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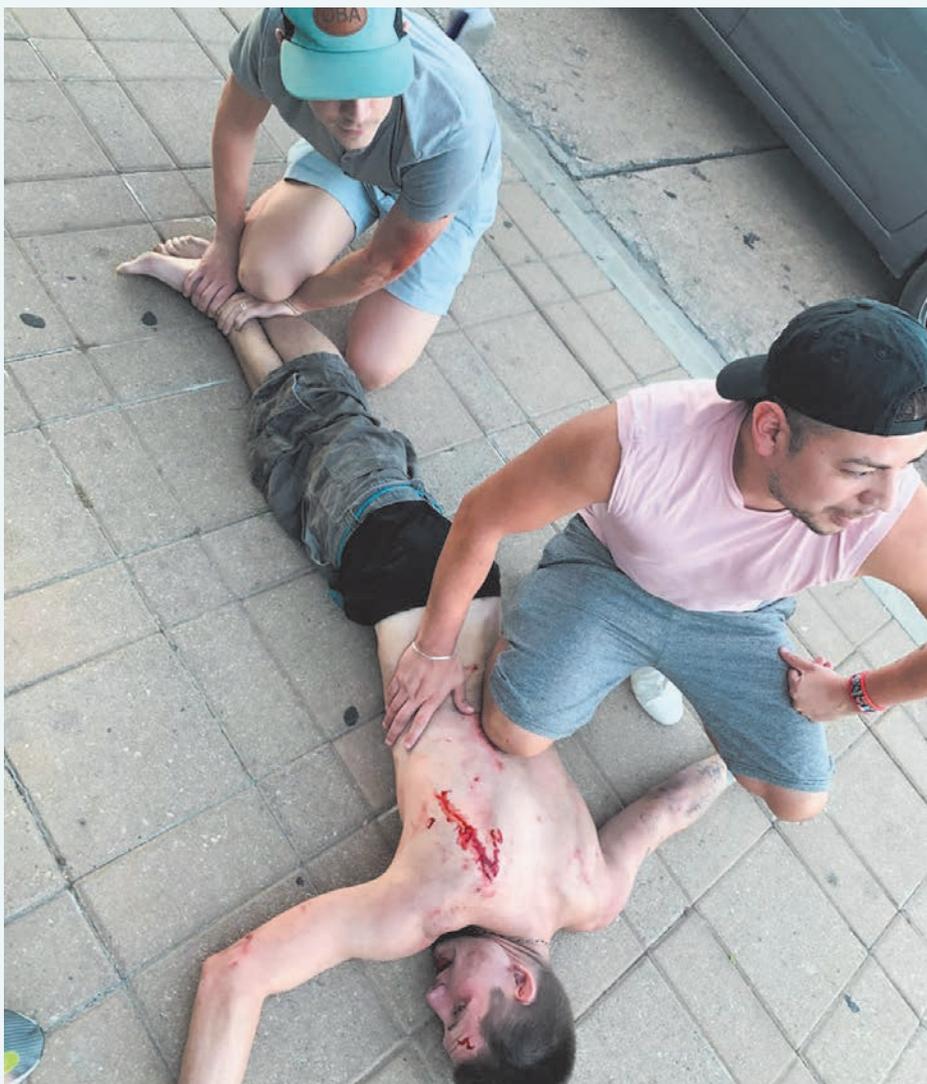
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## Car slams into Nelson Tebedo clinic

A man driving a stolen black Mercedes Benz coupe was caught and detained by two bystanders after crashing the car into the front of Resource Center's Nelson-Tebedo Clinic at 4012 Cedar Springs Road.

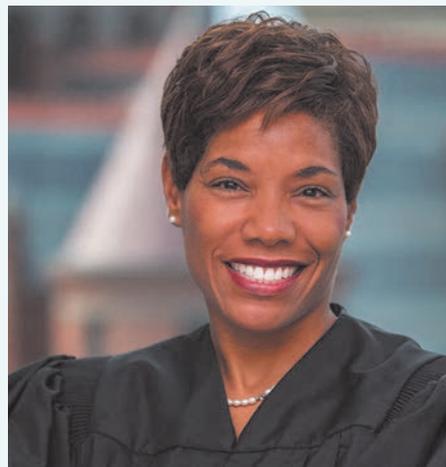
According to Caven Enterprises employee Mikey Nguyen, who sent photos of the scene to Dallas Voice, the men — who identified themselves as Dante and Andrew — were eating dinner on the patio at Cedar Springs Tap House when they saw the car hit the building. When they saw the driver get out of the car and start to run away, they jumped the fence around the CSTH patio and caught him, holding him until police arrived.

According to Tanner Roberts, manager at CSTH, the car was stolen from a nearby parking lot while the owner was picking up food at a restaurant on The Strip.

Dallas Police LGBTQ liaison Megan Thomas said the suspect, age 21, was transported to Parkland Hospital for treatment. He was interviewed by a DPD detective, placed under arrest and transported from Parkland to Lew Sterrett Jail. He is charged with aggravated robbery.

— Tammye Nash

## Judge Parker issues injunction against Abbott



State District Judge Tonya Parker sided with Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins on local mask mandates. Parker issued a temporary injunction

against Gov. Greg Abbott's ban on mask mandates in Texas. Her decision is expected to be appealed to the Fifth Court of Appeals in Dallas.

In addition to Jenkins order that businesses must require masks, DISD School Superintendent Michael Hinojosa ordered masks for all students in school.

Abbott and Attorney General Ken Paxton have continued to oppose mask mandates even as hospitals across the state are running out of ICU beds with a surge in cases of Delta Variant COVID. They've encouraged personal responsibility.

—David Taffet

## Keller teacher put on leave for hanging Black Lives Matter banner

A Keller teacher has been placed on administrative leave because he refused to take down a Black Lives Matter poster in his classroom. He was not asked to take down the Pride flag that is also hanging in his classroom.

Dan Grunewald said the banner has been hanging in his classroom at Timber Creek High School for a year. Grunewald teaches animation and audio-video production.

Grunewald acknowledged that he was violating rules issued by the administration but said it was wrong of the school to side with racism.

WFAA reports that the school district issued a non-statement that it doesn't discuss personnel matters publicly.

On the same day, the Fort Worth Star Telegram reported racist images were drawn in two parking spaces at the high school.

—David Taffet

## Locally-made queer series 'Detour' screened



According to Joseph Herrera, the new mini-series Detour is created by "about a 95 percent LGBTQ cast and crew." Herrera is the writer, producer and lead actor of the show that premiered Wednesday at LOOK Cinema. The show is also

## OBITUARY



**Fantasha, 49, died on Sunday, Aug. 22.** The cause may have been a heart attack due to complications from COVID.

Fantasha was born and raised in Louisville, Ken., but has called Dallas home for the last 11 years. She saw her first drag show at 18 and knew then that the stage was calling her name. Fantasha has been performing all across the country for the last 30 years, and has performed at clubs up and down Cedar Springs Road and around Oak Lawn and in Fort Worth. Her reputation was being one of the kindest people to work with.

She is survived by her mother Glenda, a younger sister and brother and her son, Aaron, and his husband as well as her drag sisterhood of family and friends.

Memorial service is pending.

locally-made, shot entirely in the DFW area.

In an email, Herrera described the show's premise.

"Lonely caretaker Alex drowns his grief of losing his old friend by having an affair with Randy, a local, married man. As Randy's wife Beverly gets wind of the affair by their stripper friend Candy, she confronts Alex. That spirals into an unexpected road trip that ends up in unforeseen

circumstances," he wrote.

The show was directed by Chaselyn Wade and also stars Krystal Summers opposite Herrera.

— Rich Lopez

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OPINIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY

## Vaccine and Not Herd

**M**y father was a scientist. His specialties were microbiology, hematology and immunology, so I was raised in a home where the value of vaccines was something we understood, even from a young age. Since my dad was influential in the medical community we often entertained guests in our home. One of those guests was Dr. Jonas Salk.

For those who might not know, Dr. Salk developed the first vaccine against poliomyelitis. That was a topic near and dear to my father, who had contracted polio as a child and luckily lived through it. Dr. Salk gave his vaccine to the world, making the patent available for free.

The campaign to vaccinate against polio virtually eliminated the virus during my lifetime and the last case was seen in 1979. This was the most dramatic demonstration that vaccines work!

Today we have several very good vaccines against COVID19. Their efficacy varies slightly, but most are very good tools to bringing this pandemic to and end...if people get them.

So why the hesitancy and more importantly how do we convince them to get vaccinated?

Many are hesitant because of misinformation and twisted politics.

For the people whom the COVID vaccine represents a political statement, there is no hope of getting them to change



**Hardy Haberman**  
Flagging Left

their minds. They have drunk the Kool-Aid and most likely get all their news from OAN or Newsmax. For them this

particular vaccine, developed under the Trump administration no less, is a conspiracy to blah blah blah (insert lunatic conspiracy here).

For those waiting for full FDA approval, that final approval was given this week. But if I were to speak with them I would note that the emergency authorization created the largest test group in history, and the results are spectacular.

For those worried that because these vaccines were developed using mRNA techniques and fear that because they have a vague understanding that RNA and DNA are somehow related. They fear that the vaccine will change their DNA and make them: sterile, mutant, magnetic, (insert any other wacko theory here). It won't and there are millions of folks who have taken the vaccines who are not victim of any of these



non-existent side effects. The mRNA vaccines take essentially a tiny piece of the virus (not a live virus or potentially dangerous piece) and train the body's natural immune fighting systems to recognize the COVID virus and fight it.

The new technology of mRNA vaccines is a wonderful tool in the immunologist's fight against infectious diseases. In fact it is being used now to develop a potential vaccine for HIV!

And that brings me back to our community. Imagine if this breakthrough had happened 30 or 35 years ago. Do you think our community would shun it and refuse to take a shot that could have wiped out HIV/AIDS? I sure as

hell wouldn't. I and most of my friends would have lined up for blocks to get it.

We would have done it not just for our own sake but for the safety of everyone we cared about. And that is how we should approach the current situation. Listen to people's concerns and explain the facts. But more importantly, appeal to the altruism of hesitant folks who are not politically motivated. Let them know how much it would mean to you and everyone you know if we could end this pandemic sooner than later. Let them know we have the tools, if only we choose to use them. Let them know we can all get back to some sense of normality if we all get inoculated. ■

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# Fantasha Will be missed



## REMEMBRANCE

Some of those closest to her remember the entertainer who passed away suddenly on Aug. 22

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**F**antasha moved to Dallas more than 10 years ago and had been doing drag about 30 years. She's performed across the country, but the bars in Oak Lawn were her home.

What did she mean to her fans? At Sunday's show, a bouquet of roses sent by a fan stood on stage in her place at the Rose Room. And at Monday's Freak Show at JR.'s, fans had flowers delivered for the cast.

But the show must go on. Cassie Nova said she had only heard the news that Fantasha had died that morning an hour-and-a-half before going on stage for Sunday evening's performance at the Rose Room.

"We're pretty devastated," Cassie Nova said. "She was a huge part of our lives."

She said she breaks down with emotion at odd times and is comforted by the outpouring of love from the community.

Fantasha's big number was "Dive in the Pool" by Pepper MaShay. Every time the line, "Let's get soakin wet," comes up, Fantasha would take a bottle of beer or water off someone's table and pour it all over herself.

"My wife Ellen and I send our condolences to Fantasha's friends and family over her passing. Rest in forever peace, Pepper," MaShay wrote to her LGBTQ family in Dallas on Facebook.

And in answer to a Dallas fan, MaShay wrote, "The announcement just hurt my heart tremendously."

Cassie said working with Fantasha was always a pleasure. She described Fantasha as a true professional. If someone called in sick, she could rely on her



to be there and perform in any number including the opening or finale.

"She knew all the production numbers," Cassie said. "Every dollar she made, she truly earned."

Ross Johnston was Fantasha's best friend. They met at S4 watching a pageant eight or nine years ago and bonded over their mutual love of drag.

"We both have this weird disease," he said explaining their friendship. "We're both always right."

Johnston moved to Dallas after Fantasha did, and he moved into the same apartment complex.

"We slowly became friends," he said. "We kept being put in each other's way."

As he got to know her, he described her as the most passionate, charismatic and unbelievably creative person he ever knew.

"She'd take the most random items," he said, to create her costumes.

He said she would take a packing car-

ton she'd find by the dumpster and cut it up, fold it and rearrange it, then paint it, cover it in fabric, add glitter and other accessories to create her headpieces.

Her dresses she sewed by hand. Johnston said she never bothered to learn to use a sewing machine. Her hand sewn dresses were tougher than anything made on a machine, he said.

"She'd make a silk purse out of a sow's ear," he said. "She loved working and creating with her hands."

Fantasha had a son with a woman she became involved with soon after high school. They raised him together. Their son married his husband earlier this year.

In addition to being very close to her son, she had a close relationship with her mother.

"He redefines momma's boy," Johnston said.

Johnston is feeling sad, depressed and confused, he said, after finding Fantasha's body.

Although Fantasha loved her LGBTQ community in Louisville, where she grew up and lived until about 10 years ago, she felt most at home with her DFW community. Johnston said by the time Fantasha moved to Dallas, she was already professional and polished, and her Dallas audience gave her a warm welcome.

"Dive in the Pool" was her signature number, but she loved a variety of music. "Long Walk" was another favorite because it let her take a nice long walk among the crowd at her shows.

She won the Miss CEBA competition with a version of "Proud Mary," so that remained a favorite, and she was a huge fan of Tina Turner's.

And Johnston said he bonded with Fantasha over Whitney Houston.

"I'm the biggest Whitney Houston fan ever," he said. "Fantasha loved the 13-minute compilation of all her songs."

He said she'd do the whole 13 minutes, and, if the crowd was tipping well, they'd back the music up and go longer.

Johnston described her as fiercely loyal to her family and friends.

"Whatever she did, she put her whole, entire self into it," he said.

Kelexis Davenport said, "Fantasha was never my friend. From the second I met her, she was family. God put her here for me."

They met through Layla LaRue at a pageant in San Antonio. They had words over keys to their room and one of the first things Kelexis said to Fantasha was, "I heard you were a bitch."

Then she saw her perform.

"She was incredible," Kelexis said.

When Fantasha first moved to the area, she was living in North Dallas. She needed a ride to perform in Fort Worth so Kelexis picked her up. After the show, Kelexis was too tired to drive her home and told Fantasha she'd have to stay over at her place in Oak Lawn.

They lived together ever since.

As a roommate, Kelexis described Fantasha as perfect. The one time she was late with the rent was during the pandemic and she added in her own, made-up late fee.

"Fantasha knew what I was thinking without saying a word," she said.

She said when something was wrong, Fantasha always had the right analogy so Kelexis could figure things out for herself.

"She taught me to be better toward people," she said. "I get wrapped up in me."

Kelexis described Fantasha as ice cream. "If you don't like it, there's something wrong with you."

Through tears she said, "She taught me a lot. A part of me is gone." ■

See more pictures of Fantasha in Scene on page 22

*Bob Burke and My Oh My—The Show present a benefit for Fantasha hosted by Patrick Mikyles at Aloft Fort Worth Downtown, 334 W. 3rd St., Fort Worth at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 28.*

*A benefit for Fantasha will be held in the Rose Room on Sunday, Aug. 29 at 7 p.m.*

# Step inside Van Gogh

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Immersive experience at Globe Life Park lets you enjoy the artist in a number of ways

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So is this a Van Gogh exhibit? No. The Dallas Museum of Art presents an exhibition of Van Gogh canvasses entitled "Van Gogh and the Olive Groves" opening in October.

But this serves as an introduction to the DMA's presentation — or as a follow-up. Or since it's just fun, it stands on its own.

The presentation at Globe Life Park opens with museum-quality text that unfolds the history of the artist's short life. Van Gogh, the printed history portion of this experience reminds us, com-

mitted suicide at age 37.

On the wall hang reproductions of Van Gogh paintings, and in rooms are laser projections of the various self-portraits on a 3-D face or the variety of painted sunflowers in a 3-D vase that morphs from one painting to another.

Next are some deconstructed Van Gogh works. Layers of paintings taken apart. And Van Gogh's room at Arles that you can walk into. Step into a sort of cartoon.

All that before entering the immersive surround-screen animated projections that are the show's signature. The half-hour experience sets Van Gogh's paintings into motion.

Take "Starry Night." The swirling sky and twinkling stars are already in motion on the canvas Van Gogh painted. That's the genius of the painting. Perhaps no other painting has so much motion in it. Projected with about 20 cameras and set to actual motion, the painting simply does before your eyes what it's probably always done in your mind.

Three paintings involving a train were painted at the same time with different views of the landscape. Here they're projected in a line, and the train moves across the three canvasses brilliantly tying them together.

Windmill blades rotate. Sunflowers grow and fly and spin and creep underfoot.

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# 'Home' is where the heart is

## THEATER

Uptown Players' 'Fun Home' is heartbreakingly exquisite

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**F**un Home opens with, of all things, a spoiler alert. In the first song, the audience learns that the father dies, but it's what that piece of information does for the whole show. With the musical's emotional ups and downs, that knowledge adds a troublesome cloud in Uptown Players' latest production that waits throughout the show to spring at the right moment.

Based on Alison Bechdel's autobi-

Duke Anderson, left, plays father to Alison Bechdel's adult and small versions played by Leslie Marie Collins and Summer Stern. (Photo courtesy Uptown Players.)



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ographical book in graphic novel form, Lisa Kron's writing is a beautifully quilted mix of happiness, frustration, queerness and anger captured primarily in the funeral home where the Bechdel's live. As Alison discovers her own lesbian identity, her father has been hiding his while also leading a double sneaky life.

The musical features three Alisons: Small (Summer Stern), Medium (Emily Truelove) and Adult (Leslie Marie Collins). The latter is predominantly onstage at all times serving as a present day Alison telling her story as they come to life. She's reliving the good and bad of her past for her book.

In those stories, the audience meets her father Bruce (Duke Anderson), her mother Helen (Jennifer Kuenzer) and brothers John and Christian (Hunter Hall and Max Rudelman).

Like any family — and under the polished direction of Cheryl Denson — this one has its problems, and the cast's chemistry felt like watching a complete family story unravel onstage.

Stern's command of Small Alison was a revelation. She seemed to approach her character as an adult giving Small Alison layers of depth. She could rely on childish cuteness when needed as in the scene where she and her brothers film a commercial for the funeral home. But then she was tender and vulnerable in scenes with Anderson where either the two were in conflict or sharing a moment. Collins had the trickiest of versions. Despite being the main character, she had to be on the sidelines much of her time onstage. Collins made her presence known still and sometimes silently depending on her stage blocking. And when center-stage, particularly in "Telephone Wire," she was unforgettable.

Truelove's performance as Middle Alison found the character in her formative college years. Of the Alison's, this was the most layered. Truelove went from naive young adult to a newly sexually active lesbian with the help of the confident and sexy Joan (Ashlie Whitworth). Truelove captured young love excitement with aplomb and then countered it with shock to learn about her father's own gay identity. Her story — or this version — was perhaps the most compelling because the audience

knew where she's coming from and where she's going.

Despite the difference in performances, there are enough similarities that truly embody one Alison.

In the beginning, Anderson was the all-American dad type fixing up the house and playing with his children. As more was revealed, Anderson navigated Bruce into scary territories from his explosive demeanor toward his family to a dark seedy side that tempted underage men and family friends. As Anderson peeled the layers as the show progressed, he revealed a shell of a man so conflicted that made it hard to decide how to judge him. Was he sympathetic? Was he pathetic? Both? That Anderson could orchestrate both a performance and those emotions was masterful. That the audience knows the outcome doesn't make his demise any less shocking. As the doting but not passive wife, Kuenzer's Helen was an eggshell performance. Eventually she would crack under pressure. Kuenzer had the wherewithal to blend motherly love with sexual and romantic frustration mixed in with feelings of betrayal. When she finally has her moment, Kuenzer knocked it out with a gut-wrenching ache.

*Fun Home* isn't a Rodgers and Hammerstein type musical. There isn't happiness abounding in every corner, but the story is so human, and Denson not only took her actors to that place where family comes with pain and misery but also moments of joy and love. Donna Marquet's sets and Amanda West's lighting gave added drama and warmth. Music director Isaac Leaverton's orchestra was crisp and lush at the same time evoking all the necessary emotions for *Fun Home*'s scenes.

Leaving *Fun Home*, and even the Kalita Humphreys Theater, the heartbreak of the story remained, and sympathy for all of those characters lingered. That's what made this production such a joy to see. Uptown Players and the show's cast and crew not only put on a show, but created an experience that is worth thinking about long after. ■

*Fun Home runs through Aug. 29 at the Kalita Humphreys Theater. For tickets, visit [uptownplayers.org](http://uptownplayers.org).*

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# 2021 Buick Envision casts off the frump

AUTO

BY CASEY WILLIAMS

If you still think of Buick as the frumpy sedan-wielding brand your grandmother adored, you've had your head in the drink for too long and need to cast those thoughts aside. Gone are the sedans and wagons of your parents' youth, replaced by a range of sporty crossovers that rise from the urban-friendly Encore and Encore GX to the quite roomy three-row Enclave. Right in the middle is the model we tramped this week, the 2021 Buick Envision.

If you didn't notice the red, white, and blue Buick badges, you might mistake the Envision for an Acura or Lexus. You'd never guess the China-built crossover shares its basic underpinnings with the Cadillac XT4. It's fetching with its hungry grille, aggressive lower fascia, expansive hood, and crisp arching body-

## 2021 Buick Envision Essence

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**Output:** 228hp/258 lb.-ft. torque

**Suspension f/r:** Ind/Ind

**Wheels f/r:** 20"/20" alloy

**Brakes f/r:** disc/disc

**Must-have features:** Style, Luxury

**Fuel economy:** 24/31 mpg city/hwy

**Assembly:** China

**Base/As-tested price:** \$31,800/\$41,315

lines. Squinty LED headlamps and 20" black alloy wheels slap on a little attitude. The Sport Touring package adds body color trim. It's all quite sporty, but also classically elegant in its proportions.

Slide inside to find a driver-centric design with intuitive touchscreen and button-activated gear selector. As in other GM crossovers from the entry Chevy Trax to the top Escalade, seats are a bit firm, but they are heated. A heated steering wheel and dual-zone automatic climate control bring their comforts too. Soothing away hard cushions is a smooth 9-speaker Bose audio system that's made more enjoyable by the Envision's active noise cancellation system. Connect devices via Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, Bluetooth, and 4G Wi-Fi. Navigation gets you there. Wireless



phone charging and a sunroof would have made the ride even better.

Being a premium ride, most of the latest safety tech was installed. From the head-up display to lane keep assist, forward collision alert with auto brake, blind spot warning, and rear cross path detection, your family should be safe. Adaptive cruise keeps a safe distance from other vehicles on the highway while drivers are further warned by the safety alert seat that buzzes in the direction of trouble. Stepping up to lane centering steering would be a topper for this fancy cake.

Beneath the Envision's shapely hood is a 2.0-liter turbocharged four-cylin-



der engine that conjures 228 horsepower and 258 lb.-ft. of torque – sent to the wheels through a nine-speed automatic transmission. All-wheel-drive is available, but our front-drive model achieved an acceptable 24/31-MPG city/highway with auto stop/start engaged. The en-

gine sounds a little agrarian on start-up, but settles down quickly and dishes out all the power a compact crossover needs to zip up to speed or click through morning traffic.

The Envision drives much like other smaller General Motors crossovers, which means it's a bit clunky, but tight in the corners, solid on the highway, and quick to turn. Unlike some Cadillacs, the Envision goes without any electronic turning for the chassis, but a Sport mode does sharpen throttle response. It's easy to park and goes smartly down the road.

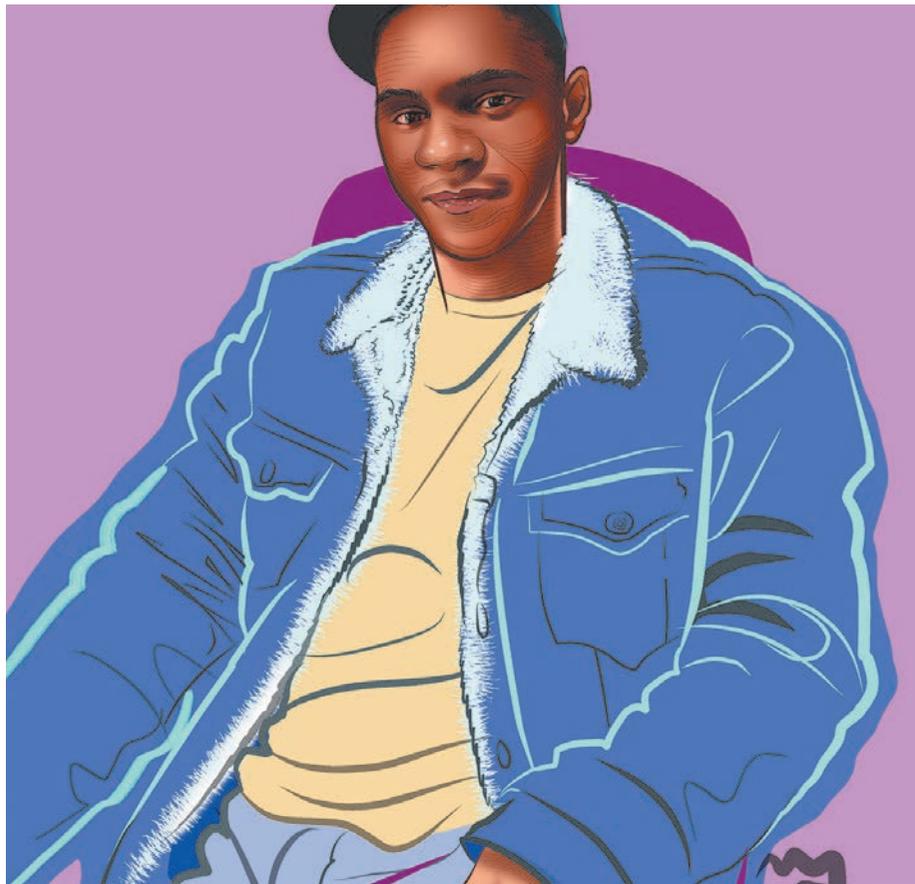
Especially with the Sport Touring package, the Envision is far removed from the fluffy sedans of the past, casting its gaze into a future dominated by near-luxury crossovers like the Acura RDX, Lexus NX, Subaru Outback Touring, and Mazda CX-5. Given that, a base price of \$31,800, or \$41,315 as tested, seems appropriate.

Storm Forward!

Send comments to Casey at [AutoCasey@aol.com](mailto:AutoCasey@aol.com); follow him on YouTube @AutoCasey.

# Drawing Dallas

ART



**MARK STOKES** | Illustrator  
mark@mstokes.com

**Name:** Demetrius Blakely  
**Age:** 24  
**Occupation:** Service Industry  
**Spotted:** Capital and Peak

This stunning Sagittarius was born in Grand Prairie, Texas, and raised in Fort Worth. Demetrius is the second to the youngest of three sisters and two brothers. His father is a restaurateur, and his mother is a bartender (and an aspiring stand-up comic). Active in theater in high school, Demetrius was voted Most Popular and started a Creative Writing Club. He garnered a perfect A.C.T. score for an essay he wrote about Beyoncé. He loves musicals and enjoys acting in tragedies. He's big into science/mathematics/tech which led him to pursue civil engineering at UTA. He eventually changed his major to sociology.

Demetrius always knew he was gay. His first crush was on Beastmaster. He came out to his mother at 17. "How could she not know? I cried during Dreamgirls!" Demetrius has a baby sis-

ter who is gender queer, pansexual.

Stress, money and major life issues led Demetrius to a dark place, and he was diagnosed with major depression at 20. He didn't like his life at that time, so he decided to change it and bought a bus ticket to Los Angeles. This was the start of a journey of self-reflection which led him to San Diego, where he worked for Walk With Me, a rehab program for humans and animals using alternative healing. Along his transformative journey, he became a hippy nudist at the Joshua Tree and a fisherman at an Alaskan fishery. Eventually homesickness led him back to Dallas, and he came back ready to create a foundation for a new life. He had grown as a person and felt more comfortable with himself and trusted himself more.

Demetrius writes long form prose, and short stories of realistic fiction. Future plans include going back to school to finish his degree, working towards a Master, and having his writing published.

"I'm an honest person. Lying means you're afraid of something, and I ain't afraid of shit." ■



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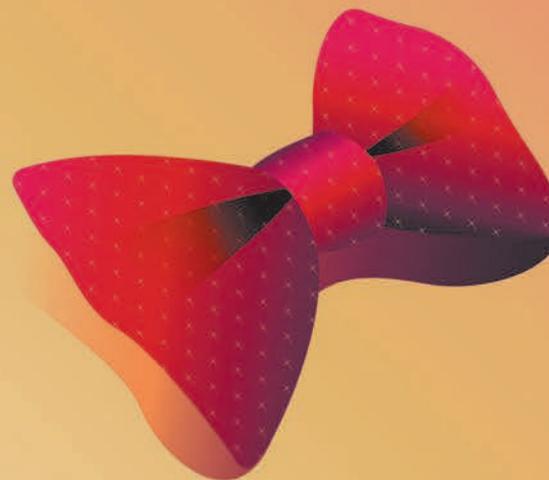


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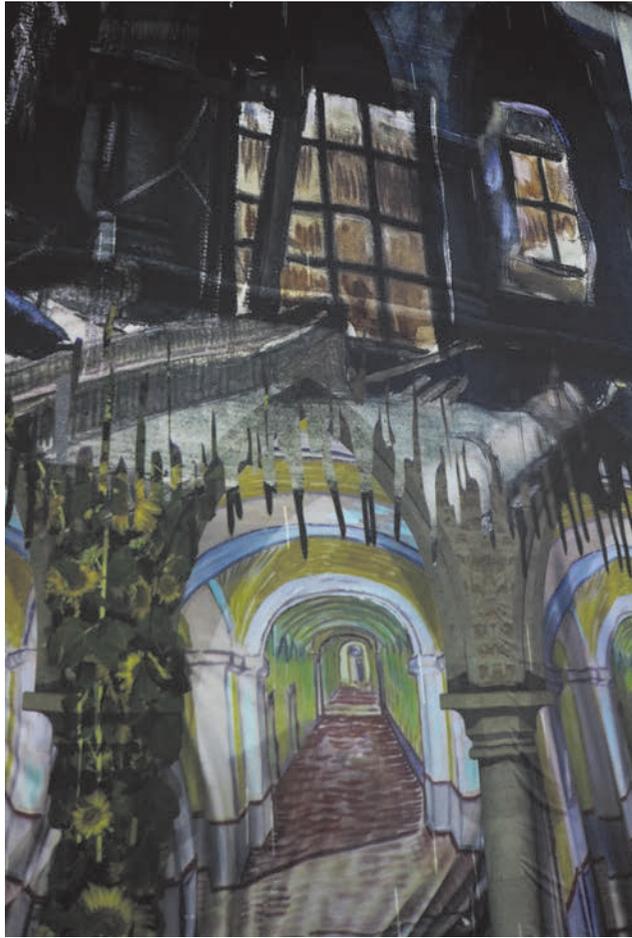


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Paintings morph into each other, above, and 'Starry Night' becomes animated, below, as part of the Immersive Experience. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

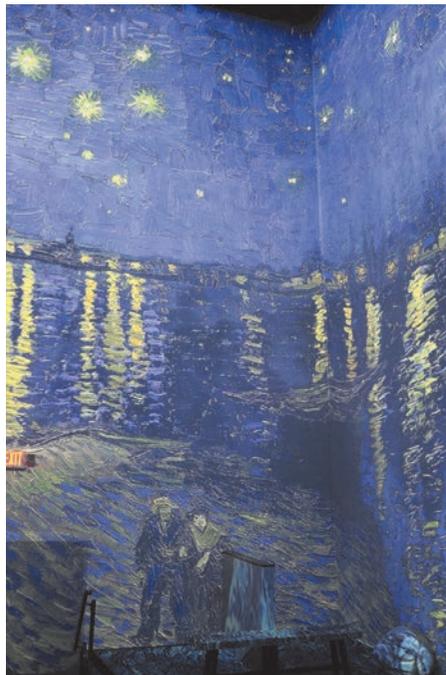
Music adds to the whirlwind of this Van Gogh-inspired cacophony of color and design. And the artist's words also add to the presentation.

"I put my heart and soul into my work, and I lost my mind in the process," Van Gogh said.

He also gives the advice that if anyone has told you that you couldn't paint, just paint some more.

The next section of the experience is coloring your own Van Gogh. I did mine — I colored "Starry Night" — with dots and dashes in crayon, then scanned it into the exhibit and saw it projected on the wall. Don't let anyone tell you that you can't draw, and don't skip the coloring section. It's not just for kids.

The final piece of the experience was the most unexpected — a virtual reality tour that begins in the bedroom in Arles and ends crashing through a painting into a sea of stars. As you slide down the stairs from the bedroom and out the door, you'll hold onto the arm of your chair so you don't fall. Windmills and fields of sunflowers await outside.



*Tickets are on sale through November with no definite closing date announced. Tickets are \$34.90 for adults and \$19.90 for children. Open weekdays 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and holidays and weekends 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed Tuesdays.*

The view is 360 degrees, and, at some points, I wasn't sure if the ground was moving beneath my feet.

The 12-minute VR experience was amazing. Be sure to look behind you and above you. Rub your feet across the floor to check if you're actually standing still. You decide if you're moving down the cobblestone streets or if you're still just sitting in your seat.

Get the perspective of what Van Gogh was painting in 3D, and get another clue into how he created his amazing canvases.

In the immersive room, the stars are swirling. In the VR experience, you are.

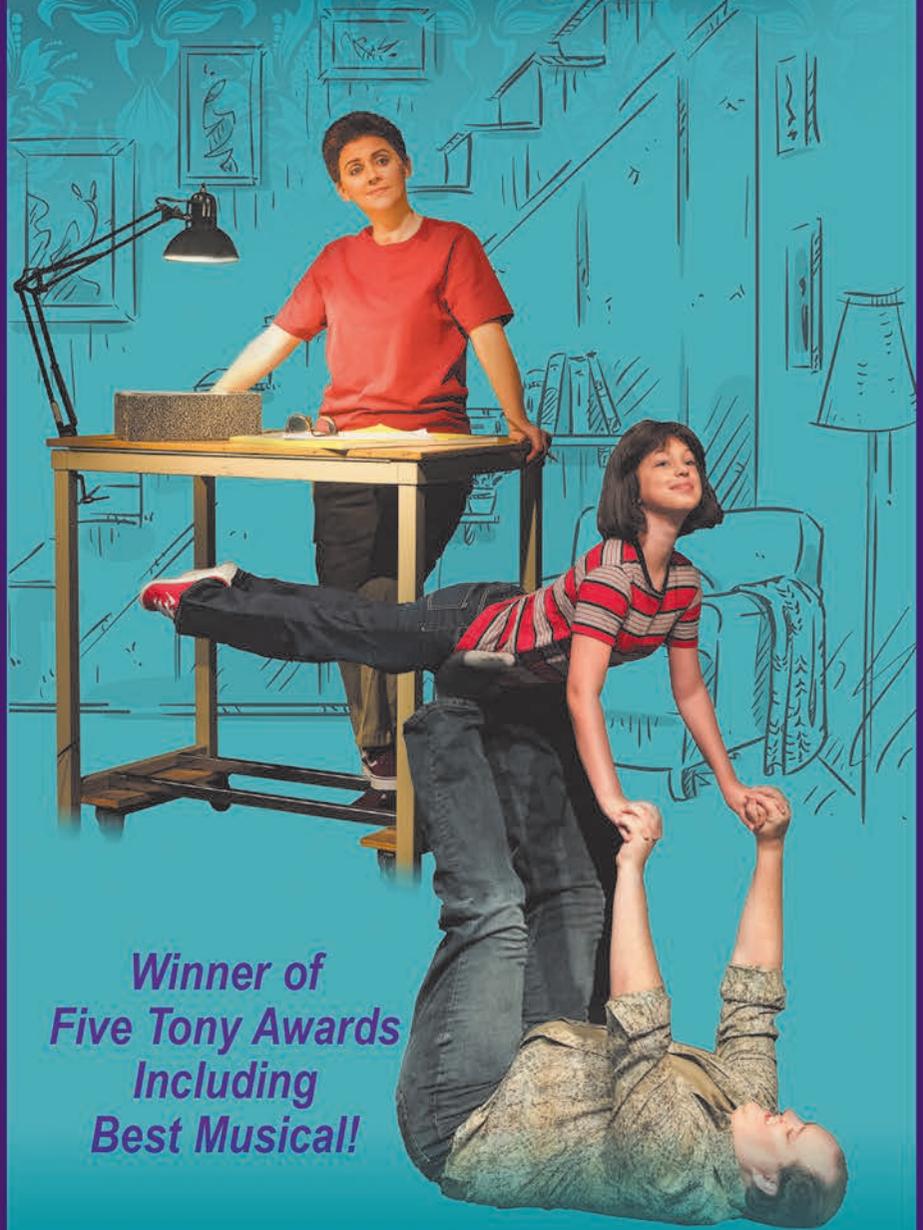
Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience is at Globe Life Park, 1090 Ballpark Way, Arlington. Park across the street in Lot K. ■

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The Small Ensemble Showcase of the Turtle Creek Chorale sings about the healing power of music that was so badly needed and missed during the pandemic. Chorale members will sing about strength and survival displayed during the AIDS epidemic, through the loss of friends to breast cancer and now during the COVID-19 pandemic. The concert is free but advance tickets are needed to keep things safer at the door. The concert begins at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 29, at Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road.

# GAY AGENDA



## BUY YOUR PLANTS HERE

Head over to Hillcrest House to replenish your indoor garden as **Team ASD** holds a plant sale to benefit LifeWalk, the largest annual AIDS walk in North Texas. LifeWalk benefits Prism Health North Texas, AIDS Services Dallas and other HIV services organizations. Team members will be out in the parking lot on Friday, Aug. 27 from 10 a.m. until noon or even earlier if all plants are gone. Hillcrest House is located at 834 N. Marsalis Ave. in Oak Cliff. And there's time to join Team ASD or any LifeWalk team at LifeWalk.org.



## GET YOUR PHOTO MADE HERE

The **NoH8** campaign returns to Dallas on Saturday, Aug. 28. What to bring? Wear a white T-shirt. The NoH8

logo and duct tape design for the photo will be done by NoH8 team members. Before you head over to the W Hotel at 2440 Victory Park Lane for the photo shoot, make sure you've purchased your tickets at [NOH8Campaign.com](http://NOH8Campaign.com).



## VISIT A FUN HOME HERE

**Uptown Players** presents the hit Broadway musical *Fun Home* through Sunday, Aug. 29. The story is based on cartoonist Alison Bechtel's

pictorial novel of the same name about her father's coming out as well as her own all set in the family's funeral home. If you enjoyed Bechtel's cartoon *Dykes To Watch Out For* that appeared in *Dallas Voice* through the length of its run, you'll love *Fun Home*. Tickets are available at [UptownPlayers.org](http://UptownPlayers.org).



## CHANGE YOUR GENDER MARKER HERE

Changing your name and gender marker can be daunting tasks, especially on your own. **Lambda Legal**

makes the process a little easier with a name and gender change workshop on Aug. 30 via Zoom. Legal experts in the field discuss what the process looks like to secure federal identity documents as well as Texas documents. Learn how the process works for you in Texas courts and, if you're an attorney interested in learning the process so you can better assist members of the transgender community, you can receive CLE credit. Sign up at [LambdaLegal.org](http://LambdaLegal.org).

## PLAN YOUR WEEK

The *Gay Agenda* is now color-coded: Red for community events; blue for arts and entertainment; purple for sports; green for nightlife and orange for civic events and holidays.

### AUGUST

#### • Aug. 27: LGBT Rights in Texas

AARP holds a Zoom meeting to discuss LGBT relationships and probate. What you need to know to protect your rights. Common law marriage, ceremonial marriage and how to obtain benefits based on relationships that began before marriage equality. From 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. [txaarp@aarp.org](mailto:txaarp@aarp.org).

#### • Aug. 27: Team ASD

Team ASD holds a plant sale as a LifeWalk fundraiser from 10 a.m.-noon in the parking lot of Hillcrest House, 834 N. Marsalis Ave.

#### • Aug. 28: NOH8 photoshoot

Have your NOH8 picture taken from noon to 2 p.m. at W Hotel Victory, 2440 Victory Park Lane. Tickets at [NOH8campaign.com](http://NOH8campaign.com).

#### • Through Aug. 28: Juried exhibition

Contemporary 2D and 3D works selected by juror Caleb Bell, curator at the Tyler Museum of Art, will be included in the Texas Juried Exhibition at ArtSpace111, 111 Hampton St., Fort Worth. By appointment. [ArtSpace111.com](http://ArtSpace111.com).

#### • Aug. 29: Songs of Strength and Survival

The Turtle Creek Chorale Small Ensemble Showcase sings about the healing power of live music that was absent as we made our way through the pandemic. 6 p.m. at Cathedral of Hope, 5910 Cedar Springs Road. Tickets at [TurtleCreekChorale.com](http://TurtleCreekChorale.com).

#### • Through Aug. 29: Fun Home

Uptown Players presents *Fun Home* based on the autobiography of Alison Bechtel whose cartoon appeared in *Dallas Voice* for years. Kalita Humphries Theater, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. [UptownPlayers.org](http://UptownPlayers.org).

#### • Aug. 30: Name and gender change workshop

Lambda Legal discusses what the process looks like in Texas to secure state and federal identity documents. Lawyers can receive CLE credit. Meeting via Zoom. [LambdaLegal.org](http://LambdaLegal.org).

### SEPTEMBER

#### • Sept. 3: Name and gender change workshop

Lambda Legal discusses what the process looks like in Texas to secure state and federal identity documents. Lawyers can receive CLE credit. Meeting via Zoom. [LambdaLegal.org](http://LambdaLegal.org).

#### • Through Sept. 4: Together

The MAC presents its 23rd annual membership exhibition, *Together*, in its new home in The Cedars. The MAC, 1503 S. Ervay St. [The-MAC.org](http://The-MAC.org).

#### • Sept. 4-6: Trick the Mini Fest

TRICK the Mini FEST brings DJs, drag shows and Lil Miss Trick Contest that ends with a crowning with a Tiara, cash and more. Saturday from 5 p.m.-1 a.m. Sunday and Monday from noon-1 a.m. 4015 Cedar Springs Road.

#### • Sept. 5: Super Clasico USA

Club America vs. Chivas de Guadalajara, a Mexican soccer rivalry that dates to 1926 at 4:30 p.m. at the Cotton Bowl in Fair Park. [FairParkTix.com](http://FairParkTix.com).

#### • Through Sept. 5: Buddha, Shiva, Lotus, Dragon

The Kimbell Art Museum presents *Buddha, Shiva, Lotus, Dragon: The Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller 3rd Collection at Asia Society*, a collection of sculptures, bronzes, ceramics and metalwork. Kimbell Art Museum, 3333 Camp Bowie Blvd., Fort Worth. [KimbellMuseum.org](http://KimbellMuseum.org).

#### • Through Sept. 5: Wicked

Dallas Summer Musicals is back with a return of the musical *Wicked*, a look at what happened in Oz from a different angle. The Music Hall at Fair Park. [DallasSummerMusicals.org](http://DallasSummerMusicals.org).

*Have an event coming up? Email your information to Managing Editor Tammye Nash at [nash@dallasvoice.com](mailto:nash@dallasvoice.com) or Senior Staff Writer David Taffet at [taffet@dallasvoice.com](mailto:taffet@dallasvoice.com) by Wednesday at 5 p.m. for that week's issue. Look for extended listings online at [DallasVoice.com](http://DallasVoice.com)*

# Cassie Nova

## ASK A DRAG QUEEN

The vaccine will make your penis grow

Oh my God you guys, you are not going to believe the week I have had. So last week I decided to sign up to get my booster COVID vaccination. While I was on the CVS website, I went ahead and signed up my husband. It was super easy; I got the Pfizer and he got Moderna. No big deal, I had to drive to Waxahachie while the Hubs get his here in Midlothian.

That night my arm was barely even sore but the next evening we both had chills and a low-grade fever. It literally lasted about two to three hours and then we both felt completely fine. Fast forward to the next morning and I wake up feeling fucking fantastic. I had more pep in my step and an outlook on life I hadn't had in forever. Seriously, I felt good.

That evening when Jamie got home, we decided to get in the pool and have a few cocktails. The water felt lovely, and we had a cute little buzz going so you know what came next ... we did. Us alone in the pool with cocktails always lead to sex, it is just our M.O. The sex was amazing, and we both performed like we were in our prime. Like two little twinks on ecstasy. We both went above and beyond what we usually do, we got a little crazy.

I swear that getting the booster COVID vaccination not only helped us in the bedroom, but I think it made our penises bigger. We both had more girth and nearly an inch added. I was amazed so I had to look it up to see if we were the only ones and sure enough, there were lots of stories online about how the vaccination helped so many people's sex lives and even a few others that said it literally made their dicks bigger. What a godsend!

Since the booster I have also felt stronger. My biceps seem bigger and more defined, and I have not picked up a weight in months. My reflexes are amazing as well. One of our dogs knocked over a lamp, and I caught it before it smashed to the ground. I felt like Peter Parker at the beginning of every Spiderman origin movie. Thanks Pfizer.

Yesterday I watched an episode of Jeopardy and knew every answer. My



brain is firing on all cylinders. I wish I felt this smart in school. Y'all have gotta go get this vaccine. Sure, it helps with COVID and the not dying thing, but my dick is bigger y'all. I'm a fucking X-men now.

Okay, Okay, I'm lying. Unfortunately, I made all of that stuff up. But I figure if the idiot anti-Vaxxers can put out so much misinformation and lies to keep people from getting the shot then I may as well try their tactics. Truth is I am so angry right now. How are there still so many unvaccinated people? Lord, help it make sense.

I have family members that won't get

the shot because her friend who works for a hospital, not in a medical capacity but as a coder in billing, said who she has to create new codes for the side effects of the vaccine. Don't trust the medical experts but trust your friend that took an online class for coding and billing.

We are still seeing the effects of the Trump cult of personality, but it is affecting people's health now. I am so baffled by this way of thinking. Remember in elementary school, we had to have vaccinations before the school year started? God, life was so much easier before social media and the age of misinformation and blatant lies. And I know there are go-

ing to be people who want to tell me all about why they won't be getting the vaccine and call me sheepal and even more who will say, you know... Darwinism, let nature take its course.

I am just so sick of all of it. This pandemic could have already been mostly over if everyone would just do their part and wear a freakin' mask and get the G.D. shot. No one likes to wear masks but fuuuuck, just do your part. And do not get me started on our governor.

Sorry, I didn't mean to go off on such a tangent. I wanted this to be a lighthearted jaunt about getting the vaccine booster, but it ended up being a preachy bitchfest. Here is one thing I want you anti-vaxxers to think about, we get our pets vaccinated once a year because we love them and want them to have healthy, happy and long lives. Love yourself as much as you love your pet. No one is trying to chip you, change your DNA or even improve your 5G. We are not as important or as interesting as we think we are, it is about health. It is about community. Love thy neighbor.

The Reverend Cassie Bernard Nova has now completed his sermon... you are dismissed. Go forth and prosper.

Remember to always love more, bitch less (Yeah right!) and be fabulous! XOXO, Cassie Nova

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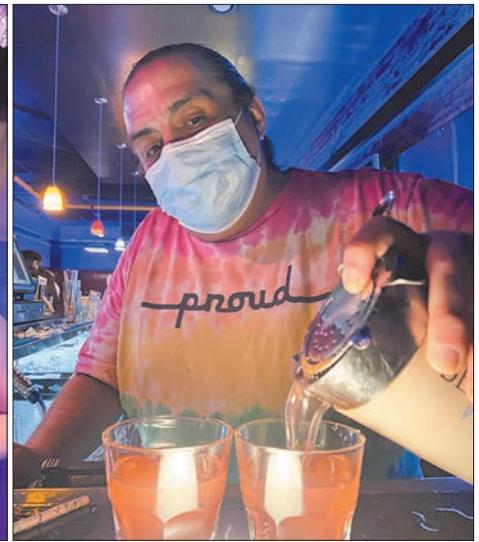
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- 64 In harmony
- 65 Right, to the ass
- 66 Brian of figure skating
- 67 Drops down
- 68 Cause of Venus envy?

### Down

- 1 *East of Eden* director Kazan
- 2 Maplethorpe photos, e.g.
- 3 *Da Doo Ron Ron* beginning
- 4 Systematize, as rules
- 5 Grecian vessel
- 6 They are but openings
- 7 Lend it to Marc Antony
- 8 *SNL* producer Michaels
- 9 Hooch holders
- 10 Prepare to shoot straight
- 11 Get inside of again
- 12 Gay men's chorus event
- 13 Sign at a bank
- 18 Antigay crusader Bryant
- 22 NASA outfits
- 25 Bunkmates on base
- 26 You might say it when you get it
- 27 Lover's spat, e.g.
- 28 *Firebird* composer Stravinsky
- 29 Zip
- 33 Racism and homophobia
- 34 Bird feeder food
- 37 Place for Susie Bright's drawers
- 39 Barely makes, with "out"
- 41 Enjoy the bedroom
- 42 It's not a mistake at the Red Cross
- 43 Affirmative to a male cross-dresser
- 44 Ingrid's *Casablanca* role
- 45 Dame Edna
- 46 One of Cindy Brady's curls
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- 50 Trattoria topping
- 51 Boyd's *Gay Priest: an \_\_\_ Journey*
- 52 Fowl places
- 53 "\_\_\_ we a pair?"
- 56 Roughly
- 57 Porn star Ryan
- 60 Not well endowed
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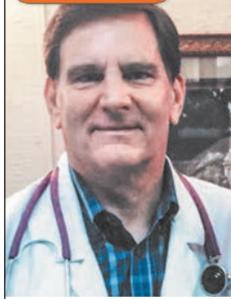
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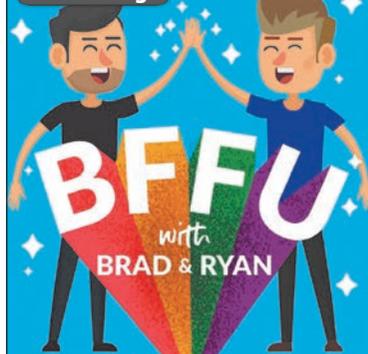
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