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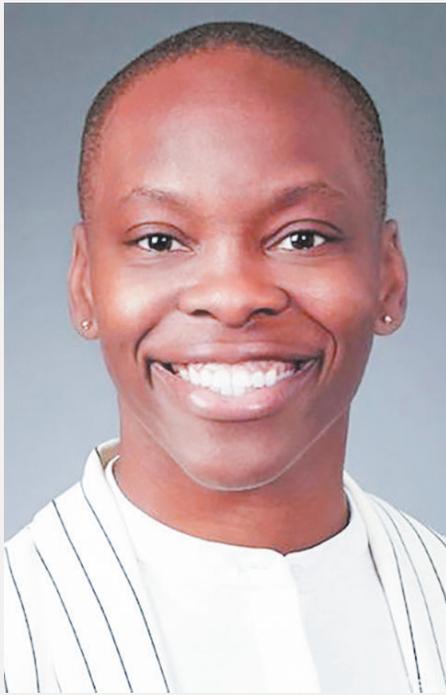
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OJ Jenkins being featured in CBS Sports episode



OJ Jenkins

CBS Sports' *Beyond Limits* returns with three new episodes, including one featuring OJ Jenkins, our local LGBTQ community women's football champion. The episode airs on Saturday, Sept. 17, at 1 p.m. Central Time on CBS and streams on Paramount+.

From the promo material:

"This episode explores the Women's National Football Conference (WNFC), an amateur full-contact women's football league in the U.S. Host A.J. Ross examines the players at the center of this league and their goal of transcending the game they love, while delving into their mission: creating more equity in sports for women and girls and being serious contenders in the world of tackle football. The episode also highlights the league's founder, former NFL coach and National Women's Football Hall of Famer Odessa Jenkins."

— David Taffet

Justice for Justin rally marks 1-year anniversary of Dixon's murder

It was in the early morning hours of Monday, Sept. 20, that Justin Dixon — a gay man who lived in Las Colinas but was visiting the Oak Lawn Gayborhood — was shot to death near the intersection of Hall and Reagan streets, just a block off the Cedar Springs Strip.

The community rallied around, with Take Back Oak Lawn going door-to-door in the area looking for anyone who might have seen or heard something that could help find Dixon's killer. Businesses in the area turned over surveillance videos, as did residents and others, that they thought might hold some clue.

But in spite of all that, Dixon's killer has yet to be identified.

To mark the one-year anniversary of the murder, Take Back Oak Lawn has planned a vigil for Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Legacy of Love Monument, located at the intersection of



Justin Dixon

Oak Lawn Avenue and Cedar Springs Road — just two blocks from where Dixon died.

"Justin's killer remains at large," notes the Facebook event page announcing the Justice for Justin Rally. "So this evening we will gather to remember him and renew the calls to bring his killers to justice."

— Tammye Nash

Monkeypox death confirmed by LA County health officials

LOS ANGELES — A Los Angeles County resident with a compromised immune system has died from monkeypox, local health officials announced Monday, Sept. 12. It's believed to be the first U.S. fatality from the disease.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health announced the cause of death,

and a spokesperson said it was confirmed by an autopsy. The patient was severely immunocompromised and had been hospitalized. No other information on the person was released.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention tracks cases and has not confirmed any U.S. deaths from the disease. LA County officials say they worked with the CDC on their case.

A CDC spokesperson confirmed the cooperation but did not immediately respond when asked if this was the first U.S. death.

Texas public health officials on Aug. 30 reported the death of a person who had been diagnosed with monkeypox. The person was severely immunocompromised and their case is under investigation to determine what role monkeypox may have played in their death.

Monkeypox is spread through close skin-to-skin contact and prolonged exposure to respiratory droplets. It can cause a rash, fever, body aches and chills. Relatively few people require hospitalizations, and only a handful of deaths worldwide have been directly linked to the disease.

— Associated Press

Cool Beans calls off Disney drag event



After receiving a series of threatening messages via phone and online, Cool Beans in Denton called off what it called a Disney-themed drag brunch. Management filed a police report.

The restaurant serves a full menu, and children were invited to take part in what was going to

be a Disney costume event as much as a drag brunch. The restaurant has hosted drag events before, but those have been evening events and only open to those 18 and older.

Denton Mayor Gerard Hudspeth was looking into regulating such events. So far he's found that dressing like a Disney character does not make a restaurant into a sexually-oriented business. And like the mayor of Roanoke learned a couple of weeks ago when Anderson Distillery & Grill hosted a drag brunch, drag brunches aren't illegal.

Although they canceled the event, Cool Beans management had a message to those who threatened the safety of restaurant personnel and customers: "This is not a win for you," bar management wrote on social media.

— David Taffet

Campaign promoting Prop A ballot measure kicked off Thursday

Dallas Mayor Eric Johnson, former U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, state Sen. Royce West, state Rep. Victoria Neave Criado and former Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert all participated Thursday, Sept. 15, at a press conference to kicked off the "Vote Yes for Prop A" campaign in Dallas. The press conference was held at the Canvas Hotel, 1325 Botham Jean Blvd.

Prop A supporters say the ballot measure gives Dallas residents a "once-in-a-generation opportunity to revitalize Fair Park and expand the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas, two of Dallas' biggest attractions for travel and tourism when they cast their ballots Nov. 8."

Fair Park is the site of the annual Pride celebrations in Dallas — The Music Festival and the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade — held the first weekend each June.

The \$1.5 billion initiative, known as Proposition A, asks citizens to vote for a "tourist tax" that is, in essence, a 2 percent increase in the hotel occupancy tax paid by visitors staying overnight in Dallas hotels and motels." The city's residents, supporters said in a press release, "would reap the benefits of modernizing these venues but would pay no increase in property or sales taxes."

Supporters say that if approved, Prop A will create more than 50,000 jobs, "bring Fair Park into the 21st century with \$300 million worth of renovations and repairs and double the capacity and expected revenue of the KBHCCD with a \$1.2 billion investment in the expansion. The extensive improvements are projected to drive billions of dollars into the local economy, strengthen neighborhoods surrounding Fair Park and Downtown, and better connect the Central Business District to southern Dallas."

The tourist tax mechanism was formerly used to fund construction of the American Airlines Center and allowed the city of Dallas to completely pay off the debt 15 years earlier than expected.

The last day to register to vote in the November election is Tuesday, Oct. 11. Early voting starts on Monday, Oct. 24. Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

— Tammye Nash



Boulet Brothers, Shudders announce 'Dragula: Titans'

Drag legends The Boulet Brothers and Shudder, AMC Networks' premium streamer for horror, thrillers and the supernatural, this week announced a new spin-off series, *The Boulet Brothers' Dragula: Titans*.

Based on the original *The Boulet Brothers' Dragula*, the series will debut with a two-episode premiere on Tuesday, Oct. 25, on Shudder and AMC+, with subsequent episodes rolling out weekly.

Hosted and created by the Boulet Brothers, *Dragula: Titans* will offer 10 episodes starring some of the most popular drag icons from the original's previous seasons, all competing in "a grand championship of drag artistry and shocking physical challenges" for a grand prize of \$100,000, the headlining spot on the upcoming world tour and the first ever *Dragula: Titans* crown and title.

— Tammye Nash

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12 before committing to a new home with them. She would also love to be taken in by a family that already has a cat in place to help her learn the ropes. She is patiently waiting at the Jan Rees-Jones Animal Care Center in Dallas.

The adoption fee for adult dogs and cats is normally \$75 adoption. Puppies and kittens under the age of six months are \$150. Adoption fees vary for small mammals, equestrian and livestock. 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, initial flea/tick preventative and heartworm preventative, a microchip, 30 days of PetHealth Insurance provided by PetHealth, a free 14-day wellness exam with VCA Animal Hospitals, a rabies tag and a free leash.

The Jan-Rees Jones Animal Care Center is open to the public seven days a week from noon-6 p.m. Appointments are required for foster 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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COMPASS

Militant ignorance

Why the fight against transgender equality has rallied the right

The fight against transgender equality has quickly escalated to an outright war waged by extremists on the political right who seem to completely control a narrative that most of their base actually doesn't even support. Why is the political right so adamant about fighting transgender equality? Because it gets people to vote; historically, that has already been proven.

In the 1980s, Paul Weyrich rallied evangelicals like himself to vote against President Jimmy Carter, eventually denying the Democrat a second term in office. Weyrich recognized a set of beliefs that greatly mattered to evangelicals; beliefs that, if threatened, would encourage them to vote for the candidate they thought would protect those beliefs.

The belief that was used then to rally the evangelical vote — the catalyst to Republican politicians' best strategy and now go-to playbook — was abortion (ironically, evangelicals' beliefs about abortion are now well on the way to becoming federal law). That was the moment some Republican leaders realized the evangelical vote was key to winning all of their political battles, even though the positions being used to rouse evangelical voters were not shared by the average Republican voter.

Nowadays, according to much of the current right-wing leadership, to be a "genuine Republican" is synonymous with evangelicalism. But to continue rallying the evangelical vote, Republican politicians must continue to target ideology that conflicts with their key voters' beliefs. Political scientist Daniel Cassino explained it best in his piece in the Washington Post: "Attacking trans people is good politics for Republican politicians trying to secure their base."

Cassino and his wife, Yasemin Besen, in 2021 published the results of research



Wynne Nowland
Special Contributor

conducted between 2016 and 2019 that explores the relationship between gender and partisanship. It revealed "a binary conception

of gender ... seems to be tied to men's understanding of what it means to be a Republican — and even considering the possibility of variation is incompatible with being a Republican. If the security of a firm, unchanging, binary view of gender is linked to identifying as a Republican, attacking any other gender identity can build support among their partisans," Cassino said.

What's interesting is how this research reveals a divide within the Republican Party's own ranks. Republican politicians and the media have it wrong: The majority of Republicans are not against trans people; it's just that extremist Republicans and evangelicals are. The majority of Americans overall — a whopping 64 percent — support protecting trans people from discrimination, with only a minuscule 10 percent opposing, according to a June poll from the Pew Research Center. But even without this data, we can still tell where the agendas are coming from due to increased rates of anti-LGBTQ legislation, most of which specifically target trans people.

And still we are left with the question: "If the majority of Republicans aren't against us, then why are their leaders still anti-LGBTQ?"

In my opinion, it's because a lot of Republicans, mostly the extremists, are blinded and numbed by ignorance when it comes to LGBTQ issues, especially transgender issues. Few have any first-hand experience interacting with trans



people about whom they are or what they're about.

In my own coming out journey, people that are extremely conservative have actually been some of my biggest supporters, as unexpected as that might be. I believe this is because they know me as a person; the gender I present as hardly matters to them, which is how it should be of everyone, regardless of political inclinations.

It's important to understand that conservatives often fall into two categories of ignorance when engaging with LGBTQ topics, and knowing what category a person falls into can help inform how best to engage with them. The first category is militant ignorance, a form of ignorance "that is proud of itself, that holds knowledge in contempt — that must be condemned," said Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-NY, who is also a former Harvard professor.

But those who display a "pure" sense of ignorance deserve to be kindly offered an opportunity to learn and be informed. I have found that more people than you might expect are open to this kind of discourse. In fact, it's one of the reasons I decided to go public with my own story a few years ago. Normalization leads to acceptance and understanding.

The fight against transgender rights is founded on the need for Republican extremists to win political battles through militant ignorance — something we saw a lot of during Trump's presidency. His administration fueled and evolved Republicans' ignorance to such a degree that their ignorance became violent, which was made evident by the attack on the

Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. Even today, what Trump stands for continues to influence the way many other Republican politicians and leaders think.

According to a poll conducted by CNN, studies show that Republicans are not keen on re-electing Trump because of his controversial and blatantly divisive beliefs. What's discouraging is the lack of acknowledgment of his own militant ignorance fueling the violence before, during, and after the Jan. 6 insurrection.

However, this poll also reveals that "just under half of Americans think Trump acted illegally in his effort to retain power ... [45] percent of Republicans, though, think he did nothing wrong."

There is a divide in the ranks of conservatives that's slowly becoming more clear — a divide between extremists and the moderate conservative majority. Still, the lack of sympathy or compassion for understanding trans people is astonishingly harmful. Ignorance enables people to villainize anyone who disagrees with their beliefs; in this case, the beliefs of evangelicals. More and more frequently, this division between Americans — Republicans and Democrats — is not really a battle about good policy, but one about philosophical beliefs.

Wynne Nowland, the CEO of Bradley & Parker, transitioned at age 56, coming out as trans to her entire company in an email saying, "You've all known me as Wayne, but tomorrow morning I will arrive to work as Wynne." She was already out to her family and many friends, but coming out at work was her final step to being who she truly was.

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On our cover

PRIDE

Honoring the legacy of Pride with our twist on 'Abbey Road'

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It was Friday, Aug. 8, 1969 — less than two months after the queers made history at the Stonewall Inn in New York City — when four famous British guys made a little bit of history of their own just by walking across a street in London.

George Harrison, Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr and John Lennon — aka The Beatles — were at EMI Studios to work on what would be the final album they recorded together. (*Let It Be* was issued later but had been recorded before this album.) But before they got down to business, they went outside with photographer Iain Macmillan to shoot the cover for the album — the iconic cover of *Abbey Road*.

The cover photo shows the four men crossing Abbey Road, walking away from EMI Studios, at a black-and-white striped crosswalk. The album and its



Jayla Wilkerson

cover photo became so famous that the name of EMI Studios was eventually changed to Abbey Road Studios.



Pocahontas Crowe

(Oh, and the reason Paul wasn't wearing shoes in the photo is because the ones he was wearing were, he said,

too tight. So he had taken them off. It really, truly wasn't a sign that he had died in car accident and been replaced by a double.)

For The Beatles, *Abbey Road* and its legendary cover photo became a symbol of endings. But this week, the cover of Dallas Voice features our own recreation of that photo as a symbol of new beginnings as we mark the return of Pride and a Pride parade to Oak Lawn and the Cedar Springs Strip.

In June 1969, it was the "queens" and the "dykes" — gender outlaws, if you will — who stood up and fought back at the Stonewall Inn, birthing the modern LGBTQ rights movement. Our "Cedar Springs Road" cover honors that legacy by featuring four transgender North Texans who are helping lead that ongoing battle for equality.

Dallas Voice's advertising director, Chad Mantooh, suggested that the cover for our 2022 Big September/September Pride issue somehow incorporate the rainbow crosswalks on Cedar Springs Road. So we turned to photographer Mark Mayr and his collaborator



JC Lovejoy



Duchess Elizabeth Lindsey



Mark Mayr

Glen Aubrey Roach — aka drag favorite Bleach — to come up with a cover photo. Mark agreed to shoot the photo, despite his own hectic schedule, and Bleach agreed to be the shoot coordinator/artistic director. It was Bleach’s idea to create our version of the Abbey Road photo, and Bleach and Mark decided to recruit four trans community leaders for the photo as a way to pay tribute to the roots of Pride.

According to the U.K. music website RadioX, Macmillan and The Beatles did the Abbey Road cover shoot at 11:35 a.m., and they had a police officer to stop traffic while The Fab Four walked back-and-forth across the road three times while Macmillan managed to shoot a total of six frames from atop a ladder. I don’t know how frames Mark shot for our cover, but I am pretty sure he and Bleach didn’t have a police officer helping, and they probably didn’t have a ladder in the middle of the road either.

And as it turned out — and as you can clearly see from the cover of this week’s Dallas Voice — they did not need an officer or a ladder to create an iconic image. They did, however, need four models. The four they found are, from left in the photo, JC Lovejoy, Duchess Elizabeth Lindsey, Jayla Wilkerson and Pocahontas Crowe. Here’s a little bit of info on each one:

JC Lovejoy

JC Lovejoy is a young professional working in retail management in the suburbs of Dallas. He attended Texas A&M-Commerce through the early years of his transition, which led him to begin advocating for gender-neutral bathrooms and student safety on campus.

In recent years, JC has pushed for policy changes in the corporate environment to encourage diversity and inclusion.

Find him on Instagram @jc.lovejoy

Duchess Elizabeth Lindsey

Duchess Elizabeth Lindsey is a Fort Worth native with “a love for romanticizing your lifestyle” and encouraging everyone to “live royally.”

While working in corporate America as an account manager, she’s also an entrepreneur building her own brands. Mafia Antoinette The Bath and Body Bakery, where she is CEO, makes “desserts for the body:” soaps, sugar scrubs, shea soufflés, body oils, bath bombs and more.

Duchess Elizabeth is also the owner of an online publication, Duchess E.L. Magazine, which focuses on beauty, travel, food, fashion, royalty, society and design.

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Pride in Dallas brings the parade back to Cedar Springs at 1 p.m. Sunday

Pride in Dallas brings a parade back to Cedar Springs; Texas Latinx Pride and North Texas Pride also scheduled this weekend

James Ware said this week that he remembers visiting San Francisco in the late 1970s, when he had just turned 18, and he remembers visiting The Castro when it was a bustling gayborhood, full to the brim with LGBTQ bars and LGBTQ-owned businesses and all the many different LGBTQ people who lived or

visited there. But over the years, Ware said, those bars and businesses died out

or moved away, and what had once been thriving LGBTQ community has faded

and dimmed.

“A few years ago, [the LGBTQ strip] on Cedar Springs was about a block, maybe a block and a half long,” Ware said. “Now though, our community is thriving, and we have three blocks full of bars and LGBTQ-owned businesses — from Mr. Misster down to the Caven bars and The Round-Up, to Woody’s and Alexandre’s and all the way down to the Cedar Springs Tap House.

“But in 2019, when the Pride parade moved away from Cedar Springs, out of Oak Lawn, I started to worry,” he continued. “When the parade left Cedar Springs, our neighborhood lost some of its soul, some of its diversity. And I wondered, what would happen if somebody came in and bought all the Caven

Pride in Dallas Schedule

Pride in Dallas’ week of Pride — which began last Sunday with Pride Week Brunch at Cedar Springs Tap House, Pride in Dallas Happy Hour at the Round-Up Saloon on Monday, Pride In Dallas Show Tunes Tuesday at Woody’s, Singles Night Pride in Dallas Mixer at JR.’s on Wednesday and Chick Happy Hour at Sue Ellen’s, the Burge/Varner Art Display at Roy G’s and Lava Pride Party at Lava, all on Thursday.

The rest of the weekend’s events include:

- The Rainbow Road Bar Crawl along the Cedar Springs Strip, 6 p.m.-midnight on Friday.
- Chaotica, the office Pride in Dallas dance party Saturday night at S4, from 9 p.m.-4 a.m.
- Pride in Dallas Parade Drag Brunch, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday at Cedar Springs Tap House.
- The Pride Parade on Cedar Springs, beginning at Wycliff and ending at Oak Lawn, from 1-3 p.m. Sunday.

Although Dallas Southern Pride, the city’s annual Black Pride weekend, has been cancelled for 2022. A new event, however, has been planned for Friday, Sept. 30. Tx Trans Pride, presented by Prism Health North Texas, Transgender Pride of Dallas and Attitude and featuring Kerri Colby, from 7 p.m. to 4 a.m., at Station 4.

properties and tore everything down. So I wanted to do something to make sure our gayborhood stayed strong, to see our community thriving again by doing something to bring a Pride parade back to Cedar Springs and the heart of our community.”

Ware said that he began planning as early as 2019, and initially hoped to have some sort of Pride event in Oak Lawn in September 2020. But not knowing what would happen with Caven Enterprises’ plans to sell its properties on The Strip slowed things down. But when word came at the end of 2020 about the agreement between Caven Enterprises and Pegasus that would leave the buildings on Cedar Springs as they were, Ware felt he had a greenlight.

“Caven Enterprises has been one of the cornerstones of The Strip going way back to the days of Frank Caven. And Mike Ablon has been a big supporter, too,” Ware said. “So once the sale of Caven to Ablon was completed, I knew I could move forward.”

Then, of course, “COVID had come along with plans of its own,” putting things on hold throughout 2021. But by the spring of this year, Ware said, he had put together a board of directors for a new organization, Pride in Dallas. That board includes Ware as president, Sameer Paroo as vice president, Andrew Vargas as treasurer, Tracy Nanthavongsa as secretary, Alberto Mendez as director of operations, Donnesh Amrollah as marketing and creative director, Sage Thomas as media and community services director, Eddie Bridges as volunteer services director and board member Dick Carter.

Before summer ever started, they were moving full steam ahead to put plans in place for Pride to return to Oak Lawn. “I reached out to all the bars on The Strip, and they all immediately jumped on board,” Ware said. “That includes the newer bars, Lava and Mr. Misster, even though neither of them were around before for a Pride parade on Cedar Springs.”

Putting on a Pride parade can be a costly endeavor. But Ware said the new Pride In Dallas board is “doing exceptionally well, I think,” when it comes to funding this new version of the old gayborhood-based parade. Bars and other businesses on The Strip have all donated to help cover expenses, and the board’s crowd-sourcing efforts — including a

GoFundMe page — have been successful as well.

“You have the cost of police, barricades, permits, insurance, creating signs — but the cost is, in my opinion nominal,” Ware said. “The key is looking at alternative ways of fundraising.”

The Parade

This year is not going to be what the parade on Cedar Springs used to be, and it won’t be what it’s going to be, either. But it is, Ware said, going to be special. And it is going to fix some of the problems that plagued earlier parades on The Strip.

“One of the issues in the past has been addressing accessibility for people with mobility issues,” Ware said. “This year, we will have two 10-by-10 tents set up to provide space for people with mobility issues so they are not pushed or crowded or run over. We will have people stationed there so if they need something, water or something, we can get it for them — a kind of concierge service.

“These guys are pretty important to us,” he continued. “Over the years, I have learned from what worked and what didn’t work. When the city redid the sidewalk in front of Hunky’s, we realized that was an amazing place to [put up those tents — wheelchair accessibility, port-a-lets right around the country — everything they need.”

Parking was also an issue in the past, but Ware and his team have found an answer for that, too. “At first, I was reaching out to DART for an agreement to use the parking at the Market Street Station and run shuttles to The Strip,” he said. “But then I was reminded about ride share.

“We have partnered with Walgreens there on Cedar Springs to arrange a pick-up and drop-off spot for the ride share companies in the back parking lot at Walgreens. We’ve always worked out an agreement with Uber to avoid price surges for those picked up at the Walgreens lot. So we are encouraging people to use ride share.”

The parade itself will be scaled down from the ones in years past, with permits that allow for a total of only 40 entries, “and we’ve already pretty much got that many,” Ware said. And one of those 40 will be the 180-plus-person marching band from Dallas ISD’s Skyline High School.



Raena and members of her belly dance troupe will once again entertain at North Texas Pride (Photo by Anthony Exum)

“For the first time ever in Texas, Dallas ISD is allowing a high school band to march in the Pride parade,” Ware declared. “We had to turn down the band from Southern University in Baton Rouge for this year. But they are committed for next year, and their band has

more than 450 members!”

Speaking of next year, Ware said, “We have a whole year to plan, so expect everything to be bigger and better. After this weekend, we are going to take a break, and then in November we will be

All bow-tied up for Black Tie

FASHIONABLE CHARITY

Local designers, celebrity fave brand let you spice up your formal

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Hopefully you're getting that formal wear ready for Black Tie Dinner because it's rolling up fast. But how does one stand out in a fabulous crowd of fashionistas, divas and stylish bon vivants?

For those going with a traditional tuxedo, a bow tie can come in a clutch as a fashion statement. Hey, anyone can head to Dillard's, Men's Wearhouse and K&G Fashion Superstore for a tie – and there's nothing wrong with that. But consider these outlets that can give your look an extra special zhush.

Mabo and Jimmy

This Dallas-based, gay owned company has a whole story behind it that isn't just bow ties. Part influencers, part style makers and part inspirational figures, these two have a whole line of products that include stickers, home decor and tee-shirts.

But its line of bow ties is — with a lot of help from Mabo Yamamura's mother in Japan — stunning.

Per their website, "Mabo's Mom, Chieko, hand-stitches every tie by hand (no sewing machine) using kimono and other Japanese fabrics."

The result is a lovely collection of unique ties and no-ties made with gorgeous, lush fabrics and designs.

See the collection at MaboAndJimmy.com or on Instagram at @mabowties.

Jeremy Michael Calhoun

This Dallas-based designer brings the ideal blend of elegance and whimsy to his bow ties. Whether it's a lattice look, a



Mabo and Jimmy, above; the Daybreak tie from Brackish, below left; and the Rust tie from Jeremy Michael Calhoun, below right.



minimalist one or one of his many fashion-forward designs, this collection is both unique and, at times, sustainable.

According to his website, he "began



designing bow ties out of reusable and unusual materials inspired by varied and diverse surroundings. His bow ties come in many sizes, from exceptionally tiny to irregularly large, and he revels in the creation of pieces that speak to his client's personalities."

See the designs at JeremyMichaelCalhoun.com or on Instagram at @jere-mymcalhoun.

Brackish

If you really want to up your game with sophistication and style, try this brand of ties that is a favorite among celebrities. What began as a feathered bow tie gifted by a bridegroom to his groomsman grew into a high-end collection of men's and women's accessories. Just

be sure to budget for them though, since they run past the \$200 mark.

Some of the celebs — and queer faves — seen donning Brackish ties on the red carpet include Jesse Tyler Ferguson, T.J. Osborne, Vogue's Hamish Bowles and Lena Waithe.

See the bow ties online at Brackish.com.

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

Longtime local activist and philanthropist Robert Emery leads the list of luminaries who will be honored and who will entertain at the 41st annual Black Tie Dinner, now just over a week away. The event, presented by PNC Bank, takes place Saturday, Sept. 24, at Sheraton Dallas downtown. Co-chairs are Terry Loftis and Regina Lyn Pierce.

Emery will receive the Kuchling Humanitarian Award at the dinner.

Emery has been an active volunteer in the LGBTQ community for some 35 years. He is one of the co-founders of The Dallas Way, the organization work-

ing to preserve the history of North Texas' LGBTQ community through written and oral archives. He is also a founding board member for Coalition for Aging LGBT, which serves an estimated 400,000 LGBTQ seniors throughout North Texas, and he is also well known for his philanthropic efforts in the community.

Joining him on the list of honorees are singer, actress, producer and community activist Denise Lee who will receive the Dale Hansen Ally Award, actor Colman Domingo who will receive the Media Award, Olympic skier Gus Kenworthy who will receive the Elizabeth Birch Equality Award, actor Rafael Silva who will receive the Vanguard Award and Ryan O'Connell who will receive the Visibility Award.

Openly gay country singer Cameron Hawthorne will be on hand to entertain.

Denise Lee is an award-winning actress and singer and founder and executive producer of the Denise Lee Onstage

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Coming home again

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Kerri Colby left Dallas to find drag and to find herself; now she is returning in full authenticity

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Whoever it was that said you can't go home again never met Kerry Colby. Not only is she coming home this month, she's coming home in style, as her authentic self, to headline the inaugural Tx Trans Pride celebration on Sept. 30.

Kerri was born in North Dallas in 1996, growing up close to Highland Village in what was, she said, "a very religious household." It was neither a comfortable nor supportive environment for a young queer child, prompting Kerry to move out as quickly as she could.

She was about 15 when she made her way to Oak Lawn, eventually meeting someone who knew her from her posts on Instagram and who took her in and gave her a place to live until she turned 18.

"It was my opportunity to finally grow up and start to explore who I am," Kerri recalled. "It's why I am so confident in who I am now."

It was during that time that Kerri began to "experiment with fashion and makeup," and when she "went to my very first Block Party." She wasn't actually dressing in drag then, she said, "But I was trying to explore my femininity."

Kerri continued, "My introduction to the world of drag came from watching *RuPaul's Drag Race*. I was just getting acclimated to living outside of my parents' household. And I was watching the season with Alyssa Edwards, and I was so obsessed.

"I felt so seen," she said. "I felt so heard. It was like, aha! I get it I love it! And I wanna know more! It was like,



RuPaul DragCon

these people are queer. They are exploring their own identities, playing around with makeup and making themselves feel like their very own super heroes."

It wasn't until 2018, after she had moved to Los Angeles, that Kerri began actually doing drag herself. Even then, though, she had not yet begun to think of herself as transgender.

"I didn't know my journey at that time," she said. "But I knew there was more. I never really felt complete or content or truly happy."

Then tragedy struck: Her brother, Joey, died.

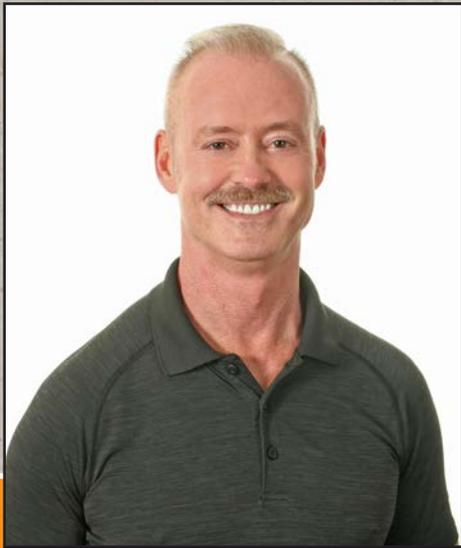
"He was my half-brother on my dad's side. The only other biracial child in the family. The two of us looked the most alike—same Black dad, caucasian mothers," she explained. "He was only 38, really young. He had a beautiful daughter, a wonderful wife. It really shook me to my core. It made me realize, I need to be authentic now, because you never know what's going to happen tomorrow."

It was then, Kerri said, that she felt "a quickening" inside her. It was then she began to think about things like "What is it I really want to do with my life? What makes me happy? What makes me feel connected to this earth and to this life? I thought about my brother's death, and I thought it would be such a shame to leave this earth feeling like I never knew who I was. I knew I was not who I had been told I was, not who I was expected to be. So I decided to dive in and start exploring myself."

Drag was part of that exploration—but not drag for anyone else's benefit, not to be on TV. "What was drag for me? It was a way to be seen. To be heard. To be alive. I was excited to live my life and learn how to be myself."

Then she had another insight. Kerri said she was doing drag for herself, but she also knew that "if drag is what makes me feel complete and accepted, then I want to be the best."

So she auditioned for *RuPaul's Drag Race*. And she didn't make the cut first time around.



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Dallas trans author's new book tells the story of her friend's murder, and imagines getting revenge

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Two decades before the assault on Muhlaysia Booker followed by her murder made national headlines, there was Tanesha Duvall, a Dallas transgender woman who was shot in the head for no other reason than that she was a transgender woman.

Brandee F. Kassadine has written about her experience as a witness in the trial of Duvall's murderer, asking, "What if we got revenge?" She explores the options in her book *A Diva's Revenge*,

set to be released Saturday, Sept. 17. She's already written a sequel, and it is set for a Valentine's Day release.

Kassadine said at the time she met Duvall, she was a student at Walt Whitman High School, the experimental and ahead-of-its-time LGBTQ school that started on the campus of Cathedral of Hope before moving to its own building on Maple Avenue.

She described Duvall as "ahead of her time" and "more mature in her transition." She was convincing, Kassadine said, adding "If you'd seen her, you wouldn't know." But that led Duvall to be "reckless and dangerous. [She] didn't tell guys that she was transgender."

Kassadine remembers being there when Duvall met Michael Manning, the man who eventually killed her.

"We were driving," Kassadine recalled, saying that Duvall pointed Manning out

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MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

Therapist Brian Kennedy, Room for Change open new offices in Oak Lawn

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When Brian Kennedy saw the successful career he had built crumble around him, he felt depression and despair building around him, inside him. But instead of letting it defeat him, he sought help. And then he built himself a new career — a career in which he is



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able to help those who find themselves where he once was.

Kennedy went back to school to become a licensed professional counselor working with clients on issues such as depression, anxiety, stress, substance use, and trauma. His real passion, though, lies in helping others in the LGBTQ community.

That is why, Kennedy said, he chose to join Amanda Esquivel in her practice, Room For Change. Esquivel, who founded Room For Change, works with LGBTQ clients in honor of her father, a closeted gay man who died of AIDS in 1991 at the age of 34. Room for Change has three locations in Garland, and now one in Oak Lawn.

Kennedy was working as a therapist in a Frisco office, but he knew that what he really wanted was to service his community, the LGBTQ community, with an office in the heart of the Gayborhood. Because while LGBTQ people live everywhere, it is in Oak Lawn where many of them feel safest and most at home.



Brian Kennedy

So he joined Room for Change to help open the practice's new offices at 3710 Rawlins St., Ste. 1420.

"I wanted to work down here in Oak Lawn because I really want to develop a practice that serves the LGBTQ community here in the community," Kennedy said, noting that LGBTQ clients who came to him from other therapists said they often did not feel fully understood and accepted, even by "LGBTQ-friendly" therapists.

The key, Kennedy said, is knowing "the difference between 'LGBTQ-friendly' and 'LGBTQ-affirming.'"

Non-LGBTQ therapists who are LGBTQ-friendly, he said, "may not be as open to some of the things queer people bring to the table in therapy — open relationships, kink and so on. There are certain things that happen in queer relationships that just are not as heteronormative as some counselors think," he explained.

LGBTQ-friendly counselors may not truly understand some aspects of trans-

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gender care, he added. And these days, amidst all the political turmoil and some politicians choosing to use queer people as tools to energize their homophobic base, "that is creating a lot of anxiety and stress that others [non-LGBTQ people] aren't dealing with. Those counselors who see everyone are not seeing those things, not recognizing their effect on LGBTQ people as quickly."

Kennedy stresses that he isn't saying LGBTQ clients should only see LGBTQ counselors. But in some situations, it does make a difference.

"As counselors, we all want to be open to learning and understanding new things. But we don't want our queer clients to feel like that they have to do an LGBTQ primer every time they walk into their therapist's office," he said. "When I self-identify [as LGBTQ] in session, you can see some of the anxiety just fall off the client. They know then that they don't have to explain certain things to me."

"Clients need a place where they can go and not feel judged, not feel like they have to self-edit," Kennedy added. "They need someone to talk to they know will understand the community they are part of and all the different facets of it. They need a place where they can be comfortable and feel safe and understood while they are working toward whatever change they are seeking."

Room for Change in Oak Lawn

Kennedy said that the Oak Lawn

office of Room for Change has a staff of three: "I am a fully licensed counselor, and there are two interns." He said he specialized in LGBTQ issues, trans/gender identity issues, life transitions, grief, sex and sexuality, anxiety, depression, shame, couples issues, relationships, religious trauma, setting boundaries, anger management, coping skills, issues around divorce, substance abuse, family conflict, infidelity, school issues, issues around self-esteem, self-harm, stress, creative expression, living with HIV and issues around BDSM/kink.

He said that his office is "open to seeing adolescents, individuals and couples, and I am working toward developing an LGBTQ therapist consulting group, where we can bring together different therapists who are working with LGBTQ clients and who themselves identify as LGBTQ."

Room for Change takes all major insurances, Kennedy said, and their cash pay rate is \$120 a session, "which is considerably better than most."

He continued, "We want to provide access to anyone who wants or needs access [to therapy], especially for people who live in this area. We want to develop a really good practice here that really serves the common good of our community."

For more information about Room For Change, visit the website at RoomForChange.info. Read more about Brian Kennedy at PsychologyToday.com/us/therapists/brian-kennedy-dallas-tx/832720. To set an appointment at any one of the four Room For Change locations, email manager@roomforchange.info or call 214-385-5445.



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MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

How anti-gay education laws put LGBTQIA persons at risk and affect their mental health

KOLLYN CONRAD | Special Contributor

Since 2018, nearly 670 anti-LGBTQIA bills have been filed, and approximately 240 anti-LGBTQ laws have been filed in 2022, according to reports from NBC. Half of these anti-LGBTQIA laws target transgender people. Regardless of how many anti-LGBTQIA bills have been passed, the fact they were filed in the first place has caused a butterfly effect that's putting LGBTQIA people in greater danger, physically and

mentally.

By shutting the doors to the conversation about LGBTQIA issues in education, queer people become isolated and are forced to suppress themselves. When someone has to suppress who they are, myriad of mental health issues are inflicted upon them through stress and anxiety.

The fear of being found out about who they are grows, and with it, the fear of being discriminated against. Schools are often safe havens for students who live in troubled homes, but when schools are no longer safe, their mental health plunges, making it even more important for education to be a safe space for LGBTQIA youth.

The Trevor Project's national survey reported many statistics about the challenges LGBTQIA youth face. It says

something about how bills are affecting our education system when "65 percent of LGBTQIA youth reported that they have experienced discrimination based on their sexual orientation, 45 percent of LGBTQIA youth seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year, and 71 percent of transgender and nonbinary youth reported that they have experienced discrimination based on their gender identity."

However, the report also found lower rates of attempted suicide in LGBTQIA youth when they felt like their school affirmed their identity and community. These findings show us that affirming — or, at least, safe — educational institutions are key to harboring safe spaces for all communities.

To grow up in an environment where you must hide and suppress pieces of

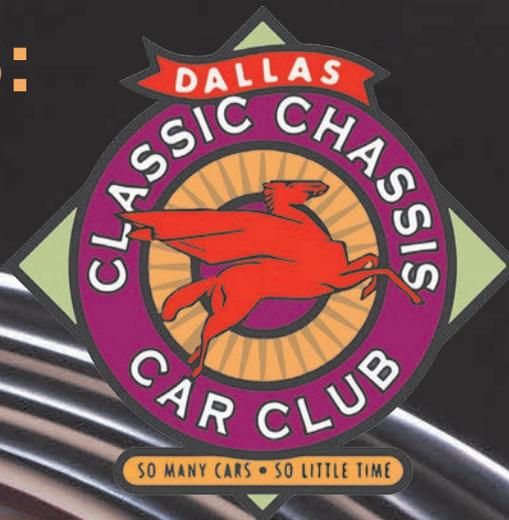
yourself that make you who you are, whether you choose it or not, is severely psychologically damaging. Students are often asked, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" To which they reply, "I don't know; what can I be?"

The majority of the time, the answer they're given is, "You can be anything you want to be," only to find out they can't be gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender; this can be extremely damaging to students who eventually learn that they are queer in some way.

Schools need to be able to provide better access to mental health services for students. In the past year, 60 percent of LGBTQIA youth who wanted mental health care were unable to get it; 17 percent of LGBTQIA youth who attended a non-affirming school that did not or could not provide access to mental

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health care attempted suicide.

The signs are clear that education is a significant pillar in how LGBTQIA peo-

ple are supported or neglected. Schools should be a safe space for everyone to learn and better themselves, not another

place for people to look over their shoulders with worry for their own safety.

Educational institutions have a responsibility for the health of the next generation. With schools being pivotal regarding the growing and influencing of minds, young and old alike, they should equip themselves with the proper systems and resources to provide access to services that protect and nurture students' health. Unfortunately, many teachers have been corralled into positions they didn't sign up for, from being expected to be bulletproof in the event of a violent intruder to outing struggling students trying to figure out who they are and whether or not they like the same or opposite gender.

The LGBTQIA community needs its straight allies' help now more than ever. One way to support us is through advocacy or even literally welcoming us into your home if we don't have a safe space to live. Another is to support the teachers who are trying to help LGBTQIA youth. If you are an ally, the school your child attends should align with your values, so your child grows, learns and develops in a space that helps them to know what

you value too.

Our straight allies are crucial to improving our culture's treatment of the LGBTQIA community and anyone different from the norm. It is not enough to simply hold space for us; we need our allies to also be on the front lines with us and even help shield us at times. It is easy to be a friend to someone when their life is going well, but true friendship begins in pivotal moments.

Seven years ago, when gay marriage was legalized in the U.S., many people thought that the fight for equality for LGBTQIA people had finally begun to shift in our favor.

But with the surplus of anti-LGBTQIA legislation this year, along with the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* jeopardizing LGBTQIA freedoms, it's clear that the fight to be who we are is still far from over, and our mental fortitude is being tested again.

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Driving to Fire Island

TRAVEL

A beach, a lighthouse and a walk through the dunes await visitors to the island's western extreme

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I never knew you could drive to Fire Island — not to Cherry Grove or The Pines, the two very gay towns further out on the island, but to Robert Moses State Park and the western tip of the Fire Island National Seashore.

Typically, you take a ferry from Sayville, Long Island, to get to the best-known settlements on the island. But for a quick trip and a deep dive into the island's history, drive to Robert Moses State Park, where the dunes and beach of the national seashore begin.



Boardwalk through the dunes

The centerpiece of this portion of the 32-mile long barrier island, which protects Long Island from rough ocean currents, is the Fire Island Lighthouse. It was built on what was the western tip of the island in 1858, but sand deposits have lengthened the island westward by about five miles during the past two centuries.

To access the lighthouse and attached museum, drive to parking lot No. 5. Head toward the lighthouse to park for a dose of history or toward the beach if you're there for a day of sun.

From the lot, walk down the boardwalk for the half-mile trek to the lighthouse, or take a pedicab which will also go to Kismet, the first town on the island located about a half mile further.

The original lighthouse, built in 1826 at a cost to the federal government of \$10,000, stood 89 feet high and could be seen more than 14 miles out to sea. As shipwrecks continued to occur, the current black and white structure was built

at four times the cost of the original, but it stands almost twice as tall with a light that can be seen more than 20 miles out to sea.

Robert Moses State Park occupies the first few miles on the western tip of Fire Island on land created by the action of the ocean currents. The lighthouse and museum in the old lighthouse keeper's quarters are operated by the National Park Service. Both the north and south shore from the lighthouse to the island's eastern edge in Moriches Bay are protected as the Fire Island National Seashore.

Of the more than 20 lighthouses along the shores of Long Island, the Fire Island Lighthouse is the tallest. Climb its 182 steps up the lighthouse to an open air viewing deck. On a clear day, Manhattan's skyline is visible to the west.

When it was built, the beam emitted through the lens was the first manmade light transatlantic ship passengers saw before landing at New York Harbor.

The visitor center, operated by National Park Service, is where tickets can be purchased to climb the lighthouse stairs. It's also a repository of historical information.

For instance, the name Fire Island seems to be a misspelling or perhaps a mistranslation. In its present form, the current name first appeared on a deed in 1789. Fire Island Beach appeared on charts dating from the 1850s. The legend that pirates built fires on the beach to lure cargo ships toward shore to wreck on the craggy seabed.

More likely the name is a misspelling of the English number five or the Dutch word for four — vier — referring to the number of inlet islands in the area.

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The Fire Island lighthouse

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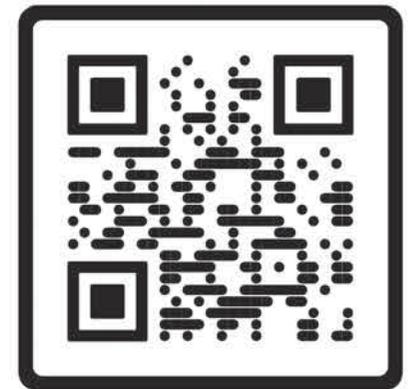
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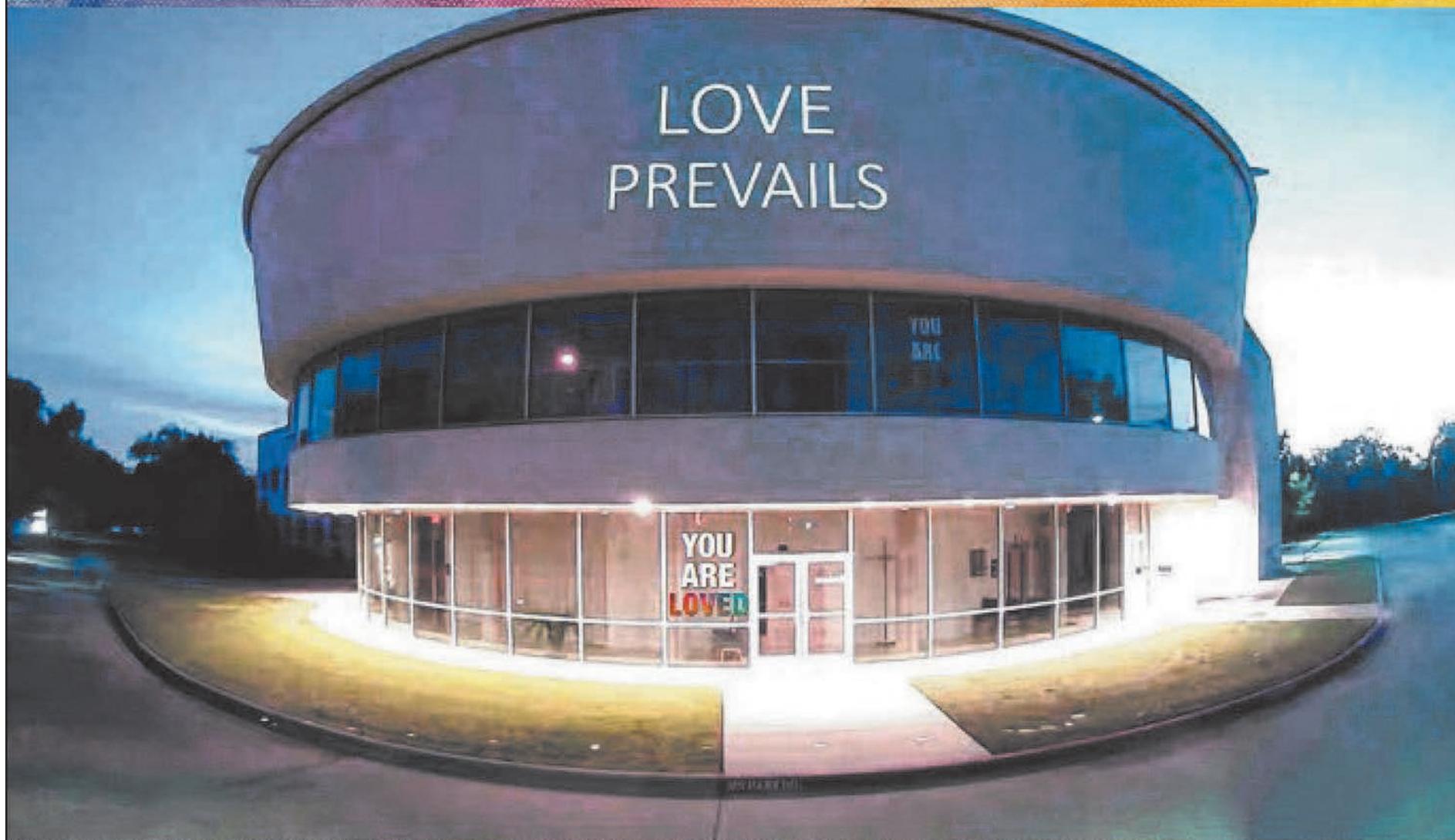
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San Diego, the eighth largest city in America and the second largest in California (at least according to LGBTQ Mayor Todd Gloria) is a city of interesting neighborhoods in valleys and mesas on the Pacific Ocean at the southern tip of California, on the border with Tijuana, Sonora, Mexico.

I had the pleasure of visiting the city during Pride weekend when more than 55,000 persons attended the parade and festival held in Balboa Park. That iconic park, just east of downtown, features the world-famous San Diego Zoo, museums and other attractions. The Muse-

um of Art is one not to miss.

San Diego has a perfect climate: very mild year-round with 10-plus inches of rain, so it is not as desolate nor as hot as nearby Phoenix or Las Vegas. And you are just a short drive to Los Angeles where you can take in big city attractions. The water temperature is cool though — in the mid-60s — compared with east coast beaches.

What to do

Don't miss the city's Little Italy neighborhood which features the world's best farmers' market each Saturday. It is full of great restaurants like Ironside (try the salmon and finish it off with banana pudding). Or have desert at the Portland ice cream chain Salt and Straw. The Little Italy Food Hall is also great, with seven food court options.

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Flicks in Hillcrest

settlement (the birthplace of California). There you will learn about the history of this interesting state. Don't miss the Casa de Estudillo, and the area has several excellent Mexican restaurants.

Next head to Santa Fe Station and catch a bus up to Balboa Park, and then head onto the gayborhood, Hillcrest, where the boys are. The Gaslamp Quarter just south of downtown is also worth a visit. And you can also head out to Coronado Island and the one and only Hotel del Coronado. Then hit one of the beaches — Pacific Beach, La Jolla, Torrey Pines and more. The beaches from Coronado south were in bad shape when I was there due to pollution from Tijuana. You don't need a car since they have a great transit system (SDMTS.com).

Speaking of Tijuana, although the light rail runs south to the border, my friends discouraged a day trip. I was disappointed since I had some left-over pesos to spend from a previous Mexican vacation. Check when you arrive and make your own decision, but it is tempting.

Nightlife means the Hillcrest

Most of the bars are in the Hillcrest gayborhood, which is just up the hill,

northeast of downtown. The Uptown Tavern is fun, as is Gossip Girl. Try the iconic Flicks for dancing or great people watching — lots of cuties there.

Urban Mo has great food and drinks and is always packed. The Number One Fifth is another option, as is the very festive and very popular Rich's. You will find them all on University Avenue in the Hillcrest, and they all feature outdoor seating or courtyards.

Hillcrest is arguably the best gayborhood in North America.

Where to stay

I stayed at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina on Harbor Island. It is just steps to the airport, with great paths along the harbor, and it is a short hop to the Hillcrest gayborhood as well as Balboa Park, Old Town and Little Italy.

Beware of resort fees though. I refuse to stay at hotels that charge them.

There are many hotels downtown, but I could not find any in Hillcrest proper. I have also stayed at La Pensione Hotel in Little Italy, which I liked. Rates for hotels have gone up dramatically, so check the hotel rate before you book your flight. There were several conventions in town

as well as Pride going on when I was there, and the hotels were quite expensive.

Getting there and getting around

San Diego's MTS Trolley and bus system is great. You can take Amtrak up to Los Angeles.

I took Southwest Airlines through Denver on the way out, which was fine although they have no chargers for your phone in the seats. My three-hour Denver wait became a four-hour wait due to a delay.

I took United on the way back, which was also nice except you must download your credit card before the flight to purchase a snack box or liquor, which is a hassle. Other than that, I was surprised how pleasant the flight was, especially since we flew over the Grand Canyon, Utah National Parks and the Rocky Mountains.

Alaska Airlines is my favorite airline, and they also have a lot of flights to San Diego. The nearby Tijuana Airport is another option, and they have a new cross border connect option where you walk over a bridge to the airport to clear cus-

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I could walk to my hotel, the Sheraton, which is across the street.

Note: Don't bother with a rental car. You won't need one to get around, and they are very expensive these days.

One final tip: San Diego does not have a bike sharing system like most cities. So leave your helmet at home.

Put San Diego down as an absolute must for your next vacation. Whatever the season, you won't be disappointed in this interesting and fun city. There is nowhere else like it. ■

Bill Malcolm is a syndicated LGBTQ+ value travel columnist. His column is now carried in LGBTQ publications in Toronto, Seattle, Chicago and Washington, D.C., as well as in Dallas Voice. His opinions are his own; he received no free meals, hotel stays, etc. during his trip, making him a truly independent and unbiased travel writer.



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Scuffy pines along the boardwalk

stretch of land was declared a national wilderness area.

Seagrasses protect the dunes, as do the scrubby pines. Additional fencing has been placed across much of the sand hills to help protect them from wind erosion. Get a good view of the dunes from the boardwalk. ■

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Best and Worst

EDUCATION

2 Texas schools rank among Campus Pride's top 40 campuses for LGBTQ students in the U.S.

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University of Texas at Dallas and Texas Tech University in Lubbock rank among the top 40 campuses in the U.S. for LGBTQ students, according to the new Campus Pride Index that came out in time for the start of the new school year.

Texas is the only state in the southwest with schools on this list.

In addition, University of Texas at Arlington received five stars and Southern Methodist University, which until recently was ranked among the 20 worst for LGBTQ students by Princeton Review, received four-and-a-half stars.

Campus Pride is the major resource for LGBTQ student leadership development, diversity inclusion and advocacy within higher education.

Campus Pride Board Chair Tom Elliott said although UT Arlington achieved five stars, its score was just below the cutoff to make the top 40. To improve its score, he suggested, the school could add an LGBTQ alumni group, something that's common among the top schools on the list.

"UT Dallas is great to work with," El-

liott said. "They're one of our more active campuses."

SMU loses some points for not having a way to change gender identity on university documents and records and not allowing students to self-identify sexual orientation or gender identity on enrollment forms. That complicates roommate matching for freshmen, for example.

Also, there's no LGBTQ sorority or fraternity and no gender-inclusive housing option on the SMU campus. And, the school doesn't participate in LGBTQ admissions fairs and doesn't offer any LGBTQ scholarships.

"They recruit people of color and athletes," said Elliott, an SMU alum who was active as an undergraduate in the years-long battle for LGBTQ student senate representation. "Some universities don't have the same priority for

LGBT students."

Texas A&M received three stars and University of North Texas in Denton, home of the North Texas LGBT archives, only scored two-and-a-half stars.

UNT, Elliott said, may be a school that has not updated its Campus Pride profile. Or, it may be a school whose public perception of being open and welcoming is different than its written policies. He said UNT doesn't have LGBT safety training for its campus police. That alone would make a huge difference in the school's score.

And that's where Campus Pride can help with resources.

"We can provide examples and programs for a school," Elliott said. While raising their scores, schools that work with Campus Pride make campuses safer and more welcoming for LGBTQ

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Missing from the list are schools such as University of Texas in Austin, Rice University in Houston and TCU in Fort Worth. In order for a college to be listed, someone on campus with knowledge of school policies has to fill out a profile for the school.

Campus Pride's annual Best of the Best Colleges and Universities for LGBTQ students in the U.S. recognizes the work of campuses that are making their communities a safer and more welcoming environment for students, faculty and staff.

Along with its Best of the Best, Campus Pride also released its 2022 Worst List, which includes 193 campuses across the country this year. Texas has no shortage of campuses that made this list.

Prominent on the worst list is Baylor, which is included because "it has a past and recent history of anti-LGBTQ discrimination and is cited as one of the campuses in the class action lawsuit *Hunter v. the U.S. Department of Education* for abuses to LGBTQ students

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Texas Tech

over the years," according to the Campus Pride website.

Notably, the university even sued a group of its own alumni for forming an LGBTQ alumni group and including Baylor in its name. That group's main purpose would have been to fundraise for the school. And since Baylor alum Brittney Griner came out, she's no longer mentioned in campus publications.

Campuses don't have to register to join the worst list.

"Title IX exemptions are public record," Elliott said, and they're the basis for many schools making the worst list.

In addition to public record, Elliott said his organization checks media coverage and students can use Campus Pride's online "report it" form to describe on-campus discrimination.

Other Texas schools on the worst list are Abilene Christian University, Dallas Baptist University and University of Dallas in Irving.

Dallas Baptist University is included because it holds an exemption to Title IX in order to discriminate against its students on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, pregnancy or receipt of abortion while

still receiving federal funds. Abilene Christian and University of Dallas appear for a similar list of reasons.

Elliott said at a time of declining enrollment, he's baffled by why any school would discriminate. He said schools should be welcoming all students, LGBTQ among them, and working to make their campuses safe and welcoming environments.

Despite Elliott's practical approach, some campus administrators disagree. A dozen seminaries and Baptist-affiliated colleges round out the list of worst campuses for LGBTQ students in Texas.

They are: Arlington Baptist University, Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary in Jacksonville, College of Biblical Studies in Houston, Criswell College in Dallas, Dallas Theological Seminary, East Texas Baptist University in Marshall, Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Houston Baptist University, Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Southwestern Assemblies of God University in Waxahachie, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton and Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. ■

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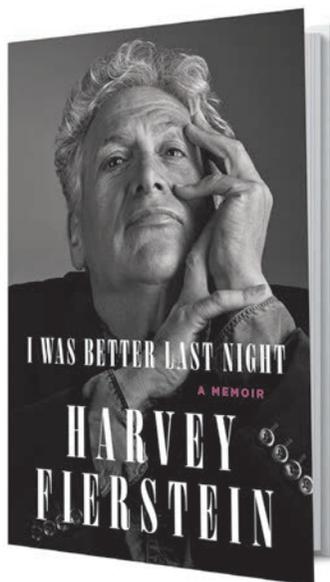
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I Was Better Last Night by Harvey Fierstein



Harvey Fierstein is a bona fide gay legend across the board, from his illustrious stage and screen career (among his most memorable work: *Torch Song Trilogy*, *Hairspray* and *Mrs. Doubtfire*) on through

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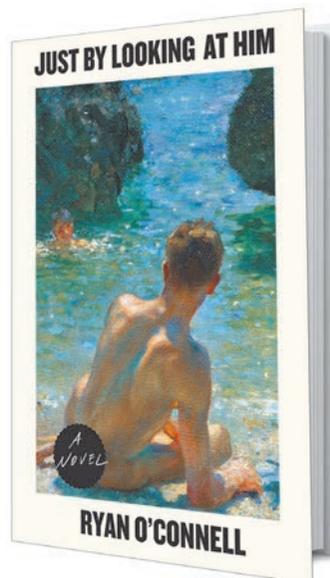
Of course, there's everything in between and everything that came before, and in his first memoir, *I Was Better Last Night*, Fierstein reflects on all of the above.

The book covers aspects of his life as a prominent figure in the LGBTQ community, including his community theater roots in Brooklyn, his nonconformist childhood and two seminal moments in queer history — the early gay rights movement in the 1970s and the AIDS crisis the following decade.

In a 2015 interview with Pride Source, Fierstein said, "I don't believe in life after death, so whoever's gonna remember me is none of my business, certainly. I ain't gonna know about it."

With this memoir, surely, though perhaps unintentionally so, he's given us yet another reason to not let him slip away into oblivion.

Just By Looking at Him by Ryan O'Connell



Ryan O'Connell is currently playing a gay pop culture nerd on Peacock's *Queer as Folk* reimagining while also serving as a writer and executive producer. And before that, he created *Special*, the Emmy-nominated comedy-drama loosely based on his life as a gay man living with cerebral palsy that ran for two seasons

on Netflix.

Now you can add author to his ever-expanding resume with his first foray into fiction. *Just By Looking at Him* tells the story of Elliott, who masks his alcohol addiction with a smoke-and-mirrors career as a TV writer. He's cheating on his boyfriend, though, and things aren't great overall. All the while, he has cerebral palsy, which makes him feel like a "gay Shrek."

O'Connell's story is about the fight to overcome addiction while also searching for acceptance in an ableist world.

You Made a Fool of Death with Your Beauty by Akwaeke Emezi

Nigerian fiction writer and video artist Akwaeke Emezi, who identifies as non-binary transgender, has been a celebrated queer voice — a "once-in-a-generation" one, according to *Vulture* — since *Freshwater*, their 2018 debut novel that is currently being adapted into a TV series for FX. Since then, Emezi has gone on to achieve major prestige, including being named a "5 Under 35" honoree by the National Book Foundation that same year.

Their 2019 book, *Pet*, which explored identity and justice, was a finalist for the National Book Award for Young People's Literature. And their latest book, *You Made a Fool of Death With Your Beauty*, the story of Feyi Adekola grappling with the aftermath of her lover's death, was described by *The New York Times Book Review* as "an unabashed ode to living with, and despite, pain and mortality."

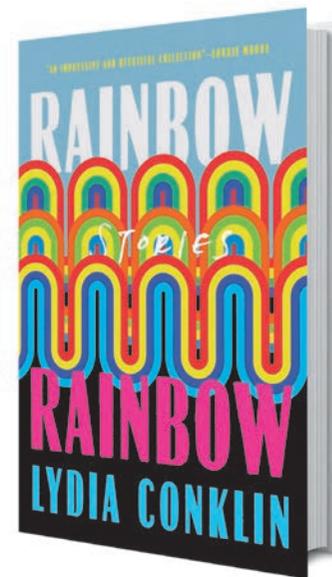
A Previous Life by Edmund White

National Book Award-winning author Edmund White explores polyamory, bisexuality, aging and love in *A Previous Life*, a book about Sicilian aristocrat and musician Ruggero and his younger American wife Constance's decision to break their promise to each other to refrain from sharing intimate details about past relationships. Their transparency leads to some revealing revelations about each other: Constance was married to multiple older men, and Ruggero

has loved not just women, but men too.

And *White*, whose book experiments with writing himself into the story as a secondary character, just happens to be one of them.

Rainbow Rainbow by Lydia Conklin



A visiting professor in fiction at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Lydia Conklin's *Rainbow Rainbow* pulls from various aspects of queer, gender-nonconforming and trans life for this collection of stories: A young lesbian and her lover try to have a baby with an unprofessional sperm donor; a fifth grader dresses as an ox for a class "Oregon Trail" reenactment, and a nonbinary person experiences an open relationship alongside their top surgery during the height of the pandemic.

Ma and Me by Putsata Reang

Described as "a layered story of queerness, assimilation and displacement" to the press, author Putsata Reang's memoir sheds light on the gay refugee experience in America as she — born in Cambodia, raised in rural Oregon — tells her own story of intergenerational trauma and her complicated relationship with her mother, which she describes as "painful."

In *Ma and Me* which is based on her *Modern Love* essay in *The New York Times*, Reang recalls how, in her 20s,

after doing everything she could to be the kind of Cambodian daughter who would make her mother proud, she came out to her. Her mother tells her it's only a phase, but then, in her 40s, Reang marries a woman, forever changing her relationship with Ma.

A journalist for The New York Times, Politico and The Guardian, this is Reang's first memoir.

Miss Memory Lane by Colton Haynes

Colton Haynes lays bare his thoughts on stardom, addiction and living as an openly gay man in Hollywood in his debut memoir, which is described as the story of "a man stepping into the light as no one but himself."

The star of TV shows like *Arrow*, *Teen Wolf* and *American Horror Story*, Haynes writes about a death scare in his 20s that led to his sobriety. He chronicles that galvanizing episode in the book, when he woke up in a hospital after having two seizures, lost sight in one eye, ruptured a kidney and was put on involuntary psychiatric hold.

His frank storytelling and emotional transparency moved Elton John and his husband David Furnish; they called the book a "brutally honest memoir that socks you in the gut with its candor," adding that *Miss Memory Lane* is an example of "how conquering our demons in life is a never-ending journey."

Tripping Arcadia by Kit Mayquist



If you've ever been desperate for a job, you might understand Lena's situation — to make money, in this case to support her financially challenged parents, no matter how unusual the work. And working for one of Boston's most elite

families is ... weird. Weirder, too, the more Lena, a med school dropout, learns about the family; there's that mysterious live-in doctor and Jonathan, the sickly poetic and drunken heir to the family empire.

The author is Kit Mayquist, who is trans, and *Tripping Arcadia*, her debut novel, is a Mexican Gothic soap opera where the champagne flows as freely as revenge and greed.

Young Mungo by Douglas Stuart

The second novel from author Douglas Stuart, winner of the Booker Prize for *Shuggie Bain*, is, at its tender core, a story of queer love and working-class families. Stuart, of course, is no stranger to steeping his literary work in queerness: In *Shuggie Bain*, his coming-of-age debut novel, he wrote about Hugh, a young gay boy growing up in the 1980s with an alcoholic mother. Now, in *Young Mungo*, we meet Mungo and James, who grow up together in a Glasgow housing estate. A world seeks to divide them, but their against-all-odds friendship — that, in time, blossoms into a romance — pushes against the violent, dangerous forces they must, like many queer people, face together.

Time Is a Mother by Ocean Vuong

"I was grieving; the world was grieving, and the only thing I really had was to go back to poems," Vuong, who wrote *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous*, told Time magazine earlier this year. At the time, he was expressing how his mother's death, paired with the pandemic, led to his latest work, *Time Is a Mother*.

The openly gay Vietnamese-American essayist and novelist, whose mother died in 2019 from breast cancer, writes about how he survived that loss in the collection, his second poetry book after 2016's *Night Sky with Exit Wounds*.

Girls Can Kiss Now by Jill Gutowitz

Author and humorist Jill Gutowitz has been writing about her gay relationship with pop culture (thankfully lots about Taylor Swift) for 15 years, in magazines such as the *New Yorker*, *Vanity Fair* and *Vulture*. Now, in her first book of essays, *Girls Can Kiss Now*, the journalist and essayist expands, with her signature wryness, on the pop-culture stuff that makes her tick. And then, of course, there is, as the back of the book promises, "the time the FBI showed up at her door because of something she tweeted about *Game of Thrones*." ■

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BEYOND DANCE

Elliot Trahan steps into some big boots for BWD's 'Homecoming'

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For its new season, Bruce Wood Dance decided to go home — at least for one night only. The company returns to Fort Worth on Saturday, Sept. 17, at the W.E. Scott Theater for its 13th season opener, *Homecoming*, which will feature two of the late choreographer's signature pieces — *Lovett!* and *Red*.

Dancer Elliott Trahan isn't pressured by the significance of the company's return to Fort Worth. In fact, it's just the opposite.

"I don't think there is as much pressure as much as there is true excitement," Trahan said by phone before heading off to rehearsals. "Performing those works that have become iconic for our company, and to not just hear about them but be in them yourself, is much more exciting than intim-

idating."

Trahan, 26, is in their fourth season with BWD. The company's repertory is no stranger to them, but this show has a particular resonance. As a dancer in both of Wood's pieces as well as in artistic director Joy Bollinger's Slip Zone excerpts, Trahan appreciates that this performance shows off the entire company.

"What I enjoy about this show is that it feels like it's all of us in different ways that highlight our strengths," they said. "There are featured roles and some parts that have more space time, but everyone's personality is in this show."

For the show's final piece, *Lovett!*, Trahan dons the boots in the piece by Wood that the company cites as one of the repertoire's more requested dances. The Texas tribute set to the music of Lyle Lovett is an interesting one for Trahan, who is Southern himself.

"I'm Louisiana Southern, so I'm more of a cajun-Creole type. *Lovett!* is very character-driven, and being this cowboy character is pretty foreign to me — not gonna lie."

Trahan brings up an interesting point beyond their Southern upbringing. They identify as nonbinary in gender with a gay orientation. Because they present as masculine, they traditionally perform male roles in dancing.

They are open to do more, but dance gives Trahan an inclusive outlet.

"A lot of the

work we do is typically gendered.

There are traditional male and female roles, but I never feel that's limiting," they said. "Part of me enjoys that dance has a perfect blend of my masculine performance side and my feminine artistry."

Within Bruce Wood Dance, Trahan said they have found a special space.

"I never think about my gender role, but I was nervous at first when I joined the company. Yet, I've only felt safe and heard recog-

very some-
and
nized. I've been grateful for having thing that is so traditional and codified in a way,

and also accepting and inviting," Trahan said.

So Trahan dancing as a boot-scootin' cowboy is

no big thing, because there is a bigger picture for them: "Dancing has always been a classical art form where gender roles can be reversed or not. I've seen a lot of works where gender roles don't matter," Trahan said. "Joy says she hires us for who we are and not a mold we can fit.

"That's a perfect way to define my experience with Bruce Wood Dance, because I'm always in a traditional masculine line

role, but I feel seen identifying somewhere in the middle."

For more information or tickets, visit BruceWoodDance.org.



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PHILOSOPHY

The only way to heal the world is to break the cycle of violence

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I remember the fall of 1993 like it was yesterday, but not for any reasons one might think. I don't recall the color of the leaves, the sound of wind chimes dancing or even stunning sunsets. But I remember my mother visiting me during my weeklong stay in the hospital.

That was my first encounter with a spirit of devastating helplessness.

My 5-year-old, pneumonia-stricken body, clothed in a hospital gown, would surely convince any outside observer that I was the one most in need. hindsight, however, offers a panoramic view and greater understanding. It is my mother, Shirley Edwards, who is the reason that moment, 28 years ago, has been permanently frozen in time.

My mother had limped for miles in the cold weather just to get to the hospital to comfort and care for me. After that long and painful journey, she arrived at my room almost unrecognizable, her face a swollen mass of purple, pink and red skin. Her beautiful eyes could only partially open because my stepfather understood how to best incapacitate his victim.

Had it not been for my mother's pear-shaped frame, I would not have even recognized her at all. And all I could do was gape at her in open horror, because I was too young to know how to mask my emotions. I felt as though I was witnessing my whole world being engulfed in merciless flames, and all I could do was lie there in my bed.

And no matter how many tears I cried that night, they just weren't enough to put out the fire.

And yet, even though my mother was the victim that night, I would come to realize as I got older that even she was not the one most in need in that situation.

There was another ...

The man who was my mother's op-

pressor — and my tormenter — is no longer alive today. He passed away years ago due to what are believed to have-been issues related to drug use. There is a saying: "Hurt people hurt people." Ultimately, he died hurting himself because that is all that his life taught him how to do.



Jonathon McClellan

The one who was the most in need that long-ago night was the one who was drowning while not realizing that he was dragging down with him those

that were trying to save him.

I believe that if you can learn from that which scars you, then you can reclaim your narrative and write your own ending. And the ending that I'd much prefer to write to an otherwise sad story is about a community that reconciles its mistakes by making peace with

wars with our enemies to bring about peace. But war is not the way to achieve peace. How can it be when war's very purpose is destruction? The idea that we must go to battle to realize peace is perhaps the greatest misbelief of our time.

Because we've never experienced a world at peace with itself, the path towards such peace seems opaque. But the ways in which humanity has historically gone about achieving peace are quite antiquated and repetitive.

So we must learn the lessons of the past and start anew.

We cannot confront our opposition with both war and diplomacy at the same time. Perhaps this sounds idealistic to those who are unwilling to risk losing something precious. And in all fairness, we shouldn't be ashamed of defending our fundamental rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. But our paths need not be paved with the lives of the unjust.

A better world is one which seeks justice for all, freedom for all and peace with all neighbors across every border. This has never been achieved only because so few have been willing to break the cycles of harm and punishment.

Yes, we should hold the cruel accountable. But if we become cruel in response to the evils that presently harm us, then the judges will inevitably become blind.

To quote Socrates, "Those who are hardest to love need it the most." Our enemies have always been the most in need, and learning to love them has always been the answer to the riddle.

A good doctor understands the limits of their time and resources and so will address the sickest patients first, and then move onto the less severe cases. If our world has become an ill patient, then we must treat the wounds which will most likely lead to death if ignored. And the medicine that any good doctor should always carry in ample supply is love for their patients. ■

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ORDINANCE NO. _____
 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS' APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE



An ordinance appropriating funds for fiscal year 2022-23 for the maintenance and operation of various departments; authorizing the city manager to make certain adjustments; appropriating funds for public improvements to be financed from bond funds and other revenues of the city of Dallas for fiscal year 2022-23; providing for publication; and providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the city council, in accordance with the Dallas City Charter, state law, and the ordinances of the city of Dallas, have given the required notices and have held the required public hearings regarding this ordinance; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That for the purpose of providing the funds to be expended in the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023, the available revenues of the city of Dallas are hereby appropriated for the maintenance and operation of the various city departments and activities as follows:

DEPARTMENT AND ACTIVITIES

	PROPOSED 2022-23
Building Services	
City Attorney's Office	20,831,968
City Auditor's Office	3,163,255
City Controller's Office	8,567,559
City Manager's Office	3,205,072
City Secretary's Office	3,141,520
Civil Service	3,064,698
Code Compliance	41,342,433
Court and Detention Services	26,740,902
Dallas Animal Services	17,725,448
Dallas Fire-Rescue	367,969,665
Dallas Police Department	611,908,283
Elections	2,022,829



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Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization	4,539,881
Human Resources	8,140,152
Independent Audit	755,000
Judiciary	4,273,646
Low Sterrett Jail Contract	8,344,443
Liability/Claims Fund Transfer	3,501,999
Library	37,544,060
Mayor and City Council	6,477,643
Non-Departmental	139,991,740
Office of Arts and Culture	22,496,061
Office of Budget and Management Services	4,277,919
Office of Data Analytics and Business Intelligence	5,281,114
Office of Economic Development	3,918,798
Office of Management Services	57,651,886
Park and Recreation	106,863,878

Planning and Urban Design	5,150,852
Procurement Services	3,014,089
Public Works	89,209,383
Salary and Benefit Stabilization	5,500,000
Transportation	51,984,903

GENERAL FUND TOTAL **1,706,741,970**

GRANT, TRUST AND OTHER FUNDS **PROPOSED
2022-23**

<u>Building Services</u>	
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)(FC18)	165,000
<u>City Attorney's Office</u>	
FY 2022-23 Community Development Block Grant (CD22)	763,739
<u>Convention and Event Services</u>	
Convention Hotel Tax Rebate (0756)	5,779,814
<u>Dallas Fire-Rescue</u>	
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)(FC18)	200,000
<u>Dallas Police Department</u>	
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)(FC18)	18,803,530
<u>Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization</u>	
FY 2022-23 Community Development Block Grant (CD22)	10,209,095
FY 2022-23 HOME Investment Partnership(HM22)	6,940,498
Emerging Developers Fund (0762)	500,000
<u>Information and Technology Services</u>	
Information Technology Equipment (0897)	2,375,000

<u>Library</u>	
Children Center Trust (0T22)	3,867
Edmond & Louise Kahn E. Trust (0208)	246,376
Hamon Trust (0458)	9,177
Parrill Estate (0716)	15,000
<u>Office of Budget and Management Services</u>	
FY 2022-23 Community Development Block Grant (CD22)	1,249,991
FY 2022-23 Emergency Solutions Grant (ES22)	23,000
FY 2022-23 Housing Opportunities for Persons w/AIDS (HW22)119,479	
Pension Stabilization Fund (0757)	9,502,277
<u>Office of Management Services</u>	
FY 2022-23 Community Development Block Grant (CD22)	1,359,002
FY 2022-23 Emergency Solutions Grant (ES22)	1,245,197
FY 2022-23 Housing Opportunities for Persons w/AIDS (HW22)	8,349,660
Environmental Justice Fund (0759)	1,500,000
<u>Office of Economic Development</u>	
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (FC18)	3,000,000
Dallas Downtown Improvement District (9P02)	9,277,741
Deep Ellum Public Improvement District (9P01)	1,500,135
Klyde Warren Park/Dallas Arts District	
Public Improvement District (9P03)	1,748,749
Knox Street Public Improvement District (9P04)	575,721
Lake Highlands Public Improvement District (9P05)	1,102,914
North Lake Highlands Public Improvement District (9P06)	662,120
Oak Lawn-Hi Line Public Improvement District (9P07)	577,555
Prestonwood Public Improvement District (9P08)	451,793
Sales Tax Agreement Fund (0680)	242,366
South Dallas/Fair Park Improvement District(9P09)	185,808
South Side Public Improvement District (9P10)	349,516
Tourism Public Improvement District (9P11)	21,360,663
University Crossing Public Improvement District (9P12)	906,946
Uptown Public Improvement District (9P13)	3,265,346
Midtown Improvement District (9P15)	1,374,669
<u>Park and Recreation</u>	
FY 2022-23 Community Development Block Grant (CD22)	738,301
<u>Planning and Urban Design</u>	
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)(FC18)	65,000
<u>Public Works</u>	
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (FC18)	666,000
FY 2022-23 Community Development Block Grant (CD22)	2,000,000
<u>Transportation</u>	
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (FC18)	13,160,000
Bike Lane Fund (0791)	2,895,955
GRANT, TRUST, AND OTHER FUNDS	
GRAND TOTAL	135,467,000
ENTERPRISE FUNDS	
PROPOSED	
2022-23	
Aviation	
Aviation Operations	162,963,846
Transportation Regulation	512,559

Convention and Event Services	113,231,392
Dallas Water Utilities	
Stormwater Drainage Management	72,433,742
Water Utilities	761,226,160
Development Services	43,830,455
Municipal Radio	
1,003,095	
Sanitation Services	
143,785,140	
ENTERPRISE FUNDS TOTAL	1,298,986,389
INTERNAL SERVICE/OTHER FUNDS	
PROPOSED	
2022-23	
Employee Benefits	2,071,683
Equipment and Fleet Management	66,600,148
Express Business Center	2,361,983
Information and Technology Services	
911 System Operations	14,212,742
Information Technology	110,191,357
Radio Services	16,867,557
Office of Bond and Construction Management	
Office of Management Services	5,259,168
Park and Recreation	4,456,552
Public Works	13,371,426
Office of Risk Management	5,934,974
INTERNAL SERVICE/OTHER FUNDS TOTAL	241,327,590
ENTERPRISE/INTERNAL SERVICE/OTHER FUNDS	
GRAND TOTAL	1,540,313,979

SECTION 2. That, in conformity with Chapter XI of the Charter of the City of Dallas, the transfer of an unencumbered balance of an appropriation made for the use of a department, division, or purpose to any other department, division, or purpose, or an increase in appropriation, may be made by the city council upon written recommendation of the city manager.

SECTION 3. That the city manager is hereby authorized to make the following adjustments:

(1) Reduce the allowed expenditures of departments or activities if, in the judgment of the city manager, actual or probable receipts are less than the amount estimated and appropriated for expenditures.

(2) Transfer appropriations budgeted for one account classification or activity to another within any individual department or activity listed in Section 1.

(3) Transfer appropriations from the Salary and Benefit Stabilization to any individual department or activity listed in Section 1, to be used for salaries and benefits.

SECTION 4. That the city manager is hereby authorized, upon written notice to the city controller, to make the following adjustments:

(1) Transfer internal service fund equity from unanticipated excesses to contributing funds.

(2) Transfer funds, not to exceed \$19,335,250, from the Convention Center Operating Fund 0080, Department CCT, Unit 7840, Object 3870, to the 2009 Convention Center Debt Service Fund 0980, Department CCT, Unit P505, Revenue Source 9219, for the payment of debt service on Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 for improvements to the Dallas Civic Center Convention Complex.

(3) Transfer funds, not to exceed \$3,501,999, from the General Fund 0001, Department BMS, Unit 1997, Object 3621 to the Liability Reserve Fund 0192, Department ORM, Unit 3890, Revenue Source 8525, for payment of small and large claims

against the city.

(4) Transfer funds, not to exceed \$27,436,001 from the Water Utilities Operating Fund 0100, Department DWU, Unit 7015, Object 3690, in the amounts not to exceed \$8,500,000 to the Public/Private Partnership Fund 0352, Department ECO, Unit P151, Revenue Source 9201 and \$18,936,001 to the General Fund 0001, Department BMS, Unit 1991, Revenue Source 9201, as payment in lieu of taxes by the water utilities department to support economic initiatives of the city.

(5) Transfer funds, not to exceed \$5,001,200, from the Convention and Event Services Operating Fund 0080 Department CCT, Unit 7840, Object 3690 to the OCA Hotel Occupancy Fund 0435, Department OCA, Unit 1841, Revenue Source 9201, for the promotion of cultural arts.

(6) Transfer funds, not to exceed \$647,033, from the General Fund 0001 Department BMS, Unit 1991, Object 3690, to the Economic Development Tax Agreement Fund 0680 Department ECO, Unit 6696, Revenue Source 9201, for sales tax rebates in accordance with the terms of the sales tax grant agreement pursuant to Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code.

(7) Transfer funds, not to exceed \$627,812, from City of Dallas Regional Center Fund 0067, Department ECO, Unit P682, Object 3090, to General Fund 0001, Department ECO, Unit (Various), Object 5011, in support of economic development activities.

(8) Transfer funds, not to exceed \$200,000, from New Markets Tax Credit Fund 0065, Department ECO, Unit P607, Object 3899, to General Fund 0001, Department ECO, Unit (Various), Object 5011, in support of economic development activities.

(9) Transfer funds, not to exceed \$100,000, from the Clean Energy Program Fund 0750, Department ECO, Unit W183, Object 3899 to the General Fund 0001, Department ECO, Unit (Various), Object 5011 to reimburse the General Fund for costs incurred in administering the Dallas PACE Program.

(10) Transfer funds, not to exceed \$2,500,000 from the General Fund 0001, Department TRN, Unit 1579, Object 3637, to the Bike Lane Fund 0791, Department TRN, Unit W660, Revenue Source 9236, for the purpose of citywide bike lanes.

(11) Transfer funds, not to exceed \$2,375,000 from the Information Technology Operating Fund 0198, Department DSV, Units 1622, 1641, and 1667, Object 3690, to the Information Technology Equipment Fund 0897, Department DSV, Units 3717, 3718, and 5319 for information technology servers, computers, storage, network and other IT equipment including related software, hardware, and implementation services.

(12) Transfer funds, not to exceed \$1,000,000 from the General Fund 0001, Department BMS, Unit 1991, Object 3980, to the Information Technology Equipment Fund 0897, Department DSV, Unit 5318 for information technology servers, computers, storage, network and other IT equipment including related software, hardware, and implementation services.

(13) Transfer and administer gifts and bequests to the city in accordance with the terms and conditions accompanying the gifts or bequests and, for this purpose, the appropriation of donated amounts is hereby made.

(14) Decrease appropriation of any fund described in Section 1 to reduce expenditures

within the fund when, in the judgment of the city manager, actual or probable receipts are less than the amount estimated and appropriated for expenditures.

SECTION 5. That the city manager is hereby authorized, upon written notice to the city controller, to transfer funds between the Employee Benefits Fund 0260 and other employee benefit funds for the purpose of allocating employee and retiree revenues to the appropriate claims funds and maximizing investment yields.

SECTION 6. That, in conformity with Chapter 40A, "Retirement," of the Dallas City Code, as amended, an appropriation of \$6,185,613 is established in the Employees'



Retirement Fund Trust Fund 0275, Department ERF, Unit 5821, to provide for costs of administration of the employees' retirement fund office, with services to be paid out of income from investments.

SECTION 7. That the city manager is hereby authorized to make payments, in a total amount not to exceed \$4,878,564, for the City's allocations as part of the approved Dallas Central Appraisal District, Collin Central Appraisal District, Denton Central Appraisal District, and Rockwall Central Appraisal District 2023 budgets, pursuant to Section 6.06 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

SECTION 8. That, for the purpose of establishing reserves, the increase or reduction of restricted fund balances may be by city council resolution upon written recommendation of the city manager.

SECTION 9. That the projects listed in Section 10 are hereby adopted as the capital budget of the city of Dallas for public improvements to be financed from the proceeds of bond funds and with funds from other sources for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023.

SECTION 10. (a) That the following amounts are hereby appropriated from the funds indicated for the projects listed in the FY 2022-23 capital budget:

<u>CAPITAL FUNDS</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u> <u>2022-23</u>
From the 2021 AVI Commercial Paper Fund (0795)	16,405,836
From the Aviation Customer Facility Charge (CFC) Fund (0991)	1,000,000
From the 2022 Certificate of Obligation Fund (0793)	61,000,000
From the 2023 Master Lease-Equipment Fund (ML23)	75,000,000
From the Aviation Capital Construction Fund (0131)	36,726,570
From the Aviation Passenger Facility Charge Near Term Projects Fund (A477)	4,600,000
From the Capital Construction Fund for City and Cultural Facilities (0671)	9,500,000
From the Capital Gifts and Development Fund (0530)	777,727
From the Cedars Tax Increment Financing District Fund (0033)	2,622,895
From the City Center Tax Increment Financing District Fund (0035)	6,953,469
From the Convention Center Capital Construction Fund (0082)	18,000,000
From the Cultural Arts Facilities (2017 GO Bonds) Fund (1V49)	132,912
From the Cypress Waters Tax Increment Financing District Fund (0066)	7,049,768
From the Davis Garden Tax Increment Financing District Fund (0060)	2,527,293
From the Deep Ellum Tax Increment Financing District Fund (0056)	8,042,509

From the Design District Tax Increment Financing District Fund (0050)	5,957,739
From the Downtown Connection Tax Increment Financing District Fund (0044)	31,556,025
From the Downtown Connection TIF District – Newpark Sub-District (0045)	25,000
From the Economic Development Fund (2017 GO Bonds) (1V52)	9,032,505
From the Equipment Notes, Series 2022 Fund (0774)	30,500,000
From the Facilities Fund (2017 GO Bonds) (1V60)	2,733,096
From the Fair Park Improvement Fund (2017 GO Bonds) (1V02)	7,110,902
From the Farmers Market Tax Increment Financing District Fund (0036)	2,974,727
From the Flood Control Fund (2017 GO Bonds) (1V23)	14,206,732
From the Fort Worth Avenue Tax Increment Financing District Fund (0058)	3,673,937
From the Grand Park South Tax Increment Financing District Fund (0054)	393,342
From the Homeless Assistance Fund (2017 GO Bonds) (1V43)	2,018,630
From the Mall Area Redevelopment Tax Increment Financing District Fund (0049)	585,996
From the Maple/Mockingbird Tax Increment Financing District Fund (0064)	4,944,650
From the Oak Cliff Gateway Tax Increment Financing District Fund (0034)	6,572,316
From the Park and Recreation Facilities Fund (2017 GO Bonds) (1V00)	27,148,034
From the Public Safety Facilities Fund (2017 GO Bonds) (1V33)	2,183,647
From the Public/Private Partnership Fund (0352)	8,500,000
From the Sanitation Capital Improvement Fund (0593)	4,300,000
From the Skillman Corridor Tax Increment Financing District Fund (0052)	8,368,904
From the Southwestern Medical Tax Increment Financing District Fund (0046)	1,120,844
From the Sports Arena Tax Increment Financing District Fund (0038)	14,504,004
From the Storm Drainage Management Capital Construction Fund (0063)	30,774,058
From the Street and Alley Improvement	

Fund (0715)	20,907,891
From the Street and Transportation Fund (2017 GO Bonds) (1V22)	114,119,530
From the Transit Oriented Development Tax Increment Financing District Fund (0062)	4,188,666
From the University Tax Increment Financing District Fund (0051)	1,926,900
From the Vickery Meadow Tax Increment Financing District Fund (0048)	3,042,709
From the Wastewater (Clean Water) -TWDB 2022 Fund (1194)	22,000,000
From the Wastewater Construction Fund (0103)	21,600,000
From the Wastewater Capital Improvement Series F Fund (4116)	65,000,000
From the Wastewater Capital Improvement Series G Fund (5116)	37,400,000
From the Water and Wastewater Public Art Fund (0121)	50,000
From the Water Construction Fund (0102)	47,800,000
From the Water Capital Improvement Series F Fund (4115)	69,900,000
From the Water Capital Improvement Series G Fund (5115)	35,000,000
From the Water (Drinking Water) – TWDB 2022 (1195) Fund (1195)	44,000,000
CAPITAL FUNDS TOTAL	956,459,763

(b) That in order to reimburse and finance certain 2017 General Obligation (GO) bond funds capital project expenditures authorized in section (a) (Street & Transportation Improvements 1V22, Park and Recreation Facilities 1V00, Fair Park 1V02, Flood Control 1V23, Library 1V42, Cultural Facilities 1V49, Public Safety 1V33, City Facilities 1V60, Economic Development 1V52, and Homeless Assistance 1V43), the City intends to issue one or more commercial paper notes as part of the General Obligation Commercial Paper Notes Series A, and Series B, and use the proceeds thereof to reimburse disbursements incurred.

(c) That in order to reimburse and finance the lease/purchase acquisition of equipment authorized in section (a) (2023 Master Lease-Equipment ML23), the City intends to execute, acknowledge and deliver a Schedule A (as defined in the Master Equipment Lease/Purchase Agreement) pertaining to such equipment including all attachments, financing statements and schedules thereto.

(d) That the following amounts are hereby appropriated from the funds indicated for payment of the FY 2022-23 Debt Service Budget:

<u>DEBT SERVICE FUNDS</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u> <u>2022-23</u>
From the General Obligation Debt Service Fund (0981)	412,314,869



DEBT SERVICE FUNDS TOTAL 412,314,869

(e) That these appropriations and all previous appropriated funds for these projects remain in force until each project is completed or terminated.

(f) That the appropriations listed in Subsections (a) and (d) may be increased by the city council upon the recommendation of the city manager.

SECTION 11. That a project will be considered completed when the requisitioning authority informs the city manager of completion by written notice. Any remaining unencumbered balance in an appropriation for a project that has been completed shall then revert to the appropriate fund.

SECTION 12. That the city manager is authorized to make the following adjustments:

(1) Transfer amounts from one project appropriation to another within the same fund, provided that the total appropriation for each fund is not exceeded by this action.

(2) Decrease appropriation of any fund described in Section 10 to reduce expenditures within the fund when, in the judgment of the city manager, actual or probable receipts are less than the amount estimated and appropriated for expenditures.

SECTION 13. That the city manager is hereby authorized, upon written notice to the city controller, to make the following adjustments:

(1) Transfer funds, not to exceed \$2,520,000, to the General Fund 0001, in the amounts of \$125,000 from the Cedars Tax Increment Financing District Fund 0033; \$200,000 from the Oak Cliff Gateway Tax Increment Financing District Fund 0034; \$200,000 from the City Center Tax Increment Financing District Fund 0035; \$145,000 from the Farmers Market Tax Increment Financing District Fund 0036; \$185,000 from the Sports Arena Tax Increment Financing District Fund 0038; \$225,000 from the Downtown Connection Tax Increment Financing District Fund 0044; \$100,000 from the Southwestern Medical Tax Increment Financing District Fund 0046; \$125,000 from the Vickery Meadow Tax Increment Financing District Fund 0048; \$100,000 from the Mall Area Tax Increment Financing District Fund 0049; \$115,000 from the Design District Tax Increment Financing District Fund 0050; \$100,000 from the University Tax Increment Financing District Fund 0051; \$110,000 from the Skillman Corridor Tax Increment Financing District Fund 0052; \$125,000 from the Grand Park South Tax Increment Financing District Fund 0054; \$125,000 from the Deep Ellum Tax Increment Financing District Fund 0056; \$110,000 from the Fort Worth Avenue Tax Increment Financing District Fund 0058; \$135,000 from the Davis Garden Tax Increment Financing District Fund 0060; \$125,000 from the Transit-Oriented Development Tax Increment Financing District Fund 0062; \$100,000 from the Maple/Mockingbird Tax Increment Financing District Fund 0064; and \$70,000 from the Cypress Waters Tax Increment Financing District Fund 0066, for reimbursement of tax increment financing administration costs. Transfer funds not to exceed \$25,000 to the General Fund 0001 from the Downtown Connection TIF District-Newpark Sub-District Fund, Fund 0045 for reimbursement of tax increment financing administration costs.

(2) Transfer funds, not to exceed \$69,500,000, from the Water Utilities Operating Fund 0100, in the amounts of \$47,825,000 to the Water Construction Fund 0102; \$21,625,000 to the Wastewater Construction Fund 0103; and \$50,000 to the Water and Wastewater Public Art Fund 0121, for projects listed in the FY 2022-23 Capital Budget.

(3) Transfer funds, not to exceed \$12,393,984, from the

Storm Drainage Management Operating Fund 0061 to the Storm Drainage Management Capital Construction Fund 0063, for projects listed in the FY 2022-23 Capital Budget.

(4) Transfer funds, not to exceed \$3,500,000, from the General Capital Reserve Fund 0625 to the Capital Construction Fund 0671 for the purpose of maintenance and repair of city facilities.

(5) Transfer funds, not to exceed \$5,000,000, from the Sports Arena Lease Fund OA71, Department CCT, Unit 8851, Object 3690, to the Capital Construction Fund 0671, for the purpose of maintenance and repair for city facilities.

(6) Transfer funds, not to exceed \$1,000,000, from the General Fund 0001, Department BSD, to the Capital Construction Fund 0671, for the purpose of maintenance and repair of city facilities.

(7) Transfer funds, not to exceed \$8,467,990, from the Water Utilities Operating Fund 0100 to the Street and Alley Improvement Fund 0715, for the purpose of funding citywide street and alley improvement projects.

(8) Transfer funds, not to exceed \$4,167,318, from the Sanitation Enterprise Fund 0440 to the Street and Alley Improvement Fund 0715, for the purpose of funding citywide street and alley improvement projects.

(9) Transfer funds, not to exceed \$11,900,000, from the General Fund 0001 to the Street and Alley Improvement Fund 0715, for the purpose of funding citywide street and alley improvement projects.

(10) Transfer funds, not to exceed \$2,772,583, from the Stormwater Operations Fund 0061 to the Street and Alley Improvement Fund 0715, for the purpose of funding sidewalks and neighborhood infrastructure.

(11) Transfer funds, not to exceed \$28,197,985, from the Convention Center Operating Fund 0080 to the Convention Center Capital Construction Fund 0082, for projects listed in the FY 2022-23 Capital Budget.

(12) Transfer funds, not to exceed \$11,661,077, from the Sanitation Services Fund 0440 to the Sanitation Capital Improvement Fund 0593 for \$10,684,886 and the Designated Environmental Protection/Closure/Post Closure Reserve Fund 0442 for \$976,191, for capital improvements and equipment.

(13) Transfer funds, not to exceed \$38,843,241, to the General Obligation Debt Service Fund 0981, from any general government, internal service, or enterprise fund incurring civilian payroll costs based on the pro-rata allocation of the actual civilian payroll costs incurred during fiscal year 2022-23, for payment of debt service on the Pension Obligation Bonds Series 600 and 601.

SECTION 14. That the city manager is authorized to make the following adjustments:

(1) Transfer amounts from one project appropriation to another within the same fund, provided that the total appropriation for each fund is not exceeded by this action.

(2) Decrease appropriation of any fund described in Section 9 and in any General Obligation Bond Program Funds to reduce expenditures within the fund when, in the judgment of the city manager, actual or probable receipts are less than the amount estimated and appropriated for expenditures, and make accounting adjustments between various bond programs and funds when, in the judgement of the city manager, it is necessary to do so to effectively and efficiently administer the General Obligation Bond Programs.

SECTION 15. That it is the intent of the city council, by passage of this ordinance, to appropriate funds for the city departments and activities. No office or position is created by the appropriations.

SECTION 16. That following the public hearing and

passage of this ordinance on first reading, the city secretary shall cause the ordinance to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the city with a separate schedule setting forth the items in the city manager's estimate that were omitted or changed by the city council, if any. The ordinance must then be presented to the city council for final reading at least 10 days after the publication. Upon final passage by the city council, this ordinance becomes effective immediately and the funds appropriated become available October 1, 2022.

FY 2022-23 Budget

**September 7, 2022
General Fund Amendments**

Source of Funds: \$4,497,723

- \$0 – Transfer Board of Adjustment activities and three positions from Planning and Urban Design (General Fund) to Development Services (Enterprise Fund) (\$353,038) (the function is currently funded by Development Services with a reimbursement therefore the net impact is \$0)
- \$4,497,723– Reduce Pension Stabilization funding

Use of Funds: \$4,497,723

- \$462,829 – Add six positions to Planning and Urban Design for neighborhood plans and administrative support
- \$1,823,823 – Increase funding for Library to increase hours of operation and library materials, adjust salaries for market competitiveness, and enhance security services
- \$500,000 – Increase funding for Park and Recreation for mowing, irrigation, and litter removal at athletic fields
- \$500,000 – Increase funding for Building Services for solar and weatherization of City buildings
- \$344,971 – Add four positions in City Attorney's Office for community prosecutor services
- \$866,100 – Add 10 code officers focused on the multi-family violent crime reduction plan in partnership with the Dallas Police Department

Other Fund Amendments

Source of Funds: \$3,664,746

- \$3,664,746 – Office of Economic Development various multi-year funds (based on final Dallas Central Appraisal District and Public Improvement District data)
- \$0 – Reallocate Office of Risk Management funding of projected liability claims from FY 2022-23 to FY 2023-24

Use of Funds: \$3,664,746

- \$0 – Transfer Board of Adjustment activities and three positions from Planning and Urban Design (General Fund) to Development Services (Enterprise Fund) (\$353,038) (the function is currently funded by Development Services with a reimbursement therefore the net impact is \$0)
- \$3,664,746 – Office of Economic Development various multi-year funds (increase appropriations for various Public Improvement District and other Economic Development multi-year funds)
- \$0 – Accelerate adding six positions to Office of Risk Management to provide OSHA, liability, RMIS, and incident investigator support from FY 2023-24 to FY 2022-23 (net impact of \$0)

APPROVED AS TO FORM: CHRISTOPHER J. CASO,
City Attorney





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"I didn't make it, and so I started thinking about why I didn't make it. What did I do that I was not the most authentic me?" Kerri recalled. "I began to realize that I did not feel like a boy who puts on makeup to look like and feel like a woman."

Then the COVID pandemic hit, and, like everyone else, Kerri found herself locked down and spending long stretches of time alone. "I was stuck alone with myself for so long that I couldn't run away from my own truth anymore," she said. "That was the ultimate thing I always ran away from out of fear. I had been so afraid to transition, so afraid to take that last step."

So in 2020, Kerri began taking hormone therapy and it was, she said, "the most authentic I have ever felt. So I decided to use that authenticity and audition for *Drag Race* again."

"To be openly transgender and be walking into *Drag Race* was not a common thing," she continued. "I was very nervous, but at the same time, I knew: I'm not just a drag queen; I am a person transformed by drag. I am not just projecting female; I am female. There was magic in the air, a driving force of positivity and confidence."

On that second audition, Kerri was cast as one of 14 contestants in Season 14 of *Drag Race*.

"It only happened because I dared to be different," she declared. "I dared to hold myself accountable for being myself."

Now Kerri is daring to not just hold herself accountable but to put herself out there as an example of authenticity for others.

She was in Dallas earlier this month to participate in closing ceremonies for the Gay Softball World Series. Now, she said, "I am so excited to be coming back to be part of Trans Pride in Dallas, Texas, of all places!" she said. "Since I first made my way into Cedar Springs scene, I so much admired the trans community there. I was literally obsessed with them. And now I am coming back!"

"That was the first time I had been back to Dallas since I left in 2018, and now seeing people like us to have a place to celebrate and proclaim ourselves here in traditional Dallas."

"The younger me feels so healed and



Kerri Colby was cast for *RuPaul's Drag Race* the second time she auditioned

so validated coming back to Dallas. It makes me so emotional to think of it. I had only dreamed this reality could exist, and here it is."

Because she had not been back to Dallas since she left in 2018, Kerri said she had some anxiety about coming back first for the World Series and again now for Trans Pride. "Part of that anxiety was that nobody here knew me like this. But I was able to rekindle relationships with some people. To finally really come home now, and to be coming celebrated, coming home wearing the trans banner, walking in 100 percent me — it is such a freeing feeling."

"I want everyone to know I am finally at a place of euphoria, and I can't wait to share that with the people who helped me get here."

Kerri has rekindled relationships here in her hometown, but not the relationships with her parents. But that won't stop her or hold her back.

"My birth parents will always be the people who brought me into this world," she said. "I have given them many opportunities. But like many people, many families in the South, they are not willing to take those opportunities. They refuse to see me as authentic. They refuse to see me as I truly am."

"But I don't crave their acceptance. I don't need their acceptance to feel fulfilled," Kerri added. "I am human. I am perfectly, authentically, fearfully and wonderfully made. And I refuse to tolerate disrespect out of sympathy for a family tie."

"I am a gift from God. All of us are." ■



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.745800 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Dallas.

PROPOSED TAX RATE
\$0.745800 per \$100

NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE
\$0.648268 per \$100

VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE
\$0.812288 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2022 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for the City of Dallas from the same properties in both the 2021 tax year and the 2022 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that the City of Dallas may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that the City of Dallas is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2022 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 21, 2022 AT 9:00 AT 1500 Marilla Street, Council Chambers, City Hall, Dallas, TX.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, the City of Dallas is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the City of Dallas City

Council at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount = (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

FOR the proposal: Mayor Eric Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn King Arnold, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Omar Narvaez, Chad West, Jesse Moreno, Casey Thomas, Jaime Resendez, Adam Bazaldua, Tennell Atkins, Paula Blackmon, B. Adam McGough, Jaynie Schultz, Cara Mendelsohn, Gay Donnell Willis, and Paul E. Ridley

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by the City of Dallas last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by the City of Dallas this year.

	2021	2022	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.773300	\$0.745800	decrease of -0.0275, or -3.56%
Average homestead taxable value	\$257,158	\$286,991	increase of 29,833, or 11.60%
Tax on average homestead	\$1,988.60	\$2,140.38	increase of 151.78, or 7.63%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,054,583,603	\$1,226,191,871	increase of 171,608,268, or 16.27%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for City of Dallas at 214.670.3111 or visit: www.dallascityhall.com for more information.

Making movie history

BEYOND THE BIG SCREEN

Billy Eichner's 'Bros' could be the first gay rom-com to be a mainstream smash

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Openly-gay comedian Billy Eichner is usually the one asking the questions. Eichner came to fame with his award-winning, 2011-2017 truTV show, *Billy On The Street*, where he would accost strangers on the streets of Manhattan, often with an A-list celebrity at his side. Eichner would interrupt someone in the middle of a jog, an errand or daily commute to ask a groan-inducing question or play a silly game.

Most New Yorkers did not recognize either Eichner or his celebrity sidekicks like Chris Evans, Will Ferrell, Mariah Carrey or Sarah Jessica Parker.

Now, though, the tides have turned. Eichner, in a few short years, has gone from video class clown to a polished — dare I say very good — actor, writer and all-around mensch. And he has ascended to celebrity A-list status himself.

In 2019, he starred as the voice of Timon in the Disney live action remake of *The Lion King*. He also voices Timon in the upcoming live-action sequel: *Mufasa: The Lion King*. But that's not all.

Eichner is writer, producer and co-star of *Bros*, a new romantic comedy about two commitment-phobic gay guys in a relationship, played by Eichner and co-star Luke Macfarlane. Macfarlane, who came to fame playing in schmaltzy Hallmark Channel movies, is another openly gay — not to mention very good looking — actor; indeed, all of *Bros*' writers, producers, and all of the movie's lead and supporting actors, including Amanda Barse, identify as LGBTQ with the exceptions of director Nicolas Stoller and producer Judd Apatow.

That means *Bros* is the first almost all gay, lesbian or trans major motion picture.

"My day hasn't even begun," says Eichner who has just arrived in San



Luke Macfarlane, left, Billy Eichner star in *Bros*, directed by Nicolas Stoller. (Photo by Nicole Rivelli/Universal Pictures)

Francisco where it's the ungodly hour of 7:45 a.m. He's just back from the Toronto International Film Festival, where *Bros* debuted to great acclaim.

"The goal was to make the funniest, laugh-out-loud movie as possible, that just happens to be about a gay couple," explains Eichner.

At 44, he is old enough to remember growing up during a time when gay-themed movies had limited releases and smallish audiences. "I went to see a lot

of them," Eichner recalls. "*All Over the Guy*, *Jeffrey*, *Trick*, *Edge of Seventeen*, *Go*. But it felt like it was something I did in private. It felt like it did when I was hiding a magazine [for secrecy at home]."

Bros is written for contemporary audiences — straight, gay, and everything in between — who are unfazed by scenes and situations that would have seemed controversial even 10 years ago. And, given the talent behind the project and the early buzz, *Bros* could be the first

gay romcom to become a mainstream box office smash — particularly with director Nicolas Stoller and producer Judd Apatow on board.

"*The 40-Year-Old Virgin*, *Bridesmaids*, *Forgetting Sarah Marshall*, *Neighbors* — Judd and/or Nick are responsible for some of the funniest movies during the past two decades," Eichner enthuses.

One of the most charming aspects of *Bros* is a pivotal scene filmed in Provincetown, a community with deep gay



Billy Eichner on the set of *Bros*. (Photo by Nicole Rivelli/Universal Pictures)

roots.

"Provincetown is maybe my favorite place on earth," says Eichner. "It's as far out on Cape Cod, Mass., as you can get. Being able to film in Provincetown added so much style to the classical romantic story. The town has a rich, gay history but is beautiful, sexy and fun."

"It is so welcoming to everyone that [Stoller], who is straight and married with three kids, takes his family there every summer," he adds. "It is also the first place that we began filming."

(The production was shut down in between filming for over a year and a half due to COVID-19.)

Is there any romance going on in Eichner's life? When I ask him for a funny story about a first date, he laughs and says, "I'm still waiting to go on one. But, seriously, I met a guy that worked for a cannabis company. He showed up as high as he could be. And of course he was hungry."

"I should have just called it a night

then. But we went out, and all he could do was eat. There wasn't any conversation. But I don't know if that is funny or just weird."

There's a musical moment in *Bros* that may surprise some Eichner fans. But it shouldn't; he's a great singer and studied musical theater in college. His love of music predates his bar mitzvah, which he describes as "Broadway meets Pop Music. I had a life-sized, airbrushed Madonna standee from her *Blonde Ambition* tour, and a standee from [the Broadway musical] *The Phantom of the Opera*. I even sang 'Lean On Me.'"

Eichner's singing talents are displayed in *Bros*, but very briefly. "I don't want people to think *Bros* is a musical, though," Eichner continues.

And let me add my two cents: *Bros* is not a musical at all. It is a comedy that is going to go down in history, in a great way. ■

Bros is in theaters Sept. 30.

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'Monarch's' hot butterfly

BEYOND THE SMALL SCREEN

Actor, singer, Texan Kevin Cahoon is looking forward to season 2 of the Fox nighttime soap

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Fox's new musical nighttime soap opera *Monarch* is to country music as the network's *Empire* was to hip-hop. Complete with over-the-top, exaggerated characters, familial intrigue, infidelity and tragedy.

Oh, and there are a few queer characters, too.

Among those queer characters is hair and make-up artist Earl, played by out actor and singer — and Texan — Kevin Cahoon. In addition to occasionally being the much-needed source of comic relief, Earl also is the irreplaceable best friend of country music queen Dottie Roman, played by none other than Oscar-winner Susan Sarandon.

Fortunately for us, Kevin was kind enough to make time in his schedule to answer a few questions.

Dallas Voice: Kevin, I first became aware of you as a performer via your music and your band Ghetto Cowboy. Your debut album *Doll* won an OutMusic Award in 2006. When you look back at that time, how do you feel about it?

Kevin Cahoon: That's one of the proudest achievements I've ever had in my life; it really is! It's on every bio, every résumé. I was so proud to have received it because, in a way, I was coming from the theater, and to do this as my first foray into music, creating rock and roll and pop songs; it just felt like the warmest embrace. I was so honored to receive that. ... The LGBTQIA community is still moving forward, trying to gain equality across the board. But at that time this was [during] "don't ask, don't tell." This was before marriage equality.

"It was even before *RuPaul's Drag Race*.

The culture had no understanding about this music and these people that really were making this music. So, it really felt like the outsiders were crashing their way

through the door. ... It was an incredible moment, and it was so exciting, and it was one of the greatest times of my life.

Have you had the time to work on any new original music? I haven't, and I want to. I think about it all the time. It's coming, I promise. I have an idea for the long-awaited second album.

As you mentioned, at the same time you were making this music, you were doing a lot of theater and have continued to focus on your acting career. Would you say you're a singer who acts or an actor who sings? I would say that I'm an actor who sings. Even with the rock and roll, it was coming from a place of character and a place of story. I felt like I was playing a character when I was fronting my band.

What was it about the character of Earl that appealed to you as an actor? First of all, it's a network series with Susan Sarandon and Trace Adkins. That was a giant appeal! As an actor, I was connected to the world because I grew up in Texas, I grew up in the rodeo, and I have a real soft spot for it. If there's a pair of cowboy boots and a cowboy hat, I'm gonna grab them and put them on. I love the whole aesthetic. I love the world. I love the outsider going out into the plains and staking a claim for himself. That's the world of *Monarch*. It is the juiciest of fun soap operas you could ever imagine.

It's very much in the mold of a classic nighttime soap opera. It is! In the greatest way. Who doesn't love that? We all loved *Desperate Housewives*, *Nashville*, *Dallas* and *Dynasty*. [Earl] was inspired by a real person named Earl Cox. He is the premier hairstylist to every country star you can ever imagine. So the [*Monarch*] creator, Melissa London Hilfers, saw his place in their world and thought, "Let's create a character that is inspired by him." So, it's loosely inspired, but she ran with it. In the show, I have worked for the family for decades. I have been the best friend of Dottie Roman, played by Susan Sarandon.

The series evolves when you get to episodes six, seven and eight, more is revealed as to what Earl knows, and how long he's been around. He lives on the ranch [The Brambles] with the family. We shot on this incredible 140-acre ranch right outside of Atlanta. It was a dream.



The job was a dream. I'm praying that I continue to have more of that dream. We'll see what happens when it gets to season two.

Is there any possibility of Earl having a love interest? There is. If a season two happens, I think that that is in the pipeline.

The queer energy in *Monarch* is powerful with you and singer/songwriter Beth Ditto, who plays Dottie's and Albie's (Trace Adkins) daughter Gigi, representing for us. What is it like working with Beth? We fell in love immediately. I'm from Texas; Beth is from Arkansas. We fell in love over Zoom. That's how much I love her. She said to me over the Zoom, "Oh, I can tell I'm gonna fall in love with you." And I said, "Well, I've been in love with you for years because I know who you are. I'm afraid you're stuck with me for the rest of your life."

Could there someday be a creative collaboration between Kevin and Beth? Yes! Come on. I would just die and go to heaven. That would be a dream. Maybe we can come up with a song for the show.

***Monarch* is set in Texas. As a Houston native, how do you feel about the way Texas is depicted in *Monarch* as well as in other shows set in the state? Texas is such an interesting place. Because you have these hotbeds of liberal progressiveness — Austin, Houston, Dallas. Then, on the outskirts, it's pretty red. But I do have to say that within those red pockets, LGBTQIA people are there.**

They are part of the fabric. They are accepted; they are beloved. They are part of the world.

But when a midterm election is coming up, they drag up all the stuff again to push these buttons to get people voting for them. I do feel like we are making strides today. I hope the protection of marriage equality passes in Washington. I think that would be huge. But we have to keep up the fight and we've just got to keep moving forward. There's no choice.

In terms of your personal musical taste, where does country music fall when it comes to your playlist? It's high on my playlist. I listen to a lot of country music. Brandy Clark is one of my favorites. And Shane McAnally is also. I know Brandy and Shane very well because we're working on a Broadway musical together that they have written. I am an actor in it. And Robert Horn, who's an incredible writer; the three of them have written this incredible show. Brandy and Shane are responsible for this rebirth of love that I have for country music. Especially the music that they create. And Kacy Musgraves, of course. ... She is a great champion of the LGBTQIA community.

When does the show open? It's not announced yet, but I will tell you this. It could be on Broadway in the spring of 2023. We're actually going to the Pioneer Theater in Salt Lake City, from Oct. 28-Nov. The show is called *Shucked* [and] it's directed by Jack O'Brien. It's an exciting, completely original American musical comedy. I'm really excited about it.

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Beyond Vanilla brings a kinky edge to sex education

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Forget *50 Shades of Grey*. From the curious to the experienced, this weekend's Beyond Vanilla is the place to properly learn about any of your leather and kink inclinations. With almost 50 classes, special events and a vendor market over the three-day event, kink rules this weekend in Dallas.

Hosted by the National Leather Alliance-Dallas, Beyond Vanilla is the annual event that brings kink education to the area. The event runs Sept. 23-25 at the MCM Elegante Hotel with registration now open. Above all else, despite any flogging or paddles, Beyond Vanilla is a safe space for any celebrating the leather/kink/BDSM lifestyle.

"We provide that to people who have been in the lifestyle or just coming to it," said Sir Tender, one of the co-chairs of NLA-Dallas. Dallas' kink community, she said, has grown, and Beyond Vanilla has grown with it.

"It's not just 101 classes. We have 201 and 301s, but there are still a lot of newbie sessions," she said.

John DeArment, Beyond Vanilla co-chair who goes by Master John, added that it has certainly morphed from its early days.

"In the beginning, at the peak of the AIDS epidemic, this was a way to teach people about safe sex and even legal issues regarding their health. But I don't know that leather was the focus. But you know, in gay culture, that's always been a flavor."

This year, Beyond Vanilla celebrates its 31st event, and, while safe practices are still at the forefront, it has come a long way.

"We have new stuff every year and I think that's what draws you into it each time," Sir Tender said. "We look into why we do what we do and what sparks the



The Texas Power Exchange contest, owned by Malcolm and Master John, began last year with Doctor Bubbles and Kit Kat Anne taking the title the first year. Pictured are, from left, Malcolm, Doctor Bubbles, Kit Kat Anne and Master John.

interest but also hands-on and cerebral skills. We even look at how things in old protocols have transformed."

Part of that is adjusting to the growing LGBTQ+ community. As the general public has expanded its conversations on trans communities, the kink community has been ahead of the

game with inclusive language, and NLA-Dallas has a zero-tolerance policy on any sort of discrimination.

In addition, women have perpetually increased their presence in the kink community.

Terri Anderson, who was the very first female co-chair for NLA-Dallas, expressed delight that both NLA-Dallas

and Beyond Vanilla still work to raise awareness. She is also thrilled to see more women actively involved.

Like Sir Tender — who kinda kills two birds with one stone, both identifying as a woman but also speaking an inclusive language.

"Women get things done," Sir Tender said. "There were times when we weren't allowed in the conversation or even at the leather bars. Now, when the Eagle was open, I could go in and talk friendly with the owners," she said.

"But also, to me it's important that I use 'Sir' in my name because I am female. I think pronouns can make other people feel comfortable in this space."

The kink community was woke before we knew what woke meant. DeArment noticed that language in the community well before he heard the topic of pronouns in daily conversation.

"There are people identifying differently and communicating with those pronouns, but we've seen that happening already and titles are used differently among everyone. This was all before the public was more educated about that."

As this year's event clearly provides a safe space, they walk the walk by raising money each year for a selected charity. This year, proceeds from the event will go toward the National Center for Transgender Equality

With that all being said, Beyond Vanilla has its fun side, too. Last weekend, as a preview, Beyond Vanilla hosted a Lip Sync Battle at the Hidden Door, and the organization will have a meet-and-greet on Sept. 22 there as well. This year's schedule includes social events, the market which is open to all, the Carter Johnson Library and Collection featuring the Lucifer Papers and a burlesque show with a kink flair.

"That will be done as entertainment Friday and Saturday nights," DeArment said of the burlesque show. "And that's open to those who can't do Beyond Vanilla as a whole. The show will echo some of the classes we have from rope to dom and sub dynamics."

Beyond Vanilla will also feature the

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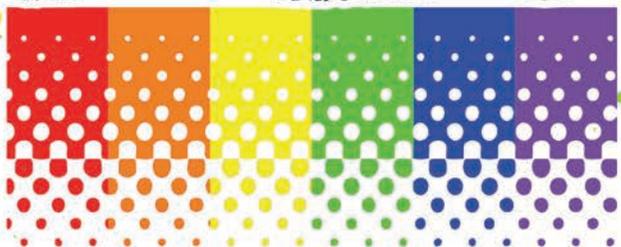
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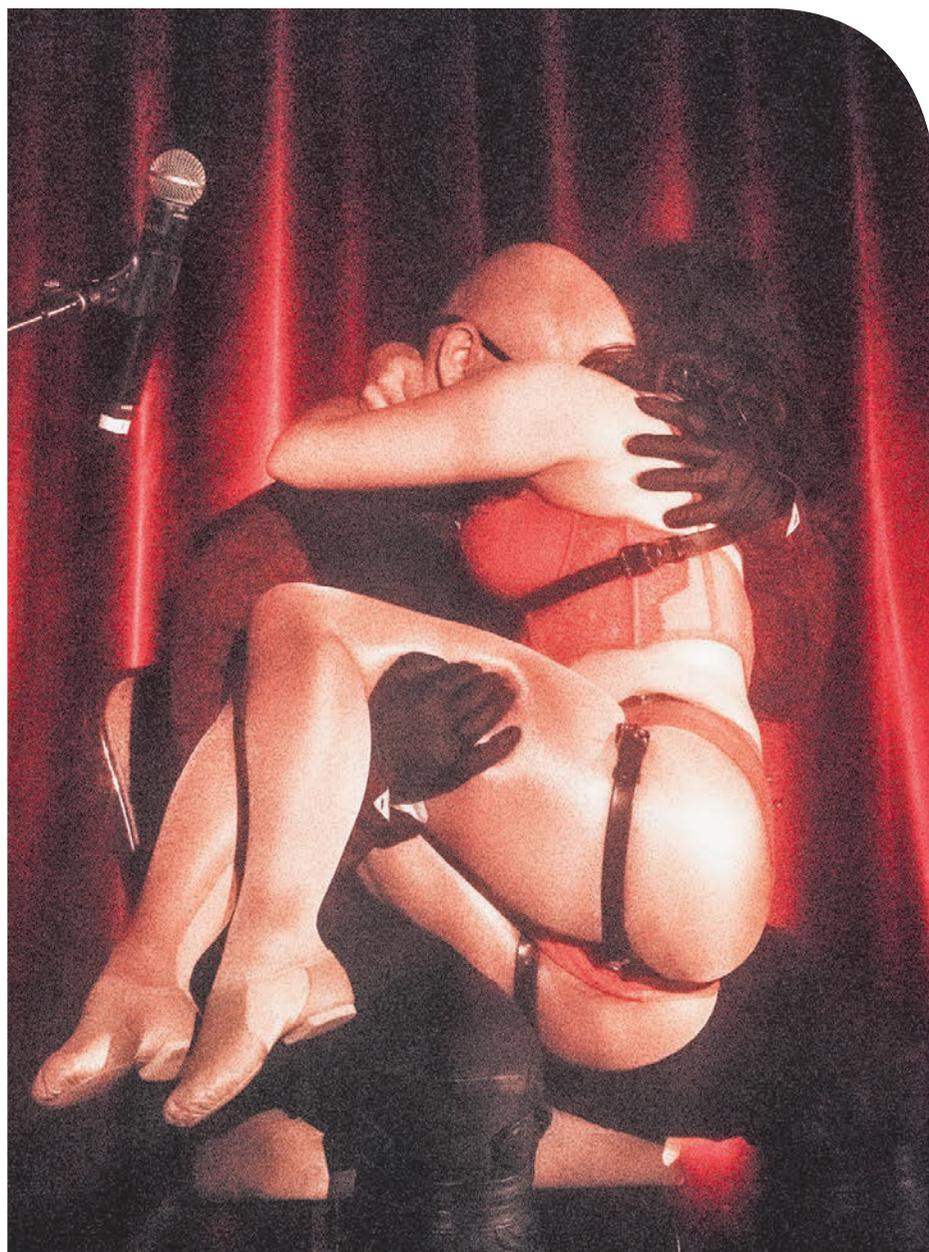


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Doctor Bubbles and Kit Kat Anne in their skit.

Texas Power Exchange contest where last year's winners went on to win the International Leather trophy this past spring.

DeArment explained that the contest is centered on the dynamics among parties of two to three people: master and slave; handler and pup, etc. Contestants educate the audience on their dynamics, have an interview with the judges and then perform a fantasy skit that represents their power exchange.

"Last year's winners didn't identify as leather at all," he said. "I think that's what makes this so beautiful and special."

Ultimately, Beyond Vanilla provides that space and education for a commu-

nity that may not get to express itself in the everyday. Safety isn't just regarded in BDSM play, but as a whole for all its registrants and even beyond. Vanilla and NLA-Dallas also use this to provide awareness and exposure that can extend outward such as NLA-Dallas' appearance at North Texas Pride on Saturday.

Plus, Beyond Vanilla can provide just a bit more as well.

"Who doesn't want to spice up their relationship a bit," Cooke said. "If there's any kind of interest in learning and doing stuff in the bedroom a bit more safely, there's nothing wrong with coming to a class and learning about it. ■"

For more information or to register, visit BeyondVanilla.org.



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to her, and “I told her he looked good in a tank top.”

The two young women stopped in a liquor store parking lot where Duvall and Manning exchanged pager numbers. (It was, after all, the year 2001, Kassadine pointed out.)

Then Duvall paged Manning, and Manning paged her back. The plan was for Duvall to meet up with Manning and for Kassadine to meet up with Manning’s friend Smoky.

But Kassadine decided not to go and meet Smokey because she didn’t know what he looked like. Another young trans woman named Lashay went with Duvall instead to pick up Manning and Smoky.

But things did not go as planned: “Smoky had a gun, and he figured out Tanesha was trans,” Kassadine said.

At that point, she said, Smoky handed the gun to Manning, and Manning shot Duvall in the head. Lashay was able to jump out of the car and hide in some bushes by the side of the road. Manning got out of the car to look for her but when he couldn’t find Lashay, Manning returned to the car and shot Duvall a second time to make sure she was dead. Then the two men fled.

Police found Duvall’s body in the car. Manning’s number was in Duvall’s pager, and Smoky’s semen was found on Duvall’s panties, Kassadine said.

The murder took place during the summer, but Manning wasn’t caught until November. “Because we’re trans, when we’re killed it’s not a big thing,” Kassadine said. “There was no major search for him.”

Instead, police eventually went to Manning’s mother, arranging with her to find and arrest her son. He was arrested when he showed up at his mother’s house for Thanksgiving dinner.

Manning was the only one of the two assailants charged with murder. Smoky made a deal to testify and wasn’t even charged, Kassadine said, even though he was the one who handed Manning the gun.

During the trial, defense attorneys used the classic “trans panic defense,” Kassadine said, explaining that Manning’s attorneys tried to paint Tanesha as being less than a human being, stressing to the jury that the young woman was just a homeless sex worker — as if that



Muhlyasia Booker’s murder made headlines around the country. But many murders of trans women get little attention.

were justification for murdering her.

Kassadine said one of the attorneys told the jury that Duvall “asked to be killed” and that Manning “didn’t know what she was.”

The whole purpose of their language was to dehumanize Duvall, to give the jury a way to let Manning off the hook.

During the trial, Kassadine said, Manning’s father and sisters became so belligerent that the judge had them removed from the courtroom. As for Kassadine and other witnesses, “marshals escorted us to our cars” at the end of each day.

The trial lasted four days total. And despite the defense attorneys’ efforts, the Dallas County jury didn’t buy the trans panic defense. In fact, jurors deliberated for less than an hour before returning a verdict of guilty and sentencing Manning to decades behind bars.

“The jury found he had options to leave the situation,” Kassadine said of the verdict. “He really thought he could beat it and that he was the victim.” He was so surprised, she said, that when the verdict was announced, he appeared to be in shock.

According to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice website, Manning is sentenced to jail until 2081, but he comes up for parole in 2031.

That is what happened in real life. *A Diva’s Revenge* is Kassadine’s memory of the events surrounding Duvall’s murder coupled with her version of revenge.

“It has all ‘the bad’ people want when they read urban novels,” Kassadine said of her book. “My target audience are people in prison.”

Kassadine said she hopes people take from her book that everyone should co-exist.

“Don’t pass judgement,” she said. “Stop misgendering us.” ■

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2022 Ford Maverick is far more than it needed to be

Ford makes the best-selling pickup of all time — its full-size F-150 — but not everybody needs to pull a 30-foot RV or haul a ton of rocks. The Ranger is a tidier package for city dwellers, but it costs nearly as much as an F-150 and certainly enjoys a tall drink of fuel. For those of us who really just need to tote a little mulch or a couple of bicycles, and still slip in parallel parking, the Ford Maverick is far better than it needed to be.



2022 Ford Maverick XLT

2022 Ford Maverick XLT

Five-passenger, FWD Pickup

Powertrain: 2.0-liter T4, 8-spd trans

Output: 250hp/277 lb.-ft. torque

Suspension f/r: Ind/Twistbeam

Wheels f/r: 17-inch/17-inch alloy

Brakes f/r: disc/disc

Must-have features: Style, Simplicity

Towing: 4,000 lbs

Fuel economy: 23/30 mpg city/hwy

Assembly: Hermosillo, Mexico

Base/As-tested price: \$20,995/\$26,420

Ford could have shortened the Ranger platform and slapped a new body on top of its separate frame and solid rear axle. Instead, though, they made the better choice of basing the Maverick on the Escape's and the Bronco Sport's integrated crossover architecture. That gave it the right style, the tight handling and the basis for a segment-busting baby rancher.

Styling clearly connects it to its larger siblings, but the Maverick has its own look, too. A streamlined front with LED headlamps fronts a three-box design with crew cab, 17-inch dark alloy wheels and spray-in bedliner. The bed also features 10 tie-down hooks and a power outlet.

True pickup fans will notice something missing: the gap between the body and bed, and that's because, well, the Maverick doesn't have or need one.

Ford could have given the Maverick a black plastic interior with monochrome cloth seats. But it didn't. Instead, the XLT gets two-tone cloth seats, a console with orange inserts and orange accents on the air vents, too. There's a lot of plastic, but designers added interest with contrasting light and darker gray plus diamond patterns formed into the doors.

Some of the plastic looks like stone. Ford definitely made the most of every penny to keep prices down.

Nothing feels cheap, including the rotary gear selector, thumping audio system and intuitive swipescreen. The steering wheel is rubber but grippy thick.

Click devices into 4G Wi-Fi, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. Beyond roomy armrest storage and deep door pockets with drink holders, the rear seat flips up for additional storage or to side-load bicycles.

Safety is enhanced by automatic emergency braking, blind spot warning and rear cross path detection.

The base Maverick's hybrid powertrain achieves a frugal 42/33-MPG city/highway, but the 2.0-liter turbocharged four-cylinder in our test ve-

hicle puts a peppy 250 horsepower and 277 lb.-ft. of torque to the ground through the front wheels.

Say what? Yep, the front wheels.

Normally, I'd want all-wheel-drive in a pickup, but front-drive with traction control should handle virtually any inclement weather while delivering 23/30-MPG city/highway.

Plant your foot into the turbo for a giggle. Attacking on-ramps and accelerating away from unmentionable speeds is a joy, but that engine also allows owners to carry 1,500 pounds of payload or tow up to 4,000 pounds.

Unlike body-on-frame pickups, the Maverick twists and shouts as one cohesive form that feels very solid. I prefer the fully independent suspension on all-wheel-drive models, but you'd have to consult specs to out our front-drive edition's twist beam out back.

Ford could have just made the Maverick a cheap little truck with a bargain price. Instead, it created a piece of art that handles like a sport sedan, blows compacts off the road and can still get a little dirty on weekends. In total, the Ford Maverick is far more than it needed to be, especially given a \$20,995 base price or \$26,420 as-tested.

2022 Kia Forte GT kicks it German-style — with value

If you take a look at the Kia Forte GT and think it could just have easily been a Volkswagen or Audi, your mind isn't cloudy. A good portion of Kia's design team and engineering gnomes come from The Fatherland. And that rapid insolence carries over on the road where the car kicks it like it's swallowing Autobahn — wherever your version of the famed motorway leads.

Beyond all of that, it spoils passengers rotten and presents a window sticker that reflects Kia's reputation for value.

Autobahn-ready looks begin with angry LED headlamps, slashed lower facias and strings of running lamps. It definitely throws some attitude given it's essentially an economy sedan with added zing. It is sophisticated though, with complex body sculpting, arching roofline and meaty 18-inch wheels.

Around back, a full swath of LED lamps, subtle decklid spoiler and under-bumper diffuser(ish) leave a strong impression as the Forte scats by. Red accents front and rear echo the VW GLI —

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2022 Kia Forte GT

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Output: 201hp/195 lb.-ft. torque
Suspension f/r: Ind/Torsion beam
Wheels f/r: 18-inch/18-inch alloy
Brakes f/r: disc/disc
Must-have features: Style, Driving
Fuel economy: 27/35 mpg city/hwy
Assembly: Pesqueria, Mexico
Base/As-tested price: \$19,490/\$26,840



2022 Kia Forte GT

smooth Harman Kardon audio system via Apple CarPlay, Android Auto and wireless charging.

Automatic emergency braking, lane keep assist, blind spot warning and rear cross path detection bolster safety while adaptive cruise and rear seat occupant alert add convenience.

Kia recently made waves with the EV6 electric crossover and Sportage Hybrid, but the Forte GT proves the Korean automaker has mastered the art of powerful little powertrains. Behind the sleek face is a 1.6-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine laying down 201 horsepower and 195 lb.-ft. of torque — all routed to the front wheels through a 7-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission. Shift it with paddles if you please, and click through the drive modes to configure the powertrain from Eco to Sport.

Fuel economy rates a frugal 27/35-MPG city/highway.

The rear is suspended by torsion beam, but you'd never guess it from behind the wheel. The chassis is firm enough

for carving up backroads but compliant enough to soak up rough city pavement and sail over bridge expansion joints. I did driving duties on the way to a state park about 70 miles away, over which fast sweepers illuminated the competence of steering and suspension.

My neighbors could do without the sport exhaust rumble, but I kinda dig it.

If you're going to buy an affordable sedan for daily commutes, you might as well get one that's pleasing to the eyes and fun to drive on the weekends. It's also up to very long days on fast interstates. Pick your destination, dial in directions and enjoy the journey.

A base price of \$19,490 came to \$26,840 well-equipped, making the Forte GT serious competition for the Honda Accord Sport, Toyota Corolla XSE, Nissan Sentra SR, Hyundai Elantra N Line and that other car from Germany.

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Denise Lee

Domingo stars as gay civil rights icon Bayard Rustin — friend of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and organizer of the 1963 March on Washington — in the Netflix/Higher Ground production *Rustin*, now available on Netflix. The award-winning actor also stars in the acclaimed HBO series *Euphoria* as Ali Muhammad and as Mister in the musical motion picture *The Color Purple* produced by Warner Brothers, Oprah Winfrey and Steven Spielberg.

Kenworthy came out on the cover of ESPN Magazine in 2015, making him the first openly gay professional athlete in any action sport. He went on to make history at the 2018 Olympics as one of the first two openly gay men — alongside Adam Rippon — to compete for the U.S. in a Winter Olympics. Earlier this year, Kenworthy started the Worthy Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit focused on giving back to the LGBTQ community.

Silva is best known for his role as Carlos Reyes in 9-1-1: *Lone Star*, which premiered its third season on Jan. 3 this year. He has also appeared in an episode of the series *Madame Secretary* and in the film *Fluidity*, as well as a couple

of short films and a webseries called *The Corps*.

O'Connell, who has been nominated for an Emmy and has won a Writers Guild Award, starred in the critically acclaimed *Special*, which he wrote and executive produced, and received a Special Recognition Award from GLAAD and a Visibility Award from HRC. Most recently, O'Connell co-executive produced and starred in the *Queer As Folk* reboot for Peacock and he is author of *I'm Special: And Other Lies We Tell Ourselves* and his debut novel, *Just By Looking At Him*. He was editor of Thought Catalog and has contributed to Vice, BuzzFeed and numerous other publications. He has written for NBC's revival of *Will & Grace*, Mtv's *Awkward* and Netflix's *The Baby-Sitters Club*.

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Jayla Wilkerson

Jayla Wilkerson is an activist, an artist and an attorney. She is the founder of Transgender Pride of Dallas and is on the board of Arttitude. She is also the owner and operator of Law Office of Jayla Wilkerson, PLLC.

Jayla dedicates much of her time in all of her pursuits to serving the transgender community that she is so proud to be a part of. She was recognized for these efforts as the inaugural recipient of the Dallas LGBT Bar Association's Justice Award in 2019.

Find her online at TxEnvironmental-Law.com.

Pocahontas Crowe

Pocahontas Crowe is the founder of Transfusion Radio, an irreplaceable platform through which trans women of color connect and share experiences with straight and LGBT audiences alike.

Pocahontas has a background in community outreach, HIV prevention, addiction counseling, program facilitation and management. She is a devoted mother and daughter for many.

An advocate for Black trans women engaged in sex work and struggling with addiction, Pocahontas is a beacon

of leadership and trusted friend to so many forgotten Black trans women in the DFW Metroplex. Our community trusts her because they know she has been there and is willing to reach back and bring her sisters out.

Find her on Instagram @pocahontasduvall and on Twitter @TransFusion-Show.

Mark Mayr

Mark Mayr is a full-time photographer and videographer with a focus in editorial and advertising. When he's not working for his day-to-day marketing firm, he is photographing drag, parties and local entertainers. Mark is working towards getting more work published in the journalism world, but when he doesn't have a camera in hand, he is making other art in DFW, with his most recent show, Hobby People, opening in Fort Worth at Dang Good Candy over the summer.

Find Mark on Instagram @mark_mayr.

Bleach

Bleach is full-time drag queen residing in Dallas who has quickly become a household name. Throwing various events, producing shows and lip-syncing her way all across the city — you can't miss this blonde diva.

Follow her on Instagram at @bleachpleasee to keep up with all things Bleach.

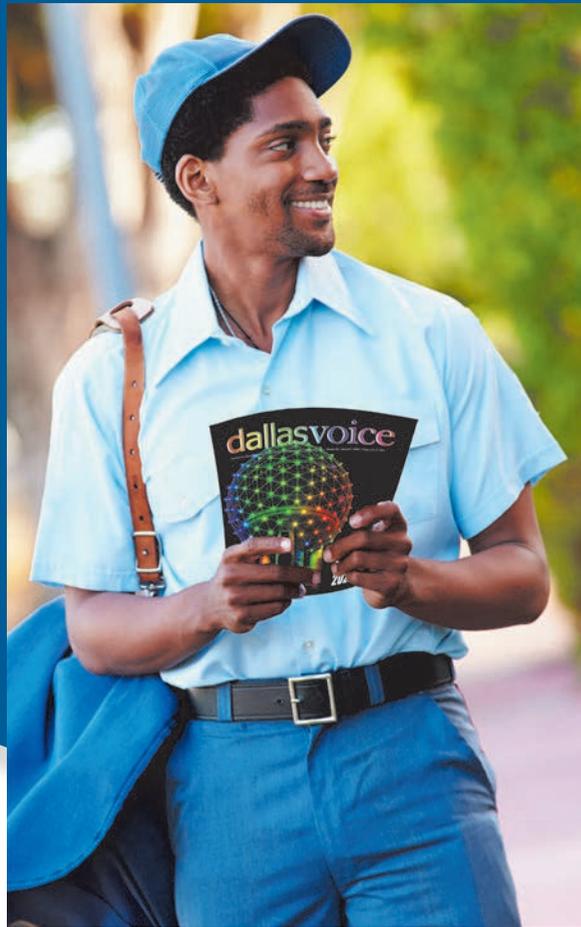
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right back at it.”

But before parade weekend kicks into high gear, Ware had one more message: Pride is for everyone, everywhere.

“We had two town hall meetings to talk with the community, and everyone who was concerned was concerned that we are competing with Dallas Pride. But we’re not,” he said. “We fully support Dallas Pride. We fully support them being in Fair Park in June. But we believe that instead of just taking things out of the community, we should be adding things into the community.

“I want to show people all these Prides can work together,” he continued. “We can have the same sponsors. We can do everything — Southern Pride, Latinx Pride, Trans Pride, North Texas Pride — you can’t have too many Prides.”

— Tammye Nash

North Texas Pride returns to Plano

A family-friendly event is how the North Texas Pride Festival has always

billed itself. Returning for an 11th time, booths, food trucks, entertainment and more take place from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17, at Haggard Park, 902 E. 16th St. in Plano.

Well, actually not Haggard Park. According to North Texas Pride President Morris Garcia, they’ve scaled down the perimeter of the booths to the grounds surrounding neighboring Saigling House. While the park is public, Saigling House and its surrounding ground is an event space that can be closed to the general public. So North Texas Pride will be inside the fenced area with a \$10 admission for anyone 13 and older.

“That will keep our guests together and less likely to be confronted by any unwelcome company,” Garcia said. “And Plano police will have a presence.”

He said that he expects about 70 booths including vendor booths reserved for handmade arts and crafts artisans and sponsor booths. In addition, five food trucks will provide attendees with food and drinks.

Throughout the afternoon and ear-



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Opposite, Texs Latino Pride will include drag performances

ly evening, there will be entertainment including drag performers, two bands, belly dancers and a DJ to emcee. Garcia said there will also be some “spur of the moment” performances. Festival attendees with talent will be invited to the stage to perform during certain periods between acts.

Popular from previous festivals, the afternoon will feature doggy drag. Dogs will be admitted free.

Last year, Garcia explained, the festival had three beneficiaries because the previous year the festival was skipped due to COVID. This year, they return to one community organization that will benefit from proceeds from the event.

The beneficiary is Plano Community Home, which provides low-income housing for seniors in Plano including LGBTQ seniors.

Inside Saigling House, the festival offers a VIP room for up to 50 festival-goers that will offer a place that’s cooler as well as refreshments, games and enter-

tainment.

“Take pictures with the entertainers,” Garcia said. “It was a big hit last year.”

VIP tickets are available through Eventbrite.

— David Taffet

Texas Latino Pride returns to Reverchon

About 3,500 people are expected to participate in Texas Latino Pride’s eighth annual Music Festival on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 3-9 p.m. in Reverchon Park, 3505 Maple Avenue. Admission is free. A limited number of VIP tickets are available for \$75.

“We are excited to create a space where we can celebrate our intersections within the Hispanic/Latinex and LGBTQIA communities within Dallas and across Texas,” said Texas Latino Pride President Juan Contreras. “We are expecting our biggest crowd ever this year!”

The music festival is hosted by Stephen

“STIXXX” Martinez, the radio personality from Tejano 95.7-FM and 1700-AM.

“It is inspiring to see how this event celebrates local talent, music, food and allows attendees to be their authentic self,” said Director of Public Relations Mariano Pintor. I hope this message of unity brings more events to the city of Dallas and shows that it’s a travel destination.”

The lineup begins with DFW comedian Nina Hahn.

The day’s headliner is two-time Latin Grammy Award winning Tejano band from the Rio Grande Valley Elida y Avante. Also on the stage will be local music acts Eric Robers and Ceci Ceci.

Drag performers include Reign, Celestia Moon, Adeicia Lush, Macarena and Lana O’Hara.

DJs performing include DJ Mateo, DJ Level and DJ Reyes.

There will be 50 community and food vendors.

Dallas County Health and Human

Services will be on hand with a pop-up monkeypox vaccine clinic. Anyone who would like a vaccine is welcome to stop by Reverchon Park. Register using a QR code at TexasLatinoPride.org to link to Dallas County HHS. Bring your insurance card, if you have one, and bring your vaccination card if this is your second dose.

Once the music festival ends, head over to Lava Lounge on Cedar Springs Road for the after-party.

The Crowne Plaza Hotel downtown is the host hotel for people expected from out-of-town attending the Music Festival on Saturday and staying over for Pride in Dallas on Cedar Springs Road on Sunday.

“It’s great to see how all organizations are coming together to show Dallas can exemplify unity all yearlong,” Vice President James Ware said. “As a board member across various groups, I’m proud of the great crew of volunteers that put it on. It’s no easy feat!”

— David Taffet

A vibrant yellow graphic for the "Summer of Lifewalk" event. The text "SUMMER OF LIFEWALK" is prominently displayed in pink and white, with "LifeWalk.org" below it in blue. To the right, it says "HELP END HIV" and "REGISTER TO FUNDRAISE OR MAKE A DONATION" in blue. A QR code is provided for registration. The Prism Health North Texas logo is at the bottom. The graphic is decorated with illustrations of sunglasses, a strawberry, a lemon slice, an ice cream cone, a watermelon slice, and a flower.

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According to the National Center for Educational Statistics, in 2019, one out of every five students — that's 20 percent — reported being bullied. The Trevor Project notes that LGBTQ students are more than four times as likely to attempt suicide, compared to their straight and cisgender peers, and that bullying is a "strong and consistent factor" for youth suicide. On Saturday, Sept. 17, United Court of the Lone Star Empire, Anjelfire Sommers-Starr and J. Larry Finch host "Stop the Madness — the Bullying Must Stop," the court's annual show to raise awareness on the subject of bullying. The event, starting at 7 p.m. and hosted by Danielle Starr (pictured), benefits AIN.



Artexpo Dallas at Dallas Market Hall, 2200 N. Stemmons Freeway. RedwoodArtGroup.com/artexpo-dallas. \$20 in advance. \$25 at the door.

■ **Sept. 17: North Texas Pride**
North Texas Pride Foundation holds "Come As You Are Pride Festival" at the Saigling House, 902 E. 16th St. in Plano, from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. There will be sponsor/vendor booths, food and beverages, giveaways, donations to a partnering non-profit, adult and kid activities, bands, DJ, dancing and more for all ages. Tickets are available at the EventBrite page. VIP tickets are available for a \$20 donation that include time indoors in air conditioning, alcoholic beverages and other refreshments. NorthTexasPride.com.

■ **Sept. 17: Texas Latino Pride**
Eighth annual music festival from 3-9 p.m. at Reverchon Park, 3505 Maple Ave. TexasLatinoPride.org.

■ **Sept. 17: Stop the Madness — The Bullying Must Stop**
The United Court of the Lone Star Empire presents its annual show to raise awareness about bullying and the need to stop it, hosted by Empress 42 Danielle Starr and benefitting AIN, at 7 p.m. at The Hidden Door, 5025 Bowser Ave. Candidate announcements start at 4 p.m. that day at Hidden Door. For details visit the Facebook events page.

■ **Sept. 17: Blue Moon Dances**
Women only dances the third Saturday of the month from 7 p.m.-midnight at DanceMakers of Texas, 6125 SW 820, Ste. 140, Fort Worth. BYOB. \$10.

■ **Sept. 17: Rise Pool Party**
DJ Guy Scheiman and Purple Party take it back to where Rise began at the Crowne Plaza Downtown, 1015 Elm St. at 1 p.m. PurpleFoundation.org.

■ **Sept. 17: Disco Divas Gaybingo**
It's time to boogie over to Cedar Springs for Disco Divas Gaybingo at S4, 3911 Cedar Springs Road. Tickets at MyResourceCenter.org/gaybingo.

■ **Sept. 17: We Denton Drag It with Ginger Minj**
Friends With Benefits presents its fifth annual *We Denton Drag It*, featuring *RuPaul's Drag Race* alum Ginger Minj and a cast of local favorites and benefitting House of Rebirth, 6-11:55 p.m. at Harvest House, 331 E. Hickory St. in Denton. Tickets are \$30-\$35, with meet-and-greet tickets to meet Noah Davis for \$20 and for Ginger Minj for \$20. Available online at <http://ow.ly/nOkM50KgpVH>.

■ **Sept. 17: Bruce Wood Dance**
Bruce Wood Dance opens its season with Homecoming at the W.E. Scott Theatre, 1300 Gendy St., Fort Worth.

■ **Sept. 17: Toyota Music Factory Drag Brunch**
Toyota Music Factory Drag Brunch offers an exclusively curated brunch menu by Reservoir, drag queen-themed cocktails and the chance for prizes and free swag from sponsors.

PLAN YOUR WEEK

- Red for community events
- Blue for arts and entertainment
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■ **Every Monday: THRIVE**
Resource Center's THRIVE Monday Support Group for LGBTQ adults 50 and older meets virtually and is led by interns from the SMU counseling program. For more information on the support group and how to join, please send an email to THRIVE@myresourcecenter.org.

■ **Weekly: Frontrunners**
Running club for the LGBTQ community and allies of DFW. Meet at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesdays and 8:30 a.m. on Saturdays at the corner of Hall Street and Turtle Creek Boulevard in Turtle Creek Park for a one-hour walk/run on the Katy Trail.

SEPTEMBER
■ **Sept 16-18: Pride in Dallas**
Bringing Pride back to Cedar Springs Road.

■ **Sept. 16: Level Up Dance Party**
Kick off September Pride in Dallas Weekend

with a midnight dance party at The Round-Up Saloon, 3912 Cedar Springs Road, featuring DJ Joey Level. 11:45 p.m.; visit RoundUpSaloon.com for information.

■ **Sept. 16: Mustache Envy**
Mustache Envy drag and queerlesque performs upstairs every third Friday at Sue Ellen's, 3014 Throckmorton St. at 9:30 p.m. MustacheEnvy.com.

■ **Sept. 16-18: Artexpo Dallas**
Gay artist Jumper Maybach is among the artists whose work will appear at

1-3 p.m. at Reservoir, 330 W. Las Colinas Blvd., Irving. Tickets are \$20, available at the EventBrite page.

■ Sept. 17: Art at the Park

Downtown Dallas Inc. brings local artists to Pegasus Plaza, 1500 Main St., from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. for an art sale. Visit the Facebook event page for information.

■ Sept. 17: First, MI, Last Dance Lab

Arts Mission Oak Cliff presents Rai Barnard's final of their AMOC residency, First, MI, Last Dance Lab, 1:30-3 p.m., at AMOC, 410 S. Windomere Ave. All experience levels welcome; admission is free. Register and get information at the EventBrite page.

■ Sept. 17: The Big Texas Wig Off

Larry the Fairy and Raquel Blake host The Big Texas Wig Off at 7 p.m. at The Echo Lounge and Music Hall, with a big hair theme and performances by Josephine Ohara Andrews, Pinche Queen and Bleach. Tickets are \$10; available at concerts.livenation.com.

■ Sept. 17: Men Next Door Uncovered

1851 Club, 931 W. Division St., hosts Men Next Door Uncovered, a Magic Mike Experience, from 8:30-11:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20-\$100, available online at the Facebook event page.

■ Sept. 17: Chaotica Official Pride in Dallas party

Station 4 presents Chaotica, the Official Pride in Dallas party, featuring headliner DJ GSP with an opening set by Tristan Jaxx. 9 p.m., with afterhours till 4 a.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$25 at the door. Tickets and information available online at the Facebook event page.

■ Sept. 17: Denim Dance Party

Round-Up Saloon, 3912 Cedar Springs Road, hosts the Denim Pride Eve with DJ Jamey Boozer, 10 p.m. For details visit the Facebook event page.

■ Sept. 17: Ram Party — Pride Dallas Edition

Daddy Ersin presents RAM Party — Pride Dallas Edition, 10 p.m.-4 a.m. at Club Underground, 108 S. Pearl St., with music by international DJ Dan De Leon and an opening set DJ Vicky Kuba. Tickets are \$15-\$40. For information visit the Facebook event page.

■ Sept. 18: Pride in Dallas

Kirk Myers-Hill is the Grand Marshal for the Parade on Cedar Springs, at 1 p.m., with emcees Cassie Nova, Chanel LaMasters and Brandon Michael. PrideInDallas.org.

■ Sept. 18: Spectrum Tea Dance

Purple Foundation presents Spectrum with music by Rodolfo Bravat and Tyler Moore at 4 p.m. on the S4 patio, 3911 Cedar Springs Road. PurpleFoundation.org.

■ Sept. 18: Angel Stakes

A casino night benefiting The Turning Point Rape Crisis Center. Theme is secret agents vs. Lucifer Morningstar. Suggested dress is tuxedos, ball gowns, Bond-girl bombshells and angels and demons fantasy at 6 p.m. at Haltom Theater, 5601 E. Belknap St, Haltom City. Tickets \$25-300 available on Eventbrite.

■ Sept. 18: Black Girl Magic Drag Brunch

Peppersmash, 7200 Bishop Road, Ste. B9, Plano, presents Black Girl Magic Drag Brunch, noon-1 p.m. with Miss Gay Eyes of Texas USofA 2021 Barbie Davenport Dupree as host and five performers. Tickets are \$20

■ Sept. 18: PositiviTEA: A Legacy Brunch

Project Grace fundraiser from noon-3 p.m. at Mack Ballroom, SMU, 3300 Dyer St. Tickets at PositiviTea2022.eventbrite.com.

■ Sept. 18: DirtyPop Dance Party

Round-Up Saloon, 3912 Cedar Springs Road, presents The DirtyPop Dance Party with DJ Drew G, 6 p.m., after the Pride Parade on Cedar Springs. Visit the Facebook event page for details.

■ Through Sept. 18: Cartier and Islamic Art

This major exhibition traces Islamic art's influence on the objects created by Louis Cartier and the designers of the great French jewelry Maison from the early 20th century to today. Dallas Museum of Art.

■ Through Sept. 18: Grapefest

The largest consumer-judged wine competition in the U.S. Live entertainment. Free admission on Thursday and before 5 p.m. on Friday. GrapevineTexasUSA.com

■ Through Sept. 18: Rent

North Texas Performing Arts presents Jonathan Larson's classic *Rent*, a contemporary take on *La Boheme* about struggling artists in New York's East Village during the HIV/AIDS epidemic. NTPARep.org.

■ Through Sept. 19: La Cage aux Folles

Head way up north to the burbs for this fab musical by Harvey Fierstein. Lakeside Community Theatre, 6303 Main St. The Colony. LCTTheColony.com.

■ Sept. 20: Faces of LGBT History

The Dallas Way presents faces of LGBTQ+ history from 5-7 p.m. at the H. Paxton Moore Fine Art Gallery, Dallas College, El Centro campus, 801 Main St.

■ Sept. 22-25: Beyond Vanilla

National Leather Alliance's Beyond Vanilla weekend starts with a meet-and-greet at the Hidden Door, 5025 Bowser Ave. on Thursday. BeyondVanilla.org.

■ Sept. 23-25: Rainbow Roundup

Camping trip to Jellystone Park, 2301 S Bureson Blvd, Bureson. Info at Facebook.com/rainbowroundup.

■ Sept. 24: Black Tie Dinner

Sheraton Dallas Hotel. BlackTie.org.

■ Sept. 24: Abilene Pride

Parade downtown at 2 p.m. and festival at 3 p.m. at Nelson Park Festival Gardens, ES 11th and Loop 322, Abilene.

■ Sept. 24: Drag the Vote Show

The Nuns of Texas Abbey of the Third Coming presents Drag the Vote Show and auction at Urban Cowboy, 2620 E. Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth.

■ Sept. 25: Miss LifeWalk

The Summer of LifeWalk wraps up with the annual Miss LifeWalk Pageant at The Rose Room.

■ Through Sept. 25: Big Scary Animals

Theatre Three presents local playwright Matt Lyle's comedy about an older white couple who move into a gay neighborhood. 2688 Laclede St. #120. Theatre3Dallas.com.

■ Through Sept. 25: Clue

Based on the movie which was inspired by the board game, this farce-meets-murder mystery begins at a remote mansion where six guests assemble for a dinner party with murder and blackmail on the menu. Wyly Theatre, DallasTheaterCenter.org.

■ Sept. 25-27: Rosh Hashanah

Holiday begins at sunset on Sunday through sunset on Tuesday.

■ Sept. 27: PrimeTimers

Last Tuesday lunch at 11 a.m. at Hunky's, 3930 Cedar Springs Road.

■ Sept. 28: What's Your Plan? Legal Planning 'for LGBTQ Communities

The Alzheimer's Association hosts What's Your Plan? Legal Planning for LGBTQ Communities event from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. via Zoom, with featured speaker Lorie Burch, attorney at law. The event will focus on learning to recognize signs of Alzheimer's and dementia, how to approach concerns about cognitive changes and important legal and estate planning considerations. Register at Alzncn.News/SeptLGBTQ.

■ Sept. 28: Same-sex spouse grief group

Grief support group for people who have lost a same-sex spouse or partner meets in person on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-8 p.m. at Union Coffee, 3705 Cedar Springs Road. For notifications, contact Richard DeKnock at tastefullyrichard@gmail.com.

■ Sept. 29-Oct. 1: Matteo Lane

Queer comedian headlines the Addison Improv with five performances in three days. 4989 Beltline Road. MatteoLaneComedy.com.

■ Sept. 29-Oct. 29: Screams

Halloween theme park with five haunted houses, a haunted cemetery, live entertainment and more is open Friday and Saturday through October at 2511 FM 66, Waxahachie. \$42. ScreamsPark.com.

■ Sept. 29-Nov. 30: Autumn Equinox

A late-night adult circus scene and immersive theater experience filled with feats of danger and debauchery opens at 9 p.m. Previews begin on Sept. 20. The Rose Room, 3911 Cedar Springs Road.

■ Sept. 30: Randy Rainbow

Emmy nominee Randy Rainbow's The Pink Glasses Tour comes to Texas Trust CU Theatre. Tickets at AXS.com.

GAY AGENDA



Pride returns to Oak Lawn this weekend, and there are plenty of opportunities all weekend long to make your joyful, Prideful noise and to dance right along with it.

So take one — or more or ALL — of these chances to dance your rainbow asses off! Check listings for details.

LEVEL UP DANCE PARTY

Round-Up Saloon, 3912 Cedar Springs Road, with DJ Joey Level. Friday, 11:45 p.m.

BLUE MOON DANCES

Dancemakers of Texas, 6125 SW 820, Ste. 140 in Fort Worth, Saturday, 7 p.m. BYOB.

RISE POOL PARTY

Presented by Purple Party, featuring DJ Guy Scheiman, at Crowne Plaza Downtown, 1015 Elm St., Saturday, 1 p.m.

CHAOTICA

Station 4, 3911 Cedar Springs Road, presents the Official Pride in Dallas Dance Party, featuring headliner DJ GSP with opening set by Tristan Jaxx, 9 p.m.-4 a.m.

DENIM DANCE PARTY

Round-Up Saloon, 3912 Cedar Springs Road, with DJ Jamey Boozer, Saturday, 10 p.m.

RAM PARTY — DALLAS PRIDE EDITION

Daddy Ersin presents RAM Party — Dallas Pride Edition, Saturday, 10 p.m.-4 a.m. at Club Underground, 108 S. Pearl, with DJ Dan Leon and an opening set by DJ Vicky Kuba.

SPECTRUM TEA DANCE

Purple foundation presents Spectrum Tea Dance with music by Rodolfo Bravat and Tyler Moore, Sunday, 4 p.m. at S4 patio, 3911 Cedar Springs Road.

DIRTYPOP DANCE PARTY

Round-Up Saloon, 3912 Cedar Springs Road, Sunday, 6 p.m. with DJ Drew G.

■ Sept. 30-Oct. 2: Queer History South conference

QHS brings together archivists, historians, librarians, educators, students and community members invested in preserving and researching Southern LGBTQ history to talk best practices, network, and have a great time celebrating the rich and diverse histories of LGBTQ people in the US South. Dallas and Denton. InvisibleHistory.org/qhs.

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. Look for extended listings online at DallasVoice.com

Ask Howard

HOW TO DO THE WRONG THING RIGHT

End times? Or just that kind of September?

Try to remember the kind of September ...

Everyone keeps asking me if the world is ending. I'm no prophet; however, here's a trio of new mind-puzzlers y'all are welcome to ponder: 1. Quiet quitting; 2. Zaporizhzhia; 3. Functional extinction. Imminently, in this unkind September of ours, these three stumpers shall soon become catchall, household phrases.

Quiet quitting: Like toadstools in autumn, this nimbus idiom suddenly seems to be popping up everywhere, overnight. For those of you coming up for a breath of air from Grindr, quiet quitting is our new world order's new-age term for showing up to work physically, whilst being both emotionally and mentally clocked-out. It's doing the bare, employee-minimum to preserve one's paycheck from going pink-slip.

You know, zombie employees.

Consider Gen Z Zoomers' distinctive hallmark traits: indifference, malaise and ennui. Quiet quitting, basically, is a metonymy maxim for post-COVID, workplace apathy — a powder keg of superfluous inertia fused with dingaling nihilism. All we're waiting for is the inevitable explosion.

When grass was green and grain was yellow ...

Zaporizhzhia: Anybody heard of it? You will. The Zaporizhzhia power plant, Europe's largest nuclear power facility, is about to go Chernobyl — with a cherry on top. Now, whether or not its radioactive cloud of toxicity will waft all the way across the pond here to Freedom's Land is anybody's biohazardous guess. Meanwhile, whomever can even pronounce "Zaporizhzhia" correctly deserves congratulations.

Hey, Captain Tripps — Putin, I mean; excuse me — before you vaporize all of Europe, don't forget to stockpile your new, secret escape superyacht with a lifetime supply of iodine tablets! (Where's that rascal, Randall Flagg, when you need him?)

When you were a tender and callow fellow ...

Functional extinction. Hello? So, you've not heard of this one, either, guys? It's September, already! Summer has

ended, vacation's over ... Come on now! "Functional extinction" refers to any diversified species whose individual numbers drop too small to maintain a viable population.

In the wild, that point-of-no-return number is 200. For example, when the dodo bird — native only to the island of Mauritius —

was gobbled down to its final remaining 199 survivors, even had the sailors' gorge-fest stopped immediately, it would then still have been too late to save the poor, dumb, flightless creature. Victim already to a negative feedback loop, it was doomed to ultimate extinction; albeit, functionally visible in the wild for a few more defeated years until the very last living dodo, a female, died in 1693.

A modern-day parallel is China's dugong "sea cow" — a saltwater cousin of the manatee (also functionally extinct) — which can no longer be found in large enough numbers off the coastal waters of China to reproduce faster than it's disappearing. Having been around since the Eocene Epoch, 54 million years ago, it required mankind but a mere few decades of enthusiastic habitat degradation to take the dugong beyond the brink: "Apres mois, le deluge."

Try to remember when life was so tender ...

Cheer up, though, bois. You may not even live to see Armageddon. For the second straight year in a row now, according to the CDC, U.S. life expectancy has fallen, with men now expected to live, on average, a paltry 73.2 years (nearly six years fewer than women).

Only three years ago, in 2019, the average life expectancy of an American male was 78 years. Then, of course, in 2020,

our real-life opening chapters of Stephen King's *The Stand* began. By 2021, 460,000 COVID-19 deaths were recorded in the United States, alone. Shortly thereafter, came a million.

Altho' you know that snow will follow ...

Whoever knows, though, how one's going to go? Or when? Hell, who's to say you won't just tumble out of a window today? Splat! Quick. Easy. No time for prolonged agony or regrets — as just happened only two weeks ago in Moscow to the chairman of Russia's second largest oil producer, who was also a vocal critic of the Ukraine invasion. Poor thing, just toppled right out his hospital window, and on the very same day in fact when the President of Russia, himself just happened to have dropped by to offer his get-well-soon condolences. Indeed, a Purple Heart to the press, too, for so acidly noting that "faulty windows are extremely common in the vicinity of Putin critics."

Without a hurt, the heart is hollow ...

Dear Howard: My boyfriend bought another gun the other day to add to his bulging arsenal. He sees imaginary killers lurking everywhere in public and spouts the far right's eternal mantra, "Biden wants to take away our right to bear arms!" I just throw up my arms, Howard. You got anything?"

— Win Chester

Dear W.C.: Nope. Sorry, dude. Got nothing. Here now, within our bumper-sticker/oxymoronic, Twilight Zone world we currently live in, where "Guns don't kill people; only people with guns kill people," it's impossible to politely disagree rationally with "stooped," considering the stupidly anachronistic NRA's empowerment: Assault weapons and dumb citizenry evoking the Second Amendment will, forever, just be joined at the hip. Accept it. Look the other way. Take the high road. Dump the boyfriend. That's the best I got.

Thus, children, concludes Dear Howard's soapbox stance of the month; unfortunately, we're plumb out of further page space for me to tackle more of your End Times' queries, except to shake it back to you by asking, "Are we now all 'woke'

yet?: In pithy closure, bois, I'll leave y'all with these final words to chew on, courtesy writer Elizabeth Crane's marvelous new memoir, *This Story Will Change*: "This story wants so much to have a happy ending, but it's probably just going to have an ending."

It's nice to remember the fire of September/Our hearts should remember and follow, follow, follow.

— Howard Lewis Russell

Got a radioactive question for Howard, all hunkered down snugly there in your homemade bunker? Send your best doomsday specials to AskHoward@dallasvoice.com. He may smugly answer you.



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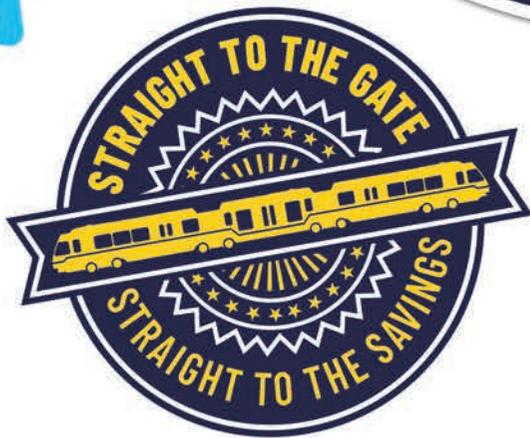


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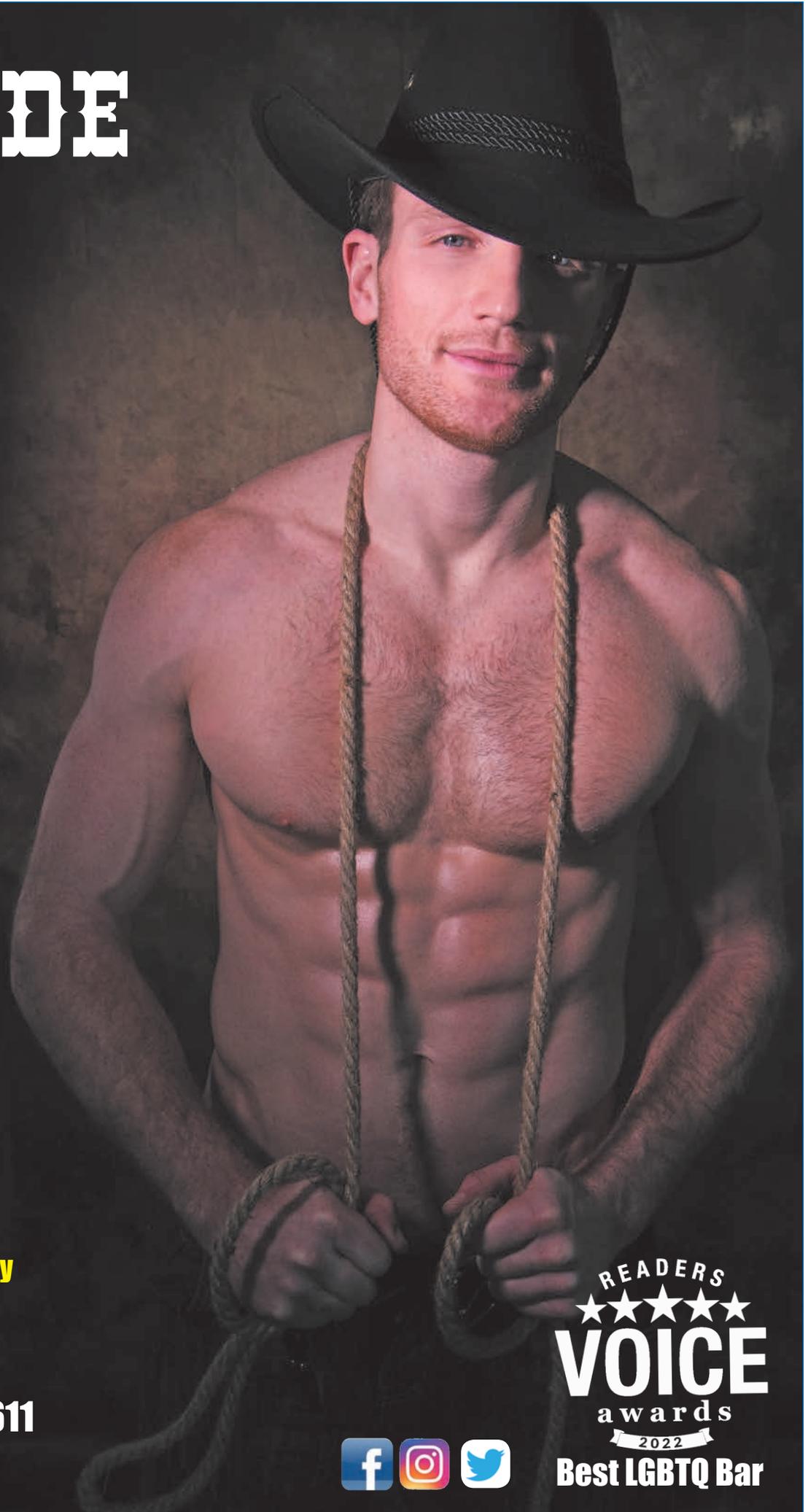
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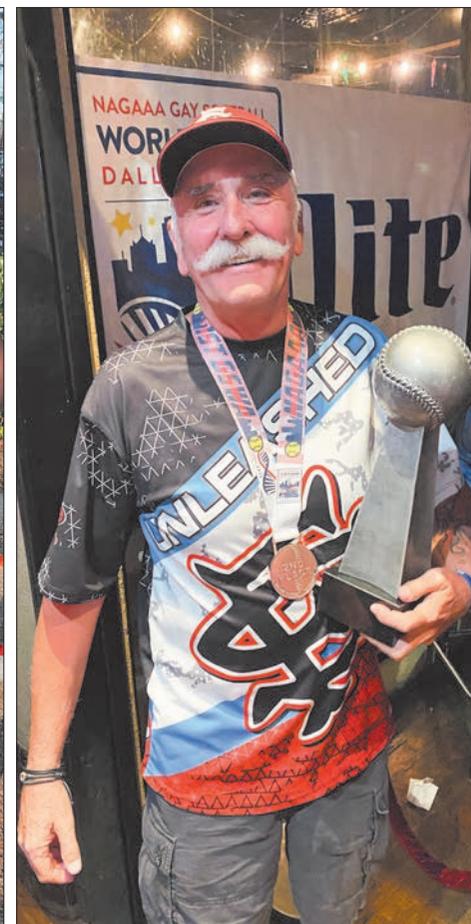
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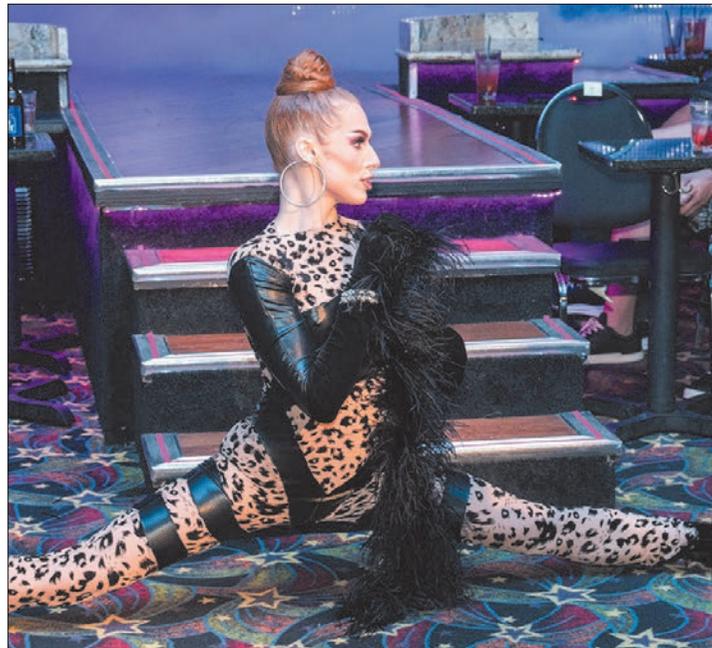
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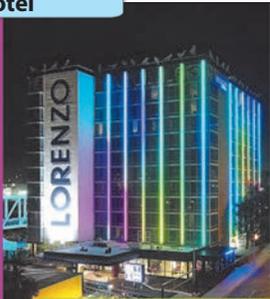
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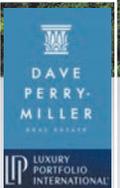
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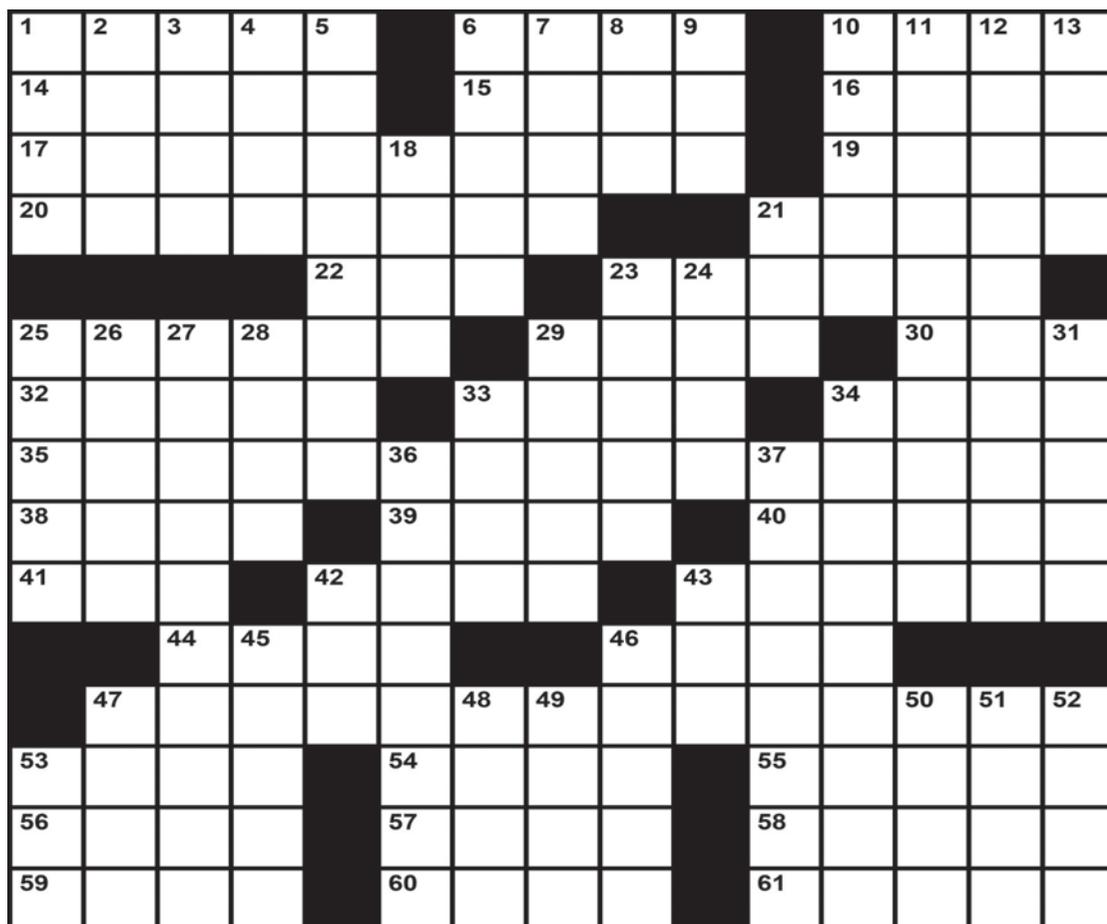
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- 6 What guns shoot off
- 10 *Twelfth Night* quintet
- 14 Speedy train
- 15 Polished surface, for a drag queen
- 16 "___ Little Kindness"
- 17 With 35-Across, extreme anguish in a sea tale?
- 19 Pacifiers
- 20 BenGay can help this
- 21 Hoped for responses to come-ons
- 22 P-town summer hrs.
- 23 Give a hard time to
- 25 Greek balls
- 29 Young miss
- 30 *Once Upon a Mattress* legume
- 32 Lesbos and more
- 33 Like sex for one
- 34 Seizures for Caesar
- 35 See 17-Across
- 38 Party thrower
- 39 Batman and Robin, and others
- 40 Mic holder
- 41 Gas additive
- 42 Woody pile
- 43 Grasping tool

- 44 Command to one's bitch
- 46 A Brit soldier may shoot it off
- 47 Sea tale author
- 53 Sea bottom captain
- 54 One with a long tongue
- 55 "Let me repeat..."
- 56 Practiced heterosexuality
- 57 Actor Auberjonois
- 58 *Alexander* director Oliver
- 59 Ian McKellen's *The Da Vinci* ___
- 60 Belgian border river
- 61 City of Hirschfeld's land

Down

- 1 Large openings
- 2 Eight for Lorca
- 3 Letter opener
- 4 Woods of *Legally Blonde*
- 5 Principle course at Star Canyon
- 6 Existential woe
- 7 Nannies' cries
- 8 Maj. opposite, for Rorem
- 9 Like lace, with arsenic
- 10 Cruising, maybe
- 11 Structural member
- 12 Galley worker
- 13 Give some lip to

- 18 Monster's Loch
- 21 '69 and others
- 23 Circles overhead
- 24 Starting from
- 25 *Climb Ev'ry Mountain* experiences
- 26 "Lead ___ into temptation"
- 27 Desecrated the Divine Miss M?
- 28 Knock off
- 29 HRC's equal sign, and others
- 31 Grate stuff
- 33 Like a tight opening
- 34 Susan B. Anthony and others
- 36 Worship of an American singing competition?
- 37 Put on the boob tube
- 42 The Eagle, to NASA
- 43 Tammy Faye's old club
- 45 Eat away at
- 46 *Coming out of Egypt* dinner
- 47 Deli sandwich
- 48 Naysayers' words
- 49 Hair of a stallion
- 50 Its capital is Vientiane
- 51 "What's your sign?" is one
- 52 *East of* ___
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