

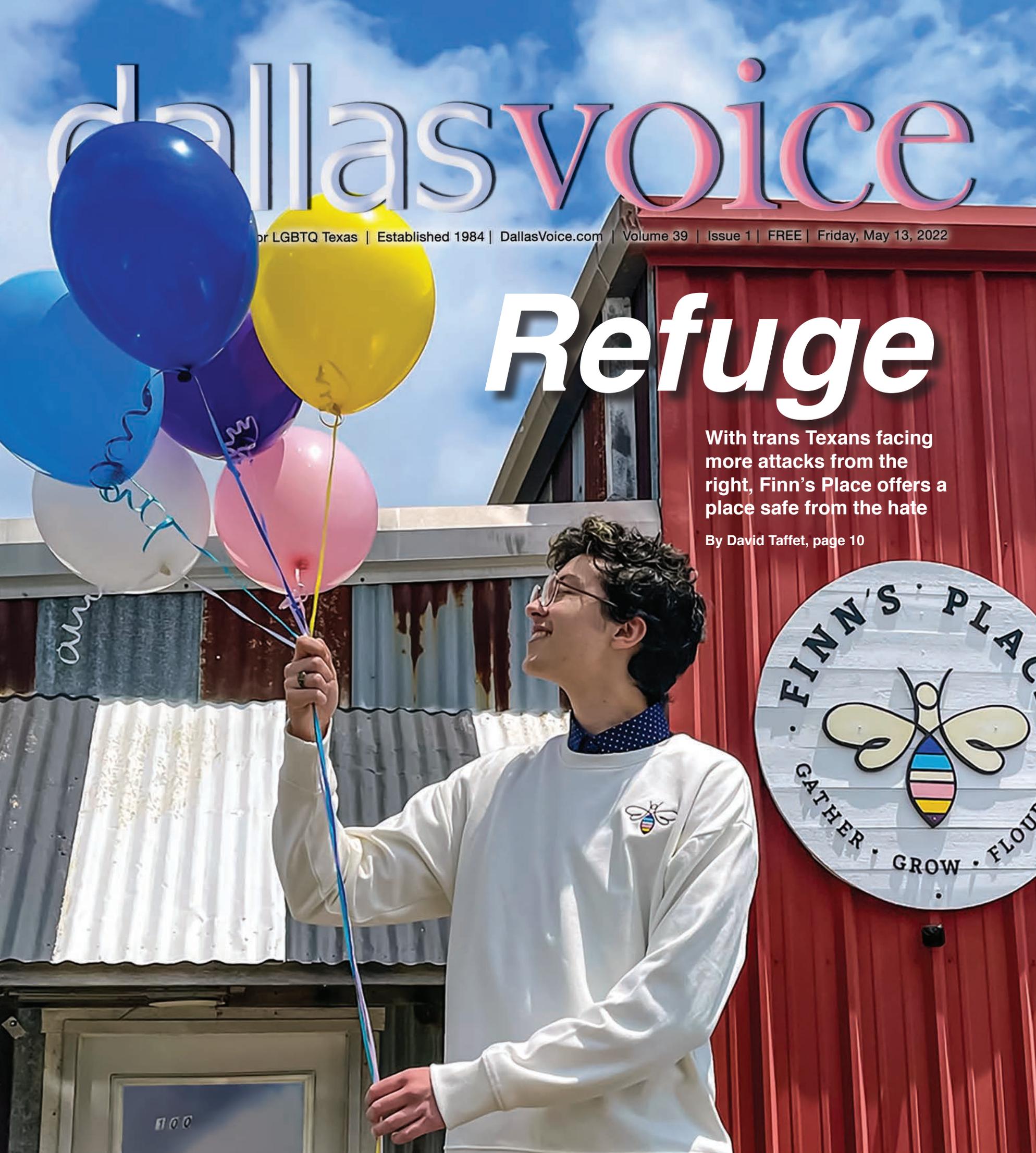
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With trans Texans facing more attacks from the right, Finn's Place offers a place safe from the hate

By David Taffet, page 10



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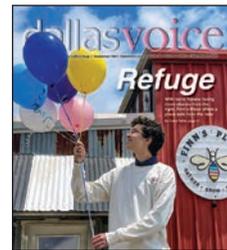
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SBA names LGBTQ businessman Young Entrepreneur of the Year

Fisher Allen Rinderknecht, openly LGBTQ founder and CEO of Flight Reach Productions in Granbury, has been named the 2022 Dallas/Fort Worth Young Entrepreneur of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Rinderknecht was nominated for the award by Bill Leaverton with the Tarleton Small Business Development Center.

Rinderknecht grew up in Glen Rose surrounded by the day-to-day operations of a family-owned business, which instilled in him a sense of small business acumen. While attending Tarleton State University as a business administration major, he took a risk and started Flight Reach Productions. Five years later, he and his husband, Brady Witcher, run Flight Reach Productions, a company that helps small businesses, non-profits and municipalities tell their stories digitally.

Flight Reach Productions primarily provides commercial photography, drone services and video production for real estate agents. The company received COVID disaster assistance from the SBA in 2020 and business advice from the Tarleton Small Business Development Center.

"The SBA is proud to honor Fisher with this award because of his success in business but also by helping his local community" said Ahmad

Goree, SBA's public information officer. "We know how challenging it is to run a small firm, and Fisher is an inspiration for other young entrepreneurs and perspective entrepreneurs.

"He is proof that it will work out with the right drive and resources."

— Tammye Nash

Marvel to introduce new trans mutant hero for Pride



As part of Marvel's ongoing Marvel's Voices series, the publisher announced that readers will soon meet the hero Escapade. She will join other LGBTQ heroes this June for Pride Month, and she will debut in the book's central story by

Charlie Jane Anders, drawn by artist duo and Eisner-nominated cartoonists Ro Stein and Ted Brandt with colors by Tamra Bonvillain.

So who is this new hero? From Marvel:

"Escapade, whose real name is Shela Sexton, is a trans mutant who can instantaneously switch physical locations with another person or trade any specific physical or abstract attribute such as possessions, organizational status, skills, super-human powers and even situations! Escapade is only able to maintain the power for a few hours at a time and must be within seven feet of her target, and the more complex the switch, the higher the chance of a mishap.

"Luckily for Escapade, she has an invaluable partner at her side, her tech-savvy best friend Morgan Red, along with a tool belt containing an arsenal of stolen tools and devices. Together, Escapade and Morgan tear through the Marvel Universe as professional thieves, stealing from criminal and corrupt organizations — until a meeting with Emma Frost and Destiny changes the course of Escapade's life forever."

"Now more than ever, we need a hero like Shela Sexton for people to look up to," Brandt said. "It was a real honor and a privilege to be a part of her creation process!"

The 20-page adventure in Marvel's Voices: Pride No. 1 will introduce Escapade and reveal

her career as a superhero/thief, as well as explore her life as a trans mutant in the Marvel Universe. The issue will mark only the beginning of Escapade's saga as she becomes entangled with the X-Men and a deadly prophecy is unveiled in her future.

— Rich Lopez

Pope: God doesn't reject LGBTQ people



On a new website for LGBTQ Catholics, called Outreach: An LGBTQ Catholic Resource, Pope Francis answered several questions by email. And in one answer he declared that God "does not disown any of his children."

He addressed LGBTQ people's rejection by the church, saying that the church doesn't reject people, but that people in the church reject people, according to the National Catholic Reporter.

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— David Taffet

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Grindr is going public

The gay hookup app Grindr is going public. The company announced on Monday, May 9, that it has merged with Tiga Acquisition Corp., which Grindr said would allow it to pay off debt. The new company is valued at \$2.1 billion.

Grindr was founded in 2009. The company was acquired by a Chinese company, which was forced to divert it in 2020. The company is based in West Hollywood.

In 2021, the app had 10.8 million users per

month with 80 percent under the age of 35. (Or at least, 80 percent of Grindr's users claim to be under 35). Grindr had revenue of \$147 million last year, up by 30 percent from the year before.

The company said it would use proceeds of the sale of stock for new products and services through its philanthropy and advocacy arm Grindr 4 Equality.

The deal is expected to close by the end of the year.

— David Taffet

■ Adoptable / DREW PURRIMORE



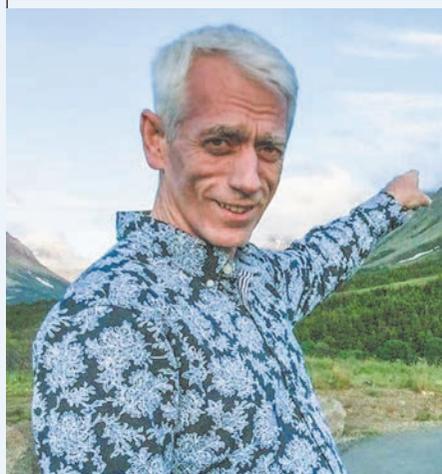
Meet **Drew Purrimore**, a wonderful young cat that needs a good home and a good human parent. Drew came to the SPCA as a rescue and had a rough time of it before she arrived. She is a domestic shorthair cat with a lively personality — very sociable and playful, all the qualities of a good house cat. Her foster says she is very affectionate and lovable as well. She would be happiest in a home with no children under the age of 12. Drew does have the difficulty of being FELV-positive, so she will need to be the only cat in the house, unless the other cat is also FELV positive. This is an incurable condition, though Drew can live a long and happy life if

well cared for. Drew is currently in foster care, so anyone interested in adopting her will need to contact the SPCA of Texas to arrange a meeting.

Adult dogs and cats are normally a \$75 adoption fee from the SPCA of Texas. Puppies and kittens under the age of six months are \$150. Fee includes spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, a heartworm test for dogs six months and older and a FIV/FelV test for cats four months and older, initial flea/tick preventative and heartworm preventative, a microchip, 30 days of PetHealth Insurance provided by PetHealth, a free 14-day wellness exam with VCA Animal Hospitals, a rabies tag and a free leash.

The Jan-Rees Jones Animal Care Center is open for adoptions every day from noon to 6 p.m. at 2400 Lone Star Drive in Dallas. Animals are available by walk-in on a first-come, first-served basis. Appointments are also available for select animals. Please browse available animals at spca.org/findapet and visit spca.org/dogadopt to inquire about a dog or spca.org/catadopt to inquire about a cat.

OBITUARY



A celebration of life for long-time Caven Enterprises employee **Scot Todd**, who passed away, April 29, will be held from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 21, upstairs at JR.'s Bar & Grill.

Scot was born in Lamar, Mo., in 1963, and lived there until 1971, at which time his family moved to Jefferson City. He graduated high school in Matthews, Mo., then attended college at State University.

Scot made his way to Dallas after college and came to live in Oak Lawn. After living here for a short while, he applied for a job at JR.'s Bar and Grill in 1988 and was hired as a barback before eventually starting

bartending. During his time at JR.'s, he developed so many friendships, many of which turned into lifelong friendships.

After many years of bartending, he was asked to take over as Caven Enterprises' lead accountant, and he jumped at the opportunity because he loved numbers. During this time, he was elected president of Caven's Employees Benevolence Association and stayed in that position for 20 years. He helped CEBA take care of countless employees in need of help, including occasionally delivering groceries to them just to make sure they were doing alright.

That was Scot's way, no matter the time or place, he was always there to help.

At one point in 2015, Scot started gardening a little bit and really loved it. You could always find him sharing gardening tips that he learned online with anyone that would listen. He was always bringing everyone vegetables or lettuces from his latest harvest from his Truck Garden.

Scot was always one of the most selfless and giving people that this community has been lucky enough to embrace for so many years. He always had a big smile and very quick wit.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Catherine Stewart; his sisters Tricia Todd and Debbie Nation; his brothers Ed, George and Mike Todd; and niece Brandy Burfield.



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Dallas Voice celebrates its anniversary with an eye toward the future

This week, we here at Dallas Voice are celebrating the 38th anniversary of our company, and as you tend to do when you celebrate a milestone, we are looking back at how far we have come over the last 38 years, and we are looking ahead at how far we have yet to go. That is true both for our company and for the community we serve.

Dallas Voice was founded by three men: Robert Moore, Don Ritz and William Marberry. It was, I think, about a year later that Marberry sold his stake in the Voice to Moore and Ritz. The two of them ran the Voice together until early in 2001 when Don died of complications from AIDS. Robert continued on as sole owner until early 2013 when he sold the company to longtime employees Leo Cusimano and Terry Thompson. Leo has been sole owner and publisher since Terry retired in December 2017.

I guess I'm talking about Leo and Terry and Robert and Don as if they are friends rather than bosses. That's because they are ... Ok, friends AND bosses. Even family. See, I first went to work for Dallas Voice in June 1988. I have come and gone a couple of times since then, the last time I returned was in June 2014. I feel pretty confident I am going to stick around here until I retire — you know, when I'm about 80.

I could go on and on about the colleagues — family — I worked with here



Tammye Nash
From Where I Stand

over the years. There's Leo, of course, and David Taffet, who started back in the late 1980s or early 1990s

(can't remember for sure) as a freelance travel writer and is now our senior staff writer. And I could talk about all those we've lost through the years ...

I could, but I won't.

Instead, as I said, I want to look back at where we've been and ahead to where we're going. In case you didn't know this, you can find most of the Dallas Voice newspapers ever published online in the University of North Texas in Denton's digital archives. I went back today and looked through the first issue ever published: Volume 1, No. 1, published on Friday, May 11, 1984. It was interesting to see how much the headlines of that issue mirrored our headlines today.

The top headline on page 1 of that first issue said "Dallas Gay Community Pulls Together for Election." Check page 12 in this issue — Volume 39, Issue 1 — and you will see a story on primary runoffs, early voting for which starts on Monday, and results from local city and school elections. That story in 1984 talked about how the gay community could "flex its

muscle" in elections by uniting behind one council candidate. This week's election round-up talks about the openly LGBTQ candidates running for office at every level of government, including Ileana Garza-Rojas, the first openly LGBTQ person elected to the Carrollton/Farmers Branch school board.

Sit down sometime and start looking through those old copies of Dallas Voice stored in the UNT archives, and you'll get a trip through the last 38 years of the LGBTQ community's history — the battles we fought, the ones we won and the ones where we came up short. You'll see the highs and lows, the joys and the heartbreaks.

Go back to the 1980s and 1990s, when AIDS was wreaking havoc on our community, with people dying day by day, and we were locked in a desperate, determined fight to overcome not only HIV/AIDS but the government and the society that turned their backs on us and let us die.

Read about the horrific hate crimes that left so many LGBTQ people dead or broken and about judges like Jack Hampton, who gave a convicted killer a lighter sentence because his victims were only gay men.

You can relive the exhilaration of groundbreaking court cases that overturned sodomy laws, legalized same-sex marriages, prohibited anti-LGBTQ discrimination in the workplace. Celebrate again the breakthroughs in treatment for HIV/AIDS, celebrate the pioneers who refused to back down and insisted on taking their rightful place, whether that was

in elected office, in a job or in a family.

We've been through so much in the last 38 years. We've survived so much.

And yet, we have so far left to go.

Today our transgender brothers and sisters are being targeted from all sides. At least 12 transgender or gender-queer people have been murdered this year in the U.S. And our own government is targeting trans people, too — especially our trans youth. In February, Gov. Greg Abbott ordered investigations into parents and healthcare professionals providing gender-affirming care to trans youth, claiming such care is "child abuse."

And just last week, someone leaked a draft of a possible Supreme Court ruling that would overturn *Roe v. Wade*. Overturning *Roe* sees this country take one step closer to overturning marriage equality and workplace nondiscrimination protections.

Our LGBTQ community has come so far in the last 38 years. We've made so much progress. But every day we see the evidence of just how far we have yet to go, and just how easily we can see our victories taken from us. It's overwhelming sometimes. It can be exhausting. I am sure that there are plenty of you out there who sometimes just want to sit down, hide your face and cry because you just aren't sure you can keep going.

But you can keep on. We can. We will. Together. And Dallas Voice will be right here, recording our history, just like we have been for the last 38 years. ■

Tammye Nash is managing editor for Dallas Voice. The opinions expressed here are her own.

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TRANSGENDER YOUTH

Named after a trans teen with Down Syndrome, Finn's Place at Galileo Church is available for gender divergent and trans community meetings

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Tracie Quinn describes herself as a cisgender, heterosexual woman. So why was she so eager to get Finn's Place up and running, and why is she so excited about managing the new event space for transgender and gender diverse people? "I have a 16-year-old trans kid," she explained.

The situation in Texas right now is "scary for my family. We feel very threatened," Quinn said, adding that "the community is under attack."

But now in DFW, there is a refuge from the hate for trans people and their families and supporters. It's called Finn's Place, and it is located at Galileo Church in Fort Worth.

The church offered the space for Finn's Place, said Pastor Katie Hays, because outreach and support for the LGBTQ community overall is part of the church's mission. Quinn described the arrangement as an integrated auxiliary ministry of the church. But, she said, Finn's Place is not a religious space, and everyone is welcomed.

Hays explained, "Our church has been engaged in protesting discrimination and scapegoating policies for years." But during the past year, she said, things have gotten much worse.

The space in the church's facilities that has become Finn's Place had been vacant for six months. During that time, people at the LGBTQ-welcoming congregation saw anti-trans legislation passed. Then, they watched as a governor who wanted even more discriminatory measures in place ordered Child Protective Services to investigate families providing medi-



Finn's Place leadership council

cal care to their transgender kids.

So the church decided to offer something positive to a community that is watching its rights be stripped away.

"We'll continue to protest where we see injustice," Hays said. "But this is just a beautiful safe space."

The space is named after a teen named Finn, who initially was known by a name and pronouns that matched the girl his parents thought he was.

Finn, who first came to Galileo Church in 2014, had Down Syndrome and didn't communicate with words well. It took a while for him to make his family understand he was actually a boy. As soon as he did, his friends at Galileo Church adopted his pronouns and name.

Sadly, Finn died unexpectedly in 2018.

Hays said Finn was a dearly beloved part of Galileo Church and someone who will always hold a special place in her heart. "He was one of the great teachers in my life," she said. "He had purity of heart and knew who he was supposed to be."

The website for Finn's Place includes a tribute its namesake: "Galileo Church remains grateful for the bravery and generosity he demonstrated, teaching all those around him to trust people when they tell you who they are."

So far, three groups are taking advantage of Finn's Place's offer of free space for a private event or a group meeting.

Trans-Cendence International meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at Finn's Place. Queer Wave Coffee, a specialty coffee roaster, sponsors Talk-O Tuesdays each week from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. with free coffee and conversation. Bring lunch if you like.

Proud Family Portraits uses the space to take gender- and body-affirming portraits so people can see their true

selves reflected back at them in their portraits.

Finn's Place is located at 5890 I-20 Service Road, Fort Worth. Exit 442A from

I-20, on the south side of the highway. Turn onto Gilman Road from the frontage road.

To book a space at Finn's Place, visit Finns-PlaceTX.org.

The situation for trans youth

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

According to a survey released in September of 2020, there were an estimated 149,750 transgender youth ages 13-17 in the United States. About 13,800 those trans youth lived in Texas.

A study published in February of this year in the Journal of the American Medical Association found that, among 104 transgender and non-binary youths aged 13 to 20 years receiving gender-affirming care, including puberty blockers and gender-affirming hormones, led to 60 percent lower odds of moderate or severe depression and 73 percent lower odds of suicidality among those youth over a 12-month follow-up.

In other words, the study found that "given this population's high rates of adverse mental health outcomes, these data suggest that access to pharmacological interventions may be associated with improved mental health among [transgender and non-binary] youths . . ."

The study was conducted by Diana M. Tordoff, with the Department of Epidemiology at the University of Washington in Seattle, Dr. Jonathon W. Wanta with the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Washington in Seattle, Arin Collin with the School of Medicine at the University of Washington in Seattle, Dr. Cesalie Stepney with the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine the Department of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine at Seattle Children's Hospital in Seattle, Dr. David J. Inwards-Breland with the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine and Rady Children's Hospital, and Dr. Kym Ahrens with the Division of Adolescent Medicine in the Department of Pediatrics at Seattle Children's Hospital.

Over the last several years, trans youth have been under ever-escalating attack by right-wing legislators. In Texas last year, the Legislature passed, and Gov. Greg Abbott signed, a law prohibiting trans youth from participating in public school sports based on their gender identity. And in February of this year, based on a non-binding and widely-discredited opinion from Attorney General declaring gender-affirming medical care for trans youth to be child abuse, Abbott issued a directive to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services ordering Child Protective Services to launch investigations into families and medical professionals providing such care to trans children.

Abbott's order, which also requires individuals designated as "mandatory reporters" to notify CPS of such medical providers and families, has been put on hold thanks to a temporary restraining order issued by a judge in connection with a lawsuit filed against the governor and the DFPS.

Right-wing lawmakers in Alabama went a step further. On Sunday, May 8, a new state law took effect making it a felony, punishable by up to 10 years in prison, for doctors to prescribe puberty blockers and hormones to trans people under age 19.

Four Alabama families with transgender children have filed a lawsuit challenging the law as unconstitutional, and the U.S. Department of Justice has joined the suit. More than 20 medical and mental health organizations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, have also urged the judge to block the law.

The judge was expected to issue a ruling on the request for a TRO in that case sometime this week.

At the other end of the spectrum, however, there are signs of hope. Democratic lawmakers in more than a dozen states are following California's lead in seeking to offer legal refuge to displaced transgender youth and their families.

The coordinated effort was announced earlier this month by the LGBTQ Victory Institute and other advocates in response to the anti-trans bills being considered and passed in Texas, Alabama and other states.

Openly gay California state Sen. Scott Wiener proposed legislation there in March which would reject any out-of-state court judgments removing children from their parents' custody because they allowed gender-affirming health care. It also would make arrest warrants based on alleged violation of another state's law against receiving such care the lowest priority for California law enforcement.

"We're sick of just playing defense against what these red states are doing," Wiener said. "We're going on offense; we're going to protect LGBTQ kids and their families, and we're going to build a rainbow wall to protect our community."

Lawmakers in both Minnesota and New York recently filed refuge state legislation modeled after Wiener's bill, and Democrats in other states plan to follow suit, including Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington and West Virginia.

Annie Parker, president and CEO of the Victory Institute, acknowledged that the legislation likely will fail in some states but said it was time to stand against the onslaught of bills targeting the LGBTQ community.

"This is our opportunity to drive the conversation and the debate, and to call on our allies proactively to step up instead of allowing ourselves to be targeted," said Parker, who was the first openly LGBTQ mayor of a major American city when she led Houston for six years.

Kim Chandler and Holly Ramer of the Associated Press contributed to this report.

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Early voting begins for runoffs

ELECTIONS

Lesbian wins Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD race

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Early voting in state primary runoffs begins Monday, May 16, and runs through Friday, May 20. Runoff day is Tuesday, May 24. The runoffs will determine which two candidates will face off in November to replace Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson in Congress, and which Democrat will replace Jasmine Crockett — one of the candidates to replace Johnson — in the state House.

Local elections were held for school boards and area city councils on May 7. In the race for the Carrollton/Farmers Branch Independent School District, where voters were choosing three board of trustees members out of five candidates running, Ileana Garza-Rojas was the top vote-getter. Garza-Rojas and her wife have lived in Farmers Branch for 11 years. They have two children. She describes herself as a child advocate and said her wife is an NICU nurse.

Another high-profile member of the community barely lost her race for Denton City Council. Amber Briggles is the mom of a trans teen who famously invited the Paxtons (as in Attorney General Ken and state Sen. Angela) over to dinner several years ago. Although the dinner went well, the Briggles earlier this year found themselves the subject of one of the first child protective services investigations ordered by Gov. Greg Abbott, who ordered the investigations based on Ken Paxton's non-binding opinion that gender-affirming health care for trans youth is child abuse.

Although she didn't win her election, Briggles has been busy since the election. She can be seen in a new ad that the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation is running in Texas and a few other states where right-wing lawmakers are trying to pass anti-trans legislation. The



Jasmine Crockett

Briggles made news this week when Democratic gubernatorial candidate Beto O'Rourke went to their house to make dinner and hang out. That dinner seems to have gone better than dinner with the Paxtons.

Runoffs

Statewide, congressional, legislative and local candidates will be selected in runoffs that begin with early voting Monday through Friday followed by Election Day on May 24. Polls will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. for early voting, and Dallas County voters may vote at any polling location.

The race that's gotten the most attention locally is the one to decide who will replace Congresswoman Johnson, who is retiring. The Democratic race is between state Rep. Jasmine Crockett, whom Johnson has endorsed, and Jane Hope Hamilton, former chief of staff for Rep. Marc Veasey.

On the Republican side in that race, James Harris faces James Rodgers.

The district is heavily Democratic and has been represented by Johnson since the 30th District was created in 1993.

The race to replace Crockett in the state house is between openly gay candidate Venton Jones and Sandra Crenshaw. In addition to the Stonewall endorsement, Jones has the backing of the LGBT Victory Fund, which labeled him a spotlight candidate.

If elected, Jones will become the first out Black member of the Texas Legislature.

Several other openly LGBTQ legislative candidates are in runoffs around the state, including Lorenzo Sanchez who is running for District 70 in McKinney. Jolanda Jones is running for a seat in southeast Houston and would become the first out Black lesbian in the Legislature if elected. Christian Manuel Hayes is running for District 22 in Beaumont.

Four other LGBT candidates have already secured the Democratic Party's nomination for seats from Tarrant County, Bastrop, Fredricksburg/New Braunfels and one southwest of Hous-

ton. Five of six members of the House LGBTQ Caucus are also running for re-election. The caucus would more than double in size if each of these candidates is elected in November.

The House LGBTQ Caucus member not seeking re-election is state Rep. Celia Israel. Israel is instead running to become mayor of Austin.

While most local elections are held in May, Austin changed its election to November to increase voter turnout. Houston is the only other major city in Texas that holds its local elections in November.

Texas has yet to send an LGBTQ person to Congress. This year, we could send two.

Mary Woods won the March 1 Democratic primary to face Rep. Pete Sessions in November. While representing a Dallas district that included part of Oak Lawn, Sessions once famously claimed there were no LGBTQ people in his district. Now he'll spend the fall debating

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Venton Jones

and campaigning against one for his Waco district.

Claudia Zapata is in a runoff to be the nominee to face U.S. Rep. Chip Roy. Before entering Congress, Roy was Sen. Ted Cruz's chief of staff.

All statewide positions are up for grabs in the November election. The candidate for a number of those positions will be determined in the runoff.

The Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor — either state Rep. Michelle Beckley or Mike Collier — will be decided in the runoff. Collier has Stonewall's endorsement. The winner will face Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick.

Both parties will decide their nominees for attorney general in the runoff. On the Democratic side, the race is between former Galveston Mayor Joe Jaworski and Rochelle Garza. Jaworski has

the Stonewall endorsement. Running on the Republican side, George P. Bush faces indicted Attorney General Ken Paxton.

For state comptroller, Stonewall has endorsed Janet Dudding in her race against Angel Vega. And for commissioner of the general land office, Jay Kleberg was endorsed by Stonewall over Sandragrace Martinez.

And one race of note on the Republican side is that for railroad commissioner. When she had no money to run a competitive race in the primary, Sarah Stogner bared it all and posted a video on TikTok of herself riding an oil derrick nude. It got her into the runoff and brought in enough money to buy her some TV ads.

A lot of TV ads.

TV ads where she claims she's been



Sarah Stogner

fighting the liberals in Texas for 14 years. At least, she claims, she favors Midland not Moscow.

The Democratic candidate in another local congressional race will be decided in the runoff. For U.S. District 24, Stonewall endorsed Derrik Gay over Jan McDowell to face Rep. Beth van Duyne in November.

In an additional state House race, Stonewall endorsed John Bryant over Alexandra Guio for District 114, which covers the area around White Rock Lake. Guio came in first in the primary. Bryant served in the Texas House for nine years

before being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives where he served seven terms.

Several local Dallas County races have yet to be decided. Stonewall has endorsed incumbent County Clerk John Warren over Ann Cruz. For county commissioner precinct 2, Stonewall favors Andrew Sommerman.

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ON STAGE

Actor goes for all the laughs in Lyric's 'Forum'

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Lucas Hauptert is ready for his funny moments on the stage this weekend — and he'll have several of them. The Dallas native and out actor is part of Lyric Stage's newest production *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, which runs through Sunday at the Majestic Theatre.

Hauptert was last seen in Lyric's *Ragtime* earlier this year and in Garland Summer Musicals' *9 to 5 the Musical*. In *Forum*, he plays one of the Proteans, who serve as sort of a Greek chorus in the show. He also shares the stage with one castmate with whom he has much in common.

The musical is set in Ancient Rome and offers a mix of vaudevillian bawdiness about Pseudolus, who works to win the hand of Phila for his master Hero with songs by Stephen Sondheim.

Hauptert, 29, talked about his part(s) in the musical, working with his boyfriend on the show and his own theater that he founded, Millennial Poison Theatre Co.

On Lyric Stage's approach to shows: "Lyric strips away the huge sets and presents the bare minimum. Costumes are suggested, and the actors are even used as scenery. We're creating scenes through movement. When they strip down to the basic elements, you have to listen to the music and what we're saying. You can really see everything without having to see anything."

On his role: "I'm one of the Proteans, and I understudy Hysterium. We [the Proteans] help create the background stuff in the show; we're these side characters who help further the plot. So I go from being a soldier to a eunuch to a sailor and sometimes even serve as scenery and props. Everything we do is a bit."



our second season, but I'm trying to get the group back together for maybe one more show."

On having a very special castmate in Forum: "My boyfriend Danny is in the show. We first met in 2019, but we decided on being boyfriends in October 2020. It's an interesting love story, and now I'm working with him on a show. But we're pretty professional about it all.

"We are professional artists; he's a dancer, and I'm a singer and actor. Having him in the show helps, and I think it's brought us closer together. He's good at motivating me, and we talk about what went well and what we need to do next time. But we don't do every show together."

What audiences should expect: "There's theater that tries to tell you something, and then there's *Forum*. With this show, there is no heavy morality lesson or deep, hidden message. It is just



Lucas Hauptert, center, rehearses with other Proteans for *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*

On running his own theater: I'm the artistic director of Millennial Poison Theater Company, a project that some friends and I came up with. We do contemporary plays with minimalistic staging. We focus on works that highlight

issues relating to upcoming generations like millennials.

"We are starting to become the people who are leading the next generations, and theater gives us a way to say what we need. The pandemic put a wrench in

pure fun, and with times like now with so much turmoil, we could all use a little comedy."

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FILM FESTIVAL

EarthX Film Fest explores a cinematic look on the environment

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The 2022 EarthX Film Festival 2022 continues its run in the Dallas Arts District this weekend with films, art and performances. With the theme of “A Celebration of the Outdoors,” the festival’s mission to highlight films and emerging media that celebrate nature and outdoor adventure stories exploring the environment, conservation, climate change and science while honoring the heroes working to protect our planet.

Screenings are being held across five venues through Sunday, with a lineup of more than 75 feature-length and short films.

“We’re thrilled to present films this year that showcase our amazing planet and the people dedicated to making a difference,” said Michael Fletcher, CEO of EarthX. “It’s always been our vision to create a world-class event that celebrates the spirit of Texas and welcomes global citizens to experience the rich arts culture in Dallas.

“We’re pleased to welcome Curiosity as our presenting sponsor,” Fletcher continued. “They share our vision in the power of storytelling to change the world, and we’re grateful for their continued support.”

There is a Texas focus in some of the films in this year’s festival.

The spotlight was definitely on Texas in the festival’s opening night offering, *Deep in the Heart* by Ben Masters. Narrated by Matthew McConaughey, the film celebrates Texas’ landscapes and wildlife filmed over the course of two years.

Other Tex-centric films include *Battle for the Heart of Texas* about property rights, *When It’s Good, It’s Good* about West Texas oil-drilling, and *Slim Pickins* by REI about outdoor culture.



Bring Your Own Brigade, top, and *Battle for the Heart of Texas*, above

Films are screened in Strauss Square, in Moody Hall, the Wylly Studio Theater, Hamon Hall inside the Winspear and Hall Arts.

Select films featured in this year’s festival include the following:

Friday

- 4:45 p.m. *Slim Pickins*, *Learning to*

Drown, *Reel Rock: Black Ice* at the Wylly Studio Theater.

- 7 p.m. Music by Emily Scott Robinson; short film *Nuisance Bear*, and feature film *Fire of Love* at Moody Hall.

- 7:45 p.m. short film *Eric and the Bees*; feature *Bastards’ Road* at Hall Arts.

Saturday

- 10 a.m. Free to the public. Shorts *When it Comes from the Earth* and *Mother of the Sea*; feature film *Ferngully: The Last Rainforest* in Strauss Square.

- 4 p.m. *Short Rebirth of a Reef*; feature film *Newtok*.

- 4:30 p.m. *Shorts Block and Unexpected Conservation* at Hall Arts.

- 7:30 p.m. Short film *Mission Mountain*; feature film *We Feed People*, directed by Ron Howard, at Moody Hall.

- 1:30 p.m. Short film *California Natural*; feature *To the End* at Hall Arts.

- 5:45 p.m. Music by Jamestown Re-

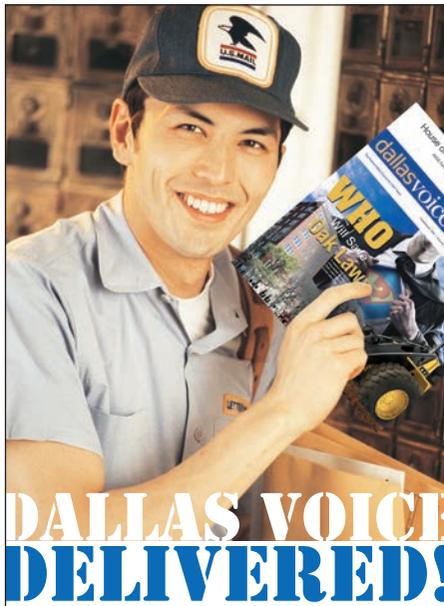


Ron Howard, top, director of *We Feed People*, and store owner Jamicah Dawes, above, featured in *Slim Pickins*.

vival at Strauss Square.

- 6:30 p.m. Short film *Mylo* and closing feature *The Yin and Yang of Gerry Lopez* at Strauss Square.

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

Since the Anthony Bobrow Trust announced its first donations in 2018, the trust has handed out nearly \$1.9 million to organizations in the LGBTQ and HIV/AIDS communities, co-trustee Harvey Meissner has announced. That includes the trust's most recent gifts of \$75,000 each to AIN, Legacy Cares and Taste of Hope.

"Smaller donations were made earlier, and \$100,000 more is pledged for the rest of the year," said Meissner, who is also president and general manager of The Hidden Door, the bar that Bobrow owned and net profits of which are pledged to the Bobrow Trust. The Hidden Door will celebrate its 43rd anniversary in December of this year.

AIN, formerly known as AIDS Interfaith Network, was founded in 1986 to educate the faith community about

HIV/AIDS and secure a more compassionate response from churches in North Texas for those affected by HIV/AIDS. By 1988, the organization had incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and had begun to expand its services to encompass education, outreach, prevention and client advocacy.

Legacy Cares was founded more than 25 years ago as Legacy Counseling Center and was focused on providing mental healthcare, substance abuse treatment and, through the Legacy Founders Cottage, hospice care for people with HIV/AIDS in the last days of their lives. Legacy, too, has expanded its services over the years, with more housing services and the Grace Project, which is focused on services for women with HIV/AIDS. Legacy changed its name last year to Legacy Cares to more accurately describe its range of programs.

Taste of Hope is a program of Cathedral of Hope United Church of Christ church, one of the largest churches in the world with a primarily LGBTQ congregation. Taste of Hope focuses on bringing hope to the homeless by connecting with them "in a dignified, respectful manner," beginning with providing

them with a meal “similar to what we would serve guests at our home.”

Meissner said that the Bobrow Trust begins each year with a budget,” but every year, needs arise that we believe are

this were achievable,” Meissner continued. “Although Tony left his Trust

Harvey Meissner presents a donation to Executive Director Melissa Grove and the staff of Legacy Cares



Harvey Meissner presents a donation to President and CEO Steven Pace and the staff of AIN

critical. During the worst of the COVID years we increased spending to help.

“Tony Bobrow left his entire estate to make life better for the people he cared about. The non-profits we support are ‘boots on the ground,’ making a difference in lives every day.”

Meissner said that the trust’s donations are unrestricted, which means that each organization can use the funds however they need to rather than just on specific programs.

“In 2018 we had no idea numbers like

well-funded, it’s the Hidden Door customers who make much of this possible. To them goes the credit and thanks for helping continue these donations.”

Meissner noted that the Bobrow Trust is not a nonprofit and therefore does not file public tax returns with the IRS. He noted that while the state of Texas estimates that trust management costs usually run from about 1 percent to 1.5 percent of total assets annually, management costs for the Bobrow Trust “are a very tiny fraction of 1 percent.” ■

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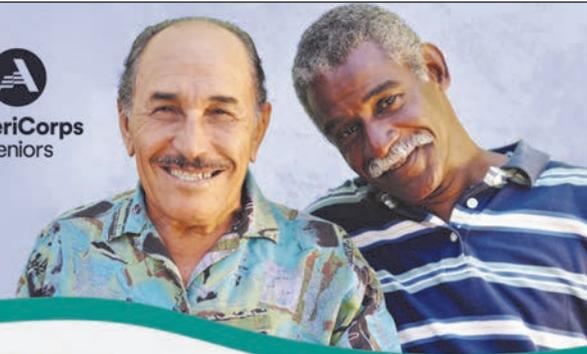


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A little background: The Solterra was co-developed with Toyota, which offers the similar bZ4X and Lexus RZ 450e. Manufacturing is by Toyota in Japan, rolling out of the plant better known for the Lexus LC and Toyota Supra. It's

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Styling is more Toyota than Subaru with roof and pillars reminiscent of the RAV4. But Subaru clearly influenced final details. The front fascia outline echoes Subaru's trademark grille; black wheel well cladding and C-shaped lighting elements are pure Subaru, and the roof rack supports 700 pounds of tent and campers.

Aero is enhanced with flow-through air blades in front, underbody tray, and split hatch spoiler.

There's a lot of Toyota inside, too. The intuitive widescreen infotainment system could have come from a Tundra, but the flatscreen gauge cluster is placed high and deep for a heads-up effect. Seats come in cloth or StarTex vegan leather.

Storage abounds with the flybridge console, door cubbies and roomy luggage compartment.

Our test car was loaded like a Lexus with standard heated seats, Harman Kardon audio, panoramic sunroof, wireless



Apple CarPlay/Android Auto and power hatch. A full suite of crash avoidance systems include automatic emergency braking front/rear, lane keep assist and safe exit assist to keep passengers from stepping into traffic.

Getting to the numbers, the Solterra can travel 222 miles per charge and replenishes to 80 percent in an hour. The electric powertrain delivers 215 horsepower and 249 lb.-ft. of torque — enough to whoosh 0-60 mph in 6.5 seconds. It's not Tesla fast but quick enough for a compact crossover.

One-pedal driving engages regeneration early and often to maximize range and to ease city driving. It's also handy when flipping through curvy backroads, inducing the right amount of deceleration when you would normally downshift.

Our Solterra drive route left from our hotel, a block from the beach in Santa Barbara — a perfect venue for testing urban and freeway driving. It's near-silent, with only faint motor whine, whether

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Must-have features: Performance, Utility

Driving range: 222 miles

0-60 mph: 6.5s

Economy: 104 mpg-e

Base price: \$44,995

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slipping through traffic or surfing on-ramps. All that torque carried us through coastal mountains as if propelled by a swift sea breeze. The suspension is tuned for comfort over athletics, but it's completely competent.

One expects an EV to excel in Southern California beach traffic, but might not imagine it scurrying up the side of mountains. A flight to Catalina, where we drove miles on unpaved roads and straight up rough trails, proves it can. Class-leading 8.3 inches of ground clearance is no match for the Forester Wilderness that served as our escort, but Dual Function X-Mode with Grip Control



used all of the electric torque to deftly power up the trails and creep down the other side.

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Subaru clearly understands its cus-

tomers and conjured an EV that will surely join many loyal owners' garages — and attract new acolytes as well.

A base price of \$44,995 plus destination fees makes it one of the most expensive Subarus. But a \$7,500 tax credit brings down the price considerably. The

hardest part of owning a Solterra may be getting one, as they're sure to be in short supply.

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'Duplicitous' laws

PARENTING



"Parental rights" and the best gift for Mother's and Father's Days

Mother's Day has just passed, and Father's Day will be here before you know it. This season of parenting holidays has me thinking about the concept of "parent's rights" that underlies many new laws and bills around the country — laws that are often overtly or covertly anti-LGBTQ, such as Florida's "Don't Say Gay" (or trans or queer...) law, officially known as the "Parental Rights in Education" act. This law and others like it are geared towards restricting materials in the



Dana Rudolph
Contributing Columnist

curriculum and ensuring parents have complete control over what their children read and learn. This year alone, more than 80 bills in 26 states were pre-filed or introduced to expand parents' rights in schools, according to Georgetown University think tank FutureEd. These bills are duplicitous because, on the face of it, what parent wouldn't want the right to make decisions about how to bring up their children? But here's the thing: From the in-

stant one becomes a parent, parenthood is the gradual process of teaching our children not to need us. As our children leave our arms and walk on their own, head to daycare, playdates and school, make friends, learn to drive, they are becoming their own people and taking responsibility for themselves. The fundamental goal of parenthood, I believe, is to facilitate their doing so.

Yes, there are times when we must say no to something they wish to do — internet sites we block, dubious friends whom we wish to guide them away from. Through all of this, however, we parents must recognize that we cannot and should not control every aspect of our children's lives.

Children will often encounter things we might not want them to, or do so at a younger age than we would wish. Our job as parents is to prepare them for this by helping them develop a strong moral compass (whatever that may mean to us) and by letting them know they can come to us when they see or read something that feels confusing or wrong.

I am glad my son, now grown, experienced things that my spouse and I did not control to the letter, especially as he grew older. I'm thankful that his world view wasn't limited just to our opinions. I hope we instilled core values, but I also know he read books in school, played games at summer camp and saw movies at friends' houses that weren't even on our radar to suggest. And that broadened his horizons.

Granted, sometimes things he saw made me uncomfortable (Is he really old enough to watch that horror movie?). But I also knew that kids mature faster than we think, especially in this media-saturated age. Within some reasonable range of age-appropriateness, I tried to relax, knowing these things gave him a wider view of the world and enabled him to relate to what many of his peers were already watching and reading. I trusted that we had prepared him to evaluate them for himself or ask us if he had questions.

Parents, in other words, are absolutely necessary, but we are not sufficient. Children need to experience people and opinions beyond just those in their families in order to learn judgment and how to respond when faced with different viewpoints. These skills are foundations for moving in the world as an adult.

So while some may rage about "parental rights," I invite all of us to con-

sider what that really means. Parent's rights, to my mind, only exist to facilitate children's rights — rights to care, safety and a loving home where they can learn and grow into responsible adults. And part of helping our children do that means learning to let go as they venture forth into the world. That can be scary. It may mean discussing uncomfortable (to some) topics like LGBTQ identities, race and racism as our children encounter them. But it shouldn't mean passing bills restricting the curriculum or, as one now-dead Florida bill had proposed, putting video cameras in classrooms because of some parents' fears. And banning discussion of topics because they upset some parents just infringes on the rights of other parents who would argue that these topics should even be required in the curriculum as part of a full education for today's world.

"Parental rights" are also a sensitive topic to me as a queer parent, since I had to pay a lawyer and go to court to secure my rights as the legal parent of my own genetic child, whom my spouse carried. If the right wing is so concerned about parental rights, maybe they should start by ensuring all states follow Connecticut and the handful of other states that have updated their parentage laws to ensure all children have access to the protections of legal parentage, no matter the gender or marital status of their parents or the path they took to parenthood.

That's a lot of serious stuff to think about when many of us parents just want breakfast in bed or a new tie (regardless of gender).

But conservatives have made parents' rights a battle cry right now. We need to consider what such rights really mean so that we can fight back. Certainly, take a break and celebrate whichever holiday feels best to you (and please also celebrate #LGBTQFamiliesDay with me on June 1, between Mother's Day and Father's Day) — then see what you can do in your state or community to ensure schools are really serving children in all families.

That's the best gift I can think of for any of us during the parenting holidays this year. ■

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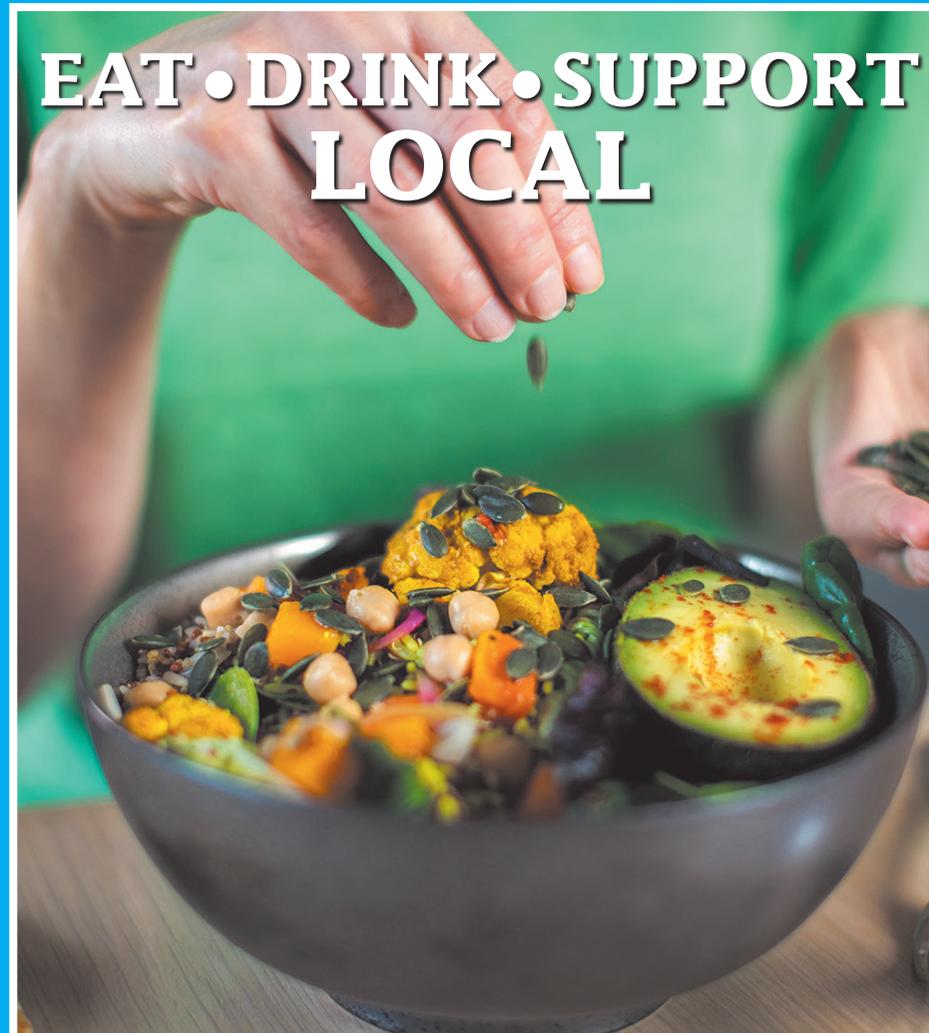
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We share a commitment to fighting for the lived equality of all LGBTQ Texans, and attending an event like Love Equality is an impactful way to support and celebrate the vibrancy of queer Texans. Love Equality is back in-person on Saturday, May 14, from 8-11 p.m., at 7 for Parties, 150 Turtle Creek Blvd., #107. Come enjoy a glittering night of good food, tasty cocktails, great company and, for the first time ever, a magnificent celebration of Ballroom culture, performed by members of the local Gulf Coast Kiki Ballroom Community and raise money for Equality Texas at the same time.

GAY AGENDA



MEAN GIRLS AT FAIR PARK

Mean Girls is a ferociously funny new musical based on the 2004 film written by *30 Rock* creator and star Tina Fey. The coming-of-age stage musical features music by Jeff Richmond, lyrics by Nell Benjamin and book by Tina Fey. The show ran 804 performances on Broadway before being shut down by the pandemic. Since theater reopened, the show's been touring the country and is currently at the Music Hall at Fair Park through Sunday, May 15.



CARTIER AT THE DMA

Opening on Saturday, May 14, at the **Dallas Museum of Art**, this major exhibition traces Islamic art's influence on the objects created by Louis Cartier and the designers of the great French jewelry Maison from the early 20th century to today. The exhibition explores how Cartier's designers adapted forms and techniques from Islamic art, architecture, and jewelry, as well as materials from India, Iran and the Arab lands, synthesizing them into a modern stylistic language unique to the house of Cartier.



CHIMP CHATS NEAR SHREVEPORT

Chimp Haven is the largest sanctuary for chimpanzees in the world. Chimp Haven was founded in 1995 in order to respond to the need for long term chimpanzee care. The need for care extended to those chimpanzees no longer used in biomedical research, the entertainment industry or the pet trade. On May 14, visitors will be allowed, but you must register at chimphaven.org/visit/chimp-chat. The facility is located near Shreveport in Keithville, La.



OLIVIA RODRIGO IN IRVING

Grammy winner Olivia Rodrigo comes to the Pavilion at the **Toyota Music Factory** in Irving on Saturday, May 14. The young singer-songwriter says she spent most of quarantine writing songs in her living room and producing them in a garage. Tickets for her show are available through Ticketmaster.

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MAY

■ Through May 30: Scarborough Renaissance Faire

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■ May 14: Love Equality

Love Equality is a night of celebration, dancing and light food that benefits Equality Texas from 8-11 p.m. at 7 for Parties, 150 Turtle Creek Blvd., #107. \$75 online. \$100 at the door. EqualityTexas.org/loveequality2022.

■ May 14: Chimp Chats

Chimp Haven, near Shreveport, is the world's largest chimpanzee sanctuary. The 200-acre campus that is home to 300 chimps is usually closed to the public. Visitors are welcome to

tour today in groups that will be limited in size. For a two-hour visit, register at chimphaven.org/visit/chimp-chat. To take the digital tour, visit chimphaven.org/visit/digital-tour.

■ May 14: Olivia Rodrigo

The recent Grammy winner brings her *Sour* Tour to town with opener Holly Humberstone. 8 p.m. at the Pavilion at the Toyota Music Factory. Ticketmaster.com.

■ May 14-Sept. 18: Cartier and Islamic Art

This major exhibition traces Islamic art's influence on the objects created by Louis Cartier and the designers of the great French jewelry Maison from the early 20th century to today. Dallas Museum of Art.

■ Through May 15: Mean Girls

Based on the film written for the screen and stage by Tina Fey. At the Music Hall at Fair Park. BroadwayDallas.org.

■ May 19: An Evening of Wine and Flowers

Create a floral centerpiece under the guidance of expert Byron Laszlo at Weekly Floral, after enjoying light bites in The French Room. Get your creative juices flowing with a selection of floral-forward wine pairings curated by wine director Max Walther. 6:30 p.m. at the French Room in the Adolphus, 1321 Commerce St. TheFrenchRoom.com.

■ May 20: May Federal Club Mixer

This month's mixer is at W Hotel Victory, 2440 Victory Park Lane on the 16th floor pool deck. RSVP via Eventbrite.

■ May 20: An Evening with Neil Gaiman

Gaiman is a bestselling author with notable works including *American Gods*, *Neverwhere*, the comics *Sandman* and *The Eternals*. *American Gods* was named one of the 125 most important books of the last 125 years by the New York Public Library. The author appears as part of the hearhere Speaker Series. 8 p.m., Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. ATTPAC.org.

■ May 20: LeAnn Rimes

This hometown country singer heads to Fort Worth for one night only. 8:30 p.m., Will Rogers Auditorium. Ticketmaster.com.

■ May 21: Blue Moon Dances

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Cassie Nova

ASK A DRAG QUEEN

A day in the life

Hello beautiful people. Last night I had a straight girl come up to me and ask me what it was like to be such a fabulous showgirl? "Teeheehee," I giggled with a blush as I covered my lips with my hands like a Geisha. She was very sweet but was dead serious. She wanted to know everything, from make-up to costumes to de-dragging.

I told her I didn't have that kind of time, but it did give me an idea about what to write this week. This is a description of last night:

I show up to the club at about 8:30 p.m. I go upstairs to the Rose Room and unlock the doors and turn on the lights. I am usually the only one there at that time unless we are rehearsing for a production. I take a moment to decide what songs I will be "singing" in the show, and I write the lineup.

It is all pretty boring, but it is the calm before the storm.

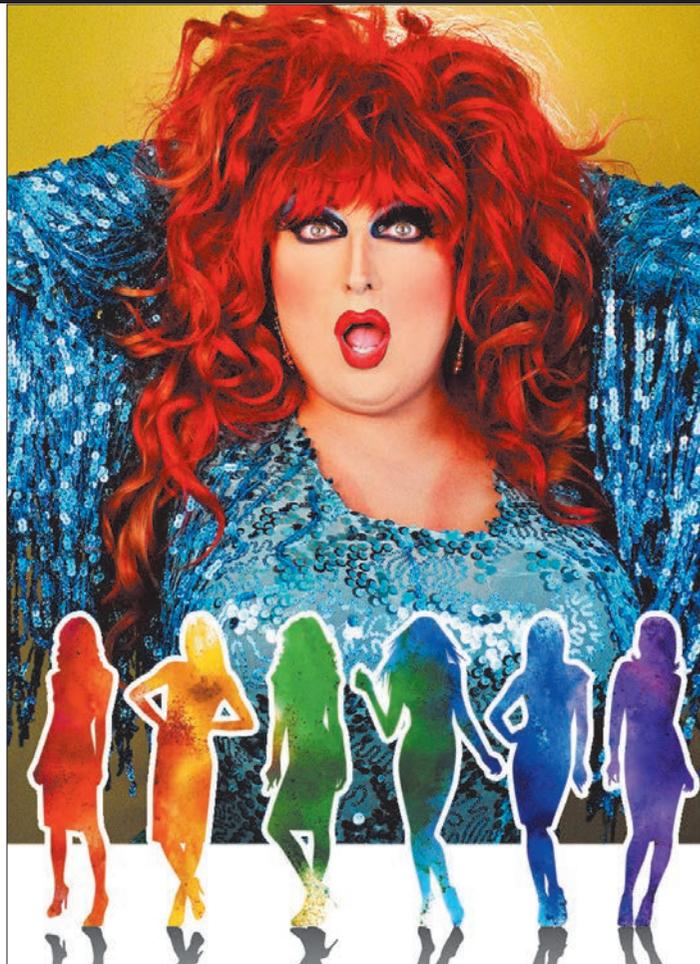
Jenna is usually the next to get there. She paints her mug faster than I can pad my ass. Like, seriously! And yes, I put on my pads first. Years ago, it would be the last thing I did, but it is a workout to get all four of my pads into place under my tights — two huge hip pads and two round butt pads. I am a white boy, and I suffer from noassatall. Luckily there is a cure: foam padding! (It used to be a couch!)

Usually after I pad, I need a drink. So we go visit Sandy, Rocky, Harmony and Patrick at the bar in the Rose Room. The club isn't open yet, so I am walking around wearing nothing but nude-colored tights and a padded body, I look like a voluptuous, full-figured naked lady, just sauntering around, like we ladies do.

If the club were open, I would wear a robe. But everyone who works at the club has seen me wearing nothing but pads and a smile, and no one even bats an eye anymore.

By the way, my robe is black velvet with cheetah-print cuffs and collar. I look like Hugh Hefner when I wear it. Of course, the joke that I look more like a huge heifer has been made a few times.

We grab our Red Bulls and head backstage to finish getting ready. I can actually get ready in about an hour, but part of the fun of being on cast and having a



dressing room to get ready in means that we get to hang out and run our mouths. The other girls show up and we all kiki and gossip as we paint our mugs.

Backstage is honestly the real show. Every single cast member is funny, and we have a blast when we really get to going.

Last night, Tommie Ross was the special guest, and it was so nice to catch up with her. She hasn't been in our show since pre-COVID, so it was amazing to have her back. She is just good people, and I tell ya, she can cut up like nobody. She is hilarious. Stunning, graceful and elegant onstage, but backstage she is a hoot. It is the backstage shenanigans that really make my job fun.

Kelexis usually has some kind of chewy, fruity candy in her purse, so we pretend diabetes ain't a thang and kill off a bag of Skittles, Starburst or some off-brand, cheap-ass candy that ends up being our favorite. It is just the sugar rush we need to get the show started.

The production last night was an oldie but a goodie — "Lady Marmalade" — and the girls crushed it. I wasn't in the production, so I was able to wear a new

costume that I recently had made to do the song "Get Down" from the musical *Six*.

Of course, before I do my song, I go out and welcome the crowd and do my mono-long. I know I talk too much, but when the crowd is laughing, and I am feeling it, it is hard to let that feeling go.

Last night the crowd was amazing. We have been very lucky lately. The crowds have been great. The tips have been great. I have remembered to be present and in the moment. I also try to show how thankful I am to get to be able to do what I do.

I think it is important to thank every person that tips me. Either by saying it, squeezing their hand or something to let that person know that I appreciate them and every buck I make.

Doing new music is always risky. You don't know if the crowd will like it or if they will just gawk at you like you are on fire. But they responded really well to "Get Down," plus I enjoy doing it. I think that has a lot to do with it. If you are having fun, the crowd will have fun with you.

The entire show was fabulous. Krystal did Britney Spears; Sasha did Beyonce; Kelexis danced and let her titties bounce. And when dem titties get to going, it is like watching a lava lamp sped up. You just cannot look away. They are hypnotic.

All jokes aside, I am super proud of the amazing show we put on every single time we hit the stage.

I may have had a few cocktails in me by the second show, so you could not tell me I wasn't really singing. I performed the song "Public Place" by Wendy Ho. It's a filthy version of Rihanna's "We Found Love," but instead of "We found love in a hopeless place," Ho's version

says, "I'll suck yo dick in a public place." I only perform the classiest of songs. God, I just love Wendy Ho. She is a gift to us drag queens.

The show ends, and once I do a little bit of paperwork, I head home — exhausted but happy.

My 30-minute ride home is like wind-down time for me. Sometimes I listen to an audiobook, sometimes total silence — the night's energy flowing off me into a calm that usually gets me to sleep within an hour or two.

Then the next night I do it all over again.

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

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Diversions Word Search - Randy Rainbow

"My mother, she wanted the gayest child... and she got it."

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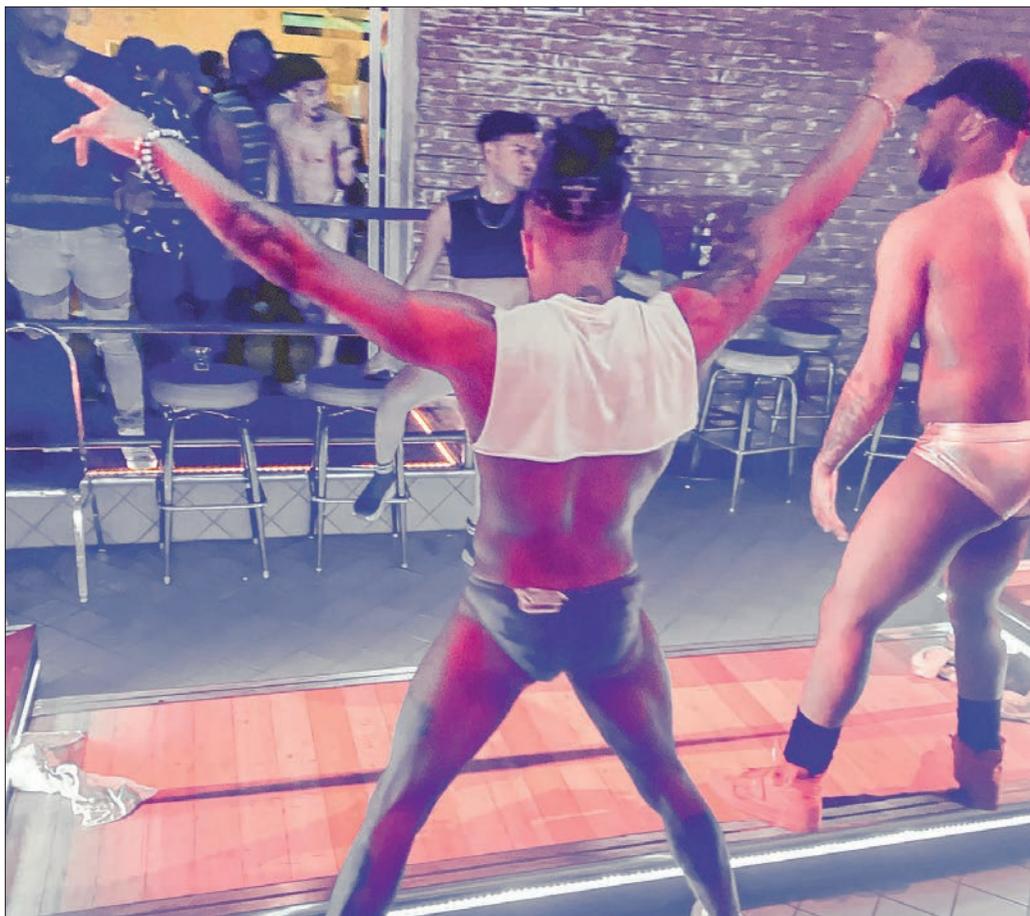
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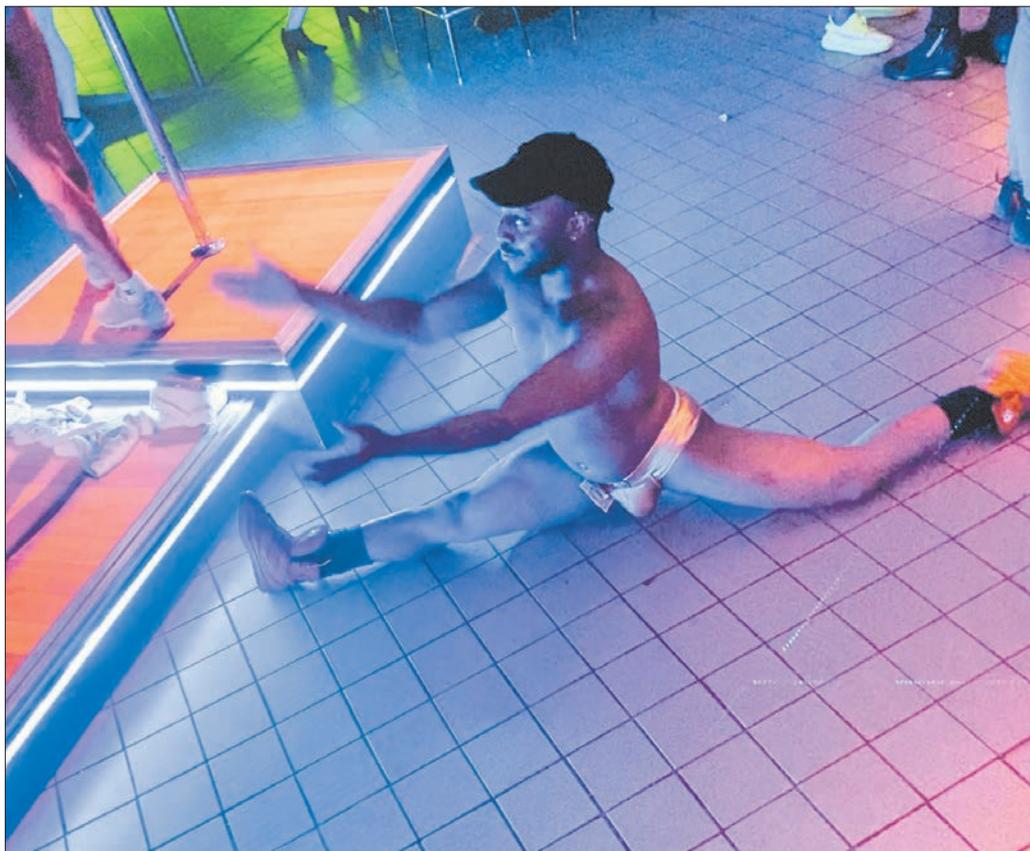
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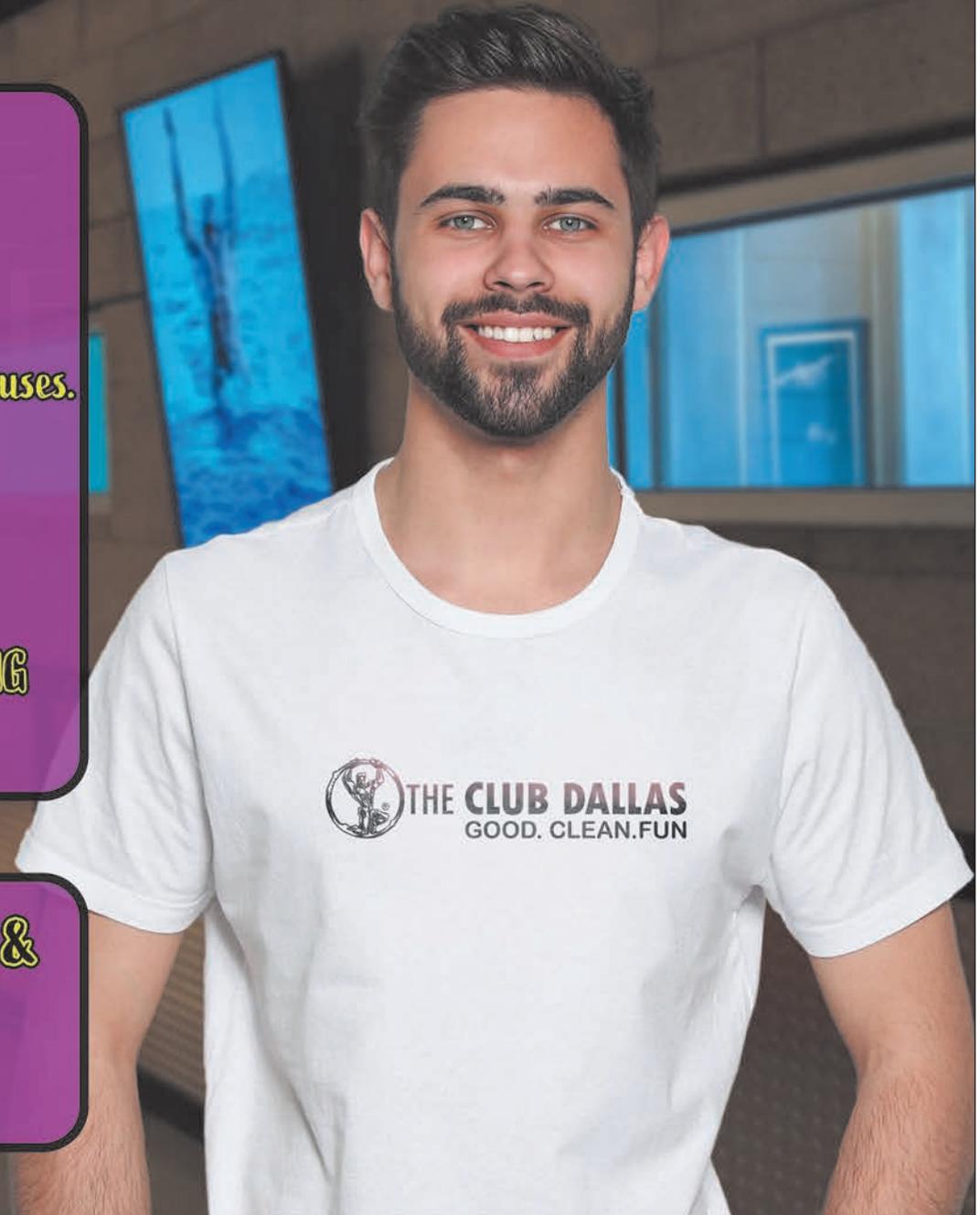
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Across

- 1 Queen, for example
- 8 Get it up
- 15 Title girl in a 1968 Turtles hit
- 16 Went around
- 17 Start of why politics is in his bones, per Pete Buttigieg
- 18 More of the quote
- 19 Way cool
- 20 Singer Marilyn
- 22 Went down on
- 23 More of the quote
- 27 Geometry calculations
- 30 Hard top
- 31 Tuesday to 50 million Frenchmen
- 35 Tiny balls
- 37 Patrick of the *Moby Dick* miniseries
- 39 African desert
- 40 Looking for gay porn, maybe
- 41 Larger-than-life
- 42 Fruit in a slot machine
- 46 Locker room emanation
- 47 More of the quote
- 50 Refusal to a butch
- 53 "___ be my pleasure!"
- 54 Port in the land of samurai
- 58 Cat ___ *Hot Tin Roof*

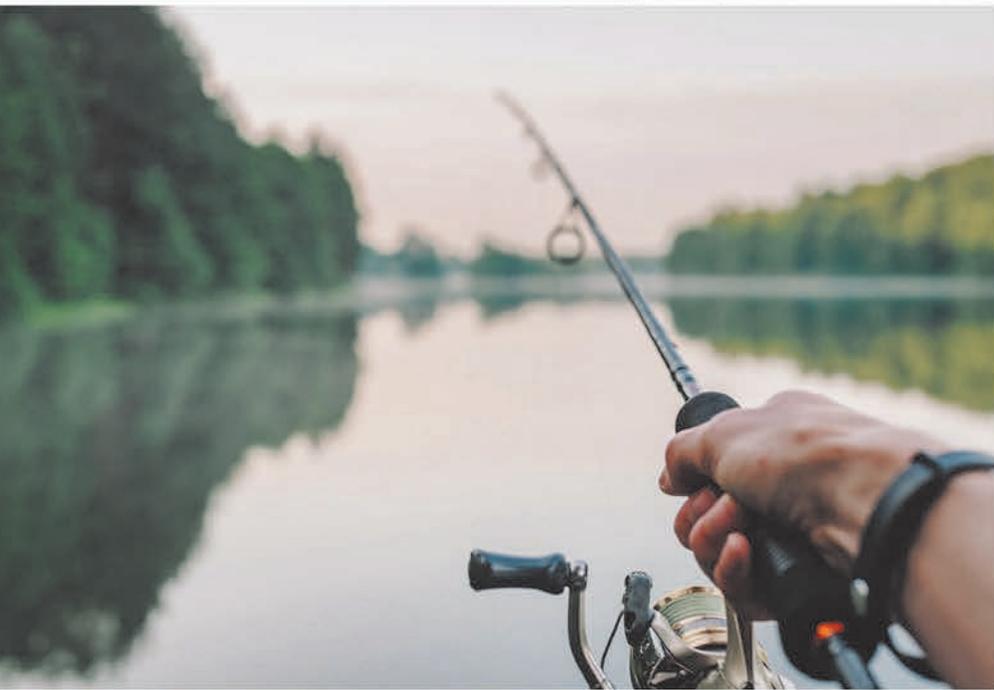
Down

- 1 Golda of Israel
- 2 Poet Broumas
- 3 Sal Mineo, in *Rebel Without a Cause*
- 4 Request to Sajak
- 5 Straight line
- 6 Mayberry teacher Helen
- 7 Swingers of old
- 8 They rubber stamp
- 9 Rest atop
- 10 Pitching stat
- 11 Remote target
- 12 Caesar's others
- 13 Big top, e.g.
- 14 Beat, but barely
- 21 Early man's opening
- 23 Old Testament prophet
- 24 River of the country of the Singing Nun

- 25 Counterfeiters' nemeses
- 26 Make noise in bed
- 27 Vaulted area at the Cathedral of Hope
- 28 Cut the crop
- 29 For most students
- 32 Police incursion at Stonewall
- 33 Bond foe
- 34 Body passageway
- 36 Like Albee's three women
- 38 Actress Collette
- 43 Flake of the upper crust
- 44 The M in SMU (abbr.)
- 45 Times when it's hard
- 48 Ancient Greek seer
- 49 *Sister Act* extra
- 50 Like a superbly pitched game
- 51 Not straight up
- 52 Negligee material
- 55 "Are you calling me ___?"
- 56 *Roots* family head
- 57 *Ragged Dick* writer Horatio
- 60 Not now
- 61 Cop flirting in a tearoom
- 64 NCAA jock org.
- 66 Castro Street, on BART

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