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Walker lifts Prop 8 ruling stay; marriages still on hold

Stay expires Aug. 18 and gay marriages can recommence — unless 9th Circuit stays ruling again

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There were cheers outside San Francisco City Hall at 12:24 PST Thursday afternoon, Aug. 12,

as news emerged that U.S. District Court Judge Vaughn Walker had denied a request to delay enforcement of his ruling against Proposition 8.

But those cheers were muted a few minutes later when details of the judge's order were revealed.

Walker continued to delay enforcement of his decision until Aug. 18, the date the stay was originally scheduled to expire. The delay gives the Yes

on 8 supporters of the measure ample time to seek a stay from the 9th Circuit or even the U.S. Supreme Court, if necessary.

The order essentially "split the baby" — giving both sides of the same-sex marriage lawsuit something.

Attorneys challenging the anti-gay marriage constitutional amendment wanted Walker to deny the stay and bar the government from enforcing Proposition 8 immediately.

Attorneys defending Proposition 8 wanted Walker to grant an extended stay until the 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals could rule on the merits of the case.

Many same-sex couples, who had gathered outside San Francisco City Hall and elsewhere around the state since before dawn, attempted to apply for marriage licenses following initial news of Walker's order. But news reports from CBS and

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GETTING THE NEWS | More than 100 supporters of marriage equality gathered outside the San Francisco City Hall on Thursday, Aug. 12, shout with joy as they hear the news that Judge Vaughn Walker declined to extend a stay of his ruling overturning California's anti-gay-marriage amendment known as Proposition 8. Activists had been waiting the entire morning before the decision was announced at 12:37 p.m. PST. Unless the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals issues a separate stay, same-sex marriages can begin after 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18. (Rick Gerharter)

Dallas ASOs win fight to keep client info off Web

DSHS wanted patient notes added to secure online server to help in audits; agencies say risk to confidentiality was too great

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Local AIDS agencies have prevailed over a Department of State Health Services mandate to post all confidential client notes on an Internet database.

The agencies began battling the mandate after state officials claimed that ARIES, the new database, would be secure but could not provide a list of who would have access to the system to the agencies.

"That hit me like a brick," said Don Maison, executive director of AIDS Services Dallas.

He said immigration status, incidents of domestic violence and other personal information would all become public. He sent his staff for training on the system but instructed agency

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Gramick: Equality is a Catholic value

Nun began working toward acceptance of gays and lesbians in the Catholic Church in 1971

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In 1971, Sister Jeannine Gramick became friendly with a gay man while she was working on her doctorate in mathematics education.

"Sister, what is the Catholic Church doing for gays and lesbians?" he asked her.

She realized the answer was, "Very little."

That's when Gramick began working on LGBT issues in the Catholic Church and has since dedicated her career to helping gays and lesbians.

In 1977, Gramick co-founded New Ways Ministry, a Catholic social justice center working for the reconciliation of lesbian and gay people and the church. She founded several local Dignity groups and has served on the board of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

"I do this because I believe this is what God is calling me to do," said Gramick, who was in Dallas this week for the Leadership Conference of Women Religious with Francis DeBernardo, executive director of New Ways Ministry.

DeBernardo said he came of age after Vatican 2



SOCIAL JUSTICE | Sister Jeannine Gramick and Francis DeBernardo spoke to a group of Metroplex Catholics at Resource Center Dallas on Aug. 11. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

in the social justice tradition of the church. He said what's more important isn't someone's sexual orientation but that people are not being treated equally.

New Ways helps parishes that want to become more gay friendly and helps them develop strate-

gies to do that.

Gramick said that since she began her work, a number of bishops in the United States have supported her. But more and more conservative members of the clergy have been appointed to higher

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Young Stonewall wants to 'Light Up Oak Lawn'

Political group seeks money from grants and other sources to fund lighting safety program for entertainment district

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Dallas Stonewall Young Democrats this week unveiled their new effort to make Oak Lawn safer by improving lighting in the area.

DSYD announced the "Light Up the Night" campaign during a meet on Tuesday, Aug. 10 at JR's Bar & Grill, explaining that the group plans to raise money to add lighting to the neighborhood bounded by Oak Lawn, Maple, Wycliff and Lemmon avenues, according to DSYD Communications Director Michael Maldonado.

The Cedar Springs area is included in one of the Dallas Police Department's 26 Target Action Area Grids. Last year that TAAG recorded the third-most violent crimes in the city.

Reported violent crimes in the area have decreased considerably this year.

Latisha McDaniel, who lives on Hall Street in



Brian Stout

Oak Lawn, was one of those attending the meeting. She said poor lighting is a real problem for residents.

"It's scary to walk alone because it's so poorly lit," McDaniel said.

Several holdups in the neighborhood were mentioned, including an incident in which two people were robbed near the Seville apartments

on Reagan Street, and another in which three people were held up in front of an apartment behind the CVS Pharmacy on Lemmon Avenue.

David Richardson, who owns Skivvies and has had other stores along Cedar Springs over the past for 30 years and was among the founders of the Cedar Springs Merchants Association, said he has seen "huge improvements" in Oak Lawn over the years.

He said safety has always been a concern and recalled when prostitutes were a common sight along Cedar Springs Road and drug dealers and hustlers hung out on the streets behind the bars. He attended the meeting and said he is delighted with DSYD's efforts.

"I'm glad to see another group step up to help us," he said.

DSYD President Pennington Ingley said the group looked at studies from around the United States and Great Britain that showed that crime decreased in neighborhoods when lighting improved.

One concern was that crime would simply move from the newly-well-lit streets to other nearby streets. But Ingley said that the studies showed that improved lighting in one area has a positive effect on neighboring areas as well.

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Abbott declines to issue opinion on marriage controversy in El Paso

El Paso County attorney Jo Anne Bernal's office sent Dallas Voice a copy of a letter from Attorney General Greg Abbott. His office has formally declined to issue a legal opinion regarding the granting of marriage licenses to individuals who have undergone sex change operations.

She wrote, "On April 19, 2010 El Paso County Attorney's Office requested a legal opinion as to whether the County Clerk could legally issue a marriage license under a new Texas law when one of the parties is a female and the other was born a man but subsequently underwent sexual reassignment surgery and is now living as a woman."

Her office asked the attorney general for guidance after two women requested a marriage license earlier this year in El Paso. One of the applicants presented a birth certificate identifying her as a male, a court order approving his name change from a male to female, and an Arizona driver's license with her new identity as a female.



El Paso denied the application for the marriage license because of the conflicting documents.

Abbott wrote, "It is the policy of this office to refrain from issuing an attorney general opinion on a question that we know to be the subject of pending litigation. ... This policy, which has been in effect for more than sixty years, is based on the fact that attorney general opinions, unlike those issued by courts of law, are advisory in nature. By contrast, court decisions are binding. ..."

Funny, although courts ruled in same-sex divorce cases, Abbott intervened to stop those despite the "binding" decisions of the courts. In this case, however, the marriage license was already denied, giving him the victory he wanted without intervening.

— David Taffet

Virgin America to add daily flights from DFW to LAX and San Fran

Since Los Angeles and San Francisco are likely quite popular destinations for LGBT travelers, I am sure there are plenty of you in Instant Tea Land who will be happy to know that Virgin America airlines will offer two flights daily to L.A., and two flights daily to San Francisco, beginning in December.

— Tammye Nash

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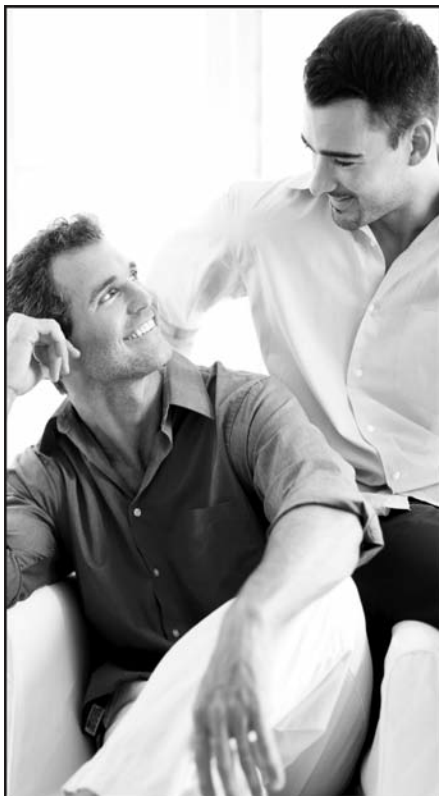
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Landmark dinner inaugural

Lambda Legal is holding its inaugural Landmark Dinner at the W Hotel-Victory Park on Aug. 14. The gala celebrates the organization's many landmark rulings including Lawrence v. Texas, the Supreme Court decision invalidating criminal sodomy laws across the country, and the Iowa case that secured marriage equality in that state.

Paul J. Williams will be master of ceremonies. A former Lambda Legal plaintiff will deliver the keynote address and Joe Pacetti and Christian Iles will present a diamond jewelry show and auction.

Although the dinner is sold out, Lambda Legal supporters are invited to the White Party Gala following the dinner. The gala will be held in the W Hotel Ballroom at 10 p.m.

Included in the ticket price is a show by the "King of West Hollywood," DJ. Casey.

Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased in advance by contacting the Lambda Legal office at 214-219-8585 or at the door.

Lambda Legal is the nation's oldest national organization pursuing equal rights for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and those with HIV through high-impact litigation, public education and advocacy.

Gay Pride gospel celebration

Cathedral of Hope United Church of Christ and Art for Peace & Justice will host the first an-

nual "Gay"ther Homecoming on Sept. 18 as part of Pride weekend celebration. They will host an array of talent performing familiar hymns and gospel songs from the past.

More than 40 singers, songwriters and instrumentalists from across the nation will perform solos, group performances and audience sing-alongs.

Marsha Stevens, Mark Hayes, Susie Brenner and Rob Parker as well as two LGBT gospel groups, Out 4 Joy and Voices of Hope, will be among the performers.

Amy Stevenson, Danny Ray, Lonnie Parks, Shelly-Torres West, Kim Wisdom, and Rusty Johnson are among the Dallas talent that will participate. Timothy Seelig will be the director for the evening.

"As the invitations to participate have gone out across the U.S., the response has been phenomenal," said Seelig. "Everyone contacted has responded with immediate enthusiasm. We will include as many musicians as the stage will hold! Most of these talented folks have experienced a huge amount of hurt at the hands of the religions of their youth. This is our opportunity to stand proudly and sing the songs we thought were lost."

The evening's proceeds will benefit the soon-to-be-dedicated Interfaith Peace Chapel designed by noted architect Philip Johnson.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission and are available at H4PJ.org. ■

pet of the week / bryce

Bryce is a 3-year-old Labrador, weighing about 70 pounds. He enjoys playing with other dogs and going on long walks or runs. He and his brother, Burt, were transferred from a local shelter. Bryce cannot wait to leave the shelter life behind and live a carefree life with family and friends.



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Look out 150 miles, here I come!
My name is Tara Dannehl, and I am very proud to be apart of the 10-year anniversary Lone Star Ride Fighting AIDS!

Life for me revolves around health and fitness. So when I was asked to participate in this year's ride, there was no reason in my mind to say no.

My friend and SPIN professional, Arlen Miller, is the man that got me on a road bike. I know Arlen from The Texas Club located in downtown Dallas, where I am a personal trainer and group fitness instructor.

I have been working as a trainer and instructor for seven years. I get fulfillment in aiding and watching the changes people make in their lives for the better.

Many of my clients have come to me for assistance in reaching personal goals of completing a half or full marathon, a triathlon and other distance events of running or biking. I've also had some friends starting running for the first time in their lives to raise money for charities dear to them.

And finally, it is my time. I decided that if all these individuals of different ages and abilities can achieve such incredible goals that I needed to make one for myself.

I've always enjoyed bike riding and the outdoors. I have spent my time on a hybrid mountain bike, so at the beginning, I didn't really think there would be much difference in a road bike — wrong! I'll share that experience with all of you hardcore road bikers in just a second.

Next, I am going to brag about the wonderful bike loaner program.

I was so eager for the ride and this new experience, but I didn't have a road bike. So Arlen put me in touch with David Minehart and the Lone Star Locker.

And I was set! I now have a wonderful, royal

blue Marin to put my miles on.

I took it to the shop and after a little touch up and some new clip shoes, I was almost ready to begin putting miles on the odometer.

While the bike was in the shop, I took my clips and began regularly attending a spin class at the gym. I also would hop on the spin bike in my spare time. I wanted to get comfortable with the clips and felt this would be good practice.

Once I picked up my bike, I must admit that it spent a few days in the garage as I dealt with some small anxiety about this new experience, clips and all, that was looming in the back of my mind.

Then one beautiful Saturday morning, my husband and I finally geared up and headed out. Wow! It was such a completely different experience than what I was used to from a mountain bike!

That first ride was great. What made it even better was that I hit the one stop light between our house and the lake while it was green, both ways, and didn't have to unclip.

Yes, I told you I was anxious!

But not to worry fellow LSR bikers, as I have been practicing with my clips. I will be a pleasant and respectful rider with you on this amazing 150 mile ride.

Yes, 150 miles — I can't wait!

The icing on the cake for me is that this experience is an opportunity to raise money for organizations fighting AIDS and supporting those affected by HIV/AIDS.

The Lone Star Organization reaches out to so many and continuous support is needed to make significant progress in research and education. It is an incentive to be backed by family, friends and acquaintances to raise money for an organization such as this one.

I am ready to hit the road and be apart of the 10-year anniversary ride this September. It is going to be an experience of a lifetime, and it will be so wonderful to share it with so many other

supportive riders and crew.

Thank you to the organization and those that have gotten me this far. I especially appreciate my husband for going on practice rides with me and

my parents for believing in me.

See you on the road! Go LSR 2010!

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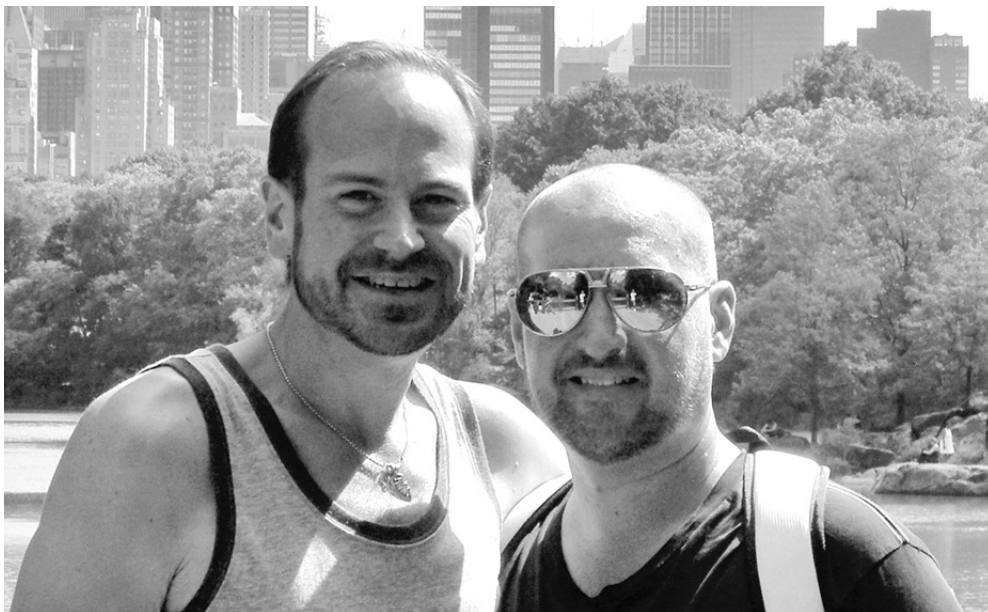
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Dallasite creates local Marriage Equality group



ENGAGED IN CHANGE | Eric Crawford, right, and his fiance Marcus Watson, pictured here in Central Park, first heard of Marriage Equality USA during a June trip to New York City.

Couple starts Dallas chapter of national group that promotes equality for same-sex couples

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Last week in California, federal District Judge Vaughn Walker issued a ruling striking down the state's anti-gay-marriage constitutional amendment, known as Proposition 8.

Earlier this year, legislators in Mexico City passed a law legalizing same-sex marriage, and last week the country's Supreme Court issued a decision declaring the law constitutionally valid. Then this week, that same court ruled that same-sex marriages performed in Mexico City must be legally recognized throughout the country.

Portugal legalized same-sex marriage in May, and Argentina followed suit in July. And this week, Costa Rica's Supreme Court ruled that an initiative on the ballot there for December, on whether to ban same-sex civil unions, is unconstitutional and cannot go forward.

The fight for marriage equality continues to advance around the globe.

But not in Texas.

It's not that LGBT Texans aren't trying. And Dallasite Eric Crawford said this week that he is joining the battle full force by starting a Dallas chapter of the national organization Marriage Equality USA.

"Right now, we are just having an organizational meeting," Crawford said. But he has big plans for the future.

"We want to plan events throughout the year, things like maybe a Valentine's Day dance in February and other things to focus attention on marriage equality," he said. "There are a variety of efforts we could take on, letter-writing campaigns, attending events like the Prop 8 celebration here.

"I will get ideas from the people who participate, see what they are up for and how far they want to take it," he added. "I know Marriage Equality USA needs funds to help fight the appeal on Prop 8 in California. Maybe we could help them raise the money they need."

Crawford explained that he and his partner, Marcus Watson, first heard about the organization when they went to New York in June for the gay Pride celebration there.

Marriage was already on their minds since they got engaged the day before the left on the trip and are now planning a wedding for next July.

"We heard about Marriage Equality New York and what they are doing, and it really got me excited and engaged," Crawford said. "So I started checking around in Dallas and I didn't find any groups here specifically pertaining to marriage equality. Then I went online and found Marriage Equality USA.

"That's when I really just got tired of being complacent and waiting on other people to do something, and I decided to start up a group here."

His first step was to go to the MeetUp.com website and form a meet-up group for people in the Dallas area interested in promoting marriage equality to "gauge interest" in a marriage equality organization here. Crawford said he was surprised by the large number of straight allies who

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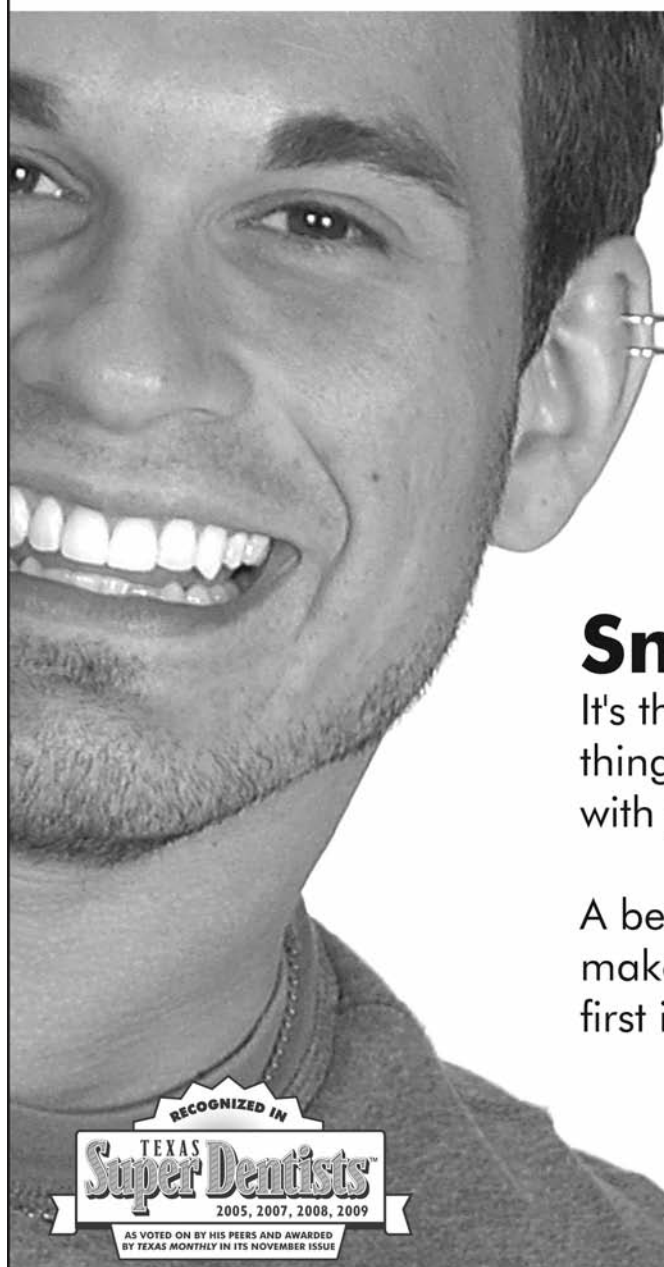
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LGBT archives grow with artifacts and pics

Archives gives glimpse into the history and development of Dallas' vibrant LGBT community

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Resource Center Dallas has been archiving the history of the LGBT community of Dallas since Phil Johnson donated his own collection to them in the 1990s.

Johnson had saved every issue of the Advocate, This Week in Texas and Dallas Voice since the magazines were founded. He also had clipped articles about the LGBT community from the Dallas Morning News and the now-defunct Dallas Times Herald since the 1940s.

The center recently received several new donations to add to the collection Johnson began.

Blake Wilkinson and Rick Vanderslice donated items from Queer LiberAction that will make one of the most stunning visual displays when the center has more space to display them, officials said. QL's kissing booth, Milk box, megaphone, signs and fliers document a resurgence in activism that included a response to the Rainbow Lounge Raid.

When Cece Cox became executive director of the Resource Center, she found a bill the city sent to Gay Urban Truth Squad, a direct action protest group from the early 1980s that was Dallas' version of ACT UP (the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power). The bill was for clean up after a protest on a plaza outside the convention center near City Hall.

Hundreds had gathered outside a political fundraiser where President George H.W. Bush was speaking for the largest AIDS protest that had been held in Dallas. Protesters chalked outlines of bodies on the sidewalk and wrote the name of someone they knew who had died of AIDS.

Those attending the fundraiser had to walk over those "bodies" as they left their event.

The bill listed charges of \$81 for an electrician and \$100 to powerwash the sidewalk. A note to pay with DGA funds is initialed by John Thomas, executive director of Resource Center Dallas at the time.

Cox has the bill framed in her office.

William Waybourn, who was one of the founders of Dallas Gay Alliance and the foundation that became Resource Center Dallas, also recently donated a number of pictures to the center from its early days.

Resource Center spokesperson Rafael McDonnell told the story — told to him by Waybourn — of how the Nelson-Tebedo Clinic received its initial funding after Waybourn spoke to Dr. Mathilde Krim, founder of the American Foundation For



MOMMIE DEAREST | Morgan Fairchild, left, Faye Dunaway, right, present William Waybourn with a check for \$50,000 to help found the AIDS Resource Center. (Courtesy Phil Johnson Library)

AIDS Research, about the lack of medical services for persons with AIDS in Dallas.

"The best thing we can do for someone with AIDS is get someone a bus ticket out of here," Waybourn told her.

Together with the AmFAR's founding chair Elizabeth Taylor, the organization donated \$100,000 to start the clinic.

Paul von Wupperfeld recently donated a letter that he sent to George W. Bush's campaign advisor, Karl Rove. In it, he asked Rove to help secure a meeting to encourage Bush to support hate crime legislation.

Other archive acquisitions include a Cheer Dallas megaphone and uniform. That group performed through the 1990s and were featured in a scene in the 1995 film "Jeffrey."

Because of the enormous amount of documents and artifacts, much of the archives are kept off premises. To arrange to see or to use any of the collection, contact librarian Sandy Swann at Resource Center Dallas.

She said researchers working on master's theses have contacted her about using documents.

"We had an English grad student studying drag performance in the DFW area," she said. "He went back looking at old ads in the Voice, Texas Triangle and TWT."

She said when Cathedral of Hope recently celebrated its 40th anniversary, she helped by providing material from the original Circle of Friends, the church's founding group.

The archive also proved helpful to groups in the recent battle with DART over nondiscrimination based on gender identity, Swann said. ■

The Phil Johnson Library, Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan Street. Mon., Wed. and Thurs. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Tues. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Sat. noon - 4 p.m. Contact Swann for more information.

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GRAMICK

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positions since she first took her vows.

In 1999, the Vatican prohibited her from doing pastoral work with gays and lesbians and the next year she was ordered to stop speaking about homosexuality and about Rome's investigation into her work.

She refused to be muzzled and continued working tirelessly.

The head of her order was worried that Gramick faced excommunication. She suggested they travel to the tomb of the founder of their order in Munich, Germany, to pray for divine intervention.

They flew from Baltimore to Rome where they changed planes for Munich. On the plane from Rome, she sat next to a man she thought might have been a priest.

That's where the divine intervention happened. She interrupted him to introduce herself.

"I'm a nun," she said and asked if he was with the church.

The man introduced himself as Cardinal Ratzinger. When she told him her name, he joked that he had known her for 20 years, meaning they had a thick file on her and had been investigating her for that long.

Before they landed, the head of her order told the cardinal her concern that Sister Jeannine would be excommunicated.

"Oh, no, no, no," Gramick said the future Pope Benedict told her. "It's not that level of doctrine."

Gramick said that the work of New Ways Ministry is not considered an excommunicatable matter. She noted that despite the Vatican's position on LGBT issues, no one has been excommunicated for working on gay and lesbian social justice issues.

Although Gramick disagrees with the pope's position on a number of issues and believes the Vatican still doesn't understand the impact pedophile priests have had on so many lives, she is gracious in describing him.

She recalls him as a friendly, spiritual, holy man.

"He was praying when I interrupted him," she said. "He has a good sense of humor."

She said that meeting him put a human face on the institution.

DeBernardo explained the work of New Ways Ministry. Helping parishes become more supportive of gay and lesbian Catholics is a major focus of the organization. He suggested a number of ways parishes can become more supportive.

"The oppression runs the gamut from silence to violence," said DeBernardo. "Just breaking the silence is a good way."

He suggests starting support groups in churches. Some churches have integrated gays and lesbians into their education programs.

"If you're having a discussion on sexuality, you have to mention homosexuality," he said. "You can't ignore it anymore. It's an important part of the current discussion on sexuality."

Recognizing the gifts gay and lesbian members bring is another important step. One parish, he said, recognizes a lesbian mom or the mother of a lesbian every Mother's Day.

He said his approach is not "one size fits all." What works in one area of the country won't work elsewhere. What works in one church won't work in a neighboring parish.

In Maryland, New Ways is experimenting with a new program targeting legislators as well as Catholic grassroots voters.

DeBernardo said support of gay and lesbian issues is strong among the grassroots and among middle managers in the church.

"But bishops get the media," he said.

The project, that they will bring to other states debating same-sex marriage legislation or other equality laws, helps educate legislators that they will not lose Catholic votes by voting in favor of social justice.

Gramick said that there is a disconnect between the church hierarchy and Catholics in the pews.

She spoke at Resource Center Dallas on Wednesday, Aug. 11, to a group of Catholics from around the Metroplex interested in her work.

A teacher who attended said she was afraid she would lose her job if she helped gay students who came out to her.

Gramick suggested the teacher help her students by teaching the full range of Catholic theologies. While the hierarchy teaches one thing, a vast majority of Catholic writers and theologians teach something else, Gramick said.

A parent of a gay son wanted to know how to help others in her parish and in other parishes around the diocese.

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MCC GD'S NEW HOME



MOVED IN | Metropolitan Community Church of Greater Dallas moved into its new facility at 1840 Hutton Drive, No. 100 in Carrollton last week. Volunteers moved furniture into the space during the week. Pastor Colleen Darraugh said layout of the new space is more efficient than at the church's former location. The new space has higher ceilings in the worship area that has seating for 170, as well as an adult education meeting room. The building is handicap accessible, including wheelchair access in the restrooms. They will have a sign in the building, but for now their banner hangs in the window. Sunday services begin at 10 a.m.

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"Baby steps," DeBernardo suggested.

He said the church puts a strong emphasis on family.

"Catholics are so much about keeping families together and when you have large families, you'll have gays and lesbians in your family," he said.

"Church leaders think a lot about sex," he said. "For people in the pews, while sex is important, they don't think of it as the primary way of interpreting the world. People know that sex is only one part of their lives."

Gramick estimated that as many as half of all priests are gay. She said that the Catholics in the pews, however, separate the pedophile priests scandal from homosexuality.

Gramick said that when the scandal first erupted, there was a lot of confusion between sexual abuse and gay priests.

She said that people came to church because they liked their priest and didn't care about his sexual orientation.

Congregations are showing their independence on the issue, Gramick and DeBernardo said.

One church in Greenwich Village has marched in the New York gay Pride parade for years. This year, New York's new archbishop told them they could not carry their church's banner in the parade.

Instead they all wore T-shirts with their church's logo and carried a blank banner.

"They were on CNN. That was great publicity for the church that was being gay friendly," Gramick said. "Not so good for the archbishop." ■

DSYD

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Ingly said that despite police statistics that show a decrease in crime in the area this year, he hasn't seen any improvement in the four years he has lived on Reagan Street.

"People walk in complete darkness on Reagan Street from the Seville to Cedar Springs," he said.

He joked that there is a solution, which is why they named the project "Light Up Oak Lawn" rather than "Stop the Muggings."

Vice President Brian Stout said that the board walked every street in the area to map every working streetlight.

"There's no rhyme or reason to how they're laid out," Stout said.

DSYD Political Director Jennifer Allen said the group also studied what lights to purchase and how to fund the project.

"We need 200 to 350 more lights to have adequate lighting in the area," she said.

She said they recommended low-sodium LED lighting that would cost \$1,000 to \$1,500 per unit. Fully funding the project could cost \$5 million.

Allen said there were cheaper alternatives to getting the streets lit sooner that used bulbs. But those bulbs would burn out sooner and use more electricity.

She added that DSYD are exploring several sources of funding including economic development grants, money from foundations, neighborhood developers and government grants. Members have spoken to Dallas City Councilwoman Angela Hunt about working with city grant writers to help obtain the money.

At the meeting, DSYD members acknowledged the city's tight budget situation. While they expected the city to back the plan, they said did not expect the council to vote money to help pay for it.

Michael Milliken is active with the Oak Lawn Committee, which deals with zoning issues in the area. He extended an offer to work with DSYD, especially with helping them make contacts in City Hall.

DSYD Secretary Jared Pearce said that getting grants would take some time but that the group hopes the project can be completed within two years. ■

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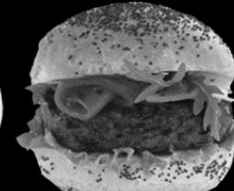
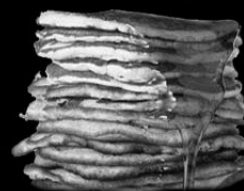
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MARRIAGE EQUALITY

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responded.

"I was really impressed by that," he said. "It's not just the gay community that cares about this."

Although Dallas County has turned blue in recent elections, most of Texas remains decidedly red when it comes to political affiliations. And the Republican Party has, for the most part, stood firmly in opposition to legalizing same-sex marriage, especially in Texas where the state GOP platform even includes platforms calling for the return of sodomy laws and more.

But Crawford said he isn't willing to concede the state to anti-gay forces.

"I think a lot of people in Texas have become complacent. They think, 'Hey. It's Texas. We can't really do anything here to make a difference,'" he said.

"But the fact is, if it weren't for two men from Houston who were willing to fight all the way to the Supreme Court, we'd still have sodomy laws on the books in this country. So that shows that change can get started in Texas, that we can accomplish things in Texas.

"And the first thing I think we need to do is make sure that our legislators in Austin know there is a huge group here in Texas that are for marriage equality. That is something we can do."

The organizational meeting for Marriage Equality Dallas will be held Tuesday, Aug. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Park Room at Park Towers, 3310 Fairmont St. The meeting is open to all interested persons. ■

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What they had to say: Reaction to Judge Walker's refusal to extend the stay

• **Dallas activist Vivienne Armstrong, who married her longtime partner and fellow activist Louise Young in California in 2008, before Proposition 8 was passed:**

"This is a good thing. It could be a stop-and-start process, just like with all the other rights we have had to fight for. It's one step at a time — one step forward, one step back. But this is a very good thing. For those people who live in California who can enjoy those rights, it's wonderful. Just think, if you get married a week from today in the state of California, your rights become immediate at that point in time, and you don't have to have a lawyer and thousands of dollars to get those rights. It's more than just being able to visit a partner in the hospital."

• **Eric Crawford, Dallasite who is founding Marriage Equality Dallas:**

"I am very excited. I definitely think it is a step in the right direction. I am hopeful it won't be appealed and that people can start getting married next week, because the more same-sex couples that get married, the more of a good example it sets for other states and the Supreme Court. It proves that we have gotten married and the sky hasn't fallen and the world will go on."

• **Erin Moore, president of Stonewall Democrats of Dallas:**

"It's up to the appeals court now. He was very assertive in his ruling, and he was equally assertive in this decision, too. The stay in the first place was mostly a courtesy. Unless the 9th Circuit takes it up and does it quickly, people are going to start getting married again in California. And the more people that get married, the harder it's going to be to rule against us, and the more it makes the case that we are not a threat to the fabric of society, so get over yourselves."

• **Rafael McDonnell, strategic communications and programs manager for Resource Center Dallas:**

"We are heartened by the judge's ruling. This is another case where he has looked at the arguments of those who would deny us the right to marry and has picked them apart. He said there

is no basis for issuing the stay. Delaying a few days allows other courts to weigh in, but the fact that he included the statement that these intervenors don't have standing to appeal is also heartening.

"This case may not be on the fast-track to the Supreme Court. Without someone who has standing to appeal, it may not directly affect us here in Texas. Still, nothing takes away from the fact that this is an important decision in our continuing fight for marriage equality and civil rights."

• **Theodore B. Olson, co-lead attorney in the federal case challenging Proposition 8:**

"The overwhelming evidence at trial established beyond any doubt that Proposition 8 denies gay men and lesbians the fundamental right to marry and treats them unequally, without any rational basis for doing so, and that it causes them irreparable and immediate harm. The court's decision today recognizes that there is no reason to delay allowing gay men and lesbians to enjoy the same rights that virtually all other citizens already enjoy."

• **California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger:**

"I am pleased to see Judge Walker lift his stay and provide all Californians the liberties I believe everyone deserves. Today's ruling continues to place California at the forefront in providing freedom and equality for all people."

• **Jennifer C. Pizer, National Marriage Project director for Lambda Legal:**

"Although we're disappointed that Judge Walker elected today to give the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals a chance to consider the issue of the stay, we are gratified that he has denied the request to put his historic ruling on hold during any appeals. He has applied the standard legal tests in the standard way and reached the only logical conclusions given the overwhelming evidence produced at trial: nobody is harmed — especially not the backers of Prop 8 — by restoring equality in marriage to California's same-sex couples. Nobody suffers when everyone is treated equally. There's enough equality to go around."

• **Rea Carey, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force:**

"This is a remarkable moment, stemming from the landmark ruling declaring Proposition 8 unconstitutional. That decision came down to a simple yet profound principle: People should be treated equally under the law. Lifting the stay puts that principle into practice. We thank the judge for his continuing sense of fairness and sound reasoning in this case."

• **Joe Solmonese, president of Human Rights Campaign:**

"Lifting the stay will put into action Judge Walker's basic premise that the state can't discriminate against same-sex couples. Californians deserve equality and they deserve it now. Ending the enforcement of this discriminatory and unconstitutional law will once again treat same-sex couples as full citizens of California. We look forward to the day when this becomes the permanent and unassailable reality for every family."

• **Michael B. Keegan, president of People For the American Way:**

"California's ban on gay marriage was unconstitutional and unjust, as Judge Walker's detailed and well-reasoned opinion in Perry v. Schwarzenegger made clear, and there is absolutely no good reason to continue an unconstitutional injustice. We commend Judge Walker for refusing to grant a permanent stay on marriage for same sex couples. His decision today is an important statement of confidence in the strong case for marriage equality. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals should not only refuse to extend the stay, but find that Proposition 8's backers lack the standing to pursue their appeal."

• **Mitchell Gold, founder of Faith in America:**

"We applaud Judge Walker's responsible handling of the stay regarding Prop 8. Clearly his ruling that Proposition 8 violates Constitutional rights is a landmark opinion and it deserves careful deliberation. No longer will religious-based objections to marriage be a justification for the government to keep the right to marriage away from same-sex

couples. Today is another historic day."

• **Evan Wolfson, executive director of Freedom to Marry:**

"We are witnessing a growing consensus in America that loving and committed same-sex couples deserve the same respect and the same rights as everyone else. Americans on all sides of the aisle, from Laura Bush to Bill Clinton, have embraced the reality that the freedom to marry helps families, while hurting no one. As same-sex couples in California today celebrate their love, commitment, and equal protection under the law, a majority of Californians and a majority of Americans support their right to marry." ■

STAY

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others indicated that city officials were not yet processing the applications, saying they had not yet received Walker's ruling. Parties on both sides of the debate over Proposition 8, which was passed by voters in November 2008, have been waiting since Aug. 4, when Walker issued his ruling that the voter-passed amendment to the state constitution violated the federal constitution's guarantees of equal protection and due process.

Immediately after issuing that ruling, Walker granted a request for a temporary stay — meaning he would not officially "enter" his judgment in Perry v. Schwarzenegger until he had a chance to consider the request for an extended stay.

Many observers believed Walker would issue an extended stay pending a 9th Circuit ruling in the case. But last week's decision by California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Attorney General Jerry Brown to oppose a stay was seen by many as tipping the balance.

Judge Walker's decision on the merits of the case and on whether to limit the stay until Aug. 18 are unlikely to be the final words on the matter. Attorneys for Yes on 8 have already begun the process of appealing the merits of the decision, and they are likely today to appeal Walker's ruling concerning a stay.

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AIDS Arms gets CDC grant to expand prison outreach



PREVENTION BEHIND BARS | HIV educators with AIDS Arms have trained more than 800 peer counselors who have worked with more than 65,000 other inmates in Texas prisons.

Program includes HIV education efforts in Texas prisons, peer counseling efforts and safer sex packets for those just leaving prison

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The Centers for Disease Control has awarded AIDS Arms a \$1.6 million five-year grant to expand its outreach to the Texas prison population.

AIDS Arms' Free World Bound Program has worked with the Texas prison system for eight years. According to the agency's executive director, Raeline Nobles, AIDS Arms has 10 staff members who work with 116 prisons across the state.

"The grant expands the prison and prison reentry program," said Nobles.

The program begins in the state's prisons with risk reduction education and helps HIV-positive prisoners with reentry into the community.

She said that wardens identify good candidates for the program. Then AIDS Arms staff provides

a 40-hour training program on how to avoid HIV, TB, STDs and other diseases rampant in the prison populations.

Those prisoners become certified peer educators and are sent back to work with other prisoners to teach risk reduction. The peer counselors have two re-trainings a year.

Over the years, AIDS Arms has trained 800 people who have worked with 65,000 other prisoners, Nobles said.

The agency also does prerelease planning up to six months before an HIV-positive prisoner leaves prison. Counselors make sure prisoners, who are released with just 10 days worth of medications, know where to get their meds. They arrange housing, medical appointments at Peabody Clinic, counseling, family reunification planning and further risk-reduction training.

"And when they're released and land at the Greyhound station downtown, we meet them with a bag of stuff — condoms, HIV wellness info, toiletries — to get them through the next few days," Nobles said.

Nobles said her staff members are not the only

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As temperatures soar, so do dangers of heat stroke for people with HIV

Experts encourage everyone to stay cool, stay hydrated to fight heat

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The Texas Department of State Health Services has issued a heat warning for the elderly and people with chronic illnesses, two groups at high risk when temperatures soar above 100 degrees. Most heat stroke deaths occur in people age 50 and older.

Officials advise staying in air-conditioned areas, either at home or public places like malls, libraries or community centers. When air conditioning is not available, stay out of direct sunlight and use fans.

Symptoms of heat illness include heavy sweating, muscle cramps, weakness, dizziness, nausea, weak but rapid pulse and headaches. High fever can develop.

Heat stroke can lead to confusion and disorientation, seizures and coma.

Although heavy sweating is sometimes a symptom of heat stroke, because of severe dehydration, some people may not sweat at all. Some-

one experiencing these symptoms, should find a cool area and drink water slowly.

"Hydration is extremely important to absorption of anti-virals," said Nelson Tebedo Clinic's Bret Camp.

He encouraged anyone on HIV medication to make sure they drink enough water when temperatures rise above 100 degrees.

Any of the symptoms of heat stroke may compound any other problems someone living with HIV may otherwise be experiencing, Camp warned.

DSHS advises never leaving anyone in a parked vehicle, even for a short time, because temperatures can rise rapidly. Call 9-1-1 if you see an unattended child locked in a car.

They recommend drinking plenty of water before going outside in the extreme heat even if you're not thirsty. Avoid caffeine, alcohol and sugary drinks, which can have an opposite effect on hydration.

Eight glasses of water daily are recommended ordinarily. In extreme heat situations, be sure to drink water, juice or sports drinks hourly. Drinks like Gatorade should be alternated with plain water. Iced tea is fine if drinking decaffeinated varieties. ■

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ones meeting these people at the bus station. Dealers selling drugs and prostitutes offering sex, among others, are there to meet the prisoners. She said about half of the former prisoners they meet downtown welcome the help from the AIDS Arms caseworkers.

"We've got to get to them first," she said.

The CDC grant specifically targets HIV intervention for both negative, at-risk populations and HIV-positive prisoners. With it, AIDS Arms will be able to increase its Free World Bound staff by two, Nobles said.

Nobles said the program began when AIDS Arm staffers noticed people recently released from prison who were coming to AIDS Arms and were extremely sick.

"There was no treatment in prison for years," she said.

Getting them back to any health baseline was extremely difficult, she said.

"To change that, we had to get to these folks years before they were released," Nobles said.

Three of the employees of the agency are former prisoners who began as peer educators in prison before their release. Nobles said they hired them for a number of reasons.

"We wanted to show our clients solid role models," she said. "We will never fully understand, but these three have fully integrated into

the community. They take their meds, go to doctors' appointments, and have cars, homes. They're extremely effective."

Nobles said the prison intervention should help with risk reduction in the gay community as well.

Without intervention, she said, "Within 48 hours of release, those prisoners will have unprotected sex with two people."

Nobles said her agency's own anecdotal evidence backs up the statistics from CDC.

"We've got to get to them first," she said, stressing the importance of handing them the bag that includes the condoms. She said that many did get the message about prevention, but buying condoms right after getting off the bus from prison wasn't a priority.

Nobles said a final portion of the prison program was getting people into job training and getting them to work.

She said AIDS Arms partners with a number of other organizations that specialize in finding employment for recently released felons.

While the unemployment rate among released prisoners is much higher, the rate for AIDS Arms clients hovers between 15 and 17 percent, Nobles said.

Texas has the second largest HIV positive prison population in the United States. Each month about 30 HIV-positive prisoners are released to the Dallas County. ■

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LEADING THE FIGHT | Raeline Nobles, executive director of AIDS Arms Inc., took the lead in negotiating with DSHS to keep AIDS service organizations from being forced to put confidential client information on an online server.

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employees not to enter any information.

Bret Camp, associate executive director of health and medical services at Nelson Tebedo Clinic, said, "We have information available for review. We will not be entering information in ARIES."

Dallas County sided with local AIDS service providers. After almost a year of negotiations, the state compromised and will allow agencies to provide the data needed by the state without posting confidential notes on line.

The only objections to using the system came from Dallas.

Raeline Nobles, executive director of AIDS Arms, said all agencies funded by Ryan White Part B money in Texas would be affected.

Houston doesn't receive this type of funding. Agencies in other parts of the state told Nobles they were too small to fight the new mandate.

That left Dallas organizations to lead the fight to protect personal information from being compromised on line.

"We were successful," said Nobles, who led the opposition and negotiated with the state on behalf of the county and Dallas AIDS service providers.

"DSHS has come back and decided to negotiate a fair and equitable deal," she said. "Austin has done the right thing on behalf of clients and agencies."

The state agency told both Nobles and Maison that it needed all of the client notes to audit the agencies. They said allowing state officials to examine the agencies without traveling to the various locations across the state would save money. The state, however, pays the county to review agency records.

Greg Beets, DSHS public information coordinator for HIV/STD programs, said that the reason behind ARIES is to codify and evaluate HIV services across the state. He said confidentiality was the state's biggest concern as well.

"The data helps provide a snapshot of what services are being provided and identify unmet service needs," Beets said.

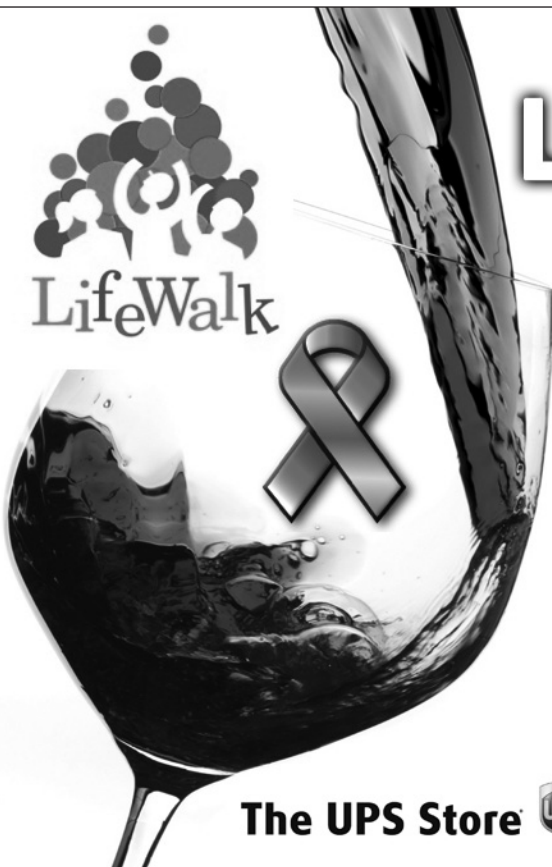
Beets said that the system met standards developed at a national level and a series of measures would ensure security. Those measures included limited access to the information on a need-to-know basis, security at the building in which the computer was housed and encrypted information.

Those assurances did not satisfy Dallas AIDS agencies. Nobles pointed out that from time to time information is compromised from financial institutions that spent quite a bit of money on their technology.

"If information ever got out to the public, we'd be liable," Nobles said.

Several years ago, the state required AIDS organizations to invest millions in new computer

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ADAMANT ABOUT PRIVACY | AIDS Services of Dallas President Don Maison said the DSHS policy would cause people with HIV to “run from care.”

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recordkeeping systems. She said all of the information is currently kept on a secure computer database within the agency. That computer system is not Internet-based.

Nobles’ agency raised several hundred thousand dollars to satisfy the unfunded mandate to build their database, and, she said, Parkland spent more than \$1 million on their system.

To move the information to the new state computer system would be a complete waste of that money the state required her to raise from local donors, Nobles said.

She explained she feared moving the information off the database to a state system would compromise her credibility with her agency’s donors.

“But privacy is the number one issue,” Nobles said. “We can’t build a reliable relationship with clients if they don’t believe it’s confidential.”

Maison was even more adamant.

“This agency would be in court,” Maison said. “It wouldn’t take a rocket scientist to see what this

policy does to make people run from care.”

Maison said people with HIV who use public services give up quite a bit of their privacy, “But to invite the government into your daily life is not acceptable.”

Nobles said she was never arguing about the state’s right to see AIDS Arms’ records. “Any time a government public health funder needs to audit, they can do so,” she said. She said that the information the state needs is statistical information.

But, Nobles added, she couldn’t imagine what use the client notes would have been.

The state will maintain the ARIES system. Nobles said smaller agencies, especially in rural areas that could not afford their own database, might want to use it.

Maison was happy with the outcome.

“I don’t recall being on the same side as the county before,” said Maison, who has headed ASD for more than 20 years.

Camp was also pleased with the outcome. “I’m very pleased Dallas County understood the importance of client confidentiality and backed the service providers,” he said. ■

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Iran's deadly 'Bizarro World'

The use of the Bible to defend laws in the United States could be as dangerous as the use of the Qur'an in the Iranian theocracy

In the Bizarro World, everything is well, bizarre! The planet is a cube; everything ugly is beautiful; everything is sort of the opposite of Earth.

Welcome to Iran!

In the real world, when a person is accused of a crime, evidence is presented to support the charge. Some sort of due process is used to deal out justice.

In the Bizarro World of Iran, not so much.

Take the case of Ebrahim Hamidi. He was arrested two years ago in Iran and charged with "lavat" (sodomy), a crime that is punishable by death.

Hamidi and three friends were involved in a fight with members of another family. Part of the charges leveled against them were that they had assaulted a man and attempted to abuse him sexually.

After three days of alleged torture, Hamidi confessed, and his three friends were released in exchange for their testimony against him.

It might sound like a pretty ordinary assault and attempted rape case — but for the fact that the alleged victim admitted he fabricated the charges under pressure from his family.

In the real world, that would most likely result in the charges being dropped and Hamidi being set free.

But remember, we are in the Bizarro World of Iran.

Hamidi sits awaiting execution for homosexual acts, even though he is heterosexual and from the testimony of the victim, innocent.

Why? Well, it seems there is a bizarre legal loophole that allows something called a "judge's knowledge" to bear weight in a case where there is no supporting evidence, and the judge says, "Hang him."

Here in the real world his defense lawyer would be throwing out every legal motion in the book to stop this miscarriage of justice. In Bizarro World the defendant has no lawyer, at least not any more.

His attorney, human rights lawyer Mohammad Mostafaei, is no longer in Iran. He was forced to flee the country to live in permanent exile in Norway because of his human rights advocacy.

His wife was arrested and held in solitary confinement just to drive home the message. She has since been released now that Mostafaei is out of the country.

You see, in Bizarro World, lawyers like Mostafaei, credited with saving at least 50 people from execution during his career, are not welcome. He defends children and women against harsh punishments that include the medieval practices of stoning and public whipping.

Sounds strange and outlandish, but it's true.

Iran is a country that is, in effect, a theocracy. The laws are adaptations of Shari'ah, the Islamic legal tradition that includes the Qesas law, or "eye for an eye."

These traditions were augmented with loopholes like the one allowing judges to use circumstantial evidence and just plain intuition in

deciding life or death matters.

It is not a happy place for many people — and LGBT citizens in particular. There is a lesson in this sad and strange tale, and that is the explicit warning against theocratic justice.

If you don't see any reason to fear this kind of problem back here in the United States, you must be familiar with neither the Bible nor the make up of our highest courts. The legacy of the Bush years still haunts us and will for many years.

And that "eye for an eye" thing is a direct quote from both the Qur'an and the Bible.

Our founding fathers were some pretty sharp cookies, and when they consciously shied away from any kind of state religion, they did so because of the immense potential for abuse that they saw in theocracy.

That wisdom is under constant attack by the right wing revisionists who would have us believe we are a Christian nation. Those same voices warn against the evils of Islam and the draconian Shari'ah Law, yet if given a chance they would impose the same kind of restrictions. They would just give them a different name.

The story of Ebrahim Hamidi is a cautionary tale, and it is one we should take note of, lest we might slip into the "undervers" and end up in a Bizarro World of our own.

Hardy Haberman is a longtime local LGBT activist and a member of Stonewall Democrats of Dallas. His blog is at <http://dungeondiary.blogspot.com>.



Hardy Haberman
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EXECUTION | Iranians Mahmoud Asqari and Ayad Marhouni were hanged in Justice Square in Mashhad, Iran, in 2005, after being convicted of sodomy. (Iranian Students News Agency)

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Justice postponed

I'm writing because I heard that Seth Winder's trial for the murder of Richard Hernandez has been postponed again. I really don't understand why.

Now consider this: Had it been me, a gay man, who had committed a terrible crime like this against a straight man, I bet you my life that I'd be on trial next week without any disruption or thought of postponement.

This is the justice system in the United States; just postpone their trial and let them walk away free, and forget about how this one person changed so many people's lives.

It's a sad and very hurtful chain of events to know that after almost two years of this circus, the people in Richard's life can't rest in peace either. At a certain point, you begin to feel that maybe we should be judge and jury, and then this whole thing would be put to rest — including Seth Winder.

Rudy Araiza
Arlington

Italy becoming unsafe

Dear friends: We would like to raise your attention on the recent increase of homophobia in Italy.

Every day, we are seeing a growing number of hate crimes being committed against people because of their sexual orientation and their gender identity. In the last two months, Arcigay recorded an exponential number of cases all over the country of lesbian and gay people and couples being threatened, assaulted or exposed to public ridicule just because they were walking hand in hand, kissing or standing outside LGBT bars.

Recently, in Ostia, a seaside town near Rome, a gay couple was forced out of a beach resort after other people complained that they were kissing. In Milan, in the last month alone, our local branch recorded five assaults on gay people who were attacked and beaten only because they were standing outside LGBT bars or public spaces where they meet.

In two other circumstances, a homosexual couple in Torre del Lago in Tuscany and another one

in Cagliari in Sardinia were just kissing on the beach and were targeted. Passers-by threatened to call the police if they didn't stop. In another incident, two young gay people were assaulted and beaten outside a gay bar in Pesaro in an attack that required medical treatment.

Together with the increasing homophobia, LGBT bars and pubs throughout the country are also systematically harassed with unreasonable controls and exposed to constant and obsessive audits by different authorities.

Outdoor venues where gay people usually meet are sifted by the local police or fenced or even closed down by local authorities, who use as a pretext that homosexual people meeting there are "immoral."

For example, this has happened at the Piave Spresiano riverside in Padova, where the town's mayor has agreed to create "groups of volunteers" to patrol the venue, and has said that homosexuals are sick; and on the Oglio a Soncino riverside in Cremona, where the police have been asked to raid the place; and again at two other beaches, in Gaeta in Latina and Ancona, where

local authorities have installed fences and CCTV cameras to prevent gay encounters.

LGBT people in Italy are beginning to live in an intolerable climate of fear, reminiscent of a witch hunt. This is a country where not only the rights of LGBT couples are not recognized — despite a recent Constitutional Court ruling — but, more alarming, a country where the Parliament rejected a bill that contained measures to fight homophobia stating in writing that the very expression "sexual orientation" is in itself "ambiguous," as it could include things like pedophilia, zoophilia, necrophilia and incest.

We ask for your help to raise these concerns with the Italian government and other institutions. Italy has never been a country where LGBT people have been treated equally, but now it is beginning to be even more unsafe for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual people.

Maurizio Cecconi

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Arcigay is Italy's largest LGBT rights organization. Founded in 1985, the organization had more than 160,000 members as of 2007.

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If same-sex marriage were legally recognized in your state, would you marry your partner?

Thomas Combs — "After 12 years, yes probably so. Its a long time to be waiting."

Ray Lipsch — "Yes. Absolutely. Will probably go to Washington, D.C. or California soon regardless."

Lisa Dub Windsor — "Personally, it's not for me but I support any of my fellow LGBT friends who want to do it."

Molli Jones — "I don't have a partner, but to know I can marry her is a wonderful feeling!"

Andrew S. Dial — "The same day!"

Kissiah Aiken — "If I was asked, yes."

Have a suggestion for a question you'd like us to ask?
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GYPSIES, TRAMPS AND THIEVES | Shane Walker, center, successfully bid on the two Bob Mackie originals worn by Cher — and lusted after by Cher impersonator Wayne Smith. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)



Cher and share alike

Local female impersonator **Wayne Smith** and floral designer **Shane Walker** have at least one thing in common: A fascination with Cherilyn Sarkasian Bono

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Shane Walker remembers the first time he ever saw Cher in concert: He was 16, and went with a family member to a show in Houston.

His life hasn't been the same since.

More than 20 years later, Walker, a floral designer and event stylist, has one of the most extensive collections of Cher memorabilia around. He's been collecting so long, he can barely remember the first piece he bought. "Probably one of the Bob Mackie dolls," he posits, referring to the fashion figurines dressed in recreations of costumes from Cher's favorite designer.

But if he cannot recall for sure the *first* item he purchased, he certainly knows the most recent: Two Bob Mackie gowns — and not miniature knock-offs, either. These are originals, worn by Cher herself.

"If you look in the collar of the print dress, you can see a little bit of makeup. That's makeup *Cher wore!*" Walker says. He almost swoons just thinking about it.

Despite his eye twinkling and his voice softening when he talks about her, Walker braces at the suggestion he is "obsessed" with Cher. (Billy Fulmer, his partner of nine years,

smiles; he loves Cher, too, though he admits Walker's enthusiasm out-distances his own.) In fact, while Walker says he's been collecting the Oscar winner for about 18 years, it's only been in "the last five that it has grown." He admits to buying a Cher doll about once a week now. "She makes me very happy on the inside, and her music's wonderful," he says.

"When he gets down, he just buys something of Cher on eBay," Fulmer says. "And her music is always playing at his studio."

His newest acquisitions, though, are already among his most cherished. Not only were they donated to an auction house di-

rectly from Cher herself, but being actually Bob Mackie creations sweetens the enjoyment.

"Bob Mackie is my favorite designer," Walker explains. "It's just a legend — when you think of Cher, you think of Bob Mackie. They have been together for years, and she helped build his empire."

That's one of the things that got Walker to Las Vegas last month for an auction. He had already purchased third-row seats to see Cher perform at Caesar's Palace (not his first time — and he plans to see it again before she ends the run in October). Then he heard about an auction that included several Mackie designs. He had bid on many in the past, but never successfully. But one of the gowns, a Pucci-style print, is the original of a dress worn by a Cher doll Walker bought ages ago.

"I had no idea it was all happening the same day. But when I saw the dress in the auction, I said 'My God, I have to get that.'" This time, he was resolved: He would get something. *Anything*.

He walked away with two gowns and other swag.

Then less than an hour later, he was in his premium seats watching Cher perform.

And a few hours after that, he was back stage, visiting with her privately for the first time.

It is a day he'll never forget.

"I always buy premium seats. We were sparkling in our bling and she said, 'Come here, shiny boys.' The looked incredible: Perfect face, smooth. She for sure does not look her age. And she loves her gays."

It may sound silly, but for Walker — and countless others, many gay men — it is anything but. Cher represents something special, unique. Tell someone you own a dress once worn by Meryl

Streep and an eyebrow might raise in interest; say you have one of Cher's, and people's minds race toward the outrageous. Because she means something as an icon, not just as a celebrity.

"Everyone associates with Cher," offers Wayne Smith, a local legend himself for his decades-long impersonations of Cher. "The gay community goes through a lot of bullshit, just like her. She is the most honest person you'll ever meet, and sometimes honesty hurts. She has been through everything you can imagine and she does not give a shit. She really doesn't care if they make fun of her."

Smith speaks from experience. Although Walker only recently met her, Smith has known Cher for years. In the '80s, Smith worked in the beading department for Bob Mackie's prêt-à-porter line, where he met Cher (along with others, like Diana Ross, about whom he has far less flattering things to report).

"When she's on tour, she'll ride [in the bus] with the dancers. She loves board games and bowling and old movies," he says. And he thinks people respond to that realism.

Smith didn't begin performing as Cher until many years after he worked for Mackie, although Mackie did get him involved in drag in the first place.

"He gave me the idea to dress up. He asked me what I was going to do for Halloween and said 'I think you should do Marilyn — if you do, I'll help you with you costume.'" The next day, Smith was offered a spot in the La Cage aux Folles drag show as a Marilyn/Dolly impersonator. It was six years before he tackled Cher.

Now, he does no one else in his act.

"You give the people what they want," he says.

Shane Walker can surely relate to that. ■



BLING BANG BOOM | Walker, left, and his partner Billy Fulmer the day they met Cher. The performer spotted their bling from the stage and invited them back for a meet and greet after the show.

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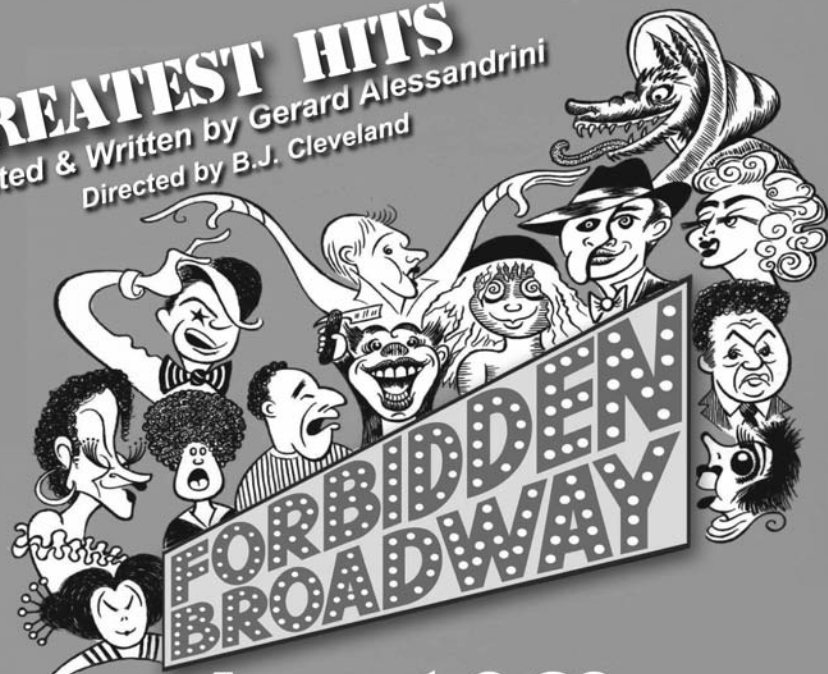
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POW! BAM! | Combining the campy fun of a gay comedy with the frenetic editing of an action film and stylized look of a graphic novel, 'Scott Pilgrim vs. the World' may be the sleeper of the summer.

Love at adjustable speed

The campy comedy 'Scott Pilgrim' is whiz-bang fun, while the studied romanticism of Julia's 'Eat Pray Love' lacks passion

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Michael Cera's progression from endearingly awkward teen into young adulthood has made him decidedly *less* endearing. The halting, fumbling shtick that served him so well in *Arrested Development*, *Juno* and even *Superbad* established a unique style — he is his own adjective: Cera-ish — but it has grown old, and quick. Gimmicky stuff, that, like a magician with only one hat trick.

It doesn't help that, as a 22-year-old dime-store lothario with superhero powers in *Scott Pilgrim vs. the World*, his body is shapeless, with the muscle tone of an 11-year-old girl. His awkwardness is now downright ugly, like a weird hybrid of Stephen Hawking and some severe flightless waterfowl. It gets to the point where, if he were to stand on one leg and bury his head in the sand, everything would seem to make *more* sense.

But — and, as with Oprah, it's a big "but" — you somehow manage to get beyond the uncomfortable feelings of watching him and enjoy director Edgar Wright's quirky, high-speed fantasy romance. All despite Cera. Even though he's kinda good in it. I know. It's complicated.

So is the film, which is one of its many delights. Wright co-wrote and directed the Simon Pegg comedies *Shaun of the Dead* and *Hot Fuzz*, the latter of which may be the best genre film of its kind in the last decade. (It helps that there are few "of its kind.") It's a bucolic cop-buddy-horror

comedy, and completely brilliant.) There, Wright used Weed Whacker editing to highlight but also undermine the extreme violence. *Scott Pilgrim*, by contrast, takes its PG-13 rating and stylized action to look like a mild, mid-'80s video game. It's just as frenetic, but so whimsical as to be cartoonish. The entire film has "cult status" written all over it. Think *Heathers* for guys. Think Judd Apatow without the fart jokes.

Cartoonish isn't far from true: This may be the best film yet based on a graphic novel. Scott (Cera) is a Toronto kid reveling in his post-high school status as a would-be Wooderson, romancing teenaged girls while pining for his ex, who went from nobody to Gwen Stefani superstar overnight. Scott has now set his sights on Ramona (Mary Elizabeth Winstead), a punkish girl with a past. That past includes seven exes (including a lesbian dalliance), who unite in an evil league to fight to the death anyone who tries to date her. And that's Scott.

All of the battle sequences take on their own tone, from Bollywood production number to Battle Arena Toshinden showdown to *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?* catfight. Are all these events real or imaginary? Is the action, *a la* Ally McBeal, all inside Scott's head or are ordinary folks vested with magic powers? Best to forget the logic of the film, which toggles breathlessly be-



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tween fantasy and reality, and enjoy instead its giddy, camp energy.

This may also be the most mainstream teen comedy with off-handed gay-positive content to emerge from Hollywood. As Scott's best friend and roommate Wallace — a gay predator who "converts" straight boys (and who platonically shares his bed with Scott) — Kieran Culkin may be the most well-adjusted and reliable character in the film, a testament to the abiding normalcy of homosexuality today. Call it progress, call it funny, but call on it. *Scott Pilgrim* takes on the world and wins. And we are better for it.

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SCOTT PILGRIM VS. THE WORLD
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There's nothing high energy about *Eat Pray Love*, although it is a fantasy of its own kind nonetheless. Throughout the film, light enrobes Julia Roberts' flaxen hair like a perpetual halo, softly caressing her dewy skin, in virtually every shot of this romance, directed and co-written by *Glee* creator Ryan Murphy from the best selling memoir. After half a dozen years in which she's done mostly ensemble and supporting work, this is the chick flick that could have reintroduced Roberts as a viable leading lady.

Could have, but probably won't. Murphy can't really escape his TV sensibilities — despite woozy photography, luscious settings and Roberts' star power, it still seems bound to the small screen. And with the Carrie Bradshaw-style narration, upper middle class angst and a preoccupation with exotic locales, it tips its hand another way: It's *Sexless and the City*.

Eat Pray Love uses a Goldilocks plot: Liz (Roberts) isn't happy in her marriage (who would be, if your husband were a dud like Billy Crudup?), so she

sets off on a world tour to find herself. First through hedonistic pursuits in Italy, then in spiritual privation in India, and finally the "just right" beauty and peacefulness of Bali. Thesis, antithesis, synthesis: It's the definition of formulaic.

Formulas can work, of course, and in an inoffensive way, this one marginally does (as did *Under the Tuscan Sun*). It's best with the "eat" part of the triumvirate. Certainly it captures the sensuality of eating in a way that made me instantly hungry.

But there's *sensual* and there's *sensuous*, and this movie is lacking in the latter. Most of the "love" component seems no more authentic than it did in *Valentine's Day*, Roberts' last film. James Franco, as a charming rascal who woos Liz after her breakup, seems rotely charming, as if tossed hair and a crooked smile do all the work. It's programmatically romantic, which isn't really romance at all.

"Pray" is even worse than "love." The scenes of spiritual enlightenment are no more illuminating than an introductory yoga class, and Richard

Jenkins, as a gruff Texan with plainspoken wisdom, merely annoys.

The most authentically delicious of the men (aside from the eye candy of a brief fling with a gigolo) is Javier Bardem as a crunchy Brazilian living in Bali. Bardem cries when he kisses his son and makes grand gestures with a full heart and you believe it in a way nothing else comes close to. He strikes the right tone: You don't need to be teary to be heartfelt.

ALL YOU NEED | The romance feels formulaic in the lovely, glowing travelogue 'Eat Pray Love' with Julia Roberts and an uber-sensitive Javier Bardem.



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VIRAMUNE can cause severe liver disease and skin reactions that can cause death. These reactions occur most often during the first 18 weeks of treatment, but can occur later. Ask your healthcare provider about how to recognize symptoms of skin and liver problems.

Stop taking VIRAMUNE if you have any of these reactions. Do not restart VIRAMUNE if you experience any of these reactions. Call your healthcare provider immediately if you have any of these reactions.

VIRAMUNE is only for people diagnosed with HIV. If you have not been diagnosed as HIV positive, then do not take VIRAMUNE.

Any patient can experience liver problems with VIRAMUNE, but women and patients who have higher CD4 counts when they begin VIRAMUNE treatment have a greater risk. **If you are a woman with CD4+ >250 cells/mm³, or a man with CD4+ >400 cells/mm³, you should not begin taking VIRAMUNE unless you and your doctor have decided that the benefit of doing so outweighs the risk. Women, including pregnant women, with CD4+ cell counts >250 cells/mm³ are at the greatest risk.**

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Do not take VIRAMUNE if you have severe liver problems.

The dose of VIRAMUNE for adults is one 200-mg tablet daily for the first 14 days, followed by one 200-mg tablet twice daily. VIRAMUNE is always taken with other anti-HIV medications. The 14-day lead-in period is important because it can help reduce your chances of getting a potentially serious skin rash. If you have a skin rash during the first 14 days, immediately contact your doctor and do not increase your VIRAMUNE dose to twice a day. The total duration of the once daily lead-in dosing period should not exceed 28 days, at which point an alternative regimen may need to be started.

Other side effects that patients have experienced include nausea, fatigue, fever, headache, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, and myalgia. Changes in body fat may occur in patients receiving antiretroviral therapy. Immune reconstitution syndrome has been reported in patients treated with combination ARV therapy.

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VIRAMUNE® (VIH-rah-mune) (nevirapine) Tablets

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Read this Medication Guide before you start taking VIRAMUNE and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking to your doctor about your medical condition or treatment.

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

VIRAMUNE can cause serious side effects. These include severe liver and skin problems which can cause death. The risk of these problems is greatest during the first 18 weeks of treatment, but these problems can also happen at any time during treatment.

Severe liver problems: Anyone who takes VIRAMUNE may get severe liver problems. In some cases, these liver problems can lead to liver failure and the need for a liver transplant, or death. You may get a rash if you have liver problems. People with higher risk of these problems include women or anyone with higher CD4⁺ cell counts when they begin VIRAMUNE treatment. Women with CD4⁺ cell counts higher than 250 cells/mm³ at the start of treatment have the greatest risk for liver damage.

If you are a woman with CD4⁺ cell >250 cells/mm³ or a man with CD4⁺ cell >400 cells/mm³, you and your doctor will decide if VIRAMUNE is right for you.

People who have abnormal liver test results and people with hepatitis B or C have a greater chance of getting liver problems and further increases in liver test results during treatment.

If you get any of the following symptoms of liver problems, stop taking VIRAMUNE and call your doctor right away:

- fever
- “flu-like” symptoms or you do not feel well
- dark (tea-colored) urine
- tiredness
- light-colored bowel movements (stools)
- nausea (feeling sick to your stomach)
- pain or tenderness on your right side below your ribs
- loss of appetite
- yellowing of your skin or whites of your eyes

Your doctor should see you and do blood tests often to check your liver function during the first 18 weeks of treatment with VIRAMUNE. You should continue to have your liver checked regularly during your treatment with VIRAMUNE. It is important for you to keep all of your doctor appointments.

Severe rash and skin reactions: Skin rash is the most common side effect of VIRAMUNE. Most rashes happen in the first 6 weeks of taking VIRAMUNE. **Rashes and skin reactions may be severe, life-threatening, and in some people, may lead to death. If you get a rash with any of the following symptoms, stop using VIRAMUNE and call your doctor right away:**

- “flu-like” symptoms or you do not feel well
- blisters
- fever
- mouth sores
- muscle or joint aches
- swelling of your face
- red or inflamed eyes, like “pink eye” (conjunctivitis)
- tiredness
- swollen glands (enlarged lymph nodes)
- liver problems (see symptoms of liver problems above)

If your doctor tells you to stop treatment with VIRAMUNE because you have had the serious liver or skin problems described above, you should never take VIRAMUNE again.

These are not all the side effects of VIRAMUNE. See the section “**What are the possible side effects of VIRAMUNE?**” for more information.

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VIRAMUNE does not cure HIV or AIDS, and it is not known if it will help you live longer with HIV. People taking VIRAMUNE may still get infections common in people with HIV (opportunistic infections). It is very important that you stay under the care of your doctor.

Who should not take VIRAMUNE?

Tell your doctor if you have or have had liver problems. Your doctor may tell you not to take VIRAMUNE if you have certain liver problems.

VIRAMUNE is only for people diagnosed with HIV. If you have not been diagnosed as HIV positive, then do not take VIRAMUNE.

What should I tell my doctor before taking VIRAMUNE?

Before you take VIRAMUNE, tell your doctor if you:

- have or have had hepatitis (inflammation of your liver) or problems with your liver. See “**What is the most important information I should know about VIRAMUNE?**” and “**Who should not take VIRAMUNE?**”
- receive dialysis
- have skin problems, such as a rash
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if VIRAMUNE will harm your unborn baby.

Pregnancy Registry: There is a pregnancy registry for women who take antiviral medicines during pregnancy. The purpose of the registry is to collect information about the health of you and your baby. Talk to your doctor about how you can take part in this registry.

- are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed. VIRAMUNE can pass into your breast milk and may harm your baby. It is also recommended that HIV-positive women should not breast-feed their babies. Do not breast-feed during treatment with VIRAMUNE. Talk to your doctor about the best way to feed your baby.

Tell your doctor and pharmacist about all the medicines you take, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins and herbal supplements. VIRAMUNE may affect the way other medicines work, and other medicines may affect how VIRAMUNE works. Especially tell your doctor if you take:

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Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of them to show your doctor or pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

How should I take VIRAMUNE?

- Take VIRAMUNE exactly as your doctor tells you to take it.
- The dose of VIRAMUNE for children is based on their size and thus may not be the same as in adults.
- You may take VIRAMUNE with or without food.
- If you or your child takes VIRAMUNE suspension (liquid), shake it gently before use. Use an oral dosing syringe or dosing cup to measure the right dose. The oral dosing syringe and dosing cup are not provided with VIRAMUNE Suspension.
- After drinking the medicine, fill the dosing cup with water and drink it to make sure you get all the medicine. If the dose is less than 1 teaspoon (5 mL), use the syringe instead of the dosing cup.
- Do not change your dose unless your doctor tells you to.
- Your doctor should start you with one dose each day to lower your chance of getting a serious rash. It is important that you only take one dose of VIRAMUNE each day for the first 14 days.
- Call your doctor right away if you get a skin rash during the first 14 days of VIRAMUNE treatment and do not increase your dose to 2 times a day.
- You should never take your starting dose (200 mg one time each day) for longer than 28 days. If after 28 days you are still receiving this starting dose because you have a rash, you and your doctor should discuss replacing VIRAMUNE with another HIV medicine. Never increase your dose to 2 times a day if you have a rash.
- Do not miss a dose of VIRAMUNE, because this could make HIV harder to treat. If you miss a dose of VIRAMUNE, take the missed dose as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, do not take the missed dose, just take the next dose at your regular time.
- If you stop taking VIRAMUNE for more than 7 days, ask your doctor how much to take before you start taking it again. You may need to start with one time each day dosing again.
- If you take too much VIRAMUNE, call your local poison control center or emergency room right away.

What are the possible side effects of VIRAMUNE?

VIRAMUNE may cause serious side effects.

- See **“What is the most important information I should know about VIRAMUNE?”**
- Other common side effects of VIRAMUNE include nausea, fatigue, fever, headache, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, and muscle pain.
- **Changes in your immune system (Immune Reconstitution Syndrome)** can happen when you start taking HIV medicines. Your immune system may get stronger and begin to fight infections that have been hidden in your body for a long time. Tell your doctor if you start having new symptoms after starting your HIV medicine.
- **Changes in body fat** can happen in some people who take antiretroviral therapy. These changes may include increased amount of fat in the upper back and neck (“buffalo hump”), breast, and around the middle of your body (trunk). Loss of fat from your legs, arms, and face can also happen. The cause and long-term health effects of these problems are not known at this time.

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

These are not all the possible side effects of VIRAMUNE. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

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

How should I store VIRAMUNE?

- Store VIRAMUNE at 59° to 86°F (15° to 30°C).
- Throw away VIRAMUNE that is no longer needed or out-of-date.

Keep VIRAMUNE and all medicines out of the reach of children.

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This Medication Guide summarizes the most important information about VIRAMUNE. If you would like more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your pharmacist or doctor for information about VIRAMUNE that is written for health professionals.

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New and old

From creaky Victorian melodramas to well-worn musicals, something's afoot

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Every January, Uptown Players' fundraiser *Broadway Our Way* takes songs from musicals, adds a large cast and performs a revue, as the men sing the women's parts and the women sing the men's. So when Tyce Green steps onstage in **Forbidden Broadway's Greatest Hits** in a red wrap dress, doing Patti LuPone *doing* Mama Rose better than Patti herself (he's just as crazy), you might think but for the sweltering heat you're watching an encore — outtakes from last season's fundraiser.



CRISPNESS, CAROL | Wendy Welch's parody of Carol Channing is a spectacular highlight of 'Forbidden Broadway's Greatest Hits' from Uptown Players.

That is the curse and the joy of this show, mined from the long-running satire of Broadway seasons that has played off-Broadway for decades. Is Uptown Players cannibalizing itself or just giving the audience more of what it wants? Let's go with the latter.

Aside from Green, there's no gender-bending in the musical numbers, which tweak songs from *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Les Miserables*, Sondheim, Jerry Herman, Bob Fosse and other legends of theater who deserve to be taken down a peg for the impudence of being successful.

A small risk of the show, in fact, is that it demands a working knowledge of musical theater in order to get most of the jokes. (Uptown Players' theater-queen heavy subscriber base is safely in that camp.) Skewering Idina Menzel presupposed most people know who the hell Idina Menzel is. But if you do, the *Defying Gravity* number is priceless.

Certainly the cast members, who cycle through costumes like Cher on speed, are at home with the humor and the music. All are talented, though Wendy Welch steals the show, first with a grotesque parody of Carol Channing then as a fright-wigged Fantine from *Les Mis* — making a twofer attack on poor LuPone. Don't worry though — they kid because they love. And there's a lot of love here.

When you name your play **Sherlock Holmes in the Crucifer of Blood**, here's a suggestion: Get to Sherlock as quickly as possible. The prologue of this play really should be called a *prolong* — it slowly lays the foundation for the plot with needlessly talky exposition before we have any idea of Victorian London's premiere consulting detective will figure in. And it's not even set in England, but in India! Talk about your Black Hole of Calcutta.

Too bad director Jeffrey Schmidt didn't turn that half-hour sequence and make it a sharply-edited 15-minute video, because once we get to the heart of the play — Holmes' inescapable logic flawlessly unraveling a twisted (though not especially interesting) mystery that's bits of *The Mummy* and *Treasure of the Sierra Madre*, though hardly the best bits — the play gets fun.

The first time that Holmes, played by Chuck Huber, off-handedly deduces the ownership of a watch presented to him by Dr. Watson (Austin Tindle, wearing an awkward false moustache that looks like it fell off a pair of plastic novelty glasses), the



PROBLEM SOLVER | Chuck Huber, right, makes for an engaging Sherlock Holmes in Theatre Three's talky 'Crucifer of Blood.'

audience titters with delight. That's what we've come for, not lepers and pith helmets and a box of jewels that looks like an accessory snatched up from Pottery Barn.

Despite a few line flubs, Huber makes an engaging Holmes, though Jackie Cabe, as the incompetent flatfoot Inspector Lestrade, may be the only one who fully explores the small amount of comedy there is; Paul Giovanni's 1978 play has too much creaky dialogue to feel very modern otherwise.

As a Gollum-like hoarder of his precious lucre, Gregory Lush has the best accent in the bunch, plus tremendous brio as a queenly old military officer.

Schmidt's failure to punch up the beginning as a director is almost made up for by his inventive set design and Aaron Patrick Turner's endlessly intriguing costumes. Using style to mask weaknesses in substance? Elementary, my dear.

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee is a charming musical with a funny but sentimental script by Rachel Sheinkin and inventive songs by William Finn that are disarmingly poignant about the stresses of childhood. The show practically sells itself.

That's especially true in the production from OnStage in Bedford, which, sadly, *oversells*. Way, way oversells. The director, Kyle Macy, doesn't seem to trust in the material, having his cast take what should be Clare Danes in *My So-Called Life* and turning them into Screech from *Saved by the Bell*. Use your inside voices, kids.

Kristin Spiers as a former spelling champ, Amanda Gupton as a tender speller and Phillip Cole-White as a punk "comfort counselor" get their characters best (and the women are both lovely singers), though they don't quite make up for blarney of the others. Still, if there's ever been a show that could withstand a bad production, this one might be it. ■

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STRIKE HER UP | Patti Le Plae Safe knows how to vamp it up — even for a bowling tourney.

Patti hits the red carpet

This year's Fruit Bowl host offers some advice on being glam and sporty

Unless you're George Clooney or even Pamela Anderson, the red carpet treatment doesn't come everyday. Film openings, swanky parties and awards shows up the ante by giving guests a fancy entrance, so why not a bowling tournament, too? This year, the annual Human Rights Campaign's National Coming Out Day Projects adds a little scarlet glamour to Fruit Bowl. And host Patti Le Plae Safe has some advice on what to wear for those flashing cameras.

"This is all about the paparazzi," Plae Safe says. "People will be taking pictures and asking for autographs.

Since it is the red carpet, people should have on their finest bowling attire."

She figures all the big designers will be making an appearance on Fruit Bowl players: Prada, Ralph Lauren and Gucci — if they actually designed bowling wear. Shoes are both an accessory and equipment, so the trick is making high fashion also utilitarian. Plae Safe *will* play it safe, but she'll nix her usual glam heels for a regular pair of sporty flats.

"I'm gonna have to wear bowling shoes," she says. "I don't wanna fall! The rest of me though is going to be all red carpet."

Despite the encouraged attire, she wants people to come out for some lane action and support the HRC. She was on board with this event since last year, which turned out to be fortuitous for both parties.

"I have a strong connection to the event and to HRC," he says. "Plus, I'm on a bowling team and people know me, so I think it really was a perfect fit this year."

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Pursuit of appiness

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As iPhones become ubiquitous and indispensable, we ask: Has Steve Jobs become the Internet's gay pimp?

When I was first asked to write a story on gay applications for the Apple iPhone, I had no idea I'd turn into such a slut. Who knew what a disproportionate number of gay dating and social networking apps are available, compared to other LGBT program categories (or the same for straight people).

Still, although I'm happily married, I signed up for every gay dating/networking/hook-up site I could find. (Even the apps recommended to me when I contacted Apple fell into this category, so it's obviously popular.)

With Steve Jobs as my virtual pimp, I've experienced plenty of highs, lows, rejected advances and a too-frequent-for-comfort request to wait naked in my pool while somebody sneaks in the back gate to "surprise" me.

Sorry, fellas, my dedication to journalistic research has its limits.

What follows is a catalogue of gay hook-up apps with the advantages and disadvantages discovered during my time as a cyber-whore and ranked on a scale of one to five "hooks." (Because I'm being paid for this story, I think I've been downgraded from mere slut.) But the upside, I met a lot of nice people (guys *and* girls, when I was pretending to be a lesbian) and these apps do make connecting with people fun, easy ... and shockingly time-consuming.

If you're looking to connect with someone for just coffee or the chance at a delicious morning-after breakfast, download these apps. Best of all, they're all free. And to MusclMusclMuscl214, if you're reading this, my answer is "yes."

GRINDR

Grindr is the Kleenex of gay social networking apps — the one everyone knows about and nearly every gay with an iPhone uses, whether he admits it or not. The app loads 100 profiles (200 if you pay a \$3 monthly fee) based on a guy's relative distance to you.

Advantages: Tons of guys to choose from wherever you may roam (it's the largest all-male location-based network in the world), easy-to-use interface.

Disadvantages: Few options to narrow search. Loading a few guys at a time can be a pain.

Rating: 6 6 6 6

PURPLL

Though more people familiar with Grindr, Purpll was the first gay dating app for the iPhone. Includes local business listings, as well as a gay newsfeed similar to Facebook where you can spy on who became friends with whom ... though why anyone would care is unclear. It may be the first, but far from the best.

Advantages: Ability to narrow down photos that are shown; lesbian profiles.

Disadvantages: A "Hot or Not" feature subjects people to being rated as good-looking or not resulting in an overall hotness rating. Beyond useless unless you only want to date guys or gals who are at least 86 percent hot.

Rating: 6 6

QRUSHR/QRUSHR GIRLS

Everything I love about Grindr is amped up with Qrushr, plus they've got a version just for lesbians.

Advantages: Streaming radio (listen to dance music while you prow!), magazine articles, multiple images per profile, very detailed profile information, fantastic search function.

Disadvantages: Group chat rooms are just plain annoying.

Rating: 6 6 6 6 6

PPX TO-GO

Wow. If you're looking for anything related to sex, this is your app. From hookups to paid entertainers, adult shops, peepshows and legal brothers, they've left no mattress unturned and no stripper pole unoccupied.

Advantages: Something for everyone. I'm surprised there isn't a donkey-show-specific search function.

Disadvantages: You have to click on icons from a map, rather than an easier-to-use list or grid of available matches. Also, not too many people signed up yet, especially in Dallas. But give it time, this one could be huge.

Rating: 6 6 6

DLIST

The popular DList.com website for gay men and their

friends goes mobile.

Advantages: Integrates with the website so all your chatting doesn't have to be done solely on your phone.

Disadvantages: No search functions at all — it just loads all profiles closest to you.

Rating: 6 6 6

LOOKING4LGBT

If there's such a thing as a homemade app, this one sure looks like it. Ugly interface, terrible logo and, from my tests, only four people in Dallas are on the app. The search options are by age, zodiac sign (what is this, 1972?) and body type.

Advantages: This is the only app I found that actually gave the option to identify as or search for M2F and F2M transsexuals, so it's refreshingly progressive in that respect. Also appears to be more long-term-relationship oriented because one of the main questions asks whether or not you want children.

Disadvantages: Plenty. It's rudimentary, clunky and there are very few active users.

Rating: 6

SKOUT/BOY AHOY

These "sister" apps are both free, but to enjoy all the extra services (like sending "gifts" or "wink bombing"



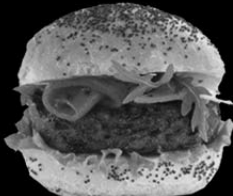
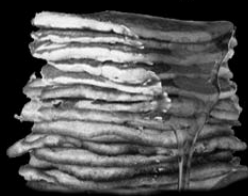
Hook 'em Horney | Gay networking programs for the iPhone — including Grindr, PPX To-Go, Fabulis, DList, iDate Gay and Looking4LGBT — have made the hook-up almost too easy. What about buying me a drink first?

multiple people at once to maximize your chances of a response) you've gotta have points. And points cost money.

Advantages: Great search function. Narcissists and those truly desperate can be what I call "Featured Meat" (they call it "Look at Me"). Here you bid on prime position to get all the flirts you can handle. Private photos that you unlock for specific people. You know, so you can have naughty pics.

Disadvantages: Unexpected fees everywhere. This is an anything-goes dating app. Gay, straight, bi — they're all here (unless you download the men-only Boy Ahoy, which features all the same functionality). Not sure that anyone would want their straight co-workers to easily

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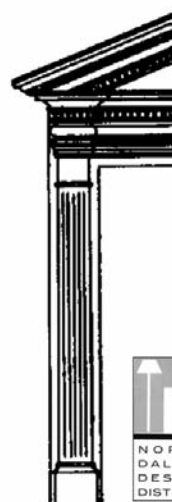
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view the sexual proclivities and innermost desires you've chosen to list on your profile. And Virtual Gifts are just plain stupid. What ever happened to buying someone a *real* drink, not an animated one?

Rating: 6 6

iDATE GAY

The extremely user-friendly interface for both gays and lesbians makes this one a surprise hit. Fantastic search functions and plenty of information available — if only people fill out their profiles extensively.

Advantages: Multiple photos per profile, robust search options, quick-loading of hundreds of profiles.

Disadvantages: Crashes often. More of those stupid gifts that require a point purchase.

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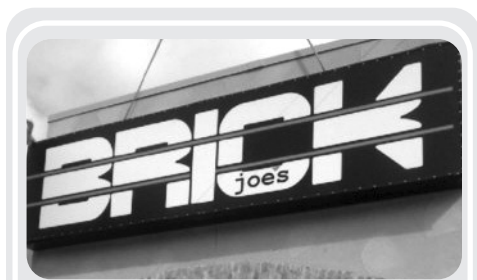
FABULIS

This isn't a hook-up site in the traditional sense, but that does go on here, too. It's worth inclusion, though, just because it's so much fun. It ties in with your Facebook account (required) and allows you to interact with all your Facebook friends who are on Fabulis. You earn points by doing stuff (not paying) and you can use points to increase the worldwide Fabulis ranking of your friends.

Advantages: Area events are listed and friends can see which ones you plan to attend. The popularity contest aspect here is actually fun. How Fabulis are you compared to the rest of the world? Evidently, I'm the 3,012th most Fabulis gay in the village. Let's get those votes in!

Disadvantages: Not specifically designed for hooking up, so advances could be quickly rejected. (But believe me, even here people are looking for action).

Rating: 6 6 6 6 6



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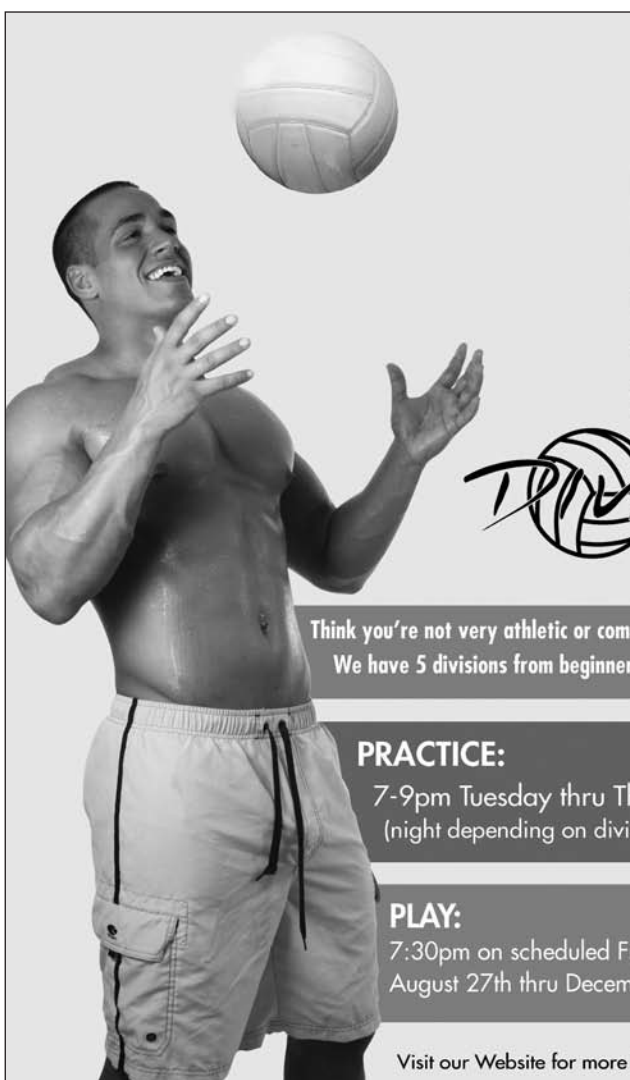
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Not everyone agrees what qualifies as a collectible car, but Classic Chassis has some ideas



ALL MY FRIENDS LOVE A LOW-RIDER | The author disrespects a 1971 Eldorado owned by Classic Chassis Car Club member Paul J. Williams — although it does have bouncy hydraulics. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

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Being the driver of a Ford Escape, I don't get the double-takes driving down the road. My mini-SUV is functional, it blends in and it gets me places. But something deep inside my Mexican-American bones reacts when I see a 1979 Monte Carlo painted in glossy purple with the Last Supper etched into the rear window, gold rims and (if I'm just lucky enough) an amazing set of hydraulics.

So, any car show on the Strip should put me at a crossroads (pun intended): My Hispanic heritage could celebrate the art and significance of the car in my culture, and the gay side marvel at matching interiors.

To find out more about the show, all roads led to actor/comedian Paul J. Williams, himself a classic car owner and member of the Classic Chassis Car Club.

Like any car show, I wondered if it would have umpteen bikini gals walking around while hip-hop blared out of car trunks. Really, I couldn't wait to see the pimped out D-bodies with sweet whammy tanks.

"Keep waiting," Williams told me. "We're excited to have hip-hop artists Notorious G.A.Y. and Dr. Fab spinning 8-tracks and I plan on wearing my one-piece with the modesty skirt. I can't speak for the others."

Methinks he was pulling my leg. Then he set me straight that Classic Chassis will display vehicles in the Cedar Springs Sidewalk Sale and Classic Car Show Saturday. So "classic" for these guys isn't the low-rider kind; these are true vintage rides.

"By my definition, a classic car is one that is 25 years old or older," he says. "This, however, does not apply to my definition of classic men."

The predominantly gay Classic Chassis group

of vintage car collectors, aficionados and fans meets monthly, but teamed up with the Merchant Association for the all-day event, which also features arts, baked goods and music. Shoppers and visitors can put their judgmental skills to use by purchasing a ballot for a buck and let loose their fury or delight on the displayed cars.

Williams owns a 1971 Cadillac Eldorado and he's sold me on its pluses. The Cambridge red ride is badass to see up close. Its architecture has glorious lines long gone from modern bodies and the space inside is, well, useful.

"My Eldorado convertible has inner spring seats, so it's certainly a comfortable place to make out in," he says.

Score! Although, he assures this isn't a cheap hobby, and if I'm anything, it is chuh-eap. The significant O will have to bear with while I lean over the gearshift for a smooch. But Williams says Classic Chassis isn't just for those who own an old car: They are all-inclusive for those without a hot rod or drop-head coupe.

"I love finding a group of guys who can discuss obscure trivia about cars and not look at me like I'm crazy," Williams says. "Collectors aren't terribly wealthy, just passionate. Of course, money helps! Come to look, but also find out more about the club. Anyone who has an interest in classic cars is welcome to join."

It's a hard sell with triple-digit heat — I'd rather be inside with my TV and Cheetos. But he wasn't going to have it.

"Run in to one of the Cedar Springs merchants to cool off. There's ice tea at Buli," he says.

Looks like my Saturday is booked. Plus if Williams ran over me with that thing, it wouldn't be pretty. For either of us. ■

Not-so-straight acting

Comedian **Jason Kane** loves show tunes and cats — so why isn't he gay?

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Jason Kane isn't kidding himself. He knows when a man proudly talks about his collection of original Broadway cast recordings, the season finale of *Kathy Griffin* and his two cats, he should expect to be gay-tially profiled as family. He's one Bette Midler concert shy of legally ir-refutable proof of queerness.

Only Kane is straight — and that throws everything off kilter.

After a 12-year stint in New York (and sometimes Boston), Kane has returned to Dallas.

He was doing the budding stage actor bit in the Big Apple, but when he found himself couch-surfing with a healthy

dose of uncertainty, he headed home to regroup. Without wasting time, Kane has revamped his show *Why Am I Not Gay?*, which begs the question this week at Tucker's Blues in Deep Ellum.

"I'm probably one of the gayest straight men out there," he says. "I've performed this show in New York and Boston but coming back, I have

to ask the question again."

When he talks incessantly about being a "completist" and how that demands his need to have every version of the cast recording of *Les Miserables* (Broadway and London casts), then yeah, this question might come up. But is it fair to rule a man as gay just because his two pets, Mungojerrie and Rumpleteazer are named after felines in *Cats*, or that some of his interview replies are done in song?

WHY AM I NOT GAY?

Tucker's Blues, 2617
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In his show, Kane deconstructs his own life to figure out what the hell happened. While doing so, he keeps score between "gay" and "straight" labels with tic marks and sings along the way — what

better way for a hetero to prove he's not a homo than through a Sondheim medley?

He tries to justify it.

"I would have no reason to be in the closet," he says. "I've had gay friends for a long time. I sing 'What Can You Lose?' from *Dick Tracy* and a couple of Elton John songs, but I throw in

some Barenaked Ladies and the Rolling Stones!"

Kane isn't trying to laugh his way out of his admitted fondness for Erasure and Madonna and his ease of use with terms like "bear," "twink" and

"homo." Instead, his show may say more about his audiences than just his funny look at his own professional and personal life. *Why Am I Not Gay?* takes a peek at the contrasts between gay and straight — which, according to him, are few.

"I think part of the show conveys the message that we really aren't that different," he says. "What we do in the bedroom is the only real place we diverge. The more I do theater, the more I realize that you can't pin the tail on the homo donkey so easily."

He's reluctant to compare his high school experience to the gay experience, but he finds some parallels in "not being the cool guy" or



HOMO NEUROTIC | Kane's has accepted himself as a straight man — not that there's anything wrong with that. (Rich Lopez/Dallas Voice).

being the weird theater dude. Even his parents broached the issue when Kane committed to a life in the theater. Weirdly enough, you could say the misidentification of Jason Kane gave him the gay youth ritual without being gay.

But Kane's moved past his younger travails and he's just working with what he's got, which resulted in creating his own show alongside musical director Daniel Ezell. He's just going for the laughs where he can get them.

"I know audiences will get the jokes and maybe even relate to them," he says. "And I know, like in the past, some people will come up and say, 'I'm still not convinced.'" ■

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Tasting notes

Stephan Pyles' fundraiser sets lofty goal; Seasons 52 finally arrives in Texas

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Stephan Pyles made a startling admission Sunday at his annual **A Tasteful Pursuit** dinner, which raises money for the anti-hunger charity **Share Our Strength**: More children go to bed hungry today than they did when Pyles helped found the organization. But that has not deterred Pyles from setting the goal of ending childhood hunger by 2015. It's a startlingly ambitious aim that he came a little closer to achieving at the event this week.

Seven chefs from six restaurants (including two from Pyles' namesake eatery) regaled \$175-a-plate diners with lavish bites paired with wine (and some beer). Starting strong with a dessert-like foie gras mousse from chef **R.J. Cooper** (opening a new restaurant later this fall in Wash-

ington, D.C.), it ended just as sweet with **Maggie Huff's** trio of deconstructed but delightful *dolces* with retro appeal: a Moon Pie, a Thin Mint and the best of the lot, a Snickers.

Pyles oversaw but did not cook a dish. The treat of that experience was saved for my tablemates, who bid \$7,500 for a private dinner for eight prepared by Pyles himself at his home. A bid well-worth the experience — for a cause well-worth the effort.

At a time when so many businesses are suffering in the economy, it's refreshing to go into a restaurant on a Wednesday night and see tables abuzz with diners. But at **Oishii**, they need to manage it better.

It's frustrating to be told you'll have to wait 35 minutes when you can see three cleared, empty tables in front of you; to be told it will be another 15 minutes after you've been waiting 45 minutes smacks of chaos. (We weren't the only ones to complain either, although our fussing did miraculously get us our seats faster.)

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To see more pictures from Share Our Strength's Tasteful Pursuit dinner at Stephan Pyles sit DallasVoice.com, scrolls down the home page and click on Photos.



TASTEFUL PURSUERS | Stephan Pyles, third from left, with the platoon of chefs preparing the annual dinner which aims to end childhood hunger in the U.S. by 2015. (Photo courtesy Carter Rose)

The food itself is good as ever. I especially enjoy the crunch from the tempura roll and the spider roll, which were spackled with a miso glaze. The Philadelphia roll divided the table: Cream cheese is hardly traditional Japanese fare, and it tended to overwhelm the tuna, but it's well-priced and tasty.

I'm just glad we ordered edamame (fresh pods well-cooked, though inconsistently salted) to start the meal. The rolls, which aren't exactly complicated dishes, took forever to arrive following our prolonged wait in the bar without so much as the offer of a beverage.

"Nobody goes there anymore," Yogi Berra once noted about a popular restaurant; "it's too busy." Good for Oishii to have a wait. But empty tables *and* a wait *and* slow dinner service? Might not be busy long, which would be

a shame. The food is worth an effort, but there are limits.

It took long enough, but finally **Seasons 52** is making it to Texas. I first tried the Florida-based restaurant in 2004 at the recommendation of then-Ciudad chef **Joanne Bondy** when I was headed to Orlando. The concept — all the entrees cap out at 700 calories; all the "mini-indulgence" desserts just 300; and everything made from the freshest ingredients selected for a rotating menu throughout the year — was an early adopter of local, healthy, good-tasting cuisine. I couldn't wait to get it nearby.

It took six years, but the restaurant will open at the Shops at Legacy in Plano this October — the first Season 52 in Texas. Management is hiring for all positions starting Aug. 23. If one of the perks is free food, go.

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Joan Jett-esque techno lover **Aomora Shardae** makes her own kind of music



MARK STOKES | Illustrator
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Sludge woman

Name and age: Aomora Shardae, 20

Occupation: DJ and tattoo artist

Spotted at: Cityplace

Ink and noise: This Arkansas girl is an after hours club DJ, and is also a career tattoo artist and designer. An agile Aquarius, Ao is an avid skateboarder who writes music, plays the piano, drums and guitar, and draws her own comic books. She also collects fish, eels and insects.

Vial brings a taste of Hawaii to town

Former Dallasite Deborah Vial is going to do her best to introduce local peeps to her discovery of Hawaiian music — especially that of vocalist Amy Hanaialii Gilliom. She plans to add it to the quirky Texas/Hawaii connection she's found ever since she moving to the Aloha state.

"I can't go to a dinner party without running into former Dallas peeps," she says. "It's a weird connection — particularly gay men. And all of us gay folks over here love Amy."

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— Rich Lopez

House of Blues Cambridge Room, 2200 N. Lamar St. Aug. 20 at 8 p.m. \$25. HouseOfBlues.com.



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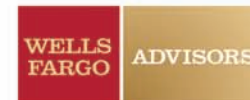
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Friday 08.13

No sex is definitely a Greek tragedy

Stage director Andi Allen is famous for her quirky theater work. This time she mixes classic Greek comedy with Indian cinema. She and Bill Fountain direct *A Bollywood Lysistrata* which retells the classic story of women holding out on sex until their men stop warring. Only now it has dance numbers and extravagant costumes. Loving it already.

DEETS: KD Studios Theater, 2600 N. Stemmons Expressway. 8 p.m. \$20. LevelGroundArts.com.

Saturday 08.14

These ladies serve up the blues

There are so many things right about Jevette's song "Big Girls." The girl power message and the bluesy backdrop give the tune a hefty amount of flavor, but it's Jevette's voice that kills. She joins a cast of local female musicians at the Texas Blues Review and silent auction benefiting Genesis House. Expect greatness.

DEETS: The Bone, 2724 Elm St. 8 p.m. No cover. GenesisShelter.org.

Sunday 08.15

Crowns instead of ten-gallon hats

The Big D Rodeo King and Queen will be crowned to start getting us in the mood for the actual rodeo later in September. Expect the usual in a pageant, but know that the best part is always the Q & A.

DEETS: Round-Up Saloon, 3912 Cedar Springs Road. 7 p.m. RoundUpSaloon.com.



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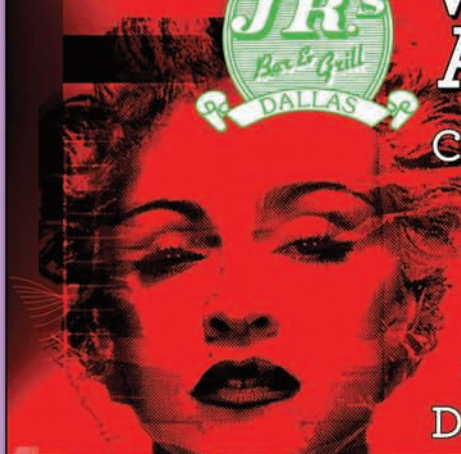


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FRIDAY 08.13

COMMUNITY

Stonewall Group of Narcotics Anonymous. Meets daily at noon and 7:30 p.m., 5415 Maple Ave. #349 (access via Butler).

Youth First Texas groups for ages 14 to 22. 3918 Harry Hines Blvd. 4–10 p.m. 214-879-0400.

Oak Lawn Tennis Association. L. B. Houston Center, 11225 Luna Road. 6 p.m. OLTADallas.org.

High Tech Happy Hour at Monica's Aca Y Alla. 2914 Main St. 5:30 p.m. Monicas.com.

Business Network Collin County luncheon. Fox Sports Grille 5741 Legacy Drive. 11:30 a.m. \$20. 469-335-0606.

Congregation Beth El Binah Shabbat service. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 7:30 p.m. 214-521-5342 ext. 1784.

THEATER

The Full Monty by Terrence McNally. WaterTower Theatre, 15650 Addison Road. Through Sunday. Friday–Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. #25–\$40. WaterTowerTheatre.org.

Kiss the Boys. Stone Cottage Theatre, 15650 Addison Road. Through Aug. 21. Thursdays–Saturdays at 8 p.m., Saturday matinee Aug. 7 at 2:30 p.m. \$18–\$22. MBSProductions.net.

Star Trip — The Melodrama. Popcorn throwing spoof on sci-fi TV shows. Pocket Sandwich Theatre, 5400 E. Mockingbird Lane. Suite 119. Through

Aug. 21. Thursdays–Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 7 p.m. \$10–\$18. PocketSandwich.com.

ART

Georgia O'Keeffe and the Faraway: Nature and Image. National Cowgirl Museum, 1720 Gendy St., Fort Worth. Through Sep. 6. Cowgirl.net.

Multi-Media with artwork by Clayton Lee Bailey, Jim Frederick and Deborah Scott Lightfoot. Artisan Style, 2417 Mahon St. Opening reception at 6 p.m. Through Sep. 4. ArtisanStyle.net.

Tangled in Aura featuring the work of local artist Michelle Ruvalcaba. Tony Collins Art + Home, 1916 S. Lamar St. Opening reception at 5 p.m. Through Aug. 27. TonyCollinsArt.com.

Stripped, Neo-Minimal Strategies in Contemporary Art group exhibition featuring work by Rupert Deese, Tom Orr, Kathy Webster and more. Marty Walker Gallery, 2135 Farrington St. Through Sep. 4. MartyWalkerGallery.com.

SATURDAY 08.14

COMMUNITY

Rainbow Ministries International. Meets weekly. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 2 p.m.

Fuse: Core Group for gay men ages 18 to 29. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 2–5 p.m. 214-540-4435.

Choctaw Casino/Bingo trip leaves the second Saturday of every month from 709 Magnolia St., Ar-

lington. \$7. 817-548-8110.

Once in a Blue Moon, women's dance. DanceMasters Ballroom, 10675 East Northwest Highway, Suite 2600B. 7 p.m.–midnight. \$10. 972-479-0774.

SUNDAY 08.15

COMMUNITY

Breath of Life Interfaith Mindfulness Fellowship. LGBT-friendly “meditation and more” event. Inspired by Buddhist spirituality, all faiths are welcome. Deaf interpretation is provided every week. Unity Church of Dallas, 6525 Forest Lane. 5:30–7:30 p.m. InterMindful.com.

Dignity Dallas sponsors Roman Catholic liturgy. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 6 p.m. 214-521-5342 ext. 1732. DignityDallas.org.

The ONE Church West Sunday services. First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Church, 1959 Sandy Lane, Fort Worth. 3 p.m. OneChurchTX.org.

30/40Something social group meets weekly. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 10 a.m. CathedralOfHope.com.

Youth First Texas Collin County. This group gives LGBTQ youth in the North Dallas area a chance to socialize and meet other youth who live in north Dallas and the surrounding rural areas. Open to ages 14 to 22. 1200 Commerce St., Suite 121,



GOOFY GALAXIANS | Pocket Sandwich Theater gives sci-fi TV the spoof treatment in *Star Trip — The Melodrama*.

Plano. 6–7:30 p.m. 214-879-0400.

Resounding Harmony holds weekly rehearsals at Oak Lawn United Methodist Church, 3014 Oak Lawn Ave. 7 p.m. Resoundingharmony.org.

Oak Lawn Tennis Association. Samuell-Grand Tennis Center, 6200 E. Grand Ave. 9 a.m.–noon. OLTADallas.org.

The Set, a forum for African-American men by the Legacy of Success Foundation. South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Ave. 6 p.m. LOSF.org.

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The House of Glamour, a forum for African-American women by the Legacy of Success Foundation. Brooklyn's Jazz Café, 1701 S. Lamar St. 3 p.m. LOSF.org.

Gaymasters bridge club. Congregational Life Center, Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 2 p.m.

Lutherans Concerned, LGBT affirming group for Lutherans. King of Glory Lutheran Church, 6411 LBJ Freeway. 7 p.m. 214-855-4998.

Order of St. Francis and St. Clare every first and third Sunday. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 12:30 p.m.

Family Pride Coalition, a monthly support group for gay and lesbian parents and their children, meets at a private home. For time and location 214-521-5342 ext. 1708.

Friends Associating and Relating, a LGBT social group, meets twice a month for potluck dinners, game nights, and more in the evenings. Newcomers welcome. Call 214-328-6749 for details.

BROADCAST

Lambda Weekly. LGBT radio for North Texas with David Taffet, Lerone Landis and Patti Fink. 89.3 KNON-FM at noon.

Cathedral of Hope worship service. (11:00) Ch. 8 at 12:35 a.m.

MONDAY 08.16

COMMUNITY

DFW Prime Timers play bridge at member's residence. 1 p.m. Call 972-504-8866 for details.

Caffeine + Character. Cathedral of Hope youth meeting for ages 14-22 at Buli Café, 3908 Cedar Springs Road.

FUSE drop-in weekdays (except Tuesdays). For gay and bi guys up to 29. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 3-8 p.m. 214-540-4435.

F.A.C.E., support group for those impacted by HIV/AIDS in any capacity. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 7 p.m. Cathedralofhope.com.

Self Esteem support group provided by AIDS Outreach Center meets weekly. AIDS Outreach Center, 400 N. Beach St., Fort Worth. 1:30 p.m. 817-229-4621. AOC.org.

DIVA Fall 2010 New Member Clinic. Arlington Park Recreational Center, 1505 Record Crossing Road. 7 p.m. DivaDallas.org.

The Women's Chorus of Dallas open auditions. Sammons Center for the Arts, 3630 Harry Hines Blvd. 7 p.m. TWCD.org.

BROADCAST

The Rick Vanderslice Show streams Monday-Friday from noon-2 p.m. on RationalRadio.org.

TUESDAY 08.17

COMMUNITY

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HEART ON | Jack E. Jett does double duty with two radio shows streaming on Tuesdays.

ter, 400 N. Beach St., Fort Worth. 11:30 a.m. 817-335-1994 ext. 204. AOC.org.

Positive Recovery Auricular Acupuncture. AIDS Outreach Center, 400 N. Beach St., Fort Worth. 817-229-4621. AOC.org.

Miracle Workers meets in Fellowship Hall. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 6:30 p.m. Cathedralofhope.com.

Q's-Day Potluck. All are welcome to this friendly, casual LGBT gathering every Tuesday evening. The Corporate Image, 5418 Brentwood Stair Road, Fort Worth, 817-446-3395.

Stop Smoking psycho-educational group by the AIDS Outreach Center, 400 N. Beach St., Fort Worth. 2 p.m. 817-335-1994 ext. 217. AOC.org.

Oak Lawn Tennis Association. L. B. Houston Center, 11225 Luna Road. 6 p.m. OLTADallas.org.

Stonewall Democrats of Dallas. Ojeda's Restaurant, 4617 Maple Ave. 6:30 p.m. 214-887-4990.

BROADCAST

Ilume-A-Nation Tuesday with Jack E. Jett. Streams weekly at 11 a.m. on ilume.com.

The Jack E. Jett Show with co-host Jackie Stallone streams every Tuesday and Thursday at 3 p.m. on RationalBroadcasting.com.

WEDNESDAY 08.18

COMMUNITY

Dallas Prime Timers play bridge at member's residence. 7 p.m. Call 972-504-8866 for details.

Positively Straight meets. AIDS Outreach Center, 400 N. Beach St., Fort Worth. 2 p.m. 817-335-1994 ext. 217. AOC.org.

Unwired Dallas. Crystal Meth Anonymous (CMA) group meets exclusively for those wishing to quit using meth. New Hope Fellowship Church, 2438 Butler St. 7 p.m. Free. Crystallmeth.org.

Youth First Texas groups for ages 14 to 22. 3918 Harry Hines Blvd. 4-10 p.m. 214-879-0400.

Dallas PUMP, rehearsal for the chorus for LGBT youth. Youth First Texas, 5415 Maple Ave. Suite 225. 6:30 p.m. Dallaspump.org.

FUSE drop-in weekdays (except Tuesdays). For gay and bi guys up to 29. Resource Center Dallas, 2701

Reagan St. 3-8 p.m. 214-540-4435.

Gay Teen Project. 909 W. Magnolia St., Suite 2, Fort Worth. 7 p.m. 817-332-7722.

20Something social group meets at Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 6:15 p.m. Cathedralofhope.com.

El Sol, support group meets weekly. AIDS Outreach Center, 400 N. Beach St., Fort Worth. 2 p.m. 817-335-1994 ext. 217. AOC.org.

DIVA Fall 2010 New Member Clinic. Reverchon Park Recreational Center, 3505 Maple Ave. 7 p.m. DivaDallas.org.

Legacy of Success Foundation Community Mixer. Catfish Blues, 1011 S. Corinth St. 6:30 p.m. LOSF.org.

Prime Timers Prime Lunch at Mama's Daughter's Diner, 2610 Royal Lane. Noon. Call 972-504-8866 for info.

Apartment Managers and Stakeholders Crime Watch. Oak Lawn Branch library, 4100 Cedar Springs Road. Noon. 214-670-1359.

THURSDAY 08.19

COMMUNITY

Dallas FrontRunners run on the Katy Trail. Meet at Knox Street entrance. 6:30 p.m.

The ONE Church West Bible Study. First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Church, 1959 Sandy Lane,

Fort Worth. 7:30 p.m. OneChurchTX.org.

Choir and Orchestra rehearsals at Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 7 p.m. Cathedralofhope.com.

Standing on the Promises, Alcoholics Anonymous group that meets at Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road, 6:30 p.m.

FUSE drop-in weekdays (except Tuesdays). For gay and bi guys up to 29. Resource Center of Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 3-8 p.m. 214-540-4435.

Youth First Texas groups for ages 14 to 22. 3918 Harry Hines Blvd. 4-10 p.m. 214-879-0400.

Fresh Fashion event benefiting Legacy Counseling Center. Ted Baker will offer proceeds from sales of its fall collection to the center. The event will have a complimentary cocktail court and live DJ. Ted Baker at Northpark Center, 8687 N. Central Expressway. 5:30 p.m. LegacyCounseling.com.



'BUMP' DAY | *Bump!* host Charlie David makes a run for it during a Dallas Diablos rugby scrimmage. This week's episode highlights Dallas as an LGBT travel destination.

Tarrant County Lesbian Gay Alliance. Luby's Cafeteria, 251 University Ave., Fort Worth. 6:30 p.m. 817-877-5544.

Career Fellowship offers support to those who are experiencing unemployment or under-employment. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 7 p.m. 972-662-4499.

FILM

CSMA Outdoor Movie Series with movies every Thursday in summer on the TMC patio. Showtime is officially 8 p.m. but always at darkfall. Visit site for

listing of films. TMC: The Mining Company, 3903 Cedar Springs Rd. Free. ShopCedarSprings.com.

BROADCAST

Bump! 4. This episode features all that's gay in Dallas from clubs to shops, along with the usual tourist destinations the city has to offer LGBT travelers. Hosts Charlie David and Shannon McDonough traipse through Big D at such stops as the State Fair, GayBingo and even a Dallas Diablos rugby game. Logo at 11:30 a.m. LogoTV.com. ■

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By Jack Fertig



Madonna Ciccone turns 52 on Monday. The Material Girl turned cougar extraordinaire seems to have been quiet lately. That may be because she's added fashion designer to her resume. Her line Material Girl features fashions for younger ladies heading to high school and college and is a big seller. Like a good mom, she works on the fashions with her daughter Lourdes.

LEO Jul 23-Aug 22

Your birthday may bring up the stress and worries of being fabulous with advancing age. What exercise and diet don't preserve, inner peace, acceptance and an open heart will overcome.

VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

When you catch yourself getting sick with worry, meditation is the key back to health. Get creative and busy with something you love, but make sure to take time for calm centering.

LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

Venus and Mars is making you hot — maybe too hot to handle. Soaking up attention can over-inflate your ego. Channel your charisma into recruiting friends to do good for your community.

SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

You do your best work in the dark, so unwanted attention can be annoying. Try to think of that audience as a sibling who could be very helpful if you can express simple matters very clearly.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 20

You were born to reach out in new directions, but if you're not on solid ground you can easily fall on your face. Be very certain that your ideas and efforts are based on reliable facts and values.

CAPRICORN Dec 21-Jan 19

Do your best work in a forthright manner and try not to be too competitive or flamboyant about it. Keep your ego right sized and let your work speak for itself.

AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

Uncertainty about yourself and your sexuality can open you up to learning more. Let your partner take the lead. If you don't know what to do, focus on making your honey look good.

PISCES Feb 19-Mar 19

Worries about work, health, relationships and sex, are kicking up a storm in your head. The challenge is to take a mature, sensible view. An older friend can help you keep things in perspective.

ARIES Mar 20-Apr 19

Relationship karma is hitting hard. Shrug it off. Sublimate any urges to act out. Creativity will pay off through consideration and cooperation. Learning from frustration leads to enlightenment.

TAURUS Apr 20-May 20

You may hate arguments, but listen at least. Hear out new ideas and decide which ones to profit from. Don't get caught up in details. Keep an eye toward the larger picture.

GEMINI May 21-Jun 20

Your home life is topsy-turvy. That distraction will work itself out. Focus on investments, both financial and romantic; take the mature approach to both. Don't follow ideas you don't understand.

CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22

Money worries are a combination of realistic concerns and habits learned from parents. Sorting those aren't easy, but your partner or friend can help clarify what you need to deal with.

THIS WEEK

The sun's opposing Neptune and Chiron, Venus and Mars are square the nodes, and Mercury is turning retrograde. Freaking out won't help. Resist the temptation to childish indulgences. This won't be easy, but hard work, maturity and responsibility offer the most effective way through this mess.

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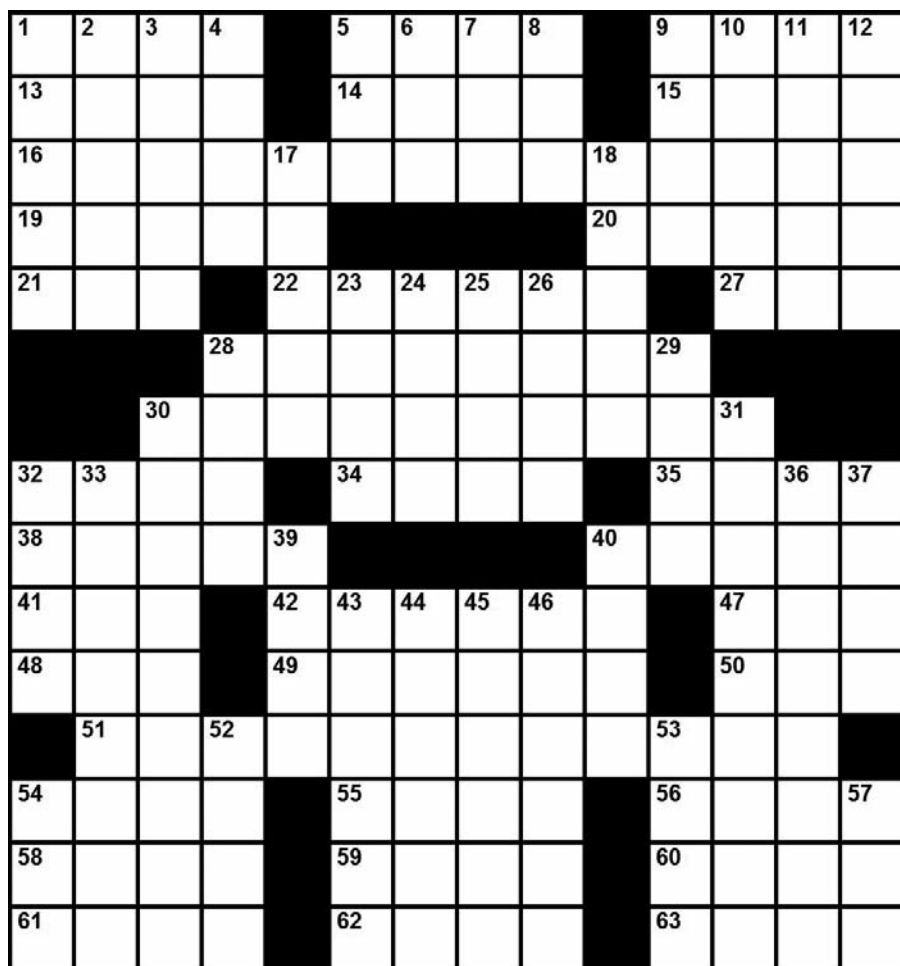
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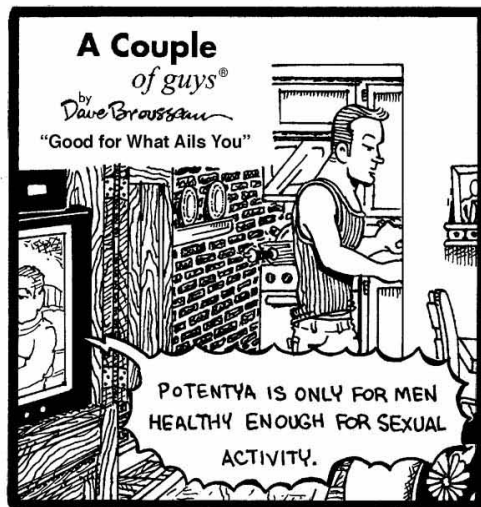
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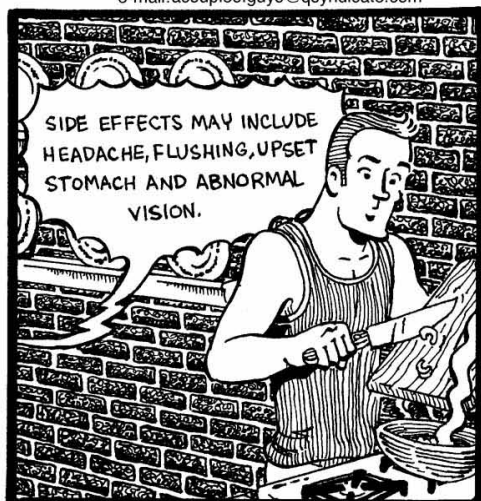
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 46 A sexually enlightened society, and more
 52 Pink shade
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 57 Wood and more



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Mark and Richard at Alexandre's.



Shayna, Kristen and Fineman at Sue Ellen's.

School is about to start, if it hasn't already for some. Homework doesn't sound too fun, but try some of these assignments **Paul Kraft** spins every week at the **Club Dallas Afterhours Party** on Saturday. The club then serves up the beef for their **Sunday Cookout** **MadonnaRama** hits **JR.'s Bar & Grill** on Wednesday. Seriously, is there a better way to celebrate Madge's birthday than dancing to all her hits? Didn't think so **Raven Demornay**, **Jada Fox** and **Coco Lapearl** highlight this week's Sunday show at the **1851 Club** in Arlington. For the month, the club has announced Fridays and Saturdays as **Dance Night Party Night** Find out who will be the next **Voice of Pride** at the finals on Sunday at the **Rose Room** **Jack's Backyard** makes the summer heat bearable with **Susan Gibson** onstage Friday night. **Charliehorse** follows suit on Saturday **Nicky Lauren** continues her MC duties every Sunday and Thursday at **Kallente** with her **Las Igualitas** ensemble. Fridays get hotter when Lauren hosts the **Tube Tube** strip contest **Rachel Stacy** takes over the **Vixin Lounge** at **Sue Ellen's** Saturday. Then **Little Chalupa** brings the funny to **Karaoke Night** every Thursday **The Round-Up Saloon** hosts the **Big D Rodeo King and Queen** pageant Sunday. **Trisha Davis** will be the guest MC Load up on the elbow grease and hit the **Red Hanky Party** Saturday night at the **Dallas Eagle**. And know which pocket to put it in. Just sayin'.

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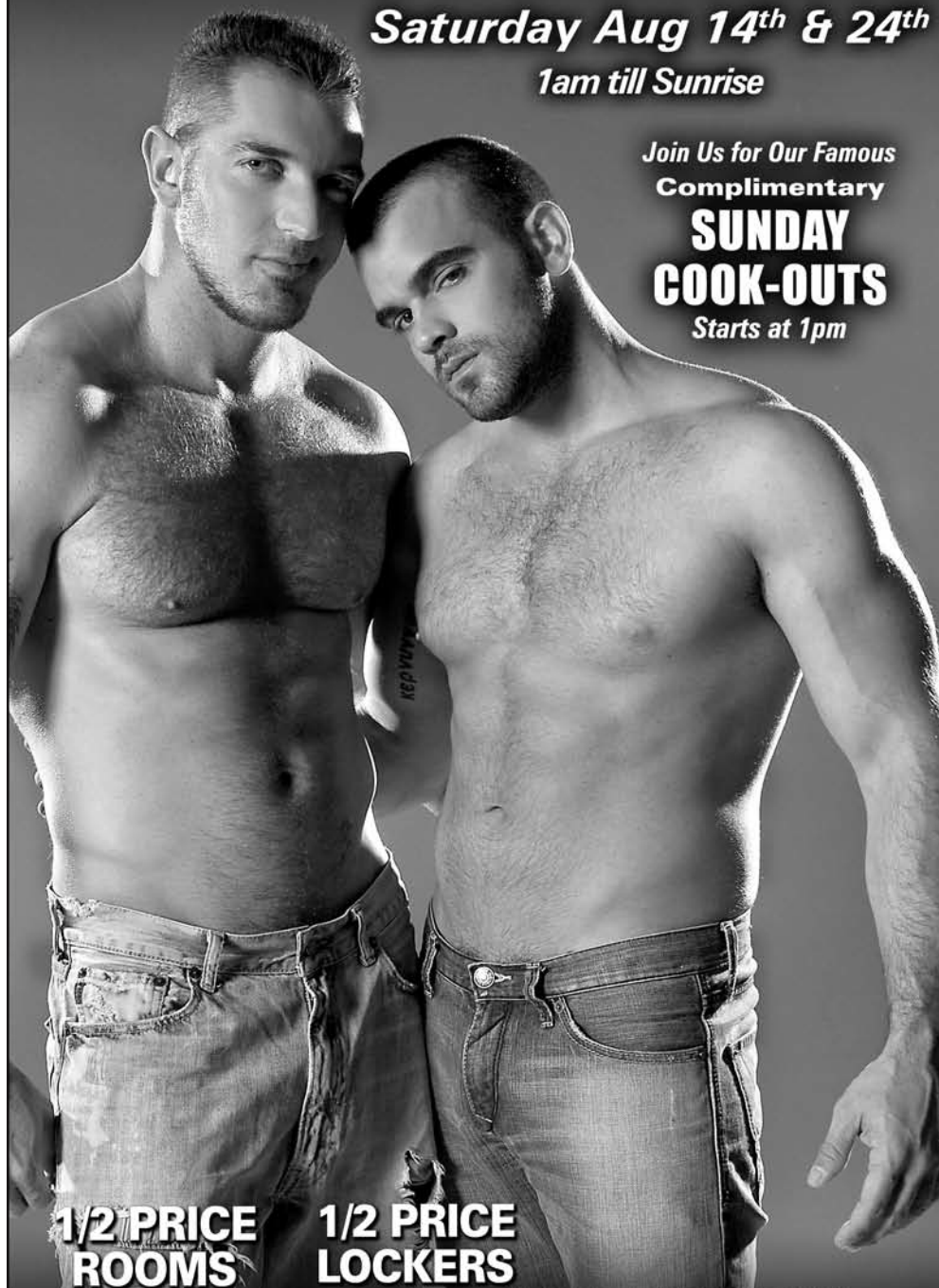


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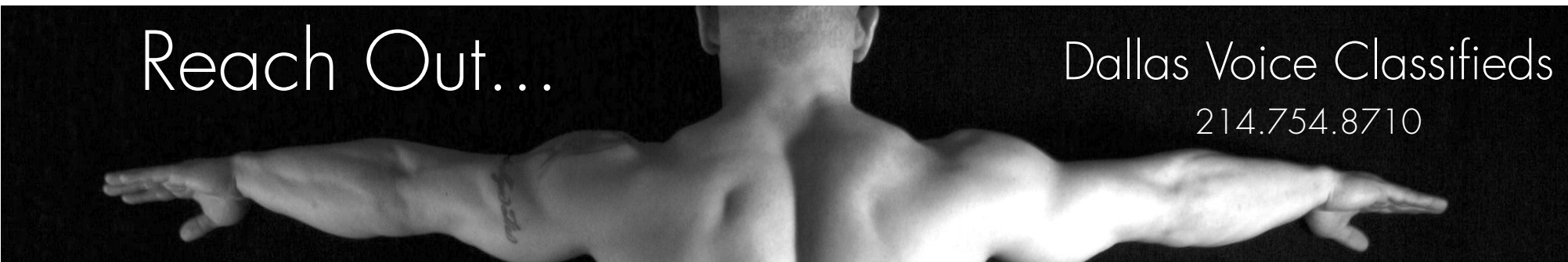
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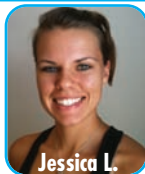
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