

# Dallas/Ft. Worth

# Getting around the gay Metroplex

Verything in the Dallas/Fort Worth area seems bigger and more exciting, from the cowboys' hats to the men! And there is always something going on in the Metroplex, which is what the locals call Dallas, Fort Worth, and the Mid Cities.

If you are traveling to the Metroplex in the early spring, a real surprise awaits you. The Oak Lawn Arts Fest, sponsored by Razzle Dazzle Dallas will be held on Sunday, May 21, 1995. The cruising will be great, with lots of shirtless men known for their friendly smiles and tanned torsos. (You will find the men in and around Dallas to be a notch above in looks and friendliness.)

The spot for the Art Fest will again be Lee Park, which is just a few blocks by foot from the main gay area of town at Cedar Springs and Throckmorton Streets. Just follow the crowds and make a few friends along the way! Once there you will find an interesting mix of locals and artisans as well as local organizations- all gathered with just one thing in mind: to make this a memorable day for all in attendance. Wander around and watch the sunbathers as well as the pet parade to get an idea of this diverse and laid back community. Don't forget to wander back through the underbrush at the back of the park to see just how friendly this town can be.

Late in the summer Texas boasts one of the most exciting events that western rodeo fans always flock to: the Texas Gay Rodeo. This year the rodeo will be held in Dallas at the Fair Park Coliseum, October 23-26, 1995. This is a chance to see over 6,000 men in Wrangler jeans;



Steven and Billy at Zippers

be sure to get your tickets early by writing P.O. Box 8544, Fort Worth, Texas, or calling (817) 496-1333.

The gay community in Dallas is strong and well organized. The friendly volunteer staff at the Community Center (2701 Reagan Street, (214) 521-5124) will be glad to answer questions about where activities are and the best way to get there.

The Community Center as well as the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance and AIDS Resource Center are all housed in a jointly owned building. Once there, you might talk to Paul LaPierre in the Center's credit office; the Alliance was the fist gay organization in the nation to offer a credit card to its members and those applying from outside.

#### **Gay Accommodations**

One of the most exciting guest houses in the States awaits you in Dallas. As you pull up to the **Inn on Fairmount** (3701 Fairmount, (214) 522-2800), you will be impressed by this elegant, tasteful inn. Once inside, you will be greeted by the innkeeper, Michael McVay, and treated to wine and cheese in the luxurious and relaxed atmosphere of a bright and friendly common room, replete with sumptuous antiques and comfortable furniture.

This inn is in the heart of gay Dallas, within easy walking distance to many bars, eating establishments, and activities. Each room in this unusual stopover is done in a different motif and boasts an individual bath, color TV, and direct dial phone.

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CLUBS & RESTAURANTS

8) Anchor Inn 4024 Cedar Springs Rd

(214) 526-4098 Backstreet 4020 Mapel

(214) 522-48 Big Daddy's 4024 Cedar Springs Rd

(214) 528-4098 Boxx Office 2515 N Fitzhugh (214) 828-2665 The Brick

4117 Maple Ave (214) 521-3154 Buddies

3415 Mahanna

7) Headquarters 4117 Maple

(214) 521-1193 Hidden Door 5025 Bowser (214) 526-9211 Hunky's

4000 Cedar Springs Rd (214) 522-1212 33) John L's

2525 Wycliff (214) 520-2525 3810 Congress (214) 521-3474 Millennium

2515 Inwood

(214) 357-1887 11) Moby Dick 4011 Cedar Springs (214) 520-MOBY 12) Numbers

4024 Cedar Springs

9) Pub Pegasus 3326 N. Fitzhugh (214) 559-4663 10) Side II Bar

4006 Cedar Springs Rd (214) 528-2026

RETAIL

17) Crossroads Market 3930 Cedar Springs Rd (214) 521-8919 **26) Gratitude** 

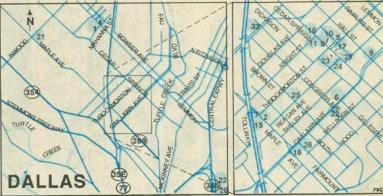
3714 Fairmount

(214) 522-2921 16) Leather by Boots 4038 Cedar Springs (214) 528-3865

29) Obscurities/Trilogy/ Boomerang 4000 B Cedar Springs

(214) 559-3706 Spass'o Pizza 4000 B Cedar Springs

(214) 521-1141 Tapelenders Video 3926 Cedar Springs (214) 521-0427



9) That Special

4001 Cedar Spngs (214) 522-3726

**ACCOMMODATIONS** 

18) Inn on Fairmount 3701 Fairmount (214) 522-2800

HEALTH

22) Club Dallas

2616 Swiss Ave

(214) 821-1990 20) Midtowne Spa 2509 Pacific Street (214) 821-8989

ARLINGTON FORT WORTH 1-30 DFW TURNPIKE 28 27 BOSEDAL (SPUR 303) MAGNOL MAIN

32) Oaklawn Myotherapy 2727 Oaklawn (214) 528-2390

**ORGANIZATIONS** 

25) Gay & Lesbian Community Center DGA Credit Union

2701 Reagan (214) 521-5124 27) 651 651 S. Jennings (817) 332-0745

28) Across the Street 659 S. Jennings (817) 877-4419



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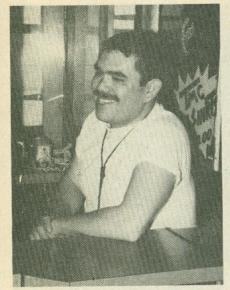
Saturday

8am to 2am

Sunday

Noon to 2am

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Joshua at the Mining Company

#### Bars, Clubs, and Eateries

Many of Dallas' night spots are at the immediate intersection of Cedar Springs Road and Throckmorton Streets, easily recognizable by the white Christmas tree lights strung on the trees up and down the street. In the heart of it all is **Big Daddies** (4024 Cedar Springs), with non-stop male dancers and drag shows



having fun at Big Daddies

every night of the week. A favorite among both out of towners and locals alike, Big Daddies boasts almost constant shows, from the Express Male Dancers to the show-of-shows hosted by the Queen of Cedar Springs, Charlie Summers, with his weekly wet jockey short contest.

Next door is a little hideaway bar

called Anchor Inn (4024 Cedar Springs) that has its own set of hunky male dancers and a connecting door to Big Daddies.

Immediately across the street is one of the newest hot spots in Dallas called Moby Dicks (4011 Cedar Springs). You can always strike up a conversation with a hunky Dallas number at the upstairs



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balcony, the place to see and be seen during warmer weather. During the winter the balcony is heated so that you can stand outside and watch the comings and goings year round.

At the crossroads you will want to stop at That Special Blend (4001 Cedar Springs) for a cup of their delicious cappuccino or coffee of the day. This, too, has become a hangout for the locals and you are bound to catch some admiring glances as you pass by.

Immediately across the street you'll find some of the best hamburgers in Texas at Hunkies (4000 Cedar Springs), boasting a friendly and capable crew. You can enjoy the outside patio with its great view of the crossroads activity.

Around the corner is **Spasso's** with its fabulous mix of pizza, pasta, and excellent service provided by some of the cutest boys in Big D. This *nuevo* eatery features interesting art for sale.

Don't forget the ever-popular Throckmorton Mining Company (3014 Throckmorton), also at the crossroads, as well as JR's (3923 Cedar Springs Road), a unique bar that will remind you of the Wild West with its Victorian arch-

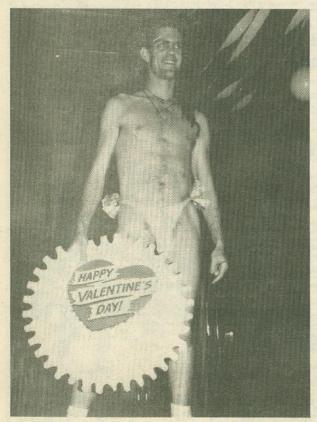


**Darren and Tayne at Big Daddies** 

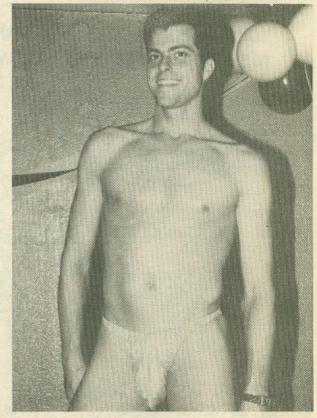
es and fancy woodwork. During the lunch hour a very tasty hamburger is served up here.

Along the street is the Village Station (3911 Cedar Springs) with its young and trendy crowd and trash disco night on Sundays. The sound systems here, as well as the strippers, are astounding.

Absolutely essential on your pub crawl is the Round Up Saloon (3912 Cedar Springs), one of the best loved



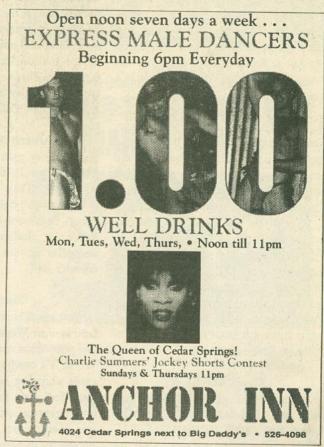
Brian at Anchor Inn



Tom at Anchor Inn

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country/western gay bars in the nation. You will enjoy watching the boot scooting on the hardwood dance floor, and don't forget the free dance lessons on Sunday at 8:00pm. Just watching that many tight butts in Wrangler jeans is a treat in itself!

The ever popular Crews Inn (3215 N. Fitzhugh) is worth the short drive. Tuesday is the big night at this sociable spot, where the bartenders and clientele are friendly and easy to meet. An added attraction is the hunkiest male dancers in the universe— where do they get them?

While you are there, you can bop across the street to Zippers (3333 N. Fitzhugh) with its own compliment of non-stop (no kidding) male dancers from mid-day to closing. And don't forget one of the friendliest bars in Dallas, Pub Pegasus (3326 North Fitzhugh); while there ask Buddy for the real low down on Dallas night life.

#### **Gyms And Spas**

Want to relax after all this bar hopping and extra food? Then the Midtowne Spa (2509 Pacific, (214) 821-8989) is the place to stop. Call for

directions to this three-story health club facility with private rooms, steam, sauna, and two Jacuzzis with a great rooftop outdoor heated whirlpool that will soak all the tension from your overworked muscles. There are complimentary weekend midday barbecues and weekly price specials. Call for this week's special.

Right around the corner is one of the premier gay gyms in the nation, the Club Dallas (2616 Swiss Avenue, (214) 821-1990). They have just remodeled and you won't believe your eyes at the decor— or those using it! They also sport a popular clothing-optional sun deck and offer private rooms, as well as a friendly staff.

#### Fort Worth

Just a half hour away from Dallas on I-30 is Fort Worth. With its laid back gay population and frontier legacy, Fort Worth is a cowboys' paradise. This old cattle shipping center retains a small town feel even though its diverse and heterogeneous population makes it a true melting pot. Fort Worth is also known for its network of greenbelts and

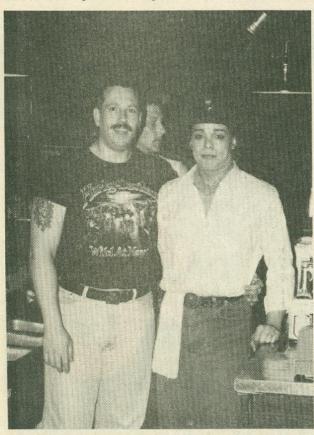
parks where you can spot some of the cutest joggers working up a sweat in the early evening.

The most popular country western dance bar and meeting place is the 651 (651 S. Jennings). You will have a wonderful time partying with the staff and patrons. The locals are always ready to befriend a newcomer. On weekends the place is packed with cowboys from across west Texas and the Metroplex, and the dance floor is always a friendly place even if you are new at two-steppin'. There are free dance lessons to learn the most basic steps, as well as the more involved line dances.

Across the street is another small bar called, appropriately, Across the Street (659 S. Jennings). The crowd varies in this small but exciting disco bar, and the guys are always ready to show you a good time.

You won't want to miss the new bar Magnolia Station (600 Magnolia Avenue).

As far as cruisy areas, check out Foresy Park, but watch for police. If you like them young, then South Jennings is the place.



at the Throckmorton Mining Company



Freddie and Brady at Village Station