was seen as a big chance for Michaud to pick up some, if not all, of the 15 percent of the vote Cutler had been taking in the polls. Michaud also had the benefit of several high profile rallies, including events with President Obama, former President Bill Clinton, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and First Lady Michelle Obama.

But at midnight Tuesday, Michaud had picked up only 7 percent of Cutler’s vote, at best. Another 8 percent of Cutler’s supporters voted for the third party candidate. And a CNN exit poll suggests that Michaud’s being gay may have had some influence in a very close race with right-wing Republican Gov. Paul LePage.

Congressional Caucus

All six incumbent openly-gay members of the U.S. House won re-election Tuesday.

Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney of New York’s 18th Congressional District had the toughest victory, appearing early on to trail his Republican opponent by 12 points. But as more results came in, Maloney was able to overcome what was otherwise a strong Republican tide across the country at all levels Tuesday.

Maloney was declared the winner on Nov. 6 with 49.6 percent of the vote and a 2,700 vote lead.

The Human Rights Campaign criticized Hayworth for running a television ad in the last week of the campaign that featured her openly gay son Will saying that his mother has “always been there for me.” The Human Rights Campaign scored Hayworth as a 71 — out of a possible 100 — in her record on gay-related issues during her one previous term in the House.

At deadline, three of the four openly gay candidates who made challenges to incumbent members of the U.S. House had lost:

- American Idol finalist Clay Aiken took only 41 percent of the vote in his bid to unseat Republican incumbent Renee Ellmers in North Carolina’s 2nd Congressional District. Ellmers has had a zero rating from HRC for her two terms.
- Sean Eldridge, spouse of Facebook co-founder Chris Hughes, won a New York Times endorsement but only 21 percent of the vote against Republican incumbent Chris Gibson for New York’s 19th Congressional District.
- Openly gay Republican Richard Tisei, who was seen as having a strong chance of winning an open seat in Massachusetts, fell far short, winning only 41 percent of the vote to Democrat Seth Moulton’s 55 percent.
- Results for openly gay Republican Carl DeMaio’s effort to unseat popular pro-gay Democrat Scott Peters showed DeMaio ahead by 750 votes. A recount is expected.
**Friday 11.07**

**Kitchen Dog premiers ‘The Arsonists’**

Max Frisch was the 20th century’s most influential Swiss playwright, but his masterwork, The Arsonists, hasn’t been performed regionally until now. Kitchen Dog Theater mounts a new translation of this dark comedy, which holds its opening night performance (and associated after-party) Friday.


**MOVIE SCREENING!**

**A DANIEL KARSLAKE SCREENING WITH A Q&A**

**Thursday Nov. 13th 7:00pm**

Angelika Film Center
5321 E. Mockingbird Dallas, TX 214-841-4713
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100% of ticket sales will benefit the Resource Center Nutrition Center!

Tickets are $15 or $10 with 5 canned goods.

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**Saturday Nov. 15 12:30pm**

Kimbell Art Museum – Renzo Piano Pavilion Auditorium
3333 Camp Bowie Blvd. Fort Worth, TX 817-332-8451
aoc.org/news-events

100% of ticket sales will benefit the AIDS Outreach Nutrition Center of Tarrant County!

Tickets are $20 or $15 with 5 canned goods.

Meet the award-winning filmmaker, Daniel Karslake, for a post-show Q&A after each screening!

**Thursday 11.13**

**DIFFA wreath auction gets into the holiday spirit**

For the 19th year, DIFFA Dallas finds a way to celebrate the holidays without wearing a denim jacket — or bidding on one. The annual wreath auction showcases elaborately decorated holiday door wreaths bid on at silent auction to raise money for the AIDS organization while sipping cocktails and enjoying gourmet bites. And you get to preview the spring collection — DIFFA’s 25th.

**DEETS:** Galleria Dallas, 13350 Dallas Parkway. 6:30–9 p.m. Complimentary valet near The Grill on the Alley. $50. DIFFADallas.org.

**Cecelia Feld exhibit at ilume Gallerie**

If you missed last week’s reception with artist Cecelia Feld, that doesn’t mean you can’t still appreciate her colorful paintings, which are on display at the ilume Gallerie throughout November.

**DEETS:** ilume Gallerie, 4123 Cedar Springs Road. Through Nov. 29. Free.

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**ARTSWEEK: NOW PLAYING**

**THEATER**


*Dante: Purgatorio.* The annual theater of the dead production from MBS Productions, adapted from the great epic poem about escaping Hell. Final weekend. Stone Cottage Theatre, 15650 Addison Road. MBSProductions.net.


*Shear Madness.* Comic mystery in Theatre 3’s downstairs space where the audience helps solve the crime. Theatre 3, 2800 South St. (in the Quadrangle). Extended through Nov. 16. Theatre3Dallas.com.


**FINE ART**


*Mario Testino: Alta Moda.* The four-actor, multi-character comedy, adapted from the Hitchcock thriller. Final weekend. OnStage in Bedford. 2819 Forest Ridge Drive, Bedford. OnStageInBedford.com.

**FILM**

*Lone Star Film Festival.* The fifth annual Fort Worth-based festival of film begins. For a complete schedule of films, times and venues, visit LoneStarFilmFestival.com.

*A WEEK OF MUST-SEE MOVIES* | A conservative Oklahoma couple copes with the suicide of their gay son in the documentary ‘Broken Heart Land,’ which gets a free screening in Denton Tuesday. This is an Especially busy week for gay-themed films, with the Lone Star Film Festival continuing in Fort Worth (with films including ‘Basquiat’ and ‘Before Night Falls’), while ‘Every Three Seconds’ screens Thursday at the Angelika as a fundraiser for the Resource Center’s Nutrition Center.


*Harvest.* A group show of four visual artists, including Charles Coker, Tom Ortega, Cecilia Thurman and Janna Tidwell. Mary Tomas Gallery, 1110 Dragon St. Through Nov. 15. MaryTomasGallery.com.

*The Marriage of Figaro.* Dallas Theater Center’s artistic director Kevin Moriarty steps across Flora Street to direct his first full-length classic opera, the Mozart classic. DO music director Emmanuel Villaume directs. Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 9 at 2 p.m. DallasOpera.org.

*Salome.* The second show of the Dallas Opera season is Richard Strauss’ lusty tragedy Salome, adapted from Oscar Wilde’s play. Directed by Francesca Zambello. Reviewed with week. Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. DallasOpera.org.

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*Harvest.* A group show of four visual artists, including Charles Coker, Tom Ortega, Cecilia Thurman and Janna Tidwell. Mary Tomas Gallery, 1110 Dragon St. Through Nov. 15. MaryTomasGallery.com.

*The Marriage of Figaro.* Dallas Theater Center’s artistic director Kevin Moriarty steps across Flora Street to direct his first full-length classic opera, the Mozart classic. DO music director Emmanuel Villaume directs. Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 9 at 2 p.m. DallasOpera.org.

*Salome.* The second show of the Dallas Opera season is Richard Strauss’ lusty tragedy Salome, adapted from Oscar Wilde’s play. Directed by Francesca Zambello. Reviewed with week. Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. DallasOpera.org.
THURSDAY 11.13

BROADCAST
Project Runway All Stars. Returning contestants compete. Airs on Lifetime at 8 p.m.

FILM
Every Three Seconds. A documentary from the creator of For the Bible Tells Me So chronicles the lives of a cross-section of individuals who fight hunger and poverty. All proceeds from the screening benefit Resource Center’s Nutrition Center. Angelika Film Center at Mockingbird Station. 7 p.m. $10. RSVP at Eventbrite.com. (The film will also screen, alongside For the Bible Tells Me So, at the Kimbell Art Museum in Fort Worth on Saturday as a benefit for AIDS Outreach Center of Tarrant County’s Food Pantry.)

COMMUNITY
No Tie Dinner & Dessert Party Kick-off. The 10th annual fundraiser for AIDS Services of Dallas launches with this mixer. Scott+Coomer Showroom, 1617 Hi-Line Drive. 6–8 p.m. AIDSDallas.com.

DIFFA Holiday Wreath Auction. The 8th annual silent auction of designer wreaths, benefiting DIFFA, comes to the Galleria, 13350 Dallas Parkway (complimentary valet near Grill on the Alley), 6:30 p.m. $50/person. DIFFADallas.org.

Press Club of Dallas Newsmaker of the Year Award to Michael Jenkins. The head of the Dallas Summer Musicals is being honored by the Press Club with a dinner and tribute, including performances from Broadway stars Rachel York and Cathy Rigby. Music Hall at Fair Park, 901 First Ave. 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 11-6

THEATER

VOICE
This season, in Boston, with Padme, Tom, Gail and Richard Blais. Airs on Bravo at 8 p.m.

BROADCAST
Top Chef

FILM
Whatever Happened to Baby Jane? The Grand Guignol masterpiece, with Bette Davis setting the standard for unstable matrons as she slowly angelic tortures sister Joan Crawford in their moldering Hollywood mansion. Victor Buono co-stars. Screens as part of the Tuesday New Classic series at Landmark’s Magnolia in the West Village, sponsored by Dallas Voice. 7:30 p.m. and 10:15 p.m.

Broken Heart Land. A feature-length documentary about how HIV awareness and gay rights are largely overlooked in Middle America — focusing on an Oklahoma couple transformed by the suicide of their closeted son — gets a free community screening with discussion. University of North Texas, 1155 Union Circle, RTVF Bldg., Room 184, Denton. 7 p.m. Free. RSVP at BrokenHeartLandFilm.eventbrite.com.

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THEATER

WEDNESDAY 11.12

BROADCAST
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QUEER CLIP: ‘Interstellar’

In Christopher Nolan’s newest sci-fi extravaganza, Interstellar, Einstein’s general theory of relativity is carefully explained: The closer you approach the speed of light, the slower you age relative to humans on earth. Well, I have a corollary to this quantum hypothesis: The closer you come to Interstellar, the more likely it will seem that all activity slows ... to ... a ... grinding ... halt.

That’s surprising, considering how jam-packed with noisy activity this three-hour (yes!) adventure film is. There are rocket launches, beautiful trips through wormholes, breathtaking-by-the-seat-of-your-pants landings and countless other mind-bending trips through Nolan’s inventive and VFX-fueled brain. Truth be told, though, Nolan has never been much of a storyteller. He’ll spend lots of time acclimating us to characters, then rush headlong through complicated technical points essential to the plot. (Does anyone but him really understand Inception?) Interstellar eases us into its story. We’re never told exactly when it takes place (though apparently later in this century), but eventually we learn that the earth is becoming a desert and mankind will die off unless other habitable worlds are colonized. Matthew McConaughey, a widower with a clingy daughter (played as an adult by Jessica Chastain), is chosen to lead the search alongside Anne Hathaway. Much of the mechanics of the mission are disregarded, though it’s altogether possible they were stated plainly but the editors deemed it far less important than Hans Zimmer’s intrusive score and pulsating sound effects that effectively drown out even the internal dialogue in your head. It’s a sonic assault.

Nolan makes a lot of peculiar choices visually: There are near countless shots of the outside of the spaceship, but usually seen only from the same angle along the length of the fuselage — it’s like having a window seat on an airplane and trying to figure out what your journey looks like from the outside. He also resorts to some heavy-handed imagery (a potential savior of the species named Mann? Really?).

Ultimately, though, Nolan is less interested in the science than in the humanity. The development of McConaughey’s character — across time and space — is poignant and highly emotional. But last year, Alfonso Cuaron got us there in half the time with Gravity; while Kubrick explored the position of humankind in the universe a generation ago with 2001: A Space Odyssey. Interstellar isn’t as good as either of those films, but that doesn’t mean its doesn’t have merit. “Good” may be the enemy of “great,” but don’t write it off entirely.

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Jane divorces, Lance ties the knot

Anytime I get to write about Nichelle Nichols, I’m in heaven … literally. The original Uhura was flying from Los Angeles to Providence where she was slated to appear at Rhode Island Comic Con.

Nichelle was traveling with a blond guy who was described as her assistant (he’s also described as in his 20s — those were 20 hard years). Apparently, the duo’s carry-on bags went through the x-ray without incident. While taking them off the belt, the contents of one bag fell to the ground, revealing what was described as her assistant’s bag. The guy was placed belonging to her male companion. The guy was placed there for a while Nichelle was wheeled to her waiting plane. So, I’m happy to get this straight: A famous old black woman in a wheelchair was traveling with someone carrying illegal drugs in a bag with her name on it, and she wasn’t! Dionne Warwick?

Here’s an unsolved mystery: someone stole Hedwig’s wig! Near the end of the Broadway run of the smash musical, Michael C. Hall (who took over as Hedwig from Neil Patrick Harris and Andrew Rannells) ripped off his wig and throws it to the ground as he does every night. However, after one show, the crew discovered that the wig was missing (cue that scary music from Law & Order). Producer David Binder said, “You do not mess with Hedwig’s wigs. That’s like Hedwig 101. I’m afraid for the poor person who did this because Hedwig will find you, hunt you down, and do unspeakable things to you.” Unless that wig has GPS, I wouldn’t be concerned. But I am kinda curious about these unspeakable things that Hall might do. Is there a list of them anywhere? After seeing pics of him ending the show in only a pair of scanty rubber shorts, pictured, my mind is racing with possibilities.

Speaking of Hedwig, Neil Patrick Harris is returning to TV to host his own variety show. It will be based on the hugely popular (and very British) series, Ant and Dec’s Saturday Night Takeaway, and will include a variety of key players from that show. This dynamic version will be structured similar to its U.K. big brother, including live studio audience, comedy sketches, musical numbers, games and pranks. In announcing a commitment to 10 hour-long episodes, NBC’s president said, “This series will suit his extraordinary talents perfectly. He is a versatile and thrilling talent for us to welcome into the NBC family.” The thing I got out of that is NPH is versatile.

Congrats go out to Sean Hayes, who announced his engagement to beau Scott Icenogle. Apparently, they’ve been together for eight years. Who knew?

Jane Lynch has discovered that a D-I-V-O-R-C-E has given her the greatest gifts God has given her. — Apple CEO Tim Cook

Lance Bass and fiancé Michael Turchin have set a date for their nuptials: Dec. 20. The ceremony will be filmed by E! for a special to air sometime around Valentine’s Day. While Bass’ NSync bandmates will be invited, there are no plans for the group to perform. “I think it’s a little cheesy if I sing at all at my wedding,” said Bass. What Lance didn’t consider cheesy was posting a nude video of his betrothed. Well, if an underwear model was my fiancé, I’d insist he was naked at all times. The video (which is on BillyMasters.com) shows Lance chasing Turchin into the bathroom, where the bare-assed beau is attempting to get into the shower.

Many of you have sent in questions about Ben Affleck’s penis, which made its big screen debut in Gone Girl. But is this really the first time we’re seeing it? There are those who claim that the elusive Affleck penis made a fleeting appearance in Hollywoodland. Perhaps … it’s hard to tell if that’s a penis or a fist. Because I am devoted to my dear readers, I searched high and low and came up with the Gone Girl footage in question. Yes, it’s a fleeting glimpse of Ben’s penis. I’d call it side penis. Kinda like side boob in all those photos of Lindsay Lohan in a tank top … but significantly less saggy.

When we’re featuring a pair of bare asses (and then some), we’ve definitely come to the end of yet another column. Instead of answering one specific Ask Billy question, I took care of a group of you with Affleck’s penis (you’re welcome). As always, I’m here for your queries. Just send ‘em along and I promise to get back to you before Ben’s penis demands equal billing. Until next time, remember: One man’s filth is another man’s bible. Have a question for Billy? Send an email to him at Billy@BillyMasters.com.
Making the SCENE the week of Nov. 7–13:

Alexandre's: Girls Night Out with Peggy Honea at 10 p.m. on Friday. Mi Diva Loca at 10 p.m. on Saturday and 9 p.m. on Wednesday. Alicia Silex at 9 p.m. on Thursday.

Best Friends Club: Texas Gay Rodeo Association state dance contest at 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Changes: Cowtown Leathermen meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday.

Club Reflection: Trinity River Bears meeting at 2:30 p.m. and cookout at 4 p.m. on Sunday. Buffet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Wall of Food Show at 8 p.m. on Tuesday. Texas Gay Rodeo Association and Cowtown Leathermen game night at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

Dallas Eagle: National Leather Association advanced workshop and potluck at noon on Saturday and club night at 7 p.m. on Saturday. Leather Knights Military Man-euvers benefiting the Greg Dollgener Memorial AIDS Fund at 8 p.m. on Saturday. Texas Gay Rodeo Association presents Thanks for the Giving at 7 p.m. on Sunday.

Pekers: Totally Twisted Karaoke prize is up to $500 on Saturday. Register by 11 p.m. to qualify.

Round-Up Saloon: Darts Over Dallas, the second LGBT dart tournament, on Friday through Sunday. Miss Gay Lone Star America at 9 p.m. on Wednesday with Miss Gay Texas America Dessie Love-Blake and emceed by Miss Gay Texas America 2010 Giselle Bevon Ashton with Nadine Hughes and Linza Sareli. $8.

S4: The Military Party featuring DJ Paul McElroy starts at 9 p.m. on Saturday. Anyone with military ID gets in free all weekend.

Sue Ellen's: Panty Raid on Friday. Ciao Bella on Saturday. Marisela the Voice at 3–5 p.m. on Sunday and Edison, Christopher Key Cash and Dustin Morris at 6–9 p.m. on Sunday. Jessica Grai on Wednesday.

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