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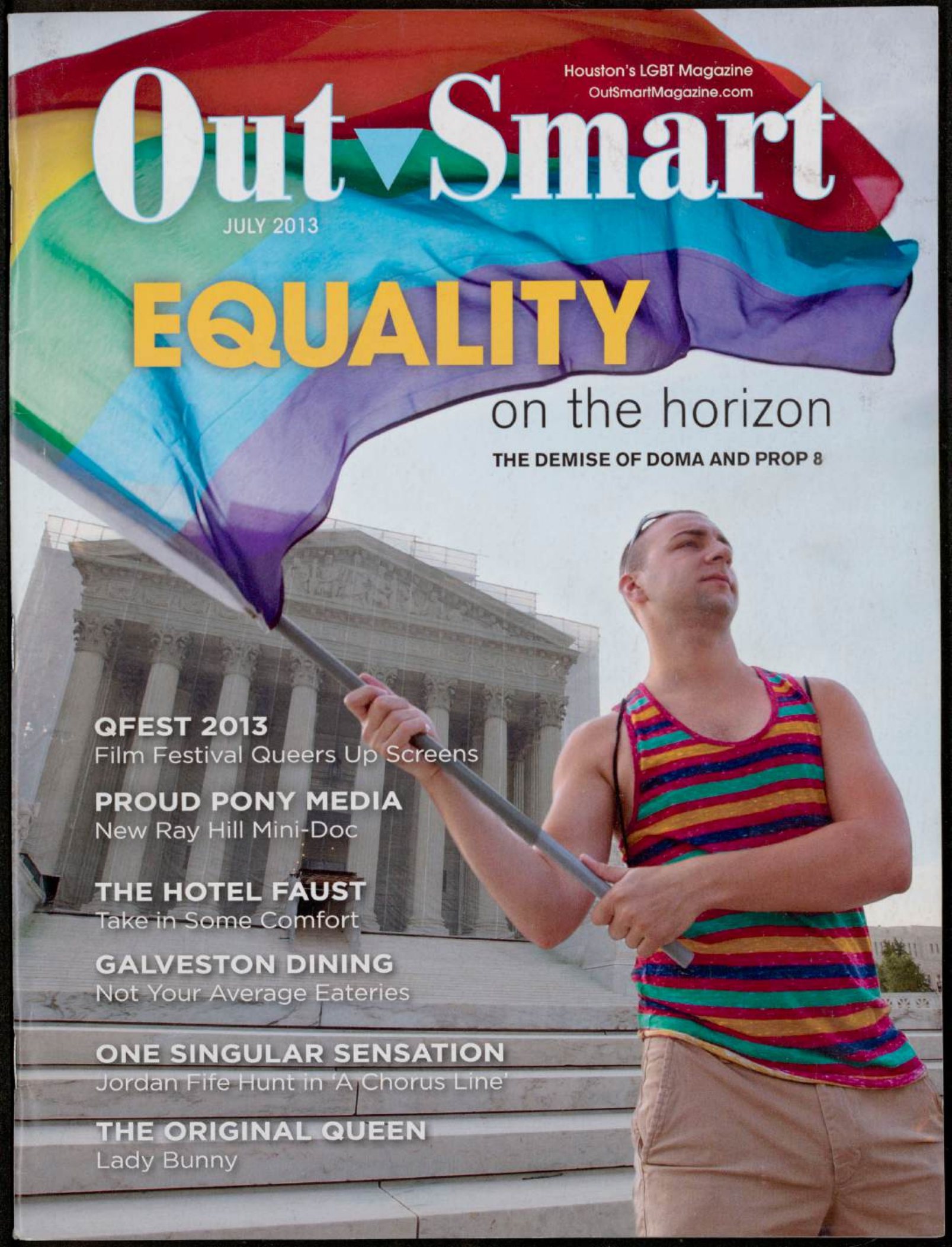
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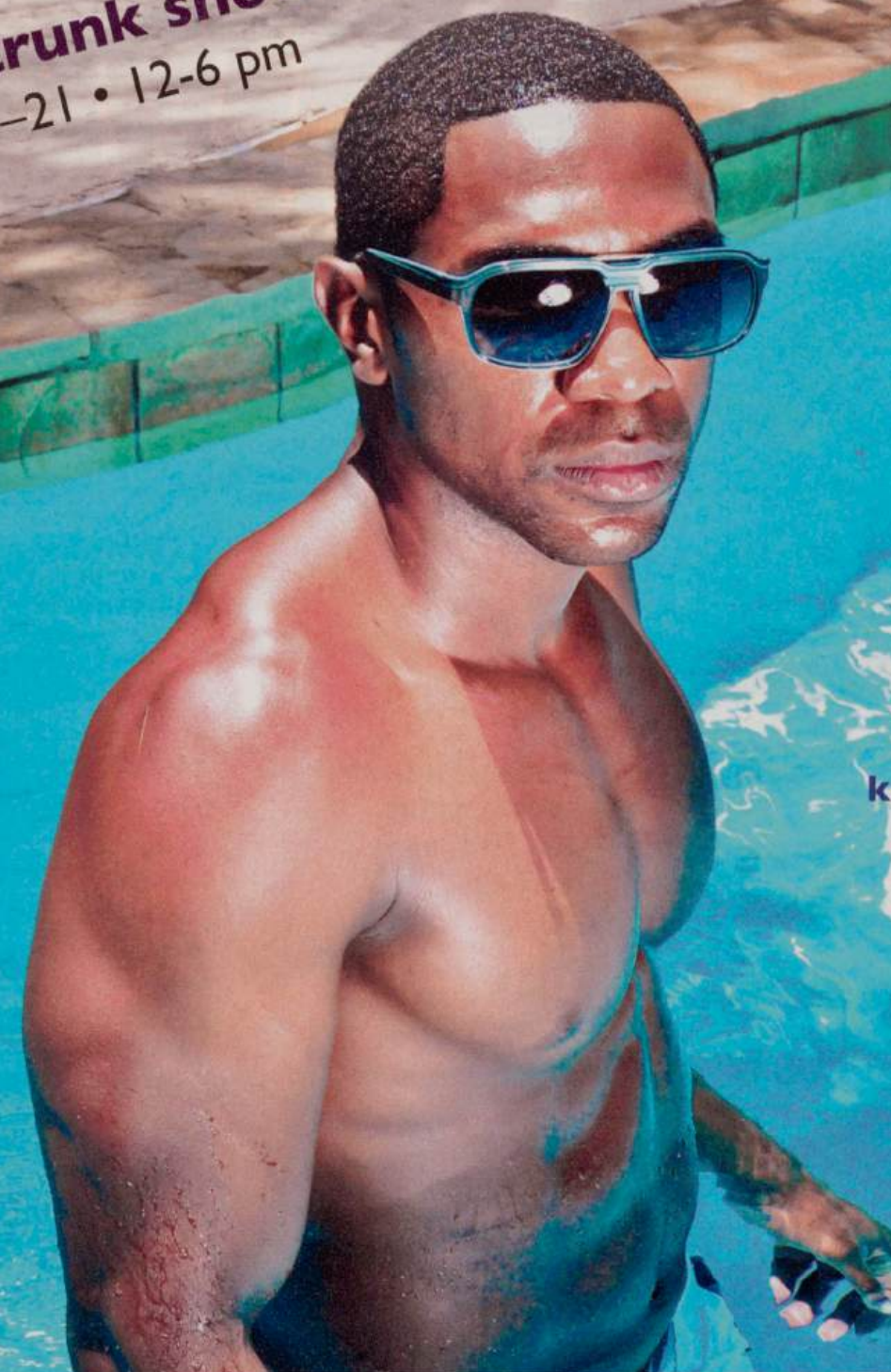
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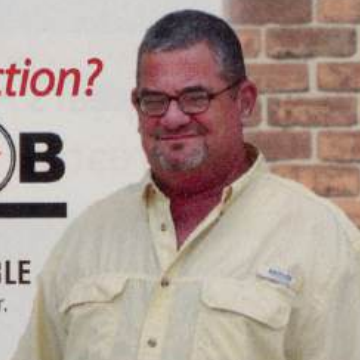
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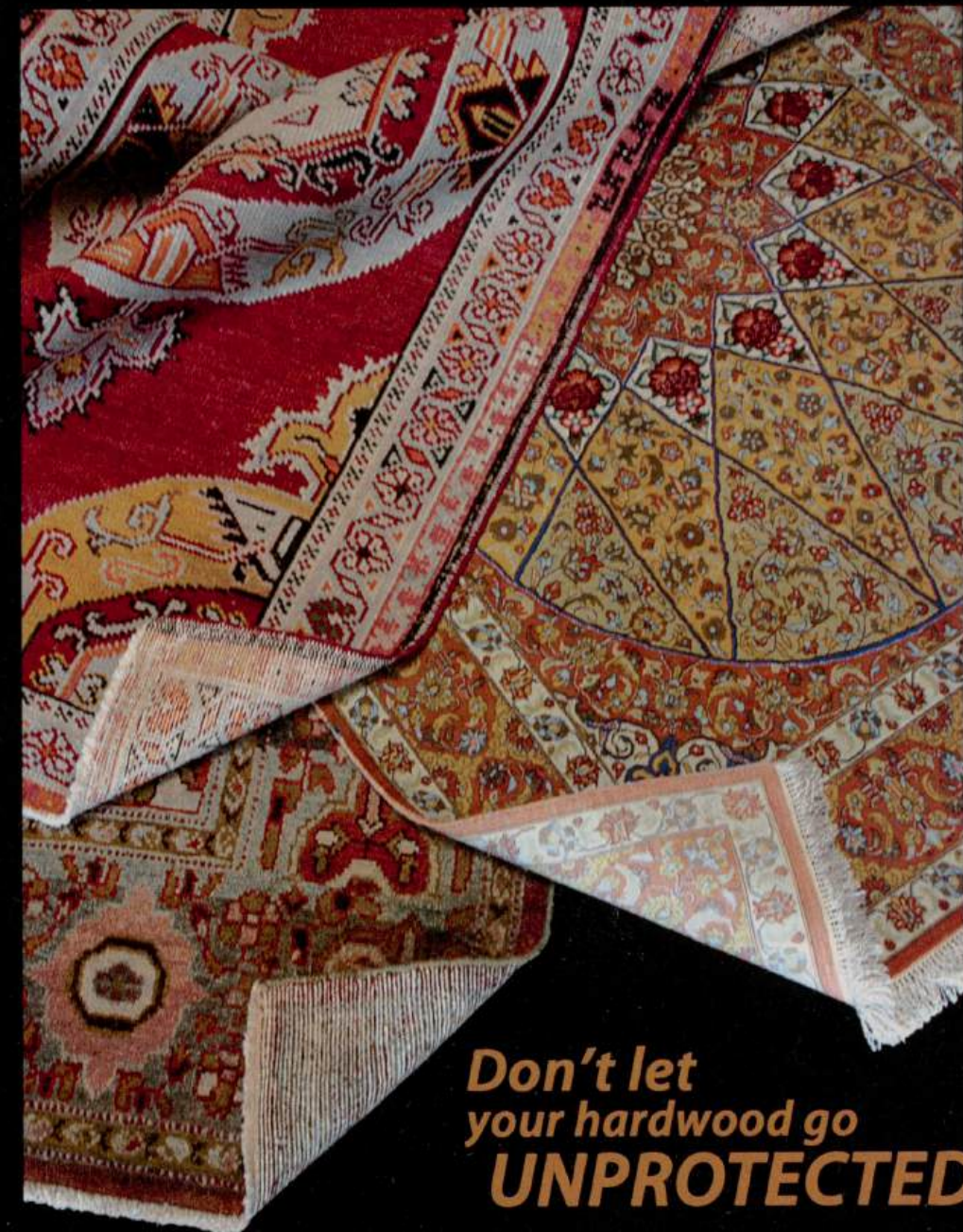

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Supreme Court Gives Gay Marriage Historic Boost

by Mark Sherman, Associated Press

In a historic day for gay rights, the Supreme Court gave the nation's legally married gay couples equal federal footing with all other married Americans on Wednesday, June 26, and also cleared the way for same-sex marriages to resume in California.

In deciding its first cases on the issue, the high court did not issue the sweeping declaration sought by gay-rights advocates that would have allowed same-sex couples to marry anywhere in the country. But in two rulings, both by bare 5-4 majorities, the justices gave gay-marriage supporters encouragement in confronting the nationwide patchwork of laws that outlaw such unions in roughly three dozen states.

Gay-rights supporters cheered and hugged outside the court. Opponents said they mourned the rulings and vowed to keep up their fight.

In the first of the narrow rulings in its final session of the term, the court wiped away part of a federal antigay marriage law, the Defense of Marriage Act, that has kept legally married same-sex couples from receiving tax, health, and pension benefits that are otherwise available to married couples.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, joined by the four liberal justices, said the purpose of the law was to impose a disadvantage and "a stigma upon all who enter into same-sex marriages made lawful by the unquestioned authority of the states."

President Barack Obama praised the court's ruling against the federal marriage act, labeling the law "discrimination enshrined in law."

"It treated loving, committed gay and lesbian couples as a separate and lesser class of people," Obama said in a statement. "The Supreme Court has righted that wrong, and our country is better off for it."

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said he was disappointed in the outcome of the federal marriage case and hoped states continue to define marriage as the union of a man and a woman. Boehner, as speaker,



Hollingsworth v. Perry plaintiffs Kris Perry and Sandy Stier, and Paul Katami and Jeff Zarrillo exit the Supreme Court hand in hand on June 26, 2013. Reflecting the nation's deep cultural divide over same-sex marriage, the Supreme Court delivered mixed rulings that will extend many federal benefits to gay and lesbian couples married in states where it's legal but leave the broader issue of same-sex marriage rights nationwide for another day.

had stepped in as the main defender of the law before the court after the Obama administration declined to defend it.

The other case, dealing with California's constitutional ban on same-sex marriage, was resolved by an unusual lineup of justices in a technical legal fashion that said nothing about gay marriage. But the effect was to leave in place a trial court's declaration that California's Proposition 8 ban was unconstitutional. Gov. Jerry Brown quickly ordered that marriage licenses be issued to gay couples as soon as a federal appeals court lifts its hold on the lower court ruling. That would take at least twenty-five days, the appeals court said.

California, where gay marriage was briefly legal in 2008, would be the thirteenth state, along with the District of Columbia, to allow same-sex couples to marry and would raise the share of the U.S. population in gay marriage states to 30 percent. Six states have adopted same-sex marriage in the past year, amid a rapid evolution in public opinion that now shows majority support for the right to marry in most polls.

The twelve other states are Connecticut, Delaware, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington.

The day's rulings are clear for people who were married and live in states that allow same-sex marriage. They now are eligible for federal benefits.

The picture is more complicated for same-sex couples who traveled to another state to get married, or who have moved from a gay-marriage state since being wed.

Their eligibility depends on the benefits they are seeking. For instance, immigration law focuses on where people were married, not where they live. But eligibility for Social Security survivor benefits basically depends on where a couple is living when a spouse dies.

This confusing array of regulations is reflected more broadly in the disparate treatment of gay couples between states. And the court's decision did not touch on another part of the federal marriage law that says a state does not have to recognize a same-sex marriage performed elsewhere.

Indeed, the outcome of the cases had supporters of gay marriage already anticipating their next trip to the high court, which they reason will be needed to legalize same-sex unions in all fifty states. →

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The Human Rights Campaign's president, Chad Griffin, said his goal is to legalize same-sex marriage nationwide within five years through a combination of ballot measures, court challenges, and expansion of antidiscrimination laws.

The rulings came ten years to the day after the court's *Lawrence v. Texas* decision that struck down state bans on gay sex. In his dissent at the time, Justice Antonin Scalia predicted the ruling would lead to same-sex marriage.

On June 26, Scalia issued another pungent dissent in the Defense of Marriage Act case in which he made a new prediction that the ruling would be used to upend state restrictions on marriage. Kennedy's majority opinion insisted the decision was limited to legally married same-sex couples.

Scalia read aloud in a packed courtroom that included the two couples who sued for the right to marry in California. On the bench, Justice Elena Kagan, who voted to strike down DOMA, watched Scalia impassively as he read.

"It takes real cheek for today's majority

to assure us, as it is going out the door, that a constitutional requirement to give formal recognition to same-sex marriage is not at issue here—when what has preceded that assurance is a lecture on how superior the majority's moral judgment in favor of same-sex marriage is to the Congress's hateful moral judgment against it. I promise you this: the only thing that will 'confine' the court's holding is its sense of what it can get away with," Scalia said.

Chants of "Thank you" and "U-S-A" came from the crowd as plaintiffs in the cases descended the court's marbled steps.

Scalia and Justice Samuel Alito, who also wrote a dissenting opinion, said their view is that the Constitution does not require states to allow gay and lesbian couples to marry.

Outside the court, some in the crowd hugged and others jumped up and down just after 10 a.m., EDT, when the DOMA decision was announced. Many people were on their cellphones monitoring Twitter, news sites, and blogs for word of the decision. And there were cheers as runners came down the steps with the decision in hand and turned them

over to reporters who quickly flipped through the decisions.

Chants of "Thank you" and "U-S-A" came from the crowd as plaintiffs in the cases descended the court's marbled steps. Most of those in the crowd appeared to support gay marriage, although there was at least one man who held a sign promoting marriage as between a man and a woman.

In New York City's Greenwich Village, the Stonewall Inn, where a riot in 1969 sparked the gay rights movement, erupted in cheers and whooping.

Mary Jo Kennedy, 58, was there with her wife Jo-Ann Shain, 60, and their daughter Aliya Shain, 25. She came with a sign that could be flipped either way and was holding up the side that says "SCOTUS made our family legal." They have been together thirty-one years and got married the day it became legal in New York.

Others were not celebrating.

"We mourn for America's future, but we are not without hope," said Tim Wildmon, president of American Family Association, in a statement. →

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On June 19, The Diana Foundation distributed the proceeds from their Divas, Diamonds and Dianas. This year's recipients included Charles Botts Archives, Q-Fest, HATCH, and Bayou City Performing Arts.



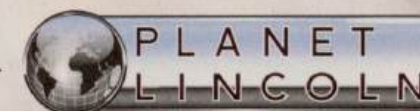
On June 25, Live Consortium presented "HIV, Sex & the Law" town hall meeting at The Montrose Center as part of their Live Advocacy Series. Pictured are panel members at the town hall meeting.



On June 15, The Montrose Softball League held their 28th annual "Jocks in Dresses" fundraising event at South Beach Night Club. This year's winners of the contest for raising the most funds were the South Beach Surfers, pictured here.



On June 1, the Houston Pride Band performed an action-packed musical with an "outdoor excursions" theme in their "The Great Outdoors" concert held at Resurrection MCC. Pictured are members of the band.



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Said Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council: "Time is not on the side of those seeking to create same-sex 'marriage.' As the American people are given time to experience the actual consequences of redefining marriage, the public debate and opposition to the redefinition of natural marriage will undoubtedly intensify."

The federal marriage law had been struck down by several federal courts, and the justices chose to take up the case of eighty-four-year-old Edith Windsor of

New York, who sued to challenge a \$363,000 federal estate-tax bill after her partner of forty-four years died in 2009.

Windsor, who goes by Edie, married Thea Spyer in 2007 after doctors told them Spyer would not live much longer. Spyer had suffered from multiple sclerosis for many years. She left everything she had to Windsor.

Windsor arrived at a news conference in New York after the ruling to applause from her supporters and said she felt "joyous, just joyous."

Windsor would have paid nothing in inheritance taxes if she had been married to

a man. Now she is eligible for a refund.

In the case involving the federal Defense of Marriage Act, Justice Kennedy was joined by the court's four liberal justices. In the California ruling, which was not along ideological lines, Chief Justice John Roberts's opinion was joined by Scalia and three of those liberal court members: Kagan, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Stephen Breyer.

Associated Press writers Connie Cass, David Crary, Jessica Gresko, Bethan McKernan, and Larry Neumeister contributed to this report. Crary, McKernan, and Neumeister reported from New York.

Love Is in the Air

Party time in San Francisco in aftermath of SCOTUS marriage rulings

by David-Elijah Nahmod

Thousands took to the streets to celebrate in San Francisco, where marriage equality began nearly a decade ago. Almost ten years after then-San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom opened the floodgates when he took the law into his own hands and began issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples, the U.S. Supreme Court declared DOMA, the Defense of Marriage Act, unconstitutional. The court also declined to rule on Proposition 8, California's voter-approved marriage ban. The ruling by a California court declaring Proposition 8 unconstitutional would stand. Legal, same-sex marriages are expected to resume in California within thirty days.

For Rabbi Camille Angel, the lesbian spiritual leader of Congregation Shaar Zahav, San Francisco's LGBT Temple, the SCOTUS victory was deeply personal. The Rabbi was wearing her prayer shawl as she joined the Castro Street celebration.

"Today is a day for blessing," said Rabbi Angel, as she stopped to chat with *OutSmart*. "I wish my parents could be alive to see this and [those] who worked so hard for this day and died never imagining this day would happen. I'm very proud to be a part of the Jewish people today. Eighty percent of Jewish voters voted for marriage equality. But we have a lot more work to do."

Rabbi Angel's sentiments were echoed by Patrick Santana, a gay man who stood silently on Castro Street as people danced all around him. He held up a sign that



John Lewis (l) and Stuart Gaffney arrive at San Francisco's City Hall to hear the Supreme Court's ruling on Proposition 8. They were married at City Hall in 2004.

stated: "For all my fallen brothers who didn't see this historic day, I remember you with love." The other side of Santana's sign listed lovers and friends of Santana's who were lost to AIDS.

For the most part, the mood of the street party was jubilant. Two blocks of Castro Street—San Francisco's historic, self-described "gayborhood"—were closed to traffic as music played and people danced.

There were a few speakers. Cleve Jones, a personal friend of the late gay leader Harvey Milk, called upon the revelers to offer a moment of silent prayer for former South African President Nelson Mandela, who now lies dying at age ninety-four. The crowd applauded as Jones pointed out that South Africa is the only nation on earth that offers its LGBT citizens protections and equal status in its federal constitution.

Stuart Milk, nephew to Harvey Milk, attended the party. In 1978, the elder Milk, then a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, was murdered along with Mayor George Moscone at San Francisco City Hall. Milk, the first openly gay man in U.S. history to hold a major elective office, was targeted by Dan White, a homophobic fellow supervisor. That story was recounted in Gus Van Sant's Oscar-winning film *Milk* (2008).

"Right now people are celebrating in states like Florida and Texas, even though this ruling does not impact them," Stuart Milk told *OutSmart*. "But this ruling gives them hope. You can now feel it and taste it. People now have hope." In a famous speech given during the 1970s, Milk's famous uncle stated, "You gotta give them hope."

The revelers encompassed all age groups and many different lifestyles. In a lovely display of community and unity, gay men and lesbians embraced each other joyously. Senior citizens danced with twenty-somethings as both wept openly. Transgender people were present in abundance, as were same-sex couples with their children.

On rooftops and fire escapes up and down the street, people cheered and tossed confetti.

"We've only just begun," said one observer.

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Galveston Group Offers Support for LGBTIQ Youth

For queer or questioning teenagers, finding support can be a difficult and scary task—especially outside of the big city. However, Galveston LGBTIQ youth need look no further than their own island—to the organization Gulf Pride for Youth (GPY).

Modeled after Houston's HATCH Youth program, GPY offers a safe and affirming environment for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer, questioning, and allied individuals ages thirteen to twenty. The group provides participants with supportive measures such as education, positive role models and mentors, and outreach services. "Galveston County Community Resource Coordination Group [CRCG] did a needs assessment and thought that there would be a need for an organization for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and queer youth," Robert Zahn, junior GPY board member said. The group hopes to encourage youth to lead healthy, productive lives, and recognize that they can

achieve their dreams regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

GPY, which held its first meeting in November 2010, is extremely confidential when it comes to youth participants' personal information. The group does not require members to provide their real names if they do not wish to do so, nor do they ask for the participant's contact information in order to increase anonymity and raise the safety and comfort level within youth.

Meetings are held every Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. at 707 23rd St. in Galveston. Each session is broken up into three different one-hour segments. The first hour is a social hour with snacks, allowing participants to mingle with each other. The second hour contains empowering and educational programming that can include anything from games to guest speakers to movies. The final hour allows members to break into smaller groups and meet with a facilitator to discuss concerns and joys in their lives, as well as to ask any questions. "The facilitator sits back, encourages conversation, but has as little input as possible [so the kids can discuss]," Zahn said.

GPY has previously hosted several fundraising events, including an annual fine-dining fundraiser, which raised several thousand dollars for the organization last year. "We've gotten amazing support from

the community," Zahn said.

As participation in the program grows, GPY also hopes to start hosting family nights, including potluck-style dinners for the group's youth and supportive family members.

GPY is always interested in recruiting new volunteers as well, Zahn said. Interested volunteers must be over the age of twenty-five and can apply online through the GPY website. Currently, there are also a few open board member positions for the organization, and those interested can call 409/692-3221.

"We all feel there is a need, and we want to support it," Zahn said.

For LGBTIQ resources and more information on GPY, visit gulfpridefor youth.org. —Megan Smith

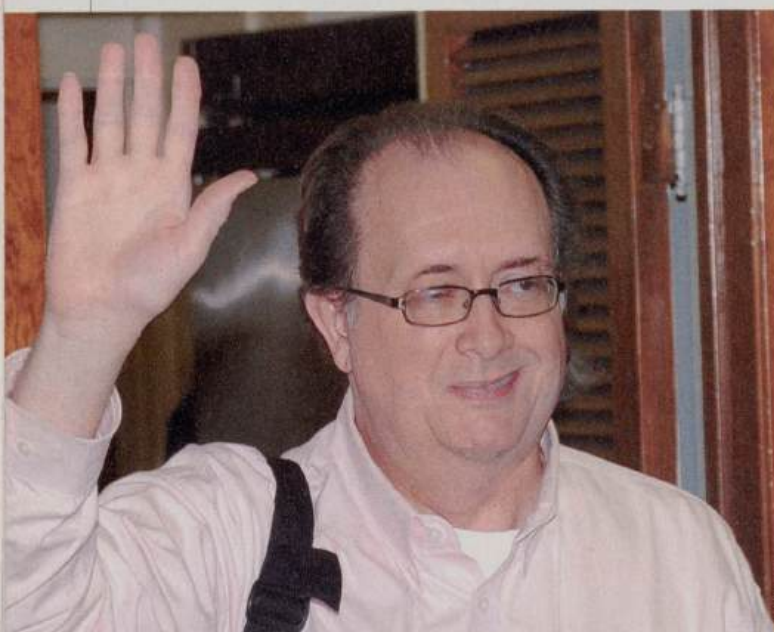
PWA Holiday Charities' Event Put on Hold, Returns Big in 2014

People With Aids (PWA) Holiday Charities, the community organization dedicated to bettering the lives of Houstonians living with HIV or AIDS, will put one of their two major annual

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Milestones

Tim Brookover, a former 'OutSmart' editor and a quietly influential member of Houston's LGBT community, died on June 10, 2013



DAVID DEHART

and activist for numerous LGBT political and social issues, died on June 10 from complications of a recent cancer diagnosis. He was fifty-two years old.

Born October 19, 1960, on Galveston Island, Tim is survived by parents Claudia and George Brookover, brothers Stephen and Michael, sister Allyson, and other family members. Tim was predeceased by his partner of twenty years, Albert Mata.

Because of his personal and professional fondness for the literary arts, Tim will always be remembered as a passionate communicator, especially with regard to the written word.

Tim's father, George Brookover, a retired Lutheran minister, recounts his son's early exposure to literature. "Tim was fascinated with books. Words were always very important to him. When we moved to Humble in 1960, the neighborhood library was nothing more than a small wood-framed house. Tim was their most frequent and favorite customer—it was not unusual for him to read a dozen books a week."

The event that changed Tim's life occurred in high school. "He was entering his sophomore year and was standing in line to register for classes," Brookover recounts. "The lines for language classes were very long. The table next to Tim had no line at all. He asked that instructor, 'What do you teach?' To which she responded, 'Journalism.' Tim enrolled in that class, and the rest is history."

"Tim was very active in high school," his father remembers. "He

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What is COMPLERA?

COMPLERA® is a prescription HIV medicine that is used as a complete regimen to treat HIV-1 in adults who have **never** taken HIV medicines before **and** who have an amount of HIV in their blood (this is called "viral load") that is no more than 100,000 copies/mL. COMPLERA contains 3 medicines — rilpivirine, emtricitabine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate. It is not known if COMPLERA is safe and effective in children under the age of 18 years.

COMPLERA® **does not cure HIV-1 infection or AIDS.** To control HIV-1 infection and decrease HIV-related illnesses you must keep taking COMPLERA. Avoid doing things that can spread HIV-1 to others: always practice safer sex and use condoms to lower the chance of sexual contact with body fluids; never reuse or share needles or other items that have body fluids on them; do not share personal items that may contain bodily fluids. Ask your healthcare provider if you have questions about how to reduce the risk of passing HIV-1 to others.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

What is the most important information you should know about COMPLERA? COMPLERA® can cause serious side effects:

- **Build-up of an acid in your blood (lactic acidosis)**, which is a serious medical emergency. Symptoms of lactic acidosis include feeling very weak or tired, unusual (not normal) muscle pain, trouble breathing, stomach pain with nausea or vomiting, feeling cold, especially in your arms and legs, feeling dizzy or lightheaded, and/or a fast or irregular heartbeat.
- **Serious liver problems.** The liver may become large (hepatomegaly) and fatty (steatosis). Symptoms of liver problems include 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, and/or stomach pain.
- **You may be more likely to get lactic acidosis or serious liver problems** if you are female, very overweight (obese), or have been taking COMPLERA for a long time. *In some cases, these serious conditions have led to death.* Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any symptoms of these conditions.
- **Worsening of hepatitis B (HBV) infection.** If you also have HBV and stop taking COMPLERA, your hepatitis may suddenly get worse. Do not stop taking COMPLERA without first talking to your healthcare provider, as they will need to monitor your health. COMPLERA is not approved for the treatment of HBV.

Who should not take COMPLERA?

Do not take COMPLERA if you have ever taken other anti-HIV medicines. COMPLERA may change the effect of other medicines and may cause serious side effects. Your healthcare provider may change your other medicines or change their doses.

Do not take COMPLERA if you also take these medicines:

- **anti-seizure medicines:** carbamazepine (Carbatrol, Equetro, Tegretol, Tegretol-XR, Teril, Epitol); oxcarbazepine (Trileptal), phenobarbital (Luminal), phenytoin (Dilantin, Dilantin-125, Phenytek)
- **anti-tuberculosis medicines:** rifabutin (Mycobutin), rifampin (Rifater, Rifamate, Rimactane, Rifadin) and rifapentine (Priftin)
- **proton pump inhibitors for stomach or intestinal problems:** esomeprazole (Nexium, Vimovo), lansoprazole (Prevacid), dexlansoprazole (Dexilant), omeprazole (Prilosec), pantoprazole sodium (Protonix), rabeprazole (Aciphex)
- **more than 1 dose of the steroid medicine dexamethasone or dexamethasone sodium phosphate**
- St. John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum*)

If you are taking COMPLERA you should not take other HIV medicines or other medicines containing tenofovir (Viread, Truvada, Stribild or Atripla); other medicines containing emtricitabine or lamivudine (Emtriva, Combivir, EpiVir, EpiVir-HBV, Epzicom, Trizivir, Atripla, Stribild or Truvada); rilpivirine (Edurant) or adefovir (Hepsera).

In addition, tell your healthcare provider if you are taking the following medications because they may interfere with how COMPLERA works and may cause side effects:

- certain antacid medicines containing aluminum, magnesium hydroxide, or calcium carbonate (examples: Roloids, TUMS). **These medicines must be taken at least 2 hours before or 4 hours after COMPLERA.**
- medicines to block stomach acid including cimetidine (Tagamet), famotidine (Pepcid), nizatidine (Axiid), or ranitidine HCL (Zantac). **These medicines must be taken at least 12 hours before or 4 hours after COMPLERA.**
- any of these medicines: clarithromycin (Biaxin); erythromycin (E-Mycin, Eryc, Ery-Tab, PCE, Pediazole, Ilosone), fluconazole (Diflucan), itraconazole (Sporanox), ketoconazole (Nizoral) methadone (Dolophine); posaconazole (Noxafil), telithromycin (Ketek) or voriconazole (Vfend).
- medicines that are eliminated by the kidneys like acyclovir (Zovirax), cidofovir (Vistide), ganciclovir (Cytovene IV, Vitrasert), valacyclovir (Valtrex) and valganciclovir (Valcyte).

COMPLERA. A complete HIV treatment in only 1 pill a day.

COMPLERA is for adults who have never taken HIV-1 medicines before and have no more than 100,000 copies/mL of virus in their blood.

Ask your healthcare provider if it's the one for you.

These are not all the medicines that may cause problems if you take COMPLERA. Tell your healthcare provider about all prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins, or herbal supplements you are taking or plan to take.

Before taking COMPLERA, tell your healthcare provider if you:

- Have **liver problems**, including hepatitis B or C virus infection, or have abnormal liver tests
- Have **kidney problems**
- Have ever had a **mental health problem**
- Have **bone problems**
- Are **pregnant or planning to become pregnant.** It is not known if COMPLERA can harm your unborn child
- Are **breastfeeding.** Women with HIV should not breastfeed because they can pass HIV through their milk to the baby. Also, COMPLERA may pass through breast milk and could cause harm to the baby

COMPLERA can cause additional serious side effects:

- **New or worsening kidney problems, including kidney failure.** If you have had kidney problems, or take other medicines that may cause kidney problems, your healthcare provider may need to do regular blood tests.
- **Depression or mood changes.** Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any of the following symptoms: feeling sad or hopeless, feeling anxious or restless, have thoughts of hurting yourself (suicide) or have tried to hurt yourself.
- **Changes in liver enzymes:** People who have had hepatitis B or C, or who have had changes in their liver function tests in the past may have an increased risk for liver problems while taking COMPLERA. Some people without prior liver disease may also be at risk. Your healthcare provider may need to check your liver enzymes before and during treatment with COMPLERA.
- **Bone problems** can happen in some people who take COMPLERA. Bone problems include bone pain, softening or thinning (which may lead to fractures). Your healthcare provider may need to do additional tests to check your bones.
- **Changes in body fat** can happen in people taking HIV medicine.
- **Changes in your immune system.** 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 if you start having new symptoms after starting COMPLERA.

The most common side effects reported with COMPLERA are trouble sleeping (insomnia), abnormal dreams, headache, dizziness, diarrhea, nausea, rash, tiredness, and depression. Some side effects also reported include vomiting, stomach pain or discomfort, skin discoloration (small spots or freckles) and pain.

This is not a complete list of side effects. Tell your healthcare provider or pharmacist if you notice any side effects while taking COMPLERA, and call your healthcare provider for medical advice about side effects.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit <http://www.fda.gov/medwatch> or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

Additional Information about taking COMPLERA:

- **Always take COMPLERA exactly as your healthcare provider tells you to take it.**
- **Take COMPLERA with a meal.** Taking COMPLERA with a meal is important to help get the right amount of medicine in your body. (A protein drink does not replace a meal).

Stay under the care of your healthcare provider during treatment with COMPLERA and see your healthcare provider regularly.

Please see Brief Summary of full Prescribing Information with important warnings on the following pages.



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Brief Summary of full Prescribing Information

COMPLERA® (kom-PLEH-rah)
(emtricitabine, rilpivirine, tenofovir disoproxil fumarate) tablets

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

What is COMPLERA?

- **COMPLERA** is a prescription HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) medicine that is used to treat HIV-1 in adults
 - who have **never** taken HIV medicines before, and
 - who have an amount of HIV in their blood (this is called ‘viral load’) that is no more than 100,000 copies/mL. Your healthcare provider will measure your viral load.

(HIV is the virus that causes AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome)).

- **COMPLERA** contains 3 medicines – rilpivirine, emtricitabine, tenofovir disoproxil fumarate – combined in one tablet. It is a complete regimen to treat HIV-1 infection and should not be used with other HIV medicines.
- It is not known if **COMPLERA** is safe and effective in children under the age of 18 years old.
- **COMPLERA** does not cure HIV infection or AIDS. You must stay on continuous therapy to control HIV infection and decrease HIV-related illnesses.
- **Ask your healthcare provider if you have any questions about how to prevent passing HIV to other people.** Do not share or re-use needles or other injection equipment, and do not share personal items that can have blood or body fluids on them, like toothbrushes and razor blades. Always practice safer sex by using a latex or polyurethane condom to lower the chance of sexual contact with semen, vaginal fluids or blood.

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

COMPLERA can cause serious side effects, including:

- **Build-up of lactic acid in your blood (lactic acidosis).** Lactic acidosis can happen in some people who take **COMPLERA** 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 (feeling sick to your stomach) or vomiting
- feel cold, especially in your arms and legs
- feel dizzy or lightheaded
- have a fast or irregular heartbeat

- **Severe liver problems.** Severe liver problems can happen in people who take **COMPLERA**. 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 COMPLERA for a long time.**

- **Worsening of Hepatitis B infection.** If you have hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection and take **COMPLERA**, your HBV may get worse (flare-up) if you stop taking **COMPLERA**. A “flare-up” is when your HBV infection suddenly returns in a worse way than before. **COMPLERA** is not approved for the treatment of HBV, so you must discuss your HBV with your healthcare provider.

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

Who should not take COMPLERA?

Do not take COMPLERA if:

- your HIV infection has been previously treated with HIV medicines.
- you are taking any of the following medicines:
 - **anti-seizure medicines:** carbamazepine (Carbatrol, Equetro, Tegretol, Tegretol-XR, Teril, Epitol); oxcarbazepine (Trileptal); phenobarbital (Luminal); phenytoin (Dilantin, Dilantin-125, Phenytek)
 - **anti-tuberculosis (anti-TB) medicines:** rifabutin (Mycobutin); rifampin (Rifater, Rifamate, Rimactane, Rifadin); rifapentine (Priftin)
 - **proton pump inhibitor (PPI)** medicine for certain stomach or intestinal problems: esomeprazole (Nexium, Vimovo); lansoprazole (Prevacid); dexlansoprazole (Dexilant); omeprazole (Prilosec, Zegerid); pantoprazole sodium (Protonix); rabeprazole (Aciphex)
 - more than 1 dose of the steroid medicine dexamethasone or dexamethasone sodium phosphate
 - St. John’s wort (*Hypericum perforatum*)
- **If you take COMPLERA, you should not take:**
 - Other medicines that contain tenofovir (Atripla, Stribild, Truvada, Viread)
 - Other medicines that contain emtricitabine or lamivudine (Combivir, Emtriva, Epivir or Epivir-HBV, Epzicom, Trizivir, Atripla, Truvada, Stribild)
 - rilpivirine (Edurant)
 - adefovir (Hepsera)

What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking COMPLERA?

Before you take COMPLERA, tell your healthcare provider if you:

- have or had liver problems, including hepatitis B or C virus infection, kidney problems, mental health problem or bone problems
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if **COMPLERA** can harm your unborn child.
- **Pregnancy Registry.** There is a pregnancy registry for women who take antiviral medicines during pregnancy. The purpose of this registry is to collect information about the health of you and your baby. Talk to your healthcare provider about how you can take part in this registry.
- are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed. **You should not breastfeed if you have HIV because of the risk of passing HIV to your baby.** Do not breastfeed if you are taking **COMPLERA**. At least two of the medicines contained in **COMPLERA** can be passed to your baby in your breast milk. We do not know whether this could harm your baby. Talk to 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.

- **COMPLERA** may affect the way other medicines work, and other medicines may affect how **COMPLERA** works, and may cause serious side effects. If you take certain medicines with **COMPLERA**, the amount of **COMPLERA** in your body may be too low and it may not work to help control your HIV infection. The HIV virus in your body may become resistant to **COMPLERA** or other HIV medicines that are like it.

Especially tell your healthcare provider if you take:

- an antacid medicine that contains aluminum, magnesium hydroxide, or calcium carbonate. If you take an antacid during treatment with **COMPLERA**, take the antacid **at least 2 hours before or at least 4 hours after** you take **COMPLERA**.
- a medicine to block the acid in your stomach, including cimetidine (Tagamet), famotidine (Pepcid), nizatidine (Axid), or ranitidine hydrochloride (Zantac). If you take one of these medicines during treatment with **COMPLERA**, take the acid blocker **at least 12 hours before or at least 4 hours after** you take **COMPLERA**.
- any of these medicines (if taken by mouth or injection):
 - clarithromycin (Biaxin)
 - erythromycin (E-Mycin, Eryc, Ery-Tab, PCE, Pediazole, Ilosone)
 - fluconazole (Diflucan)
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 - methadone (Dolophine)
 - posaconazole (Noxafil)
 - telithromycin (Ketek)
 - voriconazole (Vfend)
- medicines that are eliminated by the kidney, including acyclovir (Zovirax), cidofovir (Vistide), ganciclovir (Cytovene IV, Vitrasert), valganciclovir (Valtrex), and valganciclovir (Valcyte)

What are the possible side effects of COMPLERA?

COMPLERA can cause serious side effects, including:

- See “What is the most important information I should know about COMPLERA?”
- **New or worse kidney problems, including kidney failure**, can happen in some people who take **COMPLERA**. Your healthcare provider should do blood tests to check your kidneys before starting treatment with **COMPLERA**. If you have had kidney problems in the past or need to take another medicine that can cause kidney problems, your healthcare provider may need to do blood tests to check your kidneys during your treatment with **COMPLERA**.
- **Depression or mood changes.** Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any of the following symptoms:
 - feeling sad or hopeless
 - feeling anxious or restless
 - have thoughts of hurting yourself (suicide) or have tried to hurt yourself
- **Change in liver enzymes.** People with a history of hepatitis B or C virus infection or who have certain liver enzyme changes may have an increased risk of developing new or worsening liver problems during treatment with **COMPLERA**. Liver problems can also happen during treatment with **COMPLERA** in people without a history of liver disease. Your healthcare provider may need to do tests to check your liver enzymes before and during treatment with **COMPLERA**.
- **Bone problems** can happen in some people who take **COMPLERA**. Bone problems include bone pain, softening or thinning (which may lead to fractures). Your healthcare provider may need to do additional tests to check your bones.
- **Changes in body fat** can happen in people taking HIV medicine. These changes may include increased amount of fat in the upper back and neck (“buffalo hump”), breast, and around the main part of your body (trunk). Loss of fat from the legs, arms and face may also happen. The cause and long term health effect of these conditions are not known.

- **Changes in your immune system (Immune Reconstitution Syndrome)** can happen when you start taking HIV 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 if you start having new symptoms after starting your HIV medicine.

The most common side effects of **COMPLERA** include:

- trouble sleeping (insomnia)
- abnormal dreams
- headache
- dizziness
- diarrhea
- nausea
- rash
- tiredness
- depression

Additional common side effects include:

- vomiting
- stomach pain or discomfort
- skin discoloration (small spots or freckles)
- pain

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 **COMPLERA**. For more information, ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist.

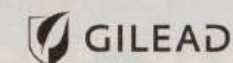
Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 (1-800-332-1088).

How should I take COMPLERA?

- **Stay under the care of your healthcare provider during treatment with COMPLERA.**
- **Take COMPLERA** exactly as your healthcare provider tells you to take it.
- **Always take COMPLERA with a meal.** Taking **COMPLERA** with a meal is important to help get the right amount of medicine in your body. A protein drink does not replace a meal.
- Do not change your dose or stop taking **COMPLERA** without first talking with your healthcare provider. See your healthcare provider regularly while taking **COMPLERA**.
- If you miss a dose of **COMPLERA** within 12 hours of the time you usually take it, take your dose of **COMPLERA** **with a meal** as soon as possible. Then, take your next dose of **COMPLERA** at the regularly scheduled time. If you miss a dose of **COMPLERA** by more than 12 hours of the time you usually take it, wait and then take the next dose of **COMPLERA** at the regularly scheduled time.
- Do not take more than your prescribed dose to make up for a missed dose.

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

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LeftOut



by
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And You Think Nobody Listens to You?

Think again

After revelations that the NSA, the CIA, the FBI, and a particularly militant branch of the PTA are all probably eavesdropping on Americans' cell phones, e-mails, Facebook pages, web surfing, and text messages, I couldn't help but notice that the Amish were walking around looking pretty damn smug.

I hope you've been a tad naughty, because if the government is storing this information, I certainly would not want archeologists a thousand years from now to discover that everybody's life is as pathetic as mine. My life is so boring that it reads like the plot of an algebra book.

The way I see it, the upside to all this NSA stuff is that somewhere they've probably found all of your forgotten passwords. And "The Cloud"? We don't need no stinkin' Cloud. We have Agent 42 to keep all our stuff.

At no small expense, I have bribed a CIA agent for tips on how to determine if the NSA is interested in you. You can clip and save this handy guide for determining if they can hear you now.

12. The Secretary of State mentions your name on national TV—something about your "relations" with Sweaty Sam's Thai Massage Parlor.

11. You get a call from the NSA to tell you that your guitar is out of tune.

10. Your TIVO is recording you.

The way I see it, the upside to all this NSA stuff is that somewhere they've probably found all of your forgotten passwords.

9. During dinner at a nice restaurant, your potato distinctly says, "Speak up, please."
8. You have more vans parked in front of your house than a 1960s Janis Joplin concert.
7. When the pest control guy comes to your house, he finds more than just the real bugs.
6. Your cat keeps pooping tiny microphones.
5. The OnStar lady asks you why you want to go to 764 Elm Street, who lives there, and when you plan on coming home.
4. The black car following you has the license plate IRS LUV.
3. [This joke deleted under authority of NSA Directive 06-42(g).]
2. President Obama mentions the toast you made at Bob's wedding in the State of the Union address.
1. Your dropped cell-phone calls make an actual crashing sound.

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The Wicked Road to Equality

Then and now

“We will win equal rights,” said Harvey Fierstein, reading from his open letter to President Obama.

It was February 2009, just three months after the bittersweet 2008 election: Obama had won, but so had California's Prop. 8. “We need a hero, and you have been elected.”

Fierstein was reading his fiery letter to a packed New York City theater that night, as part of a celebrity benefit concert and fundraiser for LGBT rights held at the Gershwin Theatre, the home of Broadway's *Wicked*.

With the touring version of the popular musical in Houston this month, I've been thinking back to that concert, which featured live and recorded appearances from stars like Jane Fonda, Cyndi Lauper, Nathan Lane, Keith Olbermann, Elton John, Rue McClanahan—even the original cast of *Sesame Street*. It was a powerful night and an important reminder of how many people we have on our side. But it was Harvey Fierstein's letter to Obama that I remember most vividly. “Mr. President, we need you to be more than another reasonable voice,” he said. “We need you to raise yourself up out of the mire of majority opinion. We need you to rise above the daily politics of compromise.”

This was only a month after Obama had begun his first term, and long before he came out in support of marriage equality. At the time, Fierstein's frustration with the president's backtracking on gay issues reflected my own: “Had we been fooled?” so many of us asked. I remember thinking that Obama would be different. I believed we had an advocate. But then he

invited an antigay pastor to pray at his inauguration, and he stopped talking about gay rights.

Maybe Fierstein's letter sticks so prominently in my brain because of the comparison he made between Obama and Lincoln. President Lincoln had adjusted his views on race substantially before issuing the Emancipation Proclamation.

“Obviously time and experience brought Mr. Lincoln to what would have been called the extremist view; that freedom cannot be compromised just to appease the majority,” Fierstein read passionately. He called on President Obama to “mount that bully pulpit our blood, sweat, and tears have erected, and speak to the greater ideal. . . . That, dear son of Lincoln, is the grand gesture we need from you.”

“Fierstein's frustration with the president's backtracking on gay issues reflected my own: ‘Had we been fooled?’ so many of us asked.”

Fast forward four years, and I think Harvey Fierstein would write a much different letter today! We've abolished “Don't Ask, Don't Tell,” won marriage victories in several more states, and the president has come out not only in support of marriage equality, but, in his second inauguration speech, called for full federal benefits for married same-sex couples. It may have taken a while, but the “grander gesture” Fierstein demanded has finally been extended.

As I get ready to see this iconic musical again in Houston, I can't help but appreciate how far we've come in four short years. Since that night when the normally dark Broadway theater was opened for a Monday night rally, life for LGBT Americans has improved greatly, both socially and legally. But the progress we've made is built on the shoulders of folks like the ones on stage that night calling for change, and on events like that “Defying Inequality” concert. They raised something like \$400,000 for a handful of LGBT groups

that night, and the producers of *Wicked* donated a substantial chunk of the total themselves. (Equality may be priceless, but it isn't won cheaply.)

So this month, if you venture downtown to see Elphaba, Glinda, and the Wizard, rest assured you're supporting an entity that supports us. Not just because it's musical theater, but because they've put their money where their (green) mouth is. That shouldn't be a surprise, considering *Wicked's* storyline: a girl who was simply born different is made to feel inferior, and finds herself at odds with a society that discriminates against her based on misunderstandings. Sounds familiar, no?

Where will we be in another four years? Can we achieve a nationwide ban on job discrimination for LGBT employees? Will the right for all of us to marry our partners finally be won? What about donating blood, or living without the threat of housing discrimination? These are just some of the goals that a redrafted letter to Obama

should include. And—even more so than four years ago—they are all within our reach, as long as we keep pushing forward down that yellow-brick road to full equality.

We can all take our cue from Elphaba as we strive to reach our destination: “I'm through accepting limits 'cause someone says they're so. Some things I cannot change, but till I try, I'll never know!”

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Critical Illness Insurance

Filling in the gaps

While most people are familiar with traditional life, health, and disability insurance coverage, there is another type of insurance product that many do not think about. This is critical illness insurance.

With critical illness insurance, an insurance company is typically contracted to pay out a lump sum cash payment or stream of income if the policyholder is diagnosed with one or more specific illnesses that are listed in the insurance policy, or if the insured undergoes certain types of surgical procedures.

How Critical Illness Insurance Works

In many ways, critical illness insurance

is similar to other types of insurance. Some of the conditions and procedures that will typically trigger benefits include: stroke, cancer, liver failure, heart attack, dementia, paralysis, coma, lung failure, blindness, Parkinson's disease,

"Critical illness coverage can help to keep your lifestyle—and your financial life—on track."

open-heart surgery, and lung or heart transplant.

The premium that is paid for critical illness insurance is based on the level of coverage that is required, as well as how long the policyholder wants to keep the coverage in force. Other factors in-

clude the applicant's age, occupation, gender, and whether or not they are a smoker.

Filling in the Income Gaps

Any type of critical illness can result in financial hardship. In fact, even those who are covered by a health insurance policy can still face difficulty in paying the rent or mortgage as well as other everyday living expenses.

In addition, illness and the related medical procedures that are oftentimes necessary can place an additional—and substantial—burden on individuals and couples.

Critical illness coverage can help to keep your lifestyle—and your financial life—on track. Proceeds from a critical

illness insurance policy can be used for any number of purposes, such as:

- Paying for the cost of treatment and care
- Paying for recuperative products and services
- Replacing lost income that can result from the policyholder's decreased ability to work.

Advantages for LGBT Individuals and Couples

Critical illness coverage can be especially advantageous to those in the LGBT community. One reason for this is the inability of domestic partners to collect on federal benefits such as their partner's Social Security disability income or survivor's benefits.

With the advances in medical technology today, many critical illnesses are no longer a death sentence. However, they can still cause a serious depletion of your short- and long-term savings. The funds that are received from a critical illness insurance policy can help to protect your current financial situation, as well as your future retirement lifestyle.

Things to Consider before Purchasing

When shopping for critical illness insurance, there are several things to consider prior to signing on the dotted line. In doing so, you will help to ensure that the coverage best fits your particular situation and needs.

First, make sure that you have a good understanding of exactly what the policy covers. Critical illness plans will typically list the conditions that will qualify a policyholder to receive the coverage benefits.

Also, be sure that you consider placing an inflation protection rider on the policy. This will increase the benefits by a certain percentage over time. Inflation protection can be especially important for younger purchasers, as it could be many years before you file a claim, and your original amount of coverage may then be insufficient.

You will also want to consider your options in terms of how—and how long—benefits from the policy will pay out. For example, will the policy only pay benefits once upon diagnosis of a particular condition, or will you be eligible to receive additional benefits if a condition that has been successfully treated require further treatment in the future?

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approximately 75 percent of Americans have less than \$20,000 in savings*—an amount that could pale in comparison to the cost of a critical illness, various medical procedures, or even income replacement if one were suddenly unable to work.

Because of the serious gaps in many of today's health insurance policies—such as no coverage for non-medical caregiving expenses—critical illness insurance can be a safety net to help protect savings and retirement funds that could quickly disappear in the event of a critical health-related situation.

When planning your insurance coverage and finances, it is essential to keep in mind that all situations call for a plan that fits with your specific needs and goals. Given this, all planning should be conducted using qualified professionals who are well versed in the areas of both tax and finance.

*"Insurance Service Center Discusses a Recent Health Study" PRWEB, 13 June 2013. Web. 13 June 2013.

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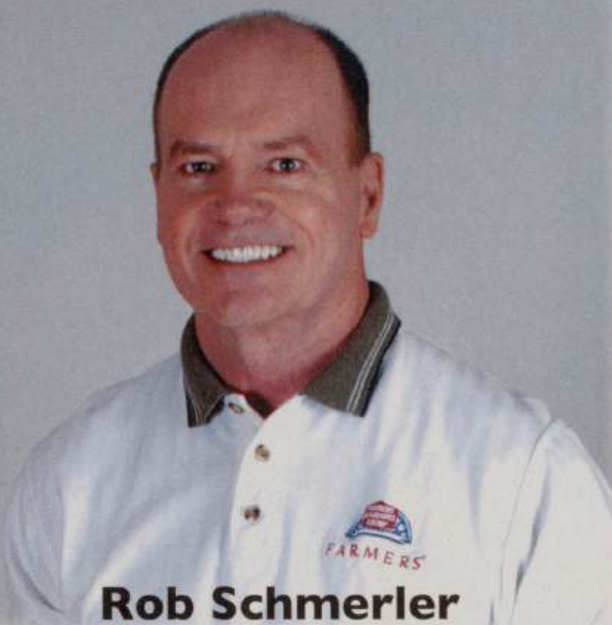
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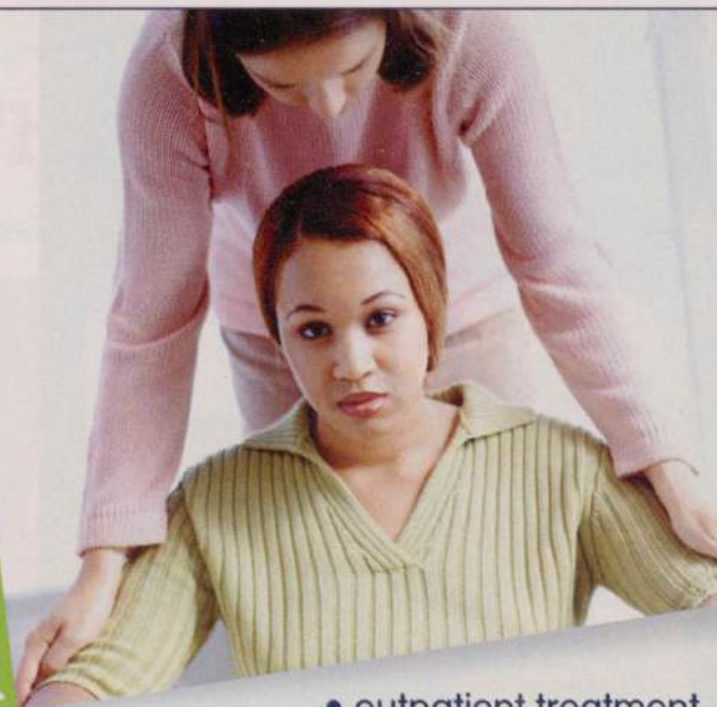
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Queering Up a Theater Near You

QFest, Houston's LGBTQ film festival, hits screens this month

by Megan Smith

Illustration by Jack Stalnaker

Lesbians, leather bars, and drag queens, oh my! That's right—it's time once again for QFest, Houston's annual LGBTQ film festival, to hit screens July 25–29. With thirty scheduled programs, including two U.S. premieres, two Southwest premieres, nine Texas premieres, and seven Houston premieres, this year's festival is the place to be.

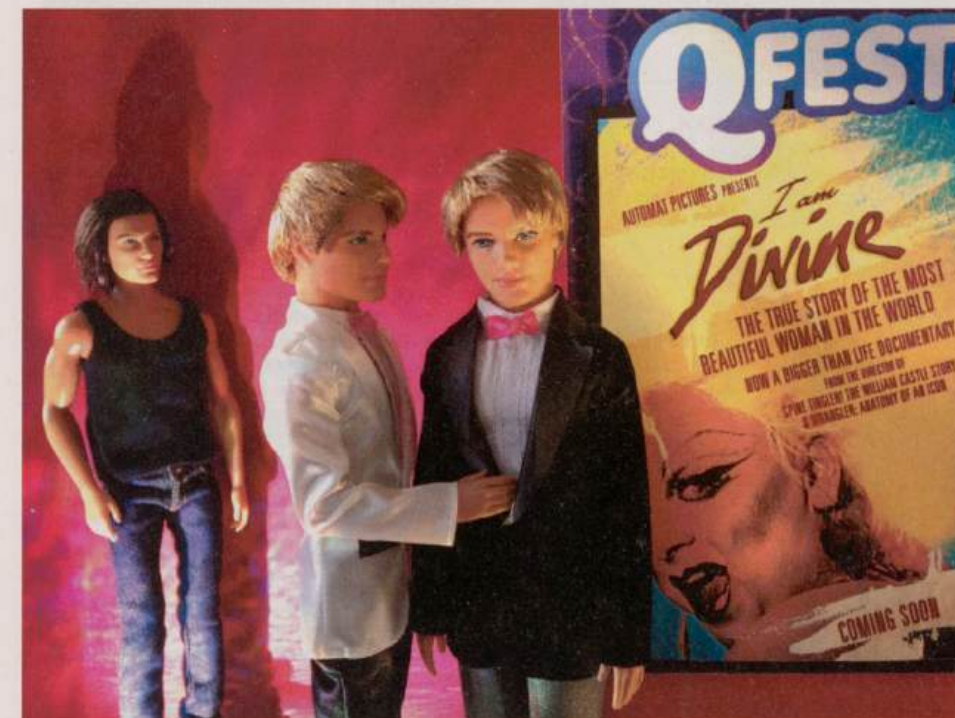
Last year's QFest, which had the largest attendance in the history of the festival, hardly resembles the once-small collaboration of MFAH, Rice Media Center, and Landmark Theatres that was started in 1996—and just keeps growing. An additional three venues—the Houston Museum of African American Culture, the Galveston Artist Residency, and the new Alamo Drafthouse Vintage Park—have been added to this year's festival, making 2013 the first time QFest has had a presence in Galveston.

QFest kicks off on July 20 at Discovery Green with a free pre-festival screening of John Waters' 1988 hair-raising

This year's festival has thirty scheduled programs, including two U.S. premieres, two Southwest premieres, and seven Houston premieres.

musical *Hairspray* as part of Julydoscope, an event co-hosted by the Houston Cinema Arts Society and Theatre Under the Stars. "We like to think it's far away from John Travolta!" Kristian Salinas, executive director of QFest, says.

Once the true festival starts, get ready to scream—and maybe laugh a little,



Absolutely divine: doll yourself up and get in line, because QFest 2013—Houston's LGBTQ film festival—is the place to be this July.

too—at QFest's "Class of Horror High" series featuring a trio of high school slasher movies, all shown in their original 35 mm format. The revival series is to be shown at Alamo Drafthouse Vintage Park and includes *Prom Night*, *Scream*, and *A Nightmare on Elm Street Part 2: Freddy's Revenge*, which Sa-

linas calls the "most overtly gay of all the *Nightmare* on *Elm Street* films. I think that it will be really cool to show, because it really does

play into one of my interests in taking older films that may not have been recognized as having that gay content and owning them for ourselves," Salinas says. "Perhaps one of the most political acts is having a room full of gay people watching [horror] films like this, because then it becomes a whole different experience—to see the film in a totally different way and appreciate it as if they were seeing it for the first time."

Far from the fictitious horrors of Freddy

and *Ghostface*, the Houston Museum of African American Culture presents a picture of real-life, still-present dangers with their screening of *Born This Way*. Shot in Cameroon, this documentary depicts the harsh treatment of gays and lesbians in one of the world's least LGBT-friendly countries. In addition to many other powerful stories, the film follows a lesbian couple arrested in a rural part of Cameroon for being homosexual. After being put on trial and faced with severe punishments, a straight ally pro bono lawyer brings the couple to the city to try to protect them. "It's just amazing to see their transformation when they meet other gay people, because they felt alone for so long," Salinas says.

Robert Mainor, owner of Galveston's Robert's Lafitte show bar, knows all about transformations—he's seen his city, the people, and attitudes changing

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QFest 2013

The 17th Annual Houston LGBTQ International Film Festival

Saturday, July 20

Discovery Green

8:30 p.m. *Hairspray*

It's a battle of the beehives when "pleasantly plump" teenager Tracy Turnblad (Rikki Lake) lands a spot on a local TV dance show, teaching 1962 Baltimore a thing or two about integration and hairspray! Free admission.

Thursday, July 25

MFAH

7 p.m. *I Am Divine* with *P.D.A.*

I Am Divine (see page 35). In *P.D.A.*, a gay couple comically dispute their different views on holding hands in public, leading to a bigger exploration of their relationship, and more.

Friday, July 26

MFAH

7 p.m. *Italy: Love It or Leave It*

The follow-up to their award-winning documentary, *Suddenly, Last Winter*, Luca and Gustav are back.

Rice Cinema

7 p.m. *Girl Shorts*

The always popular series of new short films features an international slate of works centered on the laughs, loves, and lives of lesbians.

9 p.m. *Submerge*

Jordan, a young competition diver at the top of her game, finds herself seduced by Delilah, a professional dominatrix, who leads Jordan into the world of S&M—a world in which Jordan seeks a sense of control through total submission.

11 p.m. *Secret Things (Choses secrètes)*

This is a scandalous drama centered on two women struggling to survive the mean streets of Paris.

Alamo Drafthouse Mason Road

7:30 p.m. *Lose Your Head*

What begins as a romantic adventure between the tourist Luis and a strange and elusive Russian quickly turns into a desperate chase for the truth as Luis begins to lose his mind drifting between reality and paranoia.

The Houston Museum of African American Culture

8 p.m. *All in the Family: A Showcase of Queer African American Shorts*

QFest is proud to partner with The Houston Museum of African American Culture to showcase a collection of short works by and/or about queer African Americans.

Aurora Picture Show

8 p.m. *Fourplay*

A compilation of four sex-tales set in four American cities showcasing sexual triumph and travail from Skokie to Austin, Tampa to San Francisco, *Fourplay* spans the gamut from sorrowful to comedic to downright filthy.

Alamo Drafthouse Vintage Park

10 p.m. *Prom Night*

Four teens responsible for the accidental death of a child six years earlier become the bloody target of a deranged masked killer who has crashed their high school's senior prom!

Saturday, July 27

Rice Cinema

2:30 p.m. *Dunno Y Na Jaane Kyun*

In India's first film to feature a major gay storyline, the handsome and successful son of a multi-generational Anglo-Indian family, led by a domineering Granny, lives a double life, carrying on a secret affair with a gay aspiring model while his attractive and frustrated wife gradually falls for her husband's younger, rakish, no-good brother.

5 p.m. *Boy Shorts*

The always-popular series of new short films features

an international slate of works centered on the laughs, loves, and lives of gay men.

7 p.m. *Interior, Leather Bar* with *Law and Order (Zucht und Ordnung)*

In *Interior, Leather Bar* filmmakers James Franco and Travis Mathews set out to reimagine what might have transpired in the lost sexually explicit scenes of *Cruising* in this intriguing film about the making of a movie.

In *Law and Order (Zucht und Ordnung)*, an elderly couple express their mutual devotion through their continuing S&M practice.

9 p.m. *Hunter* (see page 37)

11 p.m. *First Period*

New girl Cassie and outcast Maggie are easily the most awkward girls in high school. Together, they decide the way to win the hearts of the cute boys and popular girls is to come in first at the school talent show. It's going to take a lot to beat them in true '80s style!

Galveston Artist Residency

3 p.m. *Wildness* (see page 36)

Asia Society Texas Center

4 p.m. *She: Their Love Story* with *(A)Typical Couple*

She: Their Love Story (see page 36).

(A)Typical Couple features a typical day in a typical life of a typical couple trying to communicate their way through their typical relationship.

MFAH

7 p.m. *Valentine Road*

The sensationalized tale of a young, biracial LGBT teen pushing an emerging young white supremacist to his breaking point made for great headlines and drew attention to the plight of LGBT teens, as well as the overwhelmed educational and juvenile justice systems.

Alamo Drafthouse Mason Road

7:30 p.m. *Sexual Tension: Violetas (Tensión sexual, Volumen 2: Violetas) and Neighbors (Vecinas)*

Sexual Tension: Violetas (Tensión sexual, Volumen 2: Violetas) explores the art of seduction between two women and offers up six stories of lesbian attraction.

In *Neighbors (Vecinas)*, Mamen and Gloria have decided to go a step forward in their relationship, moving in together. What they don't know yet is what kind of surprise is behind this new stage in their lives.

The Houston Museum of African American Culture

8 p.m. *Born This Way*

In Cameroon, homosexual relations are subject to punishment of up to five years in prison, and it is almost impossible to come out to your own family. *Born This Way* is a revealing portrait of the underground gay and lesbian community in Cameroon.

Alamo Drafthouse Vintage Park

10 p.m. *A Nightmare on Elm Street Part 2: Freddy's Revenge*

Freddy Krueger is back, terrorizing the dreams of the new kid on the block, attempting to possess his soul and continue his murdering spree.

Sunday, July 28

MFAH

2 p.m. *Portrait of Jason*

Clarke's long-unseen and mostly unavailable landmark film features an unforgettable interview with the gin-soaked, pill-popping Jason Holliday (aka Aaron Payne), professional houseboy, would-be cabaret performer, and self-proclaimed hustler, who sheds light on being black and gay in 1960s America.

4 p.m. *Myra Breckinridge*

Fresh from a successful sex-change, Myra Breckinridge, né Myron, sets off to meet with her former uncle, the lecherous Buck Loner, to claim half of his estate, while secretly

enacting a plan to destroy the foundation of American masculinity, beginning with the seduction of two bland unsuspecting acting students, Rusty Godowski and Mary Ann Pringle. Based on Gore Vidal's scandalous and highly successful novel of the same name.

6 p.m. *Cruising*

Al Pacino is a New York City police detective assigned to go undercover to track down a serial killer responsible for the murders of gay men who are active in the city's gay S&M community.

Galveston Artist Residency

3 p.m. *Before You Know It*

Three gay seniors navigate the adventures, challenges, and surprises of life and love in their golden years. Featuring Robert Mainor, owner of Robert's LaFitte. Reception follows screening hosted at Robert's LaFitte.

Rice Cinema

3 p.m. *The Campaign*

The Campaign tells the inside story of the fight to stop California's wildly controversial Proposition 8, which banned gay marriage and ignited a movement.

5 p.m. *Jaures with 2P2R and Chaleur Humaine (Human Warmth)*

In *Jaures*, filmmaker Vincent Dieutre reflects upon a failed romance by watching footage, shot from the interior of his lover's apartment, of the streets surrounding their building, drawing poetic parallels to the lives of those outside their world.

In *2P2R*, a young man waits in bed for his friend to return home, deciding to finally act upon feelings for the first (and last) time, as his plane leaves early in the morning. In *Chaleur Humaine (Human Warmth)*, Antoine loves being close to Bruno. He loves his warmth. He needs it. But when their separation arrives, their bodies stop responding.

7 p.m. *Out Loud*

Four lifelong Lebanese friends reject their families and the traditions of their culture, embarking on a quixotic adventure to reshape their lives to reflect the world they wish to live in. Inspired by a bold, independent woman the men encounter one evening, each agrees to become her "bride," attempting to build a utopia for themselves on her estate.

Alamo Drafthouse Mason Road

6:30 p.m. *Scream*

A maniacal killer known as "Ghostface" resurfaces, hacking up area teenagers, but his real target is Sydney, whose own mother was one of his first victims.

7:30 p.m. *Pit Stop with 3000 Acres*

In *Pit Stop*, recovering from an ill-fated affair with a married man, Gabe finds solace in the relationship he maintains with his ex-wife and daughter. On the other side of town, Ernesto evades life at home with his current live-in ex-boyfriend by spending much of his spare time in the hospital with an ailing past love. In *3000 Acres*, a young boy's relationship with nature is explored in this documentary celebrating the rhythms of rural life.

Monday, July 29

Rice Cinema

7 p.m. *G.B.F.* with *Something Real*

CLOSING NIGHT

G.B.F. (see page 37)

In *Something Real*, a newly single man tries to get his groove back in this celebrity-packed short with a musical twist created by Tony Award-winning composer and lyricist Jeff Marx and five-time Grammy Award-winning producer, composer, and lyricist Mervyn Warren.

All times and films are subject to change. Please visit q-fest.org for more information and the latest updates.

Queering Up a Theater Near You

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for decades now. Mainor is one of three elderly gay trailblazers across the country featured in director PJ Raval's documentary *Before You Know It*. The film, which explores the life experiences of older generations of gays, is appropriately being shown in Mainor's home city at the Galveston Artist Residency.

Gore Vidal, the witty and openly gay writer who passed away last July, is another community elder to be celebrated. In his honor, QFest will host a screening of his outrageous book-turned-movie *Myra Breckinridge* in its original 35 mm format. The queer cult-classic is tragically underrated and fell victim to homophobia at the time of its release, Salinas emphasizes. "I think *Myra Breckinridge* really challenges audiences, and it put things out there that they weren't ready for [in 1970]," he says. "It wasn't the time for *Myra* to come out."

Tickets for the festival are available for purchase at the door or online at q-fest.org, with prices varying by venue. QPasses, which grant admission to the full festival lineup, are also available for \$85 each.

OutSmart highlights a few of this year's QFest films:

I Am Divine (Opening Night)

Opening night brings the story of Divine, aka Harris Glenn Milstead, from his humble beginnings as an overweight, misunderstood, and "more

feminine than masculine" Baltimore teenager to internationally recognized superstar who continuously pushed the limits of drag through his work with filmmaker John Waters. Forcing au-

diences to question preconceived notions of body image, gender identity, sexuality, and beauty, Divine shocked, fascinated, and boggled the minds of many as he revolutionized the world of pop culture. This biographical portrait, which includes interviews with Divine's high school girlfriend and once-estranged mother, charts the legendary icon's emotional complexities and his rise to infamy. →

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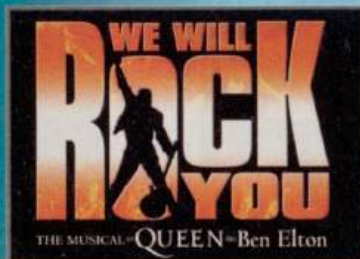
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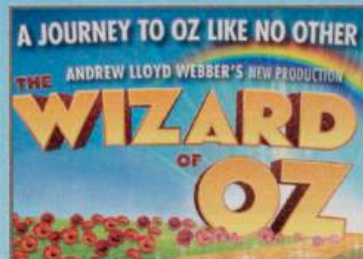
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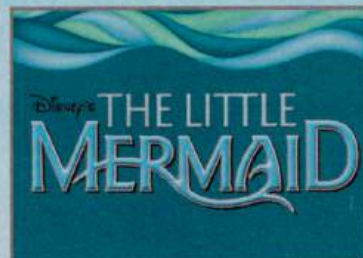
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Wildness

In this compelling documentary, queer performance artist Wu Tsang details the conflict and creativity that arose when he and three fellow avant-garde perfor-



mance artists create a weekly "Wildness" night at The Silver Platter, the historic Los Angeles bar known for being home to many Latina immigrant transwomen. The event, which blurred lines between nightclub and performance space and attracted transpeople of all races, initially confused the bar's regulars but soon became wildly popular. Crowds grow out of control, people get hurt, safe spaces are destroyed, and we see that popularity and reconciliation come with a price. *Wildness* is a story of survival, community, and what it means to dream.

She: Their Love Story

This profound film from Thailand follows



two separate stories of women who find love with the most unexpected people at the most unexpected times in their lives. Bua, a successful resort owner, is forced to reexamine her seemingly perfect life when she is diagnosed with terminal cancer. As a dying wish, she discovers the true meaning of passionate love when she develops a strong connection with a young female photographer. Meanwhile, Da—a determined journalist, feeling lost after her credibility is ruined when her ex-boyfriend releases a sex tape the two made—reluctantly agrees to write a "trendy" piece about straight women who fall for more masculine lesbians. As research for her article, she befriends her

charming tomboy neighbor, Be, only to find herself falling for her.

Hunter

Gavin is a lonely, gay twenty-something student living in New York's East Village. After his friend Amy's relationship with her boyfriend suddenly ends, he invites her to stay the weekend while his roommate is away. The two spend the evening drinking heavily at a local gay club, only to return to find a young male stranger passed out in their doorway. Unsure of what to do, the two eventually agree to let him stay with them for the weekend. As the connection between the three of them grows, the truth about



each one is revealed. *Hunter* is an honest portrayal of the insecurities and desires that live within us all.

G.B.F. (Closing Night)

Gay high school student Tanner is just fine keeping a low profile. However, when he is outed by the school's gayless Gay-Straight Alliance in desperate need of a real-life gay member, things take an unexpected turn. Being the only out gay student at school, Tanner is just what the three rival prom queen candidates need on their arm—the latest and hottest accessory, the Gay Best Friend (G.B.F.). Expected to be the stereotypical fabulous and fierce gay boy, Tanner is faced with



the difficult choice between popularity and the friends he leaves behind.

Megan Smith also writes about Proud Pony in this issue of OutSmart magazine.

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One Proud Pony

New media collective reveals Ray Hill mini-doc

by Megan Smith

Ever seen a pony wearing pink lipstick, blue eye shadow, and, on occasion, 3-D glasses? You might have if you've been to the bar at Lola's Depot or the bathroom of NOTSUOH—on a sticker, that is. So who is this dolled-up diva of a horse? He's the logo of Proud Pony International, Houston's new media collective founded by openly gay filmmakers Jarrod Gullett and Travis Johns.

After deciding to give up the hustle of freelance film work, Johns teamed up with Gullett and used their wonderful connections to build the team of artists, musicians, makeup artists, and crew members—or as Gullett describes it, "a long-term family"—that is Proud Pony. The collective has already produced a diverse selection of both personal and commercial films, including an oral history project for the Contemporary Arts Museum Houston's sixty-fifth anniversary this October, a music video, and a series of comedic shorts.

"Sometimes people who are older are kind of pushed aside. Sitting with Ray [Hill] made it all the more clear to me why it is important to engage our elders."

"The thing that we try to achieve with our personal projects that keeps it interesting for us is that we always try to do things that the whole team finds chal-



Roll the film: Travis Johns (l) and Jarrod Gullett are the founders of Proud Pony International, Houston's new media collective. Catch their latest mini-documentary featuring Ray Hill, coming to Comcast Houston's Voice this month.

lenging on some level, because we want to keep growing and expanding," Gullett adds. "There are lots of production companies in

Proud Pony previously hosted a movie night and picnic on the lawn at Independence Art Studios to showcase a

compilation of their older works, newer pieces, and projects never seen before. The event drew about one hundred guests and left audience members asking the collective to host another as soon as possible. "It was a blast," Johns says. "It really was."

"As a baby company who not only

makes commercial content but original content, one of the things we hope to achieve is building an audience," →



the world, and we like to think we go further than a lot of people in detail and attention to beauty and narrative. Travis is a writer, a director, an editor, and an incredibly talented motion graphics person, so we can fill any need we choose with the full team and crew, and it's kind of fun to see how far we can go. We like to keep moving forward and not just be stagnant."

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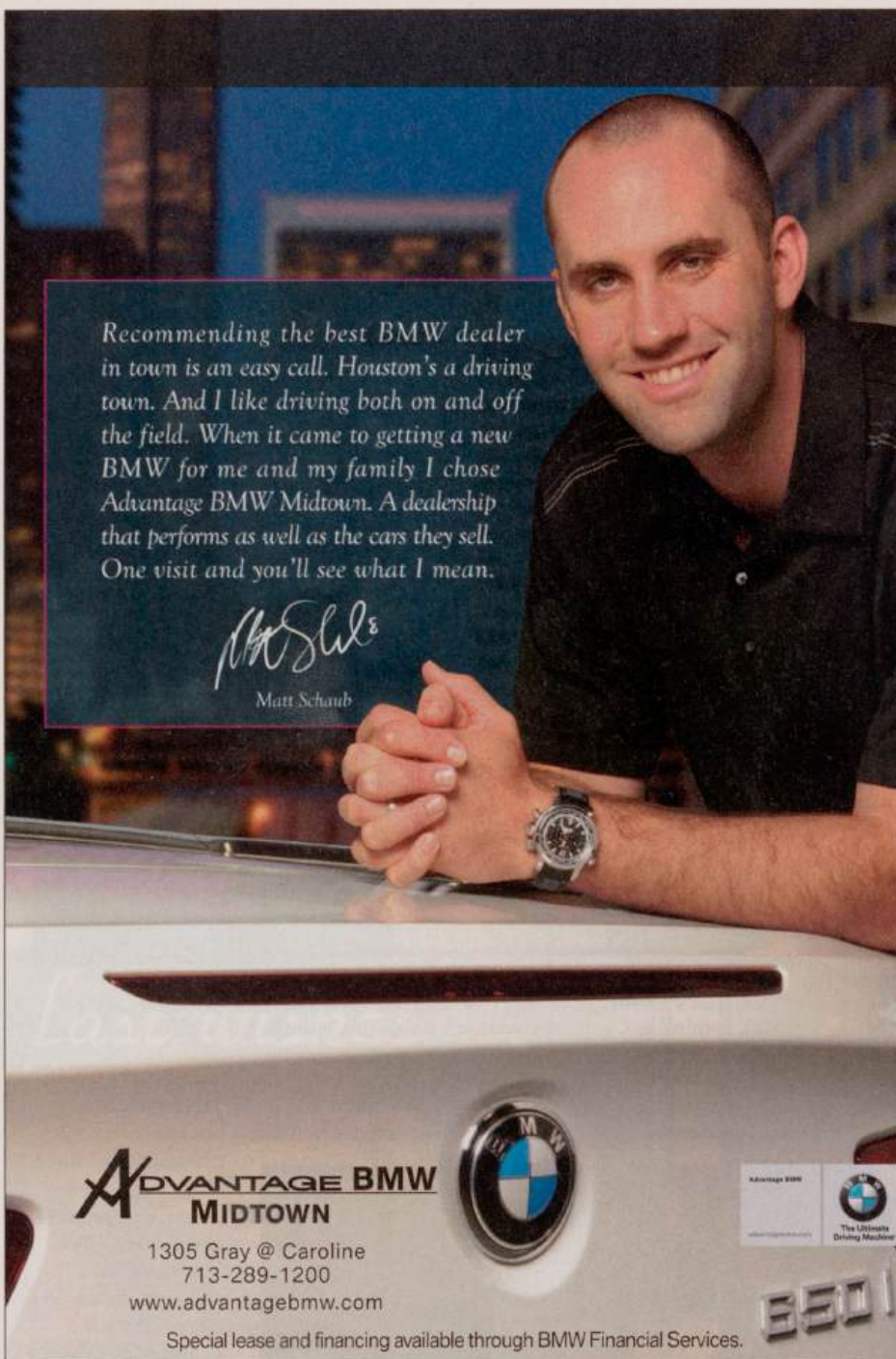
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Gullett stresses. "I like to think that we make things that are entertaining. We like doing it, but we want people to want to watch it as well."

Currently, the collective is working on a mini-documentary featuring Ray Hill, one of the nation's most iconic leaders in the gay rights and prison reform movements. After initially meeting Hill at a Houston Media Source open house, Gullett and Johns, amazed by the stories he told, set up a time to sit down and talk with him further. This meeting—which the filmmakers estimated would take about thirty minutes—lasted two and a half hours and was filled with unbelievable stories of the activist's life.

Hill described his hometown, his family, and his coming-out story, and he spoke of his Houston and national activism, his time as a convict, and a time when there were only twenty people in the gay rights movement from coast to coast. "Sometimes people who are older are kind of pushed aside," Gullett says. "Sitting with Ray made it all the more clear to me why it is important to engage our elders. Ray has experience and he has knowledge that can only come through doing and living and trying and failing and succeeding. There's a great lesson to be learned there as well."

Johns recounts one story, in particular, that Hill told involving 1960s police raids on lesbian bars. During this time, a woman wearing jeans with a front zipper was considered to be cross-dressing—an act that was then considered a crime. If a raid occurred, women would run to the bathroom and put their pants on backward to avoid arrest. "A lot of younger gays don't know that if you got caught in a gay bar in 1967, your name was put in the paper and your life was over, because you had to be in the closet [to survive]," Johns says. "Now when you go out on a Friday night, you just have to worry about parking."

Houston's Voice, an interactive web-based media network sponsored by Comcast that allows Houstonians to contribute content highlighting new ideas, events, people, and places, will feature Proud Pony's mini-documentary on Hill as part of their "Community Voices" online series. "I commend Houston's Voice for wanting to include the gay community, which is a big chunk of Houston, and perhaps not as well represented," Kim Hogstrom, co-producer of the mini-documentary, says. "You never know who may be inspired to not quit or to be themselves, just by viewing the story of someone relatable," Houston's Voice

spokesperson Margo Williams adds. "We hope to expand minds with Ray's story and be a platform to encourage tolerance and celebration of differences and diversity."

However, fitting Hill's numerous stories and life accomplishments into a three-to-five-minute film is hardly an easy task. Both Johns and Gullett want to give each of these stories the time they deserve, and they believe Hill's message is important enough to eventually be developed into a longer film for a national audience. "We want this short piece that we're making first to be impactful and contain as much information as possible, but there is so much material beyond that," Gullett says. "I think we would both love to pursue the idea of continuing this project beyond this first incarnation. It's just a grand adventure."

Proud Pony International's mini-documentary is expected to be released mid-July at houstonsvoice.com. For more information and to view the collective's past projects, visit vimeo.com/proudponey.

Megan Smith also writes about QFest and Cloudburst in this issue of OutSmart magazine.

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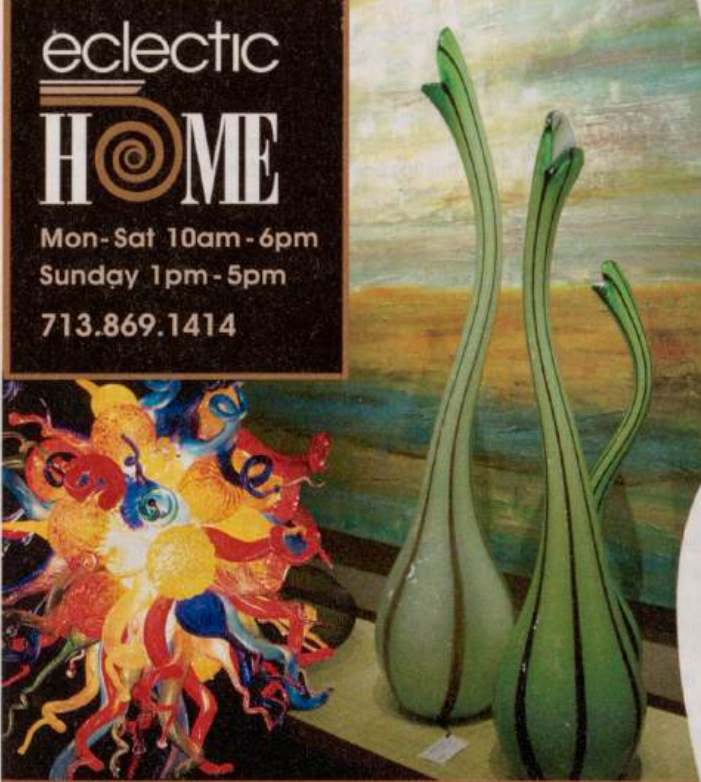


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events, the Christmas in July Benefit Show, on hold for 2013, but will debut the event again, bigger than ever, in July 2014.

The group donates 100 percent of its funds raised to the HIV/AIDS community, and last year alone, distributed \$25,000. "When you and I are barbequing on the Fourth of July, one of our members is at the hospital or hospices handing out little

gifts to let [the people affected by HIV or AIDS] know they are not forgotten during the holidays," Don Gill, executive director of PWA Holiday Charities, said.

After the Brazos River Bottom (BRB) closed earlier this year, the organization's Christmas in July Benefit show lost its home bar, Gill said. However, the group is already talking to community activists and entertain-

ers to have the 2014 event return with a bang.

David Sawyer, the Christmas in July Benefit Show director since its start in 1997, will also be passing the reigns to Keith Nappier, aka Shy Anne, for the 2014 event. Next year's date and venue are yet to be announced. "It's going to be a doozy!" Gill said. —Megan Smith

It's Complicated

Lots to sort out on gay marriage

by Nancy Benac, AP

Two landmark Supreme Court rulings that bolster gay-marriage rights don't remove all barriers to same-sex unions by a long shot. Where gay couples live will still have a lot to do with how they're treated.

Some questions and answers about June 26's court rulings:

Can you boil down these two big rulings—104 pages in all—to the basics?

In one case, the court said legally married gay couples are entitled to the same federal benefits available to straight couples. In the other, it cleared the way for gay marriages to resume in California, where voters banned them in 2008.

What type of benefits are we talking about?

More than you'd expect. There are more than one thousand federal laws in which marital status matters, covering everything from income and inheritance taxes to health benefits and pensions. In states where gay marriage is legal, same-sex couples may actually be looking forward to filing their income taxes next April—married, filing jointly.

Why does it matter where a gay couple lives?

Even with June 26's ruling, where legally married gay couples live still may affect the federal benefits they can obtain, at least for now. Social Security survivor benefits, for example, depend on where a couple is living when a spouse dies. If that happens in a state that bans or does not recognize the union, it's not for sure that the surviving spouse will be entitled to the payments. Immigration law, meanwhile, only looks at where people were married, not where they live. It's complicated.

What does the U.S. marriage map look like right now?

It's a patchwork. Same-sex marriage is legal in thirteen states and the District of Columbia—representing 30 percent of the U.S. population. Twenty-nine other states have constitutional amendments that ban gay marriage. Six states have laws that ban it. Two states neither allow gay marriage nor ban it.

How many same-sex couples in the U.S. have been legally married?

The numbers are squishy. The Pew Research Center estimates there have been at least 71,000 legal marriages since 2004, when Massachusetts became the first state to legalize them, but says there are almost certainly more. The Williams Institute, a UCLA-based think tank, says approximately 114,000 couples are legally married and more than 108,000 are in civil unions or registered domestic partnerships. In California alone, 18,000 same-sex couples were married during the 142-day period when gay unions were legal there in 2008.

What's all this talk about DOMA?

DOMA is the federal Defense of Marriage Act, enacted in 1996. The court on June 26 struck down a section of that law that defines marriage as a union between a man and a woman for purposes of federal law. That's what had denied legally married gay couples access to a host of federal benefits and programs that are available to straight couples.

Why all of the focus on California?

The second case that the court addressed related to a 2008 state ballot proposition that added a ban on gay marriage to the California Constitution. The court didn't rule on the merits of that ballot proposal, but it left in place a trial court's declaration that the proposition is unconstitutional.

What more could the Supreme Court have done?

Tons. It could have given gay Americans the same constitutional right to marry as heterosexuals. Instead, it sidestepped the looming

question of whether banning gay marriage is unconstitutional.

What's President Barack Obama's take on all of this?

He welcomed the ruling striking down part of the Defense of Marriage Act and directed Attorney General Eric Holder to make sure federal laws are in sync with the ruling. (Obama, who endorsed gay marriage last year, broke with his Republican and Democratic predecessors and declined to defend the law in court.) Already, the Defense Department says it is beginning the process to extend health care, housing, and other federal benefits to the same-sex spouses of members of the military.

How does the public feel about gay marriage?

Public support has grown dramatically in the last few years, with a majority now favoring legal marriage for gay couples. There's even broader support for extending to gay couples the same legal rights and benefits that are available to married straight couples. An Associated Press-National Constitution Center poll last fall found 63 percent favored granting gay couples the same legal benefits straight couples had. And 53 percent favored legal recognition of same-sex marriages.

What happens next?

Supporters of gay marriage will keep pressing to legalize same-sex unions in all fifty states. That means more battles in individual states, and more visits to the Supreme Court.

Meet Boy Scout William Marsh

Scouts for Equality

by Marene Gustin



William Marsh (r) poses with Mayor Annise Parker (c) and her partner, Kathy Hubbard.

More than one month before the Supreme Court struck down the Defense of Marriage Act and declined to rule on California's Prop. 8, the Boy Scouts of America's National Council voted on May 23 to allow gay Scouts, while still banning gay Scout leaders. The decision takes effect January 1, 2014.

Not all troops or their sponsors, in particular the Southern Baptist Church, are okay with the decision. Not even fifteen-year-old scout William Marsh is in complete agreement.

"I think it's a step in the right direction," says the articulate Lamar High School junior. "But it's not enough. Equality should be equality for all—Scout masters, parents, and everyone."

The Mormons—the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the largest sponsor of BSA troops—have said they are okay with the move as has the Roman Catholic Church, which is the BSA's third-largest sponsor, and accounts for about 10 percent of the national total of 2.6 million Scouts.

The Religion News Service reported on May 31 that Edward P. Martin, chairman of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting, wrote in a May 29 letter addressed to fellow Catholic Scouters:

"Scouting is still the best youth-serving program available to all youth. We should be encouraged that the change in BSA's youth membership standard is not in conflict with Catholic teaching," Martin said, asking that "Catholic Scouters and chartered organization heads not rush to judgment."

But Marsh still wants more. That's why he was riding on a Pride float during the parade, to show his support and acceptance

of the LGBT community.

"It was the idea of a family friend who was a Scouter," Marsh says. "He was asked to leave when he came out."

Out of respect to the organization that he has been a part of since he was seven, Marsh didn't wear his BSA uniform in the parade.

"I would never disparage a group I'm a part of," Marsh states. "I know not all of them agree with equality, and I respect their views even if I don't agree with them."

Instead, he wore a T-shirt stating "A Scout Is Equal" from the national organization Scouts for Equality. The group has almost two million signers to its petition opposing the LGBT ban in BSA, including more than 7,000 Eagle Scouts and former Scouts, and power players such as Bill Gates, George Takei, and former den mother Jennifer Tyrrell, who was ousted from her son's Cub Scout Pack last year and started a Change.org petition that garnered 300,000 signatures.

Marsh knows many of his fellow Scouts aren't happy about the changes coming in January and probably won't welcome gay Scouts. He knows change comes slowly.

"I think it's just that a lot of Scouts don't know any gays. If they did, they would feel different," he says. "I grew up in Montrose going to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church where a lot of the members are loving gay couples. It's second nature to me."

"I believe in the Scouts, but I also believe in equality for all people. Riding in the parade was my way of saying I'm a Boy Scout and I'm for you guys having complete and total equality."

Let's hope Marsh is the future of not just the BSA but the country as well.

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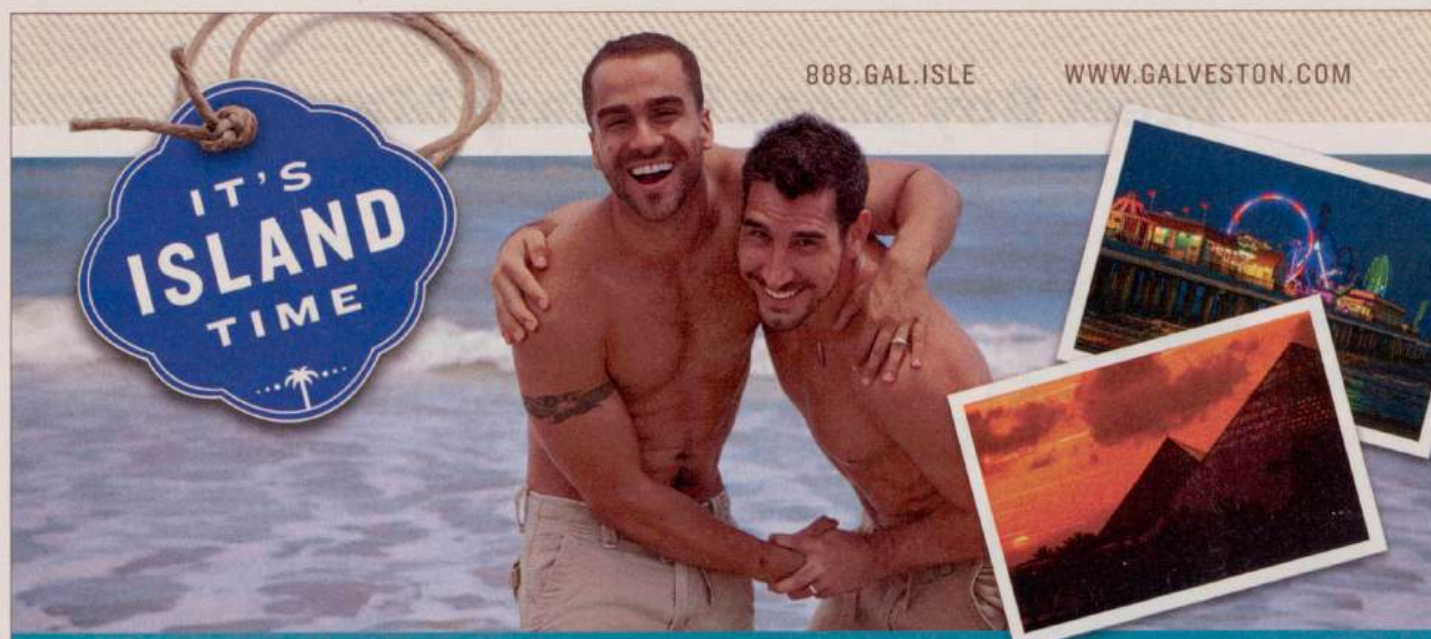


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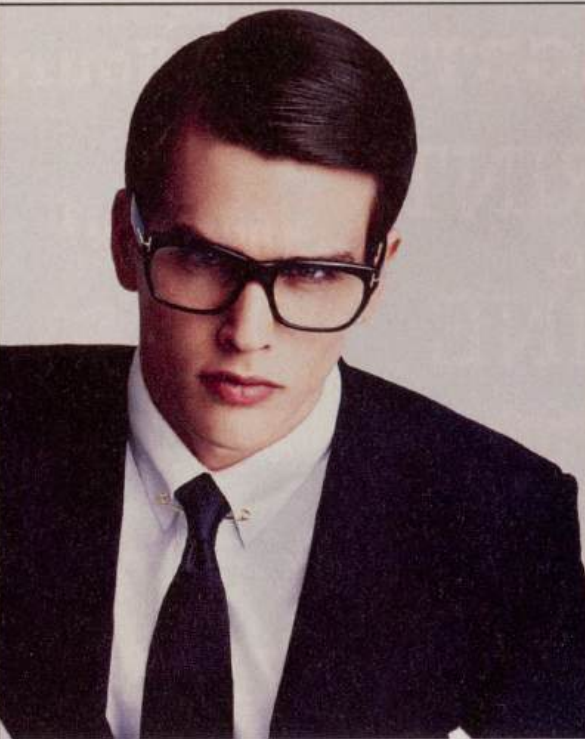


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James Stork and Joe Henry outside their remodeled home in the Cedar Lawn neighborhood of Galveston, which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

This Old House: a Galveston couple gives their mid-century island home a modern face-lift

by Karen Derr
Photos by Dalton DeHart

Island Mod

When James Stork and Joe Henry decided they wanted to purchase a home with a garden and move from their downtown Galveston condominium, they were prepared to purchase a Victorian-era home even though they collect modern art and furnishings. With the island's oldest homes dating from the mid-1800s, there are always beautiful, historically significant homes available for purchase. After viewing seven homes with their Realtor, Robert Zahn, they headed west toward 45th Street to the Cedar Lawn neighborhood. When the couple walked into the eighth house, they entered the living room and Joe proclaimed, "This is the one." James had not even climbed the sweeping staircase to see the upstairs before they decided to buy the home, which had been vacant since Hurricane Ike.

James Stork was born in Galveston and Joe Henry hails from Arkansas. Together they own and run a hospice staffing agency, so they are often together 24/7. The five-thousand-square-foot home works well for them because it has plenty of room for work, quiet time, and entertaining. Besides their work, the couple is involved with the boards of the AIDS Coalition of Coastal Texas, the Stonewall Democrats, the Krewe of Bacchus, and they helped found Gay Beach Weekend →

and organize other causes dear to them, such as getting plastic bags banned on the island. James explains, "The bags end up in the Gulf where sea turtles think they are jellyfish. They eat them and suffocate."

This power couple definitely moves at the speed of light. Only a year after purchasing their home, James has put in beautiful gardens where there was previously only weeds and thirteen sago palms. The home, known as the Woody and Joila Walker House, is undergoing a welcome face-lift to bring it back to its former glory.

An exclusive neighborhood begun in 1926, Cedar Lawn is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. According to the Texas Historical Commission, Cedar Lawn was developed for the Moody family and officials of the Moody companies. Covering nine city blocks, the enclave is laid out in a large circular design with two smaller intersecting semicircular streets. The unique design and the planned landscaping with cedars, palms, and oleanders make it a lush and serene oasis in the middle of Galveston's dominant grid of lettered and numbered streets. With three of the four entrances now blocked, the enclave is quite private and the streets are very quiet. James describes it as



White painted woodwork, paneling, and white marble floors are spectacular with pops of color from the pink railing and art glass chandelier.

a front-yard neighborhood with kids playing in the street and neighbors walking the circle, sometimes delivering cookies to new neighbors.

Many prestigious families and business owners besides the Moodys eventually built custom homes in Cedar Lawn, including the Maceos and the Eibands. The famous club owner Sam Maceo

hired California architect Stewart Williams, at the recommendation of his friend Frank Sinatra, to design a contemporary home similar to those found in Palm Springs. Woody Walker was also a club owner and later managed the Maceo's Palace Club.

The Woody and Joila Walker House has

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The remodeled kitchen reminiscent of a ship galley.

been dubbed "Mexican Ranchero Moderne" in style by the National Register of Historic Places. Joe says it was built in 1946, just as the Art Deco style was waning and an even more streamlined modern era began. It is a mix of materials including lots of wood paneling and marble, and features a Deco Greek key staircase. Although there is much renovation still to be done, the rooms that have been finished are stunning.

Joe and James painted most of the woodwork and paneling white. With the white marble floors, the grand front rooms are spectacular with pops of bright color brought in by the owners' artwork, art-glass chandeliers, and the newly painted deep-pink staircase. "We like white but we're not afraid of color," explains Joe. One vintage detail the couple agreed had to go were the real ropes that lined every moulding and custom door in the home. In fact, there are many nautical details throughout. A small iron stairway leading up from the kitchen to the bedrooms is very much reminiscent of a ship. The family room is still

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The lap pool lies just outside a wall of windows leading to the family room still under renovation.

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under renovation, but the wall of windows overlooking the lap pool lets in lots of light and the sparkle of water—so appealing in a Galveston home built for entertaining.

The master bedroom suite, off the upstairs

open gallery, is coming along nicely with a fresh color scheme and a walk-in closet. Three guest bedrooms double as showrooms for the couple's exquisite art, contemporary furniture, and Joe's obvious talent for interior décor. The guest bath was totally gutted and is now tiled and com-

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Even in a five-thousand-square-foot home, James and Joe spend an inordinate amount of time together. In the midst of a major renovation, how do they survive as a couple? They attribute their success to "the power of the veto." On any decision, if either one is strongly against it, it doesn't get done. "We just keep working on it until we find a solution we both agree on." They both love their mid-century modern home in the midst of an island of Victorians. Long term, they'd like to retire on another island: Hawaii. Islands are a theme in their life together, and Joe even reminds James that "Manhattan is an island, too. Don't limit yourself."

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Galveston Dining . . . Off the Beaten Path

by Karen Derr

Galveston is known for its great food—and not just seafood. Excellent restaurants dot the tourist-crowded Seawall, Harborside, the downtown Strand district, and let's not forget the dining trifecta on 14th Street: Mosquito Cafe, Sunflower Bakery & Cafe, and The Original Mexican Cafe. These are all vacation destinations—delicious, casual, and affordable. But what foodie finds await you just off the beaten path? Venture off into Galveston's historic side streets and discover these dining adventures tucked beside quaint historic homes.



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These would be the new girls in town, except that their family started some of the most successful restaurants on the island, including The Spot. Locals rave that Farley Girls' brunch is the place to be on Sundays. In a vintage corner storefront that was Schutte's Corner for years, Farley Girls is a short walk to most of the popular Historic East End neighborhood and UTMB. The Duzich sisters, who named the restaurant after their mother's maiden name, advertise "a little bit of everything." How about a fried-chicken schnitzel on a waffle (\$10) or a fried Oysters Rockefeller pizza (\$16)? And mimosas. Yep, that's a little bit of everything.

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Di Bella's

No lunch service on weekends.

Is it an Italian restaurant or a steak house? Whether you're doing a business lunch or a special-occasion dinner, Di Bella's offers intimate atmosphere and Italian comfort food. However, many patrons wouldn't think of ordering anything but one of their ribeyes. Not a carnivore? Order the eggplant grinder (\$6.95). This restaurant is an old standard and even advertises that "it's where the locals eat." Only since Ike have they started taking credit cards. The staff and management always make you feel like a regular. Reservations recommended for dinner.

Di Bella's • 1902 31st Street • (409) 763-9036

Clary's Seafood Restaurant

Dinner only.

The funky exterior harkens back to the '70s when Clary's was new, but don't be fooled—this is a white-tablecloth establishment. Overlooking Offatts Bayou, this seafood and steak house is reminiscent of the classic Cajun restaurants of south Louisiana where hospitality and freshness are the standard. Fans insist you order the crab balls when you visit Clary's, and don't be in a rush. Clary Milburn, who hails from Opelousas, Louisiana, says his complimentary hot shrimp appetizer was offered for the grand opening thirty-seven years ago and he was never able to



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Pretty and Political

Lady Bunny talks about a new documentary, politics, New York, and more

by David Goldberg

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With a wave of young drag celebrities fighting for their fifteen minutes, one has to honor the few ladies who have been around the block...for decades. Enter Lady Bunny: drag icon and nasty favorite to all kinds of audiences. *OutSmart* spoke to the one and only about *Drag Race*, her appearance on HBO's *The Out List*, and her life in New York.

David Goldberg: I saw the trailer for HBO's *The Out List*. As someone who has been publicly open about your identity for decades, how does it feel to be surrounded by a newly outed batch of celebrities?

Lady Bunny: I will tell you that a lot of these people are not celebrities. There's a lesbian from Afghanistan who had to leave her country in order to be who she is, and a black football player who thought he was cursed from God because he was gay. There are all kinds of stories besides the celebrities. I don't usually read people on how long or how much they've been out.

It seems like you are a pioneer. What you mean to say is that I'm the least successful person on the panel!



A good hair day: Lady Bunny primps for her photo shoot for HBO's *The Out List*.

Well, it's not too late. Maybe you should go back in the closet. You know who would love that? My parents. "HBO's *The Out List*: It made me go back in the closet...after I'd had a sex change!"

"I notice that the record industry might be looking for the next Beyoncé or Britney Spears, not some old transvestite."

I have to ask. What was it like to be impersonated by Alaska [on season five

of RuPaul's Drag Race]. You've been lip-synching to other women and riffing off pop culture for years, and now it is being done to you.

I think Alaska's very talented and original, and I thought she did a good job. Ivy [Winters] invoked me earlier in the season, so it's close to flattery. But I'm going to be honest with you: besides a few quick clips, I didn't see it. I am flattered, but I can only say that Ivy did it good, but she couldn't seal the deal because she's too thin and pretty. It's a good read and it's absolutely true.

Now that they've done five seasons of that show, and now that you've been in New York for twenty-five years, are you seeing different generations of drag? Are there tiers to the social scene, or is it any performer's game?

Well, there are tears every time Hedda Lettuce leaves the stage. And a loud cry for refunds. I've always thought that drag artists in New York got along surprisingly well. At one point, the transsexuals were picking on the drag queens because they knew that we were taking men from them—for free. Well, we were giving it away, rather. But even they got it together with us after a while. I don't really perceive that much animosity between the queens. Of course they are competitive, →

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and of course they are catty on stage, but we generally feel like, Hey, we're in the same boat—we're in the same business. We're not going to make it painful. Is that a disappointing answer?

No. You are the authority. So, now that you are touring so much, do you still see yourself staying in New York?

I do. Sometimes I get sick of it, but when I ask myself where else I would go, the answer is: nowhere, bitch, you are staying here.

Do you think if you were in your twenties and you moved to New York now, would you be able to make it the way you did twenty-five years ago?

I could never have afforded to move here, and I don't know how anyone without a backer or a trust fund could. I saw a club kid who was working in a Sports Authority (don't ask what I was doing in there). I see this guy behind the counter and I think he's probably working for minimum wage so he can go out every night in different colored wigs. For kids to be dressing like that, they must be living like four or six to a room. When I came here, the rent was \$500. With \$250, you could move in. Look, the experience in New York has also changed. With the high rent, it is losing some of its flavor that made it funky and bohemian. It is very much more corporate, very much more sterile, and there's a bank on every corner and a Subway sandwiches on every other corner. But it's still New York City.

How is the single coming? Do you think it is getting enough attention?

I will say that I've released a couple of things over the years and I've written songs for other artists, but this song most represents what I want to sound like as a solo artist. Of all the projects I've ever done, this one feels like it is getting the biggest push and the strongest reaction. What that translates to in sales in a record industry that's in a tailspin, I have no way of predicting. On the one hand, I notice that the record industry might be looking for the next Beyoncé or Britney Spears, not some old transvestite. But I also know that in the dance world, artists like Divine and Sylvester—who have been outrageous, crazy-looking, fat, in drag, in half-drag—[have succeeded].

I'm really enjoying your blog. It's quite political, though.

You have to be these days. The government no longer represents us. We have

to speak out. When 91 percent of us want enhanced background checks on guns and Congress can't pass it, that means the government no longer represents the people. Ninety-one percent doesn't mean anything.

Do you think you are having an influence?

Politics is not everyone's cup of tea. The original music is not everyone's cup of tea. The comedy can be too risky for some. Not everyone is going to like everything that I do, but I love my job more when I can do different things, because I never get bored.

I hope more queens can gain political followers.

Not yet! Let me have them first! I was amazed and thrilled that Sharon Needles sold so many albums—she was right up there with Justin Bieber and Adele. It's too much.

Lady Bunny appears in HBO's *The Out List* throughout the month of July. Go to hbo.com for the schedule. Her single "Take Me Up High" and her blog are available at ladybunny.net.

David Goldberg is a frequent contributor to OutSmart magazine.



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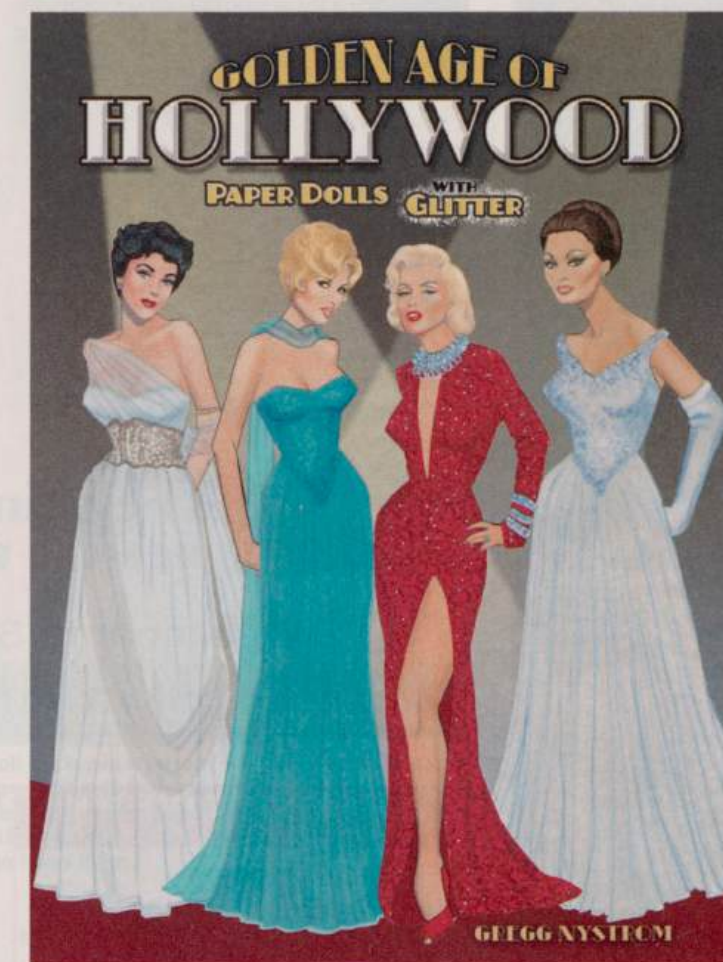
"Glitter and Be Gay" isn't just the title of a great aria that showcases Cunégonde, the temptress in Leonard Bernstein's opera *Candide*. The phrase also gives voice to Gregg Nystrom's first book, *Golden Age of Hollywood Paper Dolls with Glitter!* (Dover, 2013).

When *OutSmart* discovered the Clear Lake City artist in 2006, we predicted that when Nystrom's ship came in, it would be decked out in baubles and beads. That's because Nystrom decorated his miniature renderings of Hollywood glamour-pusses with extras like glitzy laces and metallic ribbons that gave them a 3-D effect.

However, as the new golden boy of Dover Publications, Nystrom's paper dolls are confined to just two dimensions, except for the "glitter" in the book's title.

"I had to do everything flat and two-dimensional for the book, but they incorporated glitter into the print job," explains Nystrom. The process is state-of-the-art, as befits Dover's

first-rate reputation as the world's number-one publisher of paper dolls and



Va-va-va-voom!: Elizabeth Taylor, Brigitte Bardot, Marilyn Monroe, and Sophia Loren are a few of the stars in Gregg Nystrom's *Golden Age of Hollywood Paper Dolls with Glitter!*

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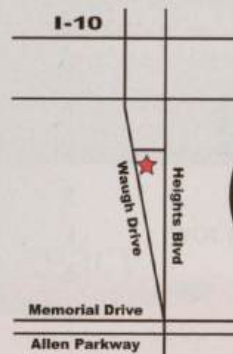
Center attraction: Gregg Nystrom as he appeared in the July 2006 issue of *OutSmart*, reduced to the size of his paper-doll creations so that he could be pictured with them.

costume enhanced by a dash of glitter."

The artwork includes Nystrom's meticulous renderings of Marilyn Monroe as Lorelei in *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*, Vivien Leigh as Scarlett O'Hara in *Gone with the*

Wind, and Audrey Hepburn in the title role of 1954's *Sabrina*, along with Greta Garbo in a costume from *Susan Lennox: Her Rise and Fall* (1931); Jean Harlow (*Dinner for Eight*, 1933); Marlene Dietrich (*Seven Sinners*, 1940); Veronica Lake (*I Wanted Wings*, 1941); Lana Turner (*Johnny Eager*, 1942); Rita Hayworth (*Cover Girl*, 1944); Elizabeth Taylor (*Elephant Walk*, 1954); Grace Kelly (*To Catch a Thief*, 1955); Gina Lollobrigida (*Trapeze*, 1956); Kim Novak (*Pal Joey*, 1957); Sophia Loren (*A Breath of Scandal*, 1960); and Brigitte Bardot and Deborah Kerr wearing gowns in publicity photos from the 1950s. →

The book is featured on Amazon.com, which describes *Golden Age of Hollywood Paper Dolls with Glitter!* as "flashy paper dolls" that "depict sixteen stars of the silver screen, each with a sparkling



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If some of those roles seem obscure, just wait until you hear what Nystrom is currently creating for Dover. *Golden Age of Hollywood Paper Dolls with Glitter!* had barely hit the shelves when the publisher called on April 1 to ask, "What should we do next?" Nystrom suggested a paper-doll book of B-movie bombshells, and Dover agreed, sending the artist to his archive of movies, books, and photos of Jayne Mansfield, Anita Ekberg, Mamie Van Doren, and their contemporaries.

In 2006, Nystrom was working in accounting at the *Greensheet*, an advertising newspaper in downtown Houston, when



Yep, that's Ellen: paper-doll art is not Nystrom's only talent—he is also a portrait artist. Nystrom created this portrait of Ellen DeGeneres specifically for this article. But the lucky recipient of the original art is Nystrom's mom, who loves Ellen.

first learned of his prowess as a paper-doll artist and inserted a photograph of him in a red-carpet illustration with his renderings of Jean Harlow, Veronica Lake, Mae West, and Josephine Baker. The next summer, he and his partner, hairstylist Karry Fuller, attended their first Original Paper Doll Artists Guild (OPDAG) convention in San Antonio. Next month, Nystrom and Fuller are attending the guild's thirtieth annual conclave, which Los Angeles is hosting August 27–September 1. (The 1997 convention of this national collective of paper-doll artists and collectors was held in Houston.)

"Most of the men in the guild are gay," explains Nystrom. "But most collectors are women. Most men at the convention are either gay or they're the husband of a woman who is a collector."

Conventioners quickly fell in love with Nystrom's lifelike, haunting images of bygone beauties, and his rich, painterly attention to detail and expression. They found them unforgettable. "People do like my likenesses," he humbly admits.

Nystrom's work was featured locally

and in several paper-doll periodicals before he burst onto the national scene, landing as the featured artist in the Winter 2011 edition of *Fashion Doll Quarterly*.

Dover sent a talent scout to the 2011 OPDAG convention in Philadelphia, where Nystrom had wisely honored the city's best-known beauty, Grace Kelly, with a paper-doll drawing of her as costumed by Edith Head in

the 1954 Alfred Hitchcock classic *Rear Window*. "The representative from Dover looked at my originals, then he had me e-mail a bunch of work for him to show his supervisors," says Nystrom. The back-and-forth resulted in his first book contract. "I got a flat fee for the art. It was a nice figure. Each time I agree to do a book, they pay me, but I don't see any royalties."

Next, Nystrom signed to draw B-movie bombshells for Dover, which is capitalizing on its investment by flirting with future assignments for Nystrom.

After signing the first book contract with Dover, Nystrom and Fuller transformed a spare bedroom in their Clear Lake home into a studio with a drawing board, four bookcases, an armoire, and a combination television set and DVD player. "It's really nice. I can sit and draw for hours," says Nystrom.

"I have hundreds of movie books and fashion books that I use as reference materials," he explains. "With the DVD player, I can pop in a movie and help refresh my memory on what color a dress was in a particular scene."

Such attention to detail has elevated Nystrom to the level of success he's achieved so far, and a name and reputation that grows with each OPDAG convention.

"It all started with *OutSmart*," he says.

Donalevan Maines also writes about Jordan Fife Hunt, who plays the gay Puerto Rican dancer in *A Chorus Line* at Miller Outdoor Theatre this month.

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Jordan Fife Hunt stars as Paul in 'A Chorus Line'

by Donalevan Maines

Jordan Fife Hunt, who plays Paul, the gay Puerto Rican in *A Chorus Line* July 16–21 at Miller Outdoor Theatre, was a budding gymnast in Houston when he saw the movie version of the Pulitzer Prize-winning 1976 musical that forever changed Broadway.

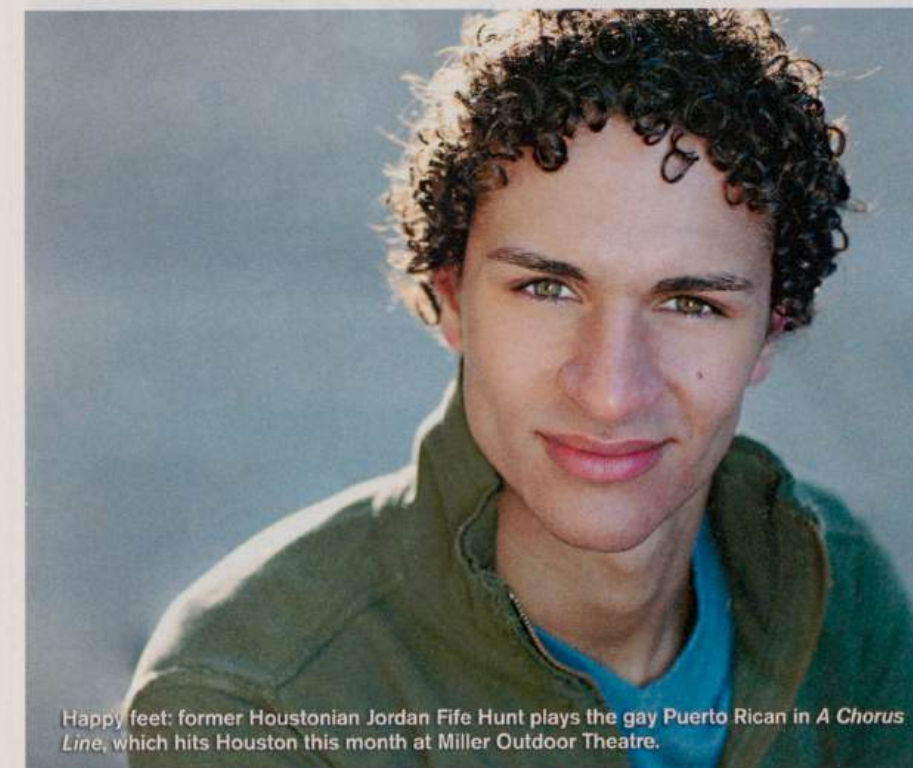
To musical theater purists, director Richard Attenborough faltered badly when he adapted Michael Bennett's groundbreaking classic to the screen in 1985, but it was good enough to forever change the trajectory of Hunt's life.

"I don't think I saw anything gay or straight about it," says Hunt, who came out to his parents when he was fifteen years old, the summer before his sophomore year at the High School for the Performing and Visual Arts (HSPVA) in Montrose. "I remember loving all of the characters, and *really* loving the dancing. I was maybe eight or nine, and without knowing what it really meant to be gay, I just really enjoyed the dancing parts, which transcended everything beyond all of that."

"I fell in love with dancing, so I enrolled in dancing classes, and the rest is history."

The TUTS production is Hunt's second time to perform outdoors (after portraying Prince Abdullah in *Disney's Aladdin* in last summer's 94th season at The Muny in St. Louis) and his fourth time to perform in *A Chorus Line*.

"I've always been the swing, which



Happy feet: former Houstonian Jordan Fife Hunt plays the gay Puerto Rican in *A Chorus Line*, which hits Houston this month at Miller Outdoor Theatre.

means that I learned multiple parts," Hunt explains. "Paul is my favorite role—I've covered it as a swing. My ethnicity is African-American and a European mix, so I'm not Latin at all, but I look Latin."

The audience meets Paul in an empty theater, on a bare stage, as casting for a new Broadway musical is coming to a close. For seventeen hoofers, this audition is the chance of a lifetime—everything they've worked for

and dreamed of (cue the classic "What I Did for Love").

When the imperious director, Zach, asks Paul to introduce himself, he recounts the torment of his childhood and adolescence, his early career as a female impersonator, and coming to terms with his sexuality. Sharing his parents' reaction to finding out he's gay, Paul breaks down onstage.

As Paul in several workshops and an off-Broadway production, Sammy Williams won the Obie Award for best actor, then followed that with a Tony Award for best featured

actor in a musical when *A Chorus Line* opened on Broadway on July 25, 1975. In addition to the Pulitzer Prize for drama (a rarity among musicals), the show won nine Tony Awards, shutting out Bob Fosse's *Chicago*. (Of course, the movie version of *Chicago* won six Academy Awards, including best picture, while the ill-fated 1985 film adaptation of *A Chorus Line* lost its three nods, for sound, film editing, and original song.)

"It's beautiful to play such a role from the heart," says Hunt. "I mean, I think it's very empowering. It's a very, very strong role. Paul is a character who is emotional and sensitive but still masculine. It's very emotional to share someone's story like that."

About his own coming out, Hunt says, "It was not as bad as it could have been. First, I told my mother. She told me that she already knew and was just waiting for me to tell her. Whatever support I needed, →

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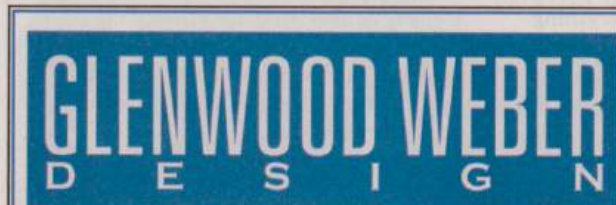
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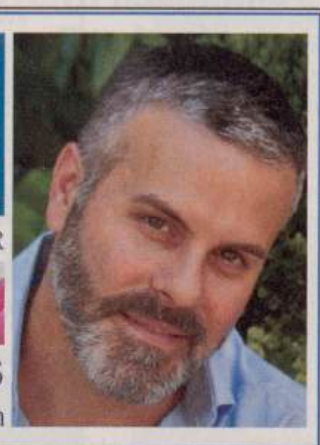
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she said she was happy to provide me. "My father was a little more upset because of our religious background," says Hunt. "But he was never, ever angry. It was more of a questioning moment for him. I always felt loved. I think it was wonderful how my parents reacted."

Hunt reveals that he was brought up in the Mormon Church. "I kind of let that go as a religious guidepost," he explains, "but I still very much appreciate how I was laid down with a good moral foundation. It taught me to treat others respectfully."

Hunt also enjoyed seeing *The Book of Mormon*, which won the 2011 Tony Award for best musical on Broadway. "It is one of the best shows I've ever seen," he says. "It's completely zany and creative and awesome."

In addition to Hunt, the *Chorus Line* cast features out performer Logan Kessler, who grew up in Liberty and went to school at HSPVA before playing a drag queen in *La Cage aux Folles* on Broadway; Caitlin Cannon, a former Radio City Music Hall Rockette who grew up in the Bay Area (she recently married a security guard at the Hobby Center); out actor/choreographer Rob Flebbe, who recently moved to New York City after making a splash in *One Touch of Venus* last fall at Bayou City Concert Musicals (BCCM); Julia Krohn and Alissa LaVergne, who live in the Heights; Megan McGuff, a Pearland beauty who is fresh out of high school after playing Elle Woods last fall in the TUTS Humphreys School production of *Legally Blonde*; Rachel Broussard of Spring; and Courtney Jones of Montrose, who acted with Tye Blue in Houston Grand Opera's *Show Boat* in January. *A Chorus Line* has a dynamic score by the late Marvin Hamlisch.

What: *A Chorus Line*

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by Marene Gustin

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The prices today are slightly higher, but the historic charm remains, with a few modern conveniences added by the new owners, Houston couple Kevin and Chris Sokol-White.

Kevin was first to discover the town of Comfort. "I was Googling Hill Country real estate about ten years ago," explains Kevin, an energy company CPA. "I found a place and went to look at it." He didn't buy that property, but he did fall in love with the tiny town, its antique shops, historic buildings, German heritage, and two wineries.

And a few years later, he fell in love with Chris Sokol.

"Chris is from Sugar Land, but had moved away. He's a fitness trainer, and we met at the gym here in Houston in 2006 right after he moved back to the area. But we didn't start to date until



Hotel Faust in the historic town of Comfort, Texas. **INSET:** Chris and Kevin Sokol-White in the courtyard of the hotel.

2007. That's when I took him to Comfort."

And they found comfort in the Texas Hill Country—and love, rejuvenation, and acceptance.

"I just loved it," says Chris. "We started bringing friends here, and they loved it, and we just thought, What if we could do this on a bigger scale? Introduce people to the quiet charm of Comfort?" Which is exactly what happened.

They started spending more and more weekends in Comfort, although, oddly enough, they never stayed at the hotel that was operating under a different name at the time, and

slightly worn down after more than a century. In 2009, they bought a house just outside of town. "And our realtor was also handling the sale of the hotel," says Kevin. "That's when we

first started to think about buying it and eventually moving here as part of the community."

It wasn't until June of 2012, when they came to Comfort and stayed a week, that they actually bought the hotel.

They changed the name back to reflect its history, and set to work on renovations. They knew exactly what they wanted—to restore the rooms to their original charm while adding modern-day features such as flat-screen TVs with cable, Wi-Fi in the common areas, and spa bathroom features, all while reusing old framing and trim in order to preserve as much



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house, the Ingenhuett log cabin, and the Gorman cottage on the property, creating a total of nine guest rooms that are all named for founding families in the town. Future plans call for a retail shop in the hotel.

The couple reopened the hotel in October of last year, the same weekend that they held their marriage ceremony at Comfort's Riven Rock Ranch overlooking the Guadalupe River.

There are plenty of places to eat near the hotel, like the Plaid Goat across the street that serves small plates with wine and espresso, or chef/owner Millard Kuykendall's 814 Texas Bistro next door. Housed in the town's original post office, 814 serves dinners of seasonal gourmet comfort food and a hearty Sunday brunch.

But if it's a weekend brunch you're hankering for while in Comfort, you might do well to just stay at the Hotel Faust.

Kevin runs the Saturday-and-Sunday-only brunch dining room, and Chris mans the kitchen to serve up a real country menu. "Scrambled eggs, biscuits, sausage, and my mom's homemade skillet potatoes for Saturday," he says. "And Sundays it is always seasonal pancakes—

blueberry, strawberry, or peach."

The dining room is in the carriage house, with its original barrel ceiling that provided height for the carriages, refinished light wood floors, restored light fixtures, and an oversized antique buffet. French doors look out on the courtyard, making it easy for you to stroll outside while sipping your coffee—and maybe working off those pancakes.

It all sounds so idyllic, so rustically Texas—which often translates to Republican political views and not-so-LGBT-friendly locals. But that would absolutely be the wrong assumption about Comfort. Settled by a group of German Freethinkers in the mid-1800s, Comfort even has a plaque dedicated to those progressives who supported abolition, women's suffrage, religious freedom, and secular schools. If gays had been more open at the time, they probably would have embraced them as well.

Comfort is also known as the 1862 site of a massacre that killed thirty-four residents who tried to flee to Mexico after the Confederate States of America declared martial law on central Texas. The Treue der Union Monument ("Loyalty to the Union") was erected in Comfort on High Street in 1865, and still marks the burial site of those who were killed.

"It's all about the people here," says Chris. "A lot of them are like us, from cities,

but even the natives are just so friendly and accepting."

"We found something in Comfort," adds Kevin. "There's nothing else like it—small-town charm, but with a sophistication. We've been so welcomed. People don't have labels here."

And having a gay couple as neighbors has never been an issue for the locals. "The couple who owned the hotel before us was a gay couple, and they had half the town show up for their 35th anniversary," says Kevin. "So they were the trailblazers."

Plus, he adds that about half the businesses on High Street are owned by gays.

So if you're looking to move to the country and settle down, or just find a weekend retreat to unwind and get off the grid, this is it.

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The *New York Times* has recently written about Hotel Faust as being the architectural crown jewel of Comfort. The word is out, so hurry out west before Comfort becomes the next Marfa.

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Marene Gustin wrote about Frank Billingsley and Dixie's Tupperware Party in the June issue of OutSmart magazine.

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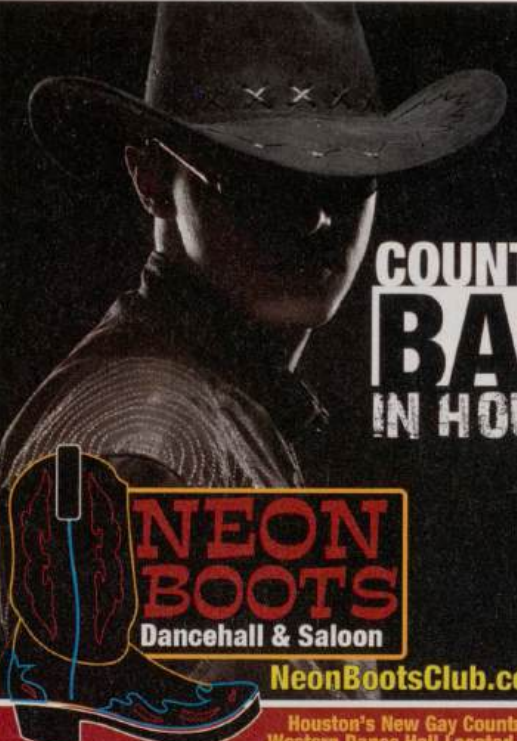
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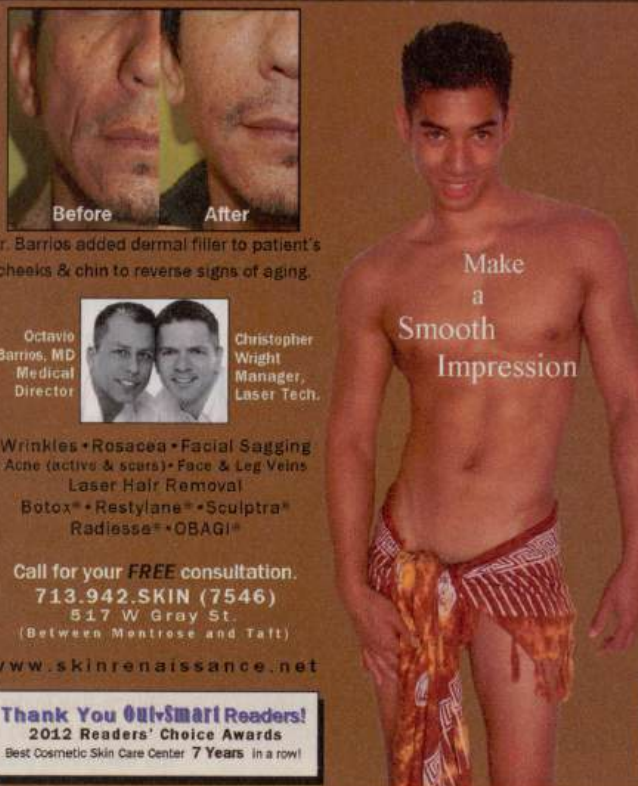
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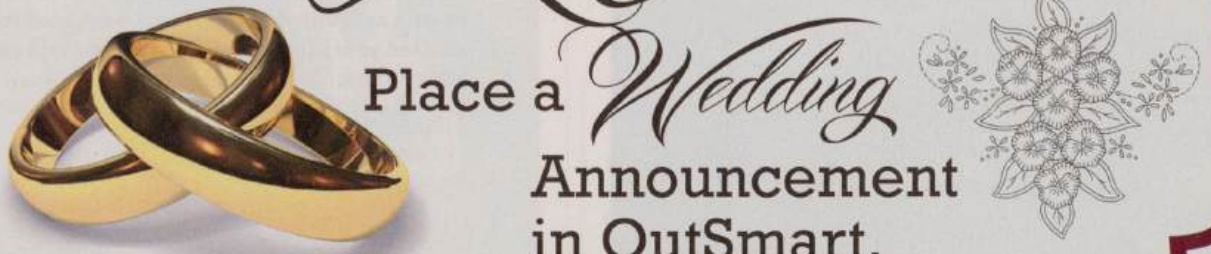
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Ex-Exodus: Exodus International leader Alan Chambers, joined by his wife, Leslie, reads an apology to "ex-gay" survivors on *Our America with Lisa Ling-Special Report: God & Gays*. At press time, the report was scheduled to re-air during the month of July on OWN.

Alan Chambers

(Exodusinternational.org, 6/19/13)

To those who have been hurt by the ex-gay ministry Exodus International, Alan Chambers (president of the organization) wrote an apology, part of which is printed here.

"Please know that I am deeply sorry. I am sorry for the pain and hurt many of you have experienced. I am sorry that some of you spent years working through the shame and guilt you felt when your attractions didn't change. I am sorry we promoted sexual orientation change efforts and reparative theories about sexual orientation that stigmatized parents. I am sorry that there were times I didn't stand up to people publicly 'on my side' who called you names like sodomite—or worse. I am sorry that I, knowing some of you so well, failed to share publicly that the gay and lesbian people I know were every bit as capable of being amazing parents as the straight people that I know. I am sorry that when I celebrated a person coming to Christ and surrendering their sexuality to Him that I callously celebrated the end of relationships that broke your heart. I am sorry that I have communicated that you and your families are less than me and mine."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Exodus International shut down in June. Its local affiliated ministries will continue without the Exodus affiliation.

Charice

(Entertainment Weekly, 6/14/13)

"Pyramid" singer Charice reveals she's more into Cleopatra than pharaohs.



Margaret Cho on John Travolta

On her Australian tour in April 2013, Margaret Cho said:

"John Travolta is so gay. Not just gay. Like he's not just gay. Like he doesn't just like men. He is like Oscar Wilde gay. . . . I feel bad for him 'cause I know he would be much happier if he could just come out."

On Joy Behar: Say Anything! on June 20, 2013:

Jacque Reid (national TV and radio journalist): You got a lot of backlash on social media. . . . Were you surprised that so many people came back at you for something that you did on stage like that?

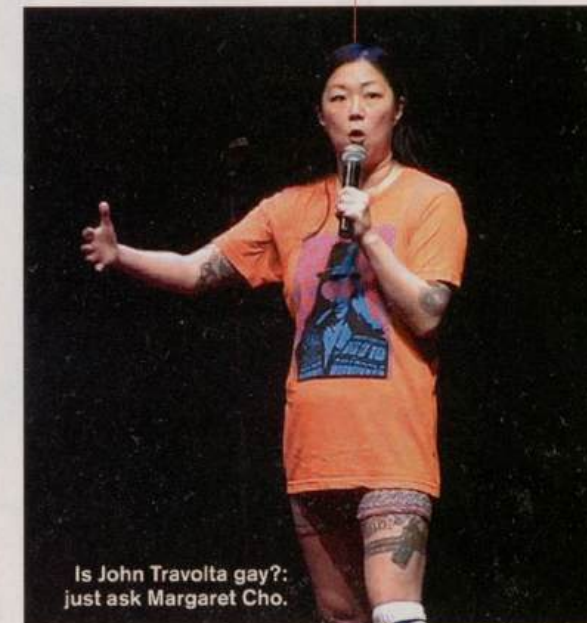
Margaret Cho: Well, I think outing is a pretty sensitive subject, because people start talking about outing gay people in a situation where they would feel unsafe, or feeling like if you're out in your community, it could be a danger to you. . . . In a situation like this, everybody knows that John Travolta's gay. All I'm doing is talking about this public speculation. Somebody like him who is such a famous superstar and such an icon is really in no danger of being gay-bashed in his community. He's not in any physical danger of being bullied. . . . You can't really faze him or his legend by talking about him in this way. . . .

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Is John Travolta gay?:
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Marco Rubio

(Republican senator from Florida)

(The Andrea Tantaros Show, 6/13/13)

Re: immigration reform.

"If this bill has something in it that gives gay couples immigration rights and so forth, it kills the bill. I'm done."



Mouth to mouth: Is Neil Patrick Harris in a new relationship?

Neil Patrick Harris

(The 67th Tony Awards, 6/9/13)

After Neil Patrick Harris and the dog from the musical *Annie* French-kissed, Harris said to the dog, "You do know I'm in a relationship, right?"

EDITOR'S NOTE: Harris has been in a relationship with David Burka since 2004. They are engaged and are the parents to fraternal twins born in 2010.

Jimmy Fallon

(Late Night with Jimmy Fallon, 6/10/13)

Last night [June 9] at the Tony Awards, host Neil Patrick Harris actually kissed the dog from the musical *Annie*. Or as the dog's parents put it, "Huh? We figured he'd just tell us on Thanksgiving."



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Carson Phillips (*Glee*'s Chris Colfer, who also wrote this script) recounts the last few weeks of his life via flashbacks, including a blackmail scheme targeting the popular kids in school, a home life that includes a mother (Allison Janney) who's more interested in the bottle than her son's future, and an estranged father (Dermot Mulroney) who suddenly appears with a pregnant fiancée (Christina Hendricks). Also stars Rebel Wilson, Sarah Hyland, and Polly Bergen. New Video (newvideo.com). —Troy Carrington

Let My People Go!



The lovelorn Ruben is a French-Jewish gay mailman living in fairytale Finland with his gorgeous Nordic boyfriend. But just before Passover, a series of mishaps and a lovers' quarrel exile the heartbroken Ruben back to Paris and his zany family—including Pedro Almodóvar goddess Carmen Maura as his ditzy mom. Zeitgeist Films (zeitgeistfilms.com). —T.C.

Atomic Age



Victor and Rainer are typical young French hipsters on their way to Paris, swigging Red Bull and musing about what awaits them. Checking into a club, Victor hits on the girls, while Rainer rebuffs the advances of a male admirer. Testosterone surges, bravado leads to a faceoff... just another night on the town. Until it's not. *Atomic Age* captures what it's like to be a young man, fumbling your way through a sexual awakening while negotiating the delicate bonds of friendship. TLA Releasing (tlareleasing.com). —T.C.

'Cloudburst'

Aging lesbians on the loose



'Til death do we part: Dot (Brenda Fricker, l) and Stella (Olympia Dukakis) prove that love and sense of adventure only grow better with age in *Cloudburst*.

In a world obsessed with beauty and youth, older LGBT folks are starting to identify less and less with entertainment's representation of their culture. So you're not a cute early-thirties gay-dad couple? Hollywood isn't too interested.

However, director Thom Fitzgerald uses his new film *Cloudburst* to break this norm and bring to audiences characters that are very rarely covered by queer films—aging lesbians.

Partners for thirty-one years, the rough-and-tough, foul-mouthed Stella (Olympia Dukakis) and now legally blind Dot (Brenda Fricker) are still madly in love and young at heart. However, trouble ensues when Dot is injured from a fall and her prudish,

money-hungry granddaughter (Kristin Booth) puts her in a long-term care facility.

Determined not to be separated from her beloved, Stella decides to help Dot

escape from the facility, and the two run away to Canada to be legally married as a last-gasp bid to stay together.

After discovering there is an all-points bulletin out for them, the couple decides to pick up a young male hitchhiker named Prentice (Ryan Doucette) to throw off the authorities. The pair soon finds that the small-town boy turned modern dancer, with troubles of his own, is returning home to Nova Scotia to visit his dying mother and her controlling husband.

The trip proves to be the adventure of a lifetime as the unlikely trio shares laughs, tears, and more than a few beers, all while developing a truly lasting friendship.



Put out by Wolfe Releasing, the largest exclusive distributor of LGBT films, *Cloudburst* has already taken home numerous awards, including the People's Choice Award for Best Film of the Festival at the Atlantic Film Festival, and Audience Award for Best Film at Frameline San Francisco. It was also screened last year at Houston's QFest.

In the end, Stella and Dot prove that love transcends age and ability. This heartwarming and hilarious film teaches the value of growing old with someone to love unconditionally, and the beauty of having that love returned.

Cloudburst debuts digitally July 23 and is available on DVD July 30 via Wolfe Video (wolfevideo.com).

Megan Smith also writes about QFest and Proud Pony International media collective in this issue of OutSmart.



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Grant named the album after the opening title track, which documents the drives that he took in the 1980s, from Parker, Colorado, to the nearby metropolis of Denver and its new-wave dance clubs that inspired the elements of this album, and later on to visit the boyfriend who inspired many of the heartbreaking scenarios of a previous album, *Queen of Denmark*. One classic that Grant heard in those dance clubs was Sinead O'Connor's "Man-dinka." Two decades later, O'Connor not only covered the title track of *Queen of Denmark* on her latest album but supplies backing vocals on *Pale Green Ghosts*. The album features a range of Icelandic musicians, including saxophonist Óskar Guðjónsson on "Ernest Borgnine," named after the actor. On an album of typically caustic revelations and scabrous humor—including sex, sexuality, and the pitfalls of growing up in an era that ostracized gay men—"Ernest Borgnine" combines all these strands with the admission that Grant is HIV positive. Partisan Records (partisanrecords.com). More: johnggrantmusic.com. —Suzie Lynde

Original Soundtrack
Behind the Candelabra



This soundtrack of the recent HBO film features new music recorded for the film alongside an array of Liberace's own recordings. Highlights include a trio of performances by Michael Douglas and work from Marvin Hamlisch. Elektra Records (warnermusic.com). —S.L. ■

With his humiliating boy-band years in N*Sync behind him, there doesn't appear to be anything Justin Timberlake can't do. A natural actor and gifted comedian, Timberlake has been flexing his acting muscles on the big and small screens with good results. So it's ironic that his music career seems to be suffering a bit. First of all, seven years between full-length recordings is a long time to wait, especially if the best you are able to come up with is *The 20/20 Experience* (RCA). Secondly, much of the disc is reminiscent of the late-career recordings of Michael Jackson, where production took priority over substance ("Don't Hold the Wall" and "Tunnel Vision" are good examples). It's not a total loss—"Pusher Love Girl" and "Suit & Tie" are standouts. The Latin-spiced "Let the Groove In" has the most energy, and "Mirrors" gives Timberlake a chance to really sing (without being interrupted by Jay-Z). Mostly *The 20/20 Experience* has trouble staying focused. Maybe Timberlake should stick with his promising acting career and regular guest-hosting appearances on *SNL*.



Yet another (British) TV talent show competitor, Olly Murs has yet to achieve Timberlake's level of success. But all of that could change with his third album *Right Place Right Time* (SYCO Music/Columbia). On the strength of the hit single "Troublemaker," featuring Flo Rida, Murs has the chance to expand his audience. Murs's "cheeky" retro style comes through on "Dance with Me Tonight," but the prefab "Hey You Beautiful" sounds like a Maroon 5 knockoff—and not in a good way. The title cut is a minor improvement, and "Oh My Goodness"

is better still. Murs also knows the value of drama, which he displays on "Dear Darlin'" and especially "Hand on Heart."

One of the most ambitious and rewarding blue-eyed soul albums of the year, James Blake's *Overgrown* (Republic) makes experimentation safe for the masses. With a vocal range reminiscent of Antony Hegarty's (of Antony and the Johnsons) on "I Am Sold," Blake employs his subtly plaintive wail to great effect. Like Active Child, Blake utilizes atmospherics to set and maintain a mood. Even when he brings in RZA (of Wu-Tang Clan), as he does on "Take a Fall for Me," it feels organic and not disruptive (take note, Jay-Z). The overall outcome is one of

haunting beauty, particularly on "Life Round Here," "Retrograde," "DLM," and "Our Love Comes Back."

The UK also has a long history of supplying blue-eyed soulful divas, dating back to Dusty Springfield and Lulu, through Alison Moyet, Kirsty MacColl, and Carmel, and on up to Adele, Duffy, and Amy Winehouse. Now we can add the name Alice Russell to that list. Not a newcomer by any stretch of the imagination, Russell has been plying her trade on record for almost ten years, but has never gotten the stateside attention she deserves. *To Dust* (Tru Thoughts) may or may not do the trick, but it's worth hearing in any case. There's not a misstep on the disc, with standout tunes that include the aptly named "Hard and Strong," "For a While," "Heartbreaker," the dramatic "I Loved You," and the modern funk of "Let Go" (Breakdown).

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living in San Francisco at age nineteen in 1992, seeking a place of gay refuge.

"I was searching for direct-action activists, freaks, and outsiders, queers and other maniacs trying to undo the violence of the world around us," she told Alexis Coe of *SF Weekly* shortly after this latest book came out. Unable to find what she sought, she began collecting a group around her who would participate in direct action.

She'd already worked with ACT UP and assisted with Fed Up Queers in the late 1990s, and was host of the first Gay Shame event in New York, which was captured on film by Scott Berry in the documentary *Gay Shame 98*. Gay Shame San Francisco started in 2000, becoming an annual event dedicated to "exposing all hypocrites."

Sycamore's memoir tells of "a whole generation of queers who came to San Francisco to try and cope. We were scarred and broken and brutalized but determined to create something else, something we could live with, something we could call home or healing or even just help. . . . We were incest survivors, dropouts, whores, run-aways, vegans, anarchists, drug addicts, sluts, activists, and freaks trying not to disappear."

To survive on the streets, Sycamore became a sex worker, taking tricks from Craigslist, staying with friends, boyfriends, or women who were involved in political action.

She set herself apart with pink hair and "club kid" attire, confronting those who wore suits and wanted to gentrify historically gay areas.

She was disturbed by much of the San Francisco gay life →

Recently, an old friend called me from San Francisco. Born in Houston, he'd recently moved back here from New York City, then went on to California seeking work in theater or film. "There's no more gay community here," he said. "I'm really surprised and sad about this."

"Congratulate the town," I said. "It's a result of success." I explained my theory: When a minority group begins to win political power and influence, oppression is lifted. People don't have to pack into ghettos anymore, live underground, or stay out of public view. They are assimilated into the larger culture.

"Don't you remember when Houston was divided by race and we had all those wonderful black barbecue restaurants? Ike and Tina Turner at the Almeda Ballroom? Black Houstonians aren't limited to the wards anymore," I said. "Perhaps you're finding San Francisco liberated from homophobia."

Books recently reviewed in *OutSmart* have been excellent discussions of the success of the gay civil rights movement, and

how steps taken by group action led to gains in political strength. But they have seldom focused on the individuals who sparked this success—people who made a single-minded commitment to give up literally everything else in life to achieve their goal.

Mattilda Bernstein Sycamore, who identifies as gender-queer and uses the pronouns *she* and *her*, is one of those who, for a variety of reasons, spent her late teens and most of her adult life fighting for gay equality. In her most recent memoir, *The End of San Francisco*, she details her peripatetic life. Constantly on the move—from Boston to New York, New York to Frisco, Frisco to Seattle, back to New York, then Chicago—she was involved in creating, staging, and carrying out actions intended to shake up homophobic American society.

Her parents were both psychiatrists. Her father molested her early on, and there's some evidence that her mother did as well. Sycamore's latest memoir opens in rather conventional literary style, with her confronting her dying father about the abuse she suffered as a child. The remainder of the book details her adventures after ar-

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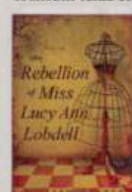
Injustice

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At first glance, Riley Connors seems to be your usual bartender/law student/bad girl. But her secrets begin to emerge when the bad guys decide to misbehave. Though it's obvious Riley has a dangerous past, all hell breaks loose when the bad guys threaten her cop girlfriend. This book is rollicking, competently written fun with a cliffhanger ending. Lethe Press (lethepressbooks.com). —Angel Curtis

The Rebellion of Miss Lucy Ann Lobdell



Lucy Ann Lobdell was a nineteenth-century woman who escaped from the constraints placed on her life by living as a man. She spent most of her adult life disguised as a man and married another woman after her soon-to-be wife freed Lucy from jail when she was imprisoned for wearing men's clothes. Over time, Lucy was forgotten until William Klaber found a satchel and decided to tell Lucy's story. This book is too good to miss. Greenleaf Press (amazon.com). —A.C.

Like Light for Flies



This collection of horror shorts wastes no time. By page two, Thomas exposes readers to gore, chaos, and mystery. Hellions with jagged, shattered teeth rip into the flesh of victims. A hostage utters a single word and turns his captor insane. A man is enveloped by the skin of a deceased female criminal, and becomes a twisted version of her. The non-squeamish who crave horror will be sated. Lethe Press (lethepressbooks.com). —Eric Dieckman

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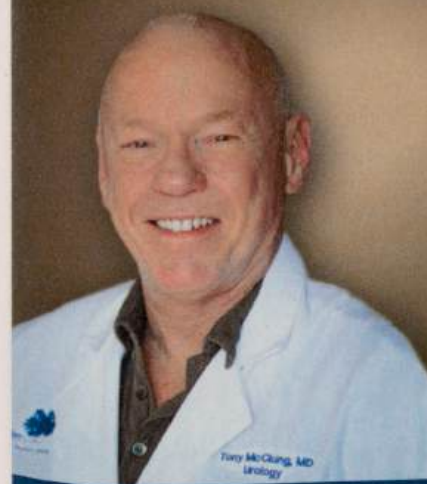
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she found. She didn't like the trendy S/M scene, and she was outraged by the way women, and especially "dykes," were treated in "fag spaces." Copious amounts of drugs and alcohol harmed her health (as did sleeping on the streets), and flinging herself about while constantly dancing at the clubs created pain from "what the specialists first called repetitive stress injury, then tendinitis, now fibromyalgia," to the point where she could hardly hold a knife to chop vegetables.

Yet she continued to try to change society, traveling from event to event, city to city, meeting other activists, and learning how to work with others for change. Her two novels, *Pulling Taffy* (2003) and *So Many Ways to Sleep Badly* (2008), were followed by several anti-assimilationist anthologies. Now, free of all stimulants for over a decade, she resides in Seattle much of the time.

Sycamore successfully leads the reader through this *fin-de-siècle* late-1990s narrative, impressively continuing her fight for those whom society has denied.

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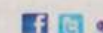


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Calendar of Events

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It's Back!

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The award-winning musical *A Chorus Line*, the show that changed the way we look at Broadway and inspired countless dreamers from all walks of life, returns to Houston. And this time, thanks to Theatre Under the Stars, it's free. TUTS presents the show of struggling chorus line hoofers at Miller Outdoor Theatre July 16–21. Free tickets for covered seats are available on the day of performance between 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the Miller Theatre Box Office in Hermann



Park. Free tickets are limited to four per person. Any tickets remaining are given out one hour before the performance. • Michael Bennett's Tony Award- and Pulitzer Prize-winning musical opened on Broadway in 1975, but it's just as fresh and toe-tapping today. The stories of the struggling dancers, the gay boys, and the artificially enhanced gals will resonate

with anyone who's ever chased a dream. And those musical numbers by Marvin Hamlisch and Edward Kleban! "One" (Singular Sensation!) will get you up and dancing, and "What I Did for Love" and "At the Ballet" will tug at your heart. Check out milleroutdoortheatre.com for more details on this must-not-miss production. —Marene Gustin

JULY

PERFORMING ARTS

- **THROUGH JULY 28**
Alice in Wonderland. A musical version of this children's tale by Main Street Theater. See mainstreet-theater.com for details.
- **From My Hometown.** The Ensemble Theatre presents its finale musical of the season. For ticket information visit ensemblehouston.com.
- **JULY 4**
Star-Spangled Salute. Houston Symphony's free Fourth of July event at Miller Outdoor Theatre. For more information visit houstonsymphony.org or call 713/224-7575.
- **JULY 5**
Video Games Live. Part of Houston Symphony's Summer in the City multi-media concerts. For more information visit houstonsymphony.org or call 713/224-7575.
- **JULY 5–AUGUST 4**
Agatha Christie's The Hollow. This thriller is part of the Alley Theatre's Summer Chills program. July 11 is the pre-curtain ACTOUT event. Get your tickets at alleytheatre.org.
- **JULY 6**
Music of The Rolling Stones. Part of Houston Symphony's Summer in the City multi-media concerts. For more information visit houstonsymphony.org or call 713/224-7575.
- **JULY 9 & 10**
Sounds Like Fun! Houston Symphony's free outdoor summer concerts. For more information visit houstonsymphony.org or call 713/224-7575.
- **JULY 10–AUGUST 11**
Wicked. This offering from Cexa Energy Broadway at the Hobby Center really is wicked. Get ticket information at broadwayacrossamerica.com/houston.
- **JULY 12–AUGUST 24**
Tamarie Cooper's Old as Hell! Yeah, you know this is gonna be funny as hell. Visit the company website at catastrophictheatre.com.
- **JULY 13**
Pixar in Concert. Part of Houston Symphony's Sum-

mer in the City multi-media concerts. For more information visit houstonsymphony.org or call 713/224-7575.
Boney James. The saxophonist plays at the House of Blues. See houseofblues.com for ticket information.
• **JULY 16–21**
A Chorus Line. Theatre Under the Stars presents a free performance of the classic musical at Miller Outdoor Theatre (see article above). Visit tuts.com for details.
• **JULY 19**
Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. Part of Houston Symphony's Summer in the City multi-media concerts. For more information visit houstonsymphony.org or call 713/224-7575.
A Rocket to the Moon on Tour. Four seasoned rock bands will rock your world at the Warehouse. See rocket-tothemoon.net for details.
• **JULY 26**
The Ransom of Red Chief. Express Theatre produces a free performance of this children's classic at Miller Outdoor Theatre. Learn more at expresstheatre.com.
• **JULY 27**
Music of The Rolling Stones. Part of Houston Symphony's Summer in the City multi-media concerts. For more information visit houstonsymphony.org or call 713/224-7575.

ART & PHOTOGRAPHY

- **THROUGH JULY 7**
Through Colors by Kelyne Reis. Painting exhibit at Galeria Regina. Details at kelyne.de.
- **THROUGH JULY 10**
Orogenesis. Archway Gallery's exhibit of Larry Garnezy's digital photography. See archwaygallery.com for details.
- **THROUGH JULY 12**
Anointed and Adorned: Indian Weddings in Houston. Exhibit paying tribute to the ritual and festive traditions of the Indian wedding ceremony. Details at houstonartsalliance.com/folklife/rememberedregained.
- **THROUGH JULY 27**
The Ornamental Plumb Bob. A solo exhibition of objects and brooches by San Antonio metalsmith Gary Schott, at Houston Center for Contemporary Craft. See

crafthouston.org for details.

- **Pamela Fraser: The Fourth Dimension was Ha-Ha, in Other Words, That it is Laughter.** Fraser's first solo museum exhibition introduces a selection of large and small-scale paintings, drawings, and paper constructions at U of H's Blaffer Art Museum.
- **THROUGH AUGUST 18**
Byzantine Things in the World. Featuring works that date from circa 9,000 BCE to the present, but focusing especially on The Menil's rich collection of Byzantine art, the exhibition juxtaposes more than seventy remarkable objects, reawakening a sense of how people in late antiquity experienced art and bringing Byzantium's aura into the present day. See menil.org.
- **THROUGH AUGUST 25**
Faking It: Manipulated Photography before Photoshop. Digitally altered photographs may be commonplace today, but they are nothing new. The ability to modify camera images is as old as photography itself—only the methods have changed. At the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, mfah.org.
- **Late Surrealism.** This small and focused exhibition constitutes a fascinating aspect of Menil Collection holdings, specifically some of the most stunning drawings by Arshile Gorky and Mark Rothko. Visit menil.org for details.
- **THROUGH AUGUST 30**
Soo Sunny Park: Unwoven Light. A new installation by American artist Soo Sunny Park for Rice University Art Gallery is a suspended, undulating structure made from shaped sections of chain-link fencing. See ricegallery.org for more.
- **THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6**
In My Nature: Thirty Years of Work. A retrospective exhibition of Rice University Professor Emerita Darra Keeton's work. See arts.rice.edu for details.
- **THROUGH SEPTEMBER 8**
The Tool at Hand. The exhibition showcases the wonder of the process of making and, at the same time, sparks an important conversation about the nature of skill, production, and tool use today. See

crafthouston.org for details.

Ctrl + P. Recent economic reports speculate that a third industrial revolution, shaped by digital technologies, is under way. This summer HCCC investigates the implications of such technologies on the making of sculptural and functional objects in the 21st century. See crafthouston.org for details.

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 22

James Turrell: The Light Inside. A special exhibit of Turrell's light-based installations at the Museum of Fine Art, Houston. See mfah.org for details.

THROUGH OCTOBER 13

LaToya Ruby Frazier: Witness. A special exhibit of the artist's work at the Contemporary Museum of Art Houston. See camh.org for details.

THROUGH OCTOBER 27

Through Soviet Jewish Eyes: Photography, War, and the Holocaust. Holocaust Museum Houston exhibits six decades of work by Soviet photojournalists. See hmh.org for details.

THROUGH JANUARY 11, 2014

Daniel Anguilo and Aaron Parazett Mural. See this beautiful mural, called *Skywriting*, at Lawndale Art Center. Visit lawndaleartcenter.org for more details.

JULY 12–31

Archway Gallery's 5th Annual Juried Exhibition. A juried exhibit featuring artists from south and central Texas. See archwaygallery.com for details.

RADIO

After Hours: Queer Radio with Attitude features the QMZ (Queer Music Zone) with Jimmy Carper. Sunday mornings, midnight–3am. KPFT 90.1 FM • kpft.org • 713/526-5738.

Queer Voices. Features, news, music, interviews, reviews, and commentary. Monday nights, 9–11pm. KPFT 90.1 FM • kpft.org • 713/526-4000.

FILM

JULY 8–12

Aurora Music and Film Camp for Teens. Aurora partners with American Festival for the Arts on a Music and Film Camp for Teens. See aurorapictureshow.org for details.

JULY 23

That's Entertainment. A great composite of Hollywood's Golden Era of musicals. This is a free movie at Miller Outdoor Theatre. Details at milleroutdoortheatre.com.

JULY 24

Shall We Dance? This is quintessential Fred and Ginger. This is a free movie at Miller Outdoor Theatre. Details at milleroutdoortheatre.com.

AND OTHER FUN THINGS

JUNE 4

Freedom over Texas. Fireworks, country singers, and more at the City of Houston's annual party in the park for the Fourth of July.

JULY 9–12

Holocaust Museum Houston Summer Institute. Holocaust Museum Houston is now accepting applications for the 2013 Max M. Kaplan Summer Institute for Educators, a four-day program for teachers that moves beyond the general history of the Holocaust to explore the various dimensions and implications of that tragedy and other genocides. *Applications and payment must be in by June 20.* See hmh.org for details.

JULY 17–21

36th Annual Reliant Park World Series of Dog Shows. Bow wow, wow! Check it out at reliantdogshows.com.

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AUGUST 18

Rainbow Fishing Club. Get ready for an all-day fishing spree from this LGBT club. Hop aboard a double-decker deluxe fishing boat that heads out into the Gulf of Mexico for fun and fishing. For reservation or information and to get on the mailing list, e-mail: rainbowfishingclub@hotmail.com or call John at 713/523-6381.

ONGOING

DAILY (SUN.–FRI.)

HIV Testing. Planned Parenthood offers free, anonymous, or confidential testing at clinic locations throughout the area. To speak with an HIV counselor: 1-800-230-PLAN. DICKINSON: 281/337-7725. FANNIN: 713/831-6543. FM1960: 281/587-8081. GREENSPRING: 281/445-4553. HUNTSVILLE: 936/295-6396. LUFKIN: 936/634-8446 x223. ROSENBERG: 281/342-3950. STAFFORD: 281/494-9848. →

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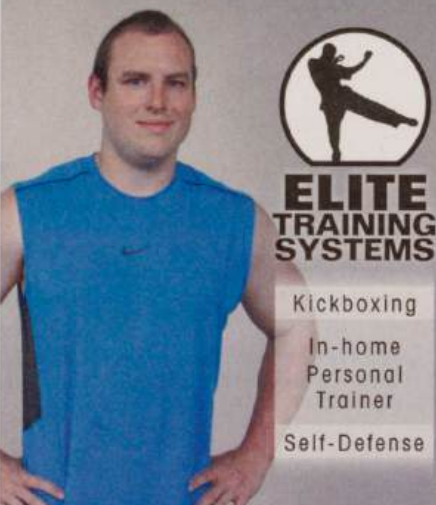
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HIV Testing. Free HIV testing, with no Gold Card or donation required or requested. 9am-1pm. HCHD Thomas Street Clinic, 2015 Thomas St. • 713/873-4157 • 713/873-4026.

• **DAILY (MON.-FRI.)**
HIV Testing. Houston Area Community Services (HACS) offers free, confidential HIV testing with results in less than one minute on a daily basis (Mon-Thurs: 9am-6pm, Fri: 8am-5pm). No appointment necessary. 2150 West 18th St. (Heights area). HACS Testing Calendar with additional outreach locations: hacstx.org/testing.html. Contact HACS about testing: testing@hacstx.org or 713/426-0027.

• **DAILY (MON.-FRI.)**
HIV Testing. Legacy Community Health Services provides free rapid HIV testing with results in 20 minutes at the following locations on a weekly basis. **MONDAYS:** LEGACY MONTROSE CLINIC (1415 California St.), 11am-6pm; LEGACY LYONS CLINIC (502 Lyons Ave.), 1-5pm; GEORGE SPORTS BAR, 6-9pm; EJ's, 9pm-12am. **TUESDAYS:** LEGACY MONTROSE CLINIC, 11am-6pm; LEGACY LYONS CLINIC, 1-5pm; MIDTOWNE SPA, 5-9pm; 611 HYDE PARK PUB, 6:30-9pm. **WEDNESDAYS:** LEGACY MONTROSE CLINIC, 11am-6pm; LEGACY LYONS CLINIC, 1-5pm; WALGREENS-MONTROSE, 4-8pm; CLUB HOUSTON, 6-10pm; CRYSTAL NIGHT CLUB, 10pm-2am. **THURSDAYS:** LEGACY MONTROSE CLINIC, 11am-6pm; LEGACY LYONS CLINIC, 1-5pm; WALGREENS-LYONS, 2-5pm; MIDTOWNE SPA, 5-9pm; GUAVA LAMP, 6:30-9pm; RIPCORN, 6:30-10pm. **FRIDAYS:** LEGACY MONTROSE CLINIC, 11am-4pm; CLUB HOUSTON, 1-4pm; LEGACY LYONS CLINIC, 1-5pm; TC'S SHOWBAR, 4-8pm; TONY'S CORNER POCKET, 4:30-8:30pm. • **LEGACY TESTING CALENDAR:** <http://www.calendarwiz.com/calendars/calendar.php?crd=legacytestingservices&>.

• **WEEKLY (SUNDAYS)**
The Women's Group, a feminist group for all women. 10:15am. First Unitarian Universalist Church's Sojourner Truth Room, 5200 Fannin St. • 713/529-8571.

• **WEEKLY (MONDAYS)**
EMBody: Whole Health, Wellness and Resiliency peer group. 2pm. Montrose Center, 401 Branard St. • montrosecounselingcenter.org • 713/529-0037.

LBT Breast Cancer Survivors Support Group. 5pm. Montrose Center, 401 Branard St. • montrosecounselingcenter.org • 713/529-0037.

EMBody: Introduction to Yoga. 6pm. Montrose Center, 401 Branard St. • montrosecounselingcenter.org • 713/529-0037.

Depression Bipolar Support Group. 7pm. Montrose Center, 401 Branard St. • montrosecounselingcenter.org • 713/529-0037.

Helping TransGenders Anonymous, a facilitated support group for all transgenders, supporters, family, and significant others. 7pm. 604 Pacific St. • tgctr.org.

ADAM ANT
One of the seminal figures of new wave comes to Warehouse Live, 813 St. Emmanuel, on Saturday, July 27. Doors open at 8 p.m. Show starts at 9 p.m. Tickets (\$28; \$32 day of show; \$300 VIP package) are on sale now at the box office and at warehouselive.com.

Fathers First. Houston's original gay fathers group supports gay dads who are dealing with coming-out issues, and family and life challenges after being married to a woman. Meets every Monday except holidays. 7:30pm. Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold St., Room 230 • fathersfirstofhouston.com.

• **WEEKLY (TUESDAYS)**
EMBody: Mindfulness, Well-Being, Stress Reduction. 11am. Montrose Center, 401 Branard St. • montrosecounselingcenter.org • 713/529-0037.

HIV Support Group Lunch Brunch. 11am. Bering Memorial UMC, 1440 Harold, Room 214 • 713/526-1017, ext. 202.

HATCH's Transgender Support Group and Speak Out for Youth. 5pm. Montrose Center, 401 Branard St. • montrosecounselingcenter.org • 713/529-0037.

• **WEEKLY (WEDNESDAYS)**
Gulf Pride for Youth, a support group for GLBTIQA youth ages 13-20. 6-9pm. 707 23rd St., Galveston • gulfprideforyouth.org.

HIV Support Group BSSG. 6:30pm. Bering Memorial UMC, 1440 Harold, Fellowship Hall • 713/526-1017.

Zumba exercise class with Crystal Wall. 6:45pm. House of Deron Media Center, 2204 Crawford St. • 713/772-5175.

Houston Pride Band seeks all brass, woodwind, and percussion players of all skill levels for rehearsal. 7:30pm. Bethel UCC, 1107 Shepherd Dr. • 713/315-2525 • houstonprideband.org.

• **WEEKLY (THURSDAYS)**
Center HIV Support Group. Facilitated support group for HIV-positive individuals. 6pm. Houston GLBT Community Center, Historic Dow School, 1900 Kane St. • houstonglbtcommunitycenter.org • 713/524-3818.

Southern Country, a country-and-western dance troupe, offers free dance lessons. 8:30 p.m. Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos St. • southerncountryhouston.com.

• **WEEKLY (FRIDAYS)**
HATCH Youth Group. 7pm. Montrose Center, 401 Branard St. • montrosecounselingcenter.org • 713/529-0037.

• **WEEKLY (SUNDAYS)**
HATCH Youth Group. 6pm. Montrose Center, 401 Branard St. • montrosecounselingcenter.org • 713/529-0037.

• **SEMI-MONTHLY (1ST AND 3RD FRI.)**
Positive Brothers United, a social/support group for GLBT, HIV-positive men of color. 6 pm. Montrose Center, 401 Branard St. • csmithebu@yahoo.com • 713/454-7548.

• **MONTHLY (1ST SUN.)**
Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Houston provides educational presentations of LGBT topics, small-group confidential discussions, and supportive fellowship. 2pm. St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 5501 S. Main St. • pflaghouston.org.

• **MONTHLY (1ST THURS.)**
OutLater. Gay fathers meet to discuss parenting, divorce, family, dating, relationships, and more. • facebook.com/outlater • outlater@resurrectionmcc.org.

• **MONTHLY (1ST SAT.)**
First Saturday Arts Market. Local artists display and sell original works of art. 11am-6pm. Wind Water Gallery, 548 West 19th St. Free admission. yalestreetmarket.com.

First Saturday Queer Bingo benefits Houston GLBT Community Center. 4:30pm. Houston GLBT Community Center, Historic Dow School, 1900 Kane St. • houstonglbtcommunitycenter.org • 713/524-3818.

• **MONTHLY (2ND TUES.)**
Free Legal Consultations for PWAs. AIDS Foundation Houston and Katine & Nechman L.L.P. offer 30 minutes of free legal consultation on any legal issue to persons with HIV and AIDS, by appointment. Katine & Nechman, 1111 North Loop West, Suite 180 • lawkn.com • info@lawkn.com • 713/808-1000.

• **MONTHLY (2ND THURS.)**
Ryan White Planning Council. 11:30am. 2223 W. Loop South • rwpchouston.org • 713-572-3724.

SPRY Potluck for Seniors. 4pm. Montrose Center, 401 Branard St. • montrosecounselingcenter.org • 713/529-0037.

National Leather Association-Houston. Movie night. 7pm. Montrose Center, Room 106 • 832/744-8607.

• **MONTHLY (2ND SAT.)**
AssistHers helps lesbians coping with life-threatening illnesses by providing non-medical assistance. Volunteers meet for fellowship and education followed by lunch at a local restaurant. 9:30am-noon. Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold St. • assisthers.org • 713/521-4628.

National Leather Association-Houston. Leather craft class. Noon. \$20+materials. Locations vary. bihouse@comcast.net.

• **MONTHLY (3RD SUN.)**
LOAF Meet and Greet. Lesbians Over Age Fifty meet for munchies and fellowship. 2-4pm. Montrose Center, 401 Branard St. • loafhouston.org • 281/467-2578.

• **MONTHLY (3RD TUES.)**
Affected Community Committee of the Ryan White Planning Council. Noon. rwpchouston.org • 713-572-3724.

• **MONTHLY (3RD WED.)**
Log Cabin Republicans. Theo's Restaurant, 812 Westheimer • facebook.com/groups/1021994919797fref=ts.

• **MONTHLY (3RD THURS.)**
HIV Testing. 1pm. Houston GLBT Community Center, 1900 Kane St. • houstonglbtcommunitycenter.org • 713/524-3818.

SPRY Counseling Center. 401 Branard St. • montrosecounselingcenter.org • 713/529-0037.

EMBody: Understanding Mental Health Issues. Rotating topics: addiction, depression, anxiety, bipolar. 5pm. Montrose Center, 401 Branard St. • montrosecounselingcenter.org • 713/529-0037.

EMBody: To Cook or Not to Cook. Demystifying raw foods. 6pm. Montrose Center, 401 Branard St. • montrosecounselingcenter.org • 713/529-0037.

Share with PFLAG Houston in a safe, confidential setting. 7:30-9pm. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church's Chatham Room, 1805 W. Alabama • pflaghouston.org.

• **MONTHLY (3RD FRI.)**
Triple D: Dykes, Dinner, and Discussion offers dinner and conversation about health, family, dating, equality, community awareness, and freedom of speech. 7pm. Houston GLBT Community Center, 1901 Kane St. • houstonglbtcommunitycenter.org • 713/524-3818.

• **MONTHLY (3RD SAT.)**
Discovery Green Flea by Night. Local music, kids' activities, bicycle repair workshop, and 40+ vendors selling vintage clothing, antiques, collectibles, jewelry, and more. 6-10pm. Discovery Green, 1500 McKinney St. • discoverygreen.com • 713/400-7336.

• **MONTHLY (4TH SUN.)**
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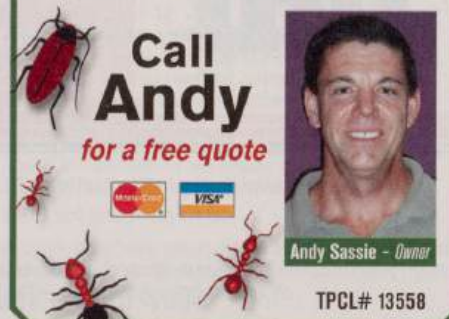
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was editor of the school newspaper. We often picked him up late at night when he was working to meet a deadline. He loved that work and would often write about the world *outside* of school, sometimes in a way that was controversial. He took some criticism for some of the things he wrote, but he was never afraid of a lively debate.

"Tim was unique among his siblings and friends. Usually they would always ask, 'What are we going to do?' Tim would always ask, 'What are we going to *talk about*?' This probably served to prepare him for his work in the LGBT community and at City Hall. He never enjoyed team sports but *always* wanted to discuss things."

After high school, Tim attended the University of Houston where he edited both the *Daily Cougar* and the yearbook. After leaving UH, Tim worked for several publications in Houston, including *Ultra Magazine* and *Houston Home and Garden*. At the Museum of Fine Arts, he spent five years in their development department writing grant proposals and also spent a significant amount of time and energy advising others on their plans for various publishing ventures.

Tim left the museum in 2002 to become editor of *OutSmart*, returning to his true calling, journalism. During his tenure at *OutSmart*, Tim was an important LGBT advocate, working to enliven the stories of individuals who comprise our community and highlighting their accomplishments and challenges. *OutSmart's* writers (including this one) benefited greatly from his insightful editing skills, his grasp of community-wide issues, and his even-handed journalistic integrity.

In 2008, after six years at *OutSmart*, Tim became the communications director for Houston City Council Member Sue Lovell, who was newly elected to an at-large position.

"I met Tim when he was editor at *OutSmart*," Lovell recalls. "I had interacted with him a great deal when I was running for office. He had done a lot to assist me with communicating to the LGBT com-

munity. When I was elected, I called Tim and said, 'Get over here, I need you on my team.'"

"Tim was vital to the work we did. He brought a certain calmness to any situation in which he was involved—something dearly needed at City Hall. Tim was responsible for all of our publications that were distributed to constituents and the public. He was so adept at putting my ideas, thoughts, and feeling into

words. He was able to capture the essence of what I was trying to accomplish and articulate that to large numbers of people.

"Tim was also skilled at responding to individuals who contacted our office; he was diplomatic and incredibly patient. Often, we were confronted with complicated issues that required a quick resolution. Tim would handle those expeditiously and with great care.

"City Hall always had lots of drama and lots of divas," Lovell said. "Whenever we were challenged with a difficult situation, Tim's advice to me was always: 'Take a breath, step back, and look at things carefully.' He always interacted with a variety of stakeholders in a very thoughtful way. He could diffuse situations where strong personalities were involved and still preserve those relationships.

"I could present an idea or plan of action to Tim and he had the ability to render that concept in such a way that would enable others to become interested and involved in what we were doing. This was Tim's unique talent, and one that few individuals possess.

"Our journey was enriched by Tim's presence," Lovell said. "His contribution to the LGBT community extends far beyond what he accomplished while working at City Hall. Houston owes him a debt of gratitude. He never thought of himself first—the community was always foremost in his mind. Our staff was a close-knit family, of which Tim and his partner Albert were a part. I'm glad they are now reunited."

Tim's partner, Albert Mata, was integral to the Brookover family. "They met in 1992," George Brookover recounts. "He was intro-

duced to us and was welcomed as a member of our family. Albert was especially liked by all of the grandchildren—he was like a Pied Piper to them, always entertaining and enjoying them. He felt embraced and appreciated by us.

"When Tim received his cancer diagnosis in March of 2012, [we had] time to prepare for what we knew would be a very serious illness. Tim eventually asked to move in with us—something for which we are very grateful—and he lived for an additional year. In early June, he was admitted to the hospital and didn't return home.

"We had conversations about what Tim had accomplished throughout his life. In spite of some fairly high-profile positions in the LGBT community [including a period as president of Houston's GLBT Community Center], Tim considered himself to be a 'low visibility gay activist.' Though he was part of the media, he himself stayed out of the limelight, unlike many others at City Hall.

"What really motivated Tim was the quest for justice," said the elder Brookover. "And not only for the LGBT community, but for *everyone*. He went about this steadily, with passion and without a lot of fanfare. Tim's legacy is that he seriously invested himself in causes that were crucially important to him and to his community."

Tim was also very involved in his faith community at Bethel Church UCC. Even there, Tim's efforts evinced a literary bent. According to Vicki Hopper, co-support pastor, "Tim was very active and dedicated to many ministries at Bethel. Tim was in charge of our lay readers ministry,

scheduling people to participate in reading the scriptures during worship."

Pastor Hopper's sentiments are typical of the thoughts expressed by many of Tim's family, colleagues, and friends: "He was nurturing to all of us—a very steady and constant support, and generous with his time and talents, always mindful

of those who needed assistance. It will be difficult to imagine this place without him."

A celebration of Tim's life was held on Saturday, June 22, at Bethel Church, United Church of Christ. A visitation took place from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, followed by the service at noon.

Rich Arenschieldt is a frequent contributor to OutSmart magazine.



Brookover with Mayor Annise Parker.



Brookover with Albert Mata, his partner of twenty years.

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Business News



David Bowers

David Bowers has been voted "Best Realtor of Galveston County" in the *Galveston County Daily News* 2013 Readers' Choice Awards. Bowers, also a licensed Texas attorney, served on the Galveston City Council and on the Galveston Wharves Board that brought the cruise-ship industry back to Galveston. He is a former president of the Galveston Association of Realtors and has been their "Realtor of the Year." He also served as president of the Galveston Historical Foundation and has received their Distinguished Volunteer Service Award, and his 1899 Victorian home was on their 2013 Annual Homes Tour. He is a frequent winner of *OutSmart's* "Best Galveston Realtor" and a multi-year *Texas Monthly* "Five Star Real Estate Agent." Bowers is an active Rotarian, a big brother in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, and a member of EPAH. Bowers specializes in the sale of Victorian and vintage homes and properties and is known as "The King of Open Houses."



On June 7, Club Venus held the grand opening of their new club at 2901 Fannin. Pictured here are (l-r) Joshua Lira, Club GM; HOT 95.7 radio personality Carmen Contreras; and Club Venus owners Katie Bennett and Tiffany Kendall.



On June 13, Gloria's Restaurant, at 2616 Louisiana in Midtown, took time out to celebrate their first anniversary with a party for their customers. In this photo (l-r) are Moises Hermosille, Gloria's general manager (bracketed by the gals from Miller Beer); a customer; Nancy Fuentes, Research and Development Chef for Gloria's Restaurants; and restaurant manager Carlos Fuentes. ■

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We Are in Mercury Retrograde

A time to clean up, organize, and take care of past issues

Mercury goes direct on July 25, and that is the time to start new projects or ventures. The planets this month are very busy, and they keep things stirred up. Tensions are very high on the 1st, 4th, and especially around the 27th, so keep your options open and avoid drama. Besides Mercury going direct, Saturn goes direct on the 8th and Uranus goes retrograde on the 17th. With so much shifting, we are less sure of where we are heading and may look to the past to gain insight. • The New Moon on the 8th in Cancer is a good time to focus on making your home and family a nicer place to be. The Full Moon on the 22nd in Aquarius is a time to engage in social or community activities.

ARIES (March 21–April 19). Home and family capture your attention this month. You are putting a lot of energy into your Old Home Place. Some of you are remodeling or moving. You are also interested in healing any old wounds with your family, so you'll be extending an olive branch at this time. You are feeling very inventive and wanting to express your life differently than you've been expressing it in the past. Work and daily routines can seem tiresome if you don't have a direct interest in what you are doing. Opportunities are coming your way at the end of the month.

TAURUS (April 20–May 20). You are in a period this month when you'll have a chance to really look at what's going on in your life. You are about to get moving on some projects you have been planning for the last several months. You have been really focused on your career, and at the end of this month you push things forward. You are able to communicate more easily about your plans to get people on board with you. Your relationship will need some reassurance, especially toward the end of the month.

GEMINI (May 21–June 21). With Mercury, your ruling planet, retrograde this month until July 25, you are definitely in a time of review. You have been very active and are still ready to jump on any task that comes your way. Clear up as many financial issues as you can, especially any that deal with the past. As we get to the end of the month, you are once again moving forward. You are in a good financial period that should last until July 2014. Make sure that you follow your heart.

LEO (July 23–August 22). As the month opens, you are still in your busy social mode

from last month. But as July progresses you'll be taking some time for rest and retreat. You will be more psychically sensitive to your environment and want to pull away from some of your activities. You are continuing to clean things out and establish a better foundation in your life. By the end of the month, you are ready to get out and interact with the rest of us humans. Decisions will be much easier to reach.

VIRGO (August 23–September 22). You continue to be busy and active, especially in the career and social areas of your life. With your ruler Mercury in retrograde, this is a great month to look back and consider what you have accomplished. Resist taking on a new project. If it is really meant to be, it will be available toward the end of the month. Pay more attention to your psychic and intuitive side. Groups and organizations take on a bigger role this month. Be careful not to overload yourself with extra tasks. By the end of the month, it's time to start pushing again.

LIBRA (September 23–October 23). This month is all about your career and your long-term security with Mercury retrograding through this area of your life. You are taking the time to make sure you really want to continue where you are working. You are ready for something that is much more interesting. Take the time to address the problems at work that come up this month, and then make a decision to stay or leave by the end of the month. Old friends are coming back to visit.

SCORPIO (October 24–November 21). This month, Saturn (planet of future planning, career, and practicality) is going direct. This is going to put you in much more of a leadership role. In your career (anything from a bank CEO to a full-time mom) you are looking to make a commitment to grow this part of your life in a stable and safe place. For the things that aren't working, you are much more likely to eliminate them—and more quickly than usual for a Scorpio. Take this month to reflect on where you are and get ready for decision-making at the end of the month.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22–December 21). You are in a more internal place this month. You will come out of that occasionally, but only for the



CANCER (June 22–July 22). **Happy Birthday to the Moon Kids. This is your personal yearly cycle where your energies are turning inward as you reassess what you have done over the last year. Your birthday is the time to begin the cycle anew and set new agendas for the coming year. You are in a very positive time, even if it seems tense, difficult, and sometimes crazy. You can get a lot done this year; don't waste the opportunity. Add some exercise to your routine toward the end of the month—it will really help you!**

opportunities are opening up, but don't take action on that until the end of the month.

AQUARIUS (January 20–February 18). With the planets (along with Mercury retrograde) in your health and co-worker area, you are focusing on this area of your life during July. You are in a big reorganizing mode, both at home and at work. With Saturn (the career planet) going direct, you are more than ready to make some decisions and move forward. Wait until the end of the month before you put any fence posts in cement. By the end of July you will be clear and have some extra energy to push ahead. Relationships are more important toward the end of the month.

PISCES (February 19–March 20). This is a great month to take time off to relax and play. This is a very creative month, so you are stimulated to be more childlike and playful. As a Pisces, you are generally in a much more sensitive time and have an increasing need for retreat during the next ten years. By the end of the month, you are a bit more social and ready to interact with others at work or in social settings. At the end of the month, you are ready to do some reorganizing.

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Richard Hudkins, Lenix Lerner, and Randall Jobe at the BCPA/GMCH's "Glamours Glee" concert on June 8.



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