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APPROVED USES

TRIUMEQ is a prescription HIV-1 (Human Immunodeficiency Virus-type 1) medicine used alone or with other antiretroviral medicines to treat HIV-1 infection in adults. HIV-1 is the virus that causes AIDS. TRIUMEQ is not for use by itself in people who have or have had resistance to abacavir, dolutegravir, or lamivudine. TRIUMEQ should not be used in children under the age of 18.

TRIUMEQ does not cure HIV-1 or AIDS. You must keep taking HIV-1 medicines to control HIV-1 infection and decrease HIV-related illnesses.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

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

TRIUMEQ can cause serious side effects, including:

- **Serious allergic reactions (hypersensitivity reaction)** that can cause death have happened with TRIUMEQ and other abacavir-containing products. Your risk of this allergic reaction to abacavir is much higher if you have a gene variation called HLA-B*5701. Your healthcare provider can determine with a blood test if you have this gene variation. **If you get symptoms from 2 or more of the following groups while taking TRIUMEQ, call your healthcare provider right away: 1. fever; 2. rash; 3. nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or stomach pain; 4. generally ill feeling, extreme tiredness, or achiness; 5. shortness of breath, cough, or sore throat.** Your pharmacist will give you a Warning Card with a list of these symptoms. **Carry this Warning Card with you at all times.**

If you stop taking TRIUMEQ because of an allergic reaction, never take TRIUMEQ or any other abacavir- or dolutegravir-containing medicines again. If you have an allergic reaction, dispose of any unused TRIUMEQ. Ask your pharmacist how to properly dispose of medicines. If you take TRIUMEQ or any other abacavir-containing medicine again after you have had an allergic reaction, **within hours** you may get **life-threatening symptoms** that may include **very low blood pressure** or **death**. If you stop TRIUMEQ for any other reason, even for a few days, and you are not allergic to TRIUMEQ, talk with your healthcare provider before taking it again. Taking TRIUMEQ again can cause a serious allergic or life-threatening reaction, even if you never had an allergic reaction to it before. **If your healthcare provider tells you that you can take TRIUMEQ again, start taking it when you are around medical help or people who can call a healthcare provider if you need one.**

- **A buildup of acid in your blood (lactic acidosis).** Lactic acidosis can happen in some people who take TRIUMEQ. This serious medical emergency can cause death. **Call your healthcare provider right away if you** feel very weak or tired; have unusual muscle pain; have trouble breathing; have stomach pain with nausea and vomiting; feel cold, especially in your arms and legs; feel dizzy/light-headed; or have a fast/irregular heartbeat.

- **Serious liver problems** can happen in people who take TRIUMEQ. In some cases, these serious liver problems can lead to death. **You may be more likely to get lactic acidosis or serious liver problems if you are female, very overweight (obese), or have been taking nucleoside analogue medicines for a long time. Call your healthcare provider right away if you get any of the following signs or symptoms:**
 - yellow skin, or the white part of the eyes turns yellow (jaundice); dark urine; light-colored stools; loss of appetite for several days or longer; nausea; pain, aching, or tenderness on the right side of your stomach area

- **Worsening of hepatitis B virus in people who have HIV-1 infection.** If you have HIV-1 and hepatitis B virus (HBV), your HBV may get worse (flare-up) if you stop taking TRIUMEQ. A “flare-up” is when your HBV suddenly returns in a worse way than before. Worsening liver disease can be serious and may lead to death. Do not stop taking TRIUMEQ without first talking to your healthcare provider, so he or she can monitor your health.

- **Resistant hepatitis B virus.** If you have HIV-1 and hepatitis B, the hepatitis B virus can change (mutate) during your treatment with TRIUMEQ and become harder to treat (resistant).

- **Use with interferon and ribavirin-based regimens.** If you’re taking TRIUMEQ and interferon, with or without ribavirin, tell your healthcare provider about any new symptoms. Worsening of liver disease that has caused death has happened in people infected with both HIV-1 and hepatitis C who were taking antiretroviral medicines and interferon.

Who should not take TRIUMEQ?

Do not take TRIUMEQ if you:

- have the HLA-B*5701 gene variation
- are allergic to abacavir, dolutegravir, or any of the ingredients in TRIUMEQ
- take dofetilide (Tikosyn®)
- have liver or kidney problems

What are other possible side effects of TRIUMEQ?

- People with a history of hepatitis B or C virus may have an increased risk of developing new or worsening changes in certain liver tests during treatment with TRIUMEQ. Your healthcare provider may do tests to check your liver function before and during treatment with TRIUMEQ.
- When you start taking HIV-1 medicines, your immune system may get stronger and begin to fight infections that have been hidden in your body for a long time. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you start having new symptoms after you start taking TRIUMEQ.
- Changes in body fat distribution can happen in people who take HIV-1 medicines.
- Some HIV-1 medicines, including TRIUMEQ, may increase your risk of heart attack.

The most common side effects of TRIUMEQ include: trouble sleeping, headache, tiredness

These are not all the possible side effects of TRIUMEQ. Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.

What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking TRIUMEQ?

Before you take TRIUMEQ, tell your healthcare provider if you:

- have been tested and know whether or not you have a gene variation called HLA-B*5701
- have or have had liver problems, including hepatitis B or C infection; have kidney problems; have heart problems, smoke, or have diseases that increase your risk of heart disease such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or diabetes; drink alcohol or take medicines that contain alcohol
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if TRIUMEQ will harm your unborn baby
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. **Do not breastfeed if you take TRIUMEQ**

You should not take TRIUMEQ if you also take:

- abacavir (EPZICOM®, TRIZIVIR®, or ZIAGEN®)
- lamivudine (COMBIVIR®, Dutrebis™, EPIVIR®, EPIVIR-HBV®, EPZICOM, or TRIZIVIR)
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- **Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take**, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines (for example, antacids or laxatives; vitamins such as iron or calcium supplements; anti-seizure medicines; other medicines to treat HIV-1, hepatitis, or tuberculosis; metformin; or methadone), vitamins, and herbal supplements (for example, St. John's wort). Some medicines interact with TRIUMEQ. **Keep a list of your medicines to show your healthcare provider and pharmacist. Do not start taking a new medicine without telling your healthcare provider.**

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 TRIUMEQ on the following pages.

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IMPORTANT FACTS

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

MOST IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TRIUMEQ

TRIUMEQ® may cause serious side effects, including:

- **Serious allergic reactions (hypersensitivity reaction)** that can cause death have happened with TRIUMEQ and other abacavir-containing products. Your risk of this allergic reaction to abacavir is much higher if you have a gene variation called HLA-B*5701. Your healthcare provider can determine with a blood test if you have this gene variation. **If you get symptoms from 2 or more of the following groups while taking TRIUMEQ, call your healthcare provider right away: 1. fever; 2. rash; 3. nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or stomach pain; 4. generally ill feeling, extreme tiredness, or achiness; 5. shortness of breath, cough, or sore throat.** A list of these symptoms is on the Warning Card your pharmacist gives you. **Carry this Warning Card with you at all times.**
- **If you stop taking TRIUMEQ because of an allergic reaction, never take TRIUMEQ or any other abacavir- or dolutegravir-containing medicines again.** If you have an allergic reaction, dispose of any unused TRIUMEQ. Ask your pharmacist how to properly dispose of medicines. If you take TRIUMEQ or any other abacavir-containing medicine again after you have had an allergic reaction, **within hours** you may get **life-threatening symptoms** that may include **very low blood pressure** or **death**. If you stop TRIUMEQ for any other reason, even for a few days, and you are not allergic to TRIUMEQ, talk with your healthcare provider before taking it again. Taking TRIUMEQ again can cause a serious allergic or life-threatening reaction, even if you never had an allergic reaction to it before. **If your healthcare provider tells you that you can take TRIUMEQ again, start taking it when you are around medical help or people who can call a healthcare provider if you need one.**
- **Build-up of lactic acid in your blood (lactic acidosis),** which is a serious medical emergency that can lead to death. **Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any of these symptoms:** feeling very weak or tired, unusual muscle pain, trouble breathing, stomach pain with nausea or vomiting, feeling cold (especially in your arms and legs), feeling dizzy or lightheaded, and/or a fast or irregular heartbeat.
- **Serious liver problems,** which in some cases can lead to death. **Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any of these symptoms:** your skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow (jaundice), dark “tea-colored” urine, light-colored stools (bowel movements), loss of appetite for several days or longer, nausea, and/or stomach pain on the right side.

You may be more likely to get lactic acidosis or severe liver problems if you are female, very overweight, or have been taking nucleoside analogues for a long time.

- **Worsening of Hepatitis B (HBV) infection.** If you have both HIV-1 and HBV, your HBV may suddenly get worse if you stop taking TRIUMEQ. Do not stop taking TRIUMEQ without first talking to your healthcare provider, as they will need to check your health regularly for several months.
- **Resistant HBV.** If you have HIV-1 and HBV, the HBV can change (mutate) while you’re on TRIUMEQ and become harder to treat (resistant).
- **Use with interferon and ribavirin-based regimens.** Worsening of liver disease that has caused death has happened in people infected with both HIV-1 and hepatitis C virus who are taking antiretroviral medicines and are also being treated for hepatitis C with interferon with or without ribavirin. If you are taking TRIUMEQ and interferon with or without ribavirin, tell your HCP if you have any new symptoms.

ABOUT TRIUMEQ

- TRIUMEQ is a prescription HIV-1 medicine used alone or with other antiretroviral medicines to treat HIV-1 infection in adults. TRIUMEQ is not for use by itself in people who have or have had resistance to abacavir, dolutegravir, or lamivudine. TRIUMEQ should not be used in children under the age of 18.
- **TRIUMEQ does not cure HIV-1 infection or AIDS.** You must keep taking HIV-1 medicines to control HIV-1 infection and decrease HIV-related illnesses.

DO NOT TAKE TRIUMEQ IF YOU

- have a certain type of gene variation called the HLA-B*5701 allele. Your HCP will test you for this before prescribing treatment with TRIUMEQ.
- are allergic to abacavir, dolutegravir, or any of the ingredients in TRIUMEQ. See the full Medication Guide for a complete list of ingredients in TRIUMEQ.
- take dofetilide (Tikosyn®). Taking TRIUMEQ and dofetilide (Tikosyn) can cause side effects that may be life-threatening.
- have liver or kidney problems.
- If you also take: abacavir (EPZICOM, TRIZIVIR, or ZIAGEN); lamivudine (COMBIVIR®, Dutrebis™, EPIVIR®, EPIVIR-HBV®, EPZICOM, or TRIZIVIR); emtricitabine (Atripla®, Complera®, Emtriva®, Stribild®, or Truvada®).

BEFORE TAKING TRIUMEQ

Tell your healthcare provider if you:

- have been tested and know if you have a particular gene variation called HLA-B*5701.
- have or had any kidney or liver problems, including hepatitis B or C virus infection.
- have heart problems, smoke, or have diseases that increase your risk of heart disease such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or diabetes.
- drink alcohol or take medicines that contain alcohol.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if TRIUMEQ will harm your unborn baby.
- 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 TRIUMEQ. **Do not start taking a new medicine without telling your healthcare provider.**

MEDICINES THAT MIGHT INTERACT WITH TRIUMEQ

- antacids, laxatives, or other medicines that contain aluminum, magnesium, sucralfate (Carafate®), or buffered medicines. TRIUMEQ should be taken at least 2 hours before or 6 hours after you take these medicines.
- iron or calcium supplements taken by mouth may be taken at the same time with TRIUMEQ if taken with food. Otherwise, TRIUMEQ should be taken at least 2 hours before or 6 hours after you take these medicines.
- anti-seizure medicines: oxcarbazepine (Trileptal®), phenytoin (Dilantin®, Dilantin®-125, Phenytek®), phenobarbital, carbamazepine (Carbatrol®, Equetro®, Tegretol®, Tegretol®-XR, Teril®, Eptol®).
- any other medicine to treat HIV-1, medicines used to treat hepatitis virus infections (such as interferon or ribavirin), a medicine that contains metformin, methadone, rifampin (Rifater®, Rifamate®, Rimactane®, Rifadin®), St. John’s wort (*Hypericum perforatum*).

POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS OF TRIUMEQ

TRIUMEQ can cause serious side effects including:

- See “What is the most important information about TRIUMEQ?” section
- Changes in liver tests
- Changes in your immune system
- Changes in body fat distribution
- Some HIV-1 medicines including TRIUMEQ may increase your risk of heart attack.

The most common side effects of TRIUMEQ are: trouble sleeping, headache, and tiredness. These are not all the possible side effects of TRIUMEQ. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any new symptoms while taking TRIUMEQ.

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

You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

GET MORE INFORMATION

- Talk to your healthcare provider or pharmacist.
- Go to TRIUMEQ.com or call 1-877-844-8872, where you can also get FDA-approved product labeling.

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The empty pedestal on which a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee and a Confederate soldier stood until recently now stands empty in the soon-to-be-renamed Lee Park.

Attorney who called trans kids part of 'Satan's plan' nominated for U.S. district judge seat

President Donald Trump has nominated Jeff Mateer, who called transgender children "part of Satan's plan," to be a district judge on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas in Sherman.

No word on what Mateer thinks of trans adults, but he probably doesn't have a better opinion of them.

Mateer is first assistant attorney general under Ken Paxton. He's said same-sex marriage would open the doors to "disgusting" forms of marriage: "There are people who marry themselves," Mateer said. "Somebody wanted to marry a tree. People marrying their pets."

Mateer believes separation of church and state is not mentioned in the Constitution. And when someone believes church should be involved in government, they usually mean their church. (They'd hate what mine had to say on the subject or how my rabbi would rule.)

Mateer comes from Liberty Institute and spent six years fighting equality and defending a person's right to discriminate.

Park board to restore Oak Lawn Park name

The Dallas park board is catching up to the neighborhood by restoring Oak Lawn Park's original name — at least temporarily. Dallas' parks board is planning to temporarily restore the park's original name until it settles on a new, permanent name.

While watching the many attempts to remove the statue of Robert E. Lee and his boyfriend from the park, many observers were already calling the park by its first name. Dallas Voice began using the original name regularly earlier this summer.

The Dallas Parks Board was set to meet Friday, Sept. 22, to vote on the name change.

The statue of Robert E. Lee that stood in the park since 1936 was removed on Sept. 14. So

the choices are for the park board to restore the original name of the park, Oak Lawn Park, or they could change it to Leeless Park. Changing out the head on the statue and renaming it Brenda Lee Park just doesn't make sense anymore.

William H. Lemmon and Oliver P. Bowser built Oak Lawn Park as an amenity for private residential development in the area in 1903. The park because so popular, the city bought it in 1909 and named a couple of streets after Lemmon and Bowser. Lemmon's son, Mark, designed the pedestal for the Lee statue that was built and placed by an affiliate of the Klan. The Lemmon pedestal still stands in Lee Park. White supremacists have begun using the pedestal as a rallying point and held an armed rally in the park on Sept. 16.

Straus requests removal of Civil War plaque from Capitol

Texas House Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, has sent a letter to the Texas State Preservation Board calling for the removal of the "Children of the Confederacy Creed" plaque from inside the Texas Capitol. He stated in his letter that the plaque contains "incorrect information about our history" and called for its removal "as soon as practicable."

Rep. Eric Johnson, D-Dallas, was the first to call for removal of the plaque that hangs near his office in the Capitol.

The plaque reads, in part, "We, therefore, pledge ourselves to preserve pure ideals to study and teach the truths of history (one of the most important of which is that the war between the states was not a rebellion, nor was its underlying cause to sustain slavery)."

Hillary's eulogy for Edie Windsor

Hillary Clinton delivered the eulogy for LGBT rights activist Edie Windsor, who died Sept. 12.

The funeral was held on Friday, Sept. 15, at Temple Emanu-el, on 65th Street in New York City.

In her speech, Clinton said Windsor will be remembered in history books as "synonymous with equal rights and dignity under the law."

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What is Mytesi?

Mytesi is a prescription medicine that helps relieve symptoms of diarrhea not caused by an infection (noninfectious) in adults living with HIV/AIDS on antiretroviral therapy (ART).

Important Safety Information

Mytesi is not approved to treat infectious diarrhea (diarrhea caused by bacteria, a virus, or a parasite). Before starting you on Mytesi, your healthcare provider will first be sure that you do not have infectious diarrhea. Otherwise, there is a risk you would not receive the right medicine and your infection could get worse. In clinical studies, the most common side effects that occurred more often than with placebo were upper respiratory tract (sinus, nose, and throat) infection (5.7%), bronchitis (3.9%), cough (3.5%), flatulence (3.1%), and increased bilirubin (3.1%).

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This is only a summary. See complete Prescribing Information at Mytesi.com or by calling 1-844-722-8256. This does not take the place of talking with your doctor about your medical condition or treatment.

What Is Mytesi?

Mytesi is a prescription medicine used to improve symptoms of noninfectious diarrhea (diarrhea not caused by a bacterial, viral, or parasitic infection) in adults living with HIV/AIDS on ART.

Do Not Take Mytesi if you have diarrhea caused by an infection. Before you start Mytesi, your doctor and you should make sure your diarrhea is not caused by an infection (such as bacteria, virus, or parasite).

Possible Side Effects of Mytesi Include:

- Upper respiratory tract infection (sinus, nose, and throat infection)
- Bronchitis (swelling in the tubes that carry air to and from your lungs)
- Cough
- Flatulence (gas)
- Increased bilirubin (a waste product when red blood cells break down)

For a full list of side effects, please talk to your doctor. Tell your doctor if you have any side effect that bothers you or does not go away.

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.

Should I Take Mytesi If I Am:

Pregnant or Planning to Become Pregnant?

- Studies in animals show that Mytesi could harm an unborn baby or affect the ability to become pregnant
- There are no studies in pregnant women taking Mytesi
- This drug should only be used during pregnancy if clearly needed

A Nursing Mother?

- It is not known whether Mytesi is passed through human breast milk
- If you are nursing, you should tell your doctor before starting Mytesi
- Your doctor will help you to decide whether to stop nursing or to stop taking Mytesi

Under 18 or Over 65 Years of Age?

- Mytesi has not been studied in children under 18 years of age
- Mytesi studies did not include many people over the age of 65. So it is not clear if this age group will respond differently. Talk to your doctor to find out if Mytesi is right for you

What Should I Know About Taking Mytesi With Other Medicines?

If you are taking any prescription or over-the-counter medicine, herbal supplements, or vitamins, tell your doctor before starting Mytesi.

What If I Have More Questions About Mytesi?

For more information, please see the full Prescribing Information at Mytesi.com or speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

To report side effects or make a product complaint or for additional information, call 1-844-722-8256.



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THE GAY AGENDA

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 **Michael O'Teter** from Big Brothers Big Sisters; **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 the Oaklawn Park, Turtle Creel Blvd., 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.

SEPTEMBER

• Sept. 22: Depeche Mode

Depeche Mode presents its Global Spirit Tour, with special guest Warpaint, at 7:30 p.m. at Starplex Pavilion, 3839 S. Fitzhugh Ave. Tickets start at \$59.02. For information visit [Facebook.com/DepecheMode](https://www.facebook.com/DepecheMode).

• Sept. 23: Federal Club Fall Luncheon

The DFW Federal Club Fall luncheon will be held at The Tower Club in Thanksgiving Tower, 1601 Elm St., 48th floor, with coffee and mimosas at 10:30 a.m., then lunch and the program at 11 a.m. Guest speaker will be U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota. RSVP required. For information and tickets visit DFWFederalClub.org or email co-chairs@dfwfederalclub.org

dfwfederalclub.org for details.

• Sept. 23: Night of Stars

JuJuBee joins a local cast of stars plus silent auction, LifeWalk raffle tickets and more to raise money for the Greg Dollgener Memorial AIDS Fund from 6-9 p.m. at the Rose Room, 3911 Cedar Springs Road. \$10-25. Tickets at GDMAF.org

• Sept. 24: Last Chance Splash

DFW Federal Club hosts the Last Chance Splash pool party, 2-6 p.m., featuring special guests and DJ Larissa Baxter. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$30 at the door. Address provided upon RSVP. For information and tickets visit DFWFederalClub.org or email co-chairs@dfwfederalclub.org for details.

• Sept. 24: The Queer Queens of Qomedy

Poppy Champlin, Jen Kober, Sandra Valls and Crist Guzman are the Queer Queens of Qomedy who perform a benefit for Resource Center and Houston relief at 5 p.m. at Hyenas Comedy Night Club, 5321 E. Mockingbird Lane. \$25. HyenasComedyNightClub.com.

• Sept. 24: Freedom is Sweet

Entertainment, desserts, raffle and keynote speaker Rebecca Lopez from WFAA raises money for Families to Freedom to help domestic violence victims from 3-5:30 p.m. at Bella Luna Hall, 11834 Harry Hines Blvd. \$50. FamiliesToFreedom.org/RSVP.

• Sept. 25: HRC Mondays: Tales of Dreamers and DACA

HRC Dallas meets from 6:30-9 p.m. at Chino Chinatown at Trinity Groves, 3011 Gulden Lane, Ste. 110. The program for the evening is "Tales of Dreamers and DACA." For information email Barry Robertson at barryrobertsonhrc@gmail.com.

• Sept. 25: Meet the chief

Meet new Dallas Police Chief U. Renee Hall from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at City Performance Hall, 2520 Flora St. Free parking in the Lexus Silver garage.

• Sept. 26: Visions of Equality fundraising luncheon

Resource Center, 5750 Cedar Springs Road, hosts its Visions of Equality fundraising luncheon, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. To RSVP or for information email Jennifer Bonham at jbbonham@myresourcecenter.org.

Sept. 26: GALA Family Night

Gay and Lesbian Association of North Texas hosts LGBT Family and Friends Night at Durkins Pizza, 8930 Texas 121 in McKinney, from 5-8:30 p.m. For information visit [Facebook.com/GALANorthTexas](https://www.facebook.com/GALANorthTexas).



Dallas Police Department hosts a reception introducing new Chief Renee Hallon Monday, Sept. 25. For details, see listings.

• **Sept. 28: 'Will & Grace' Viewing Party**
Sue Ellen's, 3903 Cedar Springs Road, hosts a viewing party for the revival of *Will & Grace*, from 7-9:30 p.m. For information visit [Facebook.com/Events/186558770710245](https://www.facebook.com/Events/186558770710245).

• **Sept. 28: Broadway's Leading Ladies**
Tony Award-winning Cady Huffman, Judy Kaye and Donna McKechnie perform a one-night concert at 7:30 p.m. at Fair Park Music Hall, 909 First Ave. \$150. Tickets at BackStageAccess.org.

• **Sept. 29: SMU Pride Drag Bingo**
Join SMU Pride for an evening of fun. SMU Pride happy hour with complimentary parking from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Hotel Lumen, 6101 Hillcrest Ave. followed by Drag Bingo hosted by SMU's undergraduate LGBT organization Spectrum at 8 p.m. in Hughes-Trigg Student Center, 3140 Dyer St.

• **Sept. 29-Oct. 22: State Fair of Texas**

• **Sept. 29: Kol Nidre**
Congregation Beth El Binah service at 7:30 p.m. at Northaven UMC, 11211 Preston Road.

• **Sept. 29: Dallas Divas with the Dallas Winds**

Music from the Great American Songbook presented by Lyric Stage at Meyerson Symphony Center, 2301 Flora St. LyricStage.org. 214-871-5000.

• Sept. 29-Oct. 28: Screams

Five haunted houses from 7:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. every Friday and Saturday Scarborough Faire grounds, exit 399A off I-35E, Waxahachie. \$30.

• Sept. 30: Yom Kippur

Congregation Beth El Binah services begin at 10 a.m. followed by break the fast at sunset at Northaven UMC, 11211 Preston Road.

• Sept. 30: Gift of Adoption

Dinner and auction fundraiser from 7-10 p.m. at Joe T. Garcia's, 2122 N. Main St., FortWorth. GiftOfAdoption.org.

• Sept. 30: Fur Ball 2017

The SPCA of Texas presents a black tie gala at 6:30 p.m. at Omni Dallas Hotel, 555 S. Lamar St. \$300. Tickets at FurBallDallas.com.

• **Sept. 30: Stop HIV Get Tested Workshop**
Workshop and testing are from from noon-3 p.m. at St. James A.M.E. Church, 1107 E. Oak, Denton.

OCTOBER

• Oct. 1: LifeWalk

Steps off at 1 p.m. from Oaklawn Park. For information visit LifeWalk.org.

• Oct. 5-8: Dallas Southern Pride

Dallas Southern Pride presents Black Pride Weekend, Black by Popular Demand, which will include the State Fair Classic (Grambling vs. Prairie View A&M), the Ball/House and Pageant Communities Conference, and parties across the Metroplex all weekend. Visit DallasSouthernPride.com for information.

• Oct. 5: Classic Chassis Car Club

Monthly Tire Kick and Dinner. Love of old cars required, not ownership, to attend at 7 p.m. at Ojeda's, 4617 Maple Ave.

• Oct. 6: Burgers + Burgundy

DIFFA/Dallas presents a culinary evening with silent auction and sneak peek at House of DIFFA from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Eyeball at the Joule, 1601 Main St. \$150. DIFFA.org.

• Oct. 8: Spanke's TP Party

Friends continue the annual party, founded by the late Spanke Studer, collecting grooming supplies and more for residents of AIDS Services of Dallas, at 3955 Hawthorne Ave. For information visit Facebook.com/dmask2.

• Oct. 11: National Coming Out Day

• Oct. 13: DFW Pride Happy Hour

DFW Pride Happy Hour, an LGBT+ community sponsored by Texas Instruments, joins with the UT and OU LGBT alumni organizations to host the second annual OU/UT Alumni Happy Hour, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Cedar Springs Tap House, 4123 Cedar Springs Road, Ste. 100

• Oct. 14: Texas Latino Pride

The annual Texas Latino Pride festival, with live entertainment and special guests from 2-9 p.m. at Reverchon Park, 3505 Maple Ave. \$5. For information visit Facebook.com/events/429365350783238.

• Oct. 19: GALA Ally Awards

GALA honors allies who work for equality in North Texas from 5:30-8 p.m. at Holiday Inn Plano, 4301 Paige Road, The Colony.

• Oct 20: Turtle Creek Chorale

The Turtle Creek Chorale presents After Dark, a special event, at 8 p.m. at 3015 at Trinity Groves 3015 Gulden Lane. \$75-125. TurtleCreekChorale.com

• Oct 20: Spooktacular IV

Presented by the North Texas GLBT Chamber of Commerce.

• Oct 20: Bowling league registration

New LGBT bowling league registration from 6:30-9 p.m. at AMF Garland, 1950 Marketplace Dr., Garland. League runs Nov. 3-Feb. 9. \$20. 214-704-3531.

pet of the week / Maximilian

Meet **Maximilian**, a tripod German Shepherd mix who's 5 ½-years-old and weighs 69 pounds. He likes to play, especially with tennis balls, but his favorite thing is to catch treats in his mouth. He was surrendered to the SPCA of Texas on July 7 because his previous owner could not properly care for him. He may have only three legs, but that does not slow him down. He would do best in a home with no other dogs. Maximilian has been neutered, microchipped and has received all age-appropriate vaccinations. If you're looking for a big, handsome guy to join you on adventures, he's the one for you. Come meet him today; his adoption fee is only \$25! #155717

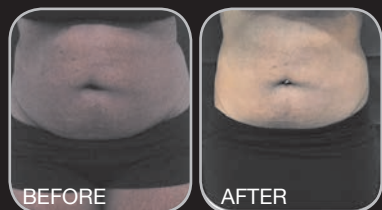
Maximilian is waiting for you at the SPCA of Texas' Jan Rees-Jones Animal Care Center in Dallas, 2400 Lone Star Drive, near I-30 and Hampton Road. Hours are noon-6 p.m. Sun-Wed and noon-7 p.m. Thurs-Sat. Regular adoption fees are \$25 for all pets, excluding livestock. Fee includes spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, a heartworm test for dogs six months and older and a FIV/FelV test for cats 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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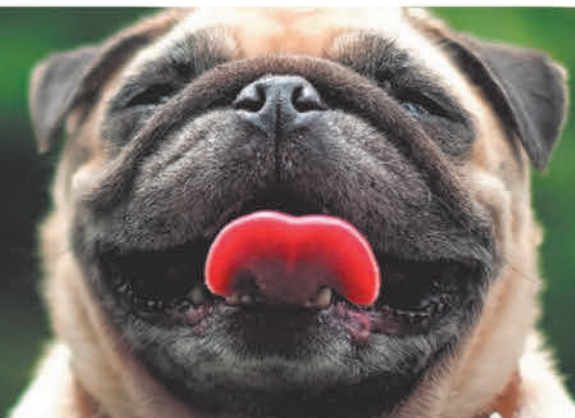
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Why the twirlers almost didn't twirl

Neither city code nor direct hurricane hit stopped this determined color guard from performing at Pride



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Most people weren't expecting to see the St. Petersburg Twirling Project open the 2017 Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade — twice. Even after their local member overcame obstacles to get them into the parade — sort of — he wasn't sure Hurricane Irma wouldn't derail all their plans.

The parade got off to a late start — late by almost an hour — because the company that set up the barricades along the route forgot to interlock them. Police kept the parade from starting until the fencing issue was fixed.

The twirlers were not technically part of the parade. By the time Jose Perez, who moved to Dallas from St. Pete several years ago and is a founder of the group, looked into entering the parade, all the slots were filled, and he told the other members that maybe they could enter next year.

Perez said he was surprised when he got a copy of a letter that St. Pete Mayor Rick Kriseman sent to Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings recommending STP, as they're known for short, be allowed "to represent the city of St. Petersburg as goodwill ambassadors from our city to yours."

But the parade lineup was full as far as what the city permit would allow. So STP wasn't IN the parade; they performed BEFORE the parade.

After a delay, a parade official gave the group the signal to step off. They did — un-

til police came running at them telling them to stop because the barricade issue wasn't resolved. They returned to their starting position and about 30 minutes later, police gave the green light for STP to begin again.

But STP's appearance almost didn't happen for another reason — Hurricane Irma.

Once STP's appearance was okayed by parade officials, 16 members of the group bought their airline tickets to Dallas, and Perez made hotel arrangements for them at the new Lorenzo Hotel in The Cedars.

As travel time approached, original weather forecasts showed Florida taking a direct hit by Irma, but the brunt of the storm would be felt along South Florida's east coast. St. Petersburg is on the Gulf Coast, about 70 miles west of Orlando.

But as Irma tore through the Caribbean, the storm changed course and headed for the Tampa area. St. Pete would take a direct hit.

Perez said he thought the group would never be able to get to Dallas for Pride.

One member of STP lives in the evacuation zone with his husband and their dogs. Although Irma blew their roof off, they were safe. So his husband told him, "You're going."

"They lost everything except their Barbie

collection," Perez said.

The group started a GoFundMe account to help the couple. They reached their goal quickly, and that twirler made it to Dallas safely.

"If he can make it," Perez said he thought at the time, "that's a good sign."

Another member, a local St. Petersburg TV reporter, had 11 evacuees staying in his home. They

took care of his home while he flew to Dallas to perform. The last two of those evacuees just left his house.

One couple that flew to Dallas lives in nearby Sarasota. They left with no electricity in their home. Friends took care of their dogs. One is a performer with the group, and his partner carried the banner that read, "Hurricane Irma could not stop us from Dallas Pride."

And one STP member who lives in Orlando evacuated to Birmingham before the storm. To get his uniform and rifle, he had to return to Florida. When he got home, he found minor damage — some missing shingles, a broken window and downed trees. So he secured his house to protect it from further damage, cleared the brush and flew to Dallas to perform.

Perez started STP 10 years ago with Chuck, the St. Pete reporter who left with 11

evacuees in his house, and David, the performer from Sarasota. He said this is one of only two all-male, all-gay community color guards in the U.S.

"Most groups are co-ed," Perez said.

And in what may seem anathema to LGBT people in Dallas, they're not even a formal group. They exist without a board, without fundraising, with no bylaws or written membership rules. Each member pays for his own uniform, rifle and travel expenses.

In addition to performing in their own local Prides, they've traveled to L.A. and Atlanta Prides. They've also performed in Philadelphia's Fourth of July celebration.

Perez said they average three performances a year and don't repeat routines year after year. Since the members are spread out, they don't get together to practice until the day before their performance. Instead, the music and routine are sent via video. Each member practices at home for weeks before a presentation, and the day before at rehearsal, they put the routine together.

"We decide on music collectively," Perez said, adding that they try to keep the music relevant to the time.

In Dallas they needed a place to rehearse. Mayor Rawlings did more than just help get them into the parade. He provided them with rehearsal space — Dallas City Hall Plaza. They rehearsed for six hours.

Perez called the Dallas crowd "unbelievable." He thanked everyone for the warm welcome at a time when a number of members of the group just needed to get away from the destruction that hit their city and, in some cases, hit their homes.

Letting Matty be himself

A Facebook post led to an invitation to Pride that may have saved a little boy's life

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Mommy, would you still love me if I had a boyfriend?" Matty asked.

Lynette Howe told her son that of course she'd always love him and asked her son if he did have a boyfriend. He told her he didn't.

Matty was 9 years old at the time, and that's when the bullying started.

"His attitude was, if people didn't like it, they'd just have to deal with it," Howe said. "Sometimes he wears feminine clothes."

The bullying has most often been verbal,

but at times has gotten physical. But when Lynette spoke to school officials, they didn't take the physical abuse seriously, telling her that "boys will be boys."

When well-meaning friends suggested she enroll him in football, Lynette explained that Matty had no interest in football.

"He wants to do dance and gymnastics," she said.

When his parents took Matty to a local Pride event, he asked, "Momma, can I drag out?" And after the event, he told her, "Momma, I wish every day could be Pride. I could just be myself and no one was mean to me."

This school year, the bullying began on the school bus on the second day, with other students calling him derogatory names.

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Rodd Gray, aka Patti Le Plae Safe, invited Matty and his family to attend Dallas' Pride parade as his guests after seeing a post Matty's mom put on Facebook about the East Texas youngster being bullied.



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Watching the *city sway*

Former Dallasite describes his experience when a 7.1-magnitude earthquake hit México City this week

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EDITOR'S NOTE: As of Thursday morning, officials were saying that the earthquake that hit México City on Tuesday, Sept. 19, has killed at least 245 people. That number is likely to rise as search and rescue/recovery efforts continue. The Washington Blade reports that several buildings in Mexico City's Roma and Condesa neighborhoods in which many LGBT people, including Dallas Voice contributor Jesus Chairez, live collapsed during the earthquake. It is the second deadly earthquake to hit Mexico in less than two weeks, and it happened on the 32nd anniversary of an 8.0-magnitude earthquake in 1985 that killed more than 5,000 people.

MÉXICO CITY — The earthquake hit on Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2017, at 1:15 p.m., just as I was just stepping out of the subway station in the Roma Norte neighborhood, one of the neighborhoods hit hard by the 1985 earthquake. As I stepped out onto the street, I heard the earthquake alarms and immediately felt the earth move under my feet.

I and hundreds of others ran across Avenue Chapultepec, a major street. As we got to the median, I saw tall buildings swaying, dust flying from between them as they moved.

The buildings were making loud cracking, popping sounds. So I stayed in the open, away from those swaying buildings, afraid to move.

After the shaking stopped, there was dust everywhere — huge clouds of dust that looked like a West Texas dust storm. I saw big cracks in the sides of many buildings, along with some broken windows.

I started to walk but made it only half a

block before I started smelling gas. I saw one building with flames coming from the roof, but it didn't seem that the building itself was on fire, so I think maybe a gas tank had burst on the terrace.

The city had no power, so none of the traffic lights were working. It was one big, major traffic jam — bigger than normal, I mean.

I was able only to post one image on Facebook, letting friends know that we in México City were experiencing another earthquake before I lost the internet connec-

tion on my cell phone. I could neither make nor receive calls. And I was not able to see the news feeds of the real destruction happening only blocks away from where I was standing.

I walked pass a hospital and saw where the staff had tak-

en their patients out to the street, some in wheelchairs and many still in their beds, with staff holding their IV bags.

When I was able to connect again to the internet, I saw that it was 7.1-magnitude quake and that the epicenter was only 70 miles away in Puebla. This news most troubled me because another former Dallasite — and my good friend — Moses Negreros, lives in





The scene on Avenue Chapultepec as the earthquake struck on Sept. 19.

Puebla City, Puebla now. I was able to call Moses at his work and was glad to hear that while he was shaken up, he was OK.

Then I called Moses's lover in Dallas, Alex Pedraza, who hadn't even learned of the earthquake by then because he isn't allowed to use his cell phone at work.

Alex took a break so that he could go online to read about the earthquake, and he was stunned to see all the destruction in México City. He then called Moses, but a phone call is just not the same as hugs. (After several years of separation, these two hope to be together in México come January, when Alex finishes with his commitments in Dallas.)

After my calls, I was faced with the question of how to get home. The subway was closed; buses were running empty and not picking up new riders, and the taxi station managers told me they were not providing service. The only thing I could do was walk the six miles through the devastated city to my home.

Making it to my neighborhood in El Centro Historico, five hours after the earthquake hit, was a real joy. I was pleased to see my apartment building still standing with no visible cracks nor broken glass. Everything looked fine until I got to my apartment and walked into the living room.

A big, heavy bookcase had fallen leaving lots of books and many ceramic and glass ornaments that I had brought from Dallas now lying scattered and shattered on my marble floor.

The bookcase hit a wooden coffee table as it fell, breaking the glass tabletop and several other items on the table. I was heartbro-

ken at the loss of the many mementos that I had carefully packed for my 1,200-mile move, all now broken beyond repair.

After reviewing the damage in my apartment, I called my neighbor Michael Parker Stainback, another former Dallasite, who was at home when the earthquake hit. He has lived in México City for the last 10 years, experiencing several earthquakes in that time. But this time, he said, it felt like his apartment building was going to come down around him.

Thankfully, the building still stands, and only one item in his home was broken. His cat, though, was still hiding out somewhere.

Michael said, "Not everyone can be out there in the bucket brigade, and at the same time, you're sitting there and your heart aches, because you know how marvelous the Mexican people are and how marvelous and lucky and you are to live here."

México is a family, and México is a country with just a tremendous amount of heart, he added. It's something that maybe a lot of Americans don't think about much or maybe don't know, but 98 percent of the people here are pure heart.

Michael is right. And with México's big heart, we will get through this, together. ■

Jesus Chairez is a former Dallasite now living in Mexico City. He was the producer and host of North Texas first bilingual LGBT Latino radio show, Sin Fronteras on KNON 89.3 FM; from July 1993 to July 2005. His work has been published Queer Brown Voices, A Collection of Personal Narratives of Latina/o Activism. Chairez is a freelance writer/artist and can be reached at facebook.com/JesusChairez

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- ◆ **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.
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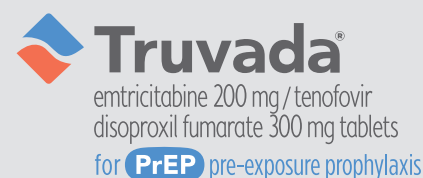
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- Severe liver problems, which in rare cases can lead to death. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you get these symptoms: skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow, dark “tea-colored” urine, light-colored stools, loss of appetite for several days or longer, nausea, or stomach-area pain.
- Bone problems.

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- Have any other medical conditions.
- Are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.
- Are breastfeeding (nursing) or plan to breastfeed. Do not breastfeed. If you become HIV-positive, HIV can pass to the baby in breast milk.

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take:

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Dallas Tavern Guild Executive Director Michael Doughman has announced the trophy winners in the different categories of competition in the 34th annual Lakewood Brewing Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade, presented Sunday, Sept. 17, by T-Mobile.

Trophy winners are:

- **Best Performance:** *Dallas Victims of Crime*
- **Best Walking Group:** *PFLAG Dallas/Fort Worth*
- **Best Costumes:** *Game Stop*
- **Best Social Commentary:** *The Reconciling Congregations of DFW*
- **Best Theme Interpretation:** *Transamerica*
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Parade participants and onlookers welcomed Matty and his family with open arms.

Lynette said she saw the self-doubt in him then, and he began questioning himself.

So she posted something on Facebook; she asked people to send him notes of encouragement, which she'd print out and collect for him so that when he was feeling bad about himself, she could show him how many people cared for him.

Among the people who saw the post was Rodd Gray, aka Patti Le Plae Safe. And Rodd got in touch with Lynette.

"Her son was being bullied because of who he is," Gray said explaining why he contacted the East Texas mother and how horrified he was at how Matty was treated.

Anyone who knows Rodd, knows that just sending a note isn't his style. He insisted that Matty and family needed to come to Dallas' Pride celebration as his guest and that Dallas needed to embrace Matty.

Rodd was hosting on the main stage at the Pride parade on Sunday, Sept. 17, and Matty needed to be sitting there with him, Rodd insisted. The family accepted his offer. Mom, Dad, an older sister and Matty all drove to Dallas from their home near Longview so Matty could go to Pride.

Before the parade started, Matty's mom took him to the middle of the street and Rodd announced, "This 10-year-old is being bullied and you can help him."

Rodd knew the crowd would find ways to give Matty positive attention. And he was right.

"He was overwhelmed," Rodd said.

People gave Matty hugs. And flowers. And beads ... lots and lots of beads — bags full to take home. And people took pictures with him and with his family.

Describing what happened, Rodd was

in tears. "He's an adorable child," he said, wondering how classmates and teachers could be so hateful to him.

Parade director Michael Doughman called the reaction breathtaking and heart-stopping.

"Somehow," Doughman said, "the story carried down the parade route."

As each entry passed, people who had things to hand out along the route made sure Matty got some. Others made sure he got more hugs.

Rodd said he put the family in touch with a few people who can help them get the help they need.

Lynette said they'd like to move to Dallas where Matty will be safer at school and where she can enroll him in dance and gymnastics. She and her husband are trying to arrange transfers at work. Dallas-area school districts have better anti-bullying policies that are taken more seriously than in many rural areas and smaller towns. And Dallas has an LGBT community that wouldn't put up with a principal that allowed physical attacks on a child because "boys will be boys."

Matty understands that every day can't be Pride, but that's not going to stop him from wearing some makeup when he wants or a skirt if he feels like it. He'll wear what he wants and be the only person he knows how to be.

Rodd said that while he loved the outpouring of love for Matty from the crowd along Cedar Springs Road, what he loved most was seeing how Matty's family supports him.

"I'm so happy they're letting him be himself," he said. ■

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Getting past the bathroom

It happened again, most recently at the VIP reception for Pride when Nicole O'hara Monroe, the first African-American and first transgender person chosen as a grand marshal of the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade, stood to speak to the assembled group of sponsors, Dallas Tavern Guild Pride Committee members and assorted VIPs. As she spoke, she alluded to the hubbub over transgender people using the bathroom before moving on to just how many of us have been murdered this year (it's 20 as of today, if you're keeping score).

I don't blame her at all for mentioning the bathroom thing; our legislature spent the whole session squabbling over the issue and then went into overtime discussing it. Besides, it's a great ice breaker and always gets a few nervous chuckles.

But the time has come to force the conversation past bathrooms. That issue has been settled, once and for all: Transgender people pose absolutely no threat to anyone in the bathroom, and we never have. We have just as much right to be there as anyone else, and I'm sick of defending something that needs no defense.

Enough!

People are fucking dying.

I would imagine in some GOP think-tank or hate group headquarters, like the Family Research Council, they are just thrilled to keep us defending potty rights. It keeps the discussion away from other areas where oppression is real and constant. We MUST call them out!

This is by no means a comprehensive checklist of human rights violations, but it's a start. And these things are happening right now, and they have been happening for years.

- When I speak to groups of people in business settings or even among the medical community, I often ask for a show of hands: How many believe that it is legal in Texas for a doctor to DENY CARE to a transgender person?

The fact is, it's true. A lawsuit filed by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton and signed by Judge Reid O'Connor on New Year's Eve of last year makes that OK.

Oh, and doctors can also use their sincerely held religious belief to deny care to women who have had an abortion. So there's that, too.

- There have been several reports of CPS removing transgender children from the homes with loving parents, especially if one parent is affirming and the other is not. Such a case happened this month in Illinois, and it resulted in the death, by suicide, of a transgender child forced to live with a non-supportive parent and no hope of transition. That child was 14 years old.

- I've spoken to many parents of transgender children who avoid taking their sick children to Catholic hospitals because of the horrible treatment and misgendering that happens there.

- This past July, so-called comedian Lil Duval expressed disgust at the idea of trans women on a segment of The Breakfast Club radio show, saying if he unknowingly dated one, she would "die" when he found out.

I don't find that amusing, because that happens. And in 48 of our 50 states, the "trans panic" defense is still on the books.

- Too many of us have to train our doctors how to treat us because little if anything is taught about transgender healthcare in medical schools. I can't count the number of calls I've received from someone asking for a "trans-friendly" doctor. It boggles my mind that there would be any other kind, but there is.

The mother of a 7-year-old trans girl received a letter from her pediatrician telling her to find another doctor because he disagreed with her loving and affirming approach to raising her child. Wow.

- Then there is Trump. That fake-hair-wearing dumpster fire has done us no favors.

He rescinded the Obama administration's welcome to transgender troops



Leslie McMurray
Accidental Activist

serving openly in the military. He has revoked the interpretation of Title IX from the departments of Justice and Education offering protection to transgender students. And he stacked his Cabinet and the courts with anti-LGBT characters.

- Our employment prospects are terrible. According to the National Center for Transgender Equality, more than 25 percent of us have lost a job due to bias, and more than three-fourths have experienced some form of workplace discrimination. Extreme levels of unemployment and poverty lead one in eight to become involved in underground economies, such as sex and drug work in order to survive.

- A recent study here in Dallas found that while LGBT kids make up a small percentage of the population, they make up a staggering 40 percent of the homeless kids, mostly because when they come out, they are kicked out.

- We can't donate blood. The American Red Cross considers every transgender person to be two things: A man, and a pathological liar. I am neither.

Now, there are some positive things on the horizon. For example, in the city of Dallas, the health plan offered to employees finally covers transgender healthcare that was previously excluded by Cigna.

But the few advances are far outnumbered by the attacks.

So, to sum up: transgender people face severe issues finding good jobs, have a difficult time finding a doctor to treat us adequately, are vastly over-represented among the homeless, have tragically high suicide rates and are murdered for being who we are.

Add to that hostile state and federal governments and religious leaders, like that nut-job at First Baptist in Dallas, telling us we are all going to hell.

That is NOT OK! None of that is OK.

But, yeah, by all means, let's keep talking about bathrooms. ■

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Stuck in transit

As Season 4 of 'Transparent' returns to Amazon, gender-non-binary creator Jill Soloway talks musicals, family conflict and how they are not going anywhere

Transparent won't be winding down anytime soon. A fifth season of the multiple Emmy- and Golden Globe-winning series about a transgender female (Maura Pfefferman, played by Jeffrey Tambor) who began a late-in-life gender transition — and her family's subsequent self-revelations — began pre-production even before Season 4 premieres this week on Amazon Prime Video.

This season, the Jewish-American Pfefferman clan ends up in Israel, where patriarch-turned-matriarch Maura, ex-wife Shelly (Judith Light), and their children Ali (Gaby Hoffman), Sarah (Amy Landecker), and Josh (Jay Duplass) unearth more secrets and discoveries about their family line, sexualities, relationships and identities, all set against the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Jesus Christ Superstar* soundtrack.

Having based the character Maura on a transgender parent who came out in their 70s, creator/director Jill Soloway has evolved along with *Transparent's* Pfeffermans; Soloway currently identifies as gender non-binary (and goes by "they" pronouns). Via telephone, Soloway elaborated on the upcoming season, the show's other transgender characters, and of course Season 5 (and no, Soloway isn't leaving the show despite recent, misleading press reports).

— Lawrence Ferber



real stories of what's actually happening right now in the world. For queer people, trans people, for identity. Intersectionality. The question of having to choose between your queerness and your Jewishness, your Jewishness and your trans-ness. You're being asked to choose but not really able to.

Is there a Dana International cameo?

[Laughs] No! In fact I heard of her but didn't know enough about her to work her into the season.

Did anyone in Israel recognize the cast while shooting?

We actually didn't go to Israel. We shot in Los Angeles. We got some B-roll, but we didn't bring the actors there. It's a camera trick. We had a fake Dead Sea at Universal Studios and a fake Wailing Wall at Paramount.

I understand that Maura's HIV-positive mentor and friend, Davina, played by transgender actress Alexandra Billings, has a spotlight episode this season.

Yes. Davina is an amazing, really important part of the show. What we do is tell the story of how she got there. The experience is really different for trans women who come up through the gay world and those who come up through the heterosexual cross-dressing world. There are really two different paths on this gender

journey, and for trans women who came up through the gay world, the drag world, the pageant world, their story is one of Stonewall, of HIV and AIDS, of moving from the gay world into the straight world. So we really tell that story.

What about new transgender or non-binary characters this season?

Well, we start to tell the stories about Ali Pfefferman's relationship with their own gender identity. We do Davina's history, of the women she knew as she was coming up in the trans world. And there are other trans people, actors and characters, that are part of Maura's world.

Have any ideas proved too loopy or insane and got shot down so far?

Well, when Ali is at the women's music festival [in Season 2] and has a hallucination and sees Tante Gittel [a transgender character who lived in 1930s Berlin at the Hirschfeld Sex Institute, played by transgender actress Hari Nef] in this modern dance confrontation with the Nazis, at one point that was actually going to be a musical number with singing and dancing. I'm glad we got rid of the actual lyrics. My sister Faith loved musicals, so we are still trying to get a musical aspect in. I just don't think we necessarily needed to connect it with the Holocaust.

There has been some news about a new showrunner for the fifth season. Can you clarify this, and how the show might be different? OK, so there is *not* a new showrunner. I'm going crazy trying to fix this problematic press issue. I've always been the creator of the show, but somebody else has been running the show ever since Season 2. There is a showrunner named Jill Gordon. For the past couple of years, we had a showrunner named Bridget Bedard. I'm not leaving the show, I'm not working any less hard. I direct all the time, I still write all the time. I'm going to be directing a lot of the fifth season and in the writers' room. The narrative that I'm stepping down and somebody is taking over is bit of a PR blunder we're working on fixing. Jill Soloway is not stepping down.

What is the most surprising feedback you've received to the show so far? That's a good question. The shocking thing is I meet people who say they came out [as transgender] because of the show. They didn't think they could before, but watching the show allowed them to realize they could be trans and be accepted. They use the show to come out to their families, they tell them to watch the show first and then give them a call. They look at the conviviality of the fact they remain family. A show where the trans person is part

Dallas Voice: What did Season 4 allow you to do that's different from the last season?

Jill Soloway: We realized how much we love it when the Pfefferman family is together. Normally in a show, when you start to give people things to do, you create love interests for them and [bring in] new characters. Ali has a crush on lesbian Syd [Carrie Brownstein], Josh is in love with Rabbi Raquel [Kathryn Hahn], and Sarah is choosing between Tammy [Melora Hardin] and Len [Ron Huebel]. But what we wanted to do this season is let the characters turn toward each other and have that comedy and love of being in a family.

What were some of the biggest issues hashed out in the writers' room for Season 4?

Well, the family goes to Israel, so we wanted to tell that story in a way that resonated differently for each member. A lot of the season has a *Jesus Christ Superstar* rock opera — kind of your memories of being a child, and whatever you thought it meant to live in Jesus' time and come down with Messiah Complex. Those are the kinds of broad, funny stories. But we also wanted to tell the

of the fabric really normalizes trans-ness in a way where coming out doesn't mean losing your family. That's a huge effect of the show that I didn't really prepare for.

Are you familiar with 9-year-old drag queen Lactacia and this trend of adolescents who use social media, like 15-year-old Instagram makeup tutorial diva Jake Warden, to share and celebrate their own style of gender bending, queer-ness, and fabulousness? Yeah, I think that's fantastic and so glad those people are out there.



Would you give any of them an opportunity to do a *Transparent* walk-on? I love that idea! Yeah. I think social media is a great place to look for all the up-and-coming trans talent, and I'll definitely check out who's doing tutorials on Instagram and see if we can find our next star.

Finally, do you have an endgame for Maura? No. I need to keep everyone in the family slightly unhappy so that we have more story. I feel the same about Maura as all of the kids and people in the family. Keep frustrated, keep searching, keep dreaming, and trying to become.

Also this week on TV



Transparent isn't the only notable LGBT show debuting this week. Here are some other premieres (series and season) to look forward to in the next week.

***Gotham*.** The fourth season of the Batman prequel, with a gay-obsessive Penguin (Robin Lord Taylor), is back already. *Debuted Sept. 21; next episode Sept. 28.*

***Star Trek Discovery*.** Yet another reboot of the franchise that started in 1996, this is the first television entry developed by writers and producers who did not work directly with Gene Roddenberry. Gay showrunner Bryan Fuller has cast a black woman at the helm and added at least one gay character (played by out actor Anthony Rapp), although the show is a prequel to all other incarnations, so don't expect to see Spock. It will premiere on CBS

broadcast, but then moved to CBS All Access streaming service for the remainder of the season. *Debuts Sept. 24.*

The Big Bang Theory*.** The sitcom without star Jim Parsons returns for an 11th season, followed by ***Young Sheldon, a new single-camera comedy about Parsons' character as a tot. *Debuts Sept. 25.*

***Empire*.** The deliciously gay nighttime soap begins its fourth season. *Debuts Sept. 27.*

***Will & Grace*, pictured.** Already renewed for two shortened seasons, the groundbreaking gay comedy returns to NBC's Thursday lineup with Eric McCormack, Debra Messing, Sean Hayes and Megan Mullally recreating their iconic roles. *Debuts Sept. 28.*

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Married comics Rhea Butcher and Cameron Esposito. (Photo courtesy Robyn Van Swank)

We live in an age where lesbian power couples are more prevalent than their straight counterparts — from Ellen and Portia, to Lily and Jane to Jodie and Alexandra and we've barely scratched the surface. Add to that lineup two of the youngest and cutest: Cameron Esposito and Rhea Butcher, who are also two of the hottest standup comics today. Their 2016 Seeso series *Take My Wife* did a *Seinfeld*-esque twist on being comedians playing versions of themselves, but it also took them off the tour circuit for more than two years.

That drought ends with their new national Back to Back Tour, which comes to South Side Music Hall on Thursday. We chatted with the couple from their home in Los Angeles about working together, trust and how their comedy has changed during the Trump Era.

Dallas Voice: Your tour is called Back to Back, so do you work as a team or separately? Cameron Esposito: We have a show here in L.A. where we perform every Tuesday night as a duo, but we've never taken that on

the road. So the structure of the night [when we perform in Dallas] will be Rhea and I doing standup together at the same time, but also doing sets separately.

Usually standup is either a solo comic or comedy team which includes a straightman. Since you have neither a "straight" nor a "man" in your show, how does that work? CE: Funny! I guess you could say Rhea is the air-quote straightman when we are onstage together. But the dynamic that we have when we are together just developed naturally, where I will say a full paragraph in a strong, yelly voice, and Rhea will follow it with one perfect sentence.

Is it hard sharing the stage during a set, even with your wife? CE: Usually the worst thing that can happen to a standup comic is someone else onstage drawing focus from you. But I really trust Rhea, which is why I married her.

How did your duo act come about? Rhea Butcher: We both did improv in different capacities, and I knew when we first did [a scene] together that this was the person I was looking for the whole time. I always know what's she's about to say, and yet she still

surprises me.

Like the lyric in *Frozen* where the prince, whatever his name is, and Elsa sing, "We're always finishing each others' ... sandwiches." CE: Yes... and I have to give you props for not knowing the name of the prince in *Frozen*.

Ha! What is his name? CE: Who cares?

How do you manage to work together and perform together? Does that put pressure on the relationship? CE: No, because, we hate each other. [Laughs] I think there's a balance that you figure out. And luckily we're on the same page. I think that any of your readers who have worked with a partner or have a family business together will say, the best part of it is, you achieve something together and carve out a niche and speak the same language and share the same amount of risk. It's a family business, but instead of making tires, the brand is *us*. But it's also too much pressure to put on a [normal] relationship. It's bonkers. I would never recommend it ... except I fell in love with Rhea. I am an intense person, so maybe I need that kind of intense relationship.

There's a podcast about movies called *How Did This Get Made* that you've both appeared on. Two of the co-hosts — Paul Scheer and June Diane Raphael — are married in real life, but they always get razzed because they don't behave like they are married on the show... CE: Rhea and I have been on that podcast and they are the nicest, best people. But you have to make a decision — that you're having a front-page relationship [for the listeners] and keeping part that's for you. They can filter out the part of their dynamic — they are showing you what they want to show you.

RB: And Paul introducing June Diane that way allows her to be on the same level as [third co-host Jason Mantzoukis] instead of higher or lower. We had to navigate that early on, too. It was a purposeful decision.

Your streaming series, *Take My Wife*, was a fictionalized version of your relationship — you were both married lesbian standups named Cameron and Rhea. Was doing the show a way to work out issues in your real life?

CE: No, because Rhea and I are actually good at talking things out. That show was wild

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A close call for Florida gay resorts

Irma bypasses Fort Lauderdale, but gay haven Key West took a beating

LGBT businesses in Key West, Fla., took a direct hit from Hurricane Irma earlier this month, and the area incurred severe devastation, but beachfront businesses in gay-popular Fort Lauderdale appear mostly to have dodged a bullet.

Fort Lauderdale is second only to Palm Springs in abundance of gay resorts. Most of the LGBT hotels are just steps away from the ocean and were included in a mandatory evacuation order. The Keys were also under evacuation, but thousands stayed behind anyway, including a hearty group that holed up through the storm in a gay hotel.

The good news for FtL is that Irma veered to Florida's west coast. The city got hit hard, but businesses there are already on the mend and optimistic about opening soon.

The Grand Resort and Spa, just two blocks from Fort Lauderdale Beach, reported only minimal damage, and employees were on the job cleaning up the day after the storm passed. Photos posted to the resort's Facebook page showed most of the property's lush vegetation intact. But one of the two palm trees in front of the property appeared to have had all of its foliage blown off. The resort said it expected to have the property fully cleaned up by the end of this week and would announce later when it would reopen.

The Grand's neighbor — and the largest gay resort in Fort Lauderdale — The Worthington Resorts also reported minimal damage. The resort's Facebook page noted that someone who lives at a residential tower overlooking the property had reported that although fencing and trees were damaged, there appeared to be no broken windows or structural damage.

"We can repair the resort and plant new trees," Worthington's owner Jim Durham wrote. "We have been here before with Hurricane Wilma [in 2005]. God bless, thank you for all your thoughts and prayers, it apparently worked."

In Key West, a small group of people took shelter in the New Orleans House, which is owned by Joey Schroeder, who also owns the adjacent Bourbon St. Pub. Through a Facebook post, he relayed that



Fort Lauderdale's Grand Resort and Spa recovers from Hurricane Irma. (Photo courtesy Grand Resort and Spa)

Garden Bar, just behind the main pub, which includes a pool, is "unrecognizable" and that no trees on the property were left standing.

The post noted that Schroeder saw numerous trees on top of cars and homes throughout the island but that the flooding was not as bad as in Hurricane Wilma. That 2005 storm flooded an estimated 60 percent of the island. Monroe County Commissioner Heather Carruthers told CNN that Wilma also caused more structural damage on the Keys than did Irma.

Schroeder noted that the damage was most noticeable in the destruction of the island's foliage: "All trees in Bayview park are down. All trees have been stripped of their leaves." The business owner continued, "It was like a huge weed whacker hit the island. All signs, canopies, etc. have been ripped down." Schroeder added that it will be "awhile before Key West is back up and running."

Key West's legendary Island House, which often tops lists as being among the best gay resorts in the world, reported that it suffered significant but "fixable" damage. The resort posted on its Facebook page, "There are several big trees down, including the big gumbo limbo and rubber tree next door to the resort. Fortunately they didn't fall on anything."

— Ed Walsh

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Sunday 09.24

Queer Queens of Qomedy returns to Hyena's

Cameron and Rhea aren't the only lesbian standups making a play in Dallas this week (see story, Page 24). Poppy Champlin returns to Hyena's at Mockingbird Station with her lineup the Queer Queens of Qomedy. Champlin, pictured, will be joined by Sandra Valls, Jen Lober and local comic Crist Guzman for an evening of gay laughter.

DEETS: Hyena's, 5321 E. Mockingbird Lane. 5 p.m. \$25-\$40. Queer-QueensOfQomedy.com. HyenasComedyNightclub.com.

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Thursday 09.28

Broadway's Leading Ladies take to the stage at Fair Park

Broadway has cultivated numerous divas over the years, and three of the brightest are Tony Award winners Donna McKechnie (*A Chorus Line*), pictured, Judy Kaye (*Mamma Mia*) and Cady Huffman (*The Producers*). Between them, they've sung some of the great showtunes of all time. Now you can see them all in one place for the leading ladies concert at Fair Park Music Hall. The one-night-only concert will even donate a portion of the proceeds to Resource Center Dallas.

DEETS: Music Hall at Fair Park, 901 First Ave. 8:30 p.m. \$150. BackstageAccess.org.



Friday 09.29

Gay-led PRVIS plays at Bomb Factory

The trio PRVIS has made headlines with out frontwoman Lynn Gunn being an outspoken LGBT advocate, as well as a powerhouse singer. They perform at the Bomb Factory in support of their latest album, *All We Know of Heaven, All We Need of Hell*. A portion of proceeds from the tour go to the Ally Coalition.

DEETS: The Bomb Factory, 2713 Canton St. TheBomb.FactoryDallas.com.

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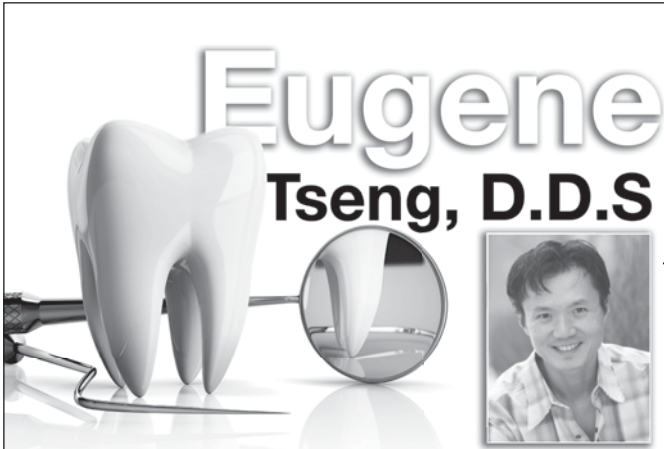
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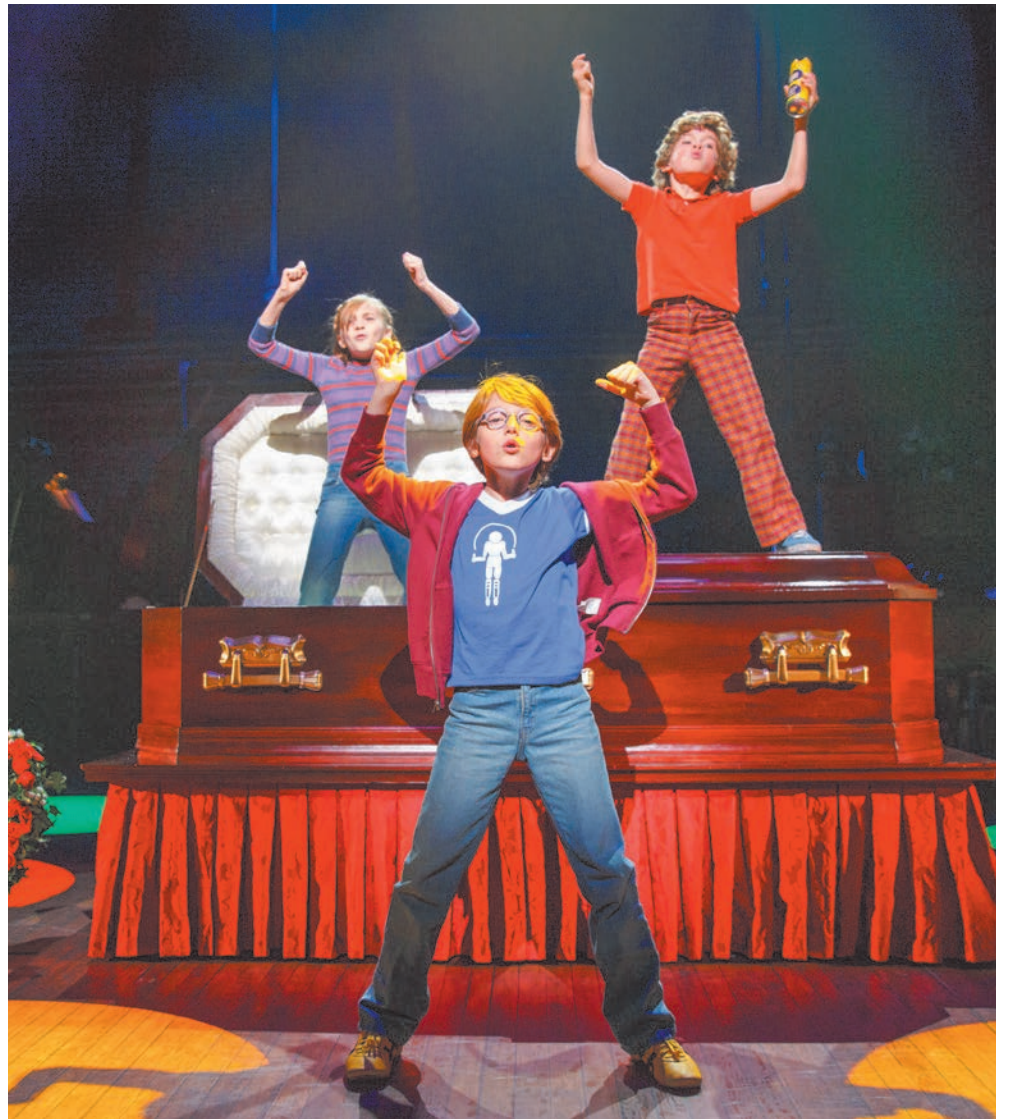

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The Tony-winning musical 'Fun Home' continues at the Winspear Opera House. Read our review on DallasVoice.com.

ARTSWEEK THEATER

Cedar Springs or Big Scary Animals. Theatre Too, 2900 Routh St. in the Quadrangle. Through Oct. 1. Theatre3Dallas.com.

Deferred Action. The new local play about DACA "Dreamers" returns, more timely than ever. Bob Hope Theatre at the Owen Art Center on the SMU campus, 6101 Bishop Ave. Sept 15-17. Latino Cultural Center, 2600 Live Oak St. Sept 27-29. 7:30 p.m. CaraMiaTheatre.org.

Fun Home. Tony Award-winning musical about growing up lesbian in a funeral home. *Final weekend; reviewed this week.* Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. ATTPAC.org.

Miller, Mississippi. A world premiere from playwright Boo Killebrew, which tracks the slowness of change in Mississippi during the Civil Rights Movement. Presented by the Dallas Theater Center. Wyly Theatre, 2400 Flora St. Through Oct. 1. DallasTheaterCenter.org.

The Royal Society of Antarctica. What would it take to get you to move to the bottom of the world? That's the question explored in this comedy. *Final weekend.* Stage West, 821 W. Vickery Blvd., Fort Worth. StageWest.org.

Winston's Birthday. The American premiere of this comedy by Paul Baker, presented by Theatre

Britain. Cox Playhouse, 1517 H Ave., Plano. Through Oct. 1. Theatre-Britain.com.

Hair. The hippie musical. Wyly Theatre, 2400 Flora St. Sept. 22-Oct. 22. DallasTheaterCenter.org.

CONCERTS

Chita & Tune — Two for the Road. Chita Rivera and Tommy Tune perform. See story Page 68. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts, 2351 Performance Drive, Richardson. 8 p.m. EisemannCenter.com.

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.

SATURDAY 09.23 COMMUNITY

Night of Stars Starring JuJuBee. *Drag Race* fan

favorite JuJubee headlines this drag show and fundraiser for the Greg Dollgener Memorial AIDS Fund. The Rose Room inside S4, 3911 Cedar Springs Road. 6–9 p.m. GDMAF.org.

MONDAY 09.25

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 09.26

FILM

Grease. The film version of the hit stage musical is an entirely different animal, full of camp and fun cameo performances. A classic in its way. Screens 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.

THURSDAY 09.28

CONCERTS

Broadway's Leading Ladies. A one-night-only concert of three Tony Award-winning stars — Cady Huffman, Donna McKechnie and Judy Kaye —

performing classic showtunes. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Resource Center Dallas. Fair Park Music Hall, 901 First Ave. 8:30 p.m. \$150. BackstageAccess.org.

CABARET

Glitterbomb Denton. Weekly queer variety show with a new lineup every Thursday. Mable Peabody's Beauty Parlor and Chain Saw Repair, 1125 E. University Drive, Denton. 9:30 p.m.

FRIDAY 09.29

BALLET

Beauty and the Beast. Texas Ballet Theater presents this tale as old as time, first in Dallas, then later this month in Cowtown. Bass Performance Hall, 525 Commerce St., Fort Worth. Sept. 29–Oct. 1. BassHall.com. TexasBalletTheater.org.

CONCERTS

PVRIS. Led by queer-activist frontwoman Lynn Gunn, the group headlines a concert in support of the new album *All We Know of Heaven, All We Need of Hell*. A portion of proceeds will benefit The Ally Coalition. The Bomb Factory, 2713 Canton St. TheBomb.FactoryDallas.com.

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because though it was obviously based on our real relationship, it's filtered through a ton of folks commenting of what they *imagine* that our relationship is. But did I have dreams that there was a camera in our bedroom filming us while we slept? Absolutely.

How has your comedy changed since, oh, let's just say ... Nov. 9, 2016?

RB: I took some time to myself [after the election] to process a lot of it. That allowed me to reshape my thinking about what I was talking about onstage. [When I first started doing standup], what I was doing was being honest and open because [early on] I wasn't fully closeted but I wasn't fully out — I never denied being gay, but I was never out in front of it. Now it's more like we are collecting our thoughts and our own evolutions. It's the next step of coming out. [My comedy] depends on the day. I was on a podcast when Trump said he was gonna rescind DACA and I don't even *know*

what I was talking about because I was so shocked. But last night I had a great set.

CE: My Twitter feed is not funny anymore. I think that's true of every comic I know. It's just donation links and commenting on lawsuits. ... Trauma is real and it affects all of us in ways that are conscious and unconscious. I'm 35 and I had only seen progress go one way in my life — for people my age or younger this is a really weird time. I'm unfamiliar with the backslide.


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Ask Howard

How to do the wrong thing right

666: The mark of The Beast!

OK, listen to me, loud and clear, you beastly-brainwashed boys of mine, as this is the only column in which dear sweet Howard intends to address your ridiculous *Rosemary's Baby/ Omen/Exorcist* tripe again: Considering the Stygian depths of depravity I must descend to in order to research your "normal" questions, we're gonna nip things in the bud right now regarding all these Lucifer-has-arisen conspiracies y'all are inundating me with of late. Granted, Howard understands completely that our concerns basically boil down to 6 topics: Phallus size, fellatio, fornication, fisting, felching and fucking — all of them perversely alliterative of the "eff" sound. Creepier still, F is the 6th letter of the alphabet and our current ninth month of September (9) turns into a 6 hung upside down... for whatever gaily satanic hokum that's worth. Seriously, guys, let's try scything down, just a wee bit, your grainy intrigues over our current Dear Leader being nothing short of The Antichrist incarnate; I'm simply not going to justify (*wink, wink*) answering any of this trash. So let's get the hell to it!

Dear Howard,

During our annual "forced-bonding" family vay-cay last week in (barf! Just shoot me, please!) Orlando, aka Dante's 6th ring of Hell, Dad chucked my phone into The Haunted Mansion swamp. It seems I was paying *slightly* more attention to dick pix than my dick 11-year-

old brother I was supposed to be watching. In my defense, Howard, that little pre-pubes' perv sure seemed a helluva lot more fascinated by my escape than he was in some neon-orange glowing amoeba shambling ghoulishly about our queue, sing-singing, "Repeat after me, everybody now, 'Here lies Lester Moore, four slugs from a 44, no less, no more!'" "Daddy," grinned the snitching punk (just before my phone got tossed like a grenade) "when you stick pencils down your Mr. Happy, which end goes first, the sharp end or the eraser?" Howard, what's the best angle to go about assuring my antichrist Dad that, oh, yes, old man, you *will* be buying me another phone? — **Roddy A.M.**

Dear Ramrod,

Ah, is that the ambrosial whiff of blackmail I smell? First things first, though: Hooray, at last! Rod, yours is my very first "sounding" question ever! (I was starting to wonder what was taking you boys so long.) For any of my dear readers who've just been, say, newly released from a Tibetan monastery, "sounding" is the sybaritic art of shoving a series of ever-wider rods down one's urethra (the male penis opening). In essence, if you're the kind of seen-it-all/done-it-all sexual adventurer bored to friggin' ennui by plain old anal intercourse, then fucking your dick shaft with pencils, ink pens, knitting needles, Twizzler sticks, etc., just might be *the* perfect "serenity now" first step toward achieving some of those innocence-lost,

past sexual thrills you've been so longing to regain. But I digress; back, Redrum, to your question: Just how quickly do you desire that new phone? If you ask me, the surefire quickest way is to vow before Daddy, via crossing your unholy heart, that the sooner he obeys you, the sooner he'll never in his life have to worry about waking up tied to his bed one night with the sharp ends of 6 duct tape-wrapped pencils simultaneously fucking his pee shaft. As an addendum, Rod, I'd like to thank you for, well, *not* being my 666th reader feeling duty-bound to, yet again, inform me on the side, apropos of absolutely nothing, that our current Dear Leader's family owns the most expensive single building ever purchased in the United States, located at (cue up the organ swells and lightning cracks!) 666 Fifth Avenue. Ahhh! By the way, too, equally apropos of absolutely nothing to do with your question, Riddick, the coat of arms at Mar-a-Lago (merely a sinister short drive away from Disney World!) contains three number 6 symbols. Please, merciful God in Heaven, save us!



Dear Howard,

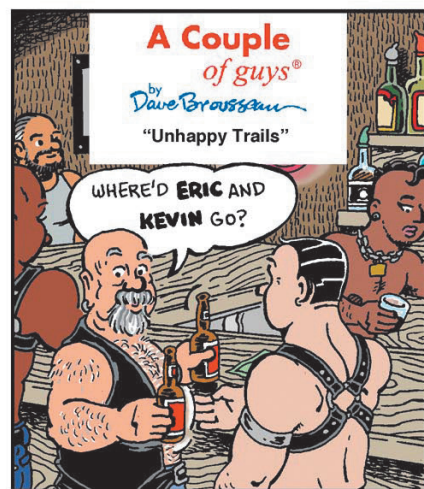
I read your column regularly and I've an axe to grind: It seems patently obvious to me that many of your questions are from showboaters just hoping that the more outrageously crazy their questions are, the better their chances are you'll publish them, as opposed to real problems that we in the LGBT community face regularly every day. How do you drudge up the tolerance for these attention-seeking freaks; why do you answer them at all? — **Mary**

Dear Little Miss Contrary,

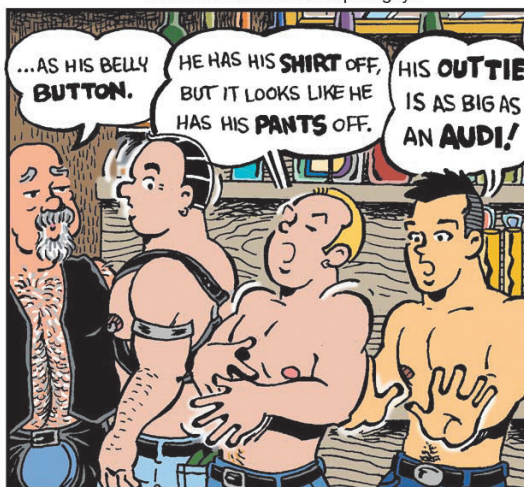
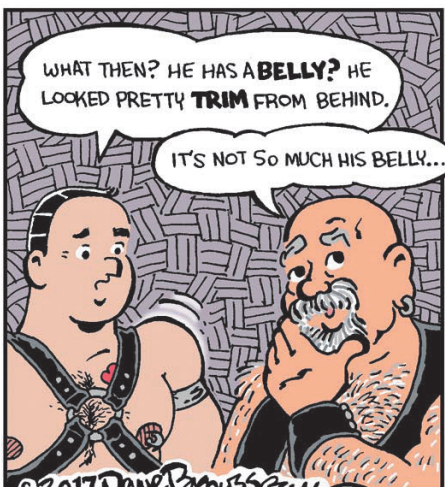
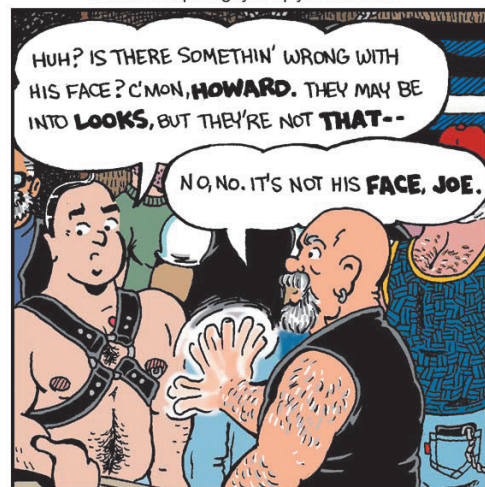
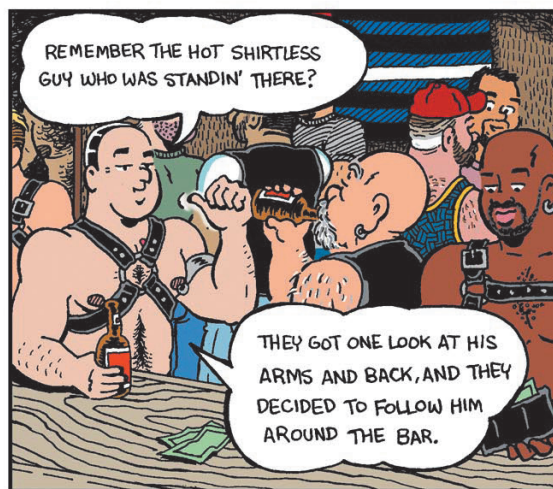
Uh, because it's my *job*, that's why. What would *you* suggest I do? Send anthrax-laced, poison pen letters back to my "attention-seeking freaks," as you call them? Turn on your television, Marylou. Pick a channel, any channel. Perhaps you've been too busy tending your supremacy garden to notice we've entered a new age now, en vogue from the top down, by the morally bankrupt. Thankfully, however, our Dear Leader is *not* The Antichrist; he's just an idiot, garden-variety sociopath, is all. Oh, but FYI, that rheumatoid hand gesture he most commonly uses — you know, where he presses his forefinger against his thumb and extends outward his other three tiny fingers — it's known as, wait for it, The Triangle of Satan. As the famous, six-hundred-sixty-six worded Facebook post from British writer, Matt Haig, torpidly concludes, "It might be the end of the world. But we still can't switch to another channel."

— 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.



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Cassie Nova presents the dance-off winner with his tickets to *Fun Home*.

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- **Alexandre's:** *Blondtourage* on Friday. *Bad Habits* on Saturday. *Wayne Smith* on Sunday. *K-Marie* sings *Broadway* on Tuesday. *Anna Fredericka Popova* on Wednesday. *Chris Chism* on Thursday.
- **Alternate Route:** LGBT comedy show "*Randi's Ha Ha*" at 7 p.m. on Thursday.
- **Cedar Springs Tap House:** *Will & Grace* watch party at 8 p.m. on Thursday.
- **Club Changes:** *Will & Grace* viewing party at 8 p.m. on Thursday.
- **Club Reflection:** *Trinity River Bears* cookout at 4 p.m. and *Imperial Court* and *Texas Gay Rodeo Association* turnabout show at 7 p.m. on Sunday.
- **Dallas Eagle:** *Devin Devasquez* emcees *Aerosol: A Hairspray Review* from 7-10 p.m. on Friday. *United Court of the Lone Star Empire* candidate shows from 7-10 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.
- **JR.'s Bar & Grill:** *Cassie's Freak Show* at 11 p.m. on Monday.
- **Liquid Zoo:** *Wayne Smith* at 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.
- **Marty's Live:** *Valentina* meet-and-greet at 10:30 p.m. and show at midnight on Saturday.
- **Pekers:** *Team Pekers LifeWalk* benefit at 3 p.m. on Sunday.
- **Round-Up Saloon:** *Lip Sync Extravaganza* hosted by *Danny Lee Cabrera* and *Stephanie Oxford* at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.
- **Sue Ellen's:** *Rip the System* on Saturday. *Kathy & Bella* followed by *Bad Habits* on Sunday. *Will & Grace* original series finale at 7 p.m. Encore series premiere at 8 p.m. *Karen Walker* impression contest at 8:30 p.m. Cast interviews at 9 p.m. on Thursday.
- **The Rose Room:** *Miss Gay USofA* at *Large finale* at 9 p.m. on Friday. *Juju Bee* and the *Rose Room* cast perform to benefit the *Greg Dollgener Memorial AIDS Fund* from 6-9 p.m. on Saturday. \$10. *An Evening of Leather and Lace*, the 26th annual *Mr. and Miss Charity America Pageant* at 6 p.m. on Sunday.
- **TMC: The Mining Company:** *Athena O'hara* hosts *Lip Sync in a Bag* on Wednesday at midnight.
- **Urban Cowboy Saloon:** *Drag Brunch with Tara St. Stone* at noon on Sunday. *Will & Grace* watch party at 8 p.m. on Thursday.
- **Woody's Sports & Video Bar:** Sunday *karaoke* from 10 p.m.-close.

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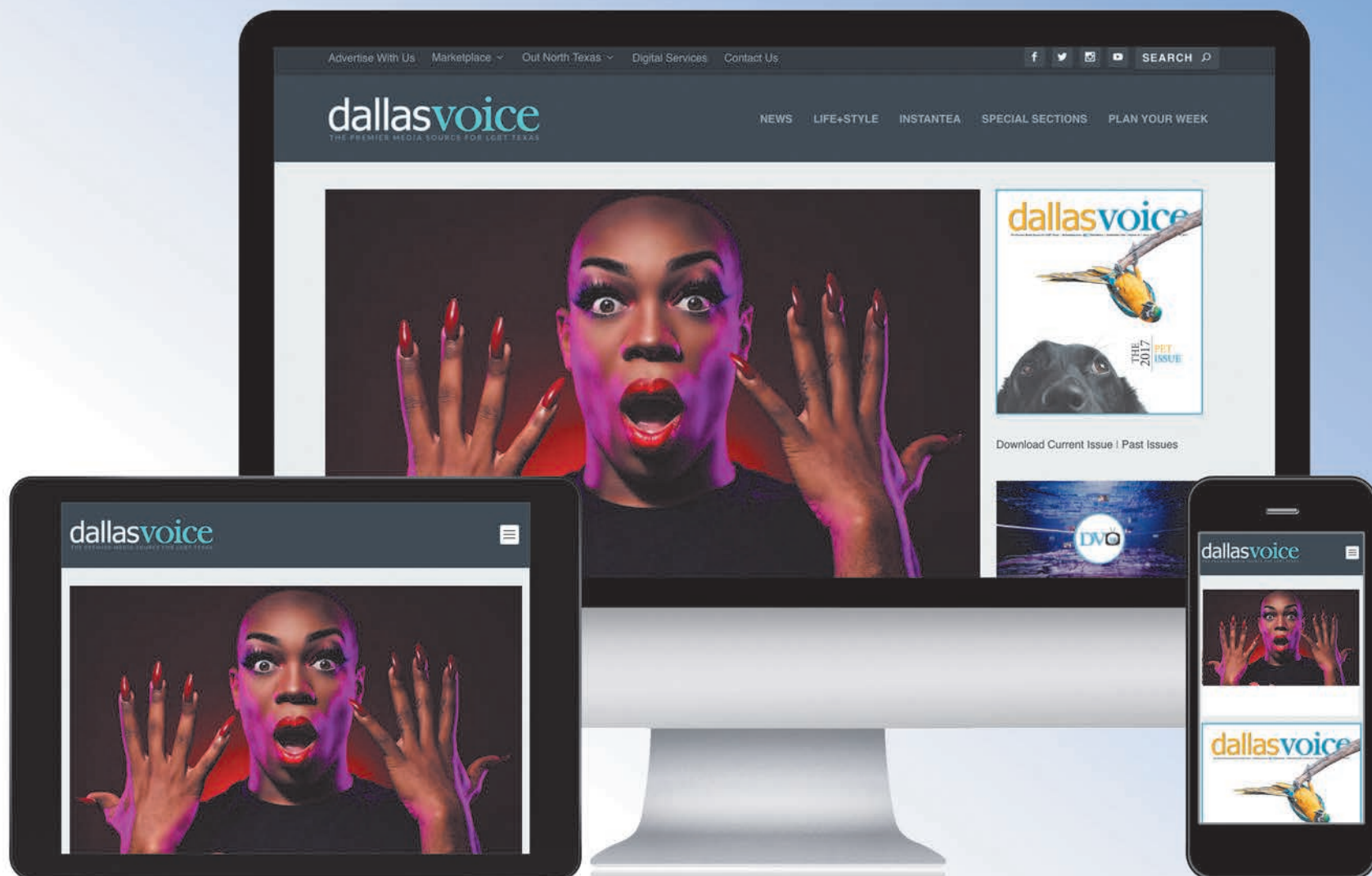
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Edie & Thea

Solution on Page 29

Across

- 1 Family docs
- 4 ISP invested in PlanetOut Partners
- 7 Story about a man scattering his seed, e.g.
- 14 Virginia Woolf novel
- 16 “My own private” state resident?
- 17 Go to the bottom
- 18 With 19-Across, act overturned in the Supreme Court by Edie & Thea’s suit
- 19 See 18-Across
- 21 Ariz. clock setting
- 22 Coin in Nureyev’s pocket
- 23 Robert De ____
- 25 Crude material
- 27 Poet who inspired *Cats*, initially
- 28 “You just gotta have ____ or you’re out of luck” (*Funny Girl*)
- 31 Moan, like Albert to Armand
- 33 Crowd at the gay rodeo?
- 35 Bert, to Ernie
- 36 Takei of *Star Trek*
- 37 With 59-Across, *Edie & Thea*: ____ (2017 film)
- 40 Homo’s tail?
- 43 Former Pakistan president
- 44 Vast area in Asia

- 48 Popular variety of nuts
- 49 Jewelle Gomez’s ____ *Stories*
- 51 ____ Tin Tin
- 52 Very hairy swinger
- 53 One side of Ed Wood
- 55 Areas between hills
- 57 Charlotte of *Facts of Life*
- 59 See 37-Across
- 62 Thea Spyer’s wife Edie
- 64 Relevant to Greer?
- 65 Cockamamie
- 66 Willa Cather character
- 67 *Naked* David
- 68 Lawyer’s thing
- 69 Like McCullers’ cafe

Down

- 1 Come out, perhaps
- 2 Like Liberace’s sequins
- 3 Enjoy the bedroom
- 4 Mitchell of NBC News
- 5 River of Ulrichs’ country
- 6 Petty of *Orange Is the New Black*
- 7 Like an irregular tongue
- 8 “Do” in *The Sound of Music*
- 9 WWII fighter pilots of Eng.
- 10 Deep throat sound
- 11 Yves’ evening utterance
- 12 Avoiding premature ejaculation
- 13 Uey from WSW
- 15 Like a thermometer that tastes funny
- 20 Process for Niles or Frasier
- 24 Wilson of *Zoolander*
- 26 Writer Harper
- 29 Kind of sheet
- 30 Elton John’s “Act of ____”
- 32 Boss of *The Dukes of Hazzard*
- 34 What a computer may spit out
- 36 Stick it in the slow ones
- 38 Rhames of *Holiday Heart*
- 39 Like Abner, before Viagra?
- 40 Emissions-watching org.
- 41 Return to a theme, to Bernstein
- 42 Swimmer where sailors cruise
- 45 What Joan of Arc was maid of
- 46 Years that go both ways?
- 47 Word of preference
- 49 Gay mag and others?
- 50 Heads off
- 54 TÈa of *Spanglish*
- 56 BB’s, e.g.
- 58 Barry Humphries’ Dame
- 60 Tutti-frutti ingredient
- 61 Trait carrier
- 62 “Till There ____ You”
- 63 Title for Ian McKellen

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