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Two Dallas Police Department officers appear in an LGBT-specific recruiting video filmed outside Resource Center.

DPD wants You!

Dallas Police Department is targeting the LGBT community — but only in a good way. No bar raids; no entrapment — DPD is looking for and hiring LGBT recruits.

"We have begun a campaign to recruit specifically to the LGBTQ community," said DPD police liaison Officer Amber Roman, who worked hard to make this recruiting effort a reality. While DPD has hired openly-LGBT officers since the 1990s, this is the first time the department has specifically looked for recruits

from the LGBT community.

A video posted on Twitter is narrated by Roman and shows images in Oak Lawn.

"One of the things I love about Dallas is that the department needed a police force that's representative of the communities it serves," Roman says on the video. A tweet announcing the effort declares: "We are hiring! Come be a part of our diverse and inclusive family!" To apply, go to the Dallas Police Department website or contact a recruiter at 800-527-2948.

— David Taffet

Patrick: No need for a bathroom bill because 'we've won'

Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick did everything he could possibly do during the 85th Texas Legislature in 2017 to force lawmakers to pass an anti-transgender bathroom bill, up to and including holding important legislation vital to the operations of the state hostage to try and get his way.

Thanks to a lot of hard work on behalf of LGBT activists and their allies, and thanks to the fact that there were some reasonable Republicans — like then-House Speaker Joe Straus — in the Legislature, none of the several bathroom bills introduced and pushed by Patrick and his minions were passed into law.

But since the legislature is still under GOP control, and since Patrick is still in office, we've all been worried that the bathroom boogeyman bills would be back this time around.

Gov. Greg Abbott said during a debate last summer with Democratic gubernatorial candidate Lupe Valdez that such measures weren't a priority on his agenda for 2019. But still we worried.

Republican who has told LGBT advocates he would not support a bathroom bill, Patrick said Wednesday, "When you win the battle, you don't have to fight the battle again. I think it's been settled, and I think we've won. ... Sometimes a bill doesn't pass but you win on the issue."

— Tammye Nash

Anti-LGBT pastor ousted after he's caught with prostitutes

The pastor at Stedfast Baptist Church in Fort Worth has resigned after being caught sleeping with prostitutes, gambling and in possession of marijuana.

In 2014, Dallas Voice reported on Donnie Romero, who moved to Fort Worth to plant hate at Stedfast Baptist Church with a message of violence against the LGBT community. The video he posted at the time showed him standing in front of a wall in his living room preaching mostly to his own family. Following our story and other local reports, the Southern Poverty Law Center named Stedfast an anti-LGBT hate group.

In 2016, Romero condemned the victims of the Pulse nightclub shooting in Orlando with words that got him lots of the publicity he was craving. It also prompted a group of North Texas activists to protest the following Sunday morning outside his church, located in a strip center in Sansom Park.

Now Romero has resigned after his own moral behavior has come into question. Preaching violence wasn't enough to disqualify him from the pulpit, but sleeping with those prostitutes will do it every time.

Romero is very sorry for the hurt he may have caused people in his church. No word on the hurt he caused people outside his church. He plans to remain a member of his church. Again, no word on whether anyone else plans to remain a member of his little church.

— David Taffet



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JANUARY

• Jan. 12: LGBT Family Building Conference

Comprehensive LGBT family building conference includes two fertility physicians who are part of the LGBT community, donor egg agency, surrogacy agency, donor sperm bank, attorney specializing in surrogacy and adoption, third party reproduction psychologist, parents who have built

surrogacy and adoption, as well as gestational carriers and egg donors from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at LGBT Babies, 6750 N. MacArthur Blvd., Suite 209, Irving. Register at TheDonorSolution.lpages.co.

• Jan. 12: Dallas Peace and Justice Center

Stakeholders meeting. Imagine all the ways we can create a better world in 2019. The Mix CoWorking Space, 9125 Diceman Drive. DPJC.org

• Jan. 17: Team Metro Happy Hour Kickoff happy hour for Team Metro raising money for the Greg Dollgener Memorial AIDS Fund from 6:30-8 p.m. at Cedar Springs Tap House, 4123 Cedar Springs Road.

• Jan. 18: Little Black Dress

Little Black Dress FashionCITED preview party benefits Legal Hospice of Texas from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Goodson Acura, 4801 Lemmon Ave.

• Jan. 19: Dallas Women's March

From 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Meeting location to be announced.

• Jan. 19: Halftime Gaybingo

Gaybingo from 5-9 p.m. at the Rose Room, 3911 Cedar Springs Road. Tickets at rcdallas.org.

• Jan. 19: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Gala

Reconciliation: Moving the Dream Forward with keynote speaker Michael Eric Dyson and Crystal Aikin from 6:30-9 p.m. in the Landmark Ballroom at Hyatt Regency Dallas, 300 Reunion Blvd. Tickets at 214-671-1505.

• Jan. 19: Scarborough Faire auditions

Come be a part of a theater experience like no other. Auditions for volunteer lane performers (actors and musicians) for Scarborough Renaissance Festival's performing company — Scarborough Academy of Performing Arts (SAPA) — will be held 9 a.m.-noon and 1:30-4:30 p.m. Auditions are by appointment at SAPA@SRFestival.com.

• Jan. 21: Snooze

Enjoy free breakfast at a pre-opening benefit to help kick off Legacy Counseling Center's 30th year at Snooze, 3211 Oak Lawn Ave. RSVP to snoozeeatery.com/OakLawn-Opening and enter SNOOZEOKLAWN2019.

• Jan. 22: Grief support group

LGBT grief support group for people who have lost a same-sex partner from 7-8:30 p.m. at Resource Center, 5750 Cedar Springs Road.

• Jan. 22: DIVA new member clinic

Dallas Independent Volleyball Association, the largest gay sports organization in Dallas and second largest gay volleyball organization in the U.S., offers free new member clinics. From 7-10 p.m. at Advantage Sports Center, 2800 N. I-35E, Carrollton. Register for clinic at DIVADallas.org. Each clinic is open to 25 people.

• Jan. 23, 24: DIVA new member clinic

Dallas Independent Volleyball Association offers free new member clinics. From 6:30-9 p.m. at Polk Recreation Center, 6801 Roper St. Register for clinic at DIVADallas.org. Each clinic is open to 25 people.

• Jan. 26: Oral History Team Training

The Dallas Ways holds training to conduct and transcribe oral history interviews from noon-5 p.m. RSVP or contact with questions thedallasway.nino@gmail.com. Space is limited.

• Jan. 27: HRC Pin Down Equality

Bowling Fundraiser Federal Club presents Pin Down Equality Bowling Tournament and Fundraiser with bowling, pizza and soft drinks, a silent auction and more from 1-3 p.m. at AMF Richardson Lanes, 2101 N. Central Expressway, Richardson.

OBITUARY



Gaylan K. Zant, 58, of Dallas died Dec. 23, 2018, of lymphoma.

Born Sept. 19, 1961 in New Home, Texas, Zant had lived in Dallas for 35 years. After graduating from New Home High School, he attended El Centro College in Dallas, graduating with an associate's degree in Applied Science/Paralegal. He also attended the University of North Texas in Dallas, graduat-

ing with honors and the highest-possible GPA to earn a bachelor's degree in Applied Arts and Sciences. He was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society and was on the UNT President's List.

Zant began his work career as a cotton farmer then moved to Dallas where he became a popular DJ and then manager of The Brick Bar on Maple Avenue. He later became a paralegal and a certified legal mediator, volunteering to help low-income people resolve their legal issues. He also was attending law school.

Zant is survived by his sister, Vicki Zant of Lubbock; his aunt, Patsy Zant of Lubbock; and his close friend and caretaker, David Delgado of Dallas.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Jan. 19, at 2 p.m. at Resource Center, 5750 Cedar Springs Road in Dallas. Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of North Texas (LLS.org).

Final arrangements were handled by Res-thaven Funeral Home in Lubbock.

• **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's guest is **Rachel Gonzales** with Equality Texas; **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 [\[sourcecenter.org\]\(http://sourcecenter.org\); 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 Front-runners** meet for a walk or run on the Katy Trail at Oak Lawn Park, Turtle Creek and Hall Street, every Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. and every Saturday at 9 a.m.; **Leadership Lambda Toastmasters** practices and develops speaking and leadership skills from 6:30-8 p.m. on Tuesdays at First Unitarian Church, third floor](mailto:jalenzski@myre-</p>
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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.; **DVtv in Spayse**, news and entertainment discussion live streaming every Friday, 4-5 p.m., on the Spayse Station YouTube channel.

• **Jan. 28, 29, 30: DIVA new member clinic**

Dallas Independent Volleyball Association offers free new member clinics. From 6:30-9 p.m. at Polk Recreation Center, 6801 Roper St. Register for clinic at DIVADallas.org. Each clinic is open to 25 people.

• **Jan. 29: Eat for Change**

Support AIDS Walk South Dallas from 5-9 p.m. at Chipotle, 4330 Lemmon Ave.

• **Jan. 31: Legacy's Angels**

2018 year in review and 2019 kickoff

party benefiting Legacy Counseling Center from 7-9 p.m. at Samuel Lynne Gallery, 1105 Dragon St.

FEBRUARY

• **Feb. 1-2 Out for Health**

Out for Health is a medical conference organized by students from Texas Health Science Centers across the state to address the needs of the LGBT population. Offers continuing education credits. Students \$15, General \$50, Healthcare professionals \$120. UNT Health Science Center, Medical

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We have a caucus

Five LGBT members of the Legislature are sworn in as 86th Texas Legislature gets underway

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For the first time in Texas history, the state legislature will have an LGBT Caucus. State Rep. Mary Gonzalez, a four-term representative who identifies as pansexual and is the dean of the delegation, filed paperwork to create the caucus.

When the Legislature convened on Tuesday, Jan. 8, four additional LGBT women were sworn into office. Rep. Celia Israel begins her third full term representing District 50. She was first elected in a 2014 special election to fill the vacancy created when Rep. Mark Strama resigned to become the head of Google Fiber in Austin.

Three freshmen were also sworn in this week, including Julie Johnson and Jessica Gonzalez, both of whom represent Dallas County districts.

Johnson ousted an incumbent Republican Matt Rinaldi, who authored a bathroom bill in the 2017 session. Her district covers northwest Dallas County.

Gonzalez beat incumbent Democrat Roberto Alonzo in the Democratic primary and faced no opposition in the November election. She represents parts of Oak Cliff and Grand Prairie.

The fifth LGBT member of the Legislature is Erin Zwiener, who represents Hays and Blanco counties southwest of Austin. She identifies as bisexual.

Zwiener, speaking in her office just before being sworn in, said she was surprised her sexual orientation wasn't an



The crowded floor of the House of Representatives on Swearing in Day. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

issue in her campaign. She ran for an open seat against a Republican that said during his campaign that marriage was between a man and a woman. Zwiener said that stance actually hurt him in his campaign because the district, which includes several universities, has a young demographic.

Zwiener said although she has what she calls a "heteronormative family" — she's married to a man — she did speak about being bisexual several times on the campaign trail "when it was relevant."

While there are more women in the new Texas Legislature than in any term except 2013, when there were four more, women are still under-represented. Zwiener joked that the LGBT Caucus is the one place where women are over-represented.

The Swearing In

Room on the floor of the House of Representatives was tight. Desks for the 150 members of the chamber fill the room,

and for the swearing-in ceremony, 400 additional chairs were added for lawmakers' families to sit on the main floor.

Seating is by assignment, and the members of the LGBT caucus are scattered. Each member chooses a seat based upon seniority. Party affiliation is irrelevant in seating, unlike in Congress where Democrats sit on one side and Republicans on the other.

Mary Gonzalez and Jessica Gonzalez sit next to each other on the left side, center. Israel is right side toward the rear.

Walking to the chamber from her office in the underground extension before the swearing in ceremony, Mary Gonzalez said she trusts Bonnen, who pledged there would be no bathroom bills on the floor of the House this session.

Republicans that spoke about Bonnen echoed similar themes. Matt Krause, a Tarrant County Republican, said they chose someone who would "level the playing field" to allow all members from both parties to "represent their districts."

Johnson is on the right toward the front.

After a voice roll call of the House members, Secretary of State Rolando Pablos administered the oath of office, then members of the House chose their Speaker.

Rep. Dennis Bonnen was the only name placed in nomination. He was seconded by two Republicans and two Democrats — longtime LGBT-ally Senfronia Thompson from Houston, now in her 24th term, and Mary Gonzalez. In her seconding speech, Thompson called Bonnen "a man who keeps his word."

In Mary Gonzalez's speech, she talked about when she was 12 years old and her house burned down. Her family relied on help from the community for food, clothing and shelter until they rebuilt their lives. She said that's what motivated her to go into public service so she could give back to her community.

She also talked about her Republican father and said Bonnen "shares qualities of my father."

Governor's speech

After Bonnen was elected speaker by a unanimous vote, Gov. Greg Abbott addressed the chamber. In his speech at the beginning of the last session, he spoke in platitudes and said very little of real substance to begin a session obsessed with where some young Texans could pee.

This year, Abbott was specific in his proposals. He said he wants to make schools safe from gun violence; he wants the legislature to take steps to help the Gulf Coast become more resilient in recovering from storm damage, and he wants to reform school finance and property taxes, issues Democrats campaigned on and that helped them pick up a dozen seats.

Speaking in her office before the swearing in ceremony, Israel said she hoped Abbott would address school finance reform this session, adding that the governor should be thinking about his legacy.

Hopes high as session begins

LGBT lawmakers, allies hopeful 86th Legislature won't see bills targeting the community

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The Texas Legislature gavelled in on Tuesday, Jan. 8, for its 86th regular session, with lawmakers expected to tackle issues ranging from healthcare and public education to border security and voting rights. For 140 days, lawmakers will debate bills under the pink dome of the Capitol in hopes of changing state laws and policies that affect Texans statewide.

The number of bills filed has steadily increased since the last peak in 2009. The 2017 session saw more than 6,600 House and Senate Bills filed. With this growth comes an increase in the number of bills filed relating — both directly and indirectly — to the LGBT community.

For the last several sessions, a handful of these bills have proved to be controversial or discriminatory, and many drew swift backlash from the LGBT community and its allies. For example, last session Republican lawmakers tried to pass Senate Bill 6, a “bathroom bill” that would have required a person to use the bathroom, shower or changing facility that corresponded with the sex assigned on their birth certificate or driver’s license, rather than the facility appropriate to their actual gender.

The law would have applied only to facilities owned by government entities, including public and open-enrollment charter schools.

Although SB 6 passed easily in the Senate, the bill — and the issue — died in the House where then-Speaker Joe Straus used procedural moves to stymie it. The legislation met a similar fate when filed again during the 85th Special Session.

When asked about the likelihood of a similar bill finding its way to the floor this session, some lawmakers were optimistic that comparable legislation would not gain any traction in either chamber. Sen. José Rodríguez, El Paso leader of the Senate Democratic Caucus, said, any-

thing is possible, but the talk so far has been focused on school finance and other important issues. While this has been a priority item in the past, I do not believe it is for enough senators on both sides to push through, and the House definitely does not appear to have an appetite for another contentious battle along those lines.

Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, the most vocal proponent of a bathroom bill in 2017, said in a press conference Wednesday, Jan. 9, that he sees no reason to pursue the issue in this session because, even though the bill was defeated two years ago, he believes proponents “won” the battle because the behaviors within the state’s school districts that had prompted the bill have stopped. He gave no evidence to support his claim.

While Republicans maintained their majorities in both the House and Senate after the November midterm elections, Democrats picked up a number of seats in both chambers. State Rep. Celia Israel, D-Austin, said she hopes that this session will prove to be productive due in part to this shift in the House.

“I’m hopeful that for this session, we can focus our efforts on the real, tangible issues that affect our quality of life in the state of Texas,” Israel said. “We have a lot of new opportunities with these new members to help set the example of working across the aisle and getting some real work done.”

Former Speaker of the House Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, did not run for re-election, leaving the speaker’s seat open coming into this session. Rep. Dennis Bonnen announced his candidacy for the speakership last October, and weeks later declared he had secured 109 votes for his election, significantly more than the 76 required to win the seat.

On opening day, Bonnen drew no opponents to his nomination and was elected unanimously by the membership. In a speech after his swearing in, Bonnen delivered a message of unity and cohesion, while making clear that he is ready for House members to have candid conversations about the issues facing Texans.

“When people call me challenging,

believe me, my dad is nodding his head in agreement from above,” Bonnen said. “[He] always told us, say what you mean and do what you say, so I’ve never seen the point in sugarcoating things, especially when that might confuse the issue, or slow down progress towards a more meaningful result.”

In the Senate, Republican Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick remains at the helm after being re-elected in November. Senate Republi-



cans will enter the session with 19 seats, while Democrats saw their numbers rise from 11 seats to 12.

Sen. Rodríguez says he is hopeful that even this small change will make a big difference this session.

“There has been a change in attitude because of the mid-term elections,” Rodríguez noted. “I think legislators feel the temperature changing. Balance in the process is good thing; it allows compromise and a search for solutions, rather than rhetoric and ideological battles.”

As of Jan. 8, no specifically anti-LGBT



Left, Eric Johnson holding William Above, top to bottom, Celia Israel; Jessica Gonzalez and Julie Johnson; Omar Narvaez, Jessica Gonzalez and Adam Medrano

HIGH HOPES, Page 15

Episcopal ministry donates \$80K to LGBT organizations

Coalition for Aging LGBT, Resource Center get donations for work with seniors

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Ministry with the Aging Inc. has donated a total of \$80,000 to organizations in the LGBT community providing programming and services for older LGBT people.

The ministry recently presented a check for \$30,000 to the Coalition for Aging LGBT and a check for \$50,000 to Resource Center. The donations came from proceeds from the sale of Cathedral Gardens Apartments in East Dallas.

CfA recently published its North Texas LGBT-Friendly Senior Housing Guide rating senior living properties on their LGBT inclusiveness in everything from employment policies to marketing to

competency training. The guide, published for the first time in 2018, includes information on 17 properties spread out over four counties in North Texas.

Brian Price, who headed the project, wants to include additional properties in the 2019 guide while continuing to monitor the facilities included in 2018. Because part of the rating includes on-going LGBT-inclusive competency training and programming, expanding those services will cost money. That's where the Ministry with the Aging's donation comes in.

Coalition founder Cannon Flowers said the project currently is running on 40 volunteers. With the recent donation, he said, "we can bring on a person part-time to manage scoring, the assessment process including HR forms and records and training staff."

He said the social engagement portion of the project costs the coalition about \$400 per facility, just for books and videos to get them started.

Charles Mullins, a board member for the Ministry with the Aging, which is operated as a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas, said the Cathedral Gardens property needed renovation



Melodia Gutierrez and Cannon Flowers of Coalition for Aging LGBT received a \$30,000 check from Charles Mullins.

that his organization was not prepared to handle. So they sold the property to a national organization that would rehab the units and maintain the property as affordable senior housing.

Mullins said they decided to take the proceeds and distribute the money to local organizations that worked to facilitate affordable senior housing. They made donations to nine organizations including CfA and Resource Center.

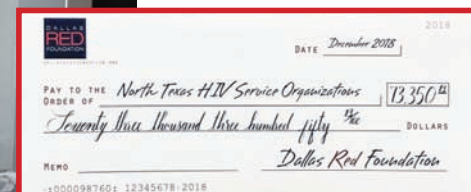
Mullins said he heard about the Coalition for Aging LGBT on a public service announcement on KERA-FM. He told the coalition that its work was exactly what the board had in mind for the funds from the liquidated asset.

"That's a really useful tool," Mullins said about the housing guide. "If you do find affordable housing, how welcoming is it?"

He said he hoped the organization would be able to hire someone part-time to do research and outreach.

The donation to Resource Center targeted its Grey Pride organization, and Resource Center CEO Cece Cox said the funds will be used to fund Grey Pride, which "doesn't get any government funding." She said the money will go toward events, information and community building activities that wouldn't have happened without the generous donation.

The Dallas Red Foundation, a Dallas-based HIV awareness and service organization the board of which is pictured at right, this week announced that the foundation made donations totaling \$73,350.13 to local organizations providing services and programming to people with HIV and AIDS. Red Foundation President Josh Lara said his organization had chosen to focus its efforts on raising awareness around HIV and AIDS —not just about the virus itself, but also about the stigma surrounding HIV/AIDS, and medication advances in treating the disease as well as preventing it. To that end, he said, the foundation focused on supporting agencies that provide preventative options, such as PrEP, including Resource Center which offers PrEP for free or at reduced costs. The foundation also donated more than \$50,000 to its long-time beneficiary, Legacy Counseling Center, which specializes in providing counseling, housing and hospice care for those with HIV/AIDS.





Ask Candy

Therapist
Candy
Marcum's
advice column
returns to
Dallas Voice

In this issue, Dallas Voice welcomes the return of advice columnist Candy Marcum, a licensed professional counselor, licensed marriage and family counselor and licensed chemical dependency counselor who specializes in working within the LGBT community. She has more than 30 years of experience as a counselor, and said she sees her life's work as being a healer and a teacher.

Marcum has been active in the LGBT community as an advocate for equality for more than 30 years, and for several years in the 1990s wrote an advice column for Dallas Voice. Her column, Ask

Candy, will appear in Dallas Voice on the second and fourth Fridays. Submit questions for her to AskCandy@dallasvoice.com.

Dear Candy,

I'm a twenty-something professional battling the pressure of dating while starting a career. The majority of my closest friends are either engaged, married or in serious relationships, on the precipice of putting a ring on it — which adds expectations on me to date and be on their romantic levels. Should I continue building a financially stable future for me, myself and I, or should I put more of my effort into meeting a significant other while I'm still young?

— **Not Looking**

Dear Not Looking,

One of the most stressful and difficult stages in a person's life is the age between mid 20s and early 30s. This is the time when you are looking for stability, direction, identity and purpose. Questions include: "What am I going to be when I grow up?" "With whom

will I share my life and build a family?" "Where will I live and work long-term?"

This is a time of confusion, questioning of self-worth and wanting to measure up to your friends. In a word — middle school all over again! (Okay, that was three words.)

Timing is perfect. Your friends' timing is perfect for them, and your timing is perfect for you. Keep your focus on your aspirations — that goes for career and marriage goals especially. These are worthy goals. Have faith in yourself. When you look back at this time, you will come to know you "got on track" at the right time.

Good luck!

— **Candy**

Dear Candy,

How should I have pride for my hometown when I know it's plagued with social troubles, a lack of job opportunities and no considerable visitation areas? I moved to Dallas recently to escape the prejudices and condescension from the world I grew up in. I have amazing memories of my first real friends, the rock-solid education I maintained and — most importantly — the parenting that made me the person I am today. But it's diffi-

cult to express a love of my hometown to others when the majority of my friends come from major opportunity cities like Dallas, Houston, Chicago and beyond.

What would you say for people with similar internal struggles?

— **Homesick**

Dear Homesick

One of the joys of being an adult is seeing the world in terms of grays instead of in black-or-white. As an adult, we see the nuances making up our morals, beliefs and values. As I read your letter, I see there are things you have negative feelings about concerning your hometown and other things you value from growing up there. If we average this out, you would grade your town a C.

As humans, we are a compilation of our experiences. Your experiences have made you the person you are today. Difficult experiences mold who you are more than the successful experiences do.

All together, these experiences define who you are. Own that about yourself and your hometown.

By the way, big cities are made up of people from small towns who come to the city to make their life!

Good luck!

— **Candy**

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More than anything else, she said, people remember governors for what they did for education. She pointed to former Gov. Mark White, noting that when he died, "everyone said, 'Oh, he was a good governor for education.'" Then she warned that if education wasn't better funded, Abbott would be remembered for bathroom bills.

The five members of the LGBT Caucus each campaigned with education finance

reform as their top issue. Israel is the only one who has filed an LGBT-related bill so far. That one relates to banning the use of reparative therapy on anyone under 18. Other House members have filed legislation about including sexual orientation and gender identity in non-discrimination laws and repealing the sodomy law and the law banning legal recognition of same-sex marriage.

So why did Israel file this particular

bill? "It's about helping kids," she said.

Around the Capitol

- The Texas flag flying over the Capitol on swearing-in day belonged to Amber Briggie, who has a transgender son. Rep. Donna Howard, D-Austin, arranged to have the flag flown in honor of transgender Texans. They hoped to set a different tone to begin this legislative session compared to the last one.

- While incumbents in both parties made a point of introducing themselves to

new members, there was special interest among incumbents about Johnson, who raised more than \$900,000 for her campaign to unseat Rinaldi. Before considering a run for office herself, Johnson had raised millions of dollars over the years for other candidates. Her reputation as a potential political powerhouse preceded her.

Her secret to winning? Working her ass off. Block walking. Making calls. Meeting people. Supporting issues people care about.

- When Johnson's wife, Dr. Sue Moster, joined the Legislative Ladies, she became the first same-sex spouse to join the group. When she received the call, the legislative wife inviting Moster to join asked who her husband was. Moster corrected her, explaining Julie Johnson was her wife. "Oh, you must be a Democrat," the woman said politely.

Zwiener's husband, Quincy Kennedy, also joined the Legislative Ladies, because the group is open to all spouses of House members. We don't know if that membership has anyone in the Capitol completely confused — the husband of an LGBT Caucus woman joining a ladies group, or so it seems, because for the sake of tradition they don't want to change the group's name.

- And speaking of Zwiener, she was a four-time *Jeopardy* winner in 2012. That has nothing to do with anything other than we thought it was cool.

- The legislative session lasts for 140 days, and many representatives go home over the weekend, especially on weeks when they break early. But during the week they live in Austin. To save some money, Jessica Gonzales and Johnson found an apartment about a block from the Capitol and will be roommates through the session. Gonzalez said it's close enough to walk to work and go home for lunch when she wants.

- Seen in the Capitol attending the swearing in:

- Mayor Betsy Price of Fort Worth.
- Dallas City Council members Omar Narvaez, Adam Medrano, Philip Kingston and Carolyn King Arnold.
- Burleson Mayor Ken Shetter and family, there to celebrate the swearing in of his mother, District 10 Sen. Beverly Volkman Powell.
- Stonewall Democrats of Dallas President Brandon Vance and former presidents Lee Daugherty and Jay Narey; Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance President Patti Fink, and Equality Texas Acting Executive Director Samantha Smoot and Board President Steve Rudner.

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legislation had been filed, although Sen. Bob Hall, R-Edgewood, did file SB 85, a so-called religious freedom bill that allows professionals in certain counseling fields to refuse to treat “a person if providing the service would cause the license holder to violate a sincerely held religious belief.” Such measures usually are used to target LGBT people.

Lawmakers have until March 8 to file legislation, so other measures targeting LGBT people are likely to pop up.

Several LGBT-positive bills have been filed, some of which were debated in earlier sessions but ended up not passing.

In the Senate, two bills have been filed that would repeal the state’s sodomy law, Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code, which has been obsolete since the U.S. Supreme Court struck it down in 2003 in *Lawrence v. Texas*. Sen. José Menéndez, D-San Antonio, and Sen. Rodríguez have both filed bills that would repeal the unconstitutional language. Rodríguez has filed similar legislation every regular session since 2013 but none of those bills have ever passed the full Senate.

State Rep. Joe Moody, D-El Paso, has filed similar legislation in the House since 2013, with similar results. The bill filed by Menéndez also includes language repealing the state law prohibiting the issuance of marriage licenses to same-sex couples. This language was nullified by the landmark marriage equality ruling, *Obergefell v. Hodge*, made by the Supreme Court in 2015.

While the anti-marriage equality law has no legal weight due to the Supreme Court ruling, Rodríguez says this bill, and others targeting LGBT equality, remain priorities for him.

“Simply put, it’s the right thing to do,” Rodríguez said. “I never did and never will understand why some people feel so threatened by others who may appear different, whether because of skin color, religious beliefs, gender or sexual orientation. Blind prejudice throughout history has caused so much suffering, and in a free and diverse country such as ours, has no place in determining public policy.”

Israel has filed a bill that would ban the practice of conversion therapy on minors by mental health providers in the state. Fourteen states currently have laws banning the practice while some cities in other states offer protections

through local ordinances.

“It’s important to just let kids be kids,” Israel explained. “When we have so-called professionals who say they can fix our kids with these practices, I feel like we do more harm than good when we validate [the practices].”

She has filed the bill in the last two sessions, but it has never received a committee hearing.

While this session may not produce any major advancements for the LGBT community, anticipation lingers that change is on the horizon in Texas. Asked about the future of LGBT rights in Texas, Rodríguez was optimistic about what the community may see in the future.

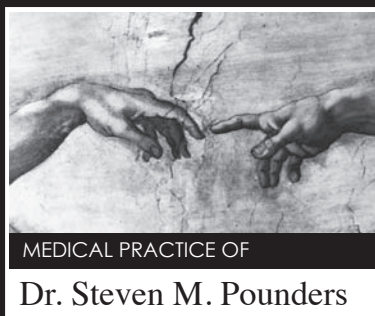
“As the former president said, the arc of history bends toward justice. At the very least, at some point enough mod-

erates will realize it’s just bad policy to have unconstitutional laws on the books,” he said. “But beyond that, most people know that we’re defined by our character, not by our orientation, and policies that discriminate against LGBT Texans are wrong. I’m not sure when that will happen, but things are changing, and I’m hopeful they will change quickly.”



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Keep our trans kids safe!

New Department of Education
rules would make schools more
dangerous, not less

As we head into the 2019 Texas legislative session, let's remember something from 2017: Those lying creeps — like Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, Rep. Scott Sanford and their ilk — used the word “safety” like a bludgeon in their campaign during the last session to keep transgender and gender-nonconforming kids from using the bathroom where they felt the most safe.

Their reasoning? “We need to keep women and kids safe!”

Bullshit.

How do we know it's bullshit? For one thing, an alt-right blogger flat out admitted that their “safety” claim was manufactured. But beyond that, the actions of the GOP tell us all we need to know.

In 2016, 1,809 women were murdered by men in single-victim or single-offender incidents according to statistics submitted to the FBI. Of those victims, 85 percent were murdered by a man they knew.

Texas accounted for 146 of those murders. Texas is among the most dangerous states when it comes to women being murdered by men.

But we heard not a peep from our lieutenant governor or the aforementioned legislators about this crisis. There was no wringing of their hands over how to protect women and children from men set on murdering them.

So maybe that's a hint that the bathroom uproar wasn't about keeping women and children safe, and a hint that the answer to keeping them safe won't be found in the women's restroom.

But this targeting of trans people and the lack of action on real concerns regarding the safety of women and children aren't confined to Texas. Now we have the U.S. Department of Education getting in on the action. And if ever there was a federal agency that should be charged



Leslie McMurray
Accidental Activist

with keeping kids safe, this would be the one.

So how are they doing? Not so good.

In November 2018, the U.S. Department of Education proposed new

regulations on how schools should address sexual assault complaints. These regulations are up for public comment right now, by the way. If these proposals are adopted, they would make it much harder — and thus, much more unlikely — that sexual assaults in and around schools would be reported.

Think I'm exaggerating? Consider this: If these new regulations had been in place earlier, serial abusers like Larry Nassar — the former USA Gymnastics national team doctor and an osteopathic physician at Michigan State University who is now a convicted serial child rapist — may have avoided justice because Michigan State might not have been required to intervene due to reports being made to coaches and trainers instead of someone who is empowered to “institute corrective measures” like a Title IX coordinator.

Under this new rule, schools would not have an obligation to start the formal complaint process if abuse or assault claims are made to coaches or resident advisors even though, in many cases, a coach may be more trusted by the victims.

Why make it harder for victims to come forward? In what possible way does this new proposal make sense?

Perhaps a quote from our president, the pussy grabber himself, might shed some light:

“It's a very scary time for young men in America when you can be guilty of something that you may not be guilty of.”

Mr. President, you've got it wrong. It's not young men who need to be protect-

ed; the victims of assault are the ones who need protection.

I'm all for due process, and if someone is innocent, they should be treated as such. But the guilty should pay, and the victims should NOT be the ones on trial!

Some 42 years after a 20-something white guy slammed his boot into my face because he thought I was gay, my jaw, having been so badly broken then, still doesn't work right. This felony assault was reported to the police department in Huntington Beach, Calif. I had a description and a car license number. No arrest was ever made.

According to the 2015 U.S. Transgender Survey, almost half of all transgender people have experienced sexual assault in their lifetime, and one in 10 have been assaulted just in the last year. And when transgender people report sexual assaults to their school or other authorities, the report shows, they are often mistreated, not believed or even blamed for themselves for being assaulted simply because they are transgender.

The new regulations encourage — and in some cases even require — schools to ignore some reports of sexual assault and make it harder for survivors to get the safe resolution they need.

The regulations are supposed to enforce federal nondiscrimination protections for students, but instead they sabotage their very purpose: to ensure that sex discrimination, including sexual assault and harassment, never means the end of someone's education.

These regulations threaten to turn back the clock to a time when it was even easier than it is now for schools to brush sexual assault under the rug. So please, log onto the government site (www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/11/29/2018-25314/nondiscrimination-on-the-basis-of-sex-in-education-programs-or-activities-receiving-federal) and voice your opinion. The comment period ends on Jan. 28.

In looking at the new proposal, it may appear that the DOE means well. After

Creating art, creating culture

Community invited to help finish mural on clinic wall

JOHN ANDERSON | Dallas Red Foundation

Cedar Springs has been the heart of Dallas' LGBTQ community for decades. Members of the community have always had a sense of pride in and even ownership of the area as a place that people from all walks of life can be themselves openly and can feel that sense of community that only comes with being accepted and respected.

One of the most important and impactful ways a location can transform from just a "place" to a place with an identity is through art. Despite being a cultural center for the LGBT community for so many years, there has, historically, been a lack of artistic expression on the Cedar Springs strip.

In 2018, that started to change.

The Mayor's LGBT Task Force, headed by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Adam Medrano, has been actively working on improvements to the quality of life and identity of the Cedar Springs area for several years. Arttitude, a Dallas-based nonprofit which serves to unite diverse communities together through various artistic endeavors with the goal of inciting positive change and equality, approached the task force about the possibility of installing rainbow crosswalks in the Cedar Springs area.

But with construction occurring in the crosswalks in the coming year, crosswalk decorations would not be an option for



John Anderson
Contributing Columnist

some time.

This is where I came in. I am a member of the Quality of Life Committee of the LGBT Task Force, and I engaged with Arttitude to

see what other sorts of things they might be able to do in the community to increase the identity of the area. I suggested that they explore the idea of murals. Arttitude was very receptive to the idea and recognized the lasting and important impact that murals (especially community-driven murals) would add to the identity of the area.

After these conversations, the Cedar Springs Strip no longer seemed like a series of buildings with blank walls; it was a canvas, just waiting for members of the community to come together and express themselves and their ideas to be interpreted and appreciated for years to come.

Arttitude had launched a program called DMAP — the Dallas Mural Art Project — as a series of community-driven murals that would be planned through open listening sessions and then painted by Arttitude in conjunction with community volunteers. In 2018, we secured the Cedar Springs Tattoo shop wall for the Cedar Springs installation in this series and had several listening sessions. Painting on that mural will begin in 2019 and it will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots.

While this mural was being planned, the opportunity for another mural quickly emerged.

In comes Dallas Red Foundation, a Dallas-based nonprofit organization with mission to fund HIV and AIDS service organizations and provide education and awareness to the greater community about HIV- and AIDS-related subjects.

In the past, Dallas Red Foundation



served more as a fundraising organization for other local HIV and AIDS service organizations. In 2018, the foundation introduced its first service project — REDucate — an educational program focused on providing HIV- and AIDS-related educational services.

The AIDS crisis of the 1980s and '90s was devastating to the LGBTQ community, both here at home and around the world. As medical science advances and time progresses, REDucate recognizes that awareness means not only being aware of the current state of things, but also being cognizant of how far we have come. It also stresses that we should remember those who have been lost and focus not just on increasing awareness of statistics but also awareness that there is hope for a brighter future and a community that is still fighting for continued progress.

As a member of the REDucate Committee with Dallas Red Foundation, I recognized that there was an opportunity here to bring the organization together with Arttitude to make a powerful statement in the form of a mural on the strip. So we decided to create a mural to commemorate the HIV/AIDS crisis.

Officially called the "Dallas Red Foundation HIV/AIDS Commemorative Mural," it was designed by muralist Lee Madrid of Arttitude after talking with community leaders and employees of Resource Center's Nelson-Tebedo Clinic upon which the mural is painted. The mural offers a message of hope and com-

munity while acknowledging the HIV/AIDS crisis and the continued need for HIV/AIDS to be at the forefront of public attention.

The mural features four diverse hands coming together to create red heart shapes. The heart shapes are "selfie" areas that are perfect for photo opps. References to the decline in deaths over time and the ever-increasing number of individuals living with HIV are incorporated between multicolored, geometric shapes.

The color choices are reminiscent of the quintessential rainbow motif common in LGBTQ art and culture. A large portion of the mural depicts silhouettes looking over sections of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, created as a memorial celebrating the lives of people who have died of AIDS-related causes.

The process of painting the mural has been slow due to the weather, but on Jan. 12, the community is invited to come and help finish the mural and take part in something that will increase the identity and culture of The Strip for many years to come.

My hope is that the efforts by Dallas Red Foundation and Arttitude to create these murals are just the beginning, and that we will see a spring of artistic expression in the area and a greater feeling that Oak Lawn is the place where we belong — where everyone belongs. ■

John Anderson is a member of the Mayor's LGBT Task Force and is secretary of the Dallas Red Foundation.

all, due process for all is part of the foundation of our democracy. But the Trump administration is attempting to put any student who is a victim of sexual assault in or around a school to the same scrutiny as Christine Blasey Ford faced during the Kavanaugh hearings.

One in four openly-transgender college students reports being harassed at school because they are transgender, and for many, the mistreatment is so bad that they are forced out of school.

School is already dangerous enough for kids who are transgender or gender non-

conforming. Let's please not make those 1,000-or-so hours kids spend at school each year more difficult than they already are for those who are most vulnerable.

According to RAINN, the nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization, three out of four incidents of sexual as-

sault go unreported. The Department of Education should be making it easier for survivors to come forward, not harder. ■

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Top tables

LIFE+STYLE

dining

Whether for a special occasion or everyday eating, we uncover the best new restaurants in Dallas

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Picking the top tables of 2018 was an exercise in simplicity. But boy, was it complicated.

Dallas dining has become a tale of two cities. One: High-end event-dining destinations, marked by Texans' preoccupation with steakhouses, fine wines and the conspicuous consumption of the monied set that strives for "always the best." The other: Enthusiastic foodie-centric insider restaurants, marked by our love of tacos and other street food, hipster culture and in-the-know cache to discover what's new and hot (and often more affordable).

Yet somehow the watchword for much of the restaurant experience in Dallas was about simplicity: Sometimes via simple dishes turned into complex flavor bombs by the wise and creative use of spices, sauces and techniques; and sometimes extravagant dishes whose cleanness of taste shines through amid the ravishing preparation. Here are the distinctions.

Event dining. In recent years, the term event dining (or occasion dining) has supplanted, for me at least, the label of fine dining as an indicator of how high-end a restaurant is. It has been years since I have been required to wear a necktie or sportcoat as a precondition to entering an eating establishment. Even the notoriously snobby (in a good way) French Room loosened its dress requirements when it reopened last year. We all want fine food; but we also know when you need to pull out the stops (and/or the expense account) and do up a meal the "right" way, with an extensive or curated wine list, white tablecloths, nattily attired servers and rich decoration for a special occasion. (A few that just missed this year: Perle on Maple and an Up on Knox.)

Casual dining. Being considered "casual" should suggest places that are "less than" their fancier counterparts, or even necessarily inexpensive (though they tend to be), merely ones where the vibe is more collegial and comfortable than elegant and formal. Casual dining is defined by its atmosphere, but also its style of food: Small plates, shareable dishes, regional or street food or homey cuisine. (Some in contention that didn't quite make the cut: The Commissary, Malibu Poke, Harlowe MXM, Peasant Pizzeria, Gung Ho, Jalisco Norte, Fine China and Namu.)

And so, an innovation for this year's Top Tables — my annual recitation of the most memorable meals of the prior year (actually, September 2017 to September



A trio of tacos at Taco y Vino, top; a bao is about the smallest item you can get at Cris and John, above; opposite, The Charles white Bolognese capellini is a stunner.



2018, which excludes many late-year contenders like Circo, Felix Culpa, Tulum, Nori Handroll Bar, Tacos Mariachi, Terra and others that could figure on next year's list): For the first time ever, I have broken the top of the best-of into two tracks, identifying the best of both worlds. And I end with presenting two citations for Restaurant of the Year — one for event dining, and one for casual. Simple as that.

Here, then, are the runners-up in both categories (fuller reviews of some will appear in future editions of Dallas Voice).

Izkina (Deep Ellum; casual). Operating under the philosophy that less is more, this Deep Ellum tapas bar takes hipster cas to the nth degree (the food is a draw, but you have to approach the bartender to order it, speakeasy-like). The Basque-inspired cuisine — derived from a region nestled in the Pyrenees between France and Spain — relies on clean ingredients largely unfussed-over. It's a definitive neighborhood hang that just happens to serve great food. (2801 Elm St. DeepEllumHostel.com/Izkina.)

Cris and John (Galleria Area; casual). Although the proprietors have labeled this "Vietnamese Street Food,"

I defy anyone strapped onto a cyclo in Hanoi to carry even half of one of their "phorritos" (a pho-inspired burrito). Like DaLat, the items on the extensive menu (all reasonably priced) combine traditional Asian flavors with a Texas twang. Delish. (5555 Preston Oak Road. CrisAndJohn.com.)

Uchiba (Uptown; depends). For the third year in four, a restaurant at the same address has meandered onto my list — first Uchi (still there), then its upstairs neighbor Top Knot, and now Top Knot's replacement. Although the decor hasn't changed much, Top Knot had a looser vibe. The newer Uchiba feels more adult, more staid, somehow more formal. But chef Tyson Cole continues to come up with amazing dishes to tease the palate (foie gras mousse!) that linger in your memory. (2817 Maple Ave. Uchiba.com.)

Mille Lire (Cedar Springs; event). Great Italian food, like great Chinese, has always been a blindspot on the Dallas dining scene, but one of two stand-outs this year is this Mille Lire, located in the challenging space on the ground floor of the Centrum. The decor is elegant and inviting, the service good

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Drive more than one new vehicle a week over the course of a year and some will stand out. Blistering speed, elegant style and sumptuous interiors leave impressions, but so do great driving cars that are incredibly practical. We have a selection for review, so let's get busy.

2018 YEAR IN REVIEW

AUTO

Jeep Grand Cherokee Trackhawk. Ice storms and slow roads be damned when behind the wheel of this ferocious beast. It lays down tread with its 707-horsepower supercharged V8 engine and fortified all-wheel-drive system. As a symphony of bottled swagger, it smokes 0-60 mph in 3.5s and reaches 180 mph. It gets 11/17-MPG city/highway, but who cares when snuggled into leather and suede seats, listening to 825w Harman Kardon audio and gazing at carbon fiber trim. You'll want a cigarette after

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Mercedes-Benz S560. I drove two S560s, so the quandary is, "Sedan or cabrio?" Working in its favor, the four-seat convertible with its retractable cotton roof and Swarovski crystal headlamp accents is classically beautiful. But, the sedan flaunts gravitas rolling up anywhere. Twin flatscreens, Nappa leather, Bermester audio, night vision cameras, massage seats and heated armrests thoroughly spoil passengers. Both cruise effortlessly with 463-horsepower Biturbo V8 engines and air suspensions. Both are divine, but there's nothing like seeing that chrome star at the end of the hood.
As-tested price: \$139,405.

Alfa Romeo Giulia Quadrifoglio. Slap this Italian stud on the ass and hear the screaming Ferrari-derived twin-turbo V6 engine that spirits 505 horsepower to zap 0-60 mph in 3.8 seconds and touch 191 mph top speed. Alfa's D.N.A system adjusts the throttle, steering, suspension and transmission for sport, comfort or economy. Brembo brakes deploy the parachutes. Check



the carbon fiber front splitter, rear spoiler, hood and roof. Sweet leather accompanies an infotainment screen expanse that looks like black Murano glass. Crank the 900w Harman Kardon audio and find your road.
As-tested price: \$89,895.

Ford F-150 Platinum Diesel. If you're



Left top, Mercedes-Benz S560, bottom, Alfa Romeo Giulia Quadrifoglio and above, Volkswagen Golf R.

going to live in Texas, you gotta love a truck! This sexy boy is dressed to the nines in Platinum trim that flashes a bold chrome grille, 20-in. wheels and LED bed lights. Military grade aluminum panels keep it light. Climb up the power deployed steps and luxuriate in Dark Marsala red leather, black wood trim, heated/cooled seats and sweet B&O audio system. Smooch beneath the stars via a twin panel moonroof. Afterwards, pump the turbo-diesel engine to pull 13,200 lbs. of weekend toys with quietly deployed 250-horsepower and 440 lb.-ft. of torque. As-tested price: \$70,375.

Volkswagen Golf R. With all of this exotic machinery, you may think my brain malfunctioned by including a VW. This car's about simply getting lost in the drive. The two-box exterior is dignified by LED headlamps, 19-in. wheels and R-specific body trim. Open the hatch and throw in all your gear. Up front, appreciate the flatscreen instrument cluster, Fender audio, lane keep assist, adaptive cruise and forward collision mitigation. Step into the 292-horsepower turbo-four, with all-wheel-drive, that tosses the car 0-60 mph under 5s and achieves 21/29-MPG city/hwy. Rev and enjoy! As-tested price: \$40,635.

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Jeffrey Hunter
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Name and age: Jeffrey Hunter, 27

Spotted at: Abrams Road and Chimney Hill Lane

Occupation: Food service, currently a host at Henry's Majestic and Harlow MX

Born and raised in Sherman, Jeffrey graduated from Sherman High School — the only male color guard member in band. He also sang in the jazz choir and ensemble, and was involved in many extracurricular activities. He attended UT San Antonio, where he studied for vocal performance and opera. Every Christmas, he returns to Sherman to sing carols with his high school classmates at elder hospitals and nursery homes.

Kiss and makeup: He earned a cosmetology license, and was doing makeup at Ulta Beauty in Sherman until his mother was involved in an accident. Jeffrey moved to Dallas to take care of her and has been living here since. His fondness for makeup began at an early age, and he was always in his mother's closet playing with her heels and lipstick. His mom taught him how to do his eyelashes, and helped fuel his passion for cosmetics. A grandma's boy, Jeffrey was mentored by his grandmother, and he credits her as the person he gets most of his style from. He never had to come out because he had a wonderfully supportive family, who always accepted him.

He loves Anne Rice novels and visiting art museums. He has a passion for history, especially the Victorian era (shoulder pads, big bustles, decadent jewelry).

Future plans: Every third Thursday he participates in drag at the Nines in Deep Ellum, and also amateur nights at the Rose Room. He strives to become a better drag queen and earn a esthetician license for skin care.

Favorite quote: "Life's too short not to be dressed well."

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but the pastas seal the deal. How good is it? This is where I chose to spend my birthday dinner last year. (3102 Oak Lawn Ave. Mille-Lire.com.)

Musume (Downtown Arts District; event). Sushi has been almost as inevitable in Dallas as steakhouses and taquerias for well more than a decade now, but while Musume — next to Flora Street Cafe, across from the Meyerson and Winspear — touts itself as a sushi restaurant, it's in the broader preparation of Japanese dishes where it soars:

the five spice duck leg confit, the forbidden halibut, the seared divers scallops. It's impressive in its scope as well as its style. (2330 Flora St. MusumeDallas.com.)

Taco y Vino (Bishop Arts; casual). The combination of a wine bar and a Tex-Mex restaurant seemed counterintuitive, but the execution from chef Sharon Van Meter and proprietor Jimmy Contreras exceeds expectations. There are even vegan options that carnivores would get excited over. (213 W. 8th St. TacoyVinoDallas.com.)

The Charles (Design District; event). Chef J Chastain has gone from Hot New Thing to the chef always on the edge of greatness over the last decade or more, leading many kitchens (The Mansion, Stephan Pyles, The Second Floor) where other chefs (Bruno Davillon, Pyles, Scott Gottlich) have already left their marks. So it's wonderful that he final has come into his own in the other great Italian restaurant of 2018. Quaint, with personal service and deft dishes, this hideaway next to a 7-Eleven in the Design District



A board of house-cured meats from Macellaio. shows how funky fine-dining can be. (1632 Market Center Blvd. TheCharlesDallas.com.)

Macellaio (Bishop Arts; casual). You know who *really* has the meats? Macellaio. A sister restaurant to chef David Uygur's Lucia — which itself rose to prominence on its house-cured salumi — this Bishop Arts bistro (opened only for dinner) is tiny and highly specialized (I wouldn't send a vegan within two blocks of the place): Cured, cooked and fermented animal proteins (mostly pork and beef, but there are seafood dishes). Exotic and daring (I still can't get the duck tongues out of my head), it's an unusual and exciting journey through the mind of a chef who knows what he wants his restaurant to be. (287 N. Bishop Ave. MacellaioDallas.com.)

Restaurant of the Year (Event)
Bullion (Downtown Reunion District). It should come as no surprise that Bullion, which opened in December of 2017 and never dropped off the top of my list, would take the crown. Bruno Davillon, who led the kitchen at The Mansion before spending two years getting this project off the ground, provides something more than a meal — he provides an experience. First is the setting: A golden vessel raised above the first floor of the Belo Building like a luxury liner waiting to weigh anchor. The appointments are sharp and sophisticated — cozy bar seating, more Deco in the dining room — and the food and beverage span the gamut. They serve one of my favorite drinking in North Texas (a traditional pastis) for a mere \$5;

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**Friday 01.11 —
Sunday 01.20**

**Alas! Shakespeare Dallas
moves indoors for 'Hamlet'**

The weather has been unseasonably warm for January, so it is perhaps ironic that Shakespeare Dallas — the company dedicated to warm-weather alfresco performances at Samuell-Grand Park (and occasionally other locales) — has launched its inaugural winter season indoors. To kick off its sheltered Shakespeare, artistic director Raphael Parry will direct *Hamlet*. Just remember: You can't bring a picnic basket this time.

DEETS: Moodyt Performance Hall, 2520 Flora St. ShakespeareDallas.org.

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**Friday 01.11 —
Sunday 01.27**

**Chinese troupe Shen Yun
settles into Winspear**

Every few years Shen Yun Performing Arts, the dance and music company, arrives in North Texas to demonstrate the ancient arts of China... and it has been two years since the last one. Colorful, energetic and engaging, the troupe settles into the Winspear for two weeks.

DEETS: Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. ATPAC.org. ShenYunPerformingArts.com.



Friday 01.11 — Saturday 01.26

You too? Imprint revisits 'The Vibrator Play'

In light of all the sexual misconduct rampant in America today, it seems appropriate that another local theater company would mount Sarah Ruhl's *In the Next Room (or The Vibrator Play)*. The twisted comedy — based on a real situation — concerns how gynecologist in the 19th century treated hysteria among upper-crust ladies ("hysteria" being derived from the Greek word for womb) with a new invention: The mechanized clitoral stimulator. Imprint Theatreworks presents the 2009 play at the Bath House.

DEETS: Bath House Cultural Center, 521 E. Lawther Drive. ImprintTheatreworks.org.



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ARTSWEEK THEATER

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Everybody. When all life must end, the guy "upstairs" calls them all — everybody — must learn their fate in the afterlife in this Pulitzer Prize finalist for drama, a modern, snarky comedy. Stage West, 821 W. Vickery Blvd., Fort Worth. Through Jan. 27. StageWest.org.

Fetch Clay, Make Man. A world premiere play by Dallas Theater Center playwright-in-residence Will Power about the intersection of the lives of Mohammad Ali and Stepin Fetchit. *Final weekend.* Studio Theatre of the Wyly Theatre, 2400 Flora St. DallasTheaterCenter.org.

Hamlet. Shakespeare Dallas launched is inaugural with the Bard's masterpiece of psychology. Moody Performance Hall, 2450 Flora St. Jan. 11–20. \$20–\$35. ShakespeareDallas.org.

In the Next Room (or The Vibrator Play). Sarah Ruhl's racy comedy of manners about how women in the Victorian Era were treated for "hysteria" via sexual assault. Presented by Imprint Theatreworks. Bath House Cultural Center, 521 E. Lawther Drive. Jan. 11–26. ImprintTheatreworks.org.

DANCE

Shen Yun. The Chinese dance and music company returns to North Texas. Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. Jan. 10–27. ATPAC.org.

FINE ART

An Enduring Legacy: The Eugene and Margaret McDermott Collection of Impressionist and Modern Art. The recent death of Dallas arts patron Margaret McDermott, at age 106, led to a bequest of 32 works from her private collection, housed in her

own home until recently, and now on display with three previously-donated works to the DMA. Dallas Museum of Art 1717 Harwood St. Through Feb. 17. DMA.org.

Women Artists in Europe from the Monarchy to Modernism. Highlights from the DMA's collection focusing on art created by female artists. Dallas Museum of Art 1717 Harwood St. Through June 9. DMA.org.

Ida O'Keeffe: Escaping Georgia's Shadow. The work of the "forgotten" sister of Georgia O'Keeffe, a promising artist in her own right, gets an exhibition. Dallas Museum of Art 1717 Harwood St. Through Feb. 24. DMA.org.

EXHIBITIONS

Slavery at Jefferson's Monticello. Archeological exhibition that details life for possessed peoples who worked the plantation of the third president of the United States. African American Museum at Fair Park.

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but it's the ravishing steaks, the French culinary techniques that enhance rather than mask the essential qualities of the food and the surprisingly friendly and un-stuffy service that made it the most talked-about restaurant of 2018. For good reason. (400 S. Record St. BullionRestaurant.com.)

Restaurant of the Year (Casual)

Khao Noodle Shop (Old East Dallas). Technically, this small Laotian restaurant across from the legendary Jimmy's Food Store abutting historic Munger Place didn't open until after my cut-off date. But chef Donny Sirisavash has spent years perfecting his boat noodles and other traditional dishes inspired by his mom's recipes, and after attending several pop-ups last summer, I had already had enough of his food that the opening of the restaurant seemed more like a formality. If you don't have a sense for what Laotian food is (I certainly didn't have until last year), the ingredients are fresh and unique, the flavors clean yet spicy and the care radiates from every



Chef Donny holds his signature boat noodles at Khao Noodle Shop, Dallas' casual restaurant of the year for 2018.

dish. From the jerky to the sticky rice to the sauces, I have not had one dish here that didn't thrill my tongue. (4812 Bryan St. KhaoNoodleShop.com.) ■

Through Jan. 21 (extended).

FRIDAY 01.11

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

BROADCAST

RuPaul's Drag Race: All Stars. The fourth installment of returning queens competing for the crown. VH1 at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY 01.12

COMMUNITY
Dallas Bears Annual Chili Cook-Off. The Dallas Bears host one of their annual social/fundraising events, the yearly Chili Cook-Off, featuring individuals, clubs and organizations vying for the trophy and bragging rights. This year, it takes place at The Round-Up Saloon, 3912 Cedar Springs Road. 4–5:30 p.m. DallasBears.org.

MONDAY 01.14

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 01.15

FILM

The Man Who Came to Dinner. A witty romp about a bloviating houseguest whose injury forces him to remain with his hosts, upending their routine. Monty Woolley's career-defining performance is the highlight. Screens as part of the Tuesday Big Movie New Classic Series, which now includes a matinee. Landmark's Magnolia Theatre in the West Village, 3699 McKinney Ave. Screens at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 01.17

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 01.18

THEATER

Sweat. Lynn Nottage's Pulitzer Prize-winning play (her second) about the effects of unbalanced labor economic on real people. Presented by Dallas Theater Center. Kalita Humphreys Theater, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. Jan. 18–Feb. 10 (in previews through Jan. 22). DallasTheaterCenter.org.

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Ask Howard

How to do the wrong thing right

Oh, what a difference a year makes. This time last January, I was still portly, still single and half my parents still remained alive. None of the above are still true: I've entered 2019 healthily slim, happily married, but having neither of my former parental buffers standing between me and my newfound ascendancy to the graveyard's front lines. Surreal isn't the word for it, and although my longtime partner (now spouse) and I were together fully 25 years prior to our ultimate decision of gettin' to the church on time last August, any epiphany of feeling somehow different (considering I've now been made a decent man out of) has been, politely, glacial to crystalize into my anticipatedly giddy euphoria: We signed a piece of paper together, we admired new jewelry on our fingers, and we fed each other a hunk of delicious, buttercream-frosted cake in front of 150 beautifully decked-out people. Any given stroll through a wing of North Park Center grants one the exact same experience.

On the other hand, perhaps it's the difference between getting married in one's 50s versus one's 20s. Even my friends snort, "Well, what did you expect after dawdling for 25 years? Fuck, you're probably listed in Guinness as the longest engagement in gay history!" (Somehow, it just falls on deaf ears when I delicately point out that for, oh, just our first 23 years together, same-sex wedded bliss didn't legally exist.) Happily, too, I'm kicking off things here at Ask Howard this year into more of the M-17 territory you dear sweet boys most adore, despite the enthusiastic reception of my recent experimentations in G-rated columns. Therein lies my 2019 conundrum: how to please those baptized from all sense of humor and my hell-bound perverted "core base." I'm sure gonna give it my best shot.

Thus, first up, comes a question that originally arrived well over five years back, one that still holds the 14-year record of Lengthiest Question — in its original incarnation, fully 10 daunting, single-spaced/double-sided pages typed pages. It reminded me more of a tawdry novella than this torpidly screwball underworld lark I've so painstakingly whittled it down to. Formerly replete with penny-dreadful dialogue exchanges, corrupted colloquialisms, mixed metaphors, shorthand Millennial word-perversions (nonexistent periods, no capitalization anywhere, shoddy grammar all the way around) and a personally-lauded courageousness for possessing the unapologetic bravery to at least attempt raw, slang/ethnic syntax—always extremely risky a judgment call for *any* writer to tackle . . . so let's get perversely right to it.

Dear Howard: I'm more a sociologist by nature, although apparently not by nurture; idiotically, I once again found myself on

NYE in Vegas doing, naturally, what every man goes there to do: hire hookers. Nor does it bode well that I'm both a size-queen extraordinaire *and* just the biggest ol' bottom ever to dump a diaper. Annny-hooo, once again I pressed the "loop" button on *Groundhog Day*, and what showed up was the greasiest gay-for-pay-per-view dirty weasel motherfucker yet — always turning suckers like me into repeat offenders, forever believing their slickster shit-hustlin' pretty words: "Eleven rock-hard 'real' inches for all y'all clients' satisfaction — no catfishin' here!"

Bang that gong again, girl! I've spent way too many decades farcically "entertaining myself" now to the point where I long ago graduated to XL, exclusively, from my favorite sphincter-destroying toymaker, Tom of Finland: Anything short of colossal simply won't fill the bill anymore (I now require the petite girth of any Brazilian pro-soccer player's thighs).

Not only did "Mr. JaXXX" show up a solid hour late (red flag no. 1), but then, equally true to form, immediately scooped-up, and pocketed, his \$300 outcall request (red flag no. 2) from the desktop soon as he minced through the door, *and*, Princessa JaXXX had the unmitigated nerve to then pull that hourglass-draining, tired old trick of "suggesting" I first fix us a bonding, get-to-know-you-better libation (red flag no. 3) and chat a bit beforehand. Uh huh, he *really* went there: "You know," he primly scolded, all helium-wristed like, "I thought twice about even showing at all, baby, 'cause you made me write down your address and go have to find me a pencil, instead of just doin' the simple thing by texting it to me . . . I'm just sayin' here." (Already, I'd re-nicknamed Mr. JaXXX as Tab, for his one-calorie personality.) "I'm just sayin'," repeated Tab, "I been stung by you white dudes in the past, but, damn, at least you're easier on de eyes than most, 'cause (crimson glory no. 4!) I left my dick pills at home. Any chance you can at least offer me a chaser with my drink? A Coke? You know, if you wanna party some, too, I knows a guy can swing us by some molly and real coke . . . I'm just sayin'."

Tab was, even by my luckless standards, already the laudably-worst scam artist ever . . . and just two minutes in! "Tell your pharmacist to spot you a Viagra, too," I said. "Nothing like job-preparedness, especially after showing up an hour late. I limit myself to four Vegas visits per year: New Year's Eve, Valentine's, Veteran's Day and Columbus Day. I go totally black on the one holiday that would seem most fitting—Halloween. Yet I knew well what was coming next on Tab's trick-or-treat playlist: I'd be fed some bullshit excuse for why he suddenly has to "dash out for just a minute," rather than inviting his man up.

"Hell, baby!" howled Tab. "You don't want the likes of him comin' into this fine place

anyways. I'll just run down to de corner when he calls to say he's pullin' up. I texted him; he ain't far, baby. 'Sides, I gotta get me some jumbotron rubbers anyways. You know, baby, I love yo accent. Where you from?" Groaning, I flopped down in a chair. "Nutshell, I grew up in Southern Texas, lit out for La La Land the day after high school graduation to be discovered, then following a stint of slinging hash, got swept off my feet by the glittering opportunity to become another invisible petty drone robot within the breathtaking cogs inside our government's bureaucratic cracked mirrors' funhouse." Tab stroked puzzlingly at his beardlet. "Hmmm, don't recall I ever smoked me no hash in a funhouse of glass robots," and suddenly, Tab's phone lit up right on cue: "He's here pullin' up." I motioned Tab calm the hell down: "Wait now just a sec here, remind me again exactly *why* you need to pick up condoms? I'm a bit murky on that one. I recall specifically asking you over the phone if you do bareback, to which you replied, quote, 'Anything for my client's satisfaction, baby.'" Tab shook his dreads, grinning, "Bareback's gonna cost you extra, though, baby, so you grew up one of dem racist white boys from South Carolina? South Texas, I mean—De Redneck Riviera."

"Yeah, well, you caught me, all right — the South Texas racist. That's me. That's why I called you — because I'm racist." This was the point things just went Red Flag City: Tab's phone suddenly buzzed even louder. "OK, he's downstairs now, baby. So how much shit you want?" he commanded, holding out his hand.

"A hundred bucks' worth," I replied pleasantly, producing an extra Benjamin from beneath my Tito's and Coke. "Here's your reimbursement soon as you get back. You may substitute one of my Bennies in your pocket during the interim." Just as scripted, the asswad bolted for the door, bestowing me a coyly forced grin, "I'm from Chicago. So, now, don't you go locking me out, baby." He winked, "Hell, we ain't barely even got started yet."

And, Howard, that was the end of that: Per usual, he went MIA with my money. Poof! Quicker than alcohol in sunshine. And coming up next trip—it's Valentine's! Howard, like, just what groundhog hell is this I'm in? — **Ted Z. Rhodes**

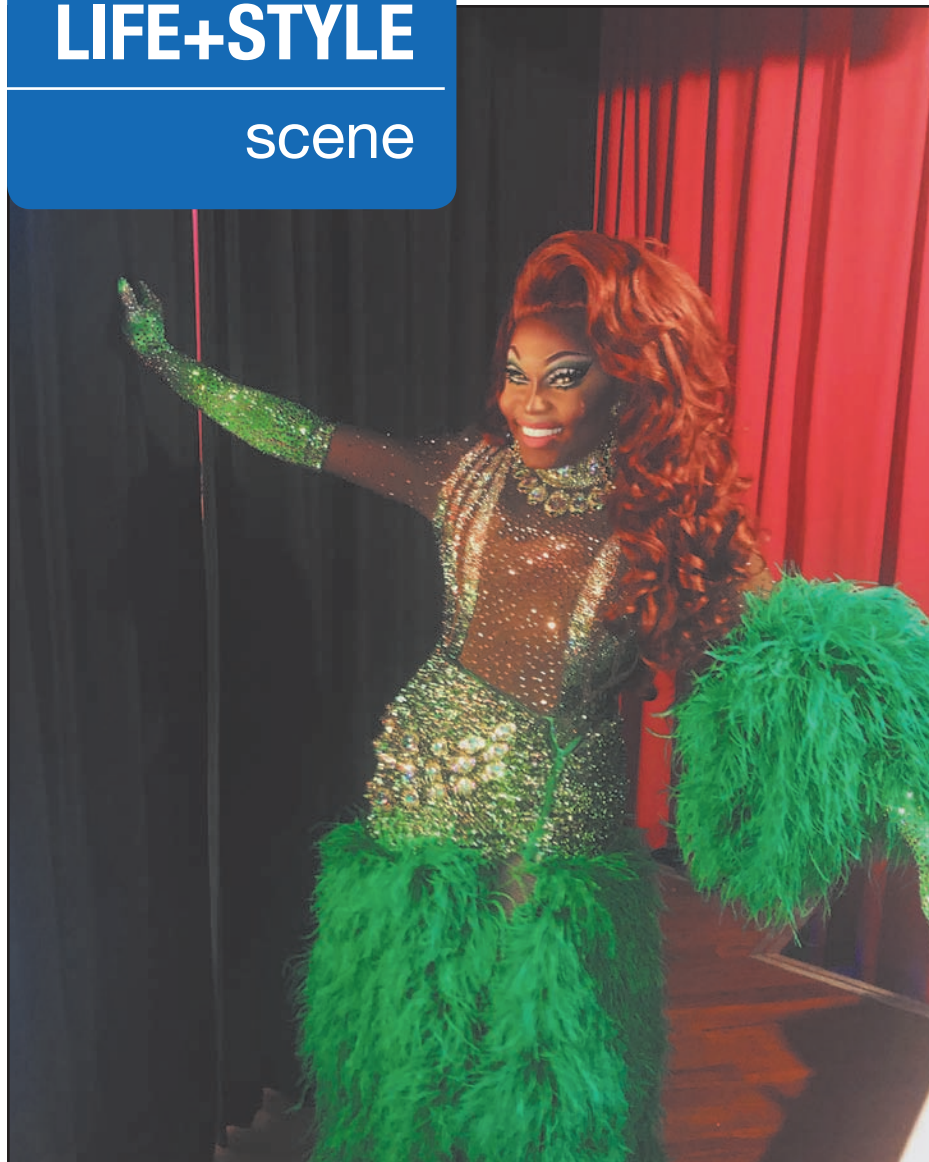
Dear Deserted Roads: A blessing-in-disguise here is staring right at you. Vegas



is a mythical city, Ted. As with all mythical cities, it's obligated to disappear, exactly like Atlantis, Czarist St. Petersburg and Detroit which preceded it . . . as well as Dubai and Miami, too, in short order. And disappear Vegas certainly will, far sooner than later. Its lifeblood of Lake Mead has but these strange days plummeted to a mere 32 percent of capacity (albeit "officially" hawked at a rosy bright 38 percent): Mead's zebra-striped cliff banks starkly now dazzle a far wider white calcium-line than they do fathoms of drinking water beneath — the mighty Hoover's lower-intake turbine funnels will, inevitably, become electron-stalled by sucking every bit as much solid air as its uppers already do. The one end-happy result is, Desert Blossom, that your exasperating escort travails shall all soon shortly evaporate of their own fortuitous volition. Whew! What kind of lucky break, indeed, is that, eh? After all, say I to Vegas, "Give me the guaranteed, skeletally-withering death of an entire city any day over the roulette-wheel-best, 50/50 odds of hoping to ever jackpot a Vegas dick-of-death rental cock — via 'beating the house' on a retiree's fixed income." Easy-mark though they've long now had you pegged for, Blossom, be damned: Mortally overdosing accidentally (even if not *addictively*) on ruinous, fleshly pipe-dream pleasures looms just way too bloody flags' red.

— **Howard Lewis Russell**

Have a question you think Howard can answer? Send it to AskHoward@DallasVoice.com.



Drag Race star Asia O'Hara was back home in the Rose Room last weekend. (Photo courtesy of Luka O'hara)

Making the **SCENE** the week of **Jan. 11-17:**

- **1851 Club:** Kiana Lee hosts **All Star Drag Show** at 10:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.
- **Alexandre's:** Wayne Smith on Sunday. K-Marie on Tuesday. Vero Voz on Wednesday. Chris Chism on Thursday.
- **Cedar Springs Tap House:** RuPaul's Drag Race All-Stars 4 Watch Party at 7 p.m. on Friday.
- **Club Reflection:** Donna Dumae's Anniversary Show at 6 p.m. on Sunday.
- **Dallas Eagle:** United Court Lip Sync Battle at 7 p.m. on Friday. Discipline Corps Club Night on Friday. Donna Dumae's Anniversary Show from 7-10 p.m. on Saturday. NLA-Dallas and Dallas Bears Club Night on Saturday. Loaded featuring DJ Roland Belmares at 10 p.m. on Saturday.
- **Havana:** Puro Party with music provided by Nonsense and hosted by Chris H on Saturday.
- **Hard Rock Cafe:** The 1980s Drag Brunch at 12:30 p.m. with \$5 cover benefiting the Hard Rock Heals Foundation on Sunday.
- **JR.'s Bar & Grill:** Cassie's Freak Show at 11 p.m. on Monday.
- **Marty's Live:** Monday Night Showcase with Chanel Champagne at 10 p.m.
- **Round-Up Saloon:** Boys! Boots Boxer Briefs! hosted by Sassy O'hara at 10 p.m. on Monday. Lip Sync Battle at 11 p.m. on Thursday.
- **Sue Ellen's:** The Mojo Dolls on Saturday and Sunday. Whiskey Pants on Sunday.
- **The Rose Room:** Porche Paris on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- **TMC: The Mining Company:** Sasha Andrews hosts sss.
- **Urban Cowboy:** Charlie Phresh and the Shit Show at 10:30 p.m. on Saturday.
- **Woody's Sports & Video Bar:** Comedy Clips and Hot Hits at 10 p.m. on Friday. Show Tunes at 9 p.m. on Tuesday. Jada Pinkett Fox at 11 p.m. on Thursday.

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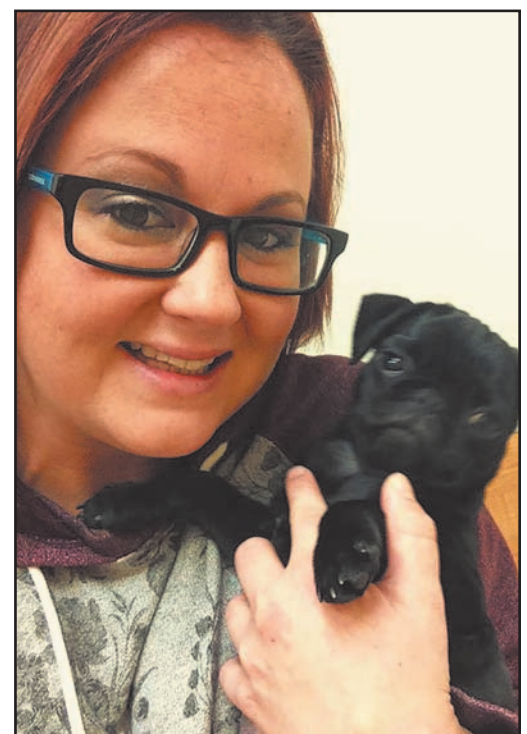
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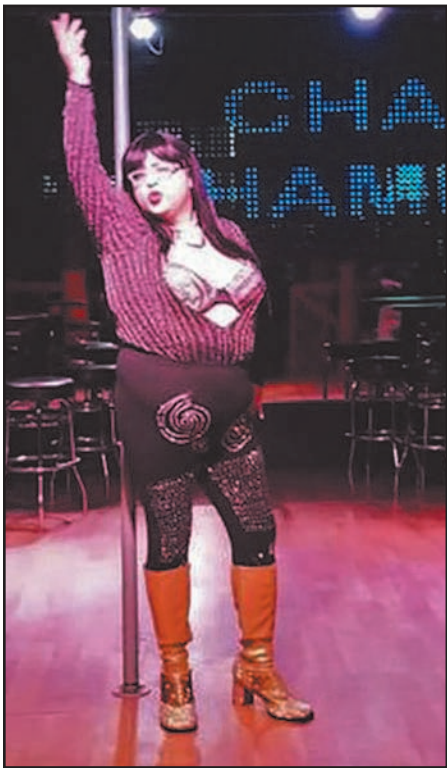
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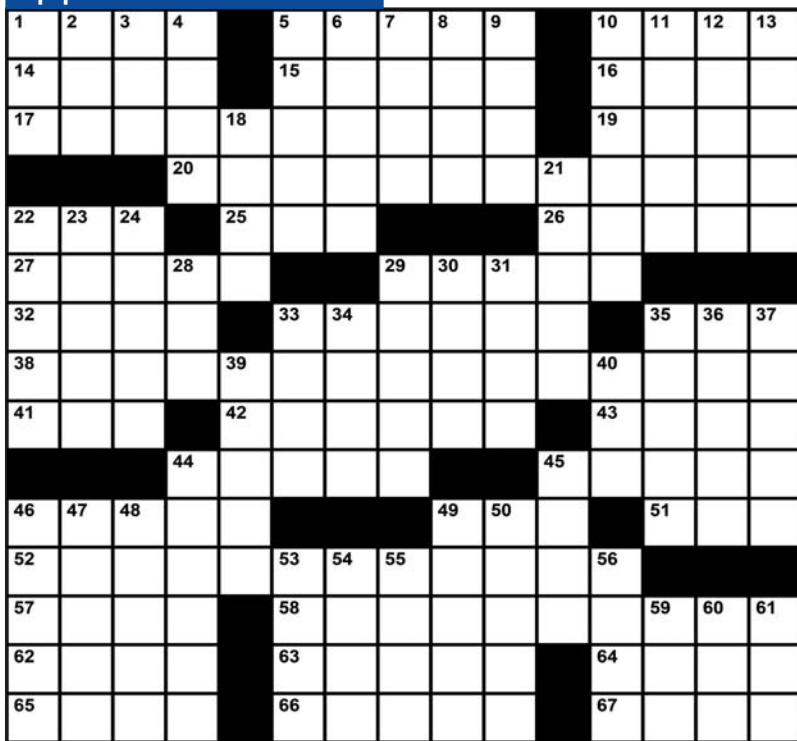
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- 10 Force that causes you to go down
- 14 One that plays with balls at the circus
- 15 Tear producer
- 16 ___ in the hay
- 17 Good judgment by a stallion?
- 19 Nurse Jackie nurse
- 20 Series that featured a raw sex scene between two Muslim men
- 22 Maugham's *Cakes and ___*
- 25 Gallery objects
- 26 Comes out slowly
- 27 Raise the price of, at Barney's
- 29 Hairspray name
- 32 Phil of '60s folk
- 33 How often you have sex after bed death
- 35 U. degrees
- 38 Series that explores polyamory rebooted from a movie
- 41 Phallic fish
- 42 Orderly formations
- 43 La Douce part for Shirley
- 44 Garson of *Mrs. Miniver*
- 45 Homer, or spud, to Gomer
- 46 Went undercover

49 Pacific battle site, in brief

- 51 Nongay, briefly
- 52 Lena Waithe won an Emmy for writing an episode of this series
- 57 Date of March madness?
- 58 Like a big dictionary
- 62 Fruit source
- 63 Bottoms, to loafers
- 64 Hollywood canine
- 65 AIDS flick *Under ___*
- 66 It may be rough
- 67 See 1-Across

Down

- 1 Wood for Billy Bean's bat, perhaps
- 2 Prefix with natal
- 3 Folksinger Williams
- 4 Rick's old flame
- 5 Hamilton Burger to Perry Mason, usually
- 6 Not potent
- 7 Skimpy skirt
- 8 Fruit of Peter Pears?
- 9 Ready to go in
- 10 Setting for TV's *Portlandia*
- 11 Sex-enhancing drug for a bored lover?
- 12 Write *The Hot'l Baltimore*
- 13 Sharon of *Queer as Folk*
- 18 Web info source
- 21 Marilyn's almost normal name?
- 22 Got up
- 23 *Milk*, when it plays

in Mexico?

- 24 Merman of Broadway fame
- 28 Silly goose
- 29 Place to become wife and wife
- 30 Time of decision
- 31 Reactions to seeing a hottie
- 33 Missing lubricant
- 34 Raison d'___
- 35 Place for a moving experience in the sack?
- 36 Singing Mann
- 37 Opening
- 39 Avant-___ (like Warhol)
- 40 Caesar's way
- 44 Command before "Go!"
- 45 Collette of *United States of Tara*
- 46 Bessie of the blues
- 47 Frida's father
- 48 "___ little silhouette of a man ..."
- 49 Where some may lie
- 50 Declining in health
- 53 Trail of the Tin Woodman's tear
- 54 "You want the light ___ off?"
- 55 Eleanor's pooch
- 56 Grocers who sell this have balls
- 59 Family-hetero school org.
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