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Sean Baugh and the Turtle Creek Chorale

## Chorale tickets now on sale

Tickets for the Turtle Creek Chorale's first big concert "Broadway's Back, Baby" are on sale now at [TurtleCreekChorale.com](http://TurtleCreekChorale.com), and range from \$35-\$85.

This is the chorus' first Broadway concert in more than a decade. It will be performed on Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 10 at 2:30 p.m. at SMU's McFarlin Auditorium.

Two Dallas natives will join the chorale in the two performances: Carter High School alum Major Attaway and Patty Breckenridge.

— David Taffet

## Restaurants play musical chairs

Start with East Hampton Sandwich Company in Turtle Creek Village. First time there and the turkey, bacon and avocado sandwich is divine.

East Hampton's sister company is Lucky's Hot Chicken. They're opening in the old Einstein's Bagels location on Lemmon Avenue. If you want a preview before they open in Oak Lawn, they have a place on Gaston Avenue.

Einstein's is going into the former Starbucks location on Lemmon and Starbucks is now in the Start location on Lemmon. Start's the one that's out of a location in Oak Lawn.

— David Taffet

## Hidden Door goes hi-tech in battling COVID with ActivePure system

Harvey Meissner, president and general manager of The Hidden Door, announced this week that the bar has installed ActivePure Technology that, according to the manufacturer, eliminates more than 99.9 percent of the airborne virus that causes COVID 19.

"Over one million ActivePure systems are currently in use to help safeguard front-line workers in hospitals, such as the Cleveland Clinic, and in government buildings, including the Texas State

Capitol," Meissner said. "We installed over twice what we were told were necessary — three in the overhead air ducts, three stand-alones for the sides of the bar and one in each of the rest rooms."

Even after adding the sophisticated air treatment, Meissner noted, the Hidden Door still requests that customers wear masks when not drinking inside the bar. Masks are optional on the Hidden Door patio, "which is the largest in the Oak Lawn area," he said.

— Tammye Nash

## Access to gender-affirming health care lowers suicide risk in trans people

As Republicans in the Texas Legislature continue to attack transgender youth with legislation that would limit their access to healthcare and their ability to participate in school sports, the Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law this week released data showing that access to gender-affirming care is associated with lower suicide risk for transgender people.

Transgender people who need and receive gender-affirming medical care have a lower prevalence of suicide thoughts and attempts than those who need it but have not received it, according to a new fact sheet released by the institute, based on the 2015 U.S. Transgender Survey and other research.

Research shows that an estimated 5 percent of transgender people who accessed gender-affirming care attempted suicide in the past year compared to 9 percent of those who needed care but did not receive it. Research also shows that certain adverse experiences, such as discrimination or violence, are associated with a higher risk of suicide thoughts and attempts among transgender people. In contrast, affirming experiences, such as family and social support, are associated with lower risks.

— Tammye Nash



# Addressing urinary issues in pets

WOOF! DR. JOSH TALKS TO THE ANIMALS

**W**elcome back, amigos y amigas! This column focuses on urinary issues. It seems many parents experience problems with their dogs and cats at least once, when it comes to inappropriate urination.

The term “inappropriate” urination includes different presentations. The most common things we see are straining to pee, blood in the urine and increased or decreased frequency of urination. You may also see larger or smaller quantities of urine produced, leaking urine, change in urine scent (stronger, foul smelling), licking privates (penis or vulva) and, with cats, urinating outside the litter box. Please keep in mind that these are usually observed in comparison to what is normal for each pet.

There are quite a few different causes of urinary issues. Some can be temporary and/or easily addressed, and some can be alarming and even life-threatening.

There are some medications — like steroids — that can cause increased urination. Some behavioral problems can lead to inappropriate urination; these include marking territory by an intact male dog or cat, submissive urination



**Dr. Josh**  
Contributing Columnist

(happening when the pet gets excited or nervous) and even changes in routine or environment (Some cats and dogs will let you know they are mad at you by peeing where they are not supposed to).

Some babies, especially as they mature, can also suffer from urinary incontinence, just like humans do. We can also see dogs and cats develop urinary tract infections, which tends to be more commonly seen with females.

More significant causes of urinary issues include formation of crystals and subsequently bladder stones or grit-like material. These usually cause inflammation of the urinary tract and can also be related to bacterial infections, but they often lead to more serious issues where surgery may be needed to resolve the issue. If stones or grit material get lodged in the urethra, it can also lead to the inability to urinate, which would be considered an emergency.

Lastly, there are diseases that can lead to similar issues, which include diabetes and another condition called Cushing’s disease. These two will typically present increased frequency of urination, along with increased water intake among other symptoms. Cats can also present urinary problems with Idiopathic Cystitis (also known as Feline Lower Urinary Tract Disease or FLUTD), which is just a fancy term for inflammation of the bladder of unknown cause. This is not a well-understood condition, but we believe it is induced by stress or anxiety.

Another condition that can present problems with urine is, sadly, cancer. The most commonly affected urinary tract organ we tend to see with cancer is the bladder, but different parts of the urinary tract can be affected by different types of cancer.

Your doctor may suggest different tests to find the cause of the inappropriate urination, usually including urinalysis and blood work at the most basic level. Blood work may need to be more specialized if the basic blood work shows red flags. Your doctor may also suggest imaging, meaning radiographs and/or ultrasound, among other modalities. There will be times that a urine culture and sensitivity may be recommended to see if there are specific types of bacteria in the urine and what antibiotic option may be the best to use.

When it comes to treatment, it truly depends

on what’s happening with your baby. Some of these issues may be addressed with behavioral management or environment control, and some may be addressed with medications or special, prescribed diets. Surgery may be recommended to address some causes of abnormal urination. Sadly, major therapy may be recommended if the cause of the issue is related to cancer.

Please be aware that multiple tests may be needed to achieve a diagnosis, and there will be occasions where nothing is found and a “diagnosis of exclusion” is made, which means that because the common causes that could be tested for were not diagnosed, we assume a specific condition that cannot be tested for is present. Any time you may see any urinary issues with your dog or cat, make sure you address them with your veterinarian right away!

As always, I am very thankful for your interest in reading my Woof column every month, and I hope they are educational! Please be safe out there, get vaccinated if possible, and be kind to one another. The world is “under-staffed,” as they say, and we need to help each other out as much as we can. ¡¡Abrazos, mi gente linda!!

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## Getting boosted for COVID-19

Being over 65, I was able to get COVID vaccinations in January. After two shots of Pfizer, I breathed a deep sigh of relief and, over time, haltingly returned to “normalcy.” I also began forgetting to take my mask on occasion when I went out — another sign of relief.

Reality being what it is though, that limited normalcy was short-lived given the arrival of the Delta variant (which some here in Florida call the DeSantis Deviant). Masking became SOP again. That was ok; I have a most fashionable mask made by my neighbor, Fran (and now a bag to go with it!).

On a Friday, two weeks ago, I attended an art opening, masked except when eating noshes or sipping wine. I was delighted to see several similarly-vaccinated friends there and left after about an hour.



**Susan Gore**  
Guest Contributor

But the phone call from Gerry the following Wednesday was unexpected: “I’ve tested positive for COVID and can’t go to dinner tonight.” Our dinner outdoors at my “Cheers bar” and restaurant, Isabelle’s Veranda, is a much-loved weekly habit. Still, I was able to get a COVID test last Saturday and even more fortunate to get “negative” results on Sunday.

Despite the politicized debate over

vaccination, I never doubted I would get a booster if they became available. Voila! Even in Florida, boosters are readily available on one of two conditions for people my age: either there’s been an eight-month period between one’s second shot and the booster, or it’s been 28 days since vaccination if you are immunocompromised. I asked at my local Walgreens if COPD was considered “compromised” and was told yes. That’s one of the upsides of having been diagnosed with it a few years ago, yes? Yes!

I filled out what I believed to be the necessary paperwork and waited in barely contained chaos with others standing in multiple lines or just “around” the pharmacy counter, waiting to be vaccinated. Then ... oops, wrong paperwork! So the pharmacy staff completed it. Did I have insurance? Yes. Oops, my insurer, Humana, preferred not to cover the booster, since the government would pay for it. Did I have Medicare B? Yes, as part of my Humana coverage. No, I wasn’t carrying the red, white and blue card that attested to my status.

Social Security number? Yep. And with that I, who was lost in the bowels of administrivia, was found.

The pharmacy staff was unfailingly helpful and solicitous, though I had to smile when the young woman administering shots apologized, saying an “elderly lady” needed to be seen ahead of me. The absence of a wheelchair must have signified I wasn’t “elderly;” I’ll take that as an affirmation of my vitality!

I also experienced a Zen kind of acceptance of the experience — complications, chaos and all. Instead of irritation or impatience during the hour I waited, I kept feeling appreciation. We were all in the same leaky boat and doing the best we could. It’s a feeling I want to bottle and keep with me, as reality continues to be just what it is.

THAT is the point of this story, actually. That, and one more thing: a heartfelt appeal to everyone to get vaccinated, if you aren’t already, and to get a booster if you can.

“According to recent CDC studies,

people who aren’t vaccinated against COVID-19 are 29.2 times as likely to be hospitalized due to the coronavirus as fully vaccinated people. The study also found that infection rates among unvaccinated people were nearly five times those of the fully vaccinated.” [Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) | CDC]

“A recent study by Johns Hopkins researchers found that vaccinated immunocompromised people are 485 times more likely to end up in the hospital or die from Covid-19 compared to the general population that is vaccinated. Based on an estimate by the CDC, about 9 million Americans are immunocompromised, either because of diseases they have or medications they take.” [FDA authorizes additional Covid-19 vaccine doses for certain immunocompromised people, CNN]

By definition, HIV/AIDS is an immunocompromised condition. Treatments for certain types of cancer also suppress the immune system. HIV/AIDS and cancer continue to ravage the LGBTQ community. Both Pfizer’s and Moderna’s two-shot sequence are approved for boosters. The CDC is still studying whether booster shots are effective with the Johnson & Johnson single-shot vaccine.

Yes, I am aware of a long list of objections to getting vaccinated. Yes, I understand citing scientific evidence or an emotional appeal supporting vaccination doesn’t work for everyone. I live in Florida where Gov. Ron DeSantis has outlawed mask mandates, while 21,000+ people are diagnosed with COVID every day as Florida takes the tragic role of accounting for one-fifth of all COVID-related deaths across the US.

I can’t reach those of you who prefer “personal freedom” and conspiracy lies over community well-being. For everyone else: Please, for your own sake and for the sake of those you love, get vaccinated if you haven’t already. If you are vaccinated, get a booster shot if you can. Mask. Socially distance. Take care.

You’re the only you we’ve got, and you’re too important to lose to a disease that is highly contagious and deadly — and can be avoided by taking basic precautions. If that last sentence sounds like a throwback to the 1990s, by the way, it is.



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# New tech, new AIDS vaccine

## SCIENCE NEWS

Can Moderna's new mRNA vaccine produce the immune response needed to prevent HIV infection?

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**T**he new HIV vaccine Moderna is testing uses the same mRNA technology the pharmaceutical company uses in its COVID-19 vaccine. And the goal is to stimulate the patient's immune system to create antibodies to the HIV virus.

The first phase of human trials will test the vaccine's safety and see if the vaccine is producing an immune response.

An mRNA vaccine uses strands of mRNA to communicate to the immune system what to look for on the exterior surface of the virus that causes AIDS, prompting the immune system to produce antibodies that will fight off HIV in the future. The vaccine does not contain living HIV virus and can't transmit the disease.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, many vaccines put a weakened or inactivated germ into our bodies to trigger an im-



Moderna is basing its new HIV vaccine on mRNA technology, the same technology used in its COVID-19 vaccine. Neither vaccine includes any form of either the coronavirus or HIV. (K.M. Chaudary/Associated Press)

une response. That's not true for an mRNA vaccine.

"Instead, they teach our cells how to make a protein — or even just a piece of a protein — that triggers an immune response inside our bodies," the CDC explains on its website. "That immune response, which produces antibodies, is what protects us from getting infected if the real virus enters our bodies."

The COVID-19 mRNA vaccines include those made by Moderna and Pfizer. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine and the AstraZeneca (used widely around the world but still being tested in the U.S.) do not use this technology.

The mRNA vaccine for

COVID that is injected into the upper arm muscle contains a harmless piece of the spike protein found on the surface of the COVID-19 virus. Cells use it to make the protein piece. After the protein piece is made, the cell breaks down the instructions and gets rid of what was injected, according to the CDC.

Next, those cells display the protein piece on their surfaces. The immune system recognizes that the protein doesn't belong there so it begins the immune response by making antibodies. That way, our bodies learn how to protect against future infection.

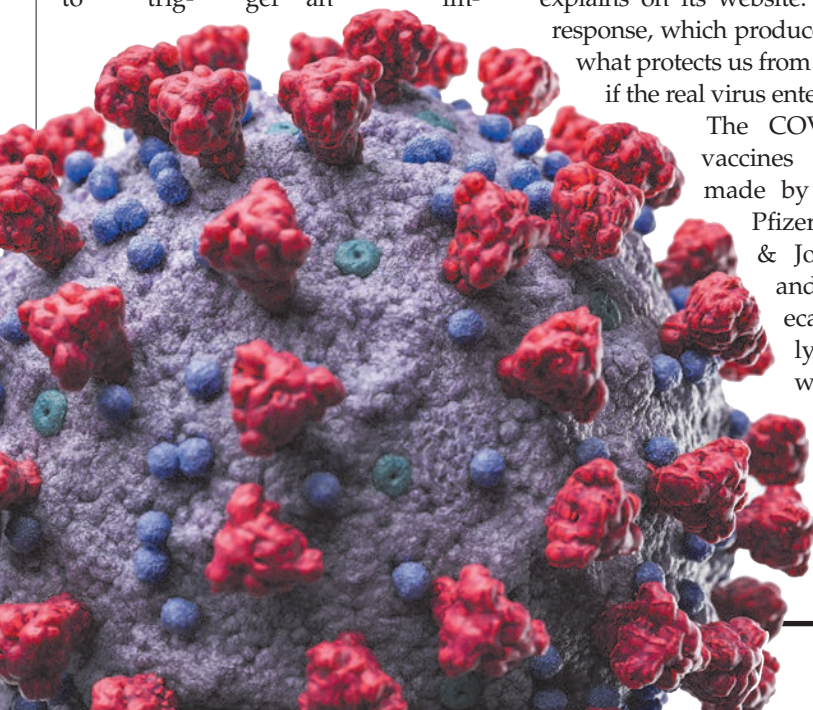
COVID-19 mRNA vaccines can't give someone COVID-19. And they don't affect or interact with our DNA in any way. The CDC says mRNA never enters the nucleus of the cell, which is where our genetic material is kept. The mRNA is simply a delivery system that the cell breaks down and gets rid of soon after it is finished using the instructions.

A number of attempts have been

made over the years to create a traditional vaccine to protect against HIV. That has proven difficult because the virus invades and becomes part of the immune system's T-cells so quickly. By using the new mRNA technology, Moderna hopes there will be a great enough immune response before the HIV virus invades the immune system and succeeds where previous vaccines have failed.

A portion of the vaccine has already been tested without using the mRNA technology. According to Popular Science, 97 percent of participants developed an immune response but not the full response needed to fight off HIV infection.

Moderna hopes its trial vaccine will produce a broader response to produce the antibodies needed to prevent HIV by using its mRNA technology. The technology is also being tested in cancer research in hopes mRNA can trigger an immune response to specific cancer cells. ■







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# The adventure of a lifetime

## TRAVEL

A week exploring the Amazon opens a whole new world

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If you've ever wanted to go on a truly wild adventure, hiking and small boat cruising the Amazon with Amazon Nature Tours is it.

I'm not going to lie: The very idea terrified me. I'm not particularly athletic or much of a hiker. I do love an adventure though, and when a longtime friend who had taken the trip assured me that I would fall in love with the Amazon, I decided to get my malaria pills and yellow fever shot and head to Brazil.

After a long day of travel, I arrived in Manaus, Brazil at 3 a.m. on a Friday. I was met by a driver from the travel company who took me directly to Hotel Millennium Manaus where I would be staying pre- and post-trip, and I took myself directly to bed. The good news was I had a whole day before I would be picked up and taken to the boat that would be taking me on my journey through the rainforest.

My trip began in earnest Saturday



Author Jenny Block baits a hook while fishing for piranha (above) and hikes through the jungle (left). (All photos courtesy of Jenny Block)

morning. I was greeted by staff at 6:15 a.m. in the lobby and met the other guests who would be on the trip. Turns out there were only two of them — a hilarious, super smart, well-traveled older gay couple. Luckily, we hit it off right from the start. The other scheduled guests apparently had some sort of emergency and had to cancel at the last minute. We jumped into the van and headed for the dock where we were picked up in a launch and taken to our home away from home for the week, the Tucano. And so, my journey began ....

## Saturday

The Tucano was enchanting — absolutely dreamy, simple and classic. I felt like I was in a Hemingway novel. It was full of rich, colored wood with simple décor and fresh blooms. The rooms are small but comfortable and air conditioned for sleeping. The shower is a head in the ceiling with a curtain to not soak the toilet just beside/beneath it. The only hot water is in the afternoon. But tepid water is perfect because it's so hot outside.

We enjoyed breakfast onboard before

heading out in another launch down the river. We saw monkeys almost immediately — a good omen for the whole week when it came to wildlife spotting. We headed back to the boat for lunch, then — as I would each day — I read and napped before our afternoon launch, from which we returned just in time for happy hour and dinner. Then it was straight to bed at 9 p.m. I knew that the daily 5:30 a.m. wake-up call was going to hit me hard.

## Sunday

Somehow, I jumped up right at 5:30 when the wake-up call came, downing a quick pre-breakfast of oatmeal or granola and a cup of coffee before heading out on the first launch. We bird-watched and looked for monkeys and sloths. I found myself transfixed by the jungle.

After a full breakfast of the best eggs and manioc pancakes back on the boat, it was time for our first jungle hike. I went covered from head to toe for fear of bugs.

It was hot, but I soon forgot my discomfort as I became transfixed by trees and plants like I've never seen. The forest floor was impossibly dense, with vines tangled all around. Our guide knew every tree and leaf and bird and call.

After lunch back onboard, we visited a village of 15 families living in what we would call poverty. But as they played football, and our crew joined in, it was hard not to wonder about the "right way" or "best way" to live.

Dinner that night was local whole fish with manioc, followed by our night launch, where we saw a caiman, an iguana, dolphins, a kingfisher, herons and the "Amazon chicken." Then it was lights out at 10 p.m. sharp, since we were warned that the next day's jungle walk would be a hard one.

## Monday

We were up at 5:30 again to drink coffee, gear up and head to the launch. We saw so many monkeys, brown capuchin and squirrel, right from the start. There







Sunset on the Amazon, as seen from the deck of the Tucano.

are lots of kingfishers and herons, too. After breakfast, we headed back to the jungle. We hit much more difficult terrain that day and had to take a different path because of a fallen tree. We heard rain but didn't feel it because we were so protected by the canopy of the forest.

But then it poured, and we got soaked. I didn't put on my poncho though. It was just too hot; it was better to get soaked. It

felt amazing and cool, especially back on the water when the rain stopped, and the air felt cool even in the sun as the launch returned us to the Tucano.

That afternoon it was time for the main event: piranha fishing! I baited my hook with raw heart and caught one on my first go, then another later. Mostly though, the piranha just stole the bait from my hook.

We were back on the boat for happy hour with boiled quail eggs, olives and salted peanuts, followed by catfish for dinner. Then we took off for another night launch where we saw fish-eating bats and nightjars, and more kingfishers.

The best part of every night was the stars — millions of them. It seemed you could see the whole Milky Way, plus Jupiter and Scorpio, too. Then there are the gigantic trees in shadow. It was like ambling through a massive topiary garden as we cruised down the river.

## Tuesday

On our morning launch, we didn't see any monkeys. But the forest and the birds were just spellbinding. The guides made bird and rat and frog calls, and the animals answered through the tangle of jungle on either side of the river.

After breakfast, we headed out for a pretty tough hike with a local guide — required because the land belongs to the locals. It began with a rather steep incline to get into the forest. I had to laugh as he led us wearing shorts and a polo shirt and bare feet while we looked like we

had jumped straight out of a safari catalog.

Back on the boat, I had the best shower and most delicious lunch; hiking will do that for you. Later we took a launch to sand bars. At the first one, we walked through the shallow water and squished our toes in the sand. On the second one, the crew played soccer, and I swam in the Rio Negro with Ed as the sun set and dolphins swam past. We laughed as one of the crew ran towards the flock of birds 'til they took off into the sky.

At Happy Hour that night we ate the piranha we caught the day before, all fried up and delicious. We pulled off their heads and tails and fins and bit into the juicy delicious meat. After dinner, it was off to bed early for another big day ahead. So far, I had learned about swallows and herons and monkeys and rats. But above all else, I learned to listen.

## Wednesday

The next morning, the launch brought us to lots of monkeys and then birds and jungle scenery that made the world feel

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# Get Out!

## TRAVEL

LGBTQ travelers show how to travel safely this fall

**ED SALVATO** | Contributing Writer  
Courtesy of the National LGBT Media Association

Just when we thought it was safe to hit the road again, we were walloped by the COVID-19 Delta variant, the latest plot twist in the 18-month-and-counting pandemic story. The surprising data that fully vaccinated people could transmit the virus came, shockingly, from Provincetown with a 90 percent vaccination rate. Ptown quickly tightened restrictions requiring masking at all indoor locations and proof of vaccine at all entertainment venues — interventions that worked. As of press time, the positivity rate there is much lower than much of the rest of the U.S., and it remains one of our top recommendations this fall and beyond.

Ptown demonstrated a successful response — stressing safety yet continuing to deliver a deeply satisfying experience.

Read on for our favorite queer-friendly destinations striving to create a safe space for you and strategies for navigating the increasingly complex world of pandemic travel. Safe, beautiful and fun LGBTQ-friendly destinations, experiences and accommodations beckon whether you seek to recharge your batteries, deplete them or a little of both.

### Queer and safe destinations

- Provincetown, Mass., is our very own home beyond the rainbow, as suggested by this year's Carnival theme. Book far ahead for popular weeks (July 4, Bear Week and Carnival), but we recommend visiting outside of the most popular times for a less frantic, more enjoyable stay. There are diverse LGBTQ-oriented events almost every weekend through New Year's Eve.

(Information: Provincetown Business Guild, PTown.org, and Provincetown for



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Women ProvincetownForWomen.com)

- Fort Lauderdale and Miami remain the beating heart of LGBTQ-friendly Florida, despite the barbaric state-level pandemic response causing the Sunshine State to be among the worst-hit in the U.S. Fort Lauderdale has been world-renowned for its authentic and inclusive vibe for all visitors since 1996. More than 1,000 local businesses have taken the Safe & Clean Pledge (Sunny.org/Travel-Resources/Safe-Clean-Pledge). Likewise, Miami has implemented the Greater Miami Travel Guidelines and Destination Pledge accessible from the destination's homepage (MiamiAndBeaches.com/TravelGuidelines), outlin-

ing how safety measures are being implemented throughout the community.

Puerto Rico is the undisputed LGBTQ capital of the Caribbean, enticing visitors with reliably warm, sunny weather and a sincere outreach to queer travelers. Despite unfortunate, highly-publicized attacks on local transgender people, Puerto Rico boasts a visible and vibrant trans community and nightlife options that specifically cater to queer and non-binary folk. This helps create a safer, more comfortable environment than other warm-weather destinations in the Caribbean or Mexico, which lack venues for a trans community that mostly lives in hiding. (Information: Discover Puerto Rico at DiscoverPuertoRico.com/Things-to-do/LGBTQ-Travel)

- Philadelphia, Penn., makes for a fun urban weekend getaway. Once the kids are back in school and the lines at the Liberty Bell disappear, you'll find a warm, walkable and LGBTQ-welcoming city. Find LGBTQ restaurants, safe nightlife, engaging events and recommendations galore at Visit Philly (VisitPhilly.com/LGBT/). Pro tip: Try to schedule a half day at the Barnes Foundation (BarnesFoundation.org) art collection.

- Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Wait, what? Yep, this charming Midwestern town is our top unexpected recommendation. You'll find historic cultural venues, a walkable entertainment district with plenty of topnotch live music and theatrical performances, a delectable culinary scene and a truly warm welcome. Find trip-planning recommendations at the destination's website (TourismCedarRapids.com/LGBTQ).

### Queer cruises and land vacations

Cruises are coming back, and it may be surprising to hear that they are probably the safest vacation you can take. According to Randle Roper, CEO at VACAYA, an LGBT+ vacation company, "[w]ith cruise lines soon to mandate that all guests and crew members must be vaccinated, cruise ships will be among the very safest locations on the planet — with the entire population vaccinated. Making sensible choices like masking and social distancing while ashore, cruisers can avoid infection altogether."

Resort vacations are also safe with similar universal vaccinations and plenty of room for guests to spread out. Remember, with no children during LGBTQ weeks at mainstream resorts, they offer much more space per adult guest.

VACAYA's big 2021 fall events include their all-inclusive Mexico Resort vacation (Oct 30-Nov 6) and their New Orleans Cruise (Nov 14-22). In 2022, there are only two trips that still have rooms available as of press time: their Caribbean Cruise (Jan 10-17) and their all-inclusive Costa Rica Resort (Jun 5-12). (Information and booking at MyVacaya.com.)

Not only will queer tour companies get you there and back safely, "They also can ensure your money is being spent with other welcoming, progressive and even queer business and individuals around the world," according to Robert Sharp, founder of Out Adventures (OutAdventures.com). "This is even more important," he continues, "when planning travel to countries that are known to be less than queer welcoming."



Visit their site to read about the New Year's Eve trips to Thailand and Cuba and, in 2022, the Iceland Winter trip, and four back-to-back Croatia small group cruises, which are starting to sell out.

R Family Vacations is one of our top recommendations for planning an incredibly fun and satisfying tour or cruise (big ship and river cruises) in the company of other queer travelers and allies. You don't even have to have children to join their trips.

In 2022, R Family offers land tours in Thailand and Ireland, an LGBTQ group on board a cruise in Alaska, and a magical all-queer full-ship-charter Uniworld river cruise in Northern Italy among other trips. (Information: RFamilyVacations.com.)

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Even in this uncertain time, you can enjoy enriching and joyful travel opportunities in LGBTQ-friendly environments in a way that maximizes safety and minimizes risk. You just have to plan a little more.

We highly recommend using an LGBTQ expert travel advisor who keeps up to date on LGBTQ-friendly tour,



VACAYA has several LGBTQ cruises scheduled cruise and safari providers, as well as destinations and hotels and who understand innately the needs and concerns of LGBTQ travelers. They dedicate themselves to both LGBTQ travel safety and keeping up with the latest, ever-shifting pandemic-era guidance, health protocols, openings and closings. They know how to get the best value for your time and money, and, thanks to their global connections, they can often score VIP upgrades for you at hotels, on cruise lines, on tours and more.

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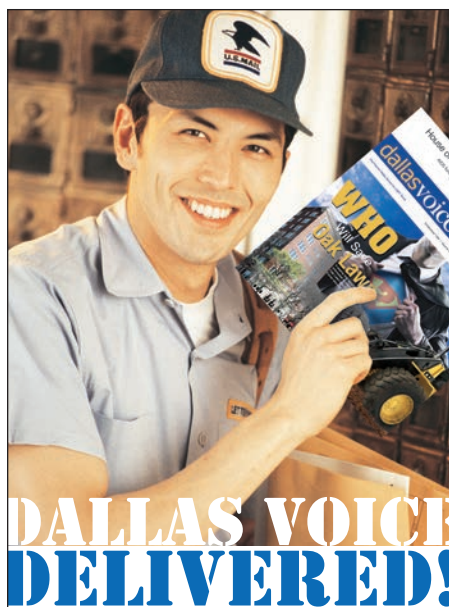
- Kelli Carpenter, who also co-owns R Family Vacations (Kcarpenter@tzell.com).
- Jonathan Alder, Travelstore USA (Jonathan.a@jonathanstravels.us).
- Sandie Anders, Bursch Travel (Sandiea@burschtravel.com).
- Giuseppe Giulio, Gay Friendly Italy (giuseppe@gay.it).

Choose LGBTQ-welcoming accommodations

We've heard far too many stories of queer guests receiving a frosty welcome (or worse) when checking into a hotel or AirBnB. These are our top choices for LGBTQ-friendly resources for accommodations where you can truly relax and be your authentic selves:

- MisterBnB (MisterBandB.com) includes one million LGBTQ-friendly listings in 200 countries and is primarily geared towards gay men.
- FabStayz (FabStayz.com) proudly offers accommodations inclusive of all the letters of our ever-growing acronym.
- Orbitz Pride (Orbitz.com/lp/LGBTQ-gay-travel-Hotels?p-waLob=wizard-hotel-pwa-v2) lists LGBTQ-friendly accommodations.
- Booking.com (Booking.com) is rolling out an LGBTQ certification program, including live training and ancillary materials, for their hotel partners over the next year. Look for the "Proud Hospitality" label on listings.

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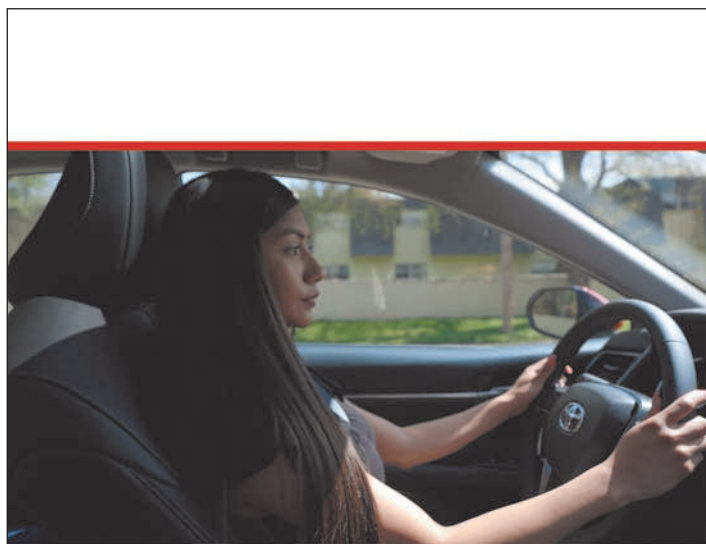
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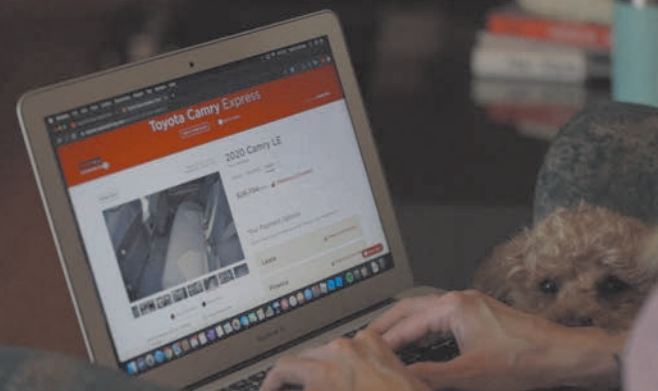
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## It's not always **bigger** in Texas

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The Walkway over the Hudson offers a dramatic view of the Hudson Valley (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

Did I mention I hate heights? Heights make my knees feel like jelly

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**A**fter Dallas turned an old rail line into a park — the Katy Trail — it spawned imitators around the country. Among them is New York's Rail Trail. When completed, it will stretch more than 700 miles. I walked one of the most magnificent couple of miles of Rail Trail just as the leaves were beginning to change color.

The Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge, built in 1886, is the oldest surviving steel cantilever bridge in the world. And I was going to walk a mile-and-a-half over this rusting, 125-year-old span. (Did I mention how much I don't like heights? I mean, when I look

down from more than a story or two above the ground, my knees turn to jelly.)

And this bridge deck spans the waterway at a height of 212 feet above the Hudson River. That's more than 20 stories in the air.

Completed and open to the public in 2009, Walkway Over the Hudson is stable and safe. The bridge was renovated, fortified and rehabilitated. Despite a wind blowing up the river that day, the path was solid and secure — no vibration; no swaying; no real reason to feel queasy.

The bridge is located 85 miles north of New York City in the foothills of the Catskills, and the surrounding scenery is rural. On the east side of the river is the historic town of Poughkeepsie. Park and enter the walkway at 61 Parker Ave.

On the west bank of the river, the walkway takes you to Highland, a town about 15 miles north of Newburgh and 15 miles south of Kingston. There's plenty of parking close to the entrance to the walkway in Highland.

The most stunning manmade feature



you'll see is the Mid Hudson Bridge, just about a mile south of the walkway. But it's the natural beauty of the mid-Hudson Valley that's the real reason to visit.

The Hudson River was carved by a



glacier just 13,000 years ago. On the west side of the river are the foothills to the Catskill Mountains, and on the east are the foothills to Massachusetts' Berkshires. New York's most majestic mountains, the Adirondacks, begin north of Albany more than 100 miles from the Walkway. These mountains near the walkway are just tree-covered, rolling hills in comparison.

Fall is the best time to walk across the Hudson, because as the leaves turn colors, the hills turn magnificent yellows, reds and orange. On my last visit, the trees were just beginning to turn.

Why go? There's really nothing else like it. At this crossing, the river is more than a mile across and continues to be navigable for another 80 miles, just north of the state capital, Albany.

Getting there: Take the Metro North commuter train from Grand Central Station to its terminus in Poughkeepsie or Amtrak's Empire Corridor to Albany that stops in Poughkeepsie. The station is directly below the Walkway. Stewart Airport in Newburgh is the closest airport and is 25 miles from the Highland side of the Walkway. By car from either the north or south, take Route 9W. ■



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# Head OUT on the highway

## TRAVEL

Expert tips for the perfect solo road trip

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**S**ixteen months ago, I sold almost everything I owned, hopped in a van outfitted for living and hit the road. I had done a few short solo road trips in the past, but this was different: This was permanent. I didn't have a place to call home anymore. Out *there*



Mikey Rox has spent the last year-plus seeing the country in his specially-outfitted van. (Photos courtesy of Mikey Rox)

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was where I lived now.

Nearly a year and a half later, I've learned a lot about nomad life and solo road tripping specifically, especially under the limiting parameters of a pandemic. Since sharing is caring, here are my expert tips on how to plan the best road trip in the year 2021 AC (After Covid).

## Prepare your vehicle

Before embarking on any road trip that will take you more than a few hours from home, make sure your vehicle is prepared. Change your oil, top off your fluids, check your wipers and rotate or upgrade your tires; the last thing you want on this mobile vacation is frustrating and expensive car trouble. If you're not a card-carrying AAA member, consider becoming one. (Road trips notwithstanding, it's great coverage to have in an emergency.) Because I'm on the road full time now, often in remote areas, I have the premier membership plan that provides me with full benefits, including up to 200 miles of towing — an important perk if the nearest service center is a long distance away. But there are lower,

less costly levels of coverage that you can purchase to fit your individual needs.

Make sure you know where all your vehicle's tools — including the spare tire and its change kit — are located, too. I was once driving on New York's back roads late at night with no cell service when I blew a tire. I spent an hour frightened in the middle of nowhere frantically searching my Volkswagen for the tire-changing tools before locating it in a hidden compartment. It's also critical that you learn how to change a flat yourself if you don't already know how. Don't be embarrassed to ask a friend or family member to show you. If you want to DIY it, YouTube has plenty of videos, some specific to your vehicle's make and model. Or, if you prefer a little eye candy with your manual labor tutorials, let one of the hot bois of TikTok educate you.

Flares also are important to have on hand for two reasons: so other vehicles can see your vehicle in the dark and to alert emergency services that you may need assistance. A police officer will stop to help if they see flares marking your vehicle's location.

## Rest up and start early

I hate being rushed, and I hate driving long distances, but I often can't help the latter if I have to get from A to B in a short period of time. To allow myself ample breaks on the road, I leave as early as I can with sufficient rest from the night before. I don't drive more than two hours straight without taking a reprieve, and I try to find interesting stop-offs along my route that will allow me to stretch my legs and take my mind off driving for a bit.

Your start time plays an important role in how efficiently you'll get to where you're going. If I'm departing from a metro area, I always leave after morning rush hour to avoid beginning-of-day traffic that will automatically stress me out. Your road trip should be fun; don't put yourself in a position to get flustered as soon as you leave your driveway.

## Have a destination in mind

Some road trippers love the element of surprise on their adventures and ending up where they end up. Not me; I like to have a plan and a set destination. It's

wise to know where you'll end up so you know where you're staying the night. You don't want to travel all day just to pull into a city or town with no vacancies. You'll be forced to get back on the road and drive farther, and probably out of your way in the dark, to find a safe place to sleep. That's not ideal on any trip, and certainly not while traveling queer and solo.

## Add fun stops along the way

To break up the monotony of driving (it'll get tiresome if you're traveling mundane highways with equally unremarkable scenery), I choose a few attractions to stop at along my route.

I love taking an hour or two to explore a small town's shops and cafes, peruse an antique mall (great for picking up meaningful mementos of your travels), or visit historic sites, national monuments and parks. I have an annual National Parks pass, available for \$80 at USParkPass.com, which grants access to more than 2,000 federal recreation sites that fall under the jurisdictions of the National Park



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**ADVENTURE**, From Page 11



Preparing some fresh fish for dinner.

very big and our place in it very small. After breakfast we headed out for our jungle walk. There was a steep incline that I couldn't have climbed without the help of my faithful companions. There were massive trees and a vine that looked like an anaconda. It was so hot that I was dripping from every pore, but the scenery was worth every drop.

That afternoon, we took the launch to visit a local family that builds boats and carves items from wood. I bought a miniature boat and a dolphin and a bracelet made of seeds. We visited their dogs and pigs and chicken and rooster. Pineapples grew from their massive plants and a vast diversity of fruit trees filled their primitive property

Back on the boat, we gathered for a dazzling sunset and the most incredible empanadas which I washed down with Guaraná Antarctica, my favorite Brazilian soda. After dinner, we prepared for our final night launch, but lightning cancelled our plans.

## Thursday

On our last day, it was too rainy and windy and there was too much lightning for our morning launch so we slept late — 6:30 a.m.! After breakfast we went out on the launch and, thankfully, the rain stopped almost immediately. After lunch, we went for another launch and it was amazing. We saw four caimans and three sloths, along with floating houses and the incredibly magical spot where the rivers meet. You actually see the distinct line between the two. Happy hour featured an amazing guitarist and singer while we enjoyed caipirinhas and pre-dinner bites. After a glorious dinner, we said good-bye to the crew. Since we would have an early morning with only a quick breakfast before disembarking.

## Friday

It was very hot aboard the Tucano for our final breakfast after such a remark-





headed for city tour in the cool of the van's air conditioning. We went on an inside tour of the opera house and then a driving tour of the city, with a stellar stop at the Mercado Municipal where there was the most incredible array of fish. I drank Açaí with honey and swooned at the market's offerings, wishing I had a kitchen and a houseful of guests to cook for.

I headed back to the hotel for dinner, just in time to experience the wildest of storms with thunder and lightning the likes of which I've never experienced.

### Saturday

I caught my flight home with my head spinning and my heart already longing to return to the Amazon. It was



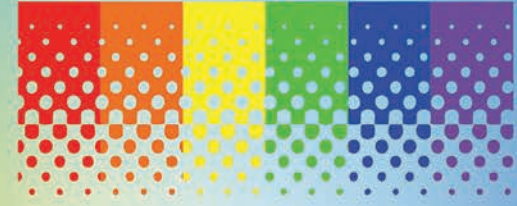
able — dare I say, lifechanging, even — week. The food was excellent, and our guide, Ed, and the crew were the most kind and giving people. I only wished I could speak Portuguese so we could have talked more. I loved being on the Tucano. It felt like home immediately, and I honestly could have stayed aboard for weeks more.

But we were off the boat by 7:30 a.m.,

more magical than I could have ever imagined, and I know there are still so many secrets left to discovered beneath the dark water, deep in the jungle and beneath the tangle that covers the forest floor.

One thing I know for sure, the rain forest and the debt and care we owe it will never be just theoretical for me ever again. ■

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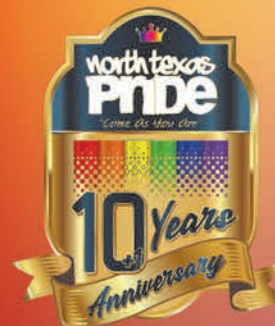


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Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service, US Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Land Management, and Bureau of Reclamation. Some of these sites require entry fees of \$30 or more, which allows the annual pass to pay for itself in a few visits.

When setting your GPS, type in national monuments to see what's available along the way. I recently traveled to Birmingham and Montgomery, Ala., and discovered the Freedom Riders National Monument, one of the National Park Service's newest installations. I would have driven right past it if I hadn't done the advance research. Plus, I got a little civil-rights history lesson during my stop — something we can all use in this day and age.

### Make it a little gay

With gay bars dwindling in number across the country it can be difficult to find one in less populated areas, and it's not the best decision to get tipsy in an unfamiliar area when you have to hit

the road the next day. In lieu of those options, I look for bathhouses, clothing-optional hot springs (I love a good naked time), and LGBTQ campgrounds for an opportunity to unwind with like-minded folk. You'll be surprised at how many of these exist when you start searching for them. I can almost guarantee you'll find at least one of these destinations within four hours of your home.

These places are often much less expensive than mainstream destinations as well. For instance, I stayed in my van at the Oz Campground in Unadilla, Ga., for three nights this spring for around \$170 total, and I popped into the El Dorado Hot Springs outside of Phoenix, Ariz., last year for \$30 a night. Day passes are even more affordable if you don't plan to overnight. Pop in for a little R&R and be on your merry gay way. ■

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Mikey Rox says always make time to stop and admire the scenery.

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# GAY AGENDA



The reigning Miss Gay Texas State Candi Carroll and Miss Gay Texas State at Large Gloria Devine will end their reigns and crown their successors this weekend at the 2022 Miss Gay Texas State and State at Large Pageant, beginning Friday night, Sept. 3, at 8 p.m. with the contestant review and continuing Saturday and Sunday nights, Sept. 4 and 5, at 7 p.m. with the competition — all at The Urban Cowboy Saloon, 2620 E. Lancaster Ave. in Fort Worth.

## 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.

### 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.

#### • Sept. 3-5: Miss Gay Texas State and State at Large Pageant

Contestant review on Friday at 8 p.m. followed by two nights of the 2022 Miss Gay Texas State and State at Large Pageant at 7 p.m. at Urban Cowboy, 2620 E. Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth.

#### • Sept. 4: Friends Help Friends

Donna Dumae and the United Court present the 25th annual Friends Help Friends Show: A Salute to Great Broadway Shows at 7 p.m. at The Hidden Door, 5025 Bowser Ave.

#### • 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.

#### • Sept. 4: Book signing

Doug Gault and his husband Joey Luong, owners of Cufflink Art, a small, contemporary gallery and fine art book shop in the Near Southside of Fort Worth, host Hugh Nini and Neal Treadwell, authors of *Loving: A Photographic History of Men in Love 1850s-1950s* on Saturday, Sept. 4, from 5-7 p.m. The authors will give a short presentation followed by a Q&A and book signing. Cufflink Art, 120 St. Louis Ave., #149, Fort Worth. CufflinkArt.com.

#### • 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. at 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.

#### • 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.

#### • Through Sept. 5: Jurassic World: The Exhibition

You've seen the films. Now experience them in real life at *Jurassic World: The Exhibition*. Educational, immersive, interactive and most of all, awesome, the Exhibition will thrill audiences of all ages as they come face to face with these mighty and sometimes vicious creatures. Grandscape, 5752 Grandscape Blvd., The Colony. Now extended through Jan. 2.

#### • Through Sept. 5: Wicked

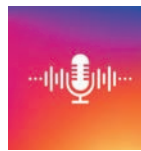
Dallas Summer Musicals is back with a return of the musical *Wicked*, a look at what happened in Oz from a different angle. The Music Hall at Fair Park. DallasSummerMusicals.org.

#### • Sept 8-9: Rooftop Cinema

Series of outdoor films at Dallas Heritage Village, 1515 S. Harwood St. Sept. 8: *In the Heights*. Sept. 9: *Love & Basketball*. Tickets at RooftopCinemaClub.com/heritagevillage.

#### • Sept. 8-Oct. 16: Tiny Beautiful Things

An online advice columnist uses her personal experiences to help her readers who pour their hearts out to her. Adapted for the stage by Nia Vardalos. In rep with Cake Ladies. Dallas Theater Center, Wyly Theatre. ATPAC.org.



#### LISTEN HERE

Are you a fan of live music? Well **Arlington's Levitt Pavilion** is the place to be the weekend of Sept. 3-5, offering up a weekend full not

only of live music but free live music, starting Friday night with the Grammy Award-winning legendary Texas band Brave Combo, with opening act Meach Pango. The fun continues Saturday night with The Texas Gentlemen and opening act Josh Fleming. And it all wraps up Sunday night with Gina Chavez and opening act Almost Jaded. So grab your lawn chair, pack your cooler and head to the Levitt Pavilion, 100 W. Abram St. in downtown Arlington, with concerts from 7-9:30 p.m. each evening. Presented by Downtown Arlington.



#### HELP OUT HERE

#### Donna Dumae and The United Court of the Lone Star Empire

present the 25th annual Friends Help Friends Show: A Salute to Great Broadway Shows Saturday night, Sept. 4, at 7 p.m. Proceeds from the show benefit AIDS Services of Dallas. If you can't make the show, you can donate to the cause online at DallasCourt.org, via Cashapp @\$dallascourt and via Venmo @Dallas-Court.



#### SEE GREAT DRAG HERE

#### Kelexis Davenport hosts Ascend to the Heavens: The Rose Room Rising Star Pageant

on Thursday, Sept. 9, at The Rose Room inside S4, 3911 Cedar Springs Road. The pageant will feature Blue Valentine, and contestants will compete in presentation, swimsuit, talent, evening gown and lip-sync. The fun starts at 10 p.m.



#### TALK ART HERE

#### The Amon Carter Museum of American Art

presents its **Virtual Artist Talk**, featuring Natasha Bowdoin, Thursday, Sept. 9, from 6-7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Bowdoin will talk with curator Shirley Reece-Hughes about her vision for the exhibit *In The Night Garden*. Tickets are \$10 per person and free for Carter members, available at CarterMuseum.org. Registration is required to access the Zoom link.

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)



# Romeo San Vicente

DEEP INSIDE HOLLYWOOD

Into the cyberfuture with Alexandra Billings

We are huge fans of trans actor Alexandra Billings. She's the reason we didn't bail on *The Commers*. And it's exciting to watch a performer come into their own on screen, which is how it seems to be going for her. Next, she'll step into a role in the upcoming Amazon original series *The Peripheral*, starring Chloe Grace Moretz and Jack Reynor (the boyfriend in the bear costume in *Midsommar*).

Based on the novel by legendary author William Gibson, the plot involves mysterious cyberspace-based employment, gaming and possibly murder — none of which will really make sense until we watch it. Our favorite detail: Billings' character, a major role as a mysterious detective, is transgender, as was the character in the original novel. So three cheers for giving trans roles to trans actors.

Created by Scott B. Smith, starring people we enjoy, we'll be watching.

## Treasure hunting with Charles Busch and Margaret Cho in *The Sixth Reel*

Legendary playwright and drag performer Charles Busch (*Psycho Beach Party*, *Die, Mommie, Die!*) forged his own path with the off-Broadway Theatre-in-Limbo company, and, after creating those comedy mainstays, he didn't rest on that success. That's a longwinded way of saying he's back and ready for



Alexandra Billings

the big screen again with *The Sixth Reel*.

Co-written and co-directed by Busch and Carl Andress, the latest project stars Busch as a movie memorabilia collector, obsessed with classic Hollywood. When a friend's death reveals the existence of the final reel of a classic horror film that was thought to be lost, a race to cash in commences with a variety of ruthless and comedic schemes.

Along for the ride are Limbo alum Julie Halston, Tim Daly and stand-up queen Margaret Cho. The film will get its world premiere at this summer's Outfest. Look

for it to roll out into the world soon after.

## MK Ultra co-stars Jen Richards in CIA drug drama

Did you know that in the 1950s and '60s the CIA engaged in a program called Project MKUltra, and it was designed to develop interrogation techniques with LSD, brainwashing and psychological torture — and that they used human subjects?

Well, it's yet another slice of American history they don't teach you in school, and now there's going to be a movie about it.

It's called *MK Ultra*, from writer-director Joseph Sorrentino (the documentary *Coyote*), and it stars Anson Mount (*Star Trek: Discovery*) as a psychiatrist whose professional and ethical boundaries are tested when he becomes involved in the project. Jason Patric and Jaime Ray Newman (*Little Fires Everywhere*) co-star, as does one of our favorite ascendant trans actors/filmmakers, Jen Richards, who's appeared in *Clarice*, *Mrs. Fletcher* and *Tales of the City*, and is an Emmy nominee for *Her Story*.

Already in post-production, with an expected release of late December, look

for it to take you on a bad trip this holiday season.

## Growing up with BeBe

Drag superstars are not born fully formed, bursting out of the crib ready for their close-up. It takes time to develop one's artistry. And that is also the case with BeBe Zahara Benet, who was the first-ever winner of *RuPaul's Drag Race*, in a moment when no one had heard of such a competition and when the latest young crop of queens were entering elementary school.

As it happens, the cameras were on Marshall Ngwa, aka BeBe, early in life, growing up in Cameroon and then France before settling in Minneapolis and developing a beloved drag persona. And it's this 15-year-long accumulation of archival footage that forms the fascinating backstory of BeBe's stardom in the new documentary *Being BeBe*.

We love the prospect of peeking backstage to watch a legend in progress, and we'll be ready for the doc's premiere this summer at Los Angeles' Outfest. After that, it'll surely sashay its way into theaters and streaming platforms before year's end.

*Romeo San Vicente's hot wax summer requires proof of vaccination and stylish masks.*

## this week's solution

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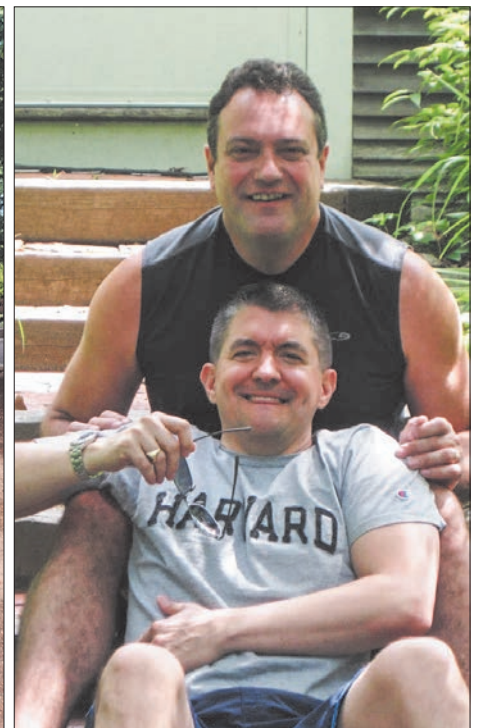
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 6 Prick  
 10 Pomo \_\_\_ Homos  
 14 Hamlet's words before "to be"  
 15 Sex, crudely  
 16 Casino call  
 17 Greek island  
 18 Disengage a bra hook  
 19 Callie Torres, et al.  
 20 Homophobe whose granddaughter is marrying a woman  
 23 Start of a description of 20-Across  
 24 Baltic port  
 25 Phone sex initiator  
 27 Oral secretion  
 31 Cola choice  
 32 "Cowboys Are Frequently Secretly Fond of \_\_\_ Other"  
 33 Scores with Megan Rapinoe  
 35 Fairy tale bad guy  
 38 More of the description  
 40 More of the description  
 41 Pastoral poem  
 42 Singer Norah's father  
 44 Word after pro  
 45 Women's rights advocate Equi

- 48 State of polar bears  
 50 Lessened, as anxieties  
 53 *The African Queen* author  
 54 End of the description  
 55 Source of the description  
 60 *Hollywood Squares* regular  
 62 Kopay's team  
 63 Collar kind  
 64 Writer Wystan Hugh  
 65 Coward of *The Scoundrel*  
 66 Top  
 67 Successful cross dresser's cry?  
 68 Kind of child  
 69 Where a cobbler puts the tongue

## Down

- 1 Frida's mouth  
 2 *East of Eden* son  
 3 Icon letters  
 4 Hit high, like Mauresmo's balls  
 5 Family of James 1  
 6 Caviar source  
 7 Patty Hearst's SLA name  
 8 Verdi work adapted by John  
 9 Grable and Parton

- 10 Word between partners' names  
 11 Theatrical illumination  
 12 Nouveau \_\_\_  
 13 Brian of figure skating  
 21 Hull section  
 22 Cash for an actor between parts?  
 26 Starting from  
 27 Sweet opening?  
 28 Not outstanding  
 29 Revolting  
 30 Louise's partner  
 31 Guilty, to Perry Mason  
 34 Plot unit  
 36 Wear a lot of perfume, e.g.  
 37 Humorist Bombeck  
 39 Rug-rat corrals  
 40 Lubricated  
 43 Without detail  
 46 *Ready to Wear* actor Stephen  
 47 "Beats me"  
 49 Trojan hero  
 50 Ike's opponent  
 51 Rim job?  
 52 *Wonder Woman* star Carter  
 53 Synthetic fiber brand  
 56 Nala or Simba  
 57 Problem for skin  
 58 "More" singer Perry  
 59 You may go down on one  
 61 Chef Traci \_\_\_ Jardins



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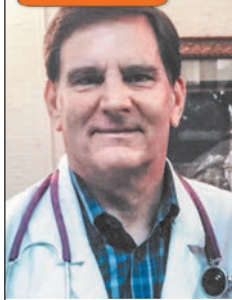


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