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Remdesivir shows some promise in fight against Covid-19

Remdesivir, a drug made by Gilead, is showing some promise in fighting Covid-19 by reducing by four days the recovery time, according to the New York Times.

The drug was developed to fight Ebola but didn't work well in trials in Africa. Earlier tests of the drug didn't prove that the drug had much effect but showed that it caused no harm and was safe to take.

In this latest trial, 1,063 patients with Covid-19 were given either remdesivir or a placebo.

For those who received remdesivir, recovery time averaged 11 days.

For those on the placebo, recovery time averaged 15 days.

And there were fewer deaths among those on remdesivir, but not enough to make a statistical difference, Dr. Anthony Fauci said while announcing the results.

Remdesivir hasn't been approved to treat any illness, but the Food and Drug Administration plans to announce emergency-use authorization.

— David Taffet

Some restaurants opening today

As people debate the wisdom, process and practicality of reopening restaurants at 25 percent capacity with social distancing protocols in place, several area restaurants have announced their intention to reopen today (Friday, May 1), the first day after the expiration of Gov. Abbott's lockdown.

(Dallas rules still require closures, but the statewide order overrules them.) Among those reopening at most local locations:

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— Arnold Wayne Jones

COVID-19 forces layoffs at HRC

The Human Rights Campaign on Tuesday, April 28, laid off 22 employees because of the coronavirus pandemic.

HRC told the Washington Blade that Alphonso David, the organization's president, "personally reached out to every single



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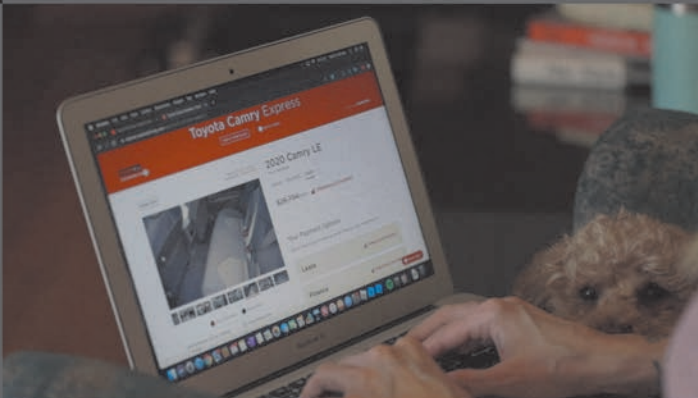
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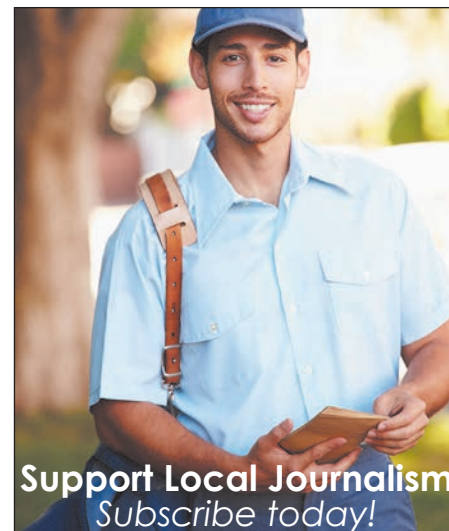
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through COBRA for at least three months.

HRC will allow them to access its Employee Assistance Program "to help with the financial and emotional transition." The laid off employees will also be able to borrow computers to allow them to look for a new job.

— Michael K. Lavers, *Washington Blade*

Covid-19 is many times more severe than the flu

Covid-19 has been compared to the flu, so Dallas County Health and Human Services

released figures that compared the two viral illnesses. Covid-19 is many times more severe.

Since Sept. 8, 2019, there have been 1,990 people hospitalized with the flu. Of those, there have been 25 deaths in 14 Dallas County hospitals or instances in which influenza was listed as cause of death on Dallas County death certificates.

The first Covid-19 hospitalizations took place the week of March 14. Since then, 796 people have been admitted to Dallas County hospitals with the virus. Of those, 94 have

died.

So, that makes 94 deaths from Covid-19 in a little more than one month compared to 25 influenza deaths in about nine months.

As for Covid-19 being a seasonal illness going away on the same schedule as flu, the last ICU hospital admissions for flu were the week of March 14. That was a week after the first ICU admissions for Covid-19 in Dallas County. If coronavirus were seasonal like the flu, it would have been petering out at the time it was just taking off locally.

— David Taffet

person affected to see how he can help them moving forward — both as HRC and whatever way he can personally." HRC did not name the employees who were laid off, citing privacy laws.

David and other members of HRC's executive and senior leadership teams have also decided to cut their own salaries. HRC has converted three full-time positions into part-time positions, has frozen its fellowship program and will not fill two dozen open positions.

The laid off HRC employees will receive severance packages that include at least eight weeks of their salary based on the number of years they worked with the organization and health insurance coverage

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Woof! Cancer and our pets

Hola Dallas Voice readers! As always, thank you for taking the time to read my column. I know how crazy these times are, but I hope everyone is hanging in there. During my last column, we talked about COVID-19 and how it relates to our pets. This time, we are shifting gears to another important topic.

May is National Pet Month. To many of us, our fur babies are our kids and a vital part of our families. Now some of us may not be aware that May is also "Pet Cancer Awareness Month." I wish none of us had to endure seeing anyone go through cancer, but the sad reality is it happens. With our pets' average life spans continuing to increase due to advances in the medical and technology fields, we are seeing more and more of our pets go through cancer at least once in their lifetimes. It almost feels like cancer is a way that life reminds us that no matter how hard we try, we all have an "expiration date."

A lot of people ask about that one test that diagnoses "cancer." While I



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Dr. Josh Talks Animals

don't doubt that technology will get us there at some point, our current reality is that no single test can determine if our babies might have cancer anywhere in their bodies. For that, we have to look into symptoms and potentially identify the source of the ailment then follow up with different diagnostic tests, ranging from blood work and radiographs to advanced imaging and specialized testing.

Even though the word "cancer" scares us all, not all types of cancer are terminal. Some types can be benign, meaning that they are usually not life threatening, and surgical excision or removal may prove curative. The more complicated types of cancer may require chemotherapy or radiation therapy.

That being said, each type of can-

cer is different. The challenge for us as pet parents comes when we have to determine how far we are willing to go to help our babies. As humans, sometimes we can be selfish by wanting our fur kids to live forever. But sometimes we have to take a step back and determine if what is medically recommended is what is actually best for our babies. This needs to be an honest conversation between you and your veterinarian.

Most of our fur babies that develop cancer are usually at least 7 or 8 years of age (dogs and cats). That being said, cancer can also be seen in our younger babies, too. We usually associate cancer with obvious masses that can be easily seen on the skin, but many types of cancer are masses inside the body or microscopic masses you can't see with the naked eye.

Technically, any organ can develop different types of cancer. This is why it is important to have your veterinarian examine your baby at least every six months and perform a blood work study at least every six to 12 months. I have some pet parents that perform radiographs on their senior babies once yearly to be as thorough as possible.

I also recommend that you thoroughly examine every inch of your senior babies' skin at least once a

month at home. Parents are very commonly the first ones to notice something is not OK with their babies, so this thorough "mass check" is crucial for early detection. If you notice what may be a lump on your baby or notice appetite issues, weight loss or any other issues, please visit your veterinarian right away.

I know this is a depressing topic, especially during these unreal times. But we need to make sure that our loved ones are as happy and healthy as they can be to continue being part of our families, especially during these trying times. While cancer can be a sensitive subject, please know that we must not focus on the current negative reality, but also on the amazing years we have had with our loved ones. We only live once, and we need to cherish all of those beautiful moments that we have enjoyed together.

Life is not a still picture of our final moments, but a series of experiences that lead us through life while changing others as we navigate together. There is always something positive in everything, don't forget that! Abrazos, until next time!

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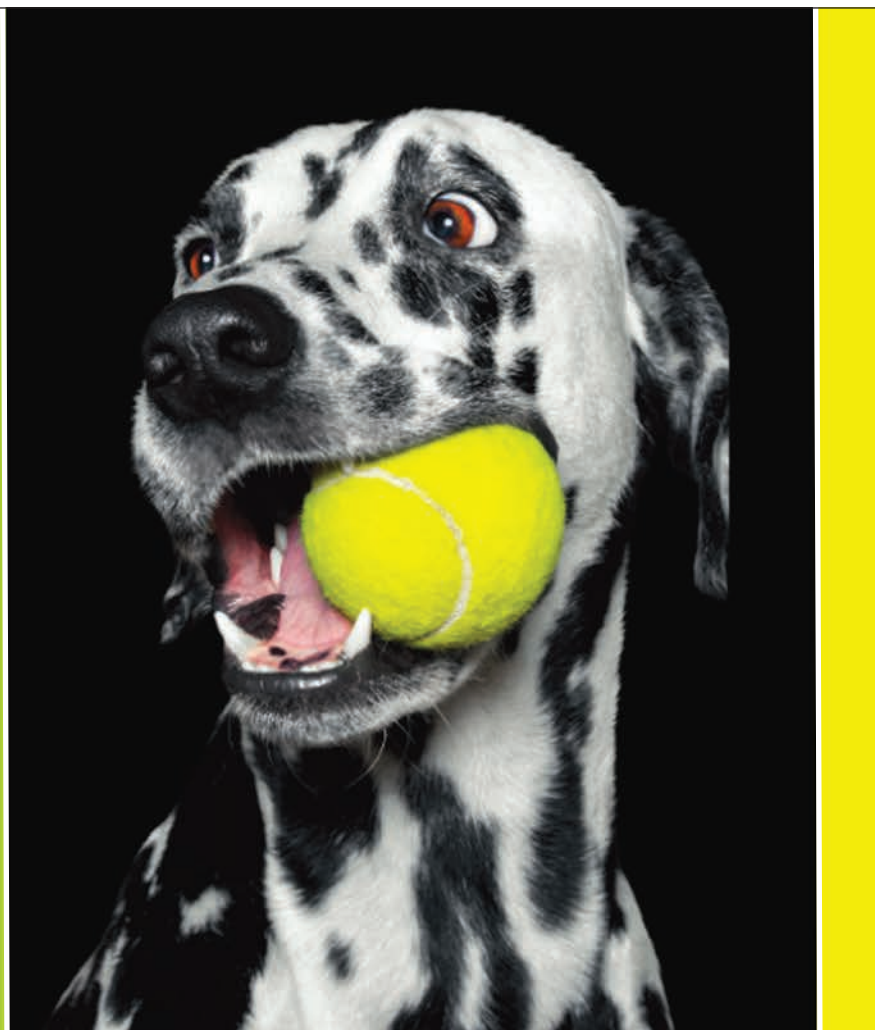
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A winning recipe

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“We knew this was going to be a challenge,” Andrew

Pettke said of having to keep secret for months the fact that he and his husband Chef Navin Hariprasad and their business partner Sarah Hartshorne — aka Team Mystikka Masala — had won *The Great Food Truck Race: Gold Coast* last summer.

“When we and [Team Lunch Ladies] found out we were the final two teams, we talked about it, and we made a pact that after it was over, we would tell everyone that they recorded two different endings, so we didn’t know who actually won. That took the burden off of everyone trying to get us to tell them how it turned out.”

The secret finally came out on Thursday, April 23, in the final episode of the 12th season of the popular Food Network show — right in the middle of the COVID-19 epidemic, which shut down restaurants and other businesses across the country. In fact, the trio’s Dallas restaurants, Spice in the City and Lucky Cat Vegan, haven’t even been able to open for delivery and take-out, because “our restaurants share a residential lobby with a loft in downtown,” Navin explained the day after the finale aired. “We felt it was too risky to operate. We are exploring the variables now on when it will be safe to open again.”

The couple’s share of the \$50,000 prize money for the *Great Food Truck Race* will hopefully help bridge that gap.

About two years ago, Navin, a registered dietician and the chef behind the spicy fusion menu at the two restaurants, was recruited to compete on another Food Network cooking competition, *Guy’s Grocery Games*.

Navin said. “I agreed to do it, and [the publicity from that] ended up bringing us a good chunk of business. With that momentum behind us, we decided it was a good option to apply to participate in the rest of the Food Network shows.”

About a year later, he added, they got the call that they’d been accepted for *The Great Food Truck Race*. Because they needed a third team member, the men said, they talked Sarah, their friend and business partner, into participating, too.

Sarah, who was still recovering from a then-recent hip surgery, wasn’t so sure about being on TV. But Andrew and Navin managed to convince her to go along for the ride.

Then they had to come up with a concept for their food truck, which really wasn’t that hard considering that they already had a popular and successful concept with their restaurants.

“We decided we would showcase our fusion dishes,” Andrew said. “They are delicious and tasty and visually amazing, and it would be something that could get people to move out of their comfort zone and try something new.”

The food truck provided by the network was eye-catching, too: bright pink and orange, with a blue-colored map of Texas on the side. Andrew explained, “The orange and pink colors were our idea. The state of Texas outline was something they added in.”

So they had their menu, and they had their truck. But they knew they had to have a message, a gimmick, if they really wanted to get people’s attention and draw in customers.

“We had several messages that we really wanted to push while we were on the show,” Navin said. “The first one was that Andrew and I are a successful long-term [same-sex] couple. We’ve been together for 13 years, and married for one.”

That, combined with their menu of healthy ethnic cuisine, was a great message. But what about a gimmick, that hook that would get the customers to the truck to hear the messages? That’s where Mystikka Masala came in.

“I had already done drag a couple of times in the past,” Navin said. “The first time was back in the old Rose Room inside Village Station. I enjoyed drag, but I ended up going the college route instead. But I kept doing the drag occasionally, for charity events and things like that. I really love the androgyny of drag, and I



Members of Team Mystikka Masala, from left Sarah Hartshorne, Andrew Pettke and Chef Navin “Mystikka Masala” Hariprasad talk with *The Great Food Truck Race* host Tyler Florence. (Photo courtesy of Food Network)

love portraying that different character up on stage.

“So, we were talking about it, asking ourselves, what hasn’t been showcased yet on *The Great Food Truck Race*? And Mystikka Masala was born,” Navin continued. “We really created her as something that would push us out of our own comfort zones but that would, at the same time, break some barriers with people who hadn’t really been introduced to the LGBTQ community yet. And drag is really hot right now, so we wanted to ride that wave.”

The competition

So, they had a team. They had a concept. They had a truck. They had a menu, and they had a gimmick. But the hard part was just getting started.

“The biggest challenge,” Andrew said, “was that every episode was in a different city, and every city was a new city to us that we were unfamiliar with. We had to find the perfect place to park our truck for the right time of day, and then we had to get permission to park there. That proved to be really challenging in Las Vegas, because the best places, obviously, are on The Strip, and you can’t just easily call up the owner of a big casino to get their permission to park your food truck in front of their business.”

On top of that, he said, the kitchens in the food trucks are small and cramped, so the team had to adjust to working in such a confined space. And the trucks themselves are used and all have their own little quirks.

“You have to find work-arounds,” Andrew said. “Like water. You have to bring your potable water. And then there was the heat; the heat was unbearable. It was the middle of the summer, and the trucks had no air conditioning. One day

that we were in Palm Springs, it was 117 degrees. I drove a truck with no air conditioning across the desert, twice, in the middle of the summer. It got so hot that a can of soda literally exploded one day.”

Sarah and Navin usually rode in an air-conditioned car while Andrew drove the truck. But even they weren’t safe from the heat. The three had plastic visors they were as part of their uniform, and one day a visor left in the back window of the car melted in the heat of the sun coming through the rear windshield.

“I think we have always considered the option of having a food truck, and we had talked to people with food trucks in Dallas. They had told us how difficult it can be,” Navin said. “But being on this show takes it to a whole new level. There are so many things to consider: location, weather, marketing, permission, price points, competing side by side with other food trucks.

“We really had to be creative and be able to adapt right on the spot,” he continued. “Since the show, we have definitely said we probably would not do a food truck as a regular concept, although we are open to considering a catering truck for special events. But this definitely opened up our eyes to the challenges that food truck owners face, and we had the show helping us get into places and maintaining vehicles.

“It’s a lot of work. Hats off to all the food truck operators out there. You have to constantly hustle, and you have to go where your customers are,” Navin said.

The aftermath

After winning, Andrew and Navin spent months keeping their secret and anticipating the boost in publicity from the show would bring their Dallas

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Making sure LGBT Texans have health insurance

Lambda Legal's Dallas office is asking the governor to expand Medicaid during this health crisis

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Lambda Legal attorney Shelly Skeen said that while her organization is known for its impact litigation, there are other ways to get things done — like sending a letter to the governor of Texas. The Dallas office of Lambda Legal sent an eight-page letter to Gov. Greg Abbott asking him to expand Medicaid coverage to Texas under the Affordable Care Act, at least temporarily.

The point of the letter is to help the state save millions of dollars, Skeen said, noting that sometimes a letter pointing out statistics and other facts can be the most effective tool for change,

"We don't know what will look like in the future," Skeen said. "The peak [of the COVID-19 epidemic] might not hit until June. We may have a second wave."

She said if the governor looks at all of the facts, he would see that now is a good time to expand Medicaid to Texas.

Lambda Legal's letter highlights how expansion will help the LGBTQ community. But, Skeen said, because Texas has the lowest rate of health insurance coverage among the states, expanding Medicaid now will help people across the state

regardless of their gender identity or sexual orientation.

"Within the LGBT community, 26 percent don't have coverage, and 27 percent of us are food insecure," Skeen said. "Twenty-six percent of us make less than \$24,000, and 34 percent of transgender people live in poverty."

But does the current administration care whether more than a quarter of LGBT Texans have healthcare coverage? If not, then they definitely should.

Skeen said that \$6.8 billion in healthcare in Texas is uncompensated. That's during a normal year. With Covid-19 not even having yet peaked, who knows what that figure will be this year. In other words, doctors, hospitals, labs and more would be compensated for more of that amount if Texas expanded Medicaid.

Skeen said the purpose of the letter is to convince the governor to expand Medicaid to help the state reduce its economic costs as the pandemic continues, reduce loss of life by insuring more people and reduce the economic impact on uninsured Texans.

Texas is just one of 14 states that has not expanded Medicaid coverage since the ACA went into effect. As a result, the Lone Star State has the highest rate of uninsured people of all the 50 states.



Shelly Skeen

In the LGBT community, 8 percent were unemployed pre-Covid-19 when the state's unemployment rate overall was hovering around 3 percent. That translated into more than a quarter of a million LGBT Texans who had no health insurance.

For the transgender community the statistics were far worse — 17 percent unemployed, 34 percent living in poverty, 77 percent without identity documents that match their gender.

Lambda Legal's letter to Abbott explains how this puts the community at risk.

Research shows that people who are uninsured wait longer to seek medical attention. Not only do they have poorer health outcomes themselves, but with the onset of Covid-19, uninsured people are more likely to spread the virus to others putting everyone else at risk.

"Regardless of the source consulted, whether it is the NIH, the CDC or federally funded programs such as the National LGBT Aging Center study, LGBT adults and seniors face significant and unique hardships when compared to their non-LGBT counterparts," Lambda Legal argues in its letter.

Therefore, the signers of the letter conclude, "there is an immediate, crucial and growing need for temporary Medicaid coverage and expanded Medicaid coverage for all uninsured Texans, including LGBT Texans."

The Dallas Lambda Legal office summarized its position by saying, "There is simply no downside to agreeing to accept additional Medicaid funds at this precarious time in our state's history."

The letter is from the Lambda Legal's non-political Defense and Education Fund, Inc. In addition to Skeen, Regional Director Avery Belyeu, attorney Paul D. Castillo and Law Fellow Avatara Smith-Carrington signed it.



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restaurants, especially once everyone knew they had won.

And then the COVID-19 epidemic hit. By the time the finale aired and Team Mystikka Masala was declared the champion, Spice in the City and Lucky Cat Vegan had been forced to close.

"We waited all this time for the show to air and to get that momentum, and then we had to close the restaurants,"

Navin said. "But the silver lining is that we had the \$50,000 prize money, and we have had time to rest and re-organize and catch up with family and friends.

"We have been exploring all our options. Hopefully, once this [COVID-19 epidemic] passes, we will open our restaurants again.

In the meantime, Andrew, who graduated from the Dallas House of Comedy, continues to plan for a career in the media, "looking for hosting gigs," as both he and Navin contemplate the possibility of doing cooking segments, either to-

gether or individually. They are also both creating content for their Chef Navin YouTube channel.

"Navin cooks, and I make the cocktails," Andrew said. "We are focusing right now on meals you can cook with the non-perishable items you probably already — things like 'rice three different ways.'"

"Mainly," Andrew added, "we are doing it out of boredom, but we also want to help our friends and other people who watch find ways to make creative and tasty meals. And the best part is, I get to eat Navin's cooking!"

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TPIF grants helping 26 LGBT agencies provide needed services through the pandemic

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Earlier this month, Texas Pride Impact Funds suspended its normal grant-making cycle to get money as quickly as possible into the hands of LGBT agencies around the state that can provide emergency help to people who needed it.

TPIF granted a total of \$120,000 to 26 agencies, including eight in Dallas and North Texas.

"We were in the very early stages of the 2020 grant cycle" when the COVID-19 epidemic hit, explained Judy Sherman, a TPIF officer and director. That's when immediately TPIF shifted from a formal process into emergency mode.

Sherman said the board was very conscious of the needs of smaller communities around Texas as well as the major metropolitan areas. Among the groups receiving funds were Texas Tech LGBTQIA in Lubbock, Eagle Pass SAFE and River City Advocacy in New Braunfels.

"We wanted to reach out to every region in the state and send money to the largest players in the area," Sherman said, adding that TPIF did some research to reach agencies on the front lines.

And while TPIF already had a relationship with the major agencies in Austin, Dallas and Houston, they didn't have the same relationship in San Antonio. But they quickly discovered that MCC San Antonio was getting meals to the LGBT community in that city, so they granted the church \$5,000.

In Dallas, Resource Center received \$7,500 to continue its work delivering food through its food pantry and providing other services to people in need.

Resource Center CEO Cece Cox said that the TPIF grant came just as the community's need was growing and the center's signature fundraising event was canceled.

"It does help fill the gaps," Cox said of the



TPIF grant.

Cox said when the epidemic hit, the food pantry quickly changed its model to one where food is packaged and loaded directly into cars. But the last thing they want to do is send food home that will be thrown out. Staff members, Cox said, have a good sense of what some clients can eat, so they're careful to satisfy their preferences when possible.

The grant money, Cox continued, is helping the food pantry and other programs adapt and continue.

HIV and STD testing also continues, Cox said, along with treatment. Appointments are necessary for tests, and what can be taken care of through telehealth is handled by computer.

Both Youth First and Thrive (for older adults) programs are continuing virtually. That took additional equipment as well as some innovation.

Counseling also switched to online sessions, and case management continues, Cox said, after the county agreed to accept certain documents virtually.

"I'm a huge fan of TPIF," Cox said. "There aren't very many foundations or funds dedicated to LGBT needs."

She said that not only does the foundation fund LGBT agencies doing import-



ant work, it also educates the broader philanthropic world about those needs. And TPIF is educating LGBT people and allies about the importance of giving within our community.

"We're a giant state with huge needs," Cox said. "TPIF's ability to direct funds into smaller communities is something to be proud of."

Other agencies in the area received funds as well.

Dune's LGBT Homeless Solutions Foundation is a new Fort Worth group addressing the problem of youth homelessness in the community. TPIF granted them \$5,000.

Black Trans Advocacy Coalition stages a national convention in Dallas each year, and that convention accounts for a good portion of the organization's income for the year. The convention should have been taking place this week. Instead, the group is using its resources to get information to its members and conference attendees. The \$3,000 it received from TPIF helped in that effort.

Legacy Counseling is counseling virtually. Legacy Founders Cottage helps return people to health so they can live independently again. CEO Melissa Grove said she doesn't know what she



Resource Center shifted the process in its food pantry to minimize the risk of spreading the coronavirus.

would do if she lost any of her dedicated staff during this health crisis, so she is grateful for the \$5,500 grant TPIF gave her agency. That money makes a huge difference, she said.

Rob Emery, a founding board member of Coalition for Aging LGBT, which received \$5,500 from TPIF, said the money would "help us bridge that gap so we can survive."

He said the money was more important now than ever as the group is putting together a new robust online presence. Part of the TPIF grant money will be used to put the coalition's senior housing guide online, and part will be used to keep seniors connected to combat feelings of isolation and loneliness.

"Our mission is more vital than ever because of this pandemic," Emery said. "We continue to work to protect the lives and mental health of LGBT seniors in north Texas."

In addition, Abounding Prosperity Inc., Dallas Hope Charities and Trans Pride Initiative each received \$3,000 from TPIF.

Kicking off, digitally

Black Tie beneficiaries, theme in first-ever digital kickoff

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Black Tie Dinner on Thursday night, April 30, officially announced the 17 beneficiaries and the theme for 2020 during the organization's very first digital kickoff event.

Jeremy Hawpe, 2020 BTDD co-chair, said these 17 nonprofits beneficiaries, which will share the proceeds from the Black Tie Dinner's 39th annual gala in October, are a "diverse and incredibly hard-working group of organizations, whose work in our community is more



2020 Black Tie Dinner co-chairs Brad Pritchett, left, and Jeremy Hawpe

important now than ever during these unprecedented times.

"Selecting our beneficiaries is one of the most vital decisions our board makes every year, but it is also rewarding because of the remarkable work these organizations are doing in our community," Hawpe added.

Returning local beneficiaries of Black Tie Dinner for 2020 are AIDS Outreach Center, AIDS Services of Dallas, Big Brother Big Sisters, Cathedral of Hope, Celebration Community Church,

Equality Texas, Lambda Legal, Legacy Counseling Center, Northaven United Methodist Church, Planned Parenthood, Promise House, Resource Center, Turtle Creek Chorale and Uptown Players.

New local beneficiaries are the Health Education Learning Project and Coalition for Aging LGBT. And Black Tie Dinner's national beneficiary is the Human Rights Campaign Foundation.

In addition to announcing its beneficiaries during its first-ever digital kickoff event, Black Tie Dinner also officially

unveiled the theme for its 2020 dinner — "MOMENTUM: Our Future Is Calling."

CO-chair Brand Pritchett said the board "chose this year's theme for numerous reasons. First, we wanted to acknowledge the importance of continuing the positive momentum of defending the rights of the LGBTQ community especially in the uncertain times we are in. As we continue to push for equal rights and equal dignity for the LGBTQ community, we are excited to continue the progress through supporting our beneficiaries."

The 2020 Black Tie Dinner, the nation's largest LGBTQ fundraiser dinner of its kind, is set for Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Sheraton Dallas hotel. As of now, officials said, the dinner is scheduled to continue as planned. But, they added, the scope, size and specifics of this year's dinner will be based on the guidance of local and state authorities, the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization. And that means that dinner plans are subject to change, "as the health and safety of guests are of utmost importance," dinner officials said. ■

For more information about the beneficiaries, the BTDD organization and the 2020 dinner, visit blacktie.org.

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Republicans: The party of death during COVID-19

Currently trending political advice: Do not chug Lysol. Do not inject bleach. Do not smoke Clorox wipes. Also add to that list: Do not vote for Republicans.

My God, what a sick and dangerous joke this president and his party are!

In some ways it makes sense, this fierce protectionism of the most unqualified person to ever hold the highest office in the land. Republicans are completely incapable of governing. After all, they don't believe that government is capable of being competent or helpful, and so they have an incentive to be terrible.

And, my oh my, do they meet even the lowest, most cynical expectations. Trump is so terrible that he has people waxing nostalgic about George W. Bush and Democrats getting misty-eyed over Ronald Reagan. (Note: when one person is MORE terrible than another, that doesn't make the less terrible person not terrible.)

The COVID-19 pandemic makes the difference between Republicans and Democrats nakedly clear: One party is taking advice from the country's top medical experts about how to navigate this crisis; the other party puts a guy on TV every night who believes that windmills cause cancer and that we should try to kill coronavirus by beaming sunlight into a body — literally putting sunshine where the sun doesn't shine.

One party takes unprecedented steps to save American lives; the other party encourages protestors wearing Confederate flag tube tops and waving "Don't Tread on Me" banners to descend upon state governments who dare to take these steps.

One party thinks that staying alive is goal No. 1; the other party thinks that life only matters when it's inside a womb.

There are more than 50,000 Americans dead as I write this. Surely there will be more by the time you read it. And that's just the deaths we're counting. There



D'Anne Witkowski
Creep of the Week

are likely more.

The number of people who are sick is no doubt being undercounted due to the Trump administration's completely

botched response to this crisis. We didn't test. We didn't do contact tracing.

We didn't do shit.

The only thing Trump offered to fight this virus was racism against the Chinese, and guess what: Racism is as ineffective against COVID-19 as mainlining Purell.

As crass and narcissistic and awful as Trump is, it is astounding to me that he has yet to show any care or concern for tens of thousands of people who are dead. I mean, it's not astounding to me that he doesn't care; it's astounding to me that he doesn't have advisors saying, "You probably should express some kind of condolences."

Actually, scrap that. I suspect he does have those advisors, but he is so out of control, so completely off leash, so totally insane that he listens to no one. Not even Ivanka.

Trump's Republican Party claims to be pro-life, but when it comes to life outside of the womb, they DGAF. There are Republicans across the country making the argument that letting scores of people get an incredibly infectious virus and die is preferable to hurting the economy. They argue that death is the lesser evil when compared to a tanking stock market. And then they want to turn around and pretend they're holier than thou be-

cause they oppose abortion.

In Michigan, where I live, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, a Democrat known to Trump as "that woman from Michigan," has gotten some pushback from Trump supporters for her "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order, which has been extended until May 15. She's had protesters in front of the Capitol and even her house. People are protesting her audacity to limit their liberty in an effort to not kill thousands of people. They are taking "Give me liberty or give me death" to the extreme here.

And Michigan Republicans are with the protesters on this. They have a majority in the state House and Senate, and they have forced both bodies to meet in person in Lansing, most recently so that the Republicans could pass bills stripping Whitmer of some of her power — bills that Whitmer is obviously not going to sign.

So, the whole thing is just a political stunt — a political stunt that puts peoples' health and lives at risk. This is even after Rep. Isaac Robinson, D-Detroit, DIED in March from COVID-19.

Michigan's Republican Party is a ghoulish circus of nightmare clowns.

But they, of course, take their cues from their Dear Leader who tweeted "LIBERATE MICHIGAN" as protesters without masks crammed together elbow to elbow, toting assault rifles and boasting about their allegiance to white supremacy, and intentionally blocked streets in the capital, including access to a hospital.

Remember those death panels Republicans warned us about when Obama dared to give people health insurance? Well, they're here. And the panelists are Republicans. Vote them out before they kill you.

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Cook like a chef

Some of Dallas' most acclaimed professional chefs offer simple kitchen hacks to spice up your quarantine cuisine

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When Kent Rathbun arrived in Dallas in 1990 to start working at the famed Mansion restaurant, he already knew a lot about cooking. But what he quickly realized was how much he still had to learn.

"I thought I was a very good cook, until I got into a kitchen like the Mansion and worked with Dean Fearing," Rathbun says. As the morning sous chef, he was expected to come up with creative breakfast and lunch items based upon ingredients left over from the dinner menu.

"I would have mise-en-place left over from the Friday/Saturday/Sunday menu — a box with all this beautiful prep: vinaigrettes, pastas, sauces... an average of a dozen to 20 items I had to figure out how to use. The brilliance of this was, my goal was always to turn those ingredients into big money. So I became the Leftover King. I developed [recipes] that even today I am proud of," he says.

A storied career later, Rathbun still finds the process of looking into someone's pantry or refrigerator and figuring out how to turn odds and ends into something special as his sweet spot.

Many chefs are like that; it's what makes them great chefs. So during a time when many of us are cooking more at home — and probably running out of inventive ways to spruce up the same go-to meals — having experienced chefs share some of their kitchen



Chef Kent Rathbun displays his cedar plank salmon, which he sells at his curbside pickup at Lovers Seafood but which you can also make at home. (Photo by Arnold Wayne Jones)

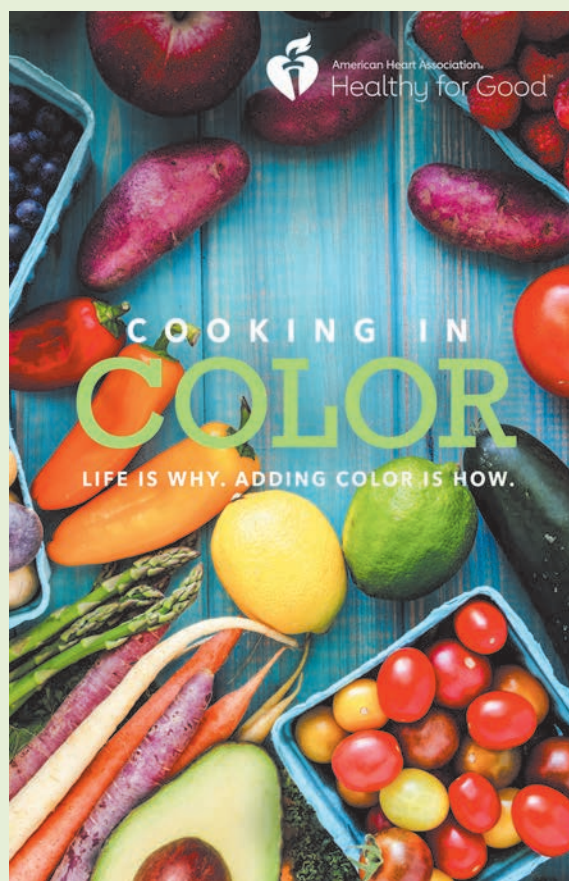
Recipes and Qs

"Look in cookbooks of other cuisines, because it's always super fun to do something you haven't done before," chef Kent Rathbun suggests. "Take this time to do something out of your wheelhouse."

Finding the perfect cookbook can be difficult, though, so here are two we checked out to get you started.

One Pot, One Pan. This collection of kosher recipes may be the first step in looking outside your wheelhouse, though while there are recipes for Israeli salad, shawarma and chicken soup (aka Jewish penicillin), these recipes for beginners have broad appeal, from soups and salads and side dishes to drinks and desserts. (Look for some of the recipes online at DallasVoice.com.) Available at Amazon.com.

Cooking in Color. Worried about how a sedentary lifestyle and cooking at home can affect your health? The American Heart Association has put out this lovely collection of healthy-eating recipes. It's short and free to download for the digital version (\$5.95 for the physical copy) while providing great tips for cobblers, smoothies, kebabs



and more, all broken down by their colorful benefits to your immune system, energy or overall positives. Available at Heart.org.

— Arnold Wayne Jones

hacks can be a godsend. And North Texas is teeming with great chefs.

"Cooking can be great therapy, especially during these times," says Avner Samuel, who retired earlier this year from Nosh Bistro and has opened more than a dozen restaurants over his career. "It will make your quarantine a bit more fun. I suggest thinking outside the box and getting really creative."

Here, then, are suggestions from more than a half-dozen of the area's most respected culinary masters for how to perk up your recipes with some flavorful and easy ingredients and techniques.

Breakfast

"The easiest [way to perk up breakfast] is the Thai omelette," also called kai jeow, says Nikki Phinyawatana, chef-owner of Asian Mint: "Just crack three eggs, add some light soy or fish sauce (preferred), and beat with a fork until frothy. Heat a pan to high heat with a lot of oil — like, 1/4 cup. Once hot, pour in the egg in one swoop. It will puff up! Give it 30 seconds and flip. (It doesn't have to be perfectly round.)

Serve over your leftover rice from your take out and top with sriracha." (Adds Samuel: "When making scrambled eggs, use heavy cream instead of milk to enhance the flavor.")

Veggies

Monica Greene has spent much of her culinary career tweaking Tex-Mex dishes, adding in more of the Mex from her native country to the familiar gringo variations. But she also celebrates vegan cooking in many restaurants, including Monica's Mex- Tex Cantina in The Cedars.

"I've been making healthy Mexican food since Monica's Aca y Alla" in Deep Ellum, she says. And her recipe for a tostada is simple, good for you ... and perfect for ushering in Cinco de Mayo later this week.

"It's a stir fry: Just chop up onions and put in a pan [with oil], and when it's translucent, add celery and garlic. Then add the pico de gallo ingredients — poblanos and other peppers. Then get tofu, but press it down to get out the

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water; when that's done, crumble it in like a scramble." When it starts to get nice and crispy add curry powder (she prefers the Indian yellow curry for this recipe).

While that's cooking, prepare a tostada (buy them at the store or just deep fry a tortilla) and spread warmed up fat-free black beans on it. Then lather on the scramble. "Top it with cubed avocado and almonds. It is literally so light and wonderful," Greene says. "It's all vegetarian at this point, but you can add queso fresco and a little bit of crema as well."

"I've got two home hacks that I love for veggies that are almost too old to use," counsels Julian Rodarte, the "son" of Trinity Groves' Beto & Son. "The first is turning those old veggies into a fiery salsa. Some of the most common vegetables to have are tomatoes, onions, garlic and peppers all of which are the essential items for making a delicious salsa. Just throw them in a food processor with a pinch of salt, and you are done. Just make sure your predominant ingredient is tomato so that the onion, garlic and spice peppers don't steal the spotlight, which they are known to do."

Another suggestion for leftover vege-

products in your fridge," says Rathbun. "I find it really satisfying. The other day, we had some leftover grilled chicken. I took some fresh herbs from my herb garden and [prepared] some orecchiette. On the counter was a bag of salted vinegar potato chips — like, just the crumbs and broken bits at the bottom. I smashed it up then poured the chips over the pasta and braised it under the broiler. My daughter loved it."

Meatballs

"Let me start with a few suggestions on meatballs," says Samuel. "You can elevate this family favorite by adding exciting things like heavy cream and European butter — it will soften them and add incredible flavor. Instead of

off the grill."

Rather than flipping it and risking overcooking, Rathbun suggests using the oven to your advantage. "First, pre-heat the oven to 350 degrees. Then [on the stovetop], preheat the pan you're going to saute the fish in — at least 90 seconds. Have the fish seasoned up and ready. When choosing an oil, select between canola, peanut or grapeseed — all have a neutral flavor and burn high. Add the oil, then immediately put your fish in the pan," probably for about three minutes, depending what kind of fish it is and how thick. Then put the pan in the oven for another three minutes.



Chef Julian Rodarte recommends repurposing leftover vegetables into a spicy salsa, above; Asian Mint's Nikki Phinyawatana turns breakfast into a show with a Thai-style omelet, left.

Grilling

Marinades can quickly and simply alter the flavor profile of a chicken breast or a steak; different ingredients can make the same protein taste entirely different. "Add soy to any of your meat marinades, a pinch of sugar for caramelization and sesame oil," says Phinyawatana. "This will hit the spot!"

Donny Sirisavath, whose Khao Noodle Shop became a national sensation last year, recommends beer as a marinade to tenderize beef. He also suggests substituting fish sauce for salt to enliven recipes, as well as using miso in broths.

"In Texas, a lot of people grill out and inevitably you'll have a chunk of steak left over, and that's when my mind goes to tortillas," says Rathbun. "Take some onions and peppers, throw them on the grill; then put on the meat and reheat it. Add cheese — it makes a great filling for taco or quesadilla, or can be a topping for a warm fajita salad."



tables: A quick bolognese with the same ingredients, plus shallots. "Shallots are my absolute favorite! Simply dice all the ingredients into a small dice, and saute with tomatoes to help with a saucy texture. Season with Italian seasoning. You can always add meat if desired," Rodarte says.

Pasta

You can ladle that bolognese over ziti or penne on your way to another good hack. "Pastas are a great place to use up

just seasoning with salt and pepper, add some sriracha and soft herbs like tarragon, basil or oregano instead of just parsley. Home cooks can really elevate a simple dish like meatballs with these [tweaks]."

Fish

"Fish is something everyone is afraid of, because almost everyone overcooks it," Rathbun says. "Most fish are 6–7 minutes from the heat to the plate. It's all about how fast you can get it on and

Techniques

Recipes aren't the only way to tweak the cooking experience (though you can check out a cookbook, *see sidebar*); you can also find ways to make the cooking process go smoothly.

"Now that I'm home and cooking multiple meals a day, [I like] thinking ahead and taking time to prep like I would at the restaurant," says Jeana Johnson, chef at the Canvas hotel. "Rather than taking an hour to cook dinner every night, I have found I am better served by setting aside a couple hours the day I grocery shop and breaking down everything into kits. So I peel and chop all my garlic, set up a blanching pot and blanch everything at once. This cuts down on dishes. And more importantly it keeps my daily cooking time quick, which really helps me enjoy it. And having an Echo in the kitchen has really changed the mood, too."

"I would encourage people to cook sous vide at home if they can," adds Samuel. That way, they can store food longer."

My own suggestion to the chefs? How about black lava salt on vanilla ice cream? Or a healthy homemade salad dressing of brown mustard, lime juice, olive oil and salt-and-pepper? Or even a shot of bourbon in your oatmeal? "That's a good fit!" Rathbun exclaims. "Can you imagine a little bit of reduced cream with bourbon in your oatmeal, or for pancakes and waffles? I love mixing cream with whiskey. That's the thing with cooking: If it sounds like it will go good together, it probably will." ■

Avner Samuel prepares a different menu every day for delivery. Follow him on Facebook for his daily menu.

Nikki Phinyawatana's Asian Mint offers kits for home cooks as well as online classes and food for curbside pickup. AsianMint.com.

Kent Rathbun prepares large-scale cooked meats and fishes every weekend for pickup at Lovers Seafood. Pre-orders required at ChefKentRathbun.com.

Julian Rodarte's Beto & Son offers curbside pickup at Trinity Groves. BetoAndSon.com.

Monica Greene has opened many restaurants, including her current Monica's Mex-Tex Cantina.

Donny Sirisavath's Khao Noodle Shop opened in Old East Dallas in December 2018 and was named Dallas Voice's best new restaurant of the year.

Jeana Johnson opened the kitchen at the Canvas Hotel kitchen last year.

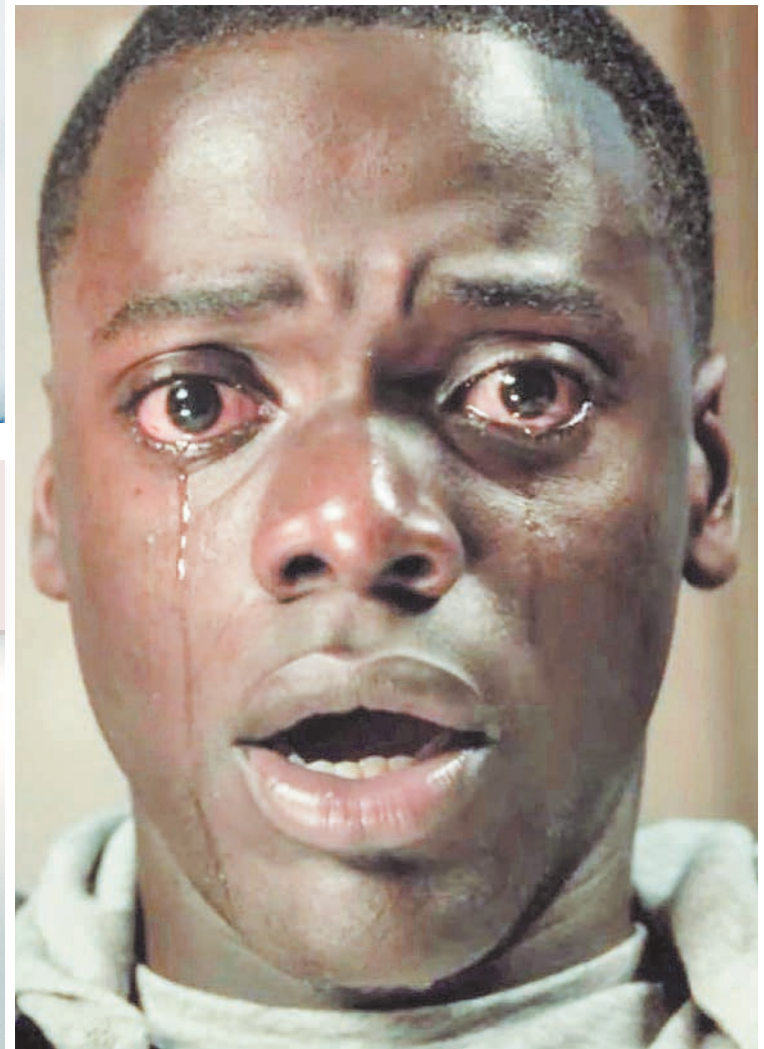
Come out, come out wherever you are! As a community, we always encourage people to come out of the closet whenever it makes sense for them. And with the weather turning nice, we all want to come out... of our homes,

to socialize. But as the shelter-in-place policy continues to flatten the curve and thwart those efforts, here are some movies and TV shows you can look for that celebrate being "out" ... even if only in their titles.



Outbreak. This cheesy thriller from 25 years ago was never great cinema, but it was more-or-less fun popcorn entertainment about a virus that makes its way to the U.S., while the government both strives to contain it and cover up America's hand in creating it. The graphic where they predict the spread if action isn't taken quickly may look all-too-familiar, but there is an upside to seeing a vaccine take care of everything for us.

Outlaw King. Chris Pine stars as 14th century revolutionary Robert the Bruce, the Scotsman who led an uprising against the repressive British crown. There's a touch of historical hokum, but it's an exciting swashbuckler in its way, and there's even some male full frontal. And if you gotta shelter in place, might as well have that going for ya.



Get Out. The title alone sounds encouraging during a lockdown, although let's face it: It's as hard for us to get out (out of the house, out of this predicament) as it is for the hero being scammed by sinister white folks with a misguided sense of racial integration. Serious filmmaking (it won an Oscar for its screenplay) with the patina of horror ... well, that sounds almost like the daily White House briefing.

Ask Howard

How to do the wrong thing right

Hell, I don't know. Nobody does. How all this is gonna end. The only universal conclusion seems to be that whatever our new world order ends up looking like, it'll bear little resemblance to the former "normal" as we knew it. The five stages of dying flew by in a mere five weeks, swiftly bypassing denial, anger, bargaining and depression to where we find ourselves standing today, astride the sixth week: acceptance. This week, for me, also marks the 20th anniversary of a very dear friend's untimely, totally unexpected death. I've tried imagining what I'd say to Diane had she instead only been in a coma these past two decades, and just woken up. "Howard?" Diane might ask, blinking. "What day is it? Where are we? And why, exactly, are you wearing a biohazard mask? Am I contagious?"

"No, Di, but anyone else could very well

be. A plague has been

set loose. A global

pandemic. We

need to get you

home and

self-quarantined, quickly.

Grab those

rolls of

toilet paper.

Let's hurry...

where's your

smartphone?"

"My what?"

Howard, your

hair's gone

gray at the

temples! How

long have

I been...

hibernating?

Where're

Mom and

Dad?"

"Sweetie, they

died of old age a

while back. You've been Rip Van Winkling it

for 20 years!"

"Are you kidding me? Why, I must look

old as you — where's a mirror? What color's

my hair?"

"We've gotta find you a mask, Di. They're

obligatory now in Dallas County whenever

outside your home... and gloves. You see

any latex gloves layin' around here?"

"Gloves, yes... look at my nails, they're a

Highland Park scandal! Howard, can we run

by Neiman's? I must be quite the fright. And,

Mr. Russell, you've got crow's feet!"

"Sweetie, Neiman-Marcus is gone.

They're all gone: The salons, the spas, the

shops, all the shops and restaurants. No

need for you to dress to impress anymore.

There are no social occasions. Social dis-

tancing eliminated all socializing. Every-

thing's gone."

At this point, Diane drops back into her coma again, naturally (as anyone would), abandoning me to face our brave new world now of 20 years later all by myself.

Well, not completely by myself: Like most people across the globe these days, my neighbor across the hall finds herself working from home. At the risk of becoming too overly Lucy-and-Ethel gal-pal friendly, Tosh and I take turns cooking dinner for one another a few nights each week — though she, like me, hasn't quite brought herself to don a mask and gloves in our own company at all times. Recently, however, I've noticed a creeping paranoia in the air. Our mutually shared housekeeper's temperature now gets checked every time she enters the building. No residents may board our elevator anymore if somebody else is already on it. Everybody wears masks, even just to go down to their cars. I don't know if I'm fearless or lazy. In any case, I possess but one CDC-grade mask to my name. They're impossible to find. The only reason I have one at all is because my brother (who's in the military) confiscated it from his base.

Meanwhile, I'm just trying to keep my head out of the fridge. Yet, somehow, I find myself involuntarily buying 20 lb. bags of rice, colossal canisters of oatmeal and almond butter in bulk whenever I'm at Whole Foods... which is daily. It's become my solitary source of entertainment. (Our Oracle L'Orange — the very same who postulated we all inject ourselves with Clorox to kill corona — turned me permanently off of television two years ago; The New York Times is plenty daily horror show enough, as it is. My neighbor, Tosh, was at least steadily dating someone local when the shit hit the fan. "Thank god, he's good in bed," she sighs, "cause fuck only knows what tomorrow's gonna bring.")

At a mere 40-ish, Tosh is the youngest resident in our building, by far. Constructed in 1965, we live in the hoariest of Turtle Creek's high rises, and by "hoary" I mean an inordinate number of our tenants are orbiting centenarianism (although most don't look a day over the building's age itself—must be something in the water... or the surgical utensils). Tosh, her boyfriend and I try to make our three-musketeers-best of the situation here on *Planet Earth: Doldrums' Descent*. My own husband is trapped up north. I've no idea when he'll be able to make it home again. On the plus side, I nonetheless manage to stay in motion: I find myself doing a lot of zombified pruning and transplanting out on my L-shaped balcony: It's starting to rival the Arboretum... or, rather, the Garden of Eden. I've overwatered lemon trees, oranges and olives, a fig, a persimmon and a pawpaw, all entwined by the sweetly succulent fragrance of star jasmine in full bloom. The air quality over downtown is so sparkingly clear now, sans any cars spewing their exhaust, that I can actually see Fort Worth from my railing for the first time in memory.

If only I could maintain myself so well as my garden grows. I desperately need a real mani-pedi. My gnawed nails have begun to

resemble razor-wired vampire talons. Plus, I could certainly use a haircut (say nothing of a color "restoration"). Now that we're entering our second full month of housebound/homecooked heaven, I'm noticing everyone could definitely stand a little professional grooming. And a gym. Three days a week, I meet my personal trainer on The Katy Trail to do yoga while standing 10 feet apart. That's what it's come to, people — yoga! In order to keep Travis from being forced to stand in line at the food pantry, I always bring him one of those reusable grocery bags stuffed with provisions — all his favorite organic, gluten-free, dairy-free, certified paleo, minimally-processed, non-GMO garbage that keeps his skin serenely aglow with the waxy corpse-pallor of any given health food store worker. (Travis still doesn't quite grasp that there is *no* food anymore that hasn't been genetically altered.)

In fact, now that I'm cooking again, I'm shocked at how extraordinarily much of all fresh produce (organic be damned) has followed the lead of the McDonald's format, where the fish filet sandwich tastes exactly the same as the Big Mac, tastes exactly the same as the fries: It's all McDonald's flavored. Fresh fruits and vegetables from the greengrocer have achieved this same, non-individualized flavor feat: The hollow-thumping watermelons of February taste exactly the same as the perfect navel oranges of August, as do the blemish-free, Red Delicious apples of April. It's all grocery store flavored: When everything's always in season, nothing is.

Oh, and here's one for the funny pages, my pets: In order to decrease foot-traffic on the apparently overly successful Katy Trail, the implementation of new traffic control measures have now been deemed necessary by Himmeler (excuse me, Dallas Parks and Recreation, rather) whose latest Gestapo restrictions (terribly sorry, "alphabetical guidelines") went into effect as of April 23. FYI, boiz, you'll probably need to take notes, lest risk accidentally betraying the Fatherland here, for this one's a real keeper:

Everyone whose last name begins with the letters A to L is now permitted access to The Trail on Thursday and Saturdays, while Fridays and Sundays are given over, exclusively, to those whose last names fall in the M to Z range. Monday to Wednesday permits universal access, because, as everyone well knows, our sweet friend, Miss Rona, takes herself a long weekly holiday every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday... that lazy, infectious bitch! The Reichstag (again, my bad, city of Dallas) greatly appreciates your "voluntary compliance" in requesting that everyone please be vigilant of those in violation of the six-feet-apart social distancing decree. Be a good citizen, turn them in! It's your civic duty: The life you save just may be your own!

On the serious side of alphabetized trail access — which, scientifically and health-wise, accomplishes absolutely nothing—the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has just added to the list of fever, shortness of breath and coughing *six new* COVID-19

symptoms to look out for: Chills, repeated shaking with chills, headache, sore throat, muscle pain and new loss of taste or smell. These symptoms may appear two to 14 days after exposure to the virus. Anyone having trouble breathing, suffering persistent chest pain, or blueish lips or face should contact their physician. The coronavirus has, to date, affected 3 million people worldwide, and killed more than a quarter million. There's no evidence that coronavirus can't reinfect people, so as with every contagion, get plenty of sleep, exercise, stay hydrated and isolated. This thing is gonna take years to climb out of — years! Mark my words! — and nothing's going back to the same as it was before: Professional stadium sports is a dinosaur that glanced up just in time to see the asteroid appear in the Mesozoic sky. Ditto Hollywood movies, rock concerts and live shows. Nobody worth knowing is gonna be entering a theater to sit next to a stranger anytime soon. Small restaurants will also go extinct.

Prophesizing aside, if you're in a city that's seriously enforcing social distancing, self-quarantining and isolation — and I'm trying hard to think of a city that doesn't — then, here are some very nice starter items to have on hand, all alone, in your "Gay Man's Coronavirus Survival Kit." Men's multitamins with enhanced male support; a case of Stoli; anal lube; any comfy dildo of choice; a vibrating butt plug (extra batteries!); a flashlight; sanitizing gel by the barrel; a penis pump, an automatic self-masturbator; assorted cock rings; and the sleaziest old porn mags you can find, because, after all, who knows how long the internet will hold out?

On the other hand, perhaps a coma is just the ticket. Fuck only knows what tomorrow's gonna bring.

— Howard Lewis Russell

Send your comments or questions to AskHoward@dallasvoice.com.

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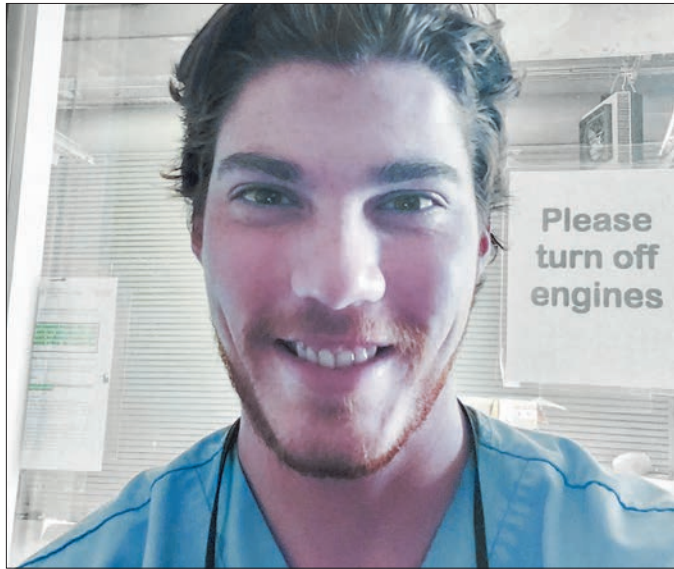
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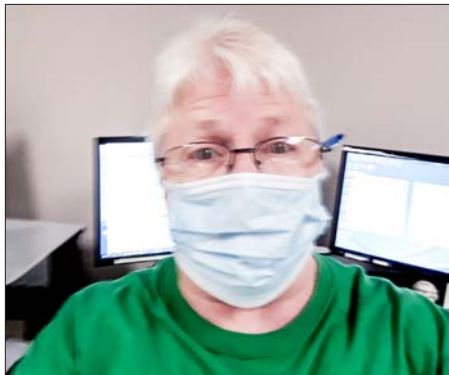
Sharon, pet supplies store



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If at first you don't succeed

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Solution on Page 18

- Across**

 - 1 Aid's partner
 - 5 Gave a damn?
 - 10 Where a trolley goes
"Clang, clang, clang"
 - 14 Singer Vikki
 - 15 Pool shot hitting
two balls
 - 16 Enchanted Disney girl
 - 17 Start of a Stephen
Sondheim quote
 - 20 City hue in Oz
 - 21 Orton's Halliwell
 - 22 Sara Gilbert, for one
 - 23 In addition
 - 24 Closemouthed type
 - 27 More of the quote
 - 31 "Beat it!"
 - 35 Loafers lack them
 - 37 Land of S. O'Connor
 - 38 Take forcibly
 - 39 Family magazine
 - 40 Rupert of *Stage Beauty*
 - 43 One of two NT books
 - 44 More of the quote
 - 46 More of the quote
 - 48 First year in a
gay decade
 - 49 Gives the slip to
 - 50 George of *It's My Party*
- Down**

 - 1 Top
 - 2 Oz creator
 - 3 Gaelic tongue
 - 4 Slaves row it for a master
 - 5 Former justice Antonin
 - 6 *Peyton Place* producer
Jerry
 - 7 *Lord of the Rings* extra
 - 8 Take for a sucker
 - 9 Doc Brown
 - 10 Clown accessory
for Cam
 - 11 Don't get caught in it
 - 12 "Why should ___ you?"
- 13 S&M unit
 - 18 *East of Eden* role
 - 19 Brian of glam rock
 - 24 "Send in the ___"
 - 25 *House* star Hugh
 - 26 Thespian activity
 - 28 Nice zip
 - 29 Blow it
 - 30 Drag queen's application
 - 32 Bug with a shrill call
 - 33 Atlantic archipelago
 - 34 Weatherspoon once
of the LA Sparks
 - 36 Sink to the bottom
 - 38 Wonder of Motown
 - 41 "Oy" follower
 - 42 Fill in ___ blank
 - 45 Say "Ooh! Long!" here
 - 47 With mouth wide open
 - 51 Teed off, for Sheehan
 - 52 Anouk of *Lola*
 - 53 Sailor's rear
 - 56 Stole at the Oscars, e.g.
 - 57 Rug rats
 - 58 Canon camera
 - 59 Antonio's *Evita* role
 - 60 Hurry, to Shakespeare
 - 63 Duvall's *Popeye* role
 - 64 Pee-___ Herman
 - 65 Serviced orally

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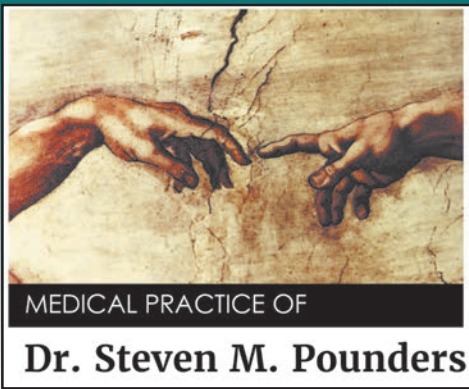
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