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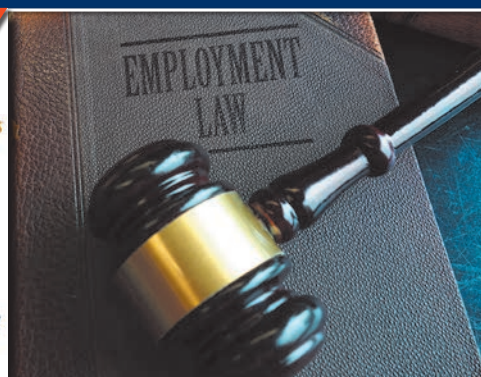
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Prosper ISD softball coaches arrested for failing to report sexual assault allegations



Renna Bersosa, left, and Kasie Ostrum

The head softball coach and an assistant softball coach at Prosper High School have been arrested and are under investigation by Prosper police and school district officials after a student and her mother told police the two coaches refused to report allegations of sexual assault by a member of the team, according to reports by Dallas Morning News.

Head coach Renna Bersosa was arrested Friday, Aug. 25, and accused of a misdemeanor failure to report child abuse. She was booked into the Collin County jail then released on a \$3,500 bond later that day. Assistant coach Kasie Ostrom was arrested Tuesday, Aug. 29, for the same offense. She was released on a personal recognizance bond, DMN reports.

According to an affidavit by Prosper ISD's Police Department, a student-athlete told Bersosa on Aug. 7, that three other athletes said they were sexually abused and raped by another player off-campus during multiple sleepovers at players' homes this summer.

The student telling Bersosa about the allegations told police the coach responded by saying the player accused of assaults was "a good player and they don't want to lose her," and that she should "handle the situation on her own" by telling the accused player to stop or she would tell the coach, DMN reports.

— Tammye Nash

Shootings in Oak Lawn

Two men shot each other on Lemmon Ave-

nue near Herschel Street on Wednesday morning, Aug. 30 about 3:15 a.m. One was killed, the other was injured and is in stable condition.

Police haven't released the names or any motive for the shooting.

On Aug. 27, police responded to a crash on Inwood Road near Lemmon Avenue. When they investigated, they realized it was a shooting. Homicide took over the investigation.

According to the police report, one of the drivers, 29-year-old Chapeera Lee, died at the scene from the gunshot wound.

Dallas Fire-Rescue transported the other driver, 32-year-old Cortez Nute, to a local hospital with minor injuries where he was treated and released. Detectives determined Nute was responsible for the shooting, and he has been charged with murder.

— David Taffet

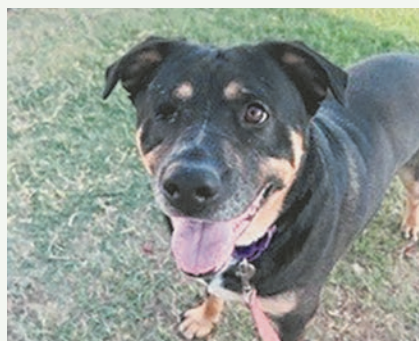
Texas OAG appeals ruling enjoining implementation of SB 14

Shortly after the 201st Judicial District Court of Travis County granted an injunction on Friday, Aug. 25, pausing the state's newly-passed medical care ban targeting transgender youth, the Texas Attorney General's office filed a "Notice of Accelerated Interlocutory Appeal" directly to the Texas Supreme Court in *Loe, et al. v. State of Texas, et al*, seeking to negate the ruling. According to a press release from the OAG, this filing stays the district court ruling pending a decision by the Texas Supreme Court.

SB 14 goes into effect today (Friday, Sept. 1), banning necessary medical care in Texas for treating gender dysphoria in transgender youth and would require the state to revoke the medical licenses of physicians who provide such care to their trans patients.

— Tammye Nash

Adoptable / ONE EYED JACK



One Eyed Jack is 6 1/2 years old and full of love. On a recent "Borrow a Buddy" outing, he was very well mannered and great meeting everyone. He is a big guy at 92 pounds, and he loved going outside. Jack will love to meet any siblings in the home, both two- and four-legged, so be sure to bring them to a meet-and-greet. One Eyed Jack has been neutered, microchipped and has had all his age-appropriate vaccines. A prior appointment is necessary to meet him. Visit SPCA.org/Adoptable/zeke/ and click on the "Make an Appointment" button. Throughout September, all adult dog and cat adoptions are only \$25 at the SPCA Dallas Animal Care Center, 2400 Lone Star Drive, and the Ellis County Animal Care Center, 2570 FM Road 878 in Waxahachie. When a senior adopts a senior pet, age seven or older, the adoption fee is waived.

Addressing gastrointestinal issues

DR. JOSH TALKS ANIMALS

Hello and welcome to my September Woof column. Hard to believe, but we really are already in September. As we enjoy a break from August's temperatures

from hell, let me present the topic for this column: gastrointestinal issues.

Whenever our furry kiddos have diarrhea or vomiting, we always get concerned because they are not feeling their best. We may automatically assume they got into something they shouldn't have eaten, but it is important to know that these symptoms can be caused by quite a few different things.

I do want to note that vomiting is associated with retching while regurgitation is not, and these two symptoms are often confused with each other. Another important distinction is that diarrhea refers to liquid stools, and that is different from soft stools.

This may seem obvious to some of us, but we often hear parents in the veterinary medical field say that their baby has diarrhea when it was, in fact, soft stools.

Additionally, it always helps to describe the situation to your medical team in as much detail as possible to help them identify what's going on and thus recommend an ideal course of action for your baby. You can even take a picture or video of what's happening at home and share it with your medical team to help them more clearly understand.

An occasional isolated vomit or episode of soft stools may be considered normal for some pets, but we need to monitor closely as it may be an early indication that a disease or condition is developing. Needless to say, if you see excessive vomiting or soft stools/diarrhea, or if there are any concerning changes in their routine or behavior, seek medical care right away.

Based on your pet's age, breed, sex and other factors, vomiting and/or diarrhea can be caused by different things, including changes in diet/treats or poor quality food, dietary indiscretions, stress-inducing events, parvovirus, intestinal parasites, ingestion of foreign material, toxicity, congenital disease, organ failure/damage (including liver and kidney disease), pancreatitis, metabolic/systemic diseases like Addison's disease, inflammatory diseases like IBS, certain bacterial/viral/fungal infections, food allergies, reactions to medications/supplements/vaccines, motion sickness, and, unfortunately, different types of cancer.

When you talk to your veterinarian, they will likely recommend some lab work, ranging from very basic tests to, potentially, something more advanced. These could include fecal analysis, blood work, radiographs, and/or parvo testing. Your doctor may also recommend or at least mention more advanced tests like abdominal ultrasound, endoscopy, MRI/CT scan, food allergy testing (or a prescription food trial), gas-



**Dr. Josh
Woof**

trointestinal biopsy, or even surgical intervention for an exploratory procedure and potential sample collection.

Needless to say, not all tests are always applicable, and sometimes only the more basic tests are needed to identify the cause of the issue.

Treatment options vary widely, based on what may be causing the gastrointestinal issues. In certain situations, some injections and medications may be all your baby needs to feel better. However, certain conditions can lead to hospitalization and even surgical intervention as part of the treatment, and some diseases require long term or lifelong medications.

When taking your pet to your veterinarian or to the emergency hospital, share with them all the information you have. If your baby ingested anything, try to figure out how much what it was and how much they ingested. If there is a label, take a picture of the label or bring the container with you to the visit. You may also consider contacting the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center right away at 888-426-4435.

Fortunately, many causes of vomiting and diarrhea or soft stools can be avoided or prevented. I recommend to puppy/kitty-proof your home and to avoid access to things they could chew on or swallow. Make sure that electric cords are hidden and protected. Avoid taking your puppy to public areas around other dogs until he/she is fully vaccinated. Unless it's necessary or recommended by your veterinarian, I suggest avoiding abruptly changing brands/flavors of food or treats.

Lastly, please know that social media and some breeders or pet store team members may not always have the best advice for your babies, so please follow your doctor's recommendations.

I truly hope this column was not too graphic. And as always, I hope this info is beneficial to your family. Remember, if you need anything, I am located in Addison at Isla Vet. Thank you all for reading my column and big abrazos.

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More hate, more threats

Maybe Abigail Jo Shry never intended to carry out death threats she made, but how many others out there might?

I just learned that there will not be a second season of *A League of Their Own*, and that is a big bummer. Abbi Jacobson is a goddess and a genius and a star. And this is an outrage.

To be clear, I do not blame the striking Hollywood writers and actors. I support them 100 percent. I blame higher-ups in the industry who don't give a shit about the artists who make their "product" and would be happy to pay them next-to-nothing and/or replace them with AI bots.

(Also, fun fact: My sister's children get amazing hand-me-down clothes from Jacobson's sister, by way of Jacobson's mother, who is good friends with my sister's husband's mom.)

Anyway, my point is that I am disappointed.

I know that this is but one small disappointment in the grand scheme of things, but there have just been SO MANY lately.

Would a second season of *A League of Their Own* solve the issue of transphobic laws being passed across the country? Would it have stopped libraries from taking LGBTQ books off of their shelves? Would it have made Ron DeSantis and Donald Trump drop out of the presidential race and enter lives of hermetic silence?

We'll never know.

Granted, it probably wouldn't have stopped Abigail Jo Shry from leaving incredibly racist voicemail messages for Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, and U.S. District Judge Tanya S. Chutkan, who is overseeing the criminal prosecution of disgraced former president Trump for conspiring to overturn the 2020 election.

Shry, from Texas, called Chutkan a racial slur and said "You are in our sights, we want to kill you. Trump doesn't get elected in 2024, we are coming to kill you, so tread lightly, bitch."



D'Anne Witkowski
Creep of the Week

According to NPR, she also threatened to kill "Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, a Texas Democrat, all Washington Democrats, broadly, and all members of the LGBTQ community, according to the Department of Homeland Security special agent who signed the court filing."

That's ... that's an awfully long list. I mean, the energy it takes to hate that many people! Not to mention plotting their murders.

According to reports, Shry has been charged four times for doing similar shit in the past year.

"According to her father," The Advocate reports, "she is a nonviolent alcoholic who sits on her couch watching the news all day, becomes drunk and

agitated and then calls around making threats."

Not unlike the disgraced former president himself (just replace alcohol with Diet Coke).

Look, I don't know what Shry's issues are. If she's an alcoholic, I hope she is able to recognize that, ask for help and get help. That said, calling people up to tell them you want to kill them doesn't sound like the hobby of a nonviolent person.

Also, there are no doubt plenty more Abigail Jo Shrys in this country.

"Even though this individual may have certain issues we don't know, who else is thinking about it?" Jackson Lee told CNN. "The temperature needs to be brought down, and the former president needs to be actively engaged in stopping the hysteria rather than egging people on, provoking them to do things that are against the Constitution and the order of this nation. Law and order has to prevail, not only for us, but for him."

Alas, Trump is engaged in exactly the opposite. And he has no real incentive to stop. This is the stuff his followers love. They love his hate because his hate is their hate. At least, that's what they think.

But Trump sycophants like Shry don't seem to realize that Trump hates them, too. In his eyes, they're losers because they aren't rich like him. But he's perfectly happy to let them wreck their lives defending his name.

And they are apparently happy to do it. As USA Today reports, "Last year, federal officials charged more people over public threats — against elected officials, law enforcement and judicial officials, educators and health care workers — than in any of the previous 10 years, according to research from the National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center at the University of Nebraska, Omaha."

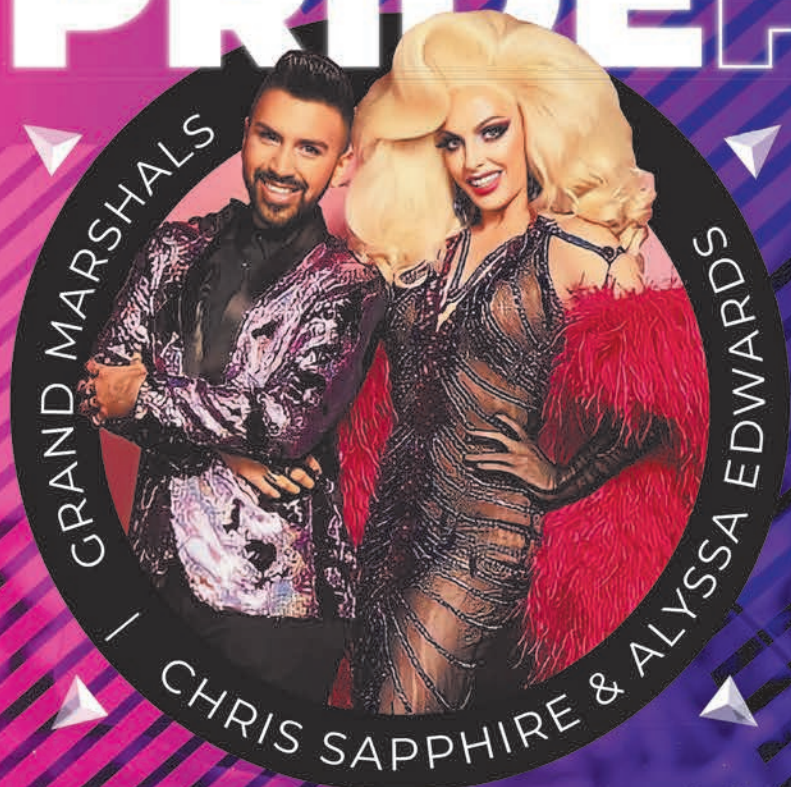
And this isn't a "both sides" issue. "The majority of the threats currently being prosecuted by the federal government are coming from the far-right," according to USA Today.

Sadly, it's only going to get worse as we move toward the 2024 election. Brace yourselves. ■

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Australia offers LGBTQ travelers not only a wide range of experiences in a stunning setting but also a welcoming and diverse culture

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Having grown up in Kansas, in the middle of the United States, I've always longed to see more than the flat, flyover states that are the Midwest.

When I was a kid, my dad was a huge Olivia Newton-John fan. She was his Australian heartthrob. Many a school-day, I would come home to her music blaring or one of her live concerts in the VCR. And as a young gay boy, I was mesmerized by her as well. She was pretty, sang beautifully and was from this great land far, far away.

I wondered how this pop chanteuse



Pride lights the night in Sydney (Photo courtesy of Destination NSW)



A couple takes a stroll along the rainbow path in Sydney's Prince Alfred Park. (Photo courtesy of Destination NSW)



Exploring the waters around Heron Island. (Photo by Alex Kydd)

from Down Under got into my living room. And I always wondered what her homeland of Australia was like. Was it

filled with dangerous animals as everyone suggested? Was there something at every turn that could kill me?

To me, it sounded exciting! I've always

tried to live my life by a Helen Keller quote I heard while in high school: "Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all." And it was with that mindset firmly

in place that I packed my bags this past spring to visit that mystical Land Down Under.

Australia is one of the most



Learning about local sea life at the Heron Island Research Station. (Photo by Colin Baker courtesy of Heron Island)

LGBTQ-friendly countries in the world, with a progressive culture that embraces diversity and inclusivity. Australia decriminalized homosexuality in the 1970s and legally recognized same-sex marriage in 2017. The country has a very vibrant and dynamic LGBTQ community, and it is a popular destination for LGBTQ+ travelers.

Sydney, the largest city in Australia, is often considered the LGBTQ capital of the country. The city hosts the famous Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, an annual festival and parade that attracts

more than 300,000 visitors from around the world. The festival, with colorful floats, music and performances, has become a symbol of Australia's commitment to LGBTQ rights and is a must-visit for anyone traveling to Australia.

The parade, beginning with the roar of hundreds of "Dykes on Bikes," is truly a sight to behold. The whole country comes to SLAY at this parade! Everyone puts on their brightest colors and outfits for this over-the-top event. It was one of the best (and longest) Pride parades I've ever been to in my life.

In 2023, Sydney was home to the 2023 WorldPride festival, and the city rolled out the rainbow carpet for the estimated 1 million-plus people, staging more than 400 events. And when I tell you that this city went over the top — well, that's a complete understatement. EVERYWHERE I went, EVERYTHING was covered in rainbows — from the city sidewalks, to the lighting on buildings, to every employee I saw in every shop with their rainbow pins and buttons. It was like gay was the norm and straight was the minority; it was weirdly fabulous!

Melbourne

Melbourne is another great city for LGBTQ travelers to visit. Aside from being the current home to my favorite pop star, Troye Sivan, the city is known for its vibrant arts and culture scene and is home to a thriving LGBTQ community. The annual Midsumma Festival, a three-week celebration of queer arts and culture, is held in Melbourne and features a range of exhibitions, performances, parties and other events.

If shopping is your thing, check out the 145-year-old Queen Victoria Market. This open-air market is home to more than 600 small businesses where you can buy everything from Australian fruits and veggies to gourmet food, clothing and souvenirs. There is literally something for everyone.

Wild Australia

What initially drew me Down Under were the lush landscapes and wild animals I saw on TV growing up. The country is home to some of the world's most stunning natural wonders, including the Great Barrier Reef, the Outback and the Blue Mountains. LGBTQ travelers can explore these natural wonders through a range of activities, including hiking, snorkeling and even zip lines and hot air balloon rides.

One stop for me was the breathtaking Heron Island, a stunning coral cay located on the southern Great Barrier Reef off the coast of Queensland. It is accessible only by catamaran or helicopter and offers a secluded and pristine escape for travelers looking for a uniquely tranquil experience.

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A panoramic view of Heron Island. (Photo courtesy of Heron Island)

Escape from the noise

POSTCARDS FROM JENNY

Lake Austin Spa Resort offers everything you need for a perfect getaway

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Lake Austin Spa Resort is just a few short hours away from DFW, but it feels worlds apart from reality. The minute you enter the gates, you can feel your breathing slow down. The property is deliciously serene, and the staff makes you feel as if you're coming home to your own personal retreat.

The lakeside resort offers so many activities that it's like summer camp for adults — although you could certainly spend your time doing nothing at all. It's that duality that I love so much. I went from class to class, and my wife caught up on work in a gorgeous setting, and our friend lounged by the pool.

You don't need much when it comes

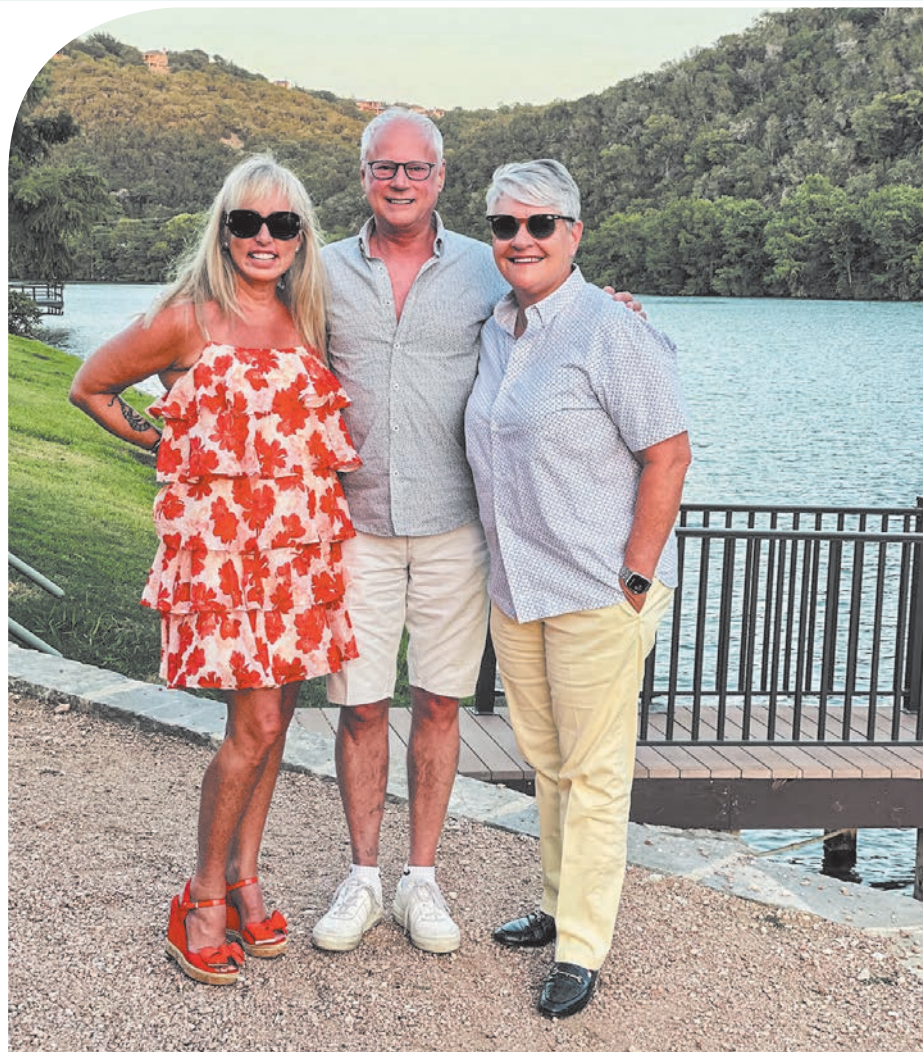
to packing. I brought three yoga sets from Target and a couple of tank tops.

There are a ton of classes at the resort that you won't want to miss, as well as plenty of opportunities to hike if it's not too blasted hot. When it is so hot out, I like to keep the room really cold, so I also brought the Smitten zip-up boyfriend hoodie and shorts from Boys Lie (which are the softest sweats you'll ever melt into. The set is especially close to my heart because they are a fundraiser for The Trevor Project).

I packed a handful of sundresses, too, to dress for dinner. But you certainly don't have to dress for dinner if you don't want to; spa robes and workout clothes can be spotted at dinner on any given night.

Just the same, it was my birthday weekend, so I brought along two super cute dresses from LSPACE, the Isabelle Dress and the Eyelet Santorini Dress, and two from the cutest little boutique in Livingston called Fitz by Annie (recently was folded into Petalz by Annie). And, of course, I brought bathing suits, a cover-up and a wide brim hat.

We arrived at 3 p.m. and were greeted



Tripp Carter, center, with Jenny Block, left, and her wife, Robin Brown



The Forbidden Bowl with chicken, left, and Jenny's birthday dessert.

with glasses of prosecco and ice water. Then we were given a tour of the property, along with branded water bottles, flip-flops and backpacks. I dashed off to yoga while my wife and friend went for a pontoon boat cruise on the river, complete with charcuterie and wine in fabulous spill-proof wine cups.

After yoga, I put in some time on the treadmill and then had the best time talking poolside to the F&B manager, Nicholas (Nick) Halloway, who happens to be an award-winning fiction writer. I was so inspired by our conversation that I even got a little writing done after a marvelous dinner.

The next day, I tackled another yoga class and a cardio drumming class.

Truth is, after yoga I was torn about the drumming class; I had never done

anything like that and wasn't sure if, A: I would like it, and B: if it was something I could do. But the instructor and the other guests waiting to take the class encouraged me to give it a whirl.

It was so much fun. (And, I did great, by the way.) But, more importantly, I felt super-supported by the instructor and my fellow classmates.

That's the thing about Lake Austin Spa Resort: It's more than the sum of its parts. It's kind of magical — other-worldly even. From the moment you arrive on the property you feel *more whole* somehow.

I also made a visit to the spa, where I had the most luxurious treatment, called the ginger scrub and wrap. The spa is stunning and has to be one of the most serene places one could imagine. They

even have an outdoor pool and a café. So, if you're a day guest, you really could make a whole day of it.

Along with all of the classes and the hours at the spa, I also spent plenty of time in the pool. It was exceptionally

barigoule and crème fraîche. It was so good I had it both nights.

The resort makes sure you are satisfied. They even offer all sorts of activities like cooking demos and craft classes. I had a blast decorating a lit wine bottle



A visitor by the lake

hot the weekend we were there, so I do mean *in* the pool. But when the weather is more reasonable, it is also a wonderful place to lounge the day away.

The food at the resort is stellar, and it is included in the price. The chef is marvelous and makes everything to order, just how you want it. For breakfast, my go-to was the heavenly Maqui- Blueberry Bowl with banana, kiwi, blackberries, granola, chia seed and Gogi berries, and the equally delicious egg white scramble complete with heirloom tomatoes.

For lunch, I was obsessed with the Forbidden rice bowl with edamame, shiitake, celery, pickled cabbage, heirloom carrot, toasted cashew and citrus ginger hoisin sauce with chicken and the cilantro hummus with almond butter, tomatoes, olive oil, cucumber, red onion and queso fresco.

For dinner, I had the Heirloom Tomato Salad with cherry tomatoes, red onion, cucumber, Thai basil, chia seeds and goma dressing and the 44 Farms short ribs with peanut romesco, eggplant

that now happily lives on our deck, reminding me of our marvelous weekend. There are a zillion perfectly decorated and incredibly comfortable spots to relax and read or to catch up with your traveling companions or other resort guests.

There are books and games and a lovely herb garden, as well as shops in the main house and the spa. There's a pool barn, too, for classes and chilly visits.

I'm telling you, they have everything.

The Lake Austin Spa Resort feels more like a home away from home than a resort. The staff will call you by name, and they will remember your order in the restaurant. The fitness instructors will ask after you, even if you're only there for a short visit. And the property is set up to be used like it's all your own.

There are many spots around the world that I would recommend, but this is one that I would say can't be missed. Lake Austin Spa Resort is a most welcome respite from all the noise.

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The City by the Bay is better than ever

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The demise of San Francisco as reported in the mainstream press has been wildly exaggerated. The City by the Bay is back, and it is better than ever. And it's still ground central for the LGBTQ movement.

Oakland (OAK) and out of San Francisco (SFO), both of which are served by Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART).

They use the Harvey Milk Terminal One at SFO, which is full of displays of the history of the slain San Francisco supervisor who, along with Mayor George Moscone, was assassinated by Supervisor Dan White in 1978. It's a fascinating history display, entitled Harvey Milk: Messenger of Hope, detailed in the exhibits in the terminal.

Don't buy any hot food there, though. They slap on a surprise 5 percent airport surcharge. (I don't pay resort fees, much

the sports bar Hi Tops (Try the nachos). Lookout Bar and Beaux bar are just steps away, as is the La Mediterranee on Noe Street.

Grab an It's It ice cream sandwich (on graham crackers) at the Noe Valley Market or walk over to Courtney's Produce on 14th Street and Castro for fresh juices and low-priced homemade sandwiches. Splurge for great French cuisine at L'ardoise Bistro on Noe Street.

The new Hotel Castro on 18th Street across from Molly Stone's Market is another option. The Lobby Bar in the Hotel has a fun happy hour.

What to do

Where do I start? There's so much but I will focus on the new and extra fun stuff.

- Explore the Castro and enjoy the sidewalk panels that highlight famous LGBTQ pioneers. Then head over to the GLBT Historical Society Museum on 18th Street.

- Walk up to nearby Corona Heights, Twin Peaks and Buena Vista Park for the stunning views.

- Take the Historic F Street Car to the Ferry Building and Fisherman's Wharf. Restored street cars from around the country are a treat. The Ferry Building has great restaurants. Try the empanadas.

- Take the new Central Subway from Powell Street Station north to Chinatown or south to Mission Bay and the new Mission Rock neighborhood. Explore the new Chase Center or catch a show there.

- Take the Muni Metro subway west to West Portal Station. Have lunch at Squat N Gobble. Try the salmon salad.

- Sign up for a ride on Cruise or Waymo, the new driverless cars. You will see them everywhere on the street.

- Take the J Church up to Duboce Park for magnificent views of downtown and then over to the Noe Valley for Chinese at Eric's Chinese Restaurant.

- Hike with the San Francisco Hiking Club (sfhikingclub.org) which goes to nearby parks in the region.

- Take a walk or run with the Front-runners. They meet at the Stowe Lake Boat House in Golden Gate Park at 9 a.m. on Saturdays. Then walk along the car-free JFK Drive or take the free shuttle to the museums.

- Explore the Presidio. Take a hike or check out the museum in the Officers Club which also features a great Mexican restaurant. Enjoy the views of the Golden Gate Bridge in this huge former military reserve and the new Tunnel Tops and Visitor Center. Then take the free shuttle around the park or to the Embarcadero to explore the Salesforce Tower Transbay Terminal roof top gardens with Mediterranean plants from around the world that thrive on the moderate climate that lacks rain for much of the year.

- Take the Powell Street Cable Car from the Powell Street Station on Market up to Russian Hill for stunning views of Angel Island and Alcatraz.

Night life

The bars in the Castro are busier than ever. Beaux has many events as well as a Sunday drag brunch. The Midnight Sun on 18th Street is going strong, as is Moby Dick. Hi Tops on Market Street across the street from Beck's is fun and has outdoor seating. Toad Hall is another option on 18th Street. The Twin Peaks at Market and Castro is always fun and, back in the day, was known for its big windows. The Castro Theater on Castro has shows and is a historic gem.

In conclusion

You cannot beat a vacation in San Francisco. With so much to do, a year-round mild climate and tons of new stuff, you owe it to yourself to make a pilgrimage to the original LGBTQ mecca. The homeless won't bother you although the driverless cars might! And check out the art work at the stations at the brand new Central Subway. ■

Bill Malcolm lived in San Francisco for 12 years and founded the San Francisco Hiking Club which is still going strong today. He is a graduate of UC-Santa Cruz.



The Castro is the heart of the San Francisco gayborhood

There is lots of new stuff to do: Take the Central Subway to Chinatown. Check out the new Salesforce roof tops gardens. Visit the tunnel tops at the Presidio offering a stunning view of the Golden Gate Bridge, and more.

Thankfully, the homeless situation is much improved. But best of all, the drought is over. Plus, housing prices have fallen.

Getting there

I took Southwest Airlines both ways, without incident, through Denver. Fares were reasonable, and there were no annoying extra fees and charges. I flew into

less junk charges like this.)

But do check out the gay souvenir sections in the shops in the airport, and the food to go is surcharge free.

Where to stay, eat

I always stay at the Beck's Motor Lodge, 2222 Market St., between Noe and Sanchez. It's a family-run business that is close to the Castro and Upper Market neighborhoods. You can walk everywhere, and they offer free parking if you have a car. Rates are reasonable, and you can stumble home from the bars.

Peet's Coffee is across the street, as is

Chamber to businesses: Welcome everyone

BUSINESS SENSE



Ten local restaurants received a total of \$55,000 in grants this week from Grubhub through a program coordinated by the LGBT Chamber of Commerce

10 chamber restaurants received grants from Grubhub; 9 students given scholarships

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The North Texas LGBT Chamber of Commerce has had a busy week, handing out scholarships to students and granting funds to restaurants as well as reintroducing a non-discrimination program called Welcome Everyone.

The Welcome Everyone program was first launched in 2015 after the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its *Obergefell* decision on marriage equality, said Chamber President and CEO Tony Vedda. "We started this so people would have some confidence that when they were planning their wedding, they'd could identify vendors and businesses that welcomed their patronage," he explained.

The chamber launched the Welcome Everyone — or WE — program with stickers that merchants could place on their doors. They initially got hundreds of requests for door stickers — and not just locally, but from merchants in 20 states and even from several other countries.

While most couples could feel confident in larger cities where they could easily patronize chamber members, Vedda said the program was particularly important for smaller communities.

Then came SCOTUS' *Masterpiece Cake* decision. Although it was a narrow ruling, business owners who opposed same-sex marriage took it as an excuse to discriminate. Then that was followed by this summer's *303 Creative* decision.

So the chamber decided to reinvigorate and reintroduce WE to the community.

In the *303 Creative* case, the plaintiff asked the courts if her web design business would be subject to Colorado non-discrimination laws banning anti-LGBTQ discrimination. The plaintiff claimed she was creating wedding websites because same-sex marriage violated her religious beliefs. She claimed to have received a request from a same-sex couple to design their wedding website.

Even though the plaintiff had not, in fact, created websites for any weddings, nor had she been asked to do so by a same-sex couple, the court found in her favor. The ruling allows a business that produces something creative to refuse services if the business's religious beliefs prohibit those services.

So if the business opposes same-sex marriage, for example, it wouldn't have

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to provide service to a same-sex couple.

Lambda Legal attorney Shelly Skeen said the ruling could extend to other circumstances. If a business opposes interracial marriage, an interracial couple could be turned away. If a business opposes the transgender community, anyone who is trans could be refused service. And if a business simply didn't like people of one race or another, those people could be turned away as well.

The WE program counters *303 Creative*, Vedda said. A WE sticker on a business door says that business welcomes everyone and embraces differences.

"Now, with the recent decisions of the Supreme Court, it feels like it is time to make certain we are supporting businesses that support us," Vedda wrote in the summer edition of the Chamber publication *Inside Out*.

Scholarships

In addition to the WE program, the chamber foundation this week awarded its annual scholarships.

Since 2011, the foundation has awarded 73 scholarships totaling almost \$150,000. Of that number, nine scholarships totalling \$45,000 were awarded this week.

Two of those awards — for \$2,500 each — were from a new fund established last year by the United Court of the Lone Star Empire. Winners were Kyle Bendiksen, a psychology student at SMU, and Alexa Frederick, a UNT library sciences student.

Two of the awards — also for \$2,500 each — were granted through the Michael Doughman Memorial Scholarship established by the Dallas Tavern Guild. Winners are UNT liberal arts/humanities student Quincy Accius, and Vu Mather, who is studying biological and biomedical studies at Harvard Medical School and MIT.

Five additional scholarships were awarded through the foundation's general fund.

Three other funds remain active but either didn't have funding or applicants. Candy Marcum established a

scholarship to go to a nursing student in memory of her mother. One fund for a law student was created in memory of Rob Ruhlin. And Outtakes donated its treasury for a film and TV scholarship. That's been expanded to any student studying the arts.

Donations can be made to any of the funds through the chamber foundation's website.

Restaurant Grants

During the COVID pandemic, Grubhub teamed up with the National LGBT Chamber and local chambers to help restaurants affected by COVID-19. Restaurants didn't need to be LGBT-owned, but they had to be LGBT chamber members.

Vedda said this year, grants were given to 10 restaurants. Nine received \$5,000 and one, Jonathan's Diner, received \$10,000.

Vedda said the application process is fairly easy and that businesses wouldn't be required to report how the money

was used. Basically all the business had to do was tell its story, he said.

Vedda helped rank applications, but not for Texas. Local applicants were rated by chamber execs from elsewhere.

However, even though he didn't see local applications, Vedda speculated Jonathan's Diner, located in an area of Oak Cliff hit by redevelopment and skyrocketing rent, was awarded its grant to offset the costs of its forced relocation.

Another winner, Salum, suffered water damage during storms in early March. While repairs have been made now, and the restaurant is up and running, the grant will certainly help in paying off any debt that might have been incurred fixing the damage or help make up for losses while closed. Vedda noted that during the weeks Salum was closed for repairs, expenses, like rent, continued to mount.

Vedda said the best thing for business owners about the program is, "Unlike other grants, there's no reporting structure, so it doesn't put an added burden on the business owners." ■



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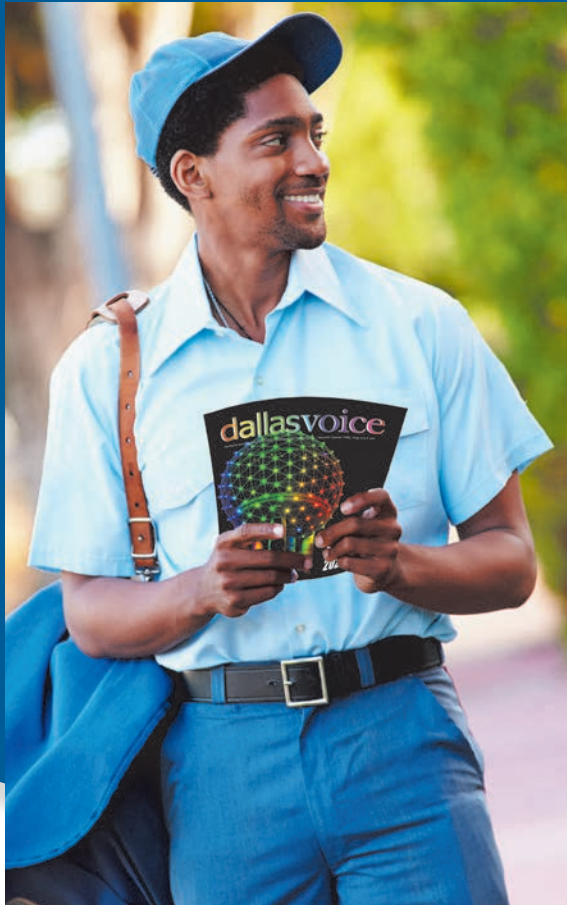
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DANCE ON STAGE

Dancer J. Alexander Langley is back in 'Black' for a new premiere performance

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To see J. Alexander Langley on-stage again will be a treat. After taking a final bow from performing just last December, the queer dancer is making his return to the stage as part of the premiere of *Flamenco Black* at the Moody Performance Hall.

"I justified doing this because it was an independent gig, and when Bridget and Delilah, I said yes," Langley explained. He is part of the company of dancers bringing The Flame Foundation and B. Moore Dance's production to life on Sept. 8 and 9.

Flamenco Dance will premiere a night of dance steeped in African culture as it relates to the flamenco art form. The night will also feature guest bailaora — or dancer — Yinka Esi Graves. The collaborative project features choreography by Graves, Antonio Arrebola, Bridget L. Moore and Delilah Buitròn Arrebola.

"*Flamenco Black* is a compilation of flamenco songs, dances and stories that are directly linked to Afro-Andalasion history, African flamenco roots and Black communities," Delilah Buitron Arrebola, the artistic director and producer of both The Flame Foundation and *Flamenco Black* said in a press release. "They express powerful imagery through traditional and contemporary stylization. I believe this is the beginning of future productions."

For Langley, this was an exciting chance to get back on stage, even if it is



for just two nights.

He took his last bow with 6 o'Clock Dance Theatre in December after he sustaining an injury. It made him stop and think and put his career into perspective, and he decided it was time to move away from performance and into teaching and artistic leadership.

"That perspective told me that the body don't do what the body did," he said with a laugh. "I realized I wanted to move on. But when they [Flamenco Foundation] called me, I was happy to do it.

"The process has been challenging in a good way and forced me to dust off and sharpen my skill set that I almost put to bed."

Langley's background as a dancer is impressive. As a Booker T. Washington student and graduate, he studied folklorico, West African and flamenco dance. He studied at the Debbie Allen Dance Institute, and he's performed with Avant Chamber Ballet and the Orchestra of New Spain and also Ballet Folklorico.

For *Flamenco Black*, he was tapped as the rehearsal assistant, first receiving choreography via Skype and then teaching that to the cast. The result will be a unique blending of cultures and heritage for the audience to witness.

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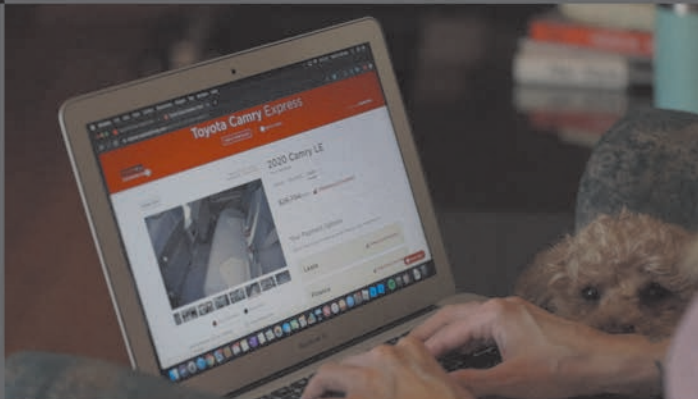


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Langley explained that when African peoples migrated to Europe, Spain was the closest in proximity. And when migration happens, he said “culture finds its space within the new culture and creates its own expression.”

He added that the audiences will be familiar with some of what they see, but he hopes the program will give audience an even more profound understanding of the art of flamenco.

“The cool thing about this show is the wide range of flamenco presented. Audiences can connect to it and understand that no culture is just one thing, and maybe they can see that in themselves,” he said.

Langley suggested that while there’s no direct queer element to the show, he feels like his time working with the choreographers and company has been a

safe space for him as a gay man. “Antonio and Bridget and Delillah are exceptionally inclusive and have brought that love to all of us for who

we are,” he said. “They even ask about my fiancé.

But there’s definitely been a great atmosphere where I don’t feel like I have to back down.” Langley is also working on his own in-

dependent dance project. He is inspired by the inclusive and supportive environment he has found working with the Flamenco Black company. He believes

that his own project will be a celebration of diversity and creativity.

For tickets, visit FlamencoBlack.org.
TheClassicsTheatreProject.com.



Gay on stage

We love pointing out what shows have LGBTQ ties — be it via the story, the actors or the creative team. Here are a few stage productions to go gay for this weekend.

- The late Bruce R. Coleman’s final outing as a director, *Tigers Be Still*, is held over at MainStage ILC’s new 222 space in historic Irving through Saturday. MainStageIrving.com.
- Theatre Arlington continues its 50th anniversary season with the bawdy and edgy puppet musical *Avenue Q* through Sept. 12. TheatreArlington.org.
- Circle Theatre currently has *The Other Josh Cohen* running through Sept. 16. The comedy about a down-on-his-luck guy who can’t rise about his bad luck is directed by Joel Ferrell, with Cody Dry as music director. CircleTheatre.com.
- Dallas theater legend Terry Martin will direct The Classics Theatre Project’s *The Seagull* by Anton Chekhov, through Sunday, Sept. 24 at the Stone Cottage in Addison. TheClassicsTheatreProject.com.

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The island boasts world-class snorkeling and scuba diving opportunities, giving visitors the chance to swim among vibrant coral reefs and an abundance of marine life including sea turtles, manta rays and reef sharks, while its sandy beaches provide a picturesque setting

piece of paradise and have never felt so relaxed in my life. I got up close with nature — every kind of wildlife you could imagine birds — in a way that I've never experienced before and will never forget.

Accommodation options on Heron Island range from eco-friendly tents to



Snack time for the giraffes at Sydney's Taronga Zoo. (Photo courtesy of Destination NSW)



The I Spy submersible gives visitors an up-close view of the waters around Heron Island. (Photo by Greg Sullivan, courtesy of Heron Island)



Heron Island and its reef. (Photo courtesy of Heron Island)

for sunbathing and leisurely walks. The island is a also breeding ground for several species of seabirds, including the endangered black noddly tern and the wedge-tailed shearwater, making it perfect for birding enthusiasts.

I spent three glorious days on this

luxurious suites, with all rooms offering stunning views of the reef and the island's lush vegetation. Facilities include a restaurant and bar as well as guided nature walks and reef talks.

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ful rest and rejuvenation, especially after all the excitement of Sydney and Melbourne, Heron Island is the perfect destination. Its remote location and unparalleled natural beauty makes it a must-visit destination.

Bondi Beach

Australia has a number of LGBTQ-friendly beaches, including the popular Bondi Beach in Sydney. The beach is home to the Bondi Gay and Lesbian Beach Picnic, which is held on the first Sunday of every month and is a great way to meet other LGBTQ travelers.

Food and wine

Australia's food and wine culture is yet another draw for LGBTQ travelers, offering a range of culinary delights from fresh seafood to world-class wines and unique indigenous cuisine. I know I came back to the states 10 pounds heavier! The cities of Melbourne and Sydney are particularly known for their food and wine



The Aster Bar at the Intercontinental Hotel in Sydney offers a stunning view of the bay, including Sydney Opera House. (Photo courtesy of Destination NSW)

scenes, with a range of LGBTQ-friendly restaurants and bars.

Overall, I spent a little more than two weeks in The Land Down Under. I loved it so much that I've decided I will definitely be going back to vacation there again, and I might even move there some day to live! The welcome I felt from the people there is something I will never forget.

Aussies care about their country and the people in it. From the moment I touched down until the minute that I left, I never felt unwelcomed anywhere I went.

The country's progressive culture, natural beauty, and diverse cities make it an ideal vacation spot for LGBTQ individuals and couples. Whether you're looking to attend a Pride parade, explore the great outdoors or simply relax on a beautiful beach, Australia has something to offer everyone.

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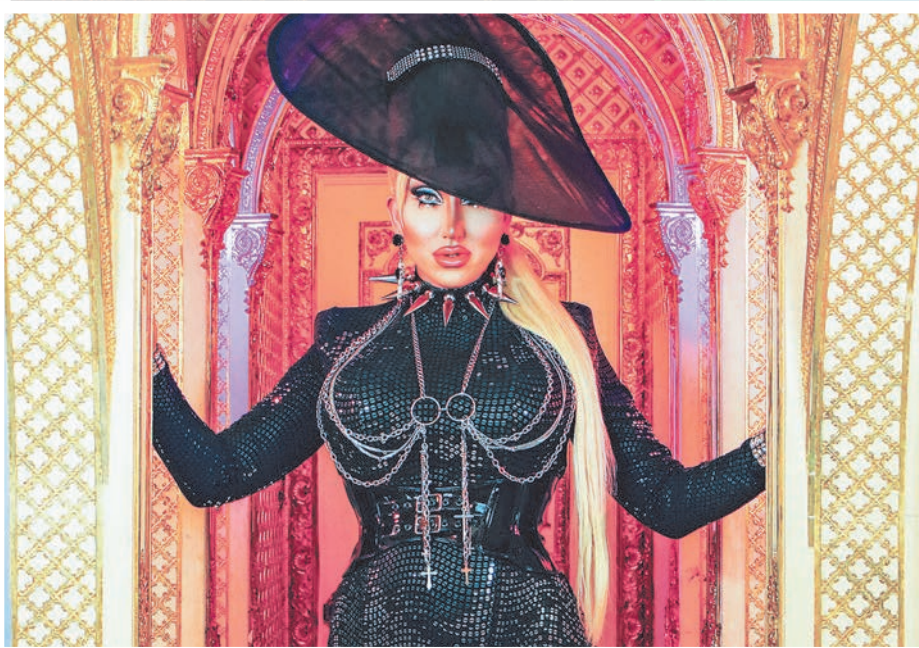
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Bleach is mistress of ceremonies for Haute Noir Dark Fashion/Drag, presented by Angela Ryan and DJ Crash, on Saturday, Sept. 2 at Sons of Herman Hall. See listing for details. (Photo by Mark Mayr)

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Resource Center's THRIVE Wednesday Support Group for LGBTQ adults 50 and older meets from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. at Resource Center Community Center, 5750 Cedar Springs Road and is led by interns from the SMU counseling program. For more information on the support group and how to join, please send an email to THRIVE@myresourcecenter.org.

SEPTEMBER

■ **Sept. 1-24: 'The Seagull'**

Dallas theater legend Terry Martin will direct the Anton Chekhov drama for The Classics Theatre Project at the Stone Cottage in Addison. TheClassicsTheatreProject.com.

■ **Sept. 1-Sept. 22: Pekers Karaoke Contest**

Dallas Pride in conjunction with Real Live Connection and Hot 93.3 presents a Karaoke Contest each Friday at 9 p.m. at Pekers Bar, 2615 Oak Lawn Ave., with finals on Sept. 23. Finals winner gets Pink tickets. Sign up each Friday night at Pekers.

■ **Sept. 1: Labor Day Pool Party**

Rainbow Ranch Campground, LCR 800, Groesbeck, hosts a Labor Day Pool Party Friday-Monday, Sept. 1-4. Visit RainbowRanch.net for details.

■ **Sept. 1-3, 6, 8-10: 'Lovers, Perverts, and Transexual Menaces: Six Films By Rosa von Praunheim'**

A program featuring six films by German filmmaker Rosa von Praunheim screening at Spacy, 1300 S. Polk St., Ste. 160A. Tickets are \$10; available online at SpacyDTX.com.

■ **Sept. 2: Met GAYla**

Fashion, music and art show and auction at S4, 3911 Cedar Springs Road. Benefits Pride in Dallas Parade.

■ **Through Sept. 2: 'Tigers Be Still'**

Director Bruce R. Coleman's final play as director is held over at MainStage ILC's new 222 space in historic Irving. MainStageIrving.com.

■ **Through Sept. 2: 'Spring Awakening'**

Duncan Sheik wrote the music for this modern musical about 19th century German teens figuring out sex and sexuality. Language, nudity and adult topics are in abundance and in the burbs no less. Performances at Lakeside Community Theater in The Colony. LCTTheColony.com.

■ **Sept. 2: 'Haute Noir' Dark Fashion/Drag**

Angela Ryan and DJ Crash present Haute Noir Dark Fashion/Drag from 9 p.m.-2 a.m. at Sons of Herman Hall, 3414 Elm St., with Bleach as mistress of ceremonies and performances by Drü Holiday, Vivienne Vermuth and MayMay Graves. Tickets range from \$30-\$200, available online at EventBrite.com.

■ **Sept. 2: FIIT Camp**

WIL Turner hosts FIIT Camp, a health and wellness

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■ **Sept. 2-3: Miss Gay Texas State, State at Large**

The 2024 Miss Gay Texas State and Miss Gay Texas State at Large pageant will be held Saturday and Sunday nights, Sept. 2-3, at 7 p.m. each night, a Urban Cowboy Saloon, 2620 E. Lancaster Ave. in Fort Worth. Single night entry is \$15; \$25 for two nights. Visit MissGayTexasStatePageant.com for details; email bonnieclyde143@hotmail.com for table reservations.

■ **Sept. 3: Fly Queens Drag Brunch**

Liquor Mini hosts Fly Queens Drag Brunch, 1-3 p.m., with seating starting at noon, at Mesa Mezcal, 400 W. Las Colinas Blvd. in Irving.

■ **Sept. 3: 'Holy Brunch' with Sister Helen Holy**

Paul Williams as Sister Helen Holy hosts Holy Brunch at Halo's Bar & Grill, 3500 Alta Mere Drive in Fort Worth. Doors open at noon; service starts at 1 p.m. Show features Nicole O'Hara Munro, Jade Summers, Mary Con and Miss Texas FFI 2022 Barbie Davenport Dupree. Tickets range from \$20-\$100, available online at EventBrite.com.

■ **Sept. 3: 'Let's Duet Again'**

The United Court of the Lone Star Empire presents Let's Duet Again, with emcees Emperor 25 JD Buchert and Empress 30 & 36 Keri Lynn Sommers, hosted by Grand Duke 38 Jerry McMahan and Arch Duke 48 Trace Simmons, from 4-7 p.m. at TMC, 3903 Cedar Springs Road.

■ **Sept. 4: Labor Day**

■ **Sept. 5: Classic Chassis**

Classic Chassis Car Club meets 6-8 p.m. at Ojeda's, 4617 Maple Ave.

■ **Sept. 6: Pentatonix**

Local queer favorites and Grammy-winning a capella group brings its world tour back home. 7 p.m. at Dos Equis Pavilion. Ticketmaster.com.

■ **Sept. 7: Sam Smith**

Sam Smith brings his *Gloria the Tour* to Dickies Arena in Fort Worth, with Jessie Reyez opening the show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$35, available at Ticketmaster.com.

■ **Sept. 7: 'Queer Factor'**

Stefan G hosts the *Queer Factor* LGBTQ comedy show, featuring Ryan Rogers, from 8-9:30 p.m. at Dallas Comedy Club, 3036 Elm St. Tickets available at Prekindle.com.

■ **Sept. 8: EarthX screens A Party for the Planet**

Fort Worth musician Abraham Alexander will open and close the event that features three short films followed by intersectional environmentalism discussions to spark creativity and inspire change. 7 p.m. at Downtown Cowtown at the Isis Theater. EarthXFilmFestival.org.

■ **Sept. 9: 'We Denton Drag It'**

Friends With Benefits presents We Denton Drag It, featuring Drag Race star Trinity the Tuck and benefiting Elevate North Texas Youth Center and Pridenton, at Rubber Gloves Rehearsal Studios, 411 East Sycamore St. in Denton. Tickets are \$20-\$60, available at EventBrite.com.

Have an event coming up? Email your information to Managing Editor Tammye Nash at nash@dallasvoice.com or Senior Staff Writer David Taffet at taffet@dallasvoice.com by Monday at 5 p.m. for that week's issue.

Look for extended listings online at DallasVoice.com



Sister Helen Holy hosts Holy Brunch Sunday, Sept. 3, at Halo's Bar & Grill in Fort Worth. See listings for details.

Jenny Block

GIRL ON GIRLS

The need for ritual

We've long known about the imperative nature of rituals — weddings, funerals, namings, quinceañeras, bat mitzvahs and the like. It's about the importance of marking notable events, of cementing their value in our minds. Those acts are vital to our continued human existence. Without them, what is sacred?

It has become apparent to me recently, though, that those events we have deemed the lesser of such are equally — or perhaps even more — important.

Take, for instance, coffee.

I have been using a Keurig ever since I met my wife. The coffee's not great regardless of the pods I try, and those buggers are hideous for the environment, of course. But it was quick and easy, and we do not need yet another appliance on the counter. So, I took my caffeine like medicine every morning and ventured into town for Starbucks, another best of the worst options, when I couldn't take it anymore. It was coffee.

Then I went to Italy. It was a wine trip through Abruzzo and Veneto. The hills rolled, and the water poured, and the pizza crisped. And the espresso dazzled. Oh, how it dazzled.

I didn't drink it; I savored it. I oohed and aaaahed. And I never asked for takeaway. I stood at the counter and nodded at my companions, and I drank my espresso and, in that moment, I was so very present. There was nothing but the rich taste of satisfaction and the promise of the day ahead.

It was ritual.

When I returned home, I returned to my zombie-like Keurig existence, and, I swear, it tasted worse than it did before. But I did little more than mourn the ending of my trip.

Then a few weeks ago, I was in Michigan leading at, working at and emceeing Women in Performance (WPI), a band camp for women, and Fern Fest, the recent reincarnation of Michigan Womyn's Music Festival (Michfest) deep in the woods. At the first, my amazing friend Fawn was in attendance, and so I would hike half a mile every morning to her campsite, where she would make



me a beautiful cup of French press coffee.

Our friend Darla would make pancakes or funnel cake for breakfast, and we would laugh and drink our coffee and talk about everything and nothing.

It was ritual.

The second week, I drank camp coffee that was only little more than hot and caffeinated. I was generally alone when I filled my barely-washed travel mug, which just the week before had been filled with Fawn's delicious creations.

It was coffee.

One day, I was bemoaning the state of coffee with my friend, Annemarie, who recommended I try the Aeropress when I returned home. She said it was downright magical. It looked like a plastic and a plunging thingy. But I adore her, and so I said, "Ok! I'm in!"

I kept looking at the thing on Amazon

and could not imagine how a couple of plastic tubes could produce some mythical elixir. But I finally hit order, and, 48 hours later, I was face-to-face with the gadget and the instructions, which were little more than "boil water, put in one round scoop of coffee, level, pour in water, stir and press." I did it. And it was delicious.

No. It was divine. But more than that: It was ritual.

I loved the whole process. So much so that I added to it, steaming-up milk to gently pour on top and finishing it off with a sprinkle of my favorite thing, Penzy's vanilla sugar. It was so good. And, unlike my Keurig coffee — which I would let cool and reheat and take all day to finish if I finished it at all — I sat at the counter and drank it. All of it. I enjoyed it. I took in the moment and looked to the day.

For a while I was a morning tea drinker. I blended the leaves and put them in the strainer and covered them with water and steeped them and added rock sugar for sweetness. It took time and energy, and I loved it.

It was ritual.

I have started making my bed every morning, carefully pulling the linens taut and placing the mountain of pillows just so.

It is ritual.

When my puppy wakes up every morning, she demands a certain amount of petting, batting at my hand if I don't attend to her long enough. It is how she starts her day. It is how we start our day.

It is ritual.

We all need ritual. We need weddings and funerals and namings and quinceañeras and bat mitzvahs and the like. We also need carefully-made coffee and tidy beds and happy pets and the processes it takes to get those.

They set the tone. They mark the moment. They place us in time. They are the tone.

They are the moment. They are our time here on this wondrously confusing planet. And they are the things that remind us that the big things in life are wonderful. But the little things are life.

this week's solution

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- 1 *Hairspray* list
- 5 Try to bite, doggy-style
- 10 Supporters of drag queens
- 14 Sometime defender of gay rts.
- 15 *Scary Movie* Cheri
- 16 Puerto ___ (Ricky Martin's birthplace)
- 17 Mekong River country
- 18 Like a stripper's attire
- 19 Is unlike Dorian Gray
- 20 Start of a quote from Alex Morgan, US women's national soccer team
- 23 Bauxite and borax
- 24 Fictional Willy
- 27 More of the quote
- 31 More of the quote
- 32 Type of triangle
- 33 Byron poem
- 34 Airline in *The Aviator*
- 36 *Jaywalking* comedian
- 37 Acted like a top
- 39 Gaza Stripper, e.g.
- 40 More of the quote
- 44 Cone head?
- 45 Gym bunnies do it to their pecs
- 46 Sporty Camaro
- 47 Horror writer Michael
- 48 Interface device

51 End of the quote

- 55 Q to a Scrabble player
- 56 Pop singer Lisa
- 57 Eugene O'Neill's daughter
- 58 *Twelfth Night* character in drag
- 59 Oz visitor Dorothy
- 60 Picks out, with "for"
- 61 Like some Greek columns
- 62 Von Trapp family escape route
- 63 Get soft
- 64 Atlas enlargement

Down

- 1 Piece of leg
- 2 Anti-oxidant berry
- 3 Plod through the mire
- 4 Top target
- 5 "Our" to Pasolini
- 6 Had a seven-year problem with Marilyn Monroe?
- 7 Juicy fruit
- 8 Cartoonist Peter
- 9 Like boobs in name only?
- 10 Lullaby composer
- 11 Fit your first mate's mast
- 12 Crack pilot
- 13 Sinking ship's call

21 Shakespearean

- soliloquy starter
- 22 Maja painter
- 25 They may be coming
- 26 "In your dreams!"
- 27 Events at Barneys
- 28 South Beach setting
- 29 Saki's real name
- 30 Thames school
- 31 Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, e.g.
- 33 Jelly not for bread
- 35 Muscle Mary's pride
- 37 Where to find good looking models
- 38 Cruz of *Vicky Cristina Barcelona*
- 39 Having children nonheterosexually
- 41 Friends' pronoun
- 42 *West ___ Story*
- 43 Refrain syllable
- 47 They come out of the choir closet
- 48 Pull ___ one
- 49 Porn director Francis
- 50 Fail to keep a poker face
- 51 *Beginning With O* author Broumas
- 52 Offspring of a stallion
- 53 Cry of one in bondage
- 54 Pt. of IMF
- 58 Caesar's lucky number?

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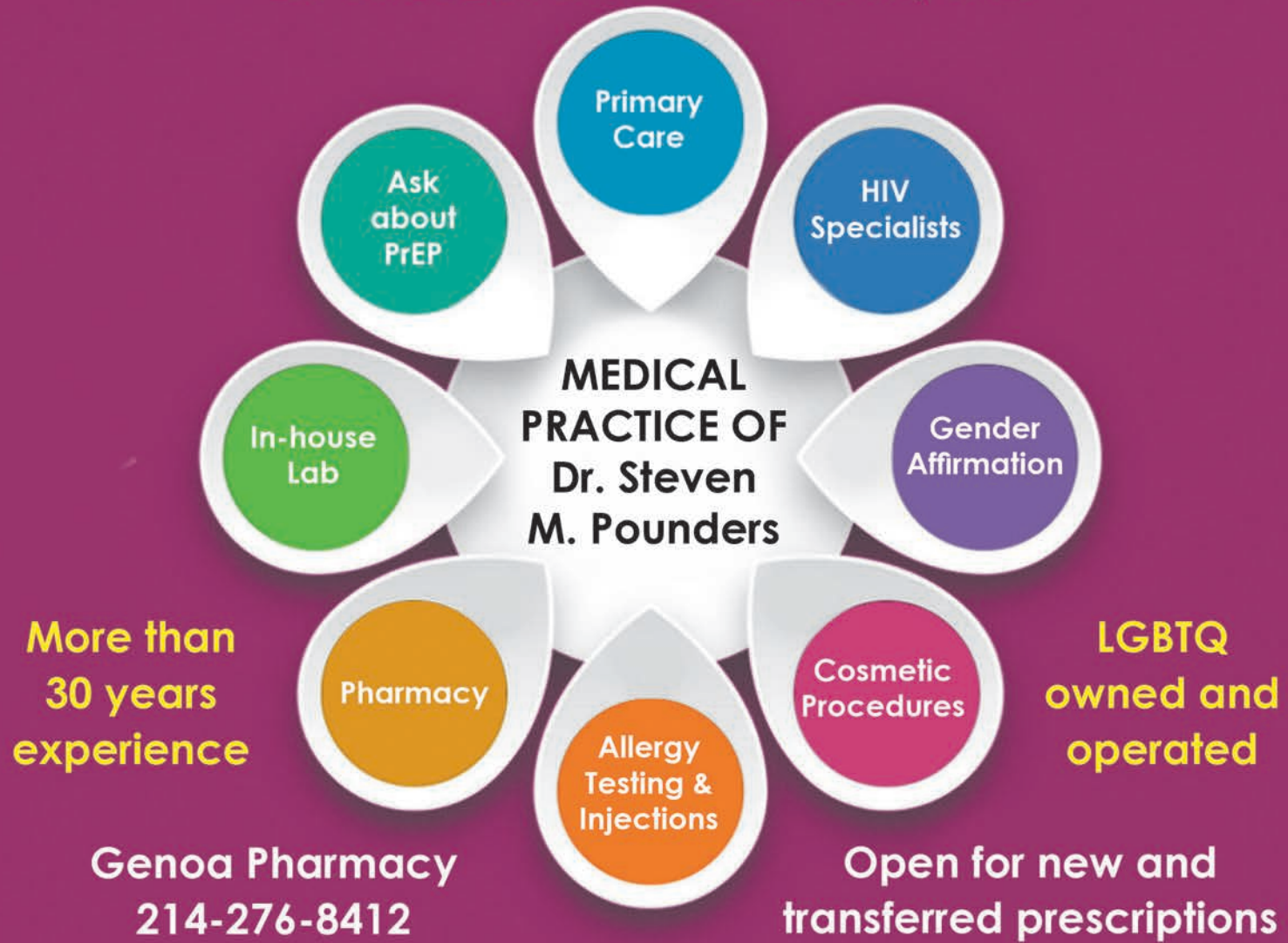
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