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Attorney General Eric Holder announces resignation

Attorney General Eric Holder, Jr. announced on Thurs., Sept. 25, his intention to resign from his post as head of the justice department following the confirmation of his replacement by the Senate. The nation’s first black attorney general is one of the longest-serving Obama appointees. He also is the fourth longest tenured AG in history. The civil rights advocate is well known for refusing to defend DOMA and suing Texas over its voter ID law.

— James Russell

Louisiana state judge says marriage ban is unconstitutional, ruling stayed

Louisiana State Judge Edward Rubin ruled on Monday, Sept. 22, that the state’s law banning same-sex marriage is unconstitutional because it violates the due process clause of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the equal protection clause of the 14th amendment and the full faith and credit clause of the Constitution.

Adam Polaski posted at FreedomtoMarry.org’s blog that “the ruling today grants the second-par-ent adoption and affirms that the Louisiana amend-ment violates the due process and equal protection clauses of the 14th Amendment.”

On Thurs., Sept. 25, the ruling was stayed fol-low ing an appeal by the state’s attorney general.

— Tammye Nash

SMU adds LGBT to Women’s Center name

The Southern Methodist University Women Center has been renamed the Women and LGBT Cen-ter, according to the school’s newspaper The Daily Campus.

The Center hasn’t changed its mission or added any programs, because LGBT programs have come under the Women’s Center since the 1980s. Spectrum, the school’s LGBT group, has been based at the Women Center for years. Other pro-grams at the center include the Allies program for students, faculty and staff “to show tangible sup-port of the LGBT community on campus.” Par-ticipation includes a two-hour training and ongoing educational workshops.

— David Taffet

Gay South Dakota teen files complaint after allegedly forced to wear ‘gaytard’ nametag

Tyler Brandt, 16, of Yankton, S.D., filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on Wed., Sept. 14, alleging discrimi-nation by his former employer for being forced to wear a “Gaytard” nametag, according to the Sioux, Falls, S.D. Argus Leader.

He resigned from his job at Taco John in June after the manager made wear him the nametag because he feared for losing his job.

— James Russell

An appalling review of ‘The Rocky Horror Show’ lit up Instant Tea this week.

I decided to do something I never, ever do: Publicly call out another “review.” In the theater blog called The Column, Mary L. Clark reviewed the show … at least, that’s what they call it. As someone who directed my attention to this story pointed out, she refers to out director Joel Ferrell’s “lifestyle choice” being affected by the show.

Ummm…. what?

I really, really thought we had progressed past the point one’s innate sexual orientation was la-beled — insultingly, ignorantly, regrettively — as a “choice” and a “lifestyle.”

Read both my and Clark’s reviews and her re-sponse to my post on our InstantTea blog.

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Fahari Arts celebrates Dallas Black Pride

Fahari Arts Institute celebrates Dallas Black Pride with a evening of spoken word, dance and film, 8:30 p.m.–midnight, Friday, Sept. 26, at South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 Fitzhugh Ave. This month’s Queerly Speaking features guest artist Jamie Thompson, a Belize native who received a B.F.A. in dance performance and choreography from Belhaven University in Jackson, Miss. He has studied, danced and choreographed with the Belize National Dance Company and Dallas Black Dance Theatre. He is currently the director of operations and associate artistic director at the International Conservatory of Performing Arts in North Texas.

In observance of National Gay Men’s HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Fahari Arts will have a media showcase and a talk back with local ambassadors of the new Greater Than AIDS campaign, SPEAK OUT!

Business expo at Melrose

The North Texas GLBT Chamber of Commerce presents the GLBT Business and Community Expo at the Melrose Hotel, 3015 Oak Lawn Ave. 4:30–7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 20. Expert advice 30-minute presentations include Business Bootcamp with attorney Rebecca Covell and CPA Ron Allen, estate planning for LGBT couples with attorney Jodi McShan, Road to Retirement with Brian Walker and readings from lesbian fiction with Carson Taite.

Exhibitors will compete for prizes including most innovative, best first-time exhibitor, best giveaway, best staff, best of show and people’s choice. Parking is complimentary and the event is free and open to the public. GLBTChamber.org

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The Red Ribbon Circle,“ Hilgart said. “It is a way Foundation provided this opportunity to initiate from donors.

She was grateful for the outpouring of support totaled $182,000. AIDS service organization’s donations to-
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Councilwoman who refuses to sign a city council welcome letter for Pride came up with wording for a resolution that supports LGBT bills
as its chair.

The task force has been discussing issues it wants the city’s lobbyist to address in the legislature when it convenes in January. Employment non-discrimination heads the list.

While an employment non-discrimination bill may be introduced, most of the work for LGBT advocates in Austin revolves around killing bad legislation.

While some items — like restricting gays and lesbians from adopting — pop up regularly, it’s hard to guess what malicious bills may be introduced. Last session a contentious debate over LGBT resource centers at state universities appeared on the agenda with little warning.

Medrano said he presented Hill with a list of items upon which the task force had agreed. But Hill had a better solution and came up with wording for a resolution that avoids debate on individual items.

“Support legislative recommendations from city task forces (such as the LGBT Task Force, the Education Task Force, the Poverty Task Force, the Fair Park Task Force and others) that are consistent with the policies of the city council, the city’s legislative agenda and city council strategic priorities,” Hill’s resolution reads.

Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance President Patti Fink, a member of the LGBT Task Force, said, “The strategy is to not argue over every little item.”

In addition, she said, Hill’s resolution allows the lobbyists to address any negative legislation not anticipated.

Dallas lobbyist Larry Castro said he spends most of his time addressing anti-municipal legislation every session. Many of these bills, introduced by rural legislators, restrict the power of cities.

At a hearing at Dallas City Hall on Monday, Sept. 22, Castro said he expected a bill that would restrict a city’s right to protect categories of people not covered by federal law. The bill would be presented to counter Houston’s HERO ordinance and San Antonio’s recent non-discrimination law that have been controversial and prompted failed recall bids in both cities. That law would also invalidate the Fort Worth and Dallas ordinances that have been in effect for more than a decade without controversy.

In the last session of the legislature, LGBT activists wanted Dallas lobbyists to work with Equality Texas to help derail some bad legislation.

In June 2013, the LGBT community clashed with city council members over a resolution proposed by Councilman Scott Griggs. Former Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano put Hill’s resolution for the upcoming session on the agenda while Rawlings was out of the country. To get the resolution off the agenda, the mayor called in from Brazil and was considered present.

LGBT activists attended the city council meeting wearing red and stood, turning their backs to council members who opposed the resolution.

The process of getting Griggs’ resolution of support was so slow and divisive, however, that by the time the council addressed it, the legislative session was over.

Hill’s resolution for the upcoming session avoids that sort of divisive debate.

At the Sept. 21 briefing, Castro presented a list of major items he plans to address with legislators. The issues involve everything from urban blight and code enforcement to designating Dallas as the official home of the 2036 Texas Bicentennial celebration. City council members from the southern sector of the city pushed him to support legislation allowing for stricter regulation and inspection of boarding houses, which are a problem in their districts.

Castro said he has a general rule for supporting or opposing legislation.

“If it expands city authority, I support it,” he said.

The LGBT resolution along with the full lobbying agenda will be discussed by the full city council at its briefing on Oct. 15 and voted by the council on Oct. 22.
‘Cure’ in disguise

Arlington ‘ministry’ dedicated to ‘curing’ homosexuality gets prize money for NT Giving Day fundraising efforts

TYLER CURRY | Contributing Writer

When it comes to the people of North Texas, the phrase “go big or go home” certainly applies—especially when it comes to their pocketbooks.

The sixth annual North Texas Giving Day took place on Sept. 18, giving donors in North Texas an opportunity to give to local nonprofit organizations that they may not have been previously aware of. And the giving was good.

North Texas Giving Day, powered by the Communities Foundation of Texas, raised a total of $26.3 million for local area nonprofits, surpassing 2013’s total by more than $1 million.

In addition to those donations, some nonprofits also received special grants and prizes given out by local foundations for reaching certain goals throughout the day. One of those nonprofits was Living Hope Ministries in Arlington, which received two grants totaling $10,000 from the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation.

ATF gave these grants to the nonprofit with the most unique donors between 2-6 p.m. and between 6 p.m.—midnight on North Texas Giving Day.

But some supporters of the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation and NTGD may be surprised to find that Living Hope Ministries is an ex-gay ministry whose sole purpose is to help people “leave homosexuality” and “stop the suffering of same-sex attraction.”

Additionally, Living Hope Ministries received bonus funds for all donations over $25 based on a prorated dollar match awarded by Communities Foundation of Texas.

Living Hope Ministries is not a physical church, but is instead an organization with the sole purpose of counseling men, women and children who have same-sex attractions. They believe conflict with a Christian identity. Living Hope does not identify itself as an ex-gay ministry, but rather as a Christian organization that teaches men and women how to “overcome homosexual feelings by leaning on Christ.”

At least one NTGD donor said she was shocked to learn that Living Hope Ministries was allowed to participate in NTGD. “I don’t feel like this is for the betterment of our communities and takes away from other legitimate nonprofits actually making significant contributions,” said the woman, a city of Dallas employee who asked that her name not be used.

Living Hope Ministries, which is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, used its website to actively recruit support-
September

- Sept. 26: Queerly Speaking South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 Fitzhugh Ave. 8:30 p.m.–midnight.
- Sept. 26-28: Beyond Vanilla XXIV Host hotel is Crowne Plaza — Downtown, 1015 Elm St. Overflow hotel is Hotel Lawrence, 302 S. Houston St. Events at the Crowne Plaza and at Dallas Eagle, 5740 Maple Ave. BeyondVanilla.org.
- Sept. 26: 5 Factor 7 for Parties, 150 Turtle Creek Blvd., Suite 107. 7–9 p.m. $50. MyResourceCenter.org.
- Sept. 27: The Gay Softball World Series Closing Celebration Cedar Springs Road from Reagan to Knight Streets. 7 p.m.–midnight. Free.
- Sept. 27: Jackie K. Jones Memorial Ride Revlon Courtyard, 720 N. Lancaster Ave. to White Rock Lake and back. 9:30 a.m. Benefits AIDS Service Dallas. AIDSDallas.org.

October

- Oct. 2: Teen Pride Music, dancing and pizza for ages 14-19. Celebration Community Church, 908 Pennsylvania Ave, Fort Worth. 6-8 p.m. CelebrationCommunity-Church.com.
- Oct. 2: Evening benefiting the Dallas County Democratic Party Coordinated Campaign Beverages and food trucks. 401 Exposition Street. 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 3: Burgers & Burgundy Private home, 4637 Meadowood Road. 6:30–9:30 p.m. Chefs John Tesar, Blaine Staniford and others in a foodie fundraiser for DIFFA.
- Oct. 3: Tarrant County Pride Parade and Festival Parade steps off at noon at Weatherford and Houston streets. Festival noon–6 p.m. TCGPWA.org.
- Oct. 4: Inclusive Counseling’s LGBT Adoption Options Jonathan’s Place, 6065 Duck Creek Road, Garland. 11 a.m. RSVP therapy@inclusivecounseling.com.
- Oct. 5: LifeWalk Lee Park, 3333 Turtle Creek Blvd. Register 11 a.m. Walk at 1 p.m. LifeWalk.org.
- Oct. 5: Tarrant County Pride Picnic Trinity Park, 2987 Trinity Park Dr, Fort Worth. Noon–6 p.m. TCGPWA.org.
- Oct. 9-12: QCinema Film Festival Rose Marine Theater, 1440 N. Main St., Fort Worth. Qcinema.org.
- Oct. 11: National Coming Out Day
- Oct. 12: Jennings Street Festival Jennings Avenue between Pennsylvania Ave. and W. Cannon. 2-8 p.m. benefits AIDS Outreach Center.
- Oct. 12: Spirit Day Stand with LGBT youth against bullying.
- Oct. 15: DlffA Style Council party Announcement of the 2015 Season Style Council and Legends members. Neiman Marcus, 1618 Main St. 6 p.m.
- Oct. 18: Spooktacular Fundraiser for the GLBT Leadership Education and Advocacy Program (GLBT LEAP), 6-9 p.m., at ilume 2, 3109 Douglas Ave. For information call 214-865-6516.
- Oct. 17-18: International Gay Rodeo Finals John Justin Arena, 1051 Rip Johnson Road, Fort Worth. $15 one day, $25 two days. IGRA.com.

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When will we rise up?

Elections this November could be the most important in our lives as Texans. Will LGBT Texans claim their power and vote?

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Yes, we are winning some battles. But when are we going to step up and do what it needs to be done to win the war?

In less than two months, Texas will elect a new governor and lieutenant governor. And we stand at a crossroads, with vastly different choices and two disparate futures.

One road, a narrow and treacherous path, will take us further toward the same, repressive future. It is a road where its marshal seeks to limit the rights of anyone who passes down it, particularly women, gays, lesbians and Latinos.

In fact, this road will become even more hazardous, for the man who wants to control the path, a lawyer, is dead-set on continuing to deny equality to its gay and lesbian travellers and restrict the rights of women — our sisters, mothers and friends — who share the road.

The other road, broad and intended for all Texans, has largely been blocked off since it was looked after by a Texas woman decades ago. This road offers equal footing to each and every Texan, and it could be restored by another Texas woman who would usher in a new era where all are welcome to travel, regardless of their gender, ethnicity or whom they love.

At the risk of hyperbole, this could well be the most important election of our lives here in the state of Texas.

So when are we going to stand up for ourselves and say, once and for all, “Attorney General Greg Abbott, we are mad as hell that you’ve used our tax dollars to marginalize and discriminate against us, and we no longer require your service to our state. And Sen. Dan Patrick, we don’t really want you in the Legislature and we sure don’t want you controlling it.”

When, fellow Texans, will we demand that the tax dollars we have paid to the federal government should not be controlling their bodies ... if every African-American whose vote helped elevate the first biracial American into the White House ...

If every homosexual and transgender person who’s tired of politicians bullying us and denying us equity ...

If every one of us showed up at the polls Nov. 4, the road toward equity for all Texans would be re-opened and a new era could begin.

Will you stand up? Will you bring others with you? Or will you get distracted? (Oh, look: a hot guy in sexy underwear on the next page.)

The choice at the crossroads is theirs. And it is ours. And by the way: you have 10 days left to register to vote.

What are you going to do?

Todd Whitley is a local activist who can usually be found tweeting (@toddwhitley), holding a picket sign, thrifting shopping, or eating Tex-Mex. Read his blog at tdub68.wordpress.com.
How the ‘City of Hate’ is becoming bike-friendly

THOMAS CANTU
Contributing Columnist

Last year, 2013, marked the 50th anniversary of the Kennedy assassination, and the commemoration uncovered hurt feelings and brought to the forefront conversations we usually held in hushed tones. Dallas’ old “City of Hate” label was revived for the first time in decades.

But at the same time, the “Bike Friendly” movement has begun to emerge from the very neighborhood that earned Dallas that moniker, recasting the city into one known for being nice … at least to cyclists.

A nonprofit organization from Oak Cliff leads the Bike Friendly movement here. It started six years ago with a small group of friends looking to improve their neighborhood. Bike Friendly Oak Cliff was their answer, a nonprofit aiming to promote bicycle advocacy and awareness in Oak Cliff.

BFOC’s influence now spans citywide and they have taken great strides toward the humble goal of improving Oak Cliff.

For a fledgling organization, Bike Friendly Oak Cliff has made remarkable headway. BFOC’s influence is evident by the bike lanes that extend, spider-web-like, throughout the city. Now, when it comes to city planning, City Hall not only considers motorists and pedestrians, but cyclists as well.

In light of citywide success, BFOC remains true to its original cause, a better Oak Cliff. This year’s Bike Rosemont event provided more than 800 sets of bicycle safety lights for the local elementary school’s students, a great contribution to the neighborhood. The program also taught bicycle safety and the rules of the road to participants.

BFOC’s annual Bike Commuter Energizer Station on National Bike to Work Day is the most popular and active station in the city, complete with mariachis to serenade riders as they cross the Jefferson Viaduct.

BFOC’s most anticipated yearly event is held in October. Cyclesomatic is a fun-filled, monthlong series of bike-friendly events organized by BFOC. A few of the events include a photo scavenger hunt, brewery tour, bike-in movie, cycle-cross race and a bicycle rally to Dallas City Hall. All events are family friendly and BFOC encourages everyone to find a reason during Cyclesomatic to get back on a bike and enjoy the innocent pleasures of childhood once again.

Fifty years ago Dallas became the City of Hate. Riding a bicycle cannot fix that, but a Bike Friendly Dallas is a step in the right direction and it all starts in your neighborhood.

For more information on Bike Friendly Oak Cliff, visit BikeFriendlyOC.org.
It’s been 10 years since the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Association chose Dallas to host its Gay Softball World Series, and this year’s series seems to have exceeded expectations already. The last time was marred by near-constant rain interrupted only by extreme heat. So far this year, the weather has played ball with the more than 3,500 players who have descended on North Texas for a week of play on and off the field.

At Monday’s opening ceremonies at Annette Strauss Artist Square, local officials including councilmembers Scott Griggs and Adam Medrano and Sheriff Lupe Valdez welcomed teams from as nearby as Austin and as far as Vancouver. Valdez mingled and posed for pictures with players who, initially, gathered at a respectful distance … until they were told, “In Dallas, we hug our sheriff.”

Dale Hansen, the local sports broadcasting legend who helped usher in a spirit of gay inclusiveness in sports with his strident defense of Michael Sam in February, spoke to a rapt crowd—the only time during the ceremonies that were met with complete quiet followed by a large ovation.

“We’re not a bunch of redneck sons of bitches,” Hansen informed the out-of-towners. “We only elect them to state office.” He also said that, of the 5,000 emails he got after his video commentary went viral, 98 percent supported gay rights … including those from NFL players.

Games began at three facilities across North Texas on Tuesday, with action on 16 fields of play. With 170 teams competing (according to NAGAAA’s president) and a minimum of six games apiece guaranteed until the elimination rounds, literally thousands of innings of softball will be played until the final strike-out.

But not all the action has taken place on the diamond. Evening events included a trip to Arlington to watch the Rangers play and the GSWS Pageant at JR’s Tuesday, hosted by Cassie Nova.

On Wednesday, the GSWS’s version of America’s Got Talent—which featured showstopping performances by Drag Racers Laganja Estranja and Mesquite’s own Alyssa Edwards—captivated the sold-out crowd at the Rose Room, showing that not all the skills ballplayers possess are limited to athletic ability. (Division shortstop and drag performer Latrice Sims ended up winning both the pageant and the talent show.)

Sept. 26 and 27 mark the final games of play (eligible teams will be reduced to about 60), but even members of eliminated teams will probably stick around for the post-game celebrations (a Championship Eve Bash at Woody’s on Friday; the Championship Street Party along Cedar Springs that will close down auto traffic on Saturday).

It seems we have really entered a golden age for gay athletics, whether professional or amateur. 2014 has been a watershed for pro athletes coming into their own in football and basketball in particular. Nowadays, the idea of being “gay” and a “jock” doesn’t seem so unusual. (Read our essay about gay athletes—outletes—at InstantTea on DallasVoice.com.)

But that doesn’t mean gay sportsmen are just like their straight counterparts. We were tickled by the team names and mottos on the jerseys of visiting teams, with messages like “Kiss our cleats,” “Balls deep,” “Stroke my ego” and “Size matters.” We defy heterosexuals to be as cleverly suggestive.

But at the opening ceremonies, the players were still drinking beer, bro-hugging and high-fiving. The time for stereotypes has ended.

Now it’s time for them to play ball with us.

— Reporting and photography by Arnold Wayne Jones, David Taffet and Tammye Nash

ON DECK | Players from Dallas teams and visiting teams turn out for play in the early rounds of the Gay Softball World Series, above and right; the opening ceremonies at Annette Strauss Square showed off Dallas well, including an appearance by ally Dale Hansen, opposite.
If you want to know the difference between a group and a team, look no further than the Dallas Independent Volleyball Association. Last month, one of the organization’s young stars, Josh Cain, died in an automobile accident. He had been with DIVA about three years, and “from a skill level, probably one of our best players,” according to Adam Cebulski, DIVA’s marketing and communications officer. “People were really shocked. The first thing people said was, ‘Is there anything we can do?’ So we did a fundraiser for his family. A lot of people would post memories on social media.”

What makes the reaction perhaps even more remarkable is that, while DIVA is usually tagged as a “gay league,” Cain himself was straight. “It’s not often you find a 21-year-old athlete who is willing to stand up like that,” Cebulski says. “He didn’t care he was associated with [a gay organization]. He became a great model.”

That kind of loyalty — a true family — is something that has long distinguished DIVA’s mission and its membership.

Long, indeed. DIVA is celebrating its 25th anniversary year right now, and its 50th official season (12-week spring and fall seasons have been around since the start, and additional summer sessions, tournaments and clinics pepper its calendar). And DIVA is only looking further ahead as it reflects on all that it has accomplished in the past. “We’ve grown from a two-court facility at Reverchon Park to a new 12-court facility we just moved into this year in Carrollton,” says Ruben Viveros, president of DIVA. “When we started, there were about six teams — maybe 36 people — and currently we have about 400 active, playing members on 57 teams across six skill levels of play, from novice to very skilled.”

Not only are some of the founding members still playing, but DIVA continues to attract young men and women as well, of all orientations. “It’s probably the most competitive league [of any volleyball league] in Dallas and especially at the higher levels, where you see more straight individuals. A male and female met through DIVA, and they got married!” says Cebulski.

Certainly the jocks are attracted to the league as an outlet for their competitive edge, but what has long been DIVA’s appeal both as an athletic and a social organization is that it welcomes all levels of play. “The game is easy to understand, it’s only six people, and everyone who pays will play,” says Viveros.
The death last month of Josh Cain (above in orange, second from left) devastated the members of DIVA, who embraced Cain as a straight ally. (Photos courtesy of The Mug Shot)

“I think the reason we attract a wide range of members is the varying levels of play we offer,” adds Cebulski. “We have a draft process — you don’t have to have a team to be on before you sign up. There’s no pressure to already come in knowing people. It’s a non-intimidating atmosphere.”

In Cebulski’s case, he moved to Dallas from Chicago three years ago, where he was already deeply involved in the gay volleyball league. But joining DIVA was two-fold.

“I knew I would seek out DIVA to play, but I also knew I didn’t know anyone here, so it was a way to meet people,” he says.

“It’s very social — you can’t hide that fact,” agrees Viveros. He opines, though, that the welcoming attitude also gives many LGBT folks a chance to be accepted on a field that they may have been denied in their youth.

“We have a lot of members who have never played sports before, and it’s amazing how competitive they can be,” Viveros says. “Many of our members are in their late 30s to mid 40s and may have had a difficult time playing organized sports in high school because they weren’t as confident or didn’t have enough support. I know I didn’t, and I’m a little older than that.

“It’s as much an opportunity to play and help people bloom,” he continues. “I can’t tell you how many people come up to me and say, ‘Without DIVA, I could have gone the other way [into introversion]. I have heard that countless times.’”

And with an evangelical zeal, DIVA is always looking to add members, fans and supporters. Although the current season is half over, there are always ways to become wrapped up in their volleyball net.

“We had an entry in the Pride parade,” Viveros says. “We are known for the Miss DIVA Pageant, which always benefits the Resource Center, but we also have a bachelor auction. And our end-of-season tournament is coming up.”

There’s also the Dallas Fall Classic, now in its 24th year and, as always, set for the same weekend as the Texas-OU game (Oct. 10-12). And on Halloween night is the annual Pumpkin Bumpkin game. “Everyone arrives in costume and we randomly draw teams,” Cebulski says. There are costume contests and refreshments, but mostly there’s the camaraderie that makes being a part of DIVA seem like a family.

To learn more, visit DIVADallas.org.
The number of athletes in town for the Gay Softball World Series is undeniably impressive, but it’s not the largest LGBT sporting event held so far this year — not even close.

The ninth Gay Games, which took place last month in Cleveland, boasted three times as many competitors. And it was an awesome sight, and walk down memory lane, for Dallas’ Christian Minnicks, whose history with the Gay Games dates back 20 years.

Minnicks was a young man working as a dancer at Walt Disney World in Florida that summer when he first heard about the event, which was holding its fourth incarnation in New York City.

“I said, ‘We have to go!’” he recalls of the last-minute decision to pile into the car and drive up for the chance of competing. It was a magical experience for Minnicks, who placed in the hurdles, winning a silver medal.

So when a friend called him up earlier this year to see if he was available to serve as head judge in the cheerleading competition of the Cleveland games, Minnicks jumped at the chance to relive old glories, and help create some for newer athletes.

“There were 11,000 athletes there — that’s more than the last Olympics,” Minnicks says, noting that an assemblage of queer athletes was, officially, the largest sporting event in the world.

One reason, of course, is that unlike the Olympics — or even the World Series — there are no qualifying rounds. Anyone can compete in any event, subdivided by age bracket.

“No one had to prequalify. You just needed the drive to compete,” Minnicks says.

And that drive was apparent to him and everyone in attendance. Minnicks says the entire week was one epiphany after another.

“This games was a lot different [than 1994] because of the coming-of-age in the gay and lesbian community,” he says. “It was all about inclusion, not exclusion. When I competed, it just had a minimal [number of divisions]. But in Cleveland it had a transgender category, a lesbian category, gay men, broken down by ages, etc. And the attendance blew [my games] out of the water. The support they had was great. People were talking about gay marriage,” something Minnicks could barely have imagined 20 years ago.

The inclusionary quality was nowhere more evident that with the 99-year-old lesbian who was the only competitor in her age range. “She ran the 400m alone and they gave her a medal. The will power it took! I bawled.”

Cleveland Rocks | The opening ceremonies featured cheerleaders performing to a full house; the California contingent made the walkway to the festival super gay. (Photos by Christian Minnicks)
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**Games**, From Page 18

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Doug Wright is the man who wrote a solo play about a transgender East German, a musical about the Beales of Grey Gardens and even one about legless mermaids, so adapting a documentary about a contest to see who can touch a pickup truck the longest doesn’t seem so odd. The Dallas native will be back in town for the opening of the 2013 Texas-set musical Hands on a Hard Body with his collaborator Amanda Green on Monday, but you can catch the show sans Wright any time throughout its monthlong run.

**DEETS:** Theatre 3, 2900 Routh St. in the Quadrangle. Sept. 26–Oct. 26 (in previews through Sept. 28). Theatre3Dallas.com.

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If you’re a foodie, chances are you already know The Inn at Little Washington by reputation if not experience as the most highly acclaimed small-town restaurant anywhere in the U.S. Its acclaimed chef, Patrick O’Connell, joins Dallas chefs Stephan Pyles, Omar Flores and more for a unique dinner benefiting the James Beard Foundation. Imagine so many great cooks toiling in the kitchen just for you.

**DEETS:** Hilton Anatole Wedgewood Room, 2201 N. Stemmons Freeway. 7 p.m. $350–$500. JBFTasteAmerica.org.

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What do the three headliners at American Airlines Center this week have in common? All have kissed a girl ... and they liked it. Queer singing twins Tegan & Sara — who came into their own as pop artists this year — will open for gay-loving pop goddess Katy Perry, whose Prismatic Tour plays Thursday and Friday. That should make you roar.

**DEETS:** American Airlines Center, 2500 Victory Ave. Thursday and Friday. 5:30 p.m. doors, 7 p.m. show. Ticketmaster.com.
ARKSWeek: Now Playing

Theater


Doubt: A Parable. The Pulitzer Prize-winning play about a priest in 1960s New York who may (or may not) have molested a student. Final weekend. RTFP Building Studio Theater on UNT campus, 1179 Union Circle, Denton. DanceAndTheatre.unt.edu.

Next to Normal. The musical about a troubled family that won the Pulitzer Prize. Final weekend. Onstage in Bedford, 2821 Forest Ridge Drive, Bedford. OnstageInBedford.com.


Fine Arts


Friday 09.26

Sports

Gay Softball World Series: Championship Eve Bash. The night before the final day of game play, teams and fans gather at Woody’s Sports & Video Bar, >>> Cedar Springs Road. 8 p.m.–2 a.m. DallasSeries2014.org.

Community


The 5 Factor. The Resource Center’s annual...
acknowledgement of those who make a different in the community, honoring Abraham Salum, Philip Kingston, Dale Hansen, DIFFA and Whole Foods. 7 for Parties, 150 Turtle Creek Blvd., ste. 107. 7–9 p.m. $50. MyResourceCenter.org.

DINING
James Beard Taste America Dinner. Stephan Pyles, Patrick O’Connell and a half-dozen James Beard-honored Dallas chefs cook at this unique fundraiser, which also features celebrity sous chefs. Hilton Anatole Wedgewood Room, 2201 N. Stemmons Freeway. 7 p.m. JBFtasteAmerica.org.

SATURDAY 09.27
CONCERTS
The Women’s Chorus of Dallas: Celebrate ... The Seventies. TWCD opens its 26th season with this concert at the Rose Room, a tribute to the songs of the ‘70s. S4, 3911 Cedar Springs Road. 7 p.m. TWCD.org.

SPORTS
Gay Softball World Series: Championship Street Party. Cedar Springs Road will be closed down for this gayborhood-wide celebration of the end of the Gay Softball World Series. Cedar Springs Road between Knight and Oak Lawn avenues. 7 p.m.–midnight.

DANCE
Spectrum Dance Theater. The Seattle-based contemporary dance troupe performs. Presented by TITAS. Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. 8 p.m. ATTPAC.org.

SUNDAY 09.28
WEDDINGS
LGBT Wedding Expo. Thinking about getting hitched? Find out all you need to know from gay-friendly vendors at this expo. 7 for Parties, 150 Turtle Creek Blvd., ste. 107. RainbowWeddingNetwork.com.

FESTIVAL
Fiesta Latinoamerican! The 8th annual fest of Latin culture, with art, food, performances and more. Klyde Warren Park. 11 a.m.–7 p.m. DFWInternational.org.

FILM
Good Morning, Vietnam. ATTPAC and the Dallas Film Society present their Sunset Screening Series, starting with the late Robin Williams’ breakout hit. Annette Strauss Artist Square, 2403 Flora St. 8 p.m.

TUESDAY 09.30
FILM
The Man with the Golden Gun. The ninth “official” Bond film, the second outing for Roger Moore, and with Christopher Lee as the title villain and Herve Villechaize as his vicious little minion. Screens as part of the Tuesday New Classic series at Landmark’s Magnolia in the West Village, sponsored by Dallas Voice. 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.

WEDDING Bells | The GLBT Wedding Expo comes to 7 for Parties on Sunday.

CONCERTS

THURSDAY 10.02
BROADCAST
Project Runway. Season 13 continues with Heidi, Nina, Zac and Tim. Airs on Lifetime at 8 p.m.

THEATER
Dallas Southern Pride. Dallas’ Black Gay Pride celebration — themed All Gold Everything — begins, and runs throughout the weekend. Host hotel: Crown Plaza, 1015 Elm St. Events are planned for “him” and “her.” For a schedule, visit DallasSouthernPride.com.

BENEFIT
Food Truck Fun, a benefit for the Dallas County Democratic Party Coordinated Campaign, offers a selection of food trucks in support of Democratic candidates. 4209 Parry Ave. 5:30–7:30 p.m.

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*About Billy Masters: I may be out of the country, but my nationalistic pride rode awfully high when I watched the Miss America Pageant. This year's competition featured two of my favorite things: implants and puppets! Clearly, Babs had to sit on her good side (as if). Yes, the whole business of Jimmy letting her sit in his chair fulfilled an edict from Babs — she had to sit on his left. So the choices were for her to take his chair or for the set to be flipped around (which is what Rosie O'Donnell did). Fallon was happy to oblige, and even made it look kinda spontaneous. During her first week on the job, Julianne Hough wasted no time in creating a scandal on Dancing with the Stars. The new girl at the judges' table was chatting with DWTS alum Mario Lopez on Extra. It all went well until she started talking about contestant Jonathan Bennett. "He Tweeted me last year and said, like, I had a nice butt. But he also tagged my trainer. And so I was like, 'Oh, he's hitting on me. I should try to go on a date with him.'" Mario asked how that turned out. Without batting an eye, Julianne says, "He's gay. So I was like, that's not gonna work." This struck me as amusing for two reasons. First, this may be news to Mario, but my faithful fans have known Bennett was gay since I reported his relationship with the now-openly gay Matt Dallas back in 2009. Secondly, since when has someone being gay stopped Hough from dating them?  

Last week, Nick Jonas was all over New York promoting his new single ("Jealous") and a new television series (DirecTV's Kingdom). Because he's as smart as he is pretty, his first stop was the gay night-club BPM. He told MTV News, "It's been a fun couple days partying with some of my gay fans. I love them. I really feel like I'm part of the gay community. And they embrace me. I love them. They're so supportive." They'll be even more supportive when they see his show. Jonas told Andy Cohen that Kingdom will contain lots of nudity, sex and perhaps more. Andy asked if this meant that Nick's mixed martial arts fighter character was bisexual. With a mischievous grin, Jonas answered, "We'll see." Nick then paid a visit to Ryan Seacrest Distinction. Jonas was given one of the collection's new shirts and, being a clever cad, Ryan asked Nick to try it on. Nick promptly doffed his top — yeah, like that wasn't the point all along. Seacrest later posted, "It took some convincing, but he finally gave in (and we're glad he did)!" I bet!  

Lance Bass and beau Michael Turchin celebrated the one-year anniversary of their engagement by getting engaged all over again. Turchin wrote, "Who gets proposed to a second time on the first anniversary of the first proposal? This guy!!" He also posted a photo of what appears to be a brand new engagement ring. A contestant on a Chilean reality show kinds ousted singer Luis Miguel. The show is called Trepadores, which loosely translates as Social Climbers. A male singer competing claims that he made out with Luis Miguel as a teenager. Plausible. He then shared a second-hand story: "One of my friends who is very cute was taken to Luis Miguel's yacht to be introduced to him. Yes, Luis Miguel is bi." This one loses a bit of punch in translation. My "Ask Billy" box was flooded with many of you asking the same question. The first query came from Patrick in Florida: "Once and for all — Jared Leto? Does he really have a big dick? Or is it just a lot of hype?" Since Jared Leto is hot — both as a subject and as an object — this comes up occasionally. The fires were stoked, so to speak, when transgender personality Alexis Arquette recently gave an interview to drag comedian Jackie Beat: "I had sex with Jared Leto back when I was presenting as a man. And, yes, it's not only massive; it's like a Praetorian Guard's helmet." Tabling the issue that sounds like it could hurt and tickle at the same time, what are we left with? The boasting of a sexual encounter by someone who is less than credible, in my opinion. The situation exploded a few days later. Footage from a 30 Second to Mars concert showed Jared grabbing what appeared to be a ponderous package in his penile region. Check out BillyMasters.com and decide for yourself.  

When Nick Jonas is trading in his promise ring for a cock ring (anything for his gay fans), it's definitely time to end yet another column. I must confess that I'm slightly concerned about being in Eastern Europe. What a time for me to forget to pack my Isis costume — if I end up next to a guy with a sickle, I wanna go out in style! As long as I have breath in my body, I'm here to answer your questions. Send them along and I promise to get back to you before Julianne Hough outs anyone else from her past. So, until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.

Have a question for Billy? Send it to him at Bitter@BillyMasters.com.
Making the SCENE the week of Sept. 26–Oct. 2:

Gay Softball World Series: Closing ceremony and street party at 7 p.m.–midnight on Saturday.

Alexandre’s: Denise Lee at 10 p.m. on Friday. Deborah Cox at 10 p.m. on Saturday. Lala J at 9 p.m. on Wednesday. So Strung Out acoustic at 9 p.m. on Thursday.

Best Friends Club: Imperial Court de Fort Worth/Arlington presents the 17th annual Crown Jewel Ball on Saturday. Buffet at 6 p.m. Ball at 7 p.m.

BJ’s NXS!: Magic Sundays with Jada Pinkett Fox at 8 p.m. on Sunday.

Changes: Wall of Food Show at 8 p.m. on Thursday.

Dallas Eagle: Charity America Show with Cyda Leigh Edwards at 8 p.m. on Friday. United Court of the Lone Star Empire presents Knights of the Round Table show at 7 p.m. on Saturday. United Court’s Turn-About Show at 7 p.m. on Sunday benefits AIDS Interfaith Network.

JR’s Bar & Grill: Edna Jean’s Rotten Tomatoes Show with Onyx, Alan, Rita and Alexis on Tuesday.

Sue Ellen’s: Chris Miller Band on Friday. Chaz Marie Band on Saturday. Tyla Taylor Band on Sunday.

The Rose Room: Erica Andrews celebration on Sunday.

Woody’s Sports & Video Bar: Softball World Series Championship Eve Bash on Friday 8 p.m.–2 a.m.

To view more Scene photos, go to DallasVoice.com/category/photos. Scene Photographer: Kat Heygood.

Latrice Sims, who won both Miss GSWS at JR’s Bar & Grill and the GSWS talent show at the Rose Room inside S4.
Adam Medrano and Scott Griggs at GSWS opening ceremonies.

Marchers in the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade.

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6. Male parishioner, to Rev. Perry
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