

Griggs revives LGBT equality resolution

Councilman rewrites measure defeated amid controversy in June
Proposal updated to include Supreme Court rulings, will be sent to council committee in October

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Has Kellie Rasberry evolved on same-sex marriage?

Last February we reported that Kellie Rasberry, co-host of Dallas-based radio show *Kidd Kraddick in the Morning*, had come out on the air against same-sex marriage.

Rasberry's statements generated a huge backlash from LGBT listeners and others. We also posted Rasberry's response to those critics, in which she noted that she's hardly an anti-marriage activist, and said she loves her gay friends and might very well evolve on the issue (at the time, President Barack Obama was still evolving).

Up until then, Rasberry had been an occasional celebrity guest at Gaybingo, the fundraiser for Resource Center Dallas, and other LGBT events. But her opposition to marriage equality also came against a backdrop of borderline homophobic content on the show over the years — such as when the late Kidd was criticized for using a lisp to mock gay men in 2011.

Which brings us to last week, when gay North Texas resident Clint Harris said he tuned in to *Kidd Kraddick in the Morning* the day after *Prison Break* star Wentworth Miller came out. Harris claims that during that broadcast, Rasberry asked fellow co-host J-Si if he had something in common with Miller after J-Si indicated that he liked 'N Sync. Harris said he found that to be "quite rude and insensitive."

"The show regularly makes jokes mocking gay men," Harris said this week in a message to Instant Tea. "Usually half the time I tune in there are comments ... mocking gay men or questioning sexuality of Kidd, Big Al, or JC [sic]. Others that I have discussed this with have noticed it too and most have quit listening as well."

Last week, Harris took his concerns to Twitter, where he called Rasberry a "bigot" and declared that he would never listen to the show again. He now says his use of "bigot" was "not nice and inappropriate." But in any case, Rasberry responded to Harris' tweet by saying she didn't know what he was talking about and sarcastically thanking him for tagging Kidd because "he should be informed." Harris responded by tagging Dallas Voice and noting our story about Rasberry's comments on same-sex marriage. Then came this tweet from Rasberry:

"Oh, back to the gay marriage issue...I'm all for civil rights for gay couples. And with that, I guess we're done."

I contacted Rasberry and asked her to clarify whether her statement of support for "civil rights" for gay couples means she now supports marriage equality. I also offered to do a phone interview to clarify her position.

"I've always said I supported civil rights for gay couples. That's not something new," Rasberry responded.

I then asked again whether supporting civil rights for gay couples means that she supports the legal recognition of same-sex marriages. I suggested that she might have meant "civil unions" instead of "civil rights."

"After the public slaughtering I endured for saying what I believed, I'd rather not revisit this issue again," Rasberry responded.

I told Rasberry it seemed too late for that, as I had already blogged about her tweet. I said I interpreted her tweet to mean that she now supports marriage equality, and asked her to correct me if I'm wrong. She has not yet responded.

— John Wright



Kellie Rasberry

DART panel advances 'Plus One' plan in lieu of DP benefits

DART's Administrative Committee advanced a form of domestic partner benefits to the Committee of the Whole on Tuesday. The regional transit agency's full board must still vote on the plan twice. The first vote is scheduled for Sept. 10.

A year after first discussing a proposal to offer benefits to the same and opposite-sex domestic partners of employees, the committee agreed to a "Plus One" plan recommended by Equality Texas. The group's recommendation came after Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott issued an advisory opinion saying he believes other types of DP benefits plans violate the state's constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage.

Earlier this year, the Committee of the Whole postponed discussion of DP benefits until after the U.S. Supreme Court issued rulings in two marriage equality cases, which came in June. LGBT advocates have addressed the DART board at numerous meetings this year, calling on the board to move forward with the proposal.

The Plus-One plan would allow any DART employee who is not insuring a spouse to insure a non-related adult living at the same residence.

The employee and non-related adult must have lived together a year, which is not required of heterosexual spouses, and they will have to show proof of cohabitation. Marriage licenses wouldn't be among the approved documents, and documentation would have to be presented annually.

The committee's vote came after discussion of overall health insurance costs for the agency, which run into the millions of dollars. In his presentation, Michael Muhammad, DART's vice president of diversity and innovative services, estimated that the annual cost for DP benefits for the agency will be \$67,000 for medical insurance and \$3,000 for dental insurance.

Muhammad said there is no evidence that new dependents will have different utilization than current dependents. He also said there could actually be cost reductions in the total plan with the new dependents.

— David Taffet

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Equality resolution resurfaces

Almost 3 months after pro-LGBT measure died amid controversy, Scott Griggs has rewritten it and plans to send it to committee this fall

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LGBT advocates may soon have another shot at getting a resolution in support of job nondiscrimination and marriage equality passed by the Dallas City Council.

Councilman Scott Griggs, the resolution's author, said this week he plans to bring it before a committee in coming months. Committee meetings begin next week.

It's been nearly three months since a showdown at City Hall between LGBT advocates and council members who opposed the resolution after it failed to make it onto the June 12 agenda. This was after former Councilwoman Delia Jasso pulled her support from a memo, which meant the council was no longer required to consider the item.

Mayor Mike Rawlings later intervened while on a business trip in Brazil to prevent a last-ditch effort by former Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano to place the item on the agenda as acting mayor, leading to emotional testimonies from activists on the day the resolution was originally scheduled to be considered. Before Jasso pulled her support, Rawlings came out publicly in favor of the resolution but said he didn't think it was something the council should consider.

Paula Blackmon, Rawlings' outgoing chief of staff, said in an email this week: "As you know he [the mayor] supports marriage equality and will continue to do so but as supporting a specific resolution he will need to review the exact wording."

Griggs has rewritten the resolution to include the landmark rulings by the U.S. Supreme Court in two marriage equality cases in late June. He said he's sent the draft to Councilman Adam Medrano, who chairs the LGBT Task Force, to get the group's input on the language.

"I ultimately want to get it passed," Griggs said. "The first step is working with the Task Force to get their feedback."

The Task Force, once led by Jasso, met last week to set priorities for the coming months and included the resolution on its list. Griggs said he thinks the group's input will help the resolution succeed.

"I think they're going to work diligently on it and I look forward to their revisions, ideas and changes," he said, adding that he still thinks the measure will pass. "I'm still very positive. We're using a collective approach. ... I do think it will pass."



BREAKING THE HUDDLE | Councilman Scott Griggs, shown with advocates outside council chambers in June after his LGBT equality resolution died without a vote, has rewritten the measure to reflect the Supreme Court's marriage rulings in June and plans to send it to committee this fall. (Patrick Hoffman/Dallas Voice)

Two committees where the resolution could go are Finance and Audit, chaired by Councilman Jerry Allen, and the Quality of Life and Environment, chaired by Councilman Dwaine Caraway. Both Allen and Caraway expressed support for the measure at the June meeting and suggested it come to their committees in the future.

Caraway did not respond to a request for comment. Allen said in an email that he was in the "process of communicating with staff to determine next

steps."

The Quality of Life Committee appears to be a more favorable makeup. In addition to Caraway, the committee's members are Medrano, Carolyn Davis, Sandy Greyson, Rick Callahan and Lee Kleinman.

Medrano and Greyson have said they support the resolution. Davis spoke favorably of the measure in June but did not take a position. Callahan doesn't support marriage equality but supports civil unions, according to his response to a Dallas

Voice candidate questionnaire. Kleinman didn't respond to the questionnaire.

On the Finance Committee, two of the five members have backed the effort and two have come out against it. Allen and Councilman Philip Kingston are in favor of the resolution, but Councilman Sheffie Kadane spoke out against it in June for religious reasons. Councilman Tennell Atkins hasn't chimed in on the issue, but Councilwoman Jennifer Gates responded to the Dallas Voice questionnaire that she was not supportive of the council addressing the issue.

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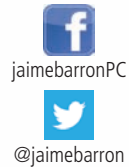
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The intimate ceremony was held at sunset in the penthouse suite overlooking the Hudson River in Hell's Kitchen's fashionable Ink48 Hotel and witnessed by a small group of friends and loved ones. A traditional Hawaiian blessing was read by Ms. Katrina Park of Maui, HI.

Attendants were Ms. LeAndra Livingston of Maui, HI for Mr. Orena and Mr. Carlos Melia of New York City, NY and Buenos Aires, Argentina for Mr. Yapp.

Honored guests included Chadera Saenz of Maui, HI, Lesley Hagan of Sydney, Australia, and Rubin Singer of New York City, NY.

The couple resides in Plano with their two Cocker Spaniels, Louis and Ella, and plans to relocate to Ian's native Australia within the year.

death

Ronald Arthur Blancq was born in New Orleans, La., on Dec 24, 1950, the eldest son of Chester and Sylvia Sizeler Blancq. He passed away on Aug. 23, 2013.



Ron demonstrated great talent for arts and crafts from very early on. He was amazingly facile in creating quite elaborate household and seasonal decorations from simple and inexpensive materials lying about the house. He always had a great love of plants and horticulture. Friends and family have always marveled at the magical abilities of his green thumb.

Ron's early years of employment were with Avondale Shipyards, working in the burgeoning field of computer-aided design. He later departed that line of work to go into business in the New Orleans area with two of his partners. In the late '80s and early '90s he worked as an IT contractor for the U.S. Corps of Engineers and then the U.S. Navy.

Ron departed New Orleans in 1997 to follow a love interest to Dallas, and he later settled in Oak Cliff.

Here Ron found great camaraderie and favor in the many Dallas garden clubs and garden societies and his horticultural talents and artistic passions blossomed into full maturity. He has been a prominent member of numerous Dallas garden clubs and societies and he accrued quite an impressive resume over the past 13 years. His many credits include:

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 - Flower arranger and judge in the Designers with Flair Garden Club
- Ron was recognized by his peers as a seasoned and skilled presenter of horticultural programs. He was considered an expert in rare and unusual plants and has numerous specimens growing his Oak Cliff home gardens. His many friends in the garden societies lament that he poured such energy and ability into his work with them that they don't know what they are going to do without him. His death leaves a gaping hole in their lives. Services were under the direction of North Dallas Funeral Home.

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LAST GASP | Opponents of the nondiscrimination ordinance go through a security check set up in Main Plaza prior to being admitted to the City Council meeting on Aug. 28. (Sam Sanchez/Dallas Voice)

Opponents desperate as council vote nears on SA anti-bias law

Groups launch recall petition against author, flood City Hall for meetings, but LGBT protections appear headed for passage Sept. 5

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Opponents of San Antonio's proposed nondiscrimination ordinance, which would add protections for LGBT citizens, are ratcheting up their efforts and seem to be growing angrier as it becomes apparent that the measure is set to pass when it comes up for a final City Council vote on Sept. 5.

Last weekend, Christian extremists set their sights on City Councilman Diego Bernal, who is leading the effort to pass the ordinance. The Bexar County Conservative Coalition announced they would begin collecting signatures in an attempt to recall the councilman.

The San Antonio Express-News reported that the opponents of the ordinance were telling voters that it would allow men to use the women's restroom in order to persuade them to sign the recall

petition. The group hopes to collect the 6,000 signatures needed to proceed with the recall. They hoped to have 100 block walkers collecting signatures. However, news reports indicated only about 15 people showed up on the first day of the effort.

In retaliation, some residents of Bernal's district who support the ordinance are putting signs on their doors that say, "Don't knock on our door! #NDO4SA - Love lives here."

Meanwhile, the leading opponent of the ordinance on the City Council is also facing calls to step down.

On Aug. 23, former City Councilwoman Leticia Ozuna called for the resignation of Councilwoman Elisa Chan, who was secretly recorded making disparaging remarks about gays during a staff meeting where she was devising a strategy to oppose the nondiscrimination ordinance.

A former aide to Chan made the recording, and the Express-News published an edited version Aug. 16 in which Chan is heard saying LGBT people are "so disgusting."

In the unreleased portion of that recording which was made public on Aug. 23, Chan dis-

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cussed Ozuna's family, making comments about Sophia Parafina, the transgender woman who is Ozuna's spouse. The couple have two children.

"I am terribly saddened to learn that me and my family were used as subjects of ridicule and criticism by Elisa Chan and her staff," Ozuna said in a statement. "We wholeheartedly believe that the public trust has been compromised. I believe that Elisa Chan should no longer remain in a position of making prejudiced, ill-informed decisions that could cause irreparable harm to the good people of San Antonio."

Chan apologized to Ozuna but not to others she disparaged on the recording.

"I apologize profusely to Councilwoman Leticia Ozuna and her family for referencing their lives in our private conversation," Chan said. "I did not address the withheld minute of the recording earlier because it was never my intention to hurt anyone."

The proposed ordinance has also become a political issue for candidates in 2014 races.

Three Republicans who are running for Texas attorney general — state Sen. Ken Paxton of McKinney, state Rep. Dan Branch of Dallas, and Railroad Commissioner Barry Smitherman — have all come out against the proposal, saying that it would discriminate against people of faith.

Republican AG Greg Abbott, who's running for governor, also joined the fray. "Religious expression is guaranteed by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and this ordinance is also contrary to the clearly expressed will of the Texas Legislature. Although the proposal has been couched in terms of liberty and equality, it would have the effect of inhibiting the liberty of expression and equality of opportunity for San Antonians," Abbott said.

Abbott's potential Democratic opponent in 2014, state Sen. Wendy Davis, voted in favor of a similar ordinance while a member of the Fort Worth City Council in 2000.

In a City Hall rally on Aug. 27, black and Latino pastors assembled about 350 people to voice their concerns about the ordinance.

Opposition leader Pastor Charles Flowers, who in 2007 was arrested for dragging a teenage girl behind a truck at his Christian bootcamp, told the rally, "The homosexual, lesbian and gender confused community has sought to piggy back on the civil rights movement." He went on to warn that today "is the beginning of a movement" for Christians to fight for their values and their faith.

The same day as the Christian rally, Democratic operative D'mitri Kosub, filed a sworn complaint of ethics violations with the City Clerk against Councilwoman Chan, saying she violated a "San Antonio administrative directive and city ordi-

nance by using city staff, city time, or city property for a partisan political purpose."

Chan has become something of a local hero and icon for Christian extremists. In a City Council meeting on Aug. 28 where the nondiscrimination ordinance was discussed, Chan was greeted by a standing ovation. She received a second standing ovation when she suggested the ordinance should be put on the ballot for a vote in the next election.

For that meeting, Christian groups bused in hundreds of followers, outnumbering supporters by at least five to one. The crowd was so large the city provided two overflow rooms where the meeting was televised via live feed.

Outside council chambers, those Christians who could not get into the meeting created a prayer circle while a group of ordinance supporters, including a few gaudily attired drag queens shouted, "Equality Now!" Tweets from inside the meeting reported the protestors chants could be heard loud and clear.

Supporters of the ordinance were dealt a blow on Wednesday when Councilman Bernal released changes to the draft. One of those revisions codi-

fies the right of businesses to deny the use of restrooms to transgender citizens.

The new language reads: "Nothing herein shall be construed as directing any policy or practice regarding the use of restrooms, shower rooms, or similar facilities which have been designated for use by persons of the opposite sex."

Supporters of the ordinance made their views known immediately. "Equality Texas and coalition partners oppose the restroom language in this draft and we are working with coalition partners to have it revised,"

wrote Equality Texas executive director Chuck Smith in a Facebook post.

Lauryn Farris of the Transgender Education Network of Texas said the organization "stands in solidarity with other trans communities in opposing the language recently added to the San Antonio nondiscrimination ordinance. We wholeheartedly support the ordinance and the efforts being made by City Council, but we cannot support the bathroom exclusionary language."

After the ordinance changes were released, Texas Public Radio commentator Ryan Lord wrote: "Groups on both sides of San Antonio's proposed nondiscrimination ordinance have fought fiercely about the matter . . . But now, no one is in agreement over the ordinance."

It is not clear whether opponents of the new language will have any luck in persuading Councilman Bernal to change it.

Despite efforts pro and con, the ordinance already has enough votes on the City Council to assure its passage. The only question now is how two remaining undecideds, Councilwomen Ivy Taylor and Rebecca Viagran, will vote. ■



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AS YOU WISH | Dwaine Caraway was among council members who said in June that the resolution should go to committee. It may land in one he chairs. (Patrick Hoffman/Dallas Voice)

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On the full council, the resolution has at least seven of the eight votes needed for passage: Griggs, Medrano, Caraway, Davis, Allen, Kingston and Monica Alonzo.

Despite mixed support in the committees, Griggs said he thinks they're the best avenue for seeking input from more of the council and ensuring the resolution's passage.

"It's moving forward," he said. "We have a good first draft to get things moving. ...I think we're going to have a very active coalition-building process."

While there isn't a set timeline to bring the matter before committee, Griggs said "it would be preferred" for the resolution to pass before the Texas Supreme Court hears oral arguments Nov. 5 in two gay divorce cases.

Rafael McDonnell, communications and advocacy manager at Resource Center Dallas, said the resolution couldn't hurt the efforts at the state's high court as the resolution's passage "will feed into a larger momentum."

He said its greatest impact could be on future nondiscrimination fights like the current one in San Antonio over a citywide ordinance.

"It would be good for Dallas to fight for broader workplace protections," McDonnell said. "There's a need for those protections on a broader scale than we have right now."



Dallas has had a citywide nondiscrimination ordinance barring discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity since 2002. In Austin, which has a similar ordinance, the City Council passed a resolution last fall in support of same-sex marriage — and other cities have added statewide workplace protections to their legislative agenda.

McDonnell said the resolution would send a message to cities like Arlington, Lewisville and Denton about the importance of workplace protections.

He said renewed efforts to move the resolution forward show the fight isn't over, as some activists thought in June.

"There is a path forward," McDonnell said. "A lot of people were concerned that what happened in June was it. That this was done. This coming back up is good." ■

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Trans housing case

Obama administration pursuing case of Roxanne Joganik's eviction from RV park in Athens, Texas, under gender discrimination laws

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SEVEN POINTS, Henderson County — When Roxanne Joganik began presenting as a woman, she was told to remove her trailer from the Texan RV Park in Athens.

Joganik said she never had a problem with the former owner of the park, whom she called a friend and had known for 25 years.

When a new owner, George Toone, purchased the property, she told him she was transgender.

"He said he didn't care, as long as I didn't dress up," she said.

Housing and Urban Development is pursuing the case under regulations drawn up under the Obama administration that say trans discrimination falls under the category of gender discrimination.

Lambda Legal's Ken Upton Jr., who reviewed Joganik's complaint before it went to HUD, said

it could be a landmark case establishing that discrimination against a trans person is a form of gender discrimination.

When Toone refused to take rent from Joganik, her partner, Darlina Anthony, who is bisexual, tried to pay it and said Joganik would leave the park to live with her son.

"We don't like your type, either," Anthony said Toone told her.

A justice of the peace heard the original case and upheld the eviction.

Houston's Lone Star Legal Aid attorney Mstislav Talavera-Karmanov, who was representing Joganik, filed an appeal.

During the appeal, Joganik couldn't be evicted, and Talavera-Karmanov believed he would have better luck presenting her case in county court.

He said Joganik was skeptical and withdrew the appeal.

"As soon as she withdrew the appeal, the eviction became final," he said.

While Talavera-Karmanov pursued another legal strategy to stop the eviction, Toone obtained a writ of eviction and deputies appeared to remove the couple from the park.

"Fifteen deputies to evict two women," Joganik said. "It was crazy."

Anthony's father had a truck and moved them



FORCED OUT
Roxanne Joganik, left, and Darlina Anthony are shown outside their RV in Seven Points, where they moved after being kicked out of a park in Athens. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

e could be landmark

to an RV park in Tool, a town on Cedar Creek Lake about 25 miles away.

They later moved to another nearby town, Seven Points.

Joganik said she wanted to stay in Athens for a number of reasons.

She had to spend \$400 on the brakes before she could move the RV.

"And it needs new tires," she said. "And there's pretty scenery with rolling hills and we have friends there."

Talavera-Karmanov said that while he was working to stop the eviction, HUD was following the case for issues related to unfair housing practices. Now HUD has taken it up.

In a lawsuit filed against Toone, HUD charged him with violation of the Fair Housing Act.

"Toone did not want Complainant Joganik to wear female clothing in the park because there are children around the pool and it is 'not the type of atmosphere we want to promote on private property,'" the HUD document states. "Toone would rather not have transgender persons in the common areas of the park."

Representatives from HUD didn't respond to phone calls seeking comment.

According to the HUD documents, Toone denied all charges, telling HUD Joganik didn't sign

the park rules and disrupted other guests. Toone couldn't be reached for comment.

"By disrupted, he meant we had barbecues and fed the neighborhood," Anthony said.

The HUD documents point out there is no dress code specified in the rules Toone claimed Joganik didn't sign. The law also prohibits limiting a person's use of a property's facilities or services because of sex.

The case may be heard before an administrative law judge later this year unless Toone petitions the court for a jury trial. HUD is seeking \$16,000 in damages "plus additional relief as may be appropriate."

Lisa Mottet, deputy executive director of the Transgender Defense and Legal Fund in Washington, D.C., said so far HUD has intervened in a small handful of cases, but this may be the first to come to trial.

"It's incredibly important that housing providers are held accountable so there's a deterrent effect," she said.

She said when landlords see someone violating the rule, getting caught and penalized, they're less likely to discriminate.

"HUD's rule is extremely helpful," she said. "But we still need very clear laws at every level—city, state and federal." ■



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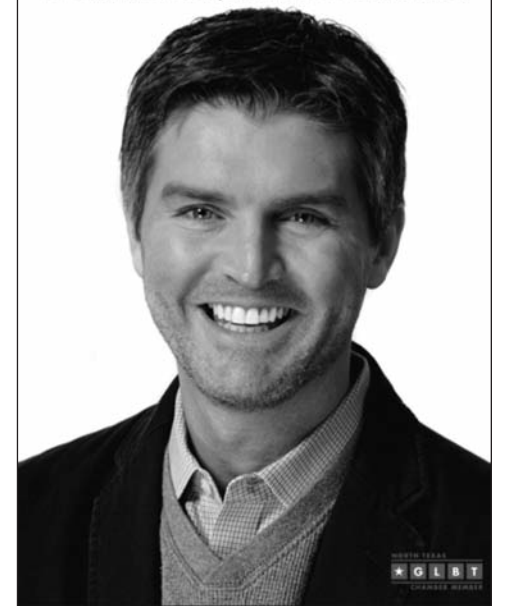
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Marriage equality spreads in N.M.

Dallasites among hundreds who've wed in 6 counties, covering more than half of state's population, where same-sex couples can get licenses

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Dallas couple Jerrett Morris and Jef Tingley had already planned to visit Morris' sister in El Paso last Thursday — the day after a county clerk in New Mexico unexpectedly began issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

When Morris heard the news, he proposed to Tingley, his partner of 15 years.

On the morning of Friday, Aug. 23, the couple arrived in Las Cruces to pick up their marriage license from the office of County Clerk Lynn Ellins. The couple then left to plan their ceremony, but they soon got a call from the clerk's office saying an injunction was possible and urging them to come back quickly to make the marriage official.

The couple stopped for flowers for the two women in the clerk's office who said they'd act as witnesses since the couple's families hadn't yet arrived from El Paso and Albuquerque.

A volunteer officiant performed the ceremony. Morris said they chose some "short and sweet" vows and exchanged the rings they've worn for 10 years. The witnesses were in tears.

"I'm crying and I don't even know you," one told them.

"The whole office was genuinely excited for everyone," Tingley said. "I'm very proud of my home state."

Tingley and Morris, both Albuquerque natives, are among hundreds of couples who've married in New Mexico since Ellins began issuing licenses. At press time, marriage equality had spread to five other counties after rulings by two different judges this week, and the "Land of Enchantment" had tentatively become the 14th state where gay couples can legally wed.

New Mexico law is ambiguous on same-sex marriage, which is not explicitly allowed or prohibited. Republican Gov. Susana Martinez and Democratic Attorney General Gary King indicated they planned to do nothing to try to halt the practice. But a group of Republican legislators is planning to file a lawsuit to stop clerks from issuing licenses to same-sex couples.

Domino effect

Although some media reports made Ellins' decision to begin issuing marriage licenses seem sudden, Dona Ana County spokesman Jess Williams said the process began in May.

The Santa Fe city attorney drafted a memo say-



WORTH WAITING FOR | Jerrett Morris and Jef Tingley, shown with the marriage license they obtained last week in Las Cruces, have been together for 15 years but didn't get married elsewhere because they were waiting for it to become legal in Texas or New Mexico. The two Albuquerque natives live in Dallas.

ing his reading of the state constitution allowed same-sex marriage. Gender is not specified in New Mexico marriage laws. He encouraged the Santa Fe mayor and city council to vote on a resolution supporting same-sex marriage, urging the county clerk to begin issuing licenses.

"That's the same way I read the Constitution," Williams said Ellins told him at the time.

The state attorney general filed a friend of the court brief in marriage-equality cases before the U.S. Supreme Court urging them to send the cases back to lower courts. Ellins knew that letting these cases wind their way through the courts would take years.

"I took an oath to uphold the Constitution," Ellins said.

He ordered applications and licenses that were gender-neutral, shared his plans with a small number of staff members to avoid a pre-emptive injunction and rolled out marriage equality on Aug. 21.

On Aug. 22, a district judge ordered Santa Fe's county clerk to begin issuing licenses the next day marking the first time a judge ordered marriage equality in the state. In Albuquerque, the Bernalillo County clerk had 1,000 gender-neutral marriage licenses printed in case a judge in that county extended marriage equality to the most populous

part of the state. That happened Monday, Aug. 26, after a same-sex couple filed suit.

The couple had married in Santa Fe and one of the spouses is dying of cancer. They filed a suit asking that their marriage be recognized in Bernalillo County on the death certificate. The judge not only ordered the marriage recognized, but declared same-sex marriage legal, and ordered the county clerk to begin issuing licenses.

On Tuesday, a Taos County judge did the same thing. That day, county clerks in San Miguel County east of Santa Fe and Valencia County south of Albuquerque also began issuing licenses without a court order.

At a Dona Ana Board of County Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, more than 70 people spoke. Then the commissioners voted 4-1 to endorse what the clerk had done. The one who voted against was recently appointed by the governor, and Williams said he voiced opposition to the process rather than against equality.

By the end of the second week, marriage was legal in six of the state's 33 counties, including the three most populous and covering 1.1 million of the state's 2 million people.

'Serendipity' strikes

Morris and Tingley never thought about going to a marriage-equality state to marry. If they married, they wanted the wedding to take place somewhere meaningful to them — either in Texas or New Mexico.

Both Tingley and Morris grew up in Albuquerque and have known each other since middle school. They have been together for 15 years, counting their anniversary from their first date after college when they held hands at a movie.

Tingley moved to Dallas in 1999 to produce a morning show on a short-lived radio station for DJs from Albuquerque. He now has a public relations firm. Morris followed Tingley to Dallas about a year later and is a mortgage banker.

Tingley said both sets of parents had planned to drive down from Albuquerque to El Paso over the weekend. Instead, they met in Las Cruces, about 45 miles north of El Paso.

On Friday night, the couple celebrated in a restaurant in Old Mesilla, a town just outside of Las Cruces known for its historic adobe architecture. The last-minute wedding cake was made of two stacked store-bought cakes and the cake-topper was two devils in tuxedos. When the singer at the restaurant heard that one of the couples taking advantage of the county's new marriage equality status was celebrating there that night, she dedicated a song to them.

"It looked like we had an elaborate plan," Tingley said. "But it was serendipity."

He said they originally thought of returning to El Paso to celebrate.

"But we wanted to keep the money in the county that supported us," he said.

Tingley said getting married confuses some of the paperwork the couple already has in place in Texas. Their wills that leave everything to each other say their relationship in no way resembles marriage, in order to comply with the Texas constitutional amendment prohibiting anything "identical or similar to marriage." But now their marriage license contradicts that. Tingley said they'd be visiting their attorney to make any necessary changes.

If a judge invalidates the weddings, as happened after a county clerk in Sandoval County began issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples in 2004, Morris said it would have an emotional impact.



"It would hurt," he said, "but would spur us to more involvement." ■

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Same-sex couples challenge Neb. law banning gay foster parents

LINCOLN, Neb. — Three same-sex couples plan to sue Nebraska because they say the state won't allow them to become foster parents.

The American Civil Liberties Union plans to hold a news conference Tuesday morning to discuss the lawsuit it plans to file on behalf of the gay and lesbian couples.

Tyler Richard with ACLU Nebraska declined to discuss details of the case before the news conference.

Current state policy bans openly gay people and unrelated, unmarried adults who live together from serving as foster parents.

State lawmakers considered a bill earlier this year that would have allowed gay and lesbian couples to serve as foster parents, but that bill failed to advance before the legislative session ended.

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services officials didn't immediately respond to messages.

Ala. GOP votes not to silence leader for backing marriage equality

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama's Republican Party decided Saturday against a rule meant to silence a young party leader who supports gay



Stephanie Petelos

marriage, even though the party doesn't share her view.

Stephanie Petelos, chairman of the College Republican Federation of Alabama, created a furor in the party when she supported the U.S. Supreme Court's decision overturning the Defense of Marriage Act and said more young people would take the position if they didn't fear a backlash from party leaders.

After passionate comments from both sides Saturday, the State Republican Executive Committee cast a lopsided voice vote to reject a proposed rule change aimed at Petelos' remarks. It said that no member of the party's steering committee may publicly oppose any resolution passed by the party's executive committee. Petelos serves on the 21-member steering committee because of her College Republican position.

She said she hopes the vote inspires more young people to get involved in the party and make their voices heard. "I really hope this doesn't scare or shy people away from the party," the University of Alabama senior said.

Petelos is from a family that was Republican long before the party dominated Alabama politics. Her father, Tony Petelos, was a Republican legislator, director of the state Department of Human Resources and mayor of Hoover before becoming administrator of Jefferson County. Her mother, Teresa Petelos, served as a Republican circuit judge in Jefferson County until she was beaten by a Democrat last year.

The 450 members of the executive committee meet twice a year to set party policy. The 21-member steering committee is the party's top committee and meets more often to handle administrative matters.

Penn. governor compares same-sex couples to children in court filing

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Marriage licenses given to same-sex couples in the state are invalid because the couples were barred from marrying, just like 12-year-olds, Republican Gov. Tom Corbett's attorneys said Wednesday, Aug. 28.

Corbett's administration has filed a lawsuit seeking to block same-sex marriage licenses in suburban Philadelphia, where Montgomery

County Register of Wills D. Bruce Hanes has issued more than 150 to gay and lesbian couples since July 24.

State attorneys said in a court filing on Wednesday the gay marriage licenses have no "value or legitimacy" and can't be defended in court. They



Gov. Tom Corbett

compared gay and lesbian couples to children, who can't marry because a 1996 law says marriage is between a man and a woman.

"Had the clerk issued marriage licenses to 12-year-olds in violation of state law, would anyone seriously contend that each 12-year-old ... is entitled to a

hearing on the validity of his 'license'? the state wrote, according to a story on Philly.com.

The state Department of Health brought the case against Hanes. Hanes, who says the state law is unconstitutional and discriminatory, is scheduled to appear in Commonwealth Court next week in the case.

More than 30 gay and lesbian couples that received marriage licenses from Hanes say a ruling against him could invalidate their marriages, and they've sought to participate in the case.

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What the eff, Sheffie?

Meeting with Dallas City Councilman Sheffie Kadane reveals he believes LGBT people will be equal in death but should remain unequal in life

Ever since the Dallas City Council snubbed a proposed resolution supporting marriage equality, I have been trying to meet with my city councilman for District 9.

Sheffie Kadane was vocal during the discussion and asserted both that all of his district would not support the resolution and that he was against it on religious grounds.

This prompted a letter from me and a request to meet in person. I feel very strongly about bearing witness to our presence in the community and the impact a few face-to-face experiences with LGBT constituents can have on our elected officials.

I was greeted with a note from his administrative assistant asking me to detail the nature of the conversation and questions. Again, I sent a request with very pithy details on my problem with his statements, especially the ones on my behalf as a resident of his district. And then, silence for almost a month. I am not a big fan of silence.

After a terse note mentioning local media, I got a nice reply explaining Councilman Kadane was on vacation and would schedule a meeting on his return. And finally, thanks to the attention of his pleasant assistant, I had that meeting.

Now, I didn't expect to change his mind, and frankly the resolution actually had no legal bearing since same-sex marriage is illegal in Texas. But I figured I could at least get a deeper understanding of why he voted against it. I also hoped to hear his theological reasons, since I seem drawn to those kinds of debates.

And so there I was, at City Hall being greeted by Kadane himself.

He ushered me into his office and we sat down in a couple of serviceable city-issue chairs. I got straight to the point and let him know that even though he said citizens in his district would not support such a measure, I know a lot of LGBT people in his district, which includes White Rock Lake. Contrary to what he said in the City Council meeting, he is aware of the LGBT people living in his district, but he told me his objection was based strictly on his religious beliefs.

Now, I understand that some folks will never be comfortable with LGBT people being treated as equals, but the legal discrimination against a class of people just rubs me the wrong way, es-



TROUBLE IN DISTRICT 9 | Dallas City Councilman Sheffie Kadane speaks against a resolution in support of marriage equality at a council meeting in June. Kadane said he opposed the resolution because same-sex marriage is immoral and a majority of his constituents oppose it. (Patrick Hoffman/Dallas Voice)

pecially when the excuse for doing it is a religious claim. So I dug a little further.

Kadane, in his most gracious way, explained that at the previous meeting with LGBT leaders, he spoke with a lesbian who said she was a Christian. He was quick to assure me that he believes when he dies and goes to heaven there will be LGBT people there. "And whosoever liveth and believeth in me ..."

The words spilled from his mouth like a preacher. I had to ask him point blank, so we are all going to heaven, but on Earth, well that's a different matter? I then enumerated for him some of the more than 1,000 rights denied LGBT people because we can't marry. I got a nice smile and nod.

He once again fell back on his "beliefs" and I figured there was no need belaboring the point, his mind

was made up, and in reality he had no reason to change it. He has reached his term limit for City Council, so even though he still spoke like a politician, he is well aware that his days as an elected city official are numbered.

As I said in the beginning, I didn't expect to change his mind; I just wanted to bear witness to the issue and put another face on the discrimination. Perhaps my time would have been better spent working on the campaign of a future city council person who would be more LGBT affirming, but still I had to practice what I preach. I have always asserted that meeting with your elected officials is important, if for nothing else than to



Hardy Haberman
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make them aware of your existence and burn a face into their mind that they can recall when they next decide on issues that affect you.

So I left Kadane with a friendly handshake and an assurance he was there to deal with any problems I had in the future. The unsaid part of that was "as long as they don't deal with LGBT rights." And so I left him at City Hall, still sharing his office with the "elephant in the room," and hoping that creature would perhaps make him uncomfortable enough to take a deeper look at the issue. He would have to also deal with his belief system that makes us all equal in death but unequal in life.

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You can call Jack Duke the current standard-bearer for the Dallas leather community. He'll even respond to chief cheerleader, honorary chairman, Godfather, or, because he's Italian, *capo di tutti capi*.

But whatever you do, do not call him its "poster boy."

"That's poster Sir!" he'll correct with a smile. Fair enough.

Ever since Duke won Mr. Dallas Eagle, then Mr. Texas Leather, and then came in third at the International Mr. Leather competition in Chicago, he's been one of the major players in the Dallas leather scene. He confirmed that status last year, when he won the title of International Leather SIR 2012.

And unlike IML, which is based in Chicago and is held there every year, International Leather SIR/Boy's host city can move. This weekend, it arrives in Dallas, meaning Duke is not only the reigning champ, but the de facto host of the international event.

It's a major coup for the Dallas leather community, which has gained a growing reputation throughout the world in the last decade.

"Dallas is pretty respected [in the leather community] because of so many important leather figures on the international scene are from here," Duke says. "Just think about it: In the last four years, Dallas [can claim] an IML winner, IMsL winner, an ILS winner and an ICBB winner."

If that sounds like alphabet soup, it's not all that confusing. IML (International Mr. Leather) is the granddaddy of the lot, with International Leather SIR being a close second in prestige. There's also the female side, International Ms. Leather (IMsL), and a gender-neutral category, International Community Boot Black, which in 2010 went the Syr Evan, a Dallas woman.

Syr Evan joins Duke, Jeffrey Payne-Roy (who won IML in 2009 and is a co-owner of the Dallas Eagle) and Synn Evans (2012's IMsL champ) in a quartet of prestigious titleholders. It can't be a coincidence they are all from Dallas.

On the other hand, just because Texas is near the cows, doesn't mean it has always been a leather powerhouse. IML started in 1979 with 12

contestants (it was followed in 1980 by the contest that became ILSb). In the early years of the leather scene, it wasn't unusual to see San Francisco contestants on the dais at most ceremonies. Indeed, the first Dallas leatherman to appear at IML was in 1985 (though a Mr. Texas from Houston won in 1983).

Then, in 2002 — when IML was 66 contestants strong — Stephen Weber, then-reigning Mr. Texas Leather, took the title. Since then, it's been a steady flow of victors. Payne-Roy followed as International Mr. Leather in 2009; the year after, the group even named an award in his honor for his service to the leather community. That same year, Duke took second runner-up at IML — his highest title until winning ILSb last year.

When Payne-Roy won, he became the first holder of a regional title to repeat as IML champ since ... Well, since Weber and the 1983 IML winner, Colt Thomas. Multiple IML winners from a single titleholder? It never even happened twice before or since, but for Mr. Texas, it has happened *three* times — twice with Dallas leathermen.

So what is in the water — or the hide — that makes Dallas' community so strong?

"For one, [Dallas Eagle co-owner] Mark Frazier is one of the biggest names in the leather community," Duke says. "And we have a really big — and good — community," he adds, noting that not only is ILSb back in Dallas (where it may stay for several years), but next month the South Plains Leather contest will come here as well, and later this fall a Pup contest. Earlier this month, the three-year-old Women in Leather International contest was back in Big D.

It's a big group, and with size comes diversity. Leather culture has often been perceived as within the purview of white males, usually with facial hair and astride motorcycles. But the tent is bigger than that.

"The leather community, in my observation, is becoming more mainstream and less of an outlaw, outsider culture," says Gabe Sims, who holds the title of Supreme Chief of the Fire for the Firedancers leather group, as was Mr. Texas Leather 2012. "At one time [leatherman] contests



DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS | Jack Duke may have gotten his start in Italy's leather scene, but the reigning International Leather Sir shows his Dallas Pride with a tattoo of the Lone Star State on his bicep. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

were not covered or even mentioned in the media. Now, there is attention [paid] to these events, as well as an increasingly public attention in leather, at least on a local level due to the efforts of Dan Perry, Jeffrey Payne-Roy, Jack Duke,

Robert Cantrell and many others."

As an African-American, Sims also notes "the slow growth of diversity," especially in the local leather community. "I am encouraged that we



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have two men of color in the Firedancers besides myself, and I do see more and more men of color coming out. However, I am hopeful that I will see more persons of color step up from visiting the leather bars to participating in leather clubs and contests."

For her part, Synn Evans (not to be confused with boot black Syr Evan) says Dallas has one of the most accepting leather communities she has encountered.

"The women's community [in Dallas] is smaller [than the men's]," she says. "One of the reasons I find that is that the men are more present. But there is a fairly good-sized women's community here, though they tend to lean more toward private parties." (She notes that 200 women came to Dallas three weeks ago for the WIL event.) But just because the men socialize publicly more does not mean the groups are segregated.

"The men's community has been very accepting," Evans says. "There are always one or two [naysayers], but I have never had anything negative said or done to me because I am a woman. I have a lot of family — my chosen family — in the Dallas community, and the Eagle is my home bar. They are like brothers to me. We are very community focused — we do a lot of fundraising for multiple charities — and I have had no feeling of separation because I am a woman. And you don't get it everywhere."

One reason is that the leather scene has developed and grown over the decades, adapting to the people who make it up.

"When I entered the community, there were certain rules, customs and protocol that had to be followed," says Sims — a system he calls the Old Guard tradition: No wearing of white T-shirts. No wearing of sneakers with leather vests, shorts or harnesses. And you had to display a certain behavior in order to be considered a true leatherman.

"Increasingly, these standards are loosening up and the once-strict definition of 'leatherman' is being redefined, with many [Old Guard] leather community leaders even advocating this change, and strongly defending those who are re-defining the meaning of a leatherman," Sims says.

Aspects of the leather scene continue to morph. Sims and Duke both agree that the Pup Movement is the hottest thing in leather right now.

"Puppy is the most growing group inside the leather community — it includes a lot of young boys, very handsome guys," Duke says. But Duke also has observed the changes from a different, more international perspective.

"I started [in leather] in Italy — my first bar



LEADER OF THE PACK | Jeffrey Payne-Roy, co-owner of the Dallas Eagle, held one of the three top leather titles, winning IML in 2009; the next year, the group named an award after him. (Arnold Wayne Jones/Dallas Voice)

when I was in the army was a leather bar," he says. "I would wear my *real* [army] uniform pants because I didn't have leather, and they enforced a dress code there. Once I even had to change because they wouldn't let me in. And you have to have a gay card — literally."

On the other hand, the more open social rules in Europe mean that anti-gay attitudes are rare.

"I have never been persecuted for being gay. There are no raids on bars — we have no Stonewall," Duke says.

Because of the acceptance (including nationalized medicine), fundraising isn't as much of a focus in Italy; in Dallas, it is the life-blood of leather, as it is in many aspects of the gay community.

"America is more community-oriented because you have to fight for your rights — like marriage equality and healthcare, especially if you have AIDS," he says.

Duke notes that probably no groups are more committed to fundraising than "drag queens and leathermen. And it's always been that way. Who started the Stonewall Riots? Who was at the bar? ... Drag queens and leathermen!" (In fact, Duke says, leather is just "a different form of drag.")

"Texas leather is a very strong community," adds Evans. "We're larger and not just because it's Texas. We have a bigger support system and get a lot of people who move back here. I'm a transplant, but Texas is my home because it is a welcoming community. We have more people who will step up and run for titles. We joke that



WOMEN OF LEATHER | Dallas chef Synn Evans, far left, took the top women's leather title in 2012, winning International Ms. Leather in San Francisco.

Texas is a powerhouse, but we are. We support each other. One person can do a lot, but a lot of people can do more."

Still, there is something foreign about the leather scene, even to openly gay folks, many of whom have been in the gay community for years.

"I think there are parts of the gay community, especially the younger crowd, who don't understand leather," Evans says.

The first thing they all want newcomers to understand is that leathermen and women come from all walks of life.

"There's a Dallas couple who are deep into leather," Duke says. "One sells makeup and perfumes, one is a hairdresser, they both make

pastries. They are *not* stereotypes of leather." (That's also true of both Duke and Evans, who by day are chefs; Duke is a certified gelato master who makes ice cream for a living.)

Events like ILSb — as well as Pride events — will, hopefully, share the scope of leather as something that doesn't have to be intimidating.

"I was talking with a boy in Atlanta [Pride] recently," Duke recounts. "We were sharing the fact that when I rode on the Eagle float in 2010, little kids were waving and saying, 'Hi, bikers!' And the boy was saying they did the same thing to [his group]."

The boy related how, during one Pride parade, the leathermen were in a float, and right behind them were the gay fathers with their

children, who were walking. Some of the kids were getting tired, and the fathers asked if the kids could ride with the leathermen, who happily obliged. "One of the fathers said, 'I really changed my opinion because I thought scary

things about leather,'" Duke says. "I think the fact the leather is intimidating, that the color of the leather is dark, that the bars are darker [contributes to that], but leathermen are supporting the community." ■

ILSb returns to Dallas

The International Leather SIR/boy contest and expo arrives in Dallas this weekend, and it's something of a homecoming. It was here before, and will probably stay in Dallas for the foreseeable future. So how exactly does it differ from International Mr. Leather? In quite a few ways, actually.

"IML is a more political title — your role is as an ambassador for the leather community," explains Jack Duke, who was second runner-up at IML in 2010 and is the outgoing SIR for ILSb. "ILSb is more kinky — it's known as a 'player title.'"

That means, in addition to the contest where a new SIR, a new boy and a new boot black will be named, there will also be seminars and workshops during the weekend, including topics like "erotic wrestling" (taught by Dallas' own Mark Frazier) and "flogging 101."

But how exactly does one compete?

More than a dozen regions hold competitions (Duke competed for ILS as the reigning Gulf Coast LeatherSIR), at which they typically send

a SIR (a dominant figure), a boy (a passive figure) and a boot black. (SIRs and boys are men at ILSb, but boot blacks can be men or women.) The SIR and boy do not, though, compete as a couple in the four categories: interview, formal leather, jockstrap and "fantasy." Fantasy is not judged, and not open to the public, but a chance for a SIR with a boy (of his choosing) to demonstrate some sexy skill.

"It's a sketch onstage where you have fun; it's a little sexual," Duke says. The judges provide a theme, such as "Pigs in Space." Then there is a demo for about 15 minutes "which you don't get points for but where you show your kink ability," Duke says. Last year, because he's a chef, Duke chose "food play."

The event gets going on Friday, Aug. 30 (following registration and a roast of the departing SIR on Aug. 29), with many events taking place at the Crowne Plaza host hotel and the Dallas Eagle. For a complete schedule of events, visit www.ilsb-icbb.com/ILSb-ICBB/Home.html.

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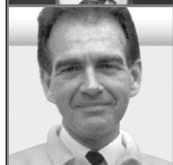
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Courtney Love dishes on scary straights, Kurt Cobain's lesbian relative and being 'normal in some ways'

Just give Courtney Love 10 minutes — the time I had to talk to her recently in the midst of her tour — and she'll tell you a lot of things without you asking. She'll tell them rapidly, because that's how her mouth moves, and she'll tell them at random, because that's how her mind works.

In our quick chat, a blunt-as-ever Love told me about the modern-day rock queers she calls "ninja" gays, how she's actually "really normal" and her desire to educate Kurt Cobain's family on, I think, equal rights ... or something. ■

—Chris Azzopardi

Dallas Voice: I know you know you have a lot of gay fans. Courtney Love: I do, indeed.

Have you noticed gays at the shows on this tour? Hell yes! There was one show in Port Chester, N.Y.; I probably won't be returning there. There weren't any kids and there weren't any gays. It was all ladies who were my age ... with their hubbies! Some of them didn't take very good care of themselves. It was really freaky.

I need the gays there. If I don't have the gays, I just go nuts, because they always know every word and they're the best core audience you can have. And it's just nice.

And you know no one's gonna attack you and you're not gonna get a crazy person. After the shows I can't go and sign autographs without a bodyguard, and I don't have a bodyguard on this trip, per se, and all it takes is just one freak, because I'm so polarizing. I wish the gay kids and the kids would just go in one clump and then everyone else would go in another clump, because then I could go over to them and sign autographs and stuff and feel completely safe, but I don't feel completely safe so I just wave and jump in the bus.

And some people have traveled seven hours, or nine hours, or 20 hours — I hear all sorts of stories — to get there and I try to give them an autograph, but I get really freaked out that there's just gonna be some crazy straight guy with some crazy ass agenda who's gonna try and hurt me.

You and the gay community have something in common: We've both been bullied. What's your advice on dealing with haters? Don't read the comments. (Laughs) I think you just let it rub off of you like a duck's back. I said this recently on my Twitter feed; I was like, "Yo, Amanda

Bynes, chill out," and she went off on me and called me "ugly." It's like, "Dude, I've been called ugly since I was 13; honestly, that's it? Ugly? That's it? Oh, ouch. You hurt my feelings." I mean, it so doesn't hurt my feelings. That's like calling me a slut. It's like yeah, and ... ? It's true! But I'm not saying that I feel ugly.

Five years ago you celebrated the passing of Prop 8 on your blog, where you noted you voted "yes" — a vote against marriage equality — on the amendment to ban same-sex marriage in California. I did not mistakenly vote yes. I voted the right way. I printed (on the blog) that I mistakenly voted yes.

Thanks for clarifying that. Yeah, well, good. I'm just bad at math and I didn't write it down quite correctly.

How do you feel about the recent Supreme Court ruling that overturned Prop 8, making it legal for gay couples to marry in California? I'm really excited about it. I think it's great. The saddest thing is to see, like, two old lesbians who've lived together for 1,001 years, and I've seen this happen with a relative of Kurt's ... and Kurt's family is so weird they won't admit she's a lesbian. But whatever. He actually had an uncle die of AIDS and they won't admit that he died of AIDS. It's just completely freaky. I think it has a lot to do with a lack of education in Grays Harbor, and with his family I've offered everyone down to the last cousin a college education ... and nobody wants it. It's completely weird. Anyyyway. I feel like, um ... wait, I just lost track of the question. What was the question?

About your feelings on marriage equality in California. Oh, I knew this older lesbian, and her partner died and she had no civil rights to



BACK IN BLACK | Courtney Love, who's wrapping up a summer tour that recently stopped in Dallas, plans to release a new album and a memoir later this year.

anything. Nothing! And all of a sudden the family moved in and they'd been estranged for 20-some years and it was ridiculous.

Then I have a younger friend named Jason who got married in West Hollywood about six years ago and all of a sudden his husband died of a heart attack and he was left with absolutely nothing. I tried to get him a lawyer so he could fight it; I mean, they were married legally at a time when it was legal. Nobody would take his case. I don't know why. It was really horrible. He was left with nothing. It's disgusting. Just disgusting. Embarrassing and disgusting.

Last year you and Perez Hilton were going back and forth on Twitter, and you told him you could make him a better gay man. What are your gay guru qualifications? (Laughs) Well, be specific. What do you mean?

He was talking about not getting laid and you were coaching him, joking that he wasn't a very good gay man. Well, he's mean; that doesn't help. I've known that guy for so long, you have no idea. I knew him when his blog was a month old. But I don't know what I meant. It

was a tweet!

I don't know how to make anyone a better gay man. I really don't. What am I supposed to say ... listen to more showtunes? I mean, that's ridiculous. And modern gay guys don't actually listen to a lot of showtunes.

There are a lot of rock gays, in New York anyway. There are a lot of little gay guys. I went to this thing Madonna was at and there's all these kind of ninja gay boys — they're really small — but I think they were her dancers. Then there's this kind of rock club called The Electric Room and there's always these little rock gay guys who wanna get in, and they do.

What will surprise people most when they read your memoir, which is supposed to be out at the end of the year? That I'm pretty boring. (Laughs) Just that I'm pretty normal in some ways. In some ways I'm completely extraordinary, and in other ways I'm completely weird and eccentric. And in other ways I'm really normal.

Last words for your gay fans? I love them. That's about it.

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'Book' smarts

Outrageous, gay-friendly musical 'Book of Mormon' preys while it prays

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In *The Producers*, two impresarios fashion a musical so offensive — one where Hitler sings and dances his way through Europe — that the show will certainly flop and they can make off with investors' money. In the film version, there's a shot of the opening night audience, their mouths agape in horror sitting dumbstruck by the travesty before them.

I saw those expressions several times on the opening night audience during *The Book of Mormon* at the Winspear. For all its whitebread joyfulness, the show WANTS to offend and shock. It succeeds. It's also entertaining as hell.

It may be the goofy, Old Broadway traditionalness that works its insidious magic. The opening number, where an army of young missionary men ring doorbells evangelizing about the

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, is tuneful and funny and whiter than a glass of milk in a blizzard. So when the missionaries end up in an AIDS-ravaged Ugandan village terrorized by a warlord, it's not just the Mormons who feel out of place — it's the audience who were lulled into expecting *Annie*.

The author/composers — Trey Parker and Matt South Park and Robert Lopez of *Avenue Q* — know this. They appear to have an encyclopedic knowledge of classic B'way musicals. Many of the catchy, smartass songs echo counterparts in other shows, from "Uncle Tom's Cabin" (*The King and I*) to "Tevye's Dream" (*Fiddler*) to "Ya Got Trouble" (*The Music Man*). The score is a portmanteau

of gimmicks set incongruously amid Mormons in subsaharan Africa. That's what undercuts to abrasive comedy: It's all familiar.

It's an equal opportunity offender: jokes not just about Mormons, but all religions, AIDS, closeted gays, black people, Bono. ... No one gets

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away unscathed.

The gags reveal a very gay sensibility that, after the fiasco of Prop 8, feels like rough justice. All the Mormon women are men in drag, and Greg Henson as a tap-dancing closet case (and then men-on-men dance numbers) gives a welcome fabulosity.

The two main missionaries — upright Elder Price (Mark Evans) and screw-up Elder Cunningham (Christopher John O'Neill) — are great,

with O'Neill actually surpassing the Broadway actor (he's genuinely endearing, not just a crass moron). But the show leaves room for hilarious work from Samantha Marie Ware as a prospective convert, whose voice is more powerful than her frame should allow.

They all imbue *The Book of Mormon* with an ecstatic energy that borders on rapture. And if some Dallas audiences can't handle that ... well, hallelujah anyway. ■

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'Circuit' doesn't fail

Political thriller puts timely national security spin on seemingly forgotten genre

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Movie genres have their moments. Musicals were big from the 1930s through the '60s, comedies keep getting crasser, horror films become more bloody and since Spielberg introduced the idea of the summer blockbuster, we've had those to deal with.

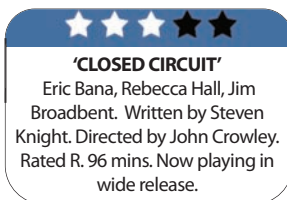
But the era of the political thriller — the smart, sophisticated, often depressing look at the sad realities of the modern world — hasn't been the same since the Berlin Wall came down. Sure, we have the Bourne movies, and docudramas like *Zero Dark Thirty* dramatize actual events. But the progeny of classics like *The Parallax View* or *The Last Embrace* are more interested in technology than people. The grandchild of *Seven Days in May* is *Olympus Has Fallen*. It hardly seems fair.

So the fact that *Closed Circuit* recalls both modern thrillers like *The Bourne Supremacy* and '70s

spy movies like *Three Days of the Condor* is something of a feat: Contemporary issues reflected through the tone of Watergate-era cynicism.

The story couldn't be more contemporary if the screenwriter had a crystal ball. One fall day in London, as security cameras record people going about their daily lives in a public square, a terrorist bomb goes off, killing 120. A Turkish radical is quickly arrested, but the government balks at sharing "national security secrets" with his attorney. So two courts go on at once: One, a public hearing where his barrister is the aggressive Martin Rose (Eric Bana); another, a closed court of star chamber, where the defendant is represented by Claudia Simmons-Howe (Rebecca Hall), who gets to see the secret evidence ... but can't share it with Rose.

The plot might sound outrageous if we didn't see reports just like this in the news every week, from FISA courts to WikiLeaks to governments spying on their own people. The director, John Crowley,



COLD WAR CONTEMPORARY | 'Closed Circuit' recalls the smart, sophisticated political thrillers from the Cold War era, reflecting modern issues through a tone of Watergate-era cynicism.

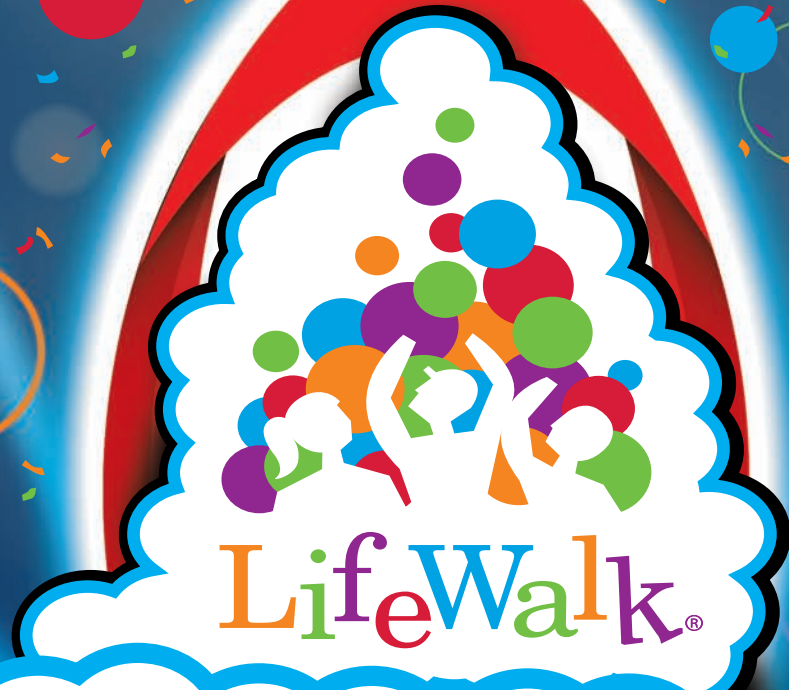
and writer, Steven Knight, drop suggestive breadcrumbs around, but never in a heavy-handed fashion. Is the new security guard in Claudia's condo a spy? Is Martin being followed? We're never sure, and the film doesn't belabor the point. It's precisely because the style is off-handed and not brooding and melodramatic that you don't know who to suspect — or who to believe.

That said, the existence of traitors amid the defense team comes as no surprise, and the resolution is both a little too hopeful and a little too tidy. And the vagaries of the British legal system

(not to mention the idiomatic dialogue) can take some getting used to. But Bana is stolid and impressive, and the courtroom scenes (I wish there were more of them) crackle.

Closed Circuit doesn't reinvent the political thriller — but it does something perhaps more daring: It looks back on what made the genre good to begin with and gives us the closest possible approximation, where shadows exist in daylight even more than in darkness, and citizens still have reason to be concerned about the depths leaders will go to in the name of security. ■

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Uptown Players Pride Fest opens

For the third consecutive year, Uptown Players will put on a bonus series of plays to coincide with Dallas Gay Pride Week, including some returning favorites and several acclaimed off-Broadway shows. Returning to the mainstage of the Kalita Humphreys Theater for the third annual Pride Performing Arts Festival will be Amy Armstrong and Freddy Allen, pictured, two popular cabaret performers who were a draw at the first Pride Fest in 2011 and will open this year's series.

DEETS: Performances run Sept. 5–14. Individual tickets are available for \$10–\$15, with a festival-wide pass for \$59. Reserved seating for Amy and Freddy range from \$25–\$100. Visit UptownPlayers.org for scheduling details and tickets.

Sunday 09.01

Trinity Groves hosts
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You may not need an excuse to drink mojitos, but how often can you do it for a good cause while checking out one of Dallas' hot new entertainment spots? The cocktail favorite of pirates, sailors and Ernest Hemingway is traditionally flavored with lime and mint, but some of North Texas' most creative mixologists have their own variations, and they'll vie for "Best Mojito in Dallas" at the Dallas Mojito Pour-Off 2013. Attendees can sample the concoctions and vote by text for their faves, with proceeds benefiting Voz del Anciano (The Voice of the Elderly), a nonprofit serving elderly Latinos.

DEETS: Trinity Groves, 340 Singleton Blvd. 4–8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at MojitoPourOff.com.

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ARTSWEEK: NOW PLAYING

THEATER

The Book of Mormon. The uber-gay, hugely popular musical from the creators of *South Park*, as Mormon missionaries confront apathy (and gay Mormons) while trying to convert the natives. Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. Through Sept. 1. ATPAC.org.

Red Hot Patriot. Actress Georgia Clinton portrays Texas firebrand Molly Ivins in this one-woman show. Water Tower Theatre presents this revival production, which originated at Stage West in Fort Worth, in their Studio Theatre. Addison Theatre Centre, 15650 Addison Road. Through Sept. 29. WaterTowerTheatre.org.

In A Forest, Dark and Deep. Regan Adair returns to Dallas to direct this Neil LaBute play for Second Thought Theatre. Bryant Hall on the Kalita Humphreys campus, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. Through Aug. 31. 2TT.co.

Thank You, Jeeves! Stage West concludes its 2013 season with this classic farce, once again featuring Jim Couvalt as the harried gentleman's gentleman. Stage West, 821 W. Vickery Blvd., Fort Worth. Through Sept. 29. StageWest.org.

Men on the Verge of a His-Panic Breakdown. A series of comedic monologues about gay Latinos. Presented by Theatre New West. Teatro Dallas, 1331 Record Crossing Road. Final weekend. \$18-\$20. 214-443-8181.

Jailbait. Two teenaged girls, two middle-aged men, one night of clubbing ... what can go wrong? World premiere. Bath House Cultural Center, 521 E. Lawther Drive. Final weekend. \$20. DallasActorsLab.org.

Exit, Pursued by a Bear. A man in a girl's cheerleader uniform? That's what happens in this revenge farce. Presented by Circle Theatre. 230 W. Fourth St., Fort Worth. Through Sept. 14. CircleTheatre.org.

FINE ART

The Body Beautiful in Ancient Greece: Masterworks from the British Museum. A collection of marbles and pottery and bronzework from Greek

antiquity focusing on the human form, especially the male nude. Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 Harwood St. Through Oct. 6. Special exhibition fee: \$16. DallasMuseumofArt.org.

Going Postal. An art exhibit featuring diverse postal art in various media by four artists, including gay Irish multimedia artist Gary Farrelly. RE Gallery, 1717 Gould St. Through Sept. 14. ReGalleryStudio.com.

Gold on Black: Japanese Lacquer from the Jacqueline Lavant Collection. The beauty of lacquered finishes is highlighted. Crow Collection of Asian Art, 2010 Flora St. Through Sept. 15. Free. CrowCollection.org.

Biennial: Origins in Geometry. A juried competition of emerging visual artists. Museum of Geometric and MADI Art, 3109 Carlisle St. Through Oct. 6. GeometricMadiMuseum.org.

Icons. A juried group exhibition featuring images of iconic toys and games. Mary Tomas Gallery, 1110 Dragon St. Through Sept. 7. MaryTomasGallery.com.

FRIDAY 08.30

COMMUNITY

International Leather SIR/boy contest. The event gets going on Friday, Aug. 30 (following registration and a roast of the departing SIR on Aug. 29), with many events taking place at the Crowne Plaza host hotel and the Dallas Eagle. For a complete schedule of events, visit www.ilsb-icbb.com/ILSb-ICBB/Home.html.

SATURDAY 08.31

COMMUNITY

MLK March in Denton. In honor of the 50th Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech, The Church at Mable Peabody's is hosting a march and brief rally to celebrate Dr. King's timeless notion of the beloved community. March begins at Quakertown Park, 700 Oakland St., Denton. 10 a.m.

Gray Pride Café. Resource Center Dallas' Gray Pride Café offers brunch and a showing of the film,



MLK TRIBUTE | The Rev. Jeff Hood and the Church at Mable Peabody's will host a march and rally to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech.

Lesbiana: A Parallel Revolution, followed by a panel discussion with Ann Brown, Alpha Thomas and Shelley Torres-West. This event is for women only. Rainbow Room at Resource Center Dallas, 2701 Reagan St. The Café opens at 11 a.m. Brunch served soon afterward. Movie at 12:15 p.m. Free.

evening on the Cedar Springs Strip. TheStripOnCedarSprings.com.

Dallas FrontRunners fun run for runners and walkers at all levels. Meet at the statue of Robert E. Lee at Lee Park at 7 p.m. Dinner to follow. FrontrunnersDallas.org.

SUNDAY 09.01

WORSHIP

Cathedral of Hope. Traditional service at the United Church of Christ congregation. 5910 Cedar Springs Road. 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. CathedralOfHope.com.

The ONE Church, 5427 Philip Ave. Services 6 p.m. Dallas1Church.org.

Lambda Weekly. LGBT radio for North Texas on its new day and time. 89.3 KNON-FM at 11 a.m. LambdaWeekly.com.

Breath of Life Interfaith Mindfulness Fellowship. LGBT-friendly "meditation and more" event. Inspired by Buddhist spirituality, all faiths welcome. Deaf interpretation provided. Dallas Meditation Center, 727 S. Floyd Road, Richardson. 5 p.m. Donations accepted. InterMindful.com.

TUESDAY 09.03

First Tuesday Social Justice Films. Free public showing of *Harvest of Empire*, which looks at the effect of U.S. economic and military interests on the immigration from South American, Mexico and the Caribbean. Audience discussion follows. Unitarian Universalist Church of Oak Cliff. 3839 W. Kiest Blvd. 7 p.m. FirstTuesdayFilms.org/index.shtml

WEDNESDAY 09.04

COMMUNITY

First Wednesday Wine Walk Pride Edition. Come sample great wines, shop, eat, browse and enjoy our "Pride Edition" of the Cedar Springs Merchant's Association First Wednesday. Purchase a wine glass for \$10 and get refills at all participating merchants on the Strip. Play for a chance to win a great gift basket of merchandise and gift cards. All

THURSDAY 09.05

COMMUNITY

First Thursday Bishop Arts Wine Walk. Stop by one of our volunteer tables for your wine glass and a map of participating shops. Then, stop in at each store to refill your glass! \$10 glass. 6-9 p.m. Bishop Arts District.

THEATER

Uptown Players Pride Fest. Amy Armstrong and Freddy Allen open Uptown Players Pride Fest. Kalita Humphreys Theatre. \$20-\$60. Kalita Humphreys Theater, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. 8 p.m. UptownPlayers.org.

MUSIC

Patio Sessions at ATPAC. Fall music series at the AT&T Performing Arts Center begins with Chris Johnson of Telegraph Canyon with Madison King. 5:30 p.m. Sammons Park. attpac.org/series/patio-sessions.

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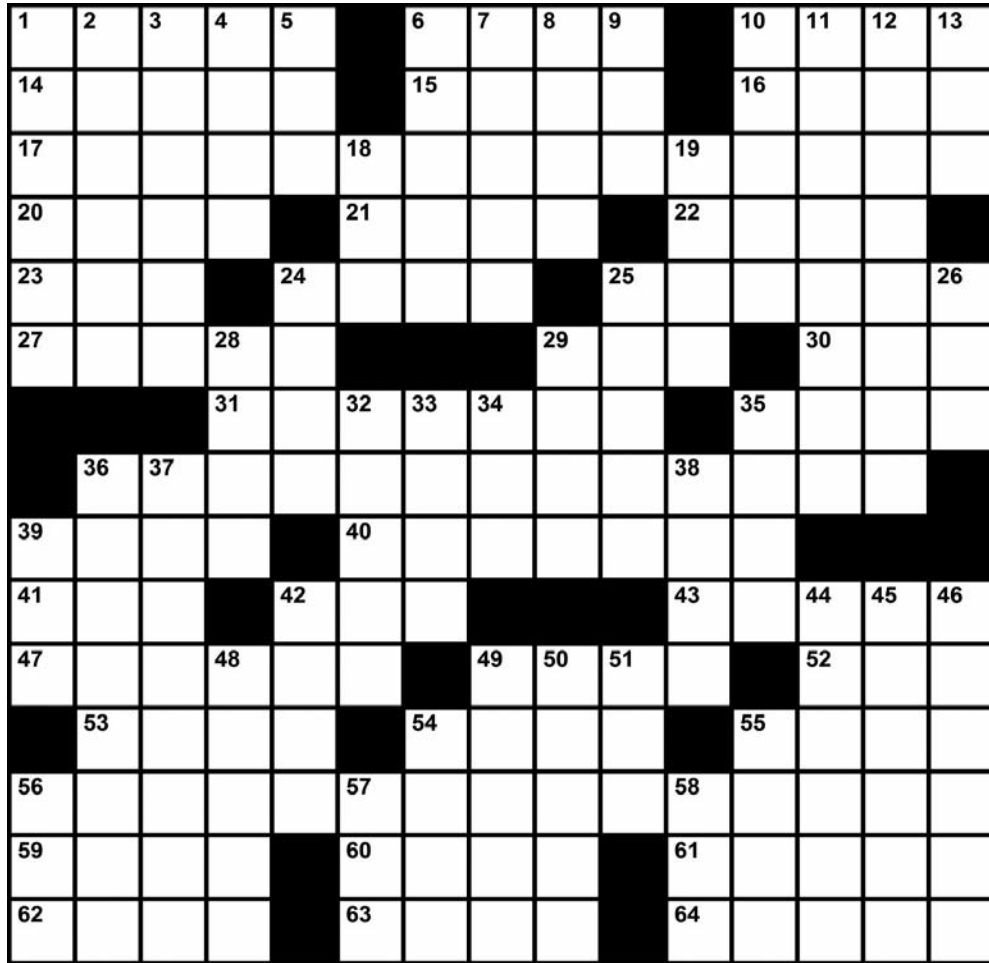
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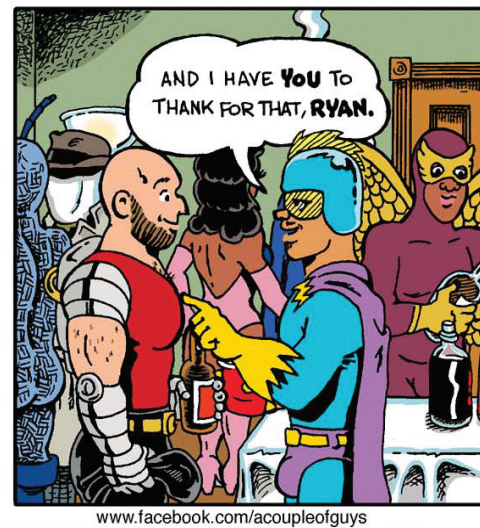
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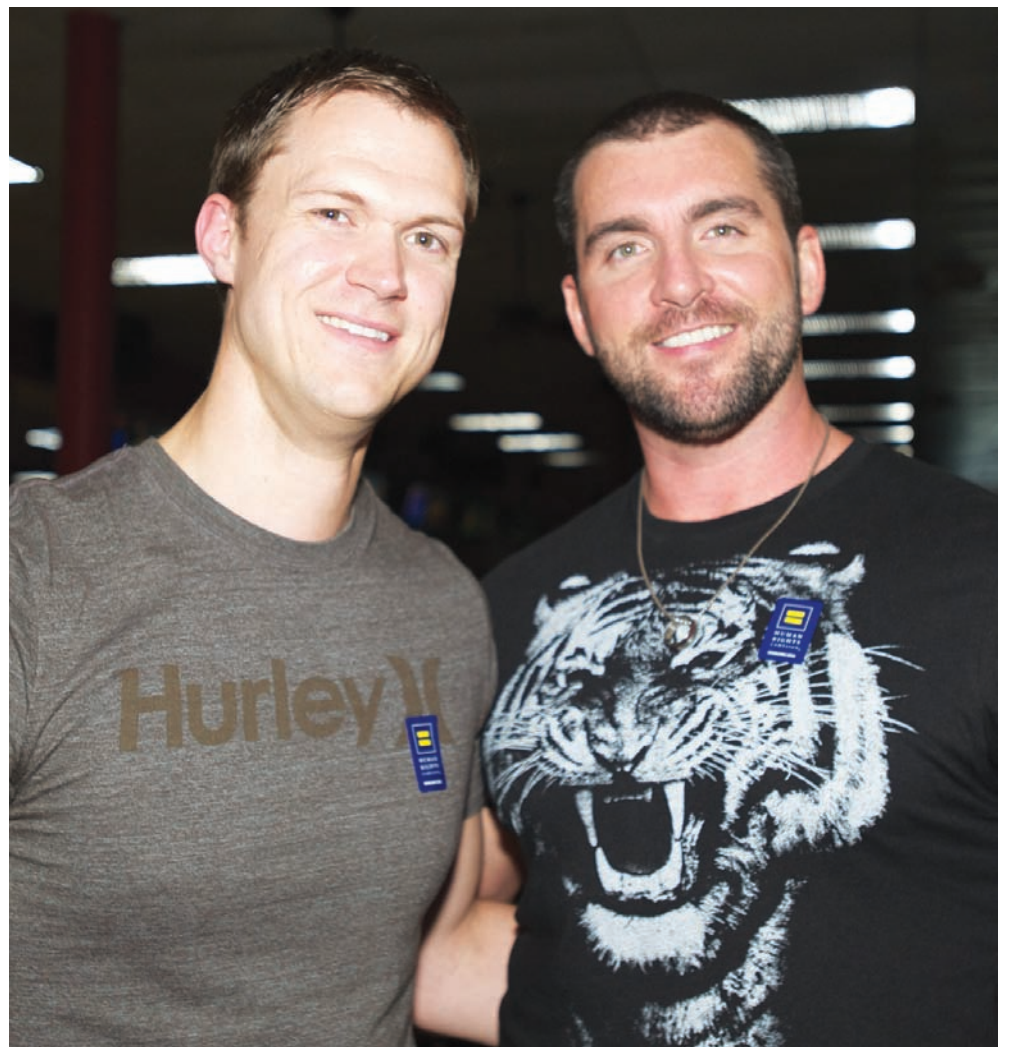
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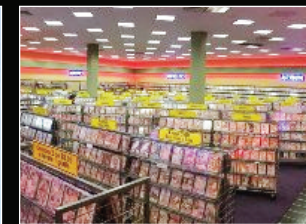
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