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The day Ross Perot saved Resource Center

H. Ross Perot died this week. He was 89. During the middle of the AIDS crisis, I was on the board of the Foundation for Human Understanding, the ridiculously-named organization that is now known as Resource Center.

John Thomas was executive director then, and we often made financial decisions based on what we had to do rather than on what we had money to do. One week, we didn’t have money for payroll or bills. The money just wasn’t there. We were about $30,000 short.

Thomas got in touch with Perot through Mort Meyerson’s son. Meyerson was president of EDS, and his son, who was gay, wasn’t living in Dallas at the time but had been a Resource Center supporter.

Perot made a donation that covered the bills. He asked one thing — that we not credit him. It wasn’t “a gay thing” that he wanted kept out of the news. He just didn’t want the additional phone calls that news of any donation brought.

He told Thomas he had heard about the work Resource Center and supported it. Perot made his fortune first with Electronic Data Systems, which he sold to General Motors, and then with Perot Systems. His company recently moved its headquarters to a new campus on Turtle Creek Boulevard near Cedar Springs Road.

He ran for president in 1992. Although he came in third behind Presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton, his was the most successful third-party candidacy since the early 1900s.

— David Taffet

First Look: Renee Zellweger as Judy Garland

Judy Garland is, of course, the Optimus Prime of gay icons, even exactly 50 years (give or take a week) since her death. There have been biopics, but the latest is due out in September and stars Renee Zellweger as the woman for whom “friends of Dorothy” was named. The film is set in the same period as the play End of the Rainbow (staged locally by Uptown Players in 2016): the last weeks of Garland’s life while she was performing in London.

While the release date is a few months off, we have gotten a glimpse of the Oscar-winning actress portraying the icon … and she looks damned convincing. Can’t wait for the performance.

Watch the trailer at DallasVoice.com.

— Arnold Wayne Jones

DSM gala will star Chita Rivera, Kelli O’Hara

Tickets for the 2019 Dallas Summer Musicals Gala go on sale today (Friday, July 12), and the lineup should make you take notice.

An Evening with the Best of Broadway features performances by reigning Broadway goddess Kelli O’Hara and former Glee star Amber Riley, as well as a mistress of ceremonies whose name might ring a bell: Chita Rivera. In addition, organizers promise “surprise special guests.”

Tickets for the performance only (not including the dinner), which arrives Nov. 1, start at $25 and are available July 12 at 10 a.m. at DallasSummerMusicals.org.

— Arnold Wayne Jones

NAACP to host LGBTQ town hall during 110th convention

The 110th NAACP Annual Convention, a five-day gathering set for July 20-24 in Detroit, will include an LGBTQ town hall along with a legal education seminar and workshops on federal legislative and policy issues, youth issues, civic engagement, the signature NAACP Experience and others. Thousands of activists, artists, entertainers and civil rights and social justice leaders are expected to attend.

Entitled “The State of LGBTQ People of Color in America,” the LGBTQ town hall is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23 at 2:30 p.m. at the COBO Center. It will focus on “establishing collaborative partnerships to ensure that all individuals are protected under the law irrespective of gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion and social classes to eliminate race-based discrimination,” according to a press release from the NAACP.

Convention participants, grassroots leaders and sponsors will also gather for an LGBTQ networking reception, where they will hear from NAACP leaders about their current work in addition to NAACP’s stance around equal protection for all under the law. Participants will discuss ways to prevent stigma and discrimination through an inclusive intersectional approach while enjoying hors d’oeuvres and drinks. This convention marks the 10-year anniversary of the NAACP LGBTQ Taskforce.

— Tammye Nash
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THE GAY AGENDA

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JULY

• July 12: Be On Stage
  Black Tie Dinner and Performing Arts Fort Worth bring back the one-of-a-kind party held on stage from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Bass Performance Hall, 525 Commerce St., Fort Worth. $30. BlackTie.org.

• July 12: Bill Blalock Book Signing
  Author, speaker and coach Bill Blalock will be signing copies of his book, Living Your Legacy Now!, from 7-9 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Kitchen at Legacy West, 7700 Windrose Ave. in Plano. For information visit BillBlalock.com.

• July 13: Tall Tales and High Heels
  Story time featuring drag queens Cassie Nova, pictured, and Jenna Skyy, begins at 1 p.m. at Grauwyler Park Branch Library, 2146 Gilford St.

• July 13: 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.

• July 15: Log Cabin Republicans Dallas
  Chad Prda, a Republican running for Dallas County sheriff in 2020, will be the guest speaker at the July meeting of Log Cabin Republicans Dallas, from 6-8 p.m. at Mattito’s, 3102 Oak Lawn Ave., Ste. 144. For information visit LCRDallas.nationbuilder.com.

• July 18: GALA Happy Hour
  Free appetizers, game tables, for GALA’s third Thursday happy hour from 5-8:30 p.m. at Plano Superbowl, 2521 K Ave., Plano. GalaNorthTexas.org.

• July 19: TAG Youth Support Group
  Open to youth of all ages from 5-7 p.m. at Tyler Public Library Taylor Auditorium. 201 S. College Ave., Tyler. For more information visit TylerAreaGays.com.

• July 19: DFW Federal Club Happy Hour
  DFW Federal Club hosts a happy hour beginning at 6 p.m. at the Westin Downtown, 1220 Elm St. For information visit DFWFederalClub.org.

• July 19: Til Midnight at the Nasher
  Music, movies and moonlight from 6 p.m.-midnight at the Nasher Sculpture Center, 2001 Flora St.

• Weekly: Lambda Weekly
  at 1 p.m. on Sunday on 89.3 KNON-FM with David Taffet, Lerone Landis and the late Patti Fink. This week’s guest is the Rev. Ray Jordan from Central Congregational UCC; Silver Pride Project Coffee and Convos 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 Grauwyler 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 3916 Harry Hines Blvd.; FuseConnect every Wednesday from 7 p.m. For more information call or e-mail Jalenzski at 214-760-9718 ext. 3 or 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 pegasusssquares@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 Tuesdays at First Unitarian Church, third floor of the Hallman Building, 4012 St. Andrews, Thrive support group from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. followed by mixer every Monday at Resource Center, 5750 Cedar Springs Road; Lambda AA meets at 7 a.m., noon, 6 p.m., 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. and has a men’s meeting at 10 a.m. on Saturdays and meets at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sunday at 1575 W. Mockingbird Lane #625. 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 Ellument 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.
Meet Bosko, a 3½-year-old, male shepherd mix. He’s a big guy with a lot of love to give. His winning personality adds to his charm, making him irresistible. He loves to cuddle with people and enjoys sleeping in bed with his human. He’s smart, well-behaved and already knows basic commands. He enjoys playing outside and going for walks around the neighborhood. He gets along with children and is a perfect partner for an active family. Come meet Bosko today.

Bosko is waiting for you at the SPCA of Texas’ Jan Rees-Jones Animal Care Center in Dallas, 2400 Lone Star Drive (near I-30 and Hampton Road). Hours are noon-6 p.m. Sun-Wed and noon-7 p.m. Thurs-Sat. Regular adoption fees are $125 for puppies and kittens aged 0-6 months and $60 for adult dogs and cats aged 6 months or older. Fee includes spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, a heartworm test for dogs six months and older and a FIV/FeLV test for cats 4 months and older, initial flea/tick preventative and heartworm preventative, a microchip, 30 days of PetHealth Insurance provided by PetPlan, a free 14-day wellness exam with VCA Animal Hospitals, a free year-long subscription to Activ4Pets, a rabies tag and a free leash. Call 214-742-SPCA (7722) or visit today.
I’ve never actually had any indoor pets of my own,“ makeup artist/actress/entertainer/transgender activist Chaselyn Wade says. “I always said that I was being a responsible pet owner by not owning a pet!”

But then John Vance came along, and Chaselyn realized that her life had become much more settled and stable and that she just might have room and time for a four-legged furry baby. At least, she realized that after John asked for a dog for his birthday.

“John’s 40th birthday was last December, and all he asked for, all he wanted was a dog,” Chaselyn says. “We talked about it, and we decided that was it. We wanted a [miniature pinscher]. But really my only real requirements were that it couldn’t be white — I didn’t want all that white dog hair all over my clothes — and that it had to have short hair.”

So they set out to find the perfect new addition to their family. The first place they went to was Dog and Kitty City, a small no-kill shelter at 2719 Manor Way, near the intersection of Cedar Springs Road and Inwood Road.

“The first dog we saw when we got there was Sammy,” Chaselyn recalls. He was a black-haired mixed breed on the smaller end of the size spectrum, about five years old.

“His ears were what got us. He had these big, old bat ears; he was just very different, unique,” Chaselyn explains. “We left there and went to three other places, but we ended up going back to the first place we went to and getting the first dog we saw. And that was Sammy.”

So Sammy went home with John and Chaselyn, and he was, she says, “such an absolute sweetheart.” But after a few months, she continues, “I just felt like Sammy was bored. So I told John that Sammy needed a little brother. He just shook his head and said, ‘Oh lord, you are gonna be that one, the one with all the dogs!’ And I said, no not all of them. Just one more, a little tiny one that won’t take up much room!”

So they headed back to Dog and Kitty City, this time taking their friend Gloria Devine, another local entertainer, with them because “Gloria was looking for a dog, too,” Chaselyn said.

They walked in the door, and “It happened again!” she exclaims. “The first dog I saw was this little one called Grande. He was the tiniest, littlest one there. And I said, ‘He will be perfect.’

“So now,” she adds, “John has his dog, Sammy, and I have mine, Grande.”

Sammy, she says, is a dachshund/min-pin mix, about five years old and weighing about 14 or 15 pounds. Grande is much smaller and younger — a chihuahua mix about two years old and weighing around five-and-a-half pounds.

Since neither was a puppy when they were adopted, it took them a bit to adjust to their new household and to each other, Chaselyn says. But they did so quickly and have now made themselves at home, with each other and with their two-legged parents.

“They both sit and shake now. We had to work on retraining Grande, but he learned quickly. Now it’s just ‘monkey see, monkey do,’” she says. “Actually, Sammy helped us potty train Grande. We take them out to potty, and Grande sees Sammy squat and he’s like, ‘Ok, if you are gonna squat there, them I’m gonna squat there, too!’

“It took them a month or so to get completely used to each other. But they get along great now,” Chaselyn says, adding with a laugh. “But they do have two completely different personalities. Sammy is like the old gay at S4 and Grande is the new twinkie gay at S4!”

For Chaselyn, who is still really brand new to being a pet owner, it is proving to be a most wonderful experience. “It is just so funny to watch them and spend time with them,” she says. “They are just so sweet and loving. I just like to wrap the little one up in a blanket and carry him around with me, like a baby. You know that movie, The Dingo Ate My Baby? Well, the dingo is my baby!”

Why Dog and Kitty City?

Chaselyn says that not only have she and John adopted both their furry babies from Dallas Humane Society’s Dog and Kitty City, they encourage all their friends looking for pets to go there, too.

“They do require a $200 donation to adopt, but it is worth it,” Chaselyn says on the shelter. “This is a no-kill shelter, and not only do they not euthanize any of the animals, they go to the other shelters and find the dogs and cats that are on the chopping block and rescue them. They are like, ‘We are gonna rescue this dog, and we are gonna keep it til somebody comes along to adopt it’.

“That’s what happened with Sammy and Grande,” she adds. “They were at other shelters, and their time was up. But Dallas Humane Society rescued them and kept them until we came along and adopted them.”

Creating a home for animals that need one is what Dallas Humane Society and Dog and Kitty City are all about, says Sandra Luhring, the agency’s director. And it’s not just about a home for the animals either; really: “I’ve been here since 1995; this is really a second home for me, too.”

Luhring says.

Dog and Kitty Center. Luhring explains, is one of the smaller shelters in the city, but it is also, she adds, one of the best — especially for gayborhood residents since it is located right in the area.

“We are a no-kill shelter, and we do get animals from other shelters to keep them from being euthanized,” Luhring confirms, noting that the adoption fee is $200 for dogs and $100 for cats. “We have an average of 175 animals — dogs and cats — here each day, and we have a staff of seven and a team of volunteers. A lot of our animals will be adopted, but some are lifers; they will be here til they die, and we will take care of them and love them the whole time.”

Luhring said that all the animals at Dog and Kitty City are completely vetted. The cats are allowed to roam free through the shelter, and they work with each dog to make sure it is well socialized and ready to go to a new home.

Animals at Dog and Kitty City are able to relax, Luhring says, because they are well cared for and because they don’t have the threat of being euthanized hanging over them. “Animals can feel that; they really can,” she says. “They are able to feel that, and they know that they are safe here. They don’t have that stress.”

That stress-free vibe doesn’t end with the animals either, Luhring say: “I think a lot of the volunteers come here to de-stress, too. This is a place where they can also relax and just enjoy being with the animals.”

For more information about Dallas Humane Society and Dog and Kitty City, visit DogNKittyCity.org. Animals available for adoption are posted on the website, as are forms for those interested in volunteering with the agency.
Dallas and Plano are two of only 25 cities across North America certified to be included in the inaugural “Better City for Pets” list, according to a statement released this week by Mars Petcare. This certification “honors the work that has been done to create a friendly environment for two- and four-legged citizens and the commitment from each of these cities to continue improving their pet-friendly programs and policies,” according to a Mars Petcare spokesperson.

Mars Petcare US created this first-of-its-kind certification with help from experts from the Civic Design Center. The certification celebratates cities “where people and pets can thrive together, as an extension of the Mars Petcare BETTER CITIES FOR PETS program,” the spokesperson explained. The program works with local governments, businesses and non-profits to provide resources, tools and grants that help communities make pets more welcome.

Mark Johnson, president of Mars Petcare North America, said, “On behalf of Mars Petcare, I want to thank and congratulate the 25 cities that have prioritized people and pets in their communities. From helping people live healthier lives to creating social connections, pets can truly transform our communities.”

He added, “These certified cities are helping to make a more pet-friendly world, and we hope that many more cities will join us in this commitment.”

Mars Petcare US created the Better City for Pets program to help communities become more pet-friendly by bringing the voice of pets and their owners to places of influence and advocating for fewer pets in shelters, more pet-friendly places and happier, healthier lives for both people and pets.

Mars Petcare works with key partners, businesses and local governments to better understand how to improve communities by providing safe and welcoming shelters that lead to forever homes; encouraging pet-friendly, responsible homes for pets; welcoming more pets into local businesses, and giving pets plenty of park space to play.

Also receiving the Better City for Pets certification are Bloomington, Ind.; Nashville, Tenn.; Calumet City, Ill.; Oakland, Calif.; Cleveland, Ohio; Plano; Dallas; Port St. Lucie, Fla.; Fort Wayne, Ind.; Reno, Nev.; Franklin, Tenn.; Rochester, Mich.; Hallandale Beach, Fla.; Royalton, Minn.; Henderson, Nev.; Santa Clarita, Calif.; Laguna Niguel, Calif.; Southport, N.C.; Meaford, Ont., Canada; St. Petersburg, Fla.; Memphis, Tenn.; Topeka, Kan.; Miami Lakes, Fl.; Tucson, Ariz., and Miami, Fla.

The Mars Petcare spokesperson noted that as more pets become integral mem-

PET FRIENDLY, Page 16
Angel Martinez, who works as a bartender at JR.’s Bar and Grill, is a dedicated animal lover. So when another Caven Enterprises Inc. employee told him about an animal being mistreated, he knew he had to do something to help. It took him awhile, but this week, Martinez’s efforts paid off.

Here’s his account of Gideon’s journey:

“I heard about Gideon through one of the women that work in the corporate office at Caven Enterprises. Her friend had been trying for two years to get something done and had finally convinced the owner to give him up.

“Gideon had been tied to a tree for almost two years in all elements; he was barely fed and cared for. I tried for about six weeks to find a home through my own networking contacts, to no avail. Then I decided to go assess the dog myself and meet him and the owner face-to-face so that I could start reaching out to rescues and looking for a foster home.

“It turned out that Gideon was the sweetest, most mild-tempered dog I’d ever met but terrified of everything and everyone. After listening to the owner give me the most ridiculous story as to why Gideon was living in such horrible conditions, I went to work.

“I shared Gideon’s story on Facebook, pleading with people to share his photos and to tag potential rescues and foster homes.

“Finally, it happened: I got contacted by a volunteer from Paws in the City and, at around the same time, found a foster home for Gideon!

“I was so excited! After making all the necessary arrangements, we were able to break Gideon out of his hell.”

Martinez said he immediately took Gideon to a vet to be checked out then on to a foster home. The first foster fell through, so they need a new one. The dog, he said, didn’t know how to respond to such comfortable quarters as the vet’s office.

“I bet he slept like a baby last night!” Martinez said, the morning after delivering Gideon to the vet’s office. “I didn’t get a picture of it, but when we walked into vet’s office, he was so confused by the tile. When he realized that the tile floor was cold, he just sprawled all four legs out and wouldn’t get up!”

— Tammye Nash

Paws in the City Adoption Events

• Pottery Barn (Galleria) Adoption Event
  Saturday, July 13, 1-4 p.m. at the Pottery Barn (Galleria Mall), 13350 Dallas Parkway in Dallas.

• GRRROWLER’s Adoption Event and Tap Takeover
  Saturday, July 30, 3-6 p.m. at GRRROWLER’s Tap Room and Beer Garden, 5800 Windhaven Parkway in Carrollton. 3 Nations Brewery will be attending with Perspective Beer on tap, and part of proceeds will go to Paws in the City.

To see the Paws in the City Amazon wish list, visit www.Amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/ZHU7W1VIFJ52.

For more information about Paws in the City, visit PawsInTheCity.org.
Fur Ball 2019

Tickets, tables available now for annual SPCA of Texas fundraiser

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The SPCA of Texas’s Fur Ball 2019 is set Saturday, Sept. 21 from 6:30 p.m.-midnight at the Hyatt Regency Dallas, and tickets are on sale now for the event.

Last year, tickets to the black tie event sold out early, so organizers urged everyone interested in attending to get their tickets early, available online now at FurBallDallas.com. Individual tickets are $300, and table sponsorships start at $3,000.

Fur Ball 2019 will include dinner, dancing, headline entertainment by Party Machine and live and silent auctions. This year, organizers have announced “a very special partnership” with Tito’s Vodka for Dog People that will raise money for the animals of North Texas.

Chairs for Fur Ball 2019 are John and Lana Payne, and co-chairs are Jacob and Katherine Payne. Auction chairs are Julia Howard and Sandra Fite. Amber Campbell is auction co-chair and Arlene Kirkland is underwriting chair.

NBC 5 News Anchor Brian Curtis will emcee.

“Fur Ball is DFW’s salute to the bond between people and their pets and a celebration of the SPCA of Texas’ important mission to provide every animal with exceptional care and a loving home,” organizers said in a press release. “All money raised through Fur Ball 2019 will go directly to the SPCA of Texas to help rescue, heal and find homes for thousands of animals and help keep pets in homes, out of shelters and off the streets.”

Fur Ball 2019 sponsors include: Tito’s Vodka for Dog People; The Addy Family; Sewell Automotive; Jack Knox; Marsha Pendleton-Gray and Dr. Richard Gray; John and Lana Payne; VCA Animal Hospitals; Brooke Alexander; Carla Brandt; Diane and Hal Brierley; Eric Broughton; Linda Chapa; Hill’s Pet Nutrition Inc.; Sally Ann Jalonick Hundall; Thompson & Knight Foundation; Patricia Villareal; Tom Leatherbury; CB Choi Family Foundation; Laura Chambers; Robert Dombrowski; Gwen Echols; Anna Galvan; Matt and Mary Metz; Joe and Maureen Hafertepe; Robert Haynsworth; Geoffrey Henley; Pamela Graham; Phil Hixon; Hollywood Feed; Darlene McCorvey; Merck Animal Health; Martina Nemer; Hiren and Dhruva Patel; RKD Group LLC; Chase and Christina Sanders; Law Offices of Claire Collins Schwarz; Marti and Steve Scruggs; Steckler Gresham Cochran PLLC; Mary and Skip Trimble; Shannon L.K. Welch; Anja Woodson; Russell E. Dealey; Simply Elegant, and Modern Luxury Dallas.

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Mutts, They’re Just Like Us

SPCA of Texas offering adoption special through July 21

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The SPCA of Texas is offering its “Mutts, They’re Just Like Us” adoption special at its two Metroplex-area shelters through July 21.

All dogs that weigh 40 pounds or more will be available to adopt for only $20. To see all dogs available for adoption, visit spcafindapet.com.

The SPCA of Texas has two shelters: the Jan Rees-Jones Animal Care Center, 2400 Lone Star Drive in Dallas, and the Russell H. Perry Animal Care Center, 8411 Stacy Road in McKinney.

Hours at both facilities are noon to 6 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday and noon to 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.

Regular adoption fees are $125 for puppies and kittens aged 0-6 months and $60 for adult dogs and cats 6 months old or older. That fee includes spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, a heartworm test for dogs six months and older and a FIV/FeLV test for cats four months and older. It also includes an initial flea/tick preventative and heartworm preventative, a microchip, 30 days of PetHealth Insurance provided by PetPlan, a free 14-day wellness exam with VCA Animal Hospitals, a free year-long subscription to Activ4Pets, a rabies tag and a free leash.

Visit SPCAFindAPet.org to find the perfect pet to adopt, or see Dallas Voice’s Pet of the Week on Page 9 of this issue. Dallas Voice features a different adoptable pet from the SPCA of Texas each week.

The SPCA of Texas is the leading animal welfare organization in North Texas. Founded in 1938, it operates two shelters, three spay/neuter clinics, two mobile spay/neuter vehicles, one mobile adoptions vehicle and an animal rescue center — all located in Dallas and Collin Counties.

SPCA of Texas also maintains a team of animal cruelty investigators who respond to thousands of calls in North Texas counties, and the nonprofit agency serves as an active resource center for an array of services that bring people and animals together to enrich each other’s lives.

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• July 23: Family Night at Durkins Pizza
GALA family night’s 10th year of networking, socializing, happy hour, rock n’ roll and pizza and 10 percent of proceeds benefits GALA Youth from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Durkins Pizza, 8930 State Hwy 121, McKinney. For more information visit GalaNorthTexas.org.

• July 24: UCLSE Club Night
United Court of the Lone Star Empire holds its Club Night from 7:30-10 p.m. at The Hidden Door, 5025 Bowser St. Proceeds benefit the UCLSE General Fund. For info visit DallasCourt.org.

• July 25: Health campus open house
Meet the staff, learn about the programs and tour the facilities at the Harold Simmons Foundation Health Campus. A new primary care clinic will open on the campus. Dr. Gene Voskuhl will make the announcement from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at 2701 Reagan St. MyResourceCenter.org.

• July 27: Film screening
GALA North Texas presents Alabama Bound and Lady Eva at the Angelika Plano, 7205 Bishop Road, Suite E6, Plano. $15 online and $20 at the door. GALANorthTexas.org.

• July 27: DFW Federal Club Summer Luncheon
The DFW Federal Club holds its Summer Luncheon at 11 a.m. at the Tower Club, 1601 Elm St. in downtown Dallas. For information visit DFWFederalClub.org.

• July 27: Self defense classic
Dallas police have partnered with Chamberlain Self Defense Studios to offer an LGBTQ self defense class from noon-3 p.m. at Juanita Craft Recreation Center, 4500 Spring Ave. Space is limited so make a reservation at Eventbrite.

• July 27: UCLSE Motown vs. Disco
The United Court of the Lone Star Empire presents “Motown vs. Disco” from 6-10 p.m. at Dallas Eagle, 5740 Maple Ave. Proceeds benefit AIM. For information visit DallasCourt.org.

• July 28: UCLSE Men Are Cooking
The United Court of the Lone Star Empire presents “The Men Are Cooking,” from 2-5 p.m. at The Hidden Door, 5025 Bowser St. Proceeds benefit the UCLSE General Fund. For information visit DallasCourt.org.

• July 28: UCLSE A Night of Disney Magic
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• July 28: Miss LifeWalk Pageant
Drag queens, fundraising and advocacy, oh, my. Cheer, tip and support your favorite Miss LifeWalk candidate. Doors open at 5 p.m. Pageant at 6 p.m. in the Rose Room, 3911 Cedar Springs Road.

AUGUST

• Aug. 6: Classic Chassis Car Club
LGBT car enthusiasts meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Ojeda’s, 4617 Maple Ave. For more information visit ClassicChassis.com.

• Aug. 9-10: Our Stories
Youth First presents Our Stories, a showcase of monologues, poetry, music, dance and more as part of Youth First’s Creative Works Summer Program from 7-9 p.m. at Resource Center, 5750 Cedar Springs Road.

• Aug. 10: Silver Pride Project
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Cities that met the certification criteria and committed to continuing their progress in creating a welcoming community for people and pets received the Better City for Pets certification. All cities that completed the assessment received a personalized report outlining their strengths and areas of opportunity, along with resources and tools from the Better City for Pets program.

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Calm down, Kevin!

(Or at least get upset over the right things)

I just finished watching the music video for Taylor Swift’s “You Need To Calm Down.” It’s cute. It’s catchy. And all of Big Gay is in it. That it ends with a call to sign a Change.org petition in favor of the Equality Act is nice, though it would be more useful to direct people how to register to vote, because the Equality Act is never going to pass with Republicans in charge.

Swift has gotten some flack for the video. Apparently, there was a rumor that Swift was going to come out as bi, or/and she and Katy Perry were going to make out. But that didn’t happen. Swift and Perry do, however, hug while wearing hamburger and fry costumes, which also depicts them legally married in McDonaldland, presuming that Mayor or McCheese issues them a marriage license before the Hamburglar steals it.

Anyway, I’m old enough to remember when people were mad at Taylor Swift for not being political enough (and there were rumors she might’ve voted for Trump). I’m also young enough to remember when people were mad at Swift for being too political, like when she released this music video.

And it’s true: LGBTQ lives are inherently political, whether we want them to be or not. So, if a pop superstar wants to throw her support behind equality, inclusion and love, I ain’t mad.

Kevin Swanson, a right-wing radio preacher, is so mad, though.

“Taylor Swift, most popular female singer in America today, released a song promoting the Leviticus 16 list of abominations, pretty much,” Swanson says on his radio show.

I’m not sure, but I think “The Leviticus 16” is a new K-pop group (or it will be soon). “You Need to Calm Down” is the name of the song, and she’s apparently telling God to calm down about all of his ethical concerns,” Swanson continues. “The video is pushing a petition to support the Equality Act, which is now before the U.S. Senate, and it’s intended to persecute Christians who don’t want to celebrate homosexual heathen rites and rituals.”

“Homosexual heathen rites and rituals” sounds pretty badass.

Seriously, though. The Equality Act supports things like living in a home, having a job, attending school and going to a store.

You know, super freaky stuff.

“[Swift’s video] is basically this: We’re beautiful, and we’re right and those of you opposed ... you’re poor and dumb,” Swanson laments.

Now, in the video the LGBTQ people are portrayed as fabulous, and then there’s a group of protesters who are portrayed as stereotypical rednecks, complete with signs that read things like, “Homosexuality is a sin” and “Get a brain moron!” So, yes, these people are intentionally made to look dumb and ugly.

But hate is dumb and ugly so …

Swanson has a word of warning for Swift: “You can get a little extra cash in your pocket; you can feel like you can get along without God; you can start making your own rules and afford to sin a little more. But that’s just the utmost in foolishness.”

He adds, “That’s the total lack of the fear of God because the eyes of the Lord are everywhere beholding the evil and good.”

OK. So if I’m following Swanson right, he’s saying that just because you’re rich doesn’t mean God can’t kill you.

So, also, spoiler alert: Taylor Swift is going to die.

I know that’s a bummer, but we all are. So maybe don’t devote your life to hating people? That’s the message of “You Need to Calm Down,” actually. Swift is saying love yourself, love others, eat some cake and also throw some cake on the ground for some reason.

But that’s not the conclusion Swanson comes to: “In the words of Johnny Cash, ‘You can run on a long time, but one of these days God will cut you down.’ So what do we say to Taylor Swift and her new concoction ‘You Need to Calm Down?’ I think we just tell Taylor Swift she’s a fool. That she doesn’t fear God, and sooner or later, God will cut her down.”

Uh, sure. But at this very moment children who’ve been kidnapped by our government are sitting in their own filth in concentration camps, while the Trump Administration argues before a court that there is no obligation to provide these kids with soap or toothbrushes or beds. And the Republican response to outrage over these atrocities is, “You need to calm down.”

I’ll take Taylor Swift’s version any day.

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Betty Buckley... in HD* (*‘Hello, Dolly!’)

One of Broadway’s reigning queens never much wanted to play Dolly Levi. Now she sees it as a defining role in a storied theater career

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Some theater actresses are forever associated with the roles they originated so memorably: Ethel Merman as Mama Rose. Angela Lansbury as Mrs. Lovett. Carol Channing as Dolly Levi.

And, for that matter, Betty Buckley as Grizabella the Glamour Cat. Who wants to follow them into a revival?

Certainly not Buckley herself, who after a career that includes not only her Tony-winning role in Cats but the original productions of 1776, The Mystery of Edwin Drood and others, and turns in the initial Broadway runs of Pippin, Song and Dance and Sunset Blvd., has little left to prove. But when she was asked to launch the national tour of the acclaimed revival of Jerry Herman’s Hello, Dolly! (which on Broadway won Bette Midler one of four Tonys bestowed on the production)... she paused. Then relented.

And boy is she glad she did.

After nearly a year on the road, the North Texas native is about to wrap up her first-ever national tour, but not before coming home to Fair Park Music Hall for a two-week run.

We chatted with Buckley (on the day before her birthday, no less) about “dueling divas,” the genius of Jerry Zaks and Scott Rudin and finally “getting” the story of Hello, Dolly.
So Dolly Levi was never a dream role for me at least — this is your first ever national tour; I want to be a late bloomer! How has the experience been? Betty Buckley: It’s been great. Lewis Stadlen, my leading man, is a great actor and a wonderful person, and that’s everything on the road. The cast is very young, and all are triple-threats — they all dance beautifully and sing wonderfully and are good actors. To be a part of this production directed by Gene and Santo and the new arrangement...

If you were to ask me to name one show to define what is meant by the term “Broadway musical comedy,” I would name *Hello Dolly*. Do you agree with that? Yes — it’s representational of the Golden Age of the Broadway musical form. But honestly, I was never a fan of the show from the time I saw it in my teens. That’s my excuse — I was really young. Then I saw it again on vacation in New York with Pearl Bailey, and I thought it was a great entertainment, but I didn’t get the story at all — it didn’t move me like *Gypsy* or *West Side Story*.

So Dolly Levi was never a dream role for you? No — it wasn’t something on my wish list at all.

How did that change? Three months before [the Bette Midler-led revival] won all those Tonys, I saw it. I was moved by it — I just started crying from the phenomenal accomplishment of the artistic collaborators — director Jerry Zaks and producer Scott Rudin [and the entire design team]. I understood the story for the first time! And there was Bette Midler’s incredible charm, and within that charm, she was so fragile but funny. I turned to my brother Norman while weeping openly and said, “This is the greatest musical theater performance I’ve ever seen.” I was on the second row leaning across the first row trying to touch [Midler]. I was like a mall girl yelling and screaming.

What about the story finally resonated with you? It’s a story of a woman at a later point in her life when she claims her place in society and wants to enjoy all people… that’s a tall order. But she’s really inspired my own self. I’ve lost 40 pounds. I’ve reclaimed my Broadway voice. It was a great gift. I love when life surprises you like that. I often pray to be surprised.

So that’s what it took to get you to want the role… Even then it wasn’t my dream role! As an actress and singer, normally when I see a show, I’m always analyzing — how would I do that? I’m evaluating. I just do it, I can’t turn it off. But [watching it], I had no analysis in my brain — I was watching just for the pure experience of it. I appreciated it in total for the collaboration of these artists, who put so much love in this production.

How did you end up headlining the national tour then? It was always about Jerry and Scott, who have loved this show since they were boys — they would watch the original production with Carol Channing from the back row. So a year ago January, I was in New Orleans on the set for *Preacher*, playing the principal villain, which is the kind of role I love. And my manager called and said [Jerry and Scott] would like to take the national tour out in the fall — it’s an offer. I paced around my hotel room but [eventually] said, “Well, of course.” Jerry and Scott and I had a lovely three-hour meeting and I said, “Really? You want me to do this? Me?” Together they have put so much love into this piece. It’s not an ordinary thing. For me to be the quarterback they drafted to carry this across the United States is a huge honor — a joy eight times a week. It’s really amazing.

Is there any baggage associated with taking over a role so closely identified with one performer the way Carol Channing is with Dolly? Oh, for sure. That’s probably one of the reasons [I hesitated to accept the role initially]. I’ve been through that before. When I took on the role of Norma Desmond in *Sunset Blvd.*, there was a lot of scuttlebutt with me being a part of the supposed “dueling divas,” which was such bullshit, because there’s no such thing. None of us is like the other, nor should we try to be — the arts is not a competitive sport. We can’t compete with our apples and oranges — can we not enjoy our apples and oranges? We are programmed on a daily basis to think “Bigger better best,” and it’s ludicrous. I don’t like being put in a hopper of “actresses who played Norma Desmond”… or Dolly Levi. There’s no relevancy to that at all. That gossip — it’s tedious, annoying and in many cases very hurtful. It takes time to process to get back to the state of being where you need to do your job.

[For the tour], it took a little bit longer than it does on Broadway, to get my footing, to know what I was doing. You have to get behind your own offering — “This is my painting of Dolly Levi” — and put your signature on it. It’s ever-evolving, and during a long run, eight times a week it is a growth experience. That’s one of the perks of the job — you can go deeper and deeper into an experience until you become one with the character, when you can get beyond the criticism of what people think it’s supposed to be.

About four months into the run, I found my footing, and all the important critics have gone on the line for my performance. People started getting what I was actually doing. As an actress, you want to communicate something to people, and when you discover your communication is connected to another, when you actually see people appreciating what you’re doing… that’s been the blessing.
Like most of their human counterparts, pets usually don’t like needles when it’s time for their annual shots. They yelp and fuss (like some of their human counterparts) and — if you look on Instagram — sometimes give animated tantrums that would make a first-runner-up drag queen jealous. So then how would Fifi or Fluffy handle a whole bunch of needles … in an acupuncture session?

Veterinarian Josh Sanabria is expecting to find out.

“That’s one of the things we are looking forward to — things like laser therapy and acupuncture for animals,” he says. “We provide all the basic services for pets, but I also want to avoid pills and medicines where I can.”

Earlier this summer, Sanabria opened his Isla Veterinary Boutique Hospital in Addison. By the way he talks about it, the hospital sounds more akin to a wellness center where he provides the usual services expected but also some alternative therapy.

“Our main goal is that we want to stand out,” he says. “We don’t practice cookie-cutter medicine, and I’m a big fan of ‘less is more.’ But I’m still a doctor, and we’ll prescribe medication if needed.”

With his approach, Sanabria hopes he can provide an education to his pet owners while also offering impeccable service to dog and cats.

At the same time, he is eager to connect
with the LGBTQ community in North Texas. The out doctor has joined the GLBT Chamber of Commerce and invites the community to consider his hospital when it comes to the needs of their four-legged family members.

Beyond that, he’s also working with local animal shelters and services in the Farmers Branch area to have a direct involvement when it comes to animal wellness.

While his story getting to this point has been an adventurous one, it’s also come with a bit of heartbreak.

“I’m from Puerto Rico, and we grew up rather poor, but that’s where I started my foundation of my love for animals and their welfare,” he says. “We had lots of animals growing up. I knew early on this is what I wanted.”

His relationship with animals led him to veterinary studies. His doctoral studies took him to Missouri, and then he had stints in Las Vegas and most recently in San Diego.

Sanabria’s family, in the meantime, had moved to Arlington. He wanted to be closer, so he moved to Texas. He also came out of the closet.

“I couldn’t lie. I wanted to be myself, but they wouldn’t have it. They did not want to talk about it at all,” he says. Nevertheless, he relocated to North Dallas and pushed forward with his own life.

In Sanabria’s voice, he’s not burdened by family estrangement. He’s found his own life, his proud life and recently, his partner of five months, Chris. He also feels that his queerness has given him his special relationship with animals.

“The connection made sense to me. As I started realizing I’m gay and accepting who I was, I took pride in that, but it also helped me identify with animals even more and how we’re vulnerable in some ways but also loving,” he says. “All that has really made me want to make a difference with animals and my community.”

Isla Veterinary Boutique Hospital is located at 14380 Marsh Lane in Addison. For more information or to make an appointment visit islavet.com.

Recently, a friend wanted to introduce me to her new dog while we could both enjoy a bite to eat. And until someone says that, you might not think much about places you can dine with your dog. (We ended up going to Velvet Taco.)

Dallas is a patio city where people like to sit outdoors a lot, and many restaurants welcome our four-legged companions. This list is by no means exhaustive, but here are 14 more restaurants with pet-accessible patios featuring a range of locations, concepts, cuisines and settings where Fido or Frisky can sit while you sip.

**Mutts Canine Cantina.** This Uptown locale was designed specifically as a dog park where their masters could get a drink themselves.

**Eatzi's Market and Bakery.** All locations of this grocery-with-food-service, including the Oak Lawn location, accommodate dogs.

**Hunky's Old-Fashioned Hamburgers.** Everyone's welcome at the gayborhood burger joint.

**Parigi.** How Parisien is it to eat on a sidewalk cafe with dogs in tow?

**North Italia.** The new Italian concept in Uptown's Union development has two outdoor patios.

**Mattito's.** The Tex-Mex institution is pet-friendly.

**Katy Trail Ice House.** A perfect place to stop by after a walk with your best friend where you can get a beer, and he can cool down with water.

**JINYA Ramen Bar.** The new Japanese eatery is open in Victory Park.

**Rodeo Goat.** The cas burger joint in the Design District has an outdoor patio.

**SkinnyFATS.** Whether you want to indulge or eat healthy, your pet can feel at home at the McKinney Avenue new spot.

**Truck Yard.** Outdoorsy, with several food trucks and counter service, this Lower Greenville hang is super chill.

**Elm Street Cask and Kitchen.** Downtown residents can stop in for one of this restaurant's many whiskey based cocktails or Southern-inspired food.

**Flower Child.** Just because Rex eats from a can doesn't mean you have to sacrifice freshness.

**Blue Sushi Sake Grill.** The Uptown Asian restaurant serves fish... but welcomes mammals, too.

**Taqueria La Ventana.** The gayborhood late-night taco joint serves humans and pooches.

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Jaguar’s electric I-PACE does performance with beauty

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Going back to company patriarch Sir William Lyons, Jaguar was one auto brand that did sporty differently, with a sense of elegance, luxury and sweeping style that caused weepy cries from driving enthusiasts. I’m thinking about cars like the XK, E-Type, XJ6, XJ220 and today’s F-Type. They were fabulously quick conveyances for those who appreciate all that is right about motoring. Now, Jaguar embraces both its heritage and next-decade technology to create another legendary performance car. The I-PACE electric vehicle.

It’s a pretty sexy kitty. Many of the car’s design cues came from the C-X75 concept car: Rendered as a compact crossover, the I-PACE is clearly from Jaguar’s litter, with a big oval grille, squinty LED headlamps and delicate way the front fenders flare over 20-in. wheels. Rear haunches give the car a typical Jaguar pouncing stance.

One expects a Jaguar to be drenched in wood and leather, but maybe not glossy flatscreens nor full-length UV-reflecting glass roofs. Passengers ride in heated Windsor leather seats, listen to the crisp Meridian audio system, and gaze at patches of authentic dark ash veneer on the dash and doors. A heated steering wheel, navigation and 4G Wi-Fi add convenience. There’s a surprising amount of space accessed
through the gesture-recognition power rear hatch and flip-down rear seats. Pre-condition the cabin to your desired temperature before slipping inside. Safety is enhanced by adaptive cruise, forward collision warning with auto brake, lane keep assist and blind spot warning.

In a recent interview with Automotive News, Jaguar design chief Ian Callum discussed the I-PACE’s design: “When you design a Jaguar, the first function is performance and then beauty. I see beauty as a function. I don’t buy into the notions that electric cars have to look strange and funky, or different for the sake of it. This car looks different for the right reasons, because of the way it is designed.”

Peel away the body to find a 90 kWh Lithium-Ion battery pack and all-wheel-drive system that are capable of taking the car 234 miles on a charge while achieving 80/72-MPGe city/highway. Jaguar claims it can be charged to 80 percent in 40 minutes with a commercial charger, or about 10 hours with a 230v home charger. Sure, but plug it in on household current and you’ll see the kids nearly off to college before it’s fully revved — to go to 100 percent from a 30-mile range took 59 turns of the clock!

But what joy when you’re ushering it down the road. The powertrain is rated 394 horsepower and 512 lb.-ft. of torque, causing right-now acceleration from 0-60 mph in 4.5 seconds and a 124 mph top speed. Typical of an electric car that produces all of its torque off the line, the I-PACE feels like it has a GE turbine bolted to its hatch. All you hear is a faint wine from the motors and tire friction. I was having way too much fun clapping the go pedal to see anything close to Jaguar’s claimed range or economy. Other toys include an air suspension system that can be raised for mild off-roading and drive modes to adjust from Eco to Sport.

If there’s a downside to the I-PACE, it has little to do with the Jag itself. Driving one outside of L.A. or the Tesla ecosystem can cause heart palpitations when looking for a quick charge. I charged it in my garage, though if I owned one, I’d have a 230v charger installed. That would replenish enough range overnight for any reasonable drive. But, just in case, Jaguar should include the 21st century version of a Jerry can: A Honda generator.

This car is truly different for all of the right reasons. Its form follows function, but it is created as the next generation of Jaguar with the acceleration of a performance car, interior of a luxury car, and packaging of a tall sport sedan. Beautiful.

Considering a base price of $69,500, or $86,771 as-tested, competitors include the Tesla Model X, Chevy Bolt and upcoming electric crossovers from nearly all luxury automakers.

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**BOOK REVIEW**

**This One Looks Like a Boy: My Gender Journey to Life as a Man**

Even at age 4, Lori Shenher knew that lining up with the girls in kindergarten was somehow wrong — she belonged with the boys.

Still, that wasn’t the first inkling that something was different about her; even her grandma had pointed out Lori’s appearance. Indeed, Lori did look like a boy, and as she grew, things got more complicated: as often as possible, she dressed in boys’ clothing or androgynous fashion because girls’ clothes felt like a lie. She was OK with people thinking she was a boy, but it also made her uncomfortable.

Lori was a teenager before she learned that there were people like her, and she devoured information about Renée Richards and Christine Jorgensen. During a summer job, she met a trans man, and was fascinated. Was it possible that she might someday do what they did? Thinking that scared her.

To help deal with her feelings, Shenher threw herself into sports and attended college in Calgary then in Alberta, on scholarships, where she was a shining star on the basketball court. After sustaining several painful injuries, she began drinking heavily and was later diagnosed with depression, which she seemingly carried with her when she gave up a journalism career to move to British Columbia — first to check out a transgender clinic, then to apply for work with the Vancouver police force.

Life settled down. Shenher met a woman she loved, and they had a commitment ceremony. They started a family, but as hard as she tried to tamp them down, those old feelings of inadequacy and misery kept nagging at Shenher’s mind.

The idea of transitioning was terrifying. But then, so was the idea of living as a woman for the rest of her life.

Lorimer Shenher begins with his birth and recounts his life story in plodding, almost year-by-year detail that often seems more tangential than not. Yes, that’s entertaining for a while but fair warning: Don’t be surprised if you eventually find yourself skimming paragraphs in search of more action.

And yet, this book is one of the better, more definitive explanations of the feelings of isolation that trans individuals might experience, and one of the finer accounts of the do-I-or-don’t-I swings that sometimes linger without resolution. Shenher’s words ache, and readers are made clear on what it’s like to know-not-know how to decide – man or woman?

— Terri Schlichenmeyer

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**OPEN HOUSE**

You’re invited to the Harold Simmons Foundation Health Campus’ Open House.
Meet the staff, tour the facility and learn about the Center’s services and programs.

**LIGHT BITES AND WINE**

**THURSDAY, JULY 25 | 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

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Announcing a primary care program for the LGBTQ community and allies in North Texas! The Center is expanding its services to provide primary medical care. Dr. Gene Voskuhl will head up the clinic located inside the Center’s Health Campus. Set to open on July 10, primary care services will include general care, treatment for chronic conditions, HIV and STI treatment, PrEP access, gender-affirming treatment, flu shots, vaccinations, smoking cessation, well-woman exams and care for hypertension, diabetes and weight loss.
**Sunday 07.14**

**Out jazzman Dave Koz rides to Fair Park on Summer Horns**

If you read our interview last week with jazz saxophonist Dave Koz, you’d know that his Pride Month was especially meaningful to him. But just as meaningful to his audiences is his ability to blow a horn. The multiple Grammy nominee will be joined onstage of the Music Hall for his Summer Horns concert tour by fellow jazz musicians.

**DEETS:** Fair Park Music Hall, 909 First Ave. 7 p.m. Ticketmaster.

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**Friday 07.19 – Friday 07.26**

**Asian Film Fest launches 18th year of cinema**

We live in a much more multicultural society than we did even two decades ago, before the Asian Film Festival of Dallas first launched. Now the function the fest best serves — to expose audiences to diverse voices in cinema — is an easier sell. And the lineup of dramas, comedies, docs and short films from Korea, China, Japan and other Asian nations is sure to tickle the curiosity of film fans of all stripes. The Odd Family, pictured, kicks off the fest, followed by an opening night party on Thursday, but the screenings continue all week at the Angelika.

**DEETS:** All screenings at the Angelika Film Center Mockingbird Station. For complete schedule, visit AsianFilmDallas.com.

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**Saturday 07.13**

**Chaka Khan, Michael McDonald co-headline concert**

Ever since “I’m Every Woman” scorched the pop and R&B charts, Chaka Khan has been one of our favorite divas. But while the so-called Queen of Funk has been making music since the 1970s, she’s still active, as with her new album Hello Happiness, which echoes classic-Chaka while the material experiments with her contemporary flavor. She will perform alongside former Doobie Brother Michael McDonald; Dallas-bred indie pop duo D and Chi opens the show.

**DEETS:** The Pavilion at Toyota Music Factory, 300 W. Las Colinas Blvd. LiveNation.com.

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**THEATER**

Festival of Independent Theatres. The annual festival of short plays, including this year’s substantial LGBTQ-interest productions. Bath House Cultural Center, 521 E. Lawther Drive. Through Aug. 3. FestivalOfIndependentTheatres.org.


**FILM**

Howards End. Two middle-class sisters marry two different men — one working class, one aristocratic — and end up in two very different places. One of the signature films of the queer filmmaking team Merchant Ivory, it won Emma Thompson her first Oscar. 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.

**WEDNESDAY 07.17**

**THEATER**


**THURSDAY 07.18**

**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.

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You know that quote about “being the change you wish to see in the world?” It’s attributed to Gandhi, although clearly it’s too Instagrammy to actually be his. It’s close, though. What he actually did say was, “If we could change ourselves, the tendencies in the world would also change. As a man changes his own nature, so does the attitude of the world change towards him. . . . We need not wait to see what others do.”

I feel confident that he was talking about big things like world peace and climate protection and the like. Thing is, his words apply equally well to dating and love, too. I know — you don’t hear the name Gandhi and think “love and dating guru.” (“Dear Mahatma…”) You think, well, guru. But the truth is, this just may be the best advice out there when it comes to finding and keeping the kind of love you seek.

If I had a nickel for every time someone complained to me that there were “no good ones out there,” but that they themselves couldn’t actually be categorized as one of the good ones either, I would be a very rich girl indeed. Those folks want someone who is good-looking and funny and kind and selfless and gainfully-employed and on good terms with their parents and with minty-fresh breath even in the morning. They want someone who knows how to cook and who works out and is good with kids and animals and who doesn’t have drug or alcohol or gambling addictions.

But they could never pass muster using the same standards. It’s crazy talk. Listen, if you want to find a good one, you have to be a good one.

The most extreme examples of this, of course, are those moronic beta males or incels who hate women because women don’t want to date them. They hate women for only wanting alpha males, but what do they do to make themselves, if not alphas, on the road to alphadoms? They don’t wash their hair or put on clean clothes or get a job or move out of their parents’ basement or stop playing all of those fucking violent video games. And they aren’t interested in women who are anything short of Playboy centerfold material, because they are men, and women owe them by virtue of their very existence.

I’ve got news for them: No one owes them shit. No one owes any of us, especially in the dating universe. Those little boys need to take a good, long look at themselves. Partnering with someone is about finding someone to complement you and who you can complement. Those guys have zero to offer. So why on earth would anyone offer themselves to them? It’s nonsensical.

And this isn’t about looks or weight or money. It’s about being one’s best self. It’s about being conscious of who you are as a person and asking yourself, “Would I want to date me?” If the answer is a resounding, “No,” then why on earth would anyone offer themselves to them? It’s nonsensical.

This is the best advice out there when it comes to finding and keeping the kind of love you seek. It’s not about what you deserve. It’s about what you want. And what you want is the kind of partner I want to have and therefore I have that kind of partner.

A friend has been divorced twice and is not faring well on the dating scene now. I know her well. I know how she treats her partners versus how she expects to be treated. She is controlling and bossy and entitled and is shocked when people aren’t interested in playing by her rules and catering to her need to be the belle of the ball.

It’s so obvious from the outside. But if you try to talk to her about it, no matter how kindly, she simply can’t see it. She has in her mind what she deserves and doesn’t see her actions as having any bearing on her being able to obtain that. And I do mean obtain.

Whether we are looking for a partner or are already partnered and looking to make our relationship the best that it can be, there is virtually no better advice than to start with you. Put out in the universe the kindness and caring you want to receive. Take care of yourself in the way you want your partner to take care of herself. Become the best you, whatever that means.

We have to take equal responsibility in the love and dating games. All those clichés about it being a two-way street are true. You have to pave the way if you expect someone to want to walk with you on the journey of love and life. So before you complain about the dating pool or your partner’s lack of, well, whatever, check out what’s looking back at you from that mirror. Are you the partner you want to have?

— Jenny Block

Have a question or topic you want Jenny to tackle? Email her at GirlOnGirls@gmail.com.
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Making the SCENE the week of June 30–July 6:

- Alexandre’s: Three Drunk Monkeys on Friday, Walter Lee on Saturday and Tuesday. Wayne Smith on Sunday. Bianka on Wednesday. Chris Chism on Thursday.
- BJ’s NXS: Boom Goes the Dynamite hosted by Mr. and Miss Charity America at 7 p.m. on Saturday.
- Club Changes: Lova Cochran’s Retirement Show at 10 p.m. on Friday. Wall of Food show at 8 p.m. on Saturday.
- Club Reflection: TGRA meeting at 2 p.m. on Sunday. First Sunday Cowtown Leathermen Cookout at 4 p.m. on Sunday.
- Dallas Eagle: United Court of the Lone Star Empire presents Adventures in Wuzzieland at 8 p.m. on Friday and Drag Bag V on Saturday at 7 p.m. Dallas Bears club night on Saturday.
- Liquid Zoo: Wayne Smith at 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.
- Mable Peabody’s: Comedy variety, improv, stand up show on Friday.
- Marty’s Live: Voice of Pride Quarter Finals on Thursday.
- Pekers: Karaoke at 9:45 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.
- Round-Up Saloon: Mancandy at 8 p.m. on Sunday. Boys, Boots and Boxer Briefs at 10 p.m. on Monday.
- S4: Independence Party. Doors open at 9 p.m. on Monday.
- The Rose Room: Kennedy Davenport on Friday and Saturday. Mr. Gay America featuring appearances by Forever Miss and Mr. Gay Americas at 10 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets at MGATickets.com.
- Urban Cowboy Saloon: The final World Series Benefit Show hosted by Korina Duvalle at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.
- Woody’s Sports & Video Bar: Show tunes at 9 p.m. on Tuesday.

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Across
1 1985 play about AIDS
5 Pricks
10 Score in Jill Ellis’ sport
14 Gay cable network
15 Want in the worst way
16 Village Voice award
17 Walk like you’re fagged out
18 Playground retort
19 Gimlet garnish
20 Singer in the “You Need to Calm Down” video
23 Buddy’s hillbilly role
24 Madonna’s pair
25 Wedding seater
28 Mouth-open-wide sound
31 Sevigny of Boys Don’t Cry
35 Hairy fairy?
36 Came to a halt
38 Stallion’s supper
39 Word from a pen
40 City of The Bird Cage
41 Forbidden fruit eater, et al.
42 Beebo Brinker creator Bannon
43 Heather Has Two ___
45 Before, in verse
46 Where to find nipples
48 Pirate interjections
49 Spacey in Beyond the Sea
51 Fathers and sons
52 Labium
53 IRS info
54 Waters of Hairspray
55 Male type
56 The Connecticut Sun, for one
59 Meir contemporary
60 Where to pin sweaty guys
61 Renate and Elton
62 Spoke (up)
63 NCAA home of the Bruins
64 Spelling of Trick
65 Previously, previously
66 Tugboat sound
67 Gets hard
68 Transsexual Richards
69 Renate and Elton

Down
1 One of Maria’s mountains
2 Our sun
3 “___ Rhythm”
4 He serves drinks with foamy heads
5 Burn with water
6 That’s bull, to Frida
7 State emphatically
8 Porgy’s lady
9 Uncle Tom’s Cabin writer
10 Sheehan footwear item
11 Parting words
12 Prepare to shoot off
13 Liberace’s nickname
21 Suffix with law
22 Corp. name tag
25 Sub, to Rohm
26 Left Bank river
27 My Drunk Kitchen star in the video
28 Lions and tigers and bears, e.g.
29 Championship figure skater in the video
30 1/4 of a pair of balls
31 Sevigny of Boys Don’t Cry
32 Orange Is the New Black star in the video
33 Funny Cheri
34 To eat, to Ulrichs
36 Alt-rock genre
37 To ___ For (1994 gay British flick)
43 Submissions to eds.
44 ‘60s radical org.
47 Mauresmo’s game
50 Keenly perceptive
54 West Side Story gang
55 Penetrating reed
56 On ___ with
57 Chick’s suffix
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