

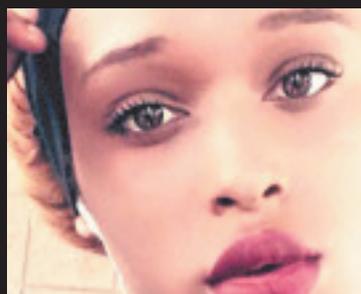
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WHAT IS GENVOYA®?

GENVOYA is a 1-pill, once-a-day prescription medicine used to treat HIV-1 in people 12 years and older who weigh at least 77 pounds. It can either be used in people who are starting HIV-1 treatment and have never taken HIV-1 medicines before, or people who are replacing their current HIV-1 medicines and whose healthcare provider determines they meet certain requirements. These include having an undetectable viral load (less than 50 copies/mL) for 6 months or more on their current HIV-1 treatment. GENVOYA combines 4 medicines into 1 pill taken once a day with food. GENVOYA is a complete HIV-1 treatment and should not be used with other HIV-1 medicines.

GENVOYA does not cure HIV-1 or AIDS. To control HIV-1 infection and decrease HIV-related illnesses, you must keep taking GENVOYA. Ask your healthcare provider if you have questions about how to reduce the risk of passing HIV-1 to others. Always practice safer sex and use condoms to lower the chance of sexual contact with body fluids. Never reuse or share needles or other items that have body fluids on them.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

What is the most important information I should know about GENVOYA?

GENVOYA may cause serious side effects:

- **Worsening of hepatitis B (HBV) infection.** GENVOYA is not approved to treat HBV. If you have both HIV-1 and HBV and stop taking GENVOYA, your HBV may suddenly get worse. Do not stop taking GENVOYA without first talking to your healthcare provider, as they will need to monitor your health.

Who should not take GENVOYA?

Do not take GENVOYA if you take:

- **Certain prescription medicines for other conditions.** It is important to ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist about medicines that should not be taken with GENVOYA. Do not start a new medicine without telling your healthcare provider.
- **The herbal supplement St. John's wort.**
- **Any other medicines to treat HIV-1 infection.**

What are the other possible side effects of GENVOYA?

Serious side effects of GENVOYA may also include:

- **Changes in your immune system.** Your immune system may get stronger and begin to fight infections. Tell your healthcare provider if you have any new symptoms after you start taking GENVOYA.

- **Kidney problems, including kidney failure.** Your healthcare provider should do blood and urine tests to check your kidneys. If you develop new or worse kidney problems, they may tell you to stop taking GENVOYA.
- **Too much lactic acid in your blood (lactic acidosis),** which is a serious but rare medical emergency that can lead to death. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you get these symptoms: weakness or being more tired than usual, unusual muscle pain, being short of breath or fast breathing, stomach pain with nausea and vomiting, cold or blue hands and feet, feel dizzy or lightheaded, or a fast or abnormal heartbeat.
- **Severe liver problems,** which in rare cases can lead to death. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you get these symptoms: skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow, dark "tea-colored" urine, light-colored stools, loss of appetite for several days or longer, nausea, or stomach-area pain.

The most common side effect of GENVOYA is nausea. Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effects that bother you or don't go away.

What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking GENVOYA?

- **All your health problems.** Be sure to tell your healthcare provider if you have or have had any kidney or liver problems, including hepatitis virus infection.
- **All the medicines you take,** including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Other medicines may affect how GENVOYA works. Keep a list of all your medicines and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist. Ask your healthcare provider if it is safe to take GENVOYA with all of your other medicines.
- **If you take antacids.** Take antacids at least 2 hours before or after you take GENVOYA.
- **If you are pregnant** or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if GENVOYA can harm your unborn baby. Tell your healthcare provider if you become pregnant while taking GENVOYA.
- **If you are breastfeeding** (nursing) or plan to breastfeed. Do not breastfeed. HIV-1 can be passed to the baby in breast milk.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch, or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

Please see Important Facts about GENVOYA, including important warnings, on the following page.

Ask your healthcare provider if GENVOYA is right for you.

GENVOYA does not
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SHOW YOUR POWER

Take care of what matters most—you. GENVOYA is a **1-pill, once-a-day complete HIV-1 treatment** for people who are either new to treatment or people whose healthcare provider determines they can replace their current HIV-1 medicines with GENVOYA.

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MOST IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT GENVOYA

GENVOYA may cause serious side effects, including:

- **Worsening of hepatitis B (HBV) infection.** GENVOYA is not approved to treat HBV. If you have both HIV-1 and HBV, your HBV may suddenly get worse if you stop taking GENVOYA. Do not stop taking GENVOYA without first talking to your healthcare provider, as they will need to check your health regularly for several months.

ABOUT GENVOYA

- GENVOYA is a prescription medicine used to treat HIV-1 in people 12 years of age and older who weigh at least 77 pounds and have never taken HIV-1 medicines before. GENVOYA can also be used to replace current HIV-1 medicines for some people who have an undetectable viral load (less than 50 copies/mL of virus in their blood), and have been on the same HIV-1 medicines for at least 6 months and have never failed HIV-1 treatment, and whose healthcare provider determines that they meet certain other requirements.
- **GENVOYA does not cure HIV-1 or AIDS.** Ask your healthcare provider about how to prevent passing HIV-1 to others.

Do NOT take GENVOYA if you:

- Take a medicine that contains: alfuzosin (Uroxatral[®]), carbamazepine (Carbatrol[®], Epitol[®], Equetro[®], Tegretol[®], Tegretol-XR[®], Teril[®]), cisapride (Propulsid[®], Propulsid Quicksolv[®]), dihydroergotamine (D.H.E. 45[®], Migranal[®]), ergotamine (Cafergot[®], Migergot[®], Ergostat[®], Medihaler Ergotamine[®], Wigraine[®], Wigrettes[®]), lovastatin (Advicor[®], Altoprev[®], Mevacor[®]), lurasidone (Latuda[®]), methylergonovine (Ergotrate[®], Methergine[®]), midazolam (when taken by mouth), phenobarbital (Luminal[®]), phenytoin (Dilantin[®], Phenytek[®]), pimozone (Orap[®]), rifampin (Rifadin[®], Rifamate[®], Rifater[®], Rimactane[®]), sildenafil when used for lung problems (Revatio[®]), simvastatin (Simcor[®], Vytorin[®], Zocor[®]), or triazolam (Halcion[®]).
- Take the herbal supplement St. John's wort.
- Take any other HIV-1 medicines at the same time.

GET MORE INFORMATION

- This is only a brief summary of important information about GENVOYA. Talk to your healthcare provider or pharmacist to learn more.
- Go to GENVOYA.com or call 1-800-GILEAD-5
- If you need help paying for your medicine, visit GENVOYA.com for program information.

IMPORTANT FACTS

This is only a brief summary of important information about GENVOYA[®] and does not replace talking to your healthcare provider about your condition and your treatment.

POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS OF GENVOYA

GENVOYA can cause serious side effects, including:

- Those in the “Most Important Information About GENVOYA” section.
- Changes in your immune system.
- New or worse kidney problems, including kidney failure.
- Too much lactic acid in your blood (lactic acidosis), which is a serious but rare medical emergency that can lead to death. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you get these symptoms: weakness or being more tired than usual, unusual muscle pain, being short of breath or fast breathing, stomach pain with nausea and vomiting, cold or blue hands and feet, feel dizzy or lightheaded, or a fast or abnormal heartbeat.
- Severe liver problems, which in rare cases can lead to death. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you get these symptoms: skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow, dark “tea-colored” urine, light-colored stools, loss of appetite for several days or longer, nausea, or stomach-area pain.

The most common side effect of GENVOYA is nausea.

These are not all the possible side effects of GENVOYA. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any new symptoms while taking GENVOYA.

Your healthcare provider will need to do tests to monitor your health before and during treatment with GENVOYA.

BEFORE TAKING GENVOYA

Tell your healthcare provider if you:

- Have or have had any kidney or liver problems, including hepatitis infection.
- Have any other medical condition.
- Are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.
- Are breastfeeding (nursing) or plan to breastfeed. Do not breastfeed if you have HIV-1 because of the risk of passing HIV-1 to your baby.

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take:

- Keep a list that includes all prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements, and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist.
- Ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist about medicines that should not be taken with GENVOYA.

HOW TO TAKE GENVOYA

- GENVOYA is a complete one pill, once a day HIV-1 medicine.
- Take GENVOYA with food.



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The Rev. Eric Folkerth, center, received the Raymond Kuchling Humanitarian Award at the 36th Black Tie Dinner. David Gifford-Robinson, left, and Nathan Robbins co-chaired the event. (Tammye Nash/Dallas Voice)



New Hope Mayor Jess Herbst got a rousing ovation when she appeared on stage at Black Tie Dinner (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

Second lesbian wins Oklahoma Senate seat

In a special election held on Tuesday, Nov. 14, Allison Ikley-Freeman, a lesbian, won a state senate seat by 31 votes.

Last year, in the general election, Democrats poured money into the race for this seat to try to flip the seat from Republican control but lost by 15 points. This year, Ikley-Freeman, 26, who had never run for office before, managed without much party support. She mobilized an army of volunteers, and her message resonated.

Ikley-Freeman becomes the second lesbian in the Oklahoma Senate. Kay Floyd represents a district in Oklahoma City and replaced Al McAfrey, who is also gay.

— David Taffet

Australians vote for marriage equality

Marriage equality in Australia has passed with 61 percent of the vote in a postal survey completed this week.

The non-binding survey was sent to every Australian voter and was held from Sept. 12-Nov. 7. Although Australia has a mandatory voting law, this vote was not required. And since the vote wasn't binding, it's up to Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull's government and the Australian Parliament to enact legislation.

The overall participation rate was 79.5 percent of voters, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Of the 16,006,180 eligible voters, 12,727,920 responded.

The question asked was: Should the law be changed to allow same-sex couples to marry?

The highest percentage of yes votes (74 percent) came from the Australian Capital Territory, which includes Canberra, the capital. The participation rate (82.4 percent) was highest there as well.

The lowest percentage of yes votes (57.8 percent) came from New South Wales, Australia's most populous state, which includes Sydney. Northern Territory, which includes the Outback and Ayers Rock, had the lowest participation rate (58.4 percent).

The survey was criticized for delaying marriage equality, but the vote clearly showed it's something Australians support.

— David Taffet

Dallas Animal Services at capacity, adoption fees waived

With Dallas Animal Services kennels nearly full, and more animals coming in daily, DAS officials announced that adoption fees are being waived at the city's shelters. Animals already spayed or neutered are free to adopt, as well as animals over six years old and all dogs heavier than 30 pounds.

More than 200 animals are available for adoption now, with many more available to be pre-adopted.

DAS Director Ed Jamison asked those looking for a new pet to consider the city's shelters first, and “Even if people can't adopt, we're asking them to encourage their friends who are looking to add a pet to their family to come visit us.

Adoption fees are being waived at both the main adoption center, 1818 N. Westmoreland Road, and at the PetSmart Everyday Adoption Center, 16821 N. Coit Road.

— Tammye Nash

STILL STRESSED ABOUT HIV?

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The **Health Education Learning Project (HELP)** opened DFW's first sexual health and wellness clinic for the LGBT community. Whether you are insured or uninsured, our clinical services are 100% **FREE** of charge. So if you want to take charge of your own sexual health and find out if the HIV prevention pill known as PrEP is right for you, call (817) 332-7722 and schedule an intake.



The HELP Center is located at 1717 Main Street in Fort Worth, Texas. PrEP is a medical intervention widely considered to be one of the most effective HIV prevention tools ever for at-risk populations. Clinical studies document PrEP is 92-99% effective when used properly.

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

- **Weekly: Lambda Weekly every Sunday at 1 p.m. on 89.3 KNON-FM.** This week's guest is **Dallas Stonewall Democrats President Lee Daugherty**; **United Black Ellument** hosts discussion on HIV/AIDS in the black community (UBE Connected) at 7 p.m. every fourth Tuesday of the month at 3116 Commerce St., Suite C; **Core Group Meeting** every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.; **Fuse game night** every Monday evening except the last of the month at 8 p.m. at the Fuse space in the Treymore Building, 4038 Lemmon Ave, Suite 101; **FuseConnect** every Wednesday from 7 p.m. For more information call or e-mail Jalenzski at 214-760-9718 ext. 3 or Jalenzski@myresourcecenter.org. LGBT square dancing group **Pegasus Squares** meets every Sunday from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, 4105 Junius St. For more info, email pegasussquares@gmail.com; **Dallas Frontrunners** meet for a walk or run on the Katy Trail at Oak Lawn Park, Turtle Creek and Hall Street, every Wednesday

at 7:15 p.m. and every Saturday at 9 a.m.; **Leadership Lambda Toastmasters** practices and develops speaking and leadership skills from 6:30-8 p.m. on Tuesdays at First Unitarian Church, third floor of the Hallman Building, 4012 St. Andrews; **Gray Pride** support group from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. followed by mixer every Monday at Resource Center, 5750 Cedar Springs Road; **Lambda AA** meets at 7 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. and has a men's meeting at 10 a.m. on Saturdays and meets at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sunday at 1575 W. Mockingbird Lane #625. Call 214-267-0222 for details; **DVtv in Spayse**, news and entertainment discussion live streaming every Friday, 4-5 p.m., on the Spayse Station YouTube channel.

NOVEMBER

- **Nov. 17: Spin | Fall Edition** Purple Foundation presents Spin | Fall Edition, 9 p.m.-4 a.m., at S4, 3911 Cedar Springs Road. Features DJ Cindel from Chicago and DJ Philip Webb from Dallas. Proceeds benefit local HIV organizations. Discounted express tickets available online at PurpleFoundation.org.

- **Nov. 18: Score | 4rd Quarter** Purple Foundation presents Score | 4rd Quarter, 10 p.m.-2 a.m. at Dallas Eagle,



DJ Cindel from Chicago is the special guest DJ spinning tunes at the Purple Foundation's Spin-Fall Edition party tonight (Friday, Nov. 17) at S4. See listings for details.

5740 Maple Ave., featuring DJ J Warren from Boston. Admission is \$5 and proceeds benefit local HIV organizations. Visit PurpleFoundation.org for information.

- **Nov. 18: Ugly Sweater Gaybingo** Monthly fundraiser for Resource Center takes place from 6-9 p.m. at the Rose Room at S4, 3911 Cedar Springs Road. 214-540-4458. MyResourceCenter.org/gaybingo.

- **Nov. 18: Ready! Set! Home!** Drop off new or gently used household items, accessories and furniture to supply 24 new apartments Legacy will provide to homeless persons living with HIV from noon-1:30 p.m. at Legacy Counseling Center, 4054 McKinney Ave.

- **Nov. 19: Bark+Build Doghouse Design/Auction** The third annual Bark+Build Doghouse Design Competition and auction takes place from 6-8:30 p.m. at NorthPark Mall, 8687 N. Central Expressway, as part of the SPCA of Texas' Home for the Holidays Housewarming Party. Proceeds benefit SPCA of Texas. For information email jscoggins@spca.org.

- **Nov. 20: Transgender Day of Remembrance**

Dallas commemoration from 7-9 p.m. at the Interfaith Peace Chapel at Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road.

- **Nov. 20: Transgender Day of Remembrance** Denton commemoration at 7 p.m. at Denton County Courthouse on the Square, 110 W. Hickory St., Denton.

- **Nov. 23 Oak Lawn Neighborhood Thanksgiving** Round-Up Saloon and Dance Hall hosts the Oak Lawn Neighborhood Thanksgiving, with complimentary food service from 2-6 p.m., at the club, 3912 Cedar Springs Road.

- **Nov. 29: Red Ribbon** Resource Center commemorates World AIDS Day with a cocktail-and-hors d'oeuvres reception benefitting the center's programs, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Le Meridien Hotel, The Stoneleigh, 2927 Maple Ave. Tickets are \$50 and include bites and desserts, cocktails and an auction. For tickets and information call 866-657-2437.

- **Nov. 30: World AIDS Day 2017** This year's World AIDS Day event presented by C.U.R.E. is "Because I Knew You." The Open Heart Award presented to Dallas Voice. A reception featuring AIDS

OBITUARY

Lloyd Wright passed away in Dallas on Nov. 1, 2017, due to congestive heart failure. He was 72 years old.

His family roots are in Wylie, Texas, but it was in Oak Lawn where countless friends got to know him. Lloyd, or "Loretta" as he sometimes called himself, was basically the King of Pool in Oak Lawn since the 1970s. He was the best, the very best. He was a regular at the beer busts at the old TMC location in Dallas and more recently at the Hidden Door. Where there was a pool table, often Lloyd would be seen making his seemingly effortless pool shots and making friends. Most of the time his pool shots just went in.

While he loved pool, often he spent too much time doing what he loved. Lloyd, like all of us had his faults, but those who knew him knew he was a kind man that loved his friends. Lloyd cared about many and was happy to greet people he had not seen for a while.

Back in the early 1980s, Lloyd was the



victim of a prank when someone had his obituary prematurely published in the Dallas Voice as a joke. It was funny then when people walked up to him in shock seeing he was alive.

Sadly, this obit is real.

Lloyd leaves behind a dog named Rita and so many memories. We will see him again.

Quilt panels begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by the program at 7 p.m. At the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum, 2943 SMU Blvd.

DECEMBER

• **Dec. 1: Federal Club holiday party**

• **Dec. 1: World AIDS Day**

• **Dec. 1: Hands Across The Globe**

Impulse Group Dallas presents a World AIDS Day 2017 event from 7-9 p.m. at Out of the Closet, 3920 Cedar Springs Road. dallaswad2017.eventbrite.com

• **Dec. 1: AP Community Center grand opening**

Abounding Prosperity and H.O.P.E. Health Center grand opening from 7-10 p.m. at 1705 MLK Jr. Blvd. RSVP. 214-421-4800. AboundingProsperity.org.

• **Dec. 1: An Intimate Evening With**

Anderson Cooper and Andy Cohen Deep talk and shallow tales as the longtime friends interview each other and take questions from the audience. 8 p.m. at The Pavilion at Irving Music Factory,

300 Las Colinas Blvd W., Irving. Ticketmaster.com.

• **Dec. 1: World AIDS Day**

commemoration and march The Dallas Council on Alcohol and Drugs will have tables at Alexandre's, the Round-Up Saloon, Cedar Springs Tap House and JR.'s from 5-8 p.m. and march from Alexandre's to the Legacy of Love Monument at 8 p.m. to mark World AIDS Day.

• **Dec. 2: The Women's Chorus of Dallas**

TWCD performs with Metropolitan Winds at 7:30 p.m. at City Performance Hall, 2520 Flora St. TWCD.org.

• **Dec. 3: Jingle Bell Rock**

Miss Gay Texas State Pageant System presents "Jingle Bell Rock," a show featuring Miss Gay Texas State Mayra D'Lorenzo Lauren, Miss Gay Texas State at Large Contessa Piranha and more, and benefitting The Texas Red Ribbon Wish Network and the Greg Dollgener Memorial AIDS Fund, with food from 4-5 p.m., and show at 5 p.m., at Sue Ellen's, 3014 Throckmorton St.

pet of the week / LEOPARD

Meet **Leopard**, a sweet-as-pie 2-½-year-old Labrador retriever mix weighing 45 pounds. She came to the SPCA of Texas on Aug. 23 when she was surrendered to an animal cruelty investigator because her previous owner could not properly care for her. She is very friendly, playful and affectionate to everyone she meets. Her joyful energy and bubbly personality bring smiles to all. She gets along with other dogs, so if you have any other canines at home, bring them to meet her to see if they make a good match. She'd most likely do well with kids of all ages as long as they're willing to give her lots of attention. She is heartworm positive, but thanks to generous donors, her treatments will be FREE at any Metroplex-area VCA Animal Hospital once she's adopted. #156637

Leopard is waiting for you at the SPCA of Texas' Jan Rees-Jones Animal Care Center in Dallas, 2400 Lone Star Drive, near I-30 and Hampton Road. Hours are noon-6 p.m. Sun-Wed and noon-7 p.m. Thurs-Sat. Regular adoption fees are \$100 for puppies and kittens aged 0-6 months, \$50 for adult dogs and cats aged 6 months or older, \$25 for senior dogs or cats aged 7 years and older and \$25 for VIP dogs and cats (available for adoption for 30 days or more.) Fee includes spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, a heartworm test for dogs six months and older and a FIV/FeLV test for cats 4 months and older, initial flea/tick preventative and heartworm preventative, a microchip, 30 days of PetHealth Insurance provided by PetPlan, a free 14-day wellness exam with VCA Animal Hospitals, a free year-long subscription to Activ4Pets, a rabies tag and a free leash. Call 214-742-SPCA (7722) or visit today.





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Remembering their names

TDOR vigil is set for Monday at the Interfaith Peace Chapel

FROM STAFF REPORTS

At least 25 transgender people have died violently in the United States over the last 12 months, and on Monday, Nov. 20, the North Texas community will gather to honor them and the nearly 300 other trans people murdered around the world since last year's Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Dallas' Transgender Day of Remembrance event takes place at the Interfaith Peace Chapel at Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road, at 7 p.m. Monday. Transgender speakers will describe their own experiences with violence, and parents of transgender youth will speak about the struggles they've endured and how they love their children.

Those who knew local victims will speak about them.

Following the event, attendees will go to the Legacy of Love monument, on the corner of Oak Lawn Avenue and Cedar Springs Road, for a candlelight vigil at about 9 p.m.

Transgender men and women who have died violently in the U.S. in 2017 are:

Jan. 1. Jamie Lee Wounded Arrow, 28, an American Indian woman who identified as transgender and two-spirit, was found dead in her apartment in Sioux Falls, S.D. Joshua Rayvon LeClaire, 25, has been arrested and charged with murder and manslaughter in connection with her death. If convicted, he could be sentenced to death or to life in prison.

Jan. 4. Mesha Caldwell, 41, of Canton, Miss., was murdered the evening of Jan. 4. She had been shot several times. Caldwell was well known in her community as a hairdresser and makeup artist and was well-liked, friends said. The murder is still under investigation and no suspects have been arrested.

Jan. 6. Sean Hake, 23, a transgender man in Sharon, Penn., died after he was shot by police responding to a 911 call from his mother. Police said that Hake threatened to cut his mother's throat with a razor blade and then, when officers arrived and got out of their car, Hake advanced on them with a utility knife, refusing orders to drop the weapon. Authorities said no charges would be filed in connection with his death.



Feb. 8. JoJo Striker, 23, was shot to death in Toledo, Ohio. Her body was found in a garage with a single gunshot wound to the torso. Police have named no suspects in her murder. As often happens, Striker was misgendered in initial reports.

Feb. 19. Jaquarius Holland, 18, a homeless trans woman, was killed with a single gunshot to the head in Monroe, La., following an argument with a man named Malcolm Derricktavios Harvey. Harvey was arrested in March. Holland was misgendered in initial news and police reports.

Feb. 21. Tiara Richmond, also known as Keke Collier, 24, became the second trans woman murdered in Chicago in six months when she was shot to death in the Englewood neighborhood on the city's South

Side. Police said Richmond was sitting in a car when the man in the car with her shot her and then fled, leaving her body laying on the ground, with gunshot wounds to her chest, hand and arm. There have been no arrests made in connection with her death. Officials initially misgendered and dead-named Richmond.

Feb. 25. Chyna Gibson, 31, a well-known entertainer in the ballroom community who performed under the name Chyna Doll Dupree, was shot to death outside a shopping center on the east side of New Orleans, having traveled there from her home in California to visit family for Mardi Gras. Friends said she had helped them with their makeup for the Zulu Ball earlier in the evening and that one friend had dropped her

off near a relative's home about 8:30. Police found her bullet-riddled body lying between two cars; neighbors said they heard between 8 and 10 gunshots. Two "persons of interest" in her murder were questioned by police on March 9.

Feb. 27. Ciara McElveen, 26, a transgender woman of color, was stabbed to death in New Orleans. Witnesses said that they saw McElveen arguing with a man in a black Camaro, parked at the curb near the intersection of Claiborne and Columbus streets in the 7th Ward. They said the man got out of the car, walked around and opened the passenger side door, pulled McElveen from the car and slammed her face down on the ground before getting back in the car

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TDOR Statistics: The death toll continues to rise

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At least 25 transgender people — mostly transgender women of color — have been killed in the United States so far in 2017. And that number — up from an estimated 23 in 2016, and 21 in 2015, with each consecutive year setting a disturbing new record — is widely agreed to be lower than the actual number of transgender people because trans murder victims are often misgendered, either by law enforcement investigating their deaths or by family members who were unable to accept the truth of the victim's gender identity.

According to the Remembering Our Dead project, online at TDOR.info, there have been more than 300 transgender people murdered around the world since the 2016 Transgender Day of Remembrance last November.

That number does not include at least two transgender men killed by police in the U.S. this year and at least one transgender woman known to have been killed in this country. It does include two individuals who identified as gay men but were presenting as feminine when they were killed: Imer Alvarado, shot to death in May in Fresno, and Anthony "Bubbles" Torres, shot to death Sept. 9 in San Francisco. It also includes India Monroe, also known as India The-darkvixen, who was shot to death Dec. 21 in Newport News, Va., after TDOR in 2016.

In terms of the number of known murders over the last year listed by Remembering Our Dead, the U.S. with 24 had the third-highest total behind Brazil with 151 and Mexico with 47.

According to statistics released Monday, Nov. 15, by the FBI, of the 6,121 hate crimes reported to the bureau last year, .5 percent were bias crimes based on gender identity. Since, according to a report released in 2011 by the Williams Institute, only .3 percent of the U.S. population identify as transgender, that is a significantly disproportionate

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and driving away. Police video from nearby cameras show the suspect and his car but police have made no arrests. Although McElveen was murdered just two days after Chyna Gibson, New Orleans police said they had no evidence linking the two killings.

March 22. Alphonza Watson, 38, was shot and killed in Baltimore, Md., She was found about 4:15 a.m., shot in the stomach, in the 2400 block of Guilford Avenue, about half a mile from her home on N. Charles Street. She died shortly after at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Witnesses told police they heard someone yelling for help, followed by gunshots. They told police they saw two men run to get into a dark-colored vehicle and speed away. Police are still looking for suspects in her death, and in the death of Crystal Edmonds, a 32-year-old trans woman shot to death in September 2016, about 5 miles from where Watson was murdered.

April 9. Kenne McFadden, 27, was found in the San Antonio River on April 9. Police, who at first misgendered McFadden, initially classified her death as an accidental drowning. About two months later, however, they changed the cause of death to homicide and said they had interviewed a "person of interest in the case," and that the suspect was in jail on unrelated charges.

April 21. Chayviss Reed, 28, was shot and killed in the West Little River area of Miami-Dade County. Reports said Reed was running from her attacker when she was killed. No arrests have been made.

April 25. Kenneth Bostick, 59, a black trans man struggling with mental health issues, died of a severe head injury after lying on the sidewalk outside a Chelsea restaurant for about 30 minutes before help arrived. He had been hit in the head with a metal object by another homeless man in an apparently unprovoked attack. Police arrested 26-year-old Joseph Griffin and charged him with manslaughter and criminal mischief.

May 16. Sherrell Faulkner, 46, died on May 16 of injuries sustained during an attack on Nov. 30, 2016, in Charlotte, N.C. She was found laying on the ground near a dumpster, suffering from severe injuries, in the city's LGBT neighborhood. No arrests have been made at this point.

June 13. Kendra Marie Adams, 28, was found in a building under construction with burns on her body. Police have charged Michael Davis, 45, with Adams' murder. Adams also went by Josie Berrios, the name used in initial media reports on her death, and performed as a founding member of the House of Merlot as Kimbella Rosé.

June 25. Ava Le'Ray Barrin, 17, was shot

in the chest and killed in Athens, Ga., during an argument with Jalen Breon Brown, 21, in an apartment parking lot. Brown claimed he killed Barrin in self defense, but he was arrested and charged with murder and aggravated assault. Police said the argument started out between friends of the two.

July 2. Ebony Morgan, 28, was shot multiple times in Lynchburg, Virginia, in the early morning of July 2. Morgan was transferred to a local hospital where she succumbed to her injuries. Authorities have named Kenneth Allen Kelly Jr. as a person of interest in the case.

July 31. TeeTee Dangerfield, 32, was shot and killed July 31 in Atlanta, Ga. According to the Georgia Voice, Dangerfield "was found with multiple gunshot wounds outside of her vehicle at the South Hampton Estates apartment complex." Tyrone Kemp, 26, was arrested Aug. 22 and charged with her murder.

Aug. 12. Gwynevere River Song, 26, was shot to death in Waxahachie, reportedly during an argument in her home. According to their Facebook profile, River Song identified as "femandrogyne" and a member of the bisexual community. A spokesman for the Ellis County Sheriff's Office at the time said that a second person was hospitalized with injuries following the incident that left River Song dead. Although some accounts identified that second person as River Song's father, the Ellis County SO did not confirm that. A sheriff's office spokesman told Dallas Voice on Wednesday, Nov. 15, that no arrest has been made in the case, but that it will be presented to a grand jury "in the near future." And while he did not comment on whether the father was a suspect in River Song's shooting, the spokesman did indicate that River Song's father was the second person injured in the incident and that he was stabbed,

Aug. 22. Kiwi Herring, 30, was killed during an altercation with St. Louis police following an altercation with her neighbor. Relatives told Huffpost that Herring had complained numerous times about threats from and harassment by her transphobic neighbor. Police — who were reporting to a domestic disturbance call and said they found Herring already suffering from cuts to her face, arms and chest — said Herring had "severely cut" a neighbor who she suspected of starting a fire on her balcony and that when officers arrived, she lunged at them with a kitchen knife. Two officers fired at her, striking her five times, and killing her in front of her spouse, Kristy Thompson, also a trans woman, and their sons, ages 4, 7 and 8. Family and friends accused

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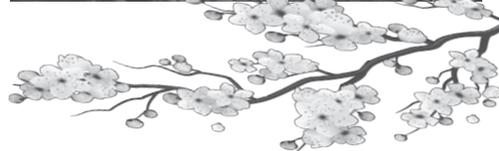
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Finding family

For those who are far from family — geographically or emotionally — holidays can be hard. Here are ways — and an event to make it easier

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sword," said Marcum, noting that people automatically think of family during the holidays. "But your family might not be where you are, emotionally or geographically," she noted.

Since Thanksgiving and Christmas are just weeks apart, some people plan to visit family for just one or the other. "But you still want to celebrate the other," Marcum said.

She said it's important to plan something for the holidays — some people go to the movies on Thanksgiving, going from one screening to another, spending the day catching up on films they've been too busy to see.

Or maybe, she suggested, you could spend the day bingeing on Netflix. Just make a plan, any plan.

"Another issue is feeling lonely on the holidays," she said. "And a person can feel lonely in a crowd."

Marcum said there are lots of reasons for that — having recently lost a loved one, a break-up, family rejection. Those feelings get magnified during a holiday. Marcum advises to be kind to yourself and remember, the holiday only lasts 24 hours.

Grove said a number of her clients, especially those in the Master Leasing housing program, take advantage of the Round-Up's Thanksgiving dinner. She called the dinner powerful.

"A lot of our clients haven't had a place to go for years," she said.

Many in that program are coming out of a homeless situation. She said the group provides more than a meal. The event gives

Holidays can be stressful for LGBT people whose families may not be completely accepting.

"A lot of people don't have any place to go," said Melissa Grove, executive director of Legacy Counseling Center.

Some people would spend the day with friends, but those friends are off with family.

One option for people with no plans for the holiday is to spend the afternoon at the Round-Up Saloon, 3912 Cedar Springs Road, which is hosting its sixth annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner from 2-6 p.m. Frank Martinez puts together an army of volunteers to do everything from cook to clean up as well as entertain.

Candy Marcum, a therapist specializing in marriage and family issues in the LGBT community, said she loves the event at the Round-Up, saying that the community offered support is a beautiful thing.

"I think any holiday is a two-edged

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them a reason to dress up and socialize.

"Holidays shine a spotlight on a level of isolation," she said. "A lot of people don't live near families and have no opportunity for fellowship."

Some have friends who will be going to their families and just have no one around to share the holiday with.

"There are lots of reasons people go," she said.

For people planning to go to this or another community dinner, the events give them something important to put on their calendar.

Grove said the Round-Up does lots of giving during the year, but this is one of her favorite events at the bar.

Her final advice for anyone feeling lonely at Thanksgiving, who doesn't think they would enjoy attending a dinner where they won't know anyone, is to volunteer to help serve the dinner.

Marcum's advice for the holidays is "take care of yourself emotionally. Know it's only stressful for 24 hours."

Grove said, "We're incredibly blessed by the people pulling together this event. I'm always stunned by how much the LGBT community comes together and never stops giving."

As for Martinez, he's short a few volunteers and could use some donations, but he's not worried. After preparing a meal for 400 people five times already, this year's feast should be no problem at all.

"We've got it down to a science," Martinez said.

What inspired the dinner, Martinez said, was when he and Butch Compton realized Resource Center's food program was closed on Thanksgiving Day. But, he stressed, this meal isn't just for Resource Center's or Legacy's clients.

It's called a community dinner, and that's just what it is, he said.

Martinez also pointed out that it's not a Round-Up event; that's just the venue. Volunteers and donors come from the Caven bars, Alexandre's, Woody's, Cedar Springs Tap House and others.

What he hears most from people who attend is, "I'm not welcome in my house," or "I don't feel welcome." But after so many years of producing the community Thanksgiving, Martinez said he just expects friends to come together because this event is fun.

At 3 p.m., the entertainment begins. Martinez said to expect performers from the local theater community. He called it, "local, live and a wide variety."

And what happens when you're cooking for 400 and only 350 show up?

Anything left over goes to Soup Mobile or one of the local shelters that make meals to distribute to the homeless. ■

Community Thanksgiving Dinner from 2-6 p.m. on Nov. 23 at the Round-Up Saloon, 3912 Cedar Springs Road.

Entertainment begins at 3 p.m. Contact Frank Martinez at fmartinez62672@gmail.com to donate or volunteer.

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Why Roy Moore's election is an LGBT issue

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The potential election of Roy Moore to a U.S. Senate seat from Alabama is, among other things, a serious issue for the LGBT community. Few — if any — members of the U.S. Senate are as virulently anti-LGBT as Moore.

Moore's election is also an issue for women. He stands accused of molestation and sexual assault by five women who say that when they were teens and he was in his 30s, Moore pursued them and engaged or tied to engage them in sexual activity.

One of the accusers said Moore "dated" her when she was 14 and that they had a sexual encounter. A mall in his hometown of

Gadsden, Ala., banned him from the shopping center because of reports he harassed teenage girls.

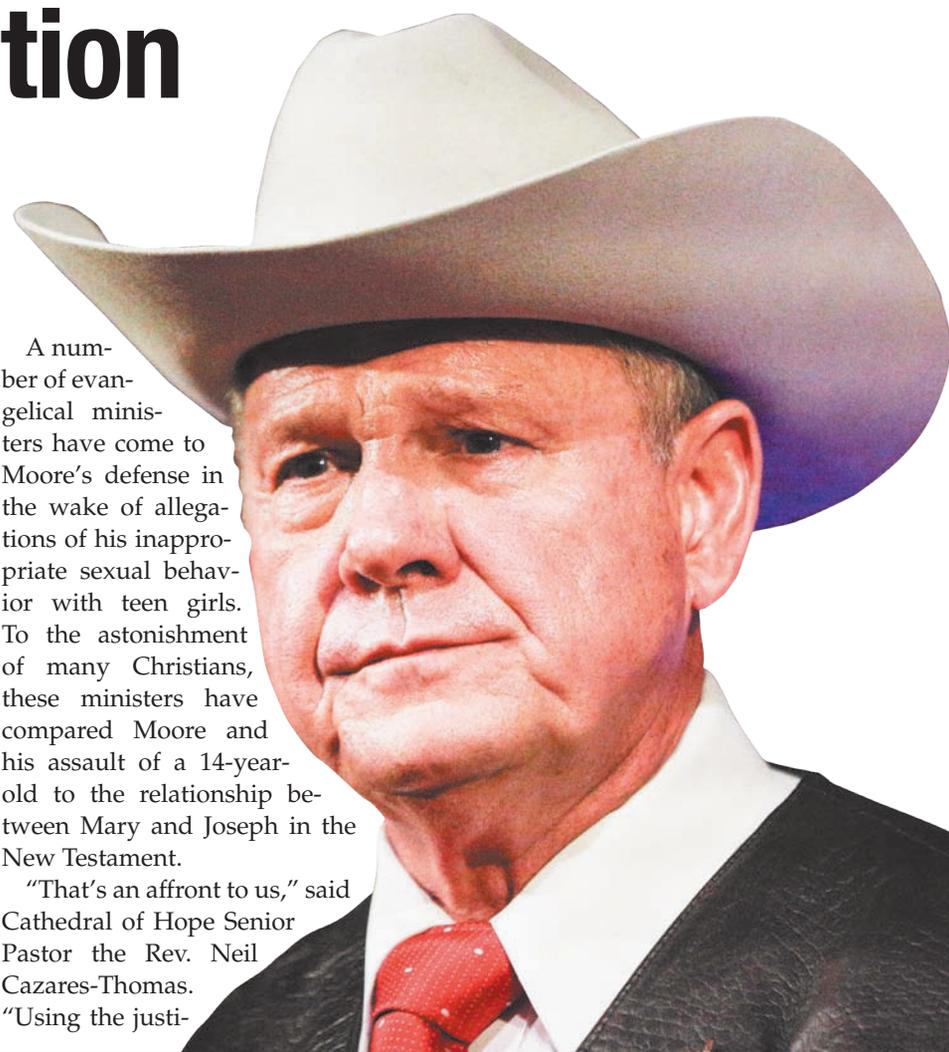
Moore has the distinction of being removed from the same office — chief justice of the Alabama Supreme Court — twice. That's a record.

The first time, he was elected by the people of Alabama in 2001 and removed by the Alabama Court of the Judiciary in 2003 for refusing to remove a monument of the Ten Commandments he commissioned for the Alabama Judicial Building, even after a federal court ordered him to remove it.

The second time, the people re-elected him to the same seat in 2013, and the same court suspended him in 2016 when he directed the state's probate judges to ignore the U.S. Supreme Court's Obergefell marriage equality ruling. After he was found guilty and suspended for the remainder of his term, Moore resigned.

A number of evangelical ministers have come to Moore's defense in the wake of allegations of his inappropriate sexual behavior with teen girls. To the astonishment of many Christians, these ministers have compared Moore and his assault of a 14-year-old to the relationship between Mary and Joseph in the New Testament.

"That's an affront to us," said Cathedral of Hope Senior Pastor the Rev. Neil Cazares-Thomas. "Using the justi-



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fication of God precludes logic.”

Cazares-Thomas suggested that such justifications mean, to evangelicals, that Moore is somehow holy or ordained, that he has God-given approval, in the same way they claim God gave Trump approval to nuke North Korea. He questioned whether these ministers believe that by making excuses for Moore they have absolved him of being accountable.

Cazares-Thomas debunked the “same as Joseph and Mary” claim by noting that Joseph and Mary were married. In fact, in biblical times, that’s how marriage happened. With Moore, he said, “What we’re talking about is molestation.” So, he continued, doesn’t that mean that if what Moore did was comparable to Joseph and Mary, he’s now married to the woman he molested?

Cazares-Thomas called on people of faith not to allow such behavior to be equated with the values of Jesus and to make a difficult and moral choice. “This is not fake news,” he declared. “Five women have come forward. It’s not acceptable to deny it.”

Alex Smith, the executive director of Equality Alabama, was guardedly optimistic about the outcome of that senate race following the allegations against Moore. While Equality Alabama doesn’t endorse candidates, he said, it has been sending volunteers to help with the campaign of Democratic candidate Doug Jones.

Smith said he’s also been hearing people from local Republican organizations talking about why they’re voting for Jones. “As more stories of sexual assault come out, the mood feels like it’s shifting,” Smith said.

If Moore is elected, Smith warned, it would send a message that the safety of the LGBT community isn’t important.

Few in the state would be voting for Moore who didn’t know his history of removal from office twice. Smith said the two sides simply see very different versions of those events. On the left, people understand Moore didn’t respect the U.S. Constitution. But, “On the right, they’ll say a godless government has removed a righteous person from office,” Smith said.

Earlier this week, Moore’s wife, Kayla, posted a letter on Facebook supporting her husband that was signed by 50 pastors. But, Smith said, the letter was written and signed before the Republican primary.

To defend her husband against the charges of abuse of minors, Kayla Moore removed the first three paragraphs to cover her deceit and included the signatures. Several of the pastors have already de-

manded their names be removed.

Smith said polling this week — even from conservative organizations — shows Jones two points ahead, which is within the margin of error. He expects a tight race.

So what happens if Moore wins?

One option is for the Senate to refuse to seat Moore under Article I, Section 5 of the U.S. Constitution, which has rarely been used.

After the Civil War through 1900, the House of Representatives refused to seat more than 30 southern Democrats. In the late 1800s and early 1900s, several representatives from Utah were refused their seats because they were polygamists or were alleged to have sworn an oath against the U.S. government.

The Senate invoked that section of the Constitution most recently in 2009 after the election of Barack Obama, when Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich was accused of selling Obama’s vacated seat. Roland Burris, who had been appointed, appeared at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 5, but was refused entry to the Senate chamber. On Jan. 12, the Illinois Secretary of State provided Burris with a copy of his certification with the state seal after an Illinois Supreme Court ruling in his favor. Burris was sworn in on Jan. 15.

But if the Senate refuses to seat Moore, another special election would be called and Smith said nothing could stop Moore from running again.

Smith said some local pundits have suggested people will vote for Moore knowing he won’t be seated to force a new election rather than vote for a Democrat. But, he said, nothing would stop Moore from running again when he could win again. That means the state would be without full representation for more than a year. Smith said he didn’t think that was really anyone’s strategy.

Jones, the Democrat running against Moore in the Dec. 12 special election, hasn’t tried to hide his liberal views and pretend to be a “moderate.” He’s pro-Planned Parenthood, pro-choice, pro-healthcare and wrote on his website, “I want to be perfectly clear: I believe in science.”

He became an assistant U.S. attorney based in Birmingham in 1980 and was appointed the U.S. attorney for the Northern District in 1997. His most prominent case was the prosecution of three Klan members for the bombing of a black Baptist Church. Four young girls were killed and three of the four murderers had escaped trial for 35 years.

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officers of “executing” Herring. Thompson was arrested and charged with assault. The night after Thompson was killed, during a vigil in her memory, a man was arrested for driving toward the protestors as they marched, honking his horn and trying to drive through the crowd. Three protestors were injured, and the driver was arrested and faced felony charges.

Sept. 3. Ally Steinfeld, 17, was stabbed to death in Missouri allegedly at her girlfriend’s house. Briana Calderas, 24, who had begun dating Steinfeld about a week before her death, reportedly said that she wanted Steinfeld dead, and police say that Andrew Vrba, 18, accommodated Calderas by torturing and killing Steinfeld in Calderas’ home. Vrba reportedly said he first tried to poison Steinfeld, but when she didn’t drink the tainted liquid, he stabbed her multiple times, gouging out her eyes and mutilating her genitals. Calderas and another woman,

Isis Schauer, 18, then helped Vrba dispose of Steinfeld’s body, burning her and hiding the remains in a garbage can near a chicken coop. Vrba, Calderas and Schauer all face first-degree felony murder charges. James Grigsby, 25, faces lesser charges for helping dispose of Steinfeld’s body.

Sept. 5. Kashmire Nazier Redd, 28, of Gates, N.Y., was fatally stabbed by his partner, 40-year-old Doris E Carrasquillo in what police described as a domestic dispute. Carrasquillo was arrested and charged with second-degree murder.

Sept. 12. Derricka Banner, 26, was found shot to death inside a car in Charlotte, N.C., around 3 a.m., just a few days before the city’s annual Trans Pride celebration. Later that same day, Montavious Sanchez Berry, 18, was arrested and charged with murder, armed robbery and shooting into an occupied vehicle.

Sept. 16. Scout Schultz, 21, was shot and

killed by a Georgia Tech campus police responding to a call about “a [possibly intoxicated] person with a knife or a gun,” a call possibly made by Schultz herself. Police reports indicate that Schultz ignored their orders to drop the multi-tool that she was carrying and instead advanced on them carrying the implement, which included a small knife. Officer Tyler Beck, who officials said was a certified peace officer but had not undergone crisis intervention training, was the officer who shot and killed Schultz. Schultz’s family say that officers could have subdued her without using deadly force. Beck was later put on paid leave.

Oct. 21. Stephanie Montez, 47, was found shot to death along a county road near Robstown, Texas, a suburb of Corpus Christi. She had been shot in the chest, abdomen and shoulder. Montez was misgendered in initial reports, referred to in an Nueces County Sheriff’s Office report as “a

man in a dress.” Her murder remains under investigation.

Oct. 29. Candace Towns, 30, a transgender woman found shot to death in Bibb County, Ga., was the 23rd homicide in that county this year, and the 25th known trans person killed in the U.S. this year. She was found Oct. 31 between a blighted house and a burned one at the end of a driveway near downtown Macon about six miles away from the hotel where she had been staying. She had been shot in the face. She was last seen alive before dawn on Oct. 29, and surveillance video at the hotel where she was staying showed her getting into a gold or tan sedan. The black man driving the car is considered a suspect in the murder. In 2009, Towns had been attacked and was shot in the ankle just a block or two from where her body was found on Halloween this year. No one was ever charged in that assault. ■



India Monroe

number of hate crime victims targeted because of their gender identity.

According to a recent article by Maggie Astor for the New York Times, the National Center for Health Statistics puts the annual murder rate for Americans ages 15 to 34 at about 1 in 12,000, while an investigation by the news organization Mic indicates that for black transgender women in the same age group, the rate is 1 in 2,600.

According to the FBI’s report, there were 130 charges in 124 hate crime incidents

based on gender identity in 2016, committed against 131 victims by 165 offenders. Of the victims, 111 were targeted in 105 anti-transgender crimes and 20 non-gender-conforming victims were targeted in 19 incidents.

In many instances, the murders of transgender people are marked by “over kill” — in other words, these attacks are often carried out with extreme violence and brutality, far beyond force necessary to kill.

Transgender murder victims are often

tortured in some manner before they are killed. If they are shot, they are shot many times; same goes for those who are stabbed.

Their attackers often do things that are intended to erase a transgender victim’s identity, such as shooting or cutting their face or mutilating their genitalia. After the victim has died, the violence and mutilation continue. Bodies are burned, beaten beyond recognition, dismembered.

For example, last February in Fortaleza, Brazil, Dandara dos Santos, 42, was beaten and then stoned to death by a mob, in

a crime that gained international attention after a video of dos Santos being beaten and tortured in the street by a group of men went viral.

Dos Santos was beaten, tortured, shot and then bashed in the head with a large stone. The video shows the woman sitting on the ground, covered in dust and blood, as she is kicked in the face, beaten with a plank of wood and forced into a wheelbarrow. Authorities say that she was then taken to a nearby street where she was shot twice in the face and then bludgeoned with the large rock. Her death was not shown in the video.

By March, police had arrested three teenagers and two other men in connection with her death but said they were still looking for others who were involved.

That same month, an unidentified trans person in Recife, Brazil, was drowned after having their legs tied down, and about a month later, an unidentified trans person in Cachoeirinha, Brazil, was burned alive.

Cases from Mexico show how trans victims continue to be defiled after they are dead. Last January Anahí Tapia Llamas was shot to death in Guadalajara and her body thrown into the street. In March, a trans woman named Paola was beaten to death in Tamaulipas and her body, too, was then thrown into the street. ■

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Remembering our dead

Every year in November, the transgender community comes together to mourn our dead on the Transgender Day of Remembrance, observed every year on or around Nov. 20. Election results from Nov. 7 notwithstanding, 2017 has been a particularly brutal year for us.

It bothers me hearing the list of those murdered this year — 25 known victims — described as a “record” number. It makes it sound like a challenge. I’d prefer this record stand forever unbroken. It sickens me every time I hear of another one of my sisters or brothers losing their life way too soon — and for what?

Christians shot to death in their community church and people run down in New York are national news. Transgender people being relentlessly and senselessly murdered rarely makes a blip on the radar.

The gay and lesbian community has had plenty to celebrate, and, being a lesbian, I celebrate with you. But as a trans person, I have little to celebrate. Just in the last year we’ve seen a change in how Title IX is interpreted, with the Trump administration claiming it no longer protects transgender school children. We’ve seen an executive order stripping transgender people of employment protections and a lawsuit by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton granting doctors the right to REFUSE CARE to transgender patients.

The transgender community has little to celebrate, but what brings us together each year is a day to remember those in our community who have been murdered.

I went to my first Transgender Day of Remembrance event at the Cathedral of Hope in 2014. It was beautiful, and it was heartbreaking. We remembered those who were murdered in an emotionally-wrenching way: As someone read the names of the victims and where in the world they were killed and the details of their murder, there was a group of us who would carry a rose in their name up the center aisle of the sanctuary and lay it on the altar.

Name after name, rose after rose and grisly violent detail after grisly violent detail — the roses piled up. Until there were well over 200 of them.

I was sobbing after the first few names



Leslie McMurray
Accidental Activist

and by the end I couldn’t stop crying.

Why are they killing us?

Most of those killed are trans women of color. Being a woman of color in this country is hard enough; being a trans woman of color has to feel like being a deer during hunting season.

Our lives mean something, they are important, they are worth living. But being transgender anywhere in the world is a challenge. Worrying about someone ending our lives in a violent way is horrifying.

Something else that struck me was how little we know about those who have been taken from us. Sure, we knew their names and how and where they died but little else.

I bet some of these girls were good dancers. I bet some had pets that loved them. Maybe brothers or sisters. Maybe others were helping to take care of elderly parents. I’m certain that each of them were loved by someone.

Now, there is an empty spot in church, a dog that wonders when mommy is coming home, a mother who mourns the loss of a child. A smile or laugh that is gone forever. A best friend with an empty heart and a thousand-yard stare.

My heart breaks for each of them.

It occurred to me that with the murder rate so high for trans people, and when we are shot, stabbed, strangled, bludgeoned, dismembered or set on fire — besides the horrific details of our death, we are further insulted by often being misgendered by law enforcement or the media.

Maybe there is something we could do to change that a little. Instead of remembering how we died, how about remembering how we lived?

I’d like to invite transgender people to write their own obituaries. I know that sounds grim, but who knows, maybe if people knew who we were, how we lived, the kind of people we are, maybe our lives would seem less disposable and worthless.

Here’s mine:

Leslie Michelle McMurray, 59, of Coppell, Texas, was born in Long Beach, Calif., the daughter of Bill and Mary McMurray. She grew up near the Pacific Ocean and never lost her love for the beach.

Leslie spent 34 years on the radio, a job she loved, at stations ranging from Sacramento to Atlanta, Las Vegas, Houston and Dallas. She was recognized by the Texas House for her charity work. Music has always been a big part of her life.

She has two daughters, Sarah and Christy, whose love and unwavering support through transition meant the world to her. Leslie has three grandchildren that she adores. Her partner, Katie, is the love of her life, and Leslie delights in making Katie’s favorite meal — barbecue ribs.

Leslie enjoys reading as well as writing. She is an avid golfer and an activist for the transgender community. She has two border collies, Breezy and Patches, who think she likes throwing the ball for them more than anything in the world.

Ok, so I have a hard time writing about myself in the past tense, but you get the idea. I’d love to hear from any trans person who wants to share theirs. Perhaps we will start a Facebook page for them, or I’ll add them to mine or send them to The Dallas Way.

I’d just feel a little better if folks knew more about us. My partner, Katie, is an attorney. Other transgender friends are air traffic controllers, doctors, surgeons, airline pilots, teachers, university professors and business owners.

Our lives are just as precious as anyone else’s. Just as worth living.

So please, no more mentions of another “record” year for transgender murder victims.

Please, stop killing us.

We aren’t numbers; we aren’t statistics. We are living, breathing, precious miracles. We are people who have endured hardships that most can’t comprehend. We are loved and we love. We fought so hard just to be who we are.

Can’t we just please live our lives? ■

Leslie McMurray, a transgender woman, is a former radio DJ who lives and works in Dallas. Read more of her blogs at lesliemichelle44.wordpress.com.

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You can't stop the beat

Beatboxing and a capella vocalists sound pitch perfect in the unique concert 'Gobsmacked!'

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What do you get when you combine a reigning world champion beatboxer and an international cast of six world-class vocalists? Well, you get *Gobsmacked!* By definition, the British term "gobsmacked" means "utterly astonished; astounded... so surprised you cannot speak." The amazing a capella and beatbox show lives up to that description.

Having enjoyed successful runs in London, Hong Kong and Edinburgh, *Gobsmacked!* is enjoying its first U.S. tour of 120 performances, including the show in Dallas, courtesy of the AT&T Performing Arts Center. The musical version of the Magnificent Seven features world-champion beatboxer Ball-Zee and an international cast, who will perform all forms of a cappella, from street corner

harmonies to cutting edge multi-track live looping. They will perform both classic and contemporary songs including arrangements of tracks by The Killers, Beyonce, Lady Gaga, Queen, James Brown, Adele and more.

The big draw will be Ball-Zee, known for his musical style and creative sound effects, including all kinds of drum beats, cymbals, scratches, zippers, claps and what sounds like chirping. But that almost didn't happen. The three-time winner of the U.K. Beatbox Championship and current world titleholder, Ball-Zee — born Patrick Hurst — almost followed a much different path.

"When I [was growing up] I wanted to be a chef," he says. "But 14 years ago my older brother came home and played a CD for me: It was a beatboxer by the name of Killa Kela. He was one of the best in the world. That was the first time I heard someone do this thing called beatboxing. It blew my mind. Before that, I never heard of beatboxing, and I didn't know what it was. I was just making silly noises trying

to make drum sounds."

Having an affection for music was one thing, but having the aptitude was another. It didn't take long for Ball-Zee to realize he had a natural skill for beatboxing and know it is what he wanted to do for the rest of his life.

He agreed to join *Gobsmacked!* because he wanted to really push what he could do with beatboxing, combining that with a cappella to create something new.

"If it had been just me sitting there and doing vocal percussion, which lots of beatboxers do in a cappella groups, I don't think I would have taken the job," he says. "But they're challenging me."

It's fair to say that *Gobsmacked!* can credit most of its success to groups such as North Texas-bred Pentatonix, the TV series *Glee* and continuing the mainstream a cappella movement created by the film *Pitch Perfect* and its sequels (the third arrives next month). This all-singing theatrical experience is set to do for a cappella what The Three Tenors did for opera.

GOBSMACKED!

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Joining Ball-Zee in *Gobsmacked!* are Marcus Collins, the 2011 runner up in the U.K. version of *The X-Factor*; acclaimed Norwegian singer and pianist Monika Sik-Holm; British stage actress Emilie Louise Israel; West End actor Nick Hayes, and Joanne Evans and Ed Scott who have performed with *Gobsmacked!* since its inception. (After the appearance here, the show heads for the Kennedy Center in Washington and many other stops into 2018.)

Only see this hour-and-a-half show if you're willing to have some fun, witness a high-energy spectacular with not a single musical instrument to be seen other than the human voice and be ready to dance or, in the words of Ball-Zee, "come see *Gobsmacked!*, you will leave being Gobsmacked! We touch on songs from every era... so, there's literally songs from every decade. It's a fun show. We move around a lot on stage, and it's hard work, but we absolutely love doing it. We do a mash up at the end that includes 50 songs in five minutes. You'll enjoy crazy, new school of acapella style/beatboxing and singing."

QUEER CLIPS: 'Three Billboards,' 'Wonder'



Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri. Martin McDonagh's artistic output amounts to eight produced plays (most written in a year-long frenzy of creativity more than 20 years ago), two feature films and one short (which won him an Oscar). Yet with that slender resume he has become a genre in himself. It's not just that McDonagh has finely honed the concept of the dark comedy, it's that the comedy is both riotous and inappropriate; the darkness pitch-black and morally ambiguous. Often he sets his works in Ireland, where abiding weirdness is not only commonplace but noticeable for its absence; he has a touch of the blarney, and his tall tales are both shockingly outrageous but oddly believable.

He refocuses his sights toward the American Midwest with this, his third feature, and this time the trigger of the plot isn't his characters' peculiar preoccupations with pets (a shi tzu in *Seven Psychopaths*; a cat in *The Lieutenant of Inishmore*) or even a phantom limb (*A Beheading in Spokane*), but more human: a teenaged girl, brutally, horrifically raped and murdered several months before the story begins. The girl's mother, Mildred (Frances McDormand, coasting toward another Oscar nomination) has become displeased with how the local police chief (Woody Harrelson) has stalled the investigation, and rents three billboards all but accusing him of misfeasance. This provocative act galvanizes the community, who support the chief, rumored to be dying of cancer. Deputy Dixon (Sam Rockwell) takes especially offense and exacts his own form of revenge and disobedience, but Mildred is unswayed in her fierceness.

It would be nice to say that *Three Billboards* resolves itself when the corrupt chief is ousted or the deputy is revealed to be the real killer, but neither of those things are true. In fact, nothing goes according to plan, even the plan you might have in your head when the action starts. Mildred's maternal passion is understandable, but in her steadfastness she can't see her own errors, her own lack of empathy; the chief turns out to be a conscientious good guy trapped by circumstances; and so on. Nothing is as two-dimensional as a billboard, especially in McDonagh's universe.

The reason the film works so well is not that it tells a mystery you can't wait to uncover, but because it is fueled by detailed character

work and unexpected choices. Midway in, Harrelson delivers a narration as perfectly modulated and emotionally destroying as anything he's ever done; Rockwell, who devolves quickly into a shtick of arrogantly weaselly assholes eventually uncovers the humanity in his character and reminds us why we first started watching him in the first place. Indeed, everyone in the cast, from Peter Dinklage to Lucas Hedges to John Hawkes, hits their marks.

But can you imagine any actress but McDormand having the cool-eyed ballsiness to grimace and smirk and swallow her feelings with more controlled rage? She's a marvel in the right role, a character actress who falls into leading roles when the time is right and transforms our perceptions. *Three Billboards* is dire, but alternatively hilarious and astonishing, though never unhopeful. In other words, it's what I love about the McDonagh genre.

Wonder. Sneak a peek at the trailer of *Wonder*, or read a synopsis, and you'll know what you're gonna get... and you'll get exactly that: Ten-year-old Auggie (Jacob Tremblay of *Room*) was born with a cranial deformity that makes him look freakish. Until now, his loving parents (Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson) and his sister Via (Izobela Vidovic) have supported and tended his needs, but it's time for him to enter school and learn to adjust to the larger world... which, of course, includes bullies. Say it with me: Heart. Warming. Treacle. Well, kinda, but *excellently* so. Director/co-writer Stephen Chbosky (*The Perks of Being a Wallflower*) knows something about extracting beautiful moments from admittedly manipulative fodder by not overplaying, but letting the humanity and complexity of a situation play out. He does it by not so much tugging at your heartstrings as plucking them lightly. Tremblay is a talented young performer who conveys a lot under tons of makeup, and Noah Jupe, who held his own with Matt Damon and Julianne Moore in the underappreciated *Suburbicon*, establishes himself as a sensitive actor as well playing Auggie's one ally at school. The film doesn't break new ground, perhaps, but it does give you someone to root for. And it's just nice seeing Owen Wilson in a movie about someone with an asymmetric face and it's *not* about him. ■

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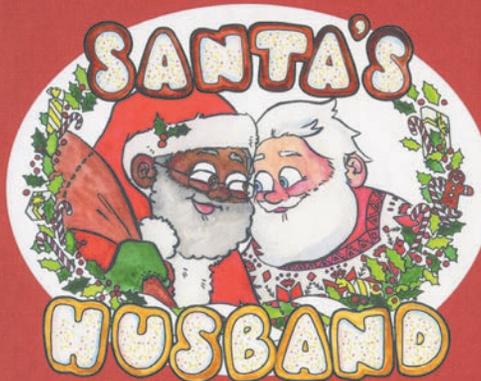
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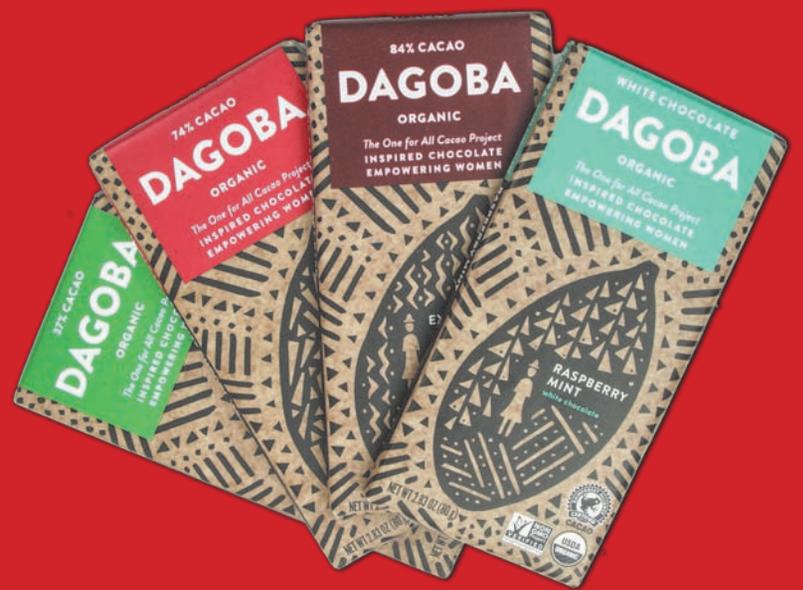


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Friday
11.17 —
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Bruce Wood Dance closes 2017 with Rise

Bruce Wood has been gone for more than three years, but the company he founded — and the dances he created — live on. Bruce Wood Dance closes out its seventh season with three pieces: Restagings of Wood's *The Only Way Through Is Through* and the Dallas premiere of the rarely-seen *Lay Your Burdens Down*, and the world premiere of Wood protege Joy Bollinger's *Hillside*. The program is called *Rise*. (Dallas Voice's Arnold Wayne Jones will host a post-performance talk-back each night.)

DEETS: Moody Performance Hall, 2520 Flora St. 8 p.m. BruceWoodDance.org.



Friday 11.17 —
Sunday 11.19

Lyric Stage goes Downtown with 'Hunchback'

Irving-based Lyric Stage has made some changes for its 25th season. Founder Steven Jones hired Shane Peterman as a producer, and performances have moved from the 'burbs to Downtown Dallas' Majestic Theater. That's a grand palace fitting the new production, a stage version of the Disney animated hit *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. Andrew Keller plays Quasimodo with Catherine Carpenter Cox as Esmerelda. And another change this season? Fewer performances, so get crackin'!

DEETS: Majestic Theatre, 1925 Elm St. LyricStage.org.

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Wednesday 11.22 — Thursday 12.28

Bah! Humbug! Ebenezer is back at DTC

Dallas Theater Center has staged its holiday show *A Christmas Carol* for decades, and even though the script has stayed mostly the same for a decade, a rotating cast and director keep it fresh. This year, Lee Trull (who is leaving DTC next year) directs Brad Leland — so memorable as the grasping car dealer and football booster Buddy Garrity on *Friday Night Lights* — as Scrooge in Kevin Moriarty's adaptation. Jeremy Dumont does the choreography.

DEETS: Wyly Theatre, 2400 Flora St. DallasTheaterCenter.org.

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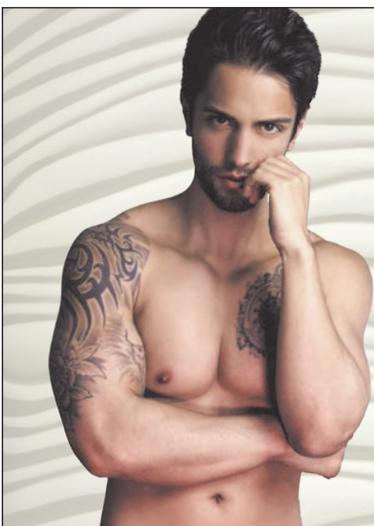
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ARTSWEEK

THEATER

Application Pending. Janelle Lutz (*End of the Rainbow*) stars as 40 characters, including a kindergarten assistant thrust into the cutthroat world of upper-class pre-school admissions. *Final weekend.* Circle Theatre, 230 W. 4th St., Fort Worth. CircleTheatre.com.

The Hunchback of Notre Dame. The regional premiere of the stage adaptation of the Disney animated musical. This marks the 25th season of Irving's Lyric Stage, which moves to Dallas' Majestic Theatre. 1925 Elm St. Nov. 17-19. LyricStage.org.

Irving Berlin's White Christmas. Stage adaptation of the classic MGM film. Plays in Fort Worth, then moves to Dallas. Bass Performance Hall, 525 Commerce St., Fort Worth. Through Nov. 19. BassHall.com. Fair Park Music Hall, 901 First Ave. Dec. 5-10. DallasSummerMusicals.org.

John. Undermain Theatre presents this play by Pulitzer Prize-winner Annie Baker, set in an eerie B&B the weekend after Thanksgiving. Undermain Theatre, 3200 Main St. Through Dec. 3. Undermain.org.

Lea. An adaptation of Shakespeare's tragedy, told wordlessly. A co-production of Theatre 3 and Prism Movement Theater. *Final weekend.* Theatre Too,

2800 Routh St. Theatre3Dallas.com.

Texas in Paris. A musical by Dallas' Alan Governar, starring Tony Award-winner Lillias White and directed by Akin Babatunde. Eisemann Center for the Arts 2351 Performance Drive, Richardson. Through Sunday. EisemannCenter.org.

DANCE

Bruce Wood Dance: Rise. The seventh season finale of the North Texas company features two pieces from founder Bruce Wood (*The Only Way Through is Through* and *Lay Your Burdens Down*) and a world premiere from Joy Bollinger, *Hillside*. Moody Performance Hall, 2520 Flora St. Nov. 17-18. 8 p.m. BruceWoodDance.org.

FINE ART

Sopheap Pich. The Cambodian sculptor's work, including the massive *Rang Phnom Flower*, on display at Crow Collection of Asian Art, 2010 Flora St. Through Jan. 7. CrowCollection.org.

Tom Sachs: Tea Ceremony. The Nasher presents this exhibition of Sachs' reworking of Japanese traditional tea service. Nasher Sculpture Center, 2001 Flora St. Through Jan. 7. NasherSculptureCenter.org.

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FRIDAY 11.17

COMMUNITY

Panoptikon. The weekly retro disco dance party, presented by Lord Byron. Red Light, 2911 Main St. Doors 9 p.m.

SATURDAY 11.18

BOOKSIGNING

Free & Easy? A Defining History of the American Film Musical Genre. SMU professor Sean Griffin will sign copies of his new book. SMU Barnes & Noble, 3060 Mockingbird Lane. 2 p.m. Free.

MONDAY 11.20

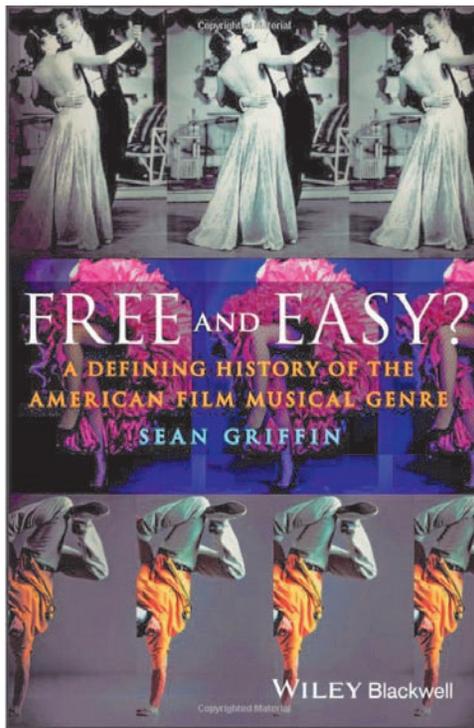
CABARET

Mama's Party. Local singer Amy Stevenson hosts her ongoing cabaret series, always with special guests and a good time. Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St., Grand Prairie. \$10.

TUESDAY 11.21

FILM

Home for the Holidays. Jodie Foster directed this comedy about family at Thanksgiving; Robert Downey Jr. plays the gay son. Screens



SMU professor Sean Griffin will hold a signing of his new book, 'Free and Easy? A Defining History of the American Film Musical Genre,' at the SMU Barnes & Noble on Nov. 18 starting at 2 pm. There will likely be live singing as well.

as part of the Tuesday Big Movie New Classic Series at Landmark's Magnolia Theatre in the West Village, 3699 McKinney Ave. Screens at 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.

CONCERTS

Gobsmacked. A live a capella/beatbox concert, featuring reigning world champ beatboxer Ball-Zee. Majestic Theater, 1925 Elm St. 7:30 p.m. ATPAC.org

WEDNESDAY 11.22

THEATER

A Christmas Carol. Brad Leland (*Friday Night Lights*) stars as Ebenezer Scrooge this year. Wyly Theatre, 2400 Flora St. Nov. 22–Dec. 28 (in previews through Nov. 28). DallasTheaterCenter.org.

THURSDAY 11.23 —

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FRIDAY 11.24

THEATER

The Beulaville Baptist Book Club Presents a Bur-Less-Q Nutcracker! The return of the send-up of the famed ballet. Addison Theatre Centre, 15650 Addison Road. Nov. 24–Dec. 26. MBSProductions.net.



Santa Claus: A New Musical. When Santa announces his retirement after a millennial, the North Pole goes crazy. Casa Manana, 3101 W. Lancaster Blvd., Fort Worth. Nov. 24–Dec. 23. CasaManana.org.

BALLET

The Nutcracker. A real version of the Tchaikovsky ballet, presented by Texas Ballet Theater. Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. Nov. 24–Dec. 3. ATPAC.org. Bass Performance Hall, 535 Commerce St., Fort Worth. Dec. 8–24. BassHall.com. TexasBalletTheater.org.

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Ask Howard

How to do the wrong thing right

My fellow fey pilgrims! Can you even believe an entire 12-plus months have now passed since last year's Black Tuesday election... or as I call it, The Day of the Locust? We've since harvested a plentiful bounty of mourning for the moral integrity that America (our shining city on a hill!) once stood for.

Happily, though, here in HowardLand, our daily concerns are a bit less, um, apocalyptic: If only I had a roast turkey leg and a slice of punkin' pie for every size question I've received this year — why, I'd probably be devoting this entire column to questions pertaining to drumsticks instead of dicks! Nonetheless, per usual, it's, "Yes, we have no bananas." Rather, I should indeed have consecrated this week's column to, minimally, the sin of gluttony, or at

least have juicily reported to you a bariatric surgery nightmare question; yet, not one of you 'roided-up turkey gobblers has any gluttonous angst concerns. So let's all just cuddle up with our gluten-free egg white omelets and get cockily right to it.

Dear Howard,

Who's the most influentially famous gay porn icon of each decade since the '60s? — **Kenny D.**

Dear Mrs. Kennedy,

It is with my deepest regrets I must inform you I'm stooping to conquer this query: Any specific reason as to why you're asking me this? You're not, I take it, writing a doctoral thesis on, oh, The Influence of Homosexuality in Cinema on Late 20th Century Culture? No,

I didn't think so. (Sigh) How did Howard just psychically know you boys wouldn't be exactly interested in asking me, say, for stress-free secrets to that perfectly foolproof Thanksgiving turkey? (The answer: A good caterer. Da-dum-dum.)

Regardless, in the name of lending an ejaculatory patina of respectability, Kendra, to the apparent fact that you do nothing all day long but surf "Dark Web" gay porn sites, just please keep in mind, however, that sweet Howard here has actual, legitimate dibs on exploring this piggy turf: "No, but wait, Your Honor, you don't understand, it was for my work research."

As with all sexual attractions, Kendall, the correct, objective answer to your question depends entirely upon whom you subjectively choose answer it. Thankfully, you chose the most sexually-superficial human on Earth. Thus, with lollipops in our mouths, and some simple butter up our backsides (I just watched Boogie Nights ... again!) let's all hop aboard for Howard's Horn-Of-Plenty shaped "Wayback Machine" and see whom we can smuttily roast up as the defiantly definitive dick-wonders of their respective decade:

1960s: Joe Dallesandro. A heterosexual, notoriously endowed Warhol "street hustler" creation of The Factory's brief Flesh/Trash homoerotic cinema phase.

1970s: Jack Wrangler. The first "masculine, all-man" gay performer who always acted "believably straight" on film, no matter how many lucky dudes got to enjoy his blue-jeaned erection.

1980s Jeff Stryker. The only horse-cock top of the hysterical AIDS' era peak who, though obligated to perform always donning a condom, could nonetheless reliably maintain his famously fluffed wood for hours.

1990s: We have a tie! Ken Ryker/Ryan Idol. Each of them more robotically gorgeous and hung than the other, and both (allegedly) sporting equally engorged attitudes to match.

2000s: Dawson. The first gay porn star whose name, singularly, became synonymous for literally every single sexual taboo that you'd always been warned never to practice, outside the safety of a hazmat suit: From "Cum Dump" Dawson forward, porn "stardom" is completely DOA as video cassettes and Tina-free shooting sets.

Subsequent gay porn "star" performers — as any sort of individually exploitable, long-term commercial "star" commodity — cease forevermore to exist; Dawson's very arrival as the sleaziest, filthiest, XXX "raw" bottom porn pig imaginable, hailed the end of there ever being another actual "plain vanilla" porn performance again: The single most influential dick flick of all time is, arguably, 2004's Dawson's 20 Load Weekend ("the most important gay film ever made," according to Mark S. King of The Huffington Post). Prior to Dawson—a 40-year-old bald bottom, incredibly enough — conventional gay wisdom in the XXX-world dictated that to become a superstar (via having no discernible talent beyond allowing one's self be filmed as an anonymously bred bottom) did require at least a modicum of closed-set shame. Ha! Dawson's grinning, unconventionally-attractive sexual voraciousness ended all vestiges of



XXX film stardom necessitating any star-quality talent whatsoever, beyond a smirking enthusiasm to perform, on-camera, being a slammed-up, insatiable sex fiend. Thus barebacking became, after Dawson, the one-&-only "star" that sold porn profitably. No plotline needed. No sleazy background music wanted. Producer Paul Morris (having no room in his Treasure Island Media budget for "production values" anyhow, by even porn's poppers-bottle-high bar) became, overnight, XXX film's pioneering "genius" who figured out, by default, what's the simplest truth: Just give 'em the money shot, continuously, and you'll always be in business.

Dear Howard,

If you had the option, like, to marry either some ugly fat fuck who's loaded, or a hottie hunk who's hung like a fire hydrant, which dude would make for, I dunno, a better husband in the long run? I strip at one of the clubs here in town (started last Saturday!) and both kinds are my biggest tippers. But I've been dangling 'em on the same line since, trying to decide which one I really wanna hitch-up forever with. —

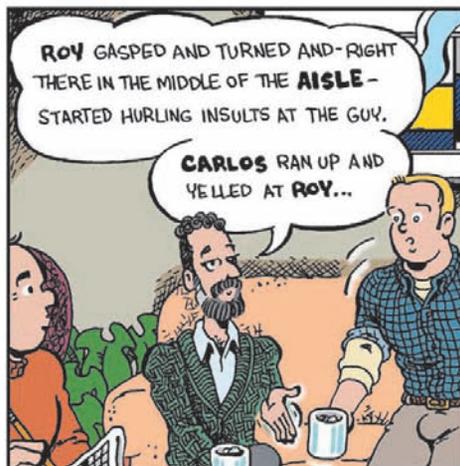
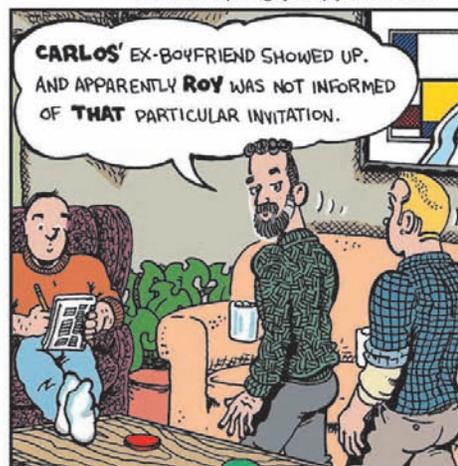
Robby The Knob

Dear Doorknob Brains,

Precious, these aren't actually "real" betrothal options. Flashing before me, Knobby, is a priceless scene in Postcards from the Edge: Meryl Streep, a recovering addict, is being exhaustedly badgered at sunrise by her Hollywood star mother, and secret alcoholic, Shirley MacLaine: "How would you like to have gotten Joan Crawford for a mother, instead, or maybe Lana Turner?" Utterly exasperated now, Streep sighs, "These are my options?" Chew on Howard's Hollywood parable a bit, Rob, stuff it in your jockstrap, get some good musky holiday flavor smeared all over it ... because they'll be another two separate marriage proposals coming at you altogether this next Saturday night. .

— **Howard Lewis Russell**

Do you (attention-seeking freaks and all) have a question — about etiquette, love, life or work — that needs a special spin from Howard? Send your problem to AskHoward@DallasVoice.com and he may answer it.





Carly and her best friend Chai at Dallas Glass Art



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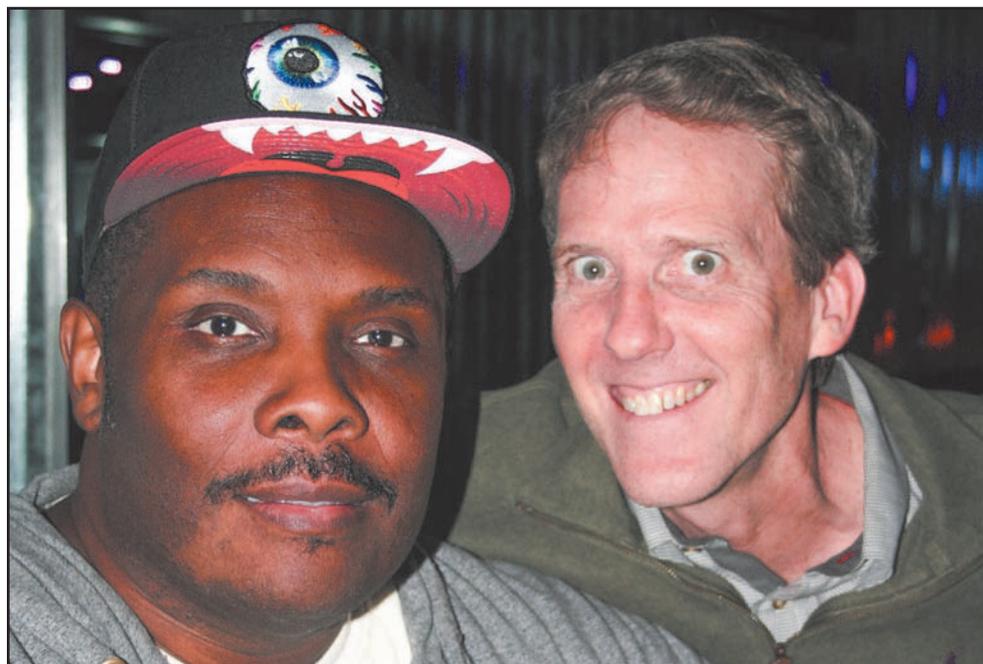
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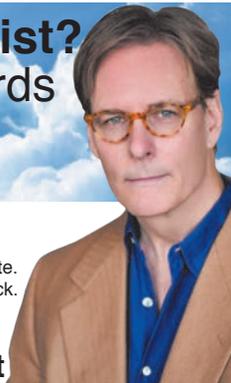
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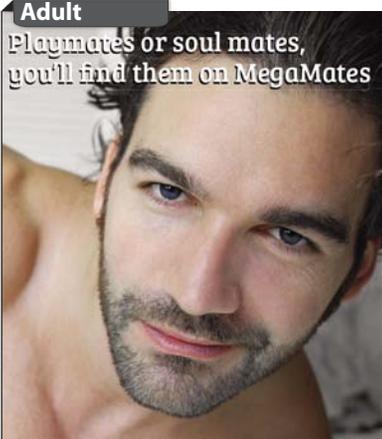
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3 Generations

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Across

- 1 Anderson Cooper's area
- 5 Streisand's *Prince of ___*
- 10 The goods
- 14 Highest elected homophobe's office shape
- 15 ___ fours (doggy-style)
- 16 Sir's counterpart
- 17 Q to a Scrabble player
- 18 Morgan Fairchild's *Roseanne* character
- 19 Top or bottom of the world
- 20 She plays Ray in *3 Generations*
- 23 ISP option
- 24 Had lots of partners, with "out"
- 25 *Tales of the City*, for example
- 27 Cole Porter song from *Paris*
- 32 Unload loads
- 33 Stud site
- 34 Muster out
- 36 Marlon Brando's hometown
- 39 Persian Gulf land
- 41 Sarandon, who plays Ray's grandmother
- 43 Series terminal
- 44 Caligula's year
- 46 Fish dish
- 48 Part of a chorus line?
- 49 Prick
- 51 Margaret Cho show

53 Sexually ambiguous

- _Twilight_* star Stewart
- 56 She played Gabrielle on *Desperate Housewives*
- 57 Flicked one's Bic
- 58 Like Ray, in *3 Generations*
- 64 One-time Arthur Ashe rival Nastase
- 66 Warwick's "___ Little Prayer for You"
- 67 Gulp of medicine
- 68 Broadway light
- 69 Fran Drescher show, with *The*
- 70 Enjoy Capote
- 71 Drag role for John Travolta
- 72 Sticks
- 73 Label on a lemon that isn't a fruit

Down

- 1 One on Bernstein's staff?
- 2 Like McKellen's Magneto
- 3 Place for a Rivera mural
- 4 Emulates hibernating bears
- 5 Fannie Flagg had some fried green ones
- 6 "I knew ___ instant ..."
- 7 Disney's *That ___ Cat!*
- 8 Fashion designer Perry
- 9 Points of view
- 10 Shakespeare's Puck, e.g.
- 11 She plays Ray's mother
- 12 "F" on a test
- 13 Black pussy cats, e.g.
- 21 Elmer who hunts wabbits
- 22 Opening of Hell?
- 26 *Julius Caesar* setting
- 27 Carrie in *Star Wars*
- 28 Draw some interest
- 29 Make the change that is the subject of *3 Generations*
- 30 Radio jock Don
- 31 Puccini work
- 35 Candy purchases
- 37 Part of an espionage name
- 38 Ruck of *Spin City*
- 40 Testy response, or testicles
- 42 Bouquets for homophiles?
- 45 Lauer, who cross-dressed as Dolly Parton on *Today*
- 47 1993 title role for 53-Down
- 50 Strait man
- 52 Author Scoppettone
- 53 *De-Lovely* star Kevin
- 54 Rubbed the wrong way
- 55 Like orifices close to each other
- 59 Half of Mork's good-bye
- 60 New Year's song ender
- 61 Lesbian couples in *Bambi?*
- 62 Morales of *Mi Familia*
- 63 Cincinnati team
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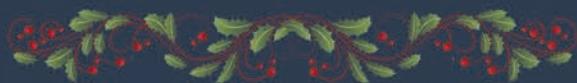
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