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Traylon Brown

Police ask for help with cold case murder

Dallas Police this week asked the community once again for any information that could help them in solving the October 2018 murder of Traylon Brown. Brown's mother has also recently contacted Dallas Voice, asking the community to help solve her son's murder.

Brown was found dead in his vehicle on Oct. 21, 2018, in an apartment complex in the 7100 block of Gayglen Drive. He had died from a gunshot wound.

A family friend told Dallas Voice at the time that, while he did not identify as transgender, Brown did sometimes dress in a wig and women's clothing.

If anyone has any information regarding his death, police ask that you contact the Cold Case Unit at 214-671-3661 or by email at cold-case.dpd@dallaspolice.gov and refer to case number 231046-2018.

— Tammye Nash

Award-winning author Dorothy Allison has died

Award-winning lesbian author Dorothy Allison has died at age 75, following a short battle with cancer. Some sources say the acclaimed writer died on Nov. 5 or 6 at her home in California.

Allison wrote poetry, novels, essays and what she called "smut," her work focusing on queer and working-class Southern characters. Although she had a long and lauded career as an author, it was her first novel, *Bastard Out of Carolina*, with its powerful portrayal of poverty, sexual abuse and the devastating effects of social stigma in the American South that most people think of first when they hear her name.

Allison was also a vocal feminist and activist for LGBTQ equality.

She was preceded in death by her wife of more than 30 years, Alix Layman, who died in 2022. Allison is survived by her son, Wolf Michael, and two sisters.

— Tammye Nash

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To remember, to honor

At a time when trans Texans are under attack more than ever, TDoR and the 'Lost Faces' exhibit are more important than ever

This year marks the 25th anniversary of Trans Day of Remembrance (TDoR), and it comes at a time when tensions are running high within the trans and gender expansive community. Recent years have seen an onslaught of anti-trans political ads airing across battleground states and anti-trans legislation being introduced in state legislatures across the country.

Many families have fled Texas due to the heightened attention targeting trans youth. Unfortunately, for some, fleeing is not an option.

As communities prepare for their TDoR ceremonies, it's important to look back at the origins of this annual observance.

In 1999, a group of community members — including Gwendolyn Ann Smith, Nancy Nangeroni and Jahaira DeAlto — founded Trans Day of Remembrance to memorialize the murders of Rita Hester and Chanelle Pickett. The first TDoR events were held in Boston and San Francisco in November 1999, and communities around the world have continued to observe TDoR annually on Nov 20.

While researching transgender Texans in the Houston area who have been lost to violence so we could include them in testimony for a hearing during the Texas 87th Legislature, a cold case from 1986 popped up thanks to a new development in the case. In July of 1986, a 20-to-30 year-old Black trans woman, who was given the placeholder name "Live Oak Doe," was found unresponsive in South Houston. She was pronounced dead after being transported to a hospital.

For years, little to no information was available on Live Oak Doe; the Trans Doe Task Force began the work to research



Gordy Carmona
Special Guest Columnist

this case in hopes of putting in a recommendation for forensic genealogical analysis by the DNA Doe Project. In February 2021, the DNA Doe



'Lost Faces' is on display at SPACE through Nov. 23

Project announced that they had finally identified Live Oak Doe, but her name has not been released to the public.

Learning about Live Oak Doe was sobering news. She died two months after I was born and wasn't identified until I was 35.

This news prompted us to research and learn more about other trans and gender expansive siblings we have lost to violence over the past decade across Texas. As we began collecting information on cases in Texas and looking at how we could memorialize these lost faces, we noticed an unprecedented increase in the number of documented cases in 2021-2022 TDoR timeframe: 70 names were recorded across the country during that time frame.

In 2022, we held a TDoR vigil in North Texas, which was featured in the Tanya Selvaratnam and Rose Bush documenta-



DFW's 2022 TDoR vigil was highlighted in the documentary 'Love to the Max.' (Photo courtesy of The New Yorker)

ry *Love to the Max* about the Briggie family of Denton, one of several families who were under investigation at the time by Texas Child Protective Services for pro-

something special that would provide an opportunity for us to come together to honor the lives of our siblings lost to violence and hopefully highlight that the impact of anti-trans violence extends beyond the trans community.

Transphobia affects everyone. We've seen this in the deaths of Dionne Peacock and Colin Smith: Dionne was a cisgender woman battling cancer who was stabbed to death because her killer believed she was transgender. Colin was a cisgender man who was stabbed to death after he stepped in to defend a trans friend from a verbal attack.

For this year's TDoR, we organized an exhibition titled *Lost Faces: Trans Day of Remembrance Exhibition & Vigil* that will honor the trans and gender expansive Texans whom we lost over the past decade. It features portraits of each one by local artist Gabriel Mendez.

The exhibit will also include an ofrenda for those we've lost this year, an installation piece honoring Live Oak Doe and a tribute honoring award-winning blogger and journalist the late Monica Roberts and Finn's Place Board Chair Robin Avery Schere.

The exhibit is open Thursdays and Fridays, 4-7 p.m., and at other times by appointment through Nov. 23, at SPACE in the Adolphus Tower.

As we approach this year's TDoR, it's imperative that we recommit ourselves to advocating for our trans siblings and continue to hold space for those we have lost.

Gordy Carmona is the community engagement and advocacy strategist in North Texas for Equality Texas.

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Thanksgiving by the basket

COMMUNITY

Thousands will have a holiday meal thanks to Cathedral of Hope's annual project

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By Sunday morning, Nov. 24, Cathedral of Hope will be filled with laundry baskets — rectangular, sturdy Rubbermaid preferred. Nothing unusual about that. It's been going on for 36 years.

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving, the Cathedral distributes Thanksgiving baskets to 500 recipients, explained Peggy Wheaton, the project's lead. She's been involved since 2000 and is leading the project for her fifth time.

"Some friends that I knew at the church were coordinating the project," she said. "I followed in behind them to volunteer and was hooked."

Wheaton described the project as "a dedicated effort every year at Thanksgiving to provide Thanksgiving baskets to create a meal for someone in our community who needs it."

Who knows just how many people she and her team are feeding?

Each of the 500 baskets that will be distributed starts with an 8-to-12 pound frozen turkey followed by a list of other items to make a complete, traditional Thanksgiving banquet. Every basket will feed five to 10 people.

So this completely volunteer project will provide the holiday meal for several thousand people.

Wheaton's team is not cooking, she explained. They're distributing a basket of ingredients that recipients can cook at home for the holiday.

Who's receiving the baskets? Church members who need help; community members in the area who've called the

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Cathedral of Hope volunteers will distribute some 500 baskets of food, feeding several thousand North Texans for Thanksgiving.

43rd Black Tie Dinner is Saturday

COMMUNITY ON ACTION

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Last December, Black Tie Dinner distributed a record \$1.7 million raised at its 2023 event, topping \$1 million in total distributions to local beneficiaries in one year for the first time.

This year's co-chairs, Dustin Vyers and Liliana Villareal, hope to beat last year's totals.

Speakers at this year's dinner include Human Rights Campaign President Kel-



Carter Brown with his wife, Espy

ley Robinson and Pulse nightclub mass shooting survivor Brandon Wolf.

Carter Brown, Black Trans Advocacy founder and CEO, will receive the Raymond Kuchling Award.

When Brown founded a local organization to support Black trans men, he quickly learned there was nothing quite like it anywhere else in the country. His annual conference draws attendees from around the U.S.

Also speaking and receiving awards are Dallas Mavericks CEO Cynt Marshall, trans social media personality Dylan Mulvaney and trans activist Landon Richie.

Marshall is the first Black woman CEO in the NBA. Mulvaney is known for detailing her transition in daily videos on Tik Tok and for being at the center of a firestorm of fury from right-wingers

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Lexus TX three-row crossover celebrates the much-anticipated screen version of the stage hit

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I know cars. Theater? Not so much. But I am looking forward to the release of the film adaptation of *Wicked* that's set to be released in full surround sound, chocolate-covered raisins and popping corn when it hits theaters on Nov. 22.

I may not yet know the musical well, but I do know all of the songs. "For Good" is one of my all-time favorites.

My husband, our daughter and I can't wait! I even bought green *Wicked* nail polish for the occasion. My daughter loves that, too.

But I may be in for another fantasy realized.

Automotive Fantasy Via Lexus

As it turns out, Lexus has also appealed to my automotive predispositions by creating two bespoke TX three-row crossovers for the film's debut. One conjures the eventual evil of Elphaba while the other lifts the goodness of Glinda in a ying-and-yang, goodness-and-gauche, Grande-and-Erivo kind of way.

"We've designed each vehicle to capture the magic of *Wicked* and bring the cinematic experience to life for its passionate fans," said Lisa McQueen, manager of Lexus marketing. "Just as Glinda and Elphaba each possess distinct powers and vibrant personalities, these customized vehicles spotlight their distinctive styles, ensuring that fans 'Experience OZmazing.'"

Taking inspiration from the movie's Emerald City architecture, each vehicle embodies Art Deco motifs that transport their patrons in enchanting beauty.

The Glinda TX is all about positivity

rendered in Electric Pink with shimmering gold accents and wheels. Its "POP-ULR" vanity plate winks at the good witch's famous song in the movie. Pink underglow lighting permeates a vibrant happy aura.

Basking in a far different light, The Elphaba TX bears a deep emerald-green exterior with gold details and ethereal green underglow. Tires surround large geometric golden wheels. Identify this broom by its DFY GRVTY vanity plate that references her anthem in the musical.

Lexus reality back home

Back in Kansas (or Texas, Indiana, L.A...), the TX should be right at home in driveways and carparks. Whether you root for good or evil, both vehicles are essentially luxed-out versions of the popular Toyota Highlander, with magnificent space for seven passengers, wide 14-inch infotainment touchscreens and available hybrid powertrains.

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Both vehicles made their official red-carpet debuts during the *Wicked* premiere at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in Los Angeles. I guess if we're on our way to Oz in a handbasket, might as well take the fabulous route. ■



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BEYOND THE STAGE

Jinkx Monsoon and BenDeLaCreme chat about their wildly hilarious holiday show and the power of queer voices in today's America

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Sorry, Mariah. Lights out, Rudolph. Hasta la vista, Santa Baby.

For scores of queer people across the globe, the holidays don't officially begin until the curtain rises and the spotlights focus on two larger-than-life entertainers: Jinkx Monsoon and BenDeLaCreme. The dynamic hall-decking duo co-writes and co-stars each year in a completely new version of *The Jinkx & DeLa Holiday Show*, preferring to keep things fresh as Santa's jockstrap just out of the dryer on Dec. 26.

The yuletide legends mark their return to Dallas' Majestic Theatre on Nov. 20, but not before joining Dallas Voice on a Zoom call to chat about everything from politics to the importance of drag queens performing in Texas.

Dallas Voice: Let me say how happy I am we didn't scare you away from Texas. Two years ago, protestors were outside the show as people entered the Majestic Theatre. You all gave a really moving speech saying that simply attending a drag show these days is still an act of protest and bravery. Do you think anti-drag protestors have a clue that they really only unite us more and bring us closer as a community? Jinkx: Well, let's not set that precedent! (laughs) No, I don't think we need protestors to bring us together. We're in more cities in the South this year, and that was a conscious effort by DeLa and her production team. We had to leave out some cities that you would normally see on our tour dates, but it was very clear where we needed to take the show this year.

We always hope to take the show where it's needed when possible because it's more than just two hours of entertainment. If



BenDeLaCreme and Jinkx Monsoon bring holiday cheer and LGBTQ pride to Dallas

that's all you need, we'll provide it for you. But if you come for two hours of being in a safe space with like-minded people who want to talk about the issues of today in a lighthearted, easy-to-access way, then we've got that for you, too. All we ever hope is to galvanize you and send you back out into the world feeling empowered.

DeLa: You know, I think one of the biggest things about this show is not just what we do on stage, but that we gather like-minded people in one room. And in a world in which a lot of us feel constantly under attack and that we need to be on the defense, we hope to give people two hours where they know that they're protected and loved and, yes, that is a political act.

Being a queer person in public is a political act. Loving each other is a political act. And that galvanization and that unity is what's going to get us where we need to go as a country and beyond.

There were years when artists like Ma-



donna wouldn't come to Texas back when George W. Bush was president, but that's when we need support the most. Jinkx: We've had big conversations about that, and as queer, marginalized, independent artists, we have been on the road performing, being one big old target.

We've been on tour when [the] Pulse [shooting] happened in Florida. We were on tour during [the] Colorado Springs [Club Q shooting]. It's like, gosh, this constant reminder that this is still unsafe. Just being your authentic self onstage is still



unsafe, and, as scared as we were those years, and now more than ever, we have to get on the stage. We've doubled down the security efforts to ensure the space is safe for patrons. But it was never a question in our minds to keep going because we have always kept going.

Let's get away from the politics a bit. The

fact that you create a brand-new holiday show each year is just so impressive. What's the motivation for you to constantly update it and keep the show so fresh? DeLa: When we first started this tour back in 2018, it was a much smaller scale. But when we started thinking about 2019, we were like, "You don't have to

make a new show." We were told that by a lot of people. But we were very steadfast that we were building something that we care about as an annual tradition. We need to give people a reason to come back and spend each year with us, because they want to see what we are going to bring to the stage that year.

It's definitely exciting to go every year and not know what you're going to do or what the plot will be. You're often very topical, too, like when you had the Covid bunker in the show after the pandemic. Do you plan to incorporate the election outcome at all? Jinkx: We had big discussions about this at the top of our writing boot camp as we call it. Essentially, what we are striving to do is to focus on what is going to be true no matter what huge changes need to be made in this country and the way our system works. We should never be in this position again, where one of the candidates is a fascist, right? How did we get here? And yet, here we are. Now I've forgotten what I was talking about!

DeLa: We can't write two different shows, and we can't shoehorn in something. So what we had to do was address, like Jinkx said, what's true no matter what. What's true no matter what is that we have been through something very traumatic. We

continue to go through traumatic things. There is so much left to do, and that's always the plight of the queer community. And the thing that the Jinkx and DeLa Holiday Show has kind of always strived to remind the audience and ourselves is that part of the work is to take a break and celebrate what we've accomplished.

Any plot points you can share? DeLa: We like to keep it mostly a surprise, but this year, as in past years, we are taking a beloved holiday classic and one we've never actually touched before, and turning it fully on its ear with the Jinkx and DeLa spin in ways that I think will be very unexpected. I think it's gonna be very good.

Jinkx: Yeah, I like to end our interviews — especially after we've talked about all these very important, very serious topics — by saying, WE'RE COMEDIANS! (laughing) We have the capacity to talk about these things. We don't shy away from these things. And yet, we have chosen drag and comedy as our way to do this, because that's where we are skilled and powerful. ... This is how we feel, and let it be known, but you're going to show up for some dick jokes!

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The election of Donald Trump to a second term as president feels like a body blow. The danger of his policies to LGBTQ and other marginalized people is real. Nevertheless, there are actions LGBTQ parents can take now to protect and support our families — and there are a few things that are giving me hope.

One thing LGBTQ parents should do immediately is make sure to have secure legal protections in place. This is especially important for non-gestational and non-genetic parents whose legal relationships with their children may still be



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called into question, even if they are married and on their children's birth certificates. Because of bias and discrimination, both married and unmarried LGBTQ parents are advised by LGBTQ legal experts to have the security of a court judgment, not just a birth certificate, to protect their child-parent relationships no matter where they may move or travel.

Visit lgbtqparentage.org for a brief

guide that GLAD Law and I created which explains the options you may have and offers straightforward answers to common questions about securing

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Wills, powers of attorney and health-care proxies are also critical to protect LGBTQ families more broadly. For all of the above, it is important to get advice from someone well versed in LGBTQ family law in your specific state.

If you need legal assistance, the National LGBTQ+ Bar Association maintains a Family Law Attorney Directory of experienced LGBTQ family law practitioners. Additionally, several major LGBTQ legal organizations, including GLAD Law, Lambda Legal, the National Center for Lesbian Rights and the Transgender Law Center offer helplines that can address questions, provide attorney referrals and direct you further.

You can easily find these resources via a quick online search.

Don't forget that you're not alone. We're facing this as a community. Whether in person or online, we can support each other and share both our challenges and joys. And every LGBTQ, civil rights and reproductive rights organization I know is ready to assist, both in advocating for our rights and in connecting us with resources.

As parents, we can ourselves assist our kids (of relevant age) process their feelings around the election and what they may be hearing from peers, the news or online sources. We can listen to their concerns and remind them that when bullies win, the good people try harder; that change takes time, but we will always love and support them; and that we and they are part of a strong and vibrant LGBTQ community with a history of resilience and resistance.

Those with children old enough can start (or continue) age-appropriate conversations about democracy, activism, social justice and more, helping the next generation of citizens develop core values and be informed and engaged.

We can also get involved with LGBTQ and other social justice organizations (on an ongoing basis or for individual events), volunteer for political campaigns (midterms will be here before we know it) and continue speaking out for our families in our neighborhoods, school board meetings, and other local venues.

And there are more personal ways to make a difference as well, reaching out

to those in our communities who may need assistance in navigating today's uncertain currents. We shouldn't try to do everything — but it is incumbent upon us to do something.

It's okay to ask for help, too. At the very least, don't forget to take a break once in a while. Spend extra time in the park with your kids or give them some extra screen time while you read a novel. If you don't have the luxury of spare time, do what you can to catch your breath: Turn off the news and turn on some music while you commute or go to the grocery store, for example.

Remember, too, that there are sparks of hope. The election also saw many wins for LGBTQ candidates across the country. Notably, Sarah McBride (D-DE) was elected to the U.S. House, becoming the first out transgender person in Congress; Julie Johnson (D-Texas) became the first openly LGBTQ person elected to Congress from a southern state. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), who was the first out LGBTQ woman elected to Congress and then the first out LGBTQ person elected to the Senate, won reelection; and Sharice Davids (D-KS), who was one of the first

two Native Americans and the first out LGBTQ Native American elected to Congress, was reelected to the U.S. House.

Looking just at LGBTQ parents, more than three dozen of us won election or reelection around the country, including Becca Balint (D-VT) and Angie Craig (D-MN), who were reelected to the U.S. House; Aime Wichtendahl (D), who will become the first out transgender person to serve in Iowa's state legislature; and Jolanda Jones (D) and Josey Garcia (D) won reelection to the Texas House while Ashley Simmons won her first time.

LGBTQ parents also won state legislative seats in several other states that Trump won, and won city, county, judicial, and school board seats in several states.

Our community still has a voice. We have our families; we have each other, and we'll get through this together. Sending you love and strength for the days ahead. ■

Dana Rudolph is the founder and publisher of Mombian (mombian.com), a two-time GLAAD Media Award-winning blog plus a searchable database of 1,700+ LGBTQ family books.

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On hand to help present awards and keep the live auction lively will be legendary sports commentator Dale Hansen, who gained national attention when he defended Michael Sam and said the only reason Sam wasn't a first round draft pick was because he had come out as a gay man.

Beneficiaries for this year's event are AIDS Services of Dallas, Big Brothers Big Sisters Lonestar, Cathedral of Hope, Celebration Community Church, Dallas Hope Charities, Equality Texas Foundation, Finn's Place, Galileo Church/North Texas Transportation Network, Grant Halliburton Foundation, HELP Center for LGBT Health and Wellness, HRC Foundation, Legacy Cares, Northaven Church, Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas, Pride Frisco, Resource Center, Synergy Wesley Foundation, Transgender Education Network of Texas, Transition Resource Action Center, Turtle Creek Chorale and Uptown Players.

In addition to ticket sales, Black Tie Dinner raises funds through its silent auction. That auction is open to the public through on-line bidding the week before the dinner and continues in person at the hotel through the evening.

Items include artwork, furniture, gift certificates, jewelry and more. About 10 high-dollar auction items including luxurious trips are part of a live auction from the stage. Always popular is a private dinner for you and a group of friends with Hansen.

A luxury car raffle has been part of

Black Tie since the early days of the event. This year, the \$100 tickets buy a chance to win a \$45,000 credit toward the purchase of a vehicle of your choice through Park Place Motors.



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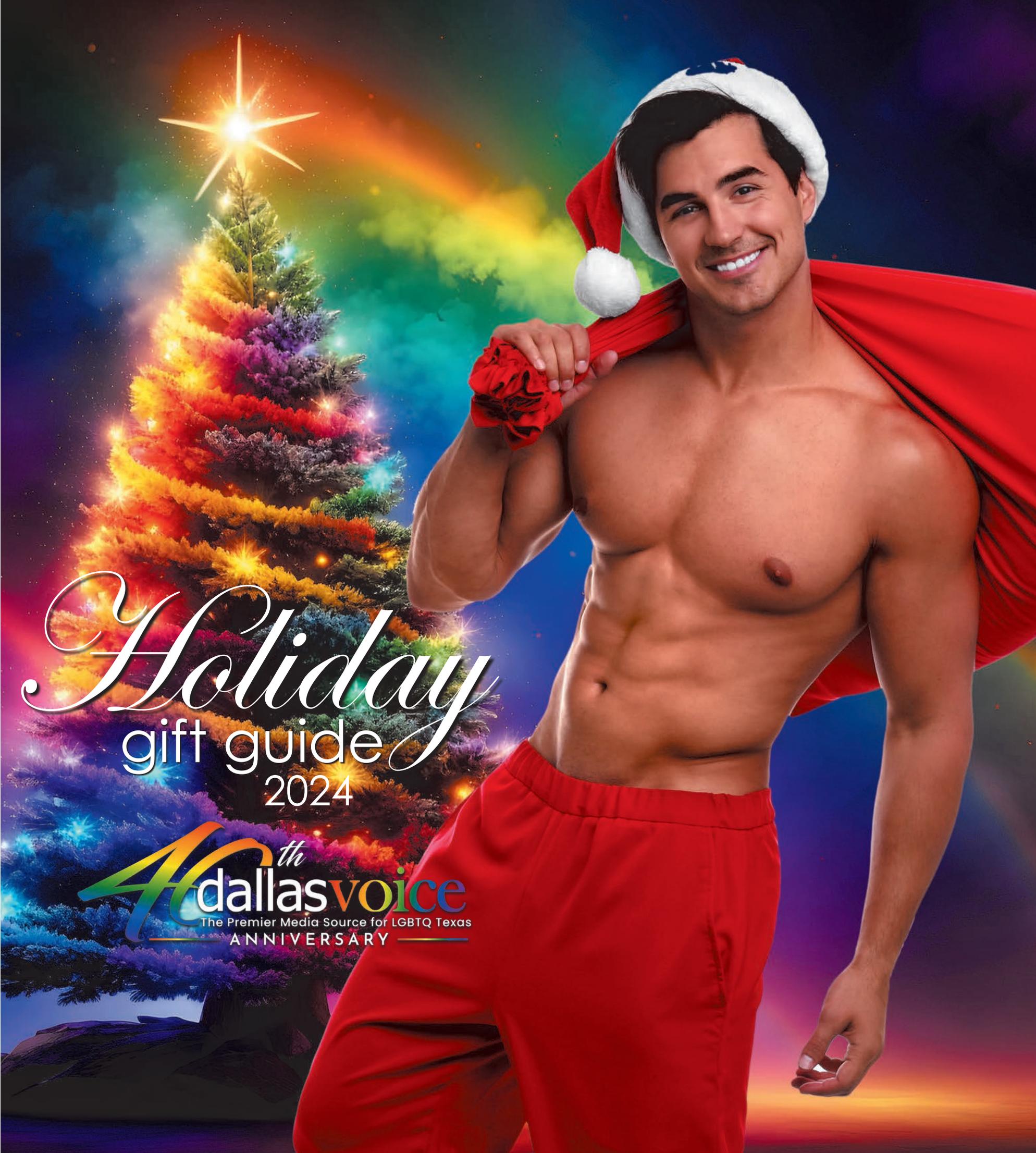
Black Tie Dinner began in 1982 when a group of LGBTQ community leaders including John Thomas, Ray Kuchling, Dickie Weaver, Mike Anglin, Bill Nelson and Terry Tebedo hosted a formal dinner in a small ballroom at the Fairmont Hotel. They raised \$6,000 for the Human Rights Campaign. That amount doubled in 1983 and more than doubled again in 1984.

In 2004, Black Tie passed \$1 million for the first time.

Other cities around the country have copied Dallas' format and, today, about 50 similar dinners raise money for HRC. The key to Dallas remaining the largest LGBTQ formal dinner is including local beneficiaries. Those beneficiaries are responsible for table sales, raffle ticket sales, donations of auction items and volunteering hundreds of hours of time before, during and after the event.

Over the years, a number of awards have been established in addition to the Kuchling Award that have gone to local and nationally known recipients and organizations. For example, the Black Tie Dinner Equality Award has gone to Billy Porter, the Trevor Project and Chaz Bono. The Media Award has been presented to Debra Messing, Cynthia Nixon, Fran Drescher and Cyndi Lauper, among others. The Richard Weaver Volunteer Excellence Award has gone to Brian Cross, Han Seth Lu and Lisa Harris.

Black Tie Dinner takes place on Saturday, Nov. 16 at 6 p.m. at Sheraton Dallas, 400 N. Olive St.



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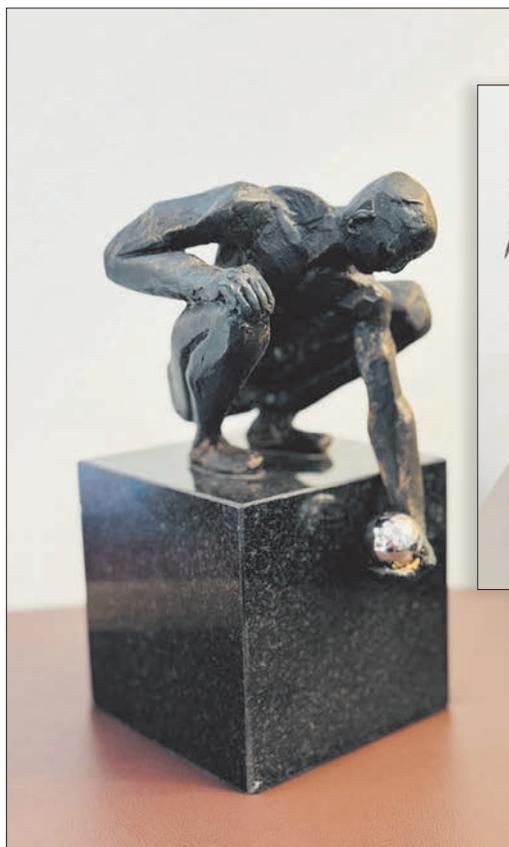
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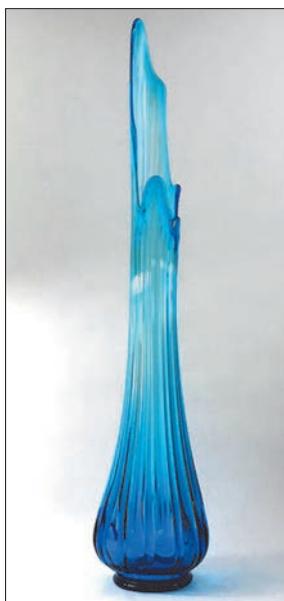
Visit The **Antique Gallery of Mesquite** this holiday season for one-of-a-kind finds that bring charm, character and nostalgia to holiday celebrations. Whether you're looking for vintage décor, unique gifts or statement pieces to elevate your festive décor, the gallery offers a treasure trove of carefully curated antiques, like this yellow geo-vase (\$10) or this whimsical Fruitcake dish (\$10). With items ranging from mid-century ornaments to retro collectibles, each piece holds its own story — perfect for gifting or adding a touch of originality to your home this season. Antique Gallery of Mesquite, 3330 N. Galloway Ave.; 972-270-7700; AntiqueGalleryMesquite.com.



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Lula B's Design District, 1010 N. Riverfront Blvd., Instagram.com/lulabsdd; and Lula B's Oak Cliff, 1982 Fort Worth Ave., Instagram.com/lulabsoc.



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Looking for a gift for the queen in your life? This darling Holly Adler nutcracker (\$210) may be just their cup of tea, available at **Zsa Zsa's Unique Boutique**, 322 W. 7th Street in the Bishop Arts District. 214-948-9874. ZsaZsas.com (LGBTQ-owned).



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Is there someone on your list who has been especially good this year? I mean, really REALLY good? If so, you might consider gifting them with **Dewar's Double Double 38-Year-Old Blended Scotch Whisky**, paired with bespoke chocolates crafted by Two-Star Michelin Chef Gabriel Kreuther. This is limited-edition whisky is the second release in the Dewar's Collector's Series, featuring a blend of single malt whiskies aged for 38 years using Dewar's unique four-stage aging process. And it is paired with custom chocolates infused with the whisky itself. \$2,199. Dewars.com.



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Dolly Parton is an all-around icon, a superstar songwriter, singer, actress and yes, an all-around superstar human being. This holiday season, there are plenty of ways to bring Dolly into your home or the home of a friend with these gifts. Pull up a chair to a year of meals, friends, and fun with the Partons, as Dolly and her sister (and favorite cook) Rachel share beloved, crowd-pleasing recipes and family stories in *Good-Lookin' Cookin'* (\$35 wherever books are sold). And once you've got the recipes you will need something to cook them in and on and with, like this 8-inch cast iron skillet inspired by Dolly's infamous song, "Jolene" (\$24.95); a cast iron skillet clock inspired by "Working 9 to 5" (\$59.95) and a butterfly guitar trivet inspired by Dolly's iconic music (\$19.90) — all combining Lodge's unparalleled performance and heirloom-quality with Dolly's trademark flair. They have larger cast iron frying pans and even the **Dolly Gift set** with the book, a guitar-shaped skillet, a larger skillet, a towel, a spatula and a silicone handle holder (\$99.95) LodgeCastIron.com.



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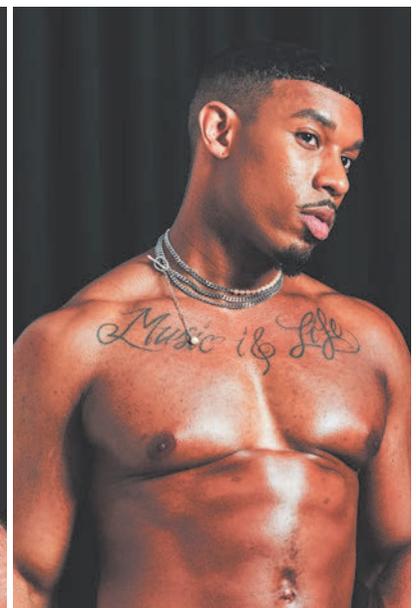
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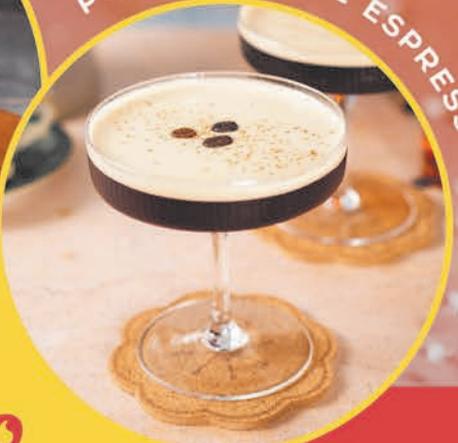
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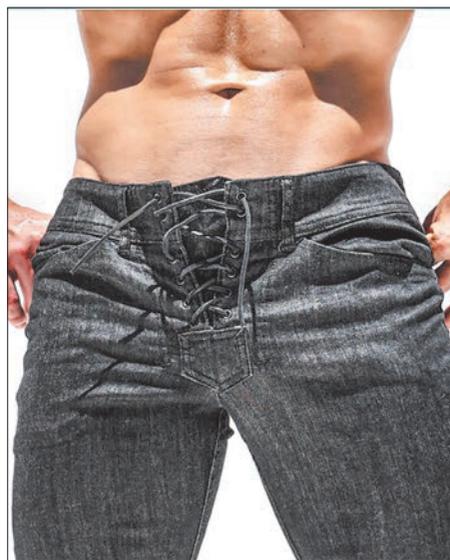
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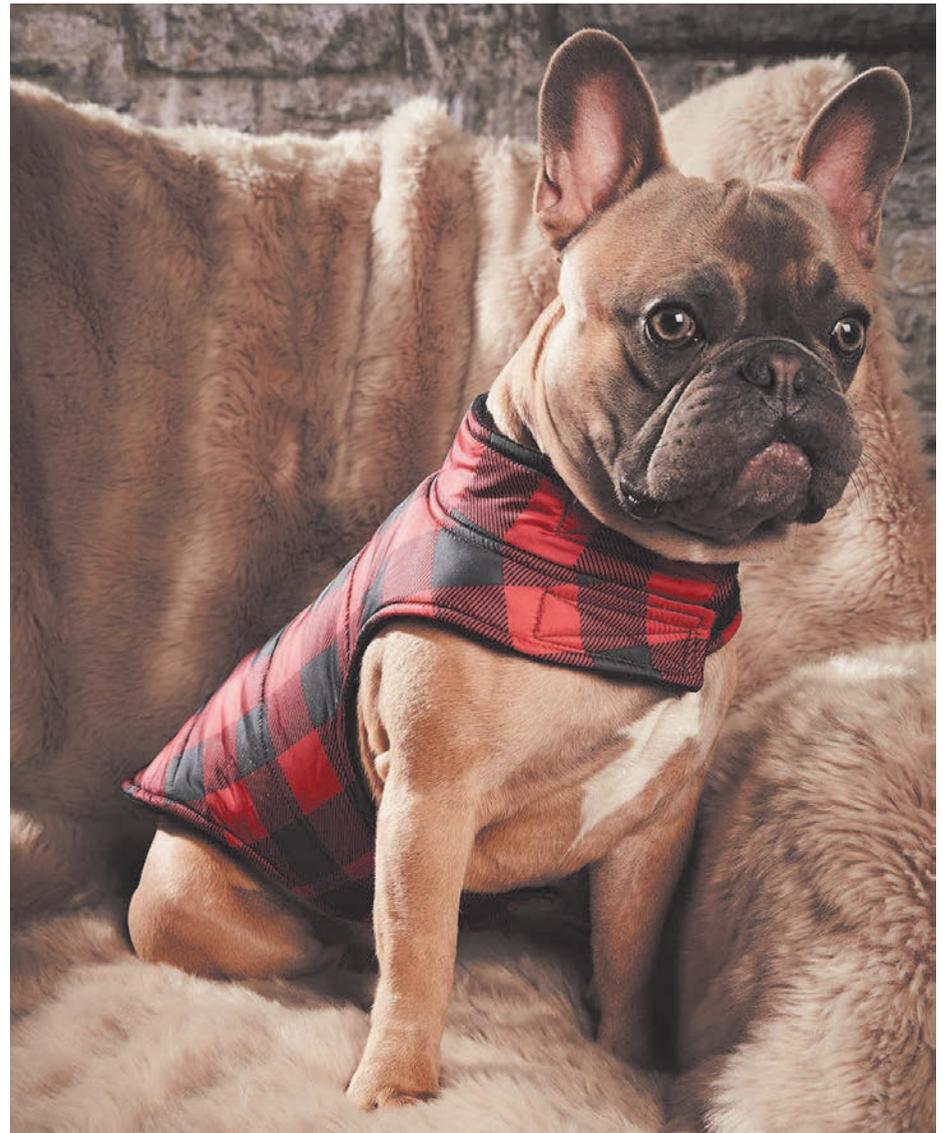
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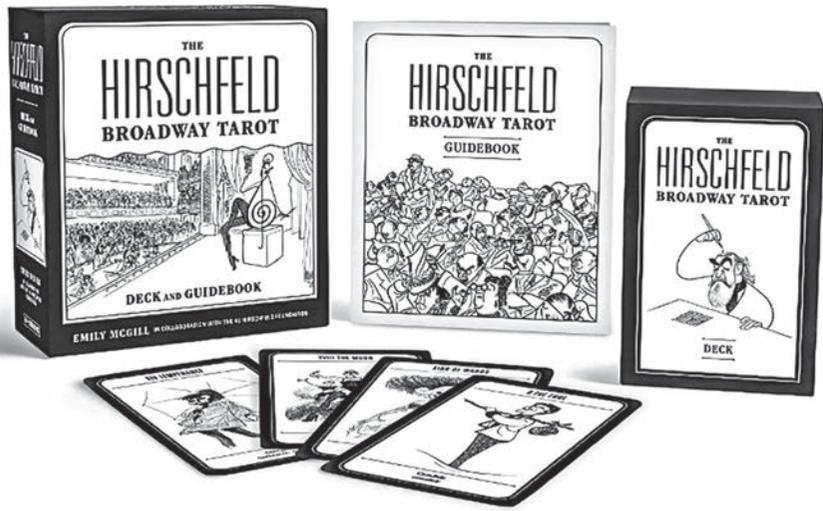
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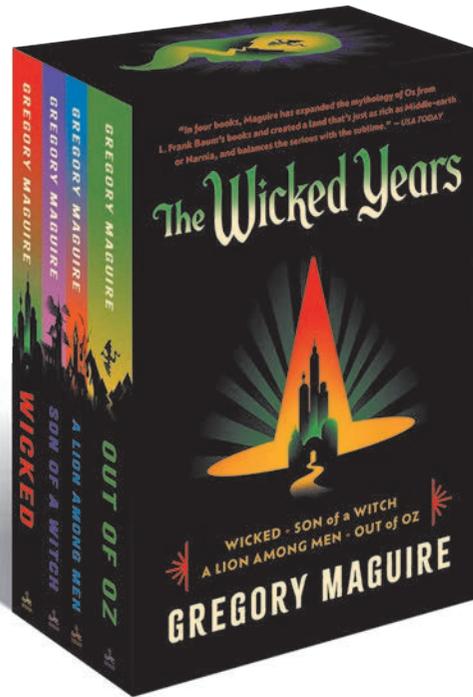
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THANKSGIVING

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church because they need help; clients of agencies who've been partnering with Cathedral of Hope for years.

Wheaton said AIDS Services Dallas is the biggest recipient of baskets for their residents who live in apartment-style units with kitchens. She said a hospice center receives baskets, a neighboring school and another DISD group.

In all, about six agencies receive help.

Every year, the church starts getting calls from people asking for help around the holiday, long before Wheaton and her volunteers begin preparing for the massive undertaking.

"It's been going on for so long that there's strong word of mouth," she said.

That word of mouth includes both people receiving Thanksgiving baskets



and contributors. Much of the food comes from food pantries, but church members also contribute completed baskets that they've shopped for themselves.

Start with one rectangular laundry basket — sturdy Rubbermaid suggested, as already noted — or a large sturdy tote bag or similar container.

From there, the shopping list includes one frozen 8-12 pound turkey. Ham or chicken of the same size will do if no turkeys are available.

Next are the trimmings: One 3-5 pound bag of potatoes, two boxes of dressing, two cans of green beans, two cans of corn, two cans of yams, two cans of fruit cocktail, peaches or pears, two cans or packets of gravy, two cans of cranberry sauce, two cans or one box of chicken broth, one box of biscuit or pancake mix, one cake mix and frosting, one can of coffee or a box of tea or both, one bag of dried beans and one bag of rice.

And a roasting pan.

"We expanded the baskets a few years ago to add things that will extend use for a few days," Wheaton said. "Beans, rice, spaghetti, sauce."

Some will add paper plates and a tablecloth and some additional snacks.

This year, about 115 parishioners committed to bringing a basket.

"I tell them: You come in at 10 and by 10:15 agencies are picking up baskets," Wheaton said. "Our goal is every basket is out by noon."

Receiving and delivering the baskets on that Sunday morning works like a well-oiled machine. About 45 volunteers work to make sure things go off without a hitch. There's a team to direct traffic, 15 folks to assemble baskets and a team to load vans for agencies.

"People who come through to receive a basket are so appreciative," Wheaton said. "They're genuinely thankful. We tend to see the same people year after year. The idea is that they can count on us, and we can bring joy to their faces."

For one moment in time, Wheaton explained, they're not having to worry about their next meal.

To make a cash donation that will go toward any items that need to be purchased from the supermarket can be made on the church's website at CathedralOfHope.com.

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Bobby Jo Valentine performs Friday, Nov. 15, at Cathedral of Hope, with his husband, former Turtle Creek Chorale Artistic Director Tim Seelig, as the opening act. See listings for details.



■ **Every Wednesday: THRIVE**

Resource Center's THRIVE Wednesday Support Group for LGBTQ adults 50 and older meets from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. at Resource Center Community Center, 5750 Cedar Springs Road, and is led by interns from the SMU counseling program. For more information on the support group and how to join, send an email to THRIVE@myresourcecenter.org.

NOVEMBER

■ **Nov. 15: Bobby Jo Valentine Concert**

Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road, hosts Bobby Jo Valentine in concert with opening act Tim Seelig from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Visit CathedralOfHope.com for more information.

■ **Nov. 15: Second Stampede Meet-n-Greet**

Lost Souls Rugby Club welcomes the players and supporters of the Atlanta Bucks to Dallas for the Second Stampede weekend with a meet-n-greet at TMC: The Mining Co., 3903 Cedar Springs Road. Find more information at the Facebook event page.

■ **Nov. 15: Transgender Day of Remembrance Ceremony**

Parkland Health hosts a remembrance ceremony to honor the transgender individuals lost to violence last year. The ceremony will take place at MacGregor Day Auditorium, 5151 Maple Ave., from 12-1:30 p.m.

■ **Nov. 15-16: 'Journey to Sól'**

Arts Mission Oak Cliff, 410 S. Windomere Ave., presents Artist-in-Residence Dana Harper's work-in-progress musical, *Journey to Sól, An Afro Intergalactic Voyage of Self Love and Discovery* set to the sounds of afro-jazz fusion and intuitive movement. Show starts each night at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$15, available at TicketTailor.com.

■ **Nov. 15-17: Bruce Wood Dance: 'Touch'**

Bruce Wood Dance Dallas celebrates its 15th anniversary season with *Touch* at Moody Performance Hall, 2520 Flora St., at 8 p.m. Nov. 15 and 16, and 2 p.m. Nov. 17. Tickets start at \$25, available at TicketsDFW.com.

■ **Nov. 16: Chelsea Handler Live**

Chelsea Handler brings her 2024 live tour to Music Hall at Fair Park, 909 1st Ave., at 8 p.m. Visit Ticketmaster.com for more information and tickets.

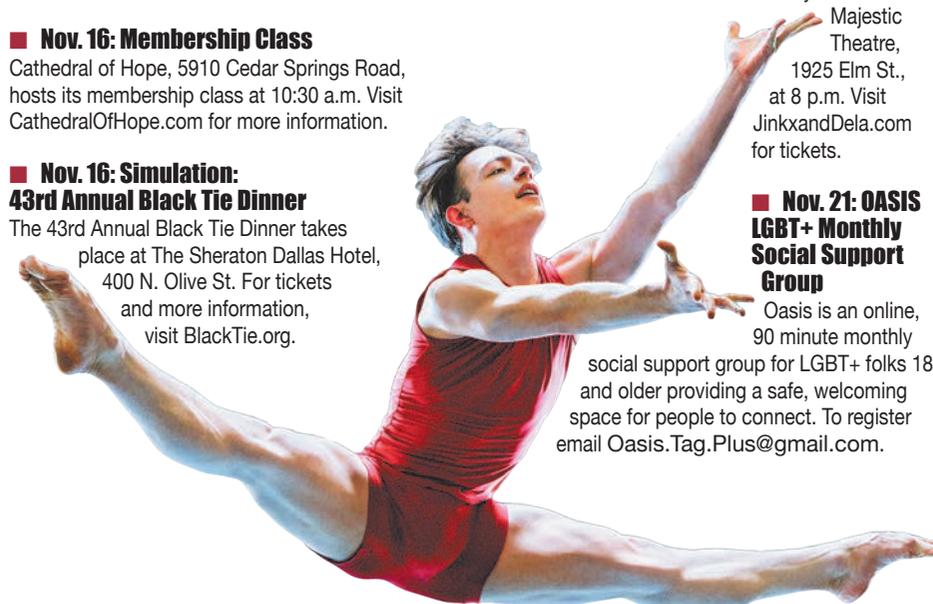
■ **Nov. 16: Membership Class**

Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road, hosts its membership class at 10:30 a.m. Visit CathedralOfHope.com for more information.

■ **Nov. 16: Simulation: 43rd Annual Black Tie Dinner**

The 43rd Annual Black Tie Dinner takes place at The Sheraton Dallas Hotel, 400 N. Olive St. For tickets and more information, visit BlackTie.org.

Elliott Trahan is one of the dancers in the Bruce Wood Dance Company's show *Touch* on Nov. 15. See listings for details. (Photo by Kent Barker)



■ **Nov. 17: 'Cowboy Hoedown' drag show**

Lucky Lou's, 1207 W. Hickory St. in Denton, presents the *Cowboy Hoedown* drag show, hosted by Jupiter and featuring Christina Deleon, Clint Liquor, Onyx Fury, Kabrina D. Sierra and Rex Luther. Show starts at 1 p.m.

■ **Nov. 19: Up & Out: LGBTQ Caregiver Support Group**

Up & Out is a welcoming supportive group for LGBTQ caregivers who are currently caring for anyone 50 and older. This is a virtual event from 6-7:30 p.m. RSVP at CSP@TheSeniorSource.org.

■ **Nov. 19: North Texas LGBT Chamber New Member Showcase**

Meet the North Texas LGBT Chamber's newest members and make business connections at Renaissance Dallas Hotel, 2222 N. Stemmons Freeway, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Visit LGBTChamber.com to register.

■ **Nov. 20: Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas Presents the 24th Annual Dallas Awards**

Join Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas at the Annual Dallas Awards from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m at the Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. More details to be announced soon.

■ **Nov. 20: 'The Jinx & DeLa Holiday Show'**

RuPaul's Drag Race alumni BenDeLaCreme and Jinx Monsoon being their critically acclaimed holiday show to the Majestic Theatre, 1925 Elm St., at 8 p.m. Visit JinxandDeLa.com for tickets.

■ **Nov. 21: OASIS LGBT+ Monthly Social Support Group**

Oasis is an online, 90 minute monthly social support group for LGBT+ folks 18 and older providing a safe, welcoming space for people to connect. To register email Oasis.Tag.Plus@gmail.com.

■ **Nov. 21: Mariah Carey's Christmas Time**

Mariah Carey brings her Christmas themed tour to the American Airlines Center, 2500 Victory Ave., at 7:30 p.m. Visit Ticketmaster.com for tickets and information.

■ **Through Nov. 23: 'Lost Faces: Trans Day of Remembrance Exhibition & Vigil'**

Open to the public Thursday & Friday, 4-7 p.m. or by appointment at SPACE at Adolphus Tower, 1412 Main St. Email Field@equalitytexas.org to schedule visit.

■ **Nov. 24: Friendsgiving Celebration with Marvin Matthews**

Episcopal Church of St. Thomas The Apostle, 6525 Inwood Road, hosts this Friendsgiving Celebration filled with worship, music, food and fellowship. Visit TheDoubter.org for more information.

■ **Nov. 29-Dec. 28: 'A Christmas Carol'**

Dallas Theater Center brings this Christmas classic to the Wyly Theatre, 2400 Flora St. Visit DallasTheaterCenter.org for more information and to purchase tickets.

DECEMBER

■ **Dec. 1: DMA First Free Sundays**

Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 N. Harwood St., offers FREE admission on the first Sunday of each month from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit DMA.org for more information.

■ **Dec. 2: Cassie Nova's Freakmas**

Cassie Nova hosts this annual holiday event at JR.'s Bar and Grill. More details to come.

■ **Dec. 2: World AIDS Day**

Join Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the main sanctuary for a panel discussion and community event in remembrance of World AIDS Day.

■ **Dec. 7: The Red Ribbon Benefit Concert**

Fort Worth AIDS Outreach Center hosts its annual fundraising event at 6 p.m. at The Shack at Panther Island Pavilion, 395 Purcey St., Fort Worth. Visit AOC.org for tickets and information.

Have an event coming up? Email your information to Mathew Dominguez at Mathew@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

America's Rubicon crossing — and all that goes with it

On Jan. 10 of 49 B.C., then-Roman general Julius Caesar crossed an insignificant stream gurgling through the northern part of present-day Italy. It separated Roman territory from the province of Gaul (France).

Caesar knew perfectly well that he was taking an irrevocable step, committing himself to a specific course. Yet Caesar was not traveling alone, for he flaunted armies — in direct defiance of an ultimatum from Rome's Senate that should he lead his troops across the Rubicon, it would be a point of no return.

It would mean civil war.

"Yeah, so what?" thought Julius, undeterred. After all, if victorious, it would also mean the end of the Roman Republic, and he alone, Julius Caesar, would then have supreme command to reorder the Roman state on his own terms — the ultimate repercussions of which we're all quite familiar with.

Leap ahead a couple millennia: On Jan. 20 of 2025 A.D., our former and future president — a twice-impeached convicted felon and adjudicated rapist — will not even experience his toes getting wet as the Constitution's drownings begin. Trump declares emphatically there's "no price tag" for his mass deportation plan. That means, of course — after being fed through our Oracle L'Orange's alternative-reality translation shredder — that the forceable removal of every non-white American to just somewhere, anywhere, far outside the borders of our freedom's land purple mountains' majesty, well, it comes cheap at any price.

The internment camps — his vermin's temporary housing, replete with razor wire for those pet-eating thieves — is already under construction.

Maya Angelou was right: First, it's the illegal aliens, then once they've all disappeared, next to board the buses of vanishment will be our African-American citizenry, followed by the Jews, the gays and independent journalists.

All funding will dry up for the EPA. Obamacare will go mothballed, to be replaced by nothing. Then, of course, there's our inevitable NATO withdrawal.

Ordinarily, I am not a man who dab-

bles in whacko conspiracy theories, but I'll sure be happy to make an exception just this once and start one. It goes like this:

There was once a man who grew up a hillbilly in Appalachia, enduring all the usual parenting clichés associated with hardscrabble, *Tobacco Road* lives. The only thing missing from his tome were the inbred banjo players of *Deliverance*.

Well, flashforward a couple decades, and Gomer, having perfected the art of brown-nosing all asses stupider than his, seizes a fast path to world domination by burying his entire cranial cavity up the orange anus of a narcissistic orangutan.

Gomer is no backwoods baboon. He's our worst nightmare: Trump with a brain. White trash with money.

He knows the United States Constitution. He knows who holds the levers of power. And, in modern-day equivalencies of the smoky backrooms of yesteryear, he and his minions will hatch a masterstroke move of such moxie that only in the mind of someone who is an outlier to his class could it have fomented.

And all it required to put in motion was but to simply humble himself and his soul prostrate to an orange blob residing in a looted palace resting atop a drained swamp built of fortunes from Fruity Pebbles and Honey Bunches of Oats.

Never underestimate America's passion for devouring garbage.

So, with Gomer's coattails now firmly stitched into either the rise or further freefall of a toxic star's fate, he rolls with the odds of assuming enough Americans can be snookered twice by an egoist dunce whom Gomer formerly called



"political street heroin." After all, to quote LBJ, the former vice president of JFK, "One in four presidents dies in office; it was my only shot."

And, my what a fortuitous shot Gomer has, too. First, L'Orange shall reenter office Jan. 20 as the oldest living president in American history ever elected to lead us.

(Personally, I always presumed they'd choose a "natural" heart attack from too many Big Macs.)

And third, if all else fails, Gomer will simply evoke the 25th Amendment about six months in, and grinningly sigh, "OK, Bozo, it's your choice: You may vacate the Oval Office either by straightjacket or limousine. Which would you prefer? Make your decision quickly, or we'll be quite happy to make it for you."

Oracle L'Orange is every bit as polarizing to the rest of the globe as he is here at home. He's total anathema toward this planet's even embryonic attempt to rein in catastrophic levels of overheating. As during his previous climate-cauterizing reign, our Oracle shall pull us out of the Paris Climate Accord. In an age when renewable energy is now cheaper than ever, we'll be drilling, baby, drilling.

L'Orange's promise isn't hollow, either, to eviscerate the federal work force, which he thinks is just a "deep state" government cabal of nobodies that's out to get him. And now he boasts a congressional majority, bicameral in both houses of equally apathetic acolytes.

Science is done with. Funding for the arts, kaput. Our future LGBTQ community's hard-won battles will go ignored, if not outright erased. All the way around, America has made a perilous choice via electing a grave threat to our nation and its laws.

And for the cherry on top this Dante's

Inferno cake-of-cruelties? An Aldous Huxley world comes of age addicted to a shiny, mesmerizing object inseparable from the palm of their hands. Idiot influencers are everywhere, wreaking their havoc.

Myself, I loathe writing about politics, which unfortunately is rendered impossible during these sporadic Trump administrations where mayhem reigns, and the world could be a better place.

Call it what you will, blame what you want — misinformation, identity politics, war in Gaza, or simply a Black woman leading our country being a bridge just a bit too far for most Americans to cross over.

Historically and hysterically, we, for the second fooled time as a divided nation have voted into office a man (by popular majority, too, remarkably) who is, in equal parts, both a political rube and an amoral con. Thus, to this pretty pass of regret, America, we get to now cross our whitewater Rubicon.

I hope we've got a raft.

—Howard Lewis Russell

Dancer, Prancer, Donner and Vixen, y'all know what holiday's looming just around the corner: Toss some tinsel at the tree, on me; meanwhile, all you bad bois & gurlz, I'll be awaiting your wish list here at AskHoward@dallasvoice.com.

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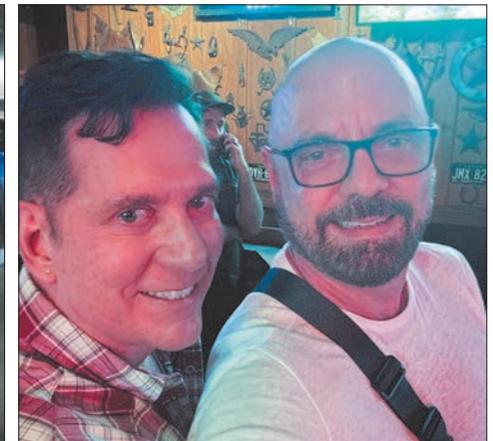
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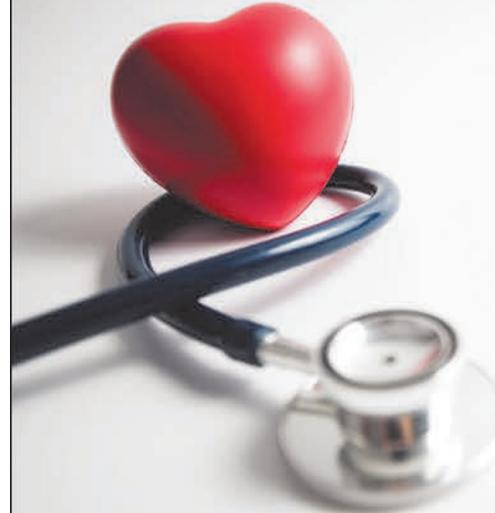
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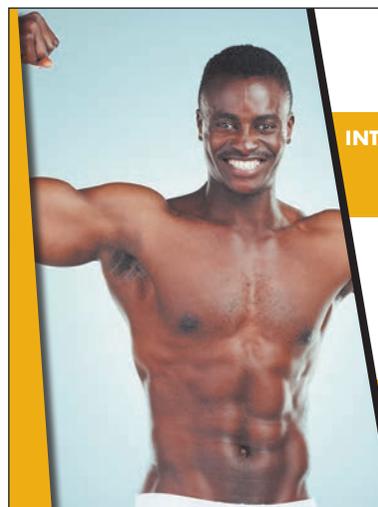
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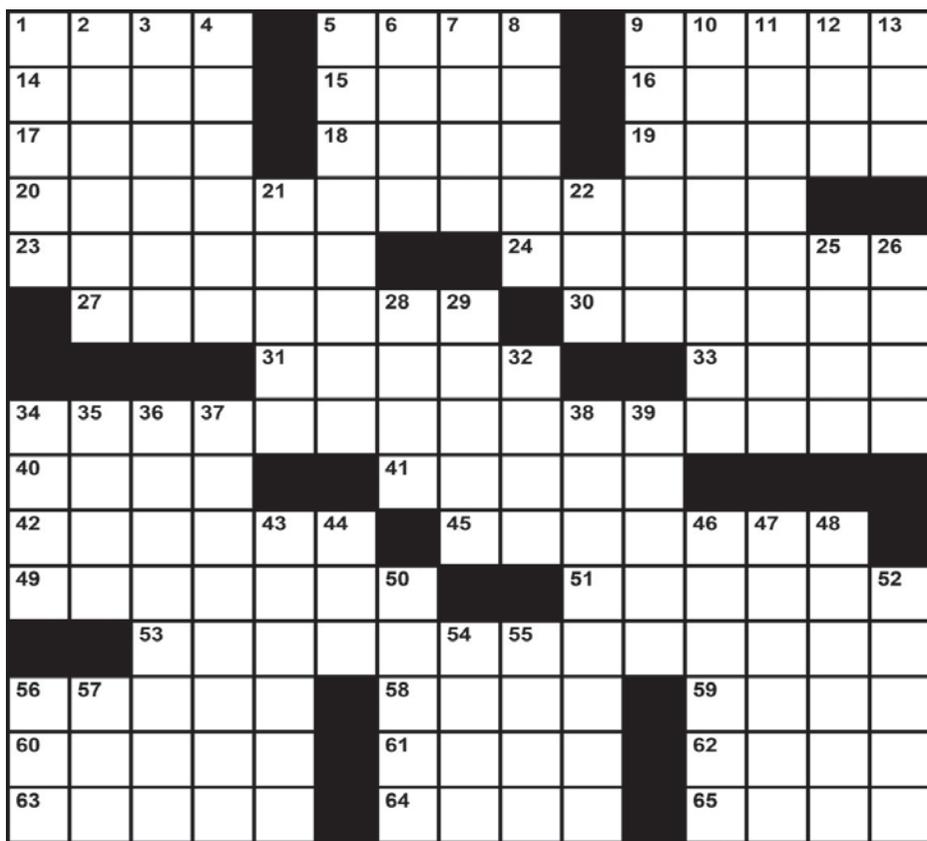
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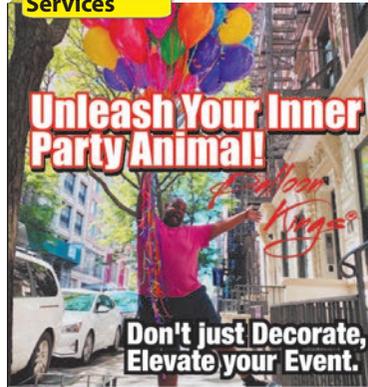
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