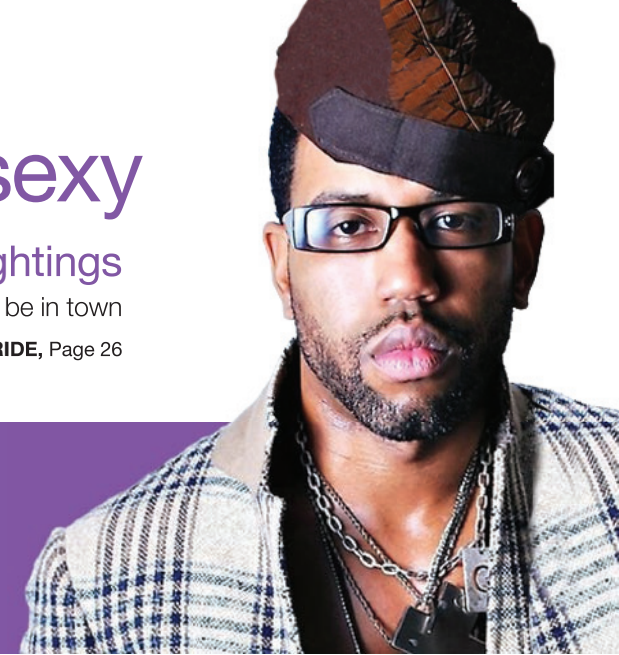


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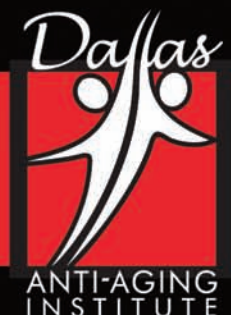
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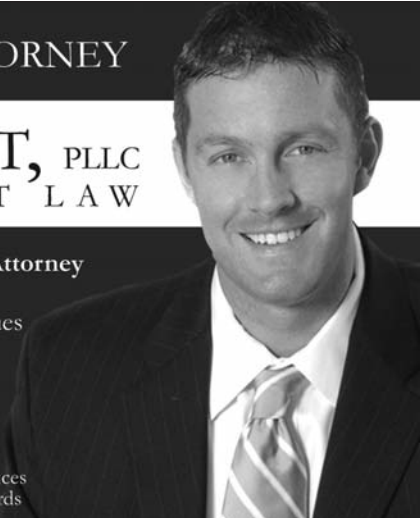
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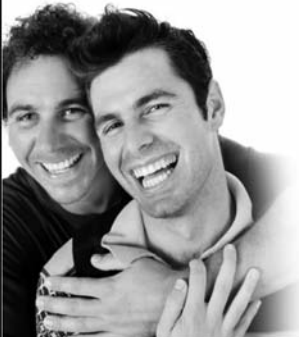
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Investigation clears Ft. Worth teacher

Kristopher Franks set to return to work Friday after 4-day leave stemming from allegations of improper behavior

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FORT WORTH — Gay Western Hills High School teacher Kristopher Franks, put on paid administrative leave on Monday, Sept. 26, following allegations of improper behavior, has been cleared of all allegations and was set to return to work today (Friday, Sept. 30).

Franks is the teacher who became the target of ire from the religious right after he sent a student in his German 1 class to the principal's office for saying in class that as a Christian he believed "homosexuality is wrong." The school's assistance principal then suspended Ary, setting off a controversy that made headlines around the country.

That student, freshman Dakota Ary, and his mother enlisted the assistance of Liberty Counsel attorney Matt Krause in fighting the suspension on the grounds that Franks and the school had

violated Ary's right to freedom of speech.

District officials quickly reversed their decision, lifting the suspension.

But Steven Poole, deputy executive director for the United Educators Association of Texas, a teachers union, said Tuesday, Sept. 27, that the allegations leading to Franks being put on leave were unrelated to the incident with Ary.

Franks, who had not spoken to the press previously on the advice of his union representative, said Thursday afternoon that he had just met with Fort Worth Independent School District administrators, who told him the nearly weeklong investigation had determined that the allegations against him were unfounded. He did not elaborate on the substance of those allegations.

Franks also said administrators had given him the option of returning to teach at Western Hills High or transferring to another school in the district.

"I haven't made up my mind yet what I'm going to do," Franks told Dallas Voice by phone Thursday afternoon. "I'm going to go back to work tomorrow, and I will talk to my boss [the district's world languages supervisor], and see what she says and decide what's the best thing to

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Court throws out Log Cabin's DADT challenge

Now that "don't ask, don't tell" has been repealed, a federal appeals court on Thursday, Sept. 29, declared moot Log Cabin Republicans' lawsuit challenging the policy — and vacated a district judge's ruling that said DADT was unconstitutional.



R. Clarke Cooper

Log Cabin has argued that having the case declared moot could open the door for a future administration to reinstate DADT, which was repealed effective Sept. 20. And the group continues to blame President Barack Obama for the Justice Department's decision to litigate the case.

"Log Cabin Republicans v. United States said more than 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' should be repealed — it stood for the fundamental constitutional rights of servicemembers not to be discriminated against by the nation they serve," LCR Executive Director R. Clarke Cooper said in a statement responding to the ruling. "President Obama should be ashamed that he is responsible for undoing that important precedent."

Dan Woods, an attorney for Log Cabin Republicans, said the group plans to appeal the decision, which came from a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. "We are, of course, disappointed by today's ruling but we will continue to fight on for the constitutional rights of all people impacted by Don't Ask, Don't Tell," Woods said. "This is an important issue for all Americans and we anticipate seeking re-hearing before the full Ninth Circuit."

— John Wright

MTV, Goss-Michael Foundation raise more than \$700K

For its first art exhibit, the MTV Staying Alive Foundation didn't do too bad. The MTV RE:Define exhibit and auction held Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Goss-Michael Foundation in Dallas was a sold out event and raised more than \$770,000 for MTV's organization. The group works to empower youth in fighting the stigma of HIV/AIDS. As deep pockets bid for some 30 original works by the likes of Harland Miller, Adam Ball and Ben Eine, artist Damien Hirst scored big with his butterfly painting with cubic zirconia (talk about multimedia), which went for \$240,000 to an unnamed phone bidder. And if that's not exciting enough, Indie rockers The Boxer Rebellion capped off the night with a live show.

Host Simon de Pury, chairman of art auctioneers Phillips de Pury & Company added, "For an inaugural event, it was an outstanding result. I can only congratulate everyone involved in this project. It is my hope that this could become an annual event."

— Rich Lopez

LifeWalk steps off Sunday in Lee Park

Nobles says that park will not be fenced this year but is worried about added cost and barrier affecting next year's event

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New requirements by the city of Dallas could affect proceed totals from this year's AIDS Arms LifeWalk, and at least one more new requirement is expected to be added to the list next year, according to LifeWalk organizers.

The 21st annual LifeWalk steps off from Lee Park on Oct. 2 at 1 p.m. for the 3.2-mile walk. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. Last year's event raised \$401,000 and this year's goal is \$500,000.

Although thousands of people are expected for the event, Lee Park will remain unfenced this year, even though the city has said such gatherings will require fencing in the future.

Officials with the Dallas Tavern Guild, which stages the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade and the Festival in Lee Park each year as part of Dallas' annual LGBT Pride celebration, decided to get ahead of the new requirement by fencing in Lee Park this year for the festival, although the



KICKING UP THEIR HEELS | The LifeWalk organizing committee gets ready for Sunday.

city requirement had not yet gone into effect.

Tavern Guild officials also chose to charge a \$5 admission fee to the festival this year to help offset expenses and raise extra funds that will be distributed to parade beneficiaries.

The admission fee raised the ire of some in the community, and attendance at the festival was down compared to last year. But Tavern Guild Executive Director Michael Doughman said the drop was not significant, and noted that the admission fee brought in about \$25,000 that will be

divided among beneficiaries.

But AIDS Arms Executive Director Raeline Nobles said new city requirements have already had an impact on LifeWalk, and she is worried that the new fencing requirements could affect next year's walk.

"There were a lot more expenses from the city this year," she said. "It really hits the bottom line."

The cost of fencing next year will add an addi-

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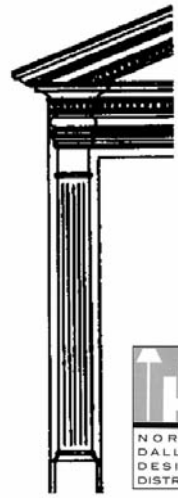
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Dallas Bar Association hosts forum

The Dallas Bar Association will host a legislative forum on Monday, Oct. 3, at noon in The Pavilion at the Belo Mansion, 2101 Ross Ave., to discuss legislative changes recently put into law, focusing on topics and trends related to local, state and national legislative agendas.

Guest speakers for the event are state Rep.

Rafael Anchia, representing District 103 in Dallas, and state Sen. John Corona, representing District 16 in Dallas.

The event is free and open to the public, but an optional lunch buffet is available for \$13 per person. Those interested in attending are asked to respond to sevans@dallasbar.org to ensure adequate seating. Garage parking is available with the entrance on Olive Street. ■

Death

Wendy Churitch, 55, died suddenly at her home in Irving early Thursday morning, Sept. 29.

Churitch was born July 26, 1956, and grew up in Chicago. She moved to the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex in 1980.

She was known and much loved for her eccentric and ever-present sense of humor, her love of pranks and practical jokes and for her devotion and loyalty to her family and to her large number of friends that she thought of — and that thought of her — as family.

After seven-and-a-half years as a couple, Churitch and the love of her life, Kay Mathews Churitch, were legally married in Iowa on Aug. 17, 2009.

Churitch was preceded in death by her parents, Helen and Pete Churitch Sr., and by her

brother, Michael.

She is survived by her wife, Kay Mathews Churitch of Irving; by her brother, Pete Churitch Jr., and one sister, Robin Littrell, both of Indiana; by her wife's sister, Erin Urquhart of Coppell, and brother, Robert Mathews of Buda; by her wife's two daughters, Courtney Mathews of Lubbock and Amber Mathews of Three Rivers, Mich., and three grandchildren, Michael and Jourdan of Mesquite and Makenzie of Lubbock; by her beloved dogs, Bailey and Pala; and by a host of loving friends.

Churitch's remains will be cremated. A memorial service is pending and details will be announced when they become available.



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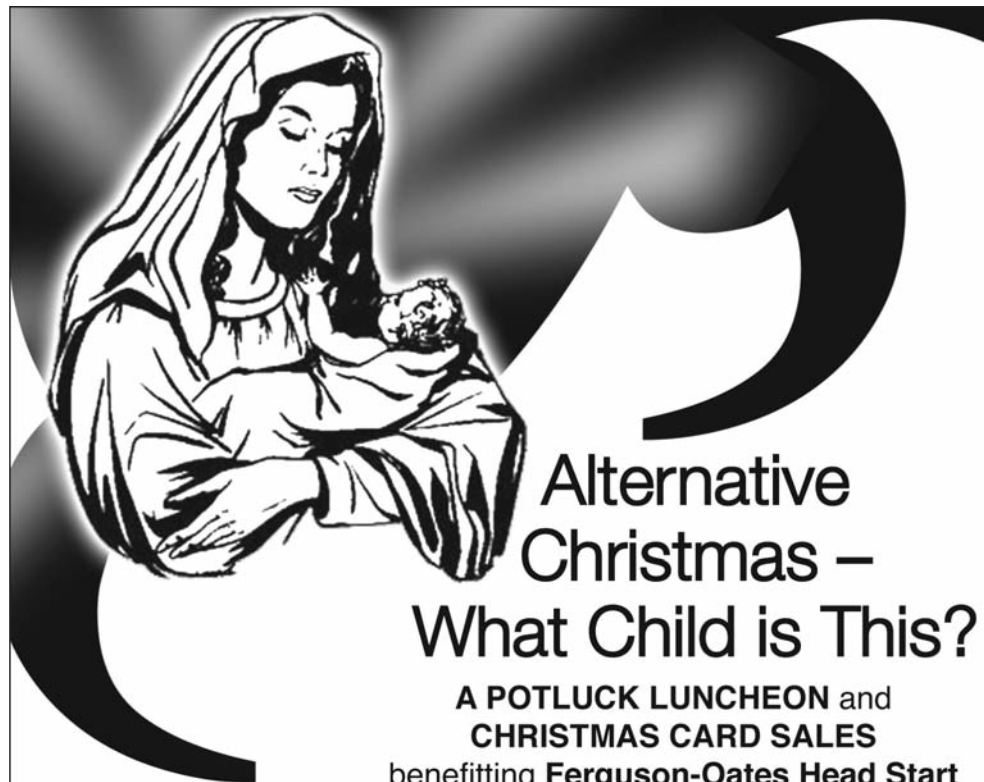
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Abounding Prosperity receives \$1.7 million grant



FUTURE MOVE? | Kirk Myers, CEO of Abounding Prosperity, says that his agency, now located in South Dallas across the street from the Peabody Health Center, will have to move to a bigger space to adequately house the extra staff he needs to operate the grant the agency just received from the CDC. (David Taffet/DallasVoice.)

South Dallas prevention organization targets population hardest hit by new HIV infections

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Abounding Prosperity, a South Dallas-based AIDS education organization, has been awarded a grant from the Centers for Disease Control, and is the only agency in the Dallas-Fort Worth area to be included in this round of CDC funding.

The money will be used to expand HIV prevention services for young gay and bisexual men of color, transgender youth of color and their partners, according to Kirk Myers, CEO of Abounding Prosperity.

Myers said that his organization was one of the few nationally that got fully funded. The five-year grant totals \$1.7 million.

The CDC awarded prevention grants to 34 agencies around the country. This expands on an earlier program to reach the targeted populations with an increase of \$10 million to \$55 million nationally over five years, funding a larger number of community organizations.

"We will be trying to identify those people who are positive and unaware," Myers said, "and help those people who are positive and know their status to become responsible for not reinfected themselves or anyone else.

"We see ourselves as a prevention organization rather than a care organization," he added.

Although three Dallas AIDS organizations applied for the grant money, Myers said he believes Abounding Prosperity was chosen because it targets African-American men who have sex with men (MSM) between the ages of 17 and 29, the group hardest hit with new infections in Dallas.

That includes many who are unemployed and underemployed.

To encourage testing and behavioral intervention, Myers suggested using incentives such as gift cards that might cover gas costs.

"Even though testing should be done routinely, you're not worried about testing when you're worried about your next meal," Myers said.

In addition to testing, the focus will be on using evidence-based interventions designed to create behavior changes using techniques that have proven successful with gay men.

Myers said he will need to triple the size of his

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CoH raises funds for Little Blue Schools mission in Mexico

'Substantial gift' from Skyeward Bound Ranch puts event total near \$20,000; money will help build new kitchen, classroom near Nopalera

FROM STAFF REPORTS
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Officials with Cathedral of Hope of the United Church of Christ announced this week that the church raised nearly \$20,000 with it's recent "Prawns and Praise" benefit concert for CoH's Little Blue Schools mission project in Reynosa, Mexico.

The total includes what church leaders called "a substantial gift" from Skyeward Bound Ranch, a non-profit charitable organization for special needs and terminally ill children.

The money will be used to build a new kitchen and a school classroom in the Nopalera area of Reynosa, a community of poor residents living along a drainage canal where there is no running water or electricity, church officials said.

CoH pastor the Rev. Jo Hudson said CoH volunteers began working on the Reynosa mission efforts 10 years ago, starting by building a 13x20-foot, one-room, tin-roofed building to serve as a school and community center. Since then, 10 additional building projects, such as restroom facilities and meeting rooms, have been completed in Reynosa.

The mission work in Reynosa is now referred to as "The Little Blue Schools" project and is ad-



CHECK PRESENTATION | The Rev. Dawson B. Taylor, executive minister of Cathedral of Hope, accepts a check from Jimmy Pockrus and Dalace-Skye Duvall of Skyeward Bound Ranch at the "Prawns And Praise" fundraising event for the Little Blue Schools program in Reynosa, Mexico. The money is the first gift of a multi-year commitment and will go toward building a kitchen and several school classrooms. (Phoebe Sexton/Cathedral of Hope)

ministered by the CoH Miracles in Mission Ministry.

"We're demonstrating how a community can come together, pooling resources and working side-by-side with folks of very different backgrounds, understandings and faith beliefs," said Hudson. "We're out to show Cathedral of Hope's profound belief that Christianity is a faith of extravagant grace, radical inclusion and relentless compassion." ■

ABOUNDING

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staff to nine and add more office space to operate the grant. He has already looked at two properties on MLK Boulevard near Abounding Prosperity's current office.

Myers said that he would like to collaborate with Dallas County and other AIDS organizations' programs to reach the most underserved populations.

He specifically mentioned Resource Center Dallas' syphilis elimination program as an obvious partner.

"Syphilis is off the charts in Dallas," Myers said. "And if you're putting yourself at risk for syphilis, you're putting yourself at risk for HIV."

But, Myers said, his ultimate goal is to do the job of education and prevention so well that he can put Abounding Prosperity out of business.

"I want to eradicate AIDS," he said.

Ryan White funds

In addition, the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced \$1.89 billion in grants to states for HIV/AIDS care and medications. Texas was awarded \$85,856,474 in Ryan White money designated "supplemental part B."

The state also received \$786,424 in AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Emergency Relief Awards.

ADAP funding matches money spent by the state. Texas cut its ADAP funding, which may be a reason smaller states are receiving more money. Georgia and Louisiana each were awarded \$3 million and Florida almost \$7 million in emergency drug assistance money.

Dallas will receive \$14,625,082 and Fort Worth \$3,864,274 in Ryan White Part A funding. Dallas awards are administered for the region by the county. Other cities in Texas receiving these grants are Houston (\$19.7 million), San Antonio and Austin (\$4.4 million each). ■

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Taking Pride to the mainstream

A bigger parade in a new location, expanded schedule of events will help Tarrant County keep Pride going all year round

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FORT WORTH — LGBT Pride celebrations aren't new in Tarrant County. But there are definitely a few new things about this year's 30th annual Pride celebration in Cowtown.

The biggest change is the location — and the day and time — of the annual Pride parade. Traditionally, the parade has been held on Sunday afternoons — the first weekend in October for the last couple of years, before that, at the beginning of June — and it has traditionally traveled down South Jennings Street.

This year, though, the Tarrant County Gay Pride Parade moves uptown, starting near the courthouse on Main Street then heading south to disperse at the convention center, just in time for the street festival on Main Street and in General Worth Square.

The annual Pride Picnic, Tarrant County's original Pride event which has traditionally been held on the Saturday following the parade, this year will instead be held on Sunday, Oct. 2, the day after the parade, again at the Arts Pavilion in Trinity Park.

But it's not just the days and location that are new for Tarrant County Pride this year, organizers say; there's also a renewed enthusiasm — a renewed and strengthened spirit of pride.

"There's a real excitement this year. People are excited about moving the parade and the festival downtown," said Daune Littlefield, president of the Tarrant County Gay Pride Week Association.

"Yes, there are a few who didn't want to move



GRAND MARSHALS | Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price, left, Tod Camp and Zoey Daniels will lead the celebration as grand marshals of the Tarrant County Pride Parade.

the parade, who didn't want to do anything differently. But there are more who are excited," she added. "We should have grown more than we have in the last 30 years. We just got too comfortable with doing things the way we had always done them."

It's not been an easy task. The new location for the parade offered some logistical problems. And of course, the expanded event requires the Pride association to cooperate more with city officials.

Changes

But at the same time, organizers' big plans made that cooperation easier to come by.

"We've been planning this for awhile. In fact,

it was about two years ago that we really started to think about moving the parade, making things bigger and better," said Littlefield.

"One of the main reasons we changed the day and the time of the parade was because it would be easier to get the permits and close the streets downtown and manage the traffic if the parade was on a Saturday morning," she explained. "And having the parade and picnic all in the same weekend makes it easier to draw in more people from out of town. And the idea of more people coming in from out of town made it easier to get the [Fort Worth] Convention and Visitors Bureau to work with us."

And the idea of bringing in visitors from out of town also convinced the Sheraton Fort Worth hotel to partner with the committee to offer the

Pride Weekend Package, offering visitors a discounted price to stay at the hotel and giving them easy access to the parade, the street festival and the number of educational seminars and entertainment events scheduled to be held at the hotel during the course of the weekend.

Littlefield and Tina Harvey, parade and vendor chair and long-term parade committee member, both acknowledged that the weekend package deal was not as successful this year as they had hoped. But both also believe it will be much more popular next year.

"We may have overdone it a little this year. Our expectations for that part may have been too high," Harvey said. "But Pride weekend this year is going to be a huge success. People will

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see how successful it is, how much fun it is, and they are going to want to participate even more next year."

Already, Harvey said, there are 48 entries registered for the parade on Saturday, which is 10 more than participated in last year's parade. And 22 vendors, not counting the food and beverage vendors, have signed up for the street festival. That number also doesn't count the activities available in the kid's area.

Dianne Dunivan, picnic and merchandise chair and another longtime committee member, said Sunday's picnic is also flush with vendors, entertainment and a kid's area.

And both Dunivan and Harvey are quick to point out that they have worked diligently to keep prices as low as possible when it comes to food and drink stands at the street festival and picnic.

"Last year was the first time we charged for the food and the beer. We charged \$1 for the beer, but the product cost us \$1.08 and we had to pay taxes to the state on top of that. So we actually lost money on that last year. But that was OK, because we wanted to ease into actually charging for it," Dunivan said.

"This year, the prices are a little higher. It will be \$3 for a burger, a beer or wine, \$2 for a polish sausage, and \$1 for hot dogs or soft drinks. We are doing everything we can to keep the costs under control," Dunivan said, adding that when it comes to the picnic in the park on Sunday, "We don't have an exclusive. People can bring in their own stuff if they want. We are offering the food and the drinks as a convenience.

"We just want to make sure people know that everything is being upgraded this year. Everything is better. And, while we were cash-only last year, this year we'll be able to take credit cards."

Dunivan and Harvey also both stress that there is no admission fee to the parade, the festival or the picnic. Still, the committee wants to come out ahead in the money department, so they will have cash on hand as they start planning for 2012, and so they can add to the new TCGPW scholarship fund.

"That's a big thing for us," Littlefield said. "This year, we said we really wanted to step forward, to be even more family-friendly, and be even more visible, not just in the LGBT community, but in the community overall. Offering a scholarship is part of that."

The scholarship, she explained, will be awarded to an LGBT person or to the child of an LGBT family. And while she believes that the association will definitely have enough money to cover expenses for this year's parade and picnic, if there's not enough left over to add to the scholarship fund, "we'll just raise more money!"

And they aren't waiting around to do that either.

Pride throughout the year

Littlefield and the Pride committee this year

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are stressing that in Tarrant County they are no longer going to talk about Pride weekend. From now on, Littlefield said, "We are going to talk about Pride events. It won't be just one weekend; we're going to have Pride throughout the year."

"We want to keep up our visibility throughout the year. We want to keep the momentum going," she said.

To do that TCGPWA is partnering with a variety of organizations and companies to help present and promote events that take the LGBT community out into the community at large, and that help put money in the Pride coffers.

The first such event on the schedule is Tarrant County Pride Day at Cowboys Stadium on Oct. 12. It includes a two-hour tour of the stadium, including the press box, the luxury suites, the Cotton Bowl offices, the Dr. Pepper Deck, the stadium clubs and the field. Plus, each person gets a free photo of themselves at the stadium, and all for just \$20 a person.

A portion of each ticket sold, Littlefield said, will benefit TCGPWA.

The association has a similar arrangement worked out with Bass Hall for Joan Rivers' performance there on Nov. 2, she added, and more such events will be added in the future.

Legacy of the raid

This level of enthusiasm and involvement is, Littlefield acknowledged, something of a new thing in Tarrant County. And it can be traced, at least in part, back to the June 29, 2009 raid on the Rainbow Lounge by Fort Worth police and agents with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

While the raid was a horrible thing, Littlefield said, plenty of good things have happened in its aftermath, including the community's renewed sense of pride and activism.

"What happened that night at the Rainbow Lounge has made us all more aware that even though things are better than they were years ago, bad things can still happen," she said. "But if you come together and work together, you can make good things come of it in the end."

Harvey agreed.

"After the Rainbow Lounge raid, our community started speaking out, and the city and the mayor and the police chief really stepped up to work with us," Harvey said. "Last year, a year after the raid, [Police Chief Jeff Halstead] was the grand marshal of our parade, and he was there for the picnic, along with about 20 Fort Worth police officers. Only about five of those officers were paid to be there, the others were just there to enjoy the day and share it with us."

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Tarrant County Pride Schedule

FRIDAY, SEPT. 30

- Noon-10 p.m. Trading Post & Arts Exhibit, Second Floor, Piney Woods Room, Sheraton FW
- 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m. "Community School House" Education Sessions, Second Floor, West Room, Sheraton FW
- *10:30-11:30 a.m. Samaritan House: Where there is a home, there is hope
- * 1:30-2:30 p.m. Healing Wings: 30 years of HIV: Impact on the GLBT Community
- * 3-4 p.m. Sessions Break
- * 4:30-5:30 p.m. Outreach Addiction Services: Sex: Safety the Gay Way
- * 6-7 p.m. Fairness Fort Worth: Grassroots Organizing: The creation of Fairness Fort Worth, Inc.
- * 1-3 p.m. QCinema screens "March On!," documentary screening, Second Floor, Taste of Texas Ballroom, Sheraton FW
- * 7:33 p.m. "Strut your Pride" Show, hosted by Imperial Court de Fort Worth/Arlington, Best Friends Club, www.ic-fwa.org
- * 8-10 p.m. Open Door Productions presents comedian Suzanne Westenhoefer, Second Floor, Taste of Texas Ballroom, Sheraton FW, limited general seating \$25, for tickets visit: OpenDoor-Productionstx.com
- * Boot Scootin', Club Reflection
- * \$300 Balloon Drop, dancers, live DJ, Rainbow Lounge
- * Kick it Up Country Night, Best Friends
- * 9 p.m. So You Think You Can Sing? Karaoke, Percussions

SATURDAY, OCT. 1

- 10 a.m.-noon "Ride the Rainbow" Pride Parade, Main Street at Weatherford, downtown Fort Worth
- 11 a.m.-2 p.m. AIDS Outreach Center Car Wash benefiting the 20th Anniversary AIDS Walk, Staybridge Suites, 220 Clifford Center Drive, Fort Worth. Contact Jaime Shultety at jaimes@aoc.org or 817-916-5210.

- Noon-6 p.m. Pride Street Festival, General Worth Square, Main and Ninth Streets Coors Main Stage:
 - * 12 p.m. Eddy Herrera www.soundcloud.com/eustoliog
 - * 2 p.m. Eddy Herrera www.soundcloud.com/eustoliog
 - * 3 p.m. Aurora Bleu, www.AuroraBleu.com
 - * 4 p.m. Parade Awards
 - * 5 p.m. Aurora Bleu, www.AuroraBleu.com
- 5-7 p.m. It Only Makes Me Laugh Comedy Showcase, Patio @ Rainbow Lounge
- 6-9 p.m. Cowtown "Pride" Cookout, hosted by Cowtown Leathermen, Club Reflection Patio, www.cowtownleathermen.com
- 7-11 p.m. Threesome, live band, on Patio @ Rainbow Lounge
- 8-10 p.m. Burlesque Show starring Tasha Kohl, Mosaic Lounge (underground), 515 Houston St. entrance on 5th St.
- 8-10 p.m. Fall Fest Events, hosted by NTXCC, Club Reflection Patio, www.ntxcc.org
- 9 p.m. Anton Shaw live, Percussions
- Boot Scootin', Club Reflection
- 1 a.m. Pride Night \$500 balloon drop Best Friends

SUNDAY, OCT. 2

- Noon-6 p.m. Pride Picnic, Trinity Park Arts Pavilion
 - Bud Light Mainstage Schedule
 - * 1 p.m. Terry Sweeney
 - * 2 p.m. Valerie Stevens and Kickback
 - * 3 p.m. Mallorie
 - * 4 p.m. To be announced
 - * 5 p.m. Butch Country
 - 2-7 p.m. Afternoon Cookout, Patio @ Rainbow Lounge
 - 6-9 p.m. Family Night, Best Friends
 - 8 p.m. Pride Karaoke, Club Reflection
 - 9 p.m. Karaoke with Pete Day, Percussions
 - 11 p.m. Whitney Paige Show, Rainbow Lounge
- (For more events throughout the week, go online to TCGPWA.org.)

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"When I was younger, that never would have happened," she continued. "Back then, the cops still raided the bars all the time. The gay people were always getting beat up. But seeing the chief and those officers at the parade and the picnic last year, it was life-changing for me. For the first time in my life, I felt like I didn't have to worry about being who I am. And this year, the mayor [Betsy Price] is our grand marshal. That's fantas-

tic.

"When I was young, what I learned was to keep your head down, keep your mouth shut and stay with your own group. That's not how it is any more. Some people are willing to keep on being second-class citizens, but not me. I want us to walk down Main Street, together. I want people to see us, to see our families. I want the young people coming up today to see that, and say to themselves, 'I'm gonna be OK.' That's what Pride is about." ■

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do from there.”

FWISD Board of Trustees member Dr. Carlos Vasquez told Dallas Voice in a phone call Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 28, that any time allegations are made against a teacher, those allegations have to be investigated, and it is routine for the teacher in question to be placed on paid administrative leave.

Franks said Thursday that he was pleased with the outcome of the investigation, carried out by an independent investigator, and that interim FWISD Supt. Walter Dansby was “very nice” when they spoke.

“I think they did the right thing,” Franks said. “I can go back to work, which is great. But now I just have to figure out how to fix the damage this whole thing has done to my personal life.”

Franks said since the investigation is closed, he is no longer being represented by a union attorney. He has, instead, retained the services of attorney Stephen Gordon to “represent me on any aspects of this whole thing going forward.”

He also indicated that he and Gordon would be discussing what possible actions he might take against “those people who have lied and made false allegations against me.”

While Franks had previously declined to speak to the media, Daokta Ary, his mother and Krause as their attorney went immediately to the press, telling their side of the story in several TV interviews and saying Franks and the school had violated the student’s right to freedom of speech. The case quickly became a rallying point for the religious right.

Krause this week told Dallas Voice that he and his clients are satisfied with school officials’ decision to rescind the unexcused absences the suspension left on Ary’s record, but “we would still like for them [school officials] to completely vindicate him and say that he did nothing wrong. He should never have been written up for an infraction. He should never have been sent to the office, and he should never have been suspended.”

Ary said in media interviews that he made the comment quietly to a classmate sitting next to him in response to a discussion going on in the class

at the time.

But Franks told friends shortly after the incident that there was no discussion involving homosexuality at the time, and that Ary made the comment loudly while looking directly at Franks.

Franks also told friends that the comment was only the latest in an ongoing series of incidents in which Ary and a group of three of his friends have made anti-gay comments to and about him.

Franks told friends that the harassment by Ary and his friends began several weeks ago after Franks, who also teaches sociology, posted on the “World Wall” in his classroom a photo, taken from the German news magazine Stern, of two men kissing. The photo was ripped off the wall and torn in two at some point during Ary’s class, and Franks told friends he believes that Ary or one of his friends tore up the photo.

During a later sociology class students upset that the photo had been torn up replaced it with a hand-drawn picture, and another student then covered that picture with a page bearing a hand-written biblical scripture from Leviticus calling sex between two men an abomination.

Franks told friends that since that incident, Ary and his friends had continued to make derogatory and harassing comments.

Franks’ friends also said that the teacher, a Fulbright scholar, has been the target of anti-gay harassment for at least the last two years, including having hateful messages left in his classroom and, in one case, having his car vandalized.

FWISD teacher Martin Vann, spokesman for the group LGBTQ S.A.V.E.S. that was formed about a year ago to help protect students and teachers in the district from anti-gay discrimination and bullying, said that Franks told his version of the incident last week, before the current investigation was launched and Franks was required to sign a statement saying he would not discuss the incident with other teachers, administrators, parents or students. Vann said Franks denied getting angry and yelling at Ary, as Ary had said, and reiterated that Ary’s comments were not pertinent to any discussion in the class at the time.

Vann said Franks told him that another student had asked him what the German word for “Christian” was, and how, if he moved to Germany, he could find an English translation of the Bible. That’s when, Franks told Vann, Ary looked di-



Dakota Ary

rectly at him and said loudly that as a Christian, he believes homosexuality is wrong.

It was not, Franks told Vann, a simple statement of belief or opinion but rather an intentional effort to insult and harass the teacher that Ary perceived to be gay.

Krause this week again said that Ary did not direct his remark in class that day at Franks, and that Ary had nothing to do with tearing down the photo of the men kissing.

The attorney also said that Ary told him he did not know to whom Franks was referring when he talked about Ary’s “three friends.”

The Franks case comes in the wake of months of scandal over allegations by teachers that administrators routinely allowed some teachers and administrators to harass and bully students and other teachers, and that teachers who complained often faced retaliation.

Vasquez, who is openly gay, said Wednesday that he believed the Franks investigation would be fair, that he would watch the situation closely

“to make sure all the proper procedures are followed,” and that he believed Dansby would handle the situation fairly.

“Considering all the problems we’ve had, I know he [Dansby] will be watching this closely,” Vasquez said.

Vasquez said it is the school district’s responsibility to make sure there is “no harassment in our schools, whether it’s from the teacher to the student, or student to student or even student to teacher. I know that happens, sometimes, too.”

“There should be no harassment whatsoever in our schools,” Vasquez, himself a former teacher, said.

Fort Worth ISD has been credited with having one of the most comprehensive anti-bullying and anti-harassment policies in the state, having adopted individual policies within the last year to include prohibitions against harassment and bullying, including that based on sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, for both teachers and students. ■

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LIFEWALK

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tional, unwelcome expense. But Nobles said she isn't going to worry about that until after this weekend's event. Right now, her main concern is getting people out to participate in this year's fundraiser.

"Anyone can participate in LifeWalk," Nobles said. "You can walk alone or bring friends or join a team. We even have poop-out vans: In case you can't walk the entire three-mile route, someone will pick you up and bring you back to the park to have a good time."

She also invited people to just come to the park and cheer.

"We need cheerleaders at the start and finish and at the water stations," Nobles said. "We have pompoms for anyone who wants to cheer the walkers on."

Registration for LifeWalk is \$40 for people and \$10 for dogs participating in LifeBark. People get a T-shirt and dogs get a bandana to show their support for people with HIV.

AIDS Arms is the primary beneficiary of LifeWalk, but other organizations also receive funds from the event, including AIDS Services of Dallas, Legal Hospice of Texas, Turtle Creek Chorale, The Women's Chorus, Bryan's House, Resource Center Dallas and the Greg Dollgener Memorial AIDS

Fund.

Money raised goes toward programming rather than capital costs. The chorale uses funds for their HIV fund, including giving tickets to performances through the year to people with AIDS.

Nobles praised that effort, saying that socializing is an important holistic element in treating HIV.

The Women's Chorus will present a program at AIDS Arms in March on National HIV Women's Day. Those expenses, Nobles said, should be covered by the group's LifeWalk proceeds.

Nobles said it would be tempting for AIDS Arms to use the money to finish paying off the agency's new Trinity Health and Wellness Center in Oak Cliff. She said that the new facility cost more than \$2 million, and AIDS Arms needs to raise just \$35,000 more to pay off the facility.

Trinity Health and Wellness Center opened in September and will have its formal grand opening in two weeks.

But despite the temptation, AIDS Arms will instead use proceeds from LifeWalk to support programs for clients at Trinity as well as at AIDS Arms' older clinic, Peabody Health Center in South Dallas.

AIDS Arms also uses the money to administer HIV tests to more than 3,500 people a year and for case management for more than 3,400 people.

LifeWalk began in 1990 as a fundraiser for Oak



LifeWalk Co-Chairs Marvin Green, left, Fred Harris

Lawn Community Services. When that agency closed, management of the event moved to AIDS Arms.

LifeWalk Co-chair Marvin Green noted that his Green Team will mark its 20th year of participation in LifeWalk. He said he put the team together for the first time in the second year of LifeWalk because he had already lost 20 friends to AIDS.

That first year, three team members raised \$75. This year, the 32-member Green Team has collected about \$22,000.

Co-chair Fred Harris said that there were quite a few new teams this year.

"We're reaching out to new communities," Harris said. "There's new energy. We're branching outside Oak Lawn."

He said teams are using creative new ways to raise money and AIDS Arms has actively brought in new sponsors such as Chipotle.

"Stoli is coming with a first-ever LifeWalk drink," Nobles said. Returning sponsor Caven

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LIFEWALK

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Enterprises will serve beer and Ben E. Keith donated iced tea.

Harris said planning has gone well, and that "LifeWalk is a well-oiled machine."

Harris said he has seen more use of social media this year than ever, reaching out to people outside the Metroplex.

"This year Facebook has become a very powerful tool," he said, not just for fundraising but also for recruiting walkers.

Last year, about 3,500 people walked, and this year, "Registration is ahead of where we were this time last year," Harris said.

Waterpalooza, another AIDS Arms event, was moved to Pride weekend this year, just two weeks prior to LifeWalk. Harris said they took advantage of that event to sign up teams and walkers and generate excitement for this weekend's walk.

Among the new teams, Harris said, are the DFW Sisters.

"Their efforts have been tireless," he said. "They raise the bar."

Nobles said that WFAA Channel 8 morning anchor Ron Corning will serve as M.C. in Lee Park. Although he's appeared at several events since arriving in Dallas, this is the first big public event the openly gay television host has emceed.

LifeWalk received the Human Rights Campaign family-friendly designation, and Nobles said there will be bounce houses, clowns and face-painting for children.

Harris said the event is pet-friendly as well, "because pets are our family."

There will be games and puppy pools for dogs as well as doggie adoptions, Nobles said.

She said the day would be a lot of fun but asked people to participate because the need is greater than ever.

"With the growth in the number of newly-infected people in Dallas County who need help in this economy, we're seeing people who never would ask but must," she said.

Next year, Nobles said, she would like to see LifeWalk return to Oak Lawn, but new city regulations for events may change those plans. Among the events changing plans this year because of the city involved Lone Star Ride.

Last year, Lone Star Riders participated in LifeWalk on bike. This year, city regulations banned bikes from walks so LSR riders who participate will have to walk.

Green was thinking about bigger plans for future LifeWalks. Other cities that raise more money stage longer walks. He said he'd love to use the new Downtown Deck Park that should be completed next year and dreamed of seeing LifeWalkers crossing the new suspension bridge that should be open in March 2012.



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Kaleidoscope joins the fight for equality

New London-based advocacy organization is getting a warm welcome from British politicians and the international media

As Pride celebrations continue around North Texas, a new London-based LGBT organization is getting off to a sensational start.

Kaleidoscope International Diversity Trust has clearly been in the works for some time; it already has an attractive website, KaleidoscopeTrust.com, with a mission statement, backgrounders, personal stories, donation options and a newsletter free for the asking.

Kaleidoscope — the instrument, not the organization — was named by its 19th century Scottish inventor, Sir David Brewster, who combined three Greek words: kalos = beautiful, eides = form and scopos = watcher.

It seems a fine choice of organizational name, for LGBTs are beautiful in our variety, formed by countless influences, and ever so watchful.

Kaleidoscope — the organization, not the instrument — made BBC World News and thus, the local NPR station very early the next day, when two of its founders were interviewed.

One was an American who works in the United Kingdom, the other a Nigerian who has asylum in the U.K. The interview was brief and quite straightforward, ending with both men acknowledging how far their adopted country has come in terms of LGBT rights and recognitions, but asserting it still has far to go. For while the U.K. recognizes domestic partnerships, the American must fly home to New York to marry his guy, and the Nigerian must fight prejudice against his color and his sexuality.

Yet Kaleidoscope's welcome by official Britain could scarcely have been warmer.

On Monday, Member of Parliament and Minister for International Development Alan Duncan issued a statement welcoming the Kaleidoscope Trust, labeling it "outrageous that people across the world are still subject to arrest, detention or even death" because they are LGBT, and reminding the world that the U.K. had in March 2011 "published an action plan" aimed at fighting discrimination worldwide.

(Not incidentally, MP Duncan is gay and a Conservative and lists his partner in official biographies.)

That's not all. Kaleidoscope's launch merited a House of Commons reception "hosted by Speaker John Bercow MP," the organization's honorary president. Plus its director is Lance Price, a prominent journalist who worked both for the BBC and for the Labour government of Tony Blair.

Joining them in praising Kaleidoscope were Prime Minister David Cameron, Labour Party leader Ed Milliband and Liberal Democrat leader Nick Clegg.

Amazing to hear competitive politicians speaking with one voice. But then Bercow, Cameron, Milliband and many of their colleagues are Oxford "old boys."

The outlier, Clegg, graduated from Cambridge; perhaps he is allowed into the club because he speaks four languages.

On its website, Kaleidoscope uses a quote from Chinese philosopher Confucius and another from United Nations Secretary Ban Ki-Moon, plus a speech Archbishop Desmond Tutu gave to a U.N. panel on decriminalizing homosexuality.

Its theme: "This wave of hate must stop." And in Britain, MPs, straight media stars and gay rights activists are lining up to support the group.

Far and away the cutest and — if his BBC comments were an indication — the most charming is Bisi Alimi. He studied theater at the University of Lagos until he was expelled for being gay and was the first Nigerian to announce his sexuality on TV, after which his family threw him out, his bosses fired him and many strange people threatened to murder him outright. Now he is studying at an English university and works with a number of human rights/gay rights groups.

By contrast, the most appalling of gay rights activists is London-based "pastor" Rowland Jide Macaulay. For some reason, Kaleidoscope chose to include Macaulay's essay, "Leave My Father Alone," on its website.

His main points were that Nigerians should not criticize his father's love of him, the gay son, and that his father still disapproved of him. Then Macaulay wrote this: "At least we agreed that homosexuals cannot be compared to thieves, prostitutes, drunkards and robbers, but to dwarfs and people with physically (sic) disability." (Feel free to object online; I did.)

Further, as coverage of the Kaleidoscope kickoff pointed out, "At present, homosexuality is illegal in 76 countries [and] at least five countries — Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Mauritania and Sudan — have used the death penalty against gay people." (I'd say more; think of the treatment of LGBTs on much of

Asia's mainland and on nearby islands.)

In any case, Kaleidoscope has work to do at home and abroad. But the Guardian of London reported that it "intends to leave U.K. gay rights campaigning to the long-established advocacy group Stonewall."

Stonewallers and other progressives, are we up for the fight? What can we do here in Dallas? Remember: On Jan. 27, 2011, mere hours after his State of the Union speech, President Barack Obama proclaimed, "LGBT rights are not special rights; they are human rights."

Yes. Sure. But the fight for human rights is ongoing because, as George Orwell knew, some of our fellow humans will always believe that "All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others."

We're among the others. ■
Phyllis Guest is a longtime activist on political and LGBT issues and a member of Stonewall Democrats of Dallas.

Rediscovering Puerto Vallarta

Despite warnings about the rise in violence from the drug war in Mexico, PV remains a safe and friendly haven for LGBT travelers

I fell in love with Puerto Vallarta decades ago. In fact, it was before I ever even visited there. It was when I was a teenager and I was reading the news stories about Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton escaping there after they left Europe.

Their scandalous romance on the set of Cleopatra in the early 1960s had made them the prey of photographers and reporters from all over the world.

So still married to others, they fled to the tiny Mexican village nestled in a cove and surrounded by mountains where Burton filmed the Night of the Iguana. They bought a house in Puerto Vallarta with the hope it would be a respite from the prying eyes of the world.

Of course, the media just followed them there, and before you knew it Puerto Vallarta was catapulted into fame. And the tiny fishing and agricultural village grew to become a world-class tourist destination.

I made up my mind in those early days that I would one day also visit Puerto Vallarta. But I had a while to wait because I was only, like, 13 at the time, if that old. I think my family would have

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sort of frowned on that idea — as they did just about everything else I proposed.

But I eventually did make it down there, and I've been traveling to Puerto Vallarta for a really long time now.

I know the city well, and I certainly can still find Elizabeth Taylor's old house. I had the good fortune to get to tour it years ago after someone else bought it from her.

This year for my 62nd birthday, I decided to return to Puerto Vallarta. Two friends — one a high school friend who now lives in Montgomery, Ala., and the other a college friend who lives in Houston — met me there.

I hadn't been to Puerto Vallarta in two years because, like many people, I had been alarmed by the rise of the drug-war violence. But I decided to abandon caution and revisit the city I love.

A lot of other LGBT travelers obviously had the same idea. While I was there, I saw quite a few faces from Dallas, and I met many nice people from Los Angeles, New York City, Australia, Las Vegas and even Memphis.

One of the first treks my friends and I made was to go find Elizabeth's old house, in the hills on a remote, cobblestoned street.



David Webb
The Rare Reporter

The two houses she owned on opposite sides of the street are now under restoration by a new owner, but the little pink bridge arching over the street connecting them is still there.

After that, we proceeded for days to sate ourselves on great food at the sidewalk cafes and fine

restaurants the city offers, and on drinks at the many gay bars in the Old Town area, which is known as the Romantic Zone.

We also decided to get really active and went on the tree canopy tour outside of the city. This involves hiking 800 meters up a jungle-covered mountain, being attached by a pulley to a series of cables and gliding through the air down the mountain until you reach a bar on the edge of the river.

The next day we went on a boat cruise, called "Wet and Wild," down the ocean coast. The cruise proved to be aptly named, as the crew was able to serve an amazing number of drinks in some



highly creative ways on the seven-hour trip.

The U.S. State Department has issued a travel warning about the state of Jalisco, which includes Puerto Vallarta, but the city seems to have been spared the drug-war violence that apparently is concentrated in more remote areas.

Acapulco has been plagued by violence, but it is much further to the south on the Pacific Ocean coast.

Despite the warnings and the scary headlines,

Puerto Vallarta seems to be as popular with LGBT people as it always was, and the town's people still welcome us with open arms.

I did catch someone trying to pick my wallet out of my pocket on a street in front of a nightclub one night, but they abandoned the idea of separating me from it when I raised a fuss. The same thing could happen in Dallas, Los Angeles or New York.

Actually, it happened to me once before in Puerto Vallarta about five years ago and I lost the wallet. This time I was more alert to what was going on around me.

In a far more serious incident, a Canadian man who was married to a Mexican woman was stabbed to death in his home on May 30 and robbed of \$20,000 in his safe. But again anyone who keeps that kind of cash at home is asking for trouble. It could happen anywhere.

The really good news is that Puerto Vallarta is still charming and apparently safe. What's more, the decline in tourism has led to some really good travel deals for both airline flights and lodging. So if you have the nerve, it's a great time to visit this fabulous city.

I'll be going back again. I'm dying to know how Elizabeth's house turns out after the restoration. ■

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An awakening of their own

How Baylor classmates Josh Gonzalez and Matt Tolbert teamed up onstage — and in real life — for WaterTower's 'Spring Awakening'

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Matt Tolbert may be just barely old enough to drink legally (he'll turn 23 in October), but he's already an experienced theater hand.

Four months ago, he was finishing up his last semester at Baylor University before a May graduation, but he'd already made his professional debut earlier this year, hanging upside down as a torture victim in WaterTower Theatre's production of *The Lieutenant of Inishmore*. Soon after that, he co-established a theater company and produced a show for the Out of the Loop Fringe Festival; as of last week, his day job is assistant to WTT's producing artistic director, Terry Martin.

"I guess you could say I'm aggressive about my career," Tolbert concedes, "though I say I'm just highly motivated."

And one thing he was motivated about was getting cast in WaterTower's upcoming production of *Spring Awakening*. Ever since Tolbert learned of the show, he'd wanted to be in it, so when WTT put it on their 2011-12 schedule, he knew he'd audition. But even more, he wanted to be in it with his partner Josh Gonzalez.

The two met several years ago while both were studying at Baylor (Gonzalez is still there, with plans to graduate next spring); for the past two years, they have been a couple. But while they have been in shows at the same time, they have never shared a scene. *Spring Awakening* seemed like a good chance for them to do a musical together.

"I was in love with the show and when I heard WaterTower was doing it, I jumped at the chance," says Gonzalez, 21. "[Matt and I] have been in five shows together before — this will be our sixth —

but we very rarely interact onstage. This is our first time to get to act."

The plan was for Tolbert to play Hanschen, the slightly predatory gay teen, and Gonzalez to play Ernst, the object of his lustful urges in the explicit, sexually charged musical about the yearning of 19th century youth (which oddly echoes the same feelings of youth in the 21st century). Still, getting cast was hardly a sure thing, even with Tolbert's connections at the theater.

So this summer, Tolbert studied voice with Mark Mullino, who was about to start work as the music director on *Spring Awakening*. Tolbert planted seeds with Mullino that he and Gonzalez would be interested in doing the show.

Alas, it seemed destined not to happen.

"Matt went to the audition but I couldn't go because I was in New York," sighs Gonzalez. Not only that, but once the call-back list was released, Tolbert was asked to re-audition... for the role of Ernst.

"I thought, 'Damn! I missed my chance,'" says Gonzalez.

But, despite the downbeat message of *Spring Awakening*, true love was determined to find a way.

Martin, who is directing the show, decided to do a second round of call-backs. Gonzalez thought maybe he could try out for Hanschen, "even though Matt would be a better Hanschen than me. Or I could just be in the ensemble — I would do anything," he says.

Tolbert and Gonzalez auditioned together; Martin asked them to sing one of the show's signature songs, "The Bitch of Living," with each other. They did it once. Audition over.

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It wasn't until the next day they were both cast as they'd hoped: Tolbert as Hanschen, Gonzalez as Ernst. It's a dynamic that has been fed by their own relationship.

"It was a lot easier to do once we started rehearsals," Tolbert says. "We didn't need to choreograph the kiss. But we like [recreating] the awkwardness of the seduction — even though Hanschen is the seducer, it's his first time, too."

Still, art does not imitate life — at least not in this instance.

"Ernst is a little confused throughout most of the show, because he's not exactly sure what he wants, but ultimately he just wants someone to be intimate with," Gonzalez says. "The tragedy is that Hanschen just wants someone to have fun with."

In real life, the couple is truly committed. Gonzalez is still in school in Waco, meaning he has to commute several times a week to attend rehearsals. When he's able, he stays in town with Tolbert. Well, sort of — they both stay at Tolbert's parents' house, though in separate rooms.

"It's interesting because our families don't know we're gay — we just came out to our close friends this summer," Tolbert explains.

That's likely to change soon. Especially after opening night.

"Obviously there's a little chemistry — how could there not be?" Gonzalez admits. Tolbert agrees the friends and family they are not out to yet will probably figure it out. But until they do, it's enough to combine work and romance.

"It's great we can share [the kiss]. I trust him completely... and I don't want him to kiss another guy. Our goal is never to have our understudies go on," Gonzalez says.

Ah, young love... ■

UP AGAINST THE WALL | Gonzalez and Tolbert will share their first scene — and first onstage kiss — as the gay couple in WaterTower's sexually frank musical 'Spring Awakening.' (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

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Comedian/drag queen P.T. may look like Wendy Williams, but his message to queer youth is no gimmick

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Dallas drag queen P.T. has his sights set on one thing: *The Wendy Williams Show*. He has a good reason: His spot-on take on the talk show celeb was so successful, Williams' own TV show took notice, asking him to produce a video of his work as her doing celebrity news. Now, he's vying to be the first female impersonator on her show.

"That is my goal," he says. "She's had gay people on her show, but no drag. I would love to be the first to sit with her for 'Hot Topics.'"

P.T. just turned 50, but that doesn't hold him back from big ambitions. He's worked the talk show circuit before, appearing on *Maury Povich*. His video made it to Williams' producers, though was not selected. Still, he hopes to use this exposure as a springboard to get his message out.

"I'd love to do radio one day and report celebrity news," he says. "I could still do it here in Dallas, but if the money and time are right, I'd move as well. I'd love to, even."

People can see P.T. in action Thursday and Sunday nights at Havana. He's been the headlining entertainment there for seven years with his sass intact. He threatens to read a queen if they get out of line during his show, but mostly, his act is sort of the Oprah of drag: When people walk out that door, he wants them to feel better inside and leave a bit more educated.

"My job is not to put someone down, but to make them feel good," he says. "I use my comedy for that as well as to encourage people to do unto others. I believe in that. And I will try to teach where I can. Every chance I get. So many younger folks just don't know what gay Pride is

about."

If P.T. has one thing to say, it's to know your history. And when it comes to Pride, he finds that much is getting lost as younger generations develop into the community. He won't separate gay Pride from black Pride — which kicks off this weekend in Dallas — because to him it's all the same: A struggle to be better.

"To see where we come from is to see how our rights developed," he says. "Kids don't know where this Pride came from. Just because we have parties and parades, there's a reason why I can be a drag queen or why [same-sex couples] can hold hands in public. There's something to be grateful for."

He knows Pride will always have the parties to go with it, but the spectacle of celebration, in his eyes, can't overshadow the mere reason for Pride. There's history there, and P.T. wants to talk about it.

"I think it's sad that some don't know what Stonewall is," he bemoans. "When I went to New York, the first place I wanted to go was the Stonewall Inn — I needed to see that for myself. You only get what you fight for and you only fight for what you know about. We're all in it for the same thing and we know it's not gonna come to us easily."

P.T. expounds on the history of black Pride in Dallas, crediting Ray Dyer as starting the celebration at the old club The Metro, now Club Elm and Pearl Street. This is also where the then-Lady P.T. started his work in Dallas, coming from Austin.

Initially, The Metro wasn't a hotspot for drag, so he performed more as a host and entertainer, starting in 1994. That changed as Dyer saw the

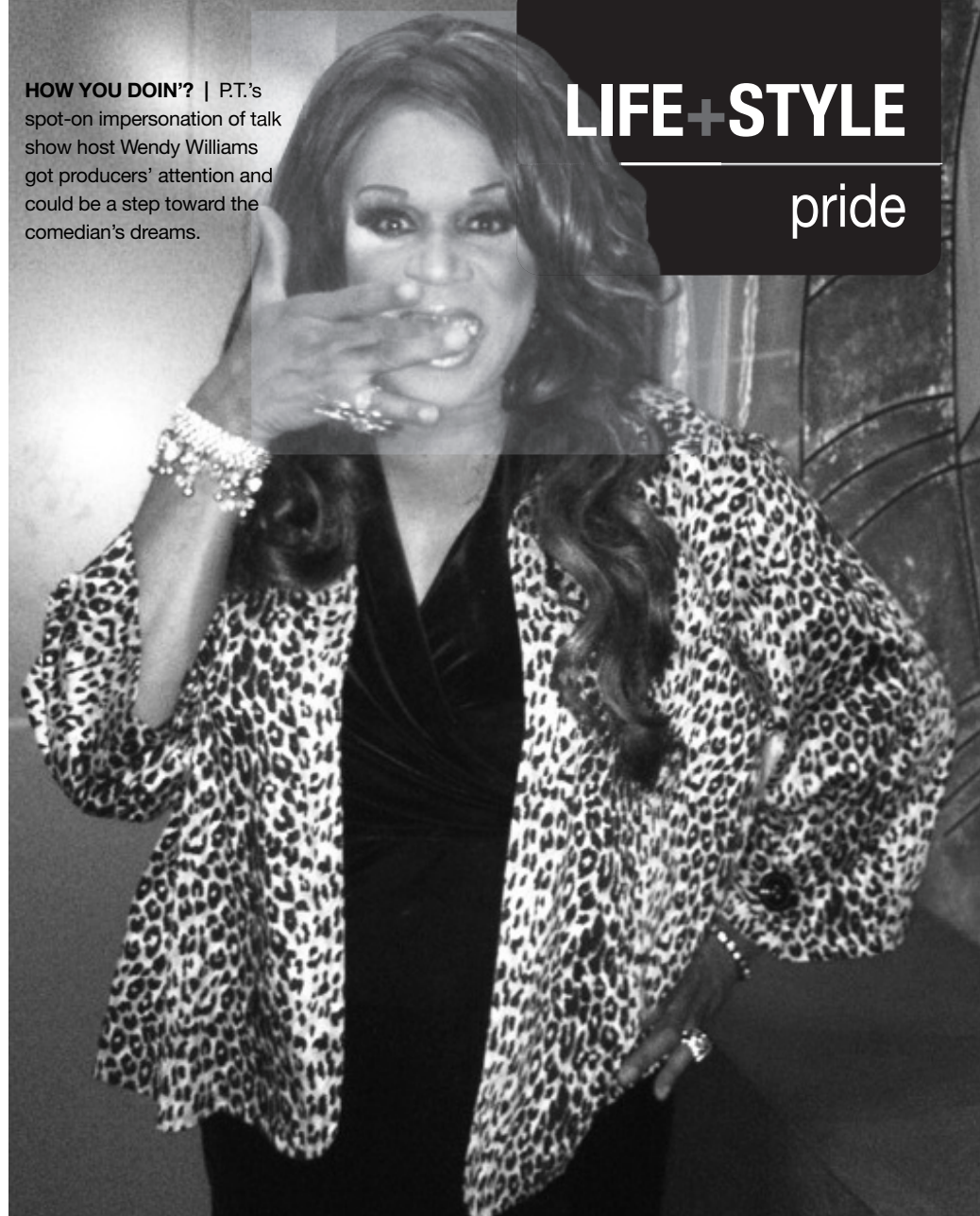
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importance of it as well as the revenue it could bring. Lady P.T. was back on track, but it wasn't until 2001 that he officially incorporated stand-up into his act — in and out of drag. He put in time at the Improv to hone his new skill, but it was also a sort of therapy.

"I had a tragic incident that made me look at life different," he admits.

He doesn't go into details over what changed his life so much. But that incident redefined his outlook on life. For P.T., he knows tomorrow doesn't show up for everyone.

"If I did not have that wake up call, I wouldn't be reaching for myself," he says. "I see some gray hairs but life doesn't feel different. This is the only time I get to do what I wanna do."

He's living proof of that. Fifty is a milestone birthday, but P.T. proves that no age is too old to still aim high. Only now, he has the wisdom to be patient.

"It took me about four years trying to get Wendy's attention and she finally acknowledged me," he says. "That told me not to give up. Everybody deserves a chance." ■

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— Rich Lopez

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Third Annual Black LGBT Community Summit with speakers Cleo Manago and Steve Wakefield. *Marriott City Center, 650 N. Pearl St. 1 p.m. DFWPrideMovement.org.*

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Cirque du Freak party with DJs C. Wade and Unique and adult film star Ty Lattimore. *The Brick, 2525 Wycliff Ave. 10 pm. Sponsored by 7Connection. DallasSouthernPride.com.*

The Dom: A Night of Dominance with DJ Laid Back. *Victory Tavern City Grille, 2501 N. Houston St. 10 p.m. \$15. DallasHerStory.com.*

Him4Him All-Star Friday Pride Boyzz Night Out with Sex Siren competition. *Club Elm and Pearl, 2204 Elm St. 10 p.m. ElmAndPearl.com.*

Saturday

HisStory/HerStory: Telling Our Story inter-generational discussion. *Marriott City Center, Plaza A. Noon. DFWPrideMovement.org.*

The Ex-Factor. Q-Roc Ragsdale talks about ex-partners and living in the same community. Presented by Q-Roc.TV. *Marriott City Center, Nice Room. 2 p.m. DFWMovement.org.*

TransFormation. Valerie Spencer discusses trans topics within the black community. *Marriott City Center, Champagne Room. 3:15 p.m. DFWPrideMovement.org.*

HIV through the Looking Glass. Adult stars Ty Lattimore, Rock Rockafella and Remy Mars discuss HIV in the adult film industry. *Marriott City Center, Normandy Room AB. 3:15 p.m. DFWPrideMovement.org.*

That's Not Love, That's Stupid is designed to educate participants on relationship issues. *Marriott City Center, Nice Room. 3:15 p.m.*

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YOU ROCK | Adult film actor and entrepreneur Rock Rockafella is one of several African-American porn stars who will appear at Dallas Black Pride events.

Marriott City Center Plaza C. 3-7 p.m. DFWMovement.org.

Uncut (Sex and the Modern Man). GLO TV live taping with Maurice Jamal. *Marriott City Center, Plaza A. 3-5 p.m. GLOTVNetwork.com.*

Full Throttle Fashion Explosion hosted by Midweek Meltdown. *Marriott City Center, Plaza AB. 8-10 p.m. DFWMovement.org.*

Her4Her's Seductive Saturday Femme Figure and Stud Realness Show featuring guest dancers. *Club Elm and Pearl, 2204 Elm St. 10 p.m. DallasSouthernPride.com.*

Cirque du Male party with all-male circus. Presented by 7Connection. *J. Pepé's, 2720 N. Stemmons Freeway. DallasSouthernPride.com.*

Sunday

Living Faith Covenant Church worship service featuring the DFW Pride Movement Gospel Choir. *Marriott City Center, Normandy Room AB. Noon. LivingFaithDFW.org.*

Family Affair Carnival is a family-friendly event featuring bounce houses, petting zoo and games. *Club Elm and Pearl, 2204 Elm St. 4 p.m. DallasSouthernPride.com*

Black Pride Dinner at Catfish Blues, 1011 Corinth St. *from 2-5 p.m. DFWPrideMovement.org.*

Whip My Hair inaugural gay Pride hair show with DJ Black Cat and MC Sister Ida Mae Watergate. Presented by 7Connection and Tysin and Starr Entertainment. *The Brick, 2525 Wycliff Ave. 7 p.m. DallasSouthernPride.com.*

The Lipstick Ball 2011 is the official after party with local performer Shemar Collins Dupree. *Radisson Hotel, 2204 Elm St. in the grand ballroom. Midnight. DallasSouthernPride.com.*

'Tomorrow' is today

Producer Frankmusik revitalizes Erasure as the group hits its quarter century



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TOMORROW'S WORLD
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It's hard to believe that a quarter of a century ago, we were introduced to Erasure with *Wonderland*. "Oh L'Amour" and "Who Needs Love Like That" still stand strong — much more so than anything Erasure has recorded in the past decade.

That changes with the release of their 14th studio album, *Tomorrow's World*. Thanks to producer Frankmusik, Erasure regains the excitement of *Wonderland* and those early releases, but still pushes forward with polish.

Frankmusik and mixer Rob Orton have worked their electronica magic on Lady Gaga and Pet Shop Boys, but their work with Erasure seems, as Frankmusik has dubbed it, a calling. Without dismissing their classic sound, the album is distinctly Erasure but dusted off and refreshed with a solid modern take, apparent from the start with "Be With You" and "Fill Us with Fire." Vince Clarke and Andy Bell composed all nine tracks and yes, they run with a dance beat, but Frankmusik and Orton update it with a crispness the band has been waning on. The two tracks reflect the energy and the beats that flow in and out of the album keeping it consistent and exciting.

Electronica blues may sound like an irony, but they pull it off in "You've Got To Save Me Now." Bell mans up to the challenge with a soulful delivery that's buoyed by a very modern take on a bluesy beat and lyrics like *When everything was better you'd hang on the wrong meanin' / When love is so demeaning / I got to pick myself up off the floor*. This approach pushes Erasure's direction without stretching them out of shape into something you can't recognize.

The first single, "When I Start (To Break it All Down)," mirrors the vibrancy of the first two tracks. Bell delivers a masterful emotional performance here that works with the woeful lovey-dovey lyrics. The song is peppy, but genuinely earnest thanks to Bell.

With so much right here, the album still has a couple of trip-ups. In "A Whole Lotta Love Run Riot," they take on a meditation on celebrity, but the lyrics get a bit corny. Celebs singing about celebs doesn't make a whole lot of sense, but whatever. Forget the lyrics and take in the beat. The music track is so clean and powerful; it's like taking a bath in techno. The same goes for "I Lose Myself." Erasure turns in their angry tune, but the clichés add up to a forgettable track. *I got rid of that chip on my shoulder / I never thought I'd be tough enough / Ain't that what your momma told ya* are lost but the music is fine. Although, if they really wanted to be angry, throw in a screeching guitar.

My hope is "Then I Go Twisting" becomes their signature song here as well as in the pantheon of Erasure classics. It's the loveliest and most fun moment on *Tomorrow*. In some ways it's prophetic as Bell sings *Sick of this techno monophonic sounds* and then later, *More of the same stuff / I don't wanna let you wind down*. They don't, though the album begins to wind down here. The song deserves two things — great headphones and your attention. Go out, buy some high-end cans and let Bell's voice, the thumpy bass and crisp keyboards seep into your ears and body. Crappy earbuds won't cut it for this piece of music euphoria.

Tomorrow's World puts them back on track to the Erasure we love. Their last few albums we saw Erasure falling into itself losing some of their clever whimsy and energy. The symbiotic relationship between the band and Orton and Frankmusik created a strong album, but recreated the excitement of their early releases.

Welcome back. ■

ON THE EDGE | Pop gods Andy Bell and Vince Clarke made a name with consumable '80s dance beats, but their latest album introduces their fans to a new phase in the storied career of Erasure.

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While some people consider it a milestone to get to the gym twice a week, Davis Kennedy and Graham Cauthorn have made a lifestyle of working out almost twice daily — sometimes more often. This sunrise, sunset fitness routine is vital for their Ironman training (a triathlon event consisting of long distances of swimming, biking and running), but it comes with the bonus effect: Bodies that look like chiseled marble, even though both are over 40.

With the Austin Ironman competition around the corner in October, don't be too surprised if you come across these fit fellas pedaling, splashing or sweating their way around North Texas.

— Jeff Tingley

Names and ages: Davis Kennedy, 40, and Graham Cauthorn, 47.

Length of relationship: Three years

Sports & activities: DIVA Volleyball, Lonestar Masters Swimming, Go3sports Triathlon team, softball and Ironman

Exercise regimen: Kennedy: I bike and run each four times per week, swim two to three times per week and weight/core train two times per week (if it can fit them in), so 10-12 workouts weekly depending on the schedule.

Biggest “out of commission” moment: Kennedy: I switched from softball to triathlons after having broken my hand and leg playing softball, and realizing I hurt less after a six-hour triathlon than a one-hour softball game.

Upcoming fitness goals: Both: Ironman 70.3 Austin in October and another full Ironman in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, in June 2012.

Most rewarding fitness accomplishment: Cauthorn: Finishing my first full Ironman in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho in 2010. It was an amazing experience and really great fun. The finish line is one of the most exhilarating experiences I have been fortunate enough to enjoy.

Kennedy: Finishing my first full Ironman at St. George, Utah. The finish line at an Ironman is an unbelievable experience after a long day. It's like being a rock star on stage with all the people yelling and cheering.

Workout preference: mornings or evenings? Kennedy: With triathlon training, it's both to fit in all the workouts.

Favorite spot in North Texas to exercise indoors: Kennedy: Baylor Tom Landry Fitness Center. The pool is awesome.

Least favorite workout activity: Cauthorn: Indoor cycling on the trainer! During the winter months, keeping your cycling fitness requires indoor training, which to me is pure torture. Hate it!

If you could become an Olympian in any sport, what would it be and why: Cauthorn: A swimmer, probably, because it is my strongest event in triathlon. I was not a swimmer in school, but joined Lone Star Masters when I first moved to Dallas in 1989, and turns out, I am pretty good at it.

How do you reward yourself for a great workout: Both: A big cheeseburger with fries and a chocolate shake at Fat Daddy's Burgers in Casa Linda.

TRIPLE THREATS | Kennedy, left, and Cauthorn compete in Ironman competitions: a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride followed by a full marathon. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)



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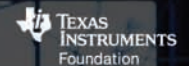
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The people's diva

2 years after her Vegas show ended, Bette still proves that 'The Showgirl Must Go On'

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Bette Midler got her start working in New York City's Continental Baths, the premier gay bathhouse in America at the time. Since then, she's gotten two Oscar nominations, won four Grammys, three Emmys and a Tony, headlines huge films and audience-grabbing TV specials. But in reality, she's still just the queen among the queens, camping it up with puns, sexual double entendres and swinging her rack around like a mink stole at a debutante ball. She may be on the Vegas stage with a 13-piece orchestra and throngs of adoring middle-ages couples, but the act is pure late-night drag club.

That's probably what has attracted the gays to Bette since her earliest days. We love Liza, care for Cher, bow to Barbra and go gaga for Gaga, but Bette? She's still one of us. Fabulous ... well, as fabulous as we imagine ourselves to be.

For two years, Bette played the Palace — Caesar's Palace on the Vegas Strip — with *The Showgirl Must Go On*, her paean to corny

glamour. It's been nearly two years since the show closed, but you can finally see it with the DVD release. And it's exactly what you think it will be.

La Bette has always known her base, so she gives shoutouts to "the gays," who have always appreciated that she proudly pioneered the "trashy singers with big tits" trend — drag queens with real-girl parts. She's not letting go of the honor easily. Vegas is a good fit for that, trafficking as it does in that sheen of tinsel and cheap glam — headdresses, scanty costumes (frequently changed), garish lighting and plenty of dazzle alongside the razzle.

Slickly filmed and fast-paced (aside from a quirky intro involving a twister that makes no sense), it's a dazzling document of the Divine Miss M's great gifts as a comedian and performer.

Her voice is still in fine shape, from "Friends" (the song that launched her to her first Grammy)

through the inescapable tearjerker "From a Distance" (her fourth Grammy), with new arrangements of classics like "Do You Want to Dance" and "The Rose" that are true to the originals without being carbon copies. That almost makes up for the one-liners she does as her alter-ego "Sophie" — Bette admits she's been telling them for 40 years, but we've laughed just as long.

True enough. That's probably why we like her so much. We both get each other. ■
Available on DVD and Blu-ray Tuesday.



QUEER CLIPS: 'RESTLESS,' 'LOVE CRIME'

Restless is, at heart, a comedy, but it's from director Gus Van Sant, so don't expect an easy *comedy*. Enoch (Henry Hopper) is an orphan who crashes funerals; at one, he meets Annabel (Mia Wasikowska), a quirky naturalist who seems as curious as he seems withdrawn. But while Enoch is haunted by the ghost of a Japanese kamikaze pilot, Annabel has her own demons.

Any other director would almost certainly have turned *Restless* into a maudlin tearjerker (even the disrespectfully crass Judd Apatow made the mawkish disaster *Funny People*). But Van Sant operates on about two settings: Crazy genius (*Milk*, *To Die For*, *Drugstore Cowboy*) and disastrous boondoggle (his misguided *Psycho* remake) though he throws some impenetrable art films in as well (*Gerry*, *Elephant*, *Last Days*). *Restless* is really none of those, though it is very good — a lighthearted look at death that never seems off-beat for its own sake. Wasikowska and Hopper, below, make a charming couple, cool but authentic, and its disarming undermining of the clichés of a doomed romance elevate it. It's



overstating to call it a feel-good movie, but you walk away refreshed, as much by the moviemaking as by the story.

— Arnold Wayne Jones

Three and a half stars.
Now playing at the Angelika Film Center Mockingbird Station.

Love Crime opens with Christine (Kristin Scott Thomas, right) and her assistant, Isabelle (Ludivine Sagnier). But this work

session isn't at the office; it's at Christine's home with the boss being flirtatious, giving her wine and gifts.

In an American movie there'd be a sexual harassment suit in the offing, but *Love Crime* is French so this will lead to more — or less. We learn that neither woman is exclusively lesbian because both sleep with men — the same man Philippe (Patrick Mille) in one instance — though not at the same time. Isabelle even asks Philippe what Christine's like in bed.

The women work in the Paris office of an American company. What begins as a tale of corporate and romantic intrigue takes a deadly turn. The less you know going in the better. Just let the story unfold deliciously, because you're in the capable hands of the late writer-director Alain Corneau.

Corneau admitted he didn't know if the women have a physical relationship, but Christine is obviously using sex to manipulate Isabelle. When she gets the younger woman to say "I love you," the impact is like a vampire biting its victim's neck.

Love Crime is a mystery Hitchcock would have been proud of. Sagnier even looks like a Hitchcock blonde as she gives what must be the widest-ranging female performance of the year, and possibly the best.

Lesbian or not, it would be a crime to miss this one.

— Steve Warren

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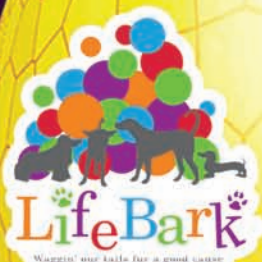
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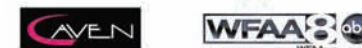
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DEETS: Fair Park, 1121 First Ave. Through Oct. 23. \$13.95. BigTex.com.

Saturday 10.01

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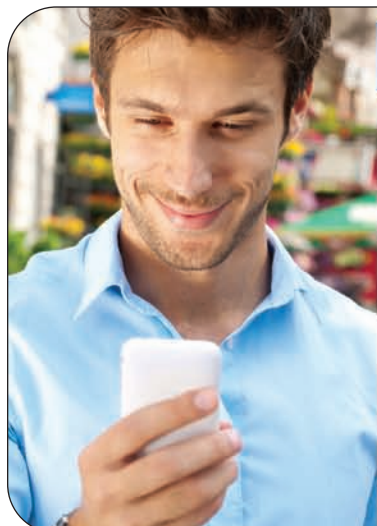
DEETS: With Nico Vega. Granada Theater, 3524 Greenville Ave. 8 p.m. \$60. GranadaTheater.com

Tuesday 10.04

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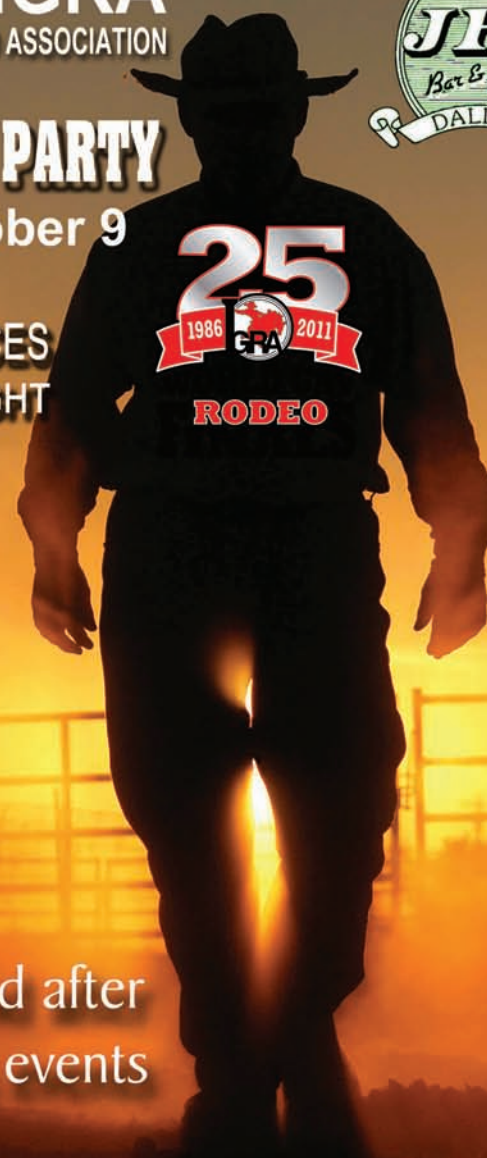


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FUSE drop-in. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. Tuesdays-Fridays at 2 p.m. DFWfuse.com.

Youth First Texas. 3918 Harry Hines Blvd. Fridays-Saturdays; Tuesdays-Wednesdays at 6 p.m., Thursdays at 4 p.m. YouthFirstTexas.org.

Unwired Dallas. Crystal Meth Anonymous (CMA) meets for those wishing to quit using meth. Also meets on Mondays and Wednesdays at the same time. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 7:30 p.m. Free. CrystalMeth.org.

Stonewall Group of Narcotics Anonymous.

Meets daily at noon and 7:30 p.m. 2438 Butler St., Ste. 108

CODA, codependents support group at Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 7 p.m. CathedralOfHope.com.

THEATER

Camp Death. Another comedy melodrama by Pocket Sandwich Theatre. 5400 E. Mockingbird Lane, Ste. 119. Through Nov. 12. \$10-\$18. Pocket-Sandwich.com.

Daddy's Dyin' (Who's Got the Will?). The Del Shores comedy opens at McKinney Performing Arts Center, 111 Tennessee St. Through Oct. 9. \$21.50. McKinneyRep.org.

Hair. The counterculture rock musical follows '60s youth searching for free-love during the Vietnam War. Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. Through Sunday. \$30-\$150. ATPAC.org.

The Tempest. DTC takes on Shakespeare in this fantastical production. Wyly Theatre, 2401 Flora St. Through Oct. 9. DallasTheaterCenter.org.

The Wizard of Oz is staged with a brand new production. Bass Hall, 525 Commerce St., Fort Worth. Through Sunday. \$33-\$82. BassHall.com.

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COMEDY

Suzanne Westenhoefer. The comedian performs during Tarrant County Pride. Sheraton Hotel, 1701 Commerce St. 8 p.m. \$25-\$30. OpenDoorProductionsTx.com.

SATURDAY 10.01

COMMUNITY

Big Pet Event featuring animal blessings, pet photographer, adoption services, original art and more. Hosted by Oak Lawn Library Friends. Dallas Public Library Oak Lawn branch, 4100 Cedar Springs Road. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oak-Lawn-Library.com.

Khush Dallas Social for LGBT South Asians. The group meets every first Saturday. For location information, call 469-454-8741 or email khushdallas@gmail.com. KhushTexas.org.

DFW Bi Net Bisexual, Bi-Curious and Allies Support Group meets. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 11 a.m. Brown bag lunch encouraged. Email SupportGroup@dfwbi.net for more details.

SPCA of Texas Pet Grief Counseling monthly program helps those who have lost an animal cope with their loss. Dealey Animal Care Center, 362 S. Industrial Blvd. 1 p.m. 214-651-9611.

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Cathedral Couples potluck dinner and social. For location, call 972-252-7124.

BROADCAST

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

SUNDAY 10.02

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LifeWalk Dallas AIDS Walk for AIDS Arms. Lee Park, 3333 Turtle Creek Blvd. 1 p.m. LifeWalk.org.

First Community Church of Dallas worship services. The church is open and affirming. FCC of Dallas, 9120 Ferguson Road. 11 a.m. FCCDFW.org.

Interweave meets for lunch. Community UUC, 2875 E. Parker Road, Plano. Noon. 972-248-9343.

Order of St. Francis and St. Clare meets. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 12:30 p.m.

Whosoever Dallas Sunday services. 807 Fletcher St. 10:45 a.m. WhosoeverDallas.org.

The ONE Church, 2515 Inwood Road, Ste 213. Services at 11:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Dallas1Church.org.

Dignity Dallas Catholic liturgy. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 6 p.m. DignityDallas.org.

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

Breath of Life Interfaith Mindfulness Fellowship. Dallas Meditation Center, 727 S. Floyd Road. 5 p.m. Donations accepted. InterMindful.com.

MONDAY 10.03

COMMUNITY

Mindful Monday Meditation hosted by Fit for Faith. In IPC Classroom A. 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.

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

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

CABARET

Mama's Party. Weekly cabaret featuring local stage actors and musicians. Contemporary Theater of Dallas, 5601 Sears St. 7 p.m. MamasParty.com.

TUESDAY 10.04

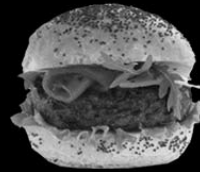
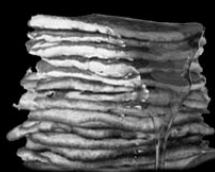
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Positive Recovery Auricular Acupuncture meets Tuesdays and Wednesdays. AIDS Outreach Center, 400 N. Beach St., Fort Worth. AOC.org.

Miracle Workers (formerly Peace Builder Leadership Team) meets in Fellowship Hall. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 6:30 p.m. CathedralOfHope.com.

FUSE Movie Night every week. For gay and bi guys up to 29. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 7 p.m. DFWFuse.com.

Tuesday Night Fellowship with The ONE Church. Buffalo Wild Wings, 4140 Lemmon Ave. 7 p.m. OneChurchTX.org.

Stop Smoking psycho-educational group by the AIDS Outreach Center, 400 N. Beach St., Fort Worth. 2 p.m.

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THEATER

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WEDNESDAY 10.05

COMMUNITY

DFW Prime Timers play bridge at member's residence. 7 p.m. Call 972-504-8866 to attend.

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

El Sol, an AIDS Outreach Center support group meets weekly. AIDS Outreach Center, 400 N. Beach St., Fort Worth. 2 p.m. AOC.org.

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

BROADCAST

Lambda Weekly. LGBT radio for North Texas. This week's guests are members of Youth First Texas. 89.3 KNON-FM at 7 a.m. LambdaWeekly.com.

THURSDAY 10.06

COMMUNITY

PFLAG Fort Worth meets. First Jefferson UUC, 1959 Sandy Lane, Fort Worth. 7 p.m. 817-428-2329. PFLAGFortWorth.org.

First Thursday Gallery Walk where all showrooms and galleries along Dragon Street in the Design District will remain open until 8 p.m. each month.

The Rotary Club of Dallas-Uptown meets every Thursday. All visitors are welcome. Hully and Mo's, 2800 Routh St. 11:45 a.m. DallasUptownRotary.org

Brokeback Dallas group for gay men married to straight women. Rec Hall of St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, 6526 Inwood Road. 7:30 p.m.


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

Standing on the Promises is the Alcoholics Anonymous group that meets at Cathedral of Hope. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for membership; A.A. is self-supporting through contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, political organization or institution. 5910 Cedar Springs Road, Room 107. Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

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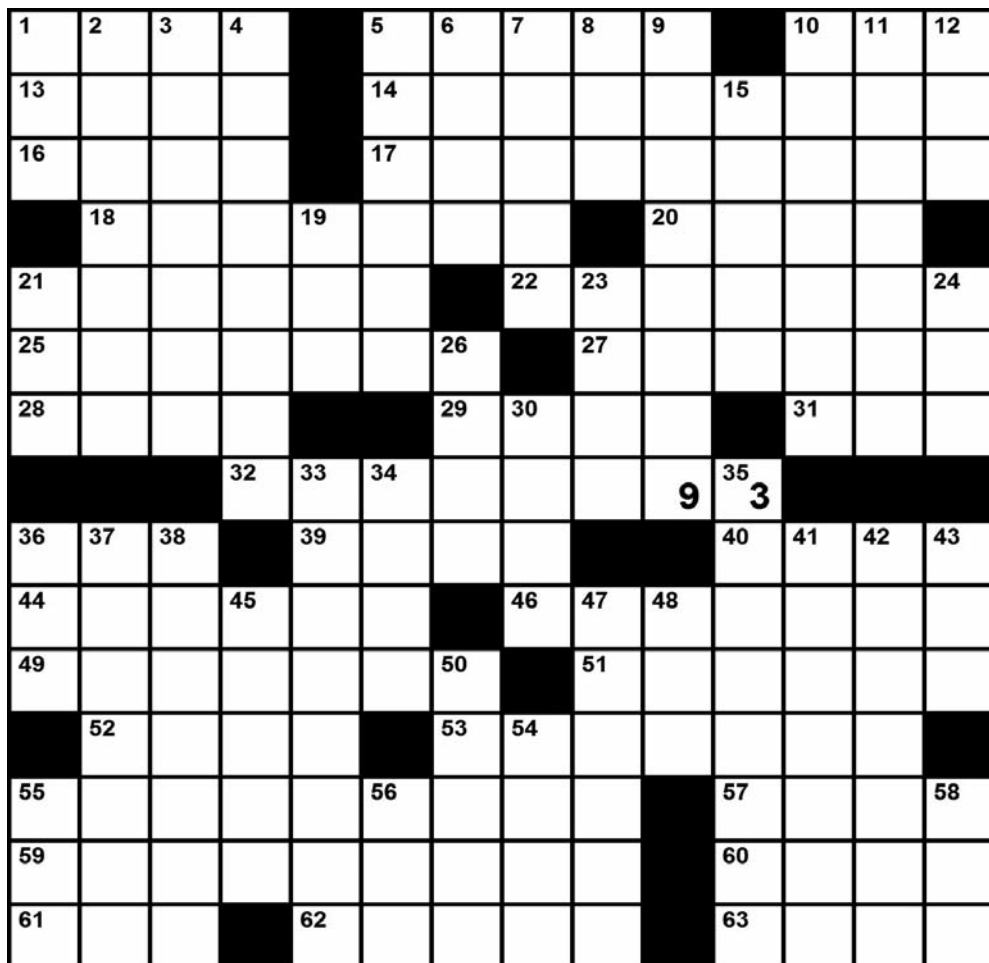
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Remembering 9-11

Solution on page 35

Across

- 1 With 49-Across, gay hero of 9-11
- 5 Part of a club name
- 10 Speed meas. of a Johnny Mathis record
- 13 Soon, long ago
- 14 Leader of men in tights
- 16 Oscar-night transport
- 17 Condoms, slangily
- 18 Most like sexy undies
- 20 Robin Williams' home, in Aladdin
- 21 Left-wingers, of old
- 22 Prepared for questioning
- 25 Gauche
- 27 Hepburn of The Children's Hour
- 28 Jerky meat
- 29 Dry as a bone
- 31 U-turn from NNW
- 32 Last journey of 1-Across
- 36 Venom source
- 39 Errol Flynn's The Sun ___ Rises
- 40 Bridal party
- 44 Loads of ships
- 46 Audit
- 49 See 1-Across

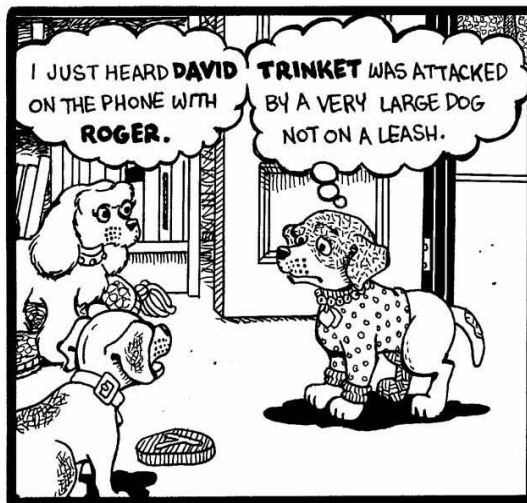
- 51 Place for a light meal
- 52 Horse that isn't hung
- 53 Tools used on the can
- 55 Cleopatra's queendom
- 57 Not using the tongue
- 59 Some eat it semi-firm
- 60 James Dean's East of ___
- 61 Shed tears
- 62 Mother-and-son piece
- 63 Overly brainy sort

Down

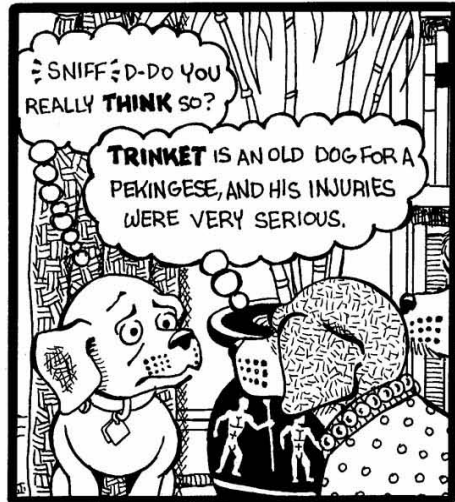
- 1 Baudelaire's Fleurs du ___
- 2 Dye ingredient
- 3 Lesbian pulp novel, perhaps
- 4 Cheap imitation
- 5 Take into custody
- 6 Wear the disguise of
- 7 Parting words
- 8 Part of a pink lady
- 9 Ticked pink
- 10 Gadabouts
- 11 Deep-dish entrees
- 12 L. Cruz and C. Torres, on Grey's Anatomy
- 15 Squirrel away
- 19 Note to be paid
- 21 Bar in the homeland of Elton John
- 23 Hold one's horses
- 24 Men Behaving Badly writer Simon
- 26 Fag ___ (women with gay friends)
- 30 P's pronounced like R's
- 33 Get slick in the shower
- 34 Ingrid's role in Casablanca
- 35 Trio that went to see Mary
- 36 Mil. jet locale
- 37 More disreputable
- 38 Illegal use of hands, to Kopay
- 41 Gate-crash
- 42 A Room with a View author
- 43 Rocker Brian
- 45 Wading bird
- 47 Peninsula where the rain falls mainly on the plain
- 48 What a man may be made of, in Oz
- 50 Oscar nominee, perhaps
- 54 House opener?
- 55 Bears org.
- 56 Here, to Colette
- 58 Put a halt to



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Dancers at Pekers.



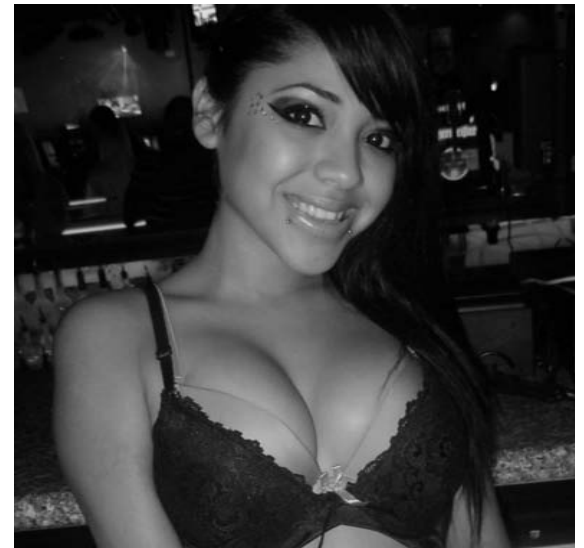
Eric and friends at Fashion Group Dallas' Fashion Night Out at the Galleria.

Well, it goes without saying that there's a lot of **Pride** going on. Cowtown gets underway with the **Tarrant County Pride Parade** on Saturday in downtown **Fort Worth** and then the **Pride Picnic** at **Trinity Park** on Sunday. Events continue throughout the week **Dallas Southern Pride** has begun already on this side of the river. Check out our **planning guide** in this issue **The Brick** gets in on DSP action with the **Cirque du Freak** party on Friday. On Sunday, the first gay Pride hair show **Whip My Hair** happens with **Tysin** hosting **Blondie** headlines the **Granada Theater** on Saturday. Head to the **Beauty Bar** for the **Official Afterparty** **Club Reflection** hosts **Pride Karaoke** on Sunday but gets dirty on Monday with the **Trash Disco Masquerade Ball** **Sue Ellen's** turns us on with **Sexy Mic Comedy** on Friday. The **Rachel Stacy Band** plays Saturday night. **Little Chalupa** lays down the law at **Reverse Karaoke** where girls sing boy songs and vice versa. It's all to welcome the **International Gay Rodeo Association** for the upcoming **World Gay Rodeo Finals** next weekend **The United Court** holds its **Candidate Presentation and Show** Saturday at the **Dallas Eagle**. Thursday night, find out who the **Bear of the Week** is with **Lips LaRue** and **Wayne Davis** **Melody Lane** hosts the **Texas Sweetheart Ball** Thursday at **Best Friends Club** This week is overflowing with fab fun!

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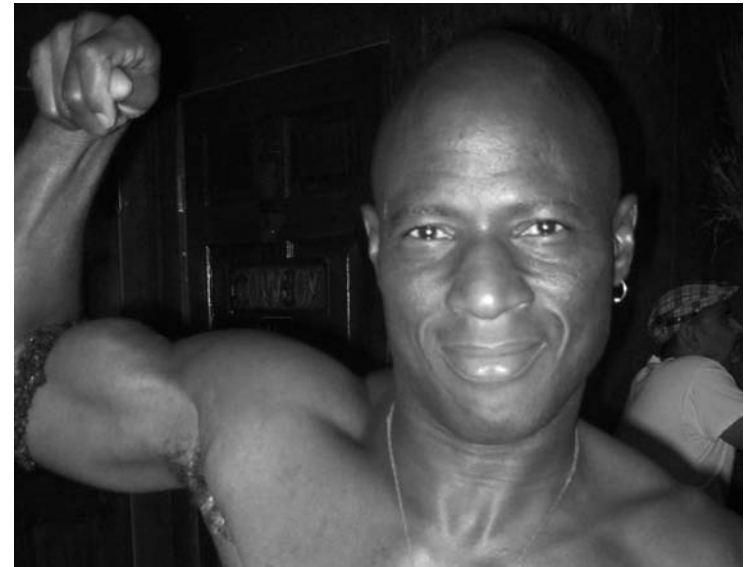
Keri, Jimmy and Donna at the Rainbow Lounge.



Andrea at the Brick.



Juan and Deshan at TMC: The Mining Company.



Josh at Reflections.



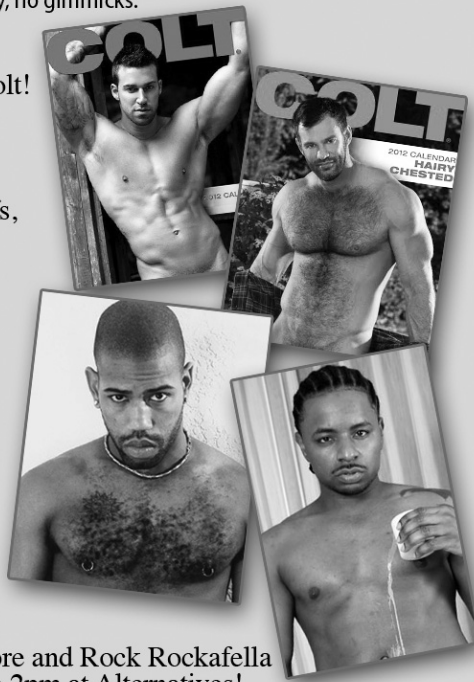
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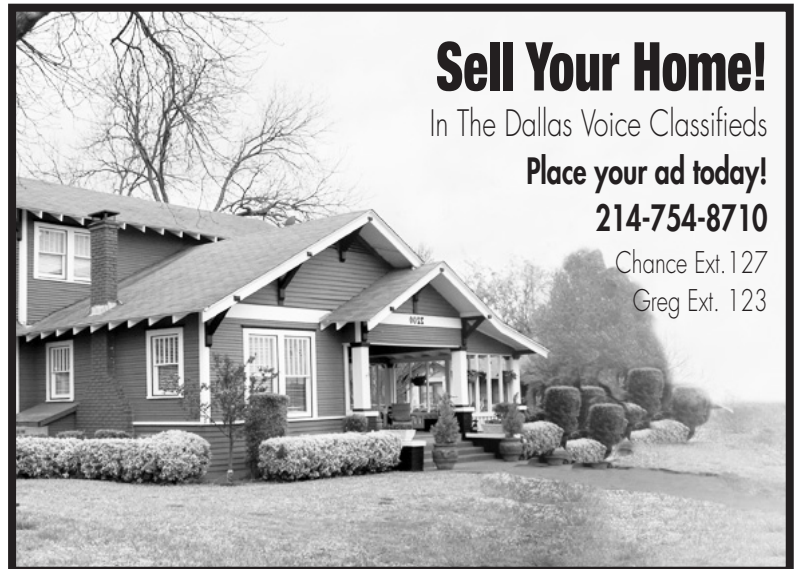
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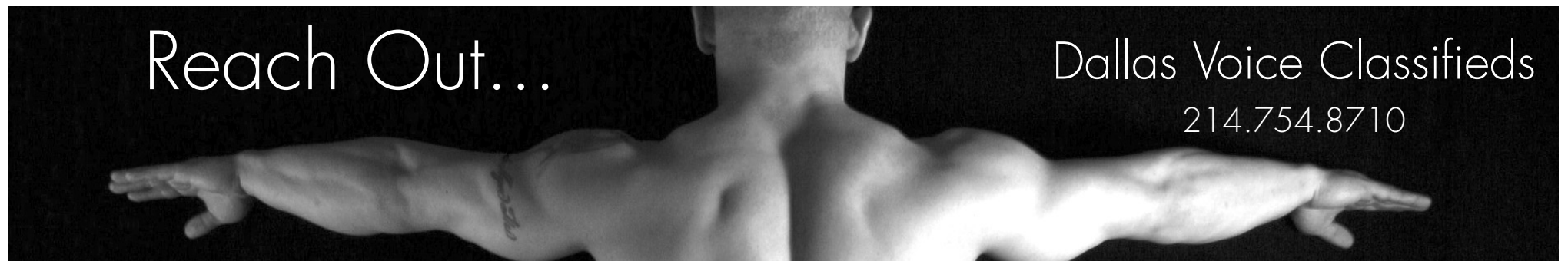
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