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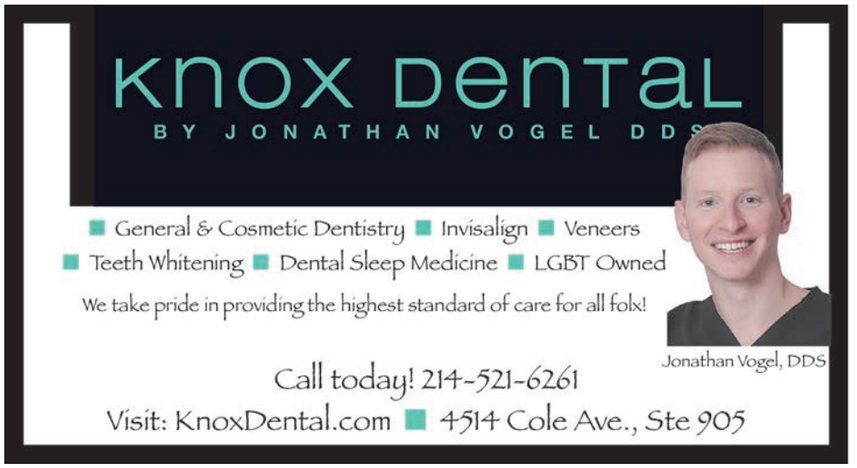
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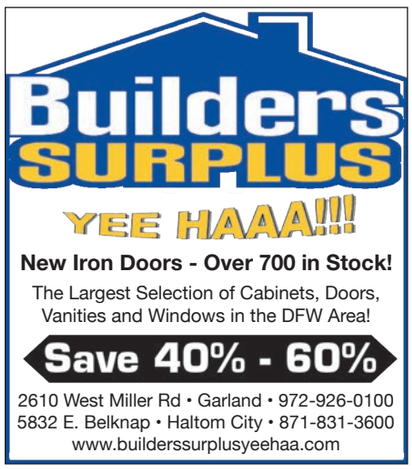
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Cynthia Erivo to headline WorldPride Street Fest



Cynthia Erivo

WorldPride DC 2025 announced Wednesday, March 5, that Grammy-, Emmy- and Tony Award-winner — and three-time Oscar nominee — Cynthia Erivo will headline the WorldPride 2025 Saturday night Street Festival and Concert on the Capitol Stage following the parade. The news was revealed Wednesday afternoon on ABC's GMA3: What You Need to Know.

The free two-day event will feature a mix of local artists, DJs and performers alongside celebrity entertainers scheduled for the Closing Ceremony event. Taking place June 7-8 on Pennsylvania Avenue, the WorldPride event "will transform the heart of the nation's capital into a display of Pride, music and unity, with Erivo's headlining performance against the backdrop of the U.S. Capitol Building," a press release notes.

"An award-winning performer recognized for her extraordinary talent, Erivo is also a passionate advocate for LGBTQ rights, using her platform to promote equity and representation," according to the press release. "The celebration is for and by the community and will feature a diverse range of LGBTQ performances on multiple stages, showcasing an array of multicultural and multilingual performances."

The WorldPride Street Festival and Concert takes place on Saturday-Sunday, June 7-8, from noon until 10 p.m. along Pennsylvania Ave., NW (between 9th and 3rd streets).

The full lineup for the closing night concert on Sunday is yet to be announced.

For the latest updates on WorldPride programming and events, visit WorldPrideDC.org.

–From staff reports

Dallas Public Library offers session on fixing leaks

Plumbing and irrigation experts with the city of Dallas are offering a special presentation and Q&A session on Thursday, March 13, on repairing some problem issues, including quick leak fixes and some great hacks to not just help keep your water running but help you conserve water as well.

This program is free and open to the public online or in person, 11 a.m.-noon at the J. Erik Jonsson Library, 5th Floor Harmon Training Room, 1515 Young St.

Parking is free in the library's garage, the entrance to which is located off Wood Street.

Register at DallasCityHall.com and select "City Calendar" from the Home Page. Register by 9 a.m. on March 12 to get the virtual link.

— David Taffet

Rep. Sylvester Turner dies



Rep. Sylvester Turner

U.S. Rep. Sylvester Turner, 70, died on Tuesday evening, March 4.

Turner, a Houston Democrat and longtime ally of the LGBTQ community, was in his first congressional term, replacing Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, who died last year.

Before serving in Congress, Turner served three terms as mayor of Houston and was in the Texas House of Representatives for 27 years. In 2015, Turner was named one of the top 10 best members of the Texas House on LGBT issues by Equality Texas with an "A+" rating, after Turner said he had "evolved" on LGBT issues. And while running against Bill King in the 2015 Houston mayoral runoff election, Turner pledged that he was "100 percent" committed to reenacting the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance and attacked Bill King for saying he would not revisit the issue of HERO.

Dallas Mayor Eric Johnson, who served in the Texas House with Turner, said, "Throughout his career, Turner was a relentless advocate for the people he served. His remarkable legacy leaves an indelible mark on the great state of Texas. I am truly heartbroken by his passing, and my prayers are with his family during this time."

— David Taffet

U.S. Rep. Johnson responds to Trump speech



U.S. Rep. Julie Johnson

On Tuesday night, March 4, following Donald Trump's joint address to Congress, Congresswoman Julie Johnson shared her response with Dallas Voice. That response is printed here in full.

"Tonight, Donald Trump stood before the American people and lied — again. He painted a picture of a country that doesn't exist while ignoring the reality Texans are living every single day.

Costs are skyrocketing, and what has he done? Nothing. Even as healthcare and prescription drug prices hit record highs, his policies relentlessly attack Medicaid — stripping more than 100,000 of my neighbors of critical care.

His reckless tariffs will drive up prices on the basics Texans rely on, including groceries, hitting small businesses and working families the hardest.

And instead of fixing this mess he's made, Trump is focused on purging public servants — the very people who keep our government running and our communities safe. The only thing this does is increase our debt and deficits as he lines the pockets of Elon Musk.

Texans are fed up. They're sick of working harder just to fall further behind. Trump hasn't done anything to help my neighbors — he's made life unbearable for working families and I'm furious about it.

It is critical that we hold Trump accountable, challenge his lies, and fight for the people we represent. Texans need real solutions, not more empty promises.

I came to Congress to fight for them, and that's exactly what I'm doing — standing up for affordable health care, good-paying jobs, and a government that works for the people."

— David Taffet

Adoptable / DANCER



Dancer is a 1-year-old, 44-pound mountain cur with a heart full of love just waiting to bloom. She is a friendly, affectionate girl who adores other dogs, and she would thrive in a home with a confident canine friend to show her the way. However, meeting new people can be a little overwhelming for her, so she needs a patient, kind-hearted foster or foster-to-adopt family who will help her build confidence at her own pace. Once she trusts you, her true personality starts to shine. Dancer's ideal home is a calm environment with a routine to help her feel secure.

Like all pets from the SPCA of Texas, Dancer has been spayed and microchipped and is up to date on all her necessary vaccinations. Come meet Dancer at our Dallas Animal Care Center, 2400 Lone Star Drive, open from noon to 6 p.m. seven days a week. Animals are also available for adoption at the Ellis County Animal Care Center, 2570 FM Road 878 in Waxahachie.

Pets get allergies, too

DR. JOSH TALKS ANIMALS

It's allergy time in Texas, and even indoor pets can suffer



It's that time of the year again: Welcome to the annual Dallas Voice Pet Issue, which is always very exciting for us animal lovers. I am always grateful for the chance to share some pet health knowledge through my Woof column, so thank you, Dallas Voice.

As many of you may already know, spring is one of our peak allergy seasons here in Texas. In fact, according to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, Dallas ranks as the fourth-worst city in the country for environmental allergies (2024 Allergy Capitals report).

Unfortunately, the same allergens that make us sneeze and itch can also affect our furry kiddos.

Environmental allergies are the most common type of allergies we see in pets, and they can present in different ways: seasonal, nonseasonal or even year-round in more severe cases.

A common misconception is that pets who spend most of their time indoors don't suffer from allergies. However, all dogs and cats, regardless of lifestyle, are exposed to allergens and can develop allergic reactions. The most noticeable symptom is itchiness, often seen as excessive chewing, scratching and/or licking. It is normal for pets to scratch occasionally, but if you notice an increase in frequency, allergies could be the cause.

Other symptoms include skin irritation, ear infections and even coughing or sneezing, among others.

That said, allergies are not the only cause of itching or skin issues; skin parasites and food allergies (though the latter is less common than people think) can also be factors, among issues such as thyroid disease.

But for this Woof column, we will focus on environmental allergies.

I often get asked if allergy testing can be done when allergies are discussed on a first visit. It is important to know that veterinary allergy testing is available and can pinpoint exactly what may be triggering your pet's allergies.



Dr. Josh
Woof

However, most veterinarians, including me, typically do not start with testing right away.

We have effective anti-allergy medications that often provide quick relief, and, if they are effective, we tend to stick with them, just like we do for ourselves, for as long as they work.

It is important to know that if symptoms continue even while on treatment, we may recommend further testing, including allergy panels, skin exams and bloodwork to rule out conditions like thyroid disease. In some more severe or complex cases, a referral to a veterinary dermatologist may be the best course of action.

Many pet parents wonder if over-the-counter anti-allergy medications for humans work for pets. The answer is yes, but usually in milder cases. Even then, I always recommend consulting with your veterinarian first.

Thankfully, we now have safer alternatives to steroids, including advanced anti-allergy injections, which can make a big difference for pets with persistent symptoms. Ear care is also crucial for allergy-prone kiddos, but it is best to consult your veterinarian for guidance.

In some cases, regular baths with medicated shampoos, skin supplements or special diets can help manage allergies more effectively. These and other recommendations are typically based on a physical exam and consultation with your veterinarian.

It is important to remember that environmental allergies do not just disappear; they require ongoing care. Just like in humans, symptoms can flare up again if treatment is stopped. That is why consistent management, monitoring and open communication with your veterinarian are key to keeping your pet comfortable.

If you notice any allergy symptoms, please address them early, as untreated allergies can quickly lead to more serious complications that will not only affect your kiddo's well-being but can also be financially challenging in some of the more severe cases.

As always, if your pet is not feeling their best, reach out to your veterinarian. And if you are looking for one, my hospital is right around the corner here in Addison! Thank you all for taking the time to read my Woof column, and I hope you found it helpful! Abrazos fuertes para todos! ■

Dr. Josh owns Isla Veterinary Boutique Hospital at 14380 Marsh Lane, Ste. 110 in Addison. Call him at 972-738-1111 or visit IslaVet.com.

Is there anybody reading?

Apparently, the answer is yes, and the trolls are out in force





Hardy Haberman
Flagging Left

I often wonder if anything I write gets read — much less has an effect. But, in the last couple of weeks, I've gotten confirmation: They are reading, and they are disagreeing!

It's no secret that I am progressive in my politics and my religion. I often write about progressive topics here and in my social media accounts. I am used to folks disagreeing with me; after all, it's a free country — at least for now.

But, until now, I have never gotten unsolicited trolls attacking me on social media and through messaging. I guess I have reached critical mass when it comes to my effect.

From what I can tell these attacks are not coming from "friends" on Facebook or Instagram but from complete strangers, most of whom do not have profiles or ways to see who they are.

They have all the earmarks of a troll farm, and my guess is it's in Russia. The attacks started just a couple of weeks after I posted some writings postulating that the current occupant of the White House is either a Russian operative or, more likely, a stooge. His allegiance to Putin and sudden shunning of our long-time international partners was the first clue.

Every NATO country is supportive of Ukraine in its struggle against the unprovoked invasion by Russia — every NATO country, that is, except the United States.

Only the U.S. is buying the lie that Putin was somehow threatened by Ukraine. The recent meeting between Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at the White House was the final bit of proof for me.

Since then, I have relentlessly criticized the current administration and its policies. And that's when the trolls started popping up, a half dozen or so a day.

They are not trying to engage me! They just want to annoy me. And I take great joy in blocking them as fast as they appear.

I suspect I am not the only one who is getting this kind of attention.

Meanwhile, the DOGE has been doing its part to tear down our country's infrastructure in the name of "efficiency." Its latest move was cancelling the lease of the NOAA Radar Center in Oklahoma.

For those unfamiliar with what NOAA does: They track and forecast tornadoes. You know, those storms that start to occur this time of year and destroy thousands of homes and businesses and, without sufficient warning, kill lots of people.

It makes sense doesn't it? It does if you are a foreign power trying to destabilize and destroy a country, first thing to do is remove your target's ability to protect its citizens against natural disasters and let nature take its course.

Having lived through a couple of tornadoes, I certainly want those warnings and that radar center staffed with experts much more than I want cheaper eggs.

So, I am testing the waters here. If these kinds of opinions make too much sense, and if the foreign backers of the current administration are trying to silence or discredit me, my troll numbers should increase soon. I'll let you know what happens.

In the meantime, keep up the resistance and refuse to believe this is business as usual. ■

Hardy Haberman is a longtime local LGBT activist and a board member of the Woodhull Freedom Alliance. His blog is at DungeonDiary.blogspot.com.

Backing Richard Grenell



Simon Aslanpour
Guest Contributor

I have always admired Richard Grenell for his tireless dedication, first as the former acting director of national intelligence and now as a special missions envoy in the Trump administration.

My meeting with Richard in Arizona was a transformative experience. He inspired me and fellow Log Cabin board members eager to develop our Log Cabin Republicans chapter in Dallas. His encouragement was pivotal; without his support, we might not have found the motivation to establish our chapter, which has since flourished, receiving fantastic feedback from the community.

Richard's mentorship has been invaluable in my journey within the Republican Party. His insights and guidance have not only helped me grow personally but have also strengthened our chapter's mission. I appreciate his willingness to work closely with us and his commitment to supporting our initiatives.

As we move forward, we at Log Cabin Dallas are dedicated to backing him in any way possible, ensuring that his vision aligns with our goals.

Richard's unwavering support and leadership have made a significant impact, and I look forward to continuing this fruitful partnership. His contributions are vital to our success and the broader goals of the Republican Party. ■

Simon Aslanpour is the national board representative for Log Cabin Republicans of Dallas.

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All fur love

TBRU BEARDANCE

One couple won't just be dancing the night away at BearDance, they are also getting married there

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Popping the question at P!nk

Lonnie Jones King and Ricardo Santiago Rios do love their own way. From meeting via social media to proposing in front of a big pop star, their relationship almost thrives on the unconventional.

Next Friday, March 14, at BearDance: The Mad Hatter Party, the two will continue the trend, sealing the deal and beginning life-ever-after with a wedding.

As if it were predestined, both men work in the airline industry. King is a pilot for a private company (as well as owner of printing and embroidery company FlexPress), and Rios works as a flight attendant for Southwest.

But the two didn't meet in the air.

They met in December 2023 via Instagram. Sliding into each other's DMs proved to be the beginning of a romance despite the two of them living in different states.

"I found Ricardo very kind, sweet and honest, and, after having endured great loss several years earlier, it was refreshing to find somebody willing to be patient with me," King said, explaining what is was about Rios that made such a strong impression on him.

BearDance board member (and Dallas Voice cover model) Ami Sadeh explained how this wedding is an extension of what the organization strives for: "BearDance has always been about creating a space for our community to make connections. Over the years, we heard many stories of relationships that began at BearDance. So it's only befitting that we also host such a wedding.

"We are delighted."

While juggling schedules, King and Rios answered some pressing questions-



for Dallas Voice about how their fairy tale led to BearDance, the high profile proposition and whether there's gonna be enough cake for all those bears.

Dallas Voice: To continue, Ricardo, what was it about Lonnie that made an impression on you? Rios: I found Lonnie to be a very interesting, sweet and funny man. To be quite honest, it was the first date where I ever felt comfortable being myself and just letting our time flow as we got to know each other and have a great conversation.

Let's start with the proposal because that was kind of a big deal! King: It started out as a proposal at the P!nk concert on Nov. 6 in Arlington. I had a sign with me and asked the people beside us to help me with the proposal.

We happened to be in the front row. At one point during the show P!nk came down from her routine, and was facing us about 10 feet away. I held up a sign that said, "I am proposing to my boyfriend, will you help me?"

She nodded and later in the show, she was singing one of her slow songs on the stage in front of us. She then stopped her show and came down to the stairs and greeted us and then asked: "Who is going to do this?

Rios: Lonnie got down on his knees and asked to marry me in front of the entire stadium. It was one of the amazing moments, and we will remember it for the rest of our lives.

BearDance at a glance

This year's BearDance happens on Friday, March 14, at Station 4. While part of Texas Bear Round-up's schedule, the ticketed event is open to the public. BearDance is more than a party. It's a veritable bear-a-palooza all inside the club.

Proceeds from the party go toward this year's TBRU beneficiaries which include Cathedral of Hope Benevolence Fund, Greg Dollgener Memorial AIDS Fund and The Coalition For Aging LGBT.

There are two types of premium access to the event: The VIP Fast Pass provides quick access to the dance, dedicated bar lines and a VIP exclusive lounge in the Granite Bar. Premium Access perks include priority entry into Station 4, a souvenir badge, choice seats to Yvie Oddly's show with a meet-and-greet.

This year's BearDance: The Mad Hat Party
A BearDance Adventure kicks off at
8 p.m. with the following schedule:
8 p.m.: Doors open.
8-10 p.m.: Opposites Attract Mixer.
A friendly mixer for bears and non-bears/smaller types to meet and mingle.
House of Frequencies on the main floor.
10 p.m.-1 a.m.: DJ David Aude spinning for main floor.
10 p.m.-2 a.m.: House of Frequencies in the Granite Bar VIP Lounge.
11 p.m.: Yvie Oddly, Maddelynn Hatter and the Rose Room cast. (Please confirm the time with BearDance closer to the event.)
1-4 a.m.: DJ Derrick Carter spinning for the main floor.

For tickets and passes, visit BearDance.org.

How did you decide to get married at BearDance amid the entire crowd? King & Rios: We're actually doing a small ceremony at the club before the dance. We decided to do something creative, where everyone that we have close to us will be a part of this memorable day and contribute to the BearDance success.

Can you describe what that will look like? King & Rios: We're doing everything based on the TBRU theme Bears in Wonderland in which everyone will have the creativity to dress up as the characters from Alice in Wonderland.

OK, do you have a first dance song planned? King & Rios: We do, but we decided to keep our song for ourselves and family to share.

And will there be cake? King & Rios: Absolutely! We hired a very creative woman who owns Daisy Cakes that will be making our wedding cake based on Alice in Wonderland.

Where's the beef? In Big D

TBRU WEEKEND



TBRU registration happens at host hotel Hyatt Dallas. (Photo by Chad Mantooth)

Dallas gets ready for all the beef, boys and bears with 'Texas Bear Round-up: Bears in Wonderland'

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Bear-hunting season starts on Thursday, March 13, with this year's Texas Bear Round-up hosted by the Dallas Bears. Furry types and their fans from near and far will go down the rabbit hole for the magical theme of Bears in Wonderland for the event that runs through Sunday, March 16.

As always, this festive weekend will serve up lots to do just for its registrants, while other events are open to the public.

Here's our primer of bear necessities for this year's TBRU.

Getting to know TBRU

The social group Dallas Bears hosted the inaugural TBRU in 1995. Now, the Texas Bear Round-Up is considered one of the largest bear runs in the world, and it continues to grow.

While it certainly has its hirsute focus, the event attracts a broad and diverse crowd as well, and it draws in top-notch headlining talent from DJs to drag queens.

Cause and effect

TBRU may be a big weekend of revelry and festive fun, but the event is all based in efforts to benefit a good cause. Proceeds go directly to nonprofit organizations in the Dallas Community that give focus to the LGBTQ community.

This year's beneficiaries include Cathedral of Hope Benevolence Fund, the Greg Dollgener Memorial AIDS Fund and The Coalition For Aging LGBT.

Room service

TBRU's host hotel is the Hyatt Regency Dallas, 300 Reunion Blvd., which is sold out in terms of TBRU-reserved rooms. To accommodate the demand, the Dallas Bears added the downtown Crowne Plaza, 1015 Elm St., as the overflow hotel.

While events take place throughout the city, the Hyatt will serve as the headquarters for TBRU, with registration

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS
UPCOMING EVENTS





Dog Adoption Day
March 8, 2025 | 12:00-4:00PM
Klyde Warren Park
Looking to spoil your dog or find a new furry friend? Meet adorable pups, explore unique pet products, and snap a photo with Cane III! Every adopted pet receives a doggy bag, bandana and Raising Cane's Kid's Combo Certificate. Dog Adoption Day is supported by Raising Cane's.
Learn more at spca.org/dogadoptionday



Tiny Tails Puppy & Kitten Shower
March 15, 2025 | 1:00-3:00PM
SPCA of Texas' Dallas Animal Care Center
Come celebrate the joys of helping our tiniest friends grow and thrive! Learn about fostering, become a foster, donate much needed items, and more!
To get started, visit spca.org/foster



Strut Your Mutt
April 12, 2025 | 8:00-11:00AM
Fair Park in Dallas
Strut Your Mutt, The Race to End Animal Cruelty is celebrating it's 20th anniversary! Strutters can participate in the 3K fun run/walk as an individual or part of a team. Plus, enjoy family-friendly food, drink, and entertainment.
Register now at gostrut.org

Scan the QR Code or visit **spca.org/events** to view all of our upcoming events!

SPCA launches LGBTQ Advisory Council



The SPCA of Texas' new board seeks to strengthen community engagement

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The SPCA of Texas recently announced a new initiative to further its mission to serve pets and their people: an LGBTQ+ Advisory Council. The council will build on already established ties with the LGBTQ community, allowing those outside the organization to share ideas and suggestions.



Chris Luna at Dallas Pride (2024) (Courtesy SPCA of Texas)

The SPCA of Texas has a long history of working with the LGBTQ community, from helping queer folks adopt to the weekly pet spotlight in Dallas Voice to being voted "Best Place to Adopt a Pet" in the Readers' Voice Awards for more than 10 years. SPCA's President and CEO Chris Luna said that this connection happened organically, without specific outreach efforts. But the creation of this new council is an intentional step for the organization to engage with the community even more.

Those interested in joining the council can email lgbtq@spca.org. The role will be a small-time commitment, as the council will only meet two or three times a year. The meetings will give members the opportunity to talk with the SPCA about new ideas and reflect on how things have been going.



Chris Luna and Duke
(Courtesy SPCA of Texas)

While a few people have agreed to join the council, the first meeting date has not yet been set, so there is still plenty of time for anyone who's interested in joining.

"We want to gather together some LGBTQ folks who are familiar with the SPCA to give us advice, and we want to invite anyone who is interested," Luna said.

The SPCA of Texas is already very successful in rehoming animals. In 2024, 3,382 animals were adopted and 2,235 were fostered.

The SPCA also has a transfer program that sends animals to their partners in places that have more demand. Last year 3,546 animals were transferred.

Luna, a former Dallas City Council member and an LGBTQ advocate, recently celebrated one year in the position of president and CEO. He came to the role after working as a legal executive at T-Mobile and serving on other nonprofit boards.

Throughout the years, Luna said, he has rescued multiple dogs, and right now he has a dog named Duke who was rescued from a puppy mill in East Texas.

"It was the perfect opportunity for me, as the mission alignment was spot on," Luna said of the job with SPCA. "My only regret is that I didn't do something like this sooner."

Lunsa said he has found the whole experience to be very rewarding. In the past year he's assisted in growing the organization, with plans for a new building and expanding the animal cruelty investigation unit in the works.

"It's so great to work at a place where you feel like you're making a difference," he added.

In addition to the LGBTQ Advisory Council, the SPCA also has many other volunteer opportunities. Luna explained that the organization often starts with what a volunteer wants to do, then finds a place where their interests fit.

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LGBTQ people and their pets

Here are a few statistics on the LGBTQ community and our pets:

- According to Figo Pet Insurance, 7 out of 10 LGBTQ adults are pet parents.
- Studies show that 75 percent of LGBTQ pet owners consider their pet "a source of support that helps them cope with LGBTQIA-related stressors, such as discrimination, rejection and microaggressions from their peers and family members."
- In a study of young LGBTQ adults, the unconditional love and companionship of a pet contributes to professional, personal and academic growth.
- In LGBTQ adults older than 50, pets increased the exercise, companionship and activity in their lives as their schedules became less busy.
- In LGBTQ seniors, pets reduced loneliness.

Other studies show that:

- Living with pets is beneficial to human health and psychological wellbeing.
- Living with pets increased physical activity.
- Living with pets reduces stress.
- Living with pets creates higher levels of self-esteem and self-efficacy and combats loneliness.
- Living with pets provides young people with a sense of stability, autonomy and responsibility.
- Living with pets helps young people deal with employment discrimination, housing insecurity, family and peer rejection.

— Compiled by David Taffet

Passing in peace



CodaPet provides in-home service so pets can pass away in a familiar environment, surrounded by loved ones

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When my Siamese cat Zsazsa died, she went peacefully at home, curled up in bed with her dog at her side. (Yes, she had a dog that followed her everywhere.)

When she took her last breath, the dog howled and then watched as I buried our cat in the backyard.

That Zsazsa died at home was so much more comforting than when Koshka, my ornery Maine Coon, passed away. At 17, Koshka had stopped eating and could hardly walk. So, I wrapped her in a blanket, drove her to my vet, kissed her goodbye and handed her to the doctor. She died alone.

Zsa Zsa passing away at home was a much easier experience for me, for the cat and for her dog.

Now there's a new service that provides peaceful, in-home euthanasia for pets in 90 cities across the country through a network of licensed and compassionate veterinarians called CodaPet, and it's currently available in Fort Worth and surrounding areas.

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Sara Raasch

Sara Raasch's new book is the perfect way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day

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Go Luck Yourself, Sara Raasch's much-anticipated sequel to *The Nightmare Before Kissmas*, releases Tuesday, March 11, just in time for St. Patrick's Day. The novel follows the younger prince of Christmas while he investigates his study room rival for stealing joy.

Set soon after the events of the first book, Christmas realizes that another holiday has been stealing part of their generated joy, and all shamrocks point to St. Patrick's Day. Desperate to prove his importance and be helpful, Kris volunteers to investigate. The only problem is, Loch, the heir to the Irish holiday, is very infuriating and very hot.

Go Luck Yourself is an amazing follow up that provides just the right amount of joy and spice for readers. Prior to the book's release, Sara Raasch talked to Dallas Voice about her writing experience and inspiration.

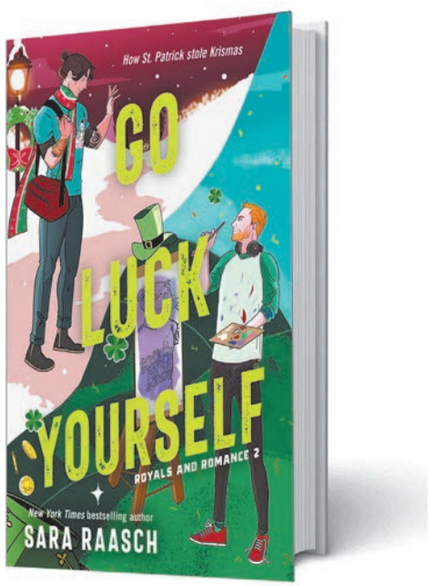
Dallas Voice: What has the reception of *The Nightmare Before Kissmas* been like for you? Sara Raasch: It's been amazing and exceeded all my expectations. I'm so glad it resonated with people. I wanted to bring people some joy, and it's done what I hoped it would do. It's been so much fun interacting with fans online. It reignites my own excitement to put my ridiculous ideas out and have other people laugh and enjoy them.

How did you decide on the second pairing of Christmas and St. Patrick's Day? It really came from me selfishly wanting to explore St. Patrick's Day history and traditions. I have some Irish ancestry and visited Ireland around 10 years ago. It's different from Christmas or Easter, because it's more closely tied to a culture and a people. I thought it would be fun to work with that interplay, to deal with a holiday tied to a specific culture. In the book Loch explains what the holiday means to him and his culture beyond

what we might think in America.

With the books coming out within six months of each other, what was the writing process like? How much of this book came to you while writing the first? When I finished the first draft of *Kissmas*, I was so high in this world and immediately wrote Kris' book. I don't usually have projects overlap, but in this case it was a lot more helpful than harmful. It was nice having the foundations to both books.

When I was working on early concepts, Coal wouldn't work with me until I created his brother. Nothing came together until I created Kris as a character, and I thought it would be fun for Kris to have his own book. Coming out of 2020, I just wanted to write something happy. The goal from the very beginning was to bring people joy.



It was different from my previous works because with high fantasy concepts I knew where it began and ended before writing. As this was an adult romance, it also was spicier. I had lot more freedom, which is great, but it can get overwhelming. Planning out intimate scenes is a lot like mapping out battle scenes: There are a lot of limbs and things to keep track of. Because of these scenes I don't share these books with my family.

How did you develop Kris' voice and relationship with Loch as distinct from Coal and Hex? They both have quite different voices for sure, although both are so loud! Kris is my little cinnamon roll; he's more internal, introverted and closed off. I put a lot of my own struggles into him. He's also a lot more matter-of-fact and crass than Coal is. Their personalities are reflected in the happiness and jokes of each book. The sibling dynamic is something I'm interested in, and so their interactions with each other helped me to see their differences.

As for the relationships, I knew I wanted to write enemies to lovers. Coal is very reverent and has gone for Hex from the very beginning. Kris and Loch are fighting from the beginning; they're always butting heads.

I built Loch around who would complete Kris, on what he doesn't realize he needs. It was fun to do that with a character like Kris, who built his personality on being amiable. Loch was exciting to write, and he also didn't work without his sisters, so the theme of siblings is recurring.

Another important aspect of the characters' personalities is their clothes. How did you decide on their signature clothes? I had so much fun dressing the characters. This was my first book set in our time, so it was different than looking at historical clothing. I'm big into Pinterest and created aesthetic boards for each character to capture the mood of things and figure out the pieces. I really enjoyed getting to sculpt the outfits around their personalities, like Hex with his corset vests. For Kris, I had a list of Christmas puns for his silly shirts. It's something for readers to have fun with.

Your covers do a really good job showcasing the character and their relationships. How much say did you have in the designs? I had quite a bit, maybe too much say — ha! I was lucky enough to have Lilith, the artist that does the covers for *Ali Hazelwood*. I absolutely love the art and how the covers capture both holidays.

Even though it is a fun book, it deals with some heavier topics, like mental health and family relationships. What is it like writing through that? It's a careful balance, which is maybe just a big metaphor for mental health. You can't get consumed with the bad; you need to have that joy. I was constantly aware of this and tried to balance out the heavy with silly scenes. Kris must acknowledge those darker parts of who he is but also gets to experience real joy. His problems are not easily solved, and the struggles are ongoing, but he has a basis of joy that is worth fighting for.

Any future holiday romance plans? I would love to do a book for Kris and Coal's friend, Iris, but up next I have another romance coming. *The Entanglement of Rival Wizards* is a fantasy enemy-to-lovers releasing in September.

To order Go Luck Yourself, *go to SaraTaaschbooks.com/Go-Luck-Yourself.*

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Texas sized, California sensabilities

DRIVE

2025 Chevy Silverado is an EV that plods both sides of the political highway

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No matter where you land, politics have become harsh, dividing families and communities as if they were selecting teams for the Super Bowl. But we're not going to have that this week, because this is about a Texas-sized truck with California sensibilities that plods both sides of the political highway. It's the 2025 Chevy Silverado EV RST.







2025 Chevy Silverado EV RST

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Assembly: Detroit, MI
Base/As-tested price: $58,000/$96,710

Likes
- Extensive range
- Bed gymnastics
- Super Cruise

Dislikes
- Hefty footprint
- Headlamp controls
- Texas-size price

Unlike the rather conservative approach taken by cross-town rivals Ford and Ram with their electric pickups, the Silverado is considerably more liberal. It's recognizable as a Chevy truck, but shares styling cues with the smaller Equinox and Blazer EVs — which means a flush face, thin wrap-over driving lamp and flanking LED headlamps. Deep body sculpting adds tension, wrapped around gargantuan 24-inch wheels. Power open the frunk to secure luggage, golf clubs and camping gear.

You may notice a resemblance to the discontinued Chevy Avalanche. Like that classic, our new friend has a "Midgate" rear cab wall that folds down so owners can load from front seats to tailgate. And that Multi-Flex Tailgate can be configured as a step or bed extender.

Notice spray-in bedliner and an array of plugs in the bed wall for running camping gear and work tools. The rear window even comes out on nice summer days.

On any day, drivers confront twin screens and a heads-up display hovering over the hood. Wireless device connections and charging keep everyone connected. It's comfortable, too, with heated and ventilated front seats, heated steering wheel and dual-zone automatic climate control. It's especially fetching with a red-stitched flat-bottom steering wheel, and rear passengers can stretch their legs for the long drives that come with a big battery pack.

Have your red state V8 if you want it, but hear me out about the blue state powertrain. How would you feel if your fuel-thirsty engine produced 754 horsepower and 785 lb.-ft. of torque? And if it routed all of that power to the road through an advanced all-wheel-drive system?

Since EVs pour all of that power instantaneously, 9,100 lbs. of truck runs 0-60 mph in just 4.1 seconds. And it tows 10,000 lbs.

Going solo fully charged, the Silverado travels 440 miles without stopping. Fast charging adds 100 miles every 10 minutes. Or owners can fully recharge overnight on a 240v home charger. That means you could conceivably drive 800 miles with a recharge over lunch. Pulling a trailer will eat about half of your range, but that's still plenty to get to a state park or lake for the weekend.

The air suspension provides a comfy ride, but it can raised for off-roading. Four-wheel steering allows it to maneuver like a mid-size pickup, and it crab-walk to curbs — equally perfect for tight trails and city parking.

GM's Super Cruise allows drivers to go hands-off on approved roads. Press the button, wait for green lights on the steering wheel and relax. The vehicle maintains speed, steering, brakes and can even change lanes while you drink coffee while watching the road.

I rode two hours on the Interstate while barely skimming brakes and steering.

No matter your political color, the Silverado EV aims to please. It's smooth and muscular, fast and frugal, simple and techy, conservative and liberal.

It isn't cheap, though. A base Work Truck starts at $58,000 while our top-trim RST came to — um, cough, breathe, whoa — $96,710. Beyond the Ford F-150 Lightning and Ram REV, consider the Rivian R1T.

Storm Forward! ■

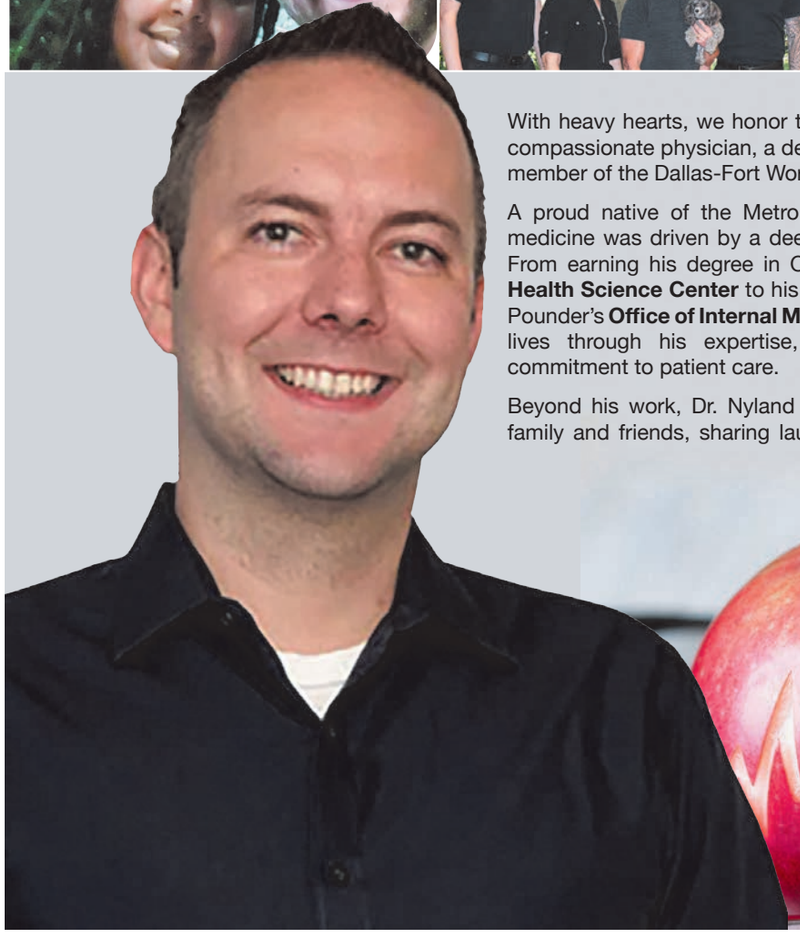
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Beyond his work, Dr. Nyland found joy in time spent with family and friends, sharing laughter over meals, unwinding with his favorite shows, and traveling to tropical destinations. He lived by the words of **Nelson Mandela**, believing that "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

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PEACE, From Page 11

For pet owners, that last trip to the vet can be traumatic. For the pet, it can be painful. Providing end-of-life care at home where they feel most comfortable may be the most loving way to care for an animal.

"As an in-home euthanasia veterinarian, I repeatedly hear the heartfelt gratitude and the relief a family feels when they have been able to grant their pet this gift." said Dr. Bethany Hisa, a co-founder of CodaPet.

Dr. Jason Doolittle and Dr. Kirsten Stukey provide that care in Fort Worth and surrounding cities. "I want to give people the opportunity to spend their final moments with their pets in peace and comfort, surrounded by those that love them," Dr. Doolittle said.

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COSTS

The starting price of in-home euthanasia is $350 in Fort Worth. Prices vary by location and are available on the website.

Cremation begins at $75 and varies by location and pet's size. ■



SPCA, From Page 10



there is the cat rotunda where the cat kennels and play areas are located. Luna explained that it is important for cats to get social interaction, so they need people to come in and play with them.

There is even a group of high school students who come to read to the cats.

Volunteers can also assist on the administration side of things, and some even come help with the laundry of dog beds and other washing.

Fostering is one way to contribute as they get many babies that need a foster home. There is also the "borrow a buddy" program, where you can check out a dog for a day or weekend and take them out of the shelter.

The shelter also has play yards where volunteers can spend time with the dogs and take them for a walk.

For more feline-inclined volunteers, The SPCA and the LGBTQ community have always worked well together. But, Lunda said, the creation of the LGBTQ+ Advisory Council confirms the SPCA of Texas' commitment to serving all members of the community, and a great opportunity for those looking to get involved with the organization. ■

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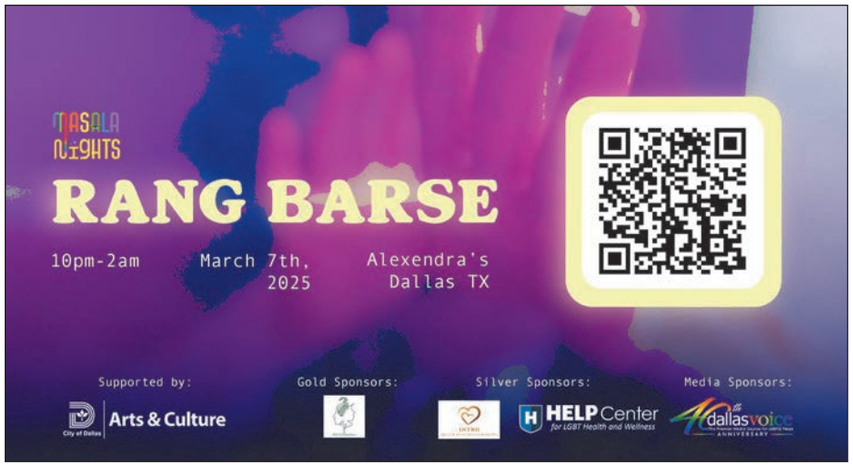
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Anti-straight discrimination?

IN THE COURTS



The west facade of United States Supreme Court Building at dusk in Washington, D.C (Photo by Joe Ravi)

Supreme Court poised to ease burden on straights claiming discrimination, scrutinize books in school

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Long-time observers of the U.S. Supreme Court might have been wondering recently why the court would have spent its scarce oral argument time on an issue on which all sides already agree.

The case was *Ames v. Ohio*, in which Marlean Ames, a long-time female employee of Ohio's Department of Youth Services, said she was denied a promotion and then demoted because she is straight.

Her evidence was the fact that gay people got both of the jobs she wanted.

The legal issue at question in oral arguments on Feb. 26 was not whether someone at the department discriminated against the 60-year-old woman because she was straight. And the issue was not whether laws prohibiting sexual orientation discrimination prohibit discrimination against heterosexuals. They do.

The question instead was a very narrow but very important one: Could the court require that an employee who was a member of a majority group — in this case, straight people — to jump through an extra hoop when pressing a claim of discrimination that typically affects minorities. Some federal appeals circuits have said yes, some have said no.

The Sixth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals said yes, members of a majority group must meet the additional burden of "background circumstances." It based its conclusion on earlier precedents in the Sixth Circuit, noting that "background circumstances" are evidence "to support the suspicion that the defendant is that unusual employer who discriminates against the majority."

Ames, a long-time employee for the Ohio facility for young people convicted of felonies, lost a promotion to one gay person, then had her old job given to another gay person. The supervisors who made those decisions were both straight.

The Sixth Circuit, ruling against Ames, said she failed to show any background circumstances or pattern of discrimination.

"Plaintiffs typically make that showing with evidence that a member of the relevant minority group (here, gay people) made the employment decision at issue, or with statistical evidence showing a pattern of discrimination by the employer against members of the majority group."

Title VII of the federal Civil Rights Act prohibits employment discrimination based on sex, and the Supreme Court,

in *Bostock v. Clayton*, held that "sex" includes sexual orientation.

During arguments before the Supreme Court, Ames' attorney Xiao Wang and the U.S. Solicitor General's office represented by Ashley Robertson, argued that Title VII applies equally to all plaintiffs, regardless of whether they are in the majority or a minority.

"The court of appeals applied a different and more difficult standard to [Ames] because it considered her a member of the majority," said Robertson. "But Title VII draws no distinctions between plaintiffs based on their race, religion, sex or other protected characteristic. That alone is reason to vacate the decision below … ."

Ohio Solicitor General Elliot Gaiser said, "Ohio agrees it is wrong to hold some litigants to a higher standard because of their protected characteristics."

The rare agreement of both sides on such a crucial point prompted Justice Brett Kavanaugh to say, "So, all you want for this case is a really short opinion that says discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation — whether it's because you're gay or because you're straight — is prohibited, and the rules are the same whichever way that goes?"

"That's right," said Wang.

Most legal observers writing about the oral argument expressed confidence that the Supreme Court would rule for majority plaintiffs, like Ames, on this narrow question. But some said a ruling for Ames — and against requiring majority plaintiffs to satisfy an extra burden of proof — could lead to many more lawsuits claiming reverse discrimination.

In other Supreme Court news:

• **Books in the classroom:** The high court has agreed to hear another LGBTQ-related case this session, *Mahmoud v. Taylor*, about public schools requiring educational materials that acknowledge the existence of LGBTQ people. The case comes from Maryland and the Fourth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals.

The parents of three students filed a lawsuit against the Montgomery County Board of Education's policy of including LGBTQ storybooks for elementary school children. The board policy does not allow parents to opt-out their children from reading the materials and does not agree to alert parents when such books are being read.

The parent plaintiffs said the policy violates their First Amendment rights to free exercise of religion, free speech and due process. A three-judge panel of the Fourth Circuit voted 2-to-1 against the parents to deny the parents' request for a preliminary injunction to stop use of the books. The panel majority said the parents failed to submit any evidence of how "simply hearing about other views… [can] necessarily exert pressure to believe or act differently than one's religious faith requires."

The panel majority acknowledged that the parents might eventually be able to provide "sufficient evidence that an elementary-age child's exposure to the storybooks and related conversations amounts to coercion." But at this preliminary stage, the Fourth Circuit, denied their request.

In agreeing to hear the parents' appeal, the Supreme Court says it will determine whether "public schools burden parents' religious exercise when they compel elementary school children to participate in instruction on gender and sexuality against their parents' religious convictions and without notice or opportunity to opt out?" Oral arguments are set for April 22.

• **Fight over AIDS grants:** Chief Justice John Roberts on Feb. 26 granted a request from the U.S. State Department to stay a district court order that required the Trump administration pay out grants awarded to 10 groups, including AIDS organizations, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). The Trump administration had ignored the lower court rulings to distribute the funding, as approved by Congress. SCOTUS on Wednesday, March 5, voted 5-to-4 to leave in place a lower court order that so far has only required the Trump administration to pay contractors for foreign aid work that has already been completed — roughly $2 billion.

• **Drag company appeal rejected:** The Supreme Court declined Feb. 21 to hear an appeal from a drag theatrical group in Memphis. The group filed a lawsuit, *Friends of George's v. Shelby County,* to challenge the constitutionality of a Tennessee law banning drag shows performed where anyone under 18 might see them. The Sixth Circuit ruled only that the plaintiffs lacked standing to bring the legal challenge, said Abby Rubenfeld, a long-time LGBTQ legal activist in Nashville. The Supreme Court denied the Friends appeal on Feb. 24. ■

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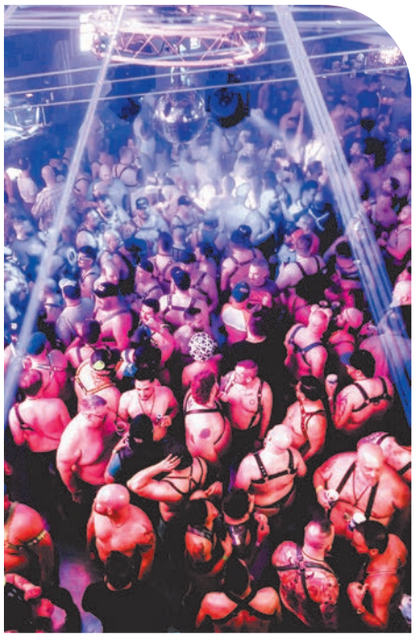




BEEF, From Page 9



Yvie Oddly



BearDance

happening there along with a number of performances, activities and more.

For convenience, TBRU will provide shuttles between both hotels.

Parties for the paws

You can keep up with the multitude of parties on the TBRU website or app. These guys start early — like on Wednesday with the pre-TBRU party at 10 p.m. Many are held in the host hotel, but BearDance is the TBRU party centerpiece. Plan accordingly for these good times.

March 12

• Pre-Party Underwear Night and Contest with DJ Drew G. 8 p.m. at the Dallas Eagle, 525 S. Riverfront Blvd.

March 13

• TBRU Kick-off Party 7:30 p.m. at the Hyatt, 300 Reunion Blvd.

• Eat Me: A Wonderland Dance Party with DJ Tristan Jaxx. 10 p.m. at the Dallas Eagle, 525 S. Riverfront Blvd.

March 14

• BearDance 8 p.m. at Station 4, 3911 Cedar Springs Road.

• TBRU Tea Party 9 p.m. at the Hyatt, 300 Reunion Blvd.

March 15

TBRU Underwear Night at 9:45 p.m., at the Hyatt, 300 Reunion Blvd.

March 16

• The official TBRU Closing Ceremony will be held at the Round-Up Saloon, 3912 Cedar Springs Road, at noon.

A number of venues will host their own bear-centric parties which are open to everyone. In past years, Round-Up Saloon, The Hidden Door and Woody's have all hosted TBRU-adjacent events but as of press time, no events have been officially posted.

The headliners

TBRU and BearDance both bring some familiar names to the weekend. A Drag Race alum, marquee DJs and some bear icons are all part of the merriment. Get your tickets ASAP to see these queer stars up close.

March 14

• BearDance's The Mad Hat Party will feature a lineup of DJs with Dallas' House of Frequencies duo Iamyu and CB Smoove opening the night. Legendary DJ Dave Aude then headlines the main dance floor at 10 a.m. Capping off the night is the iconic producer and remixer Derrick Carter from 1-4 a.m.

The event isn't just about the music but also a healthy dose of drag. *RuPaul's Drag Race* season 11 winner Yvie Oddly will headline the Rose Room. Special guests include Maddelynn Hatter and the Rose Room cast.

Set time is at 8 p.m., but you know queens.

March 15

• At the host hotel, TBRU will host the annual Mr. TBRU Contest and Underwear Auction at 5 p.m., with special guest judge Hunter Harden from *The Real Housebears of Salt Lake City*.

• Drag queen and Miss Congeniality of *RPDR* 11 Nina West will perform after Mr. TBRU at 8:30 p.m. ■

PLAN YOUR WEEK - The Gay Agenda... Our LGBTQ community calendar!





Masala Nights presents *Rang Barse: A Queer Bollywood Holi Celebration* on March 7 at Alexandre's. 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.

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March 7: Rang Barse: A Queer Bollywood Holi Celebration

Masala Nights presents this Bollywood-themed LGBTQ Holi celebration at Alexandre's, 4026 Cedar Springs Road, 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Visit the event page on TicketLeap.events for tickets and information.

March 8: 'Luck of the Holden Tucke'

DFW Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence hosts The Luck of the Holden Tucke event, a St. Patrick's Day party benefitting Texas Latino Pride, at 7 p.m. at The Hidden Door, 5025 Bowser Ave. Visit the Facebook event page for more information.

March 8: No Place Like Home Gala

After 8 to Educate hosts its first annual gala at Hall of State in Fair Park, 3939 Grand Ave., at 7 p.m. Visit the event page at My.OneCause.com for tickets and information.

March 8-April 19: Ted Kincaid: 'Towards a Queer Trancendance'

Artist Ted Kincaid makes a return to Liliana Bloch Gallery, 4741 Memphis St. Visit LilianaBlochGallery.com for more information.

March 8: Kickball Free Open Play

Pride Sports Dallas hosts a free open play kickball event, starting at 11 a.m. at Fair Oaks Park, 7595 Fair Oaks Ave., to kick off season 19. This is a 21-and-up event; no prior registration required for open play. Visit the Facebook event page for information.

March 9: Market on The Strip

Cedar Springs Merchants Association hosts The Market on The Strip, from 1-5 p.m. at the Cedar Springs Road/Throckmorton Street crossroads, featuring a variety of unique shops and boutiques selling everything from fashion to art to home goods to gifts, as well as a number of food vendors. Visit the Facebook event page for information.

March 9: Dallas Diesel Chili Cookoff

Dallas Diesel Softball hosts its annual chili cook-off from 4-7 p.m. at Dallas Eagle, 525 S. Riverfront Blvd. Trophies include best theme and crowd favorite, 50/50 raffles and a $100 prize for the best non-Diesel entry. No entry fees; contact West Irvan, wirvan14@yahoo.com to be a contestant or a judge. See the Facebook event page for information.

March 10: Alexandre's MOM

Alexandre's, 4026 Cedar Springs Road, hosts its Monday Open Mic (MOM) from 9-11 p.m. To guarantee a spot on the performance list sign up at Form.JotForm.com/222497530917058. Sign up form opens one week before the event and ends at noon the day before.

March 13-16: Texas Bear Round-Up

The 29th Annual Texas Bear Round-Up, *Bears in Wonderland*, takes place at the Hyatt Regency Dallas, 300 Reunion Blvd. Visit TBRU.org for tickets and information.

March. 14: BearDance

BearDance returns for TBRU 29, 8 p.m.-4 a.m. at S4 Nightclub, 3911 Cedar Springs Road, featuring producer/remixer Dave Audé and Chicago House pioneer DJ Derrick Carter. Tickets range from $40-$80, available at EventBrite.com.

March. 15: Gaybingo: "Seeing Green"

Resource Center hosts its monthly Gaybingo event at S4, 3911 Cedar Springs Road, from 6-9 p.m. Visit the Events section on MyResourceCenter.org for tickets and information.

Through March 16: 'Primary Trust'

Dallas Theater presents *Primary Trust* at Bryant Hall at Kalita Humphreys Theater, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. Information and tickets available at DallasTheaterCenter.org.

March. 16: Travis Holp: 'The Dead Serious Tour'

LGBTQ psychic medium Travis Holp brings his *Dead Serious Tour* to Addison Improv, 4980 Belt Line Road, #250, at 8 p.m. Visit TicketWeb.com for tickets.

March. 22: Masquerade

North Texas LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce hosts its premier fundraising event supporting the LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce Foundation Scholarship Fund at the Frontiers of Flight Museum, 6911 Lemmon Ave., from 7-10 p.m. Visit LGBTChamber.com for information and tickets.

March 24-25: Texas LGBTQ Chambers of Commerce Day at The Capitol

Texas LGBTQ Chambers of Commerce hosts its 2025 Day at the Capitol to advocate for policies that help strengthen the LGBTQ business community and champion an inclusive economy that benefits all Texans. Visit TexasLGBTQChambers.com to register.

March 26: GLFD Happy Hour

Gay and Lesbian Fund for Dallas hosts a happy hour from 6-8:30 p.m. at Winetastic, 4140 Lemmon Ave., Ste. 130. RSVP online at AddEvent.com

March 28: Third Annual Breaking the Binary Fashion Show

UNT Dallas College of Law hosts an evening of fun and fashion at 106 S. Harwood St., from 6-8 p.m. More details to come.

March 29-April 27: 'Waitress'

Dallas Theatere center presents *Waitress* at the Wyly Theatre, 2400 Flora St. Visit DallasTheaterCenter.org for information.

Through March 31: Lucky Charmd Pop-Up at Crush

Crush, 2914 Oak Lawn Ave., hosts a St. Patrick's Day pop-up bar with a craft cocktail menu and more. Visit CrushDTX.com for more information.

April

April 3: Cedar Springs Wine Walk

Enjoy amazing wine samples and shop along Cedar Springs. Purchase your collectible wine glass in front of Round-Up Saloon, 3912 Cedar Springs Road beginning at 6 p.m. Visit the event page on Facebook for more information.

April 5: Eighth Annual Summit on Aging

The Senior Source, 3910 Harry Hines Blvd., hosts its seminar on aging and navigating the mental health & legal system from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Visit Dallas-Seniors.org/ASVR for virtual registration or Dallas-Seniors.org/ASIPR for in-person registration.

April 13: Sixth Annual Siempre Selena Celebration

Round-Up Saloon, 3912 Cedar Springs Road, hosts a tribute and market celebrating Selena Quintanilla from 4-9 p.m.

April 19: Gaybingo: Drag Queens & Dragons

Resource Center hosts its monthly Gaybingo event at S4, 3911 Cedar Springs Road, from 6-9 p.m. Visit the Events section on MyResourceCenter.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



The Market on The Strip, hosted by Cedar Springs Merchants Association, returns to at the Cedar Springs Road/Throckmorton Street crossroads Sunday, March 9. See listings for details.

Romeo San Vicente

DEEP NSIDE HOLLYWOOD

Laverne Cox's key role in 'Outcome'

That recent clip of Laverne Cox on *The View* — where she reminds viewers that it's the "other 1 percent" of the population that people should be upset about instead of trans people — has gone very viral, making its truth-telling way around the internet.

Cox was on the show to promote her now-streaming sitcom *Clean Slate*, but her next project is already readying itself for public consumption. It's called *Outcome*," and it is the latest film from director Jonah Hill (who also co-wrote with Ezra Woods). It's about an actor on a career slide, battling blackmail and his past actions.

It stars Keanu Reeves as the actor in question, and Cox has a specific and pivotal role in the film that also features a long list of big names: Hill, Cameron Diaz, Matt Bomer, Susan Lucci, David Spade, Kaia Gerber, comedians Roy Wood Jr. and Atsuko Okatsuka, and Martin Scorsese.

Apple TV+ is readying its release this year, and there's sure to be an unmissable marketing push. Set your reminders.



Laverne Cox

'Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion' reunion

Good news, gays of the '90s: Pop culture is going to cater to your needs in a big way very soon, because there's a sequel to 1997's *Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion* in the works.

Details are sketchy right now, but the next chapter in the story of two best friends re-inventing themselves 10 years after high school is getting a 30-year fast forward. It's being produced by Lisa Kudrow and Mira Sorvino, who will also star, of course (we'd ignore it if they didn't, obviously). And Robin Schiff (*Emily in Paris*), who wrote the first film, will write this one.

Who goes to their 40th high school reunion? We have no idea, but we're rooting for the return of sardonic Gen X queen Janeane Garofalo, who stole scenes in the first movie. We need her now more than ever.

'Twinless' stars Dylan O'Brien x2

If you're a fan of *Maze Runner* and *Teen Wolf* star Dylan O'Brien, you probably remember his appearance on the sci-fi/comedy anthology series *Weird City*, where he found himself simultaneously heterosexual and also involved in a passionate romance with *Modern Family* patriarch Ed O'Neill.

Now he's the star of the equally unusual queer romance *Twinless*.

The film played Sundance, where it won the Audience Award and became the subject of a piracy attempt (Mr. O'Brien has at least one sex scene in the film, and it was leaked online). But it also won its star the U.S. Dramatic Special Jury Award for Acting.

It's about two young men who form an intense relationship after meeting at a support group for people whose twin siblings have died. It was written and directed by O'Brien's co-star, gay filmmaker James Sweeney and features *Gilmore Girls* icon Lauren Graham as O'Brien's mother.

When do non-film-festival goers get a legit look? Stay tuned.

'Rains Over Babel' forecast to set the queer arthouse aflame

An oddball standout at Sundance, the debut feature from Colombian filmmaker Gala del Sol, *Rains Over Babel*, has been picked up for North American distribution by Latido Films.

Welcome news it is, too, because inventive queer filmmaking feels more and more like an act of defiance in the U.S., and this one has invention to spare.

Set in an afterlife dive bar called Babel, queer misfits gather for a surreal trip through Dante's *Inferno*, all awaiting their fate. It's full of angels and demons, fight sequences, dance numbers and — we are told — talking lizards. Sounds like *The Good Place* reboot we've been waiting for.

It'll probably float into your local arthouse theater later this year.

Romeo San Vicente is angelically devilish.

this week's solution

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Apollo gets his drink on



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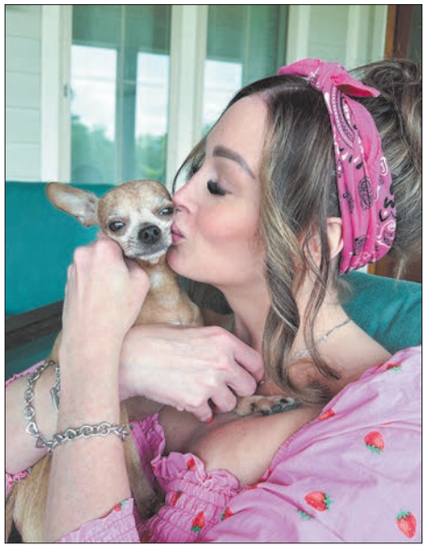
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Cindy and Honey



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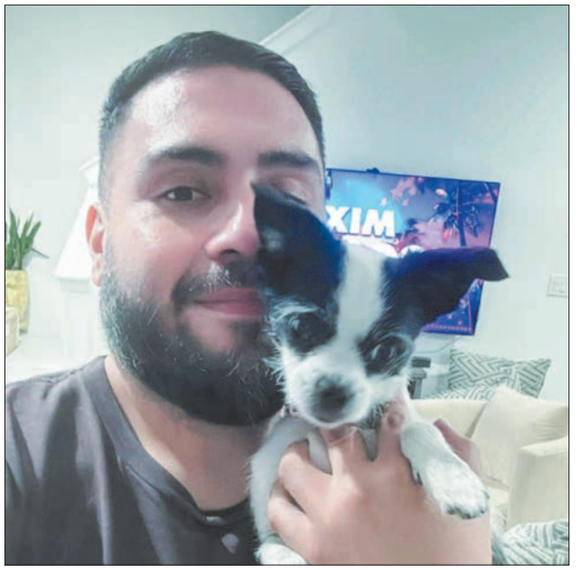
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Dennis strikes a pose



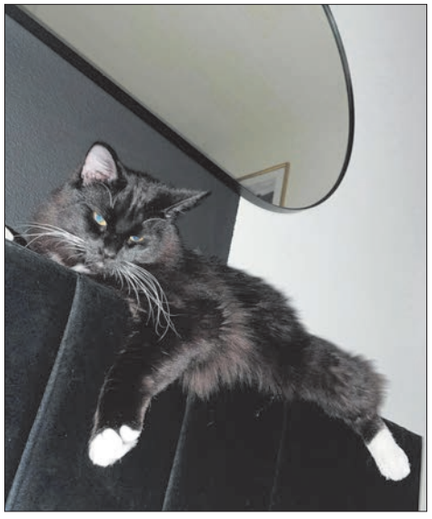
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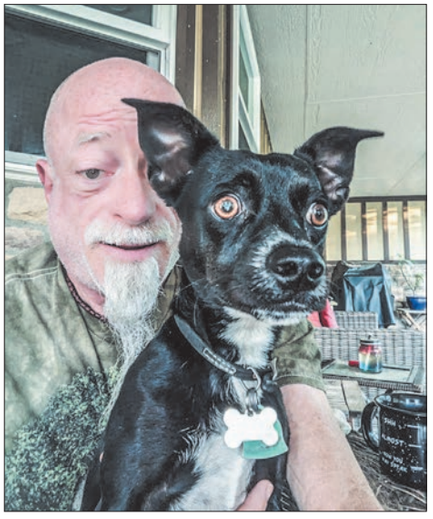
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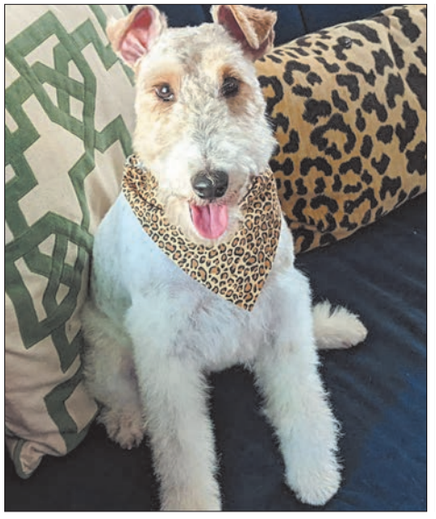
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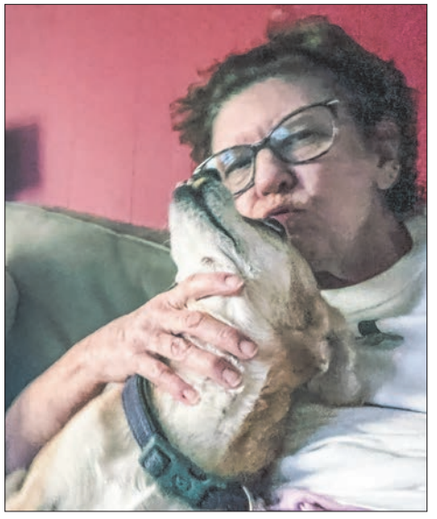
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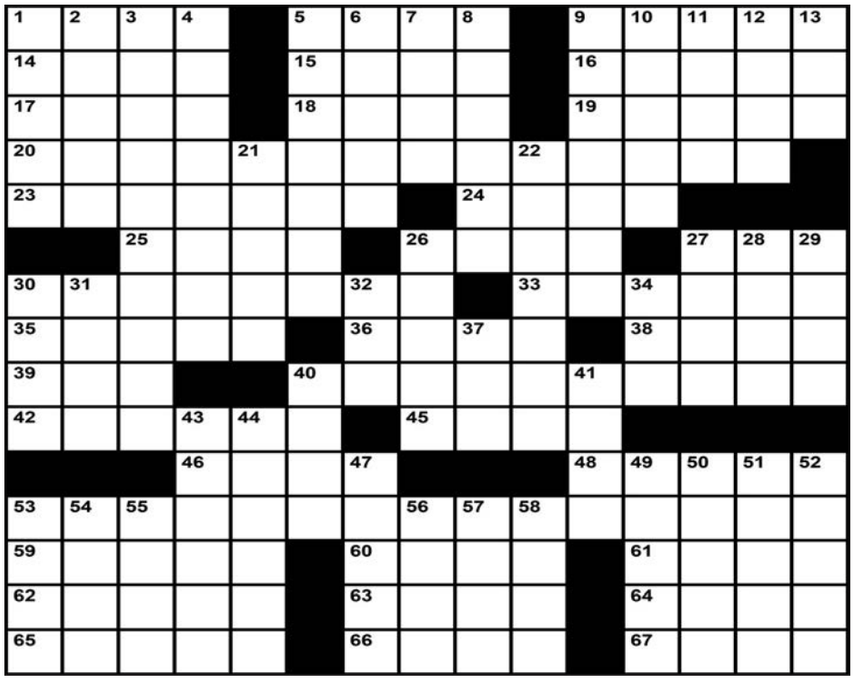


Tepi takes a ride



Nevi, Flynn, Allie and Rubi take over the couch

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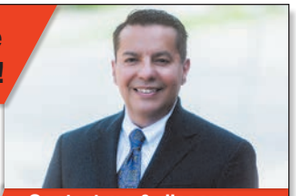


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