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Trans woman murdered in Tyler

Transgender woman Ty Underwood, 24, was shot to death in Tyler on Monday, Jan. 26. Tyler detectives have a few leads, but nothing substantial.

Policemen believe shots were fired at Underwood’s car. They say she tried to drive off but got stuck in a grassy area and hit a telephone pole. The murder took place on Twenty-Fourth Street in North Tyler.

Friends, including Underwood’s roommate, are calling this a hate crime. The detective on the case called it a “senseless murder.”

Underwood worked in a nursing home and was recently accepted into nursing school.

In 1993, Nicholas West was murdered in a city park in Tyler. That investigation was the first time a hate crime against a gay victim was taken seriously by police in Texas.

Anyone with information should contact Tyler Police Department at 903-531-1000 or Tyler-Smith County Crime Stoppers at 903-597-2833.

— David Taft

Mormon Church to back LGB nondiscrimination bill

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announced Tuesday, Jan. 27, at a press conference its support of a bill in the Utah legislature barring discrimination based on sexual orientation.

At the same press conference, the LDS Church also announced it backs a bill that affirms an individual’s right to refuse a same-sex marriage if that individual objects on religious grounds.

According to the Salt Lake City Tribune, the move is a major milestone for Utah’s LGB community. The nondiscrimination measure is likely to pass with the Church’s backing.

“We call on local, state and the federal government, to serve all of their people by passing legislation that protects vital religious freedoms for individuals, families, churches and other faith groups while also protecting the rights of our LGB citizens in such areas as housing, employment and public accommodation in hotels, restaurants and transportation — protections which are not available in many parts of the country,” said Elder Dallin Oaks in a news release.

While the Church’s support of the religious liberty bill reaffirms its belief that same-sex sexual relations are contrary to their religious beliefs.

— James Russell

ACA rules change for 2015 recognizing same-sex married couples

Under the Affordable Care Act, the rules have changed for same-sex couples buying health insurance on The Marketplace in 2015.

“For coverage starting in 2015, an insurance company that offers health coverage to opposite-sex spouses must do the same for same-sex spouses,” Healthcare.gov explains on a page for same-sex married couples.

The couple must be legally married in a state that issues marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

So, if a couple is legally married, it doesn’t matter where they live, where the insurance company is located or whether the policy is new or reissued. A same-sex couple is now entitled to buy the same policy offered to opposite-sex couples.

When applying, select “married” if you and your spouse plan to file a joint federal tax return for 2014.

If you are not married, but in a same-sex relationship, this rule does not apply. However, if either partner has an employer that offers partner benefits, the uninsured partner may be able to buy insurance through the employer. It may be cheaper, however, to purchase a plan as a single on The Marketplace.

The deadline to enroll this year is Feb. 15.

— David Taft

Purple Foundation becomes No Tie Dinner’s presenting sponsor

The Purple Foundation has long been a supporter of AIDS organizations, especially AIDS Services of Dallas, but the all-volunteer group is really doubling down for the upcoming No Tie Dinner and Dessert Party, the primary fundraiser for ASD each year. For the landmark 10th dinner, the Purple Foundation will be the official “presenting sponsor” — the first ever such sponsorship deal.

“This year has been Purple Foundation’s most successful year, and we could not be more thrilled to be able to celebrate that success by expanding our support of our primary beneficiary,” said Blake Baker, the foundation’s president.

The No Tie Dinner takes place March 28, and the Purple Party follows about a month later.

— Arnold Wayne Jones

Valdez running for re-election

Sheriff Lupe Valdez’s office contacted Dallas Voice on Jan. 23 to say she WILL be running for re-election in 2016.

A story ran in Instant Tea Jan. 13 in which Pete Schulte announced he would run for the office of Dallas County Sheriff if Valdez decided to not seek re-election as many had expected. Schulte said he had met with Valdez to ask for her support and letting her know he would not run against her should she decide to run.

Raul Reyna, sheriff’s department public information officer, said today, Valdez “will definitely be seeking re-election.”

“Until Sheriff Valdez retires, I will not seek the nomination for Dallas County Sheriff,” Schulte said. “I’m confident Sheriff Valdez will seek re-election, so I will not be doing anything political regarding the sheriff’s race in 2016. Lupie’s doing a great job.”

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Dallas lawyers to answer legal questions for free

Volunteer attorneys will answer legal questions at no cost from 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, and Wednesday, Feb. 18, via LegaLine, a call-in program sponsored by the Dallas Bar Association.

LegaLine is a community service for DFW-area residents, provided the second and third Wednesdays of each month to answer legal questions from anonymous lawyers in related areas ranging from divorce and child support matters, to wills, insurance, employment and criminal law matters. Call LegaLine at 214-220-7476.

GALA North Texas hosts Sunday Super Bowl watch party

GALA North Texas hosts a Sunday Super Bowl watch party and discussion about Plano’s Equal Rights Ordinance, 6-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, at 1641 W. Hebron Parkway. Beverages and snacks provided. Email youth@galanorthtexas.org for questions and more information.

Tarrant County Pride’s Valentine Adult Bingo

Tarrant County Pride Association hosts a Valentine’s-themed bingo fundraiser to benefit its 2015 events from 6–9 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7 at Trinity Metropolitan Community Church, 933 E. Avenue J, Grand Prairie. $20 donation includes two bingo cards for 15 rounds of bingo, adult beverages and snacks. A $5 donation covers optional special rounds of bingo.

For more information on the event or donating prizes contact Richard James Tinker at tink2withu@aol.com or 817-921-3318. To donate anonymously contact Tony Coronado at tonycoronado@aol.com.

2015 Annual Leather Knights Chili Cook-Off

Leather Knights’ annual chili cook-off takes place from 3–6 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 31 at the Dallas Eagle. Set up begins at 2 p.m. Sign up at leatherknights.org/sign-up.html.

Local company honored for efforts to fight hunger, seeks partnerships

Dallas-based Imlach & Collins Brothers, a moving company specializing in corporate and personal moving services, recently was named the top recipient of Move for Hunger’s 2014 Atlas Van Lines Mover of the Year award. This merit distinguishes an Atlas Van Lines agent who had the highest amount of participation and donations for ongoing efforts to prevent hunger in its local community. To date, the Dallas company has accumulated more than 121,948 pounds of non-perishable food in the Dallas area.

Localbriefs

Lily is a sweet 1-year-old pit bull mix. She's very loving and is just waiting for a person to call her own. She's been at the shelter more than three weeks, so her adoption fee has been waived. Ask for Lily, A871567, at Dallas Animal Services. The Adoption Center is open 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Mon-Sat, and noon-5 p.m. on 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 by Judi Burnett.

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A new trans generation

Teen gets help, gives help at Dallas Children’s Hospital’s new Genecis program for trans children

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Editor’s Note: The last names of the transgender teen and her mother profiled in this story and the name of the school the teenager attends are being omitted to protect the teen from possible harassment because of her gender identity.

If you ask her, Christina will tell you that her daughter Kammie, 15, didn’t transition — it was the whole family that transitioned. Christina used to think she had a son, but she has transitioned into understanding that she has a daughter.

Kammie participates in the new Genecis gender program at Children’s Hospital in Dallas, the first program of its kind for trans youth in the southwest. Born in Germany, Kammie began presenting as a girl at age 9 when the family lived in rural Alabama.

She and her family live in North Texas now, but before moving here, Kammie had her birth certificate changed with a letter from an attending endocrinologist. She got her name changed legally to match her birth certificate after moving to Texas.

Christina said doctors in Alabama didn’t know what to do with Kammie. So she put them in touch with doctors elsewhere who had experience dealing with gender dysphoria. When Kammie began attending counseling, she and her mom traveled 250 miles each way to Atlanta to see a counselor there.

At the end of the first session, the counselor asked, “If you had one wish, what would it be?”

“To be a girl,” Kammie answered. That’s what it took for the counselor to declare, “Then we can do this.”

At the end of 4th grade, Kammie began presenting as a girl. When she returned to school in the fall, she was placed in a different class to avoid any possible harassment.

Christina, who describes herself as a devout Christian, doesn’t understand why more parents don’t accept their transgender children. Her religion teaches her that it is “bizarre … that parents don’t embrace their families,” she said.

Christina said she knows that many parents have rejected their trans children, throwing them out of the house and cutting off contact with them. But for her, the focus has always instead been on how to protect her daughter.

Christina acknowledges that she could have been a stronger advocate for Kammie when her daughter was younger. She has seen the difference that having the support of her family has made for Kammie, noting, “The more I championed her, the stronger she was.”

Christina said she has also seen the kind of anxiety and depression transgender children struggle with when they are not embraced by their family, and she is glad that hasn’t been the case with her daughter.

An exceptional case

Kammie is an exceptional case, says Dr. Ximena Lopez, medical director of Genecis. But while Kammie is “well adjusted and has friends,” not all children who have come through the clinic are at the same point on the spectrum, nor are they as easy to diagnose, the doctor said.

Children diagnosed with gender dysphoria are often prescribed puberty suppression medications to help “buy time,” Lopez says. She adds, “If you avoid the effects of puberty, the outcome might be better” for a child in transition.

Lopez stresses that no puberty suppressors are ever administered without support from both of a child’s parents. Many times, she says, one parent — usually the mother — is supportive while the other — usually the father — insists the child is just going through a phase.

And Lopez acknowledges that gender dysphoria is not necessarily an easy diagnosis to make. She says that counselors look for the kind of consistency in self identification that Kammie’s counselor saw in her before they begin treatment.

Kammie says that she can remember as early as kindergarten thinking to herself that “my body was not the way it was supposed to be.” But Christina says Kammie showed signs even earlier.

Christina says that even as a toddler, Kammie would cover her genitals with a washcloth when bathing. At the age of 7, Kammie told her mother “it wasn’t supposed to be there.”

“What do you want me to do? Snip it off?” Christina recalls asking. Now, she says, she wishes she had been more understanding way back then.

Soon after that, both mother and daughter recall, something happened that was a turning point in their lives. They were in the car and Kammie began crying, telling her mother that she didn’t “feel like a boy.”

Her mother responded then by telling her “it was OK to be who she was,” Christina recalls. And to back up that message of love and support,

Christina says Kammie’s stepfather went out to a thrift store and bought her girl clothes.

“The transition was in us,” Christina explains now. “These children were born who they are. The real transition comes in the people around them.”

“Every child is different,” Lopez says. “We’re seeing younger and younger children who meet certain criteria for gender dysphoria. The younger they express themselves, the more likely they’ll persist.”

Lopez says the Genecis program — which stands for GENder Education and Care, Interdisciplinary Support — sees children of a variety of ages. If gender behavior is not consistent in younger children, counselors and doctors are likely to wait until the child reaches puberty before beginning any treatment, she says.

Lopez says that many of the children referred for treatment in the program have attempted suicide, adding that the attempted suicide rate for gender dysphoric children is as high as 80 percent for those with unsupportive parents and as low as 4 percent when parents are supportive.

A new idea

Programs like Genecis “prepare people for a better life,” Lopez says, noting that such programs are still very new. Europe led the way, and the first North American clinic opened in 2007 at Harvard Medical School’s Boston Children’s Hospital. That program has seen 500 patients and currently gets 10 referrals a month.

Since that time, 23 other programs have opened — most of them in the last year and most located in the northeast and California. Lopez says that over the last three years as Children’s Hospital of Dallas was assembling its staff and putting the Genecis program together, the hospital has already seen about 40 gender dysphoric children.

Hospital spokesman Scott Summerall says the program officially opens sometime in the next two months. Lopez says this is a new generation of trans youth that are getting the parental support they need.

Felesia Porter, a licensed professional counselor in Dallas who specializes in working with transgender clients, says she is “so excited about this program I can’t stand it.”

Porter says there are a number of advantages to transitioning at a young age.

“There’s not as much erasing you have to do,” she says. “They don’t have to play the game. And they’re socialized in the appropriate gender role.”

Porter says when older people transition, they have to dismantle their old life to live a new life that’s authentic. Transitioning younger allows the person to live a more authentic life from the beginning and have more authentic relationships.
FW extends benefits to employees’ same-sex spouses

Change means Cowtown is once again ahead of Dallas in terms of LGBT-inclusive policies

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Fort Worth city officials announced Wednesday, Jan. 28, that beginning Feb. 1, the city will extend spousal benefits to the legal same-sex spouses of city employees. They made the announcements through The Roundup, the city employee newsletter.

The policy change was made to keep the city in compliance with IRS rulings handed down in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court’s June 2013 ruling in *United States v. Windsor* that overturned the section of the federal Defense of Marriage Act prohibiting federal government from recognizing legal same-sex marriages.

The Windsor decision requires that, regarding benefits governed under federal tax law, legal recognition of same-sex marriages be based on where the ceremony was held, not where the couple lives, noted David Mack Henderson, president of Fairness Fort Worth.

“In recent months, Fairness Fort Worth has held discussions with Fort Worth city manager representatives, especially in light of changes that have come from the IRS after the Windsor decision,” Henderson said after the announcement on Wednesday. “They took these matters seriously, welcomed our insights and conducted their own research to come to an informed decision regarding pension benefit parity.”

Assistant City Manager Susan Alanis said changing the policy was the logical decision to make.

“The city of Fort Worth has been working hard to be an inclusive environment for our employees and our citizens,” Alanis said. “Many other states have legalized same-sex marriage [and] that is recognized by the federal government for tax purposes. The city of Fort Worth has an IRS-qualified pension plan; therefore, it makes sense for us to allow all legally married employees to be treated the same under that federally-qualified plan.”

Henderson said that several city employees participated in discussions with the city manager’s office regarding the need to change the benefits policy, including Fort Worth police Cpl. Tracey Knight. Knight and her wife have a daughter, and they have been visible and vocal proponents of the marriage equality movement in Texas.

“This is a great day for LGBT officers in the city of Fort Worth,” Knight said after the policy change was announced. “This decision means that — God forbid — if I get killed in the line of duty, my partner of 12 years — my wife since we got married in June 2014 — will be taken care of and treated like any other spouse of a fallen police officer.

“Fort Worth has continuously made progressive and inclusive decisions because it is the right thing to do not because they were forced to,” Knight added. “I am proud to be a Fort Worth police officer and I am proud to live in the great city of Fort Worth.”

Henderson also applauded Rafael McDonnell, the communications and advocacy manager of Dallas’ Resource Center who is a Fort Worth resident. Henderson expressed his “gratitude to McDonnell for our partnership in researching the nitty-gritty of dizzying regulations. It’s interesting to work for a common goal, even while he and I compete to see which city demonstrates it is more progressively competitive.”

McDonnell noted that as soon as Fort Worth officials announced the policy change, he notified Dallas city officials that they were “behind the city of Fort Worth when it comes to this issue.”

Dallas City Councilman Phillip Kingston agreed.

“I’m deeply embarrassed to have lost out on this important equality benefit to Fort Worth,” Kingston told Dallas Voice. But he added, “Both
JANUARY
• Jan. 10-Feb. 15: Bruce Wood: A Retrospective
A new exhibition celebrating the life and creative contributions of the renowned Fort Worth dancer, choreographer and creative genius at the Arlington Museum of Art, 201 W Main St, Arlington. Tuesday-Saturday 10:00-5:00 p.m. Sunday 1-5:00 p.m. Admission is $8 for adults, $5 for students and seniors. Children 12 and under are free. Call 817-275-4600 or email ama@arlingtonart.org for more information.

• Jan. 30-Feb. 7: Couple’s Communication Workshop
Candy Marcum, LPC and Jimmy Owen, LPC conduct a two-weekend workshop for couples. 5-7 p.m. on Jan. 30 and Feb. 6 and 10 a.m.–noon on Jan 31 and Feb. 7 at 3500 Oak Lawn Ave., Suite 260. $440 per couple. 214-521-1278. Candy@CandyMarcum.com.

• Jan. 31: Blue in the Heart of Texas 2
BITHOT is a biennial, one-day summit for Democratic Party activists toward the goal of discussing and maximizing the party’s effectiveness in 2016. The summit includes an afternoon “KnowledgeFest” of breakout sessions on specific topics. Tickets are $5 and cover meals. 8 a.m.–5 p.m. at New Mount Zion Baptist Church, 9550 Shepherd Road. Register online at Bit.ly/BITHOTDCDP.

FEBRUARY
• Feb. 1: Sierra Leonian Ambassador speaks on Ebola
Reverend Marie Barnett, Ambassador of Sierra Leone to Liberia speaks at 3 p.m. at the Museum of Biblical Art, 7500 Park Lane. The event is free and open to the public. To reserve a seat e-mail stewartp@swbell.net.

• Feb. 5: Tarrant County AIDS Walk Registration Party
Come eat, drink, and sign up for the 2015 AIDS Walk from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the BB63 Salon in the Fort Worth Stockyards, 1411 Ellis Avenue, Fort Worth.

• Feb. 7: Turtle Creek Chorale 35th Anniversary Concert
Tim Seelig conducts this performance. City Performance Hall, 2520 Flora St. Tickets at TicketsTurtleCreekchorale.com or at 214-526-3214.

• Feb. 7: Night Circus Masquerade Ball
The Women’s Chorus of Dallas annual fundraiser. 7 p.m. at Sammons Center for the Arts, 3630 Harry Hines Blvd.

• Feb. 14: LGBTQ SAVES Youth Dance
Valentine’s day for youth 7-10 p.m. at Agape MCC, 4615 E California Way, Forest Hill. For more information visit LGBTQSaves.weebly.com or e-mail LGBTQSaves@gmail.com.

• Feb. 14: Dash for the Beads
Oak Cliff Mardi Gras-themed walk, run and festival benefits local area schools to help promote healthy eating and physical activity. 9:30 a.m. at Kidd Springs Park. Register online at Bit.ly/1tZOtxv.

• Feb. 15: Mardi Gras Oak Cliff Parade
Bishop Arts District at 4 p.m.

• Feb. 17: Equality Texas Faith Advocacy Day
Lobby legislators in Austin about issues facing LGBT people. First of three EQTX’s lobbying days at the Capitol. Co-sponsored by the Texas Freedom Network. 11 a.m.–4 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Austin-Family Life Center, 1300 Lavaca St. Advanced registration required. Register at EqualityTexas.org.

• Feb. 19: Urban Engagement Book Club: Tomlinson Hill by Chris Tomlinson

• Feb. 21: Dallas-Fort Worth Gay for Good Volunteer Project
DFW Gay For Good’s Habitat for Humanity volunteer project from 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at 2606 Wilhurst. Arrive between 7:45-8:00 a.m. Register at Bit.ly/DFWFG21. Contact Rob Peters at robpeters70@gmail.com or 781-472-0745 for more information.

• Feb. 21: Miss Gay Texas Pageant System’s Miss Tri City State and State-at-Large Pageant
The system that promotes both female impersonation and community support holds a themed pageant and fundraiser to benefit AIDS Arms Life Walk. Categories include presentation, performance and more. Male interviews begin at 2 p.m. and show begins at 8 p.m. at Carlow’s, 208 E. Main Street, Gun Barrel City. $75 entry fee. Contact Sable Alexander at sablelindsey@aol.com.

• Feb. 22: He Said/She Said
The Human Rights Campaign Dallas Fort Worth presents the inaugural He Said/She Said fundraiser, a new twist on the Her HRC event. Events include trivia with cash prizes, HRC Bachelorette and/or Bachelor live auction and a drag show to cap off the day. Cassie Nova and Jenna Sky host. 2 p.m. at Sue Ellen’s.

• Feb. 28: 17th Annual Toast to Life: Voodoo on the Trinity
What do you get when you mix a bunny with magic? You get “Voodoo on the Trinity,” the theme of Resource Center’s annual Toast To Life fundraiser. DJ Lady Bunny will provide entertainment. The fundraiser begins 7 p.m. at The Empire Room, 1225 N Riverfront Blvd. For more information, visit Bit.ly/1BUU2sw.

MARCH
• March 7: 25th Anniversary of House DIFFA Celebration
DIFFA/Dallas celebrates the 25th anniversary of its House of DIFFA black tie fundraiser benefitting numerous North Texas AIDS service organizations. Silent/live auction, seated dinner and fashion runway show begins at 6 p.m. at the Omni Hotel Downtown Dallas, 355 S. Lamar St. Ticket prices vary and are available at Bit.ly/1ID2U2Y. For more information visit Dif-fadalas.org.

• March 7: Stonewall Democrats Candidate and Endorsement Screening
Takes place 9 a.m.–4 p.m. upstairs at Sue Ellen’s. Open to the public but membership must be current or renewed at least 30 days prior in order to participate with the Endorsement Committee. 30-day deadline is Thursday, Feb. 5th. Visit Stonewalldemocratsdfw.org for more information.

Blue in the Heart of Texas 2

Dallas County is a reliably Democratic county these days. But that didn’t happen without a ton of effort. And now the Dallas County Democratic Party wants to build on its successful efforts and galvanize voters with the second Biennial Blue in the Heart of Texas summit. According to DCDP, the summit seeks to “empower Democrats in the North Texas region.”

The one-day summit’s theme this year is “Success in ‘16.” It will include plenary sessions in the morning in which activists can learn, and breakout sessions in the afternoon where activists can act. Known as “KnowledgeFest,” the breakout sessions cover specific topics that could help a Republican earn his or her political chops.

Even if its eyes are on 2016, the summit will analyze and set a path to success in the wake of the beating Democrats across the country endured this past election cycle. But with all of the workshops and takeaways, the summit clearly won’t be only a time to mourn.

Plenary sessions will repeat to allow attendees to maximize their impact as activists and organizers. Whether you want to be deputized to register voters or reach out to rural counties, BITHOT and its break out sessions are structured to be collaborative, interactive, informative and fun.

8 a.m.–5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31 at New Mount Zion Baptist Church, 9550 Shepherd Road. Tickets available at Bit.ly/BITHOT2. $5 covers cost of lunch.

— James Russell
Chikungunya virus seen in Dallas

DCHHS will spray for mosquitoes carrying West Nile and chikungunya viruses

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Dallas County Health and Human Services began its information campaign on mosquitoes and transmission of disease early this year after health officials counted 10 cases of chikungunya virus in Dallas County last year.

The virus is spread by mosquitoes.

Dallas County has been spraying for mosquitoes that carry the West Nile virus for several years.

There were no cases of chikungunya (pronounced chicken-gun-yah) in the Western Hemisphere until 2013 when the first case appeared in the Caribbean.

Dallas County health department officials believe that all 10 local cases of the virus were brought to Dallas by travelers. There are no confirmed cases of local transmission.

People can’t spread the virus to each other, but are responsible for the spread of chikungunya: A mosquito becomes a carrier of the virus when it bites an infected person and then spreads the virus when it bites another person.

That’s different from the way West Nile is transmitted. With that virus, a mosquito becomes a carrier when it bites an infected bird and spreads infection when it bites a person.

Because of the way the virus is spread, people diagnosed with chikungunya are asked to remain indoors to prevent transmission to others.

The two local mosquito varieties that can carry chikungunya are most active in the daytime. The type that carries West Nile is a nighttime mosquito that’s most active at dawn and dusk, according to DCHHS spokeswoman Erikka Neroes.

“Mosquito season is typically May to November,” Neroes said, adding that officials spray for mosquitoes after catching mosquitoes in traps that test positive for either of the viruses.

Common symptoms of chikungunya include high fever and joint pain. Headache, muscle pain, joint swelling and rash may also occur. According to the Centers for Disease Control, there’s no medication to treat chikungunya and no vaccine for it. Symptoms appear three to seven days after the patient is bitten by an infected mosquito.

Most people recover after a week, but some patients are plagued by long-term joint pain as a result of the illness.

Dr. John Carlo, executive director of AIDS Arms, said that in dealing with any infectious disease, those living with AIDS may experience more severe symptoms than someone who is not immune-compromised.

So far there have been 2,333 travel-associated cases of chikungunya in the U.S., with 69 of those in Texas. No deaths have been reported.

Purple proceeds

Purple Party Foundation officials announced on Thursday, Jan. 29, that the organization raised a total of $80,000 for the AIDS service organizations designated as its beneficiaries for 2014. The annual weekend-long fundraising party celebrates its 15th anniversary this year and organizers promise to “pull out all the stops to bring you our most spectacular weekend yet.” Purple Party 2015 will be held May 8-11, and organizers have announced that its sponsorships this year include Toast to Life, a Resource Center fundraiser set for Feb. 28, and No Tie Dinner, an AIDS Services of Dallas fundraiser set for March 28. For more information about Purple Party and Purple Party Foundation, visit PurpleFoundation.org. (Courtesy photo)

Benefits

[Dallas] pensions are working toward implementing equality.”

Kingston said the city employee pension fund board may need some additional encouragement from the city council to change its policy, but could go for a vote in the November election. The police and fire pension may take a vote of its beneficiaries to change some wording before it equalizes benefits.

Pointing to the successful charter change last November that added sexual orientation and gender identity to the nondiscrimination policy, Kingston said he was confident that voters would approve this change as well.

The notice in the Fort Worth city employee newsletter explained that as of Feb. 1, a 75 percent survivor benefit becomes available to the eligible same-sex spouses of general employees hired prior to July 1, 2011, to police officers hired prior to Jan. 10, 2015, as long as the couple were legally married at least one year prior to the employee’s retirement.

Eligible members who retire on or after Feb. 1 will be eligible for the survivor benefit without a reduction in their pension benefits. Eligible members currently receiving a reduced benefit to provide for a legal same-sex spouse will have their benefit restored, without back pay, beginning Feb. 1.

Employees and their spouses must provide necessary documentation of their legal marriage before they are eligible for the benefits.

Any retiree who did not take a benefit reduction when they retired to fund a survivor benefit, but who was legally married to their spouse for at least one year prior to their retirement from the city, can notify the fund of their designation of a spouse as their survivor and submit the required documentation.

Those hired after the specified dates have to take a reduction in pension benefits when they retire to be able to provide a survivor benefit to the person they designate.

All employees, no matter when they were hired, are eligible for a 75 percent spousal survivor benefit if they are married and die while actively employed. The policy change means that as of Feb. 1, that also applies to same-sex spouses.

All these policies are now the same for all employees and their spouses, regardless of whether they are same-sex couples or opposite-sex couples.

Given the current backlash from conservative forces angry over LGBT advances in marriage equality and other areas, Henderson acknowledged right-wing elements may come forward to challenge the city’s policy changes.

“Will the usual loudmouths cry foul?” Henderson said. “Look, I can’t do much about folks waving pitchforks and playing chicken on live mice. But here’s what I do know: Fort Worth values all of our employees and their families equally.

“That’s how we draw the most talented workforce and also how we compete for jobs from firms who do the same. Many companies and cities tout high standards, but in Fort Worth we live by ours,” Henderson said.

Dallas Voice Senior Staff Writer David Taffet contributed to this report.
Is it OK for a lesbian feminist to eat at Hooters or go to a strip club?

I’m confused. I have been trying to write this piece for months now, and the truth is that I haven’t because I am confused. I like tits and ass. I’m a lesbian, so that should come as no surprise.

But I’m also a card-carrying feminist. So, although I like tits and ass, I do not judge women on said parts or value or devalue them based on those parts.

But I do like to look (and, when invited, of course, to touch).

So, here’s my quandary: What’s a girl to do about places like Hooters and Twin Peaks or — eek — strip clubs when one both loves and respects the female body?

I’ve only been to Hooters once and to Twin Peaks once, believe it or not. But I have been to strip clubs many, many times.

My issue with the first two is that the set up is clearly based on the heterosexual male fantasy ideals. The girls are glossy and dolled up with skin colored tights, uniforms that leave nothing to the imagination and enough make-up to make me wonder if I would recognize these girls once they washed their faces.

They are trained to speak to customers in a certain way, all individuality stripped from their “I’m here for your viewing pleasure” personas to create “the perfect girl.”

All fluff, no content — that’s my least favorite kind of girl. Fake is not my style. I like the real ones, with tattoos and Jeep-touled hair and ripped joans.

So when I went to Hooters, I tried to engage the server in real conversation. She did her best. Even scooted into the booth next to me. But she was a shell of a girl, a cupcake that was all frosting and no cake.

And the server at Twin Peaks was even worse. She was like a Stepford server, programmed for certain dialogues, unable to participate in any others. She flirted and giggled and tossed her hair, but there was nothing — no one — there.

I’ve fared a little better in strip clubs, more so in the many I’ve been to in Portland, Ore. The strip club capital of the U.S., by the way. There you can go to a club where the girls are covered in tats and at least pretend not to give a shit about what you think.

I know: It’s still an act. But it’s way more fun and much easier for me to enjoy those girls than the “wide-eyed, I-just-fell-off-the-truck-truck” variety who, I worry, moved to the “big city” for a better life and ended up stripping instead, like some sort of bad Lifetime movie.

It’s akin to my pornography quandary. I like to watch some of it — the “woman positive/sex positive/by-lesbians-for-lesbians/real-fucking-not-just-hair-brushing” stuff. But I worry about the women who have chosen that life.

I know they say it’s empowering, just like the strippers and the Hooters girls, who say they are “sticking it to the dumb man,” taking their money and laughing all the way to the bank or to law school.

But is it true? Or do we simply live in a culture that ultimately values women as objects over anything else? That pays women less than men? That values beauty over all else? That thinks that being fat is paramount to murder?

If it really was a choice, if women could really make the same amount of money doing other things (and not filthy, demeaning or back-breaking work either), would they really sacrifice their bodies and — dare I say it, their souls — to do this kind of work?

And as a lesbian feminist, can I go really go to these places? Am I part of the problem if I do?

I don’t mind being objectified by my lover. I love it, in fact, when she craves me and devours me. But I certainly don’t want strangers to look at me like nothing more than the shell that is my body and the mask that is my face.

I’m a whole person and I’m a daughter and a mother and a friend and a sister and a partner. And so are those Hooters girls and Twin Peaks girls and strippers.

And yet, I do like tits and ass. And so the quandary continues.
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How fun is this?” Tim Seelig grins from his home in San Francisco. “I didn’t know we would get this opportunity again!”

The opportunity is our interview, something both of us probably thought happened for the last time more than four years ago, when Seelig — a lifelong Texan — picked up and moved, at age 60, to San Francisco. It was not to retire, though he thought he had done that a few years earlier when he stepped down, after 20 years, as artistic director of the Turtle Creek Chorale. Instead, it was to start a new adventure — really, a dream come true: To lead the San Francisco Gay Men’s Chorus, the granddaddy of queer choral music.

“When I stepped down from the TCC, I thought I was retiring, but it didn’t turn out that way. I didn’t expect to do this again — to lead a gay men’s chorus. But when the position [of artistic director at SFGMC] became available, of course I applied — I couldn’t not apply,” he says. “I just revered that this chorus exists, and the [cultural] landscape in San Francisco is pretty awesome. I get to work [in the same town] as one of the finest symphonic conductors in the world, who just married his partner. The San Francisco opera is also legendary — one of the three finest opera companies in America. The ballet has no peer.” And he has befriended and worked closely with the likes of Stephen Schwartz, Andrew Lippa and Jake Heggie — the last two of whom were involved intimately in Seelig’s recent wedding to his partner.

“That’s the kind of arts community I stepped into,” he smiles. “On the other hand, I stepped into a gay community that has been at the epicenter of almost every initiative, movement and insight inside the LGBT community — the AIDS quilt was started here, the rainbow flag was designed here, Harvey Milk was assassinated here. It’s an arts and LGBT mecca. It has been awesome.”

Yes, getting the position was the icing on his cake, a feather in his hat, a capstone to a career that had begun in earnest after Seelig came out … as an adult, after years of marriage (he has two grown children and two grandchildren, on whom he dotes) and being throttled emotionally by his church.

His coming-out process was painful and stressful, and he found a form of salvation in the Turtle Creek Chorale. The chorale had existed for only about seven years before Seelig took up the baton, but it was still a huge gamble to take on this “baby gay,” Seelig admits. “I knew very little. They allowed me to blossom as a musician and as a gay man. They allowed me to grow into my own skin. My 20 years with the TCC made me who I am. It was the happiest time of my life.”

So last summer, when he received a call from Sean Baugh (who had recently been appointed acting artistic director of TCC), it was more than a blast from the past; it was an emotional sense-memory of an important chapter he has left behind.

“As they were planning the season last June, someone at the chorale said, ‘It’s our 35th anniversary — we need to commemorate it.’” The decision was made to see if Seelig would mind returning to lead the group that had been such an important part in the lives of both the man and the organization. “I think Sean may have had a little trepidation asking if I would do this. He told me to take my time, but I didn’t have to think about that for one second. I said absolutely I would be honored to do that,” Seelig says. He even waived his fee — the concert would be an act of love. “I could never, ever repay the organization and its members for a lifetime of memories, for their patience and generosity of spirit.”

“Welcoming Tim back to the podium for this concert is not only historic and exciting for the organization, it’s emotional for me as well,” says Baugh. “Tim is the reason I joined the chorale, and someone I admire very much. I’m thrilled to see him in his element again.”

Still, returning to pick up the baton wouldn’t be anything like a usual guest-conducting gig. There’s a lot of history, for sure, but it has been almost eight years since Seelig stepped away from the podium. Not every singing member would even necessarily know who he is.

“There is much more history than when I step in to conduct an all-star choir somewhere,” he admits. “The current chorale, many of them I don’t know. I’ll be saying hi, you don’t know me, but perhaps you’ve seen my bald head in the archives. Perhaps not. And there will be people who know me very well. It will be like putting on a well-worn, beloved pair of house shoes and trying on new Prada slippers at the same time. Making those two shoes work will be a great joy.”

In keeping with the anniversary celebration, the concert — which will take place Feb. 7 at City Performance Hall — will span the musical history of the TCC, even some pre-dating Seelig.

“Sean is conducting two pieces from the time before I got there — standards in the repertoire now — including one number that was performed at the very first concert in 1980,” he says. Then Seelig will load the singers through memory lane.
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Nice buns

I don’t usually offer up a full-length review two weeks after a restaurant opens, but I made an exception for Rodeo Goat for two reasons: First, because it is across the street from my office and has been taunting me with its “coming soon” sign for months; and second, because it’s a burger joint. Not to disparage, but the menu (largely imported from the home base in Fort Worth) is well-fixed, the décor ain’t gonna change and the service isn’t exactly why you go to a diner like this in the first place.

Though that’s a point: It could be. On my trips, my waitresses have been friendly, prompt, informed and, perhaps most notably, enthusiastic. You get the feeling these folks know they have a good product and they enjoy sharing it with customers who may be unsuspecting of the delights that can exist between two buns.

But let’s not get completely ahead of ourselves. There really is more to Rodeo Goat than just the burgers.

Take, for instance, the sleeper cell of the menu … right there under “appetizers” but with no description or words suggesting what’s in store: “the Steaming Pile.” It hardly sounds appetizing, but then again, the name on the door says “Rodeo Goat,” which conjures a filthy nag with an ornery attitude and a hide tougher than Michele Bachmann’s publicist. Forget that — it’s not important. What matters are the flavors.

The ingredients are trailer-trash gourmet: Disks of habanero tater tots deep-fried and garnished with goat cheese, housemade bacon bits, gooey melted cheddar and topped with a fried egg, served in a State Fair cardboard boat. If it sounds like a cardiologist’s patient generator, I assure you, it is just that. The description alone should send a raw organic vegan running to Snuffer’s to order cheesy fries by comparison. This is the kind of dish for which we have the National Institutes of Health. It is why, I suspect, gym memberships spike within 100 yards of a Rodeo Goat.

None of these are bad things.

Then again, “fried on fried on melted cheese” hardly smacks of heart-healthy eating. But honestly, what do you expect from a “steaming pile”? What you might not expect is how surreptitiously sophisticated the combinations are: soothing herbaceousness from the goat cheese, the luxurious goo that is a well-prepared sunny-side-up huevo, a hint of heat from the tots (they come with a side of ranchero dressing, but ask for a selection of dipping sauces — or even some of the Tabasco or Sriracha mayos — and the staff will happily comply. “You don’t need to be monogamous to any of our mayos,” my waitress told me). Get the steaming pile before the meal, not as a side — you’ll want your palette to reset before the main course.

And the main course, natch, is burgers: More than a dozen by my count, including some turkey and vegetarian kinds that, no offense, I was not interested in: This is beefeaters’ country, and I was on safari.

In the tradition of a deli, the burgers have names, sometimes incorporating local celebs. I passed over the Billy F. Gibbons (vegan!) and the Brad Sham (jalapenos and barbecue sauce) and went straight for the mayor. The Mike Rawlings ($10.75) lured me with its unlikely pairing of candied bacon, Irish whiskey-infused cheddar, ...
blackberry compote and mustard. The alchemy involved caught me unawares: The sandwich was both chewy and crunchy, sweet and spicy, greasy but not falling apart the second it touched the bun (I used only two napkins!).

Speaking of which, can we all just agree to be considered a truly delicious gourmet hamburger, the burger itself must be at least as greasy as the best man at an Italian wedding? But that doesn’t give license to the bun to collapse like Russian currency. Brioche buns are too eggy, lacking the gluten ratio to maximize its service in delivering the patty to your mouth. Rodeo Goat’s are just right, slathered in butter and grilled, providing the undergirding necessary to withstand your mouth’s assault.

It won’t take a long time to consume, anyway. Voracious accurately encapsulates the observed consumption style (go hungry), owing in part to the freshly ground meat and excellent sear on the patties.

The Rawlings wasn’t the only candidate to get my vote. The salted sow ($10.50) — a mix of beef and Italian sausage patty, topped with sliced prosciutto, tomato slab, chunk of mozzarella and basil, with balsamic mayo — is misnamed. It should be called the caprese, since that’s exactly what it is. How does the cross-pollination of summery-fresh Italian appetizer and grilled meat work? Disarmingly well; the burger itself is softer and sweeter, and the burst of cool from the mozz doesn’t fight the warmth of the burger so much as complement it.

The remainder of the menu impresses on its own (the Thin Mint milkshake was awesome, and the selection of local beers will delight tap-house addicts), while the spacious patio will be perfect for happy hours when the weather warms slightly. We can wait. Heck, it took this long for Rodeo Goat to cross the Trinity, and we’ll be forever thankful for that.


GIRL SCOUTS BEWARE | A Thin Mint shake out on Rodeo Goat’s colorful, spacious patio in the Design District.

TASTING NOTES

Rodeo Goat isn’t the only place with hamburgers on its mind. Hopdaddy Burger Bar celebrates its Texas roots with the Ranch Hand Dan, a chicken patty topped with caramelized onions and bacon. Hurry! It’s only available ‘til Feb. 8.

And Rodeo Goat also isn’t the only resto making news in the Design District. Richard and Tiffanee Ellman, owners of Oak, Pak Pac and Belly & Trumpet, announced that John Tesar (Knife) will come on board as a chef-partner at Oak. I recently dined at Oak, which has been a jewel of the neighborhood since opening two years ago. Among the highlights currently on the menu are a trio of eggplant dishes — Chinese, Thai and Indian styles, pictured, each with unique and diverse flavor profiles as well as textures and appearances; and a shrimp and lobster bisque that serves as one of the richest bowls this side of King Midas (note the applewood bacon chunks for a salty component). No word on how Tesar may modify the menu, but with the recent shuttering of his seafood resto Spoon, expect the ocean to be well-represented.

Last year, Stephan Pyles told me that he didn’t know how long the Buffalo Gap Wine & Food Summit would continue, but that 2014 would be his last year. Now comes word that the lineup for the annual foodie festival at Perini Ranch Steakhouse outside of Abilene will actually be Pyles and his fellow founders of Southwestern cuisine, Dean Fearing and Robert Del Grande. What a confab that will be! Passes go on sale Feb. 5 for the event April 24–26. BuffaloGapSummit.com.
Xavier Dolan, Canada’s hot queer filmmaker, has ‘Mommy’ issues

Xavier Dolan is barely old enough to rent a car, yet he already has five feature films under his belt. At 25, he’s one of Canada’s most impressive young filmmakers, bringing an unnerving maturity of topics and an aggressively ballsy style to his films. He’s best known for his 2012 drama Laurence Anyways, an intimate epic about a transgender woman’s relationship with her lover, but it’s likely his latest film, Mommy, will eclipse that one … at least until his next film comes along.

Steve (Antoine-Olivier Pilon) is a beautiful, tow-headed, blue-eyed 15-year-old, the apple of his mother Diane’s (Anne Dorval) eye. That is, when he’s not unpredictably violent, nearly strangling Diane to death or setting fire to his reformatory or yelling racist threats against a cab driver.

Steve isn’t just “a handful,” an example of “boy-will-be-boys” in the extreme. He’s a downright sociopath, a proto-serial killer masquerading behind hormones and the love of a single mother who’s trying to do what’s right but can’t bring herself to confront the reality facing her.

If Mommy were a Hollywood film, Steve would channel his energies into superpowers, or have a tearful but definitive self-actualization scene full of hope and promise of recovery as he goes on Ritalin.

Dolan’s worldview is darker. Generationally, he’s much closer in age to Steve than to Diane, but it’s difficult to fathom where his sympathies lie as a writer-director. Diane is indulgent and volatile herself, and also largely careless in how she deals with her clearly disturbed child. (He’s never seen taking any prescriptions to control his diagnosed impulse-control problems, and Diane frequently puts Steve in provocative situations that anyone could see would exacerbate his fits.)

Despite its flaws, though, Mommy is a compelling artistic effort. Dolan shoots virtually the entire film in a 1:1 aspect ratio, meaning the film is exactly as wide as it is tall. (It appears taller, but trust me: It’s an exact square.) Who does that — who, indeed, has ever done it? The effect is arresting, making us observe these lives as if through a window, literally making up voyeurs into the private lives of ordinary people. Only on two brief occasions does Dolan resort to wide screen — once during a moment of joyous release, once during a fantasy flash-forward — but they just highlight the claustrophobia of the remaining scenes. Mommy is dour and puzzling and unrelenting, but it’s also a breath of fresh air.
There’s never been much of a commercial market for short films, unless you count the cartoons lucky enough to claim a spot before certain animated films or documentaries that HBO picks up for later broadcast. But shorts are some of the most interesting films being made, which is why the motion picture academy continues to bestow three awards each year for shorts — animated, documentary and live action, all of which you can begin seeing this week in Dallas.

The animated and live action programs — now playing at the Magnolia with alternating screenings of under two hours each — are, as always, a diverse assortment. Shorts are one of the rare chances to see hand-drawn cels and other inventive, non-CGI forms of animation. Consider the stop-motion magic of A Single Life, pictured, in which a mysterious record player takes a young woman through all the stages of her life in the course of a single song, or the mixed-media renderings of The Bigger Picture, a poignant tale of an aging parent. And of course there’s Fast, old-school Disney about a dog’s food-based relationship with his master that is observant, charming and surprising as only Disney can do. (It’s much better than Paperman, which won the Oscar two years ago but don’t be surprised to see The Bigger Picture win.)

The live action films range from small but star-driven pieces like The Phone Call (with Sally Hawkins and Jim Broadbent, about a worker in a crisis center who received a disturbing but oddly familiar call from a distraught widower) to the tender coming-of-age tale Boogaloo and Graham, about two Irish boys who befriend a pair of chickens.

But the frontrunner for the prize on Oscar Sunday is probably Butter Lamp, in which a young photographer attempts to capture a group of Tibetan nomads in snapshots in front of false backgrounds from Disney World to the Beijing Olympics, even as their lives are being forever disrupted by the harsh realities of cultural and political upheaval. (The documentary short subjects — which were not screened in advance — play in two programs, the first of which shows at the Texas Theatre on Feb. 5, the second on Feb. 8.)

— A.W.J.
We’re going in chronological order. The first half of the concert is the current chorale — the full chorus,” he says. “The second half will be the alumni, including the women I have conducted over the years.” (Seelig co-founded the women’s group within the TCC in 1989.) “Highlights from the show will include some of the TCC commissions — obviously from 1991’s When We No Longer Touch, and of course Sing for the Cure.” “At 35, we are stronger than ever. I can’t think of any better way to do that than through the music that has made us who we are,” adds Baugh. But more than just a standard recitation of songs, there will be stories woven together with video clips, as well as a tribute to Anne Albritton, “who was our life-blood,” Seelig says. Baugh and Seelig chose the music last summer and sent recordings and sheet music to the alumni and women, who have already begun rehearsing; but the real work will take place once Seelig arrives in Dallas next week. “On Feb. 6, we’ll have a big reception followed by a three-hour rehearsal, then two more three-hour rehearsals on Saturday before the concert,” he says. He’s certain that the return to the baton will, when he formally steps onstage, fill him with a flood of complex emotions. But it’s an experience he will long cherish. “It’s been a wonderful, warm feeling,” Seelig says, “and I’ve felt so welcomed. I love the TCC so much … OK, now I’m crying.” It’s not too late to join in! Participation in the concert is open to men and returning women up to Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. when the first rehearsal begins at the Cathedral of Hope.
Saturday 01.31

Paula Poundstone doubles up at Saturday concerts

Out comic Paula Poundstone has a way of communicating with her audiences that says “I feel you,” which has made her a popular standup for 30 years. She brings her patented humor to Dallas for two shows on Saturday — the early show at 7 p.m. is sold out, but there are still seats available for the 9:30 p.m.

DEETS: City Performance Hall, 2520 Flora St. 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. ATTPAC.org.

Friday 01.30

‘Everest’ premiere at Dallas Opera

Dallas Opera continues its season with two mountaintop works — one, the fourth act of the classic La Wally, is set in the Alps, but the second is a world premiere work about the doomed Mt. Everest expedition of 1996. The amazing set (and bearish climbers) is just one draw of this daring English-language one-act opera.


Marvel swings into Dallas, Part 2

The Marvel museum expo has been playing for a few weeks in Fair Park, but the show opening this weekend — including several matinee and evening shows — is the live action stunt show Marvel Universe Live, with special effects, fireworks and well-built muscle men in tights. They had me at well-built.

ARTS WEEK: NOW PLAYING

THEATER


**The Book Club Play.** Members of a book club allow a documentarian to film them in this contrived and pointless exercise. Final weekend. Kalita Humphreys Theater, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. DallasTheaterCenter.org.


**Stagger Lee.** Dallas Theater Center presents a world premiere musical by writer in residence Will Power, about how a folk song in the African-American community became a huge R&B hit half a century later. Cast includes Denise Lee and former Dallas actor Cedric Neal. Wyly Theatre, 2400 Flora St. Through Feb. 15. DallasTheaterCenter.org.

**Tru.** Jay Pression Allen’s play starring legendary Texas actor Jaason Williams as Truman Capote. Theatre 3, 2800 Routh St. in the Quadrangle. Through Feb. 8. Theatre3Dallas.com.


OPERA

**La Wally and Everest.** The Dallas Opera continues its season with two one-acts: The fourth Act from Alfredo Catalani’s La Wally (set in the Alps) and the world premiere of Gene Scheer and Joby Talbot’s Everest, about the doomed 1996 expedition. Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. Jan. 30–Feb. 7. DallasOpera.org.

DANCE

**Dark Circles Contemporary Dance.** The winter series from the new dance troupe includes a world premiere (You And Me) as well as the recent Critics of the Morning Song from Joshua L. Peugh. Emma Lowe Hall Studio Theatre, 3000 S. University Drive, Fort Worth. Jan. 29–31. DarkCirclesContemporaryDance.com.

STUNT SHOW


CIRCUS

**Cavalia: Odysseo.** Dallas premiere of the new Cavalia, a Cirque du Soleil-ish show featuring horses, as well as acrobatic performers. Dr Pepper Ballpark, 7300 Rough Riders Trail, Frisco. Through Feb. 8. $29.50–$229.50. Cavalia.net.

EXPO


FINE ART

**Bruce Wood: A Retrospective.** The pioneering choreographer, who passed away suddenly last year from complications due to AIDS, has his life and work celebrated in this exhibition. Arlington Museum of Art, 201 W. Main St., Arlington. Tuesdays–Saturdays. $8.


SATURDAY 01.31

SPORTS

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

FUNDRAISER

**Leather Knights Chili Cookoff.** The annual cookoff and fundraiser returns once again to the Dallas Eagle, just in time for Mr.Ms. Texas Leather Weekend. 5740 Maple Ave 3–6 p.m.
MARRIED LIFE | Dallas Voice’s co-winners of Actor of the Year honors Bob Hess and Wendy Welch reunite for the comedy ‘Sexy Laundry’ at WaterTower Theatre.

COMEDY
Paula Poundstone. The comedian performs two shows at the City Performance Hall, 2520 Flora St. 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. ATTPAC.org.

THEATER
Sexy Laundry. A long-time married couple try to spice up their lives with a weekend romantic getaway at a luxury hotel, but things don’t go as planned in this farce, which reunited Wendy Welch and Bob Hess, Dallas Voice’s co-honorees as Actor of the Year in 2014 for Vanya & Sonia & Masha & Spike. Addison Theatre Centre, 15650 Addison Road. Jan. 31–Feb. 22 (in previews through Feb. 1). WaterTowerTheatre.org.

SUNDAY 02.01
WORSHIP
Dignity (LGBT Catholics). Worship the first Sunday of each month, led by ministers Cliff and Jon Garinn. Interfaith Peace Chapel (lower level), 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 6 p.m.

BROADCAST
Downton Abbey. The fifth season of the addictive drama about life among the aristocracy continues. Airs on KERA at 8 p.m.

GIRLS. The fourth season of the quirky comedy-drama about modern living, co-starring Andrew Rannells and Zachary Quinto. Airs on HBO at 8 p.m.

Looking. The second season of the drama about gay life in San Francisco, starring Jonathan Groff. Airs on HBO at 8:30 p.m.

MONDAY 02.02
EXERCISE
Adult Broadway Butt Busters. DTC artistic associate Joel Ferrell leads an hour-long cardio-centric fitness class based on Broadway choreography for an eight-week session each Monday evening. Wyly Theatre, 2400 Flora St. Through March 2. 5:30–6:30 p.m. $150. ATTPAC.org.

TUESDAY 02.03
FILM
Forbidden Planet. The classic sci-fi, a version of Shakespeare’s The Tempest set in outer space, features a young Leslie Nielsen in an early non-comedic role. This is the film that introduced Robby the Robot, who became famous as well on the TV show Lost in Space. Screens as part of the Tuesday New Classic series at Landmark’s Magnolia in the West Village, 3699 McKinney Ave. Sponsored by Dallas Voice. Screens at 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.

THURSDAY 02.05
BROADCAST
Project Runway All Stars. Returning contestants compete. Airs on Lifetime at 8 p.m.

THEATER
Uncle Vanya. Dallas Actor’s Lab presents the Texas premiere of this translation of Chekhov’s classic, as part of the Elevator Series at the Wyly Theatre. 9th Floor Theater, 2400 Flora St. Feb. 5–22. TicketDFW.org.

FEBRUARY EVENTS:
Friday, January 30th
Special Edition Red Zone | 10:45pm

Friday, February 6th
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Friday, February 20th
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While I was in Fort Lauderdale, John Travolta was chatting up a stranger in a Planet Fitness in Ocala, Fla. At 3 a.m., Justin Jones thought he'd work out in an empty gym when a familiar-looking bald man approached him (coincidentally, I met Kirby in kind of a gym). "Hi, I'm John," said the hairpiece-free Travolta. He then bombarded the guy with a barrage of questions: are you married, do you have kids, what do you do for fun. Jones later told The Enquirer (in exchange for payment, I'm sure), "I understood what do you do for fun. I'm not sure where to start dissecting this: the grievances, the grammar or the grandiosity. It is fascinating that LaPrincia's sister muses on whether she'll win a Grammy or an Oscar first while bashing someone who actually has been nominated for an Oscar!

Nine million years ago, Joan Rivers gave me a signed copy of her will "for safe keeping." Alas, this is an old draft that is completely invalid (but I bet worth a small fortune on eBay). I thought about this while reading her last will and testament and discovering that she was going to become a Rockette. He's certainly got the gams for it. Derek may have left DWTS, but we still have Julianne at the judges' table. And she had a big announcement of her own. Fox will be joining the TV musical craze with a live performance of Grease. And playing Sandy will be Hough (Julianne, not Derek), while Rizzo will be portrayed by Vanessa Hudgens. Since Grease: Live isn't taking place until Jan. 31, 2016, it continues the longstanding Fox tradition of casting the roles of high school students with people a generation older. (Glee, anyone?)

This week's Ask Billy question comes from Barry in Atlanta: "I loved the photo of you and the Carver twins — they are so hot on Teen Wolf. But what is this three-way you mentioned? Is that in a movie? A gay three-way?"

Yes, indeed. I Am Michael is about Michael Glatze, who worked at XY magazine, founded YGA and was a gay rights activist. Eventually, he became a proponent of conversion therapy and an outspoken ex-gay. James Franco is playing Glatze while the role of his boyfriend is being played by Zachary Quinto. According to sources who saw the flick at Sundance, Franco meets Charlie Carver in a club and hits on him. When Carver asks about his boyfriend, Franco says, "He'd like you, too." This leads to a very hot sex scene. How hot? We're told there's lots of kissing (as evident above), skin and, at the very least, assies.

When Luke Perry could be cast as Danny Zuko in Grease: Live, it's definitely time to end yet another column. If you've got a question for me, send it along and I promise to get back to you before the Rock-ettes realize they hired the wrong Hough!

So, until next time, remember one man's filth is another man's bible. 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 Jan. 30-Feb. 5:
Alexandre's: Kristen Majors and Matt Barron at 10 p.m. on Friday. Carlos Saenz at 10 p.m. on Saturday. So Strung Out with Spencer West at 9 p.m. on Thursday.
Best Friends Club: J.D. Swisher hosts Fun Day starting at 1 p.m. on Sunday benefiting Wounded Warriors.
Brick/Joe's: Super Bowl watch party at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday. Pole Warrior Challenge presents Battle of the Queens with Kountney Wells, Patti le Plae Safe, Jada Fox and G Licious G at 10 p.m. on Wednesday.
Changes: Mr. and Miss Snowflake Pageant on Saturday at 7 p.m.
Club Reflection: Texas Gay Rodeo Association meeting at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Cowtown Leathermen cookout at 4 p.m. on Sunday.
Dallas Eagle: Mr. and Ms Texas Leather 2015 all weekend. Leather Knights chili cook-off at 3-6 p.m. on Saturday. Dallas Girls of Leather monthly meeting at 5 p.m.
Hidden Door: Two big screens to watch the Super Bowl on Sunday.
Woody's Sports & Video Bar: DIVA Draft Party at 6-8 p.m. on Saturday. Super Bowl watch party on Sunday at 5:30 p.m. with stadium snacks and Katy Perry halftime.

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Across
1. Bunch of stallions
2. Dangerous cruising
3. Gender identity comedy
4. Gender identity comedy
5. Meaty sandwich, maybe
10. Seeks answers
14. Lube ingredient
15. Ganges country
16. Like a virgin
17. Character of 27-Across
20. U.K. member
21. Prominent cock
22. Slinger’s weapon
23. Gross Anatomy actress Christine
25. Acts as an usher
27. Hill Street Blues regular Veronica
30. Lynde of Bewitched
32. Strap on a stallion
33. Alpert of “Mame” fame
34. Peace Nobelist Wiesel
35. Sheehan’s sport
36. Cut calories
37. Buffalo’s lake
38. Strap on a stallion
39. Star quality
40. Gulf war ally
42. Unburden
43. Me and My Shadows subject Judy
45. Long in the field of acting
46. Banner’s Brinker
48. Brian of figure skating
50. Ivy League team
53. “Beat it!”
55. Actor who plays 17-Across
60. Burning software
61. Kline of De-Lovely
62. Forbidden fruit site
64. CK One emanation
65. Make changes to
66. Sally who rode into space
67. Like three men that visited Mary
68. Office furniture
69. HIV exam, e.g.
70. This instant!

Down
1. Hill Street Blues regular Veronica
2. Me and My Shadows subject Judy
3. Dangerous cruising
4. Augsburg article
5. Suction head
6. The 411
7. Diplomacy breakdown
8. Love of Lesbos
9. Part of a Tommy lyric
10. Busy mo. for the IRS
11. Closing remarks of Evan Wolfson
12. Put it on top of your hot dog
13. Tickle pink
14. Like sex with protection
15. Busy mo. for the IRS
16. Lynde of Bewitched
24. Disney techno flick
26. Hill Street Blues regular Veronica
28. Org. that has never been to Uranus
29. Have top billing
30. Lynde of Bewitched
31. Alan of The Aviator
32. Strap on a stallion
33. Alpert of “Mame” fame
34. Peace Nobelist Wiesel
37. Buffalo’s lake
38. Dotted-line command
43. Sheehan’s sport
44. Dire destiny
47. Peter Allen’s “Once ___ I Go”
49. Photog Mapplethorpe
50. Part of a Tommy lyric
51. Hot under the collar
52. Part of a Tommy lyric
53. Are lousy
54. Dealer’s offerings
55. Knight job for Alec Guinness
56. Love of Lesbos
57. Part of a Tommy lyric
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