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PASSING THROUGH

KINKY REBOOTS

By William Michael Smith

As a musician, novelist, former candidate, animal rescuer, tequila-maker and comic, **Richard "Kinky" Friedman**, 71, is among the world's best-known Texans. His new *The Loneliest Man I Ever Met* record, his first in more than 30 years, is a hit. His concert at Galveston's Grand 1894 Opera House will benefit Congregation Beth Jacob.

Six months ago you were praising Donald Trump. Now you've switched to Bernie Sanders. Why the flip-flop? I was talking to Willie [Nelson] the other day, and he's for Bernie. That's the first time Willie and I have ever been on the same page about a candidate. Trump actually has some ideas I like, but he's gone off the deep end some, too. That whole field is littered with sociopaths. I like a lot of Bernie's ideas and of course I'd love to see a Jew in the White House. But if Hillary is the candidate, I'll probably vote for the Republican. **Has the new record met your expectations?** It's been so well-received it makes me ask why I waited

so long. It's really been invigorating. **What did being back in the studio mean to you?** It's re-energized my songwriting. I hadn't even thought of writing songs in 25 years, but I've just written three new ones that I think are keepers. "Jesus In Pajamas" is one of the best songs I've ever written. **Of all your varied endeavors, which one brings you the most satisfaction?** My animal shelter, no question. I can't stand to see an animal suffer or be mistreated. There's a special place in hell for people who mistreat animals. We'll take in just about any animal that needs a home, and that's a huge source of satisfaction for me. It's good for the soul.

OVERHEARD

"In Houston, women outnumber men three-to-one. So, even though you're married, your husband's still on the market."

—LeeAnne Locken of Bravo's *The Real Housewives of Dallas*, starting April 11. In an online promotional video, Locken, an ex-pageant queen from Pasadena, and her costars disparage Houston as unsophisticated, "gritty" and far too humid for good hair. Despite the network's repeated efforts, Bravo has never mounted a Houston series, as prospective A-list wives here tend to find the idea tacky.

FAB 5

BUCK WILD

Whether you're an old pro or this really *is* your first rodeo, here are some can't-miss tips for doing it right. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo hits NRG Park March 1 to 20. —HC

DECK YOUR DIGS

1 Set the scene back at the ranch (or gift your favorite cowhand) with a sharp, hand-embroidered Jonathan Adler Texas Needlepoint Pillow. *Nine-by-12-inch wool accent backed in velvet with a hidden zipper and down insert, \$98. 832.384.5643, shopthemanor.com*

GET YOUR KICKS

Just in time for mutton-bustin' and Luke Bryan, Lucchese releases a new boot—the Romia, made of giant American alligator. The simple shape allows the natural color and pattern to shine, and no two pairs are alike. *From \$2,995. 713.960.1121, lucchese.com*

BAG A LONGHORN

3 Inspired by the designer's cattle farm, the Longhorn bag from JulieBeth Handbags is a classic shape with a longhorn subtly built into the leather. It has invisible handle magnets, inner pockets and bottom feet. *\$650, at juliebethhandbags.com, Pinto Ranch and Mio Boutique*

KEEP THE PARTY GOING

After hours, Armadillo Palace and its glittering 12-foot mascot will be going strong, with live bands Thursdays to Saturdays throughout the Rodeo, plus cold beer, cocktails and late-night grub. *5015 Kirby Dr., 713.526.9700, goodecompany.com*



STATE OF BLISS
Ooh La La's Texas-shaped
sugar cookies

5 **TASTE TEXAS**
Ooh La La Dessert Boutique is baking special iced Lone Star State-shaped sugar cookies daily during the Rodeo, but once they're gone, they're gone. Order in advance. *Starting at \$3.75 each or \$42 per dozen. 713.465.6338, oohlalasweets.com*