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Lt. Krey Assumes Liaison Position

By Steve Geer
Fort Worth, Texas

The Fort Worth Police Department liaison to the gay and lesbian community is Lt. Krey.



Lt. Krey Ft. Worth Police

Krey assumed the liaison position in January of this year. According to Krey, this assignment is not assigned to a person; it is assigned to the position. Whoever serves as the lieutenant of criminal investigation also serves as the liaison to the gay and lesbian community. (See *Liaison* on page 4)



Black-tie Last Saturday Night

By Christopher Hightower
Fort Worth, Texas

One of the nation's largest gay and lesbian fundraisers, Black Tie Dinner, was held last Saturday night with 3,300 guests in attendance.

Half of the proceeds from the event will benefit the Human Rights Campaign Foundation. Other beneficiaries include 20 local, state and national charities. Two Ft. Worth based organizations, AIDS Outreach Center and the Ft. Worth Men's Chorus, will receive funds raised at this year's event.

Emmy Award-winning actress Megan Mullally, who plays Karen, Grace's socialite assistant on NBC's "Will & Grace" appeared as the keynote speaker for the event. (See *Black-Tie* on page 4)

Betty Degeneres at TCU for National Coming Out Day

By Angella Bazzell
Fort Worth, Texas

Betty Degeneres, mother of sitcom star Ellen Degeneres, spoke at TCU October 11, 2001 for National Coming Out Day.

Ms. Degeneres is the National Coming Out Project Spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign Foundation. She spoke about the difficulties individuals face when "coming" and the discrimination young gays and lesbians still face in schools and classrooms across the nation. She stressed that it is essential for parents, friends and educators to support and accept all sexual orientations.

Ft. Worth FIRST!

•Steve Geer (publisher)

This is the premier issue of The Ft. Worth Ally. I would like to thank all of the staff writers, contributors, and advertisers who have helped make the Ft. Worth Ally a reality. I believe we have brought on board some of the best writers Ft. Worth has to offer, and I appreciate their hard work. I have considered the idea of a weekly news-magazine for Ft. Worth for over a year. Now, since other publications no longer distribute here, it is time for Ft. Worth to have it's own weekly.

The great news is our community is developing and growing. We now have our own retail store, and soon other gay and lesbian owned/operated businesses will be opening. The most important thing you can do is show your support for the businesses that are, and soon will be, serving us. Without your involvement and cooperation, our community will never reach it's fullest potential, and these businesses will not survive. If you ask yourself what you can do, instead of driving to Dallas and spending your money there, think of Ft. Worth first and support the businesses that we do and soon will have. By doing this, YOU will ensure our community will continue to develop and grow, and other gay and lesbian owned businesses will open as well. We will fulfill the potential of Ft. Worth's gay and lesbian community.

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State and Local News

Liaison (cont. from page 1)

-Steve Geer

Krey's experience base stems from twenty-four years of law enforcement. He also has a wide range of experience with criminal investigations. He feels that he has developed the skills necessary to interact with many different social groups and resolve issues specific to that group. I have the ability to work with unique groups and the ability to understand, recognize and accept them. I am open minded and am not homophobic, Krey said. According to Krey, Any question or problem related to the police department and the community should be directed to me. I will work as the contact person and try to answer any question and resolve any issue that may arise.

Krey says that all police officers should take the responsibility of building better relationships within the community. The success or failure of community policing depends on this. He feels this policy has been effective in developing better relationships with the different social groups of Ft. Worth. The Ft. Worth Police department's policy on community policing has been adopted by many other cities because it has been so successful. Krey also says that if ever there are police officers who are not receptive to the gay and lesbian community, he should be contacted.

Krey also stated that he would like to learn more about the community and is looking forward to working with the gay and lesbian community of Fort Worth.

Black-Tie (cont. from page 1)

-Christopher Hightower

Elizabeth Birch, who has served as Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign Foundation since 1995, addressed the dinner attendees early in the evening.

The Black Tie Dinner has been held each year since 1983. According to Brad Ward, executive director of AIDS Resources, this year's event was the most successful and the event raised more money than previous Black Tie dinner's.

The Human Rights Campaign Foundation receives half of the net proceeds from the event. The other half of this year's net proceeds will benefit the following local charities:

- ¥AIDS Arms, Inc.
- ¥AIDS Interfaith Network-Dallas
- ¥AIDS Outreach Center (Fort Worth)
- ¥AIDS Services of Dallas
- ¥AIDS Services of North Texas
- ¥Cathedral of Hope Metropolitan Community Church
- ¥Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance Don Baker Education Fund
- ¥Dallas Legal Hospice
- ¥Fort Worth Men's Chorus
- ¥Gay/Lesbian/Straight Education Network
- ¥Legacy Counseling Center
- ¥Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas Calkin Fund
- Parents, Family, & Friends of Lesbians and Gays-Dallas Chapter
- ¥Resource Center of Dallas
- ¥The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
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Reviews from QCinema

Boys Life

Directors: Jason Gould, Gregory Cooke, David Fourier, Bradley Rust Gray and Lane Janger

The third installment in the Boys Life series, following 1995's BOYS LIFE and 1997's BOYS LIFE 2, BOYS LIFE 3 consists of five short films, each telling a story related to gay life, identity, and sexuality. In French director David Fournier's MAJORETTES (a.k.a. DES MAJORETTES DANS L'ESPACE), an existential narrator talks over comic clips of film and illustrative cardboard cutouts. He tells a simple story of Dimitri, a soviet cosmonaut who likes majorettes, Catherine and Laurent who like making love, the Pope who likes airports, and Vincent who likes boys. HITCH by director Bradley Rust Gray follows two attractive men on a dizzying road trip that involves some sexual self-discovery. The Hollywood farce INSIDE OUT, from director Jason Gould, involves one slapstick joke after the next, hitting on psychotherapy, gay stereotypes, failed marriages, and tabloid sensationalism. JUST ONE TIME, a short film by Lane Janger that he later made into a feature-length film, is included here in its original format. And, wrapping up the filmic collage of BOYS LIFE 3 is director Gregory Cooke's \$30, a bittersweet story of a gay kid who faces a dilemma when his dad takes him to a whorehouse for his birthday. Not rated R equivalent (adult subject matter, strong language, nudity).



No One Sleeps (2000)

Writer/Director: Jochen Hick

This ambitious oddity from this year's Fort Worth Gay & Lesbian Film Festival centers on Stephen (Tom Wlaschiha), a German medical student arriving in San Francisco to prove his theory that the AIDS virus was deliberately introduced. While following up on leads left by his late researcher father, Stephen discovers that each contact is mysteriously falling victim to a serial killer stalking the gay community. Even more mysterious is the possibility that the murderer might be Stephen's new male love interest. Though this thriller is a bit convoluted at times, the performances are good and it deserves credit for mining an interesting story from a rather controversial fringe theory on the origins of AIDS. R (adult subject matter, strong language, nudity, violence).

The Wolves of Kromer (1998)

Director: Will Gould

Starring: James Layton, Lee Williams

This stylishly original British film slipped under everyone's radar, and it's a pity. The story—an interesting fairy tale-like allegory in which gay men are depicted as wolves—is a bit surreal, but engaging nonetheless. The wolves are envisioned as a pair of handsome young men (James Layton and Lee Williams) decked out in fur coats and bushy tails who terrorize a small English town merely by hanging out in the nearby woods and fancying each other. The locals, many of whom are up to deeds far more wicked than a little woof whoopie, will have none of it and hunt the pair down. A fascinating, touching and wholly original parable on tolerance. The DVD includes a making-of featurette, filmmaker commentary and widescreen format. Not rated (adult subject matter, nudity, violence).



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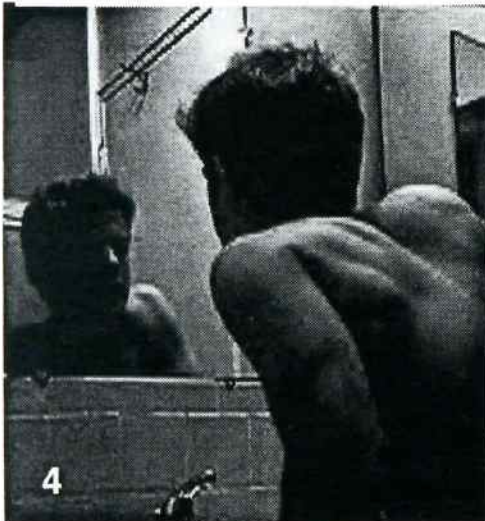
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A lesson in just how far Republicans will go to achieve their goals...

Russell Langley (editorial contributor)

For an object lesson in just how far Republicans will go to achieve their goals, you need look no further than the Right to Work election in Oklahoma that was held on September 25th, just days after the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

Republican state leaders had succeeded in securing a ballot initiative to make Oklahoma a so-called Right to Work state. As a matter of background, Right to Work laws are supported by corporate and business interest in order to make union organizing virtually impossible where they are in effect. Labor leaders rightly dubbed the ballot referendum the Right to Work for Less.

Prior to September 11, things were not going as planned for Oklahoma Republicans. After an aggressive organizing and education campaign by organized labor, the Right to Work initiative was headed for the legal dumpster. Enter the tragic events of September 11, and Republicans saw an opportunity to turn the tide.

Republican Governor Keating immediately went on the airwaves after the attacks: Show the world that Oklahoma will not give in to terrorism. I plan to vote Yes on September 25 to give Oklahomans the Right to Work. Banners, placards, radio and TV ads sprang up all over the state-conveniently financed with a flood of big corporate money-with the message that voting yes on the Right to Work initiative was the patriotic duty of every red-blooded man and woman within the borders of Oklahoma. How can you argue with that logic?

Oklahomans proceeded to march off to the polls and did what their Governor said was their duty to America: voting to give corporate interest the right to exploit and underpay workers. This episode is not only distasteful, but it was a downright dirty, manipulative, and sordid way to use the tragic deaths of over 5000 Americans to ram a controversial ballot initiative down the throats of voters.

For those who think that this little tale is just an isolated incident, the far right of the Republican Party is using the events of September 11th to camouflage the worst and most controversial aspects of their platform.

From cutting the capital gains tax, to drilling for oil in Alaska, to the money pit known as Star Wars, Republicans have wasted no time pushing their domestic agenda and anyone who voices dissent is Un-American. When Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson made the outrageous claims that the attacks of September 11 were the result of gays, abortionists, and the ACLU, the White House barely made a sound. In contrast, the Democratic leaders of the House and Senate have gone out of their way to work with the Bush Administration to address the very grave issues that are confronting our country. From an economic stimulus package to anti-terrorism legislation, Democrats have avoided using the tragedy of September 11 as an excuse for partisan grandstanding.

So far the Bush White House has succeeded in keeping the militant voices of the right wing muzzled as they deal with this crisis. All Americans support the President, our Government, and our troops as they take the necessary action to deal with the threats to our security both at home and abroad. However, that does not mean that we should or will give the Bush Administration a blank check to make domestic policy.

The GLBT community should be particularly concerned and vigilant during this crisis. The comments of Jerry Falwell, the subsequent lackluster response from the White House, and the campaign surrounding the ballot initiative in Oklahoma demonstrate the right wing will happily enact its agenda at a moments notice when the opportunity presents itself.

As the media glare focuses on terrorism, gays and lesbians should look past the spotlight to be sure that the conservative right does not give us a nasty surprise wrapped in the horror of September 11.

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View From the Right

John McDaniel (editorial contributor)

Since September 11 our lives have changed. We have been saturated with messages that are both shocking and horrifying. Many of us watched live while a jumbo jet flew into an American icon of wealth and success. Now we are faced with a new reality. A reality that some are using to support their own agendas. With the creation of the Homeland Security Office we are confronted with the possibility of losing some of our civil liberties. The proponents of a large centralized government will use our fear and our desire to seek revenge to suspend some of the civil liberties we have fought so hard for.

This is a preface to the issue that I want to address. Last week I was having coffee at a local establishment. True to form I began a conversation with a member of our community. He asked if I am an activist. Webster's defines activism as a theory or practice based on militant action. After having looked it up to clarify what the word actually meant.

My original answer was not only no, but NO with emphasis. I didn't want to be identified with those who do call themselves activists. As a community we are constantly told we need to be more proud, to march, to participate in activities that separate us from the community-at-large. These activities, while enjoyable on a social level, do further damage to the quest for gays to be accepted. In truth, we are already a part of a community that defies definition.

We are Americans first and foremost. We have a civic duty to vote, in my opinion that is where we need to be more active. We need to worry less about how the rest of the world perceives us, and make sure that we still have a world left that we can live with.

We can do this by voting, not for the candidate, but for that candidate's platform. In other words, let's not spend so much time separating us by our actions, but spend more time educating ourselves and then electing officials that have our best interests at heart. You might be wondering how this stump preaching has anything at all to do with the tragedies from Sept 11th. The correlation is that we have to be ever vigilant about the issues of the day and

realize what implications those issues might have. We need to be educated about what our elected officials at every level believe in, and ensure that their beliefs and ours coincide. We certainly don't want elected officials that are willing to circumvent the Constitution that gives us the most basic of civil liberties. From now on my answer will always be a resounding yes if asked whether I'm an activist. I am. You still won't catch me marching, or carrying a flag, or even putting a sticker on my car. What I will be doing though is watching my government more closely and making sure that WE are still following the intent of the framers of the Constitution.

I firmly believe that it is my responsibility to educate myself and to vote. That has, is, and will always be the extent of my activism. So I urge you to re-evaluate what you choose to be active about and determine if the recognition of being a special community is worth the sacrifice of the most basic liberties that this country is founded upon.

John McDaniel is a law student who writes weekly for *The Ally*.

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Arts Ally

Bryan Catt Cather (staff writer)

I'd like to take just a few lines to introduce this column (and myself) before I get to more important stuff. My name is Bryan Catt Cather, and I write Arts Ally, the fine arts column for the Fort Worth Ally. I have been an avid supporter of the arts in Tarrant County for some time, so I am looking forward to keeping our readers informed about events in Tarrant County's fine arts community.

Historically the mainstream press has only reported on most arts events after the fact. To often, we all have missed out on events we would have liked to attend simply because we didn't hear about them until they were over. I hope, through this column, to keep our community informed about what's happening in the arts world before it happens, so we can all actively participate in these events, rather than simply read about them after they're over. If you are a member of any kind of arts-related organization in Tarrant County, please contact me so that I can spread the word about your organizations' events.

Now, on to the important stuff! Be sure to mark your calendars for the following events.

¥*The Everett Event*, a Sunday Social hosted by Everett Ross and benefiting the Fort Worth Men's Chorus, is Sunday, November 4th, from 5:00-8:00PM at 651 Jennings in Fort Worth. Admission is \$15.00 and includes beer, wine and food. A cash bar will be available. For more information, call 817-737-8863

¥*Artists Against Aids*, a silent auction and celebration sponsored by AIDS Interfaith of Tarrant County will be held at Henson McAlister, 3308 West Seventh Street in Fort Worth, on Saturday, November 10 from 6-9 pm. Donations for the silent auction have come from individual artists and galleries, as well as the Fort Worth Symphony, Jubilee Theater, and other arts groups. Items include paintings, pottery, works in iron and numerous other media, almost exclusively from local artisans, galleries and other establishments. Admission to this event is free, with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres available. Bid tickets will be available at the very reasonable price of \$10.00 per couple. Many in Fort Worth who regularly attend this annual event now in its seventh year, have found it a great way to get their holiday shopping out of the way and to help support one of Tarrant County's most visible AIDS charities. For more information call 817-870-4800.

Email me at catt@ev1.net to have your Arts event listed

something strange and wonderful happened. Audiences began flocking to these midnight shows, talking back to the screen, and performing in the aisles along with the characters in the film. Rocky had found his place in pop-culture, as an interactive multi-media rite of passage for several generations.

The Rocky Horror Show is a sexy sci-fi salute to 50's B-movie bombshells, hapless heroes, and the occasional alien transvestite. The production is not suitable for all audiences. Opening night is October 26 at 8pm, and continues until November 4. Admission is \$20 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors. For more information and exact show-times call 817-924-6243. Or visit their web-site at www.sagesilo.com

Sage and Silo producing Rocky Horror Show!

Michael Cook (staff writer)

Sage and Silo Theatre is proud to announce a special production of Richard O Briens rock musical sensation, The Rocky Horror Show.

The live stage production will be held at the former Our Lady of Victory convent, which will prove to be the perfect setting.

Musical, movie, mega-hit, The Rocky Horror Show has had generations doing the Time Warp since its inception in the early 70's. What began as Richard O'Brien's anti-musical, this high energy rock-n-roll show garnered such success in both England and America, that it was transformed by 20th Century Fox into a movie musical. After the studio re-released the film in select theatres as a midnight show,

ASK SHANIQUE

Who needs Cleo? Shanique answers reader mail.

My boyfriend wants to have a three way with another man. I don't want to do this but he says that if I love him I will do it. I am getting tired of this. What should I do?

¥ Frustrated in Arlington

Dear Frustrated:

You should never do anything you don't want to do for a man. (That's how I got my 100 thread-count comforter) Follow your instincts. There are plenty of men who feel the same way. Although three-ways can be interesting, it only works if everyone is into it. Talk with your boyfriend and explain your reasons. If he feels a third party is still essential to his sex life, give me his name and number. He sounds like someone I need to meet. Remember, it's only kinky the first time!

If you have questions for Shanique, send them to Ask Shanique, 410 W. Daggett Suite A, Ft. Worth, TX 76104

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¥He's gonna be mine damnit! (quote from Ms. Tallulah!)

¥The bars need fewer drag shows and more dancers!

¥What's up with all the women at the Six?

¥How about that new DJ at Maggies!

¥Damn queens bitchin' about all the womyn!

¥We wish Woody the best in New Orleans!

¥Karen was awesome at Black Tie!

¥There's some hotties at the Six in Arlington.

¥We love you Karen! Thanks for coming to Dallas-Ft. Worth!

¥Lift that leg any higher & he's gonna kick the back of his head!

¥How hot is that new bartender in Arlington?

Health Perspectives

Elizabeth McCarthy (staff writer)

The decision to come out is often the end result of much soul searching and questioning. (Will people accept me, will they like me, and will they still love me still? Will it affect how people treat me? Will that hottie in shipping give me the time of day now?). It is a matter of individual choice - when, where and how. Some make the choice on their own while others have a little help along the way. (Michigan...the mid 70 s...my home town...our version of Black Tie/Gay Pride/Party City all rolled into THE one community event of the year...me dressed to kill in my tux and tails...my parents recognizing me and the event for what it was all come to mind). The point is - however it is that we each arrive at the decision to come out is what we needed to do to get there.

Now, let's get to the point of this article. Health-wise, there seems to be some evidence of a connection between being out, being healthy and making healthier choices. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control conducted a study of 3000 men 15 to 22 years old who have sex with other men (gay men, bisexual men and sex workers). Approximately 4 out of 10 stated they had unprotected anal sex in the six months prior to their participation in the study. Why take such risks with their health? There could be any number of reasons.

According to Gary Isaacs LMSW-ACP, Director of Case Management at AIDS Outreach Center (and a colleague to boot), in the case of an individual who is still closeted there may be strong feelings of isolation, due to the lack of a connection to a supportive community. Individuals who have not yet chosen to come out may also experience feelings of isolation from family and friends. These feelings could result in more impulsive behaviors and choices.

This makes sense to me. We all look for acknowledgment, validation, advice and solace from those we choose as friends and have as family. When someone doesn't have such a support network to turn to, he or she may try to find whatever intimacy, affection or approval they are looking for in situations that may not be healthy. The closeted married man for example. He can't just call up the guy he recently met and ask him out to dinner, to a movie, to go dancing (you know, the dating thing). He can't keep condoms around cause then the wife would be wondering. His only release may be in an anonymous encounter. He can't keep

condoms around cause then the wife would be wondering. His only release may be in an anonymous encounter in the park - no name, no history and maybe no protection.

How about the young teen who fears family rejection, or worse, if he or she comes out? Their perception of being isolated and alone coupled with the valid need for approval and affection may make them especially vulnerable to sexual predators who are skilled at exploiting these feelings. With no support network to turn to, no one to talk to or help them understand and feel good about themselves, unsafe decisions could be made.

The bottom line is, if we buy into thoughts like: I don't feel comfortable but I don't want to lose this person, or he seems nice, he'd tell me if there was anything I should be concerned about, or maybe it's just ME then maybe we may not be thinking clearly about our own fears, concerns and health. Feeling good about ourselves has to come from within.

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HIV Highly Contagious After Initial Infection

Michael Cook (staff writer)

New research has shown that HIV may be highly contagious before the first flu-like symptoms appear or a test confirms a person is positive.

Shortly after transmission, virus levels in the blood skyrocket and short-lived flu-like symptoms including fever, fatigue and swollen glands may appear. During this time the immune system has yet to produce antibodies to the virus so common tests can

Announcements!

¥The Condom Cowboys is a team outreach to area gay clubs and parties with safer-sex kits and information. They believe sex is good and each individual has the right to express themselves sexually. Condom Cowboys try to ensure those activities are safe. To become a Condom Cowboy or for information about getting them to come to your next part call 817-335-1994 ext 253

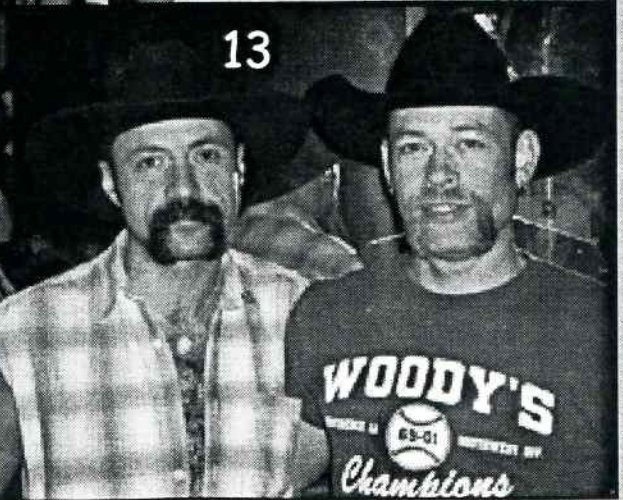
¥AIDS Interfaith is a volunteer-centered organization that is committed to mobilizing people of faith to demonstrate God's love through active compassion to people affected by AIDS. Contact Christian Piatt at 817-870-4800 ext 31

¥The Samaritan House, will be holding its annual Halloween party this Saturday night between 6pm and 11pm, at its facility. The Imperial Court will be performing for the guests. This event is free and is open to the public. Costumes are encouraged but not required.

not detect the HIV virus.

Researchers state that high amounts of the virus appear in the genital tract, shortly after transmission, making it a highly infectious period. Researchers also say that if you engage in unsafe sex you cannot assume that you are not infected or that you are not infectious just because you have had a negative antibody test.

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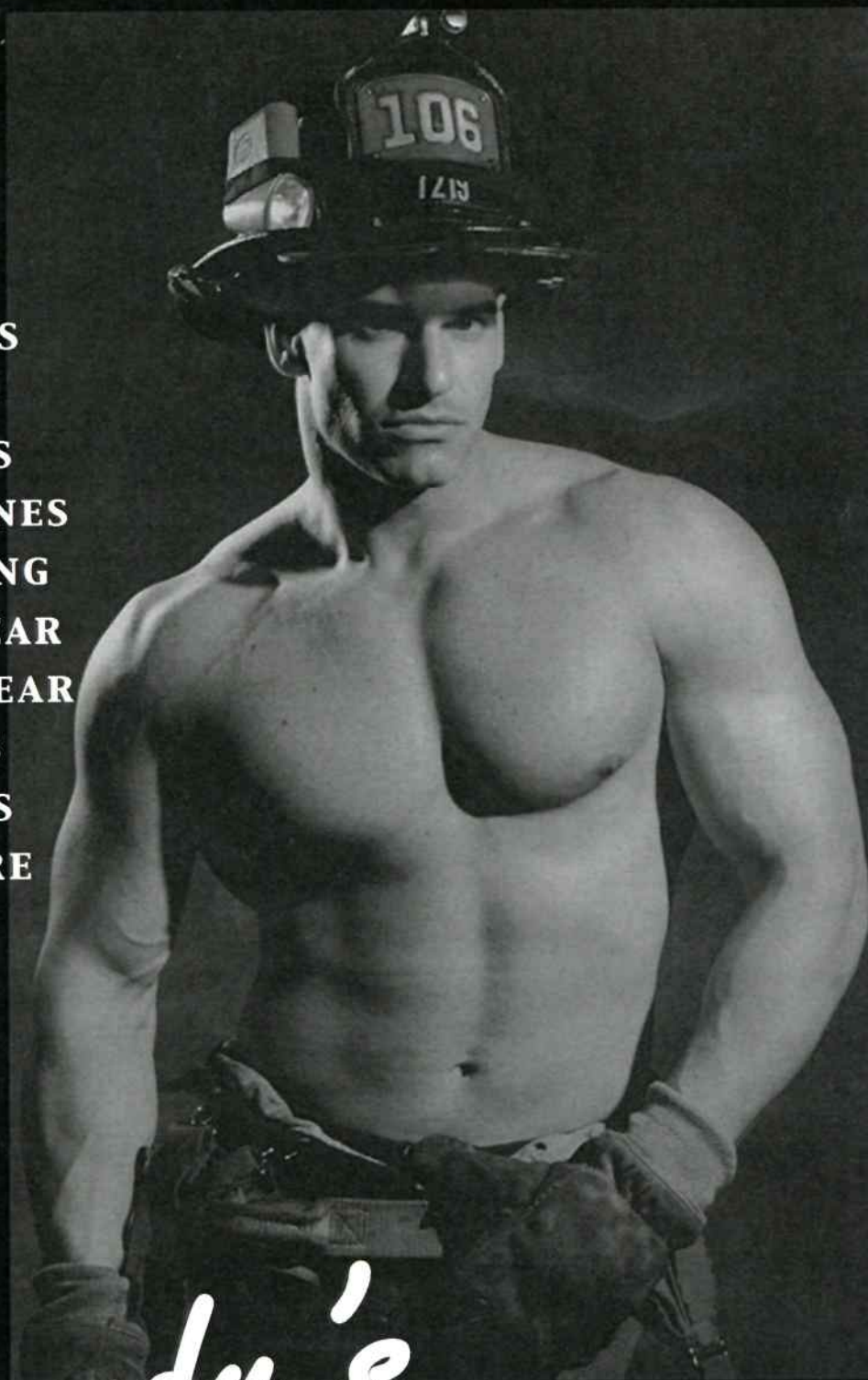


Out and About in Tarrant County

1. Go by and see Sean (aka "Boy") at The Corral Club.
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3. Miss Ghoul also performed that same night at Maggies.
4. Russell and Jay at The Crossroads Lounge.
5. Bob and Randy are the bartenders at The Corral Club.
6. Denise, Nichole, Duanne and Diane at the bowling alley.
7. Miss Ashley Rhone performing at Maggies.
8. Ben and Kevin at Maggies.
9. Chris, Eddie, and Josh at the bowling alley last Sunday.
10. Brian, Eric, Michael and James hanging out at the 651 in Ft.Worth.
11. Chris and Donna at Maggies.
12. Bobby and Tommy at the 651 Ft. Worth.
13. Phillip and Terry at Maggies.
14. Jared, J-Ho, Matt and Will at 651 Arlington.
15. Josh and JR at the 651 Arlington.
16. Brian, Will, and Patrick at the 651 Arlington.
17. Travis, stay out of trouble now! (651 Arlington)

Until next week,
Steve

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