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#### What If I Have More Questions About Mytesi?

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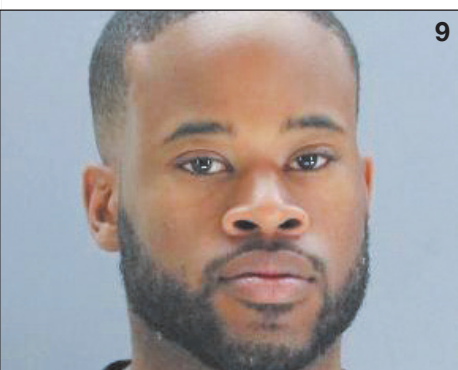
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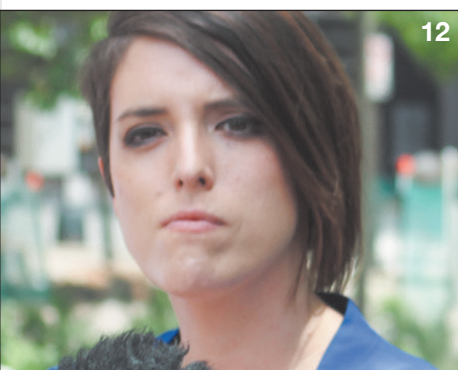
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## Arlington Visitors Bureau cosponsors Gay Day at Six Flags

Gay Day at Six Flags is back. The day is co-hosted by the Arlington Convention and Visitor's Bureau and Dallas Voice.

This year, Gay Day runs from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 9, a week before the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade and the Miller Lite Music Festival in the Park. In the past, Gay Day has taken place on Pride weekend.

You can save more than \$60 on admission

with specially-priced tickets purchased through the Arlington CVB. Gay Day at Six Flags tickets are \$40.99 plus tax. One-day passes normally run \$78.99 and parking is an additional \$25. Gay Day tickets include free parking.

Tickets are available from the CVB on its website at [Arlington.org/gay-day-2018](http://Arlington.org/gay-day-2018).

In conjunction with co-sponsoring Gay Day at Six Flags, the Arlington CVB has also launched its new LGBT travel page: [Arlington.org/plan/lgbtq-travel](http://Arlington.org/plan/lgbtq-travel).

— David Taffet

## Trans woman wins Vermont gubernatorial primary

Christine Hallquist on Tuesday, Aug. 14, won the Democratic primary to run as that party's nominee for governor of Vermont. Hallquist is the first trans person to head a state party's ticket.

A year ago, Jess Herbst, who was mayor of the small Collin County city of New Hope, was the highest-ranking transgender elected official in the U.S. Since then, Danica Rohm has been elected to the Virginia House of Delegates.

Now Hallquist, the former CEO of Vermont Electric Cooperative, is on the ballot for governor. She ran as a business leader, not as transgender, according to the Burlington Free Press.

— David Taffet

## Judge says Trump administration must turn over info on trans military ban

A federal judge in Maryland on Tuesday, Aug. 14, rejected the Trump administration's effort to shield information it used to try and implement a ban on transgender people in the military, officials with the ACLU have announced. The ruling came during a hearing on *Stone v. Trump*, the ACLU's lawsuit on behalf of a dozen transgender individuals currently serving or wanting to serve in the armed forces.

United States Magistrate Judge A. David Copperthite said that the documents were relevant to the administration's intent and that "whether [the ban] was for military purposes or whether it was purely for political and discriminatory purposes is at the very heart of this litigation."

Joshua Block, senior staff attorney with the LGBT & HIV Project, said, "President Trump banned transgender people from serving in the military and then ordered the Department of Defense to come up with pretext to justify that discriminatory decision. [Copperthite's ruling] makes clear that the Trump administration cannot continue to hide the true reasons behind its crusade to purge transgender people from the military."

"These brave men and women should be able to continue serving their country ably and honorably without being discriminated against by their own commander in chief."

— Tammye Nash

## Fireworks thrown at Austin gay bar

Austin police are investigating fireworks that have been thrown at a gay bar twice this summer.

The most recent incident at The Iron Bear — on West 8th Street a block west of Congress Avenue in downtown Austin — happened after 1 a.m. on Aug. 9. The firework landed on the outdoor patio in front of the bar in each occurrence. The first time this happened was on June 29.



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Witnesses didn't have a description of the car from which the fireworks were thrown. About a dozen people were on the patio at the time, but no one was hurt, according to the Austin Statesman.

"There was a bright green flash followed by a burst of smoke," said bar patron Steve Rivas in his 911 call.

Police aren't sure if the bar was targeted because it's a gay bar or because of its outdoor patio. About 30 minutes later, someone threw a firecracker at the Driskoll Hotel about three blocks away.

— David Taffet

## pet of the week / TOUPEE



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## AUGUST

### • **Through September: Pride at the Library**

From UNT's LGBT Archive, the library will exhibit collections from UNT's LGBT Archive, documenting the history and culture of the LGBT community in Dallas at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, Dallas History & Archives (7th floor), 1515 Young St.

• **Aug. 17: MLK Back to School Festival**  
Free school supplies, backpacks, uniforms, haircuts, medical screenings and immunizations from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at MLK Jr. Community Center, 2922 MLK Blvd. Accepting new socks, underwear and t-shirts for boys and girls of all sizes now through Aug. 16 at the community center.

• **Aug. 18: Geek Chic Gaybingo**  
Monthly fundraiser for Resource Center takes place from 6-9 p.m. at the Rose Room at S4, 3911 Cedar Springs Road. 214-540-4458. [MyResourceCenter.org/gaybingo](http://MyResourceCenter.org/gaybingo).

• **Aug. 18: Party on Lake Lewisville**  
Party aboard the Abigail Rose from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. leaving from Pier 121 Marina, Lake Lewisville. Tickets are \$49 at [GALANorthTexas.org](http://GALANorthTexas.org).

• **Aug. 18: Team ASD car wash**  
Get your car washed for \$7 and SUV or truck for \$10, benefiting LifeWalk Team ASD from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. behind the Round-Up Saloon, 3912 Cedar Springs Road.

• **Aug. 19: Log Cabin Republicans**  
Brunch in a new restaurant in Travis Walk from noon-2 p.m. at El Vecino Tex Mex, 4514 Travis St. #201.

• **Aug. 19: Socialize for Mental Wellness**  
Impulse Group Dallas partners with Wil Turner and Cocktails and Conversations to continue its "S" Initiative series with

"Socialize for Mental Wellness" from 3-6 p.m. at TMC: The Mining Company, 3903 Cedar Springs Road. This is a free event but those attending are asked to register. For ages 21 and up only.

• **Aug. 21: Classic Chassis Car Club**  
See, share and enjoy classic cars the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at JR.'s Bar & Grill, 3923 Cedar Springs Road.

• **Aug. 21: Chorale auditions**  
New members auditions for the Turtle Creek Chorale at the Sammons Center for the Arts, 3630 Harry Hines Blvd.

• **Aug. 21: Sex up Your Mind**  
Impulse Group Dallas continues its "S" Initiative series with Sex Up Your Mind, a question-and-answer forum from 7-9 p.m. at Dallas Woody's, 4011 Cedar Springs Road. The panel of "sexperts" includes adult video star Dallas Steele, Valerie Jackson and William Turner. This is a free event but those attending are asked to register. For ages 21 and up only.

• **Aug. 21: Stonewall Democrats of Dallas**  
Stonewall Democrats monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Matito's, 3102 Oak Lawn Ave.

• **Aug. 23: TAG meeting**  
Social committee meeting at 6 p.m. at Strada Caffe, 302 E. Front St., Tyler. [info@TylerAreaGays.com](mailto:info@TylerAreaGays.com)

• **Aug. 24-26: Library book sale**  
Friends of the Dallas Public Library organized the end-of-summer book sale to benefit the library's 29 branches from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday and 1-4 p.m. on Sunday at the Erik Jonsson Library, 1515 Young St.

• **Aug. 25: Team Clover Open**  
Team Clover, a team raising funds for LifeWalk, holds its annual Team Clover Open putt-putt golf pub crawl. For information and to register visit [LifeWalk.org](http://LifeWalk.org) and click on Pre-LifeWalk Events.

• **Aug. 25: Austin Pride**

• **Aug. 25: Silver Pride Project**  
Silver Pride Project mentoring group meets with LGBT youth of Job Corps at



LifeWalk's Team ASD will hold a fundraising car wash Saturday, Aug. 18. See listings for details.

• **Weekly: Lambda Weekly** at 1 p.m. on Sunday on 89.3 KNON-FM with David Taffet, Lerone Landis and the late Patti Fink. This week a panel of guests led by **Gary Bellomy** discuss sexuality; **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; **LGBT Sex Addicts Anonymous** meets at 6 p.m. every Friday at 1919 Independence St., Room 19, Plano. 972-316-9188 for details; **Leadership Lambda Toastmasters** gay-identified Toastmasters group meets from 6:30-8 p.m. every Monday at the First Unitarian Church, 4015 Normandy Road (does not meet on Mondays that are holidays); **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 3918 Harry Hines Blvd.; **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 3918 Harry Hines Blvd.; **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](mailto: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](mailto:pegasussquares@gmail.com); **Dallas Frontrunners** meet for a walk or run on the Katy Trail at Oak Lawn Park, Turtle Creek and Hall Street, every Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. and every Saturday at 9 a.m.; **DVtv in Spayse**, news and entertainment discussion live streaming every Friday, 4-5 p.m., on the Spayse Station YouTube channel.

2 p.m. at Oak Lawn Library, 4100 Cedar Springs Road.

• **Aug. 25: Hero of Hope Award**  
Dale Hansen will speak at cocktail party honoring him from 6:30-9 p.m. at Hilton Dallas Park Cities, 5954 Luther Lane. \$100. [CathedralofHope.com](http://CathedralofHope.com)

• **Aug. 26: Hero of Hope Award**  
Dale Hansen will be presented the Hero of Hope Award at morning services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. at Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road.

• **Aug. 28: Resource Center tour**  
CEO Cece Cox leads a behind-the-scenes tour of Resource Center from 5-6:30 p.m. at 5750 Cedar Springs Road. RSVP to [kfields@myresourcecenter.org](mailto:kfields@myresourcecenter.org).

• **Aug. 28: Stonewall Democrats Tarrant County**  
Texas Association of Business CEO Chris Wallace speaks at a Stonewall Democrats Tarrant County fundraiser at 5:30 p.m. at Lou Lambert and James Smith's river retreat, 4701 White Settlement Road, Fort Worth. \$50.





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# CoH opens youth shelter

Church creates nonprofit wing and hires staff to operate its charitable work

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**C**athedral of Hope senior pastor the Rev. Neil Cazares-Thomas announced at the church's Sunday, Aug. 12 services that the church's new Dallas Hope Charities has opened a shelter for homeless LGBT youth.

The shelter is among several projects Dallas Hope Charities is now operating. Those projects include BACH — Breakfast at Cathedral of Hope — that feeds several hundred people every Saturday, which just marked its 10-year anniversary. On Mondays BACH provides a hot lunch and then sends attendees home with a bag of groceries.

For a number of years, church members have been tutoring students across the street at Maple Lawn Elementary School through another of CoH's programs. And at the start of each year, the church holds a school supply drive for the students at Maple Lawn.

But now these programs have spun off into an organization called Dallas Hope Charities that is also tackling the problem of homeless youth.

The church has been looking at a way to address LGBT youth homelessness for a while, but after last winter's youth homeless count, CoH officials knew they needed to act fast. City officials counted about 200 homeless youth on the streets of Dallas last winter, and more than a quarter of them identified as LGBT. Another 13 percent refused to identify.

And that total count doesn't include youth who were "couch-surfing," who were living somewhere indoors, but without stable shelter or who were in parks or on streets and simply missed.

Jason Vallejo is the new director of Dallas Hope Charities. He said plans for the shelter began when they found a trans kid in

need of housing and identified a property they could use to provide that shelter.

"Things are falling into place," Vallejo told Dallas Voice about a month before the announcement. "The dream is to have a drop-in center with access to resources" that could be turned into a dorm at night.

But to start, Vallejo said, they've secured a property with two beds.

The shelter has a house manager. A counselor will offer support, and a case manager will provide guidance, working with the youth to set weekly goals. Youth at the shelter will be mentored on things like filling out applications and learning how to budget.

For now, the shelter is for LGBT youth 18 and older, and the commitment between Dallas Hope Charities and participating youth is for one year. The property owner gifted the church three months free rent, and the shelter is staffed by volunteers.

Once a youth at the shelter has a job, they'll be required to put 20 percent of their earnings into savings and help pay for food. Trans youth will get help with changing gender markers and obtaining correct ID.

Cline Taplin, development director for Hope Charities, said operating the organization as a nonprofit separate from Cathedral of Hope makes it easier to find funding beyond the church. So far, he's writing grants, looking for individual donors and working with corporate donors to help fund the shelter and other projects.

Some funds are already coming in: Park Cities Ford, located adjacent to the church on Inwood Road, will make a \$40 donation to the youth shelter for every person who takes a test drive on Oct. 17. Big Al's Smokehouse BBQ, next door to the dealership, will donate a portion of its proceeds that day as well.

In addition, the organization has been approved as a partner with the North Texas Food Bank. That will help feed youth at the shelter as well as hundreds of people who come to BACH for Saturday lunch.

As for the location of the shelter, Cazares-Thomas said, "In a perfect world, the shelter would be on [the CoH] campus." And eventually it may be.

He said DHC is talking to Resource Cen-



Jason Vallejo, right, is director of Dallas Hope Charities, and Cline Taplin, left, is the new nonprofit's development director. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

ter about the possibility of jointly building senior housing as well in a space along Cedar Springs Road between Resource Center and Cathedral of Hope. He said the Los Angeles LGBT center has a program that brings seniors and youth together that benefits both groups.

Cathedral of Hope is coming up on its 50th anniversary, and Cazares-Thomas said he wants that to be a significant milestone.

"What do our values tell us to do?" he asked. "How can we be relevant in the world today?"

He said his goals include paying off any debt the church has and beginning an endowment for future generations. He said Dallas Hope Charities' goal is to have an impact beyond the worship community and benefit Dallas and beyond.

Vallejo said, "This will be the first entirely LGBT-focused shelter in Dallas." Promise House shelters quite a few LGBT youth and has one house that is LGBT-specific. He said San Antonio has an LGBT shelter and Lucy's Place in Little Rock is for LGBT youth. Ali Forney Center in New York shelters as many as 500 LGBT youth in houses scattered around the city.

Vallejo seemed to be the perfect fit for church officials looking for someone to head up the new nonprofit. Vallejo said he empathizes with youth who are suddenly unwanted by their families and unwelcome in their community.

He explained that he was the outreach pastor at a megachurch in South Texas. But

when he met his husband at church and came out, "I no longer had a job," he said.

Vallejo said he visited Cathedral of Hope five years ago. It was during that visit that he and his husband were able to take communion together for the first time. They moved here two years ago when his husband got a job as development planner for the city of Murphy.

Vallejo's goal for Dallas Hope Charities is to serve more and more people. Last year, the church served 20,000 meals and gave away 5,600 bags of groceries. By the halfway point this year, they had served more than 13,000 meals.

The meals program is expanding beyond BACH. Taste of Hope now prepares meals and takes them to people living on the streets. So far they've served 200 meals that way.

And one of the church's oldest projects — the AIDS Crisis Fund, which dates back to the mid-1980s — is still operating. It's an emergency fund for church members affected by HIV that might help pay a utility bill or for car repairs, especially when that church member is dealing with a sudden health crisis.

Vallejo stressed that Dallas Hope Charities is doing nothing that competes with other, already established, organizations. When one youth leaves Promise House, another quickly fills the bed. He said his shelter is simply adding a few beds hoping to get a couple of the more than 200 homeless youth off the street. ■



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Lee Covington

judge declared, "The sentence begins today."

Covington was personal assistant to the Rev. Neil Cazares-Thomas, pastor of Cathedral of Hope, and to previous pastor the Rev. Jo Hudson and interim pastor the Rev. Jim Mitulski.

Had the case gone to trial, Rushing would have been charged with capital murder and could have been given the death penalty. His plea deal with prosecutors took the death penalty off the table. He pleaded guilty to the murder, kidnapping and robbery on July 24.

Judge White on Tuesday also sentenced Rushing on a charge unrelated to Covington's death.

Friends and family give victim impact statements as defendant stares intently

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**Y**evin Rushing, 23, was sentenced to life in prison on Tuesday, Aug. 14, after pleading guilty to the July 7, 2017 murder of Lee Covington. In addition, Judge Ernest White sentenced Rushing to 30 years for aggravated kidnapping and 30 years for aggravated robbery.

The sentences are concurrent.

The judge explained that the charges were "aggravated" kidnapping and robbery because the defendant used "a deadly weapon and a knife" in committing the crimes. When he asked the defense attorneys if there was any reason the defendant shouldn't be held, and they said no, the

Covington's neighbors saw Rushing leave Covington's apartment and lock the door behind him on July 7, 2017. A few hours later, witnesses saw Rushing return in a moving truck, planning to empty Covington's apartment.

But in the meantime, Covington's partner, Mack McLeod had returned to the apartment and found Covington dead. He had been bound and beaten and had died of suffocation.

McLeod had called police, who were already at the apartment when Rushing returned with the moving truck, so Rushing continued driving. Police arrested him several days later.

White handed down Rushing's sentences on Tuesday, before a courtroom packed with Covington's family and friends. Several members of Rushing's family sat in the back, but one was overcome with emotion and ran out of the courtroom when White delivered the sentence.

After Rushing was sentenced, five of Covington's friends and family members gave victim impact statements. Rushing was shackled throughout the proceedings, and

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# Voting while trans

Report estimates 78,000 transgender citizens face voting barriers because of photo ID laws

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**C**hristine Hallquist of Vermont made history on Tuesday, Aug. 14, when she became her state's Democratic gubernatorial nominee, and the country's first major party transgender gubernatorial nominee. She faces Gov. Phil Scott, a Republican, in the general election.

Should the former electric company executive win in November, she would be the country's trans governor and only the second openly-LGBT governor. (Oregon Gov. Kate Brown, a Democrat, is bisexual. She faces Republican Knute Buehler in the fall.)

While transgender and genderqueer voters may get out the vote this November in Oregon and Vermont, a new report suggests that an estimated 78,000 transgender people in states with strict voter identification laws may not have identification or documentation that accurately reflects their gender, according to a new report.

The Williams Institute report, co-authored by Jody L. Herman and Taylor N.T. Brown for the think tank based at University of California at Los Angeles' Law School, does not explicitly mention Texas, which recently settled a multi year legal battle against its law, which was the strictest in the country when it passed in 2011. The report instead focuses on eight states, some of which are seen as battleground states in the fall. Those states are Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin.

In states with strict photo ID laws, government election officials and poll workers decide whether a voter's identification ac-

curately identifies the voter and matches the information listed in the voter registration rolls. These states have strict voter ID laws that require voters provide a government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's license, U.S. passport or military ID, in order to vote at the polls.

In Texas, the law was tweaked last session to allow voters who are unable to provide one of seven forms of identification to sign an affidavit attesting they could not obtain proper identification, according to the New York Times.

In April, however, the conservative Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans upheld the state's law in a 2-1 vote. The ruling was the first by a federal court to uphold the law, which plaintiffs argued discriminated against black and Hispanic voters.

"Transgender people who have transitioned often face substantial challenges to obtaining accurate identification," Herman said in a press release. "Requirements for updating the name and gender on official IDs that could be used for voting vary widely by state and federal agency, and the process can be difficult and expensive."

Transgender people of color, young adults, students, people with low incomes and people with disabilities are likely over-represented among the 78,000 eligible transgender voters who face barriers to voting and possible disenfranchisement in the November election.

"Strict voter ID laws could deny thousands of citizens who would otherwise be eligible to vote an opportunity to participate in the democratic process and have their voices heard at the ballot box," said Herman. "Lawmakers, election officials and government agencies must work to ensure that transgender people have equal access to vote."

The report relies on data from the 2017 Current Population Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the 2015 U.S. Transgender Survey. According to the 2015 sur-

vey, conducted by the National Center for Transgender Equality, 46 percent of adult citizens who have transitioned reported that they had no identification documents or records that accurately reflect their gender, meaning their identifications have an incorrect gender marker, an incorrect name or both.

These voter ID laws, which passed following the 2010 Republican wave election that gave the GOP nearly complete control of state legislatures, are supposedly intended to protect electoral integrity and prevent

in jail for voting in the 2016 presidential election while on probation. Mason, who is black, voted with a provisional ballot.

Last year, Rosa Maria Ortega of Grand Prairie, who is in the country with a green card, was sentenced for illegally voting in the 2012 general election and 2014 Republican run-off. (She voted for Attorney General Ken Paxton, she said, who has joined other Texas elected officials in the charge against voter fraud.)

Recently, two Republican former justices of the peace got relatively light sentences



Christine Hallquist, left, speaks with supporter Asfar Basha in Burlington, Vt., earlier this month during her campaign for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. Hallquist made history Aug. 14 when she won the nomination. (Wilson Ring/Associated Press)

voter fraud, according to their backers.

But a 2017 study published in the scholarly Journal of Politics revealed that they "have a differentially negative impact on the turnout of racial and ethnic minorities in primaries and general elections."

They also benefit conservatives, according to authors Zoltan Hajnal and Nazita Lajevardi of the University of California at San Diego and Lindsay Nielson of Bucknell University. They note that the strict laws "skew democracy toward those on the political right."

The laws also come with strict punishments, as two local women learned. Crystal Mason of Rendon, just south of Fort Worth, earlier this year was sentenced to five years

for similar infractions.

In Tarrant County, former JP Russ Casey resigned from office after being found guilty of falsifying signatures on his re-election petition. He only received probation.

Just last month, former JP Brian Hutcheson of Garland was removed from the ballot for similar reasons. And earlier this month, Dallas County Republicans voted Hutcheson to replace their nominee for county judge, former Rowlett Mayor Todd Gottel.

Hutcheson, a straight, cisgender male, who has campaigned as an advocate for conservative Christian values and holds anti-LGBT positions, faces Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins in the fall. ■





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# Back in the classroom

Mansfield teacher starts new school year at a new campus as Mansfield ISD files motion to dismiss her discrimination lawsuit

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Stacy Bailey is starting the new school year as an art teacher at a Mansfield secondary school. While the school district has rehired her and assigned her to a classroom, district officials have also filed a motion in court to dismiss Bailey's discrimination lawsuit against the district.

The former teacher of the year spent most of the 2017-2018 school year on paid administrative leave after doing what every teacher in the district does — introduce herself to her students on the first day of school, showing them photos of herself and her family. For the previous decade, Bailey taught art to kindergarten through fourth graders at Charlotte Anderson Elementary School in Arlington, which is in Mansfield ISD.

What made Bailey's introduction different was she showed pictures of her wife. One student mentioned it to her mother who filed a complaint, claiming that the art teacher was "pushing a gay agenda."

The school district says parents complained about her statements to the children, not her sexual orientation. The district defended itself by claiming it has many gay employees and doesn't discriminate, but when Bailey requested the school district add sexual orientation and gender identity and expression to its non-discrimination policy, the district refused.

In April, Bailey's contract with MISD was renewed, but she was reassigned to a secondary school. In May, she filed a lawsuit against the district claiming discrimination based on her sexual orientation.

Jason Smith, Bailey's attorney, spoke on her behalf. He said MISD filed the motion to dismiss Bailey's lawsuit on Friday, Aug. 10. As long as the judge decides not to dismiss the case, it moves to discovery and a trial date will be set, probably for late 2019.

Discovery will demonstrate Bailey isn't the only lesbian teacher in the district sent the message to keep her identity quiet. Other gay and lesbian teachers in Mansfield have had similar experiences, Smith said.

"The fact that MISD in their motion to dismiss tries to assert the constitution doesn't protect gays and lesbians provides insight into why they treated Stacy the way they did," Smith said. "Since 2003, the Su-



Stacy Bailey, left, and her wife, Julie Vasquez, at a press conference to announce Bailey's lawsuit against Mansfield ISD earlier this year. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

preme Court has repeatedly ruled you can't discriminate."

The 2003 case *Smith* was referring to was *Lawrence v. Texas*, which invalidated sodomy laws across the country and made same-sex relationships legal and free from prosecution.

Smith said the district's refusal to add sexual orientation and gender identity/gender expression to its nondiscrimination policy is "so telling."

While claiming the school district doesn't discriminate against LGBT faculty and staff, in its motion to dismiss, it devotes two pages to declaring that "sexual orientation is not a protected class." The school district also asserts in its motion that Bailey has "suffered no adverse employment action," and therefore can't file a claim against the

district.

Bailey's lawsuit said the fact that she was removed from the classroom for a school year and then reassigned from the elementary school she loved to a secondary school, although she has no experience teaching older students, proves the discrimination.

Bailey's suit says the district through its actions sends the discriminatory message that if LGBT teacher happens to be hired, they can't teach elementary school. And if a teacher legally marries a same-sex partner, that teacher can't mention their marriage the way teachers in opposite-sex relationships do, and that LGBT employees of the district would be better remaining in the closet.

Smith said Bailey always used age-appropriate language in the classroom. She called her spouse her wife, just as others teaching the same grade would say.

Meanwhile, he said, Bailey is happy to be back in the classroom.

"She loves teaching and opening kids' eyes to art," Smith said. "But she's heartbroken she was moved from the school she loved."

Smith said Bailey is "one of my favorite clients I've ever represented." As an example of the kind of person she is, he said that while she was on forced leave, she spent her time playing music for patients in hospice.

Smith said Bailey is thankful for all the support she's gotten from students, parents and other teachers. But, he added, "She wishes higher-ups were as supportive." ■



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during the impact statements, he sat quietly, staring intently as each person spoke.

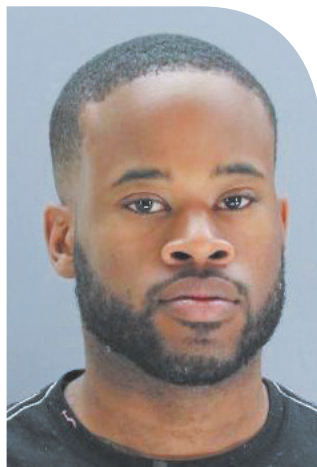
The Rev. Erin Wyma of Cathedral of Hope was in the courtroom, and she described Rushing as having "dead eyes" as he stared at Covington's family and friends.

The first to speak were Harold and Kathleen Copenhaver, Covington's sister and brother-in-law. Kathleen Copenhaver described how her parents had gotten frail since the murder, and she spoke about trying to find a way to forgive Rushing and move on with her life. But, she said, she still has difficulty understanding the crime.

"I will always struggle with the why," she said.

McLeod talked about losing his partner and how, at that moment when he found Covington's body, everything in his life changed. He said the plans they were making for a vacation and for retirement all came crashing down. Everything about his life suddenly stopped, he said.

"Through Lee, I became more adventurous," McLeod said, but added that since Covington's death, he has again become



Yevin Rushing

more withdrawn. Addressing Rushing, McLeod said, "July 17, 2017 changed everything for me." Then he asked the court to never consider parole for Rushing. Janet Maddox, who said she and Covington had been friends for more than 37 years, said that when she heard of his murder, she couldn't believe it was true. "It made no sense," she said, adding that the more she learned about Rushing, the less sense Covington's murder made.

"Three months to the day after your son was born," Maddox admonished Rushing. "Why? At 22 years old, you chose to ruin

your life?" Returning his stare, she added, "You took away something that can never be replaced."

Rushing's girlfriend and son were in the courtroom July 24 when he pleaded guilty, but weren't there this week when he was sentenced.

Cazares-Thomas was concise as he addressed Rushing on Tuesday. He wanted to make sure no doubt was left about the intent when Rushing entered Covington's apartment.

"His life was less important than your greed," he said. "You tied him up, beat him and suffocated him."

Cazares-Thomas, who was called to the apartment before the medical examiner removed Covington's body that day, stressed that Covington's death wasn't something that happened accidentally when Rushing was trying to rob Covington, as had been suggested. It was, the minister said, "cold, brutal murder," going on to describe to Rushing the vivid details of Covington's body that day.

Once Cazares-Thomas stepped down

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A new entrance from Cedar Springs Road recently opened, marked by a stone monument with the church's name on it.

The new street has been named Lee Covington Way.

from the stand, Rushing was removed from the courtroom to begin his sentence.

After the penalty phase hearing concluded, friends and family gathered outside the courtroom. The prosecutor came out and said it was good to see so many friends were interested. He said in too many cases, no one shows up.

"That's how we do it in the gay community in Dallas," someone told him. ■





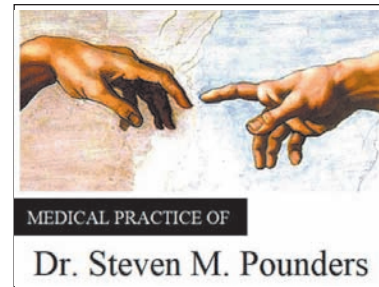
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# This is NOT OK



Bigots target  
12-year-old  
trans girl



Leslie McMurray  
Accidental Activist

Sunday morning, I was lounging in bed with a cup of coffee enjoying a weekend that was all too

short. I was perusing Facebook — I find myself spending less and less time there anymore — and looking at new photos my daughter had posted of my new grandson, who born on the Fourth of July.

Then I saw it — a post about a 12-year-old transgender girl named Maddie, who lives in Achille, Okla., and who was being called absolutely horrible, disrespectful things even though she had done nothing wrong.

There were even threats of physical violence made by adults who were also encouraging Maddie's classmates to cause her physical harm.

It started on Maddie's first day of the new school year. She was in a new school building, and she didn't have the lay of the land yet; she hadn't yet been told where the faculty restroom she normally used was located. So when nature called, she did what any other girl would do: she used the girls' restroom.

That really should be the end of the story right there. But it's not.

Apparently, word got back to the mother of one of Maddie's fellow students, and soon that parent, Jamie Crenshaw, posted a "Head's Up" in an Achille ISD parents group on Facebook, directed to parents of students at Maddie's school. Crenshaw used abusive language targeting this young lady and intentionally used incorrect pronouns in referring to her.

Then Jamie Crenshaw's post was shared on a relative's Facebook page, and many others started piling on. And the insults turned into threats.

Let me stop here to say that it's honestly hard for me to even write this. What is wrong with these people?! I've been wrestling with writing this for days. It sickens me. But I believe people need to know what happened.

Parent Seth Cooper posted: "Let Parker whip his ass until he quits coming to school." I can only assume "Parker" is a fellow student who is being given permission to assault another child. Hopefully Parker has better sense than these pitchfork-wielding idiots claiming to be adults.

Several posts used "it" and "thing" and worse to refer to the transgender child, and more than one threatened violence against Maddie.

Some called on churches to get involved in this bigot-driven hatefest. Wouldn't that be the height of hypocrisy?! Churches must stand against violent threats made toward children!

Where are the voices of political leaders? Their silence is deafening.

I was in a meeting with the policy committee of a north Texas school board a while back. We were working on an anti-bullying policy that included gender identity and sexual orientation. We were asked why those protections were needed.

THIS IS WHY!

If your child's school doesn't offer those protections, it's high time they did!

Usually when one thinks of a bully, it's a fellow classmate that has a shittier life than their target and a chip on their shoulder. They decide to take out their frustrations on someone unable to defend themselves either physically or verbally.

I was bullied in school, and it wasn't fun. But it was nothing like this. Parents never threatened my life. My story wasn't in the Dallas Morning News and the Washington Post.

This is different. And it needs to stop. I want you to come with me, back to the





there were so many new kids.

Now imagine going through that day and being transgender.

Maddie and kids like her don't want your pity. What they want is an education. What they want is to NOT feel different.

Schools need to understand that gender identity is protected medical information under FERPA. That's serious stuff.

Forcing transgender kids like Maddie into "staff bathrooms" singles them out. It raises

questions about "Why." Transgender kids should be treated like any other kid.

School is hard enough as is for those of us who are different. We sure as hell don't need parents like Eddie Belcher posting on social media that "A good sharp knife will do the job real quick."

Thankfully, Achilles ISD Supt. Rick Beene closed the schools for a couple of days to allow things to cool off a bit. But really — what the hell is the matter with these people?

Education is the key. Hopefully, these poor, ignorant small-town bigots can be educated, and maybe they won't be so frightened of a 12-year-old girl that they feel the need to threaten violence against her.

Open season on children? That is definitely not OK.

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first day of school. Your first day of junior high. Mine was in early September 1970. Hill Junior High in Long Beach, Calif. I had only been in public school for four years by then, because I went to a private school up until third grade.

Public school had been quite an awakening. I was scared and nervous that first day of junior high.

Remember that junior high is the absolute worst time for being different. And some kids really have a capacity for cruelty. Puberty is also a major player. Mine was late, so I was on the small side. I'd gone from being left alone as a sixth grader at the top of the heap to being the lowest of the low — a new seventh grader in a new school that seemed huge. We didn't have one classroom all day anymore; now we had different classes to go to. I had a locker. I didn't know where everything was, and



# Granola cluster



The progressiveness of the Pacific Northwest is embodied in the offbeat focal points of Oregon: Urban Portland and the adventurous Tualatin Valley

A North Carolinian once described her state as a vale of humility between two mountains of conceit ... jabs at neighboring Virginia and South Carolina, to be sure, while also a humble-brag about the Tarheel State. Oregon could surely make a similar claim if it chose to. Sandwiched between the powerful economic and cultural bulwark of California and the trendsetting tech-giant of Washington State, Oregon boasts only one large city but substantial natural resources (it's the ninth largest by area but 27th by population), as well as scenic beauty (more than half its area is forested). But perhaps most significant for a Left Coast enclave, Oregon embodies an ingrained progressivism that infiltrates deeply into the structures of the society: Widespread public transportation, environmentally friendly social policies, some of the nation's most tolerant marijuana, assisted suicide and gay rights laws. (See sidebar, Page 19.) That's the kind of crunchy-granola cred that reminds you that not *all* of America is Trump's America.

The hinge point of this proud refuge of liberalism is Portland in the upper Western part of the state (it abuts the border with Washington; Seattle is a mere 150 miles

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away). In some ways, the region is a study in contrasts: The streets, the compactness (downtown is easily walkable), the homes, the sense of embedded cultural traditions all imbue the city center with an East Coast vibe. Don't be surprised when strolling among the city's 600,000-plus residents to see businesses whose signs declare "est. 1879;" even many newer, trendier shops are housed within converted warehouses, factories and even brothels. But drive a few miles outside of town, and you're in another world of rolling hills (the western profile of the majestic, 11,000-foot high Mt. Hood 50 miles to the southeast is visible from the city) and densely-wooded parks; a little further out, and you're in farmland, especially the vineyards of the northern part of the Willamette Valley, famed for its tender wines. Which means it's possible to enjoy both an eco-vacation for outdoorsy adventurers and a bustling, welcoming city for urban progressives.

## Portland

If you've seen the series *Portlandia*, you probably have preconceived notions of what Portland is like: chill, politically-correct raw-organic gluten-free vegans clad only in Birkenstocks and vintage denim, whose lack of ambition is celebrated. There is definitely some of that. (Observation: Service-industry types aren't the most diligent, though they are friendly and it's nice never to feel rushed.) Nevertheless, Nike and Columbia Sportswear are headquartered in nearby Beaverton, and Intel and Adidas are major employers in the region; you don't need to be a hippie to be happy here.

But you also don't need to, say, own collared shirts. My entire time in the area, I saw maybe three men (all concierges) wearing neckties, and the priciest, hippest restaurants don't give you a second look if you arrive in short and flip-flops. Casual is the proud default setting of the society (which means it's difficult for tourists to stand out among the locals).

And even some of the touristy destination points have a lot to recommend them, even to the indiginous folks. Drive just west of downtown to explore Pittock Mansion





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to take a breathtaking history tour of a staggering, century-old chateau overlooking the city. The Portland Japanese Garden is just down the street, as is the Portland Zoo. And Powell's booksellers is the largest independent purveyor of literature anywhere. You'll see as many Portlanders in these places as visitors.

Powell's main store is in the Pearl District, one of the distinct downtown neighborhoods, though they tend to have fuzzy

borders. Still, you'd do well to concentrate your activities either here, in Chinatown/Old Town to the east, the West End Cultural District just below Pearl, or even the University District a dozen or more blocks south, where the low-rise, boutiquey Hotel Modera served as our home base.

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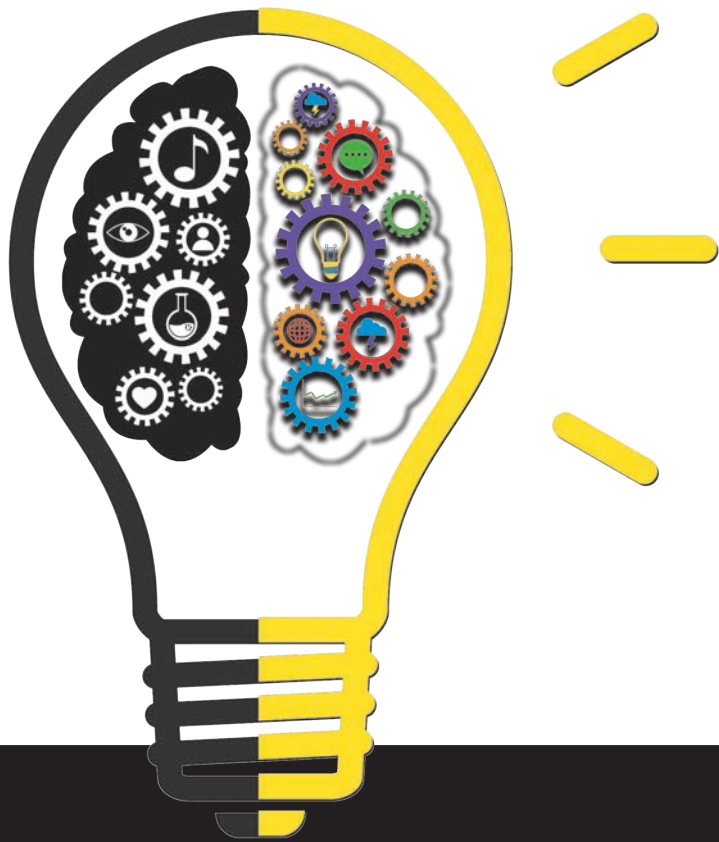
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A full city block is transformed by the serenity of a Ming Dynasty-era scholar's garden, above; opposite, sampling the (legal) weed at a dispensary.

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Society Hotel in the center of the so-called gayborhood, to Kimpton's Hotel Monaco, the Mark Spencer Hotel and the Crystal Hotel. Everywhere is an easy walk, so you almost can't go wrong.

The McMenamin Brothers have substantial holdings across the region, many with a distinctive, funky vibe that reflect the McMenamins' own preoccupations (the Grateful Dead, native Oregonians, myth and lore and whimsy). One signature spot downtown, the Crystal Hotel, is a focal point for queer Portland. Over the course of its lifetime, the former auto shop has been a shady nightclub, a music venue and a gay bathhouse (the walls are adorned with photos and histories, including the many drag queens and Pride events that have taken place within its structure since at least the 1970s). You can take a walking tour of the upper floors, listen to live music at Al's Den in the basement or get a drink and bite in the street-level Zeus Café.

The hotel is not *officially* in the Pearl District, but it might as well be — its position on Burnside near 12th serves as a marker for one of the densest neighborhoods for hangs and head shops, bars and bistros. There are substantial and diverse culinary opportunities to indulge in all over, but especially in this area.

For sweets, Ruby Jewel Scoops serves

housemade ice creams sandwiched between a variety of fresh cookies — sort of a more portable version of Amy's. You can't miss it as you walk by. The same cannot be said for Pepe Le Moko, a few blocks away. The blink-and-you'll-miss-it speakeasy is a chill underground rathskeller with an unassuming storefront... unless you go late when people line up outside for a table or stool to free up in the intimate, jazzy, low-lit cocktail lounge. If you want more light, Port City Grill is the area's reigning "best vista" spot for lunch, dinner or drinks, a 360-degree 30th-floor restaurant with unobstructed skyline views.

Recently-opened Tanner Creek Tavern serves hip modern American fare, like deviled duck wings. It also has a decent tap wall of local brews. Agnes is another new high-end eatery featuring Parisian specialties. Right across the street is the more established — and wildly popular — Tasty N Alder, which hosts a happy hour til 5:30 with drinks and bites; it opens for dinner right after, and doesn't take reservations, so get your name on the list early so you can delight in uncommonly good items like grilled octopus and panna cotta with fresh berries and vanilla. Everywhere you eat is pretty relaxed here, including Clyde

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### Ahoy-hoy! 5 facts you need to know about Portland

Whenever you visit a city as a tourist, you have to remember: You're also visiting a place where people actually live their lives. The point is to soak in the local color, as well as the quirks, so that you feel more at home. Here are a few things about Portland to keep in mind.

1. **Diversity is celebrated...** but it's not as common as you might think. Businesses from the hotels to the YWCA proudly display inclusiveness policies based on race, gender, etc., but Oregon is actually one of the whitest states in the union (it became a state just before the Civil War as a whites-only territory). That said, the White Supremacist rally earlier this month, which was horrendous and violent, did not specifically involve many locals; indeed, Portland was targeted by outsiders specifically because of its liberal leanings.

2. **Homelessness is a real problem.** Every city has homeless people, but in Portland it seems more pronounced than many other cities... as well as pervasive across many neighborhoods. The current mayor of Portland was even elected by running on an "I can fix the homelessness problem" platform.

3. **Car culture is not the same.** We have lots of wide-open spaces in Texas, but parking is at a premium in downtown Portland... like literally. It costs a fortune to park at hotels, parking spots are more rare than reasonable Trump policies (and fairly pricey) and by law, you can't pump your own gas. Use your feet, public transportation, bike and scooter rentals and ride share as much as possible.

4. **They don't understand the real meaning of climate change.** Many locals complained about the scorching heat while I was here... when it was in the 80s. A lot of places don't have air conditioning, cuz why would they? You're likely to get slightly chilly in the morning, even in August.

5. **Matt Groening is from here.** When you walk around, especially in the Pearl, you might have this uneasy sense of deja-vu when looking at street signs: Flanders. Lovejoy. Terwiliger. Kearney. Quimby. Montgomery. Burnside. Wolfcastle. (I made that last one up.) Sound familiar? The Simpsons' creator is a Portlander, and many characters on the show are named for local avenues. There's even a Couch Street — as in the series' opening "couch gag" — although it's pronounced "cooch" ... which is even funnier.

— Arnold Wayne Jones



## Pride Festival for Kids!

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Common, which has great bites like crispy skin-on drumsticks, flavored popcorn and refreshing cocktails in an open atmosphere.

A block from Clyde Common is Scandals, one of the most established gay bars in the city. Portland has gone through a transition in terms of its gay scene, which many locals are begrudgingly happy about: The former “official” gayborhood adjacent to Chinatown still has several gay bars (C.C. Slaughters is the largest) and clubs (Darcelle XV, owned by the world-recording-holding female impersonator Darcelle who, at 88, is the oldest still-active drag queen on the planet) and rooftops (the Society Hotel, *de facto* gay if not explicitly so), but the city is so welcoming, a specific gay ghetto is perceived as unnecessary.

If you start at C.C. Slaughters, it’s a brief walk to Lan Su Chinese Garden, an entire city block transformed into a Ming Dynasty-style scholar’s garden. Peaceful and lovely, it’s a soothing bit of calm in the middle of one of the dodgier neighborhoods in the city. You can even enjoy a traditional tea ceremony inside the teahouse, and vegetarian dumplings and a plate of



The super-casual, subterranean hipster bar Pepe Le Moko exudes a bluesy chill vibe, above; for a different kind of beverage, sample a flight of hot chocolates at La Provence.

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spicy baked tofu.

The tofu isn't the only thing that gets baked in Portland — marijuana was legalized for recreational purposes in January 2017. (Although there's virtually no sales tax in Oregon for retail purchases, there is on weed, and it's pretty high — so to speak — at 20 percent.) Dispensaries dot the city, and if all are like Serra down near the waterfront where we stopped in, they are clean and open — Trader Joe's for weed. (You need an ID and have to be over 21; they only take cash; and you can't smoke on premises or really in any public place, so personal, private consumption is, like, totally copacetic, dude.) The bud wranglers — they call themselves docents, but whatevs — can walk you through the selection process like sommeliers a wine bar.

Tualatin Valley

Speaking of wine, this is an area that likes to support its local culinary leaders: Not just winemakers, but coffee roasters, distillers, tea purveyors, craft beer brewers and even chocolatiers.

The Willamette Valley runs much of the length of the state, with the northern tip, just outside Portland, known as Tualatin Valley — a largely rural area of 18 towns (among them Beaverton, Hillsboro, Forest

Grove and Sherwood), with farmland and wineries stretching along the horizon.

The McMenamins-owned Grand Lodge in Forest Grove is beautifully representative of the Gestalt of the region. This boutique property has no TVs or coffee pots in the rooms, no room service — none of the “traditional” amenities, all of which seems appropriately hip and chill. Who needs a TV screen when you have a window looking out into the greenery of Mother Nature? A former Masonic old folks' home from the turn of the last century, the space underwent a glorious restoration in 2000 that, from what I can tell, did not recreate its original features so much as celebrate the past while adding quirky touches. Fire doors are sometimes closed, maintaining quite in the halls away from the rooms but also changing the look of the place, as if the walls can move.

And sometimes they can. Several secret passages are embedded in the woodwork-ing and freaky paint jobs. The basement spa, called Ruby's, is allegedly named for a witch who haunts the grounds. (Ghost stories feel authentic within these corridors.) Hallways are dotted with seating vignettes, as if you'd be expected to stop on your way to breakfast to read from one

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The Grand Lodge boutique hotel in Forest Grove is more like a funhouse (or haunted house) than the restored masonic old-folks' home it originally was.

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of the books in your room. (The rooms in The Attic, the funky third floor, are named for books by the likes of Pacific Northwesterners like Ursula K. Le Guin (*The Left Hand of Darkness*) and Richard Brautigan (*Trout Fishing in America*). Run downstairs for a drink at the Ironwork Bar, or a bite at the Ironwork Grill, where we enjoyed a hearty breakfast. (There are several other dining options on premises, as well.) Or walk upstairs to the first-run movie theater inside the hotel.

For more on-site relaxation, get a sooth-

ing and invigorating facial at Ruby's Spa, or take a dip in the rustic, kidney-shaped soaking pool. Or take a half-hour drive to Beaverton, and you can partake in a European-themed spa experience at the British Manor Spa.

The downtown of Forest Grove, just a

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mile or so down the main drag, is a quaint few blocks of boutiques and some nice restaurants. Someone recommended the Hawaiian resto Kama'aina, but we settled in at Bites, a super-cas pan-Asian-fusion eatery with delish but reasonably-priced cocktails (the lovely Japanese slipper was just six bucks), ahi tuna tataki, deep-fried tempura avocado wedges drizzled in spicy aioli and a Pacific Northwest take on shrimp and grits made with cheesy polenta and juicy prawns.

Forest Grove is a good central location inside the Tualatin Valley for exploring two genuine draws to the region: the outdoors and its concomitant activities, and the obsession with craft-style adult beverages.

Tree To Tree Adventures in nearby Gaston offer canopy ziplining excursions, from a tour of half a dozen heart-pumping runs (the longest: a 45-second quarter-mile flight from 30-plus feet above the forest floor) to obstacle courses and other activities. You can also go hiking amid the low ranges (the elevation is only 300 feet). But if you really want to experience nature the way it was meant to be, with more than 30 wineries in the region (as well as about 17 local breweries), set aside at least one day exclusively for wineries.

Although not as storied as Napa or Sonoma to the south, the wine-growing region of Oregon is one of the three most extensive in the U.S., with the Willamette Valley especially famous for its pinots — pinot noir, pinot grigio, even the obscure varietal pinot blanc. (The weather is too cool, even in summer, for the hot day/cold nights needed to forge a hearty cabernet sauvignon or zinfandel.) But actually, that output is more diverse than you might expect. Ponzi Vineyards in Sherwood — one of the founding wineries of Oregon's boom and the only one centered in Tualatin Valley — will happily serve you a progressive flight on the scenic patio at their tasting room, including a reserve chardonnay that is so unlike the predictably oaky butter-bombs of California that you'll wanna check the label twice to make sure you didn't mishear. And the winery is one of the few in the U.S. that grows the Italian dolcetto grape, for a rich red.

After a flight of wines here, you'll probably want to head into town and wander among the shops, produce stands and attractions. Be sure to stop in at South Store Café. Located in a century-old farmhouse, its kitschy touches (eclectic decor, period photos and mismatched furnishings) belie some serious food, especially the pastry window, where a jam scone will make your mouth sing. Or try a half-sandwich

that's big enough to make you glad you didn't get the full-sized.

For an unexpected local delight, the Forest Grove-based SakeOne was the first craft sake distillery in the U.S., taking advantage of the naturally soft water in the region. There's a tasting room where you can sample a vast array of subtle variations in the sake culture, from flavors to clarity to what works best cold or warm. Some of the SakeOne brands (Momokawa, Moonstone) are available in North Texas, but thrill your friends by bringing back the

G Fifty, a refreshing and intense specialty sake currently in limited distribution.

After more exploring — maybe another winery? You're on vacation, after all — stop in at the still-new Midway Firehouse Pizza in Hillsboro, a kind of boot-and-pickup honkytonk eatery which has a surprisingly extensive tap wall of mostly local brews and some kicky pizza; one, the Tiller taco pizza (discounted for taco Tuesdays, natch), does a phenomenal job of capturing the essence of a taco in the idiom of pizza. (As in many aspects of

life, the 9-inch was plenty filling, especially if you share or get a salad or side of pepperoni chips.)

At La Provence in Orenco Station, I enjoyed a different kind of flight — one of sippable *chocolats*, from Parisian-style to Italian to mint or spicy. Served alongside a filling breakfast of big, buttery croissants and fluffy omelet, it's an elegant European touch that reflected a lot of the Old-World touches that repeatedly surprised me about this raw jewel of the Pacific Northwest.

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## Saturday 08.18

### Kathy Griffin roars back with new standup set

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**DEETS:** Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. 8 p.m. ATPAC.org.

# LIFE+STYLE

## best bets

## Friday 08.24 — Sunday 09.02

### The Pink Scare gets a clever treatment in the Cold War comedy 'Perfect Arrangement'

During the height of the Cold War, the Red Scare made everyone a little paranoid. But there was also a *Pink Scare* — those sexual deviants known as "homosexuals." Two folks in the State Department tasked with investigating such subversives end up being a closeted man and woman. *Perfect Arrangement* is a clever comedy about serious matters, closing out Uptown Players' 2017–18 season. It runs an abbreviated two weekends at the Kalita.

**DEETS:** Kalita Humphreys Theater, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. UptownPlayers.org.



## Friday 08.24

### Lost '80s Live takes a retro look at pop music in concert

The '80s were an exciting time of changes in pop music, led by New Wave acts like A Flock of Seagulls, Wang Chung, Animation, When in Rome and scores more. All of those, and some more, will perform at Verizon this week. And look for our interview with Wang Chung's Nick Feldman next week in Dallas Voice and DallasVoice.com.

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**Hand to God.** An immersive, open-seating production of the hit play about a Christian congregation and puppet ministry, and a man who speaks only through a hand puppet... although all is not what it seems. Addison Theatre Centre, 15650 Addison Road. Through Aug. 26. WaterTowerTheatre.org.

**Heisenberg/Actually Double Feature.** Theatre 3 opens its season with a double feature of two one-act plays: Heisenberg follows the aftermath of a surprise kiss by two strangers on a train, and Actually dives into the murky world of sexual ethics. Theatre 3, 2900 Routh St. in the Quadrangle. Through Aug. 26. Thetare3Dallas.com.

**School of Rock.** The Andrew Lloyd Webber musical, based on the hit film about an unorthodox teacher. Fair Park Music Hall, 901 First Ave. Through Aug. 26; Bass Performance Hall, 535 Commerce St., Fort Worth, Aug. 28–Sept. 1. DallasSummerMusicals.org. BassHall.com.

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**EXHIBITIONS**  
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**STUNT SHOW**  
**Marvel Universe Live!** A live-action stunt show, featuring character from the comics. Fort Worth Convention Center, 1201 Houston St., Fort Worth, Aug. 16–19. MarvelUnivserseLive.com.

**FRIDAY 08.17**  
**COMMUNITY**  
**Panoptikon.** The weekly retro disco dance party, presented by Lord Byron. Red Light, 2911 Main St. Doors 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY 08.18**  
**COMMUNITY**  
**FrontRunners.** Gay jogging/walking group meets weekly at 9 a.m. in Oak Lawn Park at Hall Street and Turtle Creek Boulevard for a run along the Katy Trail.

**CONCERTS**  
**Kathy Griffin: Laugh Your Head Off Tour.** The comedian performs. Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. 8 p.m. ATPAC.org.

**MONDAY 08.20**  
**CABARET**  
**Mama's Party.** Weekly cabaret night with special guest performances. Uptown Theatre, 120 E. Main St., Grand Prairie. 7:35 p.m. \$10.

**TUESDAY 08.21**  
**FILM**  
**Ninotchka.** The great early film star Greta Garbo took on her first real comedy role in this Ernst Lubitsch political farce. 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 08.23**  
**CABARET**  
**Glitterbomb Denton.** Weekly queer variety show with a new lineup every Thursday, now at a new locale and new time. Andy's Bar, 122 N. Locust St., Denton. 8 p.m.

**FRIDAY 08.24**  
**THEATER**  
**Perfect Arrangement.** Two State Department officials in the 1950s — a closeted gay man and lesbian in committed same-sex relationships — are assigned the task of unearthing homosexuals in the Cold War comedy. Presented by Uptown Players. Kalita Humphreys Theater, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. Aug. 24–Sept. 2. UptownPlayers.org.

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How to do the wrong thing right

Lobster grilled cheese or sex with Kendall Jenner?

Such is our guns-of-August question this sizzling month. But first, a torpid prepper.

Apparently, my tires were due for rotating (whatever the hell that means) and, true to form, I was shanghaied into an “alignment” while they were at it, plus some crucial filter that I never remotely knew existed was naturally in the direst of straits, too. Rey, the tire center’s service representative, sucked in his breath, a look of terror on his face worse than even Roy Scheider’s chum-baiting, “You’re gonna need a bigger boat!” Rey gasped in mortification, “Mr. Ruzzell, about how long’s it been since you changed out this dern filter?”

“Well, lemme think,” I pondered, putting to use my doctorate in auto mechanics. “Probably, Rey, I’d guess it was about the last time I ever looked under my hood.” Earnestly solemn — licking his poised pencil tip in hand, and all — Rey chomped my baited hook: “So, ballpark, about when wouldja say that wuz, Mr. Ruzzell?”

“Hmrrrrrrrr? Well, ballpark, it was either when the Rangers went to the Super Bowl last, or else it was probably more likely when my Park Place sales rep slammed down the hood back in, oh, March of 2013 as he tossed me the keys. Just out of curiosity’s sake, Rey, about how long do you think this wheel rotary thing’s gonna take anyhow — ballpark?”

Rey’s showroom (lit up as dauntingly as a Nuremberg rally) reeked an aromatic trifecta combined of artificial rubber, oily lubricants and stale Mary Jane; my hippocampus throbbed: “Rey, is there at least, like, any coffee or a TV room? Even a newspaper, maybe, while I wait?” Already, I was debating whether to just bolt and head over to the gorgeously relaxing, highway-robbery Park Place for a loaner. “Heck,” he grunted, nodding toward a grim looking doorway, “we got it all — vendin’ machines and everthang. Knock yourself out. It shouldn’t be mighty long.”

To say that the waiting room’s aesthetic could have given any state-of-the-art laundromat, circa 1967, a good run for its money — faded sherbet-hued plastic “scoop” chairs, metallic ivy wallpaper, linoleum flooring the color of scorched marmalade, the obligatory, barely still living philodendron positioned underneath a spot where the roof sometimes leaks — would have been an insult to The Summer of Love. Fittingly, my reading choices to select from (all two of them) practically echoed a New Yorker cartoon: The one where a grizzled hayseed donning a MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN cap waits impatiently at the veteran’s clinic leaping through the office’s latest Time with a frustrated snort, “Oh my, President Johnson’s Great Society Program is in danger of budgetary cuts due to escalating Vietnam spending.” (Hey, hey, LBJ, how many kids did you kill today?)

Both my own periodical options were equally as out of touch with reality, larded with the usual, mind-numbingly dyspeptic, lowest common-denominator clichés that could put even a kangaroo slamming meth up to the rafters asleep: O The Oprah Magazine sagely decried from its passé, seven-month-old cover, “LOBSTER GRILLED CHEESE OR SEX? ‘I choose sex,’ said no one ever.” Meanwhile, on

the eight-month-old, ancient-history cover of Harper’s Bazaar, vogueed a dead-faced Kendall Jenner channeling an even tawdrier doppel-ganger of Nancy Sinatra (Whodathunk such a feat possible!) posing in scant more than a white marabou feather boa, black accordion go-go boots and a pair of gargantuan blinged-out hoop earrings rivaling the girthy circumference of her boyfriends’ cock rings (perhaps she borrowed them from one) replete with a narcissistically perfect, cotton-candy Harper’s cover caption of varyingly numbing font sizes: Between Friends KENDALL JENNER LOOKS TO LOVE FOR SPRING. (Hey, hey, Kendall J., where’d you bury Doris Day?)

I couldn’t decide which of these two wastes of virgin forests was of a greater shocking insult to my LGBT soul: that Kendall, our modern-day Nancy Sinatra/Edie Sedgwick retread, *has* friends, or that Oprah’s eponymous magazine obviously employs no gay male staff writers whatsoever; despite her best valiant effort on its cover every month to dress as a *Hee Haw* drag diva recovering from peritonitis. After all, were she actually employing gays to write her ridiculous tag teasers, she’d have received a fierce finger-poppin’ in no uncertain terms, and been quickly illuminated to the fact that ain’t no gay man on planet Earth, Mz. Harpo, ever gonna pass up any nice juicy Grindr dick for no grilled cheese sandwich stack—lobster morsel temptations be damned!

Sheepishly, Rey suddenly peeked around the doorframe, knocking, “Mr. Ruzzell, mind if I have a private word with you?” I leaped up, ecstatic. “Wow, you guys are fast. How much is the damage?” Rey blinked vacuously, “Uh, your car’s not even on the rack yet — I found a slug wedged ‘tween your right rear tire’s grooves. If it’s yours, just ‘tween us, I could put it in an envelope; nobody’d be any the wiser.”

It was my turn to rapidly blink: I couldn’t even wrap my mind around *what* he was blathering. I’d entered Kendall Jenner’s brain: I mean, who in the world keeps slugs for pets? And even if I were so “eccentric” as to desire owning a *gastropod Mollusca*, why would I house it in my tire treads? Is petroleum latex a treat they particularly enjoy? I motioned to Rey, “Just dump it over there in that philodendron, why don’t you? It sure couldn’t hurt it. Who knows, it might even bring the miserable thing back to life.”

“Uhm, but it ain’t the kinda slug you pour salt on, Mr. Ruzzell.” Rey’s head hung at me, accusatorily. “I think somebody’s been a playin’ with matches where they oughtn’t a been playin’.” To which I prissily assured, “Well, not that it’s any of your damned business, but I’ve never held a firearm in my entire... life.” (This, I realized startlingly, wasn’t being *technically* truthful.)

Hell, let’s just get all Second Amendmenty to it.

**Dear Howard:** To keep our marriage spark alive, me and my husband of three years now have begun getting into fantasy role-playing. He likes me to be the peeping Tom and him my victim, but now he’s talking about buying a gun — a pistol — for added “dramatic realism” but I’ve never even touched a gun before, and aiming one at a live person, particularly my husband, doesn’t really gel with my idea



of arousal. What’s next, real bullets? Your thoughts? — **Cade**

**Dearest Cadence:** A *la* Kendall Jenner, this role requires no thinking: There’s fantasy play, and then there’s playing-out roles fantasized — pistol-whipping is the quickest way to *forever* kill any kinky sparks. I’ll elucidate for you, via a role experienced from my own life that, in fact, took place just about the same time last winter when Kendall was being “These Boots Are Made For Walkin’” fantasy pho-togged, donning her beau’s *you keep lyin’ when you oughta be truthin’* diamond cock ring earbobs:

It was Christmastime, during my regularly ordinary Friday Meals-On-Wheels route: A beautiful, warm sunshiny day, my first delivery, but a truck was blocking the middle of the one-way street; a slouched man on its hood was seated with his back to me. Forced to stop, I asked when he could please move a foot to either side, so that I could get around — a simple enough request, kindly requiring but a simple remedy. Instead, what I got was a maniac who leaped off his hood and started strutting toward me with a gun aimed directly at my face. And this, children, is where reflexes kick in.

There was no time to think rationally. All I heard in my head was, “Oh, hell no, it ain’t ending like *this*!” Stepping out of my car, trancelike, I snatched the gun from his surprised hands, aimed it up upwards and pulled the trigger, repeatedly, until I stopped hearing firecracker noises. Noticing a swimming pool just across a fence on the other side of the road, I casually tossed the spent pistol into it and proceeded to deliver a schoolmarm sermon to my thwart-

ed murderer as he backed away, gingerly, looking every bit as though he’d stumbled into a roomful of demons. Crisply, I lectured, “The next time someone politely asks you please to pull over, then, by God, you pull the fuck over!” Then, quite serenely, I got back into my car and continued upon my mission of volunteerism in the other direction. Only later that evening, whilst addressing my Christmas cards *a la Serial Mom*, did my hands, both, begin simultaneously trembling as it dawned, “Howard, that could have gone just *so* grotesquely wrong in so many different ways.” *Especially* had I been packin’ my own peacemaker — which, FYI, I would not have hesitated for one microsecond to blow that fothermucker’s head clean-off with.

Hence, the moral to my cautionary tale, Cade: No, it’s not, walk softly with your britches half-way down your butt and carry a BBC; rather, it’s if you pack a firearm, you’ll risk likely pulling it on someone crazier than even you. Guns belong exclusively in the hands of hunters who must shoot their own food to survive. These ain’t the pioneer days; Texas ain’t the frontier and your dick ain’t bigger just ‘cause you carry a little piece. Thus, don’t buy guns, kidz, or you just may end up stuck throughout the remainder of your lifelong days imprisoned in a tire center with Kendall Jenner and a laughably photo-shopped “How To Make Your Life Sync With Your Soul” Oprah. Just shoot me now.

— Howard Lewis Russell

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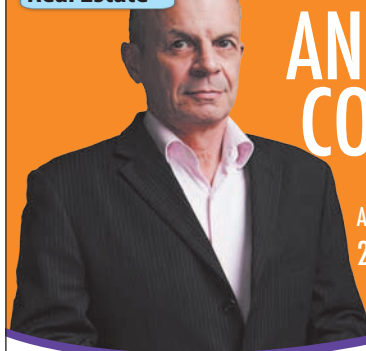
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## Power Couples

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### Across

- 1 Large openings
- 5 Disconcert
- 10 Allen Ginsberg's affirmative
- 14 Warhol pal \_\_\_ Sedgwick
- 15 Coastal city of Portugal
- 16 Give up what sounds like sperm?
- 17 Partner of Alex Niedbalski
- 19 Processes wine or cheese
- 20 Prepared it for safe intercourse
- 21 Turn tail
- 23 Eager beavers
- 24 Evasive maneuver by a bottom?
- 25 Like Machu Picchu
- 28 Visitors at advocate.com
- 31 Makes tats
- 34 Defeated George Frenn
- 37 Kanga's baby
- 38 Turtleneck alternative
- 39 Middle name of Harris, partner of David Burtka
- 40 Ambulance letters
- 41 Cartoon prince's son
- 42 Vidal essay collection
- 43 Poet \_\_\_ Wu
- 44 "Forget about it!"
- 46 It goes on top in a trattoria
- 48 At a future time

- 51 Like rival divas

- 55 Ann-\_\_\_ of *Grease*
- 57 What teams do when balls are kicked at them
- 59 Poker pot input
- 60 Partner of Jane Wagner
- 62 Cleopatra's eyeliner
- 63 Writer Dykewomon
- 64 "\_\_\_ the end of my rope!"
- 65 Fruit-flavored ice cream maker
- 66 Digs for pigs
- 67 Pink-slips

### Down

- 1 Sounded like Sneaky Pie
- 2 Hersey's bell town
- 3 Recoil from too much S&M
- 4 David of *Naked* fame
- 5 Altar spot
- 6 *Gay Priest* author Malcolm
- 7 Where to find a bear pair
- 8 Like a master, to a slave
- 9 Cheated, slangily
- 10 Greek victim of "Wax on, wax off"?
- 11 Ellen, partner of Portia de Rossi
- 12 Head output
- 13 Story of valor
- 18 The A in GLARP (abbr.)

- 22 Torso in a Mapplethorpe pic, e.g.
- 24 Tendency towards chaos
- 26 Suffix with "dream," on Broadway?
- 27 Wolfe or Woolf, e.g. (abbr.)
- 29 Caesar's city
- 30 Fair-to-middling
- 31 Sergei of *The Opposite of Sex*
- 32 Emperor role of Charles Laughton
- 33 Gus, partner of Matthew Wilkas
- 35 What a hoar!
- 36 Perfect serves from Mauresmo
- 39 Bill settler
- 43 Like a family pole
- 45 Kushner's \_\_\_ in *America*
- 47 Word after fish, in slang
- 49 Takes out of the text
- 50 Not quite erect
- 52 One of the Flintstones
- 53 Like a sweet bird of youth
- 54 Leases out
- 55 Wham's \_\_\_ It Big
- 56 Give \_\_\_ of approval
- 57 Former Cub Sandberg
- 58 Cockpit predictions
- 61 "Love Story" composer



A photograph of two women standing outdoors, smiling and holding a large transgender flag (pink, white, and blue horizontal stripes) behind them. The woman on the left has dark hair and is wearing a pink tank top and a pearl necklace. The woman on the right has long blonde hair and is wearing a green and white top. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with trees and a fence.

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