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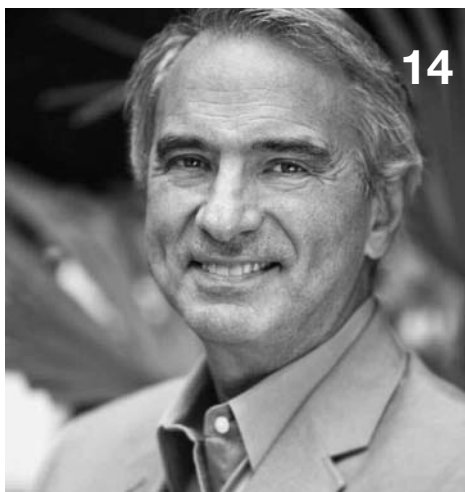
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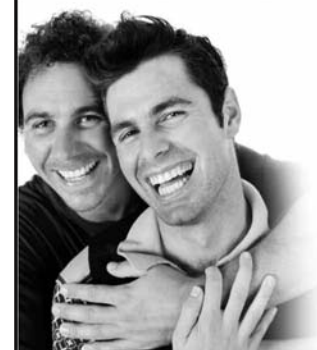
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If you missed the full page ad in last week's issue, then you might not know that singer Taylor Dayne has been added to the star-studded Black Tie Dinner that includes *Modern Family's* Jesse Tyler Ferguson and Academy Award-winner Marlee Matlin. Dayne has been added as the special musical performance of the night.



According to the press release, Dayne loves her gays. From Black Tie Dinner:

For years, Dayne has been a supporter of gay and lesbian rights, often performing at annual LGBT pride festivals, helping to make her a figure with great relevance and social significance within the LGBT community. According to Dayne, "My gay audience and followers are the most loyal and the most fun to perform for."

Dayne is an American pop icon who has sold more than 75 million albums and singles worldwide. She has had 12 Billboard® top twenty songs, two Grammy® nominations and an American Music Award nomination. Her first single, "Tell it to My Heart," appeared on the Hot 100 chart for 26 weeks and earned Dayne a Grammy® Award nomination for Best Pop Vocal Performance. Dayne's top singles include "Love Will Lead You [Back]," "Prove Your Love," and "[I!] Always Love You."

OK, "pop icon" might be a bit of an oversell, but seriously, those early '90s hits like "With Every Beat of My Heart" and "Can't Get Enough of Your Love" are pretty irresistible. Hopefully, she can squeeze them all in somehow.

— Rich Lopez

Thanks to opposition, Keller HS GSA outgrows its old digs

Just days after we published last week's cover story about Gay-Straight Alliances in the Fort Worth school district, WFAA-TV aired a report about the controversy over the formation of a GSA just up the road in Keller. Turns out some students opposed to the new GSA at Keller High School recently launched a Facebook page called, "Abolish the GSA, Gay-Straight Alliance, at Keller High School."

"This page is for Keller High School students who disagree with the recent formation of a GSA, or Gay-Straight Alliance, at our school for religious, personal, political and various other such reasons," states the FB page, which currently has all of 49 fans.

The page claims it isn't a hate group, but the creator later acknowledged it had offended people and apologized for the misunderstanding. The creator also stated that the page will be taken down — but not for two weeks because Facebook won't allow it to be removed sooner.

"Just cause I'm shutting the page down doesn't mean I won't stop battling the GSA at Keller, this was taken as a hate page, of which it was NOT intended to be, so therefore a page with a misleading message should not be allowed. The GSA WILL be abolished, unless a counteracting

straight/heterosexual/conservative club is organized. If y'all think y'all have won, you haven't. Have a nice day! :)"

Another anti-GSA Facebook page, "Straight Club," has also popped up. But the Keller school district says the creators of the pages won't be disciplined because they were created after school hours.

So, how has all of this affected the Keller High School GSA itself? Well, it would appear as though the anti-GSA pages have backfired quite miserably. On Tuesday, Oct. 18, the KHS Gay Straight Alliance wrote the following on its own page: "We are growing, and hopefully continue to grow as time moves on. A side effect of this though is we no longer fit in room 145. Meetings will now be held in the Lecture Hall, same date and time, new awesome location."

— John Wright

Oct. 20 was National Spirit Day

Last year, GLAAD established National Spirit Day to draw attention to the problem of bullying. To reinforce the anti-bullying message, students wore purple to school on Thursday.

Last night, the local chapter of GLAAD sponsored Get Amped, a 5K walk/run on the Katy Trail to benefit the national organization. The event began at 7 p.m. Registration began at 5:30 p.m. in Reverchon Park.



Craig Cassey, a college student from Philadelphia who participates in track and was elected high school prom king last year, was on hand for the event. He appeared on WFAA Channel 8 Daybreak this morning with Ron Corning. The video is below.

After the walk/run, the celebration at Reverchon Park moved to the Round-Up Saloon.

— David Taffet

TCBY to fill Red Mango ilume spot at ilume

Outside of the location on Abrams and Mockingbird, I really hadn't thought TCBY was still much in the froyo game, but today's drive-by proved me wrong. I was slightly stunned when Red Mango quietly closed about three months ago, but it doesn't look to be an empty space much longer — or even stop selling yogurt. TCBY moves in soon.

The sign has actually been up since the Pride parade, Eric Pederson told me.

"We're very excited to have them here.." Pederson of the Crosland Group said. "We're hoping that the shop will be up and running by Dec. 1."

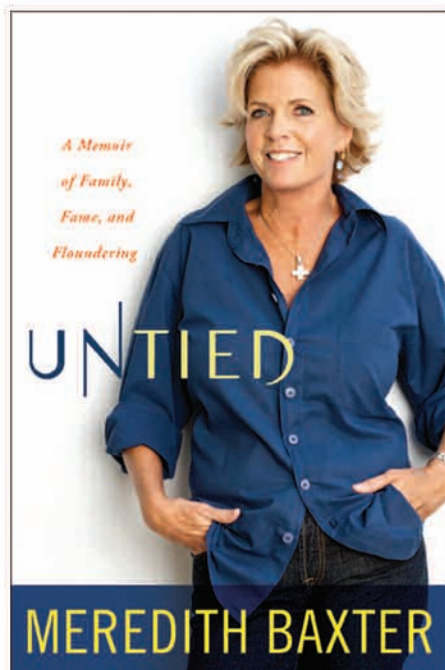
Pederson handles the retail leasing for the ilume. There is still some paperwork and permits to complete, but Pederson foresees the location to be a great addition to the gayborhood. Unlike the Lakewood location, this TCBY may go with the self-serve format like many of the newer froyo shops. Perhaps TCBY is finding its competitive spirit again.

— Rich Lopez

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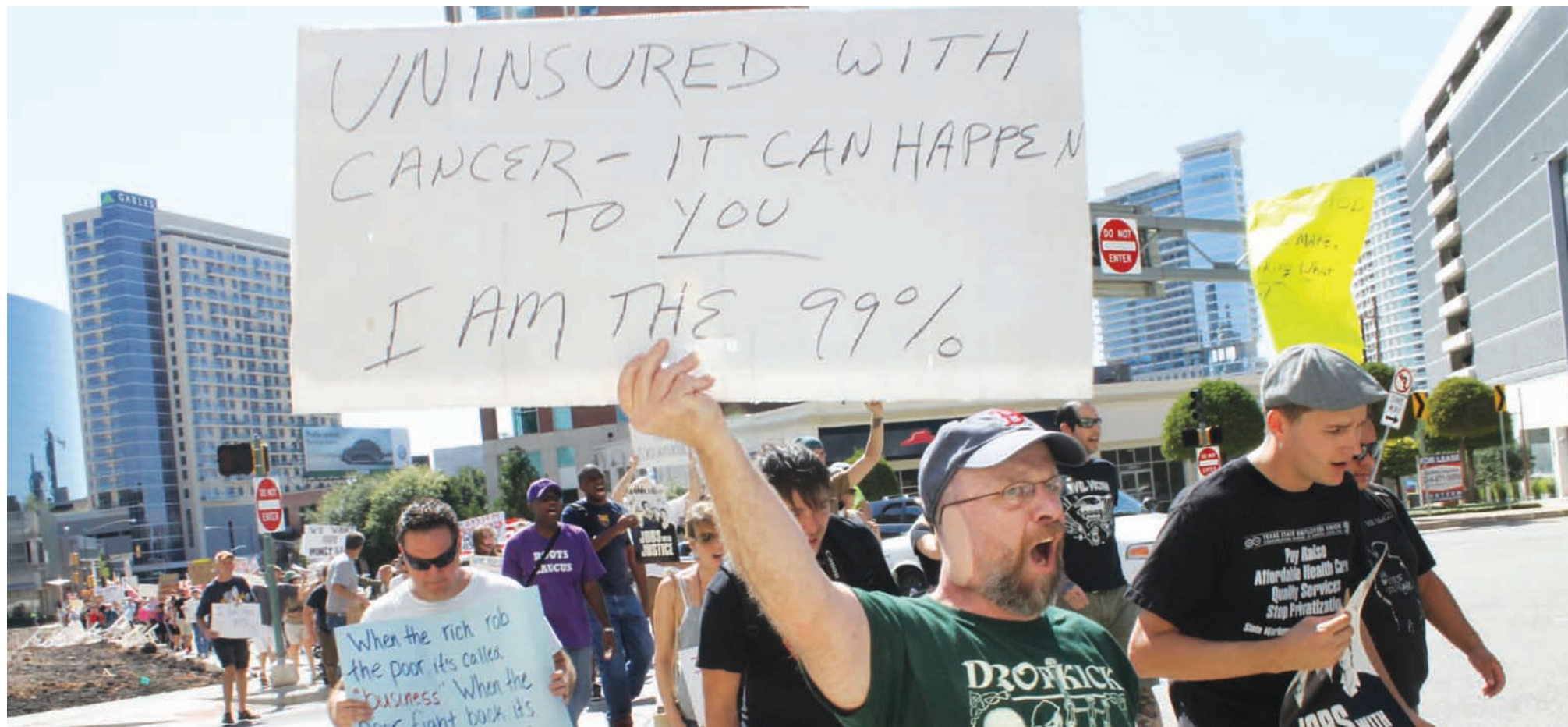
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Queering the Occupation



MARCHING FOR HEALTH | Gay Dallas resident Dave May, who says he lost his ear to cancer because he didn't have health insurance, marches with Occupy Dallas on Saturday, Oct. 15. (John Wright/Dallas Voice)

LGBTs join movement in Dallas

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Dave May was self-employed and uninsured when he first noticed a small growth resembling a cut on the inside of his right ear about five

years ago.

May was paying out of pocket for annual check-ups, and because his trusted general practitioner repeatedly assured him the growth was eczema — a relatively harmless skin condition — he had no reason to shell out \$500 to see a specialist.

But the growth in the bell of May's ear only

got worse, and when he finally went to a dermatologist in 2008, a biopsy determined it was skin cancer.

It turned out to be an aggressive form, and May has since undergone four surgeries at Parkland hospital, including removal of his ear, ear drum and ear canal.

May, now 53, said if the cancer had been

caught sooner, his treatment would've cost a few thousand dollars — and his ear would be intact. Instead, he estimates the cost to taxpayers in the hundreds of thousands.

"Our national health care policy is just pennywise and pound-foolish," said May, whose cancer is finally in remission. "Had there been

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FFW to FWISD: Walk the walk

Advocacy group says school officials need to implement training, enforcement processes

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FORT WORTH — Representatives of Fairness Fort Worth are set to meet next Tuesday, Oct. 25, with Walter Dansby, interim superintendent of the

Fort Worth Independent School District, and FFW President Tom Anable said his organization is hoping to see the district's plans for implementing training and enforcement processes related to its anti-harassment and anti-bullying policies.

In the past year, the Fort Worth school board has, since the first of this year, expanded the district's anti-harassment and anti-bullying policies to include protections based on gender identity and gender expression; protections based on sex-

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Chard nominated to education board

Openly gay SMU dean faces Senate confirmation hearing to earn spot in Obama administration

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Openly gay Southern Methodist University Dean David Chard has been nominated to the National Board for Education Sciences by Presi-

dent Barack Obama.

If approved by the Senate, Chard will be one of 15 voting members appointed by the president. The board is the research arm of the Department of Education.

Chard is unable to comment about the position until after the confirmation hearing.

He was among three people named to the board by Obama on Oct. 19. The others are Larry V. Hedges and Hirokazu Yoshikawa. Hedges is

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Death



Cody Preston, 36, died of pneumonia on Oct. 9 at Presbyterian Hospital Allen.

He was born March 24, 1975, in Sacramento, Calif., and attended Elk Grove High School. He had lived in the Dallas area for the past five years. He worked as a parts and service manager for B&L RV Center in Sacramento from 1991 to 2006, and at All Star RV Center in Plano since 2006.

Preston's friends remember him as an amazing person who would do anything for a friend and ask for nothing in return. He was always the life of the party and knew how to make people smile; he

never met a stranger who didn't instantly fall in love with his personality and charm. One of his trademarks was his tight bear hugs, a surprise coming from someone with such a small frame. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

Preston is survived by his father, Mike Barnett of Elk Grove, Calif.; his mother, Sheila Barnett of Elk Grove, Calif.; his brother, Sean Barnett of Elk Grove, Calif.; his sister-in-law, Marcy Barnett of Elk Grove, Calif.; one niece; his best friend, Robert Peterson of the Dallas area.

As per his final wishes, Peterson will be cremated and his ashes sent to his parents in California, who, sometime near Thanksgiving, will sprinkle his ashes over his grandparents' plot at Joshua Memorial Park and Mortuary in Lancaster, Calif.

CHARD

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professor of statistics and a faculty fellow of the Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University. Yoshikawa is professor of education and the academic dean at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Chard has been dean of SMU's Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development since 2007. He served as director of graduate studies for the department of special education at the University of Oregon from 2003 to

2005, and as associate dean of the College of Education at the University of Oregon from 2005 to 2007.

Since arriving at SMU, Chard has become active in the LGBT community. Working with Resource Center Dallas, he created a counseling internship program that is a partnership between his school and the Oak Lawn agency.

He also spearheaded efforts to get SMU to become a Black Tie Dinner sponsor.

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TCU LGBT alumni group forms

Organizer says school has been helpful, supportive in forming group for gay graduates

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There are some schools that are — or have been — affiliated with religious institutions that not only wouldn't welcome an LGBT alumni group, they would block such a group outright.

But when Doug Thompson, a graduate of Fort Worth's Texas Christian University, associated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), approached his alma mater's alumni association about forming an LGBT affiliate, he said, the response was, "Absolutely. No problem."

TCU's new LGBT alumni group will hold its first large meeting on Saturday, Oct. 22, after the TCU homecoming game. Thompson acknowledged that sports isn't the main concern of many LGBT alumni, but homecoming is still a time when many alumni return to visit the campus.

Thompson said when he asked the alumni association whether the LGBT group would need approval by the school's administration, he was told the administration would back it. The group was approved in April.

Unlike Baylor University, which sued to keep its LGBT alumni from using the school name to organize a group, Thompson said there has been no objection from the TCU campus.

"We just want to get people involved however they want to be involved," Kristi Hoban, associate vice chancellor alumni of relations, said. "We just reach out, whether it's a class or the business school or a special interest group."

She said that black alumni were not participating until the Black Alumni Alliance formed

about 11 years ago. Now, she said, they're active leaders in class reunions, homecoming and department alumni events, adding that she hopes to see the same thing happen with the LGBT network.

Finding LGBT alumni hasn't been easy, Thompson said, as students aren't asked about their sexual orientation before they graduate.

But Thompson said about 120 alumni have already responded, mostly to calls on social media sites. And now that the school has a Gay Straight Alliance, he said, finding future alumni will be easier.

"Our goal will be to support gay and lesbian students and start a scholarship," Thompson said. "And we'll form activities around things gay alumni have an interest in."

He mentioned support for the Trinity Shakespeare Festival on campus as a direction for the group.

Thompson said that having an LGBT alumni group will help the school provide a better environment for its LGBT students.

Two years ago, TCU proposed setting aside dorm space for LGBT students. A week after the announcement, when only eight students had signed up for the housing, the school scrapped those plans.

"That got totally blown out of proportion," Hoban said.

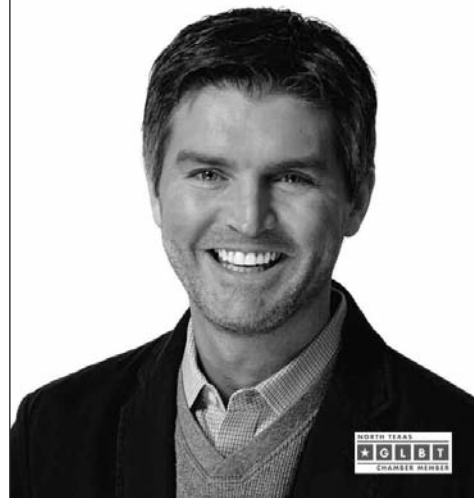
She said the intention was never segregated housing but really just an LGBT campus group.

Thompson said the school would have avoided the bad publicity if it had the alumni group to guide them.

The LGBT alumni group will get together after the homecoming game against New Mexico on Saturday, Oct. 22. They will meet at Tommy's Hamburgers' Camp Bowie Boulevard location from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. ■

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OUT, PROUD ATHLETE

Perhaps one of the best known Texas Christian University grads that will be attending the new LGBT alumni group's meeting this weekend is Vincent Pryor, a TCU Horned Frogs football star from 1994.

That year, before the final game of the season against the Texas Tech Red Raiders, Pryor came out to his teammates. Rather than shunning him, Pryor's coach told him he was proud of his honesty.

"My teammates and my coaches overwhelmingly supported and accepted me," Pryor writes on his website, VincentPryor.com. "All of the fears and concerns I had about being kicked off the team, or losing my scholarship, or embarrassing my school — none of that happened. And the best part of it was that I became a better athlete after I came out."

That day, Pryor had the biggest game of his college career, tallying a record 4.5 sacks — a record that still stands today. His performance helped TCU win the conference title and a berth



Vincent Pryor,

in a post-season bowl game.

Today, Pryor works in sales and lives in Chicago with his partner of 12 years, who was a classmate at TCU. To watch his just-released an "It Gets Better" video, find it online at DallasVoice.com.



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STRUGGLING FOR VISIBILITY | Chaaz Quigley, shown during last weekend's march, said it's been a struggle to establish a visible LGBT presence at Occupy Dallas. (John Wright/ Dallas Voice)

OCCUPATION

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some type of universal health plan, I would have gone to a dermatologist much earlier.

"I'm not into self-pity," May said, adding that he's only broken down once during the entire three-year ordeal. "I don't feel sorry for myself, but I've always strongly believed that health care is not a privilege, but rather a human right."

May was one of several LGBT people who joined about 400 protesters from Occupy Dallas on Saturday, Oct. 15, for a march from the group's campsite at Pioneer Park to the The Crescent in Uptown, site of Goldman Sachs' local offices.

In some cities, the Occupy movement has included a large and very visible queer presence — with rainbow flags flying high during protests and same-sex couples openly cohabitating inside encampments.

But so far at Occupy Dallas, which began Oct. 6, the LGBT presence has been far more subtle.

Local queer Occupiers and supporters are hoping this will change, however, and those who marched with the group last weekend said they see major parallels between the LGBT equality and Occupy movements.

"It's all about civil rights," transgender activist Pamela Curry said as she marched up McKinney Avenue toward The Crescent.

"It's about the people, not corporate rights," Curry added, repeating the popular refrain that she'll believe GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney's claim that "corporations are people" when Texas executes one.

Eric Folkerth, straight pastor of the heavily gay Northaven United Methodist Church in Preston Hollow, noted that the Occupy march came on the eve of Reconciling Sunday in his denomination — which calls for full LGBT inclusion in the UMC.

"They're both movements about people who are marginalized and often unheard," Folkerth said as he stood outside The Crescent, adding that he hopes more LGBT people will get involved in the

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Occupy movement.

Jay Narey, communications director for Stonewall Democrats of Dallas, said he didn't plan to spend the night in Pioneer Park but wanted to show his support for the movement by marching with the group.

"I think they're bringing much needed attention to the inequality," said Narey, who wore a T-shirt emblazoned with "SOCIALIST" in large red letters and held a sign that read, "END the CORPORATOCRACY."

Narey said he was disappointed there weren't more LGBT people at the march. "They'd rather have a cocktail at JR.'s," he said.

Bisexual activist Latisha McDaniel carried a sign containing one of the few LGBT references: "Union worker. State worker. Independent Voter. Queer. Life-giver. Person of color. 99%!!!!" it read.

"They're screwing everybody equally," McDaniel said. "Every minority in the country is being stepped on by these corporations, by corporate greed."

Chaaz Quigley, a gay member of the International Socialist Organization, led the entire march for a brief period as it made its way up McKinney Avenue, carrying a sign that read "Socialist Queer!"

Quigley said he's been the most vocal LGBT participant in Occupy Dallas, having been involved since the organizing stages and spending several nights at Pioneer Park.

But he said it's been a struggle to establish a visible queer presence within the local movement, and he called on the community to help.

"If we can have people show up in drag, that's what needs to happen," Quigley said a few days later at Occupy Dallas' new camp behind City Hall. "We need to have an incredibly visible presence. We're not trying to co-opt anything. We're trying to create real equality." ■



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ual orientation were already included.

The board voted in January to include those protections in policies applying to faculty and staff members, and in June to policies applying to students.

LGBT advocates have routinely praised the district for those votes, noting that the changes make the FWISD policies among the most progressive and comprehensive in the state. This week, however, Anable said advocates have become frustrated with the district's slow progress in implementing training regarding the policies and in enforcing them.

"They are talking the talk, now we want them to walk the walk," Anable said.

He pointed to a series of recent incidences in Fort Worth schools as evidence that training and enforcement are lacking, including the mid-September furor that erupted over a Western Hills High School student's alleged anti-gay comments in class.

Dakota Ary told the media that his German class teacher, Kristopher Franks, sent him to the principal after he made a comment to a friend during a classroom discussion, basically saying that as a Christian, he believes homosexuality is wrong.

Franks, however, said that Ary made the comment directly to him, that the comment was not pertinent to any classroom discussion and that it was part of a pattern of anti-gay comments and behavior aimed at him by Ary and three other students in the class.

Although Ary was initially suspended, school officials rescinded the punishment and cleared his record after Ary's mother brought in Liberty Counsel's Matt Krause to represent them and complained to school district officials.

Within days, school officials notified Franks that they were launching an investigation of him based on unrelated charges of inappropriate behavior that had just surfaced. Franks was suspended with pay for the duration of the investigation, but returned to the classroom three days later after the investigation cleared him of any wrongdoing.

Franks still ended up with a "letter of concern" in his file, the lowest form of discipline the district can take against a teacher, and was required to take a course in classroom management.

In an email to school board members dated Oct. 4, Franks also said that the Western Hills High School principal had, on his first day back in class, conducted an in-class evaluation — during the class that includes Dakota Ary — that Franks said was unwarranted and overly harsh. Franks said the principal refused to discipline a student who put on a pink shirt and "a pink lady's hat" and pranced around the room to mock Franks, even though the principal was in the room when it happened.

Franks also said he learned from other students that the group of students who had been harassing him previously, during the time while he was suspended, were allowed by a substitute teacher to "dress in drag" and make fun of Franks.



Fairness Fort Worth President Tom Anable



FWISD Trustee Carlos Vasquez

Although Franks has since told colleagues the problem had been addressed and settled to his satisfaction, Anable said this week that the fact the harassment was allowed in the first place points to a lack of training and enforcement on the anti-harassment and anti-bullying policies.

In a second recent incident, a secretary at Carter-Riverside High School recently sent a memo through the school's email system in which she quoted biblical passages supposedly condemning homosexuality while questioning the wisdom of allowing a "gender-bending day" during the school's homecoming week activities.

"I am concerned that it may cause more confusion with those who are struggling with their own sexuality, which is common for teens," wrote Victoria Martinez, who works in the school's internal finance office.

She continued, "As representatives of FWISD, I would hate to think we are partakers of encouraging a lifestyle, which is an abomination unto the LORD, and which may not be acceptable to many parents of our children. We should strive to keep our students' focus on academics and not what

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WEDDING DAY



SAYING I DO | Couples lined up in Founders Plaza on Saturday, Oct. 15 for a mass wedding to protest the Texas marriage ban. Richard Curtin performed the ceremony after a march through downtown Dallas that included more than 100 people. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

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they or others are doing in the bedroom.”

And, Anable said, there have been reports that same-sex couples at the district’s Diamon Hill-Jarvis High School have been disciplined for holding hands at school, while opposite-sex couples holding hands have not gotten in trouble.

Openly gay FWISD Board of Trustees member Carlos Vasquez said Wednesday that he was disappointed that Fairness Fort Worth had decided to go public with its criticisms since, “We have already solved most of the issues and concerns they are bringing up.”

Vasquez said that had “visited with Kris Franks” during the recent Tarrant County Gay Pride Picnic, and that while “there were some concerns on his first day back in the class, those were quickly resolved.”

And Vasquez said that district officials had responded quickly to Martinez’s email, removing it from the email system and reprimanding the secretary.

“As soon as this was brought to my attention, I spoke to Supt. Dansby, the superintendent took care of it immediately,” Vasquez said, adding that Dansby “took the appropriate measures” against Martinez but that he could not elaborate further because he cannot discuss personnel matters.

Vasquez also said that he had not heard of any complaints from Diamon Hill-Jarvis before a call Wednesday from Dallas Voice.

“That’s one of my schools. It’s in my [school board] district,” Vasquez said. “I have already called the principal there and she said she had not heard anything about that, either. She assured me that all the students are being treated fairly.” ■

Vasquez continued, “I am kind of surprised that [Fairness Fort Worth] felt the need to go to the press with this. Supt. Dansby is working with the LGBT community, he’s working with me on these issues. This is the most open this school district has ever been with the LGBT community.”

But Anable said Fairness Fort Worth is simply trying to let the school district know that the community is watching and expects the district to follow through on its commitments in terms of training and enforcement of the anti-harassment and anti-bullying policies.

“We are not trying to be overly critical. But we do want them to know that we will keep the pressure on,” Anable said. “We have these policies in place, and we want to make sure they are enforced.”

Anable said his organization also wants to make sure that the LGBT community “has a place at the table” as the district continues its search for a permanent superintendent.

Dansby was appointed interim superintendent after former Supt. Melody Johnson resigned in June amid controversy, and the district continues a nation-wide search for a permanent replacement for Johnson.

Anable said the school board “creating a forum/focus group to assist the consultants they’ve hired to conduct the search for a new permanent superintendent, and we want to know if the district intends to include the LGBT community in that focus group,” Anable said. “We’ve made great progress in the schools here in Fort Worth. Now we don’t want to see them bring in someone who will ignore that progress and take the school district backwards on our issues.” ■

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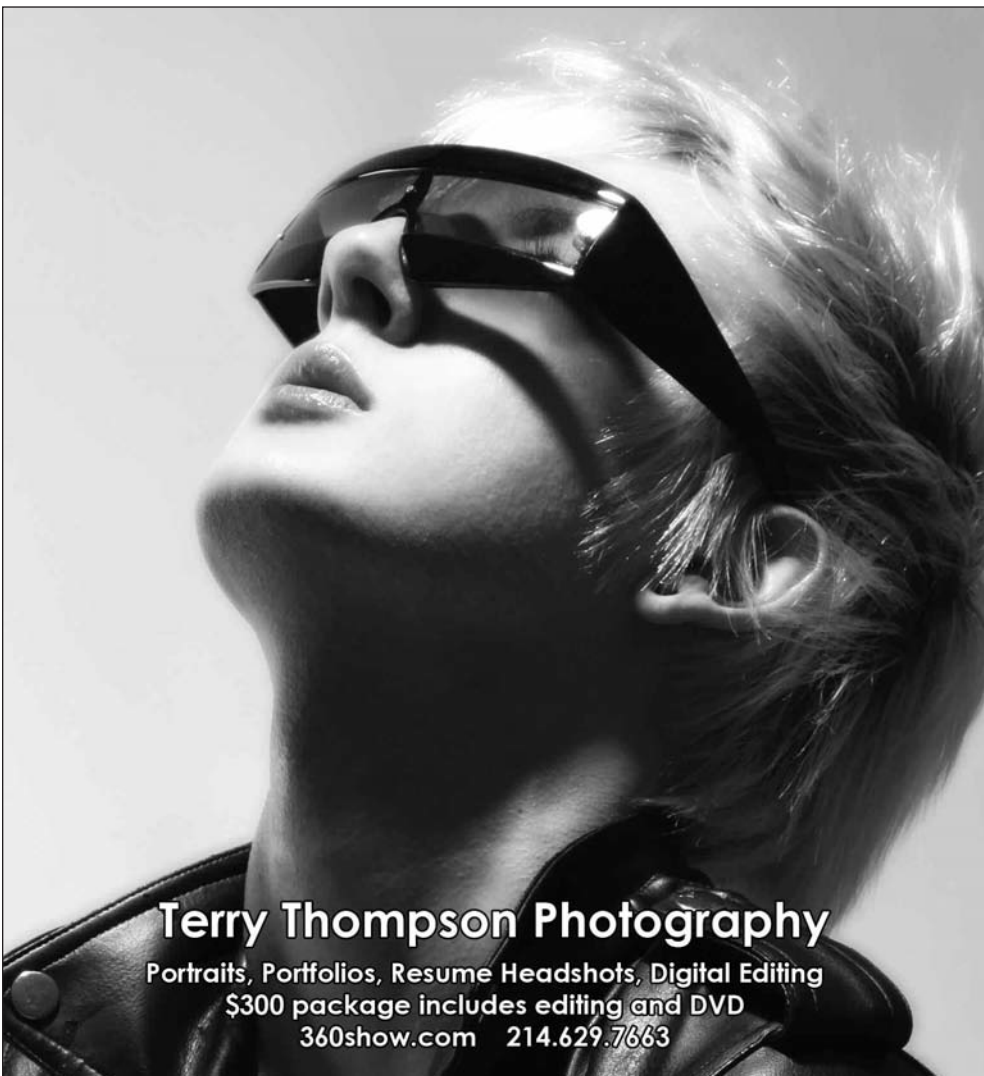
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Creech advocates for LGBT rights

Pastor lost his ordination in 1999 for performing same-sex wedding

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It was in the 1980s that a member of the Rev. Jimmy Creech's church came out to him as gay, it didn't just turn the Methodist minister into an LGBT equality supporter, it also set him onto a path of advocacy that eventually cost him his ordination

"It changed my perspective and attitude," Creech, who will be in the Dallas area speaking at several area churches Oct. 31-Nov. 2, said this week of that coming out moment. "It began to challenge my ideas about homosexuality."

One of Creech's early triumphs advocating for the LGBT community was lobbying the Raleigh, N.C., City Council to include sexual orientation in its nondiscrimination policy in 1988. He said that passage of the ordinance while Jesse Helms was still the state's senator made the victory so much sweeter.

But most of Creech's work has been within the Methodist Church.

"I was concerned the messaging [about homosexuality] was condemnatory," he said. "Everything you heard a religious leader say was negative."

So he sponsored conferences about "Homophobia and the Bible," in an attempt to "educate about the damaging theology in Christian tradition," he said.

In 1990, Creech performed his first holy union.

"Two men asked if I'd do it," he said. "I agreed without hesitation. How can you support an individual and deny their relationship?"

He performed more ceremonies over the next few years, and it was no problem since the Methodist Church had no prohibition against doing so — until 1996.

That year, Creech moved to a church in Nebraska where he continued welcoming LGBT people and honoring their relationships. But after he presided over a holy union for a lesbian couple in 1997, charges were brought against him for violating the Order and Discipline of the United Methodist Church.

He was acquitted in a church trial.

Creech said the reason was very technical. The prohibition was added to the social principles rather than to religious law. Social principles guide moral behavior.

"My defense was that it was not law," he said.

And that defense was successful. However after his trial, the one sentence prohibiting Methodist clergy from performing a same-sex wedding was given the weight of law. Creech said it is the only sentence in the social principles to have that designation, something he called "institutional bigotry."



The Rev. Jimmy Creech (Courtesy of Natalia Weedy)

After his acquittal, Creech moved back to North Carolina and in 1999 charges were filed against him again after he presided over the wedding of two men in Chapel Hill. This time, a jury found him guilty of "disobedience to the Order and Discipline of The United Methodist Church" and withdrew his credentials of ordination.

Since then, Creech has been writing and speaking about LGBT rights. His recently released book, *Adam's Gift: A Memoir of a Pastor's Calling to Defy the Church's Persecution of Lesbians and Gays*, deals with his experiences with the church's struggle to welcome and accept LGBT people.

In his book, Creech explains that he defied church law to do what he thought God would want him to do.

"As a pastor, my mission was to help people overcome whatever damaged them spiritually, whatever diminished their capacity to trust God's love, to love others and to love themselves," he wrote.

Although heterosexual, Creech has appeared on Out Magazine's Out 100 list several times, and he received the HRC Equality Award in 1999.

Northaven United Methodist Church Senior Pastor Eric Folkerth said, "Jimmy Creech stands as a powerful witness to those who have been standing up for social justice."

Folkerth said 1,000 Methodist clergy have recently signed a pledge that if asked, they would perform a same-sex wedding. Many were in marriage-equality states New York and Connecticut.

And while performing a same-sex wedding remains "absolutely still a chargeable offense," according to Folkerth, the church courts hearing the charges have differed in their response.

Creech said that each of those pastors could be charged.

"But do you want to spend all of the church's

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Church leaves PCUSA over gay ordinations



AMEN | The Rev. Scott Anderson gives the benediction at the end of his ordination in Madison, Wis., on Oct. 8. Anderson is the first openly gay person to be ordained to the ministry in the Presbyterian Church (USA), the largest Presbyterian denomination. Fremont Presbyterian Church in Sacramento, Calif., voted Oct. 16 to leave the PCUSA over the denomination's decision to ordain openly gay ministers. (Craig Schreiner/Wisconsin State Journal/Associated Press)

Fremont Presbyterian pastor says his Sacramento church 'didn't leave the PCUSA; they left us'

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A Sacramento church has voted to split from Presbyterian Church USA over the national denomination's decision to ordain openly gay clergy.

After months of discussion, members of Fremont Presbyterian Church voted 427 to 164 on Sunday, Oct. 16, to join the more conservative Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

"Let me make it clear that Fremont didn't leave the PCUSA; they left us," said the Rev. Donald Baird, senior pastor.

About 800 congregants attended church Sunday for a meeting about the pros and cons of what is technically known as seeking "dismissal" from the mainline Presbyterian fold. Supporters of the separation argued that their denomination had drifted away from biblical teachings with its decision to allow gay ministers.

Scott Anderson became the denomination's first openly gay minister when he was reordained last week in Wisconsin. He served as a Presbyterian minister in Sacramento for seven years before

he came out to his congregation and resigned in 1990.

"This is a day of rejoicing. It frees us from the controversy that has split the church," Clair Parsh, a member for 50 years who favored leaving the denomination, told the Sacramento Bee.

Cindy Harris, who is preparing to become a minister herself, was on the side of those who expressed reservations about joining the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

"I think God can and will call whoever he wants to call, regardless of sex or orientation," she said, wiping away tears after the vote.

Fremont, with weekly attendance of about 1,400, is the seventh Sacramento-area church to leave the mainline Presbyterian Church over doctrinal issues in the past few years, according to the Bee.

Regional church leaders plan to meet with Fremont's staff to discuss what will become of the church's property and other assets.

In an interview with The Associated Press this month, Anderson predicted that accepting gay clergy would make the Presbyterian church stronger in the long run.

"It really says to the wider culture, here we have a church that not only talks about being created in the image of God and you're all created to be in relationship with one another, but also wants to live that message," he said. ■

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resources on this?" he asked.

He said each one would have to be tried individually.

"Bishops will find a way to get around it," he said.

Folkerth called it "open dissent against what is church law."

He said that although this region is more con-

servative than some others, gays and lesbians are welcome not only at his church but a number of other Methodist churches in the area. ■

Celebration Community Church, 908 Pennsylvania Ave., Fort Worth. Oct. 31 at 7 p.m. Reception follows.

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To Out & Equal Executive Director Selisse Berry, Dallas activist Louise Young is a workplace equality advocacy legend.

Young worked at Texas Instruments and helped found the employee resource group at that company. Texas Instruments added benefits for its gay and lesbian employees commensurate with its straight employees and nondiscrimination became a way of life at the company, due in no small part to Young's efforts.

Then Texas Instruments sold the division in which Young and a number of other LGBT employees worked to Raytheon, a company that did

not have the LGBT-related policies and benefits that TI had.

So Young made an appointment with top Raytheon executives. She explained to them that she worked hard to gain her equality in the workplace, and that former TI employees now moving to Raytheon would expect the same at their new company.

And she did it all long before Out & Equal was ever created.

Raytheon GLBTA Global President Gib Murray said, "They were very receptive to having an inclusive workplace, allowing employees to be their complete self and recruit and retain the best and brightest."

And he said that the company was pretty thorough when it looked at employee benefits.

"It's just kind of handled," Murray said. "When a situation comes up, it's addressed."

He said that once Raytheon embraced diversity, it jumped to the head of the pack to become the first defense contractor to receive a 100 percent rating in the Human Rights Campaign's Corpo-

rate Equality Index.

Out & Equal's mission

Equality has become the norm at large U.S. corporations, despite one very large local exception — ExxonMobil. But even in a category like defense contracting, Raytheon is no longer alone in ensuring equality.

Northrup Grumman also rates 100 percent and its CEO will speak in Dallas next week at the national Out & Equal Workplace Summit being held at the Hilton Anatole Hotel.

Out & Equal is the national organization committed to ending workplace discrimination for LGBT employees. It works with employee resource groups, or ERGs, from major corporations to encourage best workplace practices for all LGBT employees. The Oct. 25-28 conference will be the largest LGBT meeting Dallas has ever hosted, with 2,500 people expected to attend.

Max Rippetoe of JC Penney Pride said ERGs
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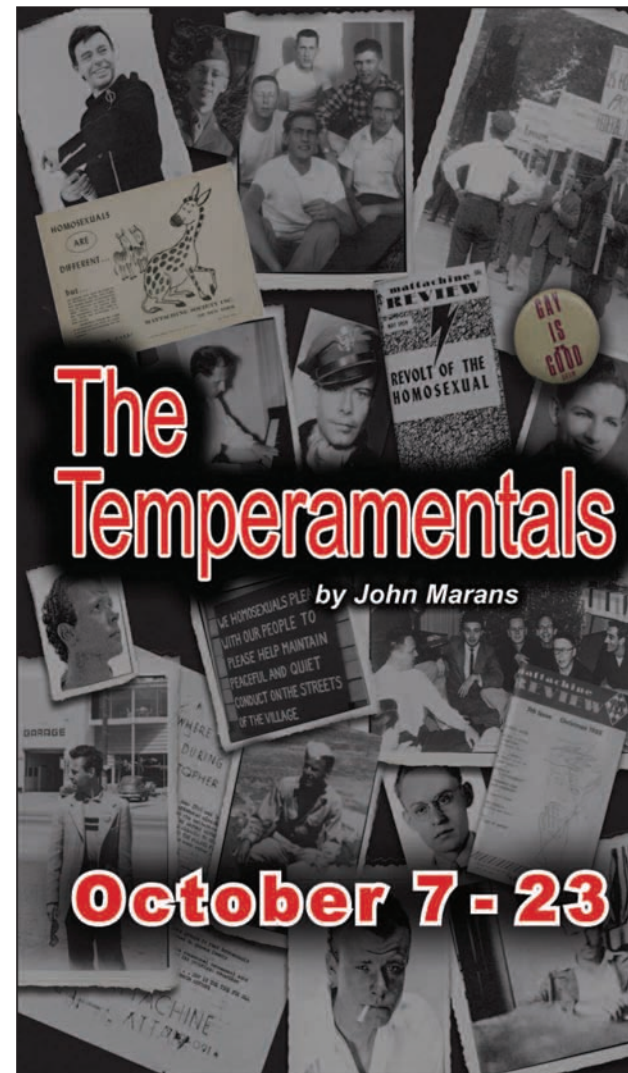
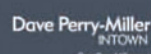


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have three purposes — to attract and retain the best talent, to get the most out of those who are here and to reach out to the community.

At his company, he said having the Pride group may attract a designer that wouldn't go to a cross-town, upscale rival — Neiman Marcus, which scored 30 percent in the CEI guide — that doesn't have a similar group. He said having the group was simply good for business.

LGBT customers feel welcome shopping at a place that maintains its 100 percent rating with HRC, Rippetoe said.

When the Out & Equal Workplace Summit comes to Dallas, JC Penney will be a "titanium sponsor." The company will present a fashion show, and retiring CEO Mike Ullman and Liz Sweney, executive vice president, senior general merchandise manager and the executive sponsor of JC Penney's Pride, will participate as plenary speakers.

Daphne Avila is a JC Penney company spokesperson and a member of Pride. She said, "Since this is the first time Out & Equal is coming to Dallas and this is our home base, it made sense for us to sponsor."

She said that she was proud of how the company has transformed internally.

"The company made inclusion and diversity part of our turnaround," Avila said, crediting Ull-

man with the company's commitment to diversity.

Ullman himself has disabilities and has adopted two daughters with disabilities. The Penney's group for associates with disabilities is one of the most dynamic of the company's ERGs, Avila said.

Over the past few years, Avila said, associate participation in resource groups at JC Penney has grown. The groups contribute to "training programs that keep store employees cognizant of diverse customer needs."

LEAGUE@AT&T, created in the late 1980s, will celebrate its 25th anniversary next year, according to its president, Theresa Bates-McLemore, who called her group the original employee resource group.

She said that her company encourages its employees to come out, because staying in the closet at work takes up too much time and energy and is counterproductive to a healthy work environment.

She said that Gary Fraundorfer, vice president of human resources, is so committed to ending workplace discrimination that he recently joined the board of Resource Center Dallas. Because the current AT&T is made up of various phone companies that have merged, Fraundorfer is currently reviewing policies inherited from each entity to make sure that there is no discrimination company-wide.

QUILT DISPLAY

The Collin County-based AIDS education group C.U.R.E. will display 18 blocks from the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt at the Out & Equal Workplace Summit in Dallas this weekend. In addition, there will be a signature panel for people who have viewed the quilt to sign.

Group founder Roseann Rosetti said many of the panels are in memory of people from Dallas.

The quilts will be on display at the Hilton Anatole in the Tower Building in the hall and rotunda and outside the Trinity Ballroom where the lunches and dinners for the conference take place. Rosetti said everyone is welcome to come view the panels.

— David Taffet



Incoming LEAGUE@AT&T President John Cramer said that if a situation comes up, being a member of LEAGUE helps, since the group has direct access to top management.

He added that employees can't get domestic partner benefits if the company doesn't know about the partner.

Paul von Wupperfeld is a member of TI's employee resource group and heads the local Out & Equal regional affiliate. Many companies are beginning to address transgender discrimination

and benefits. He said the biggest argument against adding those benefits is cost.

"But no company was ever bankrupted by gender reassignment surgery," von Wupperfeld said.

Adding that benefit, he said, "sends a powerful message that they care about employees' well-being."

Von Wupperfeld said that other area companies are working with is benefits equality.

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domestic partners just as it is offered to married spouses. However, the federal government taxes the benefit given to a same-sex partner, but not to a heterosexually married spouse — even in states that have marriage equality.

“We’d rather see it fixed at the government level,” he said, but some companies have begun paying employees the amount they owe in extra taxes. Bank of America announced this month that it would pay that differential to its gay and lesbian employees.

TI is looking into this form of compensation as well, he said.

Von Wupperfeld said that the ERGs at his company work well together.

“No employee resource group can exist in opposition to any other,” he said.

So when the Christian Values Initiative formed, his group made a point of working with them.

This summer the two groups were among the co-sponsors of an exhibit on Nazi treatment of gays at the Dallas Holocaust Museum. Members of the Christian group were at the museum when the exhibit arrived in crates, helping to unpack and assemble the displays.

The Summit

Selise Berry said the Workplace Summit is inspiring. In little more than a decade, Out & Equal has grown into one of the largest LGBT organizations in the country.

A graduate of University of North Texas, Berry was a teacher in Dallas before moving to the San Francisco Bay area to attend Presbyterian Seminary. Because she was lesbian, she could not be ordained, so she went to work for non-profits and did diversity training.

In 1999, Berry created Out & Equal, pulling together the various employee resource groups around the country and regional groups of

CELEB SIGHTINGS

For a list of celebrities appearing at the Out & Equal summit, Oct. 25-28 in Dallas, see Page 35.

groups.

For three years she worked alone. Today, Out & Equal has 17 regional affiliates, including ones in Dallas/Fort Worth and Houston.

The Workplace Summit is the organization’s big annual event, but the staff of 20 works throughout the year to create resources for healthcare providers, nonprofits and corporations of all sizes that do not have their own ERGs.

Berry said that one of the themes at this year’s conference is taking LGBT benefits global. Among the issues is whether a company would take a contract in a country where its LGBT employees would not be safe, and if it does, how does it deal with that discrimination.

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have three purposes — to attract and retain the best talent, to get the most out of those who are here and to reach out to the community.

At his company, he said having the Pride group may attract a designer that wouldn't go to a cross-town, upscale rival — Neiman Marcus, which scored 30 percent in the CEI guide — that doesn't have a similar group. He said having the group was simply good for business.

LGBT customers feel welcome shopping at a place that maintains its 100 percent rating with HRC, Rippetoe said.

When the Out & Equal Workplace Summit comes to Dallas, JC Penney will be a "titanium sponsor." The company will present a fashion show, and retiring CEO Mike Ullman and Liz Sweney, executive vice president, senior general merchandise manager and the executive sponsor of JC Penney's Pride, will participate as plenary speakers.

Daphne Avila is a JC Penney company spokesperson and a member of Pride. She said, "Since this is the first time Out & Equal is coming to Dallas and this is our home base, it made sense for us to sponsor."

She said that she was proud of how the company has transformed internally.

"The company made inclusion and diversity part of our turnaround," Avila said, crediting Ull-

man with the company's commitment to diversity.

Ullman himself has disabilities and has adopted two daughters with disabilities. The Penney's group for associates with disabilities is one of the most dynamic of the company's ERGs, Avila said.

Over the past few years, Avila said, associate participation in resource groups at JC Penney has grown. The groups contribute to "training programs that keep store employees cognizant of diverse customer needs."

LEAGUE@AT&T, created in the late 1980s, will celebrate its 25th anniversary next year, according to its president, Theresa Bates-McLemore, who called her group the original employee resource group.

She said that her company encourages its employees to come out, because staying in the closet at work takes up too much time and energy and is counterproductive to a healthy work environment.

She said that Gary Fraundorfer, vice president of human resources, is so committed to ending workplace discrimination that he recently joined the board of Resource Center Dallas. Because the current AT&T is made up of various phone companies that have merged, Fraundorfer is currently reviewing policies inherited from each entity to make sure that there is no discrimination company-wide.

QUILT DISPLAY

The Collin County-based AIDS education group C.U.R.E. will display 18 blocks from the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt at the Out & Equal Workplace Summit in Dallas this weekend. In addition, there will be a signature panel for people who have viewed the quilt to sign.

Group founder Roseann Rosetti said many of the panels are in memory of people from Dallas.

The quilts will be on display at the Hilton Anatole in the Tower Building in the hall and rotunda and outside the Trinity Ballroom where the lunches and dinners for the conference take place. Rosetti said everyone is welcome to come view the panels.

— David Taffet



Incoming LEAGUE@AT&T President John Cramer said that if a situation comes up, being a member of LEAGUE helps, since the group has direct access to top management.

He added that employees can't get domestic partner benefits if the company doesn't know about the partner.

Paul von Wupperfeld is a member of TI's employee resource group and heads the local Out & Equal regional affiliate. Many companies are beginning to address transgender discrimination

and benefits. He said the biggest argument against adding those benefits is cost.

"But no company was ever bankrupted by gender reassignment surgery," von Wupperfeld said.

Adding that benefit, he said, "sends a powerful message that they care about employees' well-being."

Von Wupperfeld said that other area companies are working with is benefits equality.

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domestic partners just as it is offered to married spouses. However, the federal government taxes the benefit given to a same-sex partner, but not to a heterosexually married spouse — even in states that have marriage equality.

“We’d rather see it fixed at the government level,” he said, but some companies have begun paying employees the amount they owe in extra taxes. Bank of America announced this month that it would pay that differential to its gay and lesbian employees.

TI is looking into this form of compensation as well, he said.

Von Wupperfeld said that the ERGs at his company work well together.

“No employee resource group can exist in opposition to any other,” he said.

So when the Christian Values Initiative formed, his group made a point of working with them.

This summer the two groups were among the co-sponsors of an exhibit on Nazi treatment of gays at the Dallas Holocaust Museum. Members of the Christian group were at the museum when the exhibit arrived in crates, helping to unpack and assemble the displays.

The Summit

Selise Berry said the Workplace Summit is inspiring. In little more than a decade, Out & Equal has grown into one of the largest LGBT organizations in the country.

A graduate of University of North Texas, Berry was a teacher in Dallas before moving to the San Francisco Bay area to attend Presbyterian Seminary. Because she was lesbian, she could not be ordained, so she went to work for non-profits and did diversity training.

In 1999, Berry created Out & Equal, pulling together the various employee resource groups around the country and regional groups of

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For a list of celebrities appearing at the Out & Equal summit, Oct. 25-28 in Dallas, see Page 35.

groups.

For three years she worked alone. Today, Out & Equal has 17 regional affiliates, including ones in Dallas/Fort Worth and Houston.

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Goodbye LCR; hello again Metroplex Repubs

Gay GOP group's officers offer a reasoned response to the breakup with Log Cabin Republicans and the myths surrounding it

There are times in life when we must evaluate our relationships with others to determine mutual benefit. And so it goes for political affiliations.

Log Cabin Republicans Dallas pondered for years whether the association with LCR was a good "marriage" for many reasons. We did not undertake this evaluation lightly or in haste.

A couple of weeks ago, we were once again at a crossroads in evaluating that relationship. We were prepared to ask the Log Cabin national board for a hearing so that we could air our grievances and long-held concerns because a clear majority of our local board wanted a resolution that would keep us under the LCR-umbrella.

Instead, they pre-empted us by abruptly "de-certifying" our group, and "re-certifying" one with leadership of their choosing. Rather than wait two months for elections (we've been pushing for new leaders to come forward for years) they hand-selected their new president.

Merit or not, other Log Cabin Chapters should be, and are, very alarmed at what has happened with the lack of due process.

Last week, Log Cabin Republicans headquarters issued press releases — before we received our legal notice — that resulted in media articles that were factually untrue. "Lie" might be too strong a word to write for a political organization, but "if the shoe fits" . . .

There was no due process, and no formal warnings or notifications to the members of the chapter leadership. There was no probation period . . . *absolutely nothing!*

From Chapter of the Year in 2008 to Chapter Death Sentence in 2011, you might ask, "What happened?"

We suspect that inviting leaders from another nationally known gay conservative organization to speak to a gay Republican group was, in their view, an LCR National "emergency." If true, it would reveal a near childish jealousy.

Was it the rumor we heard about the executive director's displeasure with the Dallas Voice op-ed stating that Gov. Rick Perry is a better choice than President Obama? Was it Rob Schlein's interview with Michael Signorile where he made a less than artful statement regarding minority politics vs. the common good?

Or perhaps it was the failed scheme of the inexperienced LCR executive director, R. Clarke Cooper, to pin blame on the local chapter for failures with a major donor that were clearly his responsibility.

Maybe the action was to deflect attention from LCR National's embarrassing failures and list of "no-show" speakers at the national convention held in Dallas this past spring.



Robert Schlein



Rudy Oeftering

Special Contributors

We may never know the answer to these questions, since our de-chartering is yet another example of the national office's continued bumbling. Remember: No warning, no communication, no policy, no due process — *absolutely nothing!*

One of our most senior board members from the de-chartered local chapter wrote an email a few days ago to all of the national Log Cabin directors. It included this sentence: "I have in front of me one of the most incomprehensible pieces of fiction I've ever read in the form of a letter from the National LCR attorney laying out the reasoning for our de-chartering." He concluded, "The actions of the board were completely out of proportion to the problem at hand and were driven by personality conflicts, continued confusion in the national office, false accusations and half-truths."

Their silence in response has been deafening.

In some ways, the actions of Log Cabin National, while immensely hurtful, made our decisions easy. We have always been one of the largest chapters in the LCR network. At over 30 years old, we started as Metroplex Republicans, and then chose to affiliate with Log Cabin in 1995.

As in marriage, sometimes the parties need to separate. And so it is now. We have come full circle, returning to our Metroplex Republicans roots. But in dropping the association with Log Cabin, we will have opportunity to reach further into the Dallas County party to affect positive change.

While a new Log Cabin chapter was technically chartered, it appears that even to the shell leadership, what comes next is hazy. Some feel the Log Cabin label is important, and may transition their membership to the infant chapter. Many are already suggesting reconciliation.

What is certain is that all are welcome to enjoy the continuity and quality of programming we have had in place for many years, formerly as Log Cabin and now as Metroplex Republicans.

Our years of experience have taught us what it takes in organization, dedication and quality programs for any volunteer organization to succeed. We have everything we need to grow and prosper.

We see the events of last week as an opportunity to reach more Republicans in Dallas. We intend to include Republicans of all varieties and will reach out to all non-traditional Republican allies. We believe correctly defined conservative principals benefit all and oppose the "gimme mine" politics of political sub-grouping at the expense of liberty and freedom.

Our next functions include a Preview Social for the Grand Ol' Party on Oct. 22, the regular monthly meeting on Oct. 24, and the Grand Ol' Party on Nov. 5. Please visit our website, MetroplexRepublicans.com, for details and to sign up on our email list.

Robert Schlein is president and Rudy Oeftering is vice president of Metroplex Republicans, formerly known as the "original" Log Cabin Dallas Chapter.

The power of coming out

ABC News co-anchor Dan Koeffler set an example we all should follow if we want to reach the goal of equality

There's probably never before been a safer — or more critical — time in American culture and politics for LGBT people to come out and acknowledge their identities.

This week when Dan Koeffler, an ABC News co-anchor on the *World News Now* show, acknowledged he was gay, in a reference to *Star Trek* actor Zach Quinto, Koeffler likely caused a lot of people to realize we might just pop up anywhere — even on TV at 3 a.m.

The television personality's off-hand quip that he might drop his rule against dating actors in favor of Quinto, who recently came out in a New

York Magazine interview, might serve as a good example for members of our community who have thus far opened the closet door only a little bit.

The television journalist's declaration hopefully will inspire LGBT people who are tired of listening to Republican presidential candidates backed by evangelical stooges, condemn us and threaten to rollback our hard-won human rights gains.

If there was ever a moment for us to stand up against the likes of Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who was introduced recently at a campaign event by First Baptist Church of Dallas' senior pastor Robert Jeffress, it is now. The thought of Jeffress — who has made a pastoral career out of trampling on the rights of LGBT people — having the ear of the next U.S. president ought to be enough to scare

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anyone into action.

If Jeffress would dare to publicly condemn the Mormon faith of Perry's Republican political rival Mitt Romney in a weaselly attack before reporters after the event, what retributions against our community might he attempt to exact in exchange for helping deliver the evangelical vote to Perry in a presidential election?



David Webb
The Rare Reporter

We're talking about an obsessed man who goes on TV to rail against anyone who doesn't follow his religious philosophy, declaring that merely being a good person is not enough. Anyone one who doesn't want to burn in hell must believe as Jeffress does, according to his sermons.

A friend of Perry's who has known him for more than a half-century told me recently that the governor is more enlightened and tolerant than

the LGBT community perceives him to be. But I don't buy that — especially after he failed to condemn Jeffress' outrageous remarks.

The message doesn't get much better over in the camp of Herman Cain, who has vowed to veto the Employment Non-Discrimination Act if it were to pass Congress if he is elected to the presidency. There are other Republican candidates, such as Rick Santorum and Michelle Bachman, vying for the party's presidential nomination that are just as scary. But they appear to be trailing so significantly in the polls that they aren't a threat — at least for now.

Veteran LGBT activists have long known and shared their wisdom with us about the need for people to come out and stand united against hypocrisy and bigotry. And much has been accomplished as a result. There is strength in numbers, and to quote one of my favorite gay activists, William Waybourn of Washington D.C., "If everyone who is gay came out at once, the discrimination and bullying would stop immediately."

That obviously won't ever happen, but it does present a strong argument for the kind of mass, non-threatening demonstration that is the philosophy of the National Coming Out Day. The event has already passed this year, but there is nothing

to say we couldn't declare 2012 a coming out year in light of the importance of the national election.

Bullying is something everyone needs to remember and condemn, and it's what Koeffler said was on his mind when he came out on national television in the early morning television broadcast. He was referring to a gay teenager, 14-year-old Jamey Rodemeyer of Buffalo, N.Y., who had valiantly fought intolerance and violent anti-gay discrimination to the point of posting a YouTube video titled "It Gets Better," only to finally succumb to suicide when he lost the will to endure more intolerance from his peers.

Although Koeffler was likely confident he would suffer no repercussions at work nor in the rest of his life by his admission, it was still a courageous move, apparently undertaken in an effort to help others in less comfortable situations. Too many people who could make a difference sit by idly and silently when opportunities arise to speak out against intolerance and discrimination. And Koeffler acknowledged he had been one of those for quite some time.

When it comes to anti-gay discrimination and bullying or any other class of prejudice, situations just don't get any better without concerted resistance on the part of the oppressed. I know this because I have in the past tried to reason with



Dan Koeffler

evangelical Christians, including a close associate of Jeffress', whom I have known most of my life.

Their reaction to my pleas for compassion as regards the plight of young LGBT people who are victims of anti-gay bullying and other issues involving discrimination was something along the lines of, "They deserve what they get."

A typical response during the conversations was a flabbergasting, "We are so far apart on this," which was based solely on what I consider to be misguided religious beliefs.

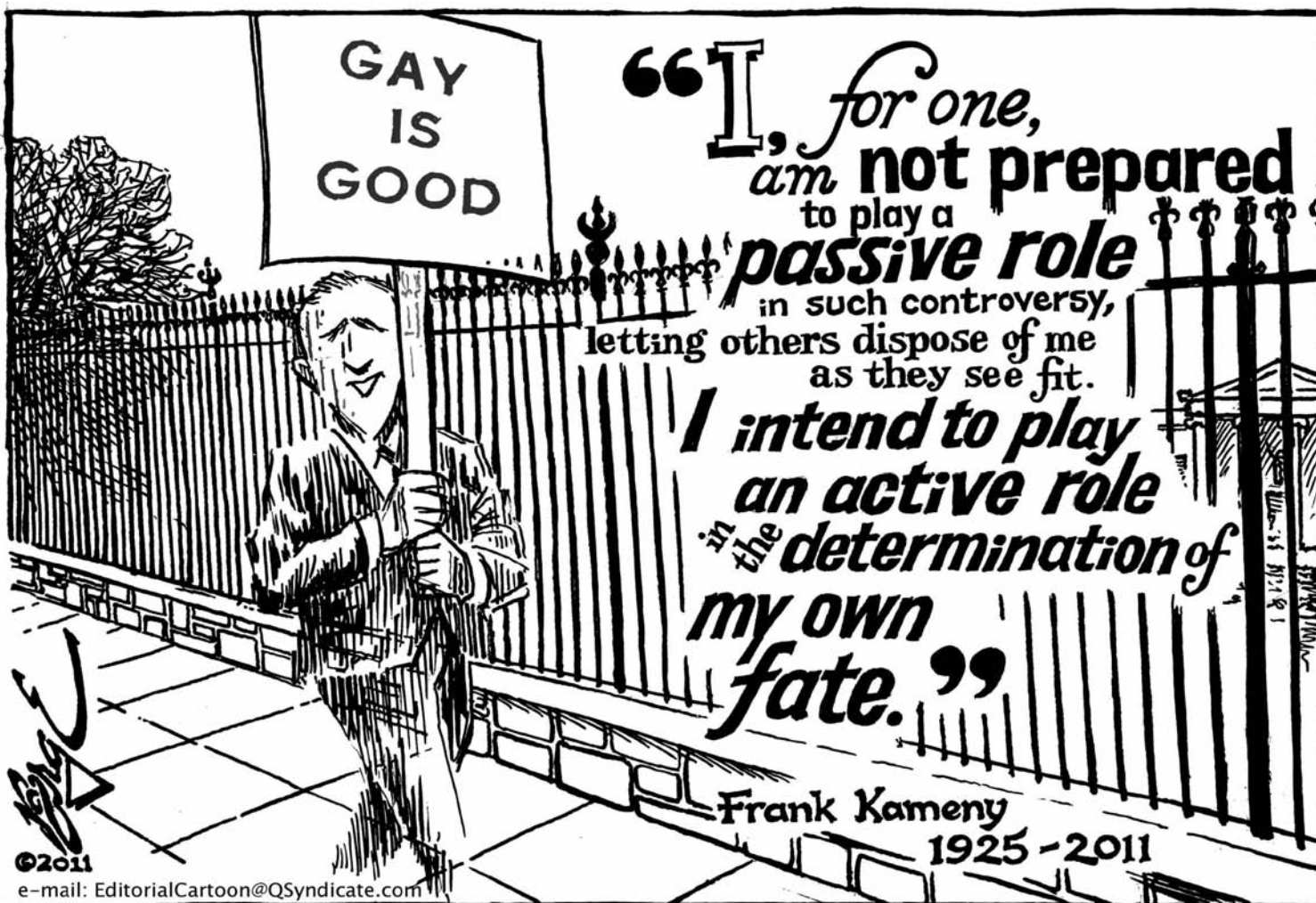
What I learned from trying to reason with the opponents of our quest for equal rights is that it was destined from the start to be a fruitless endeavor, and that our only hope in attracting allies is to appeal to the compassion of open-minded individuals who believe in fairness.

Even if that wasn't Koeffler's conscious objective in speaking out on the broadcast, I think his words probably reached a lot of people who are realizing our sheer numbers necessitate them giving more thought to our mission.

Maybe it's a good time for others to follow Koeffler's lead and see what kind of difference they might be able to make in spreading tolerance and fairness in their communities. ■

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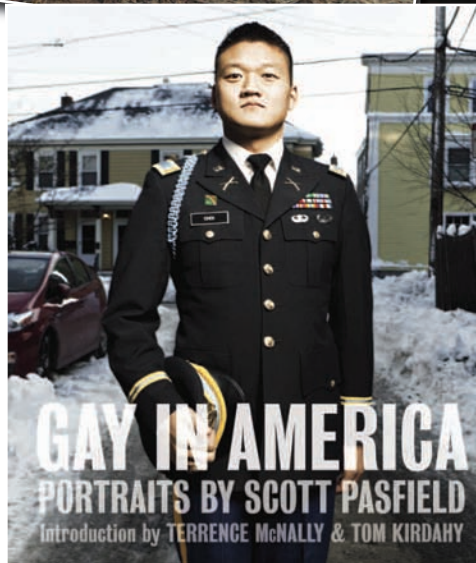
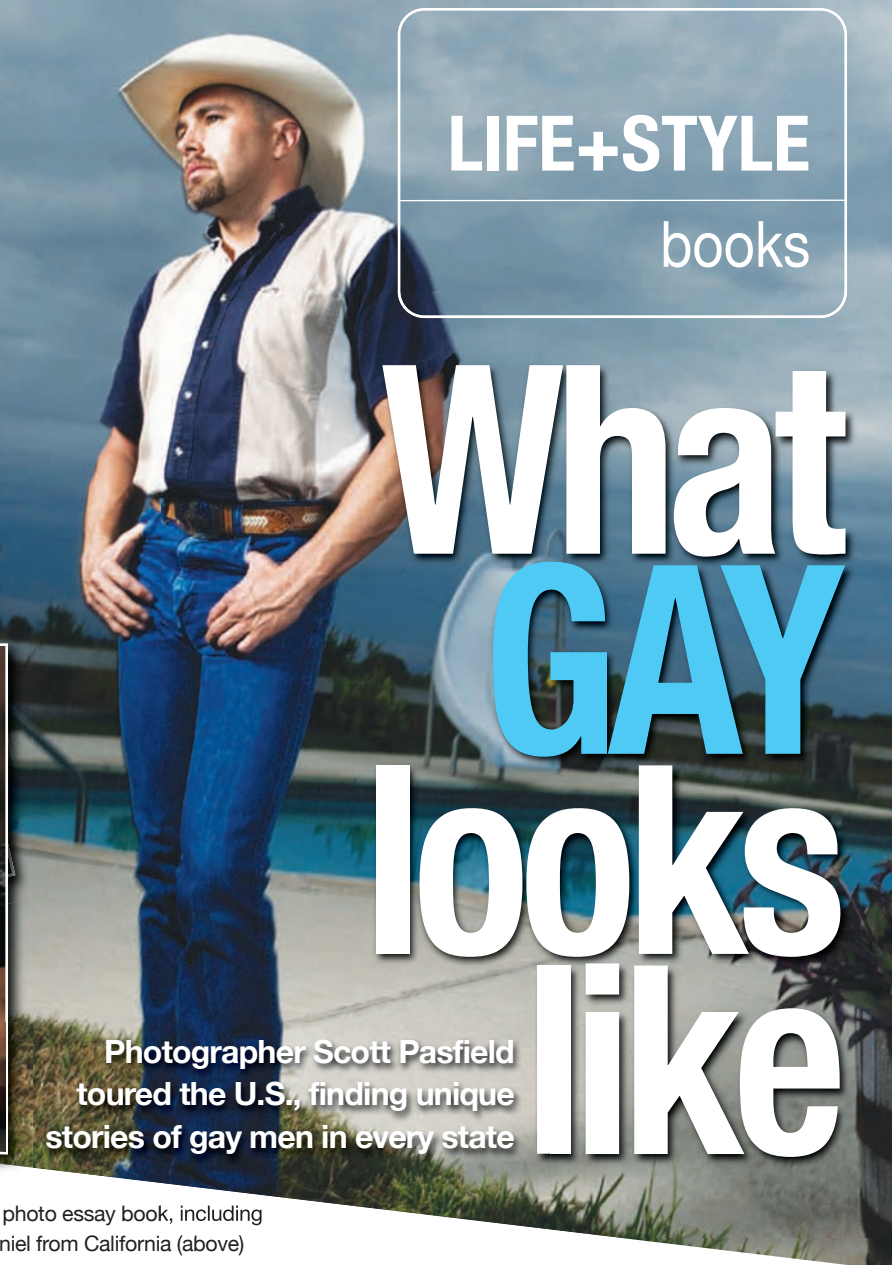
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What GAY looks like

Photographer Scott Pasfield
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stories of gay men in every state



A NATION OF GAYS | All 50 states are represented in Scott Pasfield's photo essay book, including Ken from Maryland (far left), a triad relationship from New York (top), Daniel from California (above) and, of course, a Texan (far right). (All photos copyrighted by Scott Pasfield in his book 'Gay in America,' Welcome Books, GayInAmerica.us.)

Dallas Voice: Gays are traditionally dog lovers, including myself, so one of the first things that I noticed in the pictures was that there are more than a dozen pictures of men and dogs. Pasfield: And so many dogs got cut from the book! I think there was something like 30 or 35 dogs that I photographed over the course of the project. I was always excited to try and include pets when I could. I think they are such an important part of gay men's lives. More often than not, if the dogs or pets were around and seemed intrigued by the whole process, I asked if we could try to get them in the shot and most pet owners are happy about that. The dogs by far were the most popular. I think there were five cats, some goats and lots of birds, too.

How involved were the subjects in the final decision about which pictures appeared in the book? Not at all. After I did the photo-shoots I would always send people my favorites from the shoots shortly after it was done. A lot of times years went by before we actually started making the book from when they had seen my selects. We laid the book out alphabetically and the rhythm and flow of the book was determined a lot of times by that ordering. In some instances, we weren't able to use a photo that we thought would be the image because of the layout and what shoots preceded and followed that particular one. In other instances, it wasn't OK picking the best photograph and running with that; it had to work in its setting and in the book's layout and the rhythm of who was on each side of that spread.

Reading Ken from Maryland's story, it's understandable why he got a few more pages to tell his story. What came first in the process, the photos or the subjects' stories? I decided who to photograph based on their story. They had to write the story to me as a complete stranger in a way and have that leap of faith and honesty to share that. That had a lot to do with why I picked them, it really wasn't trying to come up with the story after the photo shoot. Their story had to ring true to me and it became very clear right away who was right for the book and who wasn't. It hit me like over the head like a ton of bricks. This person was being so honest and their story is so wonderful and I haven't heard anything like it before, therefore I'm going to go photograph them. I had that knowledge walking in to the photo shoot, I had the story in mind, I knew what the photo should look like in my head a little bit or what I thought it should look like. In reality it didn't often end up looking like that, but

having that knowledge beforehand of who they were and what they were willing to share and how that might help others dictated how I approached them photographically.

Of the 140 men in the book, five are from Alaska and seven from Georgia (three from Atlanta), but only one from Illinois, for example. How did you settle on the geography? The stories really dictated who I picked so as long as every state was represented at least once, I felt that I could move on to another state. But when I was really torn in terms of stories and who to include, I would often include them both because I couldn't decide at that point who was right and wrong. And when I felt so strongly about two different people in the same city, I would photograph them both thinking that in the end the editor might narrow that choice down. As was often the case, both subjects same city ended up making it in the book and the editors really enjoyed the comparative stories in the same city. You would think that some places, like Chicago, would be a very easy place but for some reason it wasn't. People didn't reach out to me in the same way. I had a feeling that if something was meant to be it was meant to be and I wasn't going to kill myself trying to find people or persuade people to

be in my book because I needed somebody else from Chicago. Many times I thought, "Why is it so difficult to find someone in New Orleans?" I went to New Orleans three times looking for that perfect person and couldn't find them ever. It was a very interesting process. I just didn't want to question it so much and said I'm just going to move forward and just try to pick the most interesting story and not really think about where people should be or what geography should be more represented. I looked at it from an interesting standpoint to say, "Wow, so many Alaska and Maine guys." I had no idea I would be blown away by the amazing gay men in Maine. So many wrote me the most wonderful stories and I picked five and I could have picked 20.

More than a few times in the book, there are men who say that they "happen to be gay." What do you think that says about being gay in America? I think so many people in society want gay men to clarify themselves or distinguish themselves from the rest of society nearly by that one sexual trait: "I'm gay therefore that defines me." I think so many gay men when asked what truly defines you as a person and what wisdom would you like to share with young kids who are struggling

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Taking its place alongside such coffee-table books as Tom Atwood's *Kings In Their Castles*, David Fields and the late Anderson Jones' *Men Together* and Michael Goff and Out Magazine's *Out In America*, is now *Gay In America* (2011: Welcome Books; \$45) by Scott Pasfield. Consisting of 140 gay male subjects, all of whom responded to a call to be photographed and tell their unique stories, *Gay In America* is a colorful portrait of 21st century gay life in all 50 states.

We spoke with the photo essayist, who will be in Dallas this week as part of a nationwide book tour, about his project and what he learned about gay men ... and himself.

— Gregg Shapiro

with being gay or closeted adults, a lot of them have that response. "I am so-and-so of a person. I have these interests and I went through this and I overcame it and I just happen to be gay. That's not the whole reason why I went through all of these things," even though at face value it might seem that for a lot of people. People struggle because they're gay. So I think when asked and pressed on that issue a lot of people say, "You know I struggled with everything, but it's not all based on me being gay."

How different do you think this book would have been if you'd done it 10 or 20 years ago? The Internet played a big part in how I found people. It would have been much more difficult to find them. The thing that surprised me the most is the regularity of all these guys. I think most outspoken gay men and all facets of the LGBT community are those people who defined themselves very much by being gay and they have that issue that they really want to share with the world. They're very outspoken. I think the type of men I was looking for aren't as outspoken as a lot of those advocates are. That difficulty in finding them was made so much easier by the Internet. Ten, maybe 20 years ago, I'm not quite sure how I would have found the same men because they're not going to gay community centers, most of them. They're not out at a lot of gay bars or clubs in urban areas. I think that that's one of the major differences doing it now. That I was really able to connect with a lot of gay men that are for the most part under the radar and what most see of the gay community.

Do you feel like you learned things about gay men that you didn't know before? I talk a lot in the introduction about why I did the book and the healing and the personal issues that I had to work out with my upbringing and my father with his being born again and condemning my lifestyle. Really a lot of the reason for the book was to search out that wisdom from gay men in determining how to live a happy fulfilled life and not to let other people's views of homosexuality affect your being. I think that having a disapproving

parent or friends or family who are so against what it means to be gay really affects gay men and gay people in general. I was able to learn from them just how not to let all of that get to you, how to be happy, how to

come to some realization that you are gay not for a lot of the reasons that society tells you you are. To understand from these men that it's just a part of who you are and how you can live your life and go about being a happy, fulfilled person and provide in your community and all of those things. To give back in a way and still love yourself and still love the way God made you. I think so much of the pain that so many gay people experience is through those opinions of the people we love and when they're telling you that it is so wrong. It is a very hard thing to overcome. I think the more we share our stories and we learn how other people overcome those same things, it can help us all understand what it does mean to be gay in America a little better.

Would you say you also learned something about yourself in the process of creating this project? Oh, very much, yeah, in terms of not questioning it so much anymore. There was always a little part of me that felt it is wrong just because my father disapproved so much of it until he died. That was something very difficult for me to get over. The intelligent person inside of me told me that it wasn't a choice I had made and I was sinning and I wasn't going to go to hell. And the wisdom that these other men brought to me in their lives and their loves and how they related to other people and how they overcame tragedy and adversity in their lives made me realize I'm doing okay and I'm a good person and I'm like everybody else. You can't that away from me just because I like the same sex; that is so ridiculous.



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Blake Little, bear hunter

You could say that photographer Blake Little is more used to men out of their clothes than in them. With a focus on the nude figure, Little has made a strong and reputable name behind the lens. Not just nudes, either: Top tier celebrities Josh Duhamel and Adrien Brody have posed for him to grace the covers of magazines like USA Weekend and Cigar Aficionado.

But what Little himself is really drawn to are everyday, blue-collar guys. With that in mind, he published *The Company of Men*.

"I wanted to take photographs that captured the strength and integrity of each individual, distilling exactly what I find compelling about men into a photograph without showing everything," he told Wessel and O'Connor Fine Art, who displayed his work as an exhibit in 2008.

Starting with friends, Little explored this facet of masculinity that he felt wasn't shown elsewhere — in particular, a gay masculinity he hadn't seen portrayed in any media, which you can see for yourself at his Dallas appearance later this week.

"I wanted to document a particular type of masculine gay male that I appreciated and related to," he says, "an alternative to stereotypes or what is usually seen as the physical ideal of a man in the mainstream."

And he achieves it in heaps. *The Company of Men* is an outstanding collection of photographs that idealize the everyman and yet still exudes a high sensual characteristic. Simply, each man photographed is hot, but it's their lack of touch up or waxing that makes them so. Little strived to



capture each in their own element, at their own house and in natural light.

Not surprisingly for the photographer, he created well-constructed shots that are both artistic and, let's face it, sexy with the best looking bears this side of the National Geographic.

— Rich Lopez

NUVO, 3900 Cedar Springs Road. Oct. 27 at 5 p.m. NUVODallas.com.



Gay wedding (the other kind)

A wedding spins out of control in the insightful musical 'A Catered Affair'

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Not every marriage-minded gal is a bridezilla — not that anyone will believe it. Jane Hurley has simple tastes: A civil ceremony at the courthouse, followed by a quick honeymoon getaway driving a car cross-country for a friend. No place cards, no guest list, no nosegay — just a license, a vow and groom, with mom and dad watching.

Only who would buy that? Jane's mom, Aggie (Sally Soldo) does, as does her dad (Sonny Franks), who's happy not to exhaust his bankbook throwing a party for someone else. But the groom's parents don't like it, and the gossipy neighbors suspect such a quickie wedding bespeaks of a pregnant bride.

A Catered Affair is based on a 1956 movie (and an earlier teleplay) starring Bette Davis and Ernest Borgnine, but while the original was a schmaltzy comedy along the lines of *Father of the Bride*, the musical — adapted by Harvey Fierstein, with a score by composer John Bucchino — is something else entirely.

There are broad comic moments, most dealing with dad's penny-pinching, but the core of the story is deeper, more meaningful. (The "dad's a cheapskate" angle has been played out too many times to count, and takes a backseat here.) Jane has lived in the shadow of her brother, who was killed in Korea; her Uncle Winston (Chris Wagley) is profoundly wounded that he isn't invited to the ceremony attributing it to Jane's disguised embarrassment over having a gay relative. And the tension between her parents churns up long-standing resentments that

threaten their marriage.

Bucchino has composed a nice chamber musical with Sondheim-esque sensibilities (an asymmetrical rhyme scheme strung on staccato motifs that are occasionally lovely but defiantly un-hummable). He's more concerned with telling a story and revealing character than creating ear-worms for the drive home.

Fierstein's script expands on the gay content, making Uncle Win simultaneously flamboyant, coy, brittle and defensive. In fact, the book explores issues of social convention (who wants the wedding and why) with unexpected insight.

Director Jac Alder paces the show well, and strikes a tricky tone. This isn't *Death of a Salesman: The Musical*. It shouldn't be dour and heavy, even as it frankly addresses issues about war and child rearing and the ends of marriage.

This is Soldo's best work. Her hair snapped into a tight, graying bun, clad in a frumpy housedress, she exudes a working class ma from the Bronx, boiling hambones to stretch her food dollar. It's not a glamorous role, but she gives it not just authenticity, but weightiness, especially on "Our Only Daughter."

Soldo is matched by Franks, who looks so unlike what you'd expect a musical comedy performer to look like, he's one of the best there is. Their pairing works even as the script toggles between comic fable and serious social document. They are the heart and soul of *A Catered Affair*, and certainly make it worth an RSVP. ■

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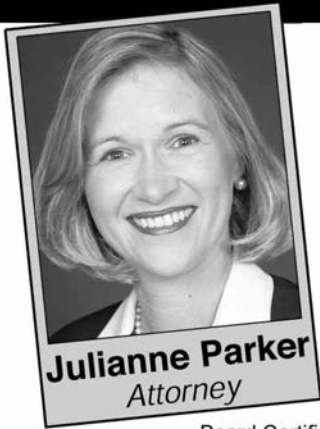
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FATHER OF THE BRIDE | A penny-pinching cabbie (Sonny Franks) argues with his wife (Sally Soldo) over the cost of their daughter's reception in Theatre 3's charmer 'A Catered Affair.'



Celeb sighting

This year's Out & Equal Workplace Summit boasts a healthy amount of celebrities coming to town. From actors to comedians and more, Dallas prepares not only to host a slew of workshops on equality, but also rolls out the red carpet for these guests.

Meredith Baxter: You'll likely remember the actress as supermom Elyse Keaton on *Family Ties*. But she made a new impression by coming out last year. She speaks at Wednesday's breakfast plenary session and follows up with a book signing at Nuvo, 3900 Cedar Springs Road, on Oct. 26 at 6 p.m.

Andy Cohen: The senior vice president at Bravo has almost singlehandedly changed the face of gays on television. That extends to these parts with the new show *Most Eligible Dallas*.

The *Watch What Happens Live* host will appear at Tuesday's brunch plenary session.

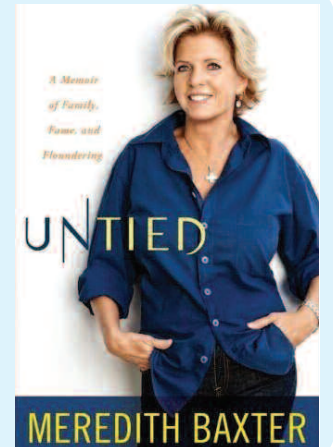
Rick Welts: The name may not be as familiar but Welts made front page news this year in the *New York Times*. The former Phoenix Suns president is the first higher-up of a men's professional sports organization to come out.

He appears with Baxter at the Wednesday plenary.

Margaret Cho: The comedian has long been an ally to the LGBT community and continues in appearances at such events as this. She is part of the lineup for Thursday's gala dinner hosted by fellow comedian Kate Clinton.

Wilson Cruz: The actor redefined the queer image on television with his work on *My So Called Life*. Through his acting on stage and screen, Cruz has also become an advocate for LGBT youth. He appears with Cho and Clinton at the gala dinner.

For more information on these and other guests appearing at the summit, visit OutAndEqual.org/2011-Speakers.



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KALETRA Use and Important Safety Information¹

Use

KALETRA® (lopinavir/ritonavir) is a prescription anti-HIV-1 medicine called a protease inhibitor that contains lopinavir and ritonavir. KALETRA is used with other anti-HIV-1 medicines to increase the chance of treatment response in people with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV-1) infection. It is not known if KALETRA is safe and effective in children under 14 days old.

KALETRA does not cure HIV-1 infection or AIDS and does not stop you from passing HIV-1 to others. You may still get opportunistic infections or other conditions that happen with HIV-1.

Important Safety Information

Do not take KALETRA if you are allergic to KALETRA or any of its ingredients, including lopinavir or ritonavir. Skin rashes, some of them severe, can occur in people who take KALETRA. Tell your doctor if you had a rash when you took another medicine for HIV or if you notice any skin rash when you take KALETRA.

Drug Interactions:

The list of drug interactions below is not complete. You must tell your doctor about all medicines you are taking or planning to take, including those without a prescription, vitamins, and herbal products.

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The following medicines may need changes if you take KALETRA: birth control pills that contain estrogen ("the pill"), birth control (contraceptive) patches, nilotinib (Tasigna®) and dasatinib (Sprycel®), atorvastatin (Lipitor®), rosuvastatin (Crestor®), efavirenz (Atripla® and Sustiva®), nevirapine (Viramune®), amprenavir (Agenerase®), fosamprenavir (Lexiva®), nelfinavir (Viracept®), phenytoin (Dilantin®), carbamazepine (Tegretol®), phenobarbital, sildenafil (Viagra®), tadalafil (Cialis®), Adcirca®, vardenafil (Levitra®), rifabutin (Mycobutin®), inhaled fluticasone (Flonase®), salmeterol (Serevent®) and salmeterol in combination with fluticasone propionate (Advair®), colchicine (Colcrys®), bosentan (Tracleer®), fentanyl (Duragesic®, lonsys™, Fentora®) and methadone.

KALETRA should not be taken once daily if you take carbamazepine (Tegretol® and Epitol®), phenobarbital (Luminal®), or phenytoin (Dilantin®).

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- Talk with your doctor if you take or plan to take metronidazole (Flagyl®) or disulfiram (Antabuse®). You can have severe nausea and vomiting if you take these medicines with KALETRA.

KALETRA can cause serious side effects:

KALETRA may not be right for you. Tell your doctor about all your medical conditions.

Changes in your heart rhythm and the electrical activity of your heart can occur when taking KALETRA. These changes can lead to serious heart problems. Your risk for these problems may be higher if you already have a history of abnormal heart rhythm or other types of heart disease, or if you take other medicines that can affect your heart rhythm while you take KALETRA. Tell your doctor right away if you experience dizziness, lightheadedness, fainting, and/or a sensation of abnormal heartbeats.

Liver problems, including death, can happen in people who take KALETRA. Blood tests in people who take KALETRA may show possible liver problems. People with liver disease such as hepatitis B or C who take KALETRA may have worsening liver disease. People should tell their doctor right away if they have any of the following signs and symptoms: loss of appetite, yellowing of skin or eyes (jaundice), dark-colored urine, pale-colored stools, itchy skin, and/or stomach area (abdominal) pain.

Inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis), which may be serious and cause death, has occurred in some people who take KALETRA. You have a higher chance of

having pancreatitis if you have had it before. Tell your doctor if you have nausea, vomiting, and/or abdominal pain, as these may be signs of pancreatitis.

Immune reconstitution syndrome may occur after starting anti-HIV medicines, including KALETRA. This happens when you develop signs and symptoms of serious infections you already have, which may require additional treatment.

Large increases in certain fat (triglycerides and cholesterol) levels in the blood have occurred in some people receiving KALETRA. The long-term chance of getting complications such as heart attacks or strokes due to these increases in triglycerides and cholesterol caused by protease inhibitors is not known at this time.

New or more serious diabetes and high blood sugar (hyperglycemia) have occurred in some people who take protease inhibitors, including KALETRA. Tell your doctor if you notice an increase in thirst or urinate often while taking KALETRA.

Changes in body fat have been seen in some people who take anti-HIV therapy. The cause and long-term health effects of these conditions are not known at this time.

Increased bleeding has occurred in some people with hemophilia who take protease inhibitors, including KALETRA.

If you are taking birth control pills or using patches to prevent pregnancy, you should use an extra form or a different type of birth control, since birth control pills or patches may not work as well while you take KALETRA. Talk to your doctor about how to prevent pregnancy while taking KALETRA.

It is not known if KALETRA will harm your unborn baby. If you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant, you should tell your doctor.

If you take KALETRA during pregnancy, you should talk with your doctor about how you can take part in an Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry. The purpose of the pregnancy registry is to follow the health of you and your baby.

Do not breast-feed while taking KALETRA. There is a chance HIV can be passed to your baby through breast milk and your baby may have serious side effects from KALETRA.

Common side effects of KALETRA include diarrhea, nausea, stomach area (abdominal) pain, feeling weak, vomiting, headache, or upset stomach. These are not all of the possible side effects of KALETRA.

The long-term effects of KALETRA are not known at this time.

This is the most important information to know about KALETRA. For more information, talk with your doctor.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch, or call 1-800-FDA-1088 (1-800-332-1088).

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For additional information about KALETRA, call 1-866-KALETRA (1-866-525-3872) or visit KALETRA.com.

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Patient Information

Read the Medication Guide that comes with KALETRA before you start taking it and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking with your doctor about your medical condition or treatment. You and your doctor should talk about your treatment with KALETRA before you start taking it and at regular check-ups. You should stay under your doctor's care when taking KALETRA.

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

KALETRA may cause serious side effects, including:

- **Interactions with other medicines. It is important to know the medicines that should not be taken with KALETRA.** Read the section "What should I tell my doctor before taking KALETRA?"
- **Changes in your heart rhythm and the electrical activity of your heart.** These changes may be seen on an EKG (electrocardiogram) and can lead to serious heart problems. Your risk for these problems may be higher if you:
 - already have a history of abnormal heart rhythm or other types of heart disease.
 - take other medicines that can affect your heart rhythm while you take KALETRA.

Tell your doctor right away if you have any of these symptoms while taking KALETRA:

- dizziness
- lightheadedness
- fainting
- sensation of abnormal heartbeats

See the section below "What are the possible side effects of KALETRA?" for more information about serious side effects.

What is KALETRA?

KALETRA is a prescription anti-HIV medicine that contains two medicines: lopinavir and ritonavir. KALETRA is called a protease inhibitor that is used with other anti-HIV-1 medicines to treat people with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV-1) infection. HIV-1 is the virus that causes AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome). It is not known if KALETRA is safe and effective in children under 14 days old.

Who should not take KALETRA?

- Do not take KALETRA if you are taking certain medicines. For more information about medicines you should not take with KALETRA, please see "Can I take other medicines with KALETRA?" and consult with your doctor about all other medicines you take.
- Do not take KALETRA if you have an allergy to KALETRA or any of its ingredients, including ritonavir and lopinavir.

What should I tell my doctor before taking KALETRA?

KALETRA may not be right for you. Tell your doctor about all your medical conditions, including if you:

- have any heart problems, including if you have a condition called Congenital Long QT Syndrome.
- have liver problems, including Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C.
- have diabetes.
- have hemophilia. People who take KALETRA may have increased bleeding.
- have low potassium in your blood.

- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if KALETRA will harm your unborn baby. Birth control pills or patches may not work as well while you take KALETRA. To prevent pregnancy while taking KALETRA, women who take birth control pills or use estrogen patch for birth control should either use a different type of birth control or an extra form of birth control. Talk to your doctor about how to prevent pregnancy while taking KALETRA.
- take KALETRA during pregnancy, talk with your doctor about how you can take part in an antiretroviral pregnancy registry. The purpose of the pregnancy registry is to follow the health of you and your baby.
- are breast-feeding. Do not breast-feed if you are taking KALETRA. You should not breast-feed if you have HIV-1. If you are a woman who has or will have a baby while taking KALETRA, talk with your doctor about the best way to feed your baby. If your baby does not already have HIV-1, there is a chance that HIV-1 can be passed to your baby through your breast milk.

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Many medicines interact with KALETRA. Do not start taking a new medicine without telling your doctor or pharmacist. Your doctor can tell you if it is safe to take KALETRA with other medicines. Your doctor may need to change the dose of other medicines while you take KALETRA.

Medicines you should not take with KALETRA.

Serious problems or death can happen if you take these medicines with KALETRA:

- ergot containing medicines, including:
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 - ergonovine, ergonovine and methylegonovine (Ergotrate, Methergine), ergotamine and methylegonovine
 - Ergotrate Maleate, methylegonovine maleate (Methergine)
- triazolam (Halcion®), midazolam hydrochloride oral syrup
- pimizide (Orap®)
- the cholesterol lowering medicines lovastatin (Mevacor®) or simvastatin (Zocor®)
- sildenafil (Revatio®) only when used for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension. (See "Medicines that may need changes" and "What are the possible side effects of Kaletra?" for information about the use of sildenafil for erectile problems.)
- alfuzosin (Uroxatral®)

Medicines that you should not take with KALETRA since they may make KALETRA not work as well:

- the herbal supplement St. John's Wort (hypericum perforatum)
- rifampin (Rimactane®, Rifadin®, Rifater®, or Rifamate®)

Medicines that may need changes:

- birth control pills that contain estrogen ("the pill") or the birth control (contraceptive) patches
- certain anticancer medicines, such as nilotinib (Tasigna®) and dasatinib (Sprycel®)

- certain cholesterol lowering medicines, such as atorvastatin (Lipitor®) or rosuvastatin (Crestor®)
- certain other antiretroviral medicines, such as efavirenz (Atripla® and Sustiva®), nevirapine (Viramune®), amprenavir (Agenerase®) and nelfinavir (Viracept®)
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- medicines for erectile problems, such as sildenafil (Viagra®), tadalafil (Cialis®), or vardenafil (Levitra®)
- medicines for tuberculosis (TB), such as rifabutin (Mycobutin®)
- inhaled steroid medicines, such as fluticasone propionate (Flonase®)
- inhaled medicines such as salmeterol (Serevent®) or salmeterol in combination with fluticasone propionate (Advair®). Your doctor may need to change to a different medicine
- medicines for gout, such as colchicine (Colcrys®)
- medicines to treat pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), such as bosentan (Tracleer®) or tadalafil (Adcirca®)
- pain medicines, such as fentanyl (Duragesic®, lonsys™, Fentora®) and methadone

If you are not sure if you are taking a medicine above, ask your doctor.

How should I take KALETRA?

- Take KALETRA every day exactly as prescribed by your doctor.
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Dynamic DUO

Whether running in the Turkey Trot or going for a swim, husbands Enrique McGregor and Mark Niermann make marriage (and exercise) look easy

Although they've been together for 15 years, it was only about a month ago that this month's dynamic duo, Enrique McGregor and Mark Niermann, officially got hitched. (Thanks, New York!)

Judging from their exercise regime and overall healthy lifestyle, they take those "sickness and

health" and "for better or worse" vows pretty seriously. ... Well that, plus margaritas, chocolate chip cookies and generous helping of motivation and support make up their recipe for a successful marriage.

— *Jef Tingley*

Names and ages: Enrique McGregor, 47, and Mark Niermann, 48 (just barely)

Occupations: MacGregor: management consultant; Niermann; lawyer

Length of relationship: 15 years, but legally married on Sept. 28, 2011, in New York's Supreme Court Building.

Sports & activities: Members of Dallas Aquatic Masters (DAM); occasionally play golf with Different Strokes Golf Association.

Exercise regimen: MacGregor: I swim or run two or three times a week; I do weight training once or twice a week.

Niermann: Cardio (swimming or running) three times weekly; weights two times. I don't have a rigid exercise schedule other than my objective to work out at least four times weekly. When we're training for an event, like a biking or running race, we'll do more running or biking.

Upcoming fitness goals: Both: the 8-mile Turkey Trot race in Dallas on Thanksgiving Day.

Most memorable athletic accomplishment: MacGregor: I rode my bike right behind Lance Armstrong at a Livestrong event in Austin as we both crossed the finish line at the same time. Of course, I was finishing a 45-mile ride, and he was finishing a 90-mile ride.

Workout preference: mornings or evenings? MacGregor: I don't have a set workout time unless I'm working out with a group. I try

to think about my work schedule a day ahead and then plan a workout time around that. I'm jealous of people who can get up at 5 a.m. to workout. I am not a morning person.

Niermann: Either, and lunch too — whenever I can fit it in depending on my schedule and the time of year (especially for running outside).

How do you motivate yourself to workout? MacGregor: I sign up for an event, like a race. Then I know I have to make time to get ready for that event. I am much more engaged in a workout when I'm preparing for an event.

How does your partner motivate you to work out? MacGregor: He offers options. For instance, he'll say: "Do you want to go for a run today, or would you rather go for a swim?" Or, "Would you like to do our run before lunch or would you rather do it later in the afternoon?"

Words of advice for people trying to work fitness into their life? Niermann: Enrique and I are not workout fanatics or super athletes. We try to get regular exercise and generally eat healthy food. (We include wine, margaritas and chocolate chip cookies in the category of "healthy food.") We enjoy training for special athletic challenges, like running races, but we don't always have a specific goal or race we're training for. We also enjoy playing golf (aka "hacking") and skiing, and like to stay in shape in ways to complement those sports.

Like everything in life, exercise is easiest and most effective if you

can find a balance, both in terms of the kinds of working out you do and how often you do it. Working out doesn't have to (and shouldn't) take over your life — you can pack a lot of good into a 30- or 45-minute workout of any kind.

Follow common sense rules of not overdoing it when or how you eat and exercise. Being healthy is more than how much weight you can lift or how fast you can run — it's about achieving a good balance in life of healthy eating, regular exercise, healthy relationships with friends, family and partners and finding ways to minimize stress.

Favorite spot in North Texas to exercise outdoors: MacGregor: Stevens Park Golf Course (and don't tell me that golf doesn't count as exercise).

Niermann: I don't really have one, though I belong to the Baylor-Tom Landry Center. Though if I had to pick, I'd say Neiman's Downtown — Last Call.

Favorite song or playlist for working out? MacGregor: I like to run listening to Lance Armstrong's "Run Longer" playlist. Aside from good music, Lance's voice takes you through interval sets where you speed up and slow down in four-minute increments. This technique is supposed to improve your performance.

Which celebrity or athlete's physique would you like to have and why: MacGregor: Chris Evans. He has a nice athletic build, if you're into that sort of thing.

Niermann: Any AussieBum model ... have you *seen* their ads?

TAKING THE PLUNGE | McGregor, left, and Niermann have been together 15 years, marrying legally last month. For a slide show of their aquatic antics, visit DallasVoice.com. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

Tasting notes

Veggie Fair returns, Dish launches fall menu and you can win foodie swag!

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A-HA, AHI! | Dish's ahi pica is one of its best fall menu additions from new chef de cuisine Garreth Dickey.

You can get deep fried bacon and fried butter and fried just-about-anything at the Texas State Fair, but this weekend, the fried foods are more animal friendly at the **Texas State Veggie Fair**, now in its second year. Sponsored by **Jamey Scott** with **DallasVegan.com** to celebrate and promote the health benefits and environmental impact of the vegan lifestyle, the festivities start on Saturday with the Texas premiere of the documentary *Vegucated* where, *a la* Morgan Spurlock, three meat-eating New Yorkers go vegan for six weeks. The screening will take place at the Texas Theatre in Oak Cliff on Saturday at 1 p.m., with the filmmaker in attendance.

That night, the animal rights group **Mercy for Animals**, founded by gay vegan **Nathan Runkle**, hosts the official kick-off party for the fair at Sons of Hermann Hall, starting at 7 p.m. Then on Sunday, you can enjoy the entirety of the fair — including a fried food competition (for which I will serve as a judge), music and speakers, as well as veggie food — at Winfrey Point on Lawther Drive on White Rock Lake. Admission is free to the fair and runs from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, visit DallasVegan.com or TexasStateVeggieFair.com.

North Texas seemed to progress quickly from sweltering heat to autumnal cuddliness with almost no transition time at all. I'm not just talking about the weather, but about the food as well.

It certainly feels like fall already at **Dish**. The new chef de cuisine, **Garreth Dickey**, has retooled the menu at the three-year-old restaurant, editing some of the regular items and adding all new ones. The coolest tweaks to the menu: A "weekly specialties" list, which Dickey swaps out each Wednesday, and a \$35 prix fixe menu which allows him the opportunity to experiment with new recipes and you to be the first to try out what's new.

The tender flat iron steak, already a staple of the menu, is still there, as are the selection of flatbreads. But burgers have been deemphasized in favor of tacos (the sweet and tangy Carolina pork tacos, \$12 as a dinner entrée or two bucks each in the bar at happy hour, are a special now; don't miss 'em), and Dickey's new prosciutto flatbread is the best of them all.

Perhaps the standout of the new items, though, is the ahi pica appetizer. More flavorful than the usual tuna tartare, this version sings with the slow-rising heat of scotch bonnet chilis and the tropical wisp of coconut atop a large wonton disk.

Dish doesn't have a pastry chef, so Dickey's desserts are simple yet exceptional. The caramel pot de crème has the personality of creamy butterscotch, and the sweetness of the banana cake is softened with a hint of saltiness.

This month, **Café Brazil** re-released its seasonal coffee blend — always popular with long-time regulars — as well as a new menu that exudes the fall season. Among the offerings: cinnamon pumpkins pancakes and French toast *a la* bananas foster, two sweetly indulgent breakfast items designed to raise your blood sugar.

Not to be outdone, **Capriotti's Sandwich Shop** on Preston Road in Plano lists "the Bobbie" as one of its most popular offerings. It is nicknamed "Thanksgiving on a bun," and that about sums in up: Sliced turkey, stuffing and a cranberry relish recreate the sensations of turkey day with the convenience of a sandwich. In fact, it's the perfect day-after Thanksgiving meal without all the mess and lost refrigerator space.

This year, the annual **Beaujolais & Beyond Wine Festival**, sponsored by the French-American Chamber of Commerce of Dallas, moves to the brand new Omni Dallas Downtown on Nov. 18. You can check out the big new convention center hotel while sampling wines from France's Beaujolais region as well as American Rhone style wines, all set to a hip '60s-inspired theme. Participating restaurants include **Parigi**, **Hotel St. Germain**, **Bonnie Ruth's Café** and many more. Tickets are \$60 in advance (\$55 for four or more) and available at FACCDallas.com. ■

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The Turtle Creek Chorale bounces back with a new management team but the same commitment to being forever turtle

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David Fisher hadn't even started his first day on the job as the new executive director of the Turtle Creek Chorale last summer when the word came down: The then-current artistic director, Jonathan Palant, was leaving his post, effective immediately. Forget about setting up pictures of his husband and son on his desk; there would be time for housekeeping later. Right now, they had a bigger priority: Finding someone to lead the 180-member gay men's chorus.

If ever there was a definition of hitting the ground running, this was surely it. Arts administration is nothing new Fisher, who for years has worked with Dallas' Office of Cultural Affairs and founded the Festival of Independent Theatres. But managing the chorale was uncharted territory for him. Before he'd even learned the names of all his co-workers, he and the chorale needed to find an interim conductor.

In walked Trey Jacobs.

Jacobs had worked in choral music since 1980, although his closest connection to Texas before now was living in Fort Worth for a time in the mid-1980s. Then, while attending a choral convention in San Antonio in 1993, he heard, for the first time, the TCC sing live.

"I was so moved by the beauty of these men's voices," he says. "I became a huge fan and started collecting their CDs."

For the last four years, Jacobs has worked at Eastern Michigan University, but two-plus years

of that has mandated a long-distance relationship — his partner had taken a job in Mobile, Ala. — grew too much. In July, "I took a huge leap of faith and resigned" from the university without having a new job in place. Two weeks later, the chorale called. He jumped at the opportunity.

Together, Jacobs and Fisher, along with interim assistant conductor Sean Baugh, formed a quick partnership. Both newcomers in their own way, they have leveraged their skills to manage a smooth transition.

SYNERGY OF NECESSITY | Trey Jacobs, front, was chosen as the interim conductor of the Turtle Creek Chorale only weeks after David Fisher, rear, assumed his position as its new executive director. On Sunday, they will oversee the inaugural concert for both, launching the chorale's 32nd season. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

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"Trey has such a long history with chorale music, and the chorale fits all of his artistic sensibilities," Fisher explains, while "I know the Dallas scene and the community, but little about choral music." Such symbiosis has helped them go from greenhorns to concert in barely nine weeks. The proof will be the performance this Sunday of *Messiah*, the inaugural concert for both at the TCC and the season premiere for the 32-year old chorus.

Although the chorale's season had already been planned by Palant before his departure, Jacobs says the specific programs had not been laid out. That has allowed him the flexibility to add his own artistic elements and opportunities to express his own ideas.

TCC: MESSIAH

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with other local choruses, but the first act will be a set highlighting favorite numbers from the chorale's storied repertoire, including "We're Not Lost, We're Here" — the first song the chorale ever performed in concert.

The process has been complicated. Jacobs quit his job in Michigan to spend more time with his partner in Alabama. Presently, Jacobs is still living in Mobile, commuting in to Dallas about once a week for rehearsals, while working remotely with Baugh to get the singers prepared. He's in town more this week leading up to Sunday, and expects he'll be here almost constantly in December as the holiday concerts approach.

"The [singers] have been incredibly receptive," Jacobs says, saying his partner has also been unendingly supportive. "I see it in their eyes — they are so excited."

But while the chorale has an eye toward the future, including a nationwide search for a new permanent artistic director, Fisher and Jacobs stress that for now, Jacobs' focus is solely on the task.

"One of the stipulations of the contract is *not* to focus on next season," Fisher says.

"The interim position was an 11-month contract or until a new artistic director is hired," Jacobs adds, noting that he has not applied for the permanent post. Instead, he's concentrating on Sunday's concert.

"First and foremost I want, from the first night, the audience to be struck thinking, 'BAM! That's the Turtle Creek Chorale.' That sound that is so specific to them, I want recognized from all who attend."

But there's another factor everyone who knows the chorale is familiar with, and it's not about the music per se; it's about showmanship.

"It's absolutely crucial," Jacobs agrees. "I'm stealing this from [former TCC artistic director] Tim Seelig, but what I heard from him is: Every concert should have a gasp, a tear and a chill bump, in whatever capacity. That's something I've always believed in, too."

When the concert's over, maybe Fisher will finally take a deep breath and find time to put up those pictures. ■

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Uh Huh Her grows with 'Nocturnes' but still loses its way in the dark

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When Uh Huh Her debuted in 2008 with *Common Reaction*, the critics noticed. Perhaps one of the more underrated albums of the year, the duo of Leisha Hailey and Camila Grey created a sophisticated track list fusing indie rock and electro-pop into catchy tunes.

It's a shame they missed the mark on *Nocturnes*, their second full release, which displays a lot of growth, just all in the same key.

Perhaps if *Nocturnes* had been a concept album, the 11 tracks would work better — assuming "monotony" was the concept. The first six songs comprise a suite of similar tunes that are rendered forgettably. Where *Reaction* opened with a distinct attitude, UHH get washed out here, overcome with a blurred production overseen by Grey and Wendy Melvoin of Wendy and Lisa fame.

"Marstorm" appropriately opens the album with a strong set of guitars and racing drums. The ladies have gone a lot harder than before, but the jagged edge of the song rubs the wrong way and Grey's soft vocals are swallowed by the

music going on around her.

Even without a maelstrom of music, Grey's voice is underwhelming in the intro of "Another Case." Drummer Josh Kane seems to have been given carte blanche with his beat. He goes full throttle setting the pace of the album, but it's one that barely relaxes. "Case" and its twin song "Disdain" push deep into the ears but without much substance.



When UHH delve into softer territory, as on "Human Nature," they fare better. Although "Nature" isn't that moving, it's a reprieve from the unappealing sonic onslaught of previous songs.

UHH calm down by their eighth track, "Criminal," and we finally begin to hear their familiar charm with a new display of complexities in their song structure. Grey's sounds clearer (not much) and the intended moodiness of the album is in perfect pitch. The album clocks in at 40 minutes, but it takes forever to get to the final stretch which is the best part of *Nocturnes*. The final four tracks, starting with "Criminal," immediately elevate the album to a higher plane.

With "Same High," the texture of the music



DOUBLE TROUBLE | Camila Grey, left, and Leisha Hailey of Uh Huh Her fall short in their second full-length CD 'Nocturnes,' but make a nice recovery toward the end.

has subtle but sensuous layers and the minimalist lyrics balance the track exquisitely. The song grows with quietly and is perhaps the most satisfying track.

That said, "Darkness Is" may be the most challenging in all the right ways. The drive of the earlier songs is at the right speed here, forceful but not overpowering, leaving room for the ladies to deliver engaging lyrics like *And say hell to the ones who sit on their thrones / And tell everybody to gather their guns and fear what? / Do you really want to let them control you?*

Even with a cliché title, final track, "Time Stands Still," succeeds with its gentleness. The

song drifts with an ethereality that recalls, of all bands, Icehouse. "Time" doesn't play as much as it melts over your ears with sumptuous delivery. Everything that's right about UHH is marked in this song.

Nocturnes suffers from being top heavy with "Look Ma, I'm writing music" tracks that never provide a memorable experience. Instead, they ultimately drag the album down. Ironically, the final songs display Uh Huh Her at their finest and show a distinct maturity from *Reaction*, an already smart album. Sophomore slump or not, when the band finds its balance, it should be remarkable. ■

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Who hasn't had one?

The trials of dating can be rather daunting, but shoe fetishist and single mother Haley finds that her horrible taste in men isn't paying off in the one-woman show *Bad Dates*, starring Shannon J. McGrann. Haley suffers through mobsters, a teenage daughter and, well, some bad dates. But thankfully, she's got her fabulous shoes to make her feel better.

DEETS: Contemporary Theatre of Dallas, 5601 Sears St. 8 p.m. Through Nov. 13. \$27-\$32. ContemporaryTheatreOfDallas.com.

Friday 10.21

She will cut you

The Dallas Opera opens its season with *Lucia di Lammermoor*, about Lucia, who isn't too fond of her future husband. So much so, she takes matters into her own hands. For opera newbies, TDO offers a free public simulcast of the opening night in Sammons Park. One way or another, you'll see how Lucia copes with a deceitful brother and the man he tricks her into marrying.

DEETS: Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. 7:30 p.m. Through Nov. 6. \$25-\$275. ATPAC.org.

Saturday 10.22

Pleasure and pain

Fetish adult film star Tony Buff comes to Dallas for the weekend. He make a special appearance at The Tin Room Friday and Saturday and if you don't like it, well, he's might have to teach you a lesson. Like you'd mind.

DEETS: Tin Room, 2514 Hudnall St. 10 p.m. No cover. TinRoom.net



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Monday, Oct. 31 The Costume Contests

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FRIDAY 10.21

COMMUNITY

Triangle Networking Tarrant, for gay-owned and gay-friendly businesses. Dos Gringos, 1510 University Ave., Fort Worth. 6 p.m. \$5. 817-496-3479.

Oak Lawn Group for Gays Lambda (formerly CODA) meets on Fridays at St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, 6525 Inwood Road. 6:30 p.m. Call 214-868-7350 for more information.

FUSE drop-in weekdays for gay and bi guys up to 29. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. Tuesdays–Fridays at 2 p.m. DFWFuse.com.

Youth First Texas groups for ages 14 to 22. 3918 Harry Hines Blvd. Fridays–Saturdays and Tuesdays–Wednesdays at 6 p.m., Thursdays at 4 p.m. Youth-FirstTexas.org.

Stonewall Group of Narcotics Anonymous. Meets daily at noon and 7:30 p.m. 2438 Butler St., # 108.

ART

The Art of the Guitar features art by 30-plus artists on functioning guitars. The exhibit takes place as part of 45 Fest, an art and music event that brings awareness of mental health among artists and musicians. Kettle Art, 2714 Elm St. 7 p.m. KettleArt.com.

BROADCAST

The 10% with Richard Curtin streams Fridays at 3 p.m. on RationalBroadcasting.com.

CONCERT

Wishing Chair. Open Door Productions present the folk duo Mariam Davidson and Kiya Heartwood as Wishing Chair. Heart and Soul Coffeehouse, 4615 E. California Parkway, Fort Worth. 8 p.m. \$15–\$18. OpenDoorProductionsTx.com.

THEATER

Camp Death. Pocket Sandwich Theatre. 5400 E. Mockingbird Lane, Ste. 119. Through Nov. 12. \$10–\$18. PocketSandwich.com.

The Importance of Being Earnest. WingSpan Theatre presents the Oscar Wilde Play. Bathhouse Cultural Center, 521 E. Lawther Drive. \$17–\$20. Through Saturday. WingSpanTheatre.com.

A Samurai Nosferatu is a retelling of *Dracula* with samurai and kabuki elements presented by Level Ground Arts. KD Studios Theatre, 2600 N. Stemmons Freeway. Through Oct. 29. 8:15 p.m. \$20. LevelGroundArts.com.

Spring Awakening presented by WaterTower Theatre. Addison Theatre Centre, 15650 Addison Road. Through Sunday. \$20–\$50. WaterTowerTheatre.org.

The Temperamentals. Uptown Players closes the season with Jon Marans' play. Kalita Humphreys Theater, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. Through Sunday. \$25–\$35. UptownPlayers.org.

West Side Story plays during the State Fair of Texas. Ticket also gets you into the fair. Music Hall



LIGHT ON THEIR FEET | The Jets and Sharks rumble in 'West Side Story' at Fair Park closing Sunday along with the State Fair of Texas.

at Fair Park, 909 First Ave. Through Sunday. \$20–\$90. DallasSummerMusicals.org.

SATURDAY 10.22

COMMUNITY

Dallas FrontRunners fun run. Runners and walkers at all levels welcome. Meet at the recreation house at Sunset Bay at White Rock Lake Park. 8 a.m.

D.A.M.N., Dallas Area Men's Naturists, hold their monthly Bare as You Dare event at Dallas Eagle, 2515 Inwood Road, # 117. Keep in mind Texas does mandate a minimum of clothing around the groin!

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

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

BROADCAST

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

CONCERT

Mary Chapin-Carpenter, Loudon Wainwright III. The country/folk singer and Grammy winner comes to North Texas in support of her latest album *The Age of Miracles*. Allen Events Center, 200 E. Stacy Road, Allen. \$30–\$85. Ticketmaster.com.

SUNDAY 10.23

COMMUNITY

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

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

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

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

FILM

This is the Night. The screening is part of the Step Back in Time and Bring the End to Hunger costume party and fundraiser. The event includes music by Ricki Derek and DJ Mr. Rid. The film screens at 8:30 p.m. Texas Theatre, 231 W. Jefferson Blvd. 5 p.m. \$10–\$20. TheTexasTheatre.com.

MONDAY 10.24

COMMUNITY

Sharing the Journey: Coping with Grief is a six-session Monday support group facilitated by VNA's Teal Lewis. Topics cover common grieving, holidays and coping strategies. Saturn Road Church of Christ, 3030 Saturn Road, Room 145, Garland. 1 p.m. Through Nov. 7. Call 214-689-2922 or email rafferts@VNATexas.org.

Log Cabin Republicans meet every fourth Monday. Mattito's Mexican Café, 3011 Routh St. 6:30 p.m. DallasLogCabin.org.

PFLAG Denton. Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2200 Bell St., Denton. 7 p.m.

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

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. The group also meets on Thursdays. Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 7 p.m. CathedralOfHope.com.

The Women's Chorus of Dallas holds rehearsals. Sammons Center for the Arts, 3630 Harry Hines Blvd. 7 p.m. 214-520-7828.

BROADCAST

The A-List: Dallas spotlights a group of locals in the queer community. Airs on Logo at 9 p.m.

CABARET

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

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TUESDAY 10.25

COMMUNITY

JEWEL Writing Discussion and Exchange meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month. ilume, 4123 Cedar Springs Road. 6:30 p.m. Visit website for the discussion topic and assignment for the month. RC-Dallas.org.

QLive! Open Mike Night for comedy. Percussions Lounge, 426 S. Jennings Ave. 10 p.m. QCinema.com.

Q's Day Potluck. Friendly casual LGBT gathering every Tuesday evening. The Corporate Image, 5418 Brentwood Stair Road, Fort Worth. 7 p.m. 817-446-3395.

Sista to Sista meets. AIDS Outreach Center, 400 N. Beach St., Fort Worth. 11:30 a.m. AOC.org.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY 10.26

COMMUNITY

Meredith Baxter book signing. The actress and activist signs her biography *Untied*. Nuvo, 2900 Cedar Springs Road. 6 p.m. NUVODallas.com.

Spectrum MRC Bike Nite. The motorcycle club brings their bikes out to the strip. TMC: The Mining Company, 3903 Cedar Springs Road. 7 p.m. Spectrum-MRC.com.

Common Bond book group. Alternative lifestyle book club meets every fourth Wednesday. Barnes & Noble, 362 East F.M. 1382, Cedar Hill. 7 p.m. 972-293-9367.

Firedancers Dallas Tribe club night the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Hidden Door, 5025 Bowser St. 7-10 p.m. Facebook.com/TheHiddenDoor.

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

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

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

BROADCAST

Lambda Weekly. LGBT radio for North Texas with hosts David Taffet, Lerone Landis and Patti Fink. This week's guest is Robyn Ochs, author of *Getting Bi* who will be speaking at the Out & Equal conference. 89.3 KNON-FM at 7 a.m. LambdaWeekly.com.



GUITAR SOLO | Alexandria Olivia is one of many artists contributing original works at Friday's 'The Art of the Guitar,' part of 45 Fest. (Photo courtesy George Wallace)

THURSDAY 10.27

COMMUNITY

Blake Little. The photographer signs copies of his book *The Company of Men*. Nuvo, 3900 Cedar Springs Road. 5-8:30 p.m. BlakeLittle.com.

The Group. Support group for black men who are HIV-positive. Every second and fourth Thursday of the month. Call 214-455-7316 for more information.

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

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

Choir/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, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 6:30 p.m.

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CELEBRITY BIRTHDAY

By Jack Fertig



Seth MacFarlane turns 38 on Wednesday. The creator of *Family Guy*, *American Dad* and *The Cleveland Show* has also been a staunch gay ally. He outed *Family Guy* character Stewie as gay in a 2009 interview with *Playboy*. Recently, he's gone in a different direction, putting his usual cartoon voice to song in his debut album *Music is Better than Words* released in September.

LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

The first step to solving financial worries is to stop tripping about the future. Deal with the present and discuss with someone who has a good grasp of larger issues.

SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

You're feeling chatty and friendly, but rude remarks slip out causing a lot of trouble. You won't reach your goals without your teammates. Being ambitious can help draw love your way.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 20

What people say behind your back is good. It's because they know you have a good sense of humor. Someone looking out for you will make herself known.

CAPRICORN Dec 21-Jan 19

Needing to conquer the world isn't unreasonable, but don't overplay it. Sexual diversifications help you relax and be efficient. A deeper metaphysical context for your goals is also helpful.

AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

Friends and family are eager to promote you. Your kindness and generosity will boost theirs. Focusing too much on your work can be tough on your partner. Save energy for your sweetheart.

PISCES Feb 19-Mar 19

Future opportunities look brighter. In the real world, making those advances take hard work and thoughtful partnership. Working hard and feeling accomplished helps you look sexy.

ARIES Mar 20-Apr 19

Know that you can excel at what you love. Focus your energy, wherever your passion is. That will sustain you through everything else.

TAURUS Apr 20-May 20

Talk to your partner about domestic problems that have been bothering you. The next month can be all about clearing the air and building a stronger relationship. Single? Flirt like crazy.

GEMINI May 21-Jun 20

Resolve whatever problems you have with colleagues. Remember you're all on the same team. Being tactful is challenging at first, but it will get easier. Give a little and you'll get a lot in return.

CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22

Push yourself to be as resourceful as a drag queen on welfare and encourage others to step back and take the long view. Don't worry. You can do this.

LEO Jul 23-Aug 22

You are not your home, family or community. It can be a challenge to let others be themselves. The value of your milieu is that others have different perspectives that you can learn from.

VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

Meditation calms that busy brain, but not your motor mouth. You need to share, but it's way too much information. Find a good listener among your most caring friends.

THIS WEEK

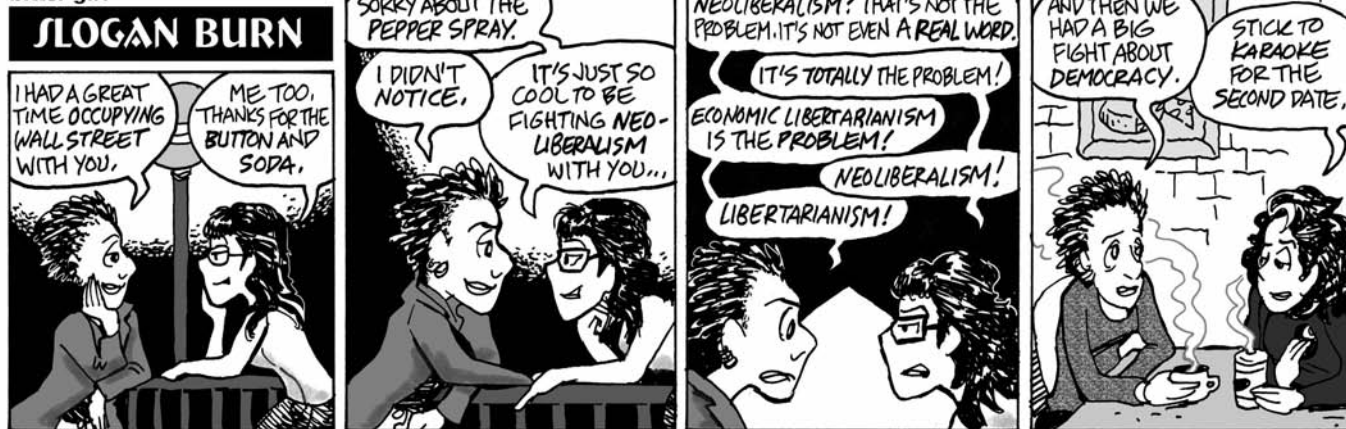
Mars is in Leo, trine Eris and sextile Saturn, helping to focus the recent surge of strong competitive energies. Knowing that you are being watched should help you to apply yourself better and to be more gracious in competition.

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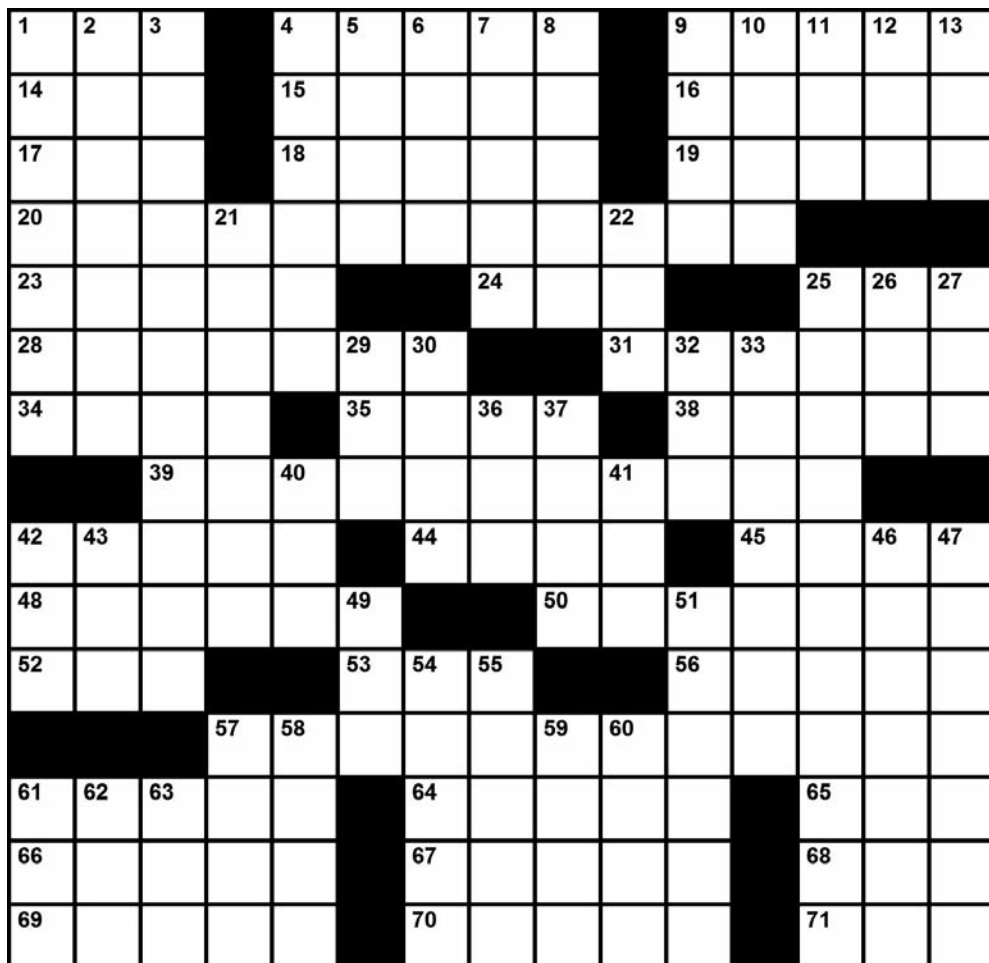
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Happy Daze

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- 1 Threesome for Da Vinci
- 4 Where you can eat a heroes
- 9 People in the hole
- 14 ___ Tin Tin (TV dog of old)
- 15 Start of the answer by 19-Across
- 16 More of the answer
- 17 Band that recorded "Unbelievable"
- 18 Name on a bomber
- 19 Winkler, who was recently asked what he thinks of people who aren't straight
- 20 More of the answer
- 23 Bistro menu
- 24 Bag opening?
- 25 Mustangs of the NCAA
- 28 Swiss tourist center
- 31 Sex toys, e.g.
- 34 Place of the first fig-leaf codpiece
- 35 Wayside havens
- 38 Former governor Mario
- 39 More of the answer
- 42 Madonna, in The Next Best Thing
- 44 Skin softener
- 45 Asks from one's knees
- 48 Nureyev's genre
- 50 Lights a fire under
- 52 Cho's Pink as the Day ___ Was Born

- 53 Areas for Dr. Callie Torres
- 56 Rex Reed, to movies
- 57 More of the answer
- 61 Tara name
- 64 Mothers, to Verlaine
- 65 Vegas drama
- 66 More of the answer
- 67 End of the answer
- 68 Barbie's former beau
- 69 Travels with one's first mate
- 70 Became erect
- 71 Puncture sound

Down

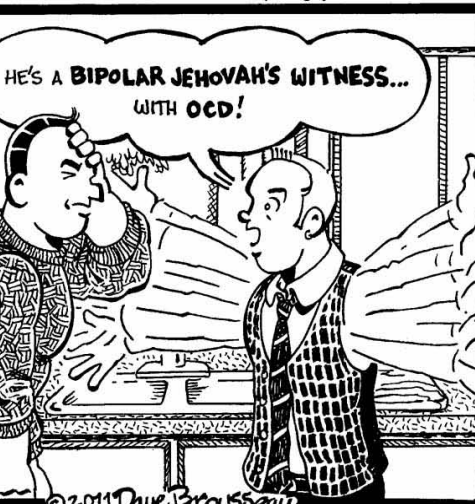
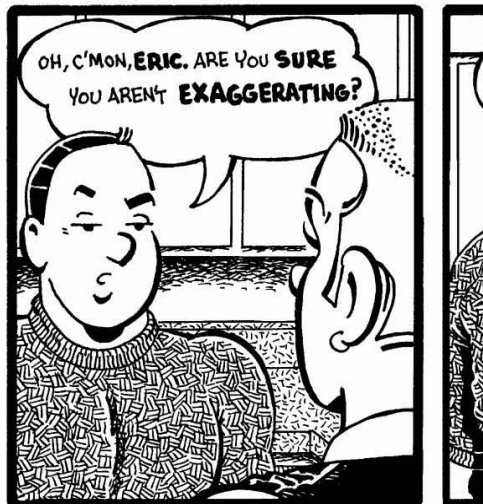
- 1 Cloying stuff, to Auden
- 2 Author Arthur
- 3 Like a law with teeth
- 4 Happy loser
- 5 Drag role for John Travolta
- 6 Fruit ___ (gay district)
- 7 Shoreline recess
- 8 Rubberneck
- 9 Roman emperor after Galba
- 10 "___ lilacs last in the door-yard bloom'd" (Whitman)
- 11 A as in Austria
- 12 Time off, in mil. slang
- 13 Where to see two bears at night
- 21 Tool
- 22 Lose oomph
- 25 Phallic factory features
- 26 Common tattoo
- 27 Club where you can dance with a sailor
- 29 Long of If These Walls Could Talk 2
- 30 Irish pop singer
- 32 Henri's here
- 33 Booty burner on a nudist beach
- 36 Love, to Amelie Mauresmo
- 37 Load
- 40 Half of a Greta Garbo monogram
- 41 "Isn't ___ bit like you and me?" ("Nowhere Man")
- 42 Muscle Mary's pride
- 43 Ebenezer's exclamation
- 46 Says "About nine inches," e.g.
- 47 Minor injuries
- 49 In addition
- 51 Kmart founder
- 54 Relative of the beguine
- 55 Gay rodeo target
- 57 Inland Asian sea
- 58 Just says no
- 59 Dixie Chicks, e.g.
- 60 Layers in the barnyard
- 61 Surprised cries
- 62 Mao's successor
- 63 "What ___, chopped liver?"



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Essie and Krystal Summers at Station 4.



Eric, Jeff, Kimberly and Tiffany at JR.'s Bar & Grill.

You might be busy with the **Out & Equal Workplace Summit** in town, but don't forget to have fun along the way **Micah B** brings his **Cock-Tails** happy hour event to **Alexandre's** on Friday. He's been living the DJ life in **Los Angeles**, so we're glad to see him back spinning the '80s tunes. He then spins at **Axiom Sushi Lounge** for **HINRG Sunday Funday** before heading back west **The Dallas Eagle** hosts the **Lone Star Cigar Men's Club Night** on Friday. Then **DJ Perry** is gonna let you have it with his dance music onslaught. **Mr. Gun Barrel City Randy Bilbry** hosts **Friends Helping Friends**, a **Charity America** benefit for **Home for the Holidays** on Saturday. Hunky **DJ Blaine Soileau** follows up, taking over the music for the **Dance Your Ass Off** party. **The United Court** finishes the weekend with the **In-Town Awards and Presentation** on Sunday **Anton Shaw and the Bad Habits** headline Friday night at **Sue Ellen's**. **Ciao Bella** does their part on Saturday. **Kickback** rounds out the live music weekend performing on Sunday. **Kathy Corbin** headlines the special **Out & Equal event** on Wednesday Think you're funny? Prove it Tuesday nights at **Percussions Lounge** in Fort Worth. **QLive!** presents the weekly open mic **It Only Makes Me Laugh** for funny people and those that think they're funny Go back in time for the **Club One 20 Year Reunion**. The old club comes back to life with **DJ Redeye** and **Ronnie Bruno** on the sounds and door diva **China Blue**. ■

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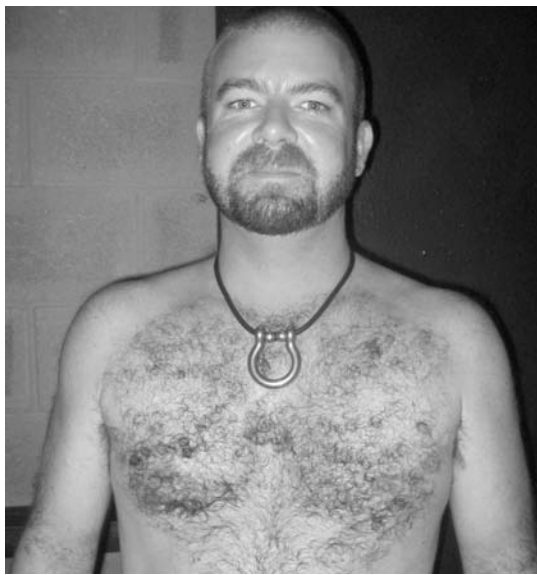
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