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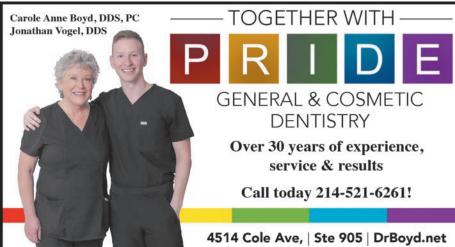
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## Senate confirms first openly LGBTQ woman to federal appeals court

The U.S. Senate on Monday, Nov. 1, confirmed the appointment of the first openly LGBTQ woman for a seat on a federal appeals circuit bench. Monday's roll call vote, 51-45, came with no debate on the Senate floor but followed an unusually crass interrogation of the nominee, Beth Robinson, on paper.

President Biden appointed Robinson in August to the Second Circuit, which covers Vermont, New York and Connecticut. She had been serving on the Vermont Supreme Court since 2012.

- Lisa Keen

#### 4 of 6 Salt Lake City Council members will be LGBTQ

Four LGBTQ Salt Lake City Council candidates won their elections Tuesday night, Nov. 2 – two incumbents and two non-incumbents. So four of the six seats will be held by out LGBTQ members on the new council.

Darin Mano became the first Asian American out LGBTQ person elected to the council, and Alejandro Puy became the first out LGBTQ Latinx person. They will join out Councilmembers Amy Fowler and Chris Wharton, who both won re-election.

Just six out LGBTQ people serve in elected office anywhere in Utah.

David Taffet

## Texas passes 8 constitutional amendments; LGBTQ candidates win across the country

Texans passed all eight constitutional amendments that were on Tuesday's ballot. Proposition 3 was the most controversial of the amendments. It prevents the state from disallowing in-person meetings by churches during a pandemic.

The LGBT Victory Fund reported a number of wins around the county by its endorsed candidates across the country. In New York City, six new LGBTQ members were elected to the city council. That's the largest number in New York's history on a council that numbers 53 members.



Judge Beth Robinson

While a Republican was elected governor of Virginia, Danica Roem was easily re-elected to the state's House of Delegates. Roem was the first transgender person elected to a state legislature. She's now entering her third term. One other LGBTQ delegate was re-elected there, and one race remained too close to call.

In Detroit, Gabriela Santiago-Romero won her election for the Detroit City Council, making her the first Latinx out LGBTQ woman elected in the entire state of Michigan and the first out woman on the council. Christopher Coburn won his race for the Bozeman City Commission and became the first out Black LGBTQ person elected in the state of Montana.

Rebecca Maurer defeated a 16-year incum-

bent and won her election for the Cleveland City Council, becoming the first out LGBTQ woman elected to the council in that city's history. Dion Manley won his election for the Gahanna Jefferson School Board, making him the first trans person elected in Ohio.

Thu Nguyen won their race for Worcester City Council to become the first non-binary person elected in the state of Massachusetts. Xander Orenstein won their race for the Allegheny County Magisterial District Court in Pennsylvania to become the first non-binary person elected to a judicial position in the United States. And Don Guardian won his election to the New Jersey state House, restoring LGBTQ representation in the state legislature.

David Taffet

#### Possible HIV cure set for human trials

The FDA has given the OK to Excision Bio-Therapeutics to begin human trials on a treatment and possible cure for HIV. The treatment is based on CRISPR technology and requires just one infusion. CRISPR is a technology to edit genes. It finds a specific bit of DNA inside a cell and alters that bit of DNA.

So far, three people have been cured of HIV when they received bone marrow transplants as a treatment for cancer. This was not a practical cure for HIV, however, because the risk of a bone marrow transplant is much greater than the risk of taking HIV medication such as Truvada.



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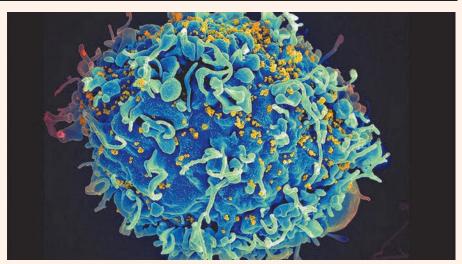
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The treatment Excision developed finds HIV in the body and cuts it in three places to deactivate the virus cells. Cutting it in just one place allows the remaining HIV cell to mutate around the cut.

The infusion cut the amount of HIV in mice. but two-thirds remained somewhat infected,

according to FreeThink.com that reported the story. The question is how much of the HIV needs to be deactivated for the treatment to be considered a cure and for someone with HIV to be able to live a normal lifespan without taking daily medication.

David Taffet

#### Adoptable / MIDGE



Meet Midge! This one-and-a-half-year-old mixed breed lady has everything you could ask for in a dog: She is loving, intelligent and sweet as can be. Midge came to the SPCA of Texas after she was found as a stray, and spent some time in an SPCA of Texas foster home where she proved to be an easy pup, getting along with cats, other dogs and children. She's also very smart, can sit on command and appears to already be housetrained. Midgel would love a home where she can spend lots of time with her people, go for walks and enjoy activities that make her think. Midge has been spayed and microchipped and is current on all age-appropriate vaccinations. To meet Midge, please submit an inquiry at www.SPCA.org/DogAdopt. Regular adoption fees are \$150 for puppies and kittens aged 0-6 months and \$75 for adult dogs and cats aged 6 months or older. The Jan-Rees Jones Animal Care Center is open for adoptions every day from noon- 6 p.m. Animals are available by walk-in on a first-come, first-served basis. Appointments are also available for select animals. Please browse available animals at SPCA.org/ FindAPet and visit SPCA.org/DogAdopt to inquire about a dog or SPCA.org/CatAdopt to inquire about a cat.







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## **VOICES**

**OPINIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY** 



Go ahead and laugh at the loonies, but don't lose sight of the real danger we face

o paraphrase a Chevy Chase catchphrase from the earliest days of *Saturday Night Live*, John F. Kennedy Jr. is still dead. He didn't appear at Dealey Plaza in Dallas at 12:29 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 2, nor did he reveal himself that night during the Rolling Stones concert at the Cotton Bowl. Neither did Robin Williams or Michael Jackson or Kobe Bryant or even JFK Sr.

That's because they are dead. All of them.

But that didn't stop dozens — hundreds, maybe? — of true believers from standing around Dealey Plaza Tuesday in the cold and rain, waiting for JFK Jr. to show up and somehow magically re-instate Donald Trump as president. Even now, I am sure, days later there are at least some of these folks who have convinced themselves that this is still going to happen. They probably already have their new date decided on, maybe a new location or maybe still at Dealey Plaza.

They still believe this dead, liberal Democrat will show up alive and align himself with Trump. And that last part of it may be even more ridiculous than the idea that JFK Jr. and these other celebrities are actually alive somewhere, hidden away after having faked their own deaths to protect themselves from a "deep state" cabal of baby-eating, blood-drinking Satanists who are actually running the government.

Based on various sources I checked, the Q Anon faithful who gathered in Dallas on Tuesday believed that JFK Jr. was going to show up and announce that he was not, in fact, dead. At that point, all the clocks were going to turn back an hour; the world would switch to the Ju-



Tammye Nash From Where I Stand

step down, making JFK Jr. president, with disgraced general Michael Flynn as vice president. Trump would then become one of the Seven Kings, probably the King of Kings.

Again, just in case you weren't sure, none of that happened. JFK Jr. is still dead, and Trump is still not president.

It's easy to laugh at these folks and their ridiculous beliefs, especially considering how NONE of their outrageous predictions EVER come true, and yet they go on believing. It's easy to laugh; even the "mainstream" Q Anoners laugh at these folks.

But maybe we shouldn't be laughing at all. I mean, what does it say about us as a country, as a society, that so many people are so disillusioned or unhappy or batshit crazy that they will buy into the BS, again and again and again?

Think about that for a second. Then think about this: These are the people so many of our GOP elected officials are pandering to these days. This is the political "base" they are trying to secure. Just how far are they willing to go to appease these people? And at whose expense?

I will tell you at whose expense: Ours. "Ours" as in the LGBTQ community. "Ours" as in the progressive community.

"Ours" as in everyone who isn't batshit crazv.

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The fact is, if we continue to let politicians cozy up to and appease the extremists and crazies, regardless of which "wing" they are flapping on, our society as a whole will pay the price. But the LGBTQ community is out here on the front lines, and we are the ones who will have to pay first. It has already begun.

Just last month, for instance, a Texas state representative sent right-wing Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton a letter asking Paxton to weigh in on whether Texans have to abide by the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on marriage equality and recognize same-sex marriages. And more than one legal expert has already warned that Texas' draconian new anti-abortion law, SB8, is a step down the path toward Texas ignoring other SCOTUS rulings regarding LGBTQ civil rights, such as the *Lawrence v. Texas* ruling overturning the Texas sodomy law.

And just so you know, the Texas Constitution still includes an amendment banning legal recognition of same-sex marriage, and Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code, aka the Texas Sodomy Law, remains on the books. So if the Texas GOP finds a way to ignore SCOTUS rulings, marriage equality goes down the Lone Star toilet, and consensual sexual contact between adults of the same gender is once again illegal.

So go ahead and laugh at the looney-Q Anon-tunes waiting in the rain at Dealey Plaza for JFK Jr. to show up. But don't spend so much time laughing and don't laugh so hard that you forget what is really at stake. Because that's no laughing matter.

Tammye Nash is managing editor of Dallas Voice. The opinions expressed here are her own.



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## **Drive HOT in 2022**

#### **DRIVE**

From icons to inexpensive hybrids, these hotties will warm highways in the new year

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elcome to the portal of your automotive future. The next year will see a transition from the old fossil-burning autos of your past to the clean energy ones of your future. But along the way, we'll see a modern take on a 1980s Italian bull hit the track, pound the Autobahn and even sample an inexpensive hybrid pickup.

Here are some of the hottest hotties making it hot on our highways for the months ahead:

#### · Lamborghini Countach

Once every boy's dream, this 1980s icon returns. A carbon fiber body and V-12-based hybrid with 803 horsepower blip 0-60 mph in 2.7s and tap 220 mph. An adaptive suspension, all-wheel-drive and rear-wheel steering enhance handling.

Wings were stripped for a cleaner shape, but hexagonal wheel arches and scissor doors feed the dream.

Base price: \$2.5 Million

#### Toyota GR 86/Subaru BRZ

They're like affordable Supra twins. These sportsters employ Subaru's Boxer four-cylinder engine, sending 228 horsepower to the rear wheels through 6-speed manual or automatic transmissions. A tight suspension encourages shenanigans, while automatic emergency braking, lane departure warning and adaptive cruise keep everybody safe.

Base price: \$27,060

#### VW GTI

The original hot hatch gets a makeover. Drivers face a sweeping console



with 10-inch screen. Crank up crisp Fender while spanking the 242 horse-power turbo-four with 6-speed manual transmission or 7-speed auto transmission; enjoy 25/34-MPG city/highway. Automatic emergency braking, adaptive cruise and lane departure warning amp safety

Base price: \$30,000

#### · Audi Q4 e-tron

Targeting Tesla, this luxury crossover has a 241-mile range and runs 0-60 mph in 5.8s with the optional 295 horsepower motor. Inside, it's pure German indulgence with a screen-centric dash, sumptuous seats and safety tech that includes an airbag between front passengers. Adding practicality, it can charge 5-80 percent in 38 minutes.

Base price: \$43,900

#### Nissan Z

Fifty-two years after the original, the redesigned Z works it. There's plenty of Z DNA in the bulging headlamps, upturned window line and wide rump, but also cuts a new swath with an upscale techy interior. Beneath the long hood is a 400 horsepower 3.0-liter twin-turbo V6. Shift a 6-speed manual or 9-speed automatic. Twist and enjoy.

Base price: \$35,000

#### Ford Maverick

The first truck to come standard as a hybrid delivers 42 MPG city. Or step up to the 250-horsepower turbo-four. Cool funky interiors lay in standard Apple/Android connectivity and automatic emergency braking. B&O audio is available. Plug into household outlets in the bed for tailgating. Choose the base hybrid with steelie wheels for ultimate value.

Base price: \$19,995

#### · Honda Civic/Hatch

Not everybody wants a crossover. Civic goes for tailored new styling as a sedan or hatch. Interiors sport a 9-inch screen, hidden dash vents and wireless Apple/Android connections. Auto brake is standard. Throttle a 158 horsepower four-cylinder or 180 horsepower turbo-four with available 6-speed manual. Get 31/40-MPG city/hwy.

Base price: \$21,900

#### Kia Carnival

You don't need kids to drive a minivan. Kia's handles like a luxury car, looks like a crossover and carries your mates in optional second row reclining loungers with their own screens. Drivers face twin screens and throttle a 290 horsepower V6 delivering 19/26-MPG

city/highway. Emergency auto braking and lane keep assist enhance safety.

Base price: \$32,100

#### Jeep Wagoneer/ Grand Wagoneer

Jeep goes for big luxury. Based on the Ram pickup, Wagoneer elevates standards with front passenger entertainment screen, Fire TV, hands-free driving and 1375w McIntosh audio. Haul ass with a 392 horsepower V8 hybrid or 471 horsepower 6.4-liter V8. An air suspension provides a sublime ride and raises up for off-roading.

Base price: \$67,995

#### Subaru WRX

This rally-bred hottie wears a new suit lighted by chiseled styling. Rev the 271 horsepower turbo-four with torque-shifting AWD and standard 6-speed manual transmission (CVT optional). GTs add electronic shocks. Tablet-style touchscreens, EyeSight crash-avoidance, Recaro seats and flat bottom steering wheels enliven quick daily drives.

Base price: \$29,000

#### Corvette Z06

A racecar in street clothes, its sexy wing and edgy facias increase downforce at speed. Wider rear fenders cradle a 670 horsepower 5.5-liter V8 that hits 0-60 mph in 2.5s and 200 mph top speed. Carbon ceramic brakes, electronic suspension and carbon fiber wheels enhance performance. Choose the Adrenaline Red interior for the sexiest look.

Base price: \$90,000

#### Ford Bronco

Ford's icon returns as a truck-based rock cruncher with two or four doors and soft or hard tops. Removable doors, floor drains and navigation with trail maps beckon adventures. Get it with a 275 horsepower turbo-four or 315 horsepower V6 with an optional 7-speed manual transmission. Cheap base prices rise to over \$60k with all the gear.

Base price: \$28,1500

## **Butch VS. femme**

#### **DRIVE**

Jeep Magneto vs. Lexus LFZ V

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he coming age of electric vehicles will separate the princes from the princesses, with some able to stomp through nature on the way to a gorge, while others





dance to the local java hut for a seasonal latte.

See if the Jeep Wrangler Magneto or the Lexus LFZ concept is your type of electric SUV.

#### Sibling rivalry

**Jeep**: Starts with a two-door Wrangler Rubicon that's had all of its gas-related junk yanked off and replaced with battery packs balanced within their spaces. Its rugged frame remains.

**Lexus**: Shares its dedicated EV architecture with the 2023 Toyota bZ4X and Subaru Solterra. Good breeding makes a pretty package.

#### · High style

Jeep: Traces its design back to the original World War II Willys. It looks like Ernest Hemmingway's safari wagon but shines with Bright White paint and Surf Blue accents.

Lexus: An exuberant design shows attitude with Lexus' evolved spindle grille, crisp creases and doorhandles that appear upon approach. Some Kardashian will take it shopping.

#### Hat trick

**Jeep**: It's a Jeep. The canvas top rolls back, doors come off and nature floods in

**Lexus**: Its panoramic roof employs electrochromic glass that can be dimmed for shade or illuminated to reflect night sky. Like Aladdin, it takes you wonder by wonder.

#### Cabin Fever

Jeep: Did I mention it's a Jeep? It could probably be hosed out, but Custom Royal Blue and Black leather seats, Sapphire straps and Surf Blue bed liner indicate this brute cleans up nicely.

**Lexus**: Settle into reclining rear seats with massage and crank Mark Levin-

son audio. Your chauffer will crave the steering yoke and augmented reality head-up display.

#### Potent Power

Jeep: A custom-built flux electric motor spins to 6,000 rpm, delivers 285 horsepower and connects to a six-speed manual transmission that employs regeneration upon clutch engagement. For something that looks like a Model T on testosterone, Mary is one complicated bitch.

**Lexus**: Batteries low-down in the chassis power a continuously-variable transmission plus electric all-wheel-drive. She may have been freebasing Studio 54, but is easy to handle.

#### Free Ranging

Jeep: God only knows for sure, but 250 miles is a good guess given the size of its package and pudgy 5,750 lbs. Lexus: 373 miles and DC fast charging are expected, so roam wide and free young'un.

#### Serving Dinner

**Jeep**: Organically raised Wagyu beef that was run down in its barb-free pasture and taken directly to the butcher.

Lexus: Sushi.

•Glitzy accessories: Jeep: Twoinch lift kit, roll cage, rock rails, and winch. This silent type wears 17" wheels and mud-terrain tires to out-

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#### DRIVE

Crossovers for shopping, dining and backroom activities

ars are so last decade. Crossovers are nothing more than jacked up cars, but they have the look of adventure and more room for, um, activities in

the rear. Whether you're heading to your favorite shopping trail, bourbon trail or actual in-forest trails, one of these can get you there with grace and pace.

— Casey Williams

#### **Subaru Forester Wilderness**

This is Subie that likes playing dirty, identified by 17-inch black alloys, anti-glare hood graphic and fearsome black body cladding. Add front skid plates, all-terrain tires, and 9.2-inch of ground clearance to get busy. Go inside for vegan leather, crash avoidance tech and Harman Kardon audio. A 182 horsepower four-cylinder and X-MODE programming slay hills and deliver 26/33-MPG city/highway. The luggage rack was fortified for off-grid tent camping.

Base price: \$32,820

#### **Toyota Corolla Cross**

Hard to argue with a quality Corolla sporting a bigger package. Upscale styling cocoons plush interiors with wireless phone charging, JBL audio and Amazon Alexa Connectivity. Auto braking, lane keep assist and radar cruise enhance safety. The perky 169 horsepower four-cylinder engine delivers and efficient 31/33-MPG city/highway.

Base price: \$22,195

#### **Nissan Pathfinder**

Square-jaw styling replaces pudgy flab 35 years after the original hard-roader Pathfinder. Now a three-row crossover, interiors feel premium with touchscreens and second-row captain's chairs. The 284 horsepower V6 achieves 21/27-MPG city/hwy. Keep safe with standard automatic braking and blind spot warn-



lane-centering steering for an easy drive.

Base price: \$26,095

#### Genesis **GV70**

Sexy as all

and bubble rump, fronting interiors with available red Nappa leather. Caress slick console dials for gears and infotainment; use fingerprints for starting. Lexicon audio, head-up display and wireless charging add tech. Go quick with a 300 horsepower turbo-four or 375 horsepower V6. Monitor the vehicle remotely with cameras.

Base price: \$41,000



#### Mitsubishi Outlander

Base price: \$33,410

It's the Nissan Rogue's fraternal twin with a flashier smile. The big grille fronts a 181 horsepower four-cylinder engine that gets 24/31 MPG. A standard thirdrow seat makes room while standard automatic emergency braking and blind spot warning amp safety. Add adaptive





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## Say you want a revolution

#### **DRIVE**

10 electric vehicles sparking revolution in 2022

hat began with the infamous GM EV1 and Tesla has engulfed every automaker from Chevrolet to Mercedes-Benz and others you've never known before. No matter your new car budget, one of these should spark an electric revolution in your own driveway or carpark.

— Casey Williams

#### Mercedes EQE

The gold standard of executive sedans goes electric. Mercedes' E-Class EV adopts the EQS' full width three-zone Hyperscreen dashboard, 4-zone climate control, Bermester audio and automatic doors. It recognizes drivers' fingerprints and can park itself, too. Drive over 300 miles; replenish 10-80 percent in 30 minutes. 4MATIC is optional.

Base price: \$65,000

#### **Chevrolet Bolt EUV**

Welcome the EV for Target shoppers. A slightly larger body wraps a wide touchscreen, push button gear selection, heated steering wheel, Bose audio and wireless Apple/Android connectivity. It's GM's first EV with hands-off Super Cruise highway driving. Go 247 miles on a charge; replenish 95 miles in 30 minutes. Do the full monty at home in seven hours.

Base price: \$33,000

#### Kia EV6

The future of compact EV crossovers arrives with 3D head-up display, Apple Watch connectivity, curved flatscreens and a 300-mile range. Gain 210 miles in 18 minutes at fast chargers. The 576 horsepower GT model with all-wheel-drive zaps 0-60 mph in 3.5s. Use it as a generator at campsites and park it with the key fob.

Base price: \$45,000



#### Volkswagen ID.4

It's a typically German approach to an EV crossover. The ride is firm and interior is a bit sparse, but styling advances with silver roof rails. It glides out with 201 horsepower and rear-drive — 295hp and AWD optional. Range touches 250 miles. Standard heated steering wheel and rain sensing wipers add class. Auto emergency braking adds safety.

Base price: \$39,995

#### Toyota bZ4X/Subaru Solterra

Developed together, these both look like next-decade RAV4s with fluid forms, all-wheel-drive and riding on Toyota's new EV architecture. Expect a 300-mile range and DC fast charging. Premium materials, flybridge console, wide info screen and flatscreen instruments glitz the mid-size cabin. Renowned Toyota should remain.

Base price: \$37,000

#### **BMW iX**

It won't win beauty pageants, but this Bavarian crossover delights with a 516 horsepower electrical system that delivers 300 miles range, hits 0-60 mph in 4.4 seconds and adds 75 miles in 10 minutes. Interiors are lavished with two large curved displays, cavernous stor-

#### Tesla Model S Plaid

Beyond Ludicrous, Plaid packs a 1,020 horsepower electrical system that propels it 0-60 mph in 1.99s, to 200 mph and up to 396 miles per charge. Interiors encompass sleek wood, 17-inch cinematic display, steering yoke and rear screen for in-car gaming. Tesla's Autopilot driving system, 1-touch parallel parking and auto retrieve add tech.

Base price: \$129,990

#### **Rivian R1S**

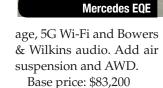
It runs 0-60 mph in 3 seconds, travels 316 miles without stopping and tows 7,700 lbs. The SUV version of Rivian's pickup is a practical rival to Tesla's Model X, carrying seven passengers facing a wide infotainment screens. Oval head-

lamps add style while a large frunk adds convenience. Sales begin early next year with lush window stickers.

Base price: \$70,000

#### Nissan Ariya

Enough of the stupid Leaf. This sleek crossover offers 300 miles range and hands-off highway driv-



#### Ford Mustang Mach-E

Styling cues are familiar, but muscular fivedoor crossover profiles are new to Mustang.

Available with all-wheel-drive, the electric powertrain dishes 270 miles range and 0-60 mph in 3.8s with the 480 horse-power GT edition. Interiors sport a 15.5-inch touchscreen and available BlueCruise hands-off highway driving. Engine noise is piped in.

Base price: \$42,895



ing. Imagined as a starship's lounge, the interior embraces "Japanese Futurism" with elegant curved dash, Zero Gravity seats and twin screens. Autonomous braking enhance safety. Connect with Amazon Alexa, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

Base price: \$40,000

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Alabama sang, "If you're gonna play in Texas, you gotta have a fiddle in the band." And, if you're going to live in Texas, you'll need a pickup to put that fiddle in. From the all-electric Ford Lightning to redesigns of old favorites, these are trucks that will help you lasso a sexy cowboy ... and his instrument.

— Casey Williams

#### Ford F-150 Lightning EV

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#### **Chevy Silverado ZR2**

Silverado gets facelifted and uplifted for 2022. A new interior with wide touchscreen and plush materials accompany a new ZR2 package with increased ride height, tapered bumpers and skid plates for tough trails. Check the ZR2's black hood inserts, dark trim and unique 18-inch wheels. The 420 horsepower V8 is mighty but thirsty.

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The Santa Cruz crossover pickup carries mountain bikes and mulches yards. Driving lamps in the grille, twin flatscreens, wireless charging and Bose audio are debonair. Peddle a 281 horsepower turbo-four engine that achieves 21/27-MPG city/hwy. Adaptive cruise and lane-centering steering aide drivers. Enter and start with your phone.

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## On being an ally

#### **ON THE PAGE**

New book for tweens, teens explains what an ally is and isn't

TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER I Book Reviewer BookwormSez@yahoo.com

Allies: Real Talk about Showing Up, Screwing Up, and Trying Again by various authors and writers, edited by Shakirah Bourne & Dana Alison Levy; c.2021, Dorling Kindersley Ltd.; \$16.99; 240 pages.

ou'd do anything for your friends. You help them in school when they need it or with a loan in a pinch. Your home is their home and vice versa. You might share clothes with your

support. But what about people you don't know that well?

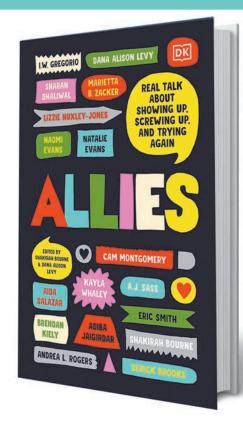
friends — seats, secrets and, for sure,

In the new book Allies by various authors, you start upright and on your feet.

School has started and some kids kids of color, gueer kids, different kids — are struggling. You want to help, but you don't know how to even begin.

So now what?

The first thing to know about being an ally is in the first chapter of this book: You will screw up sometimes. It's not fun; it's uncomfortable, and you can't just dump your guilt back on whoever



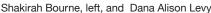
"It's complicated," says Dana Alison Levy, the first author.

You can loudly be an ally, but when it's not your time to speak, then hush. Allies remember that pronouns are important things (see above: you'll screw up), and when someone reveals their preferred

Allies know that the letters "LGBTQIA" don't stop at "G."

When they see someone with a dis-





ability, they don't rush in and act like superheroes. They ask first if they can help, and they never see a disabled person as a "tool" to get extra privileges.

Likewise, they don't finish sentences for a stutterer, and it should go without saying that allies are never bullies. Nope, they

reach for understanding, and if they don't understand, they can be schooled.

Being an ally doesn't stop at sexuality or disability, though. You can be an ally for women by standing up to misogyny. You can stand up by seeing color and acknowledging it. You can stand up and admit that there are things you'll never experience.

And sometimes, being an ally is knowing when it's time to walk away ...

When it comes to being a better friend to those who need one, you always want to do what's right — but sometimes,

right is wrong, and arrrrgh!

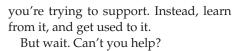
It seems like maybe you need something of an ally to be an ally, and this book can help.

With straight talk but a light touch, Allies helps young readers dispense with the awkwardness of not knowing how to act through reassuring stories meant to show that merely just showing up is a great start.

The chapters aren't long — some are told with artwork - and they're as diverse as the writers themselves.

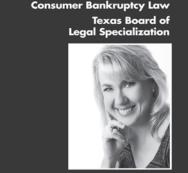
They're not preachy, either: Each is told by an appreciative person who's received much-needed support and others whose eyes were opened, giving readers the upbeat, forward-looking, I-can-dothis feeling they might get in the eager moments before a march or a rally.

That makes Allies a great first step for any progressive-thinking 12-to-18-yearold who needs a good launch-point. Find this book, read it, and share it with your friends.



name, an ally makes sure it's used.







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Base price: \$35,000

#### **Nissan Frontier**

This pickup channels "hard body" design from the '80s with its wide stance and muscular fenders. Interiors coddle with leather, 9-inch touchscreen, Zero Gravity seats and Fender audio, Apple/Android interfaces, wireless charging and Wi-Fi hotspot connect. A standard 310 horsepower V6 with 4WD delivers 18/24-MPG city/highway.

Base price: \$27,840



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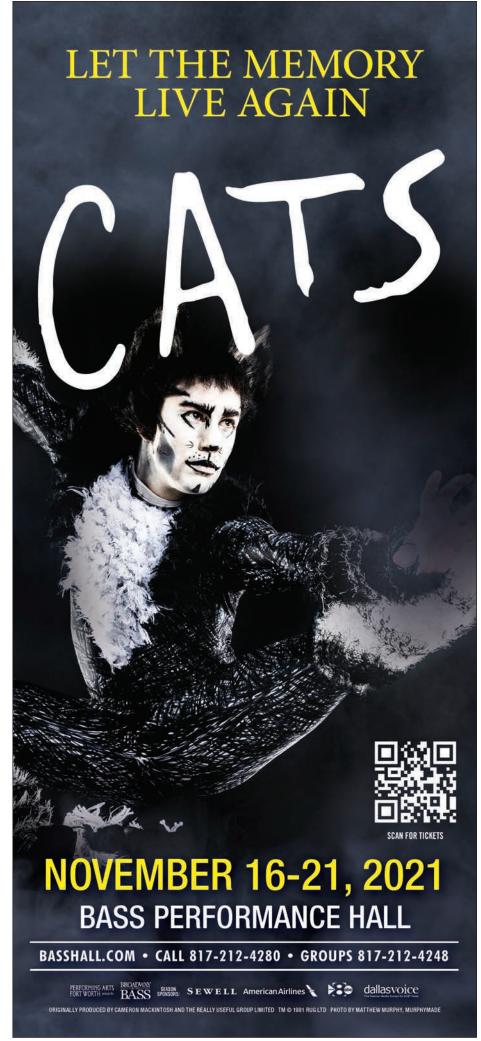
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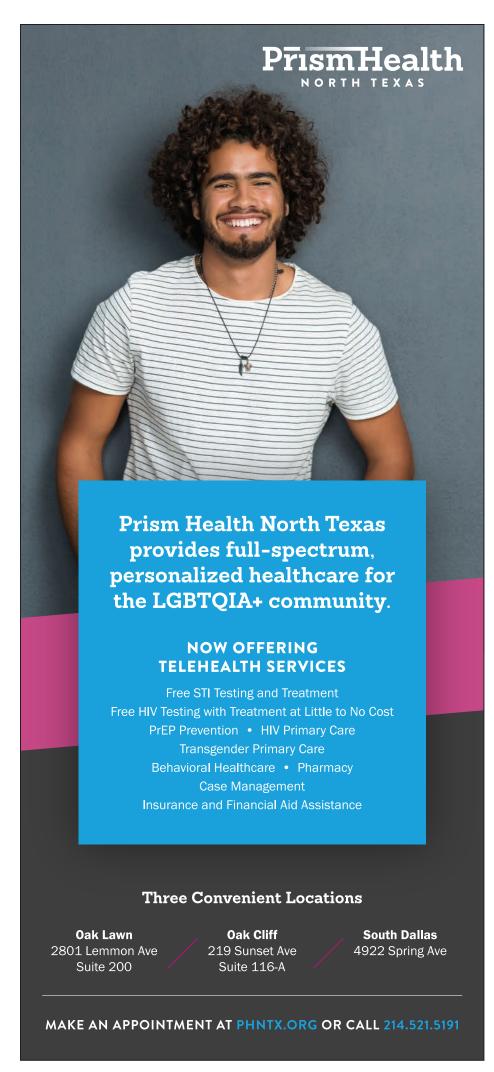
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## Let it Burn



Drag Race alum Tina Burner turns her life into a cabaret

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ina Burner (nee Krisitan Seeber) is following in the footsteps of her friend Bianca Del Rio. Both competed on RuPaul's Drag Race (season six for Bianca and 13 for Tina), but that's not the immediate comparison Burner makes. Burner is on the road with her Maybe This Time Live cabaret show and, like her friend and inspiration, is determined to get her fame the old-fashioned way.

She's going to earn it.

"Bianca taught me how to treat this like a business," Burner said by phone. "She was the first person to call me and tell me to do the work. I've worked my ass off since I got back from [Drag Race] and continue to do so. Bianca is a great example of that success and how to do it."

Burner will headline the Rose Room on Nov. 14.

The New York City-based queen created an autobiographical show set to classic show tunes as well as stand-up comedy and stories about her life.

"Who isn't a sucker for show tunes? Theater is my first love, and it was important for me to use songs to tell my story," she said. "On Drag Race, people saw what was there related to a challenge or story, but now they can see where I really come from and who I am today. That was my main reason to do

In fact, Burner was inspired by her own experience playing the "em-shee" in her season's Ru-sical.

"I loosely based it on that format, and it was great to tell my own side and write the show and create this tour," Burner said. "Now there are more opportunities because of this tour. I've done the bar gigs and wanted to elevate that and create something special."

In a press release for the show, Burner said about that experience, "It reminded me how performing live is my passion and how I needed to get back to my roots."

Maybe This Time Live is not a traditional drag performance. With orchestrations and arrangements by Blake Allen, Burner's show is more theatrical production with Broadway standards and comedy that tell the story of Burner's personal life, from today backwards to the first time she realized she was gay.

Songs Burner selected touched on her personal experience about coming out, family relationships and life stories. Numbers include *A Chorus Line's* "What I Did for Love," *La Cage Aux Folles'* "I Am What I Am" and *Gypsy's* "Rose's Turn" reimagined as "Tina's Turn."

"The message of the show is to never forget where you come from, never lose sight of where you're going and never give up on your dreams. ...

oh, and world peace," Burner quipped.

The queen sings all her songs complete with piano accompaniment. "But otherwise, I am a one-woman production. There are six costume reveals; I'm singing live the whole time — comedy and stripping down. But I think I'm offering something that people may not have seen much of before and I hope they are surprised by it."

Before *Drag Race*, Burner had worked in New York City for 11 years. She had the national title of Miss National Comedy Queen before heading to television, and she built a strong following in the Big Apple. She was called the Manhattan Monster with a heart of gold.

"I have these long legs — I'm six-footthree — and I look like I'm just coming at ya," she said. "But I'm really just a gentle giant."

After the show, Burner found a new audience, and through *Drag Race*, she found the opportunity to create this show and go to the people.

Even prior to drag, as Krisitan Seeber, Burner had a theatrical background and mindset: "I was a champion tap dancer. I loved old-school Hollywood. So all that brought me into theater, and I was doing plays growing up before moving to New York at 16," she said.



And then there was Seeber's stint in the boy band Fifth Ring. At 19, he auditioned and landed one of five spots in the band in the early aughts.

"The height of boy bands had kind of gone, but we were performing at the Miami International Mall and opened a bunch of shows," Seeber said. "We went to Stockholm to record our first single and even had a deal with Universal."

But the near-fame ended when Seeber was around 22: "I ended up working on Broadway next to a Virgin megastore where my record was in a bargain bin," Burner laughed.

But the experience had a silver lining: "Oh yeah, that definitely prepared me for what it's like to be around the industry and to just be around so many people."

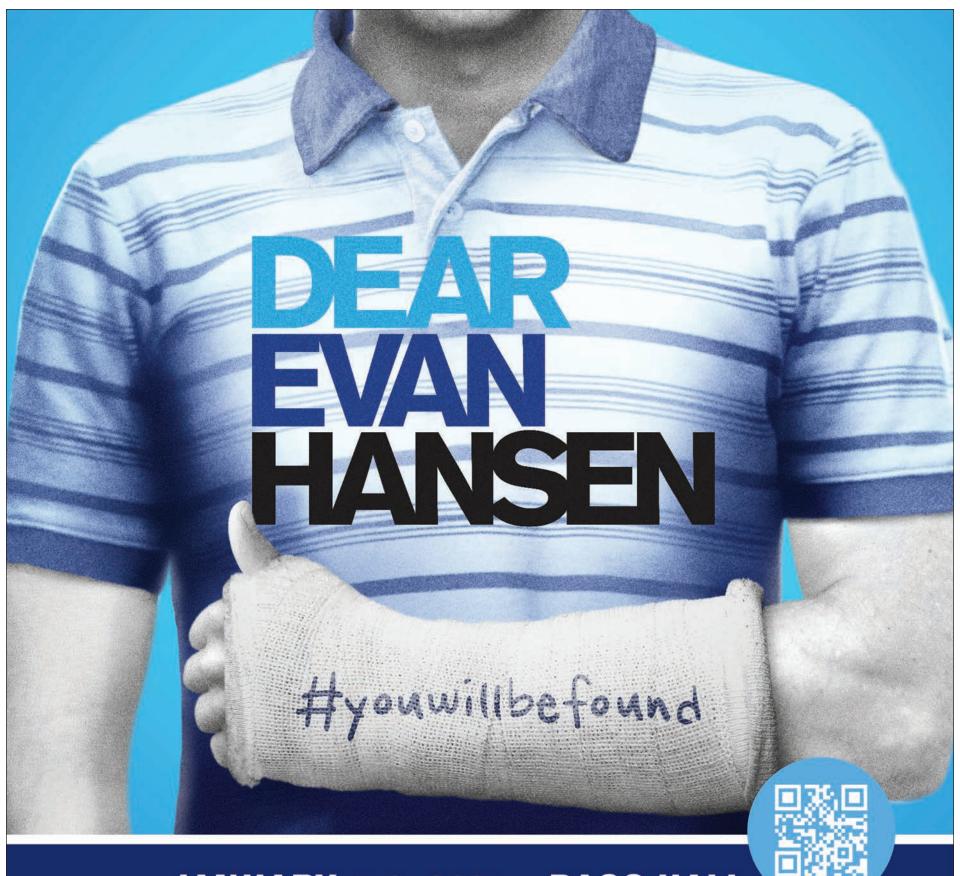
And now there's Tina, who Seeber described as an elevated version of himself.

Burner doesn't wax on about being famous, but as a singer and performer, she wants to get her name out there to perform and entertain. "I've become a much more open person in drag. I feel more and more comfortable as a performer, and I'm always learning," she said.

Tina Burner performs Maybe This Time Live at the Rose Room, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. For tickets, visit tinaburner.eventbrite.com.







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#### **PLAN YOUR WEEK**

The Gay Agenda is now color-coded: Red for community events; blue for arts and entertainment; purple for sports; green for nightlife and orange for civic events and holidays.

#### Biweekly: Hope Cottage Foster Parent Information Meeting

Hope Cottage holds information meetings for those interested in becoming foster parents. The meetings are held alternately on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and Thursdays at 6 p.m. For information email Clyde Hemminger at chemminger@hopecottage.org.

#### Nov. 5: Business and Community Excellence Awards

The North Texas LGBT Chamber of Commerce's 2021 Business & Community Excellence Awards, a virtual event, begins at 9:30 a,m. Visit LGBTChamberFoundation.org/ awards.

#### · Nov. 5: Little Black Dress

It's time for you and your friends to help choose the best little black dress at Fashion Cited's preview party, benefiting Legal Hospice of Texas. The event's theme borrows from Dia De Los Muertos, and those who buy tickets in advance will receive a cotton mask designed for the evening. Supplies are limited! Benefits Legal Hospice of Texas. From 6:30-8:30 p.m. at SMU Law Library. LegalHospice.org/events.

#### · Nov. 6: Alton Brown: Beyond the Eats

Author and Food Network star Alton Brown visits the Theatre at Grand Prairie with "more

cooking, more comedy, more music and more potentially dangerous science stuff" for two hours of entertainment including "things I've never been allowed to do on TV." Tickets go on sale March 5 at 10 a.m.

#### • Nov. 6-7: Metropolis LGBTQ Empowerment Expo

Hear poets, leaders, visionaries and speakers challenge our minds with the power of words from literary works to thought provoking perspectives. See the work of visual artists and performers. Panel discussions and inspirational presentations will explore our history and celebrate movements and milestones.

Health and wellness. Shopping. Noon-7 p.m. Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 S. Main St. Grapevine. Free with RSVP at Eventbrite. com/e/metropolis-lgbtq-empowerment-expotickets-154158561407.

#### Nov. 6-7: Global Village Market

Global Village Market is an outreach of Greenland Hills UMC. Shoppers can buy napkins from a sewing school in Eastern Congo, tamales from Emanuel Community Center, donate to help train residents of South Dallas to install solar technology, and buy handmade ornaments that fund wells in the developing world. Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday noon-3 p.m. Greenland Hills United Methodist Church, 5835 Penrose Ave.

#### · Nov. 10: Stacey Abrams

Voting rights activist Stacey Abrams holds an evening of political insight and candid

conversation. The Theater in Grand Prairie, 1001 Performance Place, Grand Prairie at 7:30 p.m. \$44.50-75. Tickets at axs.com/events/402706/a-conversation-with-stacey-abrams-tickets.

#### · Nov. 10: Gipsy Kings

Gipsy Kings at the Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St., at 8 p.m. ATTPAC.org.

#### • Nov. 10: KAYTRANADA

The queer-identified and Grammy-winning DJ performs. Doors at 7 p.m. at the South Side Ballroom, 1135 S. Botham Jean Blvd. southsideballroom.com.

#### Nov. 10: Rubberband

Rubberband at Moody Performance Hall, 2530 Flora St., at 8 p.m. ATTPAC.org.

#### · Nov. 11: PFLAG Dallas

Virtual support meeting for parents, family and friends of LGBTQ people meets the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Register for link at PFLAGDallas.org.

Have an event coming up? Email your information to Managing Editor Tammye Nash at nash@dallasvoice.com or Senior Staff Writer David Taffet at taffet@dallasvoice.com by Monday at 5 p.m. for that week's issue.

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#### **GAY AGENDA**



#### **GET RECHARGED**

Empowered poets, leaders, visual artists, performers and visionaries gather to challenge minds with the power of words, from literary works

to thought provoking perspectives at the **Metropolis LGBTQ+ Empowerment Expo**.

The two-day event, presented by the Guardian Angel Network, includes panel discussions and inspirational presentations exploring LGBTQ history as well as health and wellness information and shopping. Doors open at noon both Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 6-7, at the Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 S. Main St. Grapevine. Admission is free with RSVO to Eventbrite.com/e/Metropolis-Igbtq-empowerment-expo-tickets-154158561407.



#### ALTON BROWN GOES BEYOND

Author and Food Network star **Alton Brown** appears Saturday, Nov. 6, at Texas Trust CU Theatre in Grand Prairie, 1001 Performance Place, with

"more cooking, more comedy, more music and more potentially dangerous science stuff" for a two-hour show including "things I've never been allowed to do on TV" in his new culinary variety show featuring comedy, music and more. Tickets start at \$29.99, and are available via links at AltonBrownLive.com.



#### GET INFORMED WITH STACEY ABRAMS

Voting rights activist **Stacey Abrams**, credited with helping turn Georgia blue in the 2020 presidential election, holds an

evening of political insight and candid conversation Wednesday, Nov. 10, at Texas Trust CU Theatre in Grand Prairie, 1001 Performance Place. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$44.50 and are available online at axs. com/events/402706/a-conversation-with-stacey-abrams-tickets.



#### SPANNING TEXAS WITH PRIDE

Pride Across Texas, a Texas LGBTQ chambers of commerce statewide networking event sponsored by Arca

Continental CocaCola Southwest Beverages, on Thursday, Nov. 11 at 3 p.m., gives participants a chance to make business connections around the state. Guest speaker will be activist and first responder Samantha Smith, an award-winning motivational speaker. Smith is a former police officer and current volunteer firefighter who is also a proud mother and wife. She calls on her LGBTQ community to take action and be accountable to effect positive change. Find more information at Facebook. com/events/2193904174250473.

## **Cassie Nova**

#### **ASK A DRAG QUEEN**

A performance faux pas and a celebrity encounter

Good day you lovely people. Today I would like to tell y'all a couple of lighthearted little stories. I have a lot of hurt and heaviness on my heart that I need to write about, but I am just not ready for that yet. So instead, let me tell you about one of my most recent embarrassing moments and a tale of a chance meeting with a celebrity. I know — just riveting.

The Halloween Block Party a few weeks ago was a major success. It was a little bit of a stressful night for me though; I had to host our regular show in the Rose Room along with performing on the stage in the parking lot behind the clubs. A lot of the night was a blur, but what happened when I went out back to perform is crystal clear.

Luckily, my last-minute costume idea came together and looked great. I had a fabulous red rhinestone headpiece that my good gal pal MayMay Graves made for me, a red sequined gown and a bunch of bright red curly wigs. Add an incredibly beat mug by Bleach in fierce red, and voila! I was a Diva Devil!

I fucking loved how it turned out. I felt beautifully ferocious.

I was also excited about the song I was going to do as this blood-red, monochromatic monster I had created: "Raising Hell" by Kesha. It was a perfect song for the look. So at 10:15 p.m. I headed out back with confidence dripping out of every pore. I was about to give that crowd my life onstage; they weren't gonna know what hit 'em.

I give the DJ my flashdrive, and he announces to the crowd: "Y'all give it up for Cassie Nova!" Cheers all around. I start dancing and "singing." I am feeling it. The song features Big Frida whose hook in the song says, "Drop it down low! Drop it down low!" So, I drop it down low-ish. Then fucking Big Frida keeps saying to "Drop it down low! Drop it down low!" So, I drop it down even lower.

Now mind you, I don't think I have ever dropped it down low ... like, ever ... and for good reason. My nearly 50-year-old knees, hips and legs said, "Hell to the no! you can't drop it down low!"



I busted my ass.

I busted my ass in front of a huge fucking crowd, all gasping at the fact that the Devil not only couldn't drop it down low, but she might not be able to get back up.

But I did. After all, the show must go on. So the second I was back on my feet, I just kept going — singing and dancing like nothing even happened. But biiiiiiitch! I was dying on the inside, absolutely mortified. I just know there is a video out there somewhere of that glorious moment. And if anyone has that video, please send it to me. I embrace my horribleness, warts and all.

I just realized: These two stories have no business being in the same column. But WHO CARES? (said in my best Joy Behar voice.)

Way back in 1995, I went with a friend to Vegas. We had a blast; we saw shows, drank and partied our asses off. On one of the days we were there, I decided to venture off on my own and check out the Vegas Strip. I was a little hung over and needed to get something on my stomach, but nothing sounded very appetizing. As I explored the Excalibur and all of their

medieval ridiculousness, I found a food court that had an ice cream parlor. Ice cream sounded perfect to me, so I got a couple of scoops of Rocky Road and sat down to people watch.

I am maybe three bites in when the most adorable little blonde girl walks up to me and asks me what kind of ice cream I got. I say. "Rocky Road," and she sticks her spoon in my ice cream as she asks if she can have a bite. I laugh and say, "I guess so since you already have it on your spoon."

She is maybe four years old and

so freaking cute that I couldn't get mad. Then a very handsome man runs up apologizing for the little girl. He tells her to leave me in peace and let me enjoy my ice cream. I say it's no problem at all and ask her what kind of ice cream did she get? She said Bubble Gum, so I asked her for a bite as I stuck my spoon in her cup.

The dad laughs and sits down at the table next to mine. The dad was kind of a daddy, so I brighten up and sit up taller. Because, you know ... ya just never know. Then the little girl's older brother walks over and wants a bite of my ice cream, too. I of course say yes, and as he is sticking his spoon in my bowl, I realize I know this kid. I ask him if he was Forrest Gump Jr.? He smiles and says "Yes sir, I am."

I am sitting sharing ice cream with Haley Joel Osment!

Forrest Gump is literally my favorite movie of all time, so I was thrilled to death. This was before *The Sixth Sense*, so I don't think he was known for anything at that time except him being Forrest Junior. He blushed as his dad smiled and told him, "Look at you getting recog-

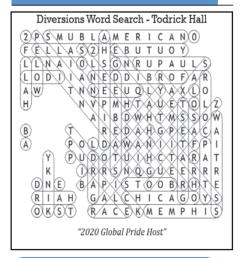
nized."

We talked for a while, still sampling each other's ice cream. They were in Vegas because he was auditioning for a TV show with Jeff Foxworthy, a part that he got. The little sister, Emily Osment, went on to be a star herself. She was on *Hannah Montana* and *The Kominsky Method* and had a cute little career as a singer.

Both of the kids were so sweet and had personality for days, so it is not shocking that they were successful. Plus, the dad was hot, so I consider that day a win.

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

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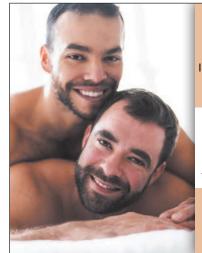












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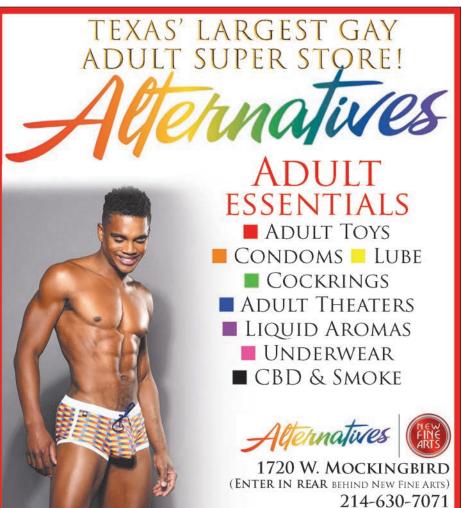
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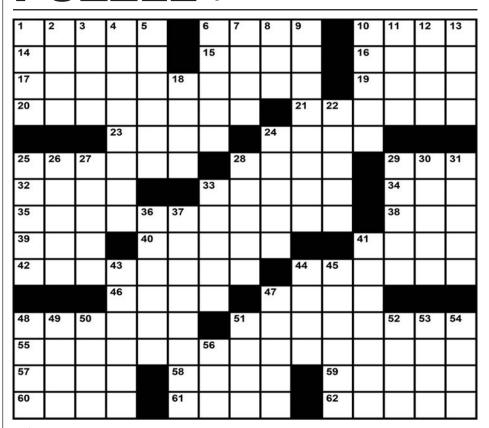
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- 46 Glen or Glenda: \_\_\_\_ Two Lives
- 47 System for a Johnny Mathis song
- 48 Hung loosely
- 51 Gay-friendly folk singer
- 55 End of the quote
- 57 Estimating words
- 58 Baldwin staffer
- 59 Part of a drag queen's wig
- 60 Pleasure oneself, with "off"
- 61 Chicago producer Meron
- 62 Come as far as

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- 2 Garb for Mychal Judge
- 3 His brother laid him in his grave
- 4 Patty Sheehan hits it
- 5 Arouse
- 6 Not the first recording
- 7 Britten's beers
- 8 Bloomers worn around the neck
- 9 Big herbicide producer
- 10 Spanish painter, with "El'
- 11 Eddie in
- The Danish Girl
- 12 Continent of

- Cho's parents
- 13 Eat it
- 18 Land of Emma Donoghue
- 22 Superman's pal Jimmy
- 24 Trumpeter Armstrong
- 25 Ingredients in highballs
- 26 Pinch, as a piecrust
- 27 Bob Marley, e.g.
- 28 Orally pleasured
- 29 Sacred cup
- 30 Da Vinci's bridge
- 31 Changed from a pair to a threesome
- 33 Fruit eaters' serving
- 36 Egg concoction
- 37 Eddie Izzard, e.g.
- 41 Pianist Van
- 43 Butch smokes
- 44 One with a tricky tongue
- 45 Deserving attention
- 47 Valet employer
- 48 James VI, e.g.
- 49 River of
- Michelangelo's land
- 50 Some G.M. cars
- 51 Knight job for Alec Guinness
- 52 In the sack
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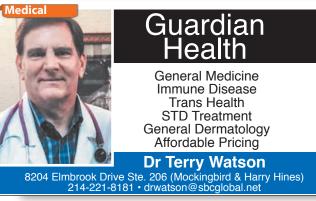
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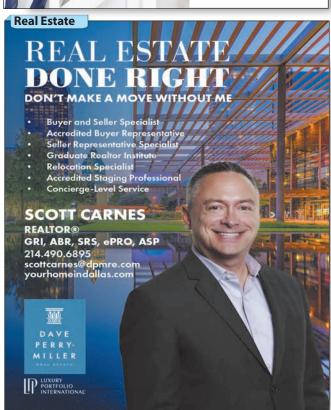




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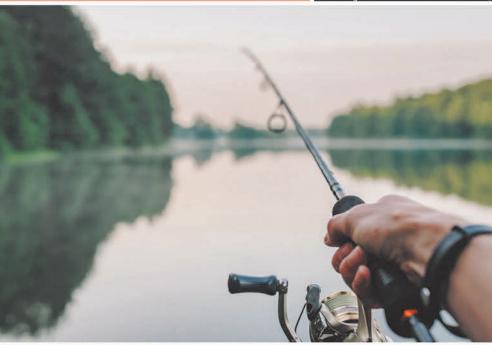


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