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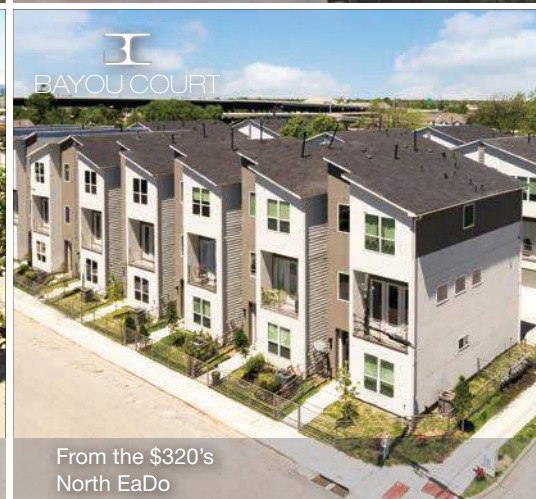
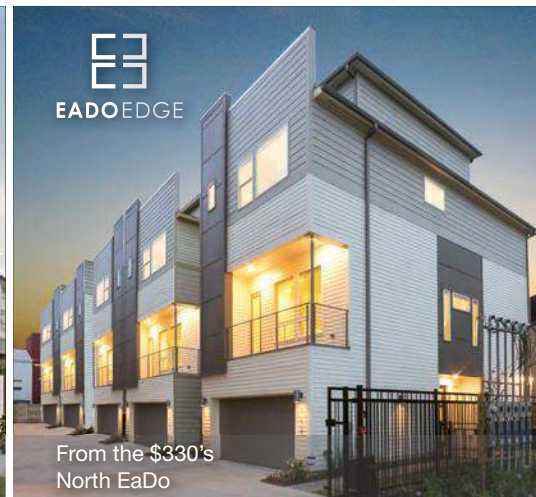
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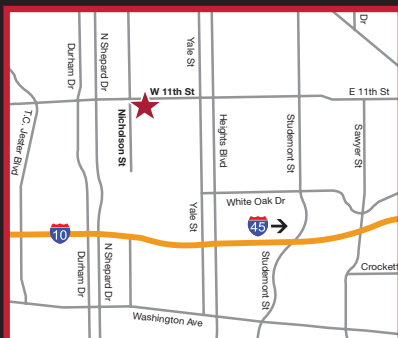
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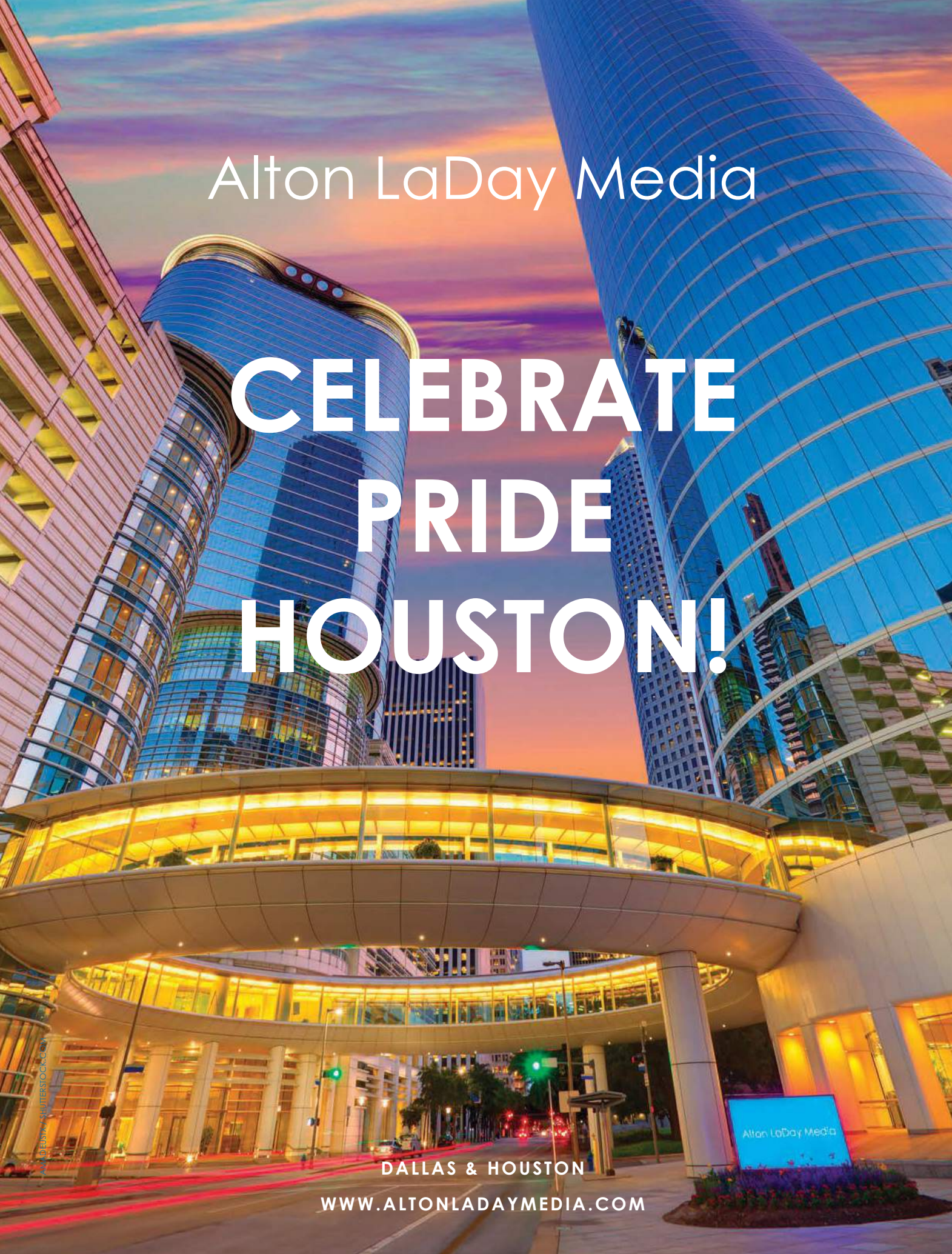
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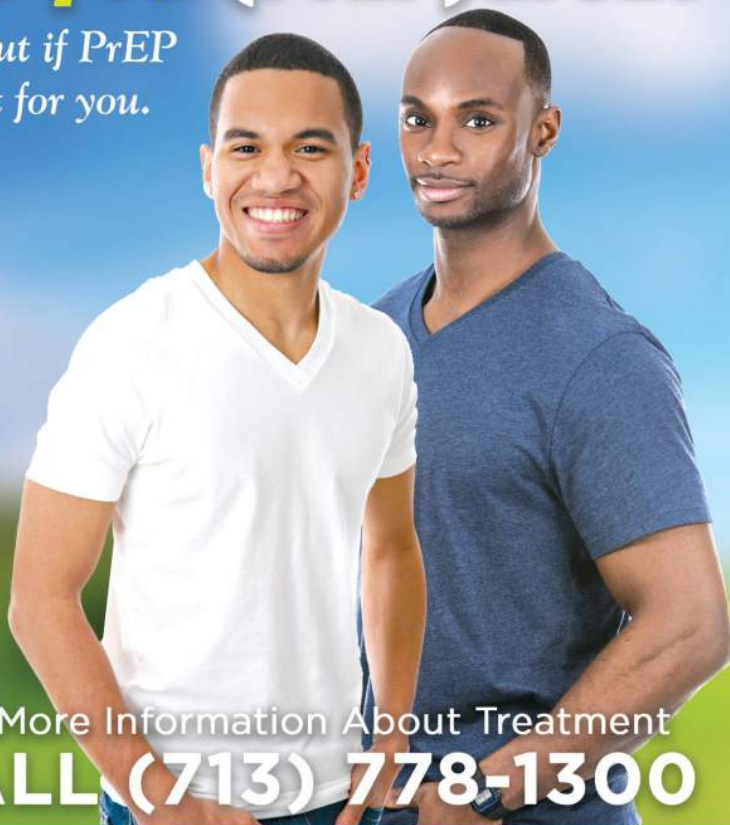
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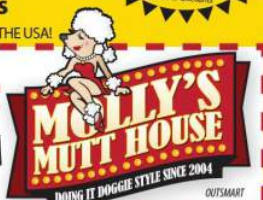
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Pride Month is a time to celebrate, but also an opportunity to reflect on where the LGBTQ community stands, how we got here, and where we're going.

In this issue, writer Andrew Edmonson commemorates the 40th anniversary of "Houston's Stonewall"—the remarkable 1977 protest of antigay singer Anita Bryant that gave birth to the city's LGBTQ movement. We stand on the shoulders of those who were part of this protest, and we're fortunate that many of them are still with us, including Ray Hill, Annise Parker, and Phyllis Frye.

These pioneers of Houston's LGBTQ movement paved the way for a new generation of leaders, many of whom are featured in photographer Eric Edward Schell's stunning P.R.I.D.E. Portraits project. This ambitious campaign, profiled by writer Kim Hogstrom, has resulted in a series of portraits that are as beautiful as the accompanying statements are powerful.

Schell's subjects are poised to lead the LGBTQ community into future battles, such as the fight for a new Houston Equal Rights Ordinance. Columnist Lou Weaver—the first transgender male Pride grand marshal—provides an update on Transform Houston, a new campaign that's laying the groundwork for HERO 2.0.

Meanwhile, writer Brandon Wolf profiles Weaver and the other two Pride grand marshals, Sallie Wyatt-Woodell and Aimee Broadhurst, as well as the three honorary grand marshals, Arden Eversmeyer, Marion Coleman, and the late Tony Carroll.

In short, the Houston LGBTQ community has a lot to be proud of—including the largest parade in the Southwest!

But as we party, let's not forget the true meaning of Pride. In the current political climate—and as we observe the one-year anniversary of the Pulse nightclub massacre—it's as important as ever.

Happy Pride Month!

—John Wright



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PORTRAITS OF PRIDE (See page 44.)

P.R.I.D.E. Portraits by Eric Edward Schell. Pictured are (*first row from left*) Januari Leo, Riaz Pooran, Erika Richie, Sarah Gutierrez, A. Daniel Ramos; (*second row from left*) Josh Beasley, Yolanda Hickman, Ashton Taylor Oubre, Jessica Zyrie, Brandon Wilke; (*third row from left*) Jacques Borgeois, Melanie Pang, Suanne Brady, Mike Webb, Britt Kormann; (*fourth row from left*) Ryan Wilson, Sal Stow, Jerry Mai, Ana Sanchez, Jamie Gonzales.

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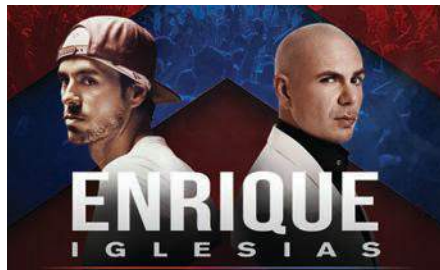
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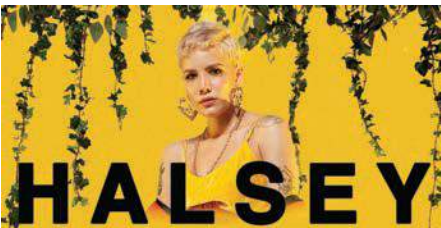
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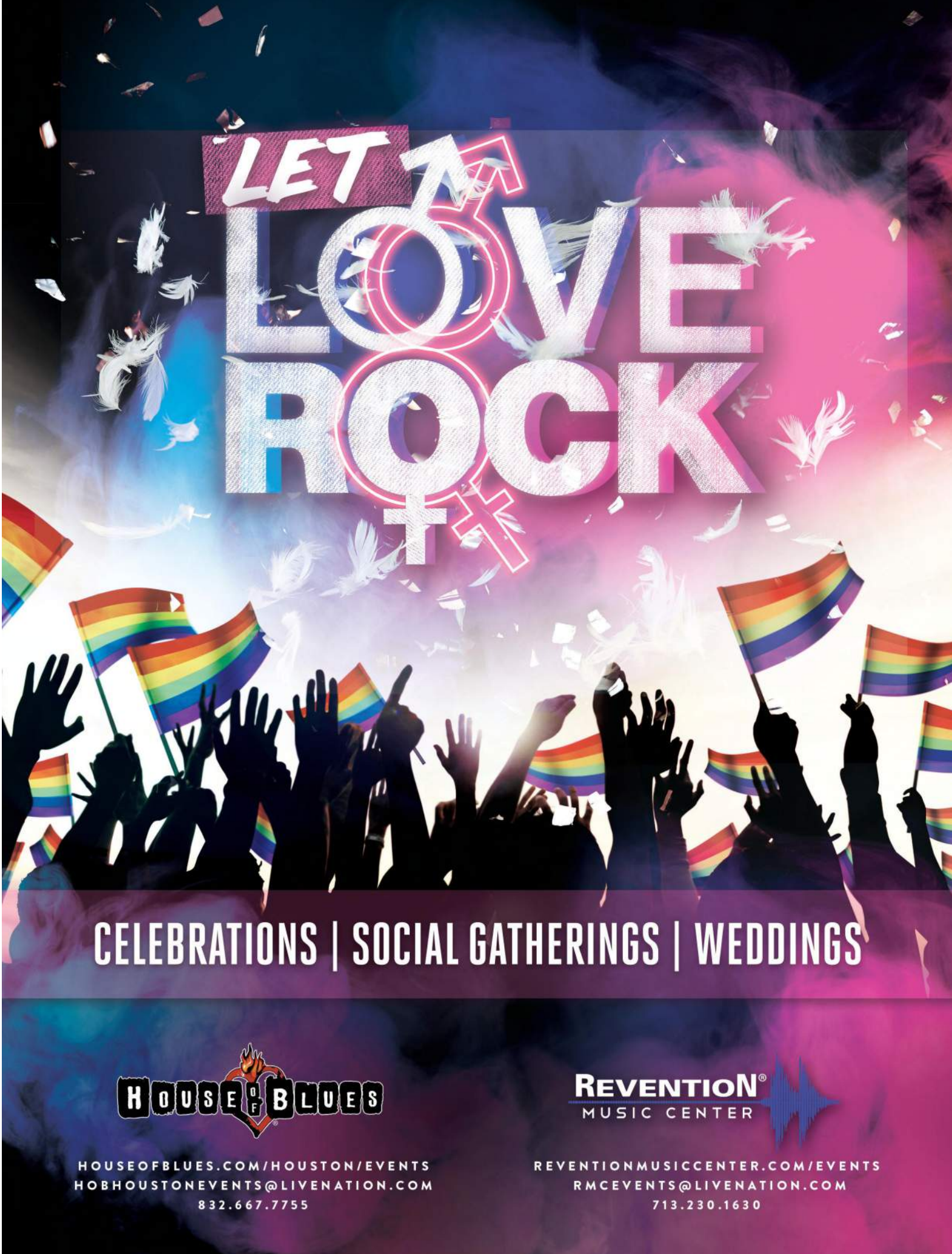
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‘Now That She Is Not Here, It Is Up to Us to Do a Little Better’

Houston LGBTQ community mourns activist Kristen Capps.

By Kim Hogstrom

On the morning of Friday, May 19, the Houston LGBTQ community lost one of its dearest and most dedicated advocates with the sudden passing of Kristen Capps.

Capps, who will be remembered for her compassion, intelligence, and vitality, died from a heart attack in her home at age 49.

Born in Houston, Capps was a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and the University of Houston Law Center. Her law degree served as a valuable complement to her indefatigable passion for civic activism in the pursuit of human rights.

“Kristen loved generously, worked for great causes, and fought fairly on behalf of those who are most vulnerable among us,” said Capps’ longtime partner, University of Houston professor Maria Gonzalez. “She may have had a short time on this planet, but Kristen lived it to the fullest.”

Gonzalez, a former president of the Houston GLBT Political Caucus, added that Capps “represented the highest of ethical standards” and “lived a life that was fully honest.”

“She challenged many of us to do better, and did it with a love that was absolutely sincere,” Gonzalez said. “Now that she is not here, it is up to us to do a little better: to give a little more, and love a little deeper. That is all she wanted from all of us.”

Capps, who identified as bisexual, was the mother of four children. She won many friends while performing the often-thankless work required to advance the interests of groups such as the GLBT Political Caucus, the Texas Democratic Party, and the American Association of University Women.

“I’m deeply saddened by the tragic loss of Kristen,” Houston Mayor Pro Tem Ellen Cohen told OUTSMART. “I’ve known her for many years, and have appreciated her strong advo-



Dynamic Duo

Kristen Capps (r) is shown with her longtime partner, Maria Gonzalez, a former president of the Houston GLBT Political Caucus.

cacy for LGBTQ rights and human rights in general. Kristen was a force of nature, and her passing is a loss for all Houstonians.”

Jack Valinski, director of operations for the GLBT Political Caucus, worked side-by-side with Capps for more than 10 years. “Kristen was the conscience of the Caucus,” Valinski said, adding that Capps was “tireless in the quest for equality” and “always did the right thing.”

“She was a person of principles,” Valinski added. “She also took on the sort of work no one else likes—the things that aren’t sexy, such as writing by-laws. She was not flashy or attention-seeking, choosing instead to maintain a low profile. But she had tremendous impact in every effort she undertook. Kristen is irreplaceable and will be missed.”

On the day of Capps’ death, the Texas House adjourned for one hour in her memory. Representative Jessica Farrar (D-Houston) introduced the motion on the floor, and it was approved unanimously.

“The passing of Kristin Capps has devastated many in the Houston area,” Farrar said later. “Kristen was a persistent voice for the equality of women, the GLBTQ community, and people of color. Many don’t know this, but she was also passionate about promoting the compassionate treatment of animals.”

“In fact, Kristen’s comforting words and acts were a salve to anyone in need,” Farrar added. “These are the concerns that defined her life, which revolved around service. Her memory will act as an inspiration for others to follow in the pursuit of equality and justice.”

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Houston Vigils to Mark One Year Since Pulse Massacre

By **Brandon Wolf**

“49 DEAD IN ATTACK ON ORLANDO GAY NIGHTCLUB,” read the headline on June 12, 2016.

News of the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history, at Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, stunned the world and shook the LGBTQ community to its core.

Two weeks later, Mayor Sylvester Turner created the City of Houston’s LGBTQ Advisory Board, appointing 49 members in honor of the 49 people who lost their lives at Pulse.

That LGBTQ Advisory Board is now planning a vigil for the Pulse victims at the Montrose Center on June 12, the one-year anniversary of the massacre. Board member Dennis Beedon is set to travel to Orlando and personally deliver a proclamation signed by Mayor Turner.

“Houston is a resilient community, and we’ve already had to endure a lot this year,” Advisory Board co-chair Melanie Pang said. “As we continue to see breaking news about trans people of color getting killed and our rights repeatedly being put to a vote, I think we are leaning on each other now more than ever.”

Pang said she’s in awe of the LGBTQ community’s ability to simultaneously work toward justice, celebrate Pride, and try to heal from all of the violence it faces.

“Taking care of ourselves is also a radical act of resistance,” she said.

Lou Weaver, the Advisory Board’s other co-chair, said he thinks some in the LGBTQ community are still scared a year after the Pulse massacre. But he believes the majority have

found a deeper sense of community and are looking to build a more intersectional approach.

“We must remain vigilant,” Weaver said. “There are still people out there who do not like the LGBTQ community. We must be present with the most marginalized in our community, and we cannot be satisfied until all of us have full equality.”

Houston’s Advisory Board, which serves as a direct link to the mayor’s office, is designed to reflect the diversity of Houston’s LGBTQ community. The board is made up of 21 non-Hispanic whites, 12 African-Americans, 13 Hispanics, two Asian-Americans, and one biracial person. Members also represent identities across the LGBTQ spectrum, including gay, lesbian, bisexual, queer, transgender, intersex, and straight allies.

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On May 20, Neon Boots hosted Carl Han’s *Love Party*, benefitting Hatch Youth. Pictured are **Meleah Jones, Kim Watson, Fran Watson, Carl Han, Edward Smith, Jessica Frinsco, Hillary Woest,** and **Gary Giddings.**



On May 20, the Houston Pride Band hosted *Tapas, A Modern Chamber Concert*, at the Midtown Arts & Theatre Center. Pictured are **Chris Longoria, Chris Atieno, Noel Freeman,** and **Chris Wells.**



On May 21, Bayou City Performing Arts hosted its annual fundraising gala, *Black Tie or Tie-Dye: Woodstock Revisited*. Pictured are (top row) **John Heinzerling, Chris Taylor, Michael Pearson,** and **Ciro Flores;** and (bottom row) **Jesse Crochet, Zac Wilmore, Matthew Moncivais,** and **Stephen Dunlap.**



On May 21, **Out For Education** hosted its Scholarship Award Ceremony at the Alley Theatre. Pictured are scholarship recipients.

MORE COMMUNITY PHOTOS on page 31



Solemn Anniversary

On June 12, 2016, just hours after the Pulse Nightclub massacre, more than 100 people gathered for a vigil at the Houston Zoo entrance.

Advisory Board member Ashton Woods is helping to organize a second Pulse vigil sponsored by Black Lives Matter Houston and Turn Texas Blue. The “Stand with Orlando Vigil—One Year Later,” is set for June 11 at Hermann Park.

Woods organized the first Pulse vigil in Houston on June 12, 2016, hours after the shooting, with more than 100 people attending. “Our space had been taken away from us, and we needed to reclaim it quickly,” Woods said.

The vigil emphasized that many of the Pulse

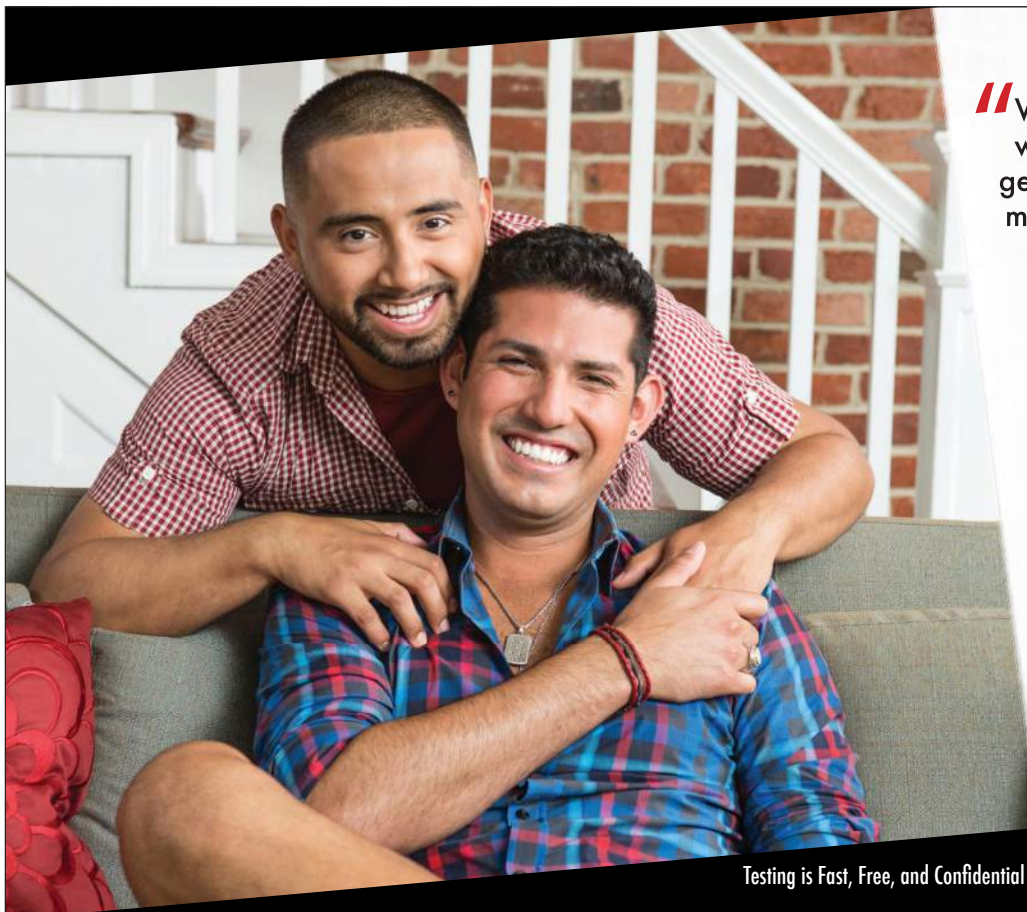
victims were people of color, and served as a memorable coming-together of Houston’s diverse communities and religious faiths. Woods said the Hermann Park vigil will emphasize that spirit of commonality.

In addition to the vigils, the Advisory Board plans to host a Houston LGBTQ Community Town Hall during Pride Month. Harrison Guy, chair of the board’s communications committee, said the town hall will focus on the board’s activities over the past year. It will also

include speakers addressing LGBTQ-related legislation, as well as a question-and-answer session. The Town Hall is set for 6 p.m. on June 20 at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 W. Gray.

Further event details will be posted on the Advisory Board’s website as they become available. Visit lgbtqhouston.com for these updates.

Brandon Wolf is a frequent contributor to OUTSMART magazine.



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Grammy Award-winning artist, activist, cancer survivor, wife, and mother Melissa Etheridge is still rocking away in her 50s, and even has a new tour going through America and Canada this year. She'll be at the Smart Financial Centre in Sugar Land this month for one night only, so get your tickets fast. You know the singer-songwriter from such hits as "Ain't It Heavy," "I'm the Only One,"

"Come to My Window," and the Oscar-winning "I Need to Wake Up" from Al Gore's documentary *An Inconvenient Truth*. The raspy-voiced rocker has been racking up awards for her performing and songwriting since the '80s, and not even her bout with breast cancer in 2004 could slow her down. Right after finishing chemotherapy, she performed—bald—at the 2005 Grammy Awards. With all of that music, it's hard to imagine

she finds time to be an activist for gay rights, animals, the environment, and medical marijuana, but she does. And in 2014 she married her partner, Linda Wallem, an actress, writer, and producer. Yes, she is a truly amazing person, but it's that raw voice we love to hear, and that's the reason to go see her live this month. —*Marene Gustin*

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Cry Havoc!

June 7-18

7-18

Cry Havoc! is Stephan Wolfert's personal one-man play about the devastation of war that includes lines from Shakespeare. In 1991, after seeing his best friend killed in a military training exercise, Wolfert went to see *Richard III*, the story of a soldier-king, and left in tears. Since then, he's become an actor and playwright, premiering this emotional play in 2012. He juxtaposes his personal National Guard experiences with Shakespeare's lines. The title, in fact, comes from Mark Antony's speech in *Julius Caesar*. There will be a special performance June 14 at the Housing Corporation of Houston's facility for homeless veterans.

4thwalltheatreco.com

Gay Men's Chorus of Houston Pride Concert

June 16

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Broadway, Boys and Boas, GMCH's first show at MATCH, will be an exciting and electric concert featuring the very best of Broadway past and present. So many show-tune hits resonate with the LGBT community, and the chorus performs them proudly. Hear songs from *Rent*, *Cats*, *Kinky Boots*, *Cabaret*, *Gypsy*, and *Hamilton*. This is one show that will have you tapping your toes and singing along (quietly!).

bcpahouston.org

Museum of Dysfunction

June 19-July 8

19-July 8

Mildred's Umbrella Theatre Company's 9th annual short-play festival features 19 new plays that are slightly dark and eccentric. Eight of the plays are by high school and college students. Most of the plays are women-focused, and three have an LGBT subtext. In one, a woman contemplates returning to the ex-girlfriend she left for a man. Another has an implied lesbian relationship, and a third is about a friendship between two married men that may, or may not, lead to something more.

mildredsumbrella.com

Clear to Partly Crazy

June 24

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See the premiere of Jaston Williams' new one-man show! If you loved his crazy drag character Vera Carp and her loony neighbors in *Greater Tuna*, Williams' new solo show is for you. He relies on his tale-telling skills to regale audiences with his (slightly exaggerated) Texas experiences of cheerleading, tornadoes, and crazy relatives. A truly Texas play that will leave you laughing. thegrand.com





On April 27, **AIDS Foundation Houston's** Dining Out For Life held its wrapup meeting at El Real. Pictured are volunteers and participants.



On April 29, the Bering Support Network hosted Oodles of Noodles at Bering Memorial UMC. Pictured are **Vic Wimberly, Suzanne Foster, Rob Seible, Mary Parker, and Rev. Larry Leutwyler.**



On May 4, LGBT advocates gathered at the Montrose Center to protest President Donald Trump's anti-LGBT executive order. Pictured are **Roy Alvarez, Anjel Johnson, Rabbi Gideon Estes, Mustafaa Carroll, Rev. Lisa Hunt, Matt Williams, Rev. Jonathan Page, and Alan Prewitt.**



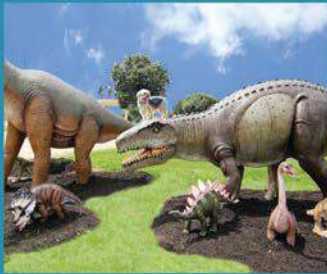
On May 8, East West Bank presented a check for \$10,000 to the Montrose Center for their seniors housing project. Pictured are representatives from East West Bank and the Montrose Center.



On May 6, Legacy Community Health Services hosted Derby Day 2017 at Rich's. Pictured are participants in the hat contest.



On May 18, Pride Houston hosted week three of the Pride Superstar competition at Rich's. Pictured are **Jeremy Fain, Christina Edwards Wells, Wendy Taylor, and Michael Walsh.**



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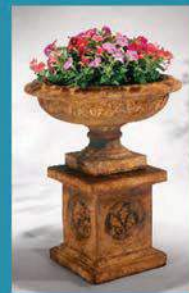
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You Want Fries with That?

The Texas Legislature serves up every bill with a side order of stupid.

I went out and bought myself a Big Chief tablet and one of those big-ol'-honker pencils, because I have kindergarten work to do. I am taking names and making a list, so y'all don't have to.

Praise be to Gladys Knight & the Pips—the Texas Legislature only gets to meet every other year, and then for only 140 days, because any more than that would singe the neck hairs off of every goat and God-fearing man, woman, and child in Texas.

Right now, Republicans hold the double-down majority in both the Texas House and Senate. That means that every day we have to haul out the Constitution of the United States of America so they can beat it with a stick while the rest of us watch and try not to get splattered by their bucketfuls of sanctimony. Since it's the "United" part of the United States that they hate, Texas Republicans do everything they can to secede from the Union so they can bring back those wonderful Wild West days.

There was an actual bill introduced that would allow everybody in Texas to carry a gun with no registration, background check, or license. You turn 18, you get drunk, you buy a gun, and then you vote—all on the same day. I suspect that's their plan to perpetuate the Republican Party.

I looked all over the Internet machine for a picture of the Republican delegation to the Texas Legislature. There isn't one. The closest I could come is this picture of french fries. They are all white, and they are all straight. If we could put little neckties on 90 percent of these fries, Grandpa would swear by his suspenders that there is no difference between the fries and the Republicans in the Texas Legislature. I don't know this for a fact, but I'm pretty sure that the reason they don't all get together and pose for a picture is that they'd start stealing out of each other's pockets instead of your pocket.

Darlin', these fellas are mean enough to eat bees while they go about cutting hungry chil-



Fries with Ties

What's the difference between french fries and the Republicans in the Texas legislature?

dren's lunches at school. And destroying women's healthcare. And ordering cities to be mean to Hispanics . . . or else! And then there's the moaning and wailing and self-flagellation about public restrooms. (By the way, I have decided that Republicans should not be afraid of what transgender people might do in bathrooms. It's what transgender people and all of their allies might do in the voting booth that should have them worried.)

So I am writing down these varmints' names and, come election time, I'm gonna print my list right here in OUTSMART, Big Chief Tablet and all.

Look, the reason we have to get rid of idiots in the Texas legislature is that they use it as a stepping-stone to get elected to Congress. And yes, I have a real bad example of that happening.

But first write this down somewhere, because it's real important and absolutely true: nothing brings a group of assholes together faster than something that is none of their damn business.

Randy Weber is now the Republican congressman from Beaumont, Lake Jackson, and Galveston. He used to be in the Texas legislature. He is an asshole brigade. You might

remember him as the guy who, in the middle of President Obama's 2014 State of the Union address, wrote a tweet calling the president "Kommandant-In-Chef." To this day, nobody has any idea what that means, except maybe he was not fond of the president's Nazi Soufflé.

I remind you that he's from Beaumont. That's just right down the road. If "Ignorant Sumbitch" is contagious, you are within catching distance.

Randy went dead-solid-perfect off the rails last month and broke into sobs while giving a speech at the capitol in Washington Dee-Cee. He was praying the Lord's Prayer, but when he got to the "forgive us our sins" part, out of the clear blue he decided to improve on Sweet Jesus' version of the prayer. He decided to get real specific about which sins.

"Father," he droned, "we've trampled on your holy institution of holy matrimony and tried to rewrite what it is, and we've called it an 'alternate lifestyle.' Father, O Father, please, please forgive us!"

Holy damn cow, y'all. That was Randy's idea of the worst sin happening any-damn-place in the world. He was sobbing and praying that we all don't go to hell because Hank married Bob last weekend instead of marrying Judy (because Judy was marrying Karen—so all in all, things worked out pretty well, in my opinion).

I am not making this up. You can go to the Google joint and ask for "Randy Weber crying over crap that's none of his business," and they have a video of it.

I am excited about Pride Month in June. The Pride parade is the day after my birthday, so I'm postponing my celebration until then. There will be glitter! Darlin', my favorite color is shiny.

Happy Pride! Let's do this up swanky.

Susan Bankston lives in Richmond, Texas, where she writes about her hairdresser at The World's Most Dangerous Beauty Salon, Inc., at juanitajeane.com.

What is TRUVADA for PrEP?

TRUVADA for PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) is a prescription medicine that is used together with safer sex practices to help reduce the risk of getting HIV-1 through sex. This use is only for HIV-negative adults who are at high risk of getting HIV-1. To help determine your risk of getting HIV-1, talk openly with your healthcare provider about your sexual health.

Ask your healthcare provider if you have questions about how to prevent getting HIV. 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.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

What is the most important information I should know about TRUVADA for PrEP?

Before taking TRUVADA for PrEP:

- ◆ **You must be HIV-negative before you start taking TRUVADA for PrEP.** You must get tested to make sure that you do not already have HIV-1. Do not take TRUVADA to reduce the risk of getting HIV-1 unless you are confirmed to be HIV-negative.
- ◆ **Many HIV-1 tests can miss HIV-1 infection in a person who has recently become infected.** If you have flu-like symptoms, you could have recently become infected with HIV-1. Tell your healthcare provider if you had a flu-like illness within the last month before starting or at any time while taking TRUVADA for PrEP. Symptoms of new HIV-1 infection include tiredness, fever, joint or muscle aches, headache, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, rash, night sweats, and/or enlarged lymph nodes in the neck or groin.

While taking TRUVADA for PrEP:

- ◆ **You must continue to use safer sex practices. Just taking TRUVADA for PrEP may not keep you from getting HIV-1.**
- ◆ **You must stay HIV-negative to keep taking TRUVADA for PrEP:**
 - Get tested for HIV-1 at least every 3 months.
 - If you think you were exposed to HIV-1, tell your healthcare provider right away.
- ◆ **To further help reduce your risk of getting HIV-1:**
 - Know your HIV status and the HIV status of your partners.
 - Get tested for other sexually transmitted infections. Other infections make it easier for HIV to infect you.
 - Get information and support to help reduce risky sexual behavior, such as having fewer sex partners.
 - Do not miss any doses of TRUVADA. Missing doses may increase your risk of getting HIV-1 infection.
- ◆ **If you do become HIV-1 positive, you need more medicine than TRUVADA alone to treat HIV-1.** TRUVADA by itself is not a complete treatment for HIV-1. If you have HIV-1 and take only TRUVADA, your HIV-1 may become harder to treat over time.

TRUVADA can cause serious side effects:

- ◆ **Worsening of hepatitis B (HBV) infection.** TRUVADA is not approved to treat HBV. If you have HBV and stop taking TRUVADA, your HBV may suddenly get worse. Do not stop taking TRUVADA without first talking to your healthcare provider, as they will need to monitor your health.

Who should not take TRUVADA for PrEP?

Do not take TRUVADA for PrEP if you:

- ◆ **Already have HIV-1 infection or if you do not know your HIV-1 status.** If you are HIV-1 positive, you need to take other medicines with TRUVADA to treat HIV-1. TRUVADA by itself is not a complete treatment for HIV-1. If you have HIV-1 and take only TRUVADA, your HIV-1 may become harder to treat over time.
- ◆ **Also take** certain medicines to treat hepatitis B infection.

What are the other possible side effects of TRUVADA for PrEP?

Serious side effects of TRUVADA may also include:

- ◆ **Kidney problems, including kidney failure.** Your healthcare provider may do blood tests to check your kidneys before and during treatment with TRUVADA. If you develop kidney problems, your healthcare provider may tell you to stop taking TRUVADA.
- ◆ **Too much lactic acid in your blood** (lactic acidosis), which is a serious but rare medical emergency that can lead to death. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you get these symptoms: weakness or being more tired than usual, unusual muscle pain, being short of breath or fast breathing, stomach pain with nausea and vomiting, cold or blue hands and feet, feel dizzy or lightheaded, or a fast or abnormal heartbeat.
- ◆ **Severe liver problems,** which in rare cases can lead to death. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you get these symptoms: skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow, dark "tea-colored" urine, light-colored stools, loss of appetite for several days or longer, nausea, or stomach-area pain.
- ◆ **Bone problems,** including bone pain, softening, or thinning, which may lead to fractures. Your healthcare provider may do tests to check your bones.

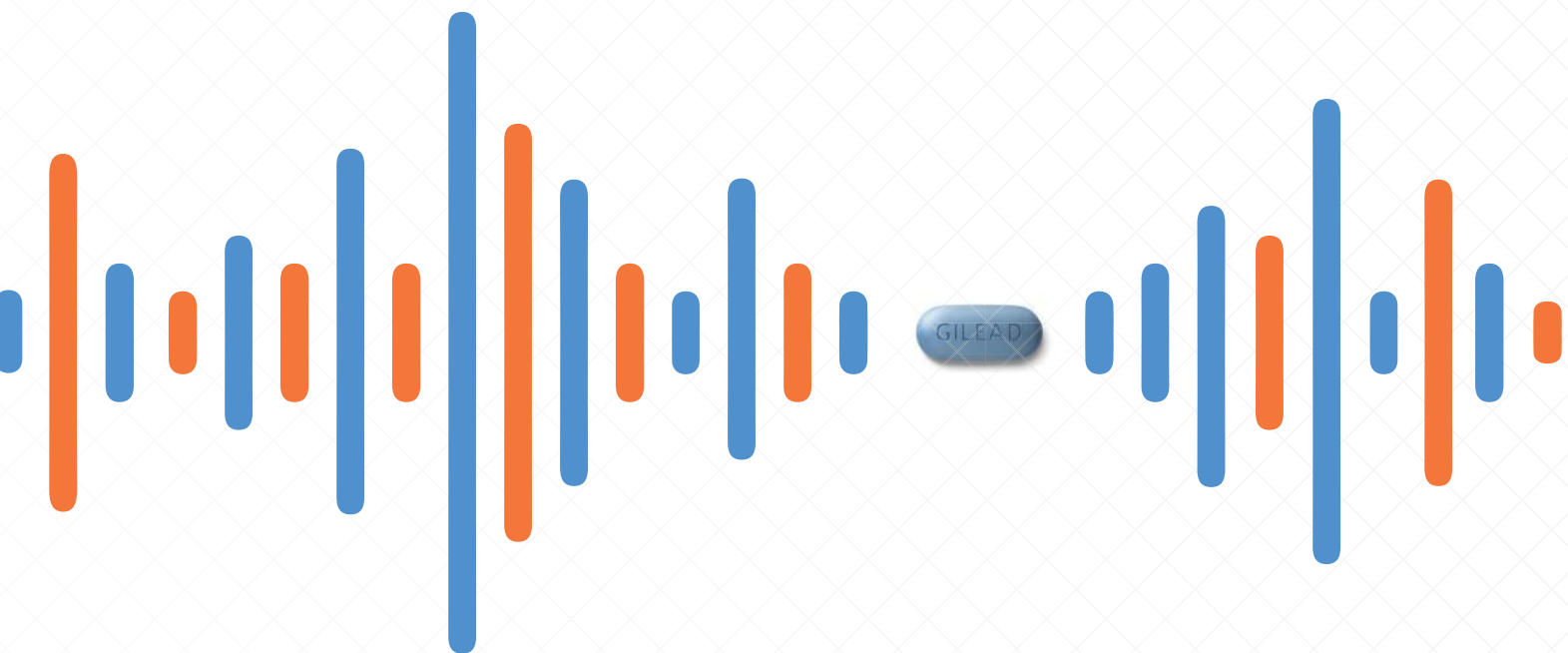
Common side effects in people taking TRUVADA for PrEP are stomach-area (abdomen) pain, headache, and decreased weight. Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effects that bother you or do not go away.

What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking TRUVADA for PrEP?

- ◆ **All your health problems.** Be sure to tell your healthcare provider if you have or have had any kidney, bone, or liver problems, including hepatitis.
- ◆ **If you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.** It is not known if TRUVADA can harm your unborn baby. If you become pregnant while taking TRUVADA for PrEP, talk to your healthcare provider to decide if you should keep taking TRUVADA.
- ◆ **If you are breastfeeding** (nursing) or plan to breastfeed. Do not breastfeed. If you become HIV-positive, HIV can be passed to the baby in breast milk.
- ◆ **All the medicines you take,** including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. TRUVADA may interact with other medicines. Keep a list of all your medicines and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.
- ◆ **If you take certain other medicines** with TRUVADA, your healthcare provider may need to check you more often or change your dose. These medicines include certain medicines to treat hepatitis C (HCV) infection.

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

Please see Important Facts about TRUVADA for PrEP including important warnings on the following page.



Have you heard about
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The **once-daily prescription medicine** that can help reduce the risk of getting HIV-1 when used **with safer sex practices**.

- TRUVADA for PrEP is only for **adults who are at high risk of getting HIV through sex**.
- You **must be HIV-negative** before you start taking TRUVADA for PrEP.

Ask your doctor about your risk of getting HIV-1 infection and if TRUVADA for PrEP may be right for you.

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While taking TRUVADA for PrEP:

- **You must continue to use safer sex practices. Just taking TRUVADA for PrEP may not keep you from getting HIV-1.**
- **You must stay HIV-negative to keep taking TRUVADA for PrEP.** Get tested for HIV-1 at least every 3 months while taking TRUVADA for PrEP. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you think you were exposed to HIV-1 or have a flu-like illness while taking TRUVADA for PrEP.
- **If you do become HIV-1 positive, you need more medicine than TRUVADA alone to treat HIV-1.** If you have HIV-1 and take only TRUVADA, your HIV-1 may become harder to treat over time.
- See the “How To Further Reduce Your Risk” section for more information.

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- **Worsening of hepatitis B (HBV) infection.** TRUVADA is not approved to treat HBV. If you have HBV, your HBV may suddenly get worse if you stop taking TRUVADA. Do not stop taking TRUVADA without first talking to your healthcare provider, as they will need to check your health regularly for several months.

ABOUT TRUVADA FOR PrEP

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- To help determine your risk of getting HIV-1, talk openly with your healthcare provider about your sexual health.

Do NOT take TRUVADA for PrEP if you:

- **Already have HIV-1 infection or if you do not know your HIV-1 status.**
- Take certain medicines to treat hepatitis B infection.

HOW TO TAKE TRUVADA FOR PrEP

- **Take 1 tablet once a day, every day,** not just when you think you have been exposed to HIV-1.
- Do not miss any doses. Missing doses may increase your risk of getting HIV-1 infection.
- Use TRUVADA for PrEP together with condoms and safer sex practices.
- Get tested for HIV-1 at least every 3 months. You must stay HIV-negative to keep taking TRUVADA for PrEP.

IMPORTANT FACTS

This is only a brief summary of important information about taking TRUVADA for PrEP[™] (pre-exposure prophylaxis) to help reduce the risk of getting HIV-1 infection. This does not replace talking to your healthcare provider about your medicine.

POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS OF TRUVADA FOR PrEP

TRUVADA can cause serious side effects, including:

- Those in the “Most Important Information About TRUVADA for PrEP” section.
- New or worse kidney problems, including kidney failure.
- Too much lactic acid in your blood (lactic acidosis), which is a serious but rare medical emergency that can lead to death. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you get these symptoms: weakness or being more tired than usual, unusual muscle pain, being short of breath or fast breathing, stomach pain with nausea and vomiting, cold or blue hands and feet, feel dizzy or lightheaded, or a fast or abnormal heartbeat.
- Severe liver problems, which in rare cases can lead to death. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you get these symptoms: skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow, dark “tea-colored” urine, light-colored stools, loss of appetite for several days or longer, nausea, or stomach-area pain.
- Bone problems.

Common side effects in people taking TRUVADA for PrEP include stomach-area (abdomen) pain, headache, and decreased weight.

These are not all the possible side effects of TRUVADA. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any new symptoms while taking TRUVADA for PrEP.

Your healthcare provider will need to do tests to monitor your health before and during treatment with TRUVADA for PrEP.

BEFORE TAKING TRUVADA FOR PrEP

Tell your healthcare provider if you:

- Have or have had any kidney, bone, or liver problems, including hepatitis.
- Have any other medical conditions.
- Are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.
- Are breastfeeding (nursing) or plan to breastfeed. Do not breastfeed. If you become HIV-positive, HIV can pass to the baby in breast milk.

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take:

- Keep a list that includes all prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements, and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist.
- Ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist about medicines that should not be taken with TRUVADA for PrEP.

HOW TO FURTHER REDUCE YOUR RISK

- Know your HIV status and the HIV status of your partners.
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- Do not share needles or personal items that can have blood or body fluids on them.

GET MORE INFORMATION

- This is only a brief summary of important information about TRUVADA for PrEP. Talk to your healthcare provider or pharmacist to learn more, including how to prevent HIV infection.
- Go to start.truvada.com or call 1-800-GILEAD-5
- If you need help paying for your medicine, visit start.truvada.com for program information.



Planning an Overseas Trip?

Make sure you're protected in case of an unexpected healthcare need.

Any type of unexpected illness or accident is frightening. But when you're thousands of miles from home, the uncertainty and expense of seeking emergency treatment can be overwhelming. Even if you already have health insurance, you could be at risk of incurring substantial expenses if you or a loved one needs healthcare while traveling abroad.

Take, for instance, the family whose father became ill while visiting Argentina, resulting in a \$100,000 cost to fly him back to the U.S., or the daughter who had to ask for donations to fly her mother's remains home after she passed away while traveling abroad.

Although these situations may sound extreme, they're not unusual, and it's often a scramble to find the assistance and funds that are needed. This is why it's a good idea to consider buying travel insurance.

How Travel Insurance Works

Travel insurance can provide coverage for hospital admissions and other medical expenses in foreign countries, as well as physician-coordinated emergency evacuation and transportation back home for medical reasons.

You should consider travel insurance:

- if you have health insurance coverage that has a high deductible. For example, if you are self-employed and/or you have coverage via the Affordable Care Act, you may have a plan that requires you to pay a large sum out-of-pocket before the policy's benefits kick in. If this is the case, check your policy to see what it covers if you're traveling abroad.
- if you will be traveling with small children who could require medical treatment due to an accident or serious illness.
- if you are covered by Original Medicare (Medicare Part A and Part B). In general, Medicare won't cover healthcare or prescription medications you receive while traveling outside the U.S. In fact, even in the rare circumstances where Medicare might pay, foreign hospitals are not required to file Medicare claims, so you could find yourself wading through a lot of red tape without any assurance that your bills will



be covered.

The bottom line here is that if you would never think of going without health insurance here at home, why would you take the risk when you're away?

Where to Find Travel Insurance Coverage

Travel insurance can be purchased online or through a local insurance or travel agent. If you're 65 or older and you're covered by Medicare Part A and B, you may be able to obtain at least some amount of travel coverage through a Medicare Supplement insurance policy.

For example, Medicare Supplement insurance Plans C, D, F, G, M, and N all provide emergency coverage when you travel outside the U.S. Typically, these "Medigap" plans will cover you if the emergency began during the first 60 days of your trip—and if Medicare doesn't otherwise cover the care.

With these plans, the insurance company typically pays 80 percent of billed charges for certain medically necessary emergency care (after you have paid the \$250 deductible), with a lifetime coverage limit of \$50,000.

Like most types of insurance, travel policies come in many forms and cover different things. So what should you look for when evaluating them?

In terms of "must-have" features, you should make sure the travel-insurance policy covers medical expenses, transportation costs to get you back home, trip cancellations due to an accident or illness, travel delays due to bad weather or mechanical issues with your mode of transportation, lost or stolen luggage, and personal liability (such as accidental bodily injury or property loss suffered by another individual).

Other features that some travel-insurance

plans cover include emergency dental coverage; accident coverage (this can be particularly important if you're taking an adventurous trip that includes hiking, scuba diving, skiing, or other potentially risky activities); replacement of lost or stolen cash or traveler's checks; medical costs due to an act of terrorism; and additional expenses due to the loss of your passport.

If you have a preexisting medical condition, be sure it's covered by your travel insurance. In some cases, a policyholder has 14 days from the start of the trip to purchase a plan to cover these potential needs.

Before deciding on a travel-insurance plan, be sure that you carefully read the policy's Outline of Coverage, which you should also take with you on your trip. That way you will be able to verify your coverage and follow the insurance carrier's instructions for filing claims.

How to Take the Next Step

Since any type of travel emergency can quickly devastate your finances, travel insurance can be a great way to protect yourself and/or your partner. When choosing travel-insurance coverage, be sure to talk with a financial professional about your specific needs, travel plans, and travel time frames. Ideally, your advisor should be someone who works with the LGBT community and can ensure that your specific travel-insurance coverage needs are met.

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Dating as a Trans Man

And why top-bottom stereotypes are rooted in misogyny.

Dear Dr. Laura, I am a gay man who is also transgender. As if relationships weren't difficult enough to navigate already, I can't seem to figure out how to navigate the intersection of my identity with potential partners—everything tends to come to a screeching halt when I mention being trans. What do you do when your community only accepts half of who you are?

Dear Multifaceted Marvel, Thank you for offering such a profound and important question that we certainly don't talk enough about as a community. You are definitely not alone in your pondering of how to navigate more than one queer identity. Being marginalized in one way is enough, without adding an additional identity that can make a person feel deeply overwhelmed. Let's discuss why this is—and some possibilities for navigating it successfully.

Let me just say up front that dating sucks (and not in a good way). Some people love the journey of meeting strangers—wondering if they like you and if you really like them, and then endlessly navigating where things are going and if things are still okay. Well, good for those people—most of us hate these emotionally and financially draining ordeals. And that's just the dating part alone! Now add in our many identities: gender, race, religion, economic status, abilities, disabilities, and sexual orientation further complicate what is inherently a difficult process. Straight, white, cis, able-bodied folks make endless movies, songs, and TV shows about the perils of finding someone who likes them, and they have every privilege going for them. Not fair at all! So take comfort in the fact that you are completely justified in saying that this is no easy task. Too often I see friends, families, and fellow experts say the tired go-to

lines of, "There's somebody out there for everyone," "Just keep putting yourself out there," and "Don't give up, there is still time." And while there is truth to all of those things, they can also be a form of gas-lighting to the realities of dating as a minority.

The LGBTQ+ community is a complicated place. For most of our history, the "G" faction held most of the power, and even today most queer spaces are for gay cisgender males who are predominantly white and wealthy. Few in the community have taken the time and energy to understand that gender, sex, and sexual orientation are all completely different things. While many LGB people have educated themselves about sexual orientation, far fewer have put as much effort into understanding gender and the trans community. This is not only a shame, but a loss and tragedy for our people. One kind of queer is no less than another kind, and all need an equal platform for being heard and celebrated.

So what can you do? You are finding partners who are okay with you being a gay man. Yay! That's hard enough, right? But then you mention that you are a trans man, and poof, they disappear. That is awful and unfair. The problem is that you are trying to date people who can only love part of you, not all of you, and all of you is what you 100 percent deserve and can get. So, how do you find these people? My first suggestion is to look beyond outlets for cis men who identify as gay. Look into outlets for other trans men who will not only be comfortable with all of your identities, but who will also genuinely connect to your experiences. Secondly, look past men who identify as gay. There are bi and pansexual men who aren't attracted to only one gender/sex and can be completely and totally into every part of who you are. You shouldn't have to feel afraid of disclosing your identity and truth in order to find love/sex/companionship. Be open and upfront with who you are, and ask for nothing less than a partner who adores and admires your whole being. In Sex Positivity, Dr. Laura

Dear Dr. Laura, I hear people in the queer community talk about being "tops" or "bottoms" and feeling very strongly about which one they are. Why do you think some people only want to top or bottom during sex?

Dear Positional Ponderer, Tops and bottoms, bottoms and tops. Like dogs or cats (and chocolate or vanilla), people love to pick sides and stick to them like glue. Part of it is evolutionary—we humans like to categorize things to better understand ourselves and the world around us. We find comfort in labeling our experiences and the experiences of others so that we can process where we fit into society. As comforting and confirming as labels can be, they are also limiting and often lead to a hierarchy of "better" and "worse" options.

Top and bottom identities can be found in numerous queer communities, but are most often associated with gay men. Lesbians use them as well, and almost all other queer communities use them at least intermittently. Top and bottom are also different than dominant and submissive identities, but can sometimes be used interchangeably. Tops are most often the giver of sexual penetration or dominance, while bottoms are seen as the receivers and may take a more submissive role (though not always, which is known as topping from the bottom). Then there are versatile, who feel comfortable in either role/position.

Both roles are normal, healthy, and good. No one should say that one is better or worse than the other, but sadly we too often do. Bottoms are often seen as weak/feminine/passive, when this is not at all true. These beliefs actually stem from misogyny, or the disdain/hatred of women. Since heterosexual women traditionally receive their male partner's body during sex, bottoms are equated to women and thus seen as "less than" tops due to patriarchal beliefs about gender. This is terrible for women, for bottoms, and for everyone else involved. Whether a person enjoys the physical positioning of being on the bottom or top in a sexual encounter (and whether they separately enjoy a more dominant or submissive role) does not make that person better/worse, more masculine/feminine, or weaker/stronger than the other. As queer people, we are already marginalized and put down for our sexuality and desires by far too many in society. Let's agree to instead embrace what we like, label it if we choose, and celebrate whatever works best for each individual. In Sex Positivity, Dr. Laura

Dr. Laura McGuire is certified as a sexuality educator through the American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists.

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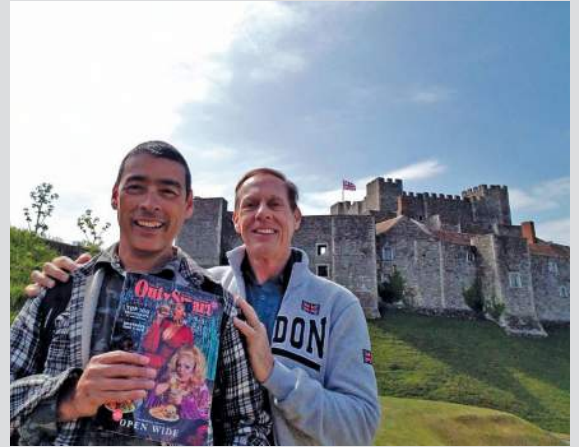
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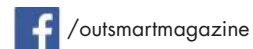
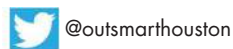
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PORTRAITS OF PRIDE

Houston photographer's campaign
puts faces on LGBTQ activism.

By Kim Hogstrom

Photographer Eric Edward Schell spent 17 years working in the performing arts before he finally answered the beckoning call of his camera.

When he decided to abandon the stage and start taking photographs, Schell was a permanent member of a musical theater company at the Hobby Center.

Does he have any regrets?

"I miss it, but not much," Schell says. "When I decided to shoot photos, it was the best decision I ever made. Photography is my passion and joy. It's my calling."

Schell is the artist behind P.R.I.D.E. Portraits, a Houston-based nonprofit photography studio dedicated to celebrating the courageous members of the LGBTQ movement—who currently happen to be under intense fire in Texas. P.R.I.D.E. is the acronym for Photographs Representing Individuals Deserving Equality.

Schell captures images of those who are making a difference—the people driving society's evolving awareness and understanding of LGBTQ issues. His work has been recognized by the Human Rights Campaign, GLAAD, and Equality Texas, and featured in the Huffington Post, *Elle Magazine*, *Harper's Bazaar*, *Good Housekeeping*, and on NBC's *Today Show*.



His Passion and Joy
Photographer
Eric Edward Schell

"[LGBTQ] visibility is key to promoting the humanization of a group of people who are facing dehumanization every day, in many different ways," Schell says.

By celebrating the people who are making a difference, Schell has become a leader in the effort himself. The unseen artist behind the lens is now a powerful, vocal, and visible advocate.

Originally from El Salvador, Schell grew up in San Francisco before moving to New York City and then to Houston in 2008 to be

with his family.

The P.R.I.D.E. Portraits campaign includes images of anyone who cares—gay, trans, and their allies. "Any letter in the alphabet," Schell says.

"One of the important elements of P.R.I.D.E. Portraits is that it is not limited to educating those outside our community, but also those within," he explains.

"For example, when we won marriage equality, I thought the fight was over," he says. "I quickly learned that it's not. By becoming personally involved with the trans community through my work, I've learned of the struggles of trans and gender-expansive individuals. It drove me to become an outspoken advocate and activist for trans rights."

Schell expresses dismay about the "tribal" dynamics that have historically divided the LGBTQ community into L, G, B, and T factions.

"Starting with Stonewall, trans people stood up and led the way toward equality for all of us," he says. "Why would we, as gay and



Workshop
Photographer
Eric Edward
Schell's studio.

bi men and women, not fight with all our powers—be it with our voices, our connections, or economic support—for them?”

Houston-based trans activist Lou Weaver sees tremendous value in Schell’s campaign.

“P.R.I.D.E. Portraits has created a universe of like-minded people,” Weaver says. “We are now an army in solidarity, moving understanding and compassion forward. It is playing a very powerful role.”

Every aspect of Schell’s photos has been carefully considered. His backdrops were designed by Hugo Perez, Schell’s business partner and fellow artist. Perez manages the campaign’s administration and the magnificent graphic elements that contribute beautifully to the overall impact of the images.

The portraits themselves are intentionally authentic and honest. Very little in the way of digital magic is used in Schell’s production process.

“I usually don’t edit. I only highlight the subjects,” Schell explains. “When we shoot

in the studio, I put on music and try to get to know the person. I ask, ‘What do you want the world to know about you?’ Then I try to humanize them. It is critical for society to see the humanity in all of us now.”

The artist also asks his subjects to write a paragraph about themselves, and the written responses often leave Schell breathless, even tearful.

“By allowing people the freedom to be themselves, I am honored and humbled by what they choose to share,” he says. “Some have chosen that moment to come out. I am often moved by their willingness to be vulnerable. It is always revealing, and I try to capture that beauty.”

Stephen Miranda has been observing the campaign for more than a year, and has witnessed the impact it has had.

“A lot of people say, ‘I have never known a trans person,’” Miranda says. “When I hear that, I direct them to Eric’s portraits and Facebook page. When these individuals put

a face on trans people, it results in establishing compassion and empathy. I have seen this same dynamic play out over and over and over again.”

But Schell’s trans advocacy is no longer limited to his art. He recently testified in front of a legislative committee against Senate Bill 6, the anti-trans bathroom bill championed by Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick.

“A year ago, I was not familiar with the trans community,” Schell said in his testimony. “Then I photographed a campaign giving visibility to trans people.”

“I have seen for myself how transphobia damages people—the violence and fear it generates,” he added. “I urge you to take the time to get to know the trans and intersex community. Clearly, Dan Patrick and those who support SB6 have not done that. Shame on you.”

Who among us could have said it better?

Kim Hogstrom is a frequent contributor to OUTSMART magazine.

The following eight pages contain 24 images from the P.R.I.D.E. Portraits campaign, along with statements submitted by the subjects. The images were chosen by OUTSMART magazine to reflect the diversity of Houston’s LGBTQ community. For more images from the campaign, visit PridePortraits.org, Facebook.com/PridePortraits, or Instagram.com/PridePortraits.



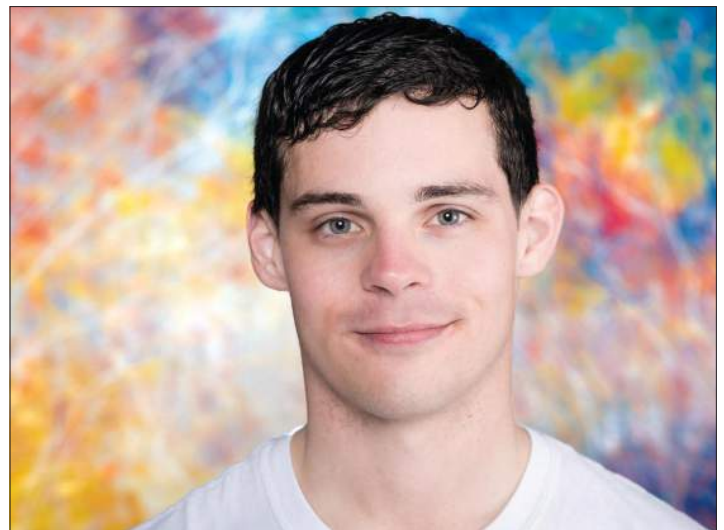
JESSICA ZYRIE

Nobody can give you freedom. You fight for it. Nobody can give you equality. You demand it. Nobody can give you self-actualization. You discover it. Belonging to a society where statistics continuously prove that people like me are “less than,” I refuse to be silent. I allowed society’s hatred toward the marginalized pieces of my identity to shame me into silence for so long, but I am no longer hiding. I am a black transgender woman of color who promised herself to live as visibly, authentically, and unapologetically as possible. I encourage you to do the same.



LILLIAN WALLACE

I am a communications technician for a fire department in Harris County, and the first openly transgender member of the department. I’ve received support and compassion above and beyond anything I expected, but with the recent political events, I feel under the gun. I’m disappointed that where I pee has become an issue—none of the women I work with have a problem with it. I want the same things anyone else wants—a good job, a comfortable home, a loving spouse, to maybe start a family someday, and above all, peace of mind. I do not want to molest anyone’s daughter, sister, aunt, or wife in the restroom, nor does any other trans woman I have ever encountered.



LUCAS LANDRY

I’m about to ship off to the Marines. Everyone at the recruiting station has been chill, but I still worry about being accepted once I’m actually in. The military isn’t known as the most queer-friendly environment, but all the Marines I’ve talked to say no one minds if you’re one way or the other. They just need to know you can do your job. I like that. I’m very proud of my identity, and I wouldn’t want to hide it. I know a lot of people don’t take me seriously when I tell them my sexuality. Most of my family thinks it’s a phase or something, but I don’t care. I know who I am, and I know what I want. I am bisexual, and I want to be a Marine.



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FRAN WATSON

As a black, lesbian, cisgender, plus-size woman with a gap in her teeth, it took me a long time to be happy and accept myself. When we look for leaders or spokespersons, a certain image often comes to mind. We see that image in the media all the time, and it can create a feeling of being “less than.” It did for me. However, with the support of a loving wife and a community of differences, I’ve learned self-love in a new and beautiful way. We’re our own spokespersons, and authenticity is what matters. Therefore, the world should know: Black lives matter. LGBTQ lives matter. All women matter. I matter. As long as I’m able to stand with my siblings in the fight for equality and equity, I will work to show that we all matter.



JAMIE D. GONZALES

I spend every day with LGBTQ young adults as the Program Coordinator at the University of Houston’s LGBTQ Resource Center. During my first few months in this position, students across campus shared their intimate stories. Even though many include accounts of depression, drug and alcohol abuse, suicidal ideation, discrimination, and more, these young queer adults show incredible resiliency and determination to not only persevere, but show up as leaders on campus and activists in the community. It is a humbling experience to be a part of each journey and witness the progress in our community. These students are the reason I am honored to be a part of this community.



SCOTT LUPTON

A year and a half ago, I was diagnosed with HIV. Three months ago, I typed that online and shared it with the world. It was scarier than I imagined, but that’s why I did it—to put a face to this disease. There’s still so much stigma and ignorance around HIV/AIDS. It was a coming-out process all over again, but I have amazing family, friends, and people from the Houston theater community who’ve supported me. I hope my story helps others come out and embrace whatever it is they feel ashamed about, or feel they have to keep secret. I was afraid of being reduced to “just another gay statistic,” but that hasn’t happened. I’m more than this virus that is living with me. It is living with me; I am not living with it. And I am so much more than that.

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STEPHEN MIRANDA

I am the America you are afraid of. I am a second-generation homosexual and fifth-generation Latino-American, an overeducated/underpaid millennial with a Muslim/immigrant stepmother from Iran, and I was named after my mother's best friend who died of AIDS. I am an artist, an activist, a friend, a brother, a son. I am unbruised by your slurs and threats and fists and laws and presidents. I am loved, I am here, and I am proud. My voice is my weapon, my smile is my shield, and my purpose is the fight for equality that I will never quit. It's a fight that you will never win. I am unbreakable. I am happy. And I am free.



JOELLE NICOLE SALATERSKI

I am a parent, grandparent, daughter, sister, and loving friend. I am also transgender. Being transgender does not define me. I am much more than that. I have always believed that a person's character—how they treat others—is more important than the color of their skin, or who they love, or who they worship. Finally being myself—out in public for all to see—isn't easy, as most will tell you. It takes strength, willpower, and the courage to maybe lose everything—everyone in your life—just to be yourself. To find inner peace, I (like most of the amazing people I have met on my journey) will not go back in the closet. So you might as well get used to us, because we are not going anywhere.



LANDON RICHIE

I came out as transgender at age 11. The looming possibilities, consequences, and “what ifs” weighed heavily on my mind. I didn't know how my life would play out—if I'd receive support from my friends and family, or if I'd ever be content with my identity. Now, at 14, I'm so grateful to be able to express my transgender identity with pride. I am valid. I am proud. Nobody can tell me I can't live authentically. That's why I fight for those unable to be themselves. We are people—beautiful, courageous, valid, creative, authentic, and so much more than the toxic stereotypes.

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REZA NOURI

When I was 14, I emigrated here to flee an oppressive theocracy in Iran. Growing up in a restrictive society taught me the value of free speech, political activism, and equality. After moving to Houston in the 1990s, I opened a neighborhood salon in Montrose. Through my salon's customers, I've seen the struggle and the progress for equality over many years. As a gay Jew from Iran, I recognize how lucky I am to live in Houston and this country. These experiences have profoundly affected my desire to see real social change through political success. Let my country of origin's story serve as a warning about the importance of progressives staying politically engaged. We have much to lose. To anyone who is feeling isolated, I must emphasize that there is hope.



YOLANDA HICKMAN

I am me, I am enough, I am great. I am a lesbian. The LGBTQ community, we are family. We are diverse. We are individuals. Together we are strong. For me, Pride is about the gay community being visible and belonging to a community, a town, a city, a nation, and the world. It's about spreading hope that things will get better and things will continue to improve. The first time I attended a Pride parade after coming out was a different yet meaningful experience for me. Walking in that parade wasn't just about having fun; it was a declaration of personal self-acceptance. It was a declaration that I really was a part of the LGBTQ community.



STEVE KIRKLAND

I learned long ago that in order to survive, I had to be all of who I was, everywhere I was. I was 24 when I sobered up and came out. I couldn't do one without also doing the other. That is how I found the joy of authentic connection with friends and family, the constancy of true love with my partner and now husband of 30 years, and the power of a community that encourages and supports me in all that I am. I am a gay husband, friend, uncle, biker, hiker, occasional couch-potato, lawyer, student, teacher, advocate, activist, and judge.

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SUANNE BRADY

I'm part of a generation or two of women—women of a certain age—who struggled with sexual identity and the “shoulds” that our parents shared with us. We were raised to believe our worth was tied to our ability to find a man. Every time I approached my sexuality, I was stopped from finding the lesbian community. Finally, I was just able to accept myself on my own. Here I am, a 50-plus-year-old woman who came out three years ago, hoping to help other older women find their way home.



ASHTON P. WOODS

I take pride in my blackness at the intersection of being gay or same-gender-loving, because I can only be my true self. I take pride in knowing that two women—one black and one brown, by the names of Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera, in all of their transgender identity—made life a little easier for a cisgender gay man like me. Gaining the pride to love who I love without boundaries comes closer every day. But liberation still eludes us as long as some continue to be marginalized and left on the fringes. This is why it is important to recognize that black lives matter, trans lives matter, and that everyone deserves some pride in their lives. Liberation is what pride means to me.”



RIAZ RASHAUD POORAN

I was born and raised in a Muslim family. When I got to college, I was able to embrace my true self. Then, due to my circumstances, I moved back home. I met someone who made me smile, laugh, angry, sad—and everything in between. I decided in 2011 to come out to my family, and it was not received well. I went through a deep depression and wasn't sure what to do. Our love grew, and he was always there for me. It has been a bumpy journey, but my family is making strides. Fast-forward five years, and I'm still in love with my partner and have moved to Houston to start a new chapter. No matter what your background or upbringing, love will always conquer.

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JANUARI LEO

I've been an ally to the LGBTQIA community for a very long time, but ever since I had kids, it has become significantly more personal. My daughter came out as pansexual when she was 14, and it broke my heart to see her anxiety and fear over what the reaction from both her peers and family members might be. But people will continually surprise you—there was very little drama, and a whole lot of love and support. I love that she feels free to be her authentic self, and I'll fight till my last breath to make sure she and my son are always free to be who they are.

LILLIE SCHECHTER

Twenty-one years ago, my uncle was tragically killed while on vacation with his "roommate." They had hidden their relationship from friends and family, and ended up being buried apart. Although times have changed some, the LGBT community is still under attack, and we have to fight back until everyone has equal rights under the law. Whether it's when I served as the first straight ally on the Houston Human Rights Campaign Steering Committee, marching with friends and strangers in the Pride parade, or serving the progressive community as chair of the Harris County Democratic Party, I have done what I can to motivate others to help make our community every person's community.



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ANA SANCHEZ

My friends and family have always known I am involved in social-justice causes, and they assume I am an ally. Only my husband and a cousin know I am bisexual. Coming forward with that truth is difficult when even the LGBTQ community at times questions the legitimacy of bisexuality. In Houston, the opportunity to serve through Bunnies on the Bayou and raise money for the LGBTQ community has been freeing, and has given me a social connection I may not have otherwise found. Thank y'all so much for this opportunity!



MIKE WEBB

I am black and gay, and my identities are inseparable. Oftentimes, we place people in these boxes that make it more comfortable for us to understand them. For example, I am often better received in white spaces when I prioritize issues that impact the LGBTQ community, but I'm shunned when I tackle racism. And vice versa when I am in black spaces. Ultimately, in America today, we can get killed for being black and we can get killed for being queer. And my blackness and my queerness are both living with HIV. It is impossible for me to segregate the issues that impact our communities. The day we can unite our issues, and develop solutions for collectively overcoming inequity and inequality, will be the day we truly build communities that are safer for us all.

GEOFFREY THIBEAUX

I've been with my partner throughout his transition. Although I never thought I would be a part of the transgender world, he has continued to challenge my beliefs every day. I consider myself very lucky to have been brought into this bright and wonderful world that is so full of life and love. I am cis, I am male, I am pansexual. My small world has been expanded a million times—so much that I know every single person in the world can love and understand each other, no matter their circumstances. We must continue to talk, and to love those who are scared of how beautiful we are. We are worth the struggle each of us undergoes each day. I believe in you, I believe in us, and I love you.



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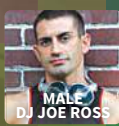
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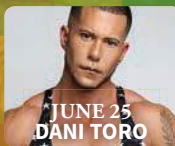
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JERRY MAI

The future generations of the LGBTQ community should know they are never alone. We must continue to stand up against the hate that has been thrown at us for a very long time. It is our duty to take action and get involved in any way we can, so that we can achieve equality for all Americans. When I was kicked out of my home for coming out as a gay teen, I didn't have anyone there for me. Thanks to members of the Human Rights Campaign who accepted, guided, and molded me, today I am a proud, achieving adult and activist.



A. DANIEL RAMOS

I am a sixth-generation Two Spirit/Chicano/Tejano. Twenty years ago, I thought my life was over when I was diagnosed with HIV. I thought no one would love me. I felt that I let down my family and my friends. I was ashamed and scared. With love from my familia, and my connection to Tonantzin/Mother Earth, I realized I was given an opportunity to make a change in my life and impact the lives of others. Learning from fierce community leaders and healers, I realized I was not alone. There was and is hope, love, and life to live and share. As I walk, I wish to share my life and love with all. I seek to promote acceptance, healing, and understanding. ■

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Planning Your Pride

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Rainbow Ritual

The 2017 Houston Pride Parade steps off at 8:30 p.m. on June 24.

Wear your rainbow best and get downtown early for a good parking spot, as there will be hundreds of thousands of folks celebrating the 2017 Houston LGBT Pride Festival on June 24. The party kicks off at noon at Hermann Square in front of City Hall, and frolics along until the big nighttime parade beginning at 8:30 p.m. But don't expend all your energy on just one day, because Pride Houston (one of the oldest and biggest Pride parties in the South) rocks and rolls along all month long! Here's the lowdown on the rundown of events in and around Houston. →



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June 1

♦ **Pride Superstar Competition**

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♦ **HATCH Youth Prom**

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hatchyouth.org

June 2

♦ **Stripper Circus**

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richsnightclub.com

June 3

♦ **LHI's Health Fare**

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lhihouston.org

June 4

♦ **Trash Disco 2017**

Krewe of Olympus kicks off Pride with a party at Rich's. The disco starts at 4 p.m.

kreweofolympus.org



Super Sing-Off

Season 11 of the Pride Superstar competition, won last year by Christina Edwards Wells (pictured), continues at Rich's through June 22.

June 5

♦ HIV Long-Term Survivor's Awareness Day

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June 8

♦ Pride Superstar Competition

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June 9

♦ This Is How We Pride

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June 10 & 11

♦ Galveston Pride Beach Bash

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galveston.gaycities.com

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June 16

♦ Gay Men's Chorus of Houston Concert

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June 22

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♦ Pride Superstar Competition Finale

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June 23

♦ Eden, A Girl Pride Party

This is an official Pride Houston party for the ladies at Pearl Bar (okay, guys can come, too). Starts at 5 p.m., must be 21 years of age, and there's a suggested \$10 donation at the door. Fun includes an inflatable funhouse, silent auction, and a burlesque show!
pridehouston.org

♦ Rainbow on the Green

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tinyurl.com/pride-mixer

June 24

Houston Pride Festival

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pridehouston.org

Pride Pub Crawl

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Wet and Wild

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June 25

♦ Mad Tea (the Official Closing Party)

Don't be sad, come back to Rich's for one final blowout until next year! Cover charge TBA. It starts at 5 p.m. and runs until midnight. pridehouston.org

June 30—July 4

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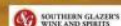
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Partners in Pride

Sallie Wyatt-Woodell succeeds her wife, Carol, as female grand marshal.

By **Brandon Wolf**

A 40th birthday is something most people are ambivalent about, and it's usually not a milestone they remember years later.

But Sallie Wyatt-Woodell will always remember her 40th birthday—April 27, the same day she was named female grand marshal of the Houston Pride parade.

“Especially because I’m still at a relatively early age, and I had some very strong and very deserving competition, it was fabulous to feel the love and support of my community, and to know that they appreciate how hard I’m working to make things better,” Wyatt-Woodell says.

In being named this year’s grand marshal, she and her wife, Carol Wyatt-Woodell, have made history as the first couple in which both partners have received the honor. Carol served as Pride grand marshal in 2010.

“It highlights what kind of a couple we are—both of us are tireless volunteers,” Wyatt-Woodell says. “It does make our relationship easier. With many couples, one partner is actively involved and the other stays more at home. We understand when the other can’t be home some evenings due to a volunteer activity. But we do [set aside regular nights] on our calendars as date nights.”

Sallie Wyatt-Woodell was born in Houston



Couple of Activists

Sallie Wyatt-Woodell (l) and her wife, Carol, are the first couple in which both spouses have been named Pride Houston grand marshals.

in 1977. She credits her parents with instilling in her an awareness that she was lucky to have been given so many advantages, and a sense of

responsibility to share them by volunteering.

She came out at age 24. “I wanted to be authentic,” Wyatt-Woodell says.

After earning a degree in English literature at Rhodes College

in Tennessee, she worked at Barnes & Noble in Houston, rising from bookseller to department manager. For the last seven years, she’s worked as a paralegal.

Bored with the bar scene, Wyatt-Woodell began volunteering in the LGBT community in 2010 by taking a friend’s advice and joining The Diana Foundation. The organization had only three female members at the time, and she says the men charmed her into joining. She would serve as secretary for three terms.

But Wyatt-Woodell felt she needed more lesbians in her life, so in 2013 she joined the Kindred Spirits Endowment Foundation, which arose from the 1980s nightclub Kindred Spirits. The Foundation supports nonprofits providing health and human-services assistance to women. It was at a Kindred Spirits meeting that Sallie met Carol.

“A board meeting is a good place to see someone’s core values,” says Sallie, who →



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served as secretary for Kindred Spirits until its absorption into the Montrose Center in 2016.

Carol Wyatt-Woodell, a former Pride Houston president, is known for her annual fundraising Christmas party that has raised thousands in each of the last 16 years to benefit groups such as Out for Education, the Creating Change Conference, HRC's Welcoming Schools program, and the Montrose Center's NEST program.

Since 2013, Sallie Wyatt-Woodell has served as co-host of the Christmas fundraiser, now known as "Carol & Sallie's Christmas Party."

"We are awed to be the first couple to both win this wonderful honor," Carol says. "Community involvement brought us together, and it continues to be the foundation for our social lives and our network of friends. We don't do what we do for the recognition, but we have to admit that we are very proud that we'll both be able to wear the grand-marshal medals."

Reflecting on her community involvement, Sallie says she seeks out organizations and activities that are diverse. "Especially now, we should all be working together, not against other members of the community," she says.

She currently serves as volunteer outreach coordinator for OutReach United, which has raised over \$350,000 for LGBT organizations since 2006. After joining the Out for Education board in 2013, she was elected president of that organization last month.

"I loved the mission statement—'Invest in our future,'" she says. "A lot of LGBT kids are kicked out of their homes and [can barely] survive, much less go to college. The organization awards 50 scholarships a year."

In 2016, Sallie Wyatt-Woodell branched out into politics by joining the Houston chapter of The Victory Fund, which is dedicated to electing LGBT candidates to office. "The annual [Victory Fund] brunch is a favorite of mine," she says. "At last year's brunch, something really resonated with me—I was incredibly moved with all of the speakers. And I was getting worried about the 2016 election. I'm an optimist, but the current political situation scares me."

In fact, she calls it "terrifyingly unstable."

"Women's rights are under attack, and things could go very, very badly," she says, adding that she draws hope from the energy of recent protests and the number of women running for office.

"I hope the momentum continues, and carries us through a 2018 midterm victory," she says.

In addition to her LGBT activism, Wyatt-Woodell is involved with animal rescue. "It's like a third-world country out there for homeless animals in Houston," she says. She and her wife share their home with three rescue

dogs—Charlie, Chance, and Winnie—and two rescue cats, Metro and Molly Ivins.

“We are huge fans of Molly Ivins,” Wyatt-Woodell says of the legendary Texas journalist. “When we met that cat, we had just seen a one-woman play about Ivins, and the cat seemed so much like her. She doesn’t put up with anything from our big dogs—and she’s smart, opinionated, and very well-spoken.”

The same could be said of Wyatt-Woodell herself.

Returning to the subject of LGBT rights, she says she looks forward to the day when the community is truly equal, and no longer treated as second-class citizens.

“[That means] not having to worry that current marriages could be voided, feeling secure we can visit the ones we love in a hospital, not having to [worry about] where we go because we might be discriminated against or attacked, being able to raise kids in loving environments [where they won’t] be judged for who their parents are, and not being hated by religious and political groups,” she says.

“Compassion can truly make our own little corners of the world better places,” she adds. “If you can put a name and face to a gay person, your mind will be changed. It’s no longer some sinner, it’s Carol and Sallie across the street.”

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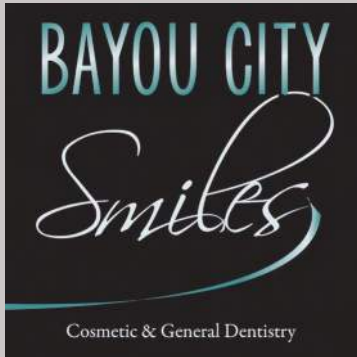
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Marshaling Visibility

Activist Lou Weaver makes history as first trans man selected for the honor.

By **Brandon Wolf**

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Lou Weaver's epiphany occurred at a drag show in 2008, when he happened to strike up a conversation with another man who identified as transgender.

At one point, the man said, "Oh my God, I must call you 'he.'"

Weaver says it was the first time he'd felt truly validated for who he was. That simple statement managed to change his life and propel him forward.

He hasn't stopped since.

This year, Weaver received another major validation—being selected as the male grand marshal for the 2017 Houston Pride parade. On the night of the grand-marshal announcements, he was in Dallas for his job as a coordinator for trans programming at Equality Texas. But he watched via Facebook Live on OUTSMART's Facebook page.

"I was very excited and very happy—especially that Houston elected a transgender man for this honor for the first time," he says. "Ninety percent of people know someone who is gay or lesbian, but only 10 percent know a transgender individual. We want to change that."

In addition to his work at Equality Texas, where he oversees the award-winning Texas TransVisible Project, Weaver is a popular speaker on trans topics, especially healthcare. He's advised several Fortune 500 companies and law-enforcement agencies on trans-inclusive policies, and he currently serves on the Human Rights Campaign's National Board of Governors as co-chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

For Weaver, like many trans people, it's been a remarkable journey. He was born in



He's the First

Lou Weaver speaks at a news conference at Houston City Hall on January 5.

1970 in southern California and moved with his family to Colorado when he was seven.

By age 19, Weaver was self-identifying as a masculine lesbian. He knew he was attracted to women, but he didn't feel like a typical lesbian—and didn't know there were other options.

"I saw *Boys Don't Cry*," Weaver says, referring to the iconic 1999 film about the hate-crime murder of transman Brandon Teena. "That occurred in Nebraska. In Wyoming, Matthew Shepard was murdered. I didn't feel very comfortable in Colorado, right between those two incidents. People I knew were nervous, too."

In 2002, he moved to Houston to be close to his mother. After being validated by the man at the drag show, Weaver began using male pronouns. He started hormone therapy, eventually underwent "top surgery," and legally changed

his name and gender marker.

In 2009, Weaver accepted an invitation from his friend and community leader Lilly Roddy to speak about trans issues as part of a panel discussion at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, which he called an "amazing experience." He later joined the Houston-based Transgender Foundation of America, and attended his first Houston Transgender Unity Banquet.

"I'd never seen that many people celebrating transgender Houstonians," he says. "I was overwhelmed—seeing allies, spouses, friends, and even Mayor [Annise] Parker."

Weaver also joined the local group STAG (Some Transgenders Are Guys). "It was wonderful to see other guys just like me, and to see myself reflected in them," he says.

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effort to add a trans marker at the Montrose Remembrance Garden, the memorial honoring LGBT victims of violence. A trans woman, Myra Ical, had recently been brutally murdered and dumped in a field in Montrose. "At the memorial service in that field, so many people showed up to honor her. It was the first time I spoke publicly, and it was a turning point for me," he says. "I realized I couldn't forget those who are fighting daily. I walk through the world with privilege, while others are struggling day-to-day just to survive."

In 2014, Weaver co-chaired the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Creating Change Conference in Houston. And in 2015, he was very active in efforts to pass—and later defend—the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance. "Our opponents were attacking part of my community, saying trans women were predators," Weaver says of the HERO fight. Before transitioning, Weaver had been told to get out of women's restrooms. But when he started using men's rooms, there were no problems.

"I'm invisible as a transgender man, but my transgender sisters need protection," he says, adding he was devastated by the repeal of HERO. "I really didn't see that coming."

Fran Watson, president of the Houston GLBT Political Caucus, says Weaver "did not stop" during the HERO fight. "He worked tirelessly to lobby City Council, and he worked even harder until the last vote was cast on November 3, 2015," Watson says. "Lou wore several hats, educated the masses, slept few hours, and drank a lot of Dr Pepper."

Weaver joined the staff of Equality Texas in 2016 as the group's first coordinator of trans programs. He travels the state educating people through presentations and workshops, and seeks out others who are willing to share their stories. The Texas TransVisible Project, which uses photographs and videos to present the trans community in a realistic manner, recently won a bronze recognition from the national Telly Awards in the Online Video/Web Series category. "We need to expose people to trans people, so they realize who we are," Weaver says.

In addition to promoting visibility, two of Weaver's top priorities are combatting violence against trans women of color and advocating for trans healthcare. "They are so rejected, and often have to turn to dangerous situations like sex work just to survive," he says of trans women of color, adding that healthcare is also "a huge problem."

"We live in the third-largest U.S. city, with a world-class medical center, and yet the doctors aren't even trained about transgender health issues such as hormones," he says.

Nevertheless, Weaver believes the tide began to turn in favor of trans rights about five years ago, and people are now willing to be

educated on the issues.

"Historically, all homophobia is trans-phobia," he says. "Homophobia is [rooted in gender-based] standards of behavior, and those who don't conform are rejected."

But he avoids labeling those who oppose trans rights as "haters."

"They just live narrow lives," he says. "Labeling them 'haters' is just going to make them angry and harder to reach."

Weaver says the presence of trans celebrities like Caitlyn Jenner and Laverne Cox, as well as trans characters on popular TV shows, have made his work easier. He adds that he was "amazed" by the recent election of 18-year-old Mike Floyd (who ran on a platform of support for trans rights) to the Pearland school board.

Despite occasional setbacks, Weaver says his faith is renewed "every time I get to have a conversation, or if I see parents supporting their trans children, or when I go somewhere and I'm not the only trans person there."

Overall, he calls the state of the trans movement "pretty exciting."

"If you don't grab on, it will pass you by," he says. "We are on a trajectory for success. Sometimes life is tough, but we are so much further ahead [in 2017 than I predicted] we would be two years ago."

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Her Sisters' Keeper

Activist and ally Aimee Broadhurst is fighting for her three lesbian siblings.

By **Brandon Wolf**

Aimee Broadhurst has vivid memories of Christmas as a child. She typically got “girl” gifts—clothes and dolls. But her younger sisters, Kellie and Kristy, got things like G.I. Joe action figures, model trains, a drum set, a trampoline, and even football gear.

“We used to watch Sunday-afternoon football, and they would dress up like their two favorite Washington Redskins players,” Broadhurst recalls.

Broadhurst didn’t give it much thought at the time. In fact, it wasn’t until her sisters came out to her decades later that things began to make sense. Later, their mother remarried and they gained a lesbian stepsister.

Having three out siblings helped inspire Broadhurst to become a passionate supporter of LGBT rights, culminating in her being named ally grand marshal for the 2017 Houston Pride parade. She says she’s “humbled and honored” by the recognition, and hopes to use the opportunity to reinforce and expand her work.

“If you have a problem with my sisters, then you have a problem with me,” Broadhurst says. “I have a justice personality. When I see something unfair, I try to fix it. I just came wired that way.”

Broadhurst, a corporate communications manager for Bank of America, serves as co-lead for the bank’s Ally Program that supports its



Aimee Broadhurst (c), the Houston Pride parade’s 2017 ally grand marshal, with two of her three gay sisters, Kellie (l) and Kristy. “If you have a problem with my sisters, you have a problem with me,” Broadhurst says.

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Broadhurst is also active in a local LGBT-affirming congregation, Plymouth United Church of Christ in Spring.

Although her sisters have partly fueled her activism, she says she first became an LGBT ally thanks to her many gay male friends at the Peabody Conservatory of

Music in Baltimore, where she attended college. And she credits her mother with instilling in her the importance of speaking up for the marginalized and the voiceless.

Broadhurst was born and raised in North Carolina. She recalls the family had a basketball hoop that her sisters used, but she preferred to read—often checking out 10 books at a time from the library.

Kellie and Kristy were athletes and members of the swimming, basketball, and tennis teams. Noting that “bathroom issues” go clear back to the 1970s, Broadhurst recalls one incident at a restaurant in which a woman tried to kick Kellie and Kristy out of the women’s restroom because they had short hair and were dressed like tomboys. But even then, Aimee suspected nothing.

“They dated [boys] in high school and →



Pride at Work

Broadhurst, shown with her husband, Trey, serves as co-lead for the 18,000-member Ally Program at Bank of America, which has become a model for other corporations.

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college," Broadhurst recalls, adding that she just thought "they were the athletes and I was the singer."

When Kristy came out to her in 1986, Broadhurst told her sister, "If that's who you are, that's who you are."

Kristy Kennedy now lives in Washington DC with her wife, Ginger, and three children they adopted from Russia. She called her sister's words "so comforting." "It helped me stop thinking there was something wrong with me," Kennedy says.

Broadhurst moved from North Carolina to The Woodlands in 2001 after her husband, Trey, accepted a job at Lone Star community college in Conroe. They have two daughters.

She first attended Houston Pride a few years ago, as part of a group from her church that served free snow cones to parade-goers.

"Gay people have been beaten over the head with the Bible because homosexuality does not fit into some people's belief systems," she says. "We felt it was important to show that some churches were affirming."

Broadhurst joined Plymouth UCC in 2010, after hearing about the church from gay friends. Her previous experiences in the Methodist and Episcopal churches had left her frustrated with the relationship between religion and the LGBT community.

She recalls that in the early 1990s, she attended a Methodist church in Charlotte where an assistant minister was disciplined after coming out from the pulpit during Pride Month.

After moving to Texas, she and her husband attended an Episcopal church in The Woodlands where the new rector proclaimed that he would never hire an openly gay man. Deeply hurt and angry, Broadhurst stood up and walked out of the service, tears streaming



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down her face. "But I did come back for communion, and made him see me with tears in my eyes," she says.

In 2009, at the request of a gay coworker, Broadhurst became communications lead for the LGBT Pride employee resource group at Bank of America. In 2013, under the umbrella of the Pride Network, she helped launch the bank's Ally Program.

She was inspired in part by seeing the differences in her two sisters' work environments, where one was out and the other was not. "It fueled my passion to be visible as a straight ally at the bank," Broadhurst says. "I don't ever want a colleague to feel like they cannot be who they are. The Ally Program shows how we truly are better when we are connected. Those connections are only possible in an environment where every single person brings their whole self to work every day."

According to Bank of America's website, the Ally Program provides opportunities for employees to participate in educational and volunteer events while learning how to assist the LGBT community in the challenges it faces.

For each of the last four years, Broadhurst has spoken about the Ally Program at the Out & Equal Workplace Summit—the nation's pre-eminent conference on LGBT workplace issues attended by more than 3,000 business leaders. "We don't just showcase it," Broadhurst says. "We show other companies how they can implement such a program."

Kennedy attended one of the Workplace Summits where her sister spoke. "People flocked to her, showing her the gratitude they have," Kennedy says.

Asked about Aimee's selection as Houston's 2017 ally grand marshal, Kennedy adds, "I could not be more proud of her."

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Pride Houston Honors Three 'Treasures of the Community'

Special committee selects Tony Carroll, Marion Coleman, and Arden Eversmeyer as honorary grand marshals.

By **Brandon Wolf**

For the first time, Pride Houston has chosen three honorary grand marshals for the 2017 parade. While the traditional grand marshals are nominated and elected by the LGBT community, the honorary marshals were selected by a special Pride Houston committee.

This year's honorary grand marshals will be Arden Eversmeyer, Marion Coleman, and the late Tony Carroll. "They are treasures of the community—local heroes who have been hidden behind the scenes," says Frankie Quijano, Pride Houston's board president.

Tony Carroll



The late Tony Carroll was a licensed clinical social worker whose Houston psychotherapy practice had served mainly LGBT individuals and couples since the 1980s. His

groundbreaking workshops for LGBT singles and couples were very successful, and he was the first openly gay president of the Texas Society for Clinical Social Work.

In 1995, Carroll met his future husband, Bruce Smith, and they became an inseparable couple—even sharing the same building for their professional practices. Smith is a dentist, so friends affectionately referred to them as "Dental and Mental." They were legally married in Canada in 2003. Smith will represent his partner in the parade.

Their former Montrose townhouse was always open for fundraisers, and in 2013 they moved into a larger, custom-built home a few blocks away. "We designed it for large events," says Smith. Their political fundraisers for LGBT and LGBT-friendly candidates included such political figures as Kim Ogg, Steve Kirkland, and Chris Bell.

Situated on one of the Montrose streets where Pride floats used to line up before the parades, their home was open to anyone who needed to cool off, take a bathroom break, or charge their phone during the parade.

Carroll was greatly concerned about the plight of LGBT homeless youth. Today, a Montrose drop-in center—Tony's Place—is named for him.

Although well-known for his role as a therapist, few people knew that Carroll was a music major who loved opera and theater. The couple had a large church organ installed in their home, and Carroll was often asked to play it during their social events.

Carroll died unexpectedly in December 2015, while on a trip to New York City with Smith. Smith reveals that the last event Carroll attended was the annual Rockettes Christmas show. "It was a wonderful way for him to go," Smith says. "In his mind, he still had the images of sparkling dancers and a cannon that shot glitter all over the audience."

Marion Coleman

Coleman is best known as the owner of House of Coleman print shop, which she operated from 1970 to 2006. She also owned and operated Kindred Spirits, the legendary lesbian bar, from 1980 to 1989.

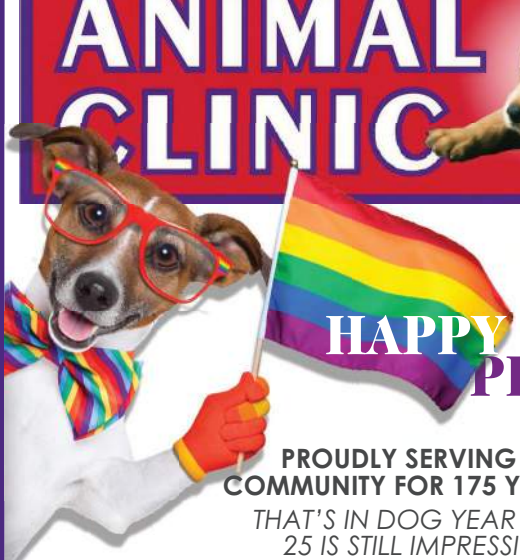
She is the winner of more than 30 achievement awards, presented to her by such organizations as the Montrose Center, Pride Houston, the Houston GLBT Political Caucus, the Imperial Court of Houston, OUTSMART magazine, Gulf Coast Archive & Museum, The Diana Foundation, Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church, and the Executive and Professional Association of Houston (EPAH). She was also named an Honorary Bunny for →



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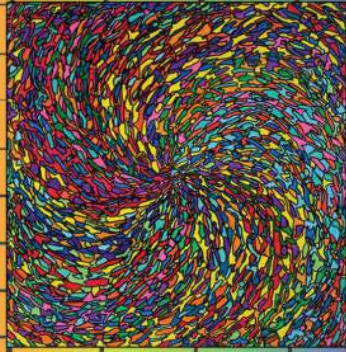
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Coleman has served as an officer or board member for nearly 40 organizations. She was active in the early years of the Montrose Clinic (now Legacy Community Health) and the Montrose Counseling Center (now the Montrose Center).

During the early days of the AIDS crisis, Coleman organized blood drives at Kindred Spirits and served on the EPAH Care Team. She printed high-quality memorial programs at no cost for victims of the epidemic, and helped organize countless fundraising events.

Coleman worked as a precinct organizer for political candidates such as Kathy Whitmire, Anthony Hall, Sheila Jackson Lee, Nikki Van Hightower, Eleanor Tinsley, and Debra Danburg. And she is especially proud of her least-known accomplishment—saving a giant oak tree on West Alabama, in front of House of Coleman. "I chained myself to the tree when they came to cut it down," she says.

Arden Eversmeyer



Eversmeyer founded Lesbians Over Age Fifty (LOAF) in 1987, after her partner of 33 years died. LOAF started with six women, but today has a membership of 175

people ranging in age from 50 to 92. Over the last 30 years, the group has laid to rest more than 75 members.

In 1997, Eversmeyer started the Old Lesbian Oral Herstory Project. She knew LOAF women in the end stages of their lives and wanted to capture the histories of those who were out long before the 1969 Stonewall riots that sparked the modern gay-rights movement. The Oral Herstory Project is now a national effort that has captured more than 550 histories. Two books have been published, and a third one is in the works. "Every one of us has a story," Eversmeyer says. "You don't have to climb Mount Everest for your life to be important and interesting."

Eversmeyer also built a library of lesbian periodicals, books, music, videos, and memorabilia. Last year, she transferred that collection—80 boxes of materials—to the Texas A&M University library. She and other LOAF members remain the most popular speakers at the Montrose Center's Hatch program for LGBT youth, recounting their life experiences.

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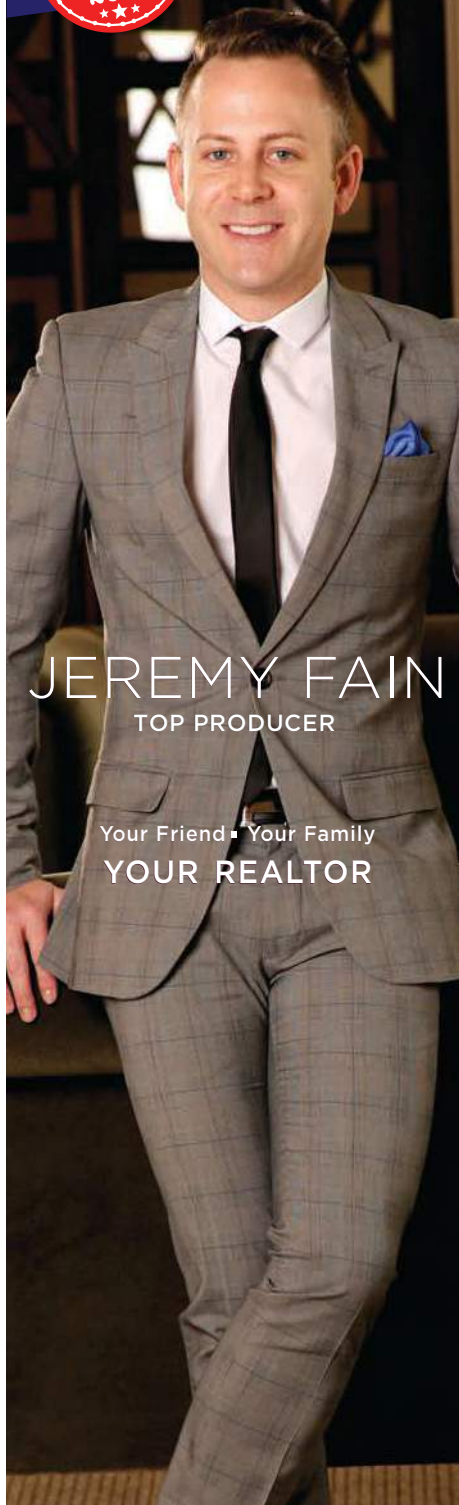


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Rainbow Keeps Rolling

'Voice' contestant, skating violinist will headline popular Pride event at Discovery Green.

By Marene Gustin

Pack up your friends and some picnic snacks for the outdoor pre-Pride Festival party at downtown's Discovery Green park. You can also bring the whole family—your kids and even your dogs, as long as they're on a leash. (The dogs, that is.)

"This is our seventh year," says park director Barry Mandel. "Last year, we had 5,000 people show up. It's become so popular that we now do Rainbow on Ice [during the holidays when Kinder Lake turns into an ice-skating rink], and this year in March we had our very first Rainbow and Roll with a roller rink."

Both of those events were sparked by the popularity of the original Rainbow on the Green during Pride Week. As for those picnic baskets, you don't have to bring one. In addition to the food and drink vendors, both of the park's Schiller Del Grande restaurants—The Grove, and the more causal Lake House—will be open.

Mandel also points out that several new restaurants around the urban park are now open and offer patio views of the Rainbow festivities. Although the party starts at 7 p.m., if you get there right at 6:00 you can score a free street-parking space around the park. Otherwise, you can pay for the underground garage or one of the nearby lots.

And did we mention the entertainment? CeCe Peniston (whose signature "Finally" is one of the biggest-selling dance records in history) is headlining, and the Houston-based alt-folk band Colonial Blue will play. Yes, *that* Colonial Blue—whose lead singer and songwriter is Stephanie Rice, the Texas native who made it into the top 11 contestants on season 12 of *The Voice* before being eliminated on May 2.

Rice, who was abandoned by her parents because she came out as gay, won iTunes fame



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Blazing New Trailz

Angelina DM Trailz, shown at Rainbow and Roll in March, is a Lady Gaga impersonator and classically trained violinist who plans to perform on a hoverboard at Rainbow on the Green.

with her blind audition for the show with Kelly Clarkson's sorrowful "Piece by Piece." She got knocked out on the April 11 matchup with Troy Ramey, but coach Alicia Keys wisely used her steal to get Rice back. Rice again made a splash on May 1 with her soaring rendition of The Who's "Behind Blue Eyes," but it wasn't enough to make it to the top 10.

In an interview with OUTSMART, Rice called her run on *The Voice* "an incredible experience," adding that she never thought she'd get as far as she did. The day after being eliminated, she wrote a thank-you song for her supporters, which will appear on her upcoming second album.

"The support from the fans, both here in Houston and on social media, was so inspiring," Rice said. "I feel like a fire has been lit and I'm ready to go."

Rice said she's still unsure if her parents were even aware of her appearance on *The Voice*.

In addition to Rice, Rainbow on the Green will feature another you-won't-want-to-miss this act by Angelina DM Trailz. If you've been

to Hamburger Mary's or South Beach, you may have seen Angelina, whose stage name comes from Lady Gaga's real name (Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta) and the character of Angel from *Rent*.

"I'm a Lady Gaga impersonator," says Angelina. "And a classically trained violinist." →



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The Voice of Pride

Stephanie Rice, who made the final 11 on *The Voice*, returns to Houston to perform with her band, Colonial Blue.

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In fact, she studied violin at Houston's High School for the Performing and Visual Arts and has been performing for 13 years, the last two in drag. With props.

"Playing the violin on a hoverboard in heels isn't as easy as it looks," she sighs. No, it doesn't look easy at all, but she does it with style—and it may be one of the most entertaining things you'll see during Pride Week.

This is her first time performing at Rainbow on the Green, although she did appear at the inaugural Rainbow and Roll. "I loved it," she says. "It was the most diverse crowd I've ever performed for, and skating around and playing with the downtown backdrop behind the crowd was like I was performing for the whole city!"

Angelina isn't sure if the park is going to allow her hoverboard—if not, she'll go back to her rainbow-colored roller blades. Oh, and she's learning to ice skate, so you just might see her later this year at Rainbow on Ice.

Rainbow on the Green is sponsored by Land Rover Houston Central and Legacy Community Health, along with partners My Gay Houston, OUTSMART, Greater Houston LGBT Chamber of Commerce, Schiller Del Grande Restaurant Group, AJ's Urban Petals, CinerGy Works, LTR Lewis Cloverdale Foundation, Aspen Out, Out & Equal, Out-Reach United, Culinaire, and Wells Fargo.

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I currently Chair is the Lewis Foundation, which has made its last Grants with the distribution of \$750,000 to the Montrose Center and \$55,000 to the Houston Symphony and which will provide an enduring legacy for Bob Lewis and fulfill the purposes for which the foundation was created.

The work I have been able to do was only possible through the extraordinary generosity of my friends Jay Hollyfield, Elliot Mathews, Monty Frost, and Robert "Bob" Lewis.

I would also like to thank all of the extraordinary people I have met along the way, with special gratitude to Bill McDugal, Wendy Harshbarger, Greg Barbutti, Mark Wood, and Floyd Robinson; without whose support I would not have lasted 30 years.

It is now time for me to focus on my law practice and to try "defying gravity."

By best,
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Houston's Stonewall

The night Anita Bryant came to Texas.

By Andrew Edmonson



Sign of the Times

As LGBT protesters gathered outside The Depository II bar before the march, some struggled with a sense of foreboding. "We braced for the worst, but it had to be done," recalls transgender activist Phyllis Frye.

"Before Anita, 'gay community' meant where the bars were. After Anita, 'gay community' meant people."

— Houston LGBT activist Ray Hill

It was Houston's Stonewall, a watershed moment in Texas LGBT history. It drew thousands to the streets to protest in a deeply homophobic time, focused national media attention on the Bayou City's nascent gay-rights movement, and inspired waves of LGBT activism.

Forty years ago this month—on June 16, 1977—more than 8,000 gay and straight marchers took to the streets of downtown Houston to protest singer and antigay crusader Anita Bryant, who was performing at the Texas State Bar Association's annual convention at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

The protest made front-page news in Houston, and was covered by the *New York Times*, United Press International, NBC News National Radio, and *The Advocate*, among others. "New York and L.A. used to get all the news. This demonstration put Houston, Texas, on the map," recalls Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the Metropolitan Community Churches, the first international denomination for LGBT Christians.

"That that many people showed up was just incredible," says Perry, who was a featured speaker at the march. "I constantly travelled doing rallies, preaching at churches, and talking to organizations. I talked about that →

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march everywhere I went. They would ask me, 'Is there anything happening for gay rights in Middle America?' I told the Houston story over and over again."

Virginia Apuzzo, who served as executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, also spoke at the march. "Anita Bryant and her folks may well have thought Texas would be easy," Apuzzo says. "But I believe her presence, and the Houston's community's emphatic response, amplified the 'alert' to the rest of the country that what was coming was far more than Anita Bryant. The Radical Right was virtually pimping our lives to fill their coffers [by promoting] the kind of hate-politics we've seen over the years."

Pioneering Houston activist Ray Hill believes that if it hadn't been for Bryant's 1977 visit, Annise Parker would have never become the first openly gay person elected mayor of a major U.S. city in 2009. "I know that's an enormous leap, but I think that with Anita coming to town and giving us a clear target to organize an opposition to, [it] had an enormous effect on our ability to put together a robust movement that accomplished its goals," Hill said in a 2013 interview with LGBT historian JD Doyle.

A Climate of Fear

In the 1970s, many LGBT Houstonians lived in fear. Bars were raided regularly, and their



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Widely Billed

The Houston Chronicle published a front-page story about Bryant on the day of her visit, shown at left. LGBT activists had less than a month to organize the protest and used fliers like the one at right to spread the word.

patrons were arrested. The names of those arrested were published in newspapers, which led to lost jobs, wrecked careers, and rejection by family. After these forced outings, some even committed suicide.

"It was a terrible time in terms of the relations of the LGBT community—and all minority communities—with the Houston Police Department," Mayor Parker recalls. "The Anita Bryant protest was around the time of the Joe Campos Torres murder, where he was handcuffed and tossed in the bayou by HPD officers.

"When the Pulse Nightclub shooting happened last year, one of the memories that came back to me was that if you went to a bar or an organizing event in Houston in the 1970s, you looked for the exits of the building, and to see who was standing around near the entrance of the building. You looked for your escape," Parker says. "Violence was a possibility if you were open and public and out in the community. This was the background noise to our lives. It was such a pervasive feeling."

When Rev. Perry received the call in Los Angeles to come to Houston, he knew he had to go. "The KKK had just visited our [local MCC] church in Houston, and burned a cross on the yard of the church," he recalls.

Life was particularly brutal for transgender Houstonians in the 1970s, according to Judge Phyllis Frye, regarded as the grandmother of the trans civil-rights movement nationally. Frye, who moved to Houston in 1974, says the City had a cross-dressing ordinance that made trans people illegal—and the cops would visit gay bars at night to enforce it. "Any drag performer who walked off the stage and down into the audience, the police would arrest them," she says. "You'd go to the City jail on Riesner Street across from the current municipal courthouse. Even though it was a fine-only ordinance, the police would arrest them, take them to jail, strip them down, parade them back and forth, and really embarrass them."

Frye was once arrested by a vice-squad captain who threatened that if it happened again, he would throw her in a jail cell with men. "Hispanic people were afraid of the cops. Black people were afraid of the cops. Houston was not a fun place, and everybody was pretty much scared," Frye says.



Strength in Numbers

As the LGBT protesters marched toward downtown, the size and spirit of the crowd took over. "We, as a people, had come out, and we were not going back into anyone's closet," recalls volunteer Norman Thompson.

'Homosexuals Are Human Garbage'

Veteran *Houston Post* reporter Jane Ely broke the news of Bryant's Houston visit in a column with the headline "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner."

The Bar Association had agreed to pay Bryant, a former Miss Oklahoma and second runner-up for Miss America, \$7,000 to perform at the convention. After a successful career as a pop singer in the 1960s, Bryant had become the spokesperson for the Florida Citrus Commission.

In 1977, she led an effort (entitled Save Our Children) to repeal an ordinance in Dade County, Florida, prohibiting discrimination against gays. Nine days prior to her appearance in Houston, the ordinance was overturned by a vote of 69 percent to 31 percent. She then took her campaign nationwide, successfully repealing nondiscrimination ordinances in St. Paul, Minnesota; Wichita, Kansas; and Eugene, Oregon.

"I will lead such a crusade to stop [homosexuality] as this country has not seen before," Bryant vowed in 1977. "Homosexuals are human garbage."

Playwright Robert Whirry wrote in *The Advocate* in 2016 that Bryant was a forebearer to subsequent anti-LGBT movements. "You can trace a blood-red line directly from Anita to the likes of Jerry Falwell, the Moral Majority, and the Tea Party in our own day," Whirry wrote. "Echoes of the movement even resound in Donald Trump's scapegoating of the menacing 'other' in the form of immigrants and potential terrorists."

Bracing for the Worst

With less than a month to organize the march, Houston's LGBT community leaders swung into action in the spring of 1977.

Gary Van Ooteghem, founding president of the Houston Gay Political Caucus and chairman of the Texas Gay Political Caucus, along with Hill, who was president of the Houston Human Rights League, began mobilizing people to turn out. They negotiated security arrangements with HPD; solicited national gay leaders such as David Goodstein, publisher of *The Advocate*, to speak; and recruited volunteer security monitors.

Van Ooteghem was intently focused on ensuring that the march would remain peaceful, and not marred by violence.

As hundreds gathered for the step-off at The Depository II bar, at Bagby and McGowen in Midtown, some attendees struggled with a sense of foreboding.

A wave of Hollywood telegrams were sent to Houston in support of the march from legendary TV producer Norman Lear, actress Jane Fonda, actor Rob Reiner (then starring in Lear's hit TV show *All in the Family*), and actor Ed Asner (beloved for his role as Lou Grant on *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*). "Any threat to diminish the civil rights of one human being →

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is a threat to everyone, God made us all," Asner wrote. "With that in mind, none of his children must be excluded from America's freedom."

Frye says it was the first time she'd protested in public. "Ray Hill told me about it, and I told my wife about it," she recalls. "She was scared that I might be arrested for cross-dressing. She was afraid that I might not even come home, so she went with me. She was terrified.

"It was suggested that we all meet in the parking lot at that certain time, and it was suggested that you bring an umbrella in case [counter-protesters] decided to throw bottles and rocks," Frye adds. "It was very scary. We were braced for the worst, but it had to be done."

The march would also be the first protest for Parker, then a 21-year-old student at Rice University. "Yes, I had anxiety about participating," Parker says. "There was the fear of being out of the closet and being at a gay event. What did I know? I was a college student without too much to lose.

"A lot of my friends were active in the Gay Political Caucus," Parker adds. "The friends whom I looked up to thought that it was important to be engaged and to protest. I was a foot soldier at that march, because it was important to be there."

The Power of Protest

Many marchers wore black armbands with an inverted pink triangle, the infamous symbol of homosexuality with which Nazis branded gays in concentration camps.

Liz Torres, a straight actress from *All in the Family* and *Phyllis* who would go on to appear for six seasons on *The Gilmore Girls*, had travelled to Houston at her own expense to support the march. "I am here because I had a gay high-school teacher who taught me all the beautiful things in life," she told the crowd. "Without him, I would probably be a ladies' room attendant. It kills me to think that Anita Bryant would deprive a child of that beautiful experience."

Marchers set off down Smith and Louisiana streets toward the plaza in front of the Houston Public Library, where a candlelight vigil would be held to conclude the event. They were greeted by protesters carrying signs declaring "Protect Our Children," "Read Your Bible," and "Down with the Queers." But gradually, as thousands thronged off the sidewalks and into the streets, the mood of the march turned joyous and exuberant.

"There's a crowd mind that takes over, and you're carried along by the energy," Parker says. "There was a lightness to it. As you're marching along, chanting, holding hands, you feel the power of the crowd. The longer we walked, the more we felt uplifted."

Apuzzo remembers most vividly the size and spirit of the march. "I don't recall what any of us said, but I can tell you that the energy of the crowd was the most eloquent message of the night," she says.

Volunteer Norman Thompson recalls that when the march stopped outside the Hyatt hotel where Bryant was speaking, the sound of the protesters' chanting "just thundered between the buildings, as if the windows were vibrating.

"There was no doubt about the moment when we could realize that we had a movement," Thompson says. "We, as a people, had come out, and we were not going back into anyone's closet!"

When Bryant took the stage inside the Hyatt, 10 of the lawyers in attendance, all wearing black armbands in support of gay rights, stormed out in protest.

"As a lawyer, I have a duty to express my dissatisfaction with her views. They are analogous to those Hitler used to persecute the Jews," Aglaia D. Mauzy told the *Chronicle*.

As the marchers filled the nearby plaza of the Houston Public Library and lit their candles, the building began to glow in soft yellow. Marchers sang "We Shall Overcome" and "America the Beautiful." In response to counter-protesters, they sang "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" and—in a delicious trolling of their nemesis—"The Battle Hymn of the Republic," Bryant's signature song.

"What the march did was, it brought together the jocks, those involved in the religious organizations, the street hustlers, and the professionals who wore a suit and tie to work every day," Parker recalls.

"Because we were all the same in the dark, walking down the street, that was very powerful," she says. "Everybody was there. Everybody was welcome. And you understood that we needed everybody to get where we wanted to go."

Andrew Edmonson is a member of the board of directors of The Oral History Project, which is chronicling Houston's response to the AIDS crisis. This article drew significantly on the research done by LGBT historian JD Doyle and the website houstonlgbthistory.org, which he curates.

Participants in the 1977 protest of Anita Bryant will gather for a 40th reunion celebration at 4 p.m. on June 14 at Eagle Houston, 611 Hyde Park Blvd. The reunion will be upstairs in the Phoenix Room, with hors d'oeuvres provided by Hamburger Mary's. Friends are welcome. For more, visit tinyurl.com/anitabryant40

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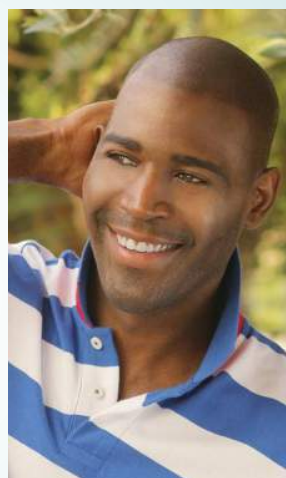
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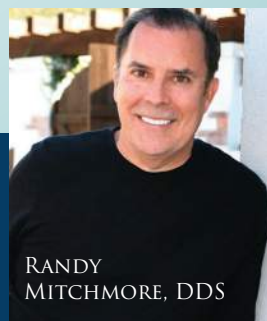


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Texas Southern University has a history of standing up for the oppressed, but when it comes to LGBTQ inclusion, the historically black college tends to lean toward conservative ideals.

Moses Mbai is trying to change that.

Since being elected as the eighth Mister Texas Southern University, and becoming the first openly gay person to hold the title, Mbai has made LGBTQ inclusion a top priority. He is working toward launching an LGBTQ student group at TSU, as well as opening a campus Equality Center that will provide a safe space to meet.

Mbai has also established a scholarship fund—the Moses Mbai Equality Scholarship—to support TSU students who identify as LGBTQ or allies, and who have demonstrated courage in the face of adversity or discrimination.

Last month, after gathering hundreds of signatures from students, faculty, and staff in support of the Equality Center effort, Mbai hung an LGBT Pride flag in TSU's Ernest Sterling Student Life Center for the first time.

"Today—May 9, 2017—on the campus of Texas Southern University, my dream towards LGBTQ equality and inclusion [is one step closer to] fruition," Mbai wrote on Facebook, below a photo of himself holding the flag. "My intention as the 8th Mister Texas Southern University has been to make sure that all students, especially those who identify as a member of the collegiate LGBTQ community here at TSU, feel welcome, safe, and included here



Southern Pride

TSU grad Moses Mbai has launched a scholarship fund to support students who are LGBTQ or allies and have overcome adversity or discrimination.

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Although he graduated in May, Mbai told OUTSMART that he plans to continue his efforts at TSU this summer. "I'm confident our LGBTQ leaders of tomorrow at TSU will implement this student group, and I'll be there along the way to see this out," he says, adding that he's also "super excited" about the Equality Center.

Originally from Fort Worth, Mbai moved to Houston to attend TSU's prestigious Jesse H.

Jones School of Business. Between high school and college, he came out to a very supportive family. But he said "it takes a lot of courage" to be openly LGBT on the campus of a historically black college.

Mbai said he was "appalled but not surprised" by some of the backlash he's received, particularly at the hands of international students from countries that don't support the LGBTQ community. Mr. TSU is an official part of the executive branch of TSU's Student Government Association, but Mbai said he received little support for LGBTQ initiatives →

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from other cabinet members during the year. However, after launching his Pride flag campaign, he was buoyed by an outpouring of support from the student body and beyond.

"I have been receiving much more feedback simply by walking in my truth," Mbai told OUT-SMART. "I receive messages from people all over the world encouraging me to continue standing up for what I believe in."

At his graduation, Mbai got to see his father—who lives in Kenya—for the first time in five years. His mother also made the trip from Fort Worth, despite recently undergoing a double mastectomy.

"The greatest gift I could have ever given you was my degree," Mbai wrote on Facebook on Mother's Day, above a photo of him and his mother. "You've given me the world, and now I have the chance to take care of you."

After earning his degree in business management, Mbai has plans to go to work for GEICO.

"As I climb the corporate ladder, I plan to stay active within the community through advocacy projects and initiatives," he said. "I would not feel complete without continuing with my work for the betterment of humanity."

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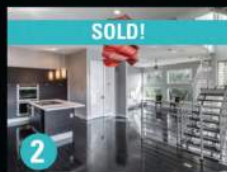
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Laying the Groundwork for a New HERO

Transform Houston aims to change hearts and minds on LGBTQ rights.

By Lou Weaver

Block-walking typically means spending a minute or two at each house, talking to people about the candidate or initiative you're asking them to support.

But volunteers with a new campaign called Transform Houston are block-walking to talk to people about prejudice reduction.

Brad Pritchett, cofounder of Transform Houston, says the LGBTQ community needs to transform the way Houstonians think about LGBTQ rights and nondiscrimination laws—especially about how those laws impact people who are transgender, gender-expansive, intersex, and queer. Pritchett says this is how the LGBTQ community can dismantle the “bathroom myth” and make people understand that opponents of the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance sold voters a pack of lies in November 2015.

Pritchett and Transform Houston cofounder Fran Watson, president of the Houston GLBT Political Caucus, visited Miami to work with the Los Angeles LGBTQ Center's Leadership Lab, learning how to use long-form canvassing to talk about trans rights. They came home with the desire to adapt what they'd learned into a strategy for talking with Houston voters about equality for all.

Those of us who lived through the HERO fight know how painful it was. We heard the slogan “No men in women's restrooms” over and over again. We saw the trans community being attacked.

Still, within our bubble, it looked like we had the votes to win. It looked like Houston would finally have a nondiscrimination ordinance we could be proud of, protecting people based on 15 different classifications so that all Houstonians and visitors would be treated equally.

But it wasn't to be. Thanks to fear-mongering from opponents, voters repealed HERO by



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Melanie Pang (l) and Brandon Wilke canvass a Houston neighborhood while volunteering for Transform Houston.

a margin of 61 percent to 39 percent.

Watson and Pritchett took lessons from both their Miami visit and the failed HERO campaign, and put them together to come up with Transform Houston. The name of the campaign represents exactly what they're trying to do: bring about a fundamental transformation in how people think about the LGBTQ community.

At this point, it's not about voter turnout. It's about changing hearts and minds.

Watson and Pritchett have set out to create a grassroots effort in which everyday citizens go out, knock on doors, and have conversations with folks on their doorsteps about discrimination and prejudice.

“People recognize authenticity,” Watson says. “They may not always agree with the message or what people are saying, but we believe the power of one's story is a way to help identify with each other. Starting a conversation with facts and figures could lead down a different road. But [everyone knows what it's like to feel like they're being] judged. The stories may not be the same, but the sentiment is there. Many people have been in those situations, and that's what we want to get across.”

Part of the work is training. The campaign takes individuals who are passionate about changing Houston and teaches them how to stand in front of others—perhaps for the first time ever—and have a conversation. It teaches

them how to go into neighborhoods, share stories, and break down myths.

Jessica Zyrie, a black trans woman, is a volunteer with Transform Houston who seems like she's up to the challenge. “I enjoy educating members of society about misconceptions within the transgender community,” Zyrie says. “A lot of times, people tend to make assumptions about certain areas of life that they may not understand. Canvassing with Transform Houston allows individuals to share their personal stories by using an emotional approach to humanize the transgender experience.”

Watson notes that Houston is the most diverse city in the nation. “We are a community of difference,” Watson says. “[Those right-wing] opposition campaigns used difference as a tool to target. This is an opportunity for our communities of difference to talk to one another and break down the myths from a 30-second commercial—which was shown 10 times a day for 10 weeks—by having one-on-one conversations.”

To learn more about Transform Houston or to become a volunteer, visit the Facebook page “Transform Houston” or go to Transform-Houston.org.

Lou Weaver, the transgender programs coordinator for Equality Texas, will be the male grand marshal of the 2017 Houston Pride parade.



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Your First Time at the Story Hole

Baring it all at Rec Room's new LGBTQ storytelling showcase.

By Ryan M. Leach

Pride Month offers many opportunities to celebrate, but one theatrical event added to the lineup this year is a must-see.

Featuring LGBTQ voices and stories, Story Hole promises plenty of laughs—and maybe even a tear or two.

Show creators Kathryn Way, Charles Swan, and yours truly—along with producer Stephanie Wachs of Rec Room—turn the spotlight on a handful of writers and performers sharing stories with the theme of “My First Time.”

“Story Hole is a genius name,” says Way, a well-known comedian and performer in Houston. “It’s a little raunchy, a little campy, and it’s super-gay—just like our show.” Way is also an artist-in-residence at Rec Room, and performs there throughout the year.

Swan, a local director, says Story Hole will expose the audience to “off limits” stories that people oftentimes keep to themselves. “The LGBTQ community is tight-knit because of our shared experiences, and so I hope we are able to strengthen the bonds of our community as well as let new audiences in,” Swan says. “Story sharing has often been used as a means to unify.”

The show debuts June 22 at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., and the creators hope to replicate it on a regular basis. “It is no accident that Story Hole premieres during Pride Month,” Swan says. “The show concept centers around LGBTQ voices.”

The show’s creators hope that Story Hole will find a permanent home at Rec Room, the new experimental performance space downtown. “One of our goals at Rec Room is to be an accessible and inclusive art space,” Wachs says. “We aim to build a sense of community as much as we aim to make great art. This show is a natural fit. Storytelling brings people together. It unites. This is what Pride Month is all about. It’s an exciting time to debut the show.”



Creators Ryan Leach (from left), Kathryn Way, and Charles Swan hope Story Hole finds a permanent home at Rec Room, an experimental performance venue downtown.

The show will feature a handful of entertainers performing their own stories, as well as stories contributed by others. “We want to celebrate queer voices and entertain people,” Way says. “The show will feature an inclusive and diverse group telling intimate stories that are hilarious and full of heart. The ‘My First Time’ theme covers *all* firsts: first kisses, first threesomes, first time coming out. Everyone has firsts, and it’s a great theme for a first show.”

Although Story Hole will focus on LGBTQ stories and storytellers, the event is meant for all audiences—even straight people. “The straights can come celebrate our lives and stories, too,” Way says.

“I hope people are entertained, but I also hope that people will see the collective narrative in that we are all awkward, interesting, weird, beautiful humans on this journey together,” Swan says. “It’s those beautiful awkward moments of life that prove we are more alike than different. If we can share stories with one another to help people feel less alone, it will have been a success.”

Story Hole comes at an important time for

LGBTQ people, and gives Houston audiences an opportunity to be entertained by an array of life experiences that all have one thing in common: a queer point of view.

We often brag about Houston’s diversity, but we don’t have many opportunities to showcase that and really listen to each other. The LGBTQ community is represented by the rainbow flag because we are as diverse as the colors on our flag.

If Story Hole becomes a regular event, the creators plan to curate themes that will showcase more and more of Houston’s diverse LGBTQ community. Those wishing to contribute stories to future Story Hole shows should contact the Rec Room at 713.344.1291.

Rec Room is located at 100 Jackson St. in downtown Houston. Admission is \$10, with a portion of proceeds going to support the artist-in-residence program at Rec Room. Tickets are tax-deductible.

Ryan Leach, cocreator of Story Hole, is a community activist, lawyer, professor, writer, and humorist. You can email him at ryanleach@outsmartmagazine.com.



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These Fathers Are Also Fighting for Their Trans Kids

Two Houston dads reflect on their journeys.

By Januari M. Leo

In the fight for transgender rights, Texas mothers with trans kids have been front and center as advocates for their families, earning the nickname “Mama Bears.”

But fathers tend to process things a little differently.

Ahead of Father’s Day, two local dads who’ve become advocates for their trans sons, Aaron Richie and Greg Lambert, reflect on their journeys and offer some advice.

“If you can sit down and have a true conversation without judgment, just listen to your kid, you will learn that they aren’t doing this because it’s a phase,” says Lambert, whose 15-year-old son, Dean, transitioned last year.

“They’re doing it because they are finally able to express in words and actions what they have probably been feeling for years,” Lambert adds. “It isn’t about you. They are smarter and know themselves better than you think they do.”

Richie, whose 14-year-old son, Landon, transitioned two years ago, encourages trans kids to come out to their parents—but only if it’s safe. “Otherwise, find someone else so that you don’t have to carry that burden,” Richie says. “If you’re not sure who you are, but you know you’re different, that’s okay, too. You don’t have to have it all figured out.”

‘There Were a Lot of Tears’

Richie says Landon first expressed that he would grow up to be a boy at age two-and-a-half. “My reaction was to make him feel good about being a girl,” Richie recalls. “I talked about all the positives of being a girl and all the negatives of being a boy.”

But Landon persisted in his preference for typically male-identified objects and activities. On one occasion, during a role-playing game, Landon insisted on being the lion son. “I was pushing hard against him being the lion son, and he adamantly said, ‘Why can’t I be the



lion son?” Richie says. “That was a big wake-up for me, that I needed to be able to accept my kid for who they were, and I wasn’t there yet.”

Landon came out to his mom, Erika Richie, via email when he was eleven-and-a-half. Three weeks before, she’d seen a video of activist Debbie Jackson talking about her trans child, and started connecting the dots.

“[My wife] brought it up to me, and I was pretty defiant that no, this was not our kid,” Aaron Richie says. “I was at work when Erika forwarded me the email, so I gathered myself up and headed home. I hugged Landon, there were a lot of tears, and a lot of relief to see him get this off his chest.”

Lambert says he and his wife, Jan, attempted to address Dean’s gender identity in the same way they dealt with the cancer diagnosis



Political Pops
Greg Lambert (r) made his debut as an advocate for his transgender son, Dean, at an Equality Texas lobby day in March. *INSET:* Aaron Richie (far left) actively supported the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance after his trans son, Landon, came out in an email to his mother, Erika.

he received at age seven. “I don’t want this to be something that defines him,” Lambert says. “It may not even be the first thing people think of when describing him. I want it to be, ‘He’s done this, and this, and this—oh, and he’s also trans.’”

Lambert also stressed the importance of parents being open and available to their kids. “We try to teach our children to communicate with us and tell us what’s going on: ‘We’ll support you, as long as it’s not illegal. Be respectful of others. Not everyone is the same,’” he says. “I think this made it easier for Dean to confide in us, to know that *we* weren’t going to be the issue.”

From Acceptance to Activism

Both families turned to Parents and Friends

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Lutheran Congregation Welcomes First-Ever Gay Pastor

Marvin Havard
joins Salem ELC in
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By Megan Wadding

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, in the Westbury-Meyerland area of Houston, welcomed Rev. Marvin Havard, 51, as the first openly gay pastor in the congregation's history in April. Salem is a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation that participates in the national Lutheran movement advocating for the inclusion of LGBTQ people in all aspects of the life of the Lutheran Church. Havard spoke to OUTSMART magazine about his background, his journey to becoming a pastor, and what it was like when he first came out to a previous congregation.

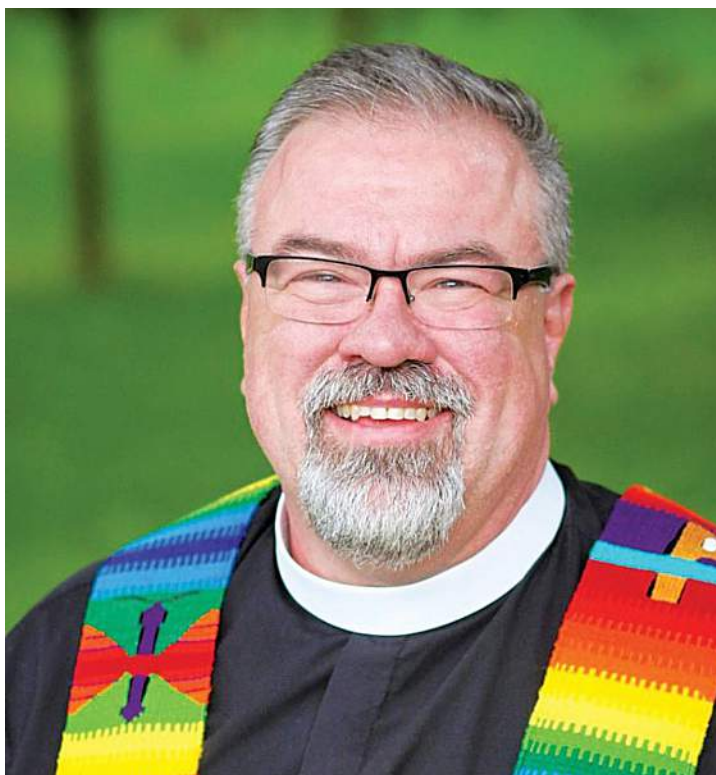
Megan Wadding: Tell me about your early years.

Marvin Havard: I grew up in the little town of Roxie, Mississippi, near Natchez, in a fundamentalist Southern Baptist family and church. I went to private "Christian" schools. Being gay was a certain ticket to hell in their teaching, and so when I began to realize that I liked boys, I spent years praying, hiding, trying to change, and repressing my feelings. Like so many LGBTQ people in these circumstances, I became severely depressed, suicidal, and finally shut down emotionally in order to survive.

I went to college at Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi, and received a music-education degree in choral music and piano. I married a woman while in college, still thinking that somehow God could "fix" me. We divorced after my coming out, and have managed to remain friends. I also attended the Conservatory of Music at the University of Missouri in Kansas City, and studied choral conducting there.

When did you realize you wanted to be a pastor?

I've been involved in church from childhood



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Rainbow cloth, that is, Reverend Marvin Havard.

on. I left the Southern Baptist church after college and dabbled in Buddhism for a few years. While living in Kansas City and working as the organist for a Lutheran congregation, I was so impressed with their openness to all people and their acceptance of my questions and doubts that I began to realize that there was another way to be a Christian that wasn't so judgmental and full of fear and anger.

Through the support of the pastors in that church, I began exploring other approaches to reading and interpreting the Bible, and different understandings of theology and of God. I became Lutheran during my time in that congregation, and went on to serve as a musician at a much larger church in northern Minnesota. It was there that I began to think about becoming a pastor.

With the support of that congregation, I decided to go to Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, at the age of 40. This involved three years of full-time classes, one year of internship in congregations, and interviews and approval processes with the official struc-

tures of the national church—the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Did you still struggle with your sexual orientation?

When I went to seminary, I was still married and had not begun to come to terms with my sexuality. I had pretty much resigned myself to remaining married and continuing to hide for the rest of my life. Many ELCA churches were open and affirming, but the official policy of the denomination was not. When the ELCA changed the policy in 2009 to allow clergy in same-gender relationships to be ordained, I was excited for the change but still didn't think that I would ever come out, or that [the new policy] would apply to me.

I felt called to be a pastor, but struggled with guilt and shame from my upbringing. I wasn't sure there was a way forward for me until I unintentionally outed myself during a conversation with a friend in 2014, and began working on accepting and loving my entire being. →

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When did you first come out to a congregation, and what was the reaction?

I came out publicly in November of 2015 while serving in Plano, Texas. The leadership and staff of that congregation were amazing in their support of me. The majority of the members of the congregation were also supportive. Some of the best moments were the unexpected people who came to speak to me and confess that while they still weren't comfortable with the idea of a gay pastor, knowing me and being part of my coming-out process had made them rethink their position.

A few members were upset [when I came out], and they left to go to more conservative churches. But my experience, as a whole, has been amazingly positive. Being publicly identified as a pastor who is gay has opened more opportunities for conversations with parents and family members who are trying to be supportive of their LGBTQ family members. [Many people are looking for] clear theological support for their welcome of all people, and both youth and adults are looking for ways to live into their sexual orientation and gender identity, and integrate their faith into that process.

What brought you to Houston?

I had been looking for a new position since November of 2015, and was incredibly excited about the possibility of serving at Salem. The Reconciling in Christ status of Salem and their stated welcome to all people interested me greatly, as well as the congregation's commitment to serving the needs of the surrounding community.

I moved to Houston at the beginning of April from the Dallas area, and I have really enjoyed the incredible diversity of the city, the amazing restaurants, and the thriving arts scene. I'm looking forward to exploring more of the community and finding my own place to discover what it means to be a Houstonian. I am excited to be here, and can only imagine the incredible ways that this community will continue to share God's love for all people—no exceptions.

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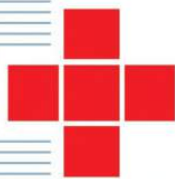
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At the Tommy Tune Awards, widower presents late husband’s scholarship to teen who wrote gay-themed musical.

By Donalevan Maines

Friends and fans of the late Sean Rudolph, a longtime Houston art dealer, will get to see his husband, Brad Blume, present a \$5,000 scholarship in Rudolph’s honor during the local broadcast of the 15th annual Tommy Tune Awards on June 11.

The scholarship winner is 18-year-old Ryan Simon, a 2017 graduate of Cypress Ranch High School in Cypress. He wrote the award-winning musical *Case Study: Chrysalis*, whose protagonist is a young gay man.

Simon says he thought he was going home empty-handed after 15 scholarships were announced during the annual competition sponsored by Theatre Under The Stars, including the \$5,000 Ruth Denney Scholarship, which is traditionally the last one presented. “I thought, ‘Alright. You win some, you lose some,’” Simon says.

To his surprise, the Sean Rudolph Scholarship was announced next, with him as the recipient. Simon has also accepted a \$14,000-per-year presidential scholarship from Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth, where he plans to major in theater with an emphasis in playwriting and a minor in composition.



Artistic Legacy

Brad Blume (l) presented a \$5,000 scholarship in the name of his late husband, Sean Rudolph, to Cypress Ranch High School graduate Ryan Simon (inset) at the Tommy Tune Awards.

Coincidentally, Blume played tennis at Texas Wesleyan. He says Simon was planning to attend a different college when

Blume plucked his application from the Tommy Tune scholarship entries and chose him for the Sean Rudolph prize. “He just reminded me a little bit of Sean,” Blume says.

Simon was a junior in high school when he recorded the opening number he wrote for *Chrysalis* and entered it in the Texas Thespian Musicalworks competition, sponsored by Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW), which it won.

State winners “submitted a song and a plot summary for their original musicals, and one musical [*Chrysalis*] was selected to be workshopped by a musical director, director, and choreographer,” says Jim Hoare, vice

president of TRW.

“*Chrysalis* follows the personal battles of Lewis, who inherits files containing case studies from a gay conversion-therapy center that his late father ran,” says Hoare, who also produced the show with Gregory Bossler. (Visit “Thespian Musicalworks 2016” on YouTube to view a performance of Simon’s song “Rest in Peace” from *Chrysalis*.)

Simon, who has completed *Chrysalis* and started writing a second musical, qualified three times for the International Thespian Festival as a member of a group musical entry from Cypress Ranch.

Several years ago, Rudolph and Blume began investing in Broadway musicals when they joined the producing team for *Beautiful—The Carole King Musical*. They later invested in the Tony Award-winning *An American in Paris*. →

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'HE JUST REMINDED ME OF SEAN'

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Rudolph was slated to serve as a judge in the 2016–17 Tommy Tune competition when he and Blume met Tune at the October 2016 closing-night performance of *An American in Paris* on Broadway. "He was sitting directly behind Sean," Blume says. "It's a small world."

Rudolph died a few weeks later at 58, after a courageous four-year battle with cancer.

Tune was noticeably absent from this year's awards, which are named in his honor. In past years, he has opened the show with acting nominees, then returned to announce the big prize of the night, Best Musical.

The Tommy Tune Awards broadcast features production numbers by the eight Houston-area high schools nominated for Best Musical. As always, the medleys sung by Best Leading Actor and Best Leading Actress nominees are a highlight of the Tony Awards-style ceremony.

Awards are also presented in 12 other categories.

The Tommy Tune ceremony, which was held April 18 at the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, airs on ABC Channel 13 from 1 to 3 p.m. on June 11.

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of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) for support. "Within a week or two of Landon coming out, we attended our first PFLAG meeting," Richie says. "It was a small group, a Thursday meeting, and one person was gender non-conforming. Meeting this person was my first glimpse that this was going to be okay. This was an important moment, for me, in getting comfortable and in a good place with Landon's future and meeting people who had overall acceptance."

The two dads have also gotten involved politically.

Richie was active in the effort to pass and defend the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance in 2015. Sitting alongside Landon, he recently gave powerful testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 6, one of Texas' anti-trans bathroom bills, before a legislative committee.

Lambert, meanwhile, first shared his experiences with state lawmakers back in March during Equality Texas' lobby day at the capitol in Austin. "I've advocated on behalf of my profession, but this was definitely my first experience as an advocate for social issues," Lambert says. "I want to pick my battles. I want to advocate for issues that are close to my heart."

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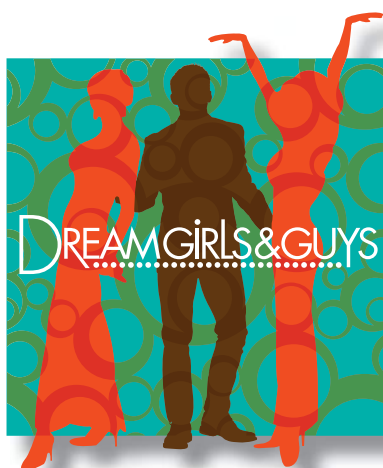
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Letting Their ‘Freaky’ Flags Fly

Out actors star in Pride Month production of *Freaky Friday* at the Alley Theatre.

By Donalevan Maines

Disney’s new stage musical *Freaky Friday* is about a mother and daughter who switch bodies for a day. But openly gay actors Eean Cochran and Tony Neidenbach recently added their own switcheroo to the production, which comes to the Alley Theatre in Houston from June 2 through July 2.

The musical puts a Broadway spin on the 1972 novel by Mary Rodgers that became a 1976 movie starring Jodie Foster and Barbara Harris. After a 1995 television remake, Lindsay Lohan reprised Foster’s role, opposite Jamie Lee Curtis, in the Disney feature film *Freaky Friday* in 2003.

“The Lindsay Lohan version was big in theaters when I was in high school,” says Neidenbach, who sings, dances, and understudies several roles as part of an ensemble of high-school teens.

The switcheroo occurred when Cochran, who plays high-school heartthrob Palmer, was felled by food poisoning during the show’s run in Cleveland last month. Cochran, who’s black, made it through Act I, but was replaced by Neidenbach, who’s white, in Act II. “He is [white]! He is!” Cochran said, laughing, when I spoke with him the following day.

Palmer’s character has a brother in the show, played by “out and proud” actor Julian Ramos. Cochran and Ramos could pass for brothers—but Neidenbach and Ramos? Not so much.

“That is what is really cool about the casting of the show,” Cochran says. “We also have a white girl who has a Japanese father in one of the scenes. It’s a nice freedom.”

Neidenbach experienced a celebration of the theater’s freedom and abiding love last June, when he performed at the 70th annual Tony Awards just hours after the Pulse nightclub massacre in Orlando, Florida. Sporting a nicely trimmed beard in the opening number, Neidenbach was the handsome father of a



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Magical Musical

Based on a 1972 novel by Mary Rodgers, *Freaky Friday* became a Disney feature film starring Lindsay Lohan in 2003.

chubby young James Corden, attending his first Broadway show. Corden, the host, followed with selections from iconic musical-theater stage roles he’s dreamt of playing.

Neidenbach made his stage debut in a community-theater production of *The Sound of Music* in his hometown of Gainesville, Georgia. “I’m a Southern boy,” he says. “Every summer, it was our family activity to perform together in a musical at the community theater.”

That family tradition began when Neidenbach and his older siblings, John and Libby, were cast in *The Sound of Music*, but the director couldn’t settle on who should play Captain von Trapp. “My sister begged my dad until he

agreed to audition, and he ended up getting the part,” Neidenbach says. “My mother played a nun, and we siblings played Liesl, Friedrich, and Kurt. It was a big milestone in my childhood. Our whole family participated, and my dad was such a good Captain von Trapp.”

In high school, Neidenbach starred as Will Parker in *Oklahoma!* and Cornelius Hakl in *Hello, Dolly!*, then strutted his stuff as a dance captain in “almost every main-stage musical” at Penn State University, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in musical theater in 2008.

Neidenbach says he came out a week after he turned 18. “My sister was home from college, so I told my best friend and my sister. →



Queer Quotient

Eean Cochran (from left), Tony Neidenbach, and Julian Ramos are among the openly LGBT cast members in the stage musical *Freaky Friday*.

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She said if I wanted to tell our parents, she would do it with me. We decided to tell my mom first," he recalls. "We sat down with my mom, and my sister led into the discussion by telling her, 'You and Dad have done a great job of raising us each to be unique and special.' Then it was like, 'Take it away, Tony.'"

"I told her, and my mom was so great, she sat me on her lap and hugged me and told me she loves me. But she said, 'You're going to have to tell your dad, because I'm not going to keep a secret from him.' I waited a week before I told him. That was 12 years ago. I went away to college, and over time he got more comfortable with it. I think his main concern was that he didn't want me to be bullied, and that I would have a tougher road. But things have changed since then—things have changed a lot."

As a member of the ensemble of *Freaky Friday*, Neidenbach plays Rex, the "most flamboyant" character, and one of the two minions to teen "mean girl" Regina George. "I wear bright clothes, like a purple polo and some cute little capri pants," he says.

When Cochran came out while he was a senior at Abilene Christian University, he faced parents who were both pastors. He had previously attended Grapevine Faith Christian School in the Dallas area. "It wasn't as tough as I thought it would be," Cochran says. "I was on tour, so I wasn't on campus at ACU, and my parents and family provided huge support for me. They don't judge me, and I don't judge myself. I still consider myself a Christian." (His favorite Bible verse is Psalm 149:3, which states, "Let them praise [God] with dancing and make music to him with timbrel and harp.")

Cochran played football before breaking his arm and turning to theater. At Faith Christian, he portrayed basketball cocaptain Chad Danforth in *High School Musical* and Judah in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Prior to *Freaky Friday*, he's been part of international tours of *Dreamgirls* and *Bring It On*, a national tour of *Mamma Mia!*, and regional productions of *A Bronx Tale*, *The Wiz*, *Hairspray*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and *Tarzan*.

Ramos hails from Indianapolis, and has performed in *Freaky Friday* since its bow last fall at Signature Theatre in Washington DC.

Both Cochran and Neidenbach will celebrate their birthdays while in Houston, and hope the *Freaky Friday* cast will be a part of the Houston Pride parade.

"I look forward to meeting you at ActOut on June 15," says Neidenbach, referring to the Alley's LGBTQ theater night for *Freaky Friday*.

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Five Fab Fourths

Check out these gay-friendly Independence Day destinations.

By Joanna O'Leary

Looking to get the hell out of Dodge over the July Fourth weekend? Wondering about the best places to wave your American *and* rainbow flags? Here are five urban destinations that are guaranteed to show you and your partner/crew a good time on Independence Day.

5. Pasadena (CA, not TX, natch). This city's Fourth Fest is a family-friendly, multi-event celebration held at the Pasadena Convention Center and Fairgrounds. Cheer on contenders at the barbeque cookoff while sampling local fare from various vendors and listening to live music. The extensive "Kidzone" will keep kids entertained with attractions such as rides, a Moonbounce, and arts and crafts. Later in the afternoon, automobile aficionados gather to compete in the Car Show, and after the sun sets, winners, losers, and spectators unite to enjoy 20 minutes of elaborate fireworks.

4. New Orleans. Though best known for its raucous Mardi Gras festivities, New Orleans is also a great place to celebrate the Fourth. Start the day with beignets and coffee at Café du Monde before picking up supplies for a cookout or blanket lunch at one of the city's green spaces, where it's highly likely a large number of Crescent City locals will be doing the same. In the early evening, head down to the Mississippi River to secure a spot to watch the annual "Go Fourth on the River" spectacular, which launches at approximately 9 p.m. The show's main event is a "dueling barges" fireworks display featuring sea vessels that take turns shooting off colorful pyrotechnics while patriotic music plays in the background. Although the pomp and circumstance can be easily viewed from the riverbanks, you can get even closer by taking one of the many special steamboat cruises held that evening.

3. Nashville. Nashville is the site of pure unbridled revelry every Fourth of July when the downtown swells with residents and tourists looking for a patriotic party. Since you are in



Smoke on the Water

Beantown keeps it classy on the Fourth of July with the Boston Pops Fireworks Display on the Charles River esplanade.

the Music City, expect a full range of performances from good (but lesser-known) local groups in small venues, as well as major headliners in large, free concerts on stages set up on the streets and parks. In past years, Nashville's fireworks display has even eclipsed that of New York City to hold the title of the largest in the country. Regardless of whether the 2017 display (always accompanied by the Grammy Award-winning Nashville symphony) secures those bragging rights, the performance is sure to be awesome.

2. Boston. The Independence Day spirit is felt year-round in Boston, especially along the Freedom Trail, a two-and-a-half mile walking tour of approximately 16 historic sites that includes the Paul Revere House, USS *Constitution*, Benjamin Franklin statue, and Bunker Hill monument. The trail conveniently winds through several of the city's attractive ethnic neighborhoods and commercial districts, which also allows you to grab some "chowdah" in Faneuil Hall or cannoli in Little Italy. On the night of the Fourth, Beantown keeps it classy via the famous Boston Pops Fireworks Display on the Charles River esplanade. To avoid parking nightmares and road closures, take public transportation a few hours before the concert to set up your blanket and snacks, then relax to the boisterous orchestral tunes, as well as songs from featured pop heavy-hitters (past performers include Joe Jonas and Demi Lo-

vato). The evening ends with lavish fireworks over the water.

1. Atlanta. Endurance athletes and endurance partiers alike will relish Independence Day in Atlanta, when the city hosts the world's largest 10K run featuring 60,000 participants and 200,000 spectators. Atlanta doesn't confine its festivities to a single 24-hour time period, with multiple events stretched over three days marking the anniversary of our nation's independence. Begin your tomfoolery on July 1 at the Georgia Aquarium's Red, White & Brew, where a \$65 admission fee gets you a buffet BBQ dinner and a souvenir glass that you can use to procure unlimited samples of dozens of local and national beers. On July 2 and 3, head to Callaway Gardens to enjoy swimming, table tennis, miniature golf, a rock-climbing wall, and Xcelerator water slide. Or just lounge surfside and watch (or participate in) the sandcastle-building competition, in between trips to the beach bar. As day turns into night, stay for the FSU Flying High Circus performance. Finally, after watching or running the 10K on the Fourth, grab your picnic basket and head to Centennial Olympic Park for the fireworks display.

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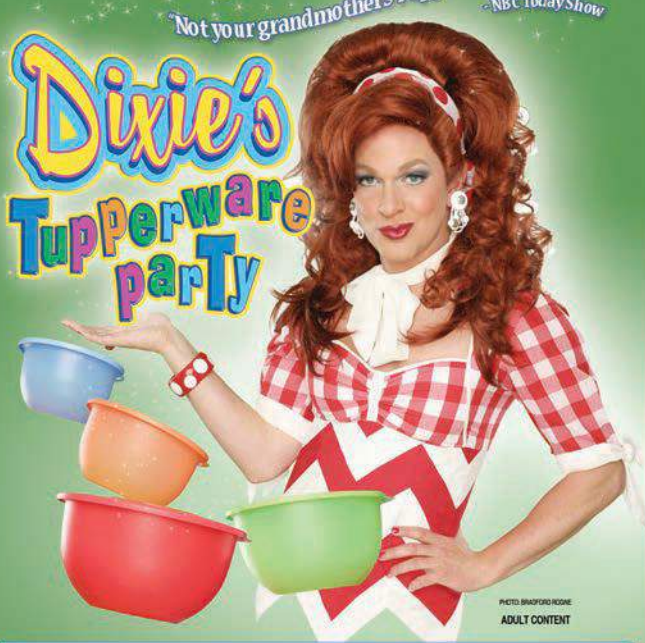
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Eating the Heat

The scoop on Houston's best ice cream creations.

By Joanna O'Leary

The sweaty season is upon us in Houston, and if you're already dreading the long hot days to come, take comfort in the fact that the rising temperatures also are a terrific excuse to eat more ice cream.

This reporter can remember a time when national chains dominated the ice-cream scene in Houston. Fortunately, in the last five years, a burst of locally owned scoop-shops have opened. Offering iced confections ranging from the traditional to the eclectic, these establishments are essential stops on your summer ice-cream itinerary.

Start at **Cloud 10 Creamery**, where Chris Leung deploys his classical culinary training to create a rotating daily menu of 10 different types of ice cream and sorbet in innovative flavors like toasted rice, marzipan, red currant mascarpone, and sarsaparilla anise. Those who shudder at the thought of trying to park in Rice Village will be excited to know that a second location is due to open in the Heights this summer.

However, should you happen to secure a terrific parking spot (à la George Costanza) in the Village, you should embark on your own mini ice-cream crawl by following up your Cloud 10 visit with a scoop at **DoughCone**, a food truck stationed at 5515 Kelvin more often than not (though check Facebook for their precise schedule). DoughCone's eponymous signature cinnamon-and-sugar ice cream cone has its origins in a 300-year-old type of Hungarian fried street food. The cone's interior is slathered with your choice of Nutella or cookie butter, then stuffed with vanilla ice cream made from milk from local dairies. Wait, there's more: additional toppings (mini-marshmallows, fresh strawberries, Gummy Worms, and Oreos, just to name a few) are *unlimited*.

But save some room, because next you should saunter over to **Smooosh**, another mobile eatery. Smooosh eschews the pedestrian cone and instead uses warm sugar, oatmeal raisin, chocolate chip, or peanut butter cookies (and on Wednesdays, waffles!) as its platform



Rich-wich

Smooosh uses cookies—and on Wednesdays, waffles—instead of traditional cones. Garnishes include M&Ms, Oreos, coconut, sprinkles, graham crackers, and Nerds.

for ice cream. Smooosh sandwich flavors include the usual suspects (vanilla, chocolate, strawberry) as well as the more daring peanut butter brownie and no-sugar-added apple pie. Additional sammie garnishes (coconut, crushed Oreos, sprinkles, graham crackers, Nerds) are just as fun, and can inspire some unusual sweet and savory combinations: mint chocolate-chip ice cream on peanut-butter cookies with bacon, anyone? Smooosh also offers cookie sundaes and decadent shakes blended with whole cookies—a creation begging to be named with a creative portmanteau.

With more than 50 rotating flavors, **Lee's Creamery** boasts one of the broadest selections of any homegrown Houston ice-cream

purveyor. The lineup includes Southern classics such as peaches and cream, banana cream pie, as well as flavors for more adventurous palates like sweet cream corn and a tangy avocado lime. Founder and owner Lee Ellis vends his creams, all made with high-fat milk from grass-fed Jersey cows, both at Lee's Fried Chicken & Donuts and at Petite Sweets. Lee's offers a sublime donut ice-cream sandwich in which your flavor choice is straddled by two glazed donuts, while Petite Sweets serves scoops in bowls or waffle cones.

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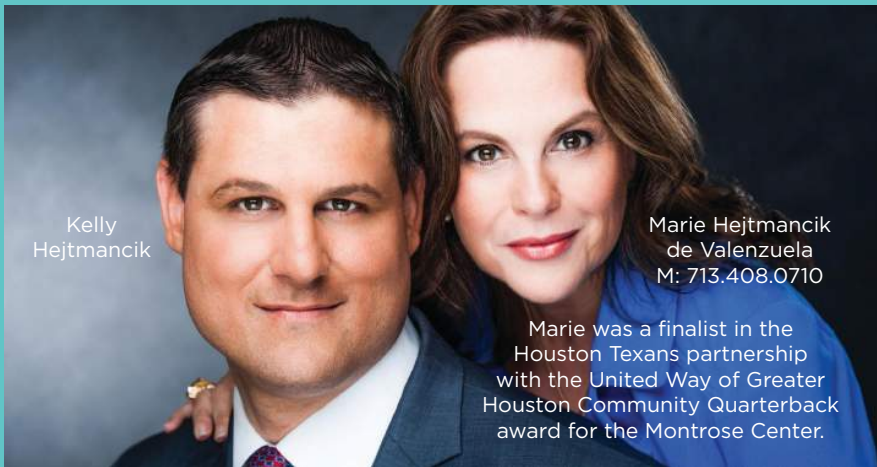


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By Marene Gustin

George Takei has said the goal of his Twitter posts is to give fans a smile every morning. But what if you looked in the mirror to smile and saw broken, bad teeth? What if you just stopped smiling because you were embarrassed by your grille?

When you have bad teeth, it's not just your self-esteem that suffers—it can also cause other health problems, including eating issues. But Dr. Randy Mitchmore can fix all of that and have you smiling the very next day.

Although he's always loved science and people, Mitchmore started out studying for the ministry. "But I wound up in dentistry," he says. "Now, I minister in a different way."

Mitchmore is a second-generation Houstonian with a doctorate from the University of Texas medical school in Houston. He's had a private dental practice in Montrose since 1978 and spends a lot of time and energy giving back to the community. He's vice chair of the Montrose Management District, a volunteer with Give Back a Smile (the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry's project to restore damaged teeth for domestic-abuse victims), and he's spent years on the board of Bering Omega Community Services.

Mitchmore has advanced dental training from several institutes, has written a shelf full of books on dentistry, teaches, is one of the few dentists who's certified in IV sedation, and specializes in dental implants. "My dad hated the partials he wore back in 1986," Mitchmore recalls. "So I started learning about implants so I could fix his teeth. And it made such a difference for him."

Dentistry has come a long way since the



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Dr. Randy Mitchmore has had a practice in Montrose for 29 years.

'80s, and one of the newest techniques is called Teeth Tomorrow, which Mitchmore now offers.

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"I can eat again, it was so easy and everyone was so kind, Dr. Mitchmore explains everything. Best customer service ever!" reads one patient testimonial on Mitchmore's website.

Others talk about the luxurious spa-like atmosphere and friendly staff. "Dr. Mitchmore's office is the nicest place I've been in Houston."

"The best part of my job is that I get to change people's lives," Dr. Mitchmore says, with a smile. "And I consider my patients my friends."

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24-Year Courtship Had Legs from the Start

Samuel DeSpain was in shock when Robert Day finally popped the question.



Finding Their Beach
After 24 years together, Samuel Vaughn DeSpain III (l) and Robert Curtis Day were married last year in Key West, Florida.

By Henry V. Thiel

While looks aren't everything for Robert Curtis Day, it was Samuel Vaughn DeSpain III's legs that caught his eye on February 29, 1992, at the Paper Moon nightclub in San Antonio.

"Actually, Curt sent a mutual friend over to invite me to join them because he liked my legs," DeSpain recalls, smiling. "We talked together the rest of that night. We were totally smitten with each other!"

Twenty-three years later, Day proposed—and he still likes DeSpain's legs.

"To say I was shocked when he proposed would be the ultimate understatement," DeSpain says. "Curt had never been a big marriage person; it was always just a piece of paper to him.

"Over the years I came to realize that yes, I wanted to marry Curt," he adds. "I've always had a feeling of peace around Curt. I used to wonder what I did to deserve such a wonderful person in my life. Curt is my rock when things go crazy, and my voice of reason when I see none. I knew what he thought about marriage,

so I never brought it up. So when he proposed, I could not believe what I was hearing!"

Day popped the question over dinner on an ordinary weeknight, "using the same voice he uses when he asks me to pass the potatoes," DeSpain says.

"I thought to myself, is he joking with me? When he steered the conversation to the coming year and mentioned that February had 29

"I would be happy to wash dishes with this man for the rest of my life."

days in 2016, I didn't know what he was talking about. To be perfectly honest, I didn't think that he was serious, so I didn't give him an answer. Then two weeks later, he asks me if I had been looking at possible wedding locations. 'What?' I said to myself. 'Oh my God, he's serious! *He wants to marry me!*' I screamed in my head. I was totally blown away!

"The first thing we did as an engaged couple was to call the friend who introduced us, and

asked if he would attend our wedding," shares DeSpain. "We were thrilled when he said yes."

DeSpain, 45, attended the University of Texas at San Antonio and works as a manager at Williams-Sonoma. Day, 49, serves as director of finance for the southwest region at Ernst & Young.

They were married on February 29, 2016, on Smathers Beach in Key West, Florida, with William Joseph Weinstein officiating.

"I only requested two things about the wedding," Day says. "I wanted the wedding to be small, and on a beach.

"We also wanted to be married in the U.S.A. to ensure that no one could contest our marriage," he adds. "We chose Key West because we knew it would be fun for everyone, and because we have always enjoyed what Key West has to offer."

To plan their destination wedding, the couple relied on the vendors at WeddingToGoKeyWest.com. "Their professionalism was very helpful, and we would recommend them to anyone," Day says. →

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"They may not be high fashion, but they are very much Key West," DeSpain says. "They helped me find transportation, pick restaurants, and even explained where and how I should go about getting our marriage license."

The wedding included one time-honored tradition.

"For something borrowed, it was my stepfather's hanky," DeSpain says. "Something old was a locket that my mother lent me that belonged to her grandmother. Something blue was a blue ribbon in my pocket, and something new was a set of custom-made cufflinks that Curt gave me as a wedding present."

The couple shared two favorite moments from the ceremony—one humorous and one somber.

Day recalls the humorous moment that occurred just after they exchanged rings. "We both, at the very same moment, realized that we were so nervous that we had put our rings on the wrong hands, and we had to change them in the middle of the ceremony," he says. "Everyone was laughing, even the officiant."

The somber moment involved DeSpain's father, who died from Alzheimer's last summer. "Just as the service started, my mother and a cousin both noticed that a large sandhill crane flew by us and landed just a few feet away next to the gentle lapping waves," he says. "They both swear the crane stood there and watched the entire ceremony. They both said it made them feel as if my father was there watching me marry Curt. I still cry when I think of it."

The couple has decided to postpone their honeymoon until this year, when they're celebrating their 25th anniversary.

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Local Luxury

The Veranda at the Sam Houston Hotel (top left) offers rooftop terraces with skyline views, as well as ivy-colored walls, chandeliers, and a crystal curtain. The Ballroom at Bayou Place (bottom left) is downtown's largest private-events venue, with floor-to-ceiling windows and sweeping balconies. Haak Vineyards & Winery (right) has an outdoor chapel and reception pavilion nestled among three acres of grapevines on a 12-acre estate.

Dream Weddings Can Be Close

Nearby venues offer airplanes, boats, vineyards, and more.

By Henry V. Thiel

If you've dreamed of making an entrance to your wedding from a speeding race boat as if you were James Bond, or on a glamorous yacht channeling Grace Kelly, you can do so at **Waters Edge** in Seabrook, Texas.

Just 25 minutes south of Houston, Waters Edge sits on 2.5 acres of lush landscaping facing the scenic Clear Lake shores. Couples can even exchange vows barefoot on a palm tree-covered beach.

As an all-inclusive private-events venue, Waters Edge can accommodate up to 300 of your closest friends and family under a sky full of stars—complete with brightly colored fireworks synchronized to your favorite soundtrack.

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If you've dreamed of getting married in a vineyard in Napa, California, but want all your Houston-area friends and family to attend, **Haak Vineyards & Winery** is the next-best thing.

Established in 2001 and situated 30 miles south of Houston, the award-winning Haak Vineyards & Winery is family-owned and -operated. Its chic outdoor chapel and rustic reception pavilion are nestled among three acres of grapevines on a 12-acre estate. As an all-inclusive venue, they have trustworthy vendors who can create your dream wedding,

or you can do it yourself with your own specialty vendors.

And who hasn't dreamed of flying away to some exotic location in classic *Mad Men* style, with the perfect gimlet martini in hand? **The 1940 Air Terminal Museum**, Houston's very first terminal on the grounds of what is now Hobby Airport, offers its classic Deco-style terminal building as a venue space.

The main terminal can hold up to 200 people for a seated dinner, while the 1929 Air-mail Hangar can accommodate 450. These unique spaces let your whole wedding party connect with Houston's rich aviation history. There's even a vintage plane to taxi the newlyweds out of the reception to their happily-ever-after.

"We have hosted many same-sex weddings, both before and after it became legal," says Melanie Knapp, events coordinator. "All of our preferred vendors are LGBT-friendly."

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Houston Hotel's second-floor **Veranda** event space is the perfect place to tie the knot. The climate-controlled rooftop overlooking the downtown historic district has exposed brick, chandeliers, an ivy-covered wall, and a crystal curtain. The décor can go from blue-jeans casual to black-tie fanciful, depending on the couple's tastes. An added plus is that all of the food and beverages are provided by the hotel's Pearl Restaurant & Bar, where local superstar chef Chris Loftis is at the helm.

If your dream-wedding includes 1,000 guests, there is only one place for you: **The Ballroom at Bayou Place**. Located in the heart of Houston's Theater District, it is downtown's largest private-events venue. Its floor-to-ceiling windows and sweeping balconies have some of the most romantic views of Houston's skyline, with the ability to create an open-air environment. As a full-service events venue adorned in rich navy velvet drapery, The Ballroom lends itself to both elegant and contemporary atmospheres, and its suite of services makes the sometimes-daunting task of staging the perfect wedding as easy as possible.

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"After all, we only get what we plan," says Claudia DeVelasco, a luxury-wedding planner who owns **A Day To Remember**. She and her team take the time to get to know each couple and understand their style, personality, and tastes, so together they can design the couple's perfect day.

"The best advice I could give any couple is to hire a planner," says DeVelasco. "Many venues offer bundled services, and while at first the idea sounds enticing, oftentimes those added services may not be what the couple wants."

DeVelasco also recommends that couples "flat-out ask" if the venue, staff, and vendors are LGBT-friendly, including bathrooms and changing suites. She also strongly encourages couples to read all contracts and not be afraid to ask for clarification on anything they don't understand.

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(Instagram post, 5/13/17)

I like to change my hair, I like to take risks with how I dress, I like girls, & I like guys (yes), I like growing, I like learning, I like who I am and I really like who I'm becoming. Spent way too many years hating myself, thinking I was less valuable because I was different . . . which is just untrue. . . . Not faking shit anymore, not apologising for falling in love with people no matter their gender. I've become bored of being insecure, ashamed, scared . . . no one should feel like that about themselves, especially when there is so much good life to live. . . . I hope we can all learn to embrace who we are & not judge people who aren't exactly the same as us. The truth is we are all family, we're all one. Just love. Keiy.



Two in One

Keiynan Lonsdale (seen here as Kid Flash in The CW's *The Flash*): is he "family"? *INSET*: Lonsdale as Wally West, still in *The Flash*.



LONSDALE: KATIE YU/THE CW; LONSDALE INSET: JEFF WEDDELL/THE CW; LP: MICHAEL COMTE; DUCHOVNY: PATRICK WYMORE/SHOWTIME; LYNCH: SUZANNE TENNER/SHOWTIME; SICK: YOUTUBE; SANDEE/MTV



◀ LP

(*The Advocate*, June/July 2017, Jacob Anderson-Minshall)
Jacob Anderson-Minshall: In your music videos you show women with other women . . .

LP: I've been asked, "So, LP, you're very out there, you're kissing women in your videos and it's very sexual." And I'm like, "Dude, there are people literally simulating intercourse in videos. I just like kissed my girlfriend on the cheek. If I were a guy or she were a guy, it would be the most PG- or G-rated thing of all time!"

Has being out in the music industry gotten easier?

I don't shy away from using pronouns in my songs. If it offends somebody to hear "she" or "her" come out of a woman's voice in a romantic [way], I don't give a f--k. I don't ever think about myself as some kind of . . . where my sexuality is—I only think of it from a human standpoint of love. And I don't think there is any difference between romantic relationships of any kind.

Ⓢ **A Kiss on the Cheek Is So Continental**

What if LP were a guy?



Ⓢ **We Are the Way We Are**

David Duchovny reprises his role as Denise in Showtime's *Twin Peaks: The Return*.

INSET: David Lynch (seen here as FBI Regional Bureau Chief Gordon Cole) also directs.



Grace Slick ▶

(*The Advocate*, June/July 2017, Jacob Anderson-Minshall)

Slick, who fronted the legendary rock band Jefferson Airplane (later known as Starship), penned a blunt op-ed for *Forbes* admitting her first inclination when Chick-fil-A came calling [to use one of her songs] was, "F--k no! Chick-fil-A pisses me off. I firmly believe that men should be able to marry men, and women women. I am passionately against anyone who would try to suppress this basic human right." But, Slick says, she decided to go ahead with the deal in order to "strike back at anti-LGBTQ forces" by donating every cent she makes from the commercial to Lambda Legal, the nation's oldest LGBT organization, which helped win marriage equality.



◀ **Ashton Sanders and Jharrel Jerome**

(*MTV Movie & TV Awards*, 5/7/17)

Ashton Sanders (left), 21, and Jharrel Jerome, 19, who play teenage Chiron and Kevin in the film *Moonlight*, won *Best Kiss* at the MTV Movie & TV Awards:

Jharrel Jerome: On a real note, I think it is safe to say that it is okay for us young performers, especially us minority performers, to step out of the box and do whatever it takes to tell the story and whatever it takes to make the change. This award is for that. It's for us artists who are out there, who need to do whatever it takes to get people to wake up.

Ashton Sanders: This award is bigger than Jharrel and I. This represents more than a kiss. This is for those who feel like the "others," the "misfits"—this represents us.

▲ **David Lynch**

(*Entertainment Weekly*, Summer TV Preview 2017, Jeff Jensen)

Jeff Jensen: Part 4 [of *Twin Peaks: The Return*] sees the return of Denise, a transgender woman and law-enforcement agent played by David Duchovny. In a fitting move, she's gotten a promotion.

David Lynch: I never directed David in the original *Twin Peaks*, so it was a thrill for me. Cole used to be Denise's boss, but things have changed.

There's a moment when [my character] Cole says that back when Denise was transitioning, he told her colleagues who couldn't deal with it to . . .

"Change their hearts or die." That's right. People are people, and we are the way we are. We're all supposed to get along, and diversity should be appreciated fully in the light of unity. That's peace on earth, and there should be room for everyone.



Gay Docs

'I Am Not Your Negro'
and 'Uncle Howard.'



Lovesong



Neglected by her husband, Sarah (Riley Keough) embarks on a road trip with her young daughter and her best friend, Mindy (Jena Malone). Along the way, the dynamic between the two friends intensifies before circumstances force them apart. Years later, Sarah attempts to rebuild their intimate connection in the days before Mindy's wedding. *Lovesong* is a "rare film of mature, emotional complexity" (The Film Stage), a delicate exploration of female friendship and unspoken love. Strand Releasing (strandreleasing.com).

—Suzie Lynde

I Am Heath Ledger



Heath Ledger was one of Hollywood's most gifted young actors. Starring in breakout hits like *Brokeback Mountain* and *The Dark Knight*, he rose to fame before his death at the age of 28. *I Am Heath Ledger* recounts his acting career, from his early days to his rapid rise. The doc also showcases footage captured through the lens of Ledger's own camera, offering a unique look into his personal life. Virgil Films (virgilfilms.com). —Troy Carrington



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Not to Be Missed

ABOVE: James Baldwin (c) in 1963 in Raoul Peck's *I Am Not Your Negro*.
LEFT: William S. Burroughs (far left) and Howard Brookner in Aaron Brookner's *Uncle Howard*.

It's been said that timing is everything. Raoul Peck's James Baldwin doc *I Am Not Your Negro*, opening in theaters in the wake of Georgia representative and civil-rights icon John Lewis' public feud with President Trump, is proof-positive of that. Owing as much to recent films such as *Selma* and *Birth of a Nation* as it does to *Hidden Figures* and *13th*, *I Am Not Your Negro* is required viewing.

In 1979, gay author Baldwin set out to tell his story of America through the lives of three murdered friends—Medgar Evers, Martin Luther King Jr., and Malcolm X. He only got as far as writing 30 pages of notes for the unfinished book he had titled *Remember This House*.

Peck combines phenomenal vintage footage of Baldwin (who died in 1987) with Samuel L. Jackson's voiceovers for Baldwin's writing, including letters he sent to his agent. If only Baldwin knew how prescient his words were—about everything from race to television—when he spoke (and wrote) them between

40 and 50 years ago.

With the murders of Evers (1963), Malcolm X (1965), and King (1968) as the backdrop, it's fitting (and frustrating) that Peck was able to find parallels between the racial violence of the distant and recent past, and the rise of the Black Lives Matter movement following the police shooting in Ferguson, Missouri.

Anyone familiar with Baldwin's writing is sure to find inspiration from hearing him speak in the film. Among the most unforgettable film clips are Baldwin's 1968 appearance on *The Dick Cavett Show*, an interview on the 1963 Dr. Kenneth Clark TV program *The Negro and the American Promise* (which also featured King and Malcolm X), and speaking engagements such as the one at Cambridge University (1965).

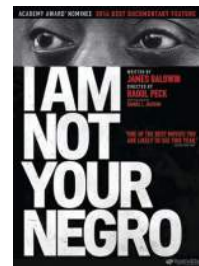
Baldwin, who says he was not

a member of any particular black group because he was "never in town to stay" and that his function was to write the story as a witness and get out, without realizing it, became "the great black hope of the great white father." He even earned himself an FBI file in 1966, in which he is described as "dangerous," leading to his name being included in the FBI's "security index."

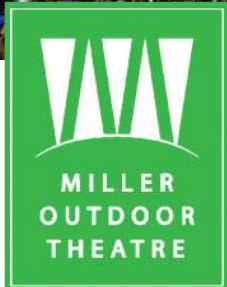
I Am Not Your Negro is not to be missed. DVD special features include an interview with director Peck, Q&A sessions with Peck and Jackson, and more.

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The Howard Brookner renaissance that began in 2015 with Brad Gooch's stunning memoir *Smash Cut*, about his relationship with the late filmmaker, continues with Aaron Brookner's lovingly →



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rendered doc *Uncle Howard*. As the doc begins we see Howard's nephew Aaron in the process of searching for archival footage from Howard's first film, *Burroughs: The Movie*, the acclaimed 1983 documentary about gay writer William S. Burroughs.



The rumored footage is stored in "the bunker," the storied Bowery apartment in which Burroughs lived, later inhabited by gay performance poet John Giorno. Giorno, who has become the keeper of the footage, initially makes things difficult for Aaron, but once Aaron gains access, a whole world is revealed to him.

With *Uncle Howard*, Aaron Brookner, who was seven at the time of his uncle's passing, has done a marvelous job of creating a many-layered tribute to the man he describes as his "hero." There are fascinating biographical details about Howard—for instance, in spite of his parents' wish for him to attend law school, Howard attended film school at NYU. And the interviews with Howard's mother, Elaine, are alternately amusing and heartbreaking.

Additionally, the movie within the movie, about the lost Burroughs footage, leads to Aaron interviewing Burroughs' literary executor and heir James Grauerholz, gay writer Darryl Pinckney, film producer Lindsey Law, as well as filmmakers Jim Jarmusch (sound recordist for Burroughs) and Tom DiCillo, and theater director Robert Wilson, among others.

Although the sight of the lost Burroughs film footage will be a highlight for a certain segment of the audience, the emotional heart of the film is when Aaron interviews Howard's ex, model-turned-writer Brad Gooch. The scenes with Gooch pack a wallop, detailing the end of Howard's life and the production of Howard's final movie, *Bloodhounds of Broadway*. In a vintage video-diary segment in the heartrending doc's final minutes, Howard pays tribute to his agent, Luis, who was another casualty of the plague. It's safe to say you will probably never hear the Pretenders' "Hymn to Her" the same way again.

Ultimately, Brookner's tribute to his uncle reminds us that Howard's passing, and that of Mapplethorpe and countless other creative people lost to AIDS, had an immeasurable impact on the culture of New York City and beyond. It's a reminder to never forget these people and the legacy they left behind.

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When someone asks you who your favorite gay band is, what do you usually answer? Culture Club? Indigo Girls? Queen (led by gay Freddie Mercury)? Fanny? Judas Priest (led by gay leather-clad Rob Halford)? R.E.M. (led by gay Michael Stipe)? The B-52's? Smokey? Hüsker Dü? Pet Shop Boys? The Murmurs? The Runaways? Erasure? These names only scratch the surface of musical groups featuring all (or mostly) out members. The following are a few more current LGBTQ bands well worth your time and attention.

Led by the brilliant Stephin Merritt, a cross between Stephen Sondheim and David Sedaris, **The Magnetic Fields** have been making music as a band (in various formations) since the early 1990s. Merritt, who has talent to burn, also has other bands, including Future Bible Heroes, The Gothic Archies, and The Sixths; he has also released solo recordings and composed film and theater scores. The triple-disc set *69 Love Songs*, released in 1999, was one of The Magnetic Fields' most ambitious and well-received projects. Merritt describes the equally impressive new five-disc set **50 Song Memoir** (Nonesuch) as his "autobiography in 50 songs," one for each year of his life. Disc one covers 1966 through '75, disc two covers '76 through '85, and so on through 2015. As delightfully gay as ever, songs such as "Judy Garland" (disc 1), "Why I Am Not a Teenager" (disc 2), "Me and Fred and Dave and Ted" (disc 3), "Lovers' Lies" (disc 4), and "You Can Never Go Back to New York" (disc 5), are just a few of the welcome additions to The Magnetic Fields' massive songbook.

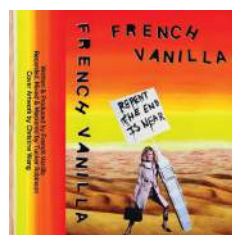
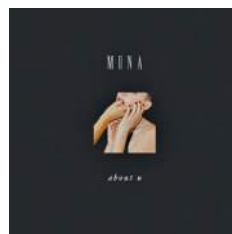
At first, when you hear the amazing song "Living in the City," the second track on **The Navigator** (ATO) by **Hurray for the Riff Raff**, you might think you're listening to a new Michelle Shocked album (minus the religious fanaticism and homophobia). But you'd be

wrong. Like The Magnetic Fields, Hurray for the Riff Raff is the creation of one person—in this case, Alynda Segarra—working with several guest artists, including Yva Las Vegas. A folk/punk concept-album masterpiece, it's Woody Guthrie meets David Bowie, as pop as it is political. Thrilling and theatrical ("Pa'lante" sounds like an homage to Hedwig's "Midnight Radio"), international and inspirational ("Rican Beach" and "Finale"), and undeniably powerful ("Hungry Ghost" and "Life to Save"), *The Navigator* will leave you cheering.

Returning with its first album since 2013's *Tales of Us*, **Goldfrapp**, featuring queer lead vocalist Alison Goldfrapp, delivers the shiny **Silver Tree** (Mute). The 10 tracks effortlessly incorporate the band's musical styles and directions. Goldfrapp's dance-club heartbeat pulses throughout "Anymore," "Everything Is Never Enough," "Become the One," and, to a lesser degree, "Systemagic." The synth experimentation for which Goldfrapp is known can be felt on "Moon in Your Mouth," "Ocean," and "Tigerman." The band's warm, chill-out side is represented by "Beast That Never Was" and "Faux Suede Drifter."

About U (RCA) by queer female trio **MUNA** is a blast from the '80s past—from the vocoder on "Winterbreak" to the irresistibly persuasive dance energy of "Crying on the Bathroom Floor," "End of Desire," "Around U," "I Know a Place," and "Loudspeaker." Songs such as "So Special" and "Promise" sound like 21st-century updates of underrated queer Canadian band The Parachute Club (of "Rise Up" fame).

Born in the L.A.'s "queer punk underground," **French Vanilla** is a feminist punk band that makes the best use of a saxophone and a bass line since Romeo Void (of "Never Say Never" fame). The band's self-titled *Danger Collective Records* debut channels the '80s through a 21st-century lens and amplifier. *French* →





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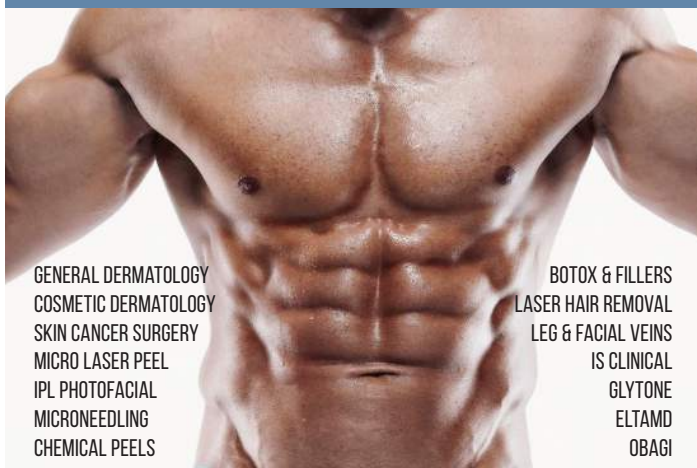
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Vanilla pays homage to everyone's favorite telekinetic in "Carrie" and "Anti-Aging Global Warming" (with its "accept-your-days-are-numbered" mantra) are a couple of examples of the variety of subject matter.

Hiraeth (theharmaleighs.com), the new six-song EP by queer "indie Americana" duo **The Harmaleighs** (creative and personal partners Haley Grant and Kaylee Jespersen), is as soothing as a milk bath. The harmonies are gorgeous ("Diamond Ring" and the difficult "Birds of a Feather") and the pair is not afraid to crank it up a bit when necessary (the subtle country-rock of "Mouthful of Cigarettes").

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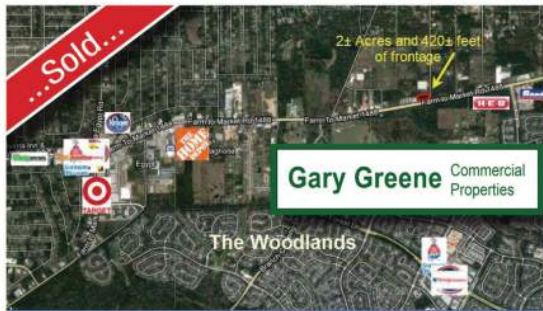
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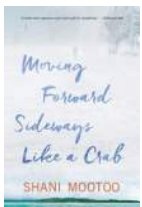
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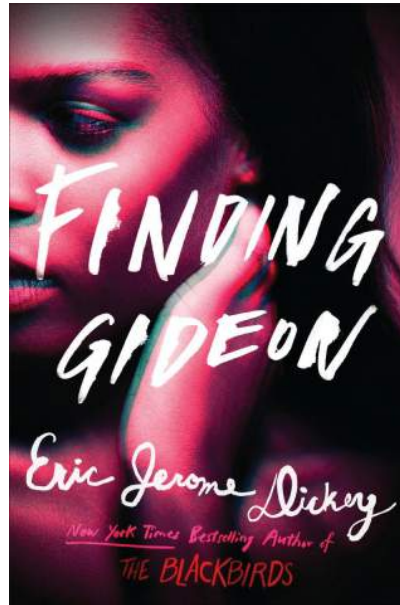
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Jonathan was nine when his parents separated, and his mother, Sid, vanished entirely from his life. It is not until he is a grown man that he reconnects with his lost parent, only to find, to his shock and dismay,

that the woman he knew as "Sid" has become a man named Sydney. For nine years, Jonathan has paid regular visits to Sydney, trying with quiet desperation to rediscover the parent he adored inside this familiar stranger, and to overcome his confusion and anger at the choices Sydney has made. Akashic Books (akashicbooks.com). —Suzie Lynde



Finding Gideon

by Eric Jerome Dickey
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Author Eric Jerome Dickey

It wasn't where you had put it down. The last time you saw it, it was over there where you laid it. You remember doing that; you even gave yourself a brain-nudge so you wouldn't forget, but now it's not where it should be, and that bugs you. Now, as in the new novel *Finding Gideon* by Eric Jerome Dickey, you'll have to chase it down.

At an age when most boys are focused on their little toy cars, Jean-Claude was busy saving his mother's life.

The French prostitute known as Thelma (or was she Margaret, or Catherine?) had crossed the wrong johns, gotten pregnant, and told their wives. She hinted that Medianoche was a father. She hinted that the Beast was a father. She was lying to one or both, and the Beast told Medianoche to kill her. He was swinging Thelma around by her neck when her "snotty-nosed" seven-year-old son picked up Medianoche's gun . . . and shot the assassin in the face.

That was the first man the boy gunned down. Thelma set

him on the second one, too, which changed him and made him a killer. He had become a sought-after, talented assassin when he learned that Medianoche had lived, and Gideon (his professional name) knew he had to finish that long-ago job.

Medianoche hadn't planned on killing his best friend, but when he learned that the Beast had been lying for years about Thelma, there was no other choice. Once the Beast was gone, Medianoche could assume leadership of the Four Horsemen, the group that ruled Buenos Aires—and that's how it always should've been.

But this young assassin, Gideon, complicated things. Medianoche heard that Gideon was looking for him, to settle a dubious score. It wasn't enough that he'd taken Medianoche's eye, and destroyed his face.

No, Gideon was looking for Midnight, and there would be war.

Which only meant that Midnight had to find Gideon first . . .

I have to admit, I spent the first 30 pages of this book hating it.

As he often seems to do, author Eric Jerome Dickey jumps feet-first into his novel by letting the characters jump feet-first into bed. There is a bit of prelude this time, but it's strangely fixated on dog waste before we get to the tiresome erotica.

Usually, I'd recommend skipping that and starting the book several pages in, though with *Finding Gideon*, you really shouldn't. You need that beginning; it's nasty, but it sets up a first-rate thriller and a surprise. This latest Gideon tale has character development that makes many of the killers human, almost likeable. Readers get a better understanding of who Gideon is, and what drives him. We meet his "brothers" and lovers old and new, and because this book screams toward an unsettling cliffhanger, we can only hope to see them again.

Certainly, this novel can stand on its own, but I'd recommend starting with *Sleeping with Strangers*. Dickey's overall tale relies on it, so enjoy that book first. It won't be long before you'll beg to get *Finding Gideon* in your hands.

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As the month begins, you are getting your workplace organized and you won't have any patience for coworkers who don't get with the program. This is a good month for you to work out at the gym and burn off some of that energy. As you're being pulled in several directions at the same time, it's important to remember that you need to come first so you can steer the ship to port. For some of you, this is a time to consider starting your own business, while others may want to retire and find opportunities elsewhere. Relationships are the main theme by midmonth. Remember to have your best relationship with yourself, so you don't feel guilty when you realize you can't be everything to everybody!

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18). Family duties and responsibilities have had you in their grip for the last couple of months. You are ready to have some fun and be creative. Children can be a source of inspiration as examples of fun and carefree behavior. By midmonth, you are in an organizing mode and may want to get rid of

all those piles of stuff at home and at the office. June is an especially good month for you to work on improving your diet and exercise regimen. You might feel like your mind is working overtime, especially when you try to sleep. Electronic devices can be especially overstimulating for Aquarians, so make some time to step away from them.

PISCES (February 19-March 20). Career, home and family, and long-term security are still the top headlines for you this month. At home, you may be interacting with your nuclear family and resolving issues that have been problems for a long time. You could also be doing some remodeling, or even considering moving to a smaller and more manageable living space. At work, you are clear about what you will and won't do. Coworkers are not expecting this pushback from you, since you've always conformed more easily to their expectations. By midmonth you are ready for a break in the action. Make sure you take time for yourself on the 3rd, 4th, 24th, and 25th—you'll be glad you did.

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ARIES (March 21–April 19). You are speaking your peace this month, and have a comment for almost everything that's going on. You are feeling courageous and ready to take action on career and relationship choices in June. This could be a good time to change positions at work, or even start your own business. After midmonth, home and family require your attention. Family members are bickering more, so don't be afraid to step in and set everyone straight. Sleep may be especially hard to get this month.

TAURUS (April 20–May 20). Finances are on the menu for you this month. You have been looking at different investments and/or setting up a budget to make better use of your resources. You are feeling more active and stable, especially after midmonth. In the latter half of the month, you are taking care of projects that you have been putting off. You continue to make your personal and work schedules more organized so you can make better use of your time. Relationships improve with your ruler, Venus, in Taurus for the whole month. Your magnetic charms are alluring for all of us!

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when you have the opportunity to look back on last year's accomplishments and undertake new personal endeavors this year. In mid-June you are focused on

increasing your salary or fees for your services. Continue to work on improving your overall health through better commitment and follow-through. The 3rd, 4th, 12th, 13th, and 14th are the days you need to take off or keep your schedule very light. You won't care to deal with drama and tension.

CANCER (June 22–July 22). The planets are giving you a month of mixed energies. Normally, the time before your birthday is a time of reflection and retreat. However, with Mars (planet of action and reaction) entering your sign on the 4th for the next 40 days, you'll stay busy—and possibly too busy! You will need some time for retreat on the 4th, 13th, and 14th. Keep your agenda light on those days. By mid-month, you are making decisions about your career direction, the state of your relationships, and the connections you have with your family. Time to ride the wave!

LEO (July 23–August 22). The planets have been keeping you busy with both work and social responsibilities. The beginning of the month is a wonderful time to promote yourself, your products, and possibly start your own business. You are ready for a change! Friends and associates will be very supportive of you and your ventures this month. You are more organized, and are catching up on projects at work. Near the end of the month, you are ready for a break from all the activity. Make sure you take some time to recharge. The latter part of the month would be a good time to go to the spa or out to the lake.

VIRGO (August 23–September 22). You are moving into a busy time for the next couple of

months. There will be plenty of opportunity for improvements in your career, so you only have to decide which projects you want to commit to. Business and community organizations can provide support and a positive environment to work in. Your leadership skills are showing, so it's an excellent time for you to act on them. Keep purging those old family beliefs that hold you back and make you doubt your own abilities.

LIBRA (September 23–October 23). As with last month, there is so much going on that you may find it hard to stay centered. During the first part of June you have more flexibility in your schedule, but toward the middle of the month there are a lot more demands on your time. At work, you will want to assert your power and possibly take on a leadership role. You are looking for more independence with your relationships by developing a greater degree of trust. The latter part of the month is a very good time to renew your relationship bonds.

SCORPIO (October 24–November 21). You are continuing to redefine your relationships—especially the needs and expectations you have for yourself. You may find that your tolerance is especially low for those who won't act more responsibly or participate in the functioning of your relationships. You are keeping an even closer eye on your finances this month. It can be easy to be pessimistic as you consider your financial future. Find a plan you can live with, and don't overthink this. By the middle of the month, you are ready to have more fun and possibly do some traveling.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22–December 21). Relationships are in the spotlight as the month begins. You have been in a "review and possibly renew" time frame since last August. This month you do that with your relationships. You will need new long-term goals so that you and your partners are moving in the same direction. Resistance from those partners could indicate trouble ahead. With this clarity you have about relationships, you are safer with any commit-

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On May 5, the Executive and Professional Association of Houston hosted a Cinco de Mayo rooftop social at Commerce Towers. Pictured are **Rob Schmerler, Cindy Cuellar, Robert Frank, Bill Bulcher, Tammy Tadlock,** and **David Greiss.**



On May 10, Prime Timers Houston held its 25th anniversary dinner at Tony Mandola's. Pictured are **Pat Karr, Mike O'Donnell, Bill Tanner, Rex Spikes, Bill Lidgard, Robert Brooks, Jim Graham, George O'Neil,** and **Steve Jurbala.**



On May 9, the Greater Houston LGBT Chamber of Commerce hosted Brewing Up Business at Balani Custom Clothiers. Pictured are **Felicia Flores-Gulihur, Gary Wood, Christian Boehm, Shawn Kuehn, Tammi Wallace, Scott French,** and **Corrie Rhabby Domingo.**



On May 11, the Alley Theatre hosted ActOUT featuring *A View from a Bridge*. Pictured are **Bob Rinn, Frank De Julio, Sam Ferrigno, Chris Frey, Lauren Pelletier, Elle Aghabala,** and **Shelley Finley.**



On May 16, OutSMART and Theatre Under The Stars hosted Out@TUTS featuring *Fun Home*. Pictured are **Chris Maris, Adrian Perez, Kate Shindle, Derrick Short,** and **A.J. Mistretta.**



On May 11, Clive Christian and his daughter, Victoria, unveiled a new line of fragrances at Saks Fifth Avenue at the Galleria. Pictured are **Brian H. Teichman, Victoria Christian, Clive Christian,** and **Andrew Cordes.**



On May 13, Lazarus House hosted Fiesta 2017 at Levy Park Conservancy. Pictured are **Rachelle Welch, Ralais Harper, Rafferty Laredo, Danielle Sampey, Nancy Galarza,** and **Justin Anderson.**



On May 18, Interline Mortgage Services held an Inner Loop Open House at Garrott Street. Pictured are **Nam Huynh, Kaylon Alexander, Cody Grizzoffi, Tinsley Alexander,** and **Mike Copenhaver.**



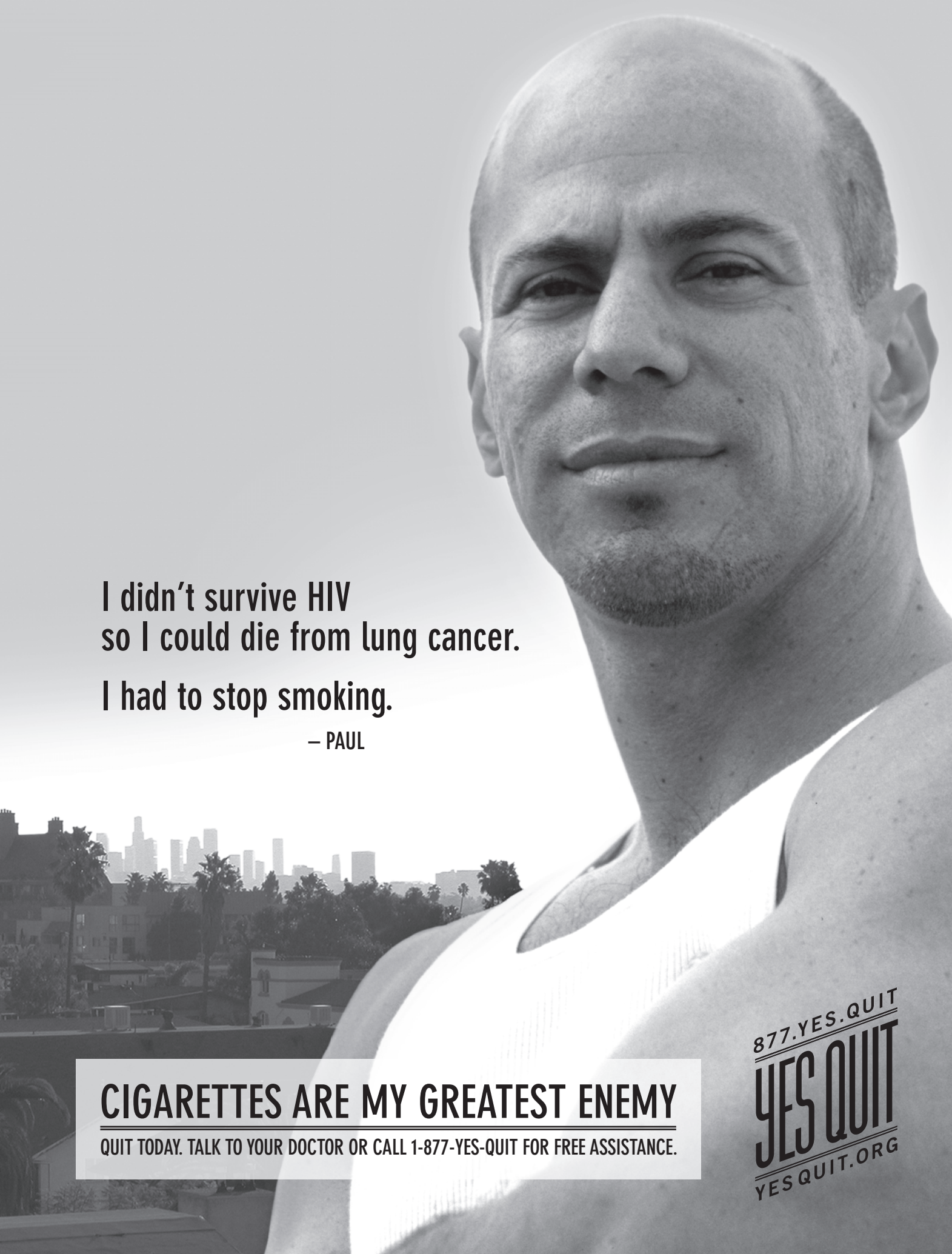
On May 19, Art League Houston hosted The Martini, A Montrose Art Party. Pictured are **Kristen Johnson Perrin, Zach Greshman, Robert S. Daniel, Kheli Willits, Susan Quarels,** and **Bobby Bass.**



On May 20, PFLAG Houston hosted its third annual Meet and Greet Fundraiser Party, featuring guest Debi Jackson. Pictured are **Jeffrey Faircloth, Aaron Richie, Evelyn Carlson, Erika Richie, Debi Jackson, Cort Wernz, Janice Anderson, Mike Brophy, Gail Barnett,** and **Patrick Dickson.**



On May 20, an 80th birthday celebration for **Bob Briddick** was held at the home of Gary Wood and Bryant Johnson. Pictured **Terence O'Neill, Briddick,** and **Gayle Steer.**



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