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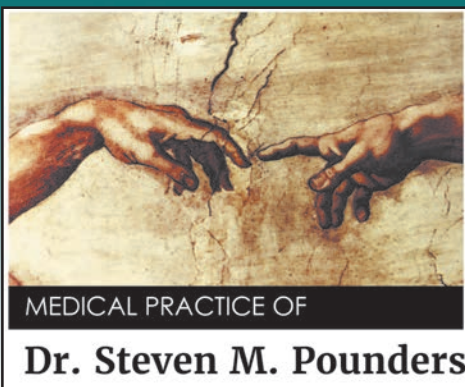
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LGBT Chamber holds ribbon cutting for Unleashed LGBTQ Expo

At its Brewing Up Business mixer at Crickles & Co., the LGBT Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Unleashed LGBTQ Expo that is scheduled for March 28-29 at Market Center Hall.

The expo will be a combination of entertainment and a place for businesses and LGBT consumers to connect. Expo organizer Wesley Smoot said there will be multiple stages, keynote speakers, discussion panels, business networking and connecting to the community.

He expects everything from dating apps to fashion, travel, and a variety of products to be represented at the expo. Businesses will range from start-ups to Fortune 500 companies.

Smoot said his goal is for Dallas to become a hub for things related to the LGBT market.

—David Taffet

Trans activist Nikki Araguz Loyd has died

Transgender activist Nikki Araguz Loyd of Houston has died, according to a post Thursday morning, Nov. 7, on the Facebook page of her husband, William Loyd. Leaders in the transgender community have noted the death, including Houston activist Monica Roberts,

who wrote on her Facebook page that she was “stunned beyond words to hear that Nikki Araguz Loyd has passed away at age 44.”

Nikki Loyd became an ardent advocate of transgender rights and HIV awareness in the 1990s when, as an adolescent, she made several TV appearances, with her parent, to talk about being transgender and about having been infected with HIV as a result of rape.

She became an advocate for marriage equality after her husband, Houston firefighter Thomas Araguz was killed in July 2010, while fighting a blaze at an egg plant in Boling, Texas. Nikki was away on a business trip at the time and learned of her husband’s death through a post on social media. Her in-laws then took custody of her two step-sons, refusing to let her see them, even though they had lived with her and their father. And her in-laws filed suit to take away the benefits she was due as the widow of a firefighter.

A little less than a year later, State District Judge Randy Clapp ruled in favor of Thomas’ family and nullified Nikki’s marriage to him, claiming that because Nikki was transgender, her marriage to Thomas was a same-sex marriage and therefore not legal.

Nikki remarried — to William Loyd — and continued to fight, and in the fall of 2015, just a few months after the U.S. Supreme Court issued its marriage equality ruling and after an appeals court had ruled in her favor and sent



it back to Clapp’s court, Clapp ruled that Nikki was, in fact, legally married to Thomas Araguz at the time of his death.

—Tammye Nash

More information and tickets are available at EqualityTexas.org.

—David Taffet

Equality Texas is celebrating its 30th birthday

Equality Texas will mark its 30th birthday with a dinner and event honoring the legislative LGBT caucus and more on Nov. 16.

Honorees include the five founding members of the Texas LGBT Caucus and Legacy Award recipients Sen. Jose Rodriguez and Rep. Sinfonia Thompson. Both have been staunch supporters of the LGBT community, and Thompson has carried numerous pro-LGBT bills in the Legislature for decades. Kimberly and Kai Shappley will be honored with the Glen Maxey Activism Award. Monica Roberts will receive the Transgender Activist Award.

The Tin Room to open in San Diego

Lonzie Hershner, owner of Marty’s, the Tin Room and Zippers, is opening The Tin Room in San Diego’s Hillcrest neighborhood.

Hershner plans to serve food at his new bar on an almost 900-square-foot outdoor patio. The menu he described in a piece in San Diego Gay and Lesbian News is similar to food he served at Chesterfield’s, his restaurant that was on Inwood Road near Maple Avenue in Dallas.

Hershner plans to have the bar open by December.

This isn’t the first time Dallas bars have opened elsewhere, and previous exports of Dallas’ gay scene have been successful.

—David Taffet

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NOVEMBER

- **Nov. 8: DFW Pride Happy Hour**
Eat. Shop. Drink. The LGBT Chamber of Commerce Foundation presents happy hour from 5:30-7 p.m. at Lekka Retail Concepts, 17606 Preston Road.
- **Nov. 9: Family Zoo Day**
The Dallas City Council's LGBT Caucus — Adam Medrano, Omar Narvaez and Chad West — present free tickets to the Dallas Zoo. They'll have a table at the front gate with tickets from 9 a.m.-noon at Dallas Zoo, 650 S. RL Thornton Freeway.
- **Nov. 9: Prime Timers**
Brunch at 11 a.m. at Barbec's, 8949 Garland Road. RSVP 214-218-0912.
- **Nov. 9-11: Arboretum**
Complimentary admission for active duty and retired military from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden, 8525 Garland Road.
- **Nov. 10: Prime Timers**
Games at 2 p.m. in Carrollton hosted by Brian. Call 214-218-0912 for address and directions. chapters.theprimetimersww.com/dallasfortworth.

- **Nov. 11: Creating Change Host Committee Meeting**

The Task Force needs volunteers to plan the January 15-19 Creating Change Conference in Dallas. Committees include fundraising, special events, hospitality, recruitment. Dinner at 7 p.m. and meeting from 7:30-9 p.m. at Resource Center, 5750 Cedar Springs Road. For more information visit CreatingChange.org.

- **Nov. 12: Grief group**

Grief group for persons who have lost a same-sex spouse meets the second and fourth Tuesdays each month from 6:45-8 p.m. at Resource Center, 5750 Cedar Springs Road. For more information visit MyResourceCenter.org.

- **Nov. 9: Pathfinders**

Pathfinders group is a community resource for trans masculine individuals (including non-binary trans masculine people and binary trans men), age 18+ in the North Texas/DFW area. Meets the second Tuesday of every month from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Oak Lawn Library Auditorium, 4100 Cedar Springs Road.

- **Nov. 12: Preston Hollow Democrats Meeting**

Join the Preston Hollow Democrats in their monthly meeting, this month featuring candidates for congressional and Local races; US House of Representatives, US Senate, and Dallas

County Democratic Party Chair. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. at Walnut Hill Recreation Center. For more information visit ThePHD.org.

- **Nov. 12: Oak Lawn Committee meeting**

Meetings of the organization that weighs in on development in Oak Lawn are open to the public at 6:30 p.m. at Melrose Hotel, 3015 Oak Lawn Ave.

- **Nov. 12: Prime Timers**

Dinner at 7 p.m. at Asian Mint, 11617 N. Central Expressway. chapters.theprimetimersww.com/dallasfortworth.

- **Nov. 14: TPIF Grant Presentation**

Texas Pride Impact Funds presents grants to three DFW recipients, free cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and free valet from 6-8 p.m. in The Turtle Room, 3525 Turtle Creek Blvd.

- **Nov. 14: DIFFA Wreath Collection**

The 24th annual DIFFA Wreath Collection: Naughty+Nice silent auction from 6-9 p.m. at World Trade Center, 2050 N. Stemmons Freeway. DIFFADallas.org

- **Nov. 16: Snowball Gaybingo**

Gaybingo from 5-9 p.m. at the Rose Room, 3911 Cedar Springs Road. Tickets at MyResourceCenter.org.

- **Nov. 18: Stonewall Democrats of Rockwall**

Stonewall Democrats of Rockwall meets at 7:30 p.m. at Harry Meyers Community Center, 815 E. Washington St., Rockwall. For more information, contact Patti or Heidi at sdrockwall@att.com.

- **Nov. 19: Stonewall Democrats of Dallas**

Largest Democratic club in Texas meets at 6:30 p.m. at Mattito's, 3102 Oak Lawn Ave. For more information visit StonewallDemocratsofDallas.org.

- **Nov. 20: Resource Center Speakers Series**

Third in The Dallas Way, Resource Center and UNT Library's speaker series on LGBT history in Dallas. Agatha Beins speaks on the AIDS Memorial Quilt, Art and Activism. A wine and light bites reception at 5:30 p.m. and speaker from 6-7 p.m. at Resource Center, 5750 Cedar Springs Road. Free. RSVP to tfrank@myresourcecenter.org.

- **Nov. 20: Prime Timers**

Lunch at 12:30 p.m. at Charco Broiler Steakhouse, 413 W. Jefferson Blvd. chapters.theprimetimersww.com/dallasfortworth.

- **Nov. 20: Transgender Day of Remembrance**

Cathedral of Hope and Transgender Pride of Dallas present Transgender Day

• **Weekly: Lambda Weekly** at 1 p.m. on Sunday on 89.3 KNON-FM with **David Taffet**, **Lerone Landis** and the late **Patti Fink**; **Silver Pride Project Coffee and Convo for LGBTQ+ seniors** meets Mondays from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Oak Lawn Library, 4100 Cedar Springs Road, Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Grauwylar Park Branch Library, 2146 Gilford St. Wednesdays for Breakfast Club from 10 a.m.-noon at Reverchon Recreation Center, 3505 Maple Ave. and Thursdays for Rainbow Rec from 10 a.m.-noon at Reverchon Recreation Center, 3505 Maple Ave.; **Unwired Group of Crystal Meth Anonymous** meets Sunday at 5:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and

Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at Resource Center, 2701 Reagan St.; **Core Group Meeting** every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.; **Fuse game night** every Monday evening except the last of the month at 8 p.m. at the Fuse space in the 3918 Harry Hines Blvd.; **FuseConnect** every Wednesday from 7 p.m. For more information call or e-mail Jalenzski@myresourcecenter.org; LGBT square dancing group **Pegasus Squares** meets the second and fourth Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, 4105 Junius St. For more info, email pegasussquares@gmail.com; **Dallas Frontrunners** meet for

a walk or run at Oak Lawn Park, near the intersection of Turtle Creek and Hall Street, every Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. and every Saturday at 8:30 a.m.; **Leadership Lambda Toastmasters** practices and develops speaking and leadership skills from 6:30-8 p.m. on Mondays at First Unitarian Church, third floor of the Hallman Building, 4012 St. Andrews; **Thrive**, program of Resource Center for LGBTQ adults 50+ support group every Monday from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. followed by free lunch at Resource Center, 5750 Cedar Springs Road; **Lambda AA** meets at noon, 6:30 p.m., 7:45 p.m. and 11 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 6525 Inwood Road. Call 214-267-0222 for details;

LGBT Sex Addicts Anonymous meets at 6 p.m. every Friday at 1919 Independence St., Room 19, Plano. 972-316-9188 for details; **Leadership Lambda Toastmasters** gay-identified Toastmasters group meets from 6:30-8 p.m. every Monday at the First Unitarian Church, 4015 Normandy Road (does not meet on Mondays that are holidays); **United Black Illument** hosts discussion on HIV/AIDS in the black community (UBE Connected) at 7 p.m. every fourth Tuesday of the month at 3918 Harry Hines Blvd.; **DVtv in Spayse**, news and entertainment discussion live streaming every Friday, 4-5 p.m., on the Spayse Station YouTube channel.

of Remembrance at 7 p.m. at J. Erik Jonsson Library, 1515 Young St.

• **Nov. 21: GALA Happy Hour**
Free appetizers, game tables, for GALA's third Thursday happy hour from 5-8:30 p.m. at Henry's, 5741 Legacy Drive, Suite 100, Plano. For more information visit GalaNorthTexas.org.

• **Nov. 21: THRIVE Potluck**
Thanksgiving potluck for LGBTQ adults 50+ from 6-8 p.m. at Resource Center, 5750 Cedar Springs Road. Questions to THRIVE@myresourcecenter.org

• **Nov. 21: Rainbow LULAC**
Monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at Havana, 4006 Cedar Springs Road. For more information visit Lulac.org.

• **Nov. 22: Gay Chorus Deep South**
Screening of the film about the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus' Deep South tour. Former Turtle Creek Chorale

artistic director Tim Seelig will be in attendance from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. \$10. Tickets at Eventbrite.com.

• **Nov. 23: Trans/SOFFA support group**
An open group for those who identify as other than their assigned birth gender, significant others, friends, family and allies at 5 p.m. at Heart of the Matter Healing Center, 2060 N. Collins Blvd., Richardson.

• **Nov. 24: Prime Timers**
Games hosted at a private home in Rockwall. Call for address and directions 214-218-0912. chapters.theprimetimersww.com/dallasfortworth.

• **Nov. 26: Grief group**
Grief group for persons who have lost a same-sex spouse meets the second and fourth Tuesdays each month from 6:45-

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Dr. Steven Ponders is an avid collector and musician as well as a physician. (Photos courtesy James O'Reilly)

Dr. Steve Ponders marks 30 years in practice this year

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Dr. Steven Ponders celebrates the 30th anniversary of his medical practice with a party in his office this evening, Friday, Nov. 8.

In 2016, Ponders received Black Tie Dinner's Raymond Kuchling Award for his pioneering care and treatment of people with HIV/AIDS. The following year, Dallas Historical Society presented him with its Award for Excellence in Community Service in Health and Science, an honor usually given to a local researcher. He was the first doctor in private practice to receive it.

And in 2013, Ponders was portrayed on film by Jennifer Garner as the doctor

of Ron Woodroof, the HIV patient smuggled unapproved HIV medication into the country in a project known as the Dallas Buyers Club. (The movie was also known as Dallas Buyers Club.)

When Ponders and his husband, Jimmy O'Reilly, married, the wedding was announced in the New York Times. The couple met 22 years ago on Fire Island and were married two years ago. "You can't rush into these things," O'Reilly said.

To his staff and other providers in his office, Ponders is just a great guy to work with. Practice administrator Rick Porter, who said he's 67, has been with Ponders for 10 years and is thinking of retiring.

"But I don't really want to retire," Porter said. "I enjoy it here so much. Few employers care so much about their employees," adding that in the 10 years he has worked there, Ponders' practice has doubled in size.

Physician Assistant Trew Deckard has been practicing in Ponders' office longer than anyone else currently there.

"Whenever he's looking at new providers or staff, he's open to their personal growth in the practice and their profession," Deckard said of the doctor.

Both Porter and Deckard spoke of Ponders' generosity and said working in the office is fun. But Deckard also talked about the office mourning together. Ten years ago, he explained, office administrator Trish Hudson died accidentally in a hotel room in New York. The staff mourned her loss together.

Ponders was born in Dallas, and attended Hillcrest High School and Austin College. He went to medical school at UTMB in Galveston. "He began seeing HIV patients in medical school," O'Reilly said.

In 1987, Ponders joined the staff at Parkland Hospital where he specialized in HIV care at a time when meals were left on the floor outside of rooms of AIDS patients at the hospital.

After going into private practice, Ponders would regularly have 10 or 20 patients in the hospital at a time. O'Reilly remembers a time at the beginning of

their relationship that whenever they were eating out, Pounders usually had to leave in the middle of dinner to rush to the hospital.

Ron Woodroof, the subject of the film *Dallas Buyers Club*, became a patient of Pounders after he went into private practice. O'Reilly said Pounders spoke at Austin College a week ago where they showed the movie to students before his appearance.

"The kids acted like he was royalty," O'Reilly said.

Not so with producers of the film. Deckard remembers Pounders wasn't even invited to a screening of the movie.

Pounders' reaction to the film was mixed. He was glad the story was being told, but he said he wished it could have been told more honestly. While he had nothing against being portrayed by Jennifer Garner, he said at the time he was sorry the reason was to inject a heterosexual love story into a narrative of the LGBT community taking care of itself. And he disliked Woodroof being portrayed as homophobic when he was probably either gay or bi.

While Parkland gave Woodroof a life expectancy of about a year, he lived seven more years under Pounders' care at a time when there were no proven medications.

O'Reilly described Pounders' style as uncritical. "He keeps himself in good shape," O'Reilly said. "He's health con-

scious but he's nonjudgmental of others. His patients can tell him anything openly."

Because of that, O'Reilly said, his husband's gift is getting his patients into compliance with their medications.

The couple supports the large AIDS organizations and fundraising groups in Dallas. They've sponsored Purple Party, DIFFA, No Tie Dinner, Black Tie Dinner, Resource Center's Toast to Life, Legal Hospice of Texas' Little Black Dress Party and a variety of events with Legacy Counseling Center. For years, Pounders' was volunteer medical director of Nelson Tebedo Clinic.

O'Reilly also described his husband as a "yoga nut. He can twist himself into any contortion."

The two are also politically active as members of Federal Club and as sponsors of the Lambda Legal Landmark Dinner. So even though Pounders had been a member of Equinox gym for years, he promptly resigned his membership to the health club when its owner revealed he had done a major fundraiser for Trump.

Pounders doesn't limit his political and HIV work to Dallas. Each year the couple attends the national HRC dinner in Washington, D.C. They own a place in Palm Springs, and Pounders has spoken for the Desert AIDS Project number of times.

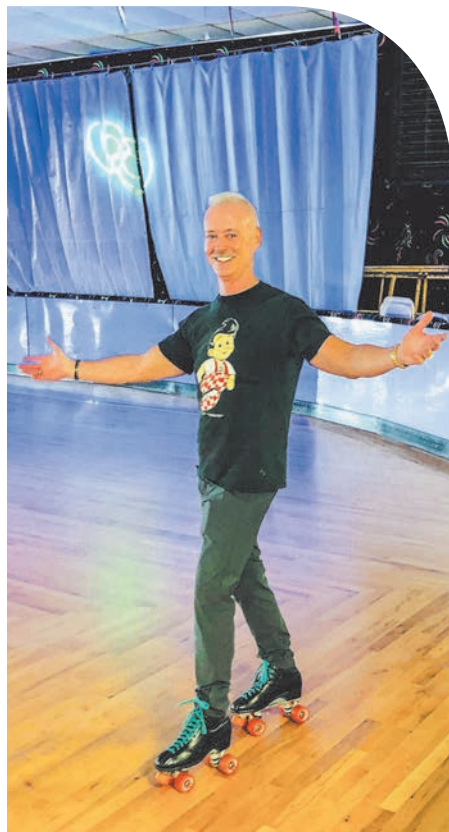
Still, politics and HIV don't consume all of Pounders' time. He has several collections. At the office, he's accumulated a variety of cartoon cels with a medical theme that he keeps on display. At home are his Erte Seven Deadly Sins serigraphs. And he has seven classic cars.

In addition, Pounders plays piano, oboe and accordion. As a child, he competed in a Van Cliburn piano competition in Fort Worth, and in college, he played oboe with the Sherman Symphony Orchestra.

Deckard described Pounders as a pioneer. When other doctors, nurses and other health professionals were afraid to touch people with HIV, Pounders recognized AIDS was simply caused by a virus and people needed to be treated.

He said Pounders has always been an innovator giving his adoption of electronic medical records in 2005 as an example.

But O'Reilly summed up Pounders' approach to medicine as "he figured out how to treat people so they could live longer." ■



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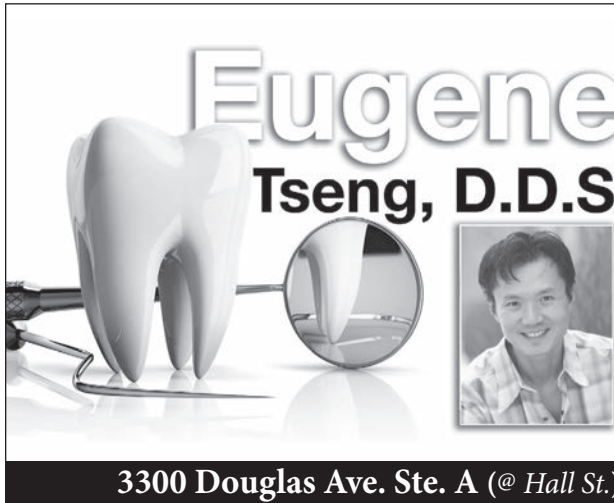
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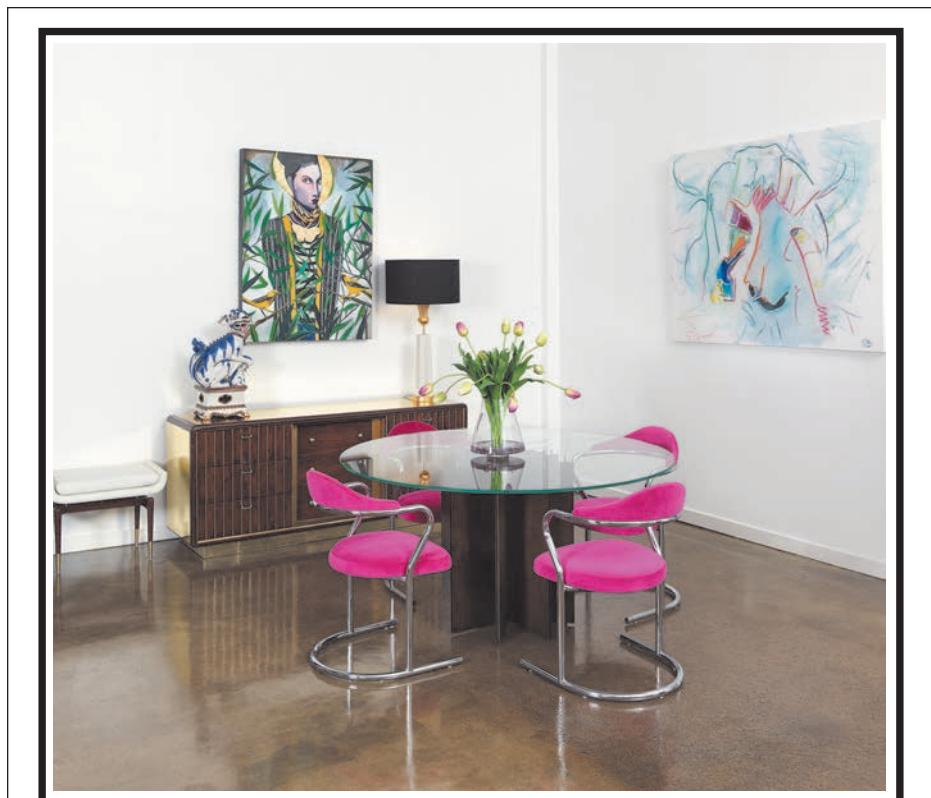
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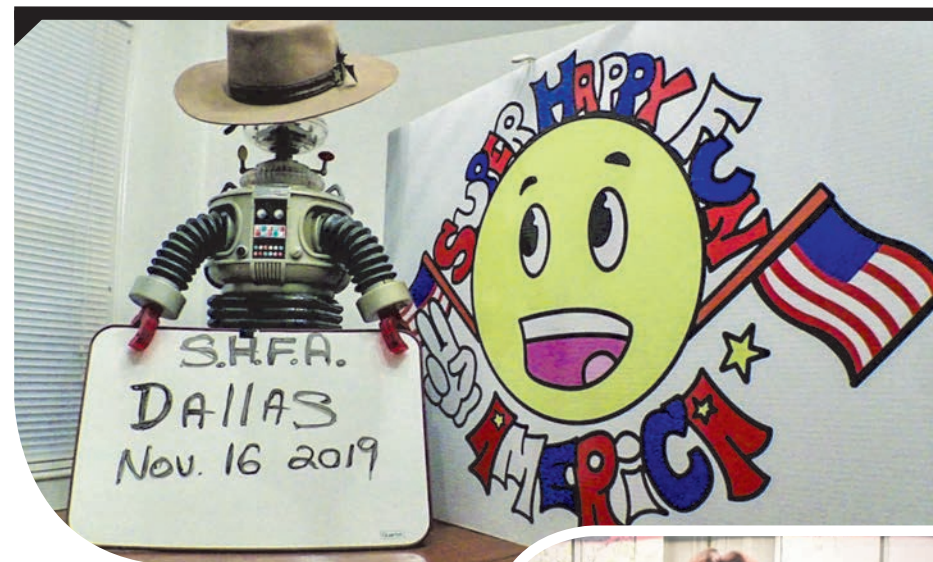
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Straight Pride march planned for Dallas



DFW Anti-Fascist League plans counter-protest because 'bigotry feeds off silence'

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Teresa Stephens Richenberger.

Super Happy Fun America is coming to Dallas on Nov. 16. Are you ready for the merriment?

Who or what, you may be asking, is Super Happy Fun America? Well, those are the same folks who brought you that rousing success last August known as the Boston Straight Pride Parade. There were, according to USA Today, "hundreds" of people that marched under the motto of "It's Great to be Straight," in Boston. But other sources, including The Guardian, noted that the parade was "dwarfed" by the number of counter-protesters who turned out.

One of the speakers at the Straight Pride march in Boston was a Texan named Teresa Stephens Richenberger. Now Richenberger is turning her sights on Dallas, and the Super Happy Fun folks are coming to North Texas to support her.

The straight pride event in Dallas is set for Saturday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla St. It is being hosted by a group called Protecting Our Next Generations, or PONG,

which, according to its Facebook page, is focused on stopping Americans' values and morals from being compromised.

On a Facebook page about the Nov. 16 march, organizers wrote: "We are hosting a March to bring awareness to the fact that we as the American people are allowing our values and morals to be compromised! We need to stand up and stop this from happening!!! NO MORE COMPROMISE!!!!"

The post continued, "*We are strong conservative Christians who are standing up for our Biblical values.* We will be discussing: Sex/Human Trafficking; Legalized Prostitution; Marriage values (One man and one woman); Abortion (It is murder); Genders (There are only two; XX as female and XY as male); Ploys of the RADICAL left wing LGBTQ groups trying to shut down our businesses and churches; Drag Queen Story Times (Stop pushing this onto our children)."

And on its own website, Super Happy Fun America explained that it is sending representatives to the Dallas event because "Our organization is building a coalition with patriot groups across the nation in order to defend our constitu-

tional republic which is continually under attack.”

The Dallas march, the website continues, “is bringing attention to the sexualization and corruption of America’s children taking place and the far left’s attempts to silence opposition. One of SHFA’s goals is to fight these efforts and we are honored to join Teresa and Protect Our Next Generations in this fight.”

But the straight pride marchers won’t go unchallenged. The DFW Anti-Fascist League is planning a “Silence = Death” event to “counter the homophobic threat.” This event is also set from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at City Hall.

A member of DFW AFL — who asked to remain anonymous out of fear of personal attacks against them and their family — acknowledged that some in the community had suggested ignoring the straight pride march to avoid giving it more publicity. But, the spokesperson added, DFW AFL believes that’s not the proper course of action in this instance.

“We agree that you shouldn’t feed the trolls,” the spokesperson said. “But homophobia and transphobia and all kinds of bigotry feed off of silence. And silence is seen as acceptance.

“Dallas is a city where clubs were being raided up until 2010. Then there were the 2015 Oak Lawn attacks. Trans women of color have been murdered,” they continued. “We are not in a position to ignore threats against us. The only ones who we can trust to have our backs is ourselves.”

The DFW AFL website refers to the PONG organizers as “grifters” who are “are coming to Dallas to step on the LGBT community in order to line their pockets with sympathy donations.”

DFW AFL suggests that organizers of events like this “submit a permit [request] for a provocative event” with the hope that the city in which the event is planned will deny the permit, giving organizers the chance to sue on the grounds of a First Amendment free speech violation.

But, the DFW AFL website says, “If that fails, they promote the protest to people who will be offended by its offensive content, then cry to right-wing outlets and play the persecution card. The donations flow in, badabing badaboom, finally you can redo the tile in the bathroom and payoff your car note.”

The DFW AFL website says that Richenberger, the PONG organizer who spoke at the Boston march, is the author of two books — *Sold to the Highest Bidder*

and *Striking It Rich*. The first is about her time as an “exotic dancer” and prostitute, and the other is about how to “store up your treasures in heaven.” She is also the founder and a board member for Rahab’s Retreat and Ranch, a “voluntary, faith-based program serving victims of sex trafficking and women in the sex industry free of charge,” located in Kilgore, Texas.

Another organizer of the PONG event, according to DFW AFL, is Bekki Davis, a manager at Rahab’s Retreat that traveled to Boston with Richinberger.

The DFW AFL spokesperson said that Richinberger is using “this hate rally ... and our [LGBTQ] community as a stepping stone to get donations from other bigots. That’s what happened in Boston.”

Pointing those ulterior motives, the DFW AFL spokesperson continued, “will take the wind out of her sails and any other bigots’ across the country. ... That’s the trend. ... If the city lets [them] march and rally, [they] incite the right-wing media machine and get sympathy donations. They point their cameras at us and say, ‘Look at these crazy queers,’ and the donations roll in.

“We understand that what we are doing is provoking the situation,” the spokesperson noted. “But we think it is safer in Dallas to confront them than to ignore it and signal to bigots that we are easy targets.”

The DFW AFL spokesperson also said that the counter-protest is dedicated to the memory of two gay men, Tommy Lee Trimble and Lloyd Griffin, who were murdered in Dallas’ Reverchon Park on May 15, 1988, by a gang of teenagers from Mesquite who later admitted they had come to Oak Lawn to “harass the queers.” One of the ring leaders, Richard Lee Bednarski, was convicted and sentenced to 30 years in prison, after which the judge in the case, Jack Hampton, told a reporter with the Dallas Times Herald he gave Bednarski a lighter sentence than usual because “These two guys that got killed wouldn’t have been killed if they hadn’t been cruising the streets picking up teen-age boys, and “I don’t much care for queers cruising the streets picking up teen-age boys.”

“We are doing that because society doesn’t move in a straight line toward progress. Sometimes, we go backwards,” the DFW AFL spokesperson said. “To think it can’t and won’t happen again is delusional. That’s why we have to come together as a community and face these threats head on.” ■

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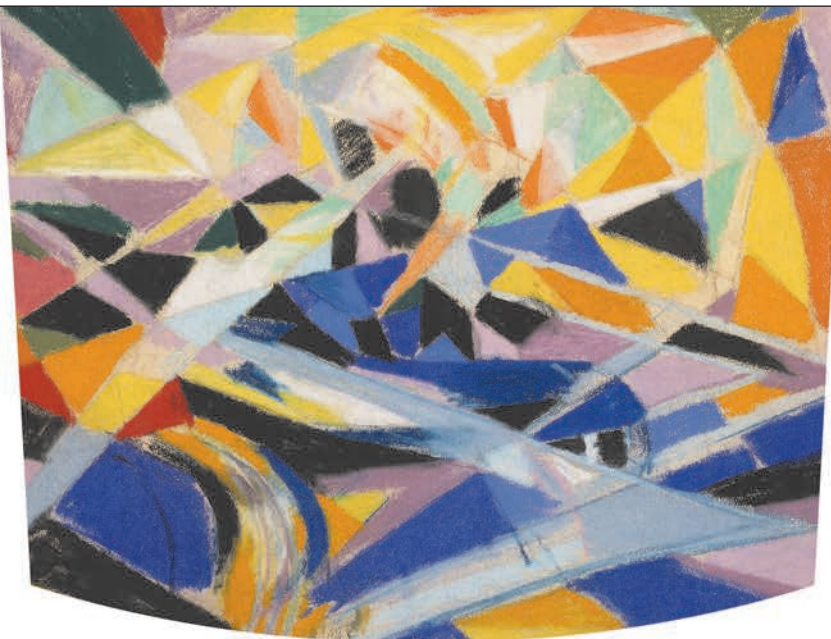
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Election ★ victories

The off-year elections were good to LGBT candidates, Democrats

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More than 75 percent of openly LGBT candidates running in the Tuesday, Nov. 5 off-year elections won. The total was 112: 106 Democrats, one Republican, one Independent, and four with undeclared party affiliations.

It was a happy night for Democrats. Anti-LGBT Republican Gov. Matt Bevin of Kentucky was beaten by pro-LGBT Democrat Andy Beshear. In 2016, Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump won Kentucky with a 30-point margin over Democrat Hillary Clinton.

In Virginia, where gerrymandered districts installed Republican majorities in both the state House and Senate in 2017, courts quashed the map for this election, and voters gave Democrats a sizeable majority in both chambers.

All nine openly LGBT candidates in Virginia won their races, including five incumbents in the General Assembly. Among those five was Danica Roem, a transgender candidate who claimed a stunning upset victory against an incumbent Republican two years ago for a House seat. Tuesday, she won re-election against another anti-LGBT Republican challenger, with a margin of victory that was six points larger than in 2017.

Roem raised nearly twice as much money as her opponent, Kelly McGinn. McGinn had signed onto a letter calling marriage for same-sex couples "morally repugnant."

Human Rights Campaign President



Alphonso David said the results in Virginia sent "a powerful message that Virginians support a bold, progressive vision for the future of the Commonwealth." David said HRC helped turn out 1.2 million "Equality Voters" in Virginia and spent more than \$250,000 to elect "pro-equality candidates across Virginia."

Pennsylvania, a state which Trump won by less than 1 percent in 2016, experienced a "blue wave" of voter support for Democratic candidates. According to the Philadelphia Inquirer, the Republican candidates were "fading even on friendly turf."

The Keystone State fielded the largest number of LGBT candidates of any state with 14, and 13 of those 14 — all Democrats — won. That number includes Jessica Rothchild, who was elected to the Scranton City Council.

Ohio also voted for Trump in 2016, but Democrats did well there, too, this year, and all 12 of the openly LGBT candidates

running there won, including new Toledo City Council member Theresa Gadus.

In Indiana, home state of Vice President Mike Pence and where Trump won by an almost 20-point margin over Clinton in 2016, the 25-member Indianapolis City Council picked up three new openly LGBT City Council members to join another who won re-election Tuesday

en (including six trans women), and one non-binary candidate.

The national Victory Fund said 80 of the candidates it endorsed won Tuesday night. The organization said it directed more than \$420,000 to its endorsed candidates.

"We are building a pipeline of out LGBTQ leaders at every level of gov-



Danica Roem, shown here celebrating her victory in 2017, easily won re-election this week.

night. Alison "Ali" Brown, Keith Potts and Ethan Evans will now join Zach Adamson on the capital city's governing board. Brown and Evans are openly bisexual and married to spouses of the opposite sex. Evans and Potts both beat Republican incumbents.

Among the more stinging of the 21 LGBT losses Tuesday was in Telluride, Colo., where Mayor Sean Murphy lost his bid for re-election to a second term. Murphy was among only five incumbent LGBT candidates who lost their re-election bids.

In Houston, where five openly LGBT candidates were running as Democrats for City Council, only two won. And outside Atlanta, in Doraville, Ga., an openly gay city councilman, Joseph Geierman, lost his bid for mayor.

Of the 112 openly LGBT candidates that won, 105 were running for local office. The field included 67 men, 44 wom-

ernment," said Annise Parker, president of the LGBTQ Victory Fund and former mayor of Houston.

Other highlights among Tuesday's results:

★ In a Seattle City Council race, openly gay candidate Egan Orion appears to have beaten an incumbent in District 3. Orion, a gay activist and former organizer of Seattle's Pride parades, told local news outlets that he was "really frustrated" that the corporate giant Amazon supported his campaign through a political action committee that gave half a million dollars to his bid. Orion said he felt the large donation to his campaign was "unnecessary" and "massive outside spending" violates the goals of district elections and democracy vouchers, according to KUOW News.

★ In the Texas House district outside Houston, lesbian Eliz Markowitz was

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the only Democrat and the top vote-getter among six candidates. But now she'll have to run against just one of those Republicans for the heavily-Republican 28th District seat. The runoff will take place in December.

★ Former Florida State Rep. David Richardson will meet an opponent in a runoff for a seat on the Miami Beach Commission. Richardson came up just

one point short of reaching enough votes to win the seat Tuesday. Richardson won 49 percent of the vote; his runoff opponent won 38 percent.

★ In tiny Carrboro, N.C., openly lesbian Mayor Lydia Lavelle won re-election unopposed, and openly gay newcomer Damon Seils won one of three seats on the town's Board of Aldermen — coming in second out of five candidates. In near-

by Hillsborough, openly gay incumbent Matt Hughes came in first out of four candidates running for three seats on the Board of Commissioners.

★ In Newton, Mass., transgender candidate Holly Ryan was unopposed for a seat on the city council, making her the first transgender woman to win election to public office in the 11th-most populated city in the state. Prior to running for

office, Ryan served as the LGBT liaison for two mayors.

The Victory Fund estimates there are 765 openly LGBT elected officials nationwide. Parker said, "Americans are understandably focused on the 2020 presidential and congressional elections, but the LGBTQ candidates who won tonight will arguably have a greater impact on the everyday lives of their constituents."

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Pushing all the buttons



Hardy Haberman
Flagging Left



I've seen it on social media. I've noticed it in personal contacts. I've even seen it on the cable news. People today seem to be bristling with buttons, just waiting to be pushed, that will ignite a raw fury such as I haven't seen before.

It can be a slip of the tongue, a misplaced word, even a simple facial expression — and suddenly, the person you are communicating with snaps. They become defensive, outraged and, sometimes, downright mean.

What is going on?

My hunch is that the tenor of what passes as discourse coming out of Washington is affecting the entire country — and not in a good way.

The toddler sitting in the White House regularly throws tantrums, fires off inflammatory tweets and makes insane pronouncements on his way to his helicopter. His barrage of hateful and unbalanced rhetoric is wearing on everybody, to the point that we are all feeling vulnerable and on edge. It's hard not to feel that way when it has become painfully obvious that there is a mentally unstable man with his finger on the nuclear button.

No wonder our own buttons have such hair triggers.

So, while we wait and, hopefully, work to disarm the threat in Washington, we perhaps should do some soul searching and look at our own emotional armaments. I, for one, will freely admit that I have more than once bitten the head off a friend or ally because of a perceived slight. It did not help my mental or emotional wellbeing, and it almost alienated a good friend and ally.

As a cisgender white man, I often forget the privilege I have. Granted, that is somewhat mitigated by the fact that I am queer. But still, the deck is stacked in my favor. Even so, I find myself being ultra-sensitive to any characterization that might play into stereotypes of gay men.

I once snarled at a friend who used the adage, "Growing old isn't for sissies." Sissies?! Looking back, I suppose I was also peeved by the reference to "growing old."

The sentiment was not intended as a slur against gay people, and I should

have let it slide or, perhaps, used a humorous response to make my point. Instead, I shamed my friend for using the stereotype in an analogy.

In the modern parlance, I guess I was guilty of "cancelling."

A lot of that seems to be going on. Someone who is not as politically "woke" as others makes a slight gaff, and they are tossed aside.

The problem with that is it discards a lot of well-meaning folk who just haven't kept up with the latest vocabulary coming from academia. Not everyone has their finger on the pulse of current trends in social justice.

All this is not to make excuses for genuinely hateful folks, like the guy in the White House. He and his minions are genuinely pushing our country towards some version of fascism that would appall our country's founders. They deserve every bit of anger and animus we can muster, and I sincerely hope that translates to either impeachment or a landslide against the current version of the Republican Party.

What I am seeking is a kinder and gentler approach to the people who support social justice and progressive causes but might not have shed all the vestiges of their various privilege. Remember, it took them a lifetime of living with that privilege. And until recently, they probably never realized it.

I met a very wise woman named Loretta Ross at the Woodhull Sexual Freedom Summit a couple of years ago. She founded an organization called Sister-Song, which advocates for reproductive

justice for women of color. She spoke eloquently on the need to "call in" instead of "calling out" when it comes to allies and potential allies.

"Calling in" means speaking to someone privately and lovingly as opposed to blasting them all over social media and "cancelling" any further contact with them.

In this time of Nazi resurgence, white supremacy, homophobia, transphobia and the general hatred that is infecting our country, we need the idea of "calling in." Speaking personally to someone and letting them know how their speech or actions have affected people they know and care about will go further than ostracism and shaming.

Rather than letting people push our buttons, we would be better served to disarm ourselves — and them — by actually speaking with them. A heartfelt conversation will affect change much better than subjecting them to a public pillory.

Realizing that we are all living a bit on edge today, showing a little compassion and consideration might help take the edge off and model a better way of dealing with conflict. It will also let us save the righteous anger for the greater threat rather than wasting it on people who are more likely to listen to a reasonable voice than a loud shout.

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Welcome to 2020. As the automobile evolves from vehicles of fabulous gasoline-burning glory to those speaking with softer bursts of electric power, we are in transition. The season begins with the introduction of an exotic new Corvette then traverses through sexy German sedans, big American muscle, a cadre of global sports cars and a Porsche that will give Tesla nightmares. Hang on sisters; here we go: ■

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elegant ambient lighting and a wood-strewn dash with turbine-like air vents. The exterior flashes LED headlamps, 18-inch wheels and panoramic roof. Semi-autonomous driving with radar cruise and lane centering are available. Everybody gets a 221-horsepower turbo-four engine, but all-

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Hyundai Sonata

Sedans can be sexy, too. Sharp character lines accent front LEDs hidden in chrome. Cabins flaunt wide horizontal dashboards, digital instrument

clusters, Bose audio and heated/ventilated front seats. Add wireless phone charging, head-up display and entry/starting via smartphone app, too. Advanced safety gear with adaptive cruise, lane centering and safe exit assist are available. Get moving with a 191-horsepower four-cylinder or 180-horsepower turbo-four engines with fuel economy up to 33-MPG combined.

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A suave new hatchback joins the chic sedan. The Yaris is essentially a "Mazda2," which means the soul of a Miata and the price of a nice European vacation. A hunkered stance rides on 16-inch alloy wheels bolstering body-color mirrors and chrome tailpipe. The 7-inch screen connects to Apple CarPlay, Android Auto and joywheel control. Navigation can be added. A 106 horsepower four-cylinder engine and crash mitigation braking come standard.

Base price: \$15,600

Kia Rio

Naming it after Brazil's party paradise is a bit pretentious, but it flaunts fab forms from the studios of former Audi designer Peter Schreyer. Upscale interiors channel the Sonata's posh. The

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Sexy crossovers to elevate one's life and carpark

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The world is awash in crossovers, but they are not all up to the task of moving a couple of queens and their peeps or offspring to the club, a chorale or fall day out at the zoo. Toss in your cooler, stroller or bicycle — they all fit. From the latest Subaru icon to an Italian super wagon, any of these would elevate one's carpark. ■

Subaru Outback

It's redesigned with sleeker sheet metal and buff Onyx XT edition, with black body trim and gray leatherette seats. But all-wheel-drive remains for legit off-roading. Interiors receive tablet-style touchscreens, Wi-Fi, wireless device

charging and standard EyeSight crash avoidance functions. A facial recognition system alerts drivers when they seem drowsy. Choose between 182-horsepower four-cylinder and 260-horsepower turbo-four engines, with up to 26/33-MPG city/hwy.

Base price: \$26,645.

Buick Encore GX

Encore GX is the unpretentious luxury crossover. Styling echoes the full-size Enclave, with chrome wing grille badge, halo driving lamps and styled roof. Interiors flaunt plush leather, woodgrain, glassy touchscreen and head-up display. Expect 4G Wi-Fi, too. Automatic emergency braking, forward collision alert and lane keep assist come standard. Expect around 170-horsepower from a 2.0-liter engine, near 240-horsepower with a turbo.

Base price: \$27,000



Cadillac XT6

Chevy Trailblazer

Chevrolet introduces a sub-compact crossover with brash style and a maneuverable footprint. Respect the menacing grille, squinty running lamps and standard two-tone floating roof. It's especially fetching in sporty RS trim. Get all of the latest safety gear: standard front pedestrian braking, automatic emergency braking and lane keep assist. Adaptive cruise and a high definition rear camera are available. Engine choices mirror the Buick Encore GX.

Base price: \$23,000.

Ford Escape

A more urban crossover, Escape leaves trails behind. Interiors boast a floating info screen, roomier rear seat and enough storage for four sets of golf clubs. Enjoy 4G Wi-Fi, active park assist, 575-watt B&O audio and Ford+Alexa compatibility. Adaptive cruise and lane-centering enhance safety. Take it with a 180-horsepower turbo-four, 250-horsepower turbo-four, 39-MPG hybrid or plug-in hybrid with 30-mile electric range.

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Toyota RAV4

After 23 years, this crossover evolves with enhanced capability and fuel economy. It looks brash with a large grille, chiseled fenders and high-flying ground clearance. Choose a four-cylinder with 26/35-MPG city/highway or hybrid with electric AWD and 41/37-MPG. Move inside to enjoy 800w JBL audio, Amazon Alexa, Google Assistant, Apple CarPlay and Wi-Fi. All the latest crash avoidance systems are available.

Base price: \$25,650

Cadillac XT6

Think of it as the Escalade of crossovers — three rows of glitz and glamour plus the latest gadgets. The exterior looks too much Volvo, though with squinty headlamps and befinned rump. Choose luxury or sport trim with lean wood and chrome or carbon and black. Crash avoidance systems, night vision, head-up display and 4G Wi-Fi impress. Sachet away with a 310-horsepower V6, AWD and auto-adjusting electronic suspension.

Base price: \$52,695

Kia Telluride

This club-ready Kia provides seating for up to eight and is lathered in Nappa leather, heated/ventilated first/second-row seats and 630w Harman Kardon audio. A voice amplifier conveys driver wishes to passengers, while the head-up display and lane following assist enhance safety — as does the safe exit assist system that uses blind spot cameras to prevent friends from stepping into traffic. A 291-horsepower 3.8-liter V6 keeps it moving.

Base price: \$31,690

Lincoln Aviator

Muscle and luxury combine in the Aviator. Beefy exterior style wraps cabins with Revel audio, 4G Wi-Fi and wireless charging. Black Label customers choose from Flight (turned aluminum trim), Chalet (espresso leather, Silverwood) and Destination (Khaya wood, red leather) themes. A 400-horsepower twin-turbo V6 or 450-horsepower plug-in hybrid prove adequate. Road-scanning adaptive suspension provides a sublime ride. Gain access via smartphone.

Base price: \$51,100



Jaguar E-Pace

Jaguar E-Pace

A cuter Jag crossover is more engaging for drivers with a short wheelbase, torque-vectoring AWD, 21-inch wheels and two four-cylinder engines that produce 246 horsepower or 296 horsepower. Personalize throttle, steering and transmission settings. Hunkered pouncing cat-style, with bulging fenders and wide grille, distinguish it from copies. The 4G Wi-Fi connects up to eight devices; a head-up display adds convenience. Slip in and kick this swift cat.

Base price: \$38,900

Maserati Levante

Let's just start with the two Ferrari engines: a 345-horsepower V6 and 590-horsepower twin-turbo V8, the latter potent enough to propel this heavy



Chevy Trailblazer



Maserati Levante

crossover from 0-60 mph in 3.8 seconds on the way to 189 mph. It looks ready to eat a Prius but cuddles with exquisite leather seats, 1280w Bowers & Wilkins audio and metallic weave trim. Raise the suspension for off-roading or hit "Corsa" mode to lower the vehicle and let its inner Ferrari bellow.

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Trucks on a dime

These miserly pickups elicit cheap dates

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Trucks drink fuel. That's what you may think, but it isn't necessarily so. There are full-size and mid-size haulers that lay down fuel economy numbers to embarrass many sleek crossovers. And a new wave of electric pickups will soon throw off fossils altogether. See if one of these miserly trucks could be your next cheap date. ■

Ram 1500 Black Edition

Recently unveiled at the State Fair of Texas, Ram primps its beefy Boss with this debonair noir edition that flaunts a black grille, door handles and exhaust plus gleaming LED headlamps. Check the 22-inch wheels and sport hood, too. Interiors dress with black leather. Keeping it frugal are a 3.0-liter V6 EcoDiesel, achieving 20/27-MPG city/highway, and 3.6-liter V6 hybrid going 20/25-MPG. An air suspension provides a smooth ride.

Base price: \$53,690.

Chevrolet Silverado

This full-size pickup burns fuel like a compact car. Under throttle, its six-cylinder turbo-diesel delivers a robust 277 horsepower and 460 lb.-ft. of torque, which feels like a herd of linebackers

pushing it forward. That feels nice, but so do fuel economy ratings of 23/33-MPG city/highway — the best of any full-size truck. It has a nose only a blind mother could love, and the interior decoration is a generation behind, but it sure goes easy at the dinner table.

Base price: \$28,300

Ford Ranger

It's not sports car, but it looks suave. Choose it with the SuperCrew four-door

body to drop friends at the club. It's especially fetching with dark aluminum wheels and black grille. Get it with a sunroof, B&O audio, adaptive cruise, lane keep assist and forward collision avoidance, too. It's all very nice, but keeping it moving is a 2.3-liter turbo-charged four-cylinder engine delivering 270 horsepower and relatively frugal 21/26-MPG city/highway.

Base price: \$24,300

Ford F-150 Diesel

Diesel is apparently the new fuchsia. Ford's ubiquitous F-150 gets a 3.0-liter turbo-diesel that puts out 250 horsepower and 440 lb.-ft. of torque. Fuel economy is rated 22/30-MPG city/highway, or about the same as a compact crossover. Ford employs aircraft aluminum body panels to reduce weight and improve economy. Go all-in with a dual-pane sunroof, B&O audio, 4G Wi-Fi, power running boards and all the latest crash avoidance systems.

Base price: \$40,000

GMC Canyon

Get it stripped down or studded out, but stay with smaller engines. Choose a 2.5-liter four-cylinder that achieves 20/26-MPG city/highway or 2.8-liter

diesel with 20/30-MPG. Canyon is stylish with its chrome grille, bulging fenders and elegant interior equipped with optional heated/cooled front seats, wireless charging, Wi-Fi and heated steering wheel. Available safety gear includes forward collision alert and lane departure warning systems.

Base price: \$24,000

Honda Ridgeline

This Pilot-based "crossover pickup" employs a 280 horsepower V6 that ekes out 19/26-MPG city/highway. Its terrain management system can be configured for snow, mud or sand. The Ridgeline rides and drives like a big wagon while spoiling tailgaters with an innovative bed boasting stereo speakers, household outlet and sealed under-floor storage for iced-down beverages. Collision mitigation braking, lane keep assist and adaptive cruise stand by.

Base price: \$29,990.

Nissan Frontier

A really cheap date, it will likely be painted white with two-wheel-drive and a manual transmission, but the 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine generates



Ram 1500



Jeep Renegade



Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat Widebody

This may be the apogee of the muscle car renaissance. It has the same 707 horsepower supercharged V8 as other Hellcats, but lays rubber with 20-inch-x-11-inch rubber enabled by fender extensions and three-mode adjustable suspension. That translates into amped handling and acceleration: 0-60 mph in 3.6s and 196 mph top speed. Roomy full-size interiors are dressed with an available carbon and suede package to flaunt its added girth.

Base price: \$70,000

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sedan, the Arteon's four-door coupe profile glimmers with LED headlamps, panoramic sunroof and 20-inch

wheels. Interiors are graced with available 700w audio system, sumptuous leather, massaging driver's seat

Mazda3 AWD Hatchback

On the first drive I said to myself, "I love this car!" It's the most beautiful hatchback I've ever seen and the interior, lush with available plush dash materials, heated leather seats and divine Bose audio, embarrasses many luxury cars. Beneath the smooth suit is a peppy 186 horsepower four-cylinder engine and optional all-wheel-drive. A head-up display, Apple CarPlay, sunroof and full array of crash avoidance systems make me swoon.

Base price: \$23,600



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152 horsepower and 19/23-MPG city/highway. This generation is old enough to be called “Daddy”, but butch styling aged well — especially in Midnight Edition with gloss black trim. Interiors can be easily cleaned after late night debauchery, but the infotainment system is so 2000s.

Base price: \$19,000

Toyota Tacoma

For the most efficient Tacoma, choose the 159 horsepower 2.7-liter four-cylinder that squeaks out 20/23-MPG city/

highway. That’s only slightly better than the 278 horsepower V6’s 18/22-MPG. Get the V6. Beyond legendary durability, this beefy lad impresses with available Apple CarPlay, Android Auto and Amazon Alexa compatibility. Safety is enhanced by a pedestrian detection with auto brake, lane departure warning, and radar cruise.

Base price: \$26,050

Rivian R1T EV

The Tesla of pickups arrives in 2020 with 750 horsepower, 400 miles of range

and 0-60 mph in 3 seconds. Batteries are housed in a skateboard chassis beneath the body. It further innovates with a full-width storage cavern between the cab/bed, frunk in the front, and rack system for mounting gear above. Three 110v household outlets populate the bed. Fresh interiors display a horizontal tablet-style touchscreen, flatscreen instruments, and wood detailing.

Base price: \$69,000.

Jeep Renegade Hybrid/Diesel

Jeep’s new pickup takes Wrangler

DNA and slugs a four-door truck body on top. The standard 3.6-liter V6 achieves 285 horsepower and 16/23-MPG city/highway. Fuel economy will improve as Jeep adds 3.0-liter turbo-diesel engines and light hybrid system with a turbocharged four-cylinder. A plug-in Renegade is expected circa 2021. That’s impressive for a truck that can crawl over boulders and shed its doors and roof to display its sextitude.

Base price: \$33,545



Toyota Tacoma



Honda Ridgeline



Ford EcoSport



Chevy Spark

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peppy four-cylinder engine connects to a continuously variable transmission to deliver 120 horsepower and 33/41-MPG city/highway. A new 7-inch touchscreen with support for Apple CarPlay and Android Auto is standard. Forward collision avoidance is optional.

Base price: \$15,750

Hyundai Venue

Meet Hyundai’s affordable new crossover. Vibrant hues worthy of a beach village highlight the contrasting color roof. Inside, an 8-inch display enables Apple CarPlay, Android Auto

and integration of Amazon Alexa. Kick it with a 121 horsepower four-cylinder and 6-speed manual transmission that achieve 33-MPG combined (CVT is optional). Forward collision avoidance, lane keep assist and blind spot warning add a few singles.

Base price: \$16,500

Ford EcoSport

Though this looks like Ford’s bigger crossovers, it’s tiny ... like a tall little Fiesta that drives very European with a 123 horsepower turbo-three-cylinder engine, front-drive (AWD optional) and 27/29-MPG city/highway. The roomy interior feels ritzy, especially with an

available heated steering wheel, heated seats, B&O Audio, Navigation, and 4G Wi-Fi. Lay off the options to stay under our price limit.

Base price: \$19,995

Volkswagen Jetta

This handsome German yearns to stretch into the left lane. Sleek styling accompanies a driver-centric interior with quality fittings and safety tech like adaptive cruise, lane keep assist and front autonomous braking. Pay a little more for heated/cooled seats, Beats Audio, flatscreen instruments and panoramic sunroof. A 147 horsepower turbo-four pairs with a six-speed man-

ual or eight-speed automatic transmission, achieving up to 30/40-MPG city/highway.

Base price: \$18,745

Fiat 500 Cabrio Pop

Flirty round headlamps and classic style look fit for Audrey Hepburn driving along the Riviera. She’d look even more radiant after powering back the canvas top. Rev out the 135 horsepower turbo-four and groove to the sport-tuned exhaust. Choose a white steering wheel and paint colors like Oliva Green Pearl, Luminosa Orange or Pompei Silver for the full show. Get one now because the 500 is not long for this world.

Base price: \$17,990

Subaru Impreza

If you’re looking for a hell of a car on a budget, this is it. It feels expensive with its 152 horsepower Porsche-style four-cylinder engine, all-wheel-drive and super crashworthy body. Add Subaru’s EyeSight crash avoidance and adaptive cruise system to nail our target price. Apple CarPlay, Android Auto and uplevel audio are available. I even recommended this one to my own mother-in-law (it’s OK, I like her)! The boss queen is delighted.

Base price: \$18,595



Saturday 11.09.19

Bianca: She's 'Jester' joking

She's the first drag queen to ever sell out Wembley Arena in London, and now Bianca del Rio is bringing her signature brand of "insult" comedy to Dallas' Majestic Theatre in her "It's Jester Joke" Tour. Don't go expecting warm-and-fuzzy, but be sure to come ready to laugh.

DEETS: The Majestic Theatre, 1925 Elm St. 8 p.m. TheBiancaDelRio.com.



Thursday 11.14.19

DIFFA Bid on some holiday cheer

Are you going to be naughty or nice this holiday season? Why decide?! Get the best of both worlds with DIFFA Dallas' 24th annual Holiday Wreath Collection, with its "Naughty or Nice? Why Decide!" theme. The silent auction will give you the chance to bid on one-of-a-kind wreath creations by the likes of Brian Chaffin, Char McGaughy of Tattoos by Char (pictured) and many, many more. Proceeds benefit DIFFA Dallas.

DEETS: World Trade Mart at Dallas Market Center, 2050 N. Stemmons. 6-9 p.m. DIFFADallas.org.



Thursday 11.14.19

Golden Girl puppets Thank you for being a friend

Picture it: Sicily, 1920. An evening of cheesecake, laughter, jazzercise, shoulder pads, sex and the elegant art of the quick-witted put-downs. Now picture it in Richardson in 2019 — and with puppets! The Eisemann Center presents *That Golden Girls Show: A Puppet Parody*, based on the hot 1980s TV sitcom, for four shows only, Nov. 14-16 (includes a Saturday matinee).

DEETS: Bank of America Theatre at The Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Drive, Richardson. Thu-Fri at 7:30 p.m., Sat., 2 and 7:30 p.m. EisemannCenter.com.

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Cats. Andrew Lloyd Webber's massive musical phenomenon. Fair Park Music Hall, 909 First Ave. Through Nov. 17. DallasSummerMusicals.org.

Lizzie. The Fall River spinster murdered her parents ... right? A musical. Bath House Cultural Center, 521 E. Lawther Drive. Through Nov. 9. ImprintTheatreworks.org

Sister Act. Musical adaptation of the Whoopi Goldberg comedy about a woman hiding out from bad guys in a convent. *Final weekend.* Addison Theatre Centre, 15650 Addison Road. WaterTowerTheatre.org.

That Golden Girls Show: A Puppet Parody. A puppet show based on the hit TV series. Four shows only, Nov. 14-16. Bank of America Theatre in the Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Drive, Richardson. EisemannCenter.com.

DANCE

Ballet BC. Dance company from British Columbia. Presented by TITAS/Dance Unbound. Moody Performance Hall, 2520 Flora St. 8-9. ATPAC.org.

ART

Renoir: The Body, The Senses. The first major exhibition of Renoir's work to focus on the human form and includes masterpieces by his inspirations and those he inspired. Through Jan. 26 at the Kimbell Art Museum, 3333 Camp Bowie Blvd., Fort Worth. \$18. KimbellArt.org

SATURDAY 11.09

COMMUNITY

FrontRunners. Gay jogging/walking group meets weekly at 8:30 a.m. in Oak Lawn Park at Hall Street and Turtle Creek Boulevard for a run along the Katy Trail.

COMEDY

Bianca del Rio: The It's Jester Joke Tour. The Drag Racer performs. Majestic Theatre, 1925 Elm St. 8 p.m. TheBiancaDelRio.com

MONDAY 11.11

CABARET

Mama's Party. Weekly cabaret night with special guest performances. Uptown Theatre, 120 E. Main St., Grand Prairie. 7:35 p.m. \$10.

RuPaul's Drag Race: Werq The World Tour. Featuring Dallas performers Asia O'Hara and Plastique Tiara along with other winners and top contestants in the *Drag Race* pantheon. Majestic Theatre, 1925 Elm St. 8 p.m. VossEvents.com/werq-the-world.

TUESDAY 11.12

FILM

To Kill a Mockingbird. Gregory Peck won an Oscar as Atticus Finch, the country lawyer representing a black man in the South. A classic. Screens as part of the Tuesday Big Movie New Classic Series, which now includes a matinee. Landmark's Magnolia Theatre in the West Village, 3699 McKinney Ave. Screens at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 11.14

CABARET

Glitterbomb Denton. Weekly queer variety show with a new lineup every Thursday, now at a new locale and new time. Andy's Bar, 122 N. Locust St., Denton. 8 p.m.

24th Annual DIFFA Dallas Holiday Wreath Auction. "Naughty or Nice — Why Decide?" theme for silent auction benefitting DIFFA Dallas. World Trade Mart, 2050 N. Stemmons. 6-9 p.m. \$50. DIFFADallas.org/wreath.

FRIDAY 11.15

DANCE

Bruce Wood Dance: Harvest. 10th season opener, features new works. Moody Performance Hall, 2520 Flora St. Nov. 15-16. 8 p.m. BruceWoodDance.org.

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Out-running the zombies — or not

Hello to all of my fabulous freaks. I hope you are having a great day. I hate to say it but I am still thinking about Halloween while all of the people around me are already singing Christmas music. In a way, I am Halloween-centric all year long. I dress up; I eat candy, and it doesn't need to be October for me to wanna watch a horror movie or read scary stories.

This past Halloween was one for the record books. Between the Block Party and Halloween night and all the spooky in between, I was wore the fuck out. The night of the Block Party, I pre-gamed at my friend Ross's party, got dressed up as a fishy female Pennywise, hosted the costume parade out on the street, hosted and performed in the Rose Room, went back to Ross's and partied a little more, then finally made it home to bed right before the sun came up.

Even though I am probably getting too old for that kind of night, I figured I will rest when I'm dead. Life is too short not to enjoy as much of it as possible.

I have the best group of friends, and they take Halloween very seriously. If you don't believe me, check my Facebook and look at my background photo. We all killed it. Between Raquel's freaky vagina eye make-up, to Jeremy's rodeo clown (complete with barrel), to Justin's demon warrior in full armor, Josh's creepy wooden dummy complete with strings and an incredible dead-on Raquel Blake illusionist ... the creativity was through the roof.

One of my favorite moments was when my inebriated husband, who was dressed as Jesus, asked if I would like him to "take the wheel" on the drive home. The entire night was full of those small, hilarious moments that just kept you feeling good. I know how lucky I am to have such a great group of weirdoes to hang out with.

In the scary movie department, though, I was kind of disappointed this year. I watched a few scary movies on cable or Netflix that I just hated. There is nothing worse than a horror movie rated PG-13. I will only watch horror movies rated R or MA from now on. I am hoping that the movie *Doctor Sleep* has the creep factor I am always looking for.

If you get a chance to see *The Dead Don't Die In Dallas*, you definitely should watch — mostly so you can see my dick fall off just before I get killed in such a fabulously ridiculous way. My entire scene is about a minute long. If you hate Cassie Nova, you will love this movie.

(Do not get it confused with *The Dead Don't Die* with Bill Murray and the guy that played Kylo Ren. That movie fucking sucked. I'm still mad about it.)

I did spend part of October finishing one of my all-time favorite graphic novel/comic books, *The Walking Dead*. I started the comic books about two years before the television series premiered. But first, let me share



a little back story about me and zombies:

When I was a kid my dad would take me to the movies with him all the time. It didn't matter what it was rated, he took me along. Gore, nudity, sex — I saw it all by the time I was 7 or 8. Hey, it was a different time!

He took me to see a double feature of *Dawn of the Dead* and *Day of the Dead* when I was 10 or 11 years old, and those movies scared the shit out of me. I hated zombie movies when I was a kid because the endings were always so depressing. Zombie movies never had a happy ending — or even a glimmer of hope. I couldn't stop thinking about zombies. I started to have nightmares about zombies chasing me and busting into my bedroom to eat me.

Every time a new zombie movie would come out at the theater or on VHS, we would always see it. Then for weeks after, I would have nightmares. But I still watched them. Zombies have always given me the heebie-jeebies, but it seemed the more I watched the movies, the less I dreamed about them. So I thought I had finally conquered my fear of zombies.

Then came *28 Days Later*.

That movie messed me up, because now

the fucking zombies didn't shamble and stumble — they ran!

Now, before any of you nerds start to call me out and say that the *28 Days Later* zombies weren't zombies at all, but regular people infected by the rage virus, I know that. But it still falls under the zombie umbrella to me.

So, between *28 Days Later*, the *Dawn of the Dead* remake and the first *Resident Evil* movie, I started to have zombie nightmares again. But I was into my 30s by then, so it was ridiculous.

I decided to put a stop to this childish bullshit and get over my ridiculous fear of something that could never actually happen. So I immersed myself into all things zombie: comic books, novels, movies — I didn't care. I was a zombie for Halloween. Everything ZOMBIE! I guess I liked being a little bit scared.

Eventually I was completely desensitized to zombies. They had become so much part of my life that I stopped having nightmares about them and went back to having nightmares about being eaten by a shark — like a normal person.

So I loved the *Walking Dead* comics, but

that's over now. I finished the last issue last month. I'm sad. I am still a diehard *Walking Dead* fan. I love the television series almost as much as I loved the comics. I know a lot of people that have lost interest in the show, especially after the whole Negan/Glen thing. But I am still with it.

The past few seasons have been lower in the ratings but have actually been really good seasons. I'm excited about the second spin-off series that starts next year and the Rick Grimes movies that are in production right now.

I know if the zombie apocalypse were to actually happen, I'm pretty sure I would be one of the first to die. I hate to run or use my arms at all, so I'm for sure zombie food.

Who knows? Maybe I would thrive and become a badass? Knowing my fat ass, I'd become a cannibal and start eating people when we started to run out of food. I am a great cook, and people probably taste like chicken, so I'd be the Paula Dean of the zombie apocalypse ... but without the butter fried racism.

Only 358 days till next Halloween. Yay!

Remember to always love more, bitch less and be fabulous! XOXO! Cassie Nova

Black Tie Dinner



Making the SCENE the week of Nov. 8–14:

- **1851 Club:** All Star Drag Show at 10:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.
- **Alexandre's:** Stephanie Sallie on Saturday. Wayne Smith on Sunday. K-Marie on Tuesday. Chris Chism on Wednesday. Spencer West on Thursday.
- **Club Reflection:** Judy Ritchey Children's Ball on Saturday. Empress and Emperer 39 Duets and Wreath Auction at 6 p.m. on Sunday.
- **Dallas Eagle:** Discipline Corps Club Night from 10 p.m.-2 a.m. on Friday. Dallas Bears Club Night from 9-11 p.m. on Saturday. NLA – Dallas Club Night from 9-11 p.m. on Saturday. United Court Thanks for the Giving Show from 5-9 p.m. on Saturday. Purple Party SCORE! From 10 p.m.-2 a.m. on Saturday.
- **Hidden Door:** Firedancers Present Thank a Vet with food and fun on the patio from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday. Vets eat for free.
- **JR.'s Bar & Grill:** Krystal Summers or Raquel Blake hosts RuPaul's Drag Race UK Watch Party at 8 p.m. on Thursday
- **Magnum:** The Boys of Magnum at midnight on Friday. Saturday Night Party at 7 p.m.
- **Marty's Live:** Miss Wanda on Sunday night.
- **Round-Up Saloon:** Line Dance Lessons with Yoshi at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Line Dance Lessons with Ray at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday. Drag Race UK Watch Party at 9 p.m. on Thursday. Lip Sync Battle at 11 p.m. on Thursday.
- **Sue Ellen's:** Empire Cats and The Anton Shaw Band on Sunday.
- **The Rose Room:** Vancie Vega on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- **TMC:** The Mining Company: Trashy Tuesdays at TMC.
- **Urban Cowboy:** Daddy Issues with DJ Stetra and Gelousy from 10 p.m.-2 a.m. on Saturday. \$10.
- **Woody's Sports & Video Bar:** Jada Pinkett Fox Variety Show at 11 p.m. on Thursday.
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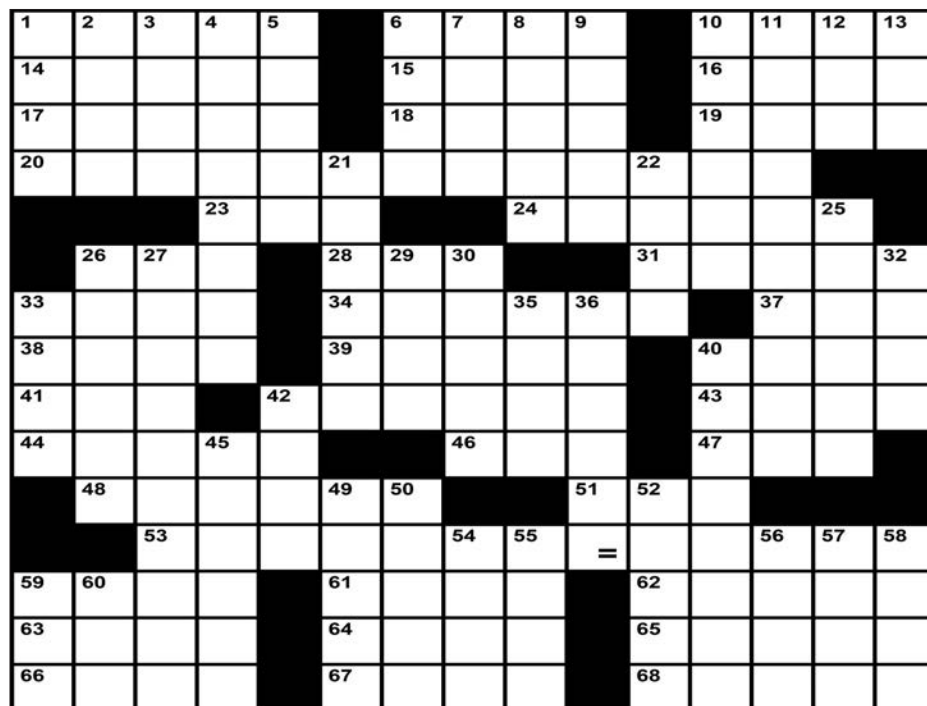
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LGBT Slogans



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Across

- 1 Clay Aiken and others
- 6 "Dancing Queen" band
- 10 Adam and Steve's locale?
- 14 Oscar winner Marisa
- 15 Vibrator measure
- 16 Winged goddess
- 17 "Ready __, here I come!"
- 18 Piece of Aaron Copland
- 19 Chin stroker's words
- 20 Slogan on banners of the Pink Pistols
- 23 *Atlas Shrugged* author Rand
- 24 Mob collectors
- 26 "Suzie Q" band, for short
- 28 T, as in Leviticus
- 31 With 33-Across, slogan coined by Frank Kameny
- 33 See 31-Across
- 34 Sorta
- 37 Grazing ground
- 38 River of Michelangelo's land
- 39 Woman who goes both ways?
- 40 Give a pink slip to
- 41 Tyler of *Lord of the Rings*
- 42 Kahlo's country
- 43 Trick joint, maybe

Down

- 44 "The end of ___"
- 46 Mama's boy
- 47 Wood and more
- 48 Tiny bits on South Beach
- 51 Bellows of *Ally McBeal*
- 53 Slogan used to draw attention to the AIDS crisis
- 59 Label on a lemon that isn't a fruit
- 61 "Queen of Country" McEntire
- 62 Kilmer simile phrase
- 63 *Star Trek* counselor Deanna
- 64 Deviate
- 65 Helmeted cartoon character
- 66 A. Spear's state
- 67 Slips up
- 68 Words said from one's knees

- theme park
- 12 Barely get, with "out"
- 13 Born, in gay Paree
- 21 How punctual people come
- 22 Pop of pop
- 25 Sibling issue
- 26 Removing a fruit center, e.g.
- 27 Homophobic type of therapy
- 29 Some have it to grind
- 30 *Quo ___?*
- 32 Drink from the land of the samurai
- 33 The Oscars, e.g.
- 35 Baylor's city
- 36 First ___
- 40 Like a pirate insignia
- 42 Chains around a knight
- 45 Hansberry's wrinkled fruit
- 49 Cheek
- 50 Look from Snidely
- 52 *My Own Private ___*
- 54 Good buddy
- 55 Features of Disney's *Dumbo*
- 56 2012 Ben Affleck movie
- 57 Tin Woodsman's rust source
- 58 Bunch of stallions
- 59 It swallows plastic
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