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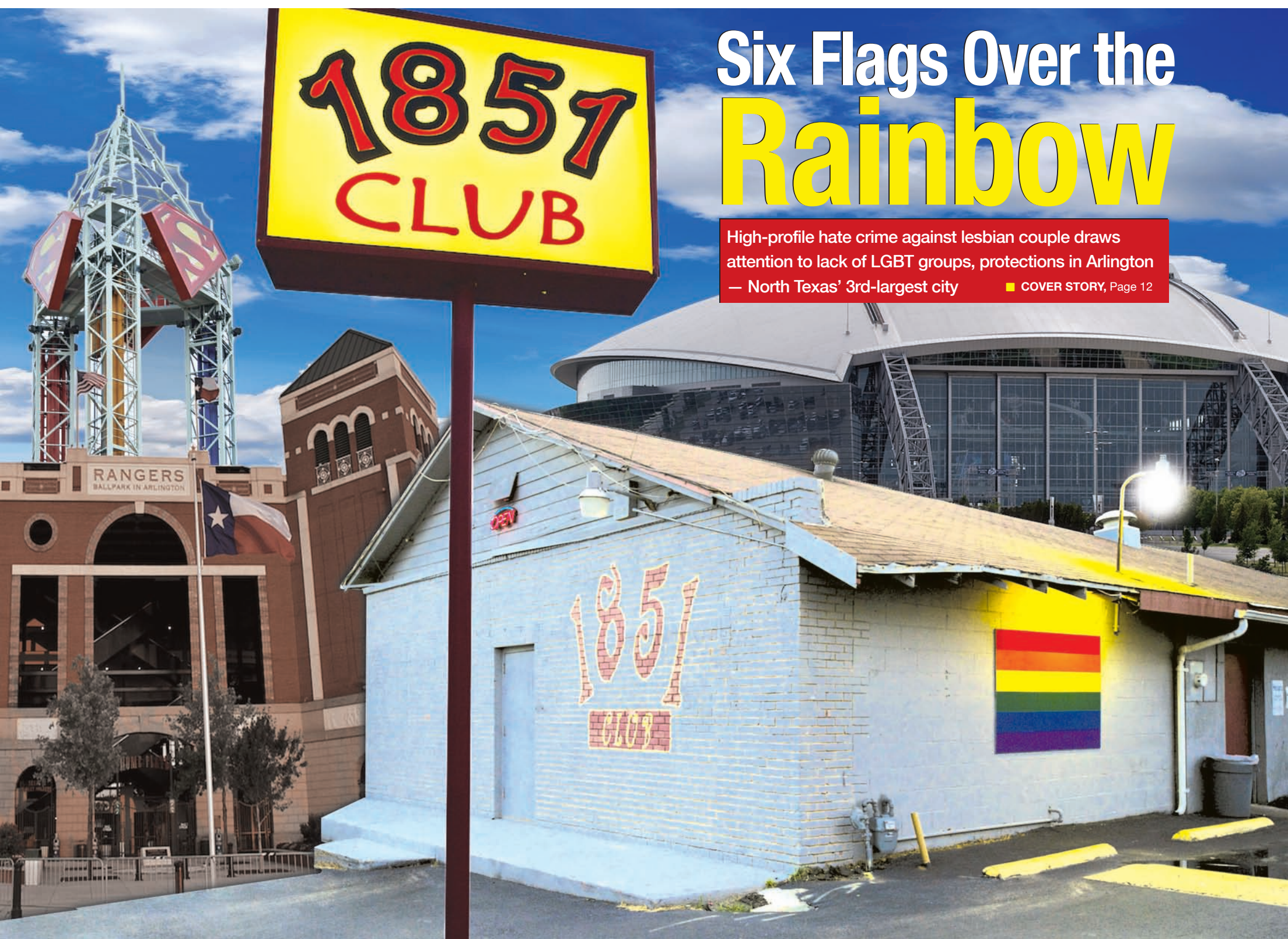
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Former employee petitions DART to add domestic partner benefits

A former Dallas Area Rapid Transit employee is petitioning the agency to add domestic partner benefits after health issues have forced him to stop working.

Andrew Moss worked as a DART police officer for five years until 2008. He then worked for the city of Fort Worth until his health prevented him from working. He's now on COBRA but that will expire in December, he said.

Moss legally married his husband in California in 2008, but Texas doesn't recognize the marriage. He said his husband still works as a police officer for DART and could add Moss to his health insurance plan as early as January if DART offered DP benefits.

“My husband goes to work and risks his life for DART and should get the same benefits that his counterparts of a different sexual orientation get,” Moss said.

Moss has started a Change.org petition called “Urge Dallas Area Rapid Transit DART to Offer Domestic Partner Benefits” to persuade DART President Gary Thomas and Deputy Executive Director Jesse Oliver to add the benefits.

As of Thursday afternoon, July 19, 36 people had signed it.

“In my discussion with Dallas Area Rapid Transit, I was advised by their Human Resources Managers that DART ‘Prefers not to get into the choices of their employees,’” Moss mentions in the petition letter. “I wasn't aware my husband and I and countless others woke up one day and decided to be LGBT. DART appears to be less than willing to even attempt to assist their LGBT population in obtaining benefits or other effective workplace protections.”

DART added sexual orientation to its nondiscrimination policy in 1995 and added trans protections in 2010 after pressure from the LGBT community surrounding an allegation of discrimination against a trans bus driver. Moss said adding DP benefits is the next step after passing nondiscrimination, adding that making it about cost is not an acceptable reason.

“If we don't give black people benefits because it's too expensive, that's just wrong,” he said.

DART spokesman Morgan Lyons said the company's administration is aware of the petition after Dallas Voice brought it to his attention and there are no plans to offer the benefits to its roughly



Andrew Moss

3,500 employees.

“There are no plans currently to talk about a decision to expand benefits to domestic partners,” he said, declining to comment on why.

DART's current Board of Directors is comprised of 15 individuals, seven representing Dallas, and the others representing one or more of the following: Garland, Irving, Plano, Cockrell Hill, Richardson, University Park, Addison, Highland Park, Carrollton, Farmers Branch, Rowlett and Glenn Heights.

Resource Center Dallas' Rafael McDonnell said he has had informal discussions with DART officials recently and was told that DART's general counsel in the past was against adding the benefits. Lyons said DART's previous general counsel recently left and they are in the process of hiring another one.

McDonnell added that cost projections in El Paso, which added DP benefits in 2009, and Parkland's figures from this year were well below the expected cost.

“It's not an issue of cost. It's an issue of fairness,” he said.

For Moss, the issue of fairness will come down to his health and whether he will be able to afford any medical procedures or treatments after his COBRA runs out.

“It's the right thing to do,” he said. “Equal pay, equal benefits for equal work.”

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Did Scouts lie about report affirming gay ban?

As ousted lesbian mom visits Irving, LGBT advocates question group's claim that 11-person committee reviewed policy over 2 years

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IRVING — As ousted Cub Scout mom Jennifer Tyrrell brought her Change.org petition to the Irving headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America this week, questions arose about the organization's honesty and transparency.

For Tyrrell, her visit to BSA headquarters in Irving was just the beginning of her campaign to eliminate a policy that excludes gay Scouts and leaders.

"I expect the Boy Scouts to stand behind their arcane policy until it changes," Tyrrell said. "And we'll be here until it changes."

Tyrrell said she misses Scouting after devoting a year of her life to the organization. But her son Cruz, 7, feels differently.

"Over it," Cruz said.

While the Boy Scouts remained steadfast in support of the policy, they hired a public relations firm to talk to the press this week. Deron Smith, the Boy Scouts own spokesman, stopped returning all calls from the media on Tuesday.

"They're scared," said Rafael McDonnell, Resource Center Dallas' communications and advocacy manager. He said the move looked like damage control.

Several weeks ago, Smith told media that the policy excluding gays could come up as a board resolution next summer after a review began this summer.

And two weeks ago, Smith told Dallas Voice that despite media reports, the policy was not under review. Then, this week, he announced that an 11-member committee had been studying the issue for two years and that, although the committee members had diverse opinions on the subject, they unanimously decided to keep the policy.

Ed Stewart, a vice president of the PR firm Fleishman and Hillard, handed out a statement Wednesday from the Boy Scouts that said it was "attributable to Deron Smith, Director of Public Relations." An "EDITORS NOTE" at the bottom that was longer than the statement said that the meeting with Tyrrell was not to discuss changing BSA policy.

"Yesterday, the organization affirmed its current policy, stating that it remains in the best interest of Scouting," the statement attributable to Smith said. The statement implied that the committee met on Tuesday to vote, but Stewart would not confirm any information about the committee or the report.

In her meeting with two Boy Scout officials including Smith, Tyrrell asked for some proof that the committee existed. She asked for minutes from



SPECIAL DELIVERY | Jennifer Tyrrell, who was ousted as den mother for her son's Cub Scout troop because she's a lesbian, carries one of the boxes containing some of the 300,000 signatures she's collected on a petition calling for her to be reinstated on Wednesday, July 18, at the Boy Scouts of America headquarters in Irving. For more photos and video of Tyrrell and her family at BSA headquarters, go to TinyURL.com/scoutspetition. (Anna Waugh/Dallas Voice)

the recent meeting when committee members voted to retain the policy. She said she wanted to know what they learned during their study that convinced them to retain the policy.

In their meeting, Smith told her that the names of committee members and other information from the meeting would not be released.

The media statement said "this policy reflects the beliefs and perspectives of the BSA's members." Tyrrell countered that 300,000 people interested in Scouting who signed her petition support her position that all people should be included in Scouting. Tyrrell said no Scouts she knows have been asked whether the anti-gay policy reflects their views.

Zach Wahls, an Eagle Scout with two moms, has also been campaigning on the issue and met with Scout leaders at their annual conference in Florida in May. He doubted the existence of a report.

"If it's not written down, it doesn't exist," Wahls

told Dallas Voice. "There has to be minutes, a report."

He said that a secret vote by 11 anonymous committee members doesn't speak for 3 million Boy Scouts.

Bil Browning, editor-in-chief of the LGBT news website the Bilerico Project, agreed.

Browning said he was told a different version of the story about the plans for a study.

"In mid-June they were going to institute a study in 2013," he said.

He said he wondered if the latest story about the 11-member committee and the study was a result of the Mormon church threatening to pull its support from the Scouts again.

"So many fake studies. Vagaries," Browning said. "It's really horrible that you can't trust the Boy Scouts."

He wondered what happened to the Boy Scout honor code.

The spokesman for incoming Boy Scouts Presi-

dent Randall Stephenson, CEO of LGBT-friendly AT&T, didn't return a call to answer whether he knew about the committee and report.

Tyrrell said she had never been an activist. She knew about the Scouts policy before agreeing to become a leader, but she was assured that locally it would not be a problem.

She said that among her biggest supporters at home is one of her Tiger Scouts' fathers whom she described as "an NRA-supporting, gun-toting hick." She said that after working with her, he admitted he had been bigoted. He is now embarrassed about his prejudice and thanked her for her work.

Tyrrell said that since leaving the Scouts, she's kept her children busy with softball, fishing and playing with celebrities.

Cruz said his favorite celebrity to play with is Dianna Agron who plays Quinn on *Glee*. At the GLAAD Media Awards, Agron played light sabers with Cruz. ■



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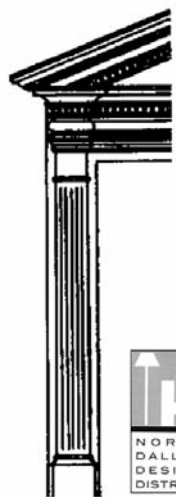
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YFT Collin County raising money to help catch lesbian couple's shooter

Youth First Texas Collin County is raising money for Crime Stoppers for information leading to an arrest in the shooting of teen lesbian couple Mollie Olgin and Kristene Chapa in Portland, Texas, last month. The group hopes to raise at least \$1,000 for the reward.

Lisa Mashigian, a YFT Collin County volunteer, called the event "the brain child of one of our youth." Dallas activist Cd Kirven, who originated the idea of collecting reward money to help capture the couple's shooter, said YFT member Kris Wong, 17, is coordinating the event. Kirven said the group remains interested in the shooting because of the age of the victims.

"If we as a community tell kids, 'It gets better,' then we need to make it better," Kirven said.

Kirven said that Youth First can't help with the medical needs and the physical therapy that Chapa will need, but they can do something to help find the shooter.

The fundraiser will be at 8 p.m. July 28 at Plano Superbowl, 2521 K Ave. in Plano. The cost is \$25. Ten lanes are reserved with room for 60 people to participate.

There's a game room, food and a full-service bar, and there will be a raffle.

Chapa, 19, was recently released from the hospital and, with both sets of parents present, was told that Olgin, 18, died in the shooting.

Death

HJ Brice, 55, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on June 30.

Brice was raised in Snyder, Texas, and graduated from Texas Tech University in 1978. He relocated to Dallas shortly thereafter. Brice had a successful career in the mortgage industry, lately with GMAC. He was the current membership director for Classic Chassis Car Club of Dallas.

Shortly after joining the club, he purchased a 1973 Pontiac Grand Prix. It reminded him of the cars driven by fellow students when he was in high school. Although he liked to protest that it wasn't a classic, it certainly was to everyone else.

Brice had the Texas gift for storytelling, making people laugh with his various tales of growing up in West Texas. He will be missed deeply by those who knew and loved him.

Brice is preceded in death by both his father and mother. He is survived by his sister and her family, aunt and uncle and cousins.

Classic Chassis will hold a celebration of Brice's life for its membership and his friends and family at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 21, at Ojeda's Restaurant on Maple Avenue. Brice's former and current co-workers will meet at 3 p.m. Friday, July 20, at Aria Chapel, 19310 Preston Road.



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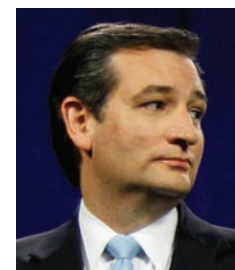


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Who's the lesser evil in GOP Senate runoff?

Cruz, Dewhurst both spew anti-gay venom, but some say it's become less potent — even among Texas Republican Primary voters

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Ted Cruz



David Dewhurst

Ted Cruz repeatedly attacked former Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert during the GOP Senate primary for marching in the city's gay Pride Parade.

On his website, Cruz boasts that as Texas' solicitor general he helped block a gay Beaumont couple from obtaining a divorce from their Vermont civil union. Cruz's website also touts a letter he wrote in support of the anti-gay Defense of Marriage Act — as well as court briefs he filed defending the Boy Scouts' ban on gays and military recruiters' access to college campuses regardless of the anti-gay "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

Meanwhile, Cruz's opponent in the July 31 runoff, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, takes credit on his campaign website for passing both the 2003 state statute and the 2005 Texas constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage. Earlier this month, Dewhurst attacked Cruz for accepting hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from a gay donor, PayPal founder Peter Thiel. And in 2010, the lieutenant governor issued a statement condemning a gay-themed play at Tarleton State University, saying "no one should have the right to use government funds or institutions to portray acts that are morally reprehensible to the majority of Americans."

So, with the winner of the runoff between Cruz and Dewhurst all but certain to replace Kay Bailey Hutchison in the U.S. Senate, which of the two candidates would be better on LGBT issues?

"I don't see either one of them being good on our issues," said Dennis Coleman, executive director of Equality Texas, in one of the bigger understatement of this election cycle. "I want to believe they're just playing politics, but my grandmother always had a saying: When people show you who they are, believe them the first time, and they're showing us who they are, and I have to believe that's who they are."

Rob Schlein, president of the gay GOP group Metroplex Republicans of Dallas, said he plans to vote for Dewhurst, but he agreed that it's "hard to know" who's better on LGBT issues. Schlein said he thinks Dewhurst is more pragmatic than the tea party-backed Cruz and "not fixated on an all-or-nothing set of principles."

And despite the anti-gay attacks by Cruz against Leppert and by Dewhurst against Cruz, Schlein pointed to what he views as progress.

"I think now even the social conservatives have

figured out that money is money, because nobody is making the demand that Ted Cruz return the money to Peter Thiel," Schlein said. "I guess that's progress that gays can give to Republicans without repercussions."

Thomas Purdy, president of Log Cabin Republicans of Dallas, said of Cruz and Dewhurst, "Based on their campaign record, I see little difference between the two on LGBT-specific issues."

"So, given that jobs and the economy are the dominant election issues this year facing all Americans, I would encourage voters to choose who they think has a better grasp of free market principles and a record of performance in office," Purdy said, adding that "most of the Republicans we interact with in Dallas County are leaning towards Cruz."

Purdy condemned the anti-gay attacks in the race: "The days of attaining political office by stepping on the backs of the LGBT community are numbered. To those who still practice that kind of politics, there will come a day when it will be to their detriment, and likely, to their shame. For now, I hope they at least begin to realize the damage it is doing not only to our party, but more importantly, to the people they hope to represent."

James Henson, director of the Texas Politics Project at UT-Austin, said he hasn't been particularly surprised by the anti-gay attacks.

"You'd have a hard time arguing that despite whatever progress we've made that somehow the far right end of the Republican Party sees gay and lesbian rights as a civil rights issue just yet," Henson said.

But Henson acknowledged that the gay-bating seems slightly less severe this go-round, and he agreed that the Thiel attack didn't stick.

"I don't think there's a huge sea change in the Republican Party, but I think there are stronger cross currents," Henson said. "It's barely progress. Where it [anti-gay politicking] used to be cost-free, you have to at least do a little math now."

Coleman pointed to numerous polls showing a solid majority of Texas voters now support relationship recognition for same-sex couples.

"That nonsense about trying to use gay issues as a wedge I don't think resonates anymore," Coleman said. "As far as outright bashing gay people, they're finding that that's not working." ■

Garcia, Veasey both say repealing DOMA would be a top priority

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The once-complicated Congressional District 33 race has come down to state Rep. Marc Veasey and former state Rep. Domingo Garcia, who now both say marriage equality would be their No. 1 LGBT priority in Congress next year.

Before the primary, Garcia said if elected his focus would be on the Domestic Partner Benefits and Obligations Act, which would give domestic partner benefits to federal government employees, because a repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act isn't likely in the next few years.

However, he told Dallas Voice this week that his opinion had changed after President Barack Obama's endorsement of marriage equality. He said he wants to push for marriage equality in 2013 and would co-author the DOMA repeal bill.

When Garcia served on the Dallas City Council from 1991-95, he was a strong proponent of the Dallas police lifting a ban on hiring gays and lesbians. Then, in the Texas House, where he served from 1996 until 2002, he voted for an LGBT-inclusive hate crime bill in 2001.

Garcia would become the first Hispanic representative elected to Congress from North Texas if he wins the July 31 runoff. As a Hispanic, he said

he would be able to help push for the Uniting American Families Act, which allows for same-sex partners to sponsor immigrants coming to the U.S.

Veasey said prior to the primary that his legislative priorities were the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would prohibit anti-LGBT job bias, and the Student Non-Discrimination Act, which would ban harassment of LGBT students in public schools.

Based on the shift of the country in recent polls and conversations with voters, Veasey said marriage equality "can't happen fast enough."

"It's long overdue," he said, adding that the nondiscrimination bills are also still a priority.

Veasey represents state House District 95 that encompasses one-third of District 33, which begins in Fort Worth near the Rainbow Lounge and narrows to include parts of Arlington and Irving and ends in North Oak Cliff.

In the state House, Veasey voted against an amendment to the Texas Constitution banning same-sex marriage and civil unions in 2005. He was also outspoken in his opposition to a bill that would have banned LGBT resource centers on college campuses, and he authored a bill to study the effectiveness of the rarely used James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Act, which passed a decade ago.

Both candidates have touted their LGBT sup-

port in the past and have highlighted major endorsements that could help them win over LGBT voters in the other's county.

Garcia, who won Dallas County in the primary, said he's confident he'll win it again and could take Tarrant County with former City Councilwoman Kathleen Hicks' endorsement. Hicks was a fellow District 33 candidate who captured 13 percent of the Tarrant County vote in the primary, compared to Garcia's 16 percent and Veasey's 48 percent.

"She has a strong LGBT following in Tarrant County that I think will also bring a surge of new voters that we did not have the first time," Garcia said.

But gay Fort Worth Councilman Joel Burns, who lives in District 33, has endorsed Veasey. Burns told Dallas Voice that Veasey is a "longtime friend" to the LGBT community and has "an outstanding pro-equality record and has been a leader on issues important to the LGBT community from his first day in the Texas Legislature."

Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, D-Dallas, who has been a supporter of LGBT rights, also endorsed Veasey, a high-caliber endorsement Tarrant County Stonewall Democrats President Felipe Gutierrez said will help Veasey in Dallas.

Gutierrez said the mudslinging from Garcia

about allegations that Veasey is backed by Republicans and special interests have led to comments that are "out of order or distasteful." On the other side, Veasey has portrayed Garcia as untrustworthy.

But Veasey captured 37 percent overall to Garcia's 25 percent in the primary, a margin Gutierrez said he's sure Veasey will be able to hold onto.

"Overall, Veasey's always had the edge," he said.

Stonewall Democrats of Dallas President Omar Narvaez said Hicks' endorsement of Garcia means more because she has served the Tarrant County area that encompasses the Rainbow Lounge. Dallas Stonewall has endorsed Veasey, but Tarrant Stonewall does not endorse in the primary.

The most important thing in the runoff is the vote, Narvaez said, encouraging LGBT voters to make their voice heard amid an expected low turnout. "The LGBT vote will be so important because the vote that turns out is so low," he said. "So LGBT people have a really huge ability to have a great so-say with such a low turnout among the electorate."

Early voting begins Monday, July 23, and runs until Friday, July 27, from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. daily. For a list of early voting locations and times, go to Dal-CoElections.org or TarrantCounty.com/evote. ■

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Six Flags Over the Rainbow

High-profile hate crime against lesbian couple draws attention to lack of LGBT groups, protections in Arlington — region's 3rd-largest city

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ARLINGTON — A knock on the door woke Kim Lovering at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, June 10.

Walking downstairs, she wondered if someone had come to ask her to church and feared that maybe one of her friends in the military had been hurt.

An Arlington police officer greeted Lovering at the door. After apologizing for waking her so early, he said some vandalism had occurred in the neighborhood and walked her out to the cars in the driveway.

Spray-painted in pink across the side of her partner Mandy's car was a 5-foot-long penis with a smiley-face cannonball coming out of its tip.

Lovering was aggravated, but she knew their insurance would cover it, and she said the drawing itself gave her a bit of a chuckle.

But then they walked to the back of her Subaru, where — beside a sticker on the back window showing two moms holding hands with their son and a dog next to them — the vandals had spray-painted the words "faggot" and "queers" in blue, foot-wide letters.

"My heart kind of went up into my throat," Lovering said. "It went from this is kind of stupid-funny and aggravating to wow, OK, that's not cool. Somebody knows who I am, my son is 25 feet from where I'm standing right now, sleeping. It went from being 'this is an aggravation' to 'this is a threat.'"

The teens who committed the vandalism had tagged not only Lovering's car, but also the property of 12 of her neighbors, leaving crude drawings, drug references and calling one of them a child molester.

Lovering and her partner have lived in their house since 2007 and had never experienced homophobia of any kind in Arlington.

And when she went back inside and checked on her 1-year-old son, she felt grateful that he couldn't grasp what had happened: He and his mothers had just become victims of a hate crime — the first anti-gay hate crime in Arlington since 2008.

Almost immediately, Lovering reached out to Tom Anable, president of the LGBT advocacy group Fairness Fort Worth. Coincidentally, Anable had helped train Arlington police about the federal Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act in a November 2011 conference he organized with the U.S. Department of Justice at the University of Texas at Arlington.

"Since the training, the Arlington police chief has remained very open and supportive about dealing with the LGBT community and keeping the lines of communication open," Anable said.

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MARY WORLD | The city's only gay bar, foreground, is a cozy dive west of downtown called Club 1851. Billy, a patron who declined to give his full name, said Club 1851 is 'like Cheers, where everybody knows your flame.' (Photo illustration by Kevin Thomas/Dallas Voice)

After Lovering contacted Anable, he spoke with Arlington police and helped advise them on how to address the crime's anti-gay aspects throughout the investigation. They even coordinated press releases and held a joint press conference on the matter. By June 20, police had identified all five teenage suspects. And by June 27, all five were in custody.

Anable praised the department's "absolutely textbook perfect" handling of the hate crime, but he said he also laments the fact that Arlington has no local advocacy group of its own to help Lovering and its other LGBT citizens.

With a population of 373,698, Arlington is the third-largest city in the D-FW Metroplex and the 50th largest in the nation, according to the 2010 Census. The city generates \$90 million annually from tourist attractions like Six Flags and Cowboy Stadium.

The most recent census figures show that Arlington's households include 718 same-sex couples — with a high percentage of them raising children — but the city remains politically conservative, lacking an organized LGBT community or the legal protections enjoyed by people in Dallas and Fort Worth. And unlike the next-largest city in the region, Plano, Arlington has no LGBT ad-

vocacy group.

In addition to UTA's Gay-Straight Alliance and a weekly men's meet-up called the Arlington Supper Club, the city has one gay bar — a cozy dive west of downtown called Club 1851.

The bar gets crowded on Wednesday evening beer busts and on weekend nights, when UTA students and other locals come to watch the show hosted by drag queen Kiana Lee. But on a Monday night it's just a handful of regulars, quietly chatting as the TV behind the bar drones on.

Longtime patron and 51-year-old Arlington resident Billy, who declined to give his full name, said that Club 1851, "is like Cheers: where everybody knows your flame."

Billy said he's lived in Arlington for almost his entire life and can recall when the city had two other gay bars — one called Britches and Bloomers and another called The Mad Hatter — in the late '70s and early '80s. These days, he said, most gays folks in Arlington go to Dallas or Fort Worth on weekends; the rest of Arlington's gays are raising kids and don't go to bars at all.

Billy said most local bars would happily accept gay clientele, but that the city was much more anti-gay in the past. One needs only peruse old

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Are we prepared for PrEP?

Newly approved drug to prevent HIV is expensive, must be taken properly and is no substitute for condoms, so keep the champagne on ice

The FDA this week approved Truvada, the new drug touted as a proactive preventive for HIV transmission. The acronym PrEP (PreExposure Prophylaxis) is what this kind of treatment is commonly called now. It is the first drug approved as treatment for people not infected with HIV but who are at high risk of getting the disease. But that doesn't mean Truvada hasn't already been on the market.

In fact, Truvada is already the most widely prescribed treatment in combination with other drugs for HIV-positive patients, but the new use is something entirely different.

Needless to say, the promise of a preventive medication for contracting HIV seems really great. I used to keep a bottle of champagne in my fridge for the day when a cure or at least a vaccine was announced. But as usual, the devil is in the details, and there are a lot of details.

First, there's the drug itself.

In one study, Truvada had a 44 percent success rate preventing new transmissions when combined with counseling and regular use. (A study of 2,500 gay men and "men who have sex with men" showed this reduction over a placebo. To be fair, though, many of those who tested positive had no signs of the drug in their system. In other words, they didn't stick with the regimen.) Considering that regular condom use has an 85 percent effectiveness rate, this seems pretty puny, which brings me to the point of this column.

For some people — for example, a couple in which one partner is HIV positive and the other is HIV negative — a drug like Truvada taken as a preventive may make a lot of sense.

However — and it's a big however — you must take the drug according to the manufacturer's recommendations and not miss a dose.

Sporadic use can decrease the effectiveness and worse, could have implications for drug-resistant strains of HIV.

Possible side effects include nausea, muscle pain and diarrhea, but on the serious end Truvada can cause liver and kidney problems.

The second big problem I have is the cost. For someone infected with HIV, Truvada as part of a regimen of treatment is covered by some insurance plans. However, the prophylactic use of it may not be, and at \$14,000 a year, it will be beyond the reach of most people.

A few forward-thinking insurers have decided



to add Truvada to their approved drugs, and so it might eventually be within everyone's reach. Oddly, or perhaps not so oddly, the cost of the drug in Thailand is a princely \$480. Same manufacturer, same drug — though I suspect heavily subsidized.

But the biggest problem I have is this: The uninformed, which is most of us, myself included, might hear of this wonder pill and figure that all bets are off when it comes to safer sex. That was my first impression until I dug a bit deeper.

The problem is, considering how people in the study skipped their medication or perhaps didn't take it at all, and knowing how our society is always in search of a quick fix, Truvada could become a talisman rather than a treatment.

Sexually active guys might end up discarding condoms and opting for a once-in-a-while dose of Truvada. The results of that would not be pretty.

I know this is a sensitive topic, and having lived through so many years of the epidemic, I would be the first to cheer a vaccine, preventive pill or, more importantly, a cure. But HIV is not the only nasty disease out there.

Recently, new drug-resistant strains of chlamydia and gonorrhea have started showing up at clinics around the country. Although condoms are not a cure-all, they still are safer than nothing at all.

Many voices have chimed in on this topic. AIDS Health Care Foundation Director Michael Weinstein called the FDA approval "negligent."

He went on to say, "The FDA's approval of Gilead's Truvada as a form of HIV prevention today without any requirement for HIV testing is completely reckless and a move that will ultimately set back years of HIV prevention efforts."

The San Francisco AIDS Foundation took an opposite stand saying, "Truvada ... won't end AIDS by itself, but we certainly can't end the HIV epidemic without it."

Rather than a cure, I think Truvada will prove to be another weapon in the arsenal against HIV/AIDS. Since it is already a highly effective drug in treating people who are HIV positive, it's not going away.

As a condition to approving the drug, the FDA has told the manufacturer, Gilead Sciences Inc., it must test people who become HIV positive while taking the drug and "collect viral isolates from individuals who acquire HIV while taking Truvada and evaluate these isolates for the presence of resistance."

A Truvada-resistant strain of HIV would be disastrous for the treatment of the disease, and that is a really big risk.

Personally, I don't think a condom during sex is that big a sacrifice when you can still have a sexually active life and minimize the risk of contracting the virus. I feel pretty sure there will be a lot of people who will disagree, but for now, I will keep the champagne on ice and wait and see. Meanwhile, the medical community will be monitoring the success of Truvada as a preventive measure and only time will tell.

I am hoping and praying for success. ■

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Hardy Haberman
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headlines to see the proof:

- In July of 1985, the Ku Klux Klan visited Randol Mill Park to “clean out” the homosexuals allegedly cruising there for sex. Less than a year later, around the time of UTA’s 1986 homecoming, the campus gay and lesbian association had their banners and signs defaced and their parade float set aflame by unknown vandals.

- In May of 2002, Martin High School senior Jesse Brown received national attention after his teachers refused to sponsor a campus gay-straight alliance. In May of 2004, anti-gay local Reverend Dwight McKissic held a “Not On My Watch” rally at City Hall to protest same-sex marriage. In August of 2007, High Point Church canceled the memorial service of Navy Veteran Cecil Howard Sinclair after discovering that he was gay.

- As recently as last June, openly gay city council candidate Chris Hightower lost his election after an anonymous robo-call lied to voters by calling Hightower “a convicted sex pervert.”

And even today, Arlington is home to the Living Hope Ministry, a so-called “ex-gay” church that helps congregants overcome their homosexual tendencies, a practice that the American Psychological Association has called psychologically



WAKEUP CALL | Tom Anable, president of Fairness Fort Worth, praised the Arlington Police Department’s handling of the hate crime — in which the couple’s car was spray-painted in the early-morning hours of June 10 — but also lamented the fact that the city doesn’t have an LGBT group of its own.

harmful.

But parts of the city have begun showing greater LGBT support more recently. Last month, in conjunction with a production of *The Laramie Project*, Theater Arlington teamed up with Amnesty International to commemorate Matthew Shepard and other victims of anti-

LGBT violence in a candlelight vigil.

In March, UTA hosted the White House LGBT Conference on Safe Schools and Communities to discuss bullying. UTA also just invested \$42,000 to organize increased LGBT cultural programming on campus through a group called the Pride Peer Task Force.

Alohi Valdez, current president of UTA’s GSA, has begun planning ways for the GSA to engage local politicians on LGBT issues.

“I think it’s part of my responsibility as president of the GSA to rally up all the people that I can — gay and straight, all my allies, everyone — to do this,” Valdez said. “To start a letter writing campaign, to go to City Hall and say ‘Dallas has [passed LGBT anti-discrimination laws], Fort Worth has even done it. I don’t see why we can’t have something here that’s the same.’”

Anable said he’s sent letters to Arlington Mayor Robert Cluck requesting meetings to discuss LGBT nondiscrimination ordinances, but so far the mayor has not responded.

The biggest obstacles to a unified LGBT movement in Arlington, Anable said, are the city’s older conservative leaders who come from an age where folks didn’t discuss homosexuality.

Anable also said he thinks that Arlington has not yet had a rallying incident, like the 2009 raid on the Rainbow Lounge, that could unite its LGBT citizens in a fight for greater legal protections.

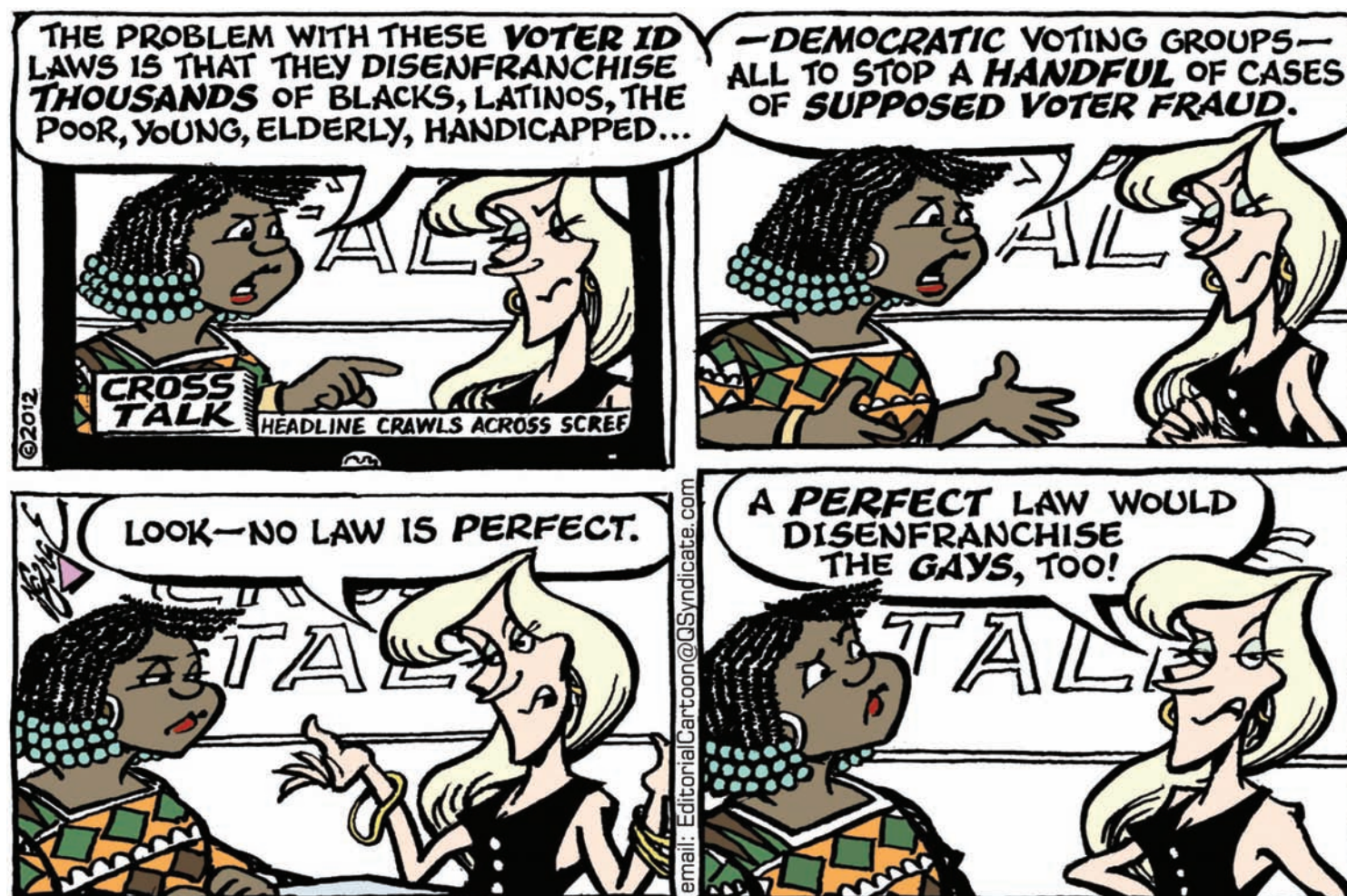
Currently, Anable is interested in creating a new entity called the North Texas LGBT Coalition. The coalition would help organize LGBT communities in 16 counties under a single voice united for legal protections and political change.

Chris Arredondo, an openly gay Arlington resident of 24 years who is CEO of Eclipse Entertainment, said he thinks the city’s LGBT citizens are four to five years away from another gay bar and more vocally supportive leaders.

“There’s a whole new generation of [pro-]gay leadership on boards and the city council that’s coming up to fruition,” Arredondo said. “I think we’re finally recognizing an identity ... [but] first and foremost, we’ve got to have a dialogue with the city.”

“I don’t want to out anybody,” Arredondo said, “but there are some other leaders out there — major — that if [the LGBT community] did come together and have one voice, they would support us. But we can’t start making change until other people become aware [of us and our needs].”

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Dynamic duo

Couple Brian Orrell and Bill Jones keep their family life rolling with fitness regimen

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Love is patient. Love is kind. And love can motivate you to ride a bike more than 170 miles in two days. At least that's how love works for Dynamic Duo Brian Orrell and Bill Jones. After "marriage weight" and work travel caught up with him, Orrell made a commitment to losing 90 pounds during the past year. Jones joined in his partner's journey to a healthier life and together they signed up for the Lone Star Ride, which benefits AIDS Services of Dallas, AIDS Outreach Center of Tarrant County and Resource Center Dallas. To date, the couple has raised more than \$2,000 for the nonprofit organization as they prepare for the big ride this September.

—Jef Tingley

TICKET TO RIDE
Bill Jones, left, and Brian Orrell will team up in September for the Lone Star Ride. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

Name and ages: Brian Orrell, 41, and Bill Jones, 45.

Occupations: Orrell: Technology Officer, Pariveda Solutions; Jones: Software product manager

Length of relationship: 16 years

Athletic activity: On the Slow Spokes team for Lone Star Ride.

How did you become involved with the Lone Star Ride? Orrell: We were friends with quite a few folks on the Slow Spokes, and thought it would be a great way to have a goal to work toward while having fun raising money for a worthy cause.

Exercise regimen: On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, we do an hour of weightlifting with Kelly Barnett at Uptown Energy Fitness. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, we go to spin classes. We also try to ride at least 15 to 20 miles once or twice a week.

What was your catalyst for becoming more physically active? Orrell: "Marriage weight" crept up over the past 12 years — and so did traveling a ton. I decided on my 40th birthday that it was time to get serious about tackling the extra pounds.

Jones: Brian started weight training a few months before I did. He enjoyed it, and I thought it would be something fun we could do together.

Most memorable athletic goal accomplished? Orrell: Losing 90 pounds in a year is definitely the best thing I've done. Diet alone didn't do it and exercise alone couldn't do it. I had to be purposeful about both and monitor everything.

Jones: It was when, as a kid, after three miserable years as a sissy-boy playing Little League baseball, I finally hit the ball. After that, I felt no need to return ever again to play baseball. As an adult, it was completing my first 40-mile ride.

Least favorite exercise or piece of gym equipment? Orrell: The tricep dip machine. Ugh, hate it.

Words of advice for people trying to work fitness into their life? Orrell: Don't let slipups get you down. You're in it for the long haul.

Jones: As difficult as it may be to get started and develop a routine, just stick with it. It'll become a habit and its own reward before you know it.

Ways you stay fit together? Jones: When one of us isn't feeling it, the other will motivate him to press on. We also eat a lot of meals from My Fit Foods.

How do you motivate yourself to work out? Jones: Packing for the gym and work before I go to bed. If I have to do too much right after I wake up, it's not going to happen.

Orrell: I just look at some of my "before" photos.

How does your partner motivate you to work out? Orrell: His working out with me really keeps me motivated. If I'm not feeling like going to the gym, and I see him going, it pushes me along.

Jones: Just looking at Brian and admiring his progress motivates me.

Favorite song or playlist for working out? Jones: Anything by Phoenix, Foster the People, the Kooks, Jamiroquai, and (I'm not ashamed to admit it) ELO.

Orrell: Sirius XM's BPM station.

If you could become an Olympian in any sport, what would it be and why? Jones: Archery, probably because I recently enjoyed *The Hunger Games* series so much.

Orrell: Haven't a clue. Did we tell you that we are not "sports people"?

How do you reward yourself for a great workout, accomplished fitness goal, etc.? Orrell: I go and buy a tech gadget. I'm a gadget freak.

Jones: Dinner at The Porch or Velvet Taco.

Which celebrity or athlete's physique would you like to have and why? Jones: Alexander Skarsgard. Who doesn't want to look like an incredibly hot, thousand-year-old vampire who was once a Viking prince?

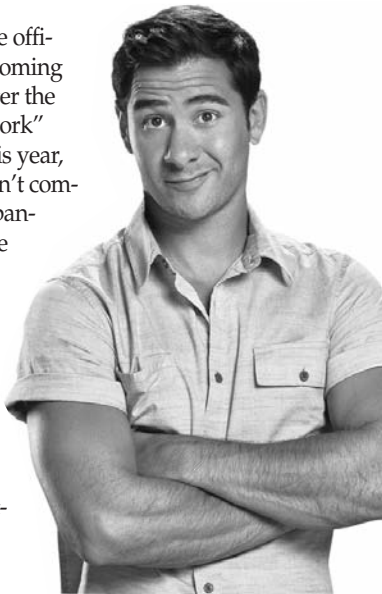
Orrell: Jason Statham. Wowzers, he's incredible. Plus he can kick some serious butt.



Mobbed up

Logo keeps its toe in gay reality programming with 'Big House'

Despite officially becoming "No longer the gay network" earlier this year, Logo hasn't completely abandoned the gays; far from it. Like Bravo and Oxygen, the lifeblood of the network is still us 'mos, whether on one of RuPaul's many competition



LOUIE SEEKS A. | The gay son's love life is about the only interesting thing on Logo's modern family.

programs or as the most interesting aspect of its newest reality show, *In the Big House*. And the gay son, Louie, is *definitely* the reason to watch.

In the Big House is a terrible concept, as most reality shows are — a completely artificial construct that feels driven by producers rather than the actual lives of the people it purports to track. Lou, a Philly mobster who spent the last 25 years in prison, moves in with his daughter Michel, her husband Jay, his gay son Louie and ex-wife Dotsie. You know, like all mobsters. (Alas, he should have gone into witness protection and saved us all a lot of grief.)

Michel and Jay run several businesses in West Hollywood, including, of course, a gay bar, where Louie works. Much of the premiere episode is Lou interfering with his son's relationship with his on-again-off-again boyfriend. Did Lou "off" the BF? Or threaten him? Why isn't he showing up to the party? Do you care?

Not much, though Louie is such a goofy, sweet hottie, if the show concentrates on him I might tune in again. A nice gay guy in WeHo trying to date? That's a show we'd probably all watch ... until someone mucked it up with faux drama. Not all gay guys are cliches, no matter what television wants America to believe. ■

— Arnold Wayne Jones

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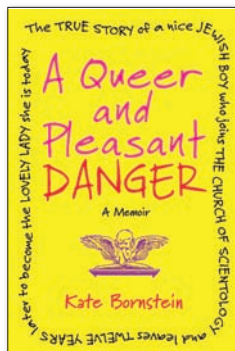
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L+S books

Kiss us, Kate!

Bornstein's frank, funny memoir will break your heart and tickle your ribs



Kate Bornstein isn't uncivilized, but a significant group of people have labeled her a "potential trouble source." In *A Queer and Pleasant Danger*, she explains how she got to be so hazardous.

At age 4, while most kids are learning their ABCs, Albert Bornstein was preoccupied with something else: He knew that he wasn't a boy, so figured he must be a girl. He also knew that that wasn't something people wanted to hear, so he kept his secret; instead, he grew up wanting to be Audrey Hepburn.

He always loved women. There were so many he could imagine being. In mid-1970, Bornstein — twenty-something, anorexic and seeking spiritual meaning — started a cross-country pilgrimage that landed him in Colorado. There, while looking for new boots, he found a Scientology center. He entered ... and stayed.

Happy in his newly embraced "applied religious philosophy," Bornstein became the perfect Scientologist. Charming and silver-tongued, he

quickly developed into a top-performing salesman. Two years after joining, he was married; a year after that, he was a father.

He also began acting upon his girlish urges, though he wasn't bothered by it. Scientology taught Bornstein that humans were spiritual beings called thetans, and thetans had no gender ... so what was the harm in wearing women's clothing and sleeping with men? His inner woman seemed unstoppable.

Then, 12 years after joining, when everything came crashing down (due to a still-dizzying misunderstanding), Bornstein was cast out of the community he'd embraced for most of his adult life. Bereft, and overwhelmed by his increasingly feminine identification, he sought therapy and a community of a different sort. What he found was the person she was all along.

There are a lot of adjectives that can describe *A Queer and Pleasant Danger*: snarky, funny, anguished, frightening. Also heartbreaking. Brave. Honest.

Bornstein worked six years on this memoir that she started for her daughter (whom Bornstein assumes will never read it), and for the teenage grandchildren who will likewise be de-



QUEER & PLEASANT DANGER
by Kate Bornstein
(Beacon Press, 2012). \$26; 288 pp.



nied the story because they're Scientologists and Bornstein is essentially dead to them. What Bornstein *doesn't* say about Scientology, in fact, is more chilling than what she *does* say.

In writing this memoir, Bornstein puts on a bravado that doesn't last in the presence of the vulnerability she often displays. This is a softer, sometimes sorrowful, side of the always-outspoken trans activist and social critic, and I loved it.

Be aware that there are painfully graphic scenes in this book, some brutally blunt. If you can stand those (appropriate-to-this-memoir) paragraphs, though, *A Queer and Pleasant Danger* is a wildly wonderful read.

— Terri Schlichenmeyer

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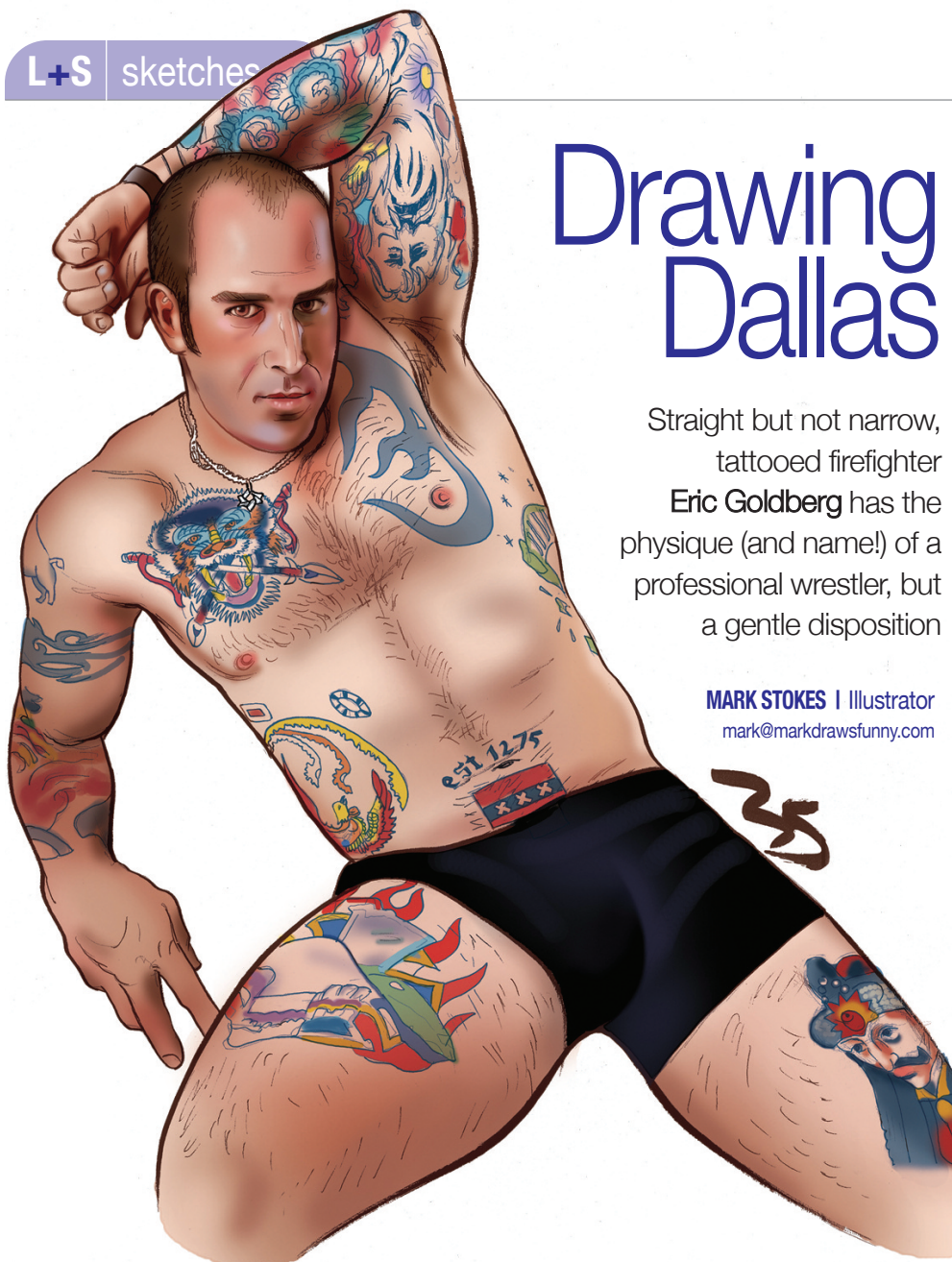
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Name and age: Eric Goldberg, 30
Spotted at: Lemmon and McKinney avenues
Occupation: Firefighter/paramedic
Handsome, chiseled Oak Lawn resident Eric Goldberg was born and raised in Dallas, the middle child (and only boy!) of three. When this fit Capricorn of Hungarian ancestry is not saving lives as a firefighter and paramedic, you might find him fitness training, rock climbing or practicing martial arts. He has spent the last 15 years fitness training, focusing on functional training for the last couple of months.

Eric loves international travel — he's been to Iceland, Germany, Argentina, Romanian, Hungary, Austria, Prague, Amsterdam and Paris, and took his mother on a vacation to Rome. He enjoys cooking healthy food, and old school hip hop, and shares his life with a pot-bellied pig named Jonathan. And clearly, he's a fan of art, with a body decorated substantially in colorful tattoos.
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L+S music

Moves like swagger

In her amazing debut EP, Azealia Banks delivers smack rap of a high order

RICH LOPEZ | Staff Writer

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Only four tracks make up the amazing debut EP of bisexual hip-hopper Azealia Banks, but they are enough to get your heart racing.

On 1991, the 20-year-old gets her bona fides with a major label release, even though she made her big buzz late last year with "212," one of the tracks on this CD. While she'll likely get comparisons to Nicki Minaj as the new rap princess, Banks flows with refreshing energy and some badass rhyming that's truer to the genre than Minaj ever could be.

For someone so young, Banks plays like an old pro. Her ability to merge her fast-talking lyrics onto club-type beats makes the EP bounce with major attitude. She's unapologetic, rebellious and anti-establishment, and yet her cute and sexy de-

meanor gives 1991 added electricity.

Her hip-house sound boldly kicks off with the title track. The trippy grooves and beat set a high bar and an infectious tone that's consistent and exciting. There's a party going on already — all that's missing are the guests and beer.

Banks' swagger kicks in most on "Van Vogue." There's affability to her sound. You hear that rap songbird of youth in the mix, but her mastery over the art is distinct. She's a prodigy and yet she's a party girl with some major beats under her belt. "Van Vogue" isn't for the faint of ears. It's only the second song, and she's al-

ready cussed up a storm. (It finishes on an ad-lib where Banks speaks in the altered voice a movie serial killer makes. It's silly, but entertaining.)

When that beat drops on "212," Banks will officially make you her bitch. That *bum-de-bum-bum* mixes heavy house sound against dirty rap sensibilities. Named after the Harlem area code where Banks grew up, the song is a mash-up of personalities from sassy to street to outrageous. With some vocal arrangements worked in when the song takes a sharp right, she brings back the rap with a vengeance as it loops back around. Seriously, I had to get up and dance to the rest of this track before moving on.

Her second single, "Liquorice," is much more geared toward mainstream radio (minus the countless uses of the word "niggas"); though with a catchy hook, it's no less effective. Banks teases with sexy vocals before going studly in her rhyming. Although she's prone to throwing down the mega-fast rap, it's best displayed here. It's flat out remarkable to hear this talent unfold and the boldness of her fronting on mixed race hookups is a knockout. And by that, I mean it knocks you out when she lets loose with *They*



QUEER CLIP: 'The Dark Knight Rises'



The summer's most anticipated blockbuster — and most promising homoerotic face-off — opens wide Friday, with sexy deviant Bane, played by Tom Hardy, having to match villainy with late Oscar winner Heath Ledger. Does he do it? Read Arnold Wayne Jones' review at DallasVoice.com.

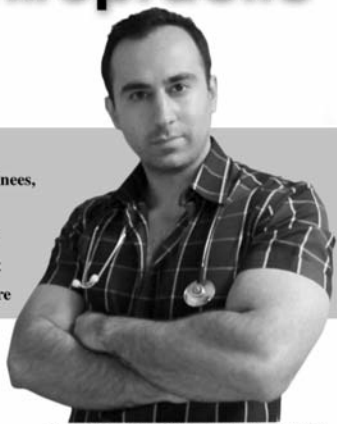
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THROWING SHADE

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just want the pumpnickel sis in the linens with 'em / So since you vanilla men spend / Can my hot fudge bitches get with your vanilla friends / Hey, I'm the liquorice bitch.

In just those four songs, Banks gives one hell of a prequel to her planned autumn full-length release, tentatively titled *Broke with Expensive Taste*. That could be a curious drop: With major skills as a rapper, Banks recently tweeted that she's already out of the rap game and will focus more on singing in the future. Hopefully we haven't already lost one of the best rappers in the game because 1991 is destined to leave people wanting much more. ■



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Friday 07.20

To be Frank

Hip-hop musician and producer Frank Ocean likely gained several new LGBT fans by coming out talking about his past relationship with a man. But that shouldn't eclipse the strong work of his debut solo album *Channel Orange*. He's proven himself already as a member of the collective Odd Future and producing Beyonce, Jay-Z and Kanye West. But now we see him on his own terms and maybe even greatness in the making.

DEETS: South Side Music Hall, 1135 S. Lamar St. 8 p.m. \$28. GilleysDallas.com.

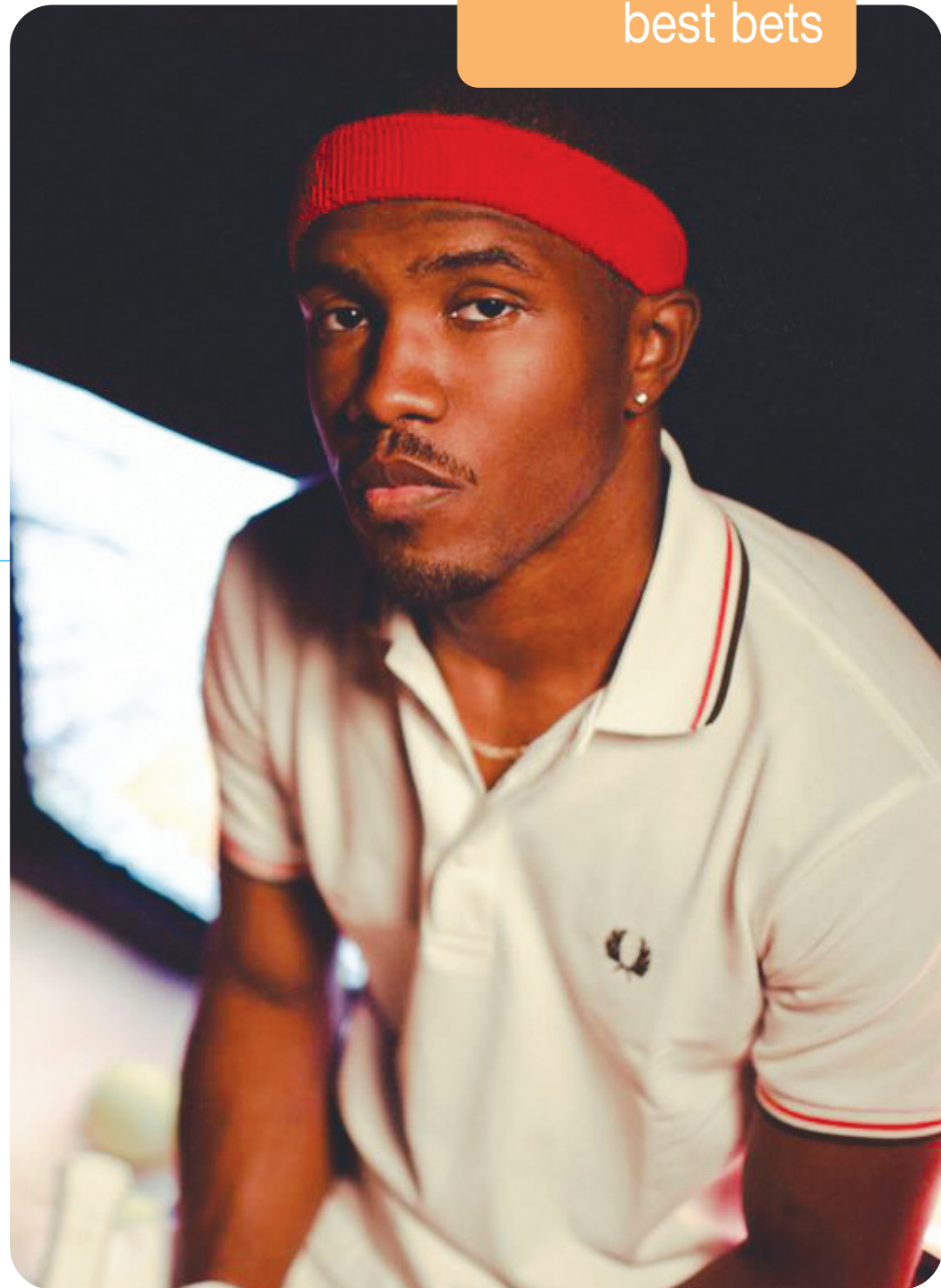


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SATURDAY 07.28**COMMUNITY**

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ART

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SUNDAY 07.22**COMMUNITY**

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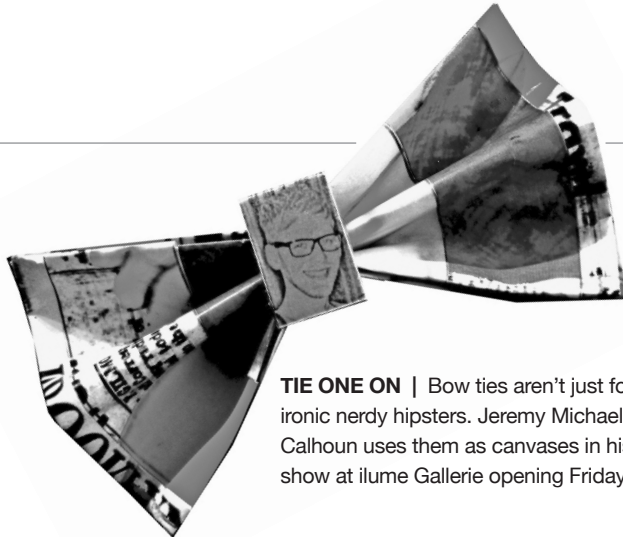
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MONDAY 07.30**COMMUNITY**

Metroplex Republicans. Railroad Commissioner candidate Christi Craddock speaks. Mattito's, 3011 Routh St. 7 p.m. MetroplexRepublicans.com.

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



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TUESDAY 07.24**COMMUNITY**

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DFW Prime Timers Prime Diner at Fish Bone Grill, 318 Medallion Center. Call 972-504-8866 to attend.

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

WEDNESDAY 07.25**COMMUNITY**

FUSE Activity Nights. Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. 7 p.m. DFWFuse.com.

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

THURSDAY 07.26**COMMUNITY**

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By Jack Fertig



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SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 20

Relationship misunderstandings end up being funny and revealing. Confused messages though can be revealing. Pay attention and keep your sense of humor intact.

CAPRICORN Dec 21-Jan 19

Colleagues encourage you to bite off more than you can chew. Focus on your own goals and strong suits. You need to adjust your long-range strategy, but make sure you have one.

AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

Sly wit angers friends. Disagreements and confusion with your partner can help draw out suppressed anxieties, helping you to understand and heal lingering old problems.

PISCES Feb 19-Mar 19

Struggling to get ahead at work makes you question what you're doing. Let work define you for now. Perseverance will bring insights. Like momma said, learn from your mistakes.

ARIES Mar 20-Apr 19

Efforts to get playful with your partner misfire. Don't let that stop you. That backfire could just be fun you weren't expecting or a chance to clear the air.

TAURUS Apr 20-May 20

Everyone is working too hard to look good and feel good. Understand the value of that, but also have a special gift for seeing and cutting through the crap. Trust your instincts, not appearances.

GEMINI May 21-Jun 20

New insights challenge you to revise your plans, but your new plan B is just a necessary draft. In a few weeks, plan C will be better. Speak your mind but don't take disagreements personally.

CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22

New investments are just sweet talk and fantasy. Recommit to your priorities. Financial arguments can lead to helpful insights or impulse spending. Remember those priorities?

THIS WEEK

Mercury retrograding across the sun in Leo already tempts people to say way too much too forcefully. Other aspects make it worse. People using ears and brains will beat those using only their mouths.

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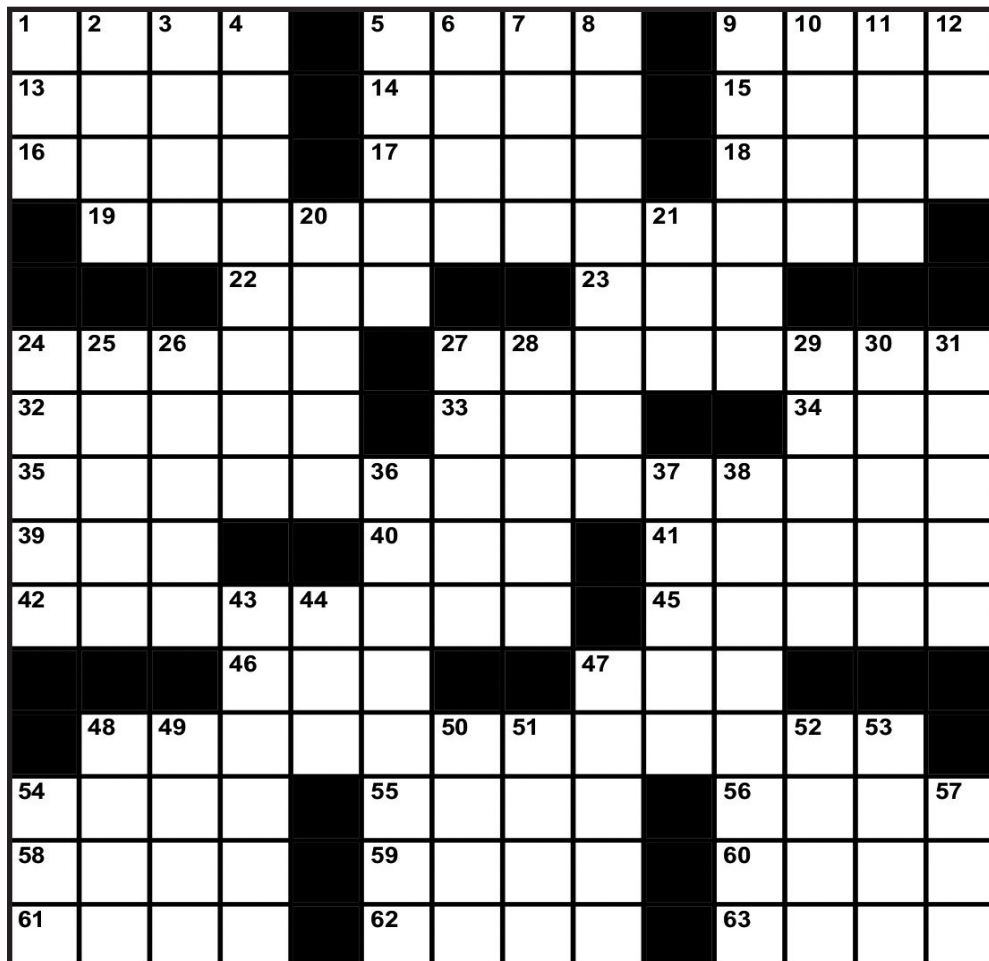
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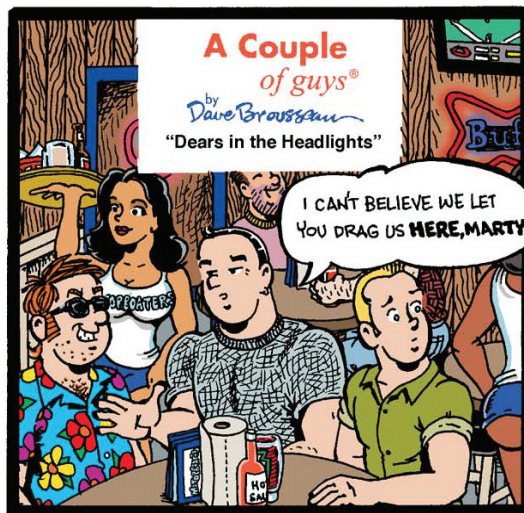
Across

- 1 *Tearoom Trade* author Humphries
- 5 Red-coated cheese
- 9 ___ to the bottom (sank)
- 13 K-12, educationally speaking
- 14 His grandmother had a Woody
- 15 Skin softener
- 16 Shakespeare's *Othello*, for one
- 17 Mark with a branding iron
- 18 Love, to Amelie Mauresmo
- 19 Upcoming sitcom about two gay dads
- 22 Rank of H. Sanders
- 23 ___ on a *Hot Tin Roof*
- 24 Mapplethorpe work
- 27 Village People classic
- 32 Strung along
- 33 Dr.'s org.
- 34 Suffix with ox
- 35 He plays one of the gay dads in 19-Across
- 39 It means nothing
- 40 Senatorial seat holders, e.g.
- 41 "Ready ___, here I come!"
- 42 Openings for a peeping Tom
- 45 Pounding parts

- 46 C.I.O.'s partner
- 47 D.C. lobby group
- 48 He plays one of the gay dads in 19-Across
- 54 Staying power, in *Variety*
- 55 Encouraging words
- 56 They're tiny but attractive
- 58 "___ put hair on your chest!"
- 59 Tuna-and-cheese sandwich
- 60 *WKRP* actress Anderson
- 61 Eyelid ailment
- 62 Choose not to come
- 63 Genie portrayer Barbara

Down

- 1 The Eagle, to NASA
- 2 Loads
- 3 Oops!
- 4 Joel Schumacher, for one
- 5 Stand next to O'Keeffe
- 6 Barrymore of *Boys on the Side*
- 7 *Six Feet Under* creator Ball
- 8 *Casablanca* citizen
- 9 Start to like
- 10 *A Streetcar Named Desire* director Kazan
- 11 Witty Coward
- 12 X, sometimes
- 20 Not a single person
- 21 Root word
- 24 Part of a woody erection
- 25 Figure skater Sonja
- 26 In a queer way
- 27 Seine feeder
- 28 Come together
- 29 A. A. for children
- 30 Lesbian pulp author Arthur
- 31 Homes for Nigel Finch and Hart Crane?
- 36 Tennessee from Mississippi
- 37 Stock phrase
- 38 Type of dysfunction
- 43 Pain in the butt
- 44 Frequently, to Shakespeare
- 47 Ashen
- 48 "I Love Rock 'N Roll" singer Joan
- 49 Like America's Betty
- 50 No, to Nureyev
- 51 Ed Wood role
- 52 Parka feature
- 53 Hathaway of *Brokeback Mountain*
- 54 Lily for Colette
- 57 It may be original



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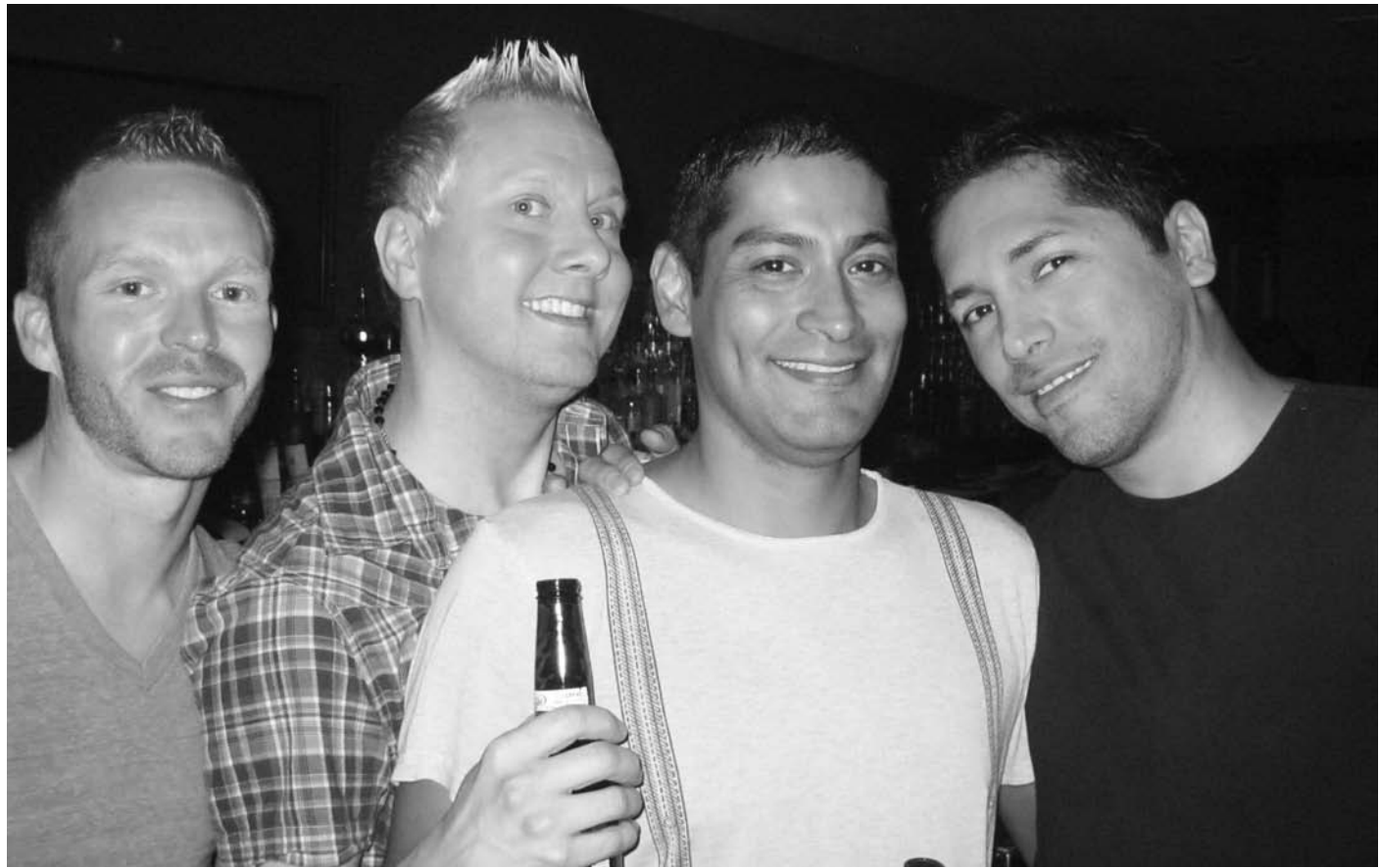
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LIFE+STYLE

scene



Joe, Jack and Josh at Alexandre's.



Friends' night out at Station 4.

Don't think you're sitting at home **Grindr-ing** the nights away. You can just go see **Carlos Saenz** perform Friday night at **Alexandre's**. ... You may have to criss cross the street to also see **Mi Diva Loca** on Friday at **Woody's**. Or just see Saenz there on Saturday. Decisions! ... Get your hit of alt-retro dancing at **Lord Byron's Panoptikon** at **3025 Main St.** ... Seems like the **Voice of Pride** season went fast. The **semifinals** go down Sunday at the **Round-Up Saloon**. We predict five male and five female finalists. Stake your claim on Wednesday night at **Goldrush Casino Night**. Puff on a stogie at **Rob's Monthly Cigar Social** that night on the patio. ... **It'll Do Dallas** presents **Oliver!** featuring disco sleaze Vancouver DJ **U-Tern** and L.A.'s **Oliver Goldstein** on Saturday night. ... And the gay scene grows still at the inclusive new **Empire Rock Bar**. The Deep Ellum club now hosts **Pride Night** during **Throwback Thursdays**. ... Meanwhile, back on **the Strip**, **JR.'s Bar & Grill** keeps the week going with **Netchix** on Mondays hosted by **Krystal Summers** and **Erica Andrews**. **Edna Jean** does double duty with Tuesday's **Pot Luck Casserole** show and Thursdays with **Edna's Angels**. ... DJ **Mark Rinewalt** gets his retro on at **Backtrack Thursdays** at **Station 4**. ... See how ballsy you are at the **Amateur Drag Show** every Wednesday at **Club 1851** with **Tara St. Stone**. ... **Sue Ellen's** hosts the **Rock Chix Happy Hour** benefiting the softball team on Friday. **Kristin Majors** and **the Funk Soul Muthas** finish out the weekend playing on Sunday. ■

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Jill, Jack and Vi at Drama Room.



Hot and Sexy at Cherries.



Mavalie and Cookie at Sue Ellen's.



Andrew and James at the Round-Up Saloon.



John and Anthony at JR.'s Bar & Grill



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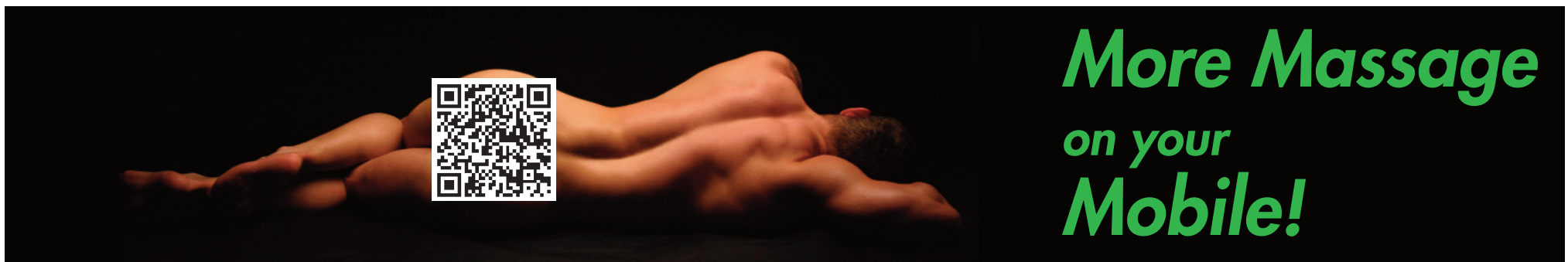
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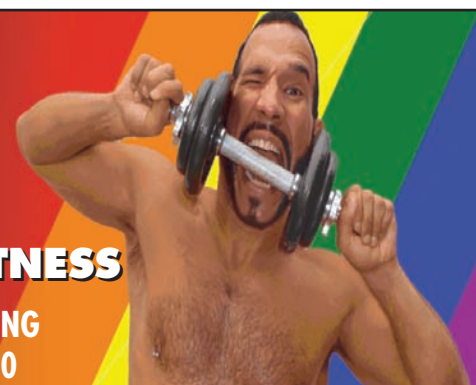
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