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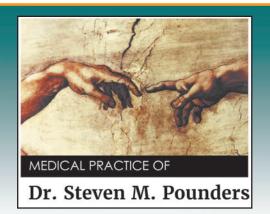
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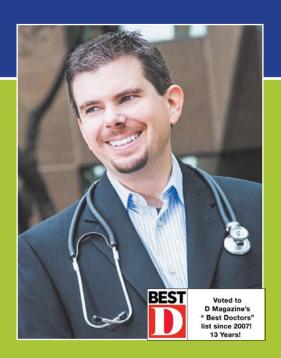












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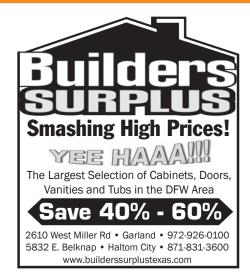
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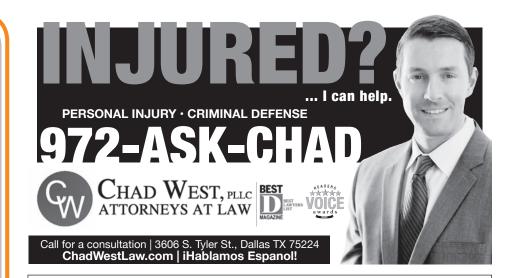
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Search continues for trans woman Pauline Del Mundo missing since last September

Parkway toward the south service road. At 1:48 a.m., she was seen sitting on the curb on the south end of the official warehouse district near the intersection of South 20th Ave. and 5



Pauline Del Mundo

It's been 360 days — just four days shy of a year — since transgender woman Pauline Del Mundo disappeared without a trace from DFW International Airport on her way from her home in Tampa, Fla., to Cozumel, Mexico for vacation. And her family continues to search for their missing sister, hoping they will eventually be able to "bring Pauline home."

Pauline, 59, is a naturalized American citizen of Asian/Filipino descent who lived in Tampa where she worked as a nursing assistant at a federal veterans hospital. She was on her way to Cozumel for a 10-day vacation, but according to her sisters Yolanda Del Mundo and Lolita Gaviola, during a layover at the DFW airport she changed her mind and decided to go back to Tampa.

Pauline called one of her sisters in Tampa and asked for help in purchasing a ticket to fly back home. But when her sister called backed for flight details, she couldn't reach Pauline. Her family has not heard from her since.

According to information sent to Dallas Voice by Yolanda Del Mundo, video footage from cameras at the airport offered some clues. The videos show that Pauline left Terminal C, walking two-and-a-half miles up International Airfield. At 3:52 a.m. she abruptly stood up and walked away, going around the corner headed east. Video footage shows Pauline walking around a DFW Airport sign, with the sign then blocking her from view.

That was the last time Pauline was seen. Community United Effort for Missing Persons

community United Effort for Missing Persons recently conducted a search of the area where she was last seen but found no trace. CUE plans to conduct another search of the area next month, including areas within the periphery of the airport property outside the terminal where Pauline was last seen.

Anyone with information that might help bring Pauline home is asked to call the DFW Airport Police Department at 972-973-3553, CUE at 910-343-1131 or the CUE Center 24-hour tip line at 910-232-1687.

Tammye Nash

AOC's Evening of Hope silent auction open, tickets still available

Tickets are still available for AIDS Outreach Center's virtual Evening of Hope fundraiser, but you don't need a ticket to bid in the Evening of Hope Silent Auction, now open online. Evening of Hope, hosted by Jaymes Vaughan, will feature a keynote address by Ryan White's mother, Jeanne White Ginder, and entertainment by Christina Wells. Tickets are \$50 (\$25 for students) and are available online at AOC.org/eoh.

Those who can't attend can still donate to the event at that website, AND you can bid in the silent auction without a ticket, too. The silent auction is now open online at MuradBid. com/bidapp/index.php?slug=aoc

Tammye Nash

The markers were paid for with city bond money, just as those that mark the neighboring Design District and Oak Lawn's Uptown neighborhood were. A new traffic light on Cedar Springs at Cedar Springs Road and Knight Street as well as new landscaping were also included in the bond funding. To qualify for bond money, the improvement must have an expected life of at least 20 years. The 10 rainbow crosswalks on Cedar Springs Road were privately funded because crosswalks must be repainted more frequently than every 20 years.

David Taffet

Oak Lawn markers are installed



As part of the Oak Lawn entertainment district beautification project, markers have been installed at either end of the Cedar Springs strip. One marker was installed several weeks ago at the corner of Cedar Springs Road and Wycliff Avenue in front of Kroger. Another was put in place on Oak Lawn Avenue on Friday, Sept. 4.

The recently-installed marker is set on the center median between the Oak Lawn monument and The Centrum. The words "Oak Lawn" are set on top of rainbow-colored pillars. The rainbow includes the recent update to the Pride flag that adds black and brown to the six traditional colors. The two new colors embrace LGBTQ people of color as vital members of the community.

Your Pets'

DPD Chief Hall resigns

Dallas Police Chief U. Renee Hall this week sent her resignation letter to Dallas City Manager T.C. Broadnax. He accepted her resignation effective Nov. 10 but later said Hall has agreed to stay through the end of the year. He alerted the city council, and Hall has notified her command staff.

Hall lost the confidence of much of the city council over a number of issues relating to the protest on the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge, especially the use of tear gas on peaceful protesters. More than 800 people were arrested, transported to county jail and charged before all charges were dropped weeks later.

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Watching your pet's waistline

ola! Welcome again to my monthly column where I present different topics related to our amazing pets. This time, I am talking about something that is a sensitive subject for some of us: weight issues.

I think most of us humans are struggling with our weight, but we are not alone. Our pets can also have weight issues, and it seems that obesity and being overweight have become more prevalent recently, likely because of quarantine since our pets are getting more treats than before.

It is also hot as hell out there so not the best conditions to be walking or jogging with our dogs.

Did you know that being overweight/ obese is one of the most common diseases we see with dogs and cats? It may not be surprising, as we humans also find that to be accurate with our own species.

Obesity can also lead to other issues like diabetes in cats and worsen the quality of life of pets that have arthritis, due to the extra weight they carry around.

Now, there is a difference between being overweight and being obese. In fact, there are different scales to determine if



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The most popular ones use a scale of 1-9 or 1-5, where 1 represents emaciation. The higher the number, the closer to obesity that the dog or cat may be. If you search online, you will find these guidelines with associated images to help you determine where your baby might be. In essence, we want to feel their ribs when we gently pet them, and we also want to see a waistline from the side and from above.

Assuming you may now be feeling a bit concerned, let us discuss how we can help them get back on track. There are three basic things to be aware of, and they are pretty much the same for us humans: exercise, types of food/treats and portion control.

If we are trying to have our pets lose weight, we need to increase the amount of exercise they currently get. Cats can be more challenging to exercise, but you can identify toys or activities that seem to stimulate them and use them to your advantage.

When it comes to food, there are commercial diets that are not very healthy. and there are some excellent options out there. But you may also want to consider a slow transition into a weight management option from a reputable company.

If your baby is obese, there are prescription diets available through your veterinarian, and they are an amazing aid with the more complicated situations. Also, keep in mind that portion control is important, so I recommend looking at the bag of food to find out how much to feed per day.

When offering treats, consider healthier options like baby carrots, green beans, diced apples and cucumbers. Once again, remember portion control!

Needless to say, changes do not happen overnight, so please be patient. As long as we can see positive changes in at least 2-3 months, then we may be on the right track.

It is important to mention that there are different possible causes of weight gain other than lack of exercise, feeding a less than ideal diet or feeding too many treats. These possible causes include diabetes,

hypothyroidism and Cushing's disease, among others.

Some people say that after spaying or neutering, dogs and cats also gain weight. While this is partially true with some pets, it is because their metabolism changes, and we have to adjust their lifestyle accordingly to avoid them gaining weight.

I also want to point out that on the other hand, some conditions can cause chronic weight loss. While aging (loss of muscle mass) is probably the most common one, other conditions that can cause weight loss over time are hyperthyroidism in cats, kidney disease (mostly with cats) and different types of cancer.

Whether our babies are more voluptuous or curvaceous or potentially on the more slender side, it is super important to know that trends of weight gain or weight loss are truly key in potentially identifying certain diseases or problems as well as tracking the achievement of goals. This is yet another reason why it is important to have our babies examined by the veterinarian at least every six months to determine if anything has changed and what may need to be done to help them out. In the end, we are not judging the curves or lack of them on your baby, I promise.

We shall meet again next time in this monthly column. Abrazos!

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U.S., state House candidates could play key roles in big changes

Gina Ortiz Jones served her country in the Air Force; now she hopes to continue that service in Congress



Gina Ortiz Jones explained. "We were lucky to be born in this very special country." Ortiz Jones is running for Congressional District 23, the seat currently held by U.S. Rep. Will Hurd, a Republican. She lost to the Hurd by just a few hundred votes in 2018, but the district leans Democratic and voted for Clinton in 2016. So Ortiz Jones believes her chances are good this time around. And Hurd isn't running this time.

But she's not taking anything for granted. Although the announcement of her current opponent Tony Gonzalez's primary win was delayed for weeks by recounts, and she had the advantage of campaigning in person last election, Ortiz Jones said she's taking nothing for granted in these days of pandemic. So she hasn't made any in-person appearances this election since March.

A few weeks ago, with the encouragement of the national Republican Party, Gonzalez's campaign began using homophobic slurs against her. She has shrugged off the anti-LGBTQ attacks, accusing her opponent of having nothing else to offer.

"They're resorting to gutter politics," she said. "I'll talk about issues."

Rather than responding positively to the gutter politics, Ortiz Jones said, the voters of District 23 have offered her words of support and encouragement, and campaign contributions have increased.

Ortiz Jones criticizes her opponent for making only one campaign promise to do away with "Obamacare." She said after all this time the Republicans still



Gina Ortiz Jones

have no replacement to offer. During a pandemic, she said, 300,000 people in her district would lose their healthcare coverage of the Affordable Care Act were abolished, and that, she said, would be "especially cruel."

When her mother developed colon cancer, Ortiz Jones said, she worried that her healthcare costs could bankrupt her family. Instead, she learned, her family had great healthcare coverage, and her mother was treated and recovered.

She notes that her Mom was lucky to have great medical care available nearby. Three of the counties in her district don't have a doctor, and 18 counties have three or fewer doctors.

The 23rd congressional district is vast, covering 29 counties, stretching from El Paso to San Antonio, and including 820 miles of the border. It is, in fact, larger than the whole state of Georgia and 29 other states as well.

Getting her message out is tougher than it is for most other candidates running for the House of Representatives, Ortiz Jones said, since her district covers four media markets and she must get her message out in both English and Spanish in all four markets.

But even after a short chat with Ortiz Jones, it's obvious she disciplined, has goals for her district and has a plan to get her message out. That something she learned in the U.S. Air Force where she served as an intelligence officer under "don't ask, don't tell."

"One of the first things I had to do was

GINA ORTIZ JONES, Page 25

Lorenzo Sanchez hopes to be the first gay man in the Texas Lege in 20 years

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Sanchez jumped into the race for Texas House District 67 in Plano in early 2019, and that may have given him an edge over his Democratic opponents because he had a year to knock on doors and attend events to meet constituents in person before the novel coronavirus pandemic hit.

If elected, Sanchez would become the first openly gay man elected to the Texas Legislature since Glen Maxey was first elected in 1991 (Maxey left office in 2003). And Sanchez would be the first openly gay elected official in Collin County.

Sanchez pointed out that his opponent, incumbent Republican state Rep. Jeff Leach, supported the anti-transgender bathroom bills in the 2017 legislative session, adding that he didn't think that was the issue people in Collin County cared about these days - especially during the COVID crisis.

Instead, Sanchez is running on an education platform.

Sanchez, a first generation American, was born in Chicago, living in what he called a dangerous neighborhood there. His mother — an abuse survivor and a cancer survivor who often went hungry to provide for her children — relocated the family to Plano where they could get a good education, he said

"Now," he added, "I'm running to represent her."

Campaigning during the pandemic is difficult. But before the COVID crisis began, Sanchez amassed the largest grassroots volunteer team in Collin County history, he said. Since the shutdown began, he's transitioned volunteers to keep voters engaged by working precinct by precinct. He said voters and volunteers



Lorenzo Sanchez

are telling him there's an urgency about this election.

"Some voters are super engaged," he said. "A subset are looking to be inspired, and others are just looking for a pathway out [of the current mess]."

Sanchez calls himself a product of the community and, he points out, his district is one of the most highly educated in Texas. He used a college in his district as an example of why that matters. UT Dallas is one of the best schools, in the country for LGBTQ students according to the Princeton Review that ranks schools.

And still, he said, "my opponent is pushing bathroom bills. That's just one reason Texas Monthly named him one of the worst legislators in the state."

But there is more than just education at issue. Plano is attracting large business relocations from around the country, and an anti-LGBTQ platform is bad for business.

"The companies that move here don't want their employees discriminated against," Sanchez said, adding that representation by people like his opponent will discourage business relocations in the future.

On gun violence, Sanchez pointed out that the El Paso shooter came from his district, and that gunman could have chosen any Walmart right here along Highway 75.

"One of my volunteers almost knocked on his door," he said.

Sanchez said he believes in safety while respecting people's rights. That's why he supports what he calls a common-sense approach to gun legislation: background checks, a red flag law to keeps guns away from people likely to harm themselves or others and a limit to the size of magazines. He also favors gun safety classes for gun owners.

Sanchez said there's a lot of anxiety related to the COVID crisis. "Families

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Key to turning Texas blue is voter turnout

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trange as it may sound, it seems that Texas is an at least borderline battleground state in the upcoming general election, with polls showing Democratic candidate and former Vice President Joe Biden running neck-and-

neck with Republican President Donald Trump.

According to a new statewide poll from Data for Progress, Biden is leading Trump by three points. According to Progress Texas, since July 1, Texas voters have been polled 21 times on the presidential race; of those 21 polls, Biden has been ahead in 10, and Trump has been ahead in 11.

Although LGBTQ Republicans, such as Log Cabin Republican members, tout Trump as the most pro-LGBTQ Republican president ever, actions speak louder than words. And this administration's actions have been, most decidedly, not LGBTQ-friendly.

"President Trump and his Republican Party are no friends of the LGBTQ community, and in fact have worked very hard to strip LGBTQ — especially trans and gender non-conforming — Americans of many protections and civil rights during the last four years," said Patti Fink, longtime LGBTQ political activist. "As a community, we have been harmed in countless ways by this administration, and we have an opportunity and a duty to ourselves and to each other to speak up and to vote Trump and his anti-LGBTQ enablers out."

Biden, on the other hand, is "a true advocate for LGBTQ equality and a leader in the expansion of human rights and civil rights for all Americans," Fink continued. "Remember, it was Joe Biden as Barack Obama's vice president who first advocated for marriage equality from the White House and declared that, 'Transgender equality is the civil rights issue of our time.'

"We must stand with each other and



Patti Fink

with all Americans who have been othered, targeted and harmed by this administration," Fink said. "As a community and as a nation, we must speak in one overwhelmingly loud clear voice at the ballot box that Trump and Trumpism are over, and so each of us must plan now to vote in this election."

But the 2020 election in Texas is about more than just the presidential election. Fink and others see Nov. 3 as an opportunity for progressive, LGBTQ candidates and LGBTQ-friendly candidates to take control of the Texas Legislature, too.

Fink said, "We have a real chance to overturn decades of Republican control of the Texas House. Texas Democrats need to hold the seats we have and to flip at least nine more seats, and a Democratic majority in the Texas House will be able to stop all of the anti-LGBTQ nonsense and to advance meaningful change for our equality in Texas.

"Turning Texas blue is very much within reach, not just in the Texas House but also in the U.S. Senate and, yes, in the presidential election," she added. "Trump only won Texas by 9 points in 2016, and the 2020 race is much much tighter in Texas. If we each make sure that we are doing our part by voting —

by mail or in-person, either early or on Election Day — and make sure that our friends and allies also vote, we can send a massive and monumental message that our community will no longer be the punching bag for bigotry and hate.

"It's not just our democracy on the ballot this cycle; our lives on the ballot," Fink declared. "We must vote in this election, y'all. WE. MUST. VOTE."

Many people believe that higher voter turnout will benefit Democratic candidates. Trump himself has suggested as much. At the end of March, in comments dismissing Democrats' efforts at reforms including vote-by-mail, sameday registration and early voting intended to make voting safer during the COVID-19 pandemic as part of the coronavirus stimulus package, Trump said during an appearance on Fox & Friends, "The things they had in there were crazy. They had things, levels of voting that if you'd ever agreed to it, you'd never have a Republican elected in this country again."

Glen Bolger, a partner with Public Opinion Strategies, told The Atlantic magazine in June that 2020 could see turnout that sets a record "in the modern era," meaning since 1972 when voting rights were extended to 18-year-olds. In that same article in The Atlantic, University of Florida political scientist Michael McDonald predicted "a voter turnout storm of a century in 2020." And the Democratic voter-targeting firm Catalist earlier in the year projected that about 156 million people could vote in 2020, compared to 139 million in 2016.

The Atlantic article also noted that in the 2018 midterm elections, 120 million people voted an increase of about 35 million over the 2014 midterms. And 2018 was the year that the Democrats reclaimed control of the U.S. House.

Back to the polls

A Quinnipiac University poll of 1,081 likely voters surveyed from Aug. 28-31, with results released Sept. 2, showed Biden leading Trump, 52 percent to 42 percent. The poll showed that Democrats go to Biden, 95 percent to 4 percent, and Republicans go to Trump 90 percent to 8 percent. The key, though, is the independent voters who, the Quinnipiac poll shows, back Biden by a 50 percent to 40 percent margin.

The poll shows that voters are equally split — 48 percent-48 percent on the question of whether Biden or Trump would do a better job handling the economy. But on four other key issues, voters give the edge to Biden: racial inequality (58-36); response to the coronavirus pandemic (56-40); health care (55-41) and handling a crisis (53-43).

When it came to job approval rating, 54 percent of those surveyed disapproved of the job Trump is doing as president, compared to 43 who approved. Asked about Trump's response to the coronavirus epidemic, 57 percent said they disapproved, compared to 41 percent who approved. And more than half, 55-39 percent, said Trump is hurting rather than helping the effort to slow the spread of the virus.

When it comes to the economy something Trump has long touted as a strong point in his presidency — 60 percent of the Quinnipiac poll respondent described it as either"not so good" or "poor," while only 37 percent described it as "excellent" or "good."

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Planet Lincoln BIG goes the extra mile

World's largest auto dealership offers luxury experience in a luxurious setting

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xtra. That's a good way to describe Randall Reed's Planet Lincoln Dallas Love Field automobile dealership. And we mean "extra" in every good sense of the word.

It starts with "extra large:" Planet Lincoln is the largest automobile dealership in the world, with some 267,000 square feet of showroom space, plus office space and the service area. But the size of the physical space is just the beginning; Planet Lincoln's staff is dedicated to making sure their customers have a car-buying experience as big and as extra as the facility itself.

For William Stalik, Planet Lincoln's general sales manager, the word for the dealership is "iconic." He sees it as a new Oak Lawn icon built on the bones of one of the area's earliest icons: The old Braniff International Airways headquarters.

Braniff, which began operations at Love Field in 1942, completed construction of the facilities in the 7700 block of Lemmon Avenue in 1958. Braniff stopped flying in 1992, and in 2012 the Braniff Airways Foundation created a preservation group, with the Texas Historical Commission joining in to help with the design process.

Then Randall Reed — himself a rather iconic Texas car dealership owner then negotiated an agreement with the city to spend \$55 million on aviation use and commercial use over the next five years, in exchange for a long-term lease. Reed kept the old Braniff parking garage, which has been converted into Planet Lincoln, while recruiting Dallas developers Lincoln Property Company and Jerry Jones' Blue Star Land to take over the old Braniff office space and convert it into a commercial and retail space called The Braniff Centre.

Stalik noted that the Planet Lincoln facilities also include, the Reed Center, located behind the main dealership, which houses the corporate headquarters for Reed's extensive business holdings and for the Light Up to Live Foundation, the charity Reed and his wife Sherry started to provide polychromatic light therapy systems to U.S. military servicemembers and veterans with PTSD, traumatic brain injuries, pain and depression and to fund service dogs for veterans with adaptive needs.

Because the buildings are all part of an historically significant site, Stalik said, all of the construction required to turn a 60-plus-year-old building into a modern, high-tech luxury car dealership "has been interesting." And although the dealership opened at the first of the year, he said, work on the facility still continues, balancing the need to maintain the facility's historical integrity and at the same time provide the luxury experience Lincoln Motor Company demands for its customers.

Planet Lincoln, Stalik said, is a "vitrine facility." "Vitrine," a word which has its roots in Old French, literally means, "A glass-paneled cabinet or case, especially for displaying" art of fine merchandise, and that's exactly the purpose of this facility, he said.

"Lincoln is very specific" about how Lincoln dealerships present its vehicles, Stalik said, adding that Reed and dealership co-owner William Palasota "wanted every possible option" when it came to the finish out for the facility.

"Anybody can build a dealership," he said. "We are creating an experience."

And it begins when you walk in the front door and see the \$125,000 granite water wall, with perfectly cut and fitted granite slabs brought in from overseas. It is also evident in the wealth of etched glass windows and walls featuring the outline of the iconic Lincoln logo.

Planet Lincoln is designed to be "like a museum," Stalik continued. Every piece of art on the wall was carefully chosen to highlight either the history of Lincoln Motor Company or the city of Dallas,



William Stalik

Love Field and Oak Lawn.

And then there are the cars — and not just the new ones for sale.

Reed and Palasota have brought in several classic Lincoln cars, one for each decade from the 1930s on. The cars now safely parked in the service department — will eventually be displayed on the six floors of the parking garage where the cars for sale are parked.

That's another unique aspect of the Planet Lincoln experience. From the time a customer walks through the front door to the time they drive away in their new Lincoln, they can remain inside, safe from the Texas heat and anything the unpredictable Texas weather might throw their way.

The main floor includes an example of each current Lincoln model, along with lounge areas where customers can chat with brand ambassadors — they aren't called salesmen or saleswomen here and with office spaces and an area where products such as caps, jackets, blankets and more are available for purchase.

Once the brand ambassador has a good idea of what the customer is looking for, then they can head out - make that "up" — to check out the available vehicles on the lot — make that "in the garage." That's right, all the cars that at another dealership would be out in the open on the lot at Planet Lincoln are in the parking garage. That means that not only are the customers safe from the weather, so are the vehicles. There won't be any "hail dent" problems here.

And once the customer has chosen their vehicle, they go finish up their paperwork and then head over to one of two specially-designated lounges, complete with a TV on the wall, to wait while their vehicle is readied for them. Then a porter pulls their vehicle into the attached, glass-walled bay where customers can go over all the last-minute details before climbing into the car and driving out of the bay to go on their merry way.

Even those bringing in their vehicles for service get that same start-to-finish pampering, Stalik said. When you arrive, you pull into a bay where the service techs take over. Then you walk through the door into the main lobby, where you find yourself a comfortable lounge area to wait for your vehicle to be ready.

Even better, though, you don't even have to go to the trouble of bringing your car to the dealership for service. Linda Gervis, Planet Lincoln's variable operations manager, explained that whenever you purchase a Lincoln from their dealership, your brand ambassador helps you install the Planet Lincoln app on your smartphone. That app, she said, lets you do everything from start the car remotely to schedule an appointment for service and have someone from the dealership come pick up your vehicle, take it

in for service and then return it. And you never have to leave home to get it done.

A big part of the Planet Lincoln experience is wrapped up in the luxury of the Lincoln Motor Company automobiles. And although Lincoln is known for high-end luxury vehicles, Stalik said, "There's a Lincoln for everybody," from the mid-\$30,000 range all the way up to more than \$106,000 for a Black Label edition Navigator.

"We have also used cars," he added. "If somebody is looking for a \$10,000 car, we can help them, too."

In the community, part of the community

One of the advantages of Planet Lincoln's unique facilities is that the dealership has the opportunity to offer space there to community organizations and agencies to hold meetings and special events. The top floor of the parking garage — with its views not only of the busy airstrips and hangars of Dallas Love Field but the skylines of Dallas, Addison and, on a good day, Fort Worth — would make a perfect location for events, Stalik said.

The general sales manager said Planet Lincoln also wants to be part of the Oak Lawn community. "We don't just work here, we live here, too. I live here, and Oak Lawn is very near and dear to me," he said.

One way that the dealership can serve the community is through a charitable giving program Stalik helped create, in

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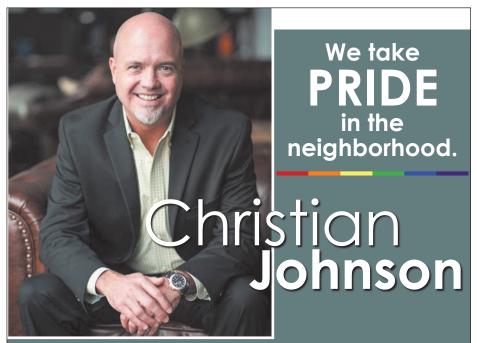












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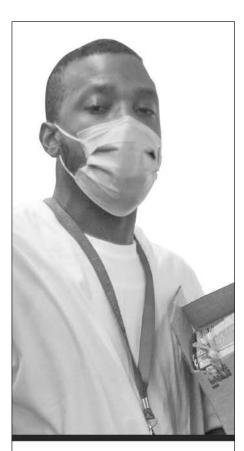
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Black Tie Dinner evolves to survive in an epidemic

or the last 38 years, the Dallas/Fort Worth Black Tie Dinner has been raising money for local LGBTQ and AIDS/HIV organizations and for the Human Rights Campaign Foundation based in Washington, D.C. In fact, Black Tie Dinner — known as the largest fundraising event of its kind in the country — has over the course of its history distributed more than \$25 million dollars to its beneficiaries.

Black Tie Dinner has evolved over the years from a more low-key formal, sitdown dinner bringing together some of North Texas' wealthier LGBTQ people and their allies for some checkbook activism into one of the premiere LGBTQ fundraising events in the country, featuring big name entertainers and activists, all committed to raising money and awareness for LGBTQ people and issues.

And this year, Black Tie is making another big evolutionary leap, changing — at least temporarily — from an in-person, sit-down dinner to an hour-long live television broadcast, at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, on WFAA Channel 8. And as with many other annual fundraisers, this year's big changes for Black Tie were forced by the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.

This week, Black Tie Co-Chairs Jeremy Hawpe and Brad Pritchett sat down with Dallas Voice to answer a few questions about how DFW's big party made some big changes in order to keep on raising big money, even in an epidemic.

— Tammye Nash

Dallas Voice: Tell me how you guys came up with the idea of doing a TV broadcast when so many other events went virtual. What advantages do you have by doing the broadcast versus doing a virtual (online) event? What are the drawbacks, if any? Black Tie Co-Chairs Jeremy Hawpe and Brad Pritchett: Black Tie Dinner is always trying to do something different. Channel 8 has been a longtime supporter of Black Tie Dinner. As we thought about the different options and what other organizations were doing,



Jeremy Hawpe, left and Brad Pritchett. (Photo courtesy Sheryl Lanzel

we knew we had to step it up and give our community something new.

We also realize that "Zoom-fatigue" is a real thing. In March it was cute to have a Zoom happy hour with your co-workers. Now, most of us don't get out of our athleisure to log into Zoom! We wanted to take advantage of the setback of not being able to host 3,000 people in a ballroom and broaden it by taking our message and need to the mass market through television, thus adding thousands more that would lend a listening ear.

So, we approached Channel 8 about our idea and started the discussion to see if this would work. They loved it. Our sponsors, supporters and beneficiaries have loved that we're trying something new.

The first Black Tie Dinner was a small group of people in a living room. What we loved about this idea is that it's a nod to the very first Dinner in 1982. We hope that people can gather in small groups - socially distanced, of course - to watch Black Tie LIVE.

Because of the necessary changes, you guys are working to keep everything hyper-local, right? And that means that some of the national awards are not going to be presented this year. But are the local awards going to be presented, and if so, have those been announced yet?

That's right. Given the current climate, we didn't think having awards was going to set the right tone of our event. However, in the spirit of keeping things local, we wanted to make sure that we kept one tradition this year: the Kuchling Humanitarian Award, which recognizes a local leader for their efforts for our community. We will be announcing this year's Kuchling recipient later this month.

Tell me about the entertainment you have lined up for the broadcast. Even though this is a different year, some things will remain the same. You'll have to tune in on Oct. 18 to see the entertainment! We may give our audience a tease as we get closer!

Tell me about the auctions. The silent auction will begin online ahead of the broadcast, right? If so, how far in advance? How can people register to bid in the silent auction? Will there be a live/luxury auction? If so, how will that work? Our auctions are one of the biggest areas where we can impact the final distribution to our beneficiaries. As in years past, we'll be using the OneCause mobile bidding platform, and anyone around the

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Donald Zarda recognized by medical organization

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LMA Health Professionals vancing LGBTQ Equality will honor Donald Zarda, Aimee Stephens and Gerald Bostock — the three

plaintiffs in the combined lawsuit that finally won federal employment discrimination protections for LGBTQ people with its Achievement Award during the organization's Sept. 23-26 conference. The U.S. Supreme Court found in favor of the plaintiffs in three LGBTQ employment discrimination cases — combined under Bostock v. Clayton County — in June.

Neither Zarda nor Stephens lived to

hear the outcome. Zarda, a sky-diving instructor who lived in Dallas, was killed in a base-jumping accident in Switzerland on Oct. 3, 2014. Stephens died May 12, 2020, following a lengthy illness.

Zarda's partner, Bill Moore of Dallas, discussed Zarda's lawsuit with Dallas Voice on his 20th anniversary of the day he and Zarda met at a private event at Liquid Lounge.

"Don was an adrenaline junkie," Moore said of his partner, adding that Zarda was from Kansas City and was working in San Marcos at the time they met. He had stopped in Dallas on his way home. He and Moore met that night, and Zarda stayed.

Moore said Zarda built out his clinic, Advanced Skin Fitness on Oak Lawn Avenue, and that he was skilled in everything from electrical work to computer programming.

While Zarda lived in Dallas, he'd get temporary sky-diving instructor jobs in different drop zones. From June through September, he'd usually go up north and rent a room for a few months while working. He was working on Long Island with a company called Altitude Express when an incident took place that led to him being fired.

Moore said about 10 people were packed into a plane as it ascended for passengers to skydive. Zarda was going to jump in tandem with a woman, but another passenger asked the woman's boyfriend how he felt about his girlfriend being tethered to such a great looking guy.



Donald Zarda, left and Bill Moore

The conversation went back and forth a few times until Zarda jumped in and reassured the boyfriend he had nothing to worry about since he — Zarda — was gay.

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Fundraising during the pandemic

Resource Center's new chief development officer Kristin McLaughlin plans on getting innovative

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would the **LGBTQ** community without allies? Certainly not where we are today in terms of legal recognition of our rights and relationships. Our allies in the halls of power — whether those were the halls of government, the halls of business or the halls of culture — stepped forward to champion our causes, when

selves, played key roles in our victories. Now, a longtime LGBTQ ally has stepped into the role of chief development officer for Resource Center, and she has big plans to turn all her experience and her commitment to the community toward helping shepherd one of North Texas' biggest — and oldest — LGBTQ organizations through the strictures of a pandemic.

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Kristin McLaughlin joined Resource Center staff last month after 14 years fundraising for the ALS Association. "ALS is a fatal disease with no known cause, treatment or cure," McLaughlin said. "Your body shuts down, and there is nothing you can do to stop it. The devastation families face is horrifying, and I wanted to do what I could to stop it.

"Working for The ALS Association taught me how precious and fragile life can be," she continued. "We need to love each other and fight for what is right. I view my role at Resource Center [as beingl to show donors what is possible by giving through Resource Center. They have so much to offer the LGBTQ community and can make such a huge difference."

That is especially true right now, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Mc-Laughlin said.

"The last six months have been really difficult for everyone, including for nonprofits who have seen many of their vital annual fundraising events cancelled or scaled way back," she said. "And, at least for now, there's no certainty that we will be getting back to 'normal' any time

"If this pandemic taught has taught us anything, it's that 'Necessity is the mother of invention," she said. "In the absence of events, [which are] a huge revenue stream for Resource Center, we need to be able to find new ways to connect with donors. It is my belief getting to the heart of why people support the Resource Center will open the floodgates.

"Quality relationships with our donors will be key," McLaughlin said. "Philanthropy is emotional, and connecting donors to the possibilities and impact they create will ensure not only sustainability but growth in these strange times."

Part of creating that connection is making sure that people understand what Resource Center does for the the LGBTQ community, because when they understand the organization, McLaughlin said, they will know why it is so important to keep it going.

"Resource Center's commitment to its community is truly inspiring," she said. "Nelson Tebedo [the organization's HIV/AIDS health services program] was only closed for five days during the pandemic! Our food pantry is providing meals via drive-thru, and our Youth and THRIVE and Prevention programs are operating virtually with impressive re-

And, she stressed, "None of this is possible without our donors. The important lessons we are all learning right now are helping us all build a better organization together and we will be stronger on the other side."

Becoming an ally

McLaughlin explained that she first



Kristin McLaughlin, above, and with family, left.

became an LGBTQ ally more than 20 years ago, after meeting her friend Jason.

"As a gay man, the challenges he faced with his family, his work, getting married and adopting children were enormous," she said of her friend. "As a heterosexual woman, I face my own challenges. But the things we all want — love, acceptance, family, connection — have come to me without barriers."

McLaughlin said she truly believes that she is "called to fight injustice, and I would not be living my values if I did not fight for LGBTQ equality.

"Being an LGBTQ ally is a privilege," she continued. "This community has always shown me love. The world can be so ugly; I want to help create as many opportunities for love and acceptance as

McLaughlin said her "role as an ally" for the community has evolved over the years, maturing as she has matured her-

"In my younger days, I loved attending Pride parades, drag shows and AIDS Walks as a way to celebrate and show my love and support," she said. "As I have matured, so has my work as an ally. I began donating money to LGBTQ organizations and educating myself on the experiences of LGBTQ people and voting for candidates who will fight for equality. And, of course, joining the Resource Center team has allowed me to put my passion for equality into practice every day.

"But probably my most important work as an ally is as a mother," noting that she and her husband, Andrew, have two daughters, 6-year-old Betsy and 3-year-old Cora. "It is my duty to teach my young daughters about inclusion, love and celebrating differences, not fearing them."

Andrew McLaughlin is director of e-commerce for Peacock Alley, a family-owned luxury linen brand based in Dallas, and, Kristin McLaughlin said, "He has taught me so much about how organizations can thrive in the digital space." In addition to their daughters, the couple have an 18-year-old Jack Russell terrier named Dexter.

McLaughlin said she loves traveling, and her favorite place she has been abroad is Paris. "I love everything about it — food, fashion, language, architecture," she said of the City of Lights. Here in the states, "my favorite spots are definitely Chicago and New Orleans because of the charm, energy and food! I've never been to the Pacific Northwest, though, and I would love to go to Japan some

She also loves doing crossword puzzles, cooking, reading or listening to audiobooks and learning about wine."

But for now, McLaughlin said, all her focus is on her work at Resource Center. "I am so excited to connect my passion for equality with my profession as a fundraiser," she said. "There is so much great work to be done, and I am ready to dig in."

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Court cases LGBTQ equality

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any of the **LGBTO** community's biggest steps forward in the march toward equal-

ity have come in the courts, and 2020 saw one of the biggest legal wins yet, with a June 15 ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court finally giving LGBTQ people federal protection from discrimination in employment.

Here are a few legal victories this year, starting, of course, with workplace protections decision.

• Bostock: U.S. Supreme Court rules against employment discrimination

In one of its biggest rulings of the year and its first ruling on LGBTQ rights since Masterpiece Cake, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity is discrimination based on sex and is illegal under the Civil Rights Act. This decision came in Bostock v. Clayton County, which combined three cases: Bostock,

in which George Bostock was fired from his job with Clayton County for "conduct unbecoming a county employee" after he began playing in a gay softball league; Zarda v. Altitude Express, in which skydiving instructor Donald Zarda, formerly of Dallas, was fired after telling a female customer he was gay to help her feel less uneasy about being attached to him during a tandem sky dive, and R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Homes v. EEOC & Aimee Stephens, in which Aimee Stephens was fired from her job with a funeral home after telling her employers she was transitioning from male to female.

Since SCOTUS' marriage equality ruling in 2015 in the case Obergefell v. Hodges, the saying has been "You can get married on Sunday and be fired for being gay on Monday." But now, as a result of the Bostock ruling, which banned workplace discrimination based onsexual orientation and gender identity.

• Discharge of airmen with HIV illegal

The year started with a ruling benefiting people living with HIV and serving in the military. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit based in Richmond, Va., upheld a lower court ruling in the case Roe & Voe v. Esper that halted efforts by the Trump administration to



Aimee Stephens, seated, and her wife, Donna, outside the U.S. Supreme Court. (Associated Press)

discharge members of the Air Force because they are living with HIV. The decision allows the two active-duty airmen that brought the case to continue serving in the U.S. Air Force and prevents the discharge of any other airmen living with HIV.

• Denial of healthcare to transgender employees unconstitutional

A federal district court in Alaska ruled in March in the case Fletcher v. State of Alaska that the state's denial of health care coverage to a legislative librarian based on its blanket exclusion of medically necessary transition-related surgical treatment from AlaskaCare, the state employee health care plan, is unlawful sex discrimination that violates federal law.

• Anti-LGBTQ curriculum struck down

In March in the case Gender and Sexuality Alliance v. Spearman, a U.S. District Court in South Carolina struck down the state's 1988 anti-LGBTQ curriculum law, declaring it unconstitutional. The statute had prohibited any discussion of samesex relationships in health education in public schools except in the context of sexually transmitted diseases.

Access to social security extended

A federal district court in Arizona ruled in May in Ely v. Saul that the U.S. Social Security Administration's refusal to consider the claims for survivor's benefits by same-sex spouses who were unable to be married for nine months because of state marriage bans is unconstitutional. A surviving spouse may now claim benefits if the legal marriage was less than nine months — the usual period of time required to qualify for survivor's benefits — if the spouse can show the couple would have married sooner had it been legal.

• Access to corrected birth certificates

In the case F.V. v. Barron, an Idaho federal court ruled struck down a new state law preventing transgender people born in Idaho from changing the gender marker on their birth certificates to match their gender identity. They found the ban was in violation of an existing

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permanent injunction issued in 2018 that declared such a ban unconstitutional.

• Transgender students must have access to bathrooms

The Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in August, in *Adams v. The School Board of St. Johns County, Fla.*, that a Florida student must have access to bathrooms that match his gender identity. The court upheld a lower court ruling that found the student's 14th Amendment equal protections were being denied and the school was violating Title IX's prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex.

• Injunction against healthcare discrimination

The Trump administration issued new rules rolling back Obama-era regulations



From left, Don Zarda, Melissa Zarda and Bill Moore.

that extended discrimination "on the basis of sex" to include gender identity and sexual orientation under the Affordable Care Act. In August, a federal trial court in New York issued an injunction to prevent healthcare providers, insurance companies and others from discriminating. The lawsuit is *Whitman-Walker Clinic v. HHS*.

• Treating children born abroad to same-sex couples the same as to opposite-sex couples

A federal court in Georgia, ruling in *Mize-Gregg v. Pompeo*, has ordered the Trump Administration to recognize the U.S. citizenship of the two-year-old daughter of a same-sex couple.

The state department had refused to issue a passport to the child born abroad even though both dads are U.S. citizens. Children born abroad to heterosexual parents are automatically recognized as citizens. The lawsuit was filed to challenge the policy of treating children born abroad to a same-sex couple the same as being born out of wedlock rather than equal to a child born to a heterosexual couple.

• Another transgender student bathroom victory

The Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Aug. 26, in Grimm vs. Gloucester County School Board, in favor of American Civil Liberties Union client Gavin Grimm, deciding that restroom policies segregating transgender students from their peers and denying transgender student accurate transcripts are unconstitutional and violate Title IX, the federal law prohibiting sex discrimi-

nation in education. The decision cames after a five-year court battle that began when the ACLU and ACLU of Virginia filed a sex discrimination lawsuit against the Gloucester Country School Board for adopting a discriminatory policy requiring Grimm and other transgender students to use "alternative private" restrooms.



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Music in the great almost-outdoors

Turtle Creek Chorale returns to live performance, this time in a parking garage

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The Turtle Creek Chorale will give its first live performance since the pandemic shutdown next month, and Artistic Director Sean Baugh promises that every safety precaution will be taken.

The Oct. 24 concert will be held in the parking lot of the Statler Hotel, and, Baugh said, "Outdoors singing is fairly safe if precautions are taken."

The performance will be held on the ground level of the parking lot where the acoustics are amazing, Baugh explained. He described it as sounding like the inside of a gothic cathedral.

And everyone — singers, audience and crew — will be masked through the entire event.

Baugh said he brought a few singers over to the space to try it out. Even singing masked, their voices could be heard throughout the parking lot. "From one end of the garage to the other, every word could be heard and understood," he said.

While the chorale members who participate will be on risers, audience members will be socially distanced and seated in groups of two to four. Baugh said they haven't done the math to see how many audience members the space will hold, but he expects the number to be between 150 and 200.

The cavernous space is several stories high allowing for lots of air flow. To ensure the safety of everyone there, Baugh said, he's following studies from the University of Colorado, which laid out best practices guidelines. "They found outdoor singing in masks is fairly safe," he said.

While this will be the first live choral



The unused parking garage at the Statler Hotel will be transformed into the Turtle Creek Chorale's new performance hall.

performance in Dallas, the Gay Men's Chorus of Columbus has been rehearsing in a parking garage with good results.

So far, more than 130 members of the Dallas chorale have signed up to sing. Baugh said he hopes to include even more. Big screens will be set up around the garage, he said, and singers who aren't comfortable gathering or can't take part in person for health or mobility reasons can participate remotely.

Rehearsals for the concert begin next week and will be held via Zoom for the first two weeks. Because of the varied online delays depending upon connection speed, everyone will be muted and sing from home individually while Baugh conducts and accompanist Scott Ayers plays piano.

When in-person rehearsals begin, the chorus will be divided into four smaller groups that will meet on different days while socially distancing. Each rehearsal will last no more than 30 minutes.

The concert, which will consist of Turtle Creek Chorale favorites, will last no longer than an hour and a quarter.

On concert night, the audience also will be divided into four groups and be given different arrival times. Small groups will be escorted to their seats with little mingling.

Baugh said final arrangements aren't in place yet, but he's hoping to have food trucks parked across the street from the hotel at Main Street Garden, so concertgoers can have some dinner before the show and relax in the park while waiting to be seated.

They're hoping for good weather so people can enjoy the park, but Baugh pointed out that the concert will be in October, one of Dallas' rainiest months. That's another reason they chose to perform at the Statler rather than at a venue like Annette Straus Square outside the Winspear Opera House. The parking garage is covered and the concert will go on whatever the weather.

Tickets for the concert are free and will be available the beginning of October on the TCC website. Donations are welcome. Baugh pointed out that his group, like every other arts group across the country, is struggling, and he said he's feeling an interesting mix of relief and hopefulness mixed with apprehension of the unknown.

"Doing something new and different is always exciting," he said, and exactly what an arts group should be doing.

The plans are in place emphasizing safety first along with a great performance. So what could go wrong? If cases are spiking, the city, county or even the state could come in and cancel the concert at any time, right up to the last minute.

Most arts organizations are planning for a return to indoor performance in the spring. That means the chorale's most popular annual concert since its founding 40 years ago — the Christmas concert — will be skipped in its traditional format. Instead, Baugh said he's working on other ideas for Christmas — A drivein concert? A drive-through performance with small groups? It's still up in the air.

Meanwhile, the chorale has launched a podcast called Off Stage with concerts and conversations with members and staff that will become available next week wherever you listen to podcasts.



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which an organization — such as an AIDS/ HIV service organization or a school sports team - applies and, once approved, is able to sell raffle tickets at \$2 a ticket in a drawing for a new vehicle.

Planet Lincoln will handle all the details - from printing tickets to providing the vehicle and even paying all the associated taxes. All the nonprofit has to do is sell the tickets and keep the money, he explained.

Stalik said Planet Lincoln staff - from upper management on down works hard to maintain an environment that creates an outstanding experience for the staff as well as the customers. For all of the amenities built into the dealership for

customers, there are just as many amenities built in for employees.

Employees' comfort and satisfaction is just as important as that of the customers, Stalik said. And happy employees are likely to work harder and stay longer with the company.

The dealership's upper management team, Stalik said, has several decades of experience in Lincoln sales between them, adding that after years in the car sales business as a salesman and even a shop owner himself, he had been looking for a job that could span the gap to retirement. Now, though, Stalik said he has no plans to retire any time soon.

"Most of us here have known each other for a very long time," Stalik said of Planet Lincoln's management team, "even though we weren't always working together. Mr. Palasoto and Mr. Reed took care here to create a staff of like-minded people who understand and believe in the vision of what we are doing here.

"We are a team," Stalik said. "We are like a family."

Gervis added, "This is a big place. But





Linda Gervis, top, and Wiliam Palasota, above.

we will never get so big that we lose that family/team feeling. I mean, we opened at the first of the year, and then the COVID-19 epidemic hit. But through it all we haven't furloughed anyone. We haven't laid anyone off. We have paid people 100 percent of the salary the whole time. And in fact, we are hiring right now."

When you get right down to it, of course, Planet Lincoln is a business. Businesses have to make money. And a business like this — focused on providing a luxury experience to sell luxury automobiles - needs to make a lot of

Still, Stalik said, "There is a difference in being out for profit and being out for blood. We are not out for blood.

"We want to do the right thing, not to look good and not for appearances, but because it is the right thing to do," he continued. "We believe we can be for profit and still be for our community and for our staff and for our customer. That is our goal."



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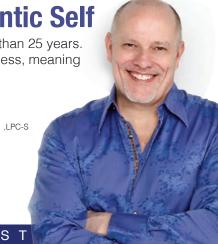
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world can participate in the silent auction. To sign up and register, BlackTie.org.

We hope to still have some unique items in our auction, but we probably will not have lots of "luxury" items. First, most of those items were foreign travel packages, and currently not many countries will even let Americans in. And secondly, we realize that this pandemic has touched most people's pocketbooks.

We just don't expect our viewers and supporters to have the appetite to buy expensive, luxury experiences that they may not get to use for a couple of years.

In a "normal" year, table captains are a big part of the fundraising for Black Tie. How can people fulfill that role this year? Our table captains are a loyal and dedicated bunch. They have historically been an integral part of the success of Black Tie Dinner. Those table captains are excellent in organizing a group of 10, and we are hoping that they will be engaged (and using those organizational skills!) to participate in this year's Black Tie Ambassador program. If those table captains can persuade their former guests to give even a fraction of what they used to pay for a Dinner ticket, those funds will go a long way to impacting our overall distribution and what we are able to give to the beneficiaries this year.

Obviously, a lot of the avenues through which Black Tie raises money are being impacted this year. How much do you expect to see that offset by possibly lower expenses? Our televised program will definitely be cheaper than a 3,000-person ballroom with a grand stage, rigging, production and lighting. That means that every sponsor's and supporter's dollar goes a lot farther this year than it did in the past.

Black Tie Dinner is very lucky in that it has low overhead. However, most of the organizations we support are not that lucky. They have a payroll to meet, electricity bills to pay, rent payments to make. That's why Black Tie Dinner is committed now more than ever.

We realize that this global pandemic has hit everyone's personal finances, but we hope that our community can continue to be as generous as possible — even in very small donations — to help these amazing beneficiaries.

Who are this year's beneficiaries, and how you are promoting them? How are they helping in bringing in revenue? Our beneficiaries are: Human Rights Campaign Foundation, Planned Parenthood, Resource Center, AIDS Services of Dallas, AIDS Outreach Center, Promise House,

Celebration Community Church, Cathedral of Hope, Turtle Creek Chorale, Uptown Players, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Equality Texas, Lambda Legal, Legacy Counseling Center, Northhaven United Methodist Church, Health Education Learning Project (HELP) and Coalition for Aging LGBT.

They are helping bring in revenue through many of the traditional streams - and some new ones! They are still cultivating items for our silent auction. They are still out there selling raffle tickets for the chance to win a new Mercedes-Benz. and finally, they are promoting the peer-topeer campaign that we launched last week, Black Tie Ambassadors.

Y'all tell me a little

about how this is affecting the two of you on a personal level? Jeremy, this was your final year as co-chair, and Brad, your first year; what does it mean to each of you, personally, to be faced with this and to have come up with an innovative solution and not have to cancel? Jeremy: This is not how I expected my last year as co-chair would end! I was hoping to break another fundraising record in 2020. But the resilience and dedication of our board, volunteers, sponsors and allies has been incredibly inspiring. I'm so excited for Black Tie LIVE. Perhaps the thing I'm most excited about this year is that we get to tell a whole new audience about Black Tie Dinner and our amazing beneficiaries. For the folks that were on the fence about attending our in-person Dinners in the past, for the people that maybe just did not have the financial resources to attend or those people that have never heard of us, Black Tie LIVE will be a great introduction and provide many avenues to allow them to support our mission.

Brad: I attended my first Black Tie Dinner a decade ago and distinctively remember the energy of the ballroom, the love in the air and how impactful the leaders were on that stage. I left on such a high and with a personal drive to do better and do more



for our LGBTQ community. I immediately set a personal goal to stand on that stage one day and chair this life-changing organization. Fast forward 10 years later, and here I am — amidst a global pandemic — with no Dinner. Obviously, when Jeremy and I realized with our board that we would have to pivot, it was sad, tough and something I personally had to mourn — but not something to wallow in. Our community is known for our resiliency, and it was time to step up. By implementing something like Black Tie LIVE, a first ever for our organization that will reach even more people, that has helped soften the blow of having to reimagine our program. At this point, we are ready for any roadblock that Miss 2020 throws our way. Bring it.

I can't think of any other questions right now, so what have I missed? What do you want folks to know that we haven't talked about? Just a reminder that anyone reading can support Black Tie Dinner this year in the following ways:

- Donate an auction item or play in our auction! The auction will open one to two weeks prior to Oct. 18.
- Buy raffle tickets to win a Benz!
- Text to give (that will launch during the LIVE special).
- Give a general donation through our Ambassador program.



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sign a paper that I wouldn't engage in homosexual activity," she recalled, describing "don't ask, don't tell" as "an awful policy and so unfortunate."

Ortiz Jones' service to country didn't end with her military career. After leaving the Air Force, she served as director for investment at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative under the Obama Administration.

"My oath to defend the Constitution shaped my dedication," she said, adding that just because she left the Air Force her oath was not broken.

Among her goals for her district is investing in infrastructure — and that infrastructure doesn't include border walls. Chief among her projects is access to the internet, she said, noting that "Lack of broadband makes vulnerable communities more vulnerable."

When schools closed down last spring because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and children were sent home, lack of access to the internet made it difficult for many kids in District 23 to transition to athome learning, she added.

And while many doctors across the country began treating their patients primarily with telehealth, something that should have benefited those especially in counties in her district with few or no doctors, lack of broadband continued to prevent them from accessing healthcare

during the pandemic.

Ortiz Jones blamed that lack of necessary infrastructure on a leadership problem.

She also said she'd like to "double down on energy investments," especially in renewable energy. Not only is that environmentally sound policy, but, she added, would provide jobs.

With her background in national security and intelligence, Ortiz Jones believes the best way to secure the border is by developing "pragmatic foreign policies that invest in solutions to strengthen our neighboring countries." And as a first generation American, she supports "responsible immigration reform" that she describes as "welcoming immigration policies."

Elliot Imse, director of communications at the LGBT Victory Fund, said Ortiz Jones has been doing the groundwork since her narrow defeat in 2018.

"This is one of the most important races in the country for our community," he said, calling the candidate authentic, brilliant and empathetic. "She would go into Congress with the interests of ordinary people in mind," he continued. "She'll be a strong voice in changing hearts and minds about LGBT issues."

Victory Fund CEO Annise Parker called Ortiz Jones "Smart, tough and effective," saying her national security experience is something that will benefit the country.



LORENZO SANCHEZ, From Page 10

don't know what they're going to do next month," he said. "Send kids to school? We don't have calming leadership."

He said some Collin County mayors are doing the right thing, but their message of protecting yourself by wearing a mask is being contradicted by county leaders.

Meanwhile, Sanchez's well-funded opponent is making attacks on Sanchez's calls for protecting the environment, calling that a job killer. But Sanchez said his proposal to create wind farms in the area is a job creator for windmill installers and turbine manufacturers as well as an income generator for families who lease their land to renewable energy companies.

Sanchez also said he supports expansion of Medicaid to provide healthcare to as many people as possible. He mentioned that his mother is in remission from cancer

and that he has a niece with epilepsy.

"That's who I'm fighting for," he said, "them and a lot of teachers who made sure I was successful."

LGBT Victory Fund CEO Annise Parker said Sanchez had a very competitive primary and called his general election campaign an uphill battle. "In order to win, he had to learn how to campaign," she said.

But, she added, Sanchez has a compelling story although he has had to introduce himself to voters in a tough year for campaigning. He's got a great team in place, Parker said, and while the district leans Republican, victory is within his reach. Sanchez pointed out that Beto O'Rourke won a majority of votes in his district and, with a large turnout, is optimistic about his chances in November.



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Moore said the skydive went fine and it wasn't until three days later that the boyfriend called the sky-diving school to complain and demand his money back. Moore said he suspects that the couple, who were college students, simply couldn't actually afford the afternoon and had figured out a way to get their money back. But the owner of Altitude Express, he added, was clearly homophobic.

A year earlier, Zarda was working for Altitude Express when he broke his leg during a jump. He jumped in tandem with a customer who was over the company's weight limit, and when they landed, the man landed on Zarda and broke his leg.

When doctors putting a cast on his leg asked him what color he wanted, Zarda said he wanted it to be pink. But when he showed up for work to pack parachutes, "he was told to go home until that pink cast was off his leg," Moore said.

After being fired, Zarda filed a lawsuit against Altitude Express in 2010. But he never found work as a skydiving instructor again because, Moore said, the lawsuit came up every time any prospective employer checked.

In 2014, Zarda was in Switzerland doing base jumping. BASE is an acronym for buildings, antenna, span and earth. One of the most dangerous recreational activities, it has a fatality and injury rate 43 times higher than parachuting from a plane. Zarda died when he was with several people near Geneva jumping from a ledge that turned out to not be high enough for a safe fall.

Moore and Zarda's sister Melissa were co-executors of Zarda's estate, and they decided to pursue the lawsuit in his memory.

In a federal district court trial in New York, the judge instructed the jury to ignore any evidence that Zarda was gay, Moore said. Without evidence, the jury quickly decided the case in the company's favor. But Moore and Melissa Zarda appealed. Rather than a three-judge panel, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals decided to hear the case en banc, meaning by the full court. Attorney General Jeff Sessions weighed in, encouraging the Court of Appeals to throw the case out.

Coincidentally, the court received that request on the same day Trump announced his trans military ban. Moore called that a big day for LGBTQ discrimination by the administration.

But the appeals court didn't throw out the case. Instead, they overturned the lower court's opinion, ruling that sexual orientation was indeed covered by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, which makes discrimination based on sex illegal. The court wrote that things are fluid, and the law on discrimination was meant to evolve as culture evolved. Therefore, it was appropriate to overturn earlier appeals court rulings on discrimination based on sexual orientation.

From here, representing Zarda was Stanford Law professor Pamela Karlen. She is now best known for her appearance before the House Judiciary Committee discussing constitutional grounds for impeaching Donald Trump.

Once the case reached the Supreme Court, Zarda v. Altitude Express was merged with two other employment discrimination cases: R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Homes v EEOC & Aimee Stephens and Bostock v. Clayton CountyI, under the Bostock case name.

The Stephens case involved a trans woman who was fired from a funeral home when she began to transition. The Bostock case involved a Clayton County, Ga., employee who was fired from his job after he began playing in a gay softball league.

The Supreme Court ruled 6-3 that discrimination based on gender identity or on sexual orientation is sex-based discrimination and is therefore unconstitutional.

Moore said the Zarda case is possibly more important than the *Obergefell* marriage equality decision from 2015. While some people want to marry, he said, everyone wants to keep their job.

The employment decision, Moore said, "woke people up," because a lot of people didn't realize LGBTQ people could be fired just because of who they are. Even with this ruling, though, Moore said there is a lot more to do.

"The decision only protects people who work for companies with 15 or more employees," he said. "And it doesn't cover adoption. It doesn't cover housing. It doesn't cover public accommodations."

Moore said he hopes people will remember his partner by getting out and voting for people who will support the comprehensive Equality Act, because "It's not over."

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But this is also Sept. 11, 2020, the 19th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C. And we cannot let this day pass without remembering that horrible day.

Nearly 3,000 people died on Sept. 11, 2001, and more than 6,000 were injured. Most of those who died that day were "civilians," but about 415 were first responders, mostly firefighters and police officers who rushed to the site of the World Trade Center towers to try to rescue the people trapped there after terrorists crashed one American Airlines plane and one United Airlines plane into the twin towers.

Those first responders died when the towers collapsed; they are the heroes of 9/11. Another nearly 10,000 first responders from that day have since been diagnosed with cancer, traceable to the smoke and dust and debris they were exposed to as they struggled to rescue victims from the rubble, and many of them have died. In fact, by 2018, more than 2,000 people had died from 9/11-related illnesses.

They are heroes, too, as are the passengers and crew members of United Flight 93, including gay man Mark Bingham, who realized what was happening and fought back against the terrorists on that plane, crashing it into an empty field in Pennsylvania, rather than allowing it to reach its planned target, believed to be the U.S. Capitol Building.

Today, we remember and we honor those heroes of 9/11, the ones who died and those who lived but whose lives were so dramatically changed, some ir-



Tammye Nash From Where I Stand

perfect clarity standing in front of the TV, buttoning my shirt as I dressed for a meeting later that day, watching the live feed of the North Tower of the World Trade Center's Twin Towers burning after American Flight 11 had crashed into it. I remember that feeling of stunned disbelief as the second plane, United Flight 175, slammed into the South Tower.

I stood there, transfixed with horror, watching those towers burn, unwilling to believe this was more than some tragic accident, until President George W. Bush, who had been visiting an elementary school in Florida, announced that the crashes were terroristic attacks on our country. Then just three minutes later, American Flight 99 crashed into the Pentagon.

In less than an hour, our world had changed.

Now, 19 years later, it is hard for me to comprehend that practically an entire generation has been born and has grown into young adults since 9/11. They — and those that were too young to understand — have no "what I was doing" memories from that day. They don't remember what those burning towers looked like, they don't remember those last minute final messages that the passengers of United Flight 93 were able to send via cell phone to loved ones.

And they either do not remember or were not there to experience, in those hectic, frightened days following, that sense of unity, that sense of common threat and common purpose that brought the people of this country together, at least for a little while.

It's strange to me to realize that fact. And even stranger still to realize that that sense of unity actually existed, even for a little while, considering how divided we are now, how divided we have been for the last four years.

I was not a fan, to put it mildly, of President George W. Bush. But I remember watching him on 9/11 and the days that followed. I remember how hard he worked to pull the country together and reassure us, to be a president for all of us. He was the exact opposite of what we have now — a socalled president who seems to thrive on hatred, who blatantly lies to promote division for his own purposes. Today, we face a deadly pandemic that has already killed more than 190,000 Americans in just over six months, a tanking economy with millions out of work, racial unrest that is filling our streets with protests that are spilling over into violence. I am a month shy of 60 years old, and I swear, I have never seen this country so divided, so hateful, so on edge and so at odds.

In less than two months, we have a chance, I believe, to change that. We have a chance to begin to move toward healing this great divide that has grown so wide in the last 19 years. I most sincerely hope we make the best of that opportunity and start to bring this country together again. Because we owe it to those heroes who, on Sept. 11, 2001, gave their all for their country and the people who live in it.

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Hairdresser Michael Moore survived 2 bouts of cancer to bounce back stronger than ever

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worried — worried about our health, worried about the future. But for Michael Moore, such concerns have become part of the fabric of his adult life. (You think you've gone stir crazy? Try spending three weeks in a hospital gown confined to a single floor of a hospital.) And he's weathered it fiercely with an outlook that buoys those around him.

No one has rolled with the punches as adaptively as Moore. When he was a kid, it took just one episode of *Solid Gold* to make him forget all of his previous dreams of being an ophthalmologist; he wanted to grow up and become a Solid Gold dancer — one of those peripatetic, energetic backup performers on the weekly syndicated music showcase.

But dreams change, and we all adjust. Moore moved to Texas from his native Dearborn, Mich., in 1981, dipping his toe in the college pool — first attending Collin County Community College's acclaimed theater program before transferring to Sam Houston State University. After years of uncertainty about what he really wanted to do with his life, he finally landed in cosmetology school.

Moore focused on hair because, he was told, he was "too chatty" for skin care. ("You talk too much to be in skin care," his school counselor scolded him. "Skin care is supposed to be relaxing.") Moore knew the minute he toured the hair section of the school it would be the perfect fit for him. He started the very next day.

It proved to be the right course. These days, Moore is a hairstylist and color specialist at Elements Salon by day, and

Michael Moore spent weeks at a time looking at the park across from Medical City while he dealt with a cancer diagnosis. (Photography by Arnold Wayne Jones)



a wig and makeup artist for the DFW theater community by night. (He won a DFW Theater Critics Forum Award for his work on the 2017 Uptown Players' production of *La Cage aux Folles*, for which he designed all of the make-up and all 80 (!) of the wigs.) He has even appeared onstage — Moore began doing drag in 1999, first in clubs and eventually in Uptown Players' revival of *Pageant*. ("I've always been a queen at heart," he smiles.)

You might say life has worked out pretty well for Michael Moore. And it had... until April 2016. That's when he rushed to the ER, thinking his appendix was about to burst. "To my surprise, it was my spleen," he recalls. "My white blood cell count was beyond anything the ER nurses had seen. The next morning, I met with an oncologist, and after two biopsies, I was officially diagnosed with stage 4 follicular lymphoma." In other words, an advanced stage of cancer.

When he first heard the C-word, Moore's first thought was not about life or death. "To be completely honest, my first thought was 'No! I'm going to lose my hair!'" After that initial shock, "my next thought was 'OK, what's next? How do I beat this?'"

The answer emerged during his first rounds of chemotherapy. What Moore needed was a stem cell transplant. But in what Moore labels a disgraceful reflection of the medical system in the U.S., "I didn't have insurance at the time, so it was taken off the table. No doctor would approve a multi-million-dollar procedure without insurance."

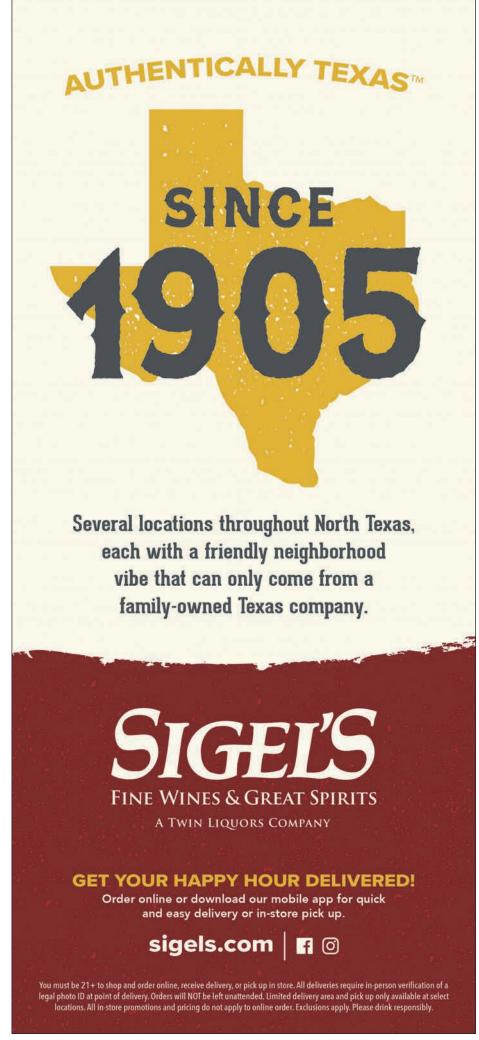
Despite the setbacks, Moore maintained a defiantly sunny disposition. "Even with a shaved head and all those tubes and his ass hanging out of his gown, he could charm the stethoscope off every nurse," quips Mikey Abrams, one of Moore's closest friends. "Michael thrives around other people. He has a serious likeability factor that really helps him."

Armed with that attitude, Moore — remarkably — beat that round of cancer, even without the transplant. Unfortunately, it came back in May 2019.

"I knew it was coming," Moore says.
"I was in NYC working on Jessica
Cavanaugh's *Self-Injurious Behavior*, and
I knew it had come back. I could hardly
walk two blocks, and my color was
completely off. When I got home, I went
to the ER and was immediately given
multiple blood and platelet transfusions. I knew this time was going to be
more intense than the first go-round."

This time was significantly different though because, thanks to the Affordable Care Act, Moore now had insurance coverage, which even applied to pre-existing conditions like his. "That took a lot of stress away from me, even

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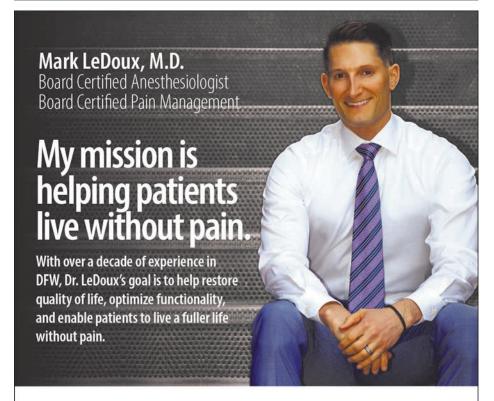






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Going stir crazy? Sunrise Point on Cedar Creek Lake is the perfect excursion to recharge mid-pandemic

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emember when the idea of a staycation was an indulgent treat and not a months-long sentence occasioned by an insidious virus? Even homebodies can go stir crazy. And while many folks resist the idea of getting on airplanes or visiting the few foreign countries that will still have germy Americans, there are driveable distractions closer than you think.

It's great if you have a friend or family member with a lakeside condo you can crash at on a random weekend, but the newly-opened Sunrise Point on Cedar Creek Lake offers a nearby, relaxing haven without having random social connections (the region itself has been all-but corona-free).

The environs around Cedar Creek



Lake, southeast of Dallas on the edge of East Texas, is well-known to the gay community for its acceptance of LGBTQ residents and visitors — the gay campground Circle J Ranch isn't far from one of its tendrils, and many queer folks live out and proud around its shores. The fourth-largest lake in Texas (technically a reservoir, because it is man-made), Cedar Creek Lake snakes nearly 20 miles across Kaufman and Henderson



Left, The cottages at Sunrise Point are beautifully appointed, with each having its own color scheme.

Below, A spacious dock is ideal for watching the sunrise, anchoring your boat if you have one, launching a kayak or just rocking in a hammock.

therapists happily make cabin-calls); there's no on-site restaurant; the closest you'll come to an activities coordinator or concierge is asking manager Casey Lee (or one of the owners) directions to the grocery store, where to go for good barbecue or what gay-owned restaurants are worth checking out. Instead, let's call it a peaceful getaway on the outskirts of the big city that's ideal for recharging, relaxing and renewing during the pandemic.

That's what we did. And what a difference it can make.

On one of the hottest days of the year, we drove down I-45, hooked a louie at Corsicana and navigated the intricate network of speed traps (I counted 18 speed changes over about 25 miles) to Malakoff (about 15 minutes from Athens), one of the tiny burgs surrounding the lake (if you pass its one stoplight, you've gone too far!). From

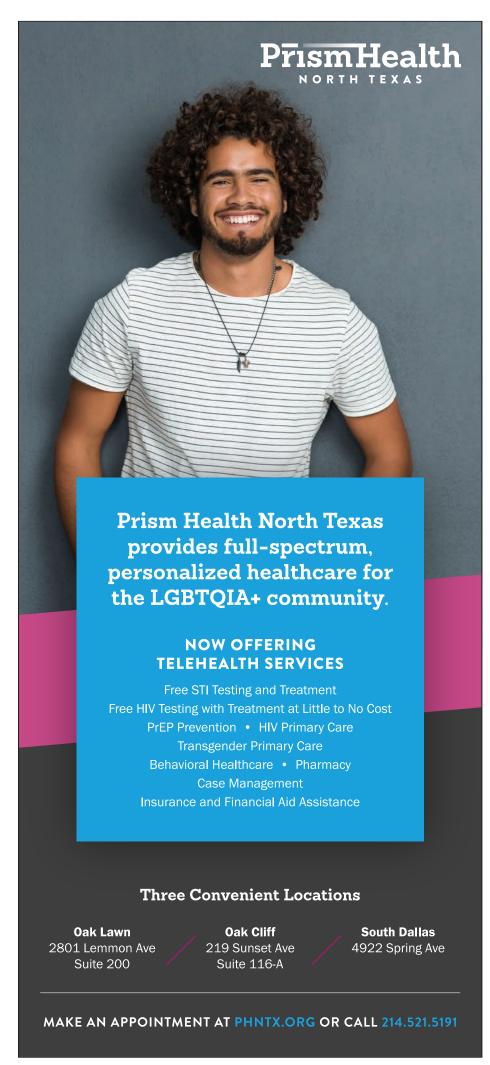


counties, covering about a thousand square miles of surface area.

On one three-acre promontory jutting out from about the southernmost tip sits a peninsula occupied by the home of Ann and Sue Wigodsky ... and, more recently, a string of small, elegant, modern-design cottages that the women have dubbed the Sunrise Point resort. "Resort" may be overstating it. There are no spas (although local massage







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there it's a series of small numbered FM roads to the destination. Ann and Sue have long hosted outdoor weddings in their backyard (If you had a backyard along the placid shores of an idyllic lake, you'd want others to enjoy it, too). They still do, but this summer they finally finished construction on the five cabins (four are rentable) that make up the resort — all identical 450-sf cottages, except for the color scheme and the names (there's Bluebird, Cardinal, Goldfinch, Hummingbird). Each is a one-bed oasis (no pets, no kids) appointed with modern touches and homespun elegance: original artwork, designer linens, remote-controlled everything, comfy chairs, luxe shampoos, plus a personal-sized Keurig, Trulys in the fridge and complimentary snacks in the kitchenette. (There's a microwave and sink, but don't expect to do much cooking unless you want to use the grill on the patio; that's what UberEats is for.)

But as pleasant as the amenities are, one of the main draws is your hosts themselves — two hilarious, whip-smart retirees (Ann from clinical psychology, Sue from event planning... hence their facility with weddings) who clearly enjoy having company but also respect your privacy and desire to get away from the dread of Miss Rona. You

come back to places like this because you feel so welcomed.

And there are things to do, if along

the slow-paced side of life. The grounds



The area is well-suited for further enjoyment, too. On your way down, pay your





Far left, Sculpted tree stumps pay homage to the substantial wildlife along this three-acre peninsula.

Left, The pool looks out over Cedar Creek Lake.

Below, Your hosts, Sue and Ann Wigodsky.

detour to Corsicana. The historic Texas town not only exudes charm, it's also home to the Collins Street Bakery, home of the best fruitcake you'll ever have. Pick one up, plus some cookies, bread and other foodstuffs before settling in at Sunrise Point. (If you head back to Dallas late enough, you can even stop off at the Galaxy Drive-In in Ennis to catch a movie, old-school.)

The intimacy of the resort is definitely a selling point. With room for eight overnight guests across the resort, it's especially well-suited for a friendcation: Organize your favorite couples, pack a few coolers and chill



respects at the notorious Buc-ee's, a cultural icon of a truck stop that's like the redneck Emerald City. Continue on your way, but rather than immediately turning left off I-45, consider a quick

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Party in the front

Jeep's 2020 Gladiator keeps its business in the back

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eep fans apparently like their backwards mullets — what else could explain them asking for a pickup that's a party in the front and business in the back, an all-season shag wagon that can still haul and tow. Based on the Wrangler Unlimited, and channeling Jeep pickups going back to the 1950s, grant their wish. Climb in the 2020 Jeep Gladiator and let the fun



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Head-on, the Wrangler's seven-slot grille, big round headlamps and beefy bumpers are all in the family, but move to the side, and you immediately notice the longer wheelbase and bed on the back. Our base Sport model rides on 17-in. wheels with off-road tires and sheds the step bar, which is fine by me because the bars do little more than muddy pants. Roll back the tonneau to find spray-in bedliner, tie-downs and

'20 GLADIATOR SPORT

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Hop inside. Looking forward, the Gladiator is exactly like the Wrangler — same flat dashboard, same upright glass, same easy to use controls. As with the ritzier Sahara and Rubicon editions, the dash features a simple touchscreen with intuitive icons for audio, climate, phone and apps plus redundant controls below for volume, tuning and key climate functions. You'll laugh when you realize it's a smaller screen.

This de-gentrification of the Jeep's screen is beyond silly in a vehicle



loaded with heated front seats, heated steering wheel, overhead audio bar and devices connected via Bluetooth, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. Safety is amped with adaptive cruise control, forward collision warning with auto brake, blind spot monitor and rear cross path detection.

What makes the Gladiator unique, of course, are its top, windshield and doors — as in the top retracts, doors can be removed and the windshield can fold forward. Our truck has the

hard Freedom Top with twin removable panels over the front seats. A bundle of tools lets you and a partner remove the entire roof for that open air summer experience. If that sounds like too much foreplay, choose the standard retractable canvas roof.

Move out with a 3.6-liter V6 that delivers 285 horsepower, routed to the 4-wheel-drive system through an 8-speed automatic transmission. That's enough power to pick up the pickup and kick it up, but also delivers 17/22-

MPG city/highway. That's not going to impress hybrid drivers, but isn't bad for a heavy brick. Properly equipped, the Gladiator V6 can pull a robust 7,650-lbs. trailer — enough for a boat, small RV or motorcycles.

Upon introduction, the current Wrangler's on-road ride was a revolution in civility. Gone were the ball-busting gyrations of earlier Jeeps. While the Gladiator doesn't seem quite that smooth, it is pretty easy to take during daily driving. Having a turning radius engineered for tight trails also pays off when maneuvering through parking garages and narrow city streets.

Jeep fans have been asking for a pickup. Whether they got the truck they want depends on perspective. If they desire a vehicle to haul and tow, there are smoother choices. But this vehicle also transforms into an all-capable convertible. I suspect that's exactly the truck fans expect. Let's hope they're fine with a \$33,545 base price, or \$50,540 as-tested. Competitors include the Nissan Frontier, Ford Ranger, Chevy Colorado, GMC Canyon and Toyota Tacoma.

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The future was then

How Pierre Cardin's fashions and business sense created pop culture

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he culture has reached a saturation point where documentaries about the fashion industry qualify as a stand-alone genre, from mavens Anna Wintour, Andre Leon Talley and Diana Vreeland to photographers like Bill Cunningham and Annie Liebovitz and of course designers: Halston, Valentino, Dior, McQueen, YSL and now Pierre Cardin. That can feel like clutter (Chanel always said to remove one piece before going out for the evening), or it can feel like giving creatives their due.

I tend to fall in the latter camp. There's a reason we never had many documentaries about fashion in the past - because fashion wasn't treated with the respect of painting or composing or writing. But one thing we learn from House of Cardin (available on-demand Tuesday) is that the now-98-year-old icon always considered theater his passion. Clothing? Well, he just happened to be good at it.

Good isn't even the word; visionary might be better. Every designer who's been the subject of one of these deconstructive histories has had a distinction to his or her legacy, something unique and innovative to set them apart. Cardin's contribution, though, might be the most enduring of all: He brought fashion to all people.

Oh, there were masters before him — Balenciaga, Dior, Chanel, Schiapparelli — but they were these untouchable masters of the haute couture runway, the custom ateliers of Paris. Cardin started that way, but did things nobody else has really done. First he actually designed for men. Tailored suits had been



around, but thoughtful activewear? Casuals? Guys didn't have anybody. Then he released a ready-to-wear line of affordable fashion, something no classy designer had ever done. And finally he created branding. The PC logo? His signature across the outside of a piece of luggage? Fragrances and cars with his imprimatur? He did that (sometimes to his reputational detriment, but never against his pocketbook).

But perhaps none of that would have

mattered if Cardin weren't the visionary he was... and remains. Just looking at some of his clothing from the 1960s and you're immediately struck by how retro it is but also how futuristic it remains today. There's nothing stodgy or dated about his dresses (they didn't cinch up women but freed their bodies; tall or short, fat or thin, you could look trendy in Cardin). His menswear was

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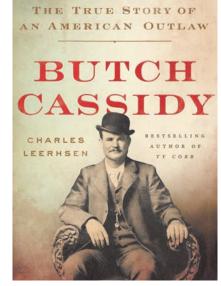
Was the Wild West outlaw bisexual?

Butch Cassidy: The True Story of An American Outlaw by Charles Leerhsen (Simon & Schuster 2020) \$28; 304 pp.

Eight years before the 1969 release of the film *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, the last of Cassidy's Wild Bunch went into the ground. Her name was Laura Bullion, and she was one of a small handful of female groupies who followed the outlaw gang. "It was easy," Charles Leerhsen writes, "to be smitten by Cassidy."

Born Robert Parker in a tiny cabin in Beaver, Utah, Cassidy grew up uninterested in both his parents' farm and his ancestors' Mormon religion. He was too fun-loving, too full of mischief and too appreciative of guns, horses and gambling to settle down. And yet, unlike many contemporary scoundrels, he was well-read, kind and goodhearted, which, in the hearts and minds of Old West citizens, set him apart from all the others during his life of crime. Later, though apparently not deceitfully, he began using "Cassidy" as a surname, alternating with his given name.

Despite its appeal as an American legend, however, the story of Butch Cassidy and Harry "Sundance" Longabaugh might've merely folded into history were it not for Hollywood, although the movie messed with the myth. Reel men and real men were two different things, and, writes Leerhsen, it's possible that Sundance wasn't even Cassidy's best friend, that their bones may not lie in South America, and, perhaps most surprisingly, historians believe that Cassidy may have been bisexual (indeed, Cassidy's mother commented on it). About the bank heists, train robberies and



horse thefts? Cassidy *was* a criminal, but was Hollywood correct in portraying him as extraordinary? "Oddly enough," writes Leerhsen, "the answer, it seems, is yes."

Thankfully, that doesn't mean a cliched riding-off-into-the-sunset scene inside *Butch Cassidy*. There's no such sentimentality here. Instead you'll find lots of delightful set-you-rights and the chance to meet a roguish scoundrel who's hard to historically hate — a notion that many of Cassidy's victims would have surprisingly agreed with.

In explaining why that's so, Leerhsen shows why Cassidy's exploits loomed so large in the West but were then largely forgotten for so long. In this, readers may get the sense that the movie memorializing didn't please Leerhsen and that he is no fan of the general Hollywoodization of history.

But that's one small part of what's here. The real appeal of this book — what's fully half the fun of it — is the sense that Leerhsen isn't just *telling* this tale. He's growling it, grizzled-like, perhaps over campfire and cowpoke stew, surrounded by rustled cattle.

— Terri Schlichenmeyer

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sexy without being vulgar (though his famous phallic cologne bottle certainly didn't hurt sales). Colors, patterns, boldness? Cardin made the eye pop. We probably wouldn't be here without him.

Married filmmaking team of P. David Ebersole and Todd Hughes point out how mysterious his personal life

remained to the public, though at the end they do finally address his most enduring romance with a man. But until then, they almost make a case for why his notorious discretion served him so well. The invention, not the inventor, is what we should talk about. And Cardin invented modern culture. Well played.

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though I knew the treatments and procedures would be more intense. The days would be long and the anxiety more intense. Anxiety is my friend now. We have learned to coexist."

When he learned about the transplant, Moore made it his mission to ensure that all of his friends, family and coworkers were all registered as a donor with Be the Match, operated by the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP), which manages the largest and most diverse marrow registry in the world. (The process is as simple as filling out a

form and swabbing inside your cheek to collect sample cells.) He soon got the call that everyone waiting for a donor longs for: Be the Match found a viable donor and that donor was ready to donate.

"My heart leapt," he recalls. "My closest allies were ready for anything. For me, it all happened so fast. I couldn't process what was about to happen."

Interestingly, while Moore was still in chemo, he also discovered through Ancestry.com that he had a full-blood biological brother, something he did not know since he was adopted. The two have texted extensively, and although they haven't met in person, Moore's brother did actually offer to be his donor. But his brother's age and the timing made the donor they had already found a better bet.

Stem cell transplants are one of the most difficult things from which to recover, Moore was told time and again. So despite all of the support he had, he was feeling the pressure. "I wasn't sure if I had the mental capacity to handle what was my only option." But regardless of how ready or not he might be,

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Moore didn't have a choice if he wanted to live ...which he very much wanted

"It was go-time," he says.

The actual day of the transplant he recounts as surreal. In fact, he finds it difficult to remember many details. Although some transplants can take eight hours with teams of surgeons, his process was really very simple: A 30-minute procedure in his hospital room with a nurse. (It takes only a small bag of cells to transplant, which is done much like a blood transfusion.)

But what Moore won't soon forget are the days that followed. "So many complications from the chemo. So many highs and lows. When I hit my year mark, I was in a quiet reality. The day came and went without fanfare or streamers. It was me thanking my donor and my medical staff through prayer. Thanking my friends and family. I couldn't have a party so I celebrated with a Facebook Live drag show to raise money for Be the Match. It was just what I needed." Moore raised \$1,750 via the event.

With the transplant, Moore achieved 100 percent cell takeover and is now not only alive but also quite healthy. (One positive: He lost 80 pounds.) He's even back to work — cautiously, of course, especially with the risk of COVID-19 still looming.

That's the great news. The bad news is, even with insurance and the support of family, friends and the LGBT community, out-of-pocket expenses seem endless. He credits theater friend Ashley Puckett Gonzales and her charity, Gideon's Feet, for raising more than \$12,000 for his expenses while he was out of work; Rooftop Productions and Pocket Sandwich Theater also organized and hosted a cabaret benefit for him just before the transplant.

But the organization truly responsible for saving his life is Be the Match. "Without them," Moore says, "I wouldn't be here. This organization's only goal is to save lives. They find your match first, then take care of everything. Literally everything for the donor," even providing resources post-transplant.

Of course, the most important resource of all is the marrow and stem cells that Be the Match finds and transports. And as it turned out for Moore, that's solid gold.

Michael Moore will stream a live drag show and fundraiser via Facebook Live on Sept. 12 at 7 p.m.





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Dallas Chocolate Fest goes virtual.

Chocoholics need not despair — the Dallas Chocolate Festival is back, although it will look a little different. Attendees will still get to attend by virtually partaking in livestream factory tours, guided tastings, demos and discussions. If you didn't subscribe to a chocobox already, you can still access the virtual events for just \$5. Sept. 12-13. DallasChocolate.org.



AT&T PAC finally reopens. Everyone knows the pandemic shuttered just about everything, but large performing arts venues haven't had any respite — the Winspear Opera House, Wyly Theatre and Moody Performance Hall have all been dark for about six months. Well, that changes this week. The long-postponed Elevator Project is back, albeit in a new space. Memorias Flamencas brings the amazing fusion of jazz and flamenco to live performances, this time at the Annette Strauss Square outdoor stage, with safety protocols observed. Strauss Square, 2389 Flora St. Sept. 11. 8 p.m. ATTPAC.org.



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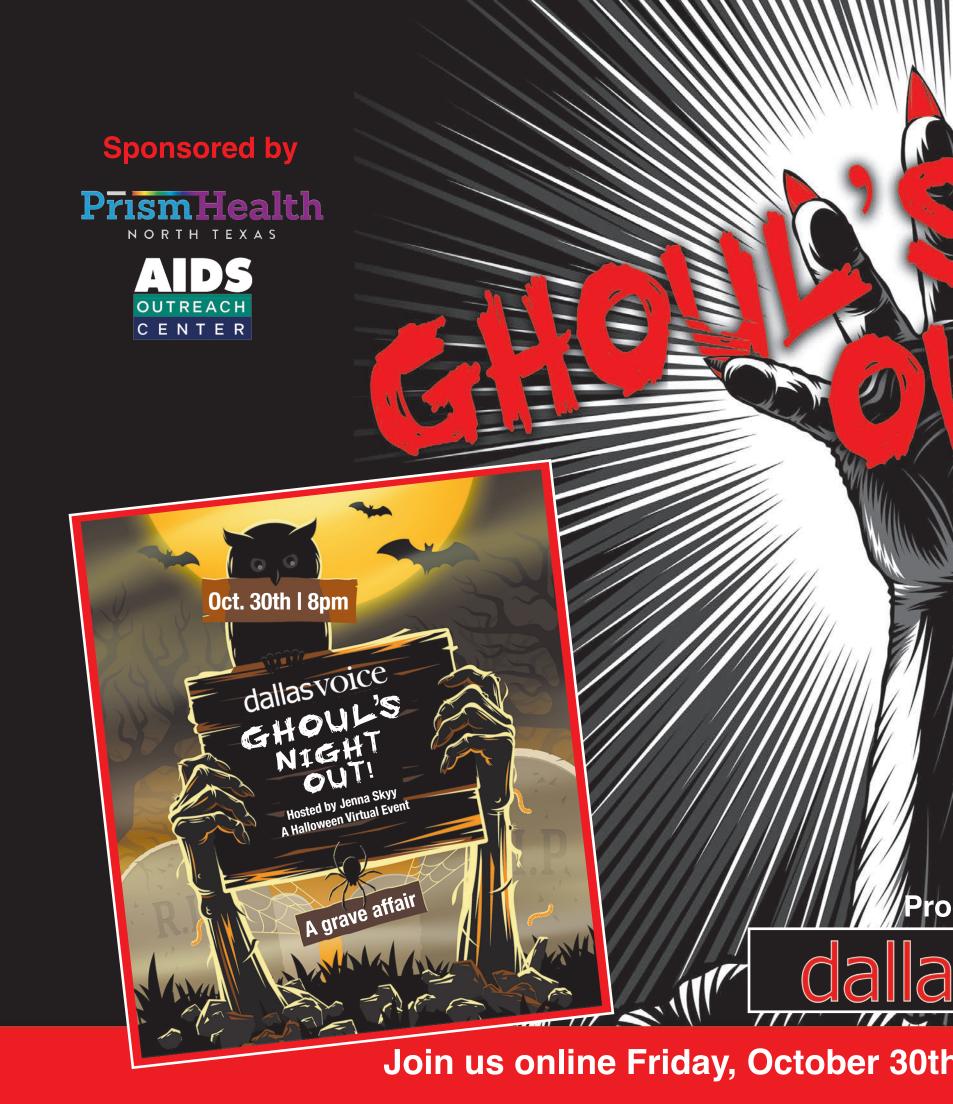
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Cassie Nova

Taking a risk to see a movie; learning to quarantine together

Hello everybody. I hope you are all getting through this crazy time with a little style and grace. I don't think I am, but at least I am styling with my masks when I go out in public. We have a mask that domes over your face and closes in the back with Velcro. I feel very Bane from Batman. So, in a way, I am living my supervillain fantasies.

I know we have to stay vigilant because COVID is still very much a threat to our lives. But we did something last week that worried me and freaked me out a little: We went to the movies!

I know right?! Horrifying!

Going to the movies has been the thing I have missed more than actually being on stage and performing. So, when I got an email from Cinemark saying they were opening the theaters, I was excited but nervous. They opened showing classic movies like Ghostbusters and Goonies ... movies I love, but I'm too skittish to go out to see a movie I own on DVD.

But then they sent me an email saying they were finally releasing the Marvel movie, The New Mutants. I had to. I bought our tickets online and was thrilled to get the seats we like to sit in, in the XD theater we like to watch movies in.

I was even more thrilled to see that when you pick your seats online, they automatically block out the two seats next to you on both sides. Yay for social distancing! I actually went ahead and got us tickets to see the long anticipated new Christopher Nolan film, Tenet, too. So we saw two movies within a week.

Now before you all start to read me for taking chances with going out in public for something that is technically not essential — I know. We wore masks through the entire film and only lifted the mask to take a drink or eat popcorn. We know we were taking chances with our health, and I will regret everything if we get sick. But I cannot tell you what the simple act of going to the movies did for my mental health. It is so easy to get into a downward spiral of feeling meh if you don't have something to look forward to.

Both times we went to the movies it felt pretty safe. They are doing a lot to keep things sanitized. The bathroom doors stay propped open, so you don't have to touch them. They are not accepting cash, and since it wasn't very busy, the kids that work there literally clean the counters between each customer at the concession stand.

The real bonus is everything was so cheap. They have majorly knocked down the prices on everything from the concession stand — except liquor. Whomp, whaaa!

Now for the sad part of all these exciting theater experiences: I did not love either movie. I didn't hate either, but they were just okay.



The New Mutants had great characters but a lame story. It couldn't decide if it was a horror movie or an origins story, and it failed at both.

Tenet made my head hurt. Two-and-a-half hours of being razor focused to keep up with the story is exhausting. I love a good time travel story, but this one just goes overboard. I think it is still worth seeing but don't think about it too much. And maybe wait to see it at home where you can rewind parts to see if they make sense to you.

I'm still waiting to get my Wonder Woman 1984 tickets. That is something I am positive will be worth the risk!

Now to answer a letter I got a few weeks ago (after all, this did start out as an advice column).

Dear Cassie,

My boyfriend and I have been together for two years and two months. We moved in with each other back in January, then by April we were both working from home. Most of the time things are great, but when we

argue it goes from 0 to 100 so fast.

Do you have any advice for us? I love my man, but I also want to kill him some of the time. Thank you, and I miss the Rose Room.

Signed, the Quarantined Couple Dearest Quarantined couple:

Bless y'alls hearts! Y'all went from the honeymoon stage to the "I'ma kill him" stage real quick. That usually takes at least a year to get to.

This pandemic has put many relationships into hyper drive. Being quarantined together for so long forces you to sink or swim when it comes to whether you are meant to be together.

My husband and I are together a lot! I am home 24/7. We have been together almost 18 years, and this quarantine has tested us too. I'm honestly surprised we are doing as well as we are considering he never gets any time to be completely alone. I am always here

I think the true trick to spending so much time together is to not always say what you

are thinking. There is never a good reason to make a situation worse. Sometimes it is best to just bite your tongue. Because in the end, that is the person that cares for you more than any person on this planet, and you never want to hurt them by saying something mean when you could have just walked into the other room.

We all blow up from time to time; it's human nature. But a few deep breaths and a little space can do wonders.

Do you have a pet? I have found that when we are in a little tiff, one of our dogs can usually break the silence between us. They are a reminder of what we have together. Love like ours does not come around often, and not everyone even gets to experience what we have.

Small arguments are fine; they lead to make up sex. Say you are sorry when you are wrong, and let things go when you are right. Don't dwell. When the argument is over, let it stay over. Be patient: Quarantining with someone is a blessing; imagine having to go through all this alone.

By the way, shout out to all my single friends. Quarantine has proven you are a badass.

Remember to always love more, bitch less and be fabulous! XOXO, Cassie Nova

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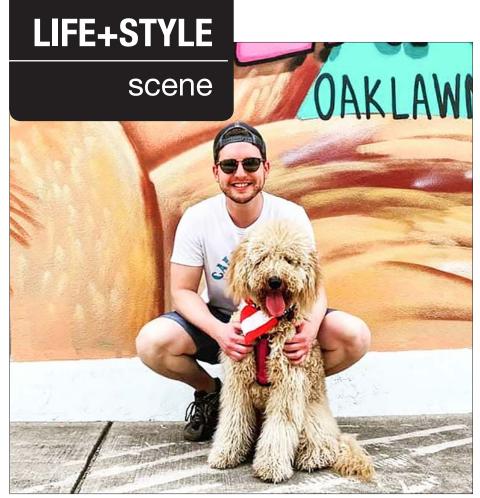
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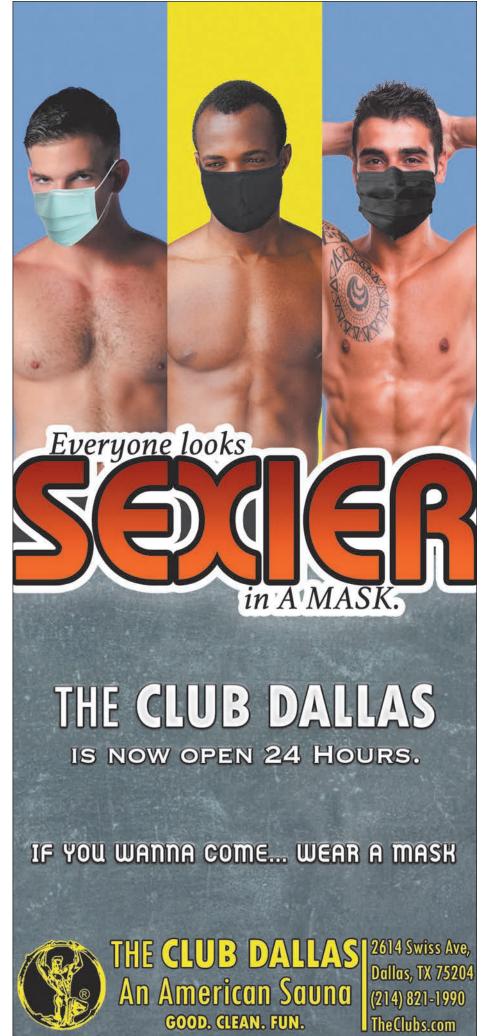
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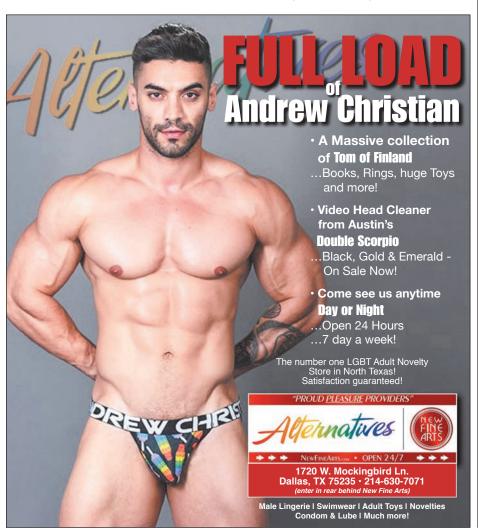
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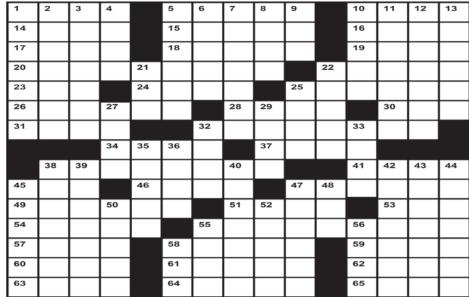


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q-puzzle

About Damian



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Across

- 1 Threesome answer to "Which one?"
- 5 Loads
- 10 With your partner, at times
- 14 Drag queen's blade
- 15 City near Chicago
- 16 Brazilian soccer great
- 17 Now and _
- 18 "Of course I ____ people..." (Quentin Crisp)
- 19 Dipstick wipers
- 20 Start of a quote about Damian
- 22 Short Peter on the screen
- 23 L.A. Galaxy's org.
- 24 Sappho's B
- 25 Penetrating cavalryman
- 26 Div. for Red Sox waving their sticks
- 28 Gooey stuff
- 30 What thespians do with each other
- 31 Use your fingers, with "off"
- 32 More of the quote
- 34 IML winner's accessory
- 37 Emulate the Blob
- 38 End of the quote
- 41 Cries out loud
- 45 Kevin Bacon in *Footloose*
- 46 Sexy guy
- 47 Kind of column

- 49 Said "ne'er," e.g. 51 Return of the Jedi
- creature
- 53 Home state of J. Nabors
- 54 Popular hero of Lorca's land
- 55 2004 movie in which Daniel Franzese played Damian
- 57 Diva Celine
- 58 Big, in Variety
- 59 Enjoy some ladyfingers, e.g.
- 60 About, in memos
- 61 More like sex with condoms
- 62 Hint in a
- Nancy Drew mystery
- 63 Cans, to Auden
- 64 End of "end of"
- 65 Sound of Music escape route

Down

- 1 Where you can stand to be naked
- 2 Moor drama
- 3 Hair in *Tangled* for example
- 4 Mandlikova of tennis
- 5 Gladiator's headgear
- 6 George, who was Mary Ann
- 7 Quite a while back
- 8 The Panthers of the Big East
- 9 Cone head?
- 10 Protection for Craig Claiborne

- 11 Hairy gay guy that likes jazz?
- 12 Mannerist painter rumored to be gay
- 13 ___ *Hearts*
- 21 R. Simmons helps you lose them
- 22 Capital of Bolivia
- 25 Gay cable network
- 27 The A of ILGA (abbr.)
- 29 Bird in a simile about being nuts
- 32 Without much substance
- 33 Melissa Etheridge's "___ Am"
- 35 Felt longing for
- 36 Macho man
- 38 La Dolce Vita director
- 39 Horny one hung like a horse?
- 40 Georgia, who has a museum in New Mexico
- 42 Hot, in Vegas
- 43 Complete disaster
- 44 Cuts, as prices
- 45 Go over proofs again
- 47 State of Frida's
- homeland 48 UPS delivery
- 40 OI 3 deliver
- 50 Enjoys a Star Canyon restaurant
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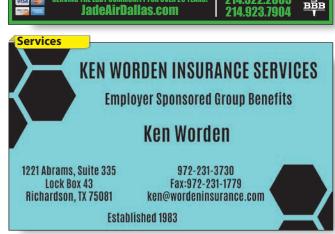
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