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The 28th Annual Austin Chronicle “Best of Austin” Awards

BY KIMBERLEY JONES

Our ever-evolving language hasn't yet invented a superlative that betters “best.” Still, every year, putting together our “Best of Austin” issue, we tussle with the word anew. Best to whom? The born-and-bred local, or the brand-new resident? And best when? Best right now, or best always?

So we strive to strike a balance: to celebrate the new businesses and trends and emerging artists that flipped our wig in the past 12 months, and also to champion the stalwarts, the undersung, those people and places so consistently great at what they do we don't always think to say thanks.

And by “we” I mean, yes, the *Chronicle* editorial staff and crackerjack freelancers out scouting for fresh Critics Picks. But also you, dear readers, who voted in record numbers this year in our annual Readers Poll and took the time to tell us why you love what you love. We couldn't do it without you.

And this issue couldn't get done without a whole mess of people working behind the scenes. They include: former “Best of Austin” editor Brandon Watson (bless you

for leaving instructions); “BOA” assistant extraordinaire Katarina Brown, who met every challenge thrown at her with a smile; webmaster Brian Barry, who reinvented the online “BOA” portal (so snazzy!) and never said no to any and every (often annoying) sentence I began with “Can you ...?”; Art Director Jason Stout, who elevates everything he touches, plus his ace team of photographers; Publisher Nick Barbaro and our extraordinary editorial staff and contributors, who answered my call to make this a truly collaborative endeavor; our killer proofreading (Kat McNevins, Greg Stitt, Danielle White) and production (Chris Linnen, Zeke Barbaro, Jeff Gammill) staff; our marketing and events team (Sarah Wolf, Karena Rogers, Dan Hardick, Tamar Price), who make us all look good, and throw kick-ass parties to boot; Reanna Sioux Zuniga, who surely didn't take on this internship thinking she'd learn all about international postal codes; the whole damn staff, because truly, whether they're selling ads to pay for this monster-sized issue or keeping us all

well-fed with queso and munchies, “Best of Austin” is an all-hands-on-deck operation; and finally, the therapy dogs – Thisbe, Hank, Omar – and humans – James Renovitch, Cassidy Frazier, Sarah Wolf. In these pages, we hand out 281 awards, but in my heart, I've saved for one more for all y'all. ■

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READERS POLL AT A GLANCE

BALLOTING BREAKDOWN

Number of ballots cast in first round: **7,787**

Number of ballots cast in final round: **14,307**

Age casting the most votes: **27**

Oldest (confirmed!) voter: **101**

Percentage of voters residing in Austin 10 or more years: **54.5%**

Austin ZIP code casting the most votes: **78704**

Votes were cast from **44** states, plus the commonwealth of D.C., and from **all over the globe**, including São Paulo, Surrey, Belfast, Berlin, Montreuil, and Montreal.

MOST DOMINANT WINS

(percentage of all votes cast for winner)

Ice Cream/Frozen Treats: **81.4%**

Costume Shop: **75.5%**

Nonprofit/Grassroots Org.: **74.9%**

Blog: **73.4%**

Movie Theatre: **70.3%**

NARROWEST MARGIN OF WIN

(percentage over closest competitor)

Pool Hall: **0.16%**

Non-*Chronicle* Publication: **0.43%**

Chef: **0.95%**

Salon: **1.1%**

Place to Tube: **1.1%**

THANKS FOR KEEPING US ENTERTAINED, GUYS

We outsourced our Readers Poll write-ups to you, the readers, and you certainly rose to the challenge: Our finals round elicited 10,000+ comments. Here are some that still have us chuckling, or scratching our heads.

WAIT, HOW DOES THIS THING WORK?

“im trying to vote for koop but i dont know if thats kut or kutx? or neither?”

“Idk but their name is LEGIT.”

“The one with the hot weatherman.”

“Why isn't Rocky Horror Picture show on here?”

ON ROMANCE

“I had an absolutely terrible first date here with a lady eight years my junior. Don't show up drunk to dates, y'all.”

“Who takes a date to P. Terry's or Torchy's? These are our options? PM me for better ideas.”

“It's pronounced Phil's MILFhouse.”

PASSIVE-AGGRESSIVE

“I support women artists. What of it?”

“Unlike most Austin residents I do not like waiting in long lines.”

“Y'all know Austin goes north of 51st now, right?”

“These fuckers run out of eggs benedict too early. I really should not vote for them, but they have a nice location. They really don't deserve this vote.”

“None are that great, but at least these people don't make me want to stab my ears with an ice pick.”

AGGRESSIVE-AGGRESSIVE

“HOW DARE YOU EVEN HAVE THIS DSCUSSTING CATEGORY. WAY TO PURPTRATE RAPE CULTURE ASSHOLES.”

“John Kelso numbnuts.”

“All three of these are crap who came up with this list?”
[Editor's Note: Readers. That's why it's called a Readers Poll.]

“This seems rigged.” [See previous note.]



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BEST THEATRE DIRECTOR Rudy Ramirez

“Rudy’s contributions to the local theatre community are innumerable but with every project you see his drive, ingenuity, and love for the script and the cast.”

- TYNISHA SCOTT

READERS POLL

BEST ART GALLERY

Women & Their Work

“Because women doing art!!!”

- KATIE CAMERONEIL

1710 LAVACA, WWW.WOMENANDTHEIRWORK.ORG

BEST VISUAL ARTIST

Paloma Mayorga

“Beautiful artist, and even more beautiful of a human being.”

- JESSICA HOVIND

WWW.PALOMAMAYORGA.COM

BEST PERFORMANCE

SPACE/THEATRE

Paramount Theatre

“I want to win the lotto so I can buy the balcony box. I’d live in it if they’d let me. So glad that Austin continues to treasure this space.”

- ROANNA FLOWERS

713 CONGRESS, WWW.AUSTINTHEATRE.ORG

BEST ACTOR/ACTRESS

Ebony Stewart

“She’s visceral, unflinching, funny, honest, and unapologetically herself. Ebony is a queen.”

- TAJI SENIOR

WWW.EBPOETRY.COM

BEST CLASSICAL MUSICIAN

Graham Reynolds

“Graham is indicative of what is Weird about Austin. He is talented, unique, clever, and a wildly gifted composer, musician, and performer.”

- VEE CLINE

WWW.GRAHAMREYNOLDS.COM

**BEST DANCER/
CHOREOGRAPHER**

Allison Orr

“Allison does dance that celebrates the work of ordinary Austinites. Her art elevates us all.”

- JANE RIVERA

FORKLIFT DANCEWORKS, WWW.FORKLIFTDANCEWORKS.ORG

BEST MURALIST

Mike Johnston (Truth)

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- CABE LINDSAY

WWW.MIKEJOHNSTONARTIST.COM

BEST IMPROV TROUPE

Master Pancake

“Master Pancake ruins movies I thought I liked and makes bad movies enjoyable. It’s a gift, really.”

- MORGAN HANCOCK

WWW.FB.COM/MASTERPANCAKETHEATER

BEST STAND-UP COMIC

Vanessa Gonzalez

“Vanessa is next-level funny and one of the nicest, most genuine human beings on the planet. I fully expect to see her on SNL or with her own Netflix special in the near future. She is destined for greatness.”

- KANA LIVOLSI

WWW.VANESSACOMEDY.COM

BEST STAND-UP SHOWCASE

Moontower Comedy

“Hysterical!”

- SHANNON SHUPPERT

WWW.AUSTINTHEATRE.ORG/MOONTOWER-COMEDY

BEST DRAG PERFORMER

Louisiana Purchase

“This spooky b is 🔥🔥🔥.”

- ANASTACIA URIEGAS

WWW.INSTAGRAM.COM/LOUISIANAPURCHASE

BEST BURLESQUE PERFORMER

Ginger Snaps

“Body positive inspirational badass.”

- KELLY STOCKER

WWW.FB.COM/GINGERSNAPSBURLESQUE

BEST FILM FESTIVAL/SERIES

SXSW

“As broad as Sundance, and Janet Pierson knows what’s up!”

- TAMARA HOOVER

WWW.SXSW.COM

**BEST UP-AND-COMING
FILMMAKER**

Owen Egerton

“This fucker does everything, and he does everything well.”

- ANDREW HILBERT

WWW.OWENEGERTON.COM

**BEST LOCAL VIDEO
GAME DEVELOPER**

Rooster Teeth

“God bless Rooster Teeth for being a job creator for so many creative folks.”

- TRAVIS BENN

WWW.ROOSTERTEETH.COM

BEST MOVIE THEATRE

Alamo Drafthouse

"There is no competition. If you pick anything besides the Drafthouse, you're probably from Dallas." — *ASHLEY STEELE*

VARIOUS LOCATIONS, WWW.DRAFTHOUSE.COM

BEST OUTDOOR FESTIVAL

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"It makes my neighborhood a hot mess, but the bands! I just can't be a hater."

— *LAURA FORSYTH*

WWW.ACLFESTIVAL.COM

BEST MUSEUM

The Blanton Museum of Art

"Fabulous exhibits and an amazing aura."

— *AARTI GOSRANI*

200 E. MLK, WWW.BLANTONMUSEUM.ORG

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— *DANETTE CASTANEDA*

WWW.DO512.COM

BEST GRAPHIC ARTIST

Tim Doyle

"Tim's visuals are a deeply saturated dive into the fantastical otherworld I wish I inhabited."

— *ABRIEL YOUNG*

WWW.MRDOYLE.COM

BEST FICTION WRITER/POET

Sarah Bird

"Her sense of humor is only exceeded by her sense of right and wrong. Thank goodness she is always willing to speak her mind."

— *ALICE LONDON*

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BEST NONFICTION WRITER/MEMOIRIST

Spike Gillespie

"Her writings serve as a public service for many. Raw, honest, funny, and a beacon of light for many in the dark."

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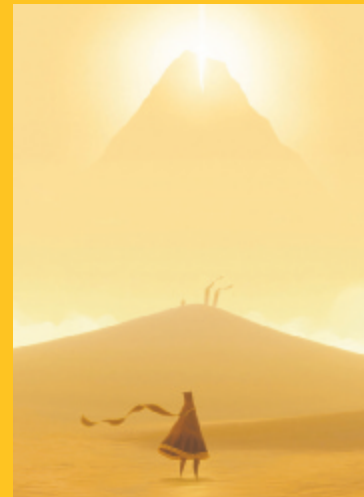
BEST ZINE/CHAPBOOK

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— *CHRISTINE KIRK*

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CRITICS PICKS



JOHN ANDERSON

BEST STAIRWAYS TO HEAVEN Austin Central Library

There's much to treasure in the city's new Central Library, but the thing that gives us the most joy, that taps our childhood love of libraries, is the immense six-story atrium crisscrossed with bridges and staircases. The manner in which the Lake|Flato firm designed these walkways to cut through this vast expanse of space, awash in natural light from the roof skylights and east windows, gives new meaning to the term "flight of stairs." Added to the trippy magic of their look – like M.C. Escher studied architecture at Hogwarts – just the climb from floor to floor is an adventure, a quest for literary enchantment in a bibliophile's paradise.

AUSTIN CENTRAL LIBRARY, 710 W. CESAR CHAVEZ, LIBRARY.AUSTINTEXAS.GOV/CENTRAL

HIGHEST CONCENTRATION OF HILARIOUS WOMEN

BettyFest

The history of Austin comedy is flush with funny femmes – Shannon Sedwick, Margaret Wiley, Laura House, Girls Girls Girls, Lashonda Lester, to name a few – but it's still rare to see that side-splitting sisterhood celebrated. That's why we're grateful for BettyFest, the annual assemblage of improv troupes where all the humor is XX. This spiritual heiress to the dearly departed Ladies Are Funny Festival has become the best place to see how many funny women this city has and an inspiration to others to form female comedy groups, while raising funds for worthy causes – this year's fest netted \$3,755 for the Lilith Fund for Reproductive Equity.

WWW.BETTYFEST.COM



ILLUSTRATION BY ARIAN BRUMBY

BEST CULT COMPOUND

Electric Church

Members of the psychedelic rock outfit Sun Machine and visual artist Fez Moreno took over an abandoned house of worship last February and it quickly became one of Austin's most intriguing underground venues. The Electric Church, where bands play drenched in liquid light show projections, stacks local and regional talent several nights a week as well as recurring open jams where musicians from all walks come together to improvise – all amounting to an important addition to the scene.

WWW.FB.COM/THEELECTRICCHURCHAUSTIN

**BEST FACE IN THE CROWD**Sandy Carson's *We Were There*

Somewhere on his hard drive Sandy Carson has a picture of you. The Scotland-raised, Austin-based photographer spent the last decade turning his lens toward the audience at concerts. His debut hardcover, *We Were There*, captures front-row fiends, mosh pit daredevils, screaming sing-alongers, transfixed fans, human scaffolding for crowd-surfers, and confused parents in moments loaded with beauty, humor, and emotion.

WWW.SANDYCARSON.COM

MOST AMAZON PRIME

Ann Wolfe

Look, it's not like we didn't already know Ann Wolfe is a badass. At the height of her boxing career, she held world titles in three different weight classes simultaneously; at her (sadly, now closed) gym she trained professional fighters like James Kirkland and regular schlubs alike; and she also mentored countless Austin youth. For her second (or maybe third, probably fourth) act, she became a bona fide *movie* badass this summer playing Artemis in *Wonder Woman*. We'll leave it to director Patty Jenkins to ask the rhetorical: "Who else should be one of the greatest warrior Amazons but the best female boxer in history?" No question mark required.

WWW.TWITTER.COM/ANNWOLFBOXING

BEST HIGH-DEA

Doom Side of the Moon

"I'd taken a break from the herb, and when I went back to it, I would get so high that I didn't want to do anything else," explained Sword axe-grinder Kyle Shutt this summer. "It was during one of those moments that somebody went, 'Hey, wouldn't it be great to do a heavy version of *The Dark Side of the Moon*?' Just one of those silly stoner things." Not so silly given the ATX all-stars' four-star execution of Pink Floyd's sci-fi symphony. Real genius: Brownout's Alex Marrero as David Gilmour.

WWW.FB.COM/DOOMSIDEOTHEMOON



JOHN ANDERSON

**BEST PLACE TO LEVEL UP
YOUR CHARACTER**

Emerald Tavern Games & Cafe

If you've ever dreamed of entering a medieval tavern straight out of *Skyrim*, then the Emerald Tavern is your next quest marker. Housing an extensive array of board games and slinging ale, caffeine, sandwiches, and baked goods, this safe haven from a cruel and unrelenting world has an extremely knowledgeable staff, an endearing atmosphere, and the best soundtrack to slay dragons or conquer empires (or maybe just get your train route in place).

9012 RESEARCH STE. C-6

MOST UBIQUITOUS BROW

Frida Kahlo

Mexic-Arte's make-your-own felt eyebrow table urges visitors with a sign, "Don't forget about Frida's iconic unibrow!" But, how could they? Lately Frida Kahlo's face and by extension her art have had a pervasive presence around Austin: at Mexic-Arte's "Diego y Frida" exhibition, featuring the previously mentioned unibrow station, photographs of the couple, and more than a few attendants in Kahlo costumery; in homage at monthly "Frida Friday" markets offering art vendors, music, and an altar to their namesake; and on the posters and content of the Harry Ransom Center's "Mexico Modern" show. Still to come: a Spanish-language opera about Kahlo and Rivera co-commissioned by UT Austin's College of Fine Arts.

MEXIC-ARTE MUSEUM, 419 CONGRESS, WWW.MEXIC-ARTEMUSEUM.ORG;
FRIDA FRIDAY MARKET, WWW.FB.COM/LASOFRENDAS;
HARRY RANSOM CENTER, 300 W. 21ST,
WWW.HRC.UTEXAS.EDU/EXHIBITIONS/2017/MEXICOMODERN

**BEST LOCAL CREATIVE
COUPLE WITH A
DISCERNING EYE**

Ivete Lucas & Patrick Bresnan

We've been enamored of photographers/filmmakers/badass collaborators Ivete Lucas and Patrick Bresnan for quite some time. But with their 2016 short doc "The Send-Off" followed by the brilliant (and globally award-winning) "The Rabbit Hunt," this duo is creating a body of work that is beautifully devastating in its documenting of rural lives with a careful and astute grace. If recent short "Roadside Attraction" is any indication, their upcoming feature debut *Pahokee* promises to be downright amazing. No pressure!

WWW.OTISLUCAS.COM
YOU CAN WATCH "THE RABBIT HUNT" AT WWW.TOPIC.COM



SANDY CARSON

BEST CLASSIC LEADING MAN Marc Pouhé

Othello. Macbeth. Cyrano. Vershinin. Petruccio. *Death of a Salesman's* Willy Loman, *Present Laughter's* Garry Essendine. *The Mountaintop's* MLK. Many actors would kill to play one of these plum leading roles. Marc Pouhé has played them all – and killed in every one. The actor's commanding presence, emotional complexity, and voice that could tame thunder have made him the go-to guy for classical leads at Austin Shakespeare and St. Edward's University. He's likely played more such roles than anyone in Austin, with the results routinely netting him applause and awards. When Pouhé's onstage, as Linda Loman said of Willy, attention must be paid.

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BEST CLAY WRANGLER

Eric Jackson, Art School at the Contemporary

The “Doctor” of Texas Medicine Pottery in Buda has been mixing mud and mentoring students at the Laguna Gloria (now the Art School at the Contemporary) ceramic studio for nearly 15 years. He’s been wielding his expertise at specialized firings – reduction, soda, raku, lustre – and just as importantly, sharing his gift for being the “best kind of teacher: supportive, enthusiastic, knowledgeable, open, and generous” to students with their own gifts and their own visions.

THE ART SCHOOL, 3809 W. 35TH, THEARTSCHOOL.AMOA.ORG

BEST COMEDIC ARGUMENT AGAINST GENTRIFICATION

Latino Comedy Project

The Latino Comedy Project, lying doggo since 2005’s superhero-skewering *Los Abengers* show, recently returned to the live comedy stage with *Gentrifucked*, shining a much-needed brown comic light on what rampant development and clueless Anglo hipsterism have wrought in Austin’s historically Hispanic neighborhoods. Cat cafes, mondo condominiums, relentless cultural bleaching and all its ramifications – all of it, darkly sliced to laugh-inducing ribbons on La Raza’s edge as Adrian Villegas and his crew make their sketch-powered stand against the madness.

WWW.LATINOCOMEDYPROJECT.COM



SANDY CARSON

BEST TRANSYLVANIA-BORN ARTISTIC VISIONARY **Josef Kristofoletti**

Born in Nagyvarad, Transylvania, in 1980, Austin-based artist Josef Kristofoletti might well be pardoned for a dreary disposition. Yet Kristofoletti is a vocal, engaged presence, willing to work heedlessly across multiple media and platforms. As the artist-in-residence at CERN, for instance, he designed the magnificent *Higgs Boson* mural, a process documented in *The Atlas Detector*. These days, Kristofoletti’s work focuses on technology and public intervention, and he is in progress on a new 10-story mural on Second Street. To top it off, he also creates posters for films like Ivete Lucas and Patrick Bresnan’s “Roadside Attraction.” Talk about distinctive.

WWW.KRISTOFOLETTI.COM



DAVID BRENDAN HALL

BEST REVOLUTIONARY STANCE

Come and Take It Live

When the Back Room closed in 2006 after more than three decades at 2015 E. Riverside, the live music capital lost its sole stopgap against headbangers defecting en masse to our neighboring Alamo City, world famous metal destination. Last year, at 2015 E. Riverside – Bldg. 4 – a onetime Latin disco that had hosted Beauty Ballroom, Antone’s, Midway Field House, and lastly Grizzly Hall took down the taxidermy and commissioned wall mounts of the Texas Revolutionary slogan. From Pantera frontman Phil Anselmo to the Dicks and Kali Uchis, *Come & Take It Live* mirrors its predecessor’s take-no-prisoners booking diversity.

2015 E. RIVERSIDE, COMEANDTAKEITPRODUCTIONS.COM

BEST MORE-THAN-JUST-FILM SERIES

Hyperreal Film Club

Don’t let the name fool you: The Hyperreal Film Club, which hosted its inaugural screening series last summer, goes beyond any “film club” we know. For one thing, the founders – David McMichael, Jenni Kaye, and Tanner Hadfield – are interdisciplinary artists whose visionary programming runs the gamut of media. No form is unwelcome, nor guest uninvited, provided you’re open to getting zonked on art. The club (email hyperrealfilmclub@gmail.com to join) celebrates experimental collage, electronic music, and queer zine culture at events around the city. At these screenings, the founders’ infectious joy suffuses the room. You’d do well to attend.

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**BEST CREATOR OF
 A NEW LANGUAGE**

Robert Stikmanz

Austin fantasy author Robert Stikmanz's mind is pure art. He was already a noted poet and illustrator when he began conceiving his *Hidden Lands of Nod* book series in the early Eighties. The world he created became an obsession that led to the creation of Dvarsh. The language and elegant writing system, which visually looks vaguely Arabic, has continued to expand word by word. His book *The Way It Grows*, co-written with his former assistant Amanda Kimmerly, gives a basic overview of the language, which he describes as comparable to Tolkien's Elvish, *Avatar's* Na'vi, or *Star Trek's* Klingon.

WWW.ROBERTSTIKMANZ.COM

BEST FRIEND OF AUSTIN MUSICIANS

HAAM

How do you get more than 200 music acts to perform for free? Tell them it benefits HAAM, therefore Austin musicians. The massive annual HAAM Benefit Day is more proof that our city values the arts. With the future of health care coverage ever in a political flux nationally, it's nice to know the nonprofit Health Alliance for Austin Musicians has been there since 2005 to assure working musicians the care they need and deserve. Reenie Harwood Collins, HAAM's executive director since 2013, leads the organization with skill, kindness, and a "hammy" sense of humor that is refreshing.

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TODD V. WOLFSON

**BEST OUT-THERE
 PRODUCER-
 DESIGNER**

**Natalie
 George**

When your résumé from the past year includes building a Satanic Panic escape room for Fantastic Fest, lighting a dance on Mansfield Dam for Fusebox Festival, and producing all 11 site-specific dances in Jennifer Sherburn's monthly *11:11* series, you clearly aren't content just doing the same-old same-old creative work. And so it is with indie producer-designer Natalie George. Her enthusiasm for making art in the wild and her boundless spirit for adventure have led her to take on projects outside the theatrical box and resulted in exhilarating, once-in-a-lifetime experiences. When George is out there, head in that direction.

WWW.NATALIEGEORGEPRODUCTIONS.COM

BEST 1-2 FUCK YOU 12XU

Sure, Gerard Cosloy may best be known nationally for his work with Matador and Homestead Records, putting out seminal releases from Sonic Youth, Dinosaur Jr., and Spoon. But in Austin you'll likely catch him at venues like Beerland scoping out local talent for his 12XU imprint (named after the Wire classic) like the Xetas, Golden Boys, and USA/Mexico - some of the finest acts currently gracing our stages.

12XU.NET

BEST SCREAM QUEEN DUO

Die Felicia

When Zane Zena and Louisiana Purchase join forces, every day is Halloween. With their twice-a-month horror drag series Die Felicia, this terrifying twosome gives a whole new meaning to *Scream Queens*, and they've got what it takes to share their *Final Girls* title. From the movies they screen (helloooo *Monster Squad* and *Lost Boys*) to their killer costume contests, these badass babes don't disappoint the scary movie fan in all of us. Catch 'em creepin' at Elysium every third Thursday and at Barrel o' Fun on the last Sunday of the month.

WWW.FB.COM/DIEFELICIA

**BEST "IT'S NOT AN ART
 HOUSE, IT'S AN ART HOME"**

AFS Cinema

When AFS Cinema permanently took over the Marchesa Hall & Theatre space earlier this year, we knew it was going to be a struggle to schedule our lives around the influx of repertory films, special guests, new releases, and 4K restorations. But holy hell, guys! Some of us have jobs and family commitments, not to mention the maintaining of personal hygiene. To say that the programming team hit the ground running is an understatement. From series on Bob Fosse, Catherine Deneuve, and world animation to quirky and essential programs like *Science on Screen* and Richard Linklater's crowning Eighties appreciation, *Jewels of the Wasteland*, the beating heart of Austin's cinephilia is alive and well, and well-dressed, too, in this stylishly re-fabbed venue.

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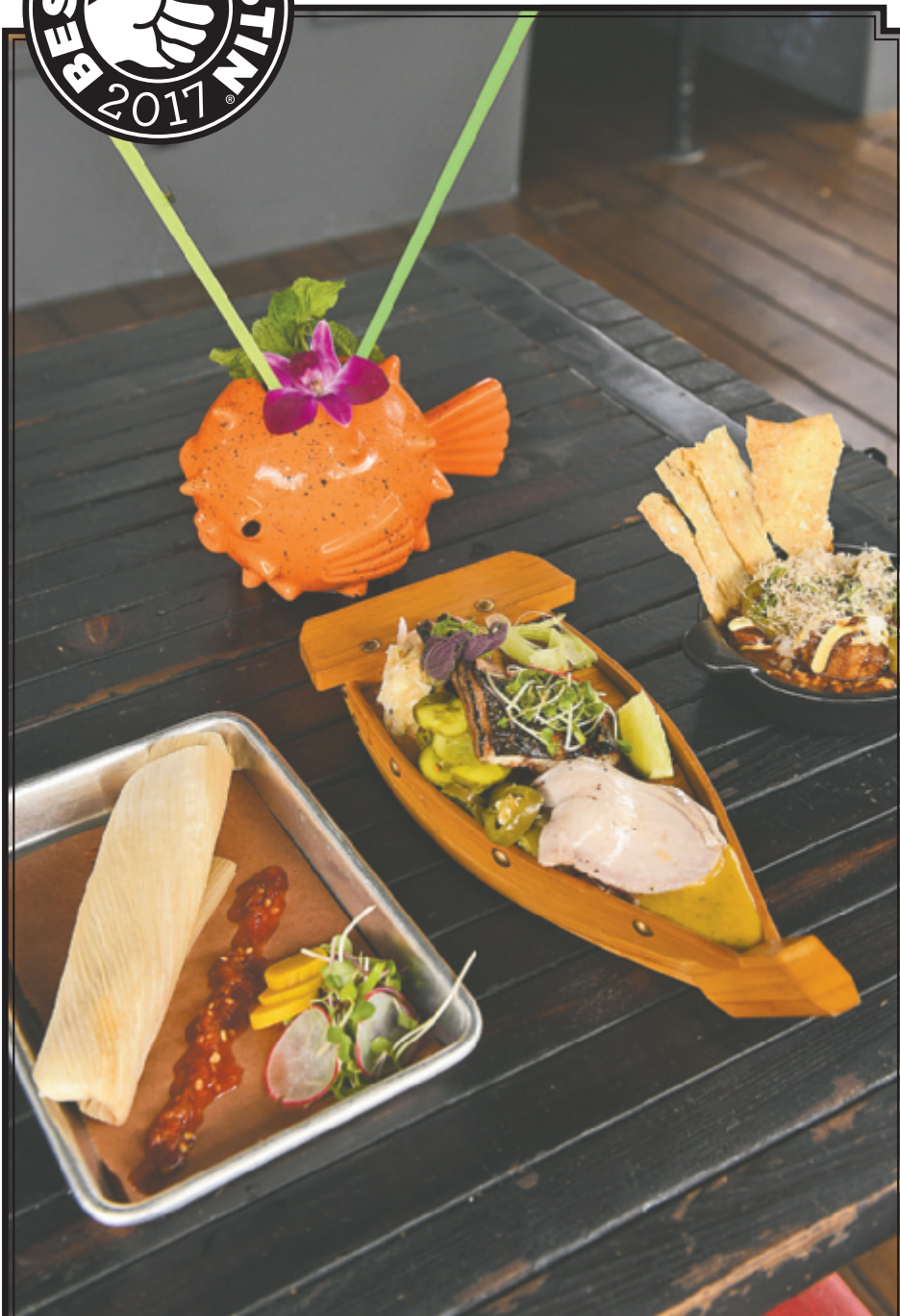
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1900 S. FIRST, WWW.BOULDINCREEK.COM

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2908 FRUTH, WWW.SPIDERHOUSE.COM

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4204 MANCHACA RD., WWW.RADIOCOFFEEANDBEER.COM

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Bouldin Creek Cafe

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Ramen Tatsu-Ya

“My child was conceived after ramen at Ramen Tatsu-Ya, then sustained on tonkotsu for nine months. Now he is 4 and won't eat his ramen at any other establishment. He loves his tsukemen!” — SARA QUIRK
8557 RESEARCH #126; 1234 S. LAMAR, WWW.RAMEN-TATSUYA.COM

BEST DESSERTS

Sugar Mama's Bakeshop

“My mother was angry when I said Sugar Mama's was my favorite mama. Then she tried the cupcakes.” — CALE CORMIER
1905-A S. FIRST; 2406-B MANOR RD., WWW.SUGARMAMASBAKESHOP.COM

BEST PIZZA

Home Slice Pizza

“My family and I have been going to Home Slice for 10 years now and we fall more in love with it each time. From the atmosphere to the waitstaff to the most epic pizza on the planet, Home Slice wins the gold every single time.” — RUBY RUIZ
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VARIOUS LOCATIONS, WWW.TORCHYSTACOS.COM

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If you're looking to get a little softer around the edges, East Austin's Batch Craft Beer & Kolaches has solved the mathematical equation for a happier diet plan. Featuring pillowy klobasniki stuffed with meaty detonations from Mickelthwait and kolaches sourced with the delicious innards of local fruit, this exceptionally curated, counter service craft beer bar is a spectacular place to be saved from keto weirdos. Better still is their mammoth self-service beer fridge with fair, retail pricing and a waived corkage fee during happy hour. It cannot be overstated how necessary the combination of “bar inside a bakery” is until you actually have one.

3220 MANOR RD., WWW.BATCHATX.COM

BEST NEW SALSA SAMPLER

Eldorado Cafe

Despite having just opened their doors this year, these upstarts placed twice in *The Austin Chronicle's* annual Hot Sauce Festival competition. The spicy El Scorpio took first in the Special Variety category and the mild Fresca garnered third in Red. The Eldorado Salsa Sampler lets you sample all five house specialties. Pro tip: Order the michelada made with the Salsa X - many of their regulars' fave salsa.

3300 W. ANDERSON, WWW.ELDORADOCAFEATX.COM



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MOST SCENIC SETTING FOR MEAT SWEATS AND WHISKEY

Treaty Oak Distilling

This Dripping Springs-based locale is a prime place to breathe in Hill Country fresh air while strong notes of apple cider vinegar-basted briskets waft from the smoker. Kick back under the lovely old oak trees and sip Red-Handed Bourbon cocktails before indulging in brisket rilette from the on-site Ghost Hill restaurant. It's worth the drive, but even more fun with a rishare driver.

16604 FITZHUGH RD., DRIPPING SPRINGS, WWW.TREATYOAKDISTILLING.COM

BEST BACH ON TAP

4th Tap Brewing Co-op; Lazarus Brewing Company



JANA BIRCHUM

Lately, more classical music is being heard in Austin the way it was meant to be: with beer! Beerthoven, Revel, and LOLA (Local Opera, Local Artists) have all launched Bach-to-bock concert series in taprooms and beer halls, and thanks to the support of 4th Tap Brewing Co-op's John and Erin Stecker and Lazarus Brewing Company's Christian and Marilyn Cryder, we've learned that nothing adds to our appreciation of Liz Cass belting a Puccini aria or Carla McElhaney teasing out a Satie piano solo than a Bat Country Stout from 4th Tap or a 40 Days & 40 Nights IPA from Lazarus. Who knew classical music tasted this good? Prost!

4TH TAP BREWING COOPERATIVE, 10615 METRIC, WWW.4HTAPCOOP; LAZARUS BREWING CO., 1902 E. SIXTH, WWW.LAZARUSBREWING.COM; WWW.LOLAUSTIN.ORG

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FOOD & DRINK

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BEST INDIAN FOOD TRUCK SERVING SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY

Masala Medley

Opened just in January, this food truck serves authentic Indian favorites, including goat curry and saag paneer, with kind service and occasional free dessert treats. Though the trailer is somewhat secluded on East Sixth, its owners are truly welcoming to both newbies and experts of Indian cuisine.

1211 E. SIXTH, WWW.MASALAMEDLEY.COM



TASTIEST PICKLES FROM A DRUMMER

Jeremy Bruch

You'd think one-third of Golden Arm Trio, so busy whacking brilliant patterns of beat into his drum kit when he's not already editing videos for fun and profit – you'd think he wouldn't have time to indulge in *fermenting* things, too, right? You'd be wrong. Jeremy Bruch's array of pickled cukes and carrots and okra and so on are a hot commodity he can scarcely keep up with the demand for, but damned if he doesn't always have something tasty going on in a mason jar.

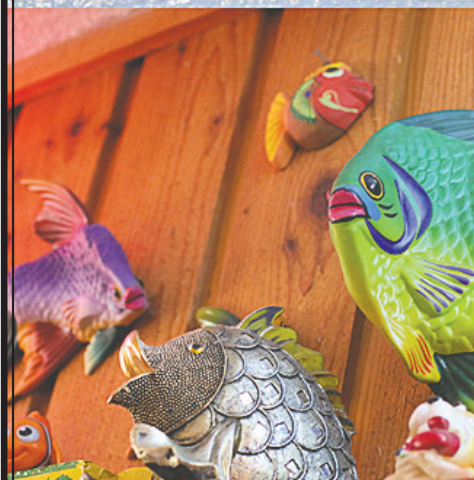
WWW.IOWANCHEF.COM

BEST ASL CONVERSATION PRACTICE WHILE EATING CREPES

Crepe Crazy

Transcending communication barriers is Crepe Crazy's bread and butter (aside from their actual bread and butter). The all-deaf staff embodies the inclusive nature of the Deaf community and encourages communication outside of spoken word – no matter your ASL fluency level – evident in the "Point and Ye Shall Receive" sign when you order your food. Their crepes, filled with sweet or savory flavors, speak right to our taste buds.

3103 S. LAMAR, WWW.CREPECRAZY.COM



TODD V. WOLFSON

BEST TEX-MEX WITH AN ATTITUDE El Caribe

Woe betide the naive customer who falls on the wrong side of Lily, El Caribe's proprietor and constant presence. Her often brusque demeanor belies a heart of gold, and the care that goes into the delicious food and award-winning salsa is superb. We once witnessed her turn away a party of 25 because they wanted separate checks. It's her way or the highway, folks, but once you get one of El Caribe's high-octane margaritas coursing through your system, everything else just slides away. To quote one of her caveats: "We don't care to hear your complaints."

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Daruma Ramen

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612-B E. SIXTH, WWW.DARUMARAMEN.COM

BEST TART ART

Blue Owl Brewing

Not since the Ecto Cooler hysteria of 1989 has a drink lacked this much chill for your digestive organs like sour beer has, yet playfully tussles with your flavor receptors like a basket of otters. It's a marketing battle won daily by Austin's best sour artists, Blue Owl Brewing, whose mainstay beers, Little Boss sour wheat, Spirit Animal sour pale, Van Dayum! sour red, and Professor Black sour cherry stout are a very fair way of coping with Austin's high temperatures. Mind your Prilosec!

2400 E. CESAR CHAVEZ, WWW.BLUEOWLBEWING.COM

BEST HEAT SLAYER

St. Elmo's Carl Kolsch

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BEST COCKTAIL FOR MAXIMUM SUMMER CHILL IN ALL SEASONS

Hotel San José Frosé

Sure, in less cruel climes, the temperature is dropping, but in Austin, it's still hot AF in the fall. To keep us cool and carefree, we look no further than the sweet, pink, slushy frosé concocted by Hotel San José bar manager Breezy Mayo. Enjoy it poolside or in the ultrahip lounge: This frozen cocktail's deliciousness knows no bounds.

1316 S. CONGRESS, WWW.SANJOSEHOTEL.COM

BEST BOURBON COCKTAIL NAMED AFTER A PATRON

The Pulkingham

A regular at the bar at the beloved SoCo Italian restaurant Vespaio, renowned guitarist David Pulkingham, off the road from touring, would often order a Boulevardier. But as his tastes changed, the guitarist put on the mixologist's hat and requested modifications, subbing in Cappelletti, Knob Creek, Carpano Antica Formula, and why not a splash of lemon juice for good measure? The drink became so popular that Vespaio labeled the cocktail "The Pulkingham" and featured it on their bar menu – a fitting tribute to a devoted patron whose taste buds are as refined as his ears.

1610 S. CONGRESS, WWW.AUSTINVESPAIO.COM

BEST PIZZA BY A RAPPER

Da Slice

Just last year, Subkulture Patriots rapper Dostra Nostra, also known as D.O.S., was releasing rap singles. Going forward, Byron Mitchell wants to be known as "Chef D.O.S.," a nod to his nascent pizza enterprise, Da Slice. Each delicious and hearty pie is made from scratch and arrives in one size (a hefty 16") absolutely packed with toppings. And if the rapper/pizza-entrepreneur combo wasn't innovative enough, his "chicken n waffle" pizza has to be seen – and tasted – to be believed.

3505 N. I-35, WWW.FB.COM/DASLICEATX

BEST BISCUIT BLISS

Mattie's at Green Pastures

The new standard-bearer for the historic Green Pastures space, Mattie's dishes out a buttermilk biscuit that satisfies every quadrant: crunchy and flaky on the outside, fluffy and warm on the inside, and dancing the line between salty and sweet. Take a bite and squint. It's easy to imagine the original owner of the property, Martha "Mattie" Miner Faulk, sitting on the big wraparound porch and asking the same as us: More, please, and don't forget the side of pink honey butter.

811 W. LIVE OAK, WWW.MATTIESAUSTIN.COM

BEST HAND-PULLED CHINESE NOODLES

Xian Sushi and Noodle

Co-chef/co-owner Ting Lin preserves the ancient art of noodles while putting on a show for restaurant patrons: stretching, pulling, twisting, flinging the dough before it's shaped into various styles, all given Italian names on the menu. Try the Tom Yam Chicken Noodle Soup (coconut milk chicken broth, red bell peppers, Enoki mushrooms, bean sprouts & cilantro) with vermicelli.

1801 E. 51ST, 13201 RR 620 N., WWW.XIANFRESH.COM



BEST RESTAURANT REVAMP

Juliet

Juliet Ristorante takes hypnotic to an entirely new level. We're not talking about pendulums swinging back and forth or the sudden snap-back-to-reality after hearing the word "kumquat" – but rather hypnotic walls covered in vintage artwork complemented by dazzling light fixtures. This summer the restaurant underwent major changes to transform into a family-friendly spot with a boss happy hour. The new vibe infuses every crevice of the eatery, including the bathroom, so you can enjoy the view while in the loo.

1500 BARTON SPRINGS RD., WWW.JULIET-AUSTIN.COM



BEST COMEBACK BREWERY

Celis Brewery

Twenty-five years after Pierre Celis opened Celis Brewery – and 16 years after its subsequent closure – Austin's first craft beermaker is back, better and witbier-er than ever. Now under the direction of Pierre's daughter, Christine Celis, the brewery is not only reviving their legendary Belgian-style Celis White and Celis Pale Bock, but also introducing new recipes like Citrus Grandis IPA, their highly drinkable and hazy East Coast-style IPA. Drop by their taproom, pick up a six-pack, or find their brews in a bar around town and pay your respects to our OG craft brewery.

10001 METRIC, WWW.CELISBEERS.COM

BEST MOVIE THEATRE POPCORN

AFS Cinema's Signature Popcorn, Fully Loaded

There are a lot of reasons for movie fans to love the Austin Film Society's new facility, but we didn't expect a totally new take on the most standard of old standards to be one of them. Head chef Peter Klein has created "a small batch specialty made with heirloom kernels ... dressed in clarified butter, nutritional yeast, and our AFS spice blend." Truly, not like any other movie popcorn we've ever had. Wash it down with a Lone Star draft for only three bucks.

6406 N. I-35 #3100, WWW.AUSTINFILM.ORG/CINEMA

MOST UBIQUITOUS, UMAMIEST INSTAGRAM SHOT

Kula Revolving Sushi Bar

Nowadays, with ATX restaurants making national best-of lists on the regular, we're not behind the curve, we *are* the curve. And that's great. But every once in a while we put aside all pretense of cool and go collectively apeshit about some California import (lookin' at you, In-N-Out), and that was the case when sushi chain Kula set up shop in a strip mall off Airport Boulevard to dish out nigiri and ramen and mochi off a conveyor belt. And it was *fun*: minimalist fare gamefied for maximum face-stuffing, and Instagram's arteries clogged with sushi selfies.

6929 AIRPORT #125, WWW.KULAUSA.COM

BEST MEATLESS BAR STYLE PIZZA

The Stooges Pie at Via 313

While this hometown favorite is most often revered for delectable Detroit-style pies, Via 313's bar style pizza - thinner, chewier, with crispy cheesy edges - is the Best in Show vehicle for a vegetarian topping combo certain to please even meat lovers. The Stooges' baby spinach, marinated artichokes, shallots, and Parmesan crisps is, quite simply, pizza perfection.



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BEST PARK

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If your kids are of the variety that, since birth, rolled, ran, and rode harder and faster than their tiny peers, training the little ninjas to do it safely isn't a terrible idea. Then again, parkour teaches efficient body movement, and that's great for all ages. And what's more fun than watching adults fling themselves off of high platforms onto foam mats?

8222 N. LAMAR STE. F-54, WWW.THEBAMACADEMY.COM



JOHN LEACH

BEST "MY OTHER BABY IS A BUNNY" RESOURCE

House Rabbit Resource Network

In addition to being endearing and affectionate companions, house rabbits also make exceptional pets to teach your kids how to become responsible caretakers. This nonprofit, run completely by volunteers, has at any given time more than 100 furry friends that need loving homes. With names like Jasper, Wozzy, and Bun-oncé, you're sure to find the bunny best suited for snuggles and vegetable consumption, and the staff offers help in education and training to make sure your human and fur babies get off on the right foot.

110 W. PFLUGERVILLE PKWY., PFLUGERVILLE

BEST BRUNCH KIDS' SHOW

Cherrywood Coffeehouse

Already kid-friendly all week long – dog- and yogi-friendly, too! – the ample outdoor seating at Cherrywood Coffeehouse allows for plenty of space for kids to run around, and the menu offers plenty of all-ages enticing food. But it's on the weekend that the real childhood spirit emerges. At brunch time every Saturday and Sunday, Cherrywood offers live children's music for every tiny dancer in your life to move and groove to while you leisurely eat a taco or two.

1400 E. 38TH½, WWW.CHERRYWOODCOFFEEHOUSE.COM

BEST HORN BLOWING

Touch-a-Truck

Benefiting SAFE (Stop Abuse for Everyone) at the Austin Children's Shelter, May's annual convergence of city vehicles and the demographic fascinated by them remains a show, tell, and touch for all ages. Clamber aboard a school bus, or climb in the back of an ambulance or APD patrol car. Backhoes, fire engines, cranes – you name it – big and small. Better still, when the fam needs a break from the stationary vehicular ride-alongs, all those mounted Air Force jets glimpsed off MoPac are there for closer inspection. Be warned, however: If you're adverse to horns, better skip it, because up from the fields of Camp Mabry rises a honking symphony to make yearly brass gathering Honk!TX sound like a kazoo festival.

SAFE | AUSTIN CHILDREN'S SHELTER, WWW.SAFEAUSTIN.ORG

BEST TEAM TO GO MAKE FAMILY MUSICALS

Damon Brown & Allen Robertson

Wondering what Buford Biscuit and Tiny Scarecrow have been up to since the Emmy-winning series *The Biscuit Brothers* stopped production? They've turned to the stage and become the Rodgers & Hammerstein for the family theatre set. Allen Robertson (aka Buford) and Damon Brown (Tiny's "executive assistant") have been collaborating on musical adaptations of classic tales – *Stone Soup*, *The Tortoise and the Hare*, *The Steadfast Tin Soldier*, and *The Elves and the Shoemaker* so far – putting contemporary spins on them with smarts, wit, catchy tunes, and even a shot of *Hamilton* rap, and captivating audiences of all ages. We wouldn't miss one of their shows at Summer Stock Austin. We just wish they were on DVD so we could watch them over and over.

BEST RACE TO BE A HERO

CASA Superhero Run

There's no better place to see superhero enthusiasts of all ages running while costumed than this annual race. With gear ranging from Hollywood-level latex to homemade capes, plus bounce houses and post-race treats from beloved local vendors, fundraising for an org that advocates for children who've been abused or neglected is really the best way to spend a September morning. Plus, the real-life Batmobile means seeing is believing.

WWW.CASASUPERHERORUN.COM

BEST LEMONAID STAND

Rylee Dill and Eva Sanderson

When Mother Nature gives you lemons, you make lemonade. So when Hurricane Harvey devastated Rylee Dill's hometown of Corpus Christi, she and her best friend Eva Sanderson set up shop at the entrance to the Greenbelt. In just two days, their operation raised over \$400, which the fifth graders donated to hurricane relief efforts.

BEST PLAYSCAPE TO LET KIDS BE GERBILS

Mt. Playmore

When they're scaling the walls at home, save your brain and take the little rascals to weave through a floor-to-ceiling gerbil cage. The largest indoor playground in Central Texas boasts a playscape big enough to fill a 3,000-square-foot house, a huge arcade, a restaurant, and live reptile shows on Wednesdays. Parents can crawl around, too, or just savor deep breaths in the central seating area.

13609 N. I-35, WWW.MTPLAYMORE.COM

BEST DOG

Hank

He's held more than 340 different job titles at the *Chronicle* (see staff box), but still finds time to host an annual SXSW party and maintain an active social media presence. No others need apply.

WWW.FB.COM/HANKTHECHRONDOG, AUSTINCHRONICLE.COM/DAY-PARTY, WWW.INSTAGRAM.COM/TRIPAWHANK

BEST UPSIZING

Monster Jam

Our 3-year-old rode tall in his mother's arms at the swag stock exchange and ordered decisively: Scooby-Doo. He choked, knew it within days, not exactly preferring daddy's plush Grave Digger pillow, however. A birthday Zombie proved corrective, and the Randalls on 38th stocks minis. Because even though his 'rents have taken in Sade, the Gorillaz, and Fleetwood Mac at the Erwin Center, every spring's Monster Truck Jam now headlines. A youthful production from its charismatic drivers to the local arena crew, the death-defying feats over multiple race heats and configurations – megas and their dune buggy counterparts – deliver every promise those radio ads of your childhood ("Sunday, Sunday, Sunday!") bellowed. Collect 'em all come April 21-22, 2018.

WWW.MONSTERJAM.COM/EN-US/EVENTS/AUSTIN-TX-0

BEST WAY TO GET KIDS TO SAY "CHEESE"

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615 RED RIVER, WWW.FB.COM/BARBARELLA.AUSTIN.9

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801 RED RIVER, WWW.STUBBSAUSTIN.COM

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BEST ALL-VINYL DJ CREW **Chulita Vinyl Club**

Officially launched in December 2014, the collective is an outfit of all-female, vinyl-only DJs, identifying with nationalities and cultures including Latina, Tejana, and Chicana. Currently spread out in seven chapters in California and Texas, these crate-digging women run the gamut of genres, never focusing on any specific sound. With each spin, these proud and prominent women continue to carve out artistic spaces for the preservation of musical and cultural roots.

WWW.CHULITAVINYLCUB.COM

BEST CANDLELIT ASTROTURF FOR A FIRST DATE KISS

Nightcap

Down past Dirty, where West Sixth gets dark and quiet, is a plum-colored bungalow that's just the right amount of fancy. Provocatively named cocktails pair perfectly with cheese plates and panna cotta, but their late-night vibe – complete with evergreen fake grass, candlelight, and lounge-worthy patio furniture – makes this spot ideal for making out. That, or for a spontaneous 11pm cornmeal funnel cake topped with seared foie gras, which is its own kind of love connection.

1401 W. SIXTH, WWW.NIGHTCAPAUSTIN.COM

BEST PLACE TO SING "DELTA DAWN" 'TIL DAWN

Hi Tunes Karaoke

We've all been there: It's 2am, and suddenly, in the heat of the moment, your crew feels the need to belt out some Beyoncé. But the bars are all closed! Well, don't stop believin': Hi Tunes is open 'til 5am all weekend. BYOB to clean, cool rooms with proper lighting and sound. Tambourines and sanitary microphone covers included.

911 W. ANDERSON #117, WWW.HITUNESKARAOKE.COM

BEST BEAT DOWN

Exploded Drawing

Experimental electronic musicians Ben Webster and Andrew Brown – known on wax as Butcher Bear and Soundfounder – established the Exploded Drawing party on staunchly Fugazi-like principles: \$5 cover, all-ages, fiercely DIY. Seven years later, the semimonthly event remains a lighthouse for Austin's producers, beatmakers, and artists. Inhabiting warehouses, art studios, and underground venues, the popular event locks in local talent with national headliners and acts as a petri dish of creative collaboration in the scene.

WWW.EXPLODED-DRAWING.COM

BEST STYLE INSPO FOR A NO-FOMO NIGHT OUT

Kaidon Ho

Kaidon Ho styles herself and others in outfits that will have you looking at the clothes you already own in a brand-new way and considering purchases you never knew you needed. Her creative, built-up silhouettes can be re-created by mixing pieces found in most wardrobes, and, wow, you've underestimated the versatility of a cowboy hat for too long already. Scroll through her Instagram feed and stop waffling over whether or not to go out – you do have something to wear.

WWW.INSTAGRAM.COM/FOMO.SEXUAL, WWW.KAIDONHO.COM



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BEST MOCKTAIL MENU

Holy Roller

Leave it to the incomparable Callie Speer and her team at this Downtown punk rock diner to create a drink list so inclusive you might choose a defiantly booze-free frozen lemonade over your go-to bev. Bar manager Jen Keyser's menu also includes four mocktail choices – Spicy, Sweet, Citrus, and Energy – plus delicious herbal shrub sodas to sip under the watchful eye of King Iggy Pop himself. Staying sober just got a whole lot tastier.

509 RIO GRANDE, WWW.HOLYROLLERAUSTIN.COM



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BEST NEIGHBORHOOD BAR MARQUEE

Nickel City

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1133 E. 11TH, WWW.NICKELCITYBAR.COM

BEST FIVE SPOT

Austin Jukebox

Pere Ubu for five bucks at Beerland?!! Yep, that happened – and allll thanks to the programmers of Austin Jukebox, who curate these quarterly lineups featuring artists of different genres (including at least one out-of-towner) that they want to see, and you should too.

WWW.SUPERSECRETCORDS.COM



JOHN ANDERSON

BEST SONG JACKPOT

Hard Luck Lounge

When the White Horse opened in 2011, the Eastside dance hall swiftly evolved into a central clubhouse for Austin's singer-songwriter, country, folk, and honky-tonk communities. Word gets around fast, and once the White Horse vaulted onto every when-in-Austin bucket list for tourists, the best songwriters in town moved their hang to sister business the Hard Luck Lounge, opened in 2015 by White Horse co-founders Denis O'Donnell and Marshall McHone. The tiny bar with a big backyard is now a crucial spot to see Austin's up-and-coming songsters nightly – either performing or drinking 'til 2am.

3526 E. SEVENTH, WWW.FB.COM/HARDLUCKLOUNGE

BEST SUBSTITUTE FOR AN ACTUAL LESBIAN BAR

Where the Girls Go Guerilla Queer Bar

Ask the nearest queer person where the best lesbian bar is in Austin, and you'll get a seemingly endless stream of "R.I.P." statements about days gone by. Enter Where the Girls Go, a collective of queer promoters and DJs who, two years ago, started the roving Guerilla Queer Bar, a "trans-positive, all-gender-inclusive, anti-isms/ists, pro-makeout affair" that swoops in on different bars all over town. The vibe is always chill, and the pop-up nature keeps anything from getting too clique-ish. Think of it as a once-a-month rowboat ride under a sparkling willow tree. Go on. Kiss the girl.

WWW.FB.COM/WHERETHEGIRLSGOATX



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BEST CODE-REQUIRED COCKTAIL BAR

Floppy Disk Repair Co.

Is your evening in need of a hard reboot? If you can gain access to this seeming "computer store," you'll find a speakeasy worthy of a bootlegger. Requiring a code that you'll either have to steal from someone leaving or find through internet sleuthing, once you gain entrance to this bar you'll find nary a floppy disk. Instead, the Red-Headed Stepchild awaits, the shadow twin to Repair Co. Boasting cleverly named drinks, and the special allure of light rum-infused milk with shots of cereal, this speakeasy takes a strange mash of influences and makes them the creepiest of cools.

119 E. FIFTH, WWW.FB.COM/FLOPPYDISKREPAIRCO

BEST BOOZY SPOT TO TAP INTO YOUR INNER CHILD

Barrel O' Fun

During the day, this carnival-inspired bar is strictly G-rated, where kids and their adult tenders can toss beanbags and slurp house-made sodas. But it's at night, when they shave the 'rel off the door sign to become a Bar O' Fun, that we most love this cozy space on the ground floor of the new Alamo Drafthouse Mueller. No matter the name, fun is fun, whether you're showing off your smarts at the regular trivia nights, sussing out subtext at Queer Film Theory 101, or sipping a vodka cherry-lime rickey in the retro-cool Tilt-a-Whirl booths.

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11700 DOMAIN BLVD., WWW.DOMAINNORTHSIDE.COM



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MOST CREATIVE ACTS OF RESISTANCE

Quinceañera at the Capitol & Handmaid's Tale Activists

In the age of Trump, the resistance is not just strong but damn creative. In July, more than a dozen teenage girls celebrating their Quinceañera showed up to the Capitol in colorful ball gowns and dancing shoes, but they didn't come to party – they came to protest. Organized by Latino-powered activist group Jolt, the inventive approach to resistance against anti-immigrant policies including Senate Bill 4 garnered national attention. And they weren't the only ones that made headlines for clever rebellion. If you were anywhere near the Capitol during anti-choice bill protests this legislative session you couldn't miss the stream of flowing red robes and white bonnets – a nod to Margaret Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale*, a dystopian vision of a world in which men control women's reproductive rights. With imaginative acts of resistance like these over the next four years, we can at least be proud to protest.

NARAL PRO-CHOICE TEXAS, WWW.PROCHOICETEXAS.ORG; JOLT TEXAS, WWW.JOLTIX.ORG

BEST PROTEST WITH A BPM

Queer Dance Freakout

Queers: They know how to party, and they know how to protest. In the face of bathroom bills and religious liberty laws proposed by the state's most hateful lawmakers, this community didn't settle for picket signs and speeches, instead opting in February for magic and glitter and dance party protest in front of the Governor's Mansion (queer enemy No. 2) to celebrate all things queer and vibrant and to demand equal rights and real protections – not discriminatory legislation.

#QUEERDANCEFREAKOUT

BEST SITTING DOWN TO STAND UP FOR IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS

SB 4 Sit-in

Until May, many of us had only read about sit-ins in our history books in the chapter on the Civil Rights movement. But this summer local advocates – including District 4 Council Member Greg Casar, Rev. Jim Rigby, NARAL's Heather Busby, and ACC Trustee Julie Ann Nitsch, among many others – plopped down defiantly in the lobby of Gov. Greg Abbott's offices to demonstrate against the anti-immigrant Senate Bill 4. Singing protest songs, they peacefully refused to budge until Abbott vetoed the hateful law. Since the gov failed to pick up that veto pen, the Texas Department of Public Safety cuffed 18 protesters. (The law is now in legal limbo, with some parts in effect.) It was a stirring moment of solidarity that deserves its own spot in the history books.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVERS

Fran and Dan Keller

It took 25 years and two new district attorneys, but Fran and Dan Keller – the Oak Hill daycare providers swept up in the satanic ritual abuse craze of the late Eighties and early Nineties and sentenced to 48 years in prison for a sexual assault that never happened – have finally been exonerated. D.A. Margaret Moore acknowledged that the mistaken testimony of then-novice emergency room doctor Michael Mouw meant there was no actual evidence to suggest that the Kellers committed any crimes. Though they've been out of jail since Moore's predecessor Rosemary Lehmborg acknowledged in 2013 that Mouw's recanted testimony indicated they did not receive a fair trial, at the time they weren't considered fully innocent – a technicality that prevented them from receiving wrongful imprisonment compensation (\$3.4 million, collected in August) and carried countless prohibitive marks on their personal records.

MOST DEVOTED PEN PAL

Steve Adler

You know you live in a progressive city when your mayor epically shuts down a sexist jerk with some witty and acerbic wordsmithing. In May, Mayor Steve Adler received a misogynistic letter criticizing Alamo Drafthouse's all-women screening of superhero flick *Wonder Woman*. But he didn't just file it under the Asshole Folder and forget about it; he dragged it into the daylight and mocked it with zeal. Notifying the sender his email must have been hacked by a "pitiful creature" with "uninformed and sexist rantings," Adler deftly reminded that everyone is welcome in Austin, even people like those who wrote an email with views that are an "embarrassment to modernity, decency, and common sense." Boom, chauvinist. You've been Adler-ed. But it's not all sexist-bashing for Adler's pen – he compassionately called for unity and welcoming in open letters during the devastation of Hurricane Harvey. We gladly encourage our mayor to sign his name under "feminist" and a "real class act."

WWW.MAYORADLER.COM/LETTER-WONDER-WOMAN; WWW.AUSTINTEXAS.GOV/DEPARTMENT/MAYOR



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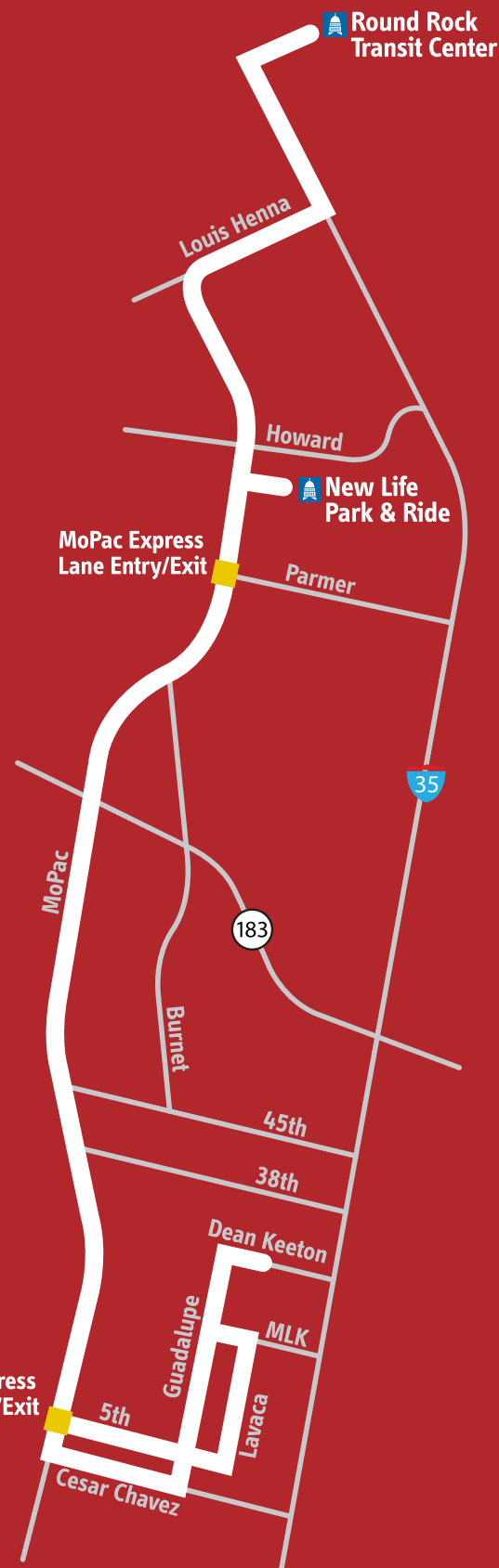
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BEST BREATH OF LEGAL FRESH AIR

Margaret Moore

Travis County District Attorney Margaret Moore signed up to run for her new gig reluctantly at first, but became convinced that somebody needed to bring the D.A.'s Office "a renewed vision." Only the third person in the succession, Moore cleared out historical cobwebs (and plenty of incumbent staffers), and has taken long strides toward renewing the Office's somewhat battered credibility. She established a new division for contentious civil rights cases, and accepted the responsibility of personally reviewing the festering Fran and Dan Keller case - coming to the long-delayed conclusion that the Kellers deserved complete exoneration. Moore also plays an enthusiastic guitar with her Mother Rukkus bandmates. A new sound all around.

MARGARET MOORE TRAVIS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, 509 W. 11TH, WWW.TRAVISCOUNTYTX.GOV/DISTRICT-ATTORNEY

BEST "I LISTEN TO ALEX JONES SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO"

Jonathan Tilove

The *Statesman's* chief political writer has a broad reporting range, and he needed it this year when he became the default InfoWars Correspondent, and the Village Explainer to the nation of Austin's Braying Demagogue. Faced with a surreal Jones child custody case in which it was impossible to discern the best outcome for the offspring, Tilove followed both that case and the larger cultural fallout - Jones' influence on the 2016 campaign and the Trump presidency - with a mixture of fascination and repulsion, and in exhausting detail. In the spirit of Zola's eating "The Toad," we suppose somebody had to do it, and congratulate Tilove on his very strong stomach and thorough digestion.

@JTILOVETX



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JANA BIRCHUM

BEST RE-CONTEXTUALIZATION OF HISTORY

Briscoe Center for American History

The University of Texas at Austin took a step forward in making sure their Confederate statues were showcased in the appropriate place - a history museum. UT President Greg Fenves made the controversial decision to remove the remaining four statues, recognizing their historic value but acknowledging the contradiction their continued presence as campus monuments made to the school's core values. The collections at the Briscoe Center are among the nation's top American South research resources, so there's no doubt these figures found the right home: as relics of the past to be remembered, but not lionized.

2300 RED RIVER

BEST RESPONSE TO CONSPIRACY CRACKPOTS

Noah Polk and Michael Freid, East Side Pies

"You argue with a fool, you're the fool yourself," East Side Pies co-owner Noah Polk told the *Statesman* in late 2016, after online trolls attempted to drag the local pizza chain into the manufactured "pizzagate" conspiracy, maliciously hallucinating an international pedophile ring connected to the Hillary Clinton campaign. The nutjobs provoked threats, spurious "exposé" videos, and even vandalism - but Polk and partner Michael Freid responded by becoming East Side philanthropists, joining with the city in an anti-bullying campaign established by youth arts nonprofit Creative Action (www.creativeaction.org). The owners say they were gratified by the public support, and they continue to help the community - and to make great, creative pizza pies.

1401-B ROSEWOOD; 5312-G AIRPORT; 1809 W. ANDERSON #1, WWW.EASTSIDEPIES.COM

BEST POLICY SLOG

CodeNEXT

Do you know the current zoning of your home? Do you even care? You should! How the property you own gets zoned affects what you can do with your home - more than money, stodgy neighbors, or your own creative devices. What's more, how your house is zoned is part of a larger land use map that determines what our city can look like, and how it can legally develop over time. City staff has spent much of the past year working its way through a rewrite of the city's land use code, to update it from the standards set when Austin was a much younger and smaller town. It's been a drudging labor of love, with plans (right now) for City Council to actually vote on the beast in April. At that point, the city's entire blueprint may look different. You still won't understand it, but we can promise it will be different.

WWW.AUSTINTEXAS.GOV/CODENEXT

MOST LIKE NO PRANK ELSE

Chili's East Austin

Banners, posters, and a social media push announcing the opening of a Chili's on East Sixth and Waller had locals up in arms about the gentrification and overzealous development of our dear city. With Austin City Limitless Queso, Waller Wings, and Fun Fun Fun Fries on the signature menu, it was just too much to take. Turns out, this doomsday scenario was merely a clever (and not-inexpensive) prank masterminded by an anonymous collective. Yup, Austin got served but good.

BEST ARTIVIST Drew Riley

When the going gets tough, Drew Riley gets tougher. The local artist, best known for her jaw-dropping *Gender Portraits* series of folks defying gender norms, spent the worst half of 2017 at the Capitol fighting against a slew of anti-trans and LGBTQ hate bills filed during the 85th legislative session. Her dedication to fighting the good fight gave others strength - much in the same way her art inspires courage and compassion.

WWW.GENDERPORTRAITS.COM



JANA BIRCHUM

BEST GOP GUN AT BOOT HILL

Joe Straus

Thanks and farewell to a true public servant: As the national and state Republican Party has moved steadily to the far, far right, Texas House Speaker (and stout Republican) Joe Straus did what he could to keep the Lege from running completely off the rails. His reward? Continual attacks from his right flank for saving his party and his state from political and moral outrages, whether it was bashing transgender Texans or just ignoring basic needs like public education. How long could he continue to endure the unprincipled backlash? The answer came in October, when Straus announced he would not run for re-election, stepping down at the end of 2018, anticipating “greater opportunity to express my own views and priorities.”

WWW.JOESTRAUS.ORG

**BEST ORGANIZED LABOR
GADFLY**

Bob Nicks

Bob Nicks assumed the presidency of the Austin Firefighters Association at a difficult moment, when the city, the Fire Department, and the union were all embroiled in wrestling with the U.S. Department of Justice over an institutional history of racial discrimination. Despite occasional missteps, he has worked steadily with his members and his bosses to move the department forward to fully reflect the diversity of the community it protects, while not sacrificing either hiring standards or the interests of his members. The latest contract negotiations resulted in an agreement both sides could applaud – until Nicks again must shake hands and come out fighting.

WWW.IAFFLOCAL975.ORG

**BEST AFFORDABLE HOUSING
SUPERHEROES**

Foundation Communities

The smartest, most effective outfit in town, Foundation Communities combines high-quality affordable housing with on-site support services for education, health, and financial stability. Now serving over 2,800 families and 600 single adults, its LEED-certified projects continue to grow, with the latest penciled in for Mueller. What’s more, FC’s Community Tax Centers help low-income folks from all over town get the tax refunds they’ve earned. Last year alone, tax prep volunteers filed more than 20,000 returns, bringing back \$34 million to hardworking families and our local economy. Talk about life-changing – put a superhero cape on these guys now!

WWW.FOUNDCOM.ORG

BEST SAFE HAVEN FROM THE STORM

Austin ISD

When disaster strikes in Texas, Austin residents have always been there with open arms, but it’s Austin ISD that is the first to open its doors. When Hurricane Harvey hit the Gulf, AISD took in hundreds of evacuees – or as staff called them, guests – at campuses and facilities around the district, even finding space for their beloved pets. Even after they were rehoused, dozens of kids who fled the storm were attending classes in AISD schools. That’s a lesson in kindness from which we should all learn.

CARRUTH ADMINISTRATION CENTER, 1111 W. SIXTH, WWW.AUSTINISD.ORG

**BEST TWITTER ACCOUNT RUN
BY A PUBLIC OFFICIAL**

Rhoda Mae Kerr

@Sometimes it #doesn’t #matter what you say, but #howyou say it. Austin Fire Chief #RhodaMaeKerr (known on Twitter as @ChiefKerr) may not be an expert in manufacturing meme-orabilia, and doesn’t tweet often enough to satisfy our cravings. But her @devil-may-care disregard for the medium’s norms always gives us a tickle. Being a fire chief demands unflinching stoicism and some real patience for bureaucracy. We’re glad to see Chief Kerr letting things get loose on Twitter.

@CHIEFKERR

**MOST HOSTILE TAKEOVER
BY A HIGHLY INVASIVE
UNDERWATER SPECIES**

Zebra Mussels

Like the rise of fascism, it’s often tough to spot a zebra mussel colony before it’s too late. The stripe-shelled, filter-feeding organisms have spent the better part of this past decade infiltrating Texas’ lakes, and in June made landfall in Lake Travis. Call in the National Guard! Zebra mussels are known for colonizing quickly and anywhere that fits their liking, which is why Texas Parks & Wildlife spent much of the summer shouting at boaters to wash off their hulls before they transported their boats from lake to lake. Guess what: Someone didn’t, and now we’ve got zebra mussels in Lake Austin. Tomorrow it’s Town Lake, and by November, Barton Springs. Before you know it, they’ll have taken over City Hall.

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4011 RED RIVER; 5405 N. LAMAR; 3511 GUADALUPE, WWW.GROOVYAUTOMOTIVE.COM

READERS POLL

BEST BARBER SHOP

Birds Barbershop

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VARIOUS LOCATIONS, WWW.BIRDSBARBERSHOP.COM

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— TRACY CANNON

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— MARISA JAFFEE

100-A GUADALUPE; 12901 HILL COUNTRY BLVD., BLDG. D-1-110, WWW.MILKANDHONEYSPA.COM

BEST MANI/PEDI

Viva Day Spa

“After a pedicure at Viva, my polish didn’t chip for MONTHS; not even through the 30-mile backpacking trip I took a few days later.”

— JULIANA HAYNES

215 S. LAMAR; 1811 W. 35TH, WWW.VIVADAYSPA.COM

BEST WAX/SKINCARE

Viva Day Spa

“Sassy miss waxy best Brazilian in town.”

— MAYA REEVES

215 S. LAMAR; 1811 W. 35TH, WWW.VIVADAYSPA.COM

BEST BIKE SHOP/REPAIR

Bicycle Sport Shop

“Unsurpassed Austin friendliness and service, great selection, consistent quality.”

— STEPHEN TORRENCE

VARIOUS LOCATIONS, WWW.BICYCLESPORTSHOP.COM

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1804 W. KOENIG, WWW.HABITATHUNTERS.COM

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Strait Music Co.

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— LAUREN GILBERT

2428 W. BEN WHITE; 13945 HWY. 183 N., WWW.STRAITMUSIC.COM

BEST HOTEL/MOTEL

The Driskill Hotel

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— ADAM CREIGHTON

604 BRAZOS, WWW.DRISKILLHOTEL.COM

BEST COMPUTER/APPLIANCE REPAIR

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VARIOUS LOCATIONS, WWW.DISCOUNTELECTRONICS.COM

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— BRIAN BENSCHOTER

VARIOUS LOCATIONS, WWW.ABCHOMEANDCOMMERCIAL.COM

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Rick’s Cleaners

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— ROHIT SINGH

VARIOUS LOCATIONS, WWW.RICKSCLEANERS.COM

BEST TAILOR/ALTERATION

Ace Custom Tailors

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— ERROL MORTLAND

VARIOUS LOCATIONS, WWW.ACETAILORS.COM

BEST VETERINARIAN

Brodie Animal Hospital

“Dr. Holmes is a rock star. She takes such good care of our furry babies!”

— JUAN CABRERA

3421 W. WILLIAM CANNON, WWW.BRODIEANIMALHOSPITAL.COM

BEST DOGGIE DAY CARE

Mud Puppies

“Our baby girl Harley drags me in, won’t kiss me goodbye, and doesn’t look back because she LOVES the staff and her buddies at Mud Puppies!” — ANNA KING
12233 FM 620 N. STE. 110-A; 2015 E. RIVERSIDE BLDG. 9, WWW.MUD-PUPPIES.COM

BEST DOG TRAINER

Rachel Stamper (SkyBlue Kennels)

“Rachel is a loving and caring individual and takes the art of training seriously. She also makes it look incredibly fun.” — ZAHMAR ROUNDS
SKYBLUE KENNELS, 7509 FM 969, WWW.SKYBLUEKENNELSATX.COM

BEST PSYCHIC/TAROT

Sister Temperance Tarot

“Worth every penny. Cheaper than therapy.” — MARTA MCDUGLE
CONTACT FOR ADDRESS, WWW.SISTERTEMPERANCE.COM

BEST TATTOO

Atomic Tattoo

“Great artists, good atmosphere, wonderful professionalism.” — JOEY EDWARDS
VARIOUS LOCATIONS, WWW.ATOMIC-TATTOO.COM

BEST MOVERS

Einstein Moving Company

“They should give lessons on customer service because they got it LOCKED down!” — SHEA BRYANT
9200-A BROWN; 3904-B WAREHOUSE ROW, WWW.EINSTEINMOVING.COM

BEST DWI LAWYER

Mary Ann Espiritu

“Mary Ann is an attorney you hope you never meet, but if you do, she’s a person you’ll always be glad you know. (Unless you’re on the other end of a cross-examination; if that’s the case, she’ll shred you, your mama, and the Prius you rode in on.)” — BRONWEN BUTLER
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300 S. LAMAR, WWW.BENJAMINBEAUSALON.COM

MOST CHILLAX RELAX FOR REX

Austin Pup Culture

Dog owners know the most stressful part of vacationing isn't the TSA pat-down: It's worrying over how our puppies will handle kennel life. No need to fret when you board your dogs at Austin Pup Culture. During the day, they get to play ruff with the regular daycare doggos; at night, they have the run of their own luxury suites, stocked with orthopedic beds and colorful, Austin-centric decor that's sure to make them feel at home. And if you're one of those helicopter pup-parents, APC's lively Instagram feed supplies photographic proof that your dog is having a way better vacay than you are.

606 KENNISTON, WWW.AUSTINPUPCULTURE.COM

MOST INNOVATIVE MEDICAL CARE

The Kind Clinic

Whether you're seeking STI testing, access to PrEP – the little blue pill that basically stops the transmission of HIV when taken daily – or gender affirming care and hormones, Austin's Kind Clinic is your one-stop shop. What started as an entirely volunteer-run clinic to help residents learn about and get on PrEP has transformed into a full service sexual health and wellness provider that's also home to Travis County's first-ever trans-specific health care clinic. Kind not only keeps Austin queer, it's keeping the community (and all folks) healthy and thriving.

JANA BIRCHUM



900 E. 30TH #302, WWW.KINDCLINIC.ORG

BEST AVAILABLE OFFICE SPACE FOR MUSICIANS ON A BUDGET

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By taking over an old convalescent home on the Eastside and turning it into a music compound, scene supporters Dan Redman and Curse Mackey look to solve the affordability and fragmentation issues facing Austin's music industry by putting everything under one roof. The 25,000-square-foot facility is already filling up with studios, gear rental, practice spaces, and a large performance venue while they prepare to add vinyl record pressing, screenprinting, and educational facilities – which members can use at discounted rates – plus ample office space for music businesses. The Butthole Surfers have christened it by recording their new album there.

6400 FM 969, WWW.MOSAICSOUNDCOLLECTIVE.COM

BEST IN-THE-ROUGH AUTO INSPECTION CENTER

Alan's Vehicle Inspections

You pull up and some kid in cutoffs and a ratty T-shirt asks for your keys and paperwork, then points you to your seat at a tattooed picnic table near the bushes. It looks like the electricity isn't working inside; there's a shelf of tools and an old microwave that you imagine is caked inside with melted cheese. But what this grungy garage lacks in decor is more than made up for by the business' speed and service, and an earnestness that tracks back to old-time Austin, when you knew the guy who worked on your car because you probably once kicked him out of your band.

5253 N. LAMAR, WWW.FB.COM/ALANSINSPECTIONS

BEST BATTING OF THE EYELASHES

Pink Lady Lash

If eyes are the windows to the soul, are eyelashes considered the curtains? Who knows – but that's a question you can pose to the cutie at the bar after your lash extension appointment. If your lashes need a break from overuse of mascara or you're looking to shave some minutes off of your morning routine, may we recommend Pink Lady Lash? Fluffy isn't a word we'd normally use to describe anything other than a Pomeranian, but a fluffy set of lashes from the talented artists here can really make those ojos pop.

3801 CAPITAL OF TX HWY. N. STE. 160-C, WWW.PINKLADYLASH.COM

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The advertisement features a central image of a glowing beer bottle and a glass of beer. The bottle is labeled "ELYSIAN Space Dust IPA" and has a green hop character on the label. The glass is labeled "ELYSIAN BREWING". The background is a dark, starry space scene with a city skyline visible in the distance. A hand is holding the bottle, and a person's face is blurred in the background. The overall theme is "Space Dust" and "Another Dimension of IPA".

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BEST PEEPER KEEPER

EZ Frame Fixer

You know who you are, those of you who cobble your eyeglasses together with tape and chewing gum whenever they break. For a whole lot less money than the cost of a new pair of frames, a little solder in the right place might just do the trick. Christino is a wizard with these tiny repairs, and is a great conversationalist to boot. And if the talk lags, there's plenty of art and ephemera to gaze at on the shop's walls. It's best to call before coming because the shop closes from time to time, but you can always cool your heels at nearby Juan in a Million.

2308 E. CESAR CHAVEZ, WWW.FB.COM/EZFRAMEFIXER

BEST SCRUB FOR YOUR MOTOR TUB

Nice-N-Clean Hand Wash & Complete Detail Shop

Surely, your car hasn't looked this spiffy since it first drove off the dealer's lot. Nice-N-Clean hand-washes and buffs your auto so that nary a smudge remains, and the team there would not have it any other way. It's a compact place that utilizes every inch of its smallish corner lot, which includes a sweet tented area with fans and picnic benches where you can park yourself for a pleasant spell, unless, of course, you prefer the air-conditioned waiting room. You'll find the wait worth your while.

2412 E. CESAR CHAVEZ

BEST WAY TO STOP SMOKING

Muffin Muffler

Locally owned since 1975, and now part of the Yost Automotive family, Muffin provides the kind of friendly personal service you don't see much anymore, including free evaluations and estimates. Shop manager Tom Finger has been working there for 38 years, since he was 18 years old. That's well before there were personal computers, so the records are long gone, but by rough guesstimate, Muffin has probably installed well over 50,000 mufflers, and he's personally overseen most all of them.

6615 SHIRLEY AVE., WWW.MUFFINMUFFLER.COM



TODD V. WOLFSON

MOST ZEN MESSAGE STUDIO

Homestead Healing

Myofascial release specialist Laura Ann Gilpin has a gorgeous new studio on the Eastside. If the airy space, hammock, and tropical plants aren't meditative enough, her holistic approach to bodywork is sure to bring you peace. And, if it's more convenient, Laura Ann makes house calls, too.

1109-A SHADY, WWW.MYHOMESTEADMASSE.COM

BEST SPACE IS THE PLACE

Space Rehearsal and Recording

They say it 'cause it's true: Practice makes perfect. Whether you're looking to rehearse, record, or mix your soon-to-be smash hit, the Space is the place. Clean rooms, cool staff, and reasonable rates attract all the South Austin shredders. Endorsed by the Black Angels; what else do you need?

7915 MANCHACA RD., WWW.SPACETX.COM



DAVID BRENNAN HALL

BEST WAY TO KEEP THAT TIMEPIECE TICKING

Ray's Watch and Jewelry Repair

All those cunning devices we use to chart the illusion of sequence in our brief human existence? Those machines are as susceptible to damage and decay as we who own them. Luckily, there's nary a thwarted chronograph on Earth that can't be fixed or improved by Raymond Garza, relentlessly tinkering in his second-floor repair shop in the Arboretum, as affable as he is skilled and efficient. Oh, and he fixes jewelry too.

10000 RESEARCH #257, WWW.FB.COM/RAYS7073

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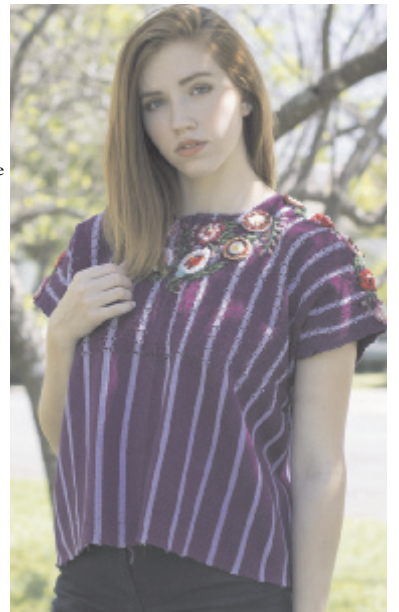


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BEST EARLY-NINETIES SHOPPING EXPERIENCE **The Mall**

The name evokes a grand and soul-crushing shopping experience, but the reality is far from the Gap and Hot Topic. This trailer parked outside the Museum of Human Achievement packs a lot of Day-Glo aesthetic in its 200 square feet. Shoppers looking to make a statement will find no shortage of art, accessories, decor, and zines to brighten up themselves and their surroundings.

916 SPRINGDALE, WWW.THEMALL.IS

BEST PLACE TO GET YOUR STITCH FIX

Fort Lonesome

This ain't your grandma's chain stitch. Known as the nomads of stitching, Fort Lonesome travels the continent preaching the art of embroidery and offering one-of-a-kind (and one-at-a-time) pieces of art tattooed directly to your clothing item of choice (they also have patches, shirts, and a trucker hat to round out their offerings). The Austin-based brand takes pride in their maker-driven, brilliantly colored creations and has been known to fundraise from time to time to raise money for the likes of Planned Parenthood.

WWW.FTLONESOME.COM

BEST PLACE TO PICK UP A PHILODENDRON FOR YOUR FAVORITE PERSON

The Fox Den

On the hunt for something small to make the day of someone special? Candice Bertalan's snug Chicon shop specializes in potted succulents and other petite treats ideal for gifting – soy candles, dangly earrings, a feminist tote or two. More of a window shopper? The store's Instagram (@the.fox.den) will have you dreaming of a cactus to call your own. Go on – be your own bae and gift yourself something pretty. You deserve it.

1105 CHICON, WWW.THEFOXDEN.COM

BEST NIFTY THRIFTY

Gucci Goodwill

Next to finding cash money, there's little that's more economically thrilling than a bargain. Make it a bargain on spendy, trendy attire and it's like hitting pay dirt. Which can happen more often than not at the Goodwill store off Lake Austin Boulevard, aka Gucci Goodwill. The quality of the finds at any thrift store is dependent on the economic status of the donors, and the proximity to West Lake Hills and Tarrytown means the duds here are no duds. We've scored a NWT Neiman Marcus frock for a mere \$11.99! It's not the biggest Goodwill, just the biggest bargain.

701 NEWMAN, WWW.GOODWILLCENTRALTEXAS.ORG

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Tecovas

Just like Austin straddles the line between cowboy-casual and urban chic, Tecovas makes elegant shitkickers for city slickers. Designed locally and handcrafted at a factory in León, Mexico, Tecovas' mission is to deliver high-quality boots at a lower price point. Still on the fence? You can stop by their bustling Eastside showroom, open on Saturdays, to fit some on for size and get a delicious sniff of that new leather smell.

2514 E. CESAR CHAVEZ, WWW.TECOVAS.COM



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BEST ONE-STOP BIKE/COFFEE/CLOTHING SHOP

Fast Folks Cyclery

Sometimes you need to fix your fixed gear, but you need your caffeine fix first. Kill two birds at Fast Folks' cool Eastside shop. And while you're there, might as well flip through owner Natalie Goforth's rack of hand-picked vintage clothing for sale and cross one more thing off your to-do list.

1201 E. CESAR CHAVEZ, WWW.FASTFOLKS.COM

BEST WAY TO FLAVNT OUR PRIDE

FLAVNT Streetwear

Androgyny is in. Ask anyone. If you're looking locally for unisex options, look no further than FLAVNT (pronounced flaunt, like Chvrches). This brother/sister duo specializes in T-shirts, hoodies, and binders (currently available in four colors to match varying skin tones). There's a simple or sassy style perfect for queers, trans folks, and anybody looking to make an anti-gender statement – or rock a rad top. If that wasn't cool enough, FLAVNT also partners with members of the LGBTQ community to help raise funds for gender-affirming surgeries. Since 2015 they've raised more than \$15,000 in donations. What can we say, except patriarchy shmatriarchy!

WWW.FLAVNT.COM

BEST BREAKTHROUGH

Breakaway Records

Until surpassed by Michael Jackson's *Thriller* after his death, *Their Greatest Hits (1971-1975)* by the Eagles was the bestselling album of all time. At Breakaway, its used wax runs you \$6. Most other places, \$10-15. "Those albums sold millions of copies," snorted one of the owners when lauded on the North Loop



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buzz mill's levelheadedness during today's topsy-turvy vinyl revolution. This summer, when they pulled a Pink Floyd and tore down the wall to the adjacent unit, the \$1 section expanded and a used stereo store materialized. Breakaway hit.

211 W. NORTH LOOP, WWW.BREAKAWAYRECORDSHOP.COM

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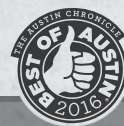
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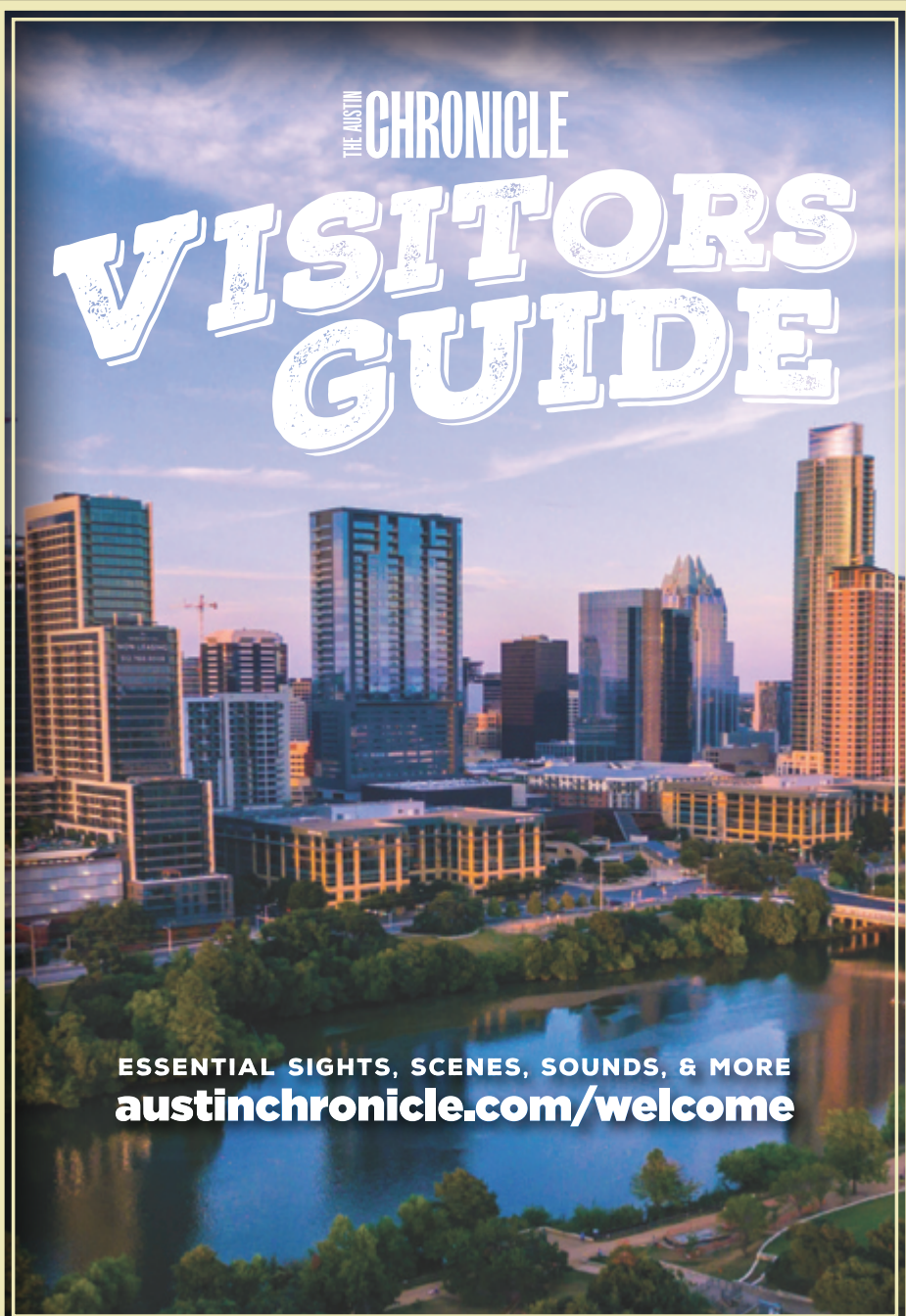
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BEST KAWAII STORAGE SOLUTIONS

Fit

Piggy banks are cute. See-through teddy bear piggy banks are just cuter than dimples. That's *kawaii*, the Japanese term for cute. But there's also *chibi*, meaning tiny in the most adorable way, and that's what Fit provides. The Japanese import store specializes in household and office goods, plus super-rare Studio Ghibli and Gundam merch, but it's the desktop and shelf-space storage options – from boxes for displaying your favorite gachapon to stationary solutions – that will have your inner neat freak saying *arigatou gozaimasu*.

10901 N. LAMAR, WWW.FB.COM/FITJAPANESESTORE

BEST RETAIL THERAPY FOR ANIMAL LOVERS

Austin Pets Alive! Thrift Store

Not only does Austin's newest thrift store have a great selection of super-affordable vintage furniture, designer fashions, and pet supplies, but 100% of proceeds go toward APA!'s mission of saving animals' lives, including recent hurricane survivors. The shop dog, Sweets, told us a south location is coming soon – another reason to wag our tails.

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BEST KILL-YOU-WITH-CUTENESS CLOTHING

Luella

There's something about Luella's that screams "Nacho Babe." It's one of their T-shirts. This woman-owned small business is the epitome of clever, nailing that perfect combination of feminine, feminist, and fashionable. From their love of queso to their celebratory sisterhood shirts and sassy comebacks (to be whipped out after a poor pickup line or catcall), Luella's is Austin's one-stop shop for grrrl power.

WWW.SHOPLUELLA.COM

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MOST BLING FOR YOUR BUCK

Nina Berenato Jewelry

Unleash your inner Nordic goddess with pieces from Nina Berenato's Warrior collection. From selling her stunning jewelry out of an Airstream trailer parked on Barton Springs Road just last year, the metalsmith's industrial-femme designs are now showcased in her airy brick-and-mortar space at the Domain.

11601 CENTURY OAKS TER., WWW.NINABERENATO.COM

BEST-CASE SCENARIO IN WHICH THE BUGS ARE THE FEATURES

ZooKeeper Exotics

For those of us who can resist, at least long enough, the maudlin gravity of a shelter-bound cat or dog's please-adopt-me eyes, there's no place in town as pet-wonderful as Daniel Keeper's ZooKeeper Exotics. The newly expanded store is stocked from floor to ceiling with reptiles, amphibians, and more species of arachnids than ever haunted Ron Weasley's nightmares – and those spiders 'n' all are personally wrangled by acclaimed arachnid guru David Moellendorf, who definitely knows what's up among the eight-legged set.

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WWW.WRESTLECIRCUS.COM

BEST SOCCER TEAM

Hendrickson High Girls

Pflugerville's Hendrickson Hawks won the 6A high school state championship in May – the first state title ever for their school in any sport. And while six of the eight seniors on last season's roster graduated to college programs, the cupboard is hardly bare. The Hawks return eight all-district picks, including Centex player of the year Bryana Hunter, and state tournament MVP, freshman goalie Makenna Garcia. They out-scored district opponents 49-2 in 2017. This year's motto? "Back to work for 2018."

HENDRICKSONGIRLSSOCCER.WEBBLY.COM

BEST LONG-TIME-COMING NATIONAL CHAMPS

Austin Huns

For those unfamiliar, the Austin Huns are a men's Division 1 rugby squad. In their 45-year existence, they had yet to win a national championship – that is, until this year, when they defeated the five-time champion New York Athletic Club to become the first Texas team to win the title this century, and only the second Texas team in USA Rugby history.

WWW.AUSTINHUNSRUGBY.COM

BEST NATURE-LOVIN' CONSERVATION WARRIOR

Madeline Enos

Chances are you can find Madeline Enos riding around on her bike or wearing a T-shirt promoting her love for the environment. As a part of EPIC (Emerging Professionals in Conservation), she's volunteered countless hours to help fundraise and educate others on conserving the beautiful Texas Hill Country. As a Texas Conservation Corps alumna, Enos shows her drive and passion for the outdoors through supporting the Hill Country Conservancy, visiting historical ranches, and finding the best swimming holes of Central Texas.

WWW.TWITTER.COM/MADELINEENOS

MOST NAMAS-WHAAAA??

Goga Goat Yoga

They didn't invent goat yoga – it started in Oregon (nope, not Brooklyn!) – but GOGA Goat Yoga debuted the concept in Central Texas this fall, partnering with 2 Crazy Goat Ladies of Hamilton, Texas, to enliven Beginners Vinyasa with baby Nigerian Pygmy Dwarf goats that play one-part motivational coach, one-part cuddle buddy. The pop-up classes, currently held on top of a Downtown parking garage while they look for a more permanent site, fill up fast, and no wonder: Normally there's not a lot of kidding around when it comes to yoga, but with baby goats nibbling your toes while you're trying to hold a pose, it's inevitable. *And adorable.*

WWW.FB.COM/GOGAGOATYOGA

BEST METAL METTLE

The Void

Bart Butler, black-belted drummer for the excellent metal band Eagle Claw, considers regular gym workouts boring and believes that exercise should challenge your brain. Last year he took over the Void – a kung fu compound he'd been training at for a dozen years – and expanded its disciplines to include jiu-jitsu, kickboxing, yoga, and self-defense. Butler's understanding that martial arts training helps counter the inherent unhealthiness of the musician/bar-worker lifestyle bears out in the studio's popularity in Austin's rock community. Members of the Sword, American Sharks, Riverboat Gamblers, Scorpion Child, and Duel all train there.

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THE VIOLET CROWN TRAIL**

The 290 Trailhead in Sunset Valley

The balance of Austin's urban life and love of nature is delicate – we're a city of Downtown dwellers by day and trail hikers by the weekend. The 30-mile Violet Crown Trail sneaks its way across town, hidden in plain sight. You'd miss it if you didn't know what to look for, but just off of 290 is a partially hidden trailhead to the VCT. The zipping of cars and occasional honking of a disgruntled driver may disrupt the serenity of the entrance, but once you're on the trail all thoughts of rush hour are gone.

4934 HWY. 290 W., SUNSET VALLEY, WWW.VIOLETCROWNTAIL.COM

BEST SECRET BOWLING ALLEY

Austin Saengerrunde

Behind the Scholz Garten patio, up the ramp, and behind a nondescript door lives one of the oldest bowling centers in the country. With six lanes and handwritten scorecards – plus antique bowling shoes to borrow if you don't want to roll in socks – this is a no-frills vintage venue ideal for (beer) league bowling.

1607 SAN JACINTO, WWW.SCHOLZGARTEN.COM

BEST FIELD OF DREAMS

The Long Time

Nestled 12 miles east of Austin on architect Jack Sanders' 5-acre workshop, the Long Time is somewhat of a time machine. The unlikely baseball field and home to the Texas Playboys is ground zero for the revival of sandlot baseball – informal, DIY adult teams from towns across the south reveling in the nostalgia of pickup ball. Games can draw over a hundred fans, less concerned with the action on the diamond than the family- and dog-friendly community of afternoon cookouts and live music, with baseball as the backdrop.

5707 N. DUNLAP, WWW.THELONGTIME.COM



JACK SANDERS



DAVID BRENDAN HALL

BEST STAIRWAY TO HEAVENLY BREATHING **River Place Nature Trail**

We'd like to think we're above a good rock pun, but it's hard to resist when the setup is this solid. Although a classic rock song can also get your blood pumping, there isn't anything quite like climbing rocky stairs at the River Place Nature Trail. The 1,040-foot elevation gain is shaded by trees for most of the 5.5-mile hike, but that doesn't make the trail any less challenging. Your calf muscles are sure to be in tip-top shape after a few hikes here, especially if you're daring enough to run on the trails.

8820 BIG VIEW DR., WWW.FRIENDSOFRIVERPLACETRAIL.COM

MOST "ACCIO AWESOME" CUPHOLDER

Texas Cavalry Quidditch Team

Though Austin boasts many Quidditch teams, Texas Cavalry rose as the city's pride and joy when it won the U.S. Quidditch Cup 10 this past April. While you don't necessarily need to know anything about this *Harry Potter*-inspired sport – just imagine a mixture of rugby and basketball, with broomsticks – to appreciate a Texas win, it may help to know that the Cavalry bested 60 teams from all over the country. This year, they'll be able to defend their title closer to home when the Round Rock Multipurpose Complex hosts US Quidditch Cup 11.

WWW.FB.COM/TXCAVALRY

BEST PROSPECT

Mo Bamba

After a down season, UT basketball coach Shaka Smart has been assembling the talent to bring the program back to prominence, and superstar recruit Mo Bamba is the most prized addition to the 2017-18 Longhorns squad. Fingers are crossed for a stellar season, since hoops prognosticators are already betting the 7-foot power forward from Harlem will go pro next year.

WWW.TEXASSPORTS.COM



JOHN ANDERSON

BEST FIELD RENOVATION **UT Intramural Fields**

Students spend more than 260,000 hours participating in intramural sports each year, so it wasn't any surprise that after 30 years the University of Texas intramural fields needed a facelift. Although the construction took longer than expected, the newly renovated fields opened earlier this year and are – once again – home to all the outdoor IM and sports clubs like UT's famed Quidditch and archery teams.

4901 GUADALUPE, WWW.UTRECSORTS.ORG

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Richard Johnson

A MEMBER OF THE WYNTON MARSALIS SEPTET, THIS BERKLEE SCHOOL OF MUSIC GRADUATE SERVED AS A MUSICAL AMBASSADOR FOR THE US STATE DEPARTMENT

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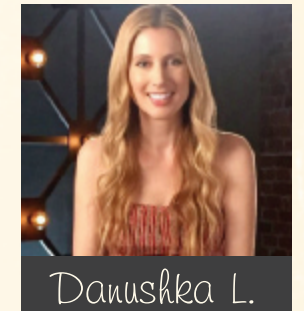
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CELEBRITY CHEF FIVE COURSE DINNER | CELEBRITY CHEF COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS | JAZZ & WINE STROLL

Friday, November 10th

GRANITE BALLROOM | BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE

FIVE-COURSE JAZZ & HILL COUNTRY WINE DINNER

FEATURING THE RICHARD JOHNSON TRIO

6:30PM RECEPTION | 7PM DINNER

Saturday, November 11th

CELEBRITY CHEF COOKING DEMOS | PALM PATIO

DANUSHKA LYSEK 11AM | JUSTIN TURNER 12PM | AMY KRITZER 1PM

JAZZ, WINE & CULINARY STROLL | 2PM-6PM | LIVE OAK EVENT LAWN

FEATURING LOCAL WINE & CULINARY TASTINGS FROM ACROSS THE HILL COUNTRY

RICHARD JOHNSON TRIO | 3PM

SAXOPHONIST MARION MEADOWS | 4:30PM

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