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Drag, tech and LGBTQ desire: An exhibit documents decades of queer art experimentation

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Jacolby Satterwhite "Avenue B," 2018-19, 2-channel HD color video and 3-D animation with sound. (Jacolby Satterwhite / Honor Fraser Gallery, the artist and Mitchell-Innes & Nash, New York)

Surprisingly, I spent most of my weekend digging through the Selena Gomez and Hailey Bieber beef. Turns out, words do have weight ... enough to lose hundreds of thousands of followers over. If you need to catch up, we've got you covered. I'm Steven Vargas, your L.A. Goes Out host, and here are the top events for this upcoming weekend recommended by the crew:

1. 'Make Me Feel Mighty Real: Drag/Tech and the Queer Avatar'

"Tve been dancin' on the floor darlin' and I feel like I need some more" art. Honor Fraser gallery presents the new exhibition "Make Me Feel Mighty Real" — titled after Sylvester's 1978 disco anthem — that chronicles seven decades of artistic experimentation by queer artists building community and creating "unruly hybridity online and IRL." The exhibition also investigates how technology influenced the power of drag. TLDR: a very queer exhibition featuring works from 40 queer artists about queer desire. This recommendation, which comes from The Times' Deborah Vankin, opens Friday in Mid-City with a free reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Honor Fraser is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and more details on the exhibition can be found on the gallery's website.