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Cloture fails again; DADT repeal stymied

But fight to end anti-gay policy continues as Collins, Lieberman vow to introduce stand-alone repeal bill

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The Senate rejected an attempt to bring the defense authorization bill to the floor Thursday afternoon, Dec. 9, at about 4 p.m. EST, apparently killing prospects for repealing "don't ask, don't tell" this year.

However, shortly after the vote, Sen. Joe Lieberman, an Independent from Connecticut, and Maine Republican Sen. Susan Collins announced shortly afterward that they plan to introduce stand-alone legislation to repeal the anti-gay military policy.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada reportedly told Lieberman he would use Senate rule No. 14 to bring the repeal measure directly to the floor of the Senate, skipping the usual committee hearings.

The vote on close debate on the defense authorization bill was 57 to 40, three votes shy of the two-thirds majority needed to pass.

Collins was the only Republican to vote to close debate, even though moderate Republicans Scott Brown of Massachusetts, Mark Kirk of Illinois and Olympia Snowe of Maine had said they favor repealing DADT. Sen Lisa Murkowski of Alaska also voted against cloture, even though earlier this week she, too, had said she would vote to repeal the policy.

Collins had been working with Lieberman to broker a deal in which enough Republicans would vote for cloture to end debate and send the bill for an up-or-down vote, where it would need only a simple majority

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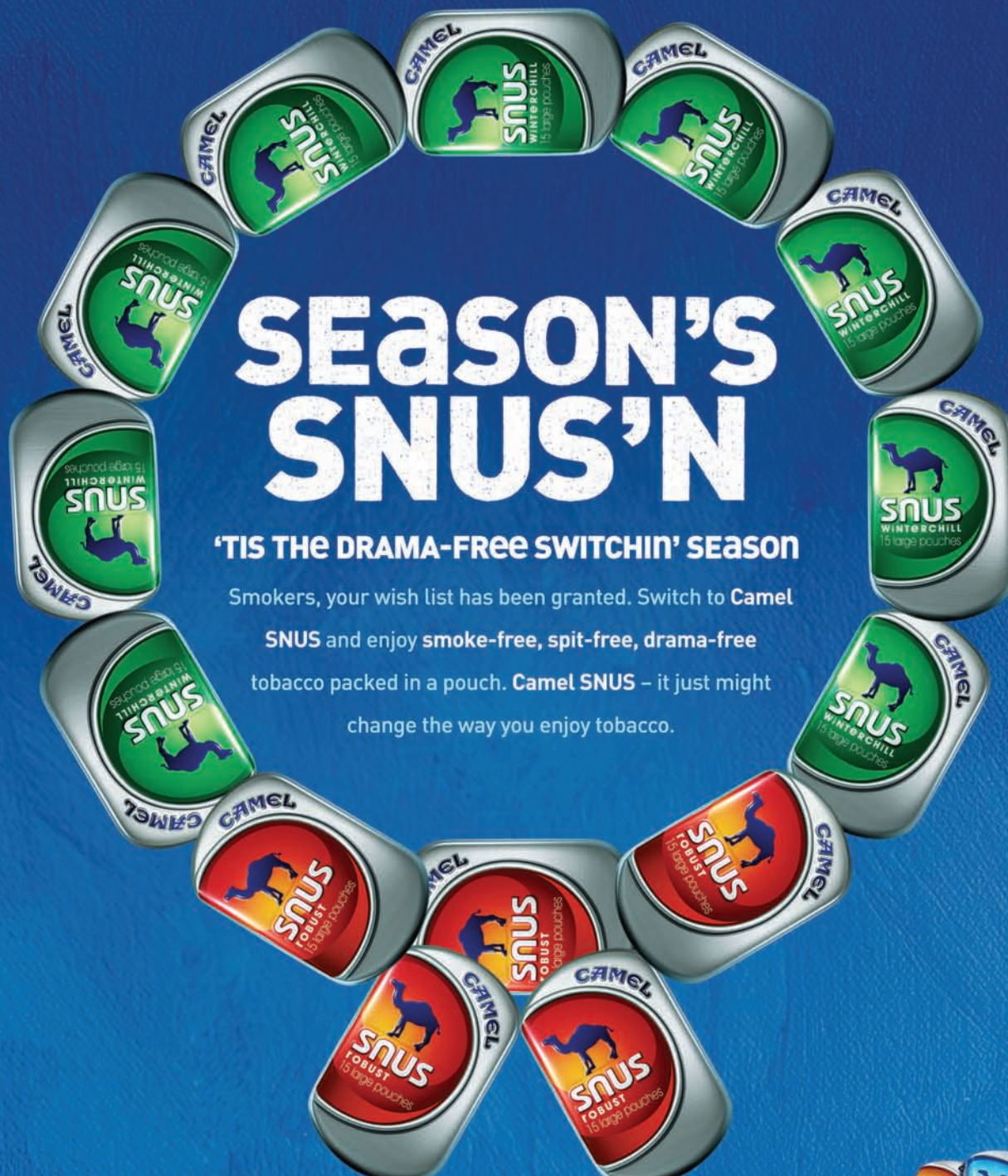
TELLING | Protestors march down the Cedar Springs strip in Dallas on Thursday night, Dec. 9, demanding repeal of "don't ask don't tell." About 50 people gathered for the rally organized by Stonewall Democrats and other groups, which began in the parking lot of Kroger and ended at the Legacy of Love Monument. (John Wright/Dallas Voice).

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Black Tie hands out \$1.15 million



HANDING OUT THE CHECKS | 2010 Black Tie Dinner Co-chairs, above left, Nan Arnold and Ron Guillard talk about their year heading up the Black Tie board. Incoming 2011 Black Tie Co-Chair Chris Kouvelis, right center, presents a check to representatives of Home for the Holidays. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

Kouvelis named as 2011 co-chair as board begins preparations for 20th annual fundraiser in November

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Officials with Black Tie Dinner on Thursday, Dec. 9, distributed grants to 20 beneficiaries totaling \$1.15 million — up from the 2009 total of \$1.04 million.

The funds, representing proceeds from the 29th annual Black Tie Dinner held in November, were distributed at a reception at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel, host hotel for the annual fundraising dinner.

Ron Guillard, completing the second year of his two-year term as Black Tie Dinner co-chair, offered special recognition to the sponsors, table captains, dinner guests and volunteers who helped make this year's sold-out dinner so successful.

"My last official act couldn't be more exciting

than to distribute checks," Guillard said. "It's fantastic to be in the room with all the people who do so much work with Black Tie Dinner assuring its success."

Nan Faith Arnold, who began the second half of her two-year term as co-chair at the distribution party, said, "I'm having a blast. It's a great night. Each of our beneficiaries stands strong for the people they serve."

"Stand strong" was the theme of this year's event.

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Schoolteacher arrested in connection with 2007 shooting death of partner

Vaughn told police Judy Bell was shot by an intruder, but police say Vaughn was a suspect all along

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CEDAR HILL — Few details emerged this week about what may have led a woman to fatally shoot her lesbian partner in this suburb south of Dallas in 2007, or how authorities finally linked her to the crime three years later.

Seidah Muhammad Vaughn, 41, was arrested Monday, Dec. 6, on a charge of first-degree murder

in the February 2007 murder of her partner, Judy Marie Bell, 34.

After being taken into custody at the high school where she teaches in Oklahoma City, Vaughn waived extradition and was brought Tuesday to the Dallas County jail, where she was being held on \$500,000 bond.

Vaughn called 911 in the early morning hours of Feb. 29, 2007, and said an intruder had shot Bell in the Cedar Hill home they shared. But there were no signs of forced entry, and authorities never believed Vaughn's story.

"She's always been a person of interest, and our detectives have actually kept up with her location

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1st Baptist Dallas launches 'Grinch Alert' website

You all remember Pastor Robert Jeffress over at First Baptist Church in Dallas, right? He's the one who riled up the LGBT community a couple of years ago with his "Gay is Not OK" sermon.

Well, now Pastor Jeffress is at it again. He and his church have created a new website, GrinchAlert.com, to warn us all about those horrible business people who have the nerve to say something like "Happy Holidays" instead of "Merry Christmas," or who, even worse, don't recognize the Christian holiday at all.

So if someone or some business pisses you off while you are out commercializing Christmas this year, you can go to this website and post a comment designating them as "naughty." And if they spell out "Jesus is the Reason for the Season" on their chain link fence using colored plastic cups and Christmas lights, you can go to the site and reward them with a "nice" post.

Jeffress told Dallas Morning News: "Too many businesses have bowed down to political correctness. I thought this would be a fun way to call out businesses that are refusing to celebrate Christmas."

He also told the Morning News that First Baptist isn't creating any standards on what determines "naughty" or "nice," and that the church won't be monitoring the site to protect businesses owned by non-Christians. So I wonder: If I go to the site and add a post declaring Pastor Jeffress and his church are "naughty" because he is a completely hateful, bigoted jackass, they will leave it up there? Or would they remove it and add me to the "naughty" list instead?

It's tempting, but I will refrain. Instead, I will just offer this reminder to Pastor Jeffress and others like him: In the New Testament, in one of the Gospels, there is a story about how the Pharisees tried to trick Jesus into saying something that would get him in trouble, so they asked him, "What is the most important commandment?" (The trick, of course, is that no one commandment should be considered more important than any other.) Jesus replied, "Love your neighbor as yourself, and love God above all else. Do that, and you will be following all the commandments."

So Pastor Jeffress: Jesus said love your neighbor as yourself, and guess what — not all your neighbors are Christians. Don't you think it is a little less than loving to expect them to kowtow to your religious beliefs by saying Merry Christmas, and by chiding them on your ridiculous website because they prefer to say "Happy Holidays" instead?

— Tammye Nash

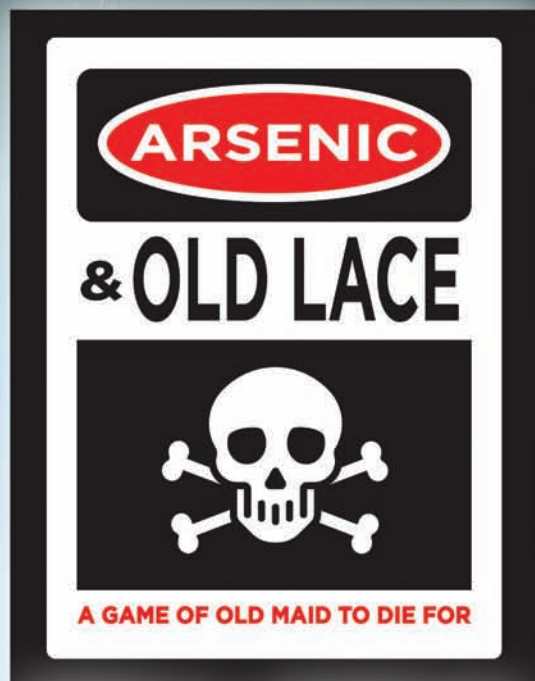


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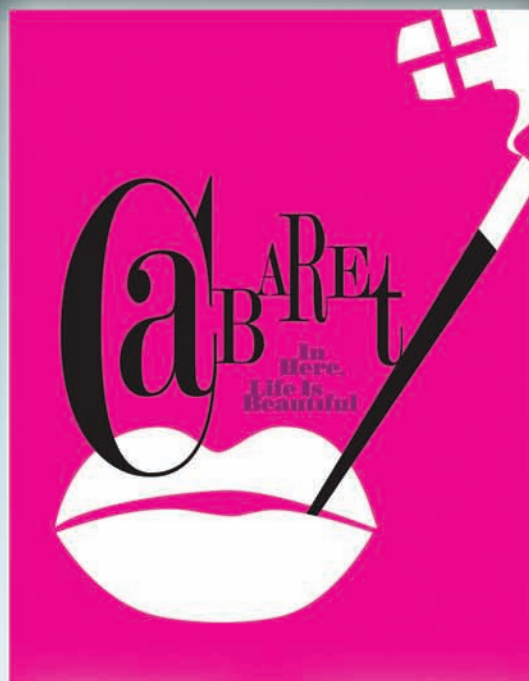
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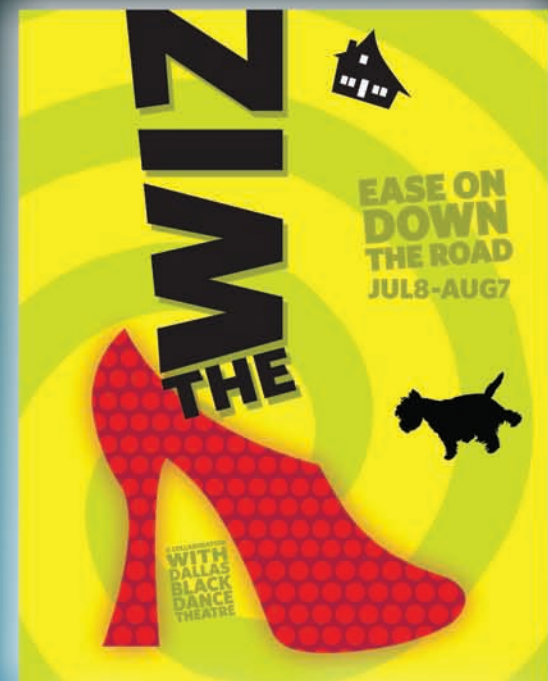
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Minehart leaves Lone Star Ride after three years as event manager

Lone Star Ride Event Manager Dave Minehart has announced he will leave the ride at the end of this month. He has accepted a new position as development director for a nonprofit organization in his hometown, Iowa City, Iowa. He has been in Texas for the past 28 years but over the past seven, his goal has been to move closer to family.

Minehart participated in all 10 Lone Star Rides, the last three as event manager.

Laura Kerr is the incoming board chair. Co-chairs of the ride are John Tripp and Danny Simpson. Tripp co-chaired the ride this year and Simpson has been responsible for fundraising events outside the ride and participated in it for a number of years.

GAIN holding holiday social, taking up donations for Silver Star Rooms

GAIN, an organization for mature LGBT people, will hold its annual December Social Event Thursday, Dec. 16, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. Those attending are asked to bring canned food items and personal car items to donate to those at the Adult Protective Services Silver Star Rooms, a facility specifically for people over 65 who have been abused or neglected in their homes. A list of needed items is available online in the GAIN section at RCDallas.org.

GAIN is a program of Resource Center Dallas.

TGRA, UCLSE joining to host Hard Candy Christmas benefit

Texas Gay Rodeo Association of Dallas and the United Court of the Lone Star Empire will host the annual "Hard Candy Christmas" benefit show and auction Saturday, Dec. 11, at Dallas Eagle, 5740 Maple Ave. The evening begins with Christmas Cocktails at 6 p.m., followed by the show and auction at 7 p.m. MCs are Donna Dumae and Trisha Davis.

Broadway star Sam Harris performing benefit concert at CoH

Sam Harris will perform a benefit concert Sun-

day, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary at Cathedral of Hope to raise money for the church's Interfaith Peace Chapel. Tickets are \$20 and are available at the church. For information call 214-351-1901.

Consultant seeking LGBT coming out stories for upcoming anthology

Consultant Sonia Friedrich is looking for LGBT people to contribute their personal coming out stories to the anthology *Coming Out: Personal stories that will make you smile, laugh, shudder and cry.*

Ideally, stories should be between 300 and 1,500 words, with the maximum length being 3,000 words. Those who haven't come out can also submit their stories on why they haven't.

Stories will be edited and can be anonymous.

For more information or to submit a story please contact soniafriedrich@virginbroadband.com.au.

Friends nightclub hosting 'Toys for Tots' benefit in Gun Barrel City

Friends Nightclub, 410 S. Gun Barrel Lane in Gun Barrel City, hosts "Reva's and Rusty's Annual Toys for Tots" benefit show Saturday, Dec. 11, beginning at 9 p.m.

The event is held in conjunction with the Family Resource Center and the Gun Barrel City police and fire departments and helps raise money and collect toys for underprivileged children in the Cedar Creek Lake area.

Suggested donation at the door is \$5 or a new, unwrapped toy. Tips given to performers during the show will be used to purchase toys to donate as well.

Tarrant County Gay Pride Week holding membership meeting

The annual organizational meeting for Tarrant County Gay Pride Week Association will be held Sunday, Dec. 19, beginning at 3 p.m. at Best Friends Club, 2620 E. Lancaster Ave. in Fort Worth. Topics for discussion include closing out business for 2010, voting on new officers and advisory council members, proposed rules and regulation changes for 2011 and an overview of Pride

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pet of the week / danali

Danali is a delightful dog. She's a shepherd mix with a sleek and shiny brown coat with black highlights. At 10 months old, she weighs 46 pounds and is just about fully grown. Danali is happy, friendly and very playful. She loves people and is hoping for a home for the holidays.

Danali and many other great dogs, cats, puppies and kittens are available for adoption from the Dallas Animal Services Adoption Center, located at 1818 N. Westmoreland at I-30 on the northeast corner. The shelter is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.; closed Mondays. The cost to adopt is \$85 for dogs and \$55 for cats and includes spay/neuter surgery, vaccinations, microchip and more. All dogs are negative for heartworms, and cats have been tested for FeLV and FIV. For more information, visit DallasAnimalServices.org or call 214-671-0249.



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FOR THE YOUTH | Officials with Dallas Tavern Guild presents Youth First Texas Development Director Sam Wilkes and Board Chair T.J. Wilson a check for \$7,500 representing proceeds from the 2010 Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade during a recent DTG meeting. Pictured are, front from left, Culley Johnson, Dallas Eagle; Howard Okun, The Brick; Allen Pierce, The Round-Up Saloon; G. Maywald, BJ's; Wilkes and Wilson, Youth First Texas; Andy Krumm, BJ's; Jack Adams, Club Wet; Jesse Avalos, BJ's and Keith Lackie, Klub Wet; back, from left, Matt Louzau, Barbara's Pavillion; Dan Faust, Kaliente; Mark Frazier, Dallas Eagle; Greg Kilhoffer, Caven Enterprises; Frank Holland, Pekrs; Gary Miller, Round-Up Saloon; Chris Weinfurter, Woody's.

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events planned for 2011.

The meeting is open to all interested people and everyone signed in at the meeting is eligible to vote. The Miss, Mr. and Ms. HoHoHo contest will be held at 8 p.m. that evening, also at Best Friends. Packets for anyone interested in competing are available at the bar.

Tickets on sale now for Women's Chorus of Dallas concert at Wylie

Tickets are now available for The Women's Chorus of Dallas' first performance of its 22nd concert season, "Love & Light," being held Sunday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. at AT&T Performing Arts Center's Wylie Theater.

In addition to the children's choir from Good Shepherd Episcopal School, the concert will also feature Tony-Award winner Victoria Clark.

Tickets are on sale now from the AT&T Performing Arts Center. To charge by phone, call 214-880-0202 purchase tickets online at attpac.org. Tickets are also available for the after-party with Clark.

Johnson, West co-hosting town hall on upcoming legislative session

State Rep. Eric Johnson and state Sen. Royce

West will co-host a Legislative Town Hall Meeting Tuesday, Dec. 14, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Juanita J. Craft Recreation Center, 4500 Spring Ave.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the upcoming 82nd session of the Texas Legislature and how the two lawmakers will work together to address the issues facing their constituents. In particular, their remarks will focus on the process of drawing new Congressional and state legislative districts following the decennial United States Census and the impact of the Texas' expected budget deficit on services provided by the state.

Following their remarks, the floor will be open for questions and comments.

Additionally, a representative from Baylor's Diabetes Health and Wellness Institute will present information on community resources available to help fight diabetes. Juanita J. Craft Recreation Center is home to Baylor's Diabetes Health and Wellness Institute.



Rep. Eric Johnson



Sen. Royce West



Thank you, Black Tie Board, for helping us help others. We thank you for encouraging us and for helping us to stand strong....like a rock.

--Reverend Carol West, Staff, Board, and Congregation; Celebration Community Church, Ft. Worth

Fundraiser set to benefit sanctuary for abused horses, other animals



A NEW HOME | Bob Williams of Ranch Hand Rescue welcomes Midnight to his new home at the sanctuary for abused horses and other animals. Midnight is missing one hoof, and Williams said he is working on getting the animal a prosthetic leg.

'Honky Tonk for Horses' will help pay for 35 animals now at Ranch Hand Rescue, another 22 horses now in rehab after being rescued

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Bob Williams is passionate about rescuing abused and neglected farm animals — so passionate that he and his partner, Marty Polasko, opened

a sanctuary for them.

Next Thursday, Dec. 16, Williams hopes to raise \$10,000 for his organization, Ranch Hand Rescue, at Honky Tonk for Horses, a silent auction being held at The Mule Barn, a sports bar in Justin, just north of Fort Worth.

Ranch Hand Rescue provides sanctuary and medical care for abused farm animals from around North Texas. Founded in April 2009, the rescue has already saved 85 farm animals — mostly horses but also donkeys, mules, llamas, pigs, a turtle and rabbits.

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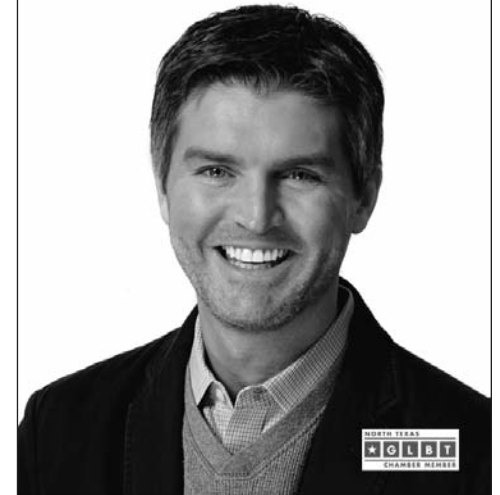
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DFW's homeless gays heading north to Denton, advocate says

HUD housing intervention counselor Michael Raven says what has traditionally been considered an urban issue is growing in rural areas

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HUD housing intervention counselor Michael C. Raven, says he has seen an increase in the number clients who are gay and homeless moving into Denton.

Raven serves as secretary for HOPE, Inc., which provides financial assistance and case management to families who are homeless or at-risk of being homeless and seeking to secure permanent housing.

Before coming to HOPE, which is non-faith-based, Raven worked for the Salvation Army.

Raven said that compared to Dallas, homeless numbers in Denton are low. The latest count is 103 people in the city of Denton and 547 in the county. Homelessness is more of a rural problem in Denton County, he said, and many of the county's homeless live in tents in the woods.

Raven, who is himself gay, said the biggest problem he has seen with gay homelessness in Denton County is that the Salvation Army provides Denton's only shelter — and that organization does not welcome gays or lesbians.

"It takes awhile to get someone off the street and into affordable housing," Raven said. "We give them three years to graduate into self-sufficiency."

Raven follows everyone who contacts his office.

"With housing counseling, we hope they'll have a surplus each month," he said.

The goal is to get them into transitional housing and then something permanent.

Among the many reasons for homelessness are mental health issues, drug and alcohol abuse and family violence. But unemployment is the top reason for homelessness currently in Denton.

Of those who reported a cause, 20 percent said loss of a job and another 15 percent were "unable to pay rent or mortgage," mostly related to employment issues.

Not everyone who is homeless was without work, Raven said, but some may be working at a much lower-paying job or only finding part-time work.

Raven said he has notes about available jobs all over his office and is constantly checking a number of sources. If he knows a client has a particular skill, he tries to make the connection.

But he said employers are terrible about taking advantage of the homeless.

Raven cited one case of a client with a degree



Michael Raven

in accounting. A retail store didn't have an accounting position open, but hired her as a cashier and taught her the accounting process for their business at the same time. After four months, she was doing most of the store's accounting work but was still being paid as a cashier.

A major retailer hired another of his clients. When they found out that she had a degree, which required a higher salary by their own company rules, they fired her, Raven said.

Once every two years, Denton counts its homeless population. Raven is part of that counting process, which will start after the New Year.

He said he doesn't like to just show up and take census figures, so he asks his HOPE donors for personal care items and blankets to distribute on counting night.

While usually associated with urban areas, Raven said homelessness is increasing in rural areas.

During the recession, he's noticed that everyone's watching their money. But he thinks that people are just being more prudent because homelessness could happen to anyone. ■

RESCUE

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"We work with law enforcement on animal abuse," Williams said. "When the owner's arrested, we're called in."

Currently, Ranch Hand Rescue has 35 animals adopted into their sanctuary and 22 horses in rehab. They're involved in four current investigations.

Williams has no sympathy for anyone abusing animals.

"When we're involved in these cases, we work to see the owner is prosecuted," he said.

He said he is working with legislators to fix current state animal abuse laws. Beating an animal to death is a felony in Texas, but starving an animal to death is just a misdemeanor. Williams wants that fixed.

Williams said that Ranch Hand Rescue has four components.

"Our baby is the sanctuary," he said.

That's where they care for animals that have lived through abuse and neglect.

Rescue is the second piece of their mission. They have put together a network of foster families throughout Texas who help them nurse animals back to health. Starvation is the biggest problem.

"We have to jump-start their digestive systems," Williams said. That involves giving the animals medication, special feed in small amounts and eight meals a day.

And a lot of love, Williams said.

Third, Ranch Hand Rescue is involved in working with legislators to change animal cruelty laws. But Williams stresses his organization gets no financial help from the state or local governments.

Finally, Williams said, "Because we have a sanctuary, we have groups come in — kids with AIDS, autistic children, disabled kids."

On Saturday, Dec. 11, a group from Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home, an orphanage and transitional home for abused children in Denton, will spend the day at the sanctuary. Williams said that they'll tell the children the story of the animals and let them interact. Then Santa will arrive on a fire truck with presents.

The money raised at Honky Tonk for Horses will go directly toward care of the animals. Williams described the extent of injuries he's currently dealing with.

"Most horses come in with worms," he said. "One was beaten so badly her withers are broken. We want her in a home where she'll be loved and cared for."

A horse named Midnight came in without a hoof. Williams is making a prosthetic leg and hoping some of the veterinary cost of replacing it will be donated.

The sanctuary can accommodate about 55 sick animals that are penned, but when they become healthy and need more space, some have to be moved out.

They already have some land in McKinney and are hoping to finalize a deal on more property in Gainesville this week, Williams said.

American Pet Spa & Resort in Argyle has been Ranch Hand Rescue's major sponsor. Polasko

owns the boarding and grooming company where pets take pampered vacations while their owners are away.

Williams said a large number of customers drive out from Oak Lawn because of the extraordinary care Polasko gives their pets.

But the cost of caring for the farm animals begins with about \$500 to transport an animal and several hundred dollars in veterinary bills for each animal before treatment begins. Feed and ongoing care runs about \$125 per animal per month.

Much of the funding has come from the LGBT community, but as the organization expands, the need for additional funds grows.

Honky Tonk for Horses is expected to be the largest fundraiser for the organization so far. The silent auction features DVD players, race packages including hotel stays and tickets, autographed sports and Hollywood memorabilia, Rangers tickets, restaurant gift certificates and more.

Entertainment will be provided by a number of local bands.

Everybody Love Raymond actress Doris Roberts is a supporter of Ranch Hand Rescue and plans to come to Fort Worth in the spring for a fundraising event. Billy Bob's Texas has offered to participate.

In addition, Williams said that they've recently hired a fundraising director and a grant writer.

Although Pet Smart doesn't do horses as part of their retail business, through their foundation, they've provided volunteers and other assistance.

How successful has Ranch Hand Rescue been in saving animals from neglect and abuse? Has an animal's suffering ever been so great that they decided to put it down?

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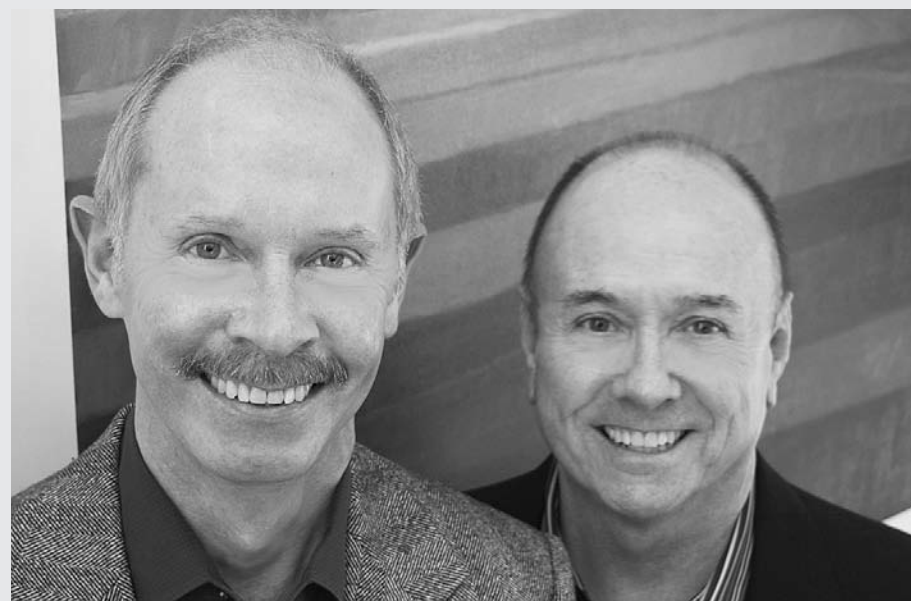
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ANNIVERSARY



LEWIS-COLVIN | Jack Lewis, left, and Alan Colvin will celebrate their 35th anniversary on Tuesday, Dec. 14. The two met at a Dallas Christmas party in 1975. Lewis is a retired IT executive and Colvin is the owner of a mid-cities florist. Both were original members and officers of the Oak Lawn Bowling Association and founders and officers of the Classic Chassis Car Club of Dallas. They are also longtime members of the Airliner Social Club and Gamma Mu, where Lewis serves as president of the foundation that awards grants to rural AIDS organizations and scholarships to gay men. They plan to formally celebrate their anniversary over New Years in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

HRC hires educator to help implement anti-bullying program in Texas schools

Kahn says Thomason hired in response to interest from Texas activists, educators

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Officials with the Human Rights Campaign's Welcoming Schools program have announced the hiring of an education coordinator to work advocates and school officials in Texas to introduce the program's anti-bullying campaign in elementary schools here. Ellen Kahn, director of HRC's Family Project, announced the move during an event Friday, Dec. 3, for major donors to HRC from the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Welcoming Schools, Kahn explained, is "an LGBT-inclusive approach to addressing family diversity, gender stereotyping and name-calling in K-5 learning environments."

It is, she added, "one of the few elementary school programs that doesn't leave out LGBT issues" in addressing diversity.

Kahn said HRC has hired Rhonda Thomason to help introduce the program to Texas schools. Thomason, based in Alabama, previously worked on diversity issues with the Southern Poverty

Law Center, and has worked on diversity issues "throughout the South and Southeast, including in Texas," Kahn said.

She said Thomason will begin "contacting people and setting up initial meetings" shortly after the first of the year.

"We chose [Thomason] because she had the particular skill set and experiences that are essential in implementing programs like Welcoming Schools," Kahn said. "She has the depth of experience we were looking for."

Thomason's first step, Kahn said, will be to find local activists who have already been working with local school officials "to be the conduits" between her and the schools.

"There has already been a lot of interest in the Welcoming Schools program from advocates and school officials in Texas. We had been asked by our supporters there, especially in Dallas and Fort Worth and Houston, for help in addressing bullying in the schools there," Kahn said, explaining why HRC chose to send someone to Texas.

For now, she added, Thomason and HRC are "in the exploratory stage, trying to follow up with those who have already expressed an interest in the Welcoming Schools program." But, Kahn said, she hopes to see Texas schools begin implementing the program soon. ■

United Court holds coronation, investiture as Reign XXXVI begins

FROM STAFF REPORTS
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About 250 people from across the United States, as well as from Canada and Mexico, last month attended the United Court of the Lone Star Empire's annual Coronation Ball over the Halloween weekend.

Emperor XXXV Jeff Germany and Empress XXXV Audrey Schwartz presided over the weekend-long event, held this year at the Crown Plaza Market Center hotel and based around the theme "Denim & Diamonds: A Night of Big Buns and Country Swing."

The weekend began with a "Haunted Bus Tour" to several area nightclubs that had supported the United Court over the last year. The tour was hosted by Aspirants to the Crown Jimmie Tucker and Terry Youdan, both vying for the emperor's crown. A number of pool-side events were held at the host hotel on Saturday afternoon, hosted by local organizations that had supported the court during the year.

Coronation Ball XXXVI was held Saturday night at the host hotel, and featured special guests that included Dallas City Councilwoman Delia Jasso, 25th Anniversary Monarchs, Empress VI of

the Imperial Court of Dallas Brandi Roberts and Empress III of the Sovereign Court of Dallas Leslie Michaels, 10th Anniversary Monarchs Emperor and Empress XXVI of the United Court of the Lone Star Empire Dr. Steven Bayes and Stephanie Savon, and Emperor XXXI of the United Court of the Lone Star Empire Homer Hernandez.

Jimmie Tucker was crowned emperor XXXVI shortly after midnight. She was joined by Regent Empresses XXVI Keri Lynn Sommers and Mother Love Saint James. The newly-crowned monarchs hosted a Victory Brunch on Sunday where they named Christopher Stinnett as crown prince royal and Lips LaRue as crown princess royal. A Victory Party was held later that evening at Dallas Eagle, followed by a Victory Show at The Brick/Joes.

The Emperor and Empress Council of the UCLSE, together with Emperor Jimmie Tucker and Regent Empresses Keri Lynn Sommers and Mother Love Saint James hosted the annual Investiture at the Brick/Joes on Nov. 20.

The United Court of the Lone Star Empire is a Dallas-based not-for-profit organization dedicated to raising money and volunteering for local charities and other worthy causes. UCLSE is a 501(c)3 organization and a member of the International Court System. ■



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MURDER

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over the years because of that," said Corky Brown, a spokesman for the city of Cedar Hill. "Recently, they came across some information that gave them what they were looking for."

Brown declined to elaborate and said the motive for the crime remained unknown.

"We don't typically try them [cases] in the public," Brown said. "The idea is to get the information to the district attorney and let them try the case."

Marshall McCallum, the assistant Dallas County district attorney assigned to the case, didn't return a phone call seeking comment.

District Clerk Gary Fitzsimmons said court records contained no additional information because the case was referred by a grand jury.

According to media reports, both Vaughn and Bell taught at Permenter Middle School in Cedar Hill at the time of the murder. They'd lived together for four years.

Bell was a special education teacher and basketball coach. Vaughn taught English and language arts.

Bell's 10-year-old son and three of Vaughn's children — ages 11-20 — were in the home sleeping at the time of the shooting.

Vaughn began teaching in Oklahoma City in February 2009. Bell's son now lives with his father in Houston. ■



CATCHING UP | AIDS Services of Dallas President and CEO Don Maison, left, talks with former Resource Center Dallas board chair Bill Brosius during the Black Tie Dinner check distribution party Thursday. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

BLACK TIE

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Chris Kouvelis, who will be Arnold's dinner co-chair in 2011, was introduced.

"The check distribution event is the culmination of what we work for all year," Kouvelis said. "It's the most exciting thing to do. I'm honored to be in this position and am looking forward to a fantastic year."

As in previous years, about half of the proceeds from the 2010 dinner — \$577,500 — went to the Human Rights Campaign Foundation. The Dallas-Fort Worth dinner is the largest fundraiser of its kind each year for the foundation.

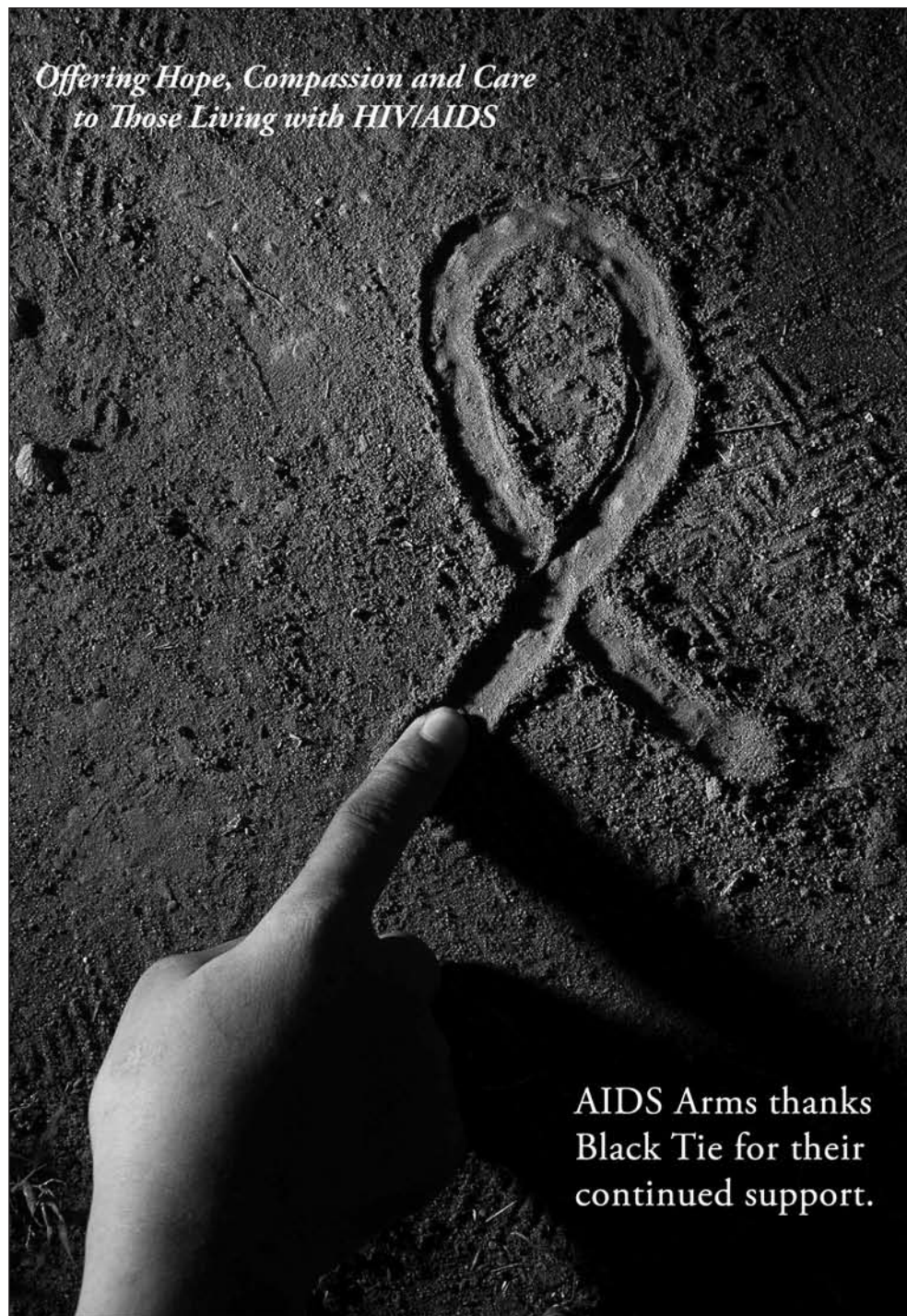
HRC Development Director Chris Speron attended the check distribution event. Executive Director Joe Solmonese was scheduled to attend but remained in Washington because of the "don't ask, don't tell vote."

"The Dallas LGBT community is one of the most generous communities anywhere," Speron said. "And the Black Tie Dinner is unmatched anywhere in the country. We are so privileged to work with the people involved in Black Tie Dinner and benefit from their amazing work."

The remaining funds were divided between 19 local organizations providing services to the LGBT and HIV/AIDS communities. Resource Center

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BLACK TIE

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Dallas received the largest local grant, getting a check for \$48,504 from Black Tie.

RCD Executive Director Cece Cox said, "We are again delighted and thankful to be a beneficiary of Black Tie Dinner. This is unrestricted money that allows us to provide more services and reach more people."

Groups were acknowledged for their participation. Turtle Creek Chorale sold the most raffle tickets. White Rock Friends contributed the most volunteer hours and the chorale was recognized for 682 hours of rehearsal time for the Black Tie Dinner performance. Resource Center Dallas sold the most tables with 22.

Black Tie Dinner is the largest formal seated dinner of its kind in the country in terms of both attendance and charitable contributions. This year,

3,000 guests attended the event, which featured keynote speaker Tammy Baldwin, U.S. congresswoman from Wisconsin, Media Award recipient Chely Wright, Elizabeth Birch Equality Award recipient American Airlines and Kuchling Humanitarian Award recipient the Rev. Carol West.

Arnold and Kouvelis said the Black Tie Dinner board is already working on the 30th Anniversary dinner, scheduled for Nov. 12, 2011, at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel. The 2011 beneficiary application will be available online in February at BlackTie.org. ■

■ **2010 Black Tie Dinner Beneficiaries**

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AIDS Services of Dallas.....	\$34,896
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Equality Texas Foundation.....	\$25,219
Health Services of North Texas.....	\$23,600
Home for the Holidays	\$24,375
Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund	\$38,764
Legacy Counseling Center.....	\$24,449
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Resource Center of Dallas	\$48,504
Turtle Creek Chorale.....	\$32,494
White Rock Friends.....	\$21,055
The Women's Chorus of Dallas.....	\$22,532
Youth First Texas	\$34,640



EXPRESSING THANKS | Board members for Equality Texas, along with Equality Texas Executive Director Dennis Coleman, right, accept the organization's check from Black Tie Dinner. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)



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DADT

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to pass. Not voting were Republicans John Cornyn of Texas and Sam Brownback of Kansas and Democrat Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas.

It was a dramatic finish and, undoubtedly, viewers saw on the Senate floor just the tip of the iceberg in negotiations that sought to bring about repeal of the military's ban on openly gay service-members.

Reid took to the floor at about 3 p.m., saying he had had tried "every possible way to move forward" on the defense authorization bill, which contains language to repeal DADT. But in the end, said Reid, Republicans were clearly bent on killing the repeal.

"I've bent over backwards, but it's clear that Republicans...don't want to have a vote on [Don't Ask, Don't Tell]," said Reid, "and they're doing whatever they can to stand in the way of this bill."

But Collins, who has been the considered a deal-maker for Republicans on the measure, rushed to the floor following Reid's remarks and suggested she was baffled at Reid's decision to call for reconsideration of last September's failed vote to break the Republican-led filibuster on the measure.

"I want to vote to proceed to this bill," said Collins, saying it was a "vitaly important bill."

"I just do not understand why we can't proceed along a path that will bring us to success and allow us to get the 60 votes to proceed," she said. "I'm willing to be one of those votes. I thought we were extremely close."

Reid complimented Collins for her efforts and said she was not the problem. The problem, he said, was the GOP's announced determination to obstruct consideration of any legislation until Congress passed a Republican-backed tax cut extension.

Gay groups working for passage of the DADT repeal measure were deeply disappointed.

Aubrey Sarvis, head of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, called it an outrage and urged the Senate to stay in session "to find another path for repeal to get done in the lame-duck."

"While difficult," acknowledged Sarvis, "realistic options still exist for advocates and Senators to move repeal this year." It's not clear what those options are. Most observers have made clear that if the Senate rejected the motion to send the Defense bill to the floor, the repeal of DADT was effectively dead for this Congressional session. The next Congressional session includes a Congressional make-up that provides very few prospects for passage of the legislation.

But Log Cabin Republicans — who said after the failed cloture vote in September that unfair political machinations by Reid had forced otherwise sympathetic Republicans to vote against the measure — once again placed the blame for failure squarely on Reid's shoulders.

"There is no other way to describe it: Today Sen. Reid torpedoed repeal of 'don't ask, don't tell,'" said R. Clarke Cooper, Log Cabin's executive director.

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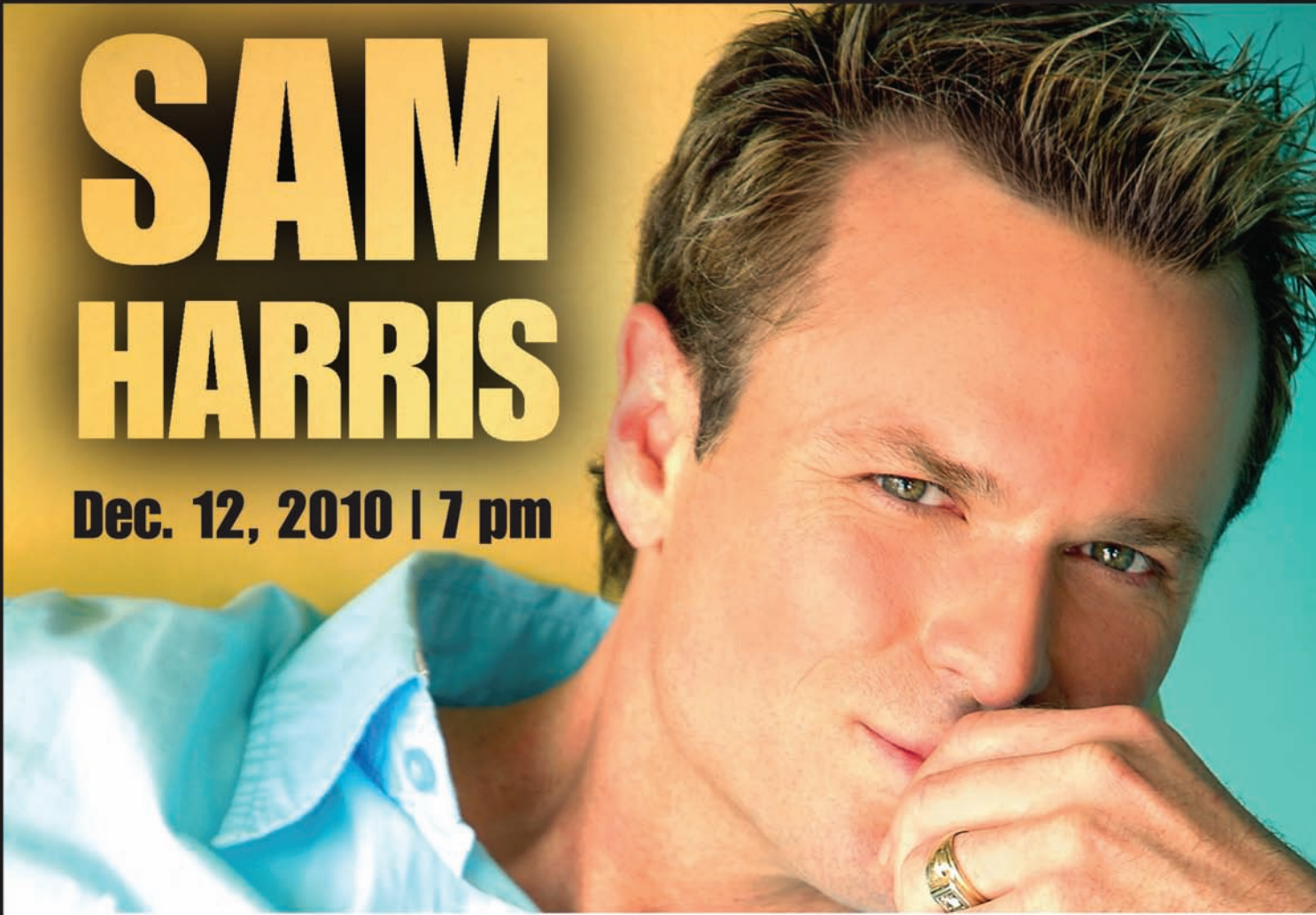


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Log Cabin brought a lawsuit in which a trial court judge ruled earlier this year that DADT is unconstitutional and ordered the military to stop enforcing it.

That ruling has been stayed pending appeal, and Log Cabin has criticized President Barack Obama's administration for appealing the ruling while at the same time the president says he believes DADT should be ended.

President Obama also issued a statement Thursday afternoon saying he was disappointed that the vote to end debate had failed, and urging



Sen. Susan Collins

the Senate to find a way to repeal DADT before the lame duck session ends.

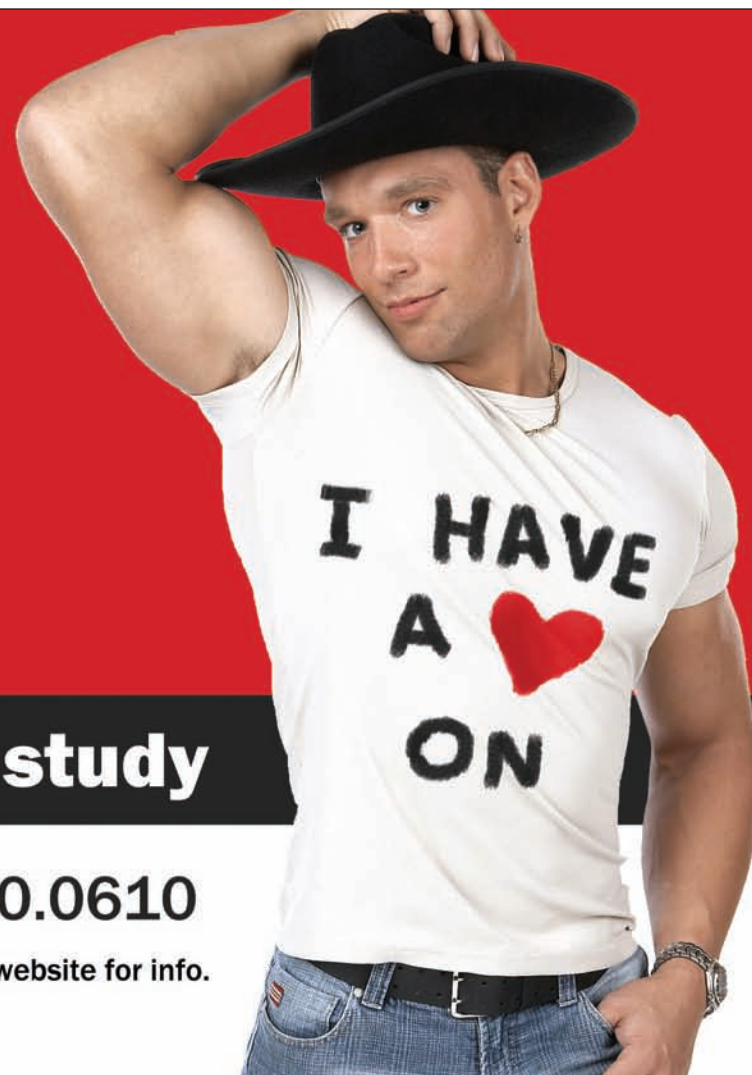
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 2. Increase the number of white blood cells called CD4 (T) cells.
- ISENTRESS may not have these effects in all patients.

Does ISENTRESS lower the chance of passing HIV to other people?

No. ISENTRESS does not reduce the chance of passing HIV to others through sexual contact, sharing needles, or being exposed to your blood.

- Continue to practice safer sex.
- Use latex or polyurethane condoms or other barrier methods to lower the chance of sexual contact with any body fluids. This includes semen from a man, vaginal secretions from a woman, or blood.
- Never re-use or share needles.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about safer sex or how to prevent passing HIV to other people.

What should I tell my doctor before and during treatment with ISENTRESS?

Tell your doctor about all of your medical conditions. Include any of the following that applies to you:

- You have any allergies.
- You are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.
 - ISENTRESS is not recommended for use during pregnancy. ISENTRESS has not been studied in pregnant women. If you take ISENTRESS while you are pregnant, talk to your doctor about how you can be included in the Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry.
- You are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed.
 - It is recommended that HIV-infected women should not breast-feed their infants. This is because their babies could be infected with HIV through their breast milk.
 - Talk with your doctor about the best way to feed your baby.

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take. Include the following:

- prescription medicines, including rifampin (a medicine used to treat some infections such as tuberculosis)
- non-prescription medicines
- vitamins
- herbal supplements

Know the medicines you take.

- Keep a list of your medicines. Show the list to your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

How should I take ISENTRESS?

Take ISENTRESS exactly as your doctor has prescribed. The recommended dose is as follows:

- Take only one 400-mg tablet at a time.
- Take it twice a day.
- Take it by mouth.
- Take it with or without food.

Do not change your dose or stop taking ISENTRESS or your other anti-HIV medicines without first talking with your doctor.

IMPORTANT: Take ISENTRESS exactly as your doctor prescribed and at the right times of day because if you don't:

- The amount of virus (HIV) in your blood may increase if the medicine is stopped for even a short period of time.
- The virus may develop resistance to ISENTRESS and become harder to treat.
- Your medicines may stop working to fight HIV.
- The activity of ISENTRESS may be reduced (due to resistance).

If you fail to take ISENTRESS the way you should, here's what to do:

- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. If you do not remember until it is time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular schedule. Do NOT take two tablets of ISENTRESS at the same time. In other words, do NOT take a double dose.
- If you take too much ISENTRESS, call your doctor or local Poison Control Center.

Be sure to keep a supply of your anti-HIV medicines.

- When your ISENTRESS supply starts to run low, get more from your doctor or pharmacy.
- Do not wait until your medicine runs out to get more.

What are the possible side effects of ISENTRESS?

When ISENTRESS has been given with other anti-HIV drugs, side effects included:

- nausea
- headache
- tiredness
- weakness
- trouble sleeping
- stomach pain
- dizziness
- depression
- suicidal thoughts and actions

Other side effects include rash, severe skin reactions, feeling anxious, paranoia, low blood platelet count.

A condition called Immune Reconstitution Syndrome can happen in some patients with advanced HIV infection (AIDS) when combination antiretroviral treatment is started. Signs and symptoms of inflammation from opportunistic infections that a person has or had may occur as the medicines work to treat the HIV infection and help to strengthen the immune system. Call your doctor right away if you notice any signs or symptoms of an infection after starting ISENTRESS with other anti-HIV medicines.

Contact your doctor promptly if you experience unexplained muscle pain, tenderness, or weakness while taking ISENTRESS. This is because on rare occasions, muscle problems can be serious and can lead to kidney damage.

Rash occurred more often in patients taking ISENTRESS and darunavir together than with either drug separately, but was generally mild.

Tell your doctor if you have any side effects that bother you.

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

How should I store ISENTRESS?

- Store ISENTRESS at room temperature (68 to 77°F).
- **Keep ISENTRESS and all medicines out of the reach of children.**

General information about the use of ISENTRESS

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for conditions that are not mentioned in patient information leaflets.

- Do not use ISENTRESS for a condition for which it was not prescribed.
- Do not give ISENTRESS to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

This leaflet gives you the most important information about ISENTRESS.

- If you would like to know more, talk with your doctor.
- You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for additional information about ISENTRESS that is written for health professionals.
- For more information go to www.ISENTRESS.com or call 1-800-622-4477.

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Oak Cliff HIV doc takes over Bellos' practice

Experienced HIV doc says denial of insurance claims forcing him to leave his Oak Lawn practice

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As of Dec. 15, patients of Dr. Nick Bellos will have a new primary care physician. Dr. Stockton Roberts will head the practice.

Over the last several years, Bellos, said, Blue Cross has denied or failed to pay more than half a million dollars to his practice. He said the insurance company said claims were incorrectly coded, or that they hadn't received the claims. But the doctor said even after the coding was corrected and claims were resubmitted, Blue Cross still didn't pay.

Unless they come to an agreement over the next few weeks, Texas Health Resources, which operates Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas, Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth and 14 other DFW area hospitals, will stop taking Blue Cross on Jan. 1, presumably for similar reasons.

In July, Bellos sold his practice to Medical Edge, a physician group in Dallas with more than 450 doctors. They take care of the business operations and pay doctors based on the profitability of the practice.

But, "It became obvious it wasn't going to work out financially," Bellos said.

He resigned effective Dec. 15.

Roberts has practiced in Oak Cliff for five years when he took over the practice of Dr. David Brand upon his retirement. Medical Edge also employs him.

Roberts will combine Bellos' practice of more than 3,000 patients with his own of about 2,000 patients. Four members of Bellos' staff will remain at the Lemmon Avenue office.

Roberts said he plans to spend most of his time in the Oak Lawn office but will continue in Oak Cliff on Fridays. He said his lease in Oak Cliff will be up at the end of January and he will decide

then whether to renew it.

Roberts said Medical Edge asked him to take over Bellos' practice because he is the only other physician in that company with an HIV practice.

"I want to make sure those with HIV are taken care of," he said. "Nick [Bellos] will be a resource for me."

Roberts said he hopes to add another doctor to the practice soon and is looking into ways to increase profit. He's hoping his Oak Cliff patients will follow him to the new office.

He called his Oak Cliff practice quite diverse.

"If you don't fit anywhere else, you fit here," he said.

Roberts said that description fits him well, too. He was married and has three children but came out about five years ago and now has a partner. They live in Arlington. He maintains an apartment in Fort Worth near his children and practices in Dallas.

Bellos is not quite sure what his plans are. He's considering legal action against Blue Cross.

"I want to thank all the patients who have allowed me to be part of their journey for the past 30 years," he said. "But it's time to open a new chapter and continue to be of help to the HIV community in another capacity."

Because of a non-compete clause in his contract with Medical Edge, he cannot practice with patients for a year. However, he's hoping to expand the clinical trials and research he conducts at a new location. Those on his research staff will remain with him.

As one of the most experienced HIV infectious disease physicians — having treated patients with the disease since the beginning of the epidemic — Bellos is frequently invited to speak around the world. In January, he will be speaking in Australia.

Bellos' timing of his announcement was related to some changes in law.

On Jan. 1, several new provisions of health care reform kick in. The lifetime cap for benefits will be eliminated. Denial of insurance because of pre-existing conditions will be removed for anyone



Dr. Nick Bellos

under 19 years old. That will extend to everyone in two years.

Beginning in 2011, minors can continue to be covered on their parents' policies until age 26. Wellness screenings must be included free of charge. Deductibles are increasing and co-pays no longer count toward those deductibles.

While the goal is covering more people, insurance companies are rapidly raising rates to cover these added expenses.

Along with increased coverage, however, will come decreased payments to physicians.

Medicare payments to doctors will decrease by 25 percent, unless addressed by the end of the year. Insurance companies follow Medicare reimbursements closely.

"The ability to run an office and pay a staff is going to be difficult," Bellos said.

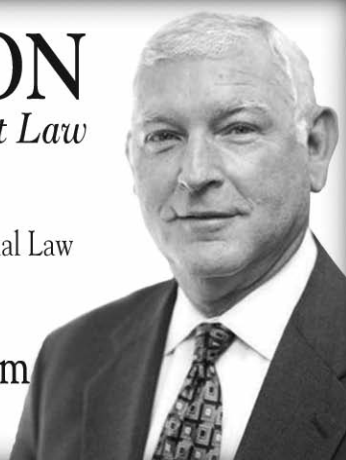
Roberts believes he can turn the larger, combined practice into something profitable. He plans to add at least one more physician and keep electronic medical records. He said he's meeting with infectious disease doctors to forge new relationships to benefit his patients. ■

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AOC workers honored by Tarrant County Health Department



AIDS Awareness | The Tarrant County Public Health Department honored Bea Lampka, left, for her work with Latino and Hispanic communities. Tarrant County Commissioner Roy C. Brooks, right, presented the Rev. John Reed with a World AIDS Day proclamation citing his work in the African American community. (Courtesy AIDS Outreach Center)

World AIDS Day presentation honored two for their work to stop the spread of HIV

Fort Worth — The Tarrant County Public Health Department has honored two AIDS Outreach Center outreach workers for their longterm service to those infected or affected by HIV and AIDS in the greater Tarrant County area, AOC officials announced this week.

Outreach Worker the Rev. John Reed was presented with a special World AIDS Day proclamation by Tarrant County Commissioner Roy C. Brooks on behalf of the Commissioners Court, cit-

ing Reed's commitment to stopping the spread of HIV within the African-American community.

Reed has been with AOC for the past six years as a volunteer and staff member. AOC officials said he was instrumental in bringing the annual Stop AIDS Leadership Project to Tarrant County the past two years and has worked in the local community to stop the spread of HIV.

Reed also serves on various charitable committees.

"I am committed to stopping the spread of HIV not just in Tarrant County, but in the greater DFW Metroplex area," Reed said. "Everyone needs to get involved; it is not just about one person or one city it is about all of us."

AOC Case Manager/Outreach Worker Bea Lampka received a special award from the North Central Texas HIV community partners for her efforts by reaching out to the Hispanic and Latino communities, including those who are undocumented.

Lampka has been with AOC for the past 16 years in various positions and is involved in a number of local area boards and committees. She worked in nursing for 45 years prior to joining AOC. Lampka currently facilitates AOC's Futuros Unidos support group, which has up to 65 members.

Originally born and raised in Bolivia, Lampka has also lived in Togo, Peru, France, Germany,

Italy and Haiti. She speaks six languages fluently and can read and/or translate several more.

"I have been very fortunate to have been able to live around the world," Lampka said. "This has given me the unique opportunity of being immersed in a large number of cultures that helps me while working with my clients."

In 2011, AIDS Outreach Center will commemorate 25 years as the leading organization in Tarrant and seven surrounding rural counties serving men, women and children with HIV/AIDS and their families, educating the public about HIV prevention and advocating for sound HIV public policy.

For more information, go online to AOC.org.

HIV-positive LA porn actor calls for condom use

Follow-up care was promised but actor says he received none from industry's clinic

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — An adult film actor who tested positive for HIV says he now wishes he had known more about the risks of contracting sexually transmitted diseases in the industry and is calling for mandatory condom use in porn films.

Derrick Burts, 24, identified himself to the Los Angeles Times as the performer who tested positive at the Adult Industry Medical Healthcare Foundation in Sherman Oaks in October. He had previously been known as Patient Zeta.

Burts, who performed in straight films as

Cameron Reid and gay films as Derek Chambers, described the panicked call he got from clinic staff on Oct. 9 about the infection that sent fears through California's adult industry.

Clinic staff told him they wanted to perform a follow-up test and begin notifying performers he had worked with since his last negative test result Sept. 3. He was told those performers would be placed on a quarantine list and also would be tested.

When Burts returned to the clinic Oct. 23 to review the second test results, he said he was told that the clinic had traced his HIV infection to someone he had performed a scene with, someone they described as a "known positive." The clinic would not identify the performer because of patient confidentiality.

Burts said he believed he may have contracted

the disease during a gay porn shoot in Florida.

Despite Burts' account of what he was told, clinic officials released a statement last month that said "Patient Zeta acquired the virus through private, personal activity."

"That's completely false," Burts told the Times. "There is no possible way. The only person I had sex with in my personal life was my girlfriend."

She tested negative, he said.

An e-mail to the Adult Industry Healthcare Foundation seeking comment this week was not immediately returned.

Burts said the clinic promised to put him in touch with a doctor affiliated with the clinic and promised to arrange for his follow-up care. But he said no one called him back and when he contacted the clinic, he received no response for two months.

In frustration, Burts said he went to an AIDS Healthcare Foundation center in Los Angeles on Nov. 24 but didn't identify himself as Patient Zeta.

Burts said he was pleased with the care he received there and contacted the head of the organization last week and identified himself as Patient Zeta. He said he wanted to speak out in favor of enforcing mandatory condom use in porn productions.

Burts grew up in Whittier and Hemet and graduated from Hemet High School and a hotel management school in Florida, according to the Times. He worked as a hotel manager and cruise ship magician before becoming a performer in the lucrative porn industry.

"Making \$10,000 or \$15,000 for porn isn't worth your life," he told the Times. "Performers need to be educated."

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Olson to Appeals Court: Arguments supporting Prop 8 are 'nonsense'

Same-sex marriage supporters encouraged by judges' questions, tone of hearing in appeal over California's gay marriage ban

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SAN FRANCISCO — Famed attorney Ted Olson told a 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals panel Monday, Dec. 6, that the reason proponents of Proposition 8 have proffered to justify their ban on same-sex marriage is "nonsense."

That reason, said Olson, reading from a page in the argument brief filed by attorneys for the Yes on 8 coalition which promoted passage of Califor-

nia's ban on same-sex marriage, was that same-sex marriage "will make children prematurely preoccupied with issues of sexuality."

"If believed," said Olson, "that would justify the banning of comic books, television, video games and even conversations between children."

And that was not exactly the reason Yes on 8 proffered during their successful 2008 campaign to amend the state constitution to ban same-sex marriage. Back then, the primary reason, noted Olson, was "protecting children" from the notion that marriage between same-sex couples was ok.

So, what should the court consider as the reason behind denying same-sex couples the right to marry, asked Judge Michael Hawkins.

"Should we look just at the record in the district

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MAKING THE CASE | Co-lead counsel of the legal team challenging California's same-sex marriage ban, Theodore Olson, standing left, argues during a hearing in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, Monday, Dec. 6, in San Francisco. The federal appeals court in San Francisco heard two hours of arguments Monday about the voter-approved ban known as Proposition 8. A trial court judge overturned the measure as a violation of gay Californians' civil rights in August. (Eric Risberg/Associated Press Pool)

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court," he asked, or should the judges "imagine whether there is any conceivable rational basis" to ban gays from marriage?

Olson urged the court not to use its own imagination to figure out whether there might be any conceivable rational reason but to look at the reasons proffered by the Yes on 8 proponents and to determine whether they "make sense" and whether they are "motivated by fear" or a dislike of gay people.

"Protecting our children," said Olson, "is not a rational basis. It's based on the idea there's something wrong with" gay people.

Both Olson and his legal counterpart, Charles Cooper, argued with greater passion and animation during Monday's argument before the federal appeals court than they did in January and June before U.S. District Court Judge Vaughn Walker.

It was Walker's ruling in August — that California's ban on same-sex marriage violated the U.S. Constitution — that brought them to the appeals court in San Francisco Dec. 6.

Unlike at the district court trial, where the U.S. Supreme Court forbid any television or web

broadcast, the appeals proceedings were carried live on national television by C-SPAN and several California stations.

Demonstrators crowded outside the federal building in San Francisco under the watchful eye of federal protection service officers. And interested observers and journalists packed the courtroom and watched broadcasts all over the country.

Any pre-courtroom second-guessing that observers may have harbored over the political leanings of the three judges seemed to be put to rest fairly quickly, as the judges vigorously challenged each side's arguments on both matters before the court — Yes on 8 and Imperial County's legal qualification — or standing — to appeal and the validity of Walker's declaration that Proposition 8 violates the Equal Protection and Due Process clauses of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Judge N. Randy Smith, an alum of the Mormon-run Brigham Young University, came out swinging hard with questions for Cooper over Yes on 8's claim to have legal standing to press the appeal. Then he pitched equally hard questions to Olson's comrade, David Boies, about the

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"problem" created for the court by the fact that neither the state's governor nor attorney general appealed the district court decision themselves.

Even though neither has the power to veto an initiative, said Smith, they both nullified the initiative by not appealing it.

Boies tried to make the point that Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Attorney General Jerry Brown made their decisions not to appeal after Judge Walker declared the initiative to be unconstitutional.

Judge Stephen Reinhardt, widely perceived to be a staunch liberal, seemed to agree with Smith, saying the governor and attorney general's refusal to appeal the district court decision "does not seem to be consistent" with the state's initiative system.

And should the court find that Yes on 8 and Imperial County both lack the legal qualifications to appeal, the judges said, the appeals court has no cause to rule on the merits of the dispute.

Boies argued that the concern about what the governor and attorney general did was a "different issue" than standing. And on the issue of standing, said Boies, Yes on 8 and Imperial County have no standing to bring the appeal, simply because they can't meet the standard of demonstrating a real injury from the trial court decision.

It was not an easy sell. Hawkins expressed frustration that the court might not be able to render a decision on the merits "so it's clear, in California, who has the right to marry and who doesn't."

Yes on 8 attorney Charles Cooper had argued that because the California Supreme Court had, in an earlier, related court proceeding, given Yes on 8 the right to intervene in the Perry v. Schwarzenegger case to defend Proposition 8, it intended to convey standing, too.

By the end of the first hour of the proceeding — which was devoted to standing — the panel seemed inclined to ask the California Supreme Court to certify whether it intended Yes on 8 to have standing.

The panel seemed equally uncomfortable with the effort by a deputy clerk of Imperial County, Isabella Vargas, to seek standing to appeal Walker's decision. The judges, particularly Hawkins, pointedly and repeatedly asked why Imperial County's deputy clerk was seeking the status, and no explanation was given as to why the county clerk did not.

Robert Tyler, an attorney with a religious advocacy legal firm representing Vargas and Imperial County pro bono, evaded the answer to that question both in and out of the courtroom. At a press conference following arguments, he claimed the answer was a matter of attorney-client privilege.

The three judges were equally tough in questions about the merits of Judge Walker's decision. As Cooper attempted to read from his prepared statement, Judge Hawkins interrupted almost immediately to ask him whether voters have the right to reinstitute segregation in public schools.

"No," said Cooper.

"Why not?" asked Hawkins.

"Because it would be inconsistent with the U.S. Constitution," said Cooper.

"As interpreted by the U.S. Supreme Court," interjected Hawkins.

"Yes," conceded Cooper.

But, Hawkins asked, in 1870, the U.S. Supreme Court probably would not have interpreted the Constitution to forbid segregation, would it? Cooper conceded that was probably true.

"Well, how is this different?" asked Hawkins.

Judge Smith challenged Cooper using the Loving v. Virginia ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court that said states could not prohibit interracial marriage. He did so by noting that Cooper was arguing that the Supreme Court had already ruled on the right of states to proscribe same-sex marriage in Baker v. Nelson.

The high court, in 1972, dismissed the appeal of a gay couple who had sought a marriage license in Minnesota. Dismissing an appeal has more significance than simply refusing to hear an appeal. But, in dismissing the Baker appeal, the high court explained it was doing so because there was no "substantial federal question" presented by the case.

There is dispute within legal circles as to whether that dismissal means anything today. But Cooper, and others, have tried to make a case that the Baker action is precedent, and that it governs attempts by other states to ban same-sex marriages.

If Baker was precedent, said Smith, then why couldn't states ban interracial marriage, too?

Cooper had to concede the right of states to decide who can marry is "not an absolute right" and that their right to do so "is limited by the restrictions of the U.S. Constitution."

When Cooper tried to argue that society has a rational interest in the creation of children and in promoting responsible procreation to ensure that children are adequately cared for, Judge Reinhardt suggested that might be a "good argument for prohibiting divorce."

Judge Smith jumped in to challenge Cooper on this point, too. He noted that California domestic partnership laws provide same-sex couples with all the same benefits and rights to marriage, including those involving child-rearing. What is the rational reason for denying same-sex couples the designation of the word marriage, he wondered.

Judge Hawkins challenged Cooper to explain how California's same-sex marriage ban is different from Colorado's Amendment 2 which said no law could prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The Supreme Court struck down Amendment 2 in Romer v. Evans, saying that the only reason for the law was animus against gay people and that laws may not be justified by animus.

Cooper argued that Amendment 2 had been a "sweeping" denial of protections to gay people, in banking, employment, housing, commercial transactions and many other areas of life. Proposition 8, he said, was focused just on marriage. And, in marriage, said Cooper, society had an interest to protect unrelated to animus against gay people, and that interest is promoting responsible procreation.

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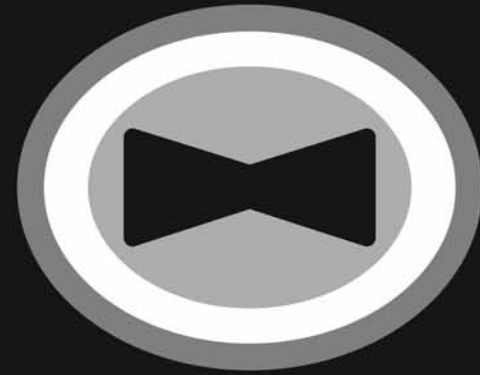
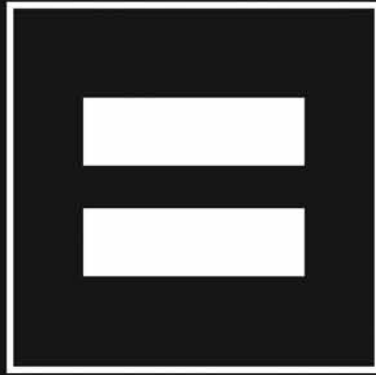
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Oklahoma lawmakers spar over how conservative to be

After sweeping into power in November's election, state's ultra-conservative Republicans take aim at moderate House leader

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OKLAHOMA CITY — As Republicans in control of the Oklahoma House opened two days of meetings to set their 2011 agenda this week, their incoming leader was taking shots from the chamber's ultra-conservative wing because he has put the state's struggling economy at the top of his agenda rather than social issues.

Members of the House GOP meet Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 6-7, in Bartlesville, and Kris Steele, who will be formally elected as House Speaker next month, believes the Legislature next year should concentrate on economic development and plugging holes in the state budget.

PROP 8

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Therese Stewart, the openly gay chief deputy city attorney for San Francisco, tackled that argument head-on, by noting that same-sex couples "do procreate — not in same way [as heterosexual couples], but they do procreate."

Gay legal activists seemed pleased with how the arguments went Monday.

Evan Wolfson, head of the national Freedom to Marriage Project, said that, overall, he thinks "it looks promising, both on standing and on the merits."

Shannon Minter, senior counsel for the National Center for Lesbian Rights, agreed, saying he was especially encouraged that "at least two of the judges seemed highly critical of Charles Cooper's claim on behalf of the proponents that Prop 8 could be justified based on arguments relating to procreation."

More-conservative Republicans want legislators to tighten access to abortion, relax regulations on firearms and attempt to restrict immigration.

"There's going to be some fireworks within the caucus," said state Rep. Mike Christian, R-Oklahoma City, who acknowledged some of his GOP colleagues have privately questioned whether Steele is too liberal to lead the House.

For the first time in state history, Republicans in Oklahoma will control the House, Senate and the governor's mansion, after Oklahoma voters in November ushered in huge gains for the GOP, including all eight Democrat-held statewide seats on the ballot.

Steele, a soft-spoken minister from Shawnee, said House Republicans are still united — but cracks are obvious among the 70-member-strong Republican majority as they hammer out their agenda for the legislative session that begins in February.

This week's meetings haven't gone unnoticed by Oklahomans wanting action on social issues. But moderate House Republicans fear an inordi-

And Ted Olson, he said, "was particularly eloquent and urged the court to reach the broad question of whether same-sex couples have a fundamental right to marry."

Jenny Pizer, head of Lambda Legal Defense's Marriage Project, said she wouldn't be surprised if the panel's eventual ruling includes "multiple decisions" on how they reached the same outcome "with different reasonings."

"And if they conclude Prop 8 is invalid while disagreeing about the details of why," said Pizer, "that may be just fine."

The panel is expected to render its decision on both the standing issue and the constitutionality of Proposition 8 within a few months. Boies speculated during a post-argument press conference that the earliest the panel would likely render a decision is early next year and the earliest the case might be heard by the Supreme Court — during its almost inevitable appeal — would be 2012. ■

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nate amount of attention on social issues will create a House divided and divert attention from the budget and a struggling Oklahoma economy.

"I'm seeing people every day who are concerned because they don't have a job or health insurance," said Rep. Doug Cox, R-Grove, an emergency room physician in far northeast Oklahoma. "They could care less about right-to-carry [firearms], abortion, gays. They're worried about their health care and putting food on the table."

State Rep. Richard Morrisette, D-Oklahoma City, agrees.

"I would ask my ultra-conservative friends — do they understand that we are in the bottom of median family income, that we lead the nation in incarceration of female prisoners, that some of our nonviolent, criminal statutes are some of the most oppressive in the nation?" he asked. "We have serious issues in the state that are challenging us, especially when the budget situation is as bleak as it's been in the history of this state."

For his part, Steele says he's never wavered on his commitment to expanding gun rights, restricting abortion or targeting illegal immigration. He said he supports a measure to allow for open carrying of firearms that Democratic Gov. Brad Henry vetoed last year, and that he will not thwart legislative attempts to further restrict abortion or address illegal immigration.

"Just because I'd like to pursue initiatives to create a business-friendly environment in Oklahoma and give us the opportunity to foster job creation and job opportunities for Oklahomans does not mean I'm any less committed to my stance on pro-life issues or Second Amendment rights or states' rights or any of those things," Steele said. "I think we can take a balanced approach and pursue an agenda that ultimately accommodates both arenas."

Republican Gov.-elect Mary Fallin said she agrees with Steele that the state's budget and fostering a good business environment should be the top priority for lawmakers when they return to the state Capitol in February.

"We've got to focus on getting Oklahoma's



Oklahoma State Rep. Kris Steele

economy back on track, creating the very best business climate possible," Fallin said. "We'll certainly consider the other ideas that the Legislature has, and that's not to take away from their ideas, but just says these are the important priorities I believe will get Oklahoma back on track."



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Nature or nurture? Or maybe it's diet

Scientists in Florida have discovered that ingesting too much mercury apparently turns male white ibises gay. But they stress the research has no bearing on human sexuality

Scientists in Florida have discovered that when male white ibises eat too much mercury, they turn gay. Don't blame an overbearing ibis mother. Blame the metal.

Suspicious that mercury had led to lower breeding levels among the wading birds, researchers fed groups of ibises varying levels of mercury over three years. The results shocked the stuffing out of the scientists:

The higher the mercury dose, the more likely a bird was to sing show tunes.

These new Friends of Dorothy "pretty much did everything except lay eggs," said study leader Peter Frederick to The Miami Herald. "They built nests, they copulated, they sat in the nests together."

They went to a lesbian flamingo therapist when no egg appeared.

Male ibises with any mercury intake were more reticent to perform ritual courtship displays, causing numbers of female ibises to cry together over Cosmopolitans.

In the high-mercury birds, reproduction plunged 35 percent. Complaints from wannabe grandparents soared 65 percent.



Leslie Robinson
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ARE THEY OR AREN'T THEY? | Only their dietician knows for sure. Recent research indicates that male white ibises that ingest mercury go gay.

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GAY IBISES

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The mercury levels in the experiment mirrored those found in the birds' natural wetland habitats. Frederick, a wildlife ecologist at the University of Florida, told Nature.com "the implication is that this is probably happening in wild bird populations."

Which means the wilderness is getting wilder. Not a good thing, in this case.

These beautiful, long-billed birds are being poisoned into gayness. In wild populations of ibis with no mercury exposure, same-sex pairings don't occur.

Well, it probably happens once in a while, when the tequila is plentiful and the birds are bicurious, but not as a rule.

We should go with what nature intended. Let's keep the ibises straight and the people gay!

In south Florida, mercury leached into the Everglades for years, mainly from the burning of municipal and medical waste. Frederick said, "Most mercury sources are local rather than global — local enough that we can do something about it, such as installing scrubbers on smoke stacks. Ecosystems respond very quickly to regulatory action when it comes to mercury."

But how will the birds respond? If their diet is cleaned up, will they revert to being straight?

If they need a little help, then by George, we might've found an actual use for ex-gay groups. Ex-gay leaders can take ibises under their wing and lead them back to heterosexuality. The success rate can only be higher than it is with people.

Speaking of people, Frederick frets that "people will read this and immediately jump to the conclusion that humans eating mercury are going to be gay. I want to be very explicit that this study has nothing to say about that."

Doubtless some parents have nonetheless purged their larder of tuna fish, tossed the thermometer, and made a date at the dentist's to convert all of Junior's mercury fillings. And if they hadn't already banned from the house the music of Freddie Mercury, they have now.

Frederick also said that what's true for ibises isn't necessarily true for other species, even other bird species. So jump to no conclusions about a couple of male green herons that adore each other's company. Make no assumptions about the two roseate spoonbills with a passion for pomegranate martinis.

The turtles that hide during mating season are simply shy. And the alligators that agree they'd make lovely boots are just metrosexual.

I visited South Florida this past year, and I watched ibises. I admit to my shame that I didn't notice any gay goings-on. This is probably because I can't tell males from females.

I needed obvious indicators of homosexuality. Now, had two canoodling birds sported Prada shoes, I would've caught on. ■

Leslie Robinson should learn to tell male from female. E-mail her at lesarobinson@gmail.com, and check out her blog at GeneralGayety.com.

Feedback

First Baptist and the Grinch

Excellent Dec. 8 article on the First Baptist Church ("First Baptist Dallas launches 'Grinch Alert,'" online at DallasVoice.com/category/instant-tea.) Thank you. I went to the "Grinch" site and selected the First Baptist Church as a "Naughty." For the "Your Story" comment on the site I stated: "Your use of Christ's name for the purpose of suiting your pathological need to judge and denigrate people is disgusting."

I keep checking the "Naughty" listing, but I don't see my comment posted therein. Is it possible that the church is not posting comments which it disagrees with?

Vincent Coluccio, via e-mail

Macy's has made the "naughty list" for an employee who said, "You too," when told Merry Christmas. Apparently it's not enough to accept a salutation with a cordial response. In-

stead, you must adopt a response which explicitly refers to Christmas, or you're a Grinch. Didn't the Grinch try to steal Christmas? Didn't the Grinch actively try to ruin the holiday? People who say "happy holidays" aren't trying to steal Christmas at all. And, even if they were, if I remember correctly, wasn't the Grinch's heart won over by the Whos because they welcomed him and loved him? Maybe the story shouldn't end with roast beast, but it should end with Pastor Robert Jeffress giving a nasty sermon and condemning the Grinch to hell. That would be a much more Christian ending, apparently.

Justin Nichols, via Instant Tea

They are monitoring the submissions. Yesterday I added Dallas First Baptist to the "Naughty" list, and the Cathedral of Hope to the "Nice" list, and — big surprise — neither has made it up there yet.

James, via Instant Tea

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Kissiah Aiken — "No. I don't figure they give a damn, being Republicans."

Latisha McDaniel — "Never hurts."

Alex Hanselka — "No. I should probably."

Elizabeth Parker — "E-mail repeatedly."

Brian Burcham — "Definitely call them. They need to know that it is time for DADT to be repealed!"

Have a suggestion for a question you'd like us to ask? E-mail it to nash@dallasvoice.com.



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Prisoner of love

The real Phillip Morris is a free man — but still smarting from how a bigoted Texas justice system railroaded him

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BOYS BEHIND BARS
Ewan McGregor plays Phillip Morris, the real-life victim of an obsessive con man (played by Jim Carrey). The actual Morris loves the movie — even if his life didn't seem so funny at the time.

An early review for the new queer romantic comedy *I Love You, Phillip Morris* couldn't be more positive: "I absolutely love the movie," gushes the review. "I think it's wonderfully done. Very entertaining. It makes you laugh and cry and has everything. I had to separate myself from living it. I looked at it as if I *wasn't* part of it."

Yes, there really *is* a Phillip Morris from the title, a pixie-like gentleman with a lazy Southern drawl as sweet and sticky on the ears as molasses. "No one really knows the extent of what I went through and what Steven Russell put me through until you see it on the screen. A fiend of mine [saw it] and hugged me with tears running down his face. 'I never knew!' he said. I said, 'If you only knew what really happened you wouldn't have been able to stop crying.'"

I Love You has endured a tortured journey from indie darling of Sundance in 2009 to not-with-a-10-foot-pole distribution hell. A Jim Carrey comedy should be a sure bet. But set in prison — and with a gay theme that the filmmakers don't bat an eyelash in portraying? Adding to the discomfort factor: It's true.

Well, sort of. Morris himself — he now lives in Arkansas, 14 years after meeting con man Steven Russell (Carrey's role) in a Texas jail — says a lot of what happens in the film did not happen in real life. Yes, Russell sweet-talked his way into prison posing as Morris' lawyer. Yes, Russell cheated people and businesses with the callow greed of a cat in a tunafish factory. Yes, Morris (played in the film by Ewan McGregor) was naive and believed the lies he was told by a man he thought loved him, but whom he now perceives as merely obsessed with sociopathic tendencies. But much of it is, let's say, "creative license."

"Steve was not as humorous [as Carrey portrays], so I had to dig deep to realize what he did was very serious, but if you think about *how* he did it, it's hilarious! I just love the way they did the comedy," Morris says.

It would be understandable if he weren't quite so forgiving of the liberties taken with his life story. Morris is still profoundly bitter about his incarceration, and how he felt railroaded by the Harris County D.A.'s office.

"When you're 5-foot-3 and weigh 100 pounds with blond hair and blue eyes, prison is not a bed of roses," he says with sudden grimness. "This movie will help shed light on what happened to me and how they screwed me in the state of Texas. It was bad enough I was lied to and used by Steven Russell, but I spend seven years in prison for what I did not do or even know about. Even though I'm not physically in prison, this is still hovering over me."

Morris met Russell 14 years ago in county lock-up (not prison as portrayed in the movie, but he's OK with that). They ended up spending eight months together, becoming lovers. And we're not talking of the prison-bitch kind shown on *Oz* — it was deep, true, sincere affection, a fairy tale romance in leg irons (even if there were no slow dances and touching prison courtyard farewells — again, in the movie only, but that's all right).

"I have no anger about the way it was portrayed," he says. What he does have anger over is how homophobia played a role, he's certain, in how he was treated by the system.

Steven Russell forged Morris' name, set up dummy bank ac-

counts and bilked people out of millions, getting Morris in trouble with Texas law enforcement and landing him in prison for seven years, even as the prosecution knew he was innocent.

"Steve did what he did out of what he called love for me — if I thought for one second he did any of that with malice or intent to hurt me, I would hate the man so much it would tear me apart," Morris says.

"But the D.A. told me the day of my trial that he knew I was innocent. But they went ahead and [pursued me] just to cover their asses. If I had been a woman — if I had been married to

Steve or his girlfriend — they never would have indicted me. But you should have seen how they looked at me: They were determined to make this faggot go to prison. It was the good-ol'-buddy mentality dished out to me." His bile rises as he recounts the story, still furious more than seven years later.

He felt abused again after Steve McVicker's article [for the *Houston Press*] and eventual book portrayed him badly.

"I detest the writer of the book," he says. "This mentality, the ignorance — *that's* this writer. Although he lives in the middle of Montrose, he is one of the most homophobic idiots I've ever met. He misquoted me, called me a barfly even though I hate going to bars, called me a gold digger. Just lies. He is a cockroach. And you can quote me."

The film then, even with its warm-and-fuzzy patina, finally captures the three-dimensionality of Morris. He feels like a real

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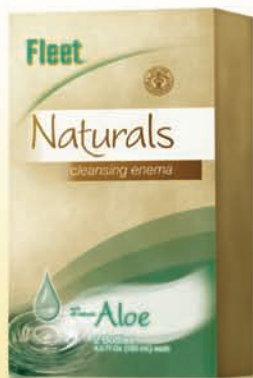


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human being again.

“Ewan’s portrayal of me is dead-on. People who know me say they thought that was me up there! Ewan took the time to spend with me to learn my mannerisms and hear my story and the tender side of me. I’m a very sensitive and emotional person and I don’t hide that.”

As for his feelings about Russell, well — *spoiler alert!* — “We were as close and two human beings could possibly be. We never argued and were very affectionate and we really learned each other. But neither of us has written each other since 2008.”

Maybe one day he’ll resume communication with the man currently serving a life sentence in high security custody. If he does... well, that might make a pretty good movie, too.



The long con

I Love You, Phillip Morris rattled around for nearly two years looking for a release date (and occasionally a distributor), and it’s easy to see why: Despite being a Jim Carrey comedy, it’s one of the gayest bits of cinema this side of the porn industry — and it doesn’t apologize for it. Not one bit. What mainstream audience would want to see a romance with two guys?

The answer should be: All of them — or at least those who enjoy an excellent film, no matter what the orientation of the lovers happens to be.

I Love You is, in many ways, a traditional screwball comedy, owing as much to *What’s Up, Doc?* as to *Brokeback Mountain*. Steven Russell (Carrey) lives a normal, straight existence, but once he comes out, lives a lifestyle beyond his means. That entails scams, cons and ballsy ventures that eventually land him in jail where he meets Phillip (Ewan McGregor), a naive Southern boy smitten with the charismatic

Russell. They plan a life together out of jail, but Russell’s sociopathic need for money and addiction to risk sets everything on a bad path.

Carrey’s performance is brave, and not because he’s playing gay: Because he throws himself into the head-over-heels love-struck mode so enthusiastically. This is still a Jim Carrey movie, but one loaded with more heart than usual.

It may not be for every taste, but there is a moment where the battle lines are drawn: When Phillip, seeing Steven moved to a new facility, runs through the prison like a starry-eyed heroine from a wartime romance. Some may dismiss it as hokum, but it’s something else really: Classic sentimentality with the twist that two men can be as in love as any hetero couple. If you allow yourself to get lost in it, you’ll buy it all. Rick and Elsa always had Paris; why shouldn’t Steven and Phillip always have Huntsville?

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Ooh-la-la

There's a reason The French Room has a rep as one of Dallas' best restaurants — because it is

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Mark Twain defined a literary classic as a book everyone praised and nobody read. The same might be said of any creative undertaking with a long-standing reputation, even a restaurant. Sure, it was once great, but has it maintained those qualities, or do people's expectations simply mask its weaknesses?

So after years of The French Room at the Hotel Adolphus getting credit as Dallas' best dining establishment, a reassessment was in order.

Wow. Or rather, *still* wow.

Some things just resist diminishment. Certainly the room itself — an ornate rococo jewel box of space that almost makes Versailles look like a double-wide in Abilene — has retained its bones. Soothing seafoam blues and angelic pinks on the walls and ceiling, soft ecru linens and comfy medallion back chairs inject a luxe Gallic panache into the boots-and-denim familiarity of most Texas-based restaurants. (It's one of the few places in town where men are still required to wear a jacket.)

The mechanics of service are also intact. Waiters invisibly replace silverware for each course and refill water glasses with stealthy precision. The sommelier introduces the wines with authority but not pomposity. Plates are deftly served from the left and removed from the right. (A mix-up on the bill on our visit was unfortunate but quickly resolved.)

But while bad service or a shabby atmosphere can ruin a good meal, it's the food that should be the star, and here, it still is.

The menu at The French Room permits one of two *prix fixe* choices: An elaborate feast chosen by chef de cuisine Marcos Segovia (\$110), or a

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OVERALL RATING ★★★★★

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There's fine dining, there's special event dining, and then there's The French Room. Chef de cuisine Marcos Segovia has maintained the high standards of this jewel box restaurant, with food as elaborate and impressive as the decor. Despite a mix-up on the bill that was quickly resolved, service is almost impeccable

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three-course dinner (usually \$80, but \$50 Tuesdays through Thursdays) that allows some *a la carte* selecting by the diner. We went with the three-course, without disappointment.

The meal, of course, begins with a bread basket (the fennel wafer and oat bread were fantastic) and a complimentary *amuse bouche* of lobster salad with white grape and chanterelles, where crisp, earthy texture of the seafood combined seamlessly with the rich, soft fruit. But that's just the beginning.

The appetizer of Hudson Valley foie gras was a perfect starter for the season. With its autumnal influences of cranberry reduction (so thick and tart, it almost tasted of raspberries), it's a soothing cold-weather bite. The spongy fluff of banana bread, topped by a wedge of pecan crust, melted effortlessly on the tongue — helped along, no doubt, by the glass of Sauternes-like Torrentes wine that came with it. The floral, apricot-like notes with bit of pear educed the fatty richness from the liver and bread.

The crab cakes took on an herbaceous quality, with lobster sauce imbuing the crab with a distinct muscularity, while the combination of goat cheese and polenta, pancetta and figs on slightly warm spinach elevated the salad to haute cuisine. (An apple cider sorbet, served in a charming bloom of a cup, makes for an excellent palate cleaner.)

The veal tenderloin, turned a vibrant red from the intense Chambord sauce as well as the medium rare prep, can only be described as creamy, with the beef nearly blue alongside an equally rich risotto with Spanish chorizo spicy. The boldness of the chorizo is not exactly French in character, but then who needs to be a purist? The black angus beef entrée melted in the mouth.

A rare misstep was with the halibut. It came as a beautiful piece of fish: big, white as a mountain with its top of toasted coconut. The cooking was also spot-on, though the sauce was too salty, interrupting the flavor of the fish.

Any place calling itself The French Room better know something about pastry, and naturally it does, under the eye of Joe Garza. If there was anything wrong with the Grand Marnier soufflé, it was just the strength of the orange sauce, which swirled around inside the lightest custard balloon imaginable. Soufflés can be tricky, but this one nearly floated out the dish. Just as delicious was the banana bread pudding: Chunky but smooth, served warm with pralines and bourbon *glacé*.

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Almost since Jonathan Palant took over as artistic director of the Turtle Creek Chorale, he's been trying to schedule a concert in Tyler. He is friends with the choir director of the Marvin United Methodist Church, a congregation with an inclusive pastor and active concert series. It was all but a sealed deal earlier this year.

Then came word this summer that some powerful members of the church objected to a gay men's chorus performing. The offer to perform there was revoked.

"At the time, my blood was boiling," Palant admits. "But teaching acceptance is in our mission statement, and my personal approach is to encourage tolerance. This wasn't a time for payback. A picture is worth a thousand words, like the one of the TCC standing beside the [all-men] U.S. Army Chorus. That makes more of a statement than a speech could."

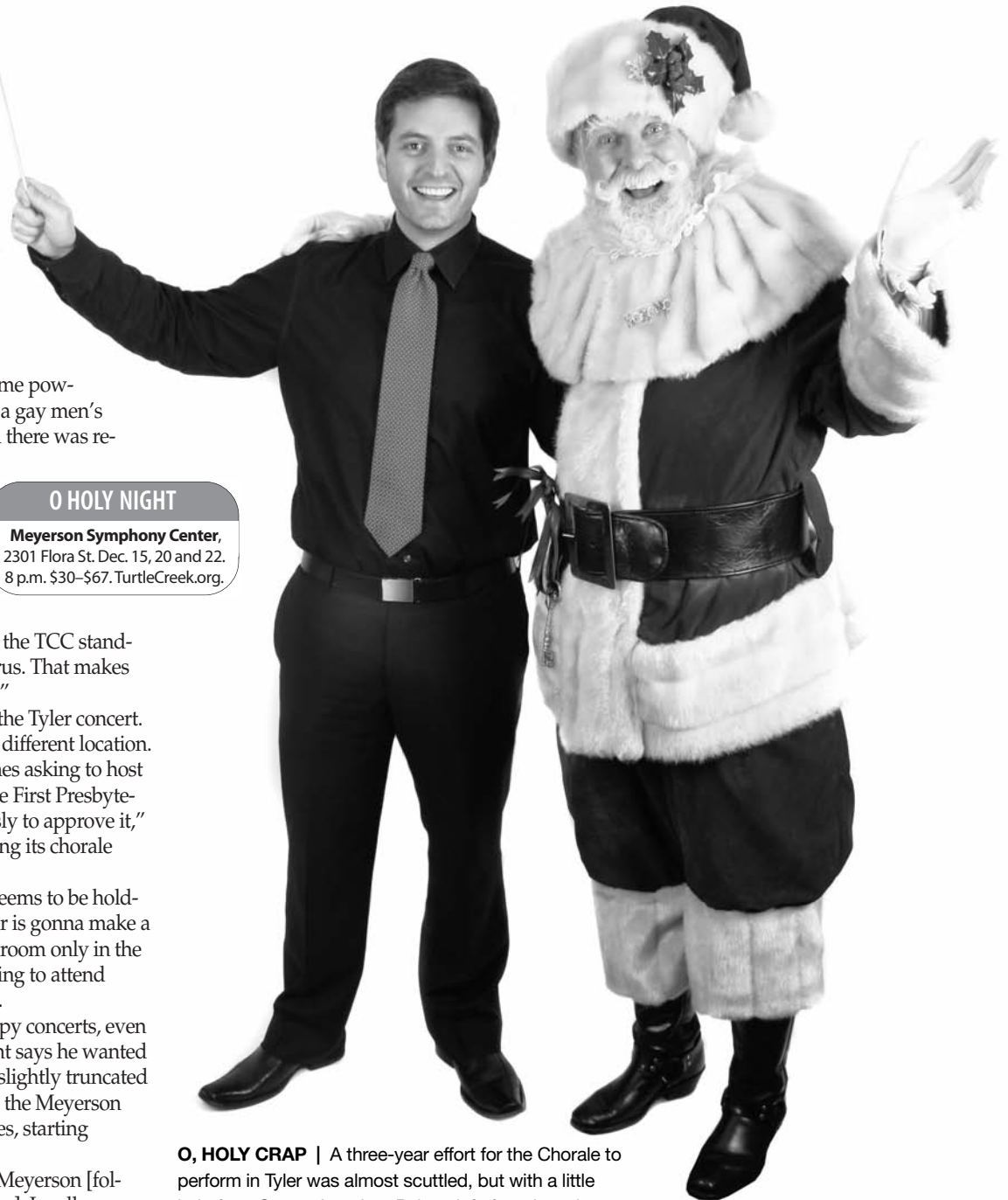
And he wanted to do that same with the Tyler concert. "We circled back around and found a different location. Within three weeks we had three churches asking to host us. For acoustics and size, we went to the First Presbyterian Church, and they voted unanimously to approve it," he says. Which means Tyler will be getting its chorale Christmas concert after all.

And the adage no press is bad press seems to be holding true. "Word has it everybody in Tyler is gonna make a night of it — I'm told it will be standing room only in the 750 seat sanctuary. It's all the more enticing to attend [when you have been banned]," he says.

The chorale is well-known for its campy concerts, even (especially?) at Christmastime, but Palant says he wanted to go old-school this year — both in the slightly truncated Tyler version and the one that returns to the Meyerson Symphony Center for three performances, starting Wednesday.

"Since we're back at our home in the Meyerson [following last year's concert at the Winspear], I really wanted to make it 'home for the holidays' — your favorite Christmas carols that you could sing along to," he says. "We're leaving the plots and the theatrics behind this year and, as one member called it, the deluxe version of the TCC holiday concert because it's very traditional — very stand and sing or as I call it 'park and bark.'"

For traditionalists of another kind, however, there are plenty of chorale favorites. On the slate will be the popular Nigerian hymn "Betelehemu" with African drums, a few light-hearted numbers (one, called "Omnes Virginius Levite Manus" should recall the best of chorale humor, but is more invigorating than silly) and there will of course be "Silent Night" performed with American Sign Language solos and the dedication of poinset-



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O, HOLY CRAP | A three-year effort for the Chorale to perform in Tyler was almost scuttled, but with a little help from Santa, Jonathan Palant, left, found a solution. Dallas will get its annual Christmas concerts, too. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

tias for departed chorale members (the number has grown to more than 180). And Santa Claus will be there as always.

"We have some new arrangements that are unique enough to keep them fresh but the melodies are still there, like an amazing version of 'Silver Bells,' a great gospel arrangement of 'Children, Go Where I Send Thee' and a stunning minimalistic version of 'Auld Lang Syne' — it's the version used in the movie *Sex and the City*," Palant says.

Sex and the City figuring into a Christmas concert? Sounds like the chorale we've come to know and love. ■

Cocktails and Christmas

Pink Martini serves up deliciousness with their holiday album 'Joy to the World'

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This season, you may find yourself dreaming of a pink Christmas more than a white one, thanks to eclectic jazz band Pink Martini. They bring their classic sound to a handful of car-

ols in *Joy to the World* — and boy is it. Martini will make you feel like you're stepping into the world of any classic Christmas movie, and you may not want to leave.

The CD is a hefty 14 tracks, mostly of familiar carols and songs. Pink Martini doesn't stray too much out of the box, but when they do, it's dreamy. They start as classic as you can get. In the two-part opener of "White Christmas," they set the mood with lush arrangements. Saori Yuki sings on part 2 and adds a delightful delicacy. Gay frontman Thomas Lauderdale leads the band with such patience, that the languid feeling is akin to the comfort of a Snuggie.

"Shchedryk (Ukrainian Bell Carol)" translates into the more popularly named "Carol of the

Bells." The layering of voices and crescendo to a breathtaking high in this third track finish off a trio of beautiful opening carols.

People may get me on this, but Madonna's "Santa Baby" sticks out as the best version, though China Forbes gives her heavy competition without relying on quirk. She sings it straight and lets the music do the bibbity-bopping. Forbes still winks, but you listen closer to what she wants more than brushing it off as a cute seasonal song.

While nothing is overly wrong with the next few songs, the approach gets slightly weaker on "Little Drummer Boy" and "We Three Kings." They stick with the original compositions and add their flairs, but "Drummer" is a little too slow even with its underlying "Bolero" beat. The song never takes off with the pride that's behind the lyrics.

"Kings" is rendered beautifully, but Forbes and Lauderdale keep the same patience as before with it and it loses some of its epic flavor. The



PINK CHRISTMAS | Pink Martini delivers an unexpected but welcome Christmas gift by giving holiday songs that classic movie feel.

punctuating trumpet almost turns it into something darker. The guitar keeps it afloat but when the song trails off, it ends up a bit weak.

Martini goes original with "A Snow Globe Christmas," which is one of the best attempts in a long time. Most artists try too hard to create that new Christmas song. Without the pressures of mainstream play, Lauderdale and company nailed

it. They composed a throwback that could fit into any MGM musical. Every instrument creates the aura of innocent Technicolor romance and Forbes is the ideal leading lady looking out her frosted window onto the snow. Pink Martini is that good in creating an ambience in this album.

The one staple everyone looks for is "Silent Night" and Pink Martini includes it here. As they

do with other tracks, they mix languages through the verses. Here, "Night" is sung in German, Arabic and English. This might put off some who need a good old-fashioned version of it, but the lullaby is just as delightful. Initially, we hear Forbes' voice, but the final English verse is the one we all know and is sung by the Pacific Youth Choir, giving the end nice sweetness.

Pin Martini finishes off with a samba-esque "Auld Lang Syne" featuring the percussion of the Lions of Batucada. It is sung in English, Arabic and French (clearly, their thing), and I challenge you not to smile during this rendition. The fun energy is your best option for ringing in the New Year, if not just to put you in a good mood.

Pink Martini may have released the least expected Christmas album, but they might have also released the best one. ■

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Christmas presence

Satiric 'Drowsy Chaperone' succeeds with intimate setting; DTC freshens up its annual 'Christmas Carol;' and who's being a Scrooge about 'Santaland Diaries?' We are

Chaperone: Rousing drowsy

There are some shows that seem nearly impossible to translate to the challenges of theater-in-the-round, but Theatre Three's extravagantly staged production of **The Drowsy Chaperone** not only succeeds, but perhaps becomes better. Now, much like the show's narrator, the audience becomes surrounded and engulfed



BAH, CRUMPET | Nye Cooper returns to the island of misfit toy-sellers in the bitter comedy 'The Santaland Diaries.'

by the action.

The show's conceit is that a brittle theater geek (*Good Morning Texas*' hilarious Rob McCollum) is alone in his apartment, waxing nostalgic about his favorite musical of all time, *The Drowsy Chaperone*. He pulls out an LP ("yes records" he snaps), puts it on the turntable and as the cast recording plays, the musical comes to life in his living room.

Part loving homage, part brilliant satire, the musical that unfolds is a classically constructed Broadway hit about a woman leaving her glamorous career in showbiz to marry a man she met on a cruise ship. Is it true love or is she just interested in his father's oil holdings? To keep the bride-to-be from seeing the groom prior to the wedding, she is assigned a chaperone, who's constantly drunk ("drowsy," as she calls it) despite it being the height of Prohibition. As the wedding day approaches, plenty of obstacles are thrown in the path of the happy couple, building to a rousing climax.

There are plenty of colorful characters, including an aviatrix (which we're told is code for "lesbian"), a womanizing Latin lover, rat-a-tat gangsters, ditzzy socialites and an even ditzzier chorus girl. All the machinations and musical theater clichés are present and accounted for, from tap-dancing showdowns to jazz hands and high-kicking chorus lines, all combined with self-referential jokes that frequently break down the fourth wall.

Theatre Three's casting and production is spot-on, including McCollum, the always enchanting Arianna Movassagh as the moll Kitty and a tipsy turn from Marisa Diotalevi as the title character. *The Drowsy Chaperone*, in all its laugh-out-loud extravagance, is a wonderful alternative to the holiday fare on other stages around town, and every bit as merry and bright.

— Steven Lindsey



MUSICAL OF MUSICALS | TV talk show host Rob McCollum, left, makes a hilarious narrator in Theatre Three's intimate, well-paced production of 'The Drowsy Chaperone.'

Santaland: Angels we have heard on Nye

By the sounds of it, I may be one of the few left in these parts that had not seen **The Santaland Diaries**, the stage adaptation of David Sedaris' droll essay about debasing himself for part-time work at Macy's. Over the years, the local production has become a holiday tradition with Nye Cooper donning the elf cap. He channels Sedaris with the appropriate wit, but as a first timer at the one-man show at the Contemporary Theatre of Dallas, it seems that the show, while fun, needs some oomph.

The play recounts Sedaris' travails working as Crumpet, an elf in New York's famous Santaland display over one Christmas season. Bratty children and even brattier parents are all stars in Sedaris' story and Cooper succeeds in stepping into that skin. He should: He'd done it more than half a dozen times. With such familiarity, he embodies disgruntlement to the nines, but also a certain amount of heart to take the audience from disdainful diatribes to a tender epiphany.

Despite the show's institutional standing, it plays just shy of greatness. Cooper can deliver a punchline, but you can also tell it's been delivered before... and before that. *Diaries* is ideal for the driest of humor, but he held back a bit here and delivered Crumpet as just kind of a friendly sass.

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HUM BUGGERY | The Ghost of Christmas Past (Cedric Neal) visits old Ebenezer (Chamblee Ferguson) in DTC's slightly retooled version of 'A Christmas Carol.' (Photo courtesy Linda Blase)

Nonetheless, Sedaris' clever writing mixed with Cooper's rubber face and sad eyes is a match made in heaven. And the payoff isn't the sweet realization he comes to. It's Crumpet saying all those things to holiday shoppers you wish you could say yourself. Hearing those alone makes it a worthwhile see.

— Rich Lopez

A Christmas Carol: A turn of the Scrooge

After five years of listening to other actors humbug their way into audiences' hearts as Scrooge, the Dallas Theater Center has moved its perennial Bob Cratchit, Chamblee Ferguson, into the lead role in their annual **A Christmas Carol**, and the move ends up being one long overdue.

Ferguson is tall and slender, and in his tight-fitting black suit, Ichabod-like. That's a very different tale from the same era (and across an ocean), but it draws together an odd thematic unity to the idea of the ghost story: Real or imagined, sometimes you need to look at the world anew.

Which is pretty much what this production's new director, Mathew Gray, has done within the limitations of the same script and set that has been trotted out ever since they tore down the Art District Theater to build the Winspear and the Wily. The show is solid, and it has succeeded (more or less) over the past few years with some tweaking here and there, but this may be the biggest overhaul yet: New Marley (Liz Mikel, looking like the scary spirit of Harriet Tubman), new Christmas Past (Cedric Neal, his skin seeming almost iridescent), new Christmas Present (J. Brent Alford in an unfortunate hippie-dippie robe that makes him look like Jesus and his amazing Technicolor dreamcoat, chillin' on a commune circa 1968), and the most adorable kids — Little Ebenezer/Tiny Tim (on press night, played by a girl, Marlyh Murphy) and Edward Cratchit (Aidan Langford) — in memory.

But it's Ferguson and Regan Adair (stepping

in as Cratchit) whose performances really transforms the show. There's great chemistry here: Ferguson, a lanky and sharp Mutt opposite Adair's sad-sack, flustered Jeff. There's more of a comic sensibility between them, with Adair spinning

a modern twist on the familiar victim of Scrooge's discourtesy. The Cratchits' dinner scene is as tender as it's ever been.

If the comedy is played up well, so is the schmaltz (it's easy to tear up by the end), but Gray also imbues the ghost visits with a *Twilight Zone* quality. There really is a sense for the bizarre and the supernatural now.

And also a sense for the message. During a rough economy, Dickens' social engineering — looking after the poor, the greed of the privileged, etc. — take on heightened meaning. It redirects the emphasis of *A Christmas Carol* from personal growth to a call for systemic compassion for those in need. It's good to be reminded of that in an effective way that also entertains.

— Arnold Wayne Jones

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Two of Sundance Channel's stars of a new queer reality show open up about girl-boy friendships — and how they hate the term 'fag hag'

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No matter what your opinion is on unscripted television, anyone opening up his or her life for a camera crew — and potentially millions of viewers — has some balls: Maybe that comment will be taken out of context, or unflattering moments will be exaggerated or distorted, or a "character" will be created in the editing room to fill any number of pre-determined role: hero, villain, diva, token gay.

Sarah Rose and Joel Derfner knew this going into Sundance Channel's new reality series *Girls Who Like Boys Who Like Boys*, which premiered this week, focusing on the lives of four couples (each consisting of one straight woman and one gay man). Luckily for them, the experience was positive, with only minor exaggerations implied in the final edits — so far.

Still, Rose insists she is not nearly as jealous of Derfner's pending nuptials as the show makes it seem.

"They were hammering hard on how jealous I am and I'm not, for the record," she says, having seen the first two episodes. "But I think one thing the show really does get right with us and the other three couples is the way we relate to each other. The sort of kind of friendship we have, the kind of bond there is."

Their particular connection has certainly stood the test of time.

"We met in the dining hall at Harvard where we both shared a love for fried things and chocolate things. They supplied us amply with both and we've been the best of friends for the past 18 or 19 years," Rose says.

"Oh my God, has it been 18 or 19 years?" Derfner exclaims with a laugh.

Derfner became involved when one of the producers, who knew him from musical theater writing circles, suggested he audition for the

show; Rose was his natural partner in prime time. What attracted them to the premise is that for once, the relationship of gay men and straight women would be presented a little differently than is typical for Hollywood.

"The gay best friend is typically framed as a kind of sidekick. When Stanford Blanch is off-screen, he doesn't seem to have a life on *Sex and the City* — he exists only in order to be Carrie's friend. And my relationship with Joel isn't a sidekick situation at all. He's primary," Rose says.

Before the show even aired, the duo were still getting used to glimpses of fame, like seeing their faces everywhere in Manhattan.

"We're being chased by our own buses and I'm in this really unflattering wedding dress," Rose says. "I have this idea that the entire Metro Transportation Authority is making fun of me."

Perhaps that's a downside of being associated with these shows, but there are plenty of positives even if the ratings aren't huge. Both Rose and Derfner are writers and hope that any exposure from the show will widen the audience for their books. But it's their friendship, and Derfner's marriage, that ultimately benefited the most.

"I wasn't expecting it, but Sarah and I have ended up spending more time together than we often do or are often unable to," Derfner says.

"Joel works in his underwear. I've seen it," adds Rose. "What I've discovered is the joy of collaborating with Joel. It's a whole element to our friendship that wasn't really present. We were sort of each other's cheerleaders, but we weren't each other's partners in a business venture the way this feels. And it's extraordinary. I'm falling for him all over again. It's like being 18."

A series of family tragedies and other obsta-



A REAL WILL & GRACE | Sarah Rose, a straight woman, and Joel Derfner, her gay best friend, are two of the stars of Sundance's new reality series 'Girls Who Like Boys Who Like Boys.'

cles had prolonged Derfner's engagement to Michael Combs, but the reality show actually changed things for the better.

"The reality show was really the kick in the pants they needed to actually get that done," says Rose, who was the official witness at both the legal and ceremonial weddings.

"We were on the verge of becoming the perpetually engaged couple," Derfner says.

Instead, they now have a very detailed record of every challenging moment, every triumph, every smile and tear. Derfner hopes in some small way, his role in all of this will be to further the argument to legalize gay marriage.

They both also expect that people better understand the relationships at the focus of this show — and that the term "fag hag" be retired for good; "friend" is descriptive enough.

"From my perspective gay men and straight women often see the world the same way and we want the same things: chocolates, boys, to be thin. She wants boys and I want boys, but not the same boys," Derfner says. "We understand each other and we recognize how we're in sync, but there's no competition so we can be completely 100 percent supportive of each other without worrying that somebody's going to encroach on somebody's territory."

"I get all that, plus technical support," Rose says. "I have somebody with the same plumbing and wiring and I can ask detailed technical questions [to help understand men]."

It's a win-win for both of them — and a lot of fun to watch for us. ■

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POMO BETTER BOYS | Brian Freeman, center, teams with Thandiwe Thomas DeShazor and Dazie Rustin Grego for the new version of Pomo Afro Homos. (Photo courtesy Duane Cramer)

Any number of performance groups have followings while they're still presenting work, but only a few leave legacies well beyond their demise. San Francisco's Pomo Afro Homos — shorthand for Post-Modern African-American Homosexuals, in case you needed to know — lasted just five years in the first half of the 1990s, but they've been cited as influences on other performers and have at least one work that is studied on a collegiate level as an important text in black gay history.

Now all of that is coming back — albeit briefly — as one of the group's founders tours a new show based on the original text, then called *Fierce Love: Stories From Black Gay Life*. (Notice the use of "fierce" long before Tyra or Christian Siriano claimed it). The new work, *Fierce Love: A Remix*, features a new trio of performers, plus a cameo from original PAH member Brian Freeman, who also directs the show.

"We were stepping into a void at the time," says Freeman, a director, playwright and teacher in California. "There wasn't much work that existed at that point [about the black gay experience]. There was a handful of novels, a few films."

The remixed version is a highlight this weekend at the National Performance Network's 25th anniversary showcase at the Majestic Theatre, featuring five recreations of seminal works from NPN's history. (Others include a dance piece inspired by Tennessee Williams' play *The Glass Menagerie*, and a performance from California solo artist Marc Bamuthi Joseph.) The Pomo Afro Homos show is Friday.

Freeman, with cofounders Bernard Branner and Eric Gupton (who died in 2003), performed monologues and comedy based on their experience as black gay men. The club where they

started, in San Fran, Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint, showcased the early talents of Margaret Cho, Lea DeLaria, Tim Miller and many others.

The trio, which eventually added Marvin K. White as a fourth performer, used experiences from their lives and others they know for the material, inspired by such writers and artists as James Baldwin, Alice Walker, Audre Lorde and Bill T. Jones. They toured *Fierce Love* around the country with mixed result; the mayor in Anchorage, Alaska tried to block a sign for the group on city buses, while in major spaces, including New York's Public Theatre and Lincoln Center, they were readily welcomed. They performed the show in London three times.

"It was about life as it intersects with that community: Part of the African-American community, part of the gay community, part of the HIV community, and how those things don't always play well together," Freeman says.

He's quick to add that it reaches beyond the boundaries of gays and African-Americans. "The show is rooted in this community, but also in lots of communities: Gay and straight, white, black, Asian, Latino," he says.

Fierce Love: A Remix and the other shows in the NPN event are geared to support an organization that continues to support touring artists of multiple disciplines, whose work falls outside of the mainstream.

"We had a network to help us tour the shows and connect with other performers in different cities," Freeman says. "A lot of the work that travels around the network is adventurous, community-specific, it's not mass-market kind of work. Some shows have made the leap from the NPN to commercial runs."

And some, such as the work of Pomo Afro Homos, has made the leap into history. ■

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America's next top (role) model?

'A List Dallas' casting shuts out one gay couch potato even before getting started. You might be luckier

RICH LOPEZ | Staff Writer

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Using my connections, I could get into most snazzy events in Dallas if I, you know, *tried*. I know enough highfalutin' types to be able to drop a few names. This all comes with the territory of working for a newspaper — kinda A-list, right?

Maybe not so much. Along with all that comes a journalist's salary, a nine-year old Ford Escape without a radio and a gym membership that rarely gets used. I might call it more D-list, though even Kathy Griffin is a rung up from me.

So when I heard *The A List*, Logo's new reality series, was casting in Dallas, it was without question I'd need to apply. TV stardom could be my way to the big time, and since I can't find a reliable *Amazing Race* partner, this could be my ticket. Already, thoughts of an auto-tuned dance album filled my head.

The first step was the online application, where I saw these words in the intro: "...presents the unprecedented invitation to the 'A List' in the age range of 20-mid 30s..." At 38, I might already be out of the game before filling in the first blank. But audacity is an A-list quality, so I proceeded. But I was gonna need help.

"Anyone can apply online, and if you fit what the network's looking for, we'll interview you," said Chad Patterson, casting agent for the Dallas version of the show. "It's my job to make each applicant an individual and stand out on their own."

Patterson is in town this week through Dec. 19 doing follow-up interviews after an initial cut, but don't think you can crash the sessions. Only those with stellar applications are invited to meet. (But you can still apply after he's gone.)

As I filled in my name, occupation, etc., I halted at the blank for a MySpace/website address. Um, MySpace was A-list like five years ago. Hello! Maybe this is a list I don't wanna be on.

The inevitable body image complex came up. The app asks for height and weight, which I get. Then it asked for my body type and waist size.

Despite what Patterson told me, there seemed to be a specific response needed here.

"There are no wrong answers when applying to a reality show. This is all to uncover the reality of you," he said. Yeah, but I needed more convincing that anything above a 31 inch waist wasn't an immediate cut.

The app went on to ask about my relationship and if I have children; my personality type and why I think I'm fabulous — all easy enough. Then it listed celebs like Brad Pitt, Anderson Cooper, Madonna and Rachel Maddow as "dream date" choices. For some reason, Stone Cold Steve Austin wasn't an option. This actually excited Patterson and he kinda made me believe I could be on the show. He's that good.

"See? This is where your unique personality shines through," he said. "You might be what we're looking for, this anti-establishment guy who doesn't buy into all the bullshit." It was like he was looking into my soul over the phone.

What he *doesn't* want, he said, is the self-entitled queen who thinks he's fabulous just *because*. Patterson is looking for specifics as to what makes an applicant A-list material. A heavy helping of personality goes a long way, though he admitted he wouldn't mind stereotypes.

"We *do* want to make it specific to Dallas so I'd love to find a gay boy who's parents are in the oil business or even a gay cowboy. Stereotypes in certain regions will make it unique."

Oh, that's another thing: Patterson used the term "boy" a lot. This worried me.

"Yeah, it'll be fun to have a few boys that are actually A-list, but we're not ruling people out if you're a go-go boy who's broke but knows how to work it," he said.

He wanted to offer one piece of advice to all the Dallas men (er, boys) who apply. Because there isn't a guarantee the show will be cast like New York, there's no telling the direction it

could go.

"You shouldn't decide it's not for you before applying," he said. "Just be open to it. There are no points off for anything."

Until they read my application; which, at that point, it's back to finding that *Amazing Race* partner. ■

To apply online, visit TheAListCasting.com.

GETTING DOUCHEY WITH IT

Wanna know how to go from d-bag to A-list? This writer may not know, but he'll get you started. (Arnold Wayne Jones Dallas Voice)



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Until earlier this month, when it launched daily non-stops to and from Los Angeles and San Francisco out of DFW Airport. Dallas-Fort Worth represents the airline's first mid-continent destination, and during the press conference, Branson announced his intention to keep the spirit of competition alive among the other airlines servicing the North Texas area.

Branson's wildly varied business history includes everything from humble beginnings selling Christmas trees to more curious acquisitions, like purchasing London's premiere gay nightclub, Heaven. He's known for brands Virgin Mobile, Virgin Records and his airlines.

The company is invested in being a part of the gay community, even in Dallas already as a sponsor of the North Texas GLBT Chamber of Commerce, so it comes as no surprise that there were plenty of gays and lesbians on-hand to welcome the airline to DFW.

From the moment the first flight from L.A. landed, passengers, crew and Branson himself were greeted with a warm Texas howdy on the runway. There were longhorns, cowboys, cowgirls, a full barbecue spread, champagne and cute little cocktails served in Mason jars. If it weren't for such an over-the-top company, the yee-hawness of it all could've worn very thin, very quickly.

Instead, it seemed like business as usual for Branson and for a mid-afternoon workday, much better than sitting behind a desk. It's hard to imagine more fanfare from a new destination. Well, except when the citizens of the Moon finally welcome Branson and his Virgin Galactic spacecraft sometime soon.

The festivities moved to the Winspear Opera House for an evening of more indulgences. A first-class cocktail reception with food by Wolfgang Puck Catering found Branson on a balcony like a scruffy-faced Evita speaking to his admirers below. A quick raise of his champagne glass to toast the occasion and he was off like a flash to the final act of his coming-out party: Willie Nelson on-stage for the invitation-only crowd. Mamas don't let your babies grow up to be cowboys, but if they want to be a gay-nightclub owner/music mogul/spaceman, then go for it! ■

— Steven Lindsey



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Saturday 12.11

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DEETS: Stone Cottage Theater, 15650 Addison Road. Through Dec. 26. \$18-\$22. MBSProductions.net.

Sunday 12.12

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Fort Worth pianist Danny Wright performs a benefit concert for Chelsea's Fund which promotes pet hospice in Dallas and Fort Worth. Rebecca Miller hosts the evening that includes Wright's concert, a silent auction and champagne reception.

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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.

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

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.

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

THEATER

Charm. Christopher Carlos directs the Kathleen Cahill play. MAC, 3120 McKinney Ave. Through Saturday. \$20-425. KitchenDogTheater.org.



SAM'S TOWN | Sam Harris performs this weekend for the new Interfaith Peace Chapel at Cathedral of Hope.

Manos: The Hands of Fate based on the 1966 B-horror film. KD Studios Theatre, 2600 N. Stemmons Freeway. Through Saturday. 10:15 p.m. \$20. LevelGroundArts.com.

Santa vs. The Martians is based on the 1964 movie and adapted and directed by Andi Allen. KD Studios Theatre, 2600 N. Stemmons Freeway. Through Dec. 18. \$20. LevelGroundArts.com.

SATURDAY 12.11

COMMUNITY

Rainbow Ministries International. Meets weekly. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 2 p.m. 469-222-3400.

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

Church services. The ONE Church East. 6246 Broadway Blvd, Suite #100, Garland. 3 p.m. 214-724-5658. Dallas1Church.org.

Choctaw Casino/Bingo trip leaves the second Saturday of every month from 709 Magnolia St., Arlington. \$7. 817-548-8110.

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

BROADCAST

Cathedral of Hope worship service. Ch. 8 at 12:35 a.m. (Friday after midnight).

SUNDAY 12.12

COMMUNITY

Awakening Heart Community of Mindful Living. LGBT-Friendly "meditation and more" event. All faiths welcome. Sign-translation for the deaf available. Dallas Meditation Center, 727 S. Floyd Rd, Richardson, TX 75080. 5 p.m. AwakeningHeart.org

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

Expressions, a free gender support group for men and women led by volunteers. Sponsored by the Dallas Gender Society. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 7 p.m. 214-540-4475. RCDallas.org.

Cowtown Leathermen cookout. Best Friends Club, 2620 East Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth.

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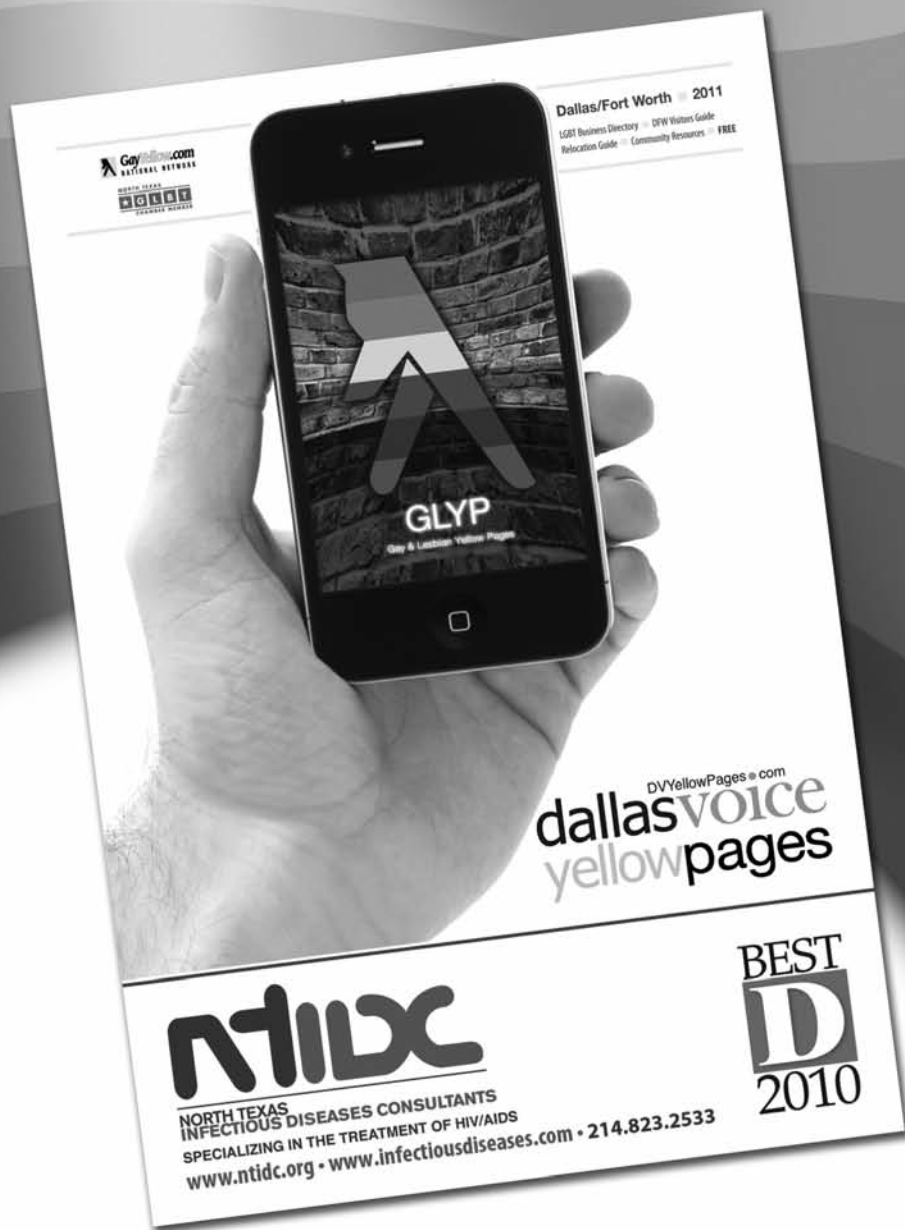


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BROADCAST

Lambda Weekly. LGBT radio for North Texas. This week's guest is Glenda Corwin, author of *Sexual Intimacy for Women: A Guide for Same-Sex Couples*. 89.3 KNON-FM at noon. LambdaWeekly.com.

FAIR

Arlington Psychic Fair. Psychics, aura photographer, wellness coach, healers and more. La Quinta Inn, Highway 360 and I-30 (next to Six Flags). Noon-6 p.m. \$7 (\$2 off with can of food donated to AIDS Outreach Food Pantry). 817-727-7882.

MUSIC

Sam Harris performs a charity concert for the Interfaith Peace Chapel during their 40 Days & 40 Nights celebration. Gaining fame from Star Search, the openly gay singer has gone on to work in both pop music and Broadway. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 7 p.m. \$20. InterfaithPeaceChapel.org.

MONDAY 12.13

COMMUNITY

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.

DFW Prime Timers play bridge every week at 1 p.m. Call 972-504-8866 for details.

Stonewall Democrats of Tarrant County. Tommy's Hamburger Grill, 3431 W. 7th St., Fort Worth. 7 p.m. 817-913-8743.

PFLAG Mesquite. St. Stephen UMC. 2520 Oates Drive, Mesquite. 7 p.m. 972-279-3112.

MUSIC

Tribute to the Queens! Liz Mikel performs songs from some of music's most legendary queens. Ella Fitzgerald and Janis Joplin are among the few celebrated in this week's Blue Monday series. The Blue Room at South Side on Lamar, 1409 S. Lamar St. 7:30 p.m. Free. SouthSideonLamar.com

BROADCAST

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

TUESDAY 12.14

COMMUNITY

Prime Timers Prime Diner at Dixie House, 6400 Gaston Road. Call 972-504-8866 for details.

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.

Cathedral Business Network monthly second Tuesday lunch. The Bronx Restaurant, 3835 Cedar Springs Road. 11:30 a.m. \$15. RSVP to cbn.info@cathedralofhope.com.

Late Bloomers, social support group for women who came out later in life. La Madeleine, 3906 Lemon Ave. 6 p.m. 903-778-4446.

Lesbians and Cancer. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at Gilda's Club Dallas, 2710 Oak Lawn Ave. 6-8 p.m.

BROADCAST

The 10% with Israel Luna and Richard Curtin streams every Tuesday and Thursday at 3 p.m. on RationalBroadcasting.com.

WEDNESDAY 12.15

COMMUNITY

DFW Prime Timers play bridge every week at 7 p.m. Call 972-504-8866 for details.

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.

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

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

THURSDAY 12.16

COMMUNITY

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

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.



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CELEBRITY BIRTHDAY

By Jack Fertig



Benjamin Bratt turns 47 on Thursday. The hunky actor has always been easy on the eyes, but more so with gay audiences in this past year. He starred in *La Mission* earlier this year, a film about homophobia within the Latino community of San Francisco. Way back in January 2010, he guest starred on the gay-friendly hit comedy, *Modern Family*.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 20

Problems with money and errors in accounts are surfacing. They indicate deeper problems and will require work. Focus on the clean up phase for now. You can solve this one step at a time.

CAPRICORN Dec 21-Jan 19

Neglected duties and responsibilities bite you on the ass if you don't turn around and face up to them. Worrying takes more energy than dealing with them — stress makes you look older.

AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

Your worst nightmares prove a blessing in disguise. Dig deep into your fears and see what's behind them. To conquer those fears, do charity work for those who have suffered.

PISCES Feb 19-Mar 19

The future is looking dark, but a rude shock will help you see flaws. It could be either worse or better than you imagine. It will be very different. Find a safe space to scream, just to let it out.

ARIES Mar 20-Apr 19

Your engine to success is heading toward a train wreck. Backtracking is necessary for course correction. Look at those who've gotten where you want and learn from their examples.

TAURUS Apr 20-May 20

Everything you know is wrong. Joining arguments can help you discard obsolete notions and get more insight. Phrases like "playing devil's advocate" offer wiggle room.

GEMINI May 21-Jun 20

You need a good challenge to explore new depths, whether in the bedroom, in meditation or in a library. Exploring kink is fine, but be very careful. Save erotic asphyxiation for another time.

CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22

Every relationship has problems, and you are hitting a perfect storm. This will pass. Single or coupled, think hard about the necessary work that goes into a good partnership.

LEO Jul 23-Aug 22

When you hit the wall, don't bang your head against it. Life is more like a labyrinth than a racetrack. Take strategic turns, sometimes seeming to go backward. Breathe. Think. Adapt.

VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

You can make fun look like hard work, but if you find hard work to be fun, be as productive and creative as you like. Remember: Geeks and nerds rule the world while partiers fall by the wayside.

LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

Uncover family secrets if you can stand the shock. Don't mind upsetting some folks on the way. Interview your oldest relatives — preferably the outcasts — if you want the dirt.

SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

You sound harsher than you intend. Write before you speak. Even when you want to blast the stupidity out of some obstructive bubblehead, organize your thoughts on paper first.

THIS WEEK

Mercury backing into Pluto, Mars and the North Node, all in Capricorn, may unleash a torrent of backlogged work, ancient regrets, old failures and feeling old. Face up to the hard work that remains before you. Learn from past mistakes, shrug off useless distractions and focus on priorities.

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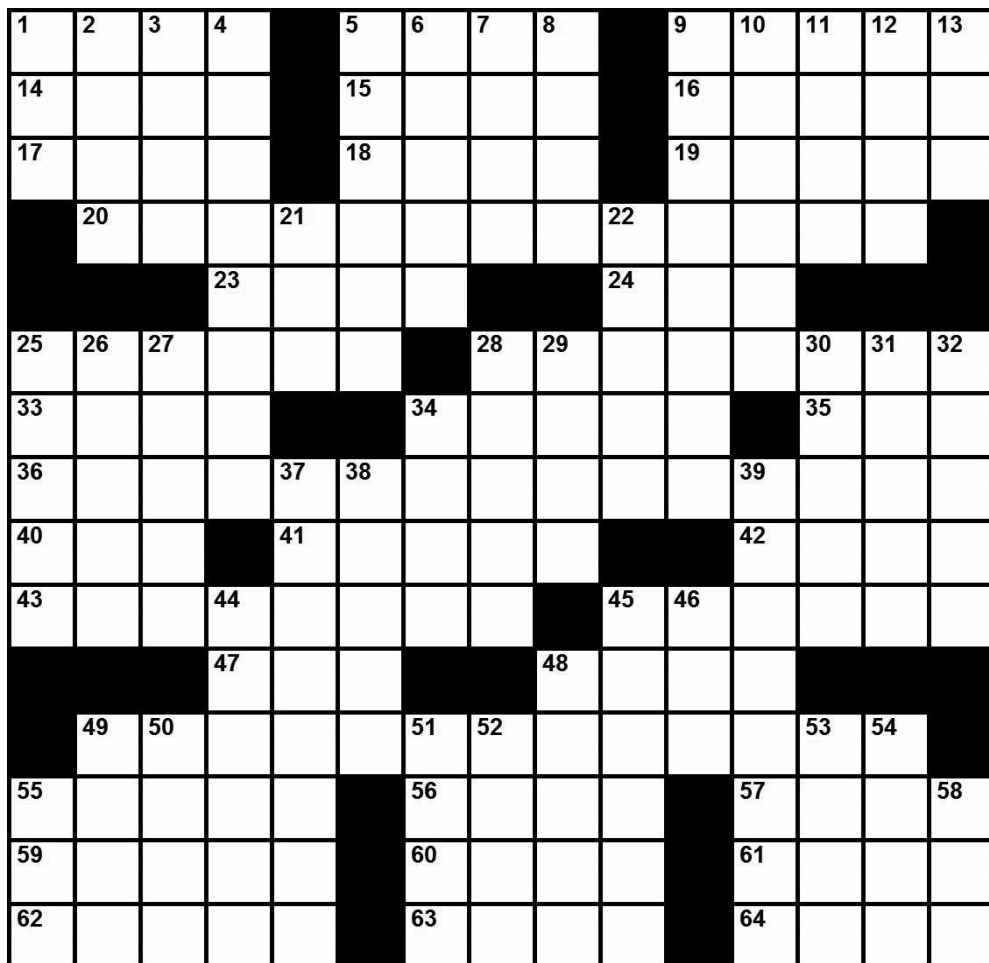
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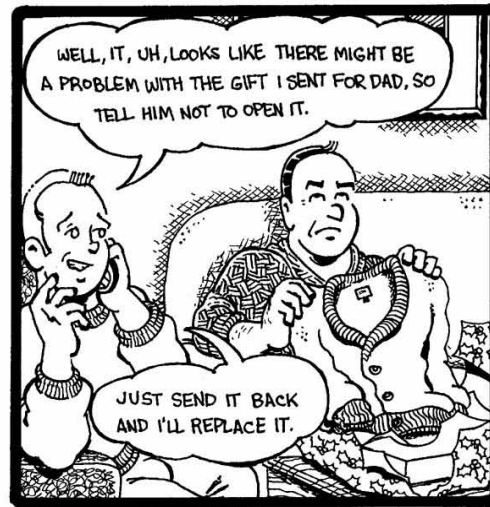
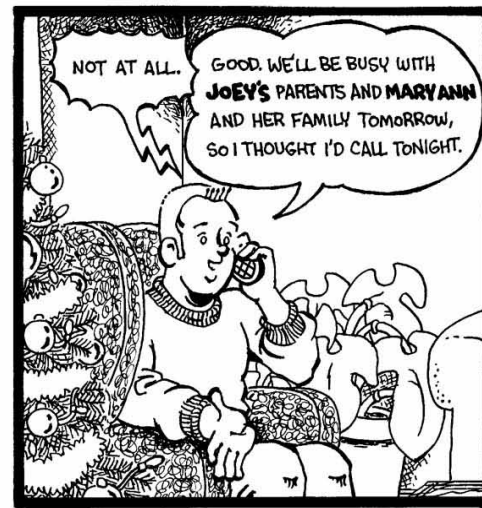
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- 5 Shakespeare sprite
- 9 P-town beach sights
- 14 One of the Huxtables
- 15 Auth. unknown
- 16 Bucky Beaver's toothpaste
- 17 Anthropologist Margaret
- 18 *Aida* backdrop
- 19 Barber belt
- 20 Start of a question
- 23 Military cross-dresser of Arc
- 24 Sharers' word
- 25 Narrows down
- 28 Study groups
- 33 CK One emanation
- 34 Bitches
- 35 Moo ___ pork
- 36 End of the question
- 40 U-turn from SSW
- 41 Network of *Wedding Wars*
- 42 Stallion's supper
- 43 Alpha Chi Upsilon, for example
- 45 Type of fair
- 47 Von Trapp's rank

48 Sow's mate

- 49 Answer to the question
- 55 Hot stuff
- 56 O.K. Corral gunfighter
- 57 Got a little behind
- 59 Composer Copland
- 60 Pay your share, with "up"
- 61 Don't go straight
- 62 Quarterback Favre
- 63 Cowardly lion actor
- 64 Disturbance at a spa

Down

- 1 It swallows plastic
- 2 "That was close!"
- 3 *Starting Over* bisexual
- 4 One who serves drinks with foamy heads
- 5 Bear-like creatures
- 6 It could be civil
- 7 Revolver inventor
- 8 Felt in your bones
- 9 Drag outfit, in *Some Like It Hot*
- 10 Rise, after a fall
- 11 ___ a soul
- 12 Hazzard County deputy
- 13 Suck the energy from
- 21 Mountain top
- 22 Sex appeal
- 25 Cherry Grove and Ogunquit
- 26 Hersey's bell town
- 27 Gondola guy
- 28 Broadway musical pet
- 29 Art Deco design name
- 30 Lake Nasser dam
- 31 *Gone with the Wind* character
- 32 Like soap operas
- 34 Relief of Lincoln
- 37 Makeup for one of the Village People
- 38 Cole Porter's "Katie Went to ___"
- 39 Checkers comment
- 44 Forest feline
- 45 Chris of *American Beauty*
- 46 Bonehead
- 48 Where to have a moving experience in bed?
- 49 "___ she blows!"
- 50 Put on the staff
- 51 Big top barker
- 52 Chloe's role in *Boys Don't Cry*
- 53 Blown away
- 54 Pine for
- 55 Where a trucker parks his bottom
- 58 In need of a lube



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Stephanie, Laura and Lenannon at the Round-Up Saloon.

Tired from all that shopping and baking and decorating? Be like us and take a well-deserved break Pups get their day on Friday at **the Dallas Eagle** with the pups and handlers social, **Fetch!** The **TGRA** and **UCLSE** guys join forces to bring a **Hard Candy Christmas** on Saturday with **Donna Dumae** and **Trisha Davis** as hosts. The club says "tis the season to give a helping hand" at the **Red Hanky Social** later that night. We'll let you figure it out Hip-hop ladies **God-Des** and **She** return to **Sue Ellen's** Friday for a main floor show. Find your inner "Barracuda" with the Heart tribute band **Bebe Le Strange** on Saturday. **Suite Life Sunday** sultries up the end of the weekend and comes with nibbles and giveaways **The Round-Up Saloon** holds its **Annual Christmas Stocking Auction** which benefits **Legacy Counseling Center** and **Founders Cottage** Want to see **Clay Aiken** in March? Hang around **JR.'s Bar & Grill** on Thursday to win free tickets **DJs Brandon Moses** and **Michael Tank** tag team at the **Bling is the Thing** party on Saturday at **the Brick**. The night benefits **Boys4Toys**. For some school night action, get your drink and song on at the **Tuesday Night Cabaret** Hailing from Tennessee, out singer **Oona Love** performs an acoustic set at the **Lakewood Bar & Grill** on Wednesday **1851 Club** in Arlington hosts its **All-Star Drag Show** every Saturday and Sunday. **Dino Clark** deals the cards at **Poker Night** every Monday **Jack's Backyard** has got the **Oak Cliff Blues** on Friday night and **Ciao Bella** plays on Saturday Meet porn stars **Rod Daily**, **Gunner Pierce**, **Jeremy Bilding** and **Phenix Saint** at **the Tin Room** Friday and Saturday Can you handle that? ■

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Stormie and Chico at Zippers.



Michelle at Station 4.



Ory'on, Amanda and Nick at BJ's NXSI!



Tan, Leroy and Paula at Best Friends Club.



George and Bill at Pub Pegasus.

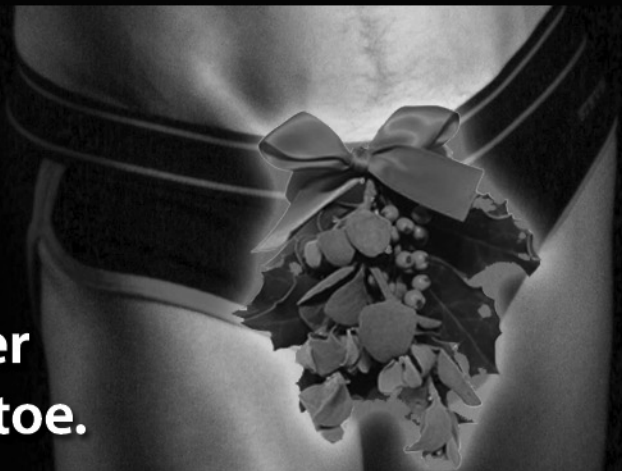


William and Jack at JR.'s Bar & Grill.

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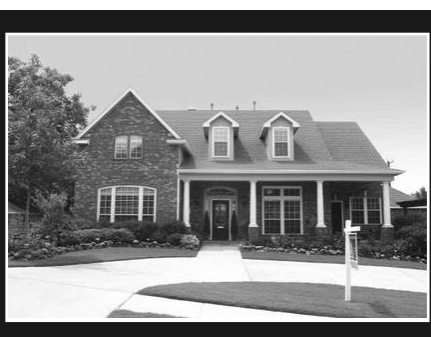
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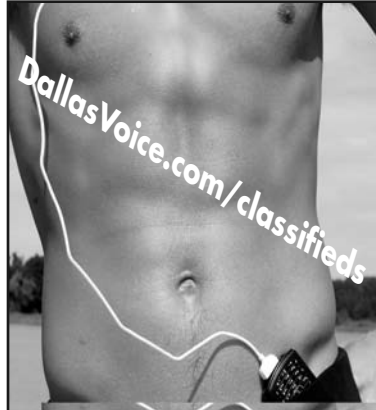
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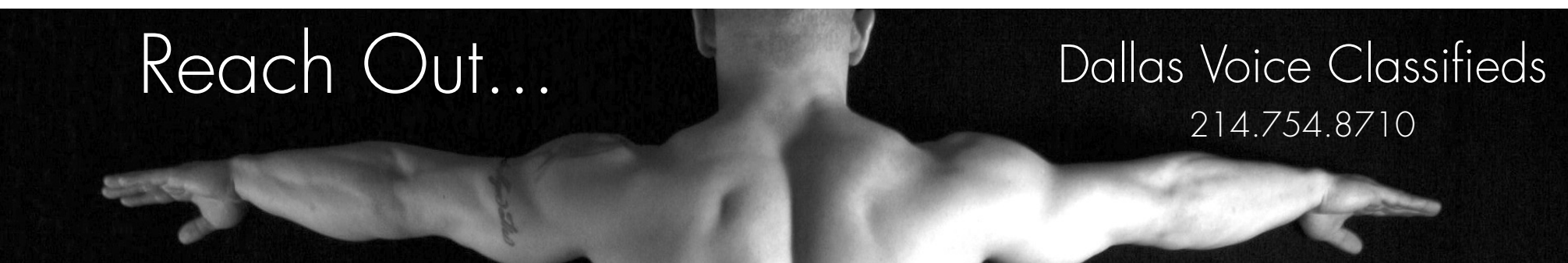
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