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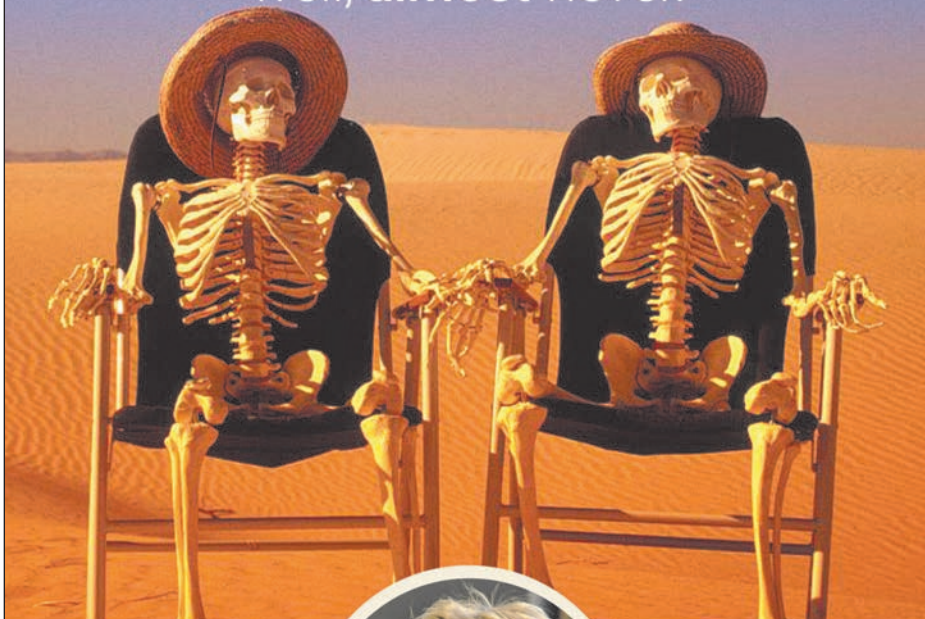
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### Reward offered for info on whereabouts of Alan White



Alan White

There is a \$10,000 reward being offered for information leading to the known whereabouts of James Alan White, a Dallas man who has been missing since early Thursday morning, Oct. 22.

White was last seen around 6 a.m. on Oct. 22, driving out of the LA Fitness City-Place parking lot on Haskell in a 2020 black Porsche Macan with silver wheels, dealer tag 8F4972. He is 5'11" tall and weighs 160 pounds. He was last seen wearing a light gray tank top and dark gym shorts, and carrying a maroon-and-navy two-tone sling bag.

His husband Rusty Jenkins filed a missing person report, #188623-2020, with Dallas police Detective Carrington.

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Alan White is asked to contact the Missing Person Squad at 214-671-4268 and talk to the detective assigned the case.

— Tammye Nash

### Nondiscrimination rules reinstated in social workers' code of conduct

The Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council on Tuesday, Oct. 27, voted unanimously to restore protections for LGBTQ and disabled clients to Texas social workers' code of conduct. The move came following widespread backlash when, two weeks prior, the council voted to remove those protections at the suggestion of Gov. Greg Abbott's office.

According to a spokesperson from Abbott's office, Abbott had suggested the council remove the protections for LGBTQ and disabled people because those protections are not included in state law. But Will Francis, executive director for the National Association of Social Workers, Texas Chapter, noted immediately after the vote that the change violated the national association's code of conduct and ethics.

— Tammye Nash

### Will Redfield's re-open?

It appears that news of Redfield's Tavern's demise last weekend was premature. Even though the name and other exterior signage on the building was painted over and the locks on the doors changed on Saturday, Oct. 24, a message sent to employees on Monday, Oct. 27, indicates the

same owners are hoping to re-open, possibly as early as Halloween weekend.

Redfield's, located at 2213 Butler St. in the Medical District, has been closed since Wednesday night, Oct. 21, after word first broke that former manager Lindsay Schmidt had a recording of a conversation with co-owners Joe Tillotson and Scott Cecil in which they complained that she had hired too many gay men and that she needed to hire more women.

In response to a message from an employee asking about the restaurant's status, co-owner Joe Tillotson wrote on Monday, in a message provided to Dallas Voice by someone who asked to remain anonymous: "All, we apologize for the delay in this message. Wednesday evening we were informed by the staff working that they had received threatening phone calls and so they were sent home. Since that time, operations have been temporarily suspended. We have received mixed information from our manager regarding who has quit and who has not. If you would like to continue working please respond [to the message or by email]. Regardless, if you have questions or want to discuss further then we would like to meet with you in person so please email a time you can come by the tavern."

Dallas Voice's source also disputes Tillotson's claims that Redfield's was closed early on Oct. 21 and has been closed since because of threatening phone calls, based on what employees have said.

A separate source told Dallas Voice talks between the current owners and an unidentified prospective new owner have been suspended, at least temporarily.

— Tammye Nash

### Mansfield ISD introduces new LGBTQ discrimination policy



Mansfield ISD's Board of Trustees on Tuesday night, Oct. 27, introduced the district's new diversity and inclusion officer and its new policy that discriminates against its LGBTQ employees.

In July, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its *Bostock v. Clayton County* ruling saying that, in employment, sexual orientation and gender identity are included in the protections against sexual discrimination in Title VII of the Civil Rights Act.

The state of Texas issued new wording that has been widely adopted by ISDs around the state. The section on discrimination reads: "Discrimination against an employee is defined as conduct directed at an employee on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability or any other basis prohibited by law, that adversely affects the employee's employment."

In accordance with law, discrimination on the basis of sex includes discrimination on the basis of biological sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, gender stereotypes or any other prohibited basis related to sex.

Mansfield ISD adopted the state's wording but omitted the second sentence that specifically protects LGBTQ employees from discrimination. The Rev. Katie Hays of Galileo Church in Mansfield said, "They're determined to be on the wrong side of history."

— David Taffet

## pet of the week / COOPER



Meet **Cooper**, a 7-year-old male shepherd mix weighing 55 pounds. He came to the SPCA of Texas almost a year ago; he and his rescue mates were living on an abandoned property in the middle of nowhere, so he was not familiar with people at all. It has been an extremely long road for him to get to trust humans,

as he used to only lie on his bed wanting nothing to do with people. Though still fearful, he is now quite the social butterfly and, as you can imagine, has stolen most of the staff's heart. He would love a calm, quiet home where he can settle in and learn what being a family pet is all about. He would do best with older children since he can still be a little unsure around lots of activity. He loves other dogs and would do best if there is another dog with him in his new home to show him the ropes. Cooper is waiting to meet you at the SPCA of Texas' Jan-Rees Jones Animal Care Center in Dallas.

In an effort to reduce the potential for spreading COVID-19, the SPCA of Texas' shelters, clinics, mobile adoption events and mobile wellness events remain closed to the public until further notice. Adoptions are available by appointment only. Adopters will need to submit an adoption inquiry form in order to begin the tele-adoption process and schedule an appointment to complete the adoption. Browse our available animals at [spca.org/findapet](http://spca.org/findapet) and visit [spca.org/dogadopt](http://spca.org/dogadopt) to inquire about a dog or [spca.org/catadopt](http://spca.org/catadopt) to inquire about a cat.



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# When every day is Halloween ...

**F**or the second time in three years, Dallas drag star and Queen of Halloween Jenna Skyy — aka Joe Hoselton — is gracing the cover of the Dallas Voice Halloween issue. On our 2018 Halloween cover, Jenna created a special effects makeup that lifted away the outer skin to show what lies beneath. And in this year's "Harley Quinn" creation, what lies beneath is bursting to the surface.

But what is it that makes Halloween so special not just to Jenna, but to drag performers in general (other than, you know, it being the Gay High Holiday, of course). "Halloween is essentially a drag queen's profession," Jenna explained. "We're conceptualizing, dressing up and costuming all year long."

But if it's Halloween all year long,

there's a risk that the actual Halloween ends up not being all that special. It's a risk that Jenna is familiar with. "There was a point in my career that I found myself asking off at Halloween because the magic of the night seemed to be diluted," she said. "It was more exciting for me to see the crowd than trying to compete to entertain them."

"But then I realized that Halloween offered me an opportunity to 'Trick or Treat' with my makeup," Jenna continued. "I could try new looks, new concepts, optical illusions — be far more adventurous than I normally would. It's chance to take a risk — and possibly fail miserably. And trust me, I've had looks that never left the dressing room."

"But it's for Halloween, and the audience is much more 'forgiving' when we stray from the norm or go really outside the box," she said.

Where she once felt like have to per-

form on Halloween took all the fun out of it, Jenna said, she has come to realize that working on Halloween provides an opportunity to take her drag to a whole different level.

"What I've found," she said, "is that I really enjoy the creativity of taking performances from my rotation and finding ways to re-interpret them with a new makeup concept. And there's so much content out there to draw from. October and Halloween have become my 'drag recess,' if you will. I get a month to just play in the cosmetics and approach drag from an anything goes mentality."

Nowadays, though, Halloween can't be confined to just one month.

"If you pay attention to social media, you'll find that drag has been evolving quite a bit as of late. and some of the looks I've toyed with are some entertainers' day-to-day look," Jenna said.

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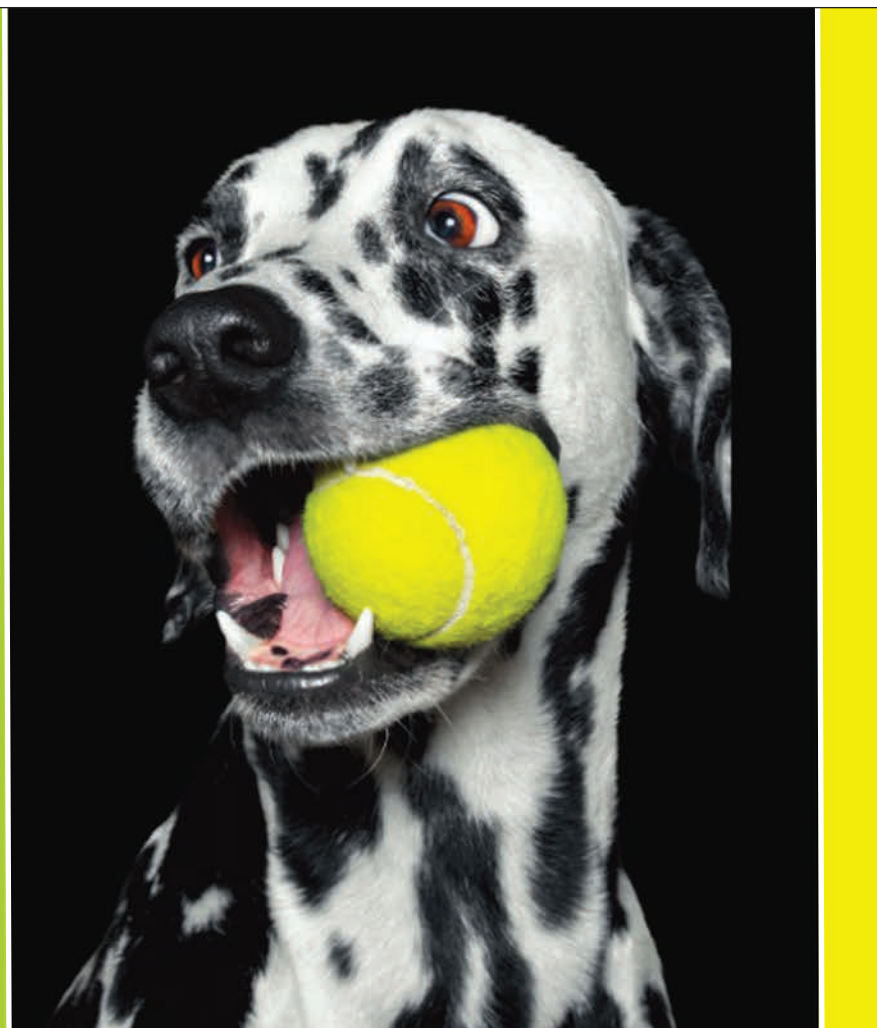
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## LOCAL

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# Unfair and unbalanced

Marsha Dimes presents sequin-spangled election coverage for a COVID-tinged race

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With a pandemic, an economic collapse and, well, a less-than-traditional president, this has been anything but a normal election year. So why should your election coverage be normal?

That's what Marsha Dimes, grand marshal of last year's Pride parade and a political science major in college, thought. Who better to present completely unfair and unbalanced election coverage?

"In 2016, I was sitting at Woody's crying on election night," Marsha said. "Show tunes night was ruined."

So when Marsha was thinking about this year's election, she couldn't stand the thought of watching pundits analyze the numbers to death as they wait to see who will lead the country for the next few years. And she knew just what would be missing. In between, "And we call Alabama and its nine electoral votes for Biden," she knew the evening needed some glamor, sequins and alcohol.

"We can have fun, drink a little and ask the audience to donate to the Victory Fund," Marsha said.

The LGBT Victory Fund trains LGBTQ candidates how to run for office, including how to raise money, and then endorses those LGBTQ candidates with a reasonable chance to win. Money raised by donors like Marsha is distributed to the Victory Fund's endorsed candidates.

So she put together a team of correspondents and has been researching races. Her coverage will lean toward LGBTQ candidates running in Texas and around the country. In Texas, there are a slew of them — 11 people running for the Texas House of Representative and two running for Congress.

Marsha explained why that's so im-



portant: "We can't be seen if we're not at the table."

In addition to LGBTQ candidates, Marsha said she'll also focus on the Democrats' attempt to flip the U.S. Senate. This year 35 Senate seats are up for grabs. Of those, 23 are currently held by Republicans. She said she'll particularly be watching the races to unseat Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, South Carolina's "Ladybug Graham," and Texas' John Cornyn.

Marsha said she's been doing way too

much reading to prepare.

"I have to be up on the issues," he said.

But much of that reading has focused on which areas of which states will swing that state one way or the other and turn red states blue or keep a purple state in the Trump column. She said she'll be watching where Biden can flip a county and change the electoral map.

Speaking of maps, once Marsha decided to do an election night broadcast, she realized she couldn't be outdone by CNN in technology and graphics. Tech-

nology would help her pull up numbers from Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, the parts of the Pennsylvania crucial for a Biden victory in that state. And graphics — she knew she couldn't do any sort of election coverage without graphics that would allow her to turn a state on her map blue or red.

But, she said, she balanced that with another important issue for drag queen election coverage — how much sequin can you actually wear?

As she prepared for the show, she realized she needed to prepare for all possible outcomes. In 2016, network late night talk shows all went live. All they were ready for was a Hillary victory. When Trump won, the talk show hosts had nothing to say. They delivered one of the most lifeless evenings in election coverage history.

So Marsha is preparing for any outcome. Although she described her show as being completely unfair and unbalanced, she'll prepare not only for a Biden victory, but also for a Trump win or, more likely, an uncertain end to the evening if not enough votes have been counted in enough states by the time she leaves the air.

And rather than just repeat vote tallies, Marsha's ready with other useful information. Aunt Marge will be on hand with cocktail recipes and some election-themed food to prepare. Nippy Peakes will offer some biting political commentary, and Tri Truong, appearing as Thai Mai Shu, will help on the technical side along with Marsha's husband, Clay Kolcak.

What advanced technical equipment will the team be using? Two laptops that they believe can handle it all.

"And a green screen," Marsha said. "It'll be fun to see how well our technical abilities come off."

The YouTube broadcast begins on Tuesday at 6:45 p.m., 15 minutes before the polls close in Texas. Early voting results should begin being released at 7 p.m. followed by a long lag in time before Election Day results are reported and states can be called.

That's when Marsha said they'll mix the real news with some fun along the way.

Marsha Dimes' Election Coverage will stream live on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQW59gjaGVo&feature=youtu.be>. You can subscribe to Marsha's channel and set a reminder when the show goes live on Election Night.



# LGBT candidates running in Texas



Madi Eden, left, and Eric Holguin, right

## U.S. House of Representatives

- Mauro Garza, District 20, Republican looking to unseat Joaquin Castro in San Antonio
- Gina Ortiz Jones, District 23, Democrat running for an open seat in a district that runs from El Paso to San Antonio

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• Erin Zwiener	45 (Driftwood)
• Celia Israel	50 (Austin)
• Mary Gonzalez	75 (Clint)
• Jessica Gonzalez	104 (Dallas)
• Julie Johnson	115 (Addison)
Challengers	District
• Madi Eden	17 (Bastrop County)
• Eliz Markowitz	28 (Houston)
• Eric Holguin	32 (Corpus Christi)
• Lorenzo Sanchez	67 (Plano)
• Addison Perry Franks	83 (Lubbock)
• Ann Johnson	134 (Houston)

## And some other races:

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What to watch for and when as the polls close Tuesday

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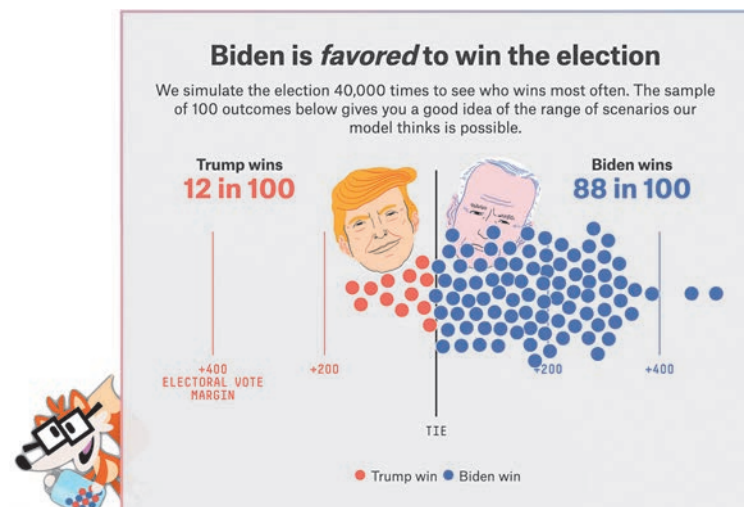
There are an estimated nine million LGBTQ people registered to vote next Tuesday, Nov. 3, maybe more, according to a study by the Williams Institute, an LGBTQ think tank at UCLA. Various studies and polls over many years have consistently found about three-quarters of those LGBTQ voters support Democratic candidates. Other studies have suggested LGBTQ people tend to be much more engaged in politics than the general population — writing or calling elected officials, consuming political news and communicating about issues through social media. And it's a good bet that many LGBTQ

people will be glued to their social media and news venues on Tuesday.

Fivethirtyeight.com, the respected poll analysis website founded and run by openly gay statistician Nate Silver, gives Democrat Joe Biden an 87 percent chance of winning the White House. He gives Democrats a 96 percent chance of keeping the House and a 74 percent chance of taking control of the Senate.

Democrats currently control 232 seats in the U.S. House, Republicans control 197, and six are vacant. A party needs 218 for control. Of the seven openly LGBTQ members currently serving the House, all are expected to win re-election, though three have some complications. Of the eight newcomers running for House seats, at least one has a very good chance at winning, and at least three others are maybes.

Republicans currently control 53 seats in the U.S. Senate, Democrats 47. Polling indicates Democrats will almost certainly lose one of their current seats (held by Sen. Doug Jones in Alabama). If they



the U.S. House and Senate, and the White House:

6 p.m.

U.S. HOUSE SEAT, Indiana 2nd: Most of Indiana will vote until 7 p.m., but South Bend, home of one-time Dem-

ocratic presidential contender Pete Buttigieg, closes at 6 p.m. There, probate attorney Pat Hackett is making her second try at unseating four-time Republican incumbent Jackie Walorski.

Walorski's record on LGBT issues has earned her a score of 7 out of a possible 100 from the Human Rights Campaign. A graduate of Liberty Baptist College and a staunch Trump supporter, Walorski has raised \$2.2 million for her campaign, compared to Hackett's \$770,000. Only \$11,500 of Hackett's support has come from LGBT political action committees (PACs), including the Equality

do lose Jones, and if Trump retains the White House, Democrats would need to hang onto every other seat and pick up five more to reach the magical majority number of 51.

In addition to these important contests, the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund estimates that "at least 574 LGBTQ candidates" are on the ballot Nov. 3. Its website identifies about 300 who have won their explicit endorsement and financial support. Here's an hour-by-hour guide to how the night will unfold for major LGBT candidates and for the contests to control

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Buttigieg made a statement in support of Hackett but, as of Oct. 14, his Win the Era PAC had not contributed to her campaign. Hackett has a master's degree in theology from Notre Dame and lives in South Bend with her spouse Rita.

## 7 p.m.

**FLORIDA** , two mayoral seats, Fort Lauderdale, Wilton Manor: These are among the most heavily LGBT municipalities in Florida. The Fort Lauderdale Sun Sentinel endorsed openly gay incumbent Mayor Dean Trantalis with a strong editorial supporting a second term. He's seen as having a relatively easy path to re-election.

Wilton Manor City Commissioner Julie Carson, a lesbian and cancer survivor, decided to run for the mayoral seat only last February when incumbent openly gay Mayor Justin Flippen died suddenly of a brain aneurysm. She faces two other candidates, including another former mayor. South Florida Gay News Publisher Norm Kent wrote last week that, while her opponents are worthy candidates,

Carson "galvanized" the community of 12,500 following Flippen's death and has "judiciously integrated our community's social responsibilities" with the town's economic needs.

**VIRGINIA**, Richmond Mayor Alexis Rodgers: Lesbian civic leader Alexis Rodgers, 29, has taken on a steep climb trying to unseat a popular mayor in a five-way race in Virginia's capital city. It's her first bid at elective office, but she's raised the second-largest amount of money after incumbent Mayor Levar Stoney. That gives her a fighting chance to be one of two candidates in a possible run-off come December (Richmond has an odd Electoral College-like system that often leads to run-offs.) The Richmond Times Dispatch reported recently that a poll of likely voters had Rodgers a distant third place, but 30 percent of voters were undecided.

**PRESIDENTIAL RACE** : There are 60 votes in six states on the line at this hour. Four of the six states — Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky and South Carolina, with a cumulative 44 electoral votes — went to Trump in 2016. Two states — Virginia and Vermont, with 16 electoral votes —

went to Clinton. But polling in Georgia is unusually close in 2020; the latest poll, by CBS on Oct. 23, showed a tie. An upset there could ring like the shot heard round the world. At this point, considering the polls are so close and sticking with the historic voting patterns, the Probable EV count will be: Trump 44, Biden 16.

**U.S. SENATE RACES**: There are three closes races closing out this hour, and Democrats have a decent chance of picking up two new seats.

The two are in Georgia. Both Republican incumbents — David Perdue and Kelly Loeffler — have poor voting records on LGBT issues, and their Democratic challengers — Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock — have support from the LGBT community. The latest polls showed Perdue with only a one-point lead over Ossoff, and Warnock with a six-point lead over Loeffler.

In South Carolina, the Human Rights Campaign scores Republican incumbent Lindsey Graham a consistent zero. When asked in a recent campaign interview about his support for the right of same-sex couples to marry, Graham said, "I have tried to be tolerant; I've tried to un-

derstand that people have different life experiences. ... But I can tell you right now, when it comes to South Carolina, I think I've been an effective voice for who we are."

The latest poll shows Graham with a six-point lead over challenger Jaime Harrison. HRC has endorsed both Warnock and Harrison.

## 7:30 p.m.

**LOCAL INTEREST**: North Carolina Republican candidate for lieutenant governor Mark Robinson has said he would not support "this mass delusion called transgenderism." In West Virginia, State House Delegate John Mandt Jr., running for re-election, resigned suddenly after news reports drew attention to a Facebook chat posting in which he appeared to ask whether another member of the House was a "homo" and suggested the member was probably bisexual. Mandt's name is still on the ballot, however, and he says he'll serve a new term if re-elected.

In Ohio, lesbian Charmaine McGuffey is running for sheriff of Hamilton County, which includes Cincinnati.

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Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg understood the importance of one voice, one person's lived experience and how one person can bring about radical change in support of full and lived equality for all.

Jeffrey Rosen, the president and CEO of the National Constitution Center, a non-profit organization chartered by Congress "to disseminate information about the U.S. Constitution on a nonpartisan basis," said of Justice Ginsburg: "In battling illness, sexism and discrimination, she never allowed herself to be distracted

from her path of creating what she called a more 'embrasive' Constitution — one that embraced previously excluded groups, including women, people of color, immigrants and the LGBTQ community — not just grudgingly, as she put it, but with open arms."

It was with those open arms that Justice Ginsburg brought her lived experience and her embrasive philosophy to her work as a civil rights lawyer and to her opinions — and famous unapologetic dissents — as a Supreme Court Justice.

This legacy is because she knew what it felt like:

- to grow up as a Jewish person in a low-income, working class neighborhood during World War II, when Jewish people were being persecuted and murdered in Germany simply for being who they were.

- to suffer loss early in life when her mother died of cancer the day before she graduated from high school, a graduate



Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

of only nine women in the 1956 entering Harvard Law School class, that consisted of 500 mostly white men from wealthy families.

- to be the first female member of the Harvard Law Review and the first female member of the Columbia Law Review.

- to experience discrimination when she graduated at top of her class at Columbia Law School—only to learn that despite her hard work and success, no one would hire a woman, especially one who was also Jewish and a mother.

- to raise a family while going to law school, while at the same time taking

tion she had to miss even though she was the valedictorian.

- to be demoted from her job with the Social Security Administration after she became pregnant.

- to be one of only nine

care of her husband, who was battling a life-threatening illness.

- to take a job as a law school professor knowing that she was being paid less than her male colleagues simply because she was a woman.

- to start the Women's Rights Project for the ACLU, at a time when abortion was not legal.

- to write the very first law school textbook on a new area of the law that she helped create — gender equality.

- to fight day in and day out for women's rights as a litigator in a male-dominated profession.

- to win the rights for women to 1. have a job without being discriminated against based on sex; 2. have a bank account without the need to have a male co-signer; 3. be pregnant and still have the right work, and 4. sign a mortgage without the need for male co-signer.

- to win the rights for men to: 1. receive tax deductions for caring for dependents and 2. to receive social security survivor's benefits if their wives died.

Because Justice Ginsburg experienced first-hand what it felt like to experience discrimination on so many levels and in so many situations, she also understood the importance how one person's experience

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periences can shape their perspectives and how that one single person can make a difference in the lives of many.

Justice Ginsburg, writing for the majority in an opinion that upheld the people's right to choose their elected officials, quoted James Madison, "The genius of republican liberty seems to demand ... not only that all power should be derived from the people, but that those entrusted with it should be kept in dependence on the people." Whether we cast a vote or not, whether we participate in our local, state or national government or not and whether we like it or not, the people we elect as our representatives at the local, state and federal level and the judges who sit on our courts do speak for us. And in speaking for us, their decisions impact the most intimate and important aspects of our day-to-day lives and the lives of the people we love and care about.

This happens whether they share our perspectives and life experiences or not.

It is for this reason that Justice Ginsburg fought so hard to ensure that all Americans have the unobstructed ability to cast a ballot.

In her 28 years on the U.S. Supreme Court, Justice Ginsburg championed

the unobstructed right of each of us to vote and to keep the three branches of government dependent upon our voices and perspectives. In her famous dissent in *Shelby County v. Holder*, (which earned her pop culture icon status as "Notorious RBG"), Justice Ginsburg, speaking to the majority that had just gutted a key provision of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, unapologetically explained that the unabridged right to vote is found in no less than five separate constitutional amendments and that each of those amendments gives Congress broad enforcement authority, because the right to vote is "preservative of all rights."

She rebuked the majority for failing to consider the devastating impact their opinion would have on poor communities of color. Justice Ginsburg famously said that for the majority to determine that the key provisions of the act were no longer needed was "like throwing away your umbrella in a rainstorm because you are not getting wet."

As is clearly apparent now, Justice Ginsburg's predictions about the impact of *Shelby* on the ability to cast a vote have come true many times over in the wake of 1. strict voter ID laws (at least three states enacted voter ID laws

within 24 hours of the majority opinion, including Texas); 2. the purging of voter rolls; 3. racial and partisan gerrymandering; 4. the closing of polling places, and 5. voting lines that last for hours.

In one of her last dissents in support of the unobstructed right to vote, Justice Ginsburg again focused on lived experience of voters in Wisconsin, who were simply seeking to have their voices heard during the pandemic. After the majority refused to extend the deadline for absentee voting by six days, Ginsburg sounded the alarm, saying that the court's "paramount concern" should be with the disenfranchisement of thousands of voters, and that the question was not "a narrow, technical" one like the majority suggested, but rather an important constitutional one.

She unequivocally stated that a meaningful vote was of the "utmost importance to the constitutional rights of Wisconsin's citizens, the integrity of the state's election process, and in this most extraordinary time, the health of the nation."

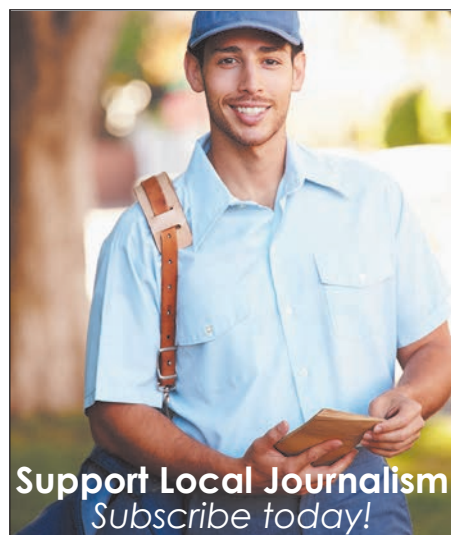
Justice Ginsburg said, "Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."

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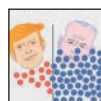
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**PRESIDENTIAL RACE:** There are 38 electoral votes at stake in three states — North Carolina, Ohio and West Virginia. Trump won all 38 in 2016.

The latest polling has been swinging back and forth. Different polls on the same days in North Carolina showed Trump with a one-point lead and Biden with a four-point lead. Same thing in Ohio, where two conservative-leaning polls showed Trump ahead by three and Biden ahead by one during the same time period.

West Virginia is solidly Trump. Probable EV count: Trump 82, Biden 16.

**U.S. SENATE RACES:** There's a reasonable chance Democrats will pick up another Senate seat this hour. At latest polling, North Carolina's Senate polling has been somewhat erratic — from a tie a few days ago to a six-point Democrat lead on Oct. 23. The Human Rights Campaign Fund and gay presidential contender Pete Buttigieg have endorsed Democrat Cal Cunningham. Republican incumbent Thom Tillis scores a consistent zero in HRC's Congressional scorecard on LGBT issues.

### 8 p.m.

**U.S. HOUSE SEATS:** Of the four LGBTQ candidates for Congressional seats, two seem on their way to easy re-election: Sharice Davids, first term from the Kansas 3rd, and David Cicilline from Rhode Island's 1st.

In New Hampshire's 1st, first-term incumbent Chris Pappas' Republican opponent last week tried to draw attention to Pappas being gay by drawing attention to his boyfriend, a move the Gay & Lesbian Victory criticized as a "dog whistle" for anti-LGBT sentiments. The media seemed interested that the boyfriend is a former lobbyist for Amazon, but it also seemed interested that the Republican candidate, Matt Mowers, did consulting work for pharmaceutical companies. Fivethirtyeight says Pappas has a 10-point advantage.

In Michigan's 6th, Jon Hoadley has also been hearing the dog whistle in his bid to unseat Republican incumbent Fred Upton. According to the Victory Fund, the National Republican Congressional Committee has posted Twitter messages and sent out a campaign mail-

er to voters' homes, describing Hoadley as a "pedo sex poet." Upton, meanwhile, has the endorsement of the national Log Cabin Republicans group. RealClearPolitics calls it a toss-up, though Upton has a 4.5-point advantage.

**PRESIDENTIAL RACE:** During this hour, 172 electoral votes are in play. In 2016, Trump won 94. This year, two of those states — Florida with 29 electoral votes and Pennsylvania with 20 — are in play.

Trump's youngest daughter Tiffany spoke to an LGBTQ rally organized by gay Trump appointee Richard Grenell in Florida on Oct. 17. Equality Florida Executive Director Nadine Smith dismissed the event as "a pathetic attempt to hide his appalling record," adding that, "Donald Trump is the worst president the LGBTQ community has ever seen."

At deadline, Biden had about a two-point lead in Florida and a seven-point lead in Pennsylvania. If they split the baby, Trump gets Florida, Biden gets Pennsylvania, the Probable EV count: Trump 155, Biden 115.

But keep in mind, many political number crunchers say that, barring unusual outcomes in Georgia or Texas, Pennsylvania is Biden's must-have ticket to 270.

### 9 p.m.

**U.S. HOUSE SEATS:** In Minnesota's 2nd, Angie Craig won her seat in 2018, and polls suggest voters are leaning her way for re-election. But a complication for Craig developed when a third-party candidate for the seat died. Under state law, if a "major party" candidate dies within 79 days of a November election, a special election must be held in February. Craig filed suit and won an order, Oct. 9, from a federal district court judge. But her Republican opponent has appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, claiming the election should be delayed until February.

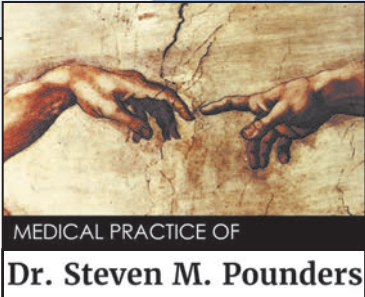
In Texas' 23rd, Gina Ortiz Jones appears poised to win a vacant seat from the San Antonio area. She lost by only 1,000 votes in 2018, and the incumbent has decided to retire this year. She's won the endorsement of San Antonio's mayor and the San Antonio Express-News. If elected, she'll become the first openly

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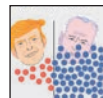
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In New York's 18th, incumbent Sean Patrick Maloney is hoping to win a fifth term. Fivethirtyeight says he has an 18-point advantage.

Three newcomers seeking U.S. House seats from New York are facing tougher battles, but have promise:

In New York's 15th, Democrat Ritchie Torres is hoping to fill a seat representing the Bronx that was left vacant by a Democrat's resignation. Torres beat out a field of 15 Democratic candidates in the primary. He's won the endorsement of former President Obama and Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden, and his chances are good of joining the LGBT Caucus in Congress.

In New York's 17th, Democrat Mondaire Jones is seen as the frontrunner in a three-way race to replace retiring Democrat Nina Lowey in this seat north of New York City. He is expected to win, but he's faced some dirty tricks from a third party candidate in recent days.

In New York's 23rd, newcomer Tracy Mitrano is having a harder time in her bid to unseat a 10-term Republican who she lost to by 9 points in a 2018 bid. But the latest poll showed her within two points this time.

And in Wisconsin's 2nd, incumbent Mark Pocan ran unopposed in 2018 but has a Republican opponent this year. Still, given that Pocan won 120,000 votes in his primary, and the Republican garnered only 19,000, Pocan seems like a sure bet.

**LGBT RACES:** First-term Colorado state Rep. Brianna Titone, running for re-election, says she has been targeted with anti-trans attacks in Colorado.

**PRESIDENTIAL RACE:** This hour is both crucial and a potentially crazy. Throwing Arkansas (which closes at 8:30 p.m.) into the 9 o'clock mix, there are 15 states and 162 electoral votes to record. In 2016, 106 of these went to Trump, including Wisconsin (10), Michigan (16) and Arizona (11).

But this year, unlike any time in recent memory, Texas (38) is a down-to-the-wire horse race. Over the weekend, the last polls to come in showed first a tie, then Biden with a one-point lead, then a three-point lead.

Michigan looks to be leaning strong



Gina Ortiz

for Biden; Arizona and Wisconsin look sloppy. Given that Texas Gov. Greg Abbott is taking measures, backed by the state supreme court, to make it as cumbersome as possible to return absentee ballots, the Probable EV count: Trump 238, Biden 194.

**10 p.m.**

**MONTANA:** Secretary of State candidate Bryce Bennett has won the endorsement of some key newspapers in the state, and, while his opponent has tried to paint him as a raging "liberal," the papers and many of his colleagues in the state senate say he's got the experience and the temperament for the job. If elected, he will become the first openly LGBT person to win statewide office in Montana. Keep in mind, the latest poll in Montana has given Trump a six-point lead in the presidential race

**PRESIDENTIAL RACE:** Four states and 21 electoral votes are up this hour. Nevada will break for Biden. Iowa's polling results have been a bit erratic but will probably go with Montana and Utah for Trump, leaving the Probable EV count: Trump 253, Biden 200.

**11 p.m.**

**U.S. HOUSE:** In California's 41st, incumbent Mark Takano won more than 100,000 votes in his primary this year,

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"The media has offered us a glimpse at the ever growing diversity within 'drag' and our queer community.

"It's a lot of work to tackle something new and conceptual with your make-up," Jenna said. "Halloween makes me sweat — ask Cassie [Nova, Rose Room director and fellow drag queen]. She's been witness to my crash-and-burn trips to the dressing room sink to start over.

"So for these entertainers out there turning the 'lews' every time, well done! You a bad bitch! And keep posting, 'cause I'm looking to you for ideas!" she declared.

### Getting ghoulish

This year, Jenna Skyy has even more reason to be excited about Halloween: She is host and emcee for "Ghoul's Night Out," Dallas Voice's first-ever virtual Halloween party and drag show, streaming online on the Dallas Voice YouTube channel, at DallasVoice.com and at the DallasVoice Facebook page.

"I'm so excited to host Ghoul's Night Out!," Jenna enthused. "Without a

block party this year, and just with, well, 2020, there's been a lot of separation and disconnection — which is good and safe and encouraged.

"So having an opportunity to bring the community together — while apart — really is an honor. If there was ever a year to try a new costume or to try your hand at makeup, this is the year!" she added. "And if you're brave enough, post your looks with the hashtag #DVGhoulsNightOut!

"Happy Halloween, Dallas! And by the way, if you haven't already, VOTE!" ■

— Tammye Nash

*Ghoul's Night Out streams tonight at 8 p.m. at DallasVoice.com and at the Dallas Voice YouTube Channel.*



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compared to his Republican opponent's 58,000. He has no impediments for a fifth term.

In California's 53rd, the queer president of the San Diego City Council, Georgette Gomez, is hoping to win an open seat. But she has been strongly outspent by another Democrat seeking the office.

In Washington's 10th, State Rep. Beth Doglio is hoping to win a vacant seat representing the Tacoma area. She's won some big name endorsements — Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren — but she's up against former Tacoma Mayor Marilyn Strickland, another Democrat, and Strickland won the Seattle Times endorsement. There haven't been many polls and the race is considered close, with Strickland in the lead.

**WASHINGTON:** Two openly LGBT people are running for statewide office in Washington State: Marko Liias for lieutenant governor and Helen Whitener for the state supreme court. Whitener

was appointed to the court vacancy in April and is running in a special election. She is the first black woman on the court and the second openly LGBT person. She's won endorsement from the Seattle Times, and although her opponent has dropped out, he is not off the ballot.

Liias has had a strong opponent who is also a Democrat and has more endorsements.

**PRESIDENTIAL RACE:** This is the bottom of the ninth, bases loaded, two outs — and Democrats are poised to grand slam 78 electoral votes to win the game. The five states in this hour are predictable: California (55), Washington (12), Oregon (7) and Hawaii (4). Idaho (4) will deliver for Trump, and at 1 a.m., Alaska will toss in 3.

Probable final EV count: Trump, 260, Biden 278. Game over. The only question is whether the Trump team will try to file a protest after the game. ■

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## Tiffany Trump:

Yet another Trump kid claiming  
Daddy loves the gays

The Trump administration is the most anti-LGBTQ administration in history. So the fact that there was a Trump Pride event is insulting all on its own. But Tiffany Trump's rambling speech at the event added to the insult.

"It's such an honor to be here and speak truthfully, honestly and from my heart," Tiffany said to the small group of people gathered for the event in Florida. There were more red hats than masks.

"I know what my father believes in. Prior to politics, he supported gays, lesbians, LGBTQIA+ community," she said at the event, throwing her hands up in an expression of exasperation. "Okay?"

Was leaving out the "T" in that string of letters intentional?

Then she said that her best friends are gay, and that notions that Trump doesn't support this community are "fabricated lies."

But those notions aren't fabricated lies. The Trump administration has been especially cruel to transgender people. As Keith Boykin pointed out on Twitter, Trump reversed Obama's trans protections in schools, banned transgender service members, banned homeless trans people in shelters, tried to reverse Obama's protections for trans people in health care and nominated anti-LGBTQIA+ judges.

These are verifiable facts.

Not to mention that Trump's latest Supreme Court pick puts marriage equality in serious jeopardy now that she's confirmed.

But Tiffany claims that Trump's support of LGBTQ people is pure. "He's never done it for politics, and he's not doing it for politics," she said.

"My dad cannot be bought off. He's not going to let anyone change his views," she continued to applause and without any apparent irony. "And I'm praying that you all see that."

Tiffany went on, "My mom's here in the audience," and Marla Maples stood up in the front row and waved and blew



D'Anne Witkowski

Creep of the Week

to perform on Broadway, because there's lots of gays on Broadway.

"Unfortunately, one of her best friends passed away from AIDS. And what I think is so powerful is when my father says that he is going to" — she caught herself before she said that her dad will cure AIDS — "that there will be a cure in the next 10 years, there will be, and God bless."

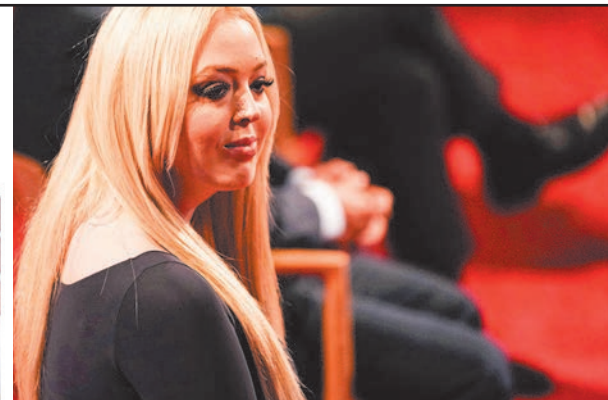
She pressed her hands together in prayer and bowed.

Never mind the fact that in June 2020, Trump erroneously said that scientists have "come up with the AIDS vaccine," because he's a moron.

Is it possible that there will be a cure for AIDS in the next 10 years? Maybe. But it won't be because of Trump, a man so deeply distrustful of science that he's let more 225,000 people die of COVID-19 on his watch.

His COVID-19 response plan consists of holding mass gatherings of unmasked people and calling the media "dumb bastards" for their continued coverage of this pandemic that is only going to get worse as the weather gets colder and people move indoors for most activities.

Tiffany bragged that her dad was the first president to appoint an openly-gay person to a cabinet level position, referring to his appointment of Fox News commentator Richard Grenell to acting director of national intelligence. Keeping in line with Trump's personnel picks, Grenell had no national security experience before assuming that position. Grenell was appointed because he's a



kisses to the crowd.

Tiffany mentioned that her mom used

Trump loyalist not because Trump is loyal to gays.

Tiffany then lamented the fact that there are "so many people against us," and by "us" she means the Trump family. She is not talking about the many persons against LGBTQ people who have been emboldened by this administration.

"Unfortunately that happens when you go against the establishment, you go against big pharma, you go against the tech monopolies, you go against the deep state," she continued. "They don't like it, right? They don't like change."

Donald Trump has done none of these things. For one thing, he IS the establishment in that he's a rich guy looking out for other rich guys. This idea that he's taken on big pharma is also a joke. Instead of fighting for health care for more Americans, he is suing to undo the Affordable Care Act which would result in millions of Americans losing insurance during a pandemic.

Trump did try to ban TikTok, so that's something, right? Oh, and the deep state is a right-wing conspiracy theory claiming that Obama has secret folks imbedded in the federal government to bring down Trump.

If only.

"The Democrats have pretty much attempted to always control who you, we are supposed to vote for one way or the other," Tiffany said, using air quotes around "you" and "we."

"I wouldn't lie to you, I promise," she said before adding that she didn't bother to prepare any remarks for the event, which sums up her family's credibility and work ethic perfectly. ■

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# Wellness center



Midwest-based lifestyle brand Crisp and Green heads to the Big D

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**S**ome hardcore muscle types might be bulking their sizes up as winter is in the air. Or, let's face it, with this hellish 2020, many folks have been bulking up in their own way — albeit with pizza and tacos. But wherever you are on the health spectrum, Steele Smiley is ready to welcome you into his fast-casual spot Crisp & Green.

And as early as January, he's bringing the concept from his Min-

nesota base to Dallas.

"We have been very pleased with the success we've experienced in Minnesota and are thrilled that communities have embraced and supported us so quickly," the CEO and founder of Crisp & Green mentions in a press release. "We are eager to expand into other parts of the country to bring additional communities nutritious, great-tasting food in our unique welcoming environment.

"Everyone is welcome at our table."

Dallas is among Crisp & Green's major 2021 expansion of its unique take on a health food store and restaurant. Three sites are in the works, with one landing in University Park according to the company's website.

"We think there is a sense of the same values in Dallas as there are here [in Minnesota]," Smiley says by phone. "Climates are different, and it's outside our usual market. But

I think everyone wants to make good choices in their health journey, and for us it's all about being approachable. We're not about the fitness lifestyle, but more the choice to consciously make today that can make tomorrow better."

Smiley is no stranger to the fitness game. He founded Steele Fitness, which was later acquired by Snap Fitness. His entrepreneurship has given him the business savvy to move forward with this venture into the restaurant business that began in 2016 with the first Crisp & Green. To him though, same difference. In 2019, he told *Restaurant Business*, "I look at it as the same. We're still serving people a wellness alternative. Our fundamental goal is to teach people how to live their healthiest life."

So what is Crisp & Green?

Smiley defines it less as a place to stop in for a bite and more as a lifestyle brand that incorporates community outreach and fitness alongside its scratch-made salads, grain bowls and smoothies.

Part of Crisp & Green's uniqueness is its schedule of fitness classes that will be free to the public as well as a base for running clubs and boot camps along with its own app. The company has already begun connecting with wellness leaders here in DFW for its potential schedule of fitness classes.

"We pay the instructors; we pick up that expense, and that's our gift back to the community," Smiley says. "We'll have several types of classes, like from boxing class or yoga to meditation classes. With that, it becomes this community of people that feels great and is excited about life."

Smiley wouldn't mind if it even becomes a hub of sorts, where people hang out with a smoothie and their laptop after yoga class ends, giving truth to the adage that fitness is a lifestyle.

"We have a friendly atmosphere, but we have to be different," Steele says. "People are making choices to be healthy which alone, can mean a lot of different things to different people."

Ironically, in a year where food services and restaurants have closed due to the pandemic, Crisp & Green has thrived. Through its app, the business survived and then thrived on the digital side. In a sense, they rode the same wave that apps like GrubHub and DoorDash did to expand as food delivery and pickup increased during quarantine — only this was all them.

"We were educating customers already through our digital app, so people were comfortable ordering digitally from us," Steele says.

And as that trend became a necessity, Crisp & Green's customer-base remained consistent via the app.

With a staff educated in its menu that includes vegan and vegetarian options and an approachable atmosphere, Smiley believes Crisp & Green can make a strong impact here in the Dallas area.

"We certainly welcome everyone, wherever their fitness journey is," he says. "You make one good choice one day, and it becomes contagious. So we hope people come in to try something new."

To see the current Crisp & Green menu or for more information, visit [crispandgreen.com](http://crispandgreen.com).



# Wreaths re-imagined



DIFFA/Dallas's 25th annual Holiday Wreath Collection takes you 'Home for the Holidays'

It wouldn't be the holiday season in Dallas without DIFFA/Dallas' annual holiday wreath auction, and this year is no exception. But this being 2020 and all, DIFFA is doing things a little bit differently, offering the wreath and silent auction online from Nov. 9-13, including "some nostalgic-style holiday specialettes featuring designer wreath highlights and holiday performances along the way," the website notes. This is the first time ever that the annual auction will be spread out over a week and conducted online.

Visit [DIFFADallas.org/wreath](https://DIFFADallas.org/wreath) for more details and to find the auction page.

And if you want to get a glimpse of some of the custom work-of-art wreaths in person, a selection of wreaths will be on display from 3-6 p.m. daily, Nov. 9-13, at the Tower Club in Downtown Dallas. That's in the Santander Tower, formerly known as Thanksgiving Tower, and DIFFA/Dallas patrons are invited to stay for a meal and drinks in the club's restaurant.

Street parking is available at the usual posted rates, and reduced rate parking is available in the Tower Garage, 1515 Elm St., at \$5 payable at the reception desk at Tower Club. And those who utilize the auction's "buy now" feature at the wreath auction can have that fee either refunded or donated to DIFFA.

DIFFA/Dallas' annual wreaths by



designers from brands including Tiffany & Co., Aston Martin, Neiman Marcus, Mary Kay, Moet & Chandon, Kathy Kincaid and more, and event chair Dr. Zachary Ripp promised that "this year will continue to dazzle with coveted holiday-themed donations."

This year's silent auction will feature one-of-a-kind designer holiday wreaths, including a wreath from designer Verona Martinez released from the DIFFA archives exclusively for this event.

In addition to wreaths, patrons can bid on holiday décor, artwork, and home accessories.

"We are proud to continue the tradition of our annual wreath event while making it safe and accessible to even more of the community," Ripp said. "We hope you can join us for this festive and meaningful event that helps support organizations who serve men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS throughout the holiday season."

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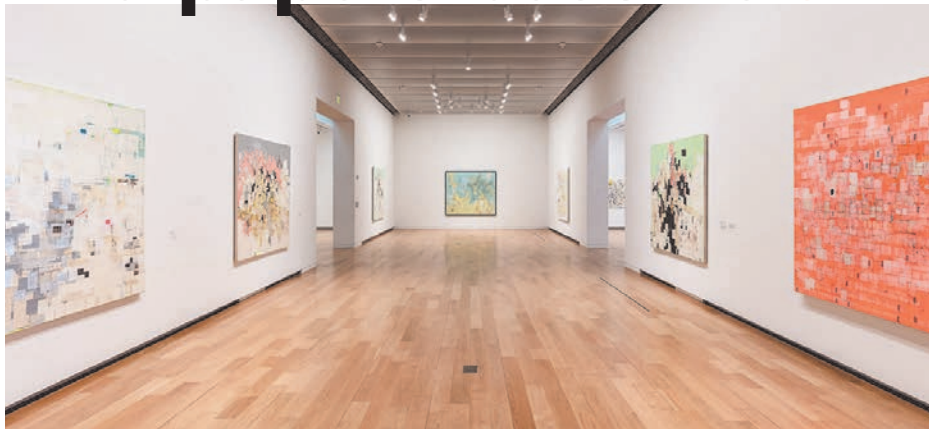
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# End papers become art



A basic material he used for work became Mark Bradford's signature artistic material

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**M**ark Bradford, currently featured in an exhibit at The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, uses end papers from his mother's beauty salon as the element to create mixed media collages of geometric design.

The exhibit, *End Papers*, focuses on a theme the gay artist has returned to repeatedly over the last 20 years of his career while expanding his mixed media to social papers — using posters and other pieces in his work as social commentary. But this exhibit sticks to his use of the element that originally inspired his work — the end paper that protects hair from burning while using curlers to create permanent waves.

And the collages he builds use those end papers to create a geometric design that echoes the work of Piet Mondrian, known for his geometrics. But Mondrian's geometric paintings began with the more complex "Broadway Boogie Woogie," and as his work developed, the designs became simpler. Bradford moved in the opposite direction; as he has added color and more texture to his work, it becomes more complex.

While his earlier works employ less color, Bradford later began experimenting with more and more color. Yet the basic material filling each canvass continue to be those end papers from his mother's salon.

The names of Bradford's canvasses are an interesting piece of each work. "Colors in 43G Spring Honey" refers to

hair dyes found in the salon. Or snippets of conversations heard in the salon such as "Dreadlocks cain't tell me shit," or "It took me years to learn the right attitude" become painting titles.

Exhibit curator Michael Auping said, "The End Paper works are not only beautiful, they were prophetic in terms of layering abstraction with personal and social content."

He explained that much of post-World War II modern art is about using common materials. In Bradford's case, the artist used a material that he had learned to use while working in his mother's salon. "The End Papers," Auping said, "are a key element of Bradford's identity."

The ill-timed exhibit was scheduled to run March 8-Aug. 9. The museum, of course, was closed most of that period. So the exhibit of about 35 canvasses was extended through Jan. 10, no small feat considering the large group of canvasses was assembled from major museums such as the Hirshhorn, the Guggenheim and the L.A. County Museum of Art, as well as from an assortment of private collections, including "The hoody is moody," a 2003 work belonging to Anderson Cooper.

Bradford's work is becoming more widely known. In 2019, he had an exhibit in Shanghai. And in 2018, he was commissioned to create a work for the new U.S. embassy in London entitled "We the People," 32 panels, each measuring 10 square feet, featuring selected text from the U.S. Constitution. ■

*The Modern, 3200 Darnell St., Fort Worth, has returned to regular hours: Tuesday-Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday 10 a.m.-8 p.m. \$16, half price Sundays and free Fridays. Parking is free. Cafe Modern remains closed.*

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



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#### Concert on the Green

You can catch Fort Worth musical artist Abraham Alexander either in person or streaming online when The Arts Community Alliance presents Concert on the Green, featuring Alexander along with special guest Misa Hylton of MCM and a special performance by The Grays. Livestream tickets are \$25; in-person tickets start at \$72. The concert starts at 8 p.m. at Annette Strauss Square at the AT&T Performing Arts Center. *For tickets and information visit [TACA-Arts.org](http://TACA-Arts.org).*



### 11.01

#### Caravan of the dead

Cara Mia Theatre, in partnership with LULAC, celebrates the Day of the Dead with a car caravan, a protest and a vigil for Texas Latinos who have died of COVID-19 on Sunday, Nov. 1. The caravan begins at 2 p.m. at Guadalupe Cathedral, followed by the rally at 3 p.m. at Dallas City Hall Plaza. Protesters are required to wear masks and socially distance. *Visit [CaraMiaTheatre.org](http://CaraMiaTheatre.org) for details.*



### 10.30

#### Ghoulish good times

The annual Halloween Block Party on Cedar Springs has fallen victim to COVID-19 this year, but don't fret. We've got your back! Head on over to [DallasVoice.com](http://DallasVoice.com), the Dallas Voice YouTube Channel and the Dallas Voice Facebook page for "Ghoul's Night Out," a virtual drag show hosted by Jenna Skyy and featuring some of your favorite local ghouls, along with music from DJ Drew G that's so good it's scary. Streaming at 8 p.m.

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# Deep Inside Hollywood —

Reba set to fry up some  
'Green Tomatoes'

BY ROMEO SAN VICENTE

## 'Fried Green Tomatoes,' but with lesbians — and Reba — this time?

In the early '90s, when Fannie Flagg's novel *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café* was adapted to the big screen as *Fried Green Tomatoes*, the book's lesbian themes were dialed way down. Ladies in love became very close friends and straight audiences were allowed to feel comfortable.

But that was 30 years ago. Straight audiences have evolved somewhat, and now NBC has put *FGT* back in development as a weekly dramatic series. Legendary progressive creator Norman Lear is executive producing, and Reba McEntire is attached to star.

The story will revolve around Idgie (McEntire) — whose relationship with a woman was the center of the novel — returning to the small town where the first story took place and dealing with the events of the past.

It's early yet, and the fractured entertainment landscape makes no promises. But with TV production slowly ramping up again, this one could see its way to screens sometime in 2021. And what nice news it could turn out to be; Primetime Lesbian Reba is absolutely something to hope for.



Adam Rippon

in a world where Trixie and Katya have had their own TV show, books and tours, and what drag-obsessed teen wouldn't consider the glamorous possibilities?

Well, based on a true story, they say, comes *Everybody's Talking About Jamie*, the film adaptation of the hit stage musical about a 16-year-old named Jamie (new-comer Max Harwood) who, while trying to find his place in the world, decides that drag queen stardom is his future. And because this is a musical, that happy ending is assured, thanks to supportive friends and parents (*Catastrophe* star Sharon Horgan and *Can You Ever Forgive Me?* Oscar nominee Richard E. Grant co-star) who help him realize his destiny in the spotlight.

And perfect timing: 20th Century Studios is set to release the film in February 2021, in the middle of what pandemic experts are predicting will be a pretty tough winter. We're all going to need Jamie's queer blast of sunshine, music, dancing and wigs by then.

## Adam Rippon sitcom skates over to NBC

Good news or best news? America's gay figure skating Olympic medal scoring sweetheart, Adam Rippon, is developing a sitcom for NBC. Now, Rippon is unquestionably a world-class athlete. But if you've ever seen him on a talk show or, well, anywhere, you also know that he's simultaneously built for the world of comedy, so this was kind of a no-brainer.

The as-yet-untitled series will be set in the world of figure skating, naturally, and center on a female skater who battles injuries, her family and other skaters on the way to ice stardom. *Grace and Frankie* vet Billy Finnegan will write the series from Rippon and co-creator Susan Kittenplan's story. No cast set yet, no dates, just a great plan, and we're readier than ready.

*Romeo San Vicente is an out-of-control Zamboni on fire.*



Reba McEntire

## Tegan and Sara go back to 'High School'

IMDb TV, Amazon's free streaming service, is teaming up with recording artists Tegan and Sara Quin for *High School*, a coming-of-age comedy series based on the bestselling memoir the twin sisters co-wrote.

Their situation was an unusual one and is reflected in the story: twin sisters growing up, discovering themselves in music as an outlet and an identity, all while coming to terms with being queer. Adding another layer of queer cred, actor-director Clea DuVall (*Happiest Season*) is writing the pilot and will also direct, all for Brad Pitt's Plan B production company.

And now that you know IMDb has a streaming service — admit it, you didn't until just now — you also have a reason to go there when *High School* drops there.

## Teen drag musical 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie' will dress up 2021

One of the many cultural accomplishments of *RuPaul's Drag Race* is something that few high school guidance counselors could have predicted: the emergence of drag as a viable career path. But now we're here

## this week's solution

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Jenna gets ready for a show



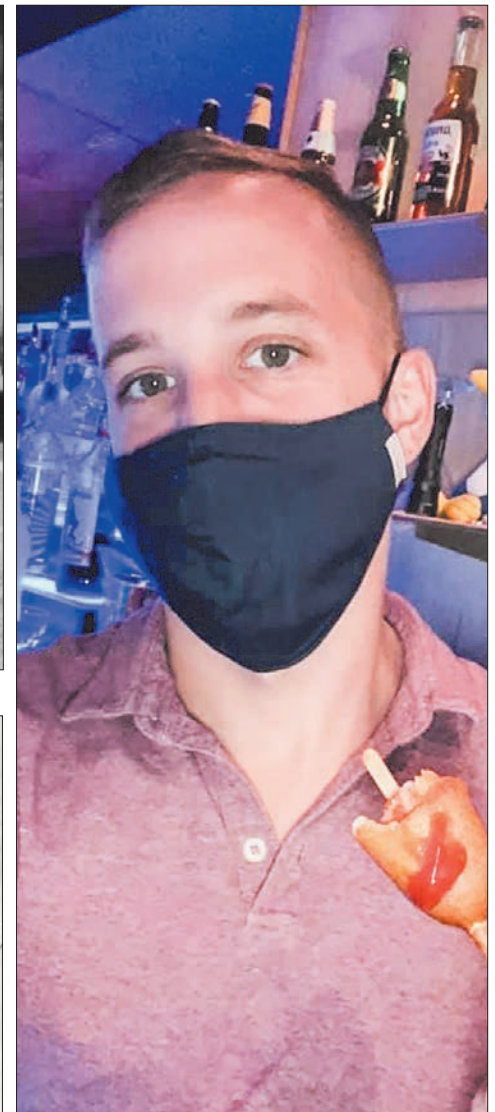
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## Rose Room On Tour (Photos by Jamie Bolton)



TITAS' Charles Santos and the cast of The Rose Room on Tour.



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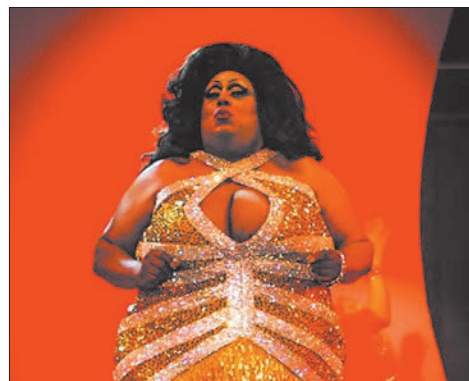
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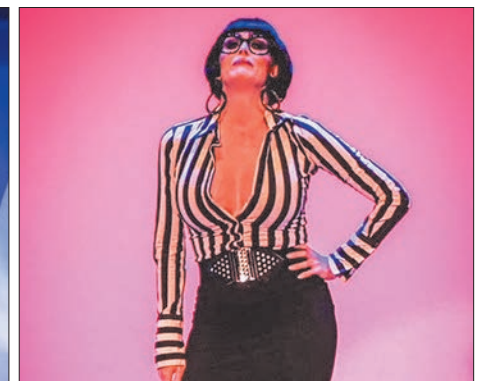
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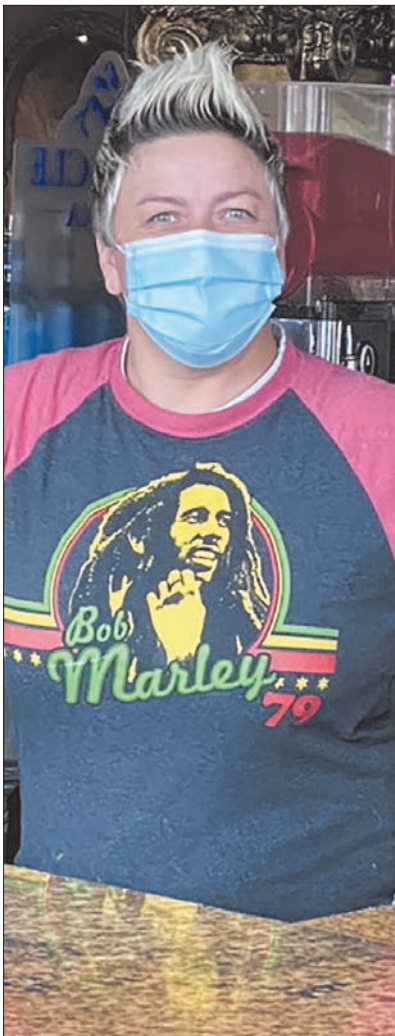
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31 Tolkien cannibal  
32 Inscribe with acid  
34 Myles of poetry  
36 End of the title  
42 Getting down on  
your knees, e.g.  
43 At once, to Byron  
45 Flower for Colette  
48 Letter encl.  
49 Constellation over Rio  
52 Threesome for  
Da Vinci

53 Corrupt

55 Lose it

56 *Love \_\_\_ Many  
Splendored Thing*

57 With 58-Across, one  
who may hold back  
Black creatives

58 See 57-Across

61 When leaves turn

62 Meat dangling in a deli

63 "Look \_\_\_, I'm  
Sandra Dee"

64 Home of the  
NCAA Bruins

65 Egyptian king  
of the dead

66 In order (to)

67 Galloway gal  
68 Hamlet's soliloquy,  
e.g.

69 Caterpillar nest

### Down

- 1 Rapid weapon fire  
2 Gay rights goal  
3 Where *Mucho Mucho  
Amor* premiered  
4 Boy Scout's accessory  
5 Grave  
6 Acts bi-curious  
7 Pack the groceries  
again  
8 Feudin' with, to Gomer  
9 Fairy story  
10 WSW opposite  
11 Alexander of *Love!  
Valour! Compassion!*

12 Words before lightly

13 Arizona, on *Grey's  
Anatomy*, e.g.

14 Harmonious,  
like Lance Bass?

22 *Guys and Dolls*  
co-creator Burrows

23 Releases from bondage

27 Web surfer

30 Start of a  
monarchist cry

33 "That's rich!"

34 \_\_\_ of *Seventeen*

35 Peebles of TV's *Fame*

37 LGBT rights activist  
O'Donnell

38 Middle East sultanate

39 Coming at the  
very end

40 How ballerinas dance

41 Viking

44 Most intimate

45 Like same-sex

marriage, now

46 Cornell University site

47 Mapplethorpe pics,  
e.g.

49 Lacking vitality

50 Like Errol Flynn

51 Very hairy swinger

54 Bodybuilder Charles

55 Ogle a go-go dancer

59 You could get  
caught in it

60 James Dean's  
\_\_\_ of *Eden*

62 "\_\_\_ yer old man!"



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