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## **President Biden Signs Executive Orders, Impacting LGBTQ, First Day In Office**

**T**oday, we saw newly elected President Biden sign executive orders that exemplify the kind of leadership and breadth of understanding of what we face as a nation and as a community.

From racial equity to fair immigration policies to specifically combating discrimination on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation, the Biden-Harris administration clearly understands that there exist chasms of disparity for so many of us. These actions rightly begin to immediately address the over-arching crises of the pandemic, the economy, and the clear and present danger of white supremacy, while leading the way to address the many ways diverse communities face disparities on every level.

It is of great significance to the LGBTQ community that on their first day in office, this administration has made it clear that discrimination has no place in the federal government. The recent Supreme Court decision “Bostock v. Clayton County” was a tremendous step forward for LGBTQ Americans. Today’s executive order takes us a step further – building on the Bostock decision to ensure that these protections extend to all federal agencies. We look forward to the day when President Biden will sign the Equality Act, which will amend the Civil Rights Act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in employment, housing, public accommodations, public education, federal funding, credit, and the jury system.

These far-ranging executive orders are just the beginning of our work to restore democracy to its full potential and humanity to our government. The Biden-Harris administration and we all must be focused on change, progress, bringing Americans together, and a determination to remain bold

in our shared pursuit of a better, more just country.

The LGBTQ+ community once again has a place at the table and offers us an opportunity for progress on all fronts and a commitment to leave no one behind. It is time to truly embrace the diversity and inclusion of LGBTQ people in every aspect of our nation’s political, economic, racial and social fabric.

Immigration is an LGBTQ issue. Racial equity and justice is an LGBTQ issue. Economic disparities are LGBTQ issues. Reversing the Muslim ban is an LGBTQ issue. Protecting DREAMers is an LGBTQ issue.

From the nomination of Dr. Rachel Levine as assistant secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, and Pete Buttigieg as Secretary of Transportation, to the diverse staff appointments at all levels in the Biden-Harris administration, LGBTQ+ people will be bringing their talents and expertise to solving the challenges facing our country. The National LGBTQ Task Force looks forward to working with the administration to make progress for LGBTQ+ people and our families in all areas of our lives.”

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## **Kamala Harris & “CA Museum Live!”**

*By Chris Narloch*

**S**acramento’s California Museum opens two new online offerings this January, one featuring live tours of the museum and the other an exhibit in honor of our historic new Vice President.

“Kamala Harris: First, But Not Last” explores the life and career of Vice President Kamala Harris in a free online exhibit that launched on the eve of her historic inauguration as the United States’ first woman, first African American and first Indian American Vice President.

Developed in partnership with the California State Archives, the virtual presentation documents the rise of the California native in photographs from her life in Oakland growing up as the daughter of immigrants to becoming the highest-ranking female elected official in American history.

Also new at the museum is “CA Museum Live!” which allows museumgoers to take a virtual tour the last Saturday of each month. This recurring program launches on Jan. 30, 2021 and features a live, interactive, docent-led tour of one or more of the Museum’s signature onsite exhibits.

“CA Museum Live!” is free for California Museum members who have a current membership, or \$7 per connected device. To buy tickets, go to [www.californiamuseum.org](http://www.californiamuseum.org).



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# The Status of *Outword* 2021

by Fred Palmer

As we enter our 26th year in business and remember all the stories we have covered, the headlines they have created, and the fights for equality we have participated in, nothing will compare to the struggles of the last 10 months.

COVID-19 and the domino effect it has had on our community is devastating to say the least, and the economic impact on small business sadly has not yet even been fully realized. Many small businesses like *Outword* were hit hard as our customers we serve were impacted, and either temporarily or permanently closed.

Out of our top 20 clients we lost more than half of them, and Lord knows LGBTQ+ media or free press was not really a booming business! For us it is not about profit, it's about survival. Our tiny staff of three—including myself and a few contractors—work hard to bring you as much LGBTQ+ news, entertainment and community information. In the past year, that included a lot that was related to COVID. I personally have participated on numerous daily and weekly calls to gather information and resources to share with our community to help keep us safe and informed. Our team continues to try to bring you as much relevant resources every two weeks in the pages of *Outword* to inform educate and inspire you and at the same time work to keep you safe.

Many of you have asked how you can assist us and like other free press publications we ask you to support our advertisers and buy their products and services. Our only revenue is our advertisers and we realize that many of them also have struggles to keep their doors open. Many publications launched their own support fund and other membership based platforms to earn community assistance. *Outword* launched the *Outword* Rainbow Fund and asked our supporters to purchase a line listing and those that were able to do so stepped up and we are immensely thankful for that. The *Outword* Rainbow Fund line listing has helped us to provide working capital for our day to day operations. If you are interested in contributing, please see the link below and the attached page of current supporters at a variety of levels of the rainbow. We would like to thank all that have been so very supportive and we know that we are only one of many organizations that need extra support. Asking for help is not something that I am able to do without the heavy emotions that come with that ask.

We have become experts in programs like the PPP loan which we were fortunate and privileged to have access to and like many business were awarded a grant to cover seven weeks of payroll as a band aid. We also received a couple COVID relief grants that will assist in making up some of our losses. We of course were hit with the domino effect of

events being cancelled that are our advertisers like all theater related events and our long time partners like Mondavi Center, Broadway Sacramento, Broadway At Music Circus, and Broadway On Tour canceled their entire seasons. We very much understand and feel for the plight of restaurant and bar owners as well, and the yo-yo effect of open/closed/open outdoors only, and a constantly changing environment to keep up with health orders.

We also had a tremendous loss not being able to produce any of our events like Drag Queens on Ice, The Sacramento LGBT wedding expo and more. Plus we miss our fun community-based events like our monthly Happy Hour & Liquid Therapy we did with Badlands (we have continued HH online, virtually, but it's just not the same) We appreciate the continued support of Badlands and their team during this crisis as we do all of our advertisers, like our long-term clients, such as Lasher Automotive Group and others that have been with us for a long, long time. Please take a moment to flip through the pages of *Outword* and thank those advertisers, use their products and services, as they too would like to earn your money and add to the LGBTQ+ community's buying power.

So, what is next? We honestly don't know is the true answer. As we "Build Back Better" according to Joe, that in the coming months and year we can have some sort of normal but we realize that is a long road with many new obstacles to come. We will continue to work as hard as we can to bring you *Outword* and we will need all of your support. We also need your support by the way of following the guidelines so that the coming months can be managed better, we ask you to wear a mask as we will still need to do so even after the vaccine, we ask you to stay smart and not host get togethers until it is safe to do so. We ask you to be a part of the solution.

After 25 years in business we hope that we can make it through this crisis as we have overcome other hurdles, market shifts and obstacles along the way.

We are very proud of Sacramento and the region and proud to serve our LGBTQ+ community and hope to do so for years to come. We hope that we can be an integral part of the healing process, helping individuals and businesses recover once this pandemic has been cleared.

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# LGBTQ+ Children are Often Forgotten & Left Without Families

By Daniel Sederquist, Outreach Coordinator, Stanford Sierra Youth & Families

As a dedicated trainer supporting the needs of LGBTQ+ youth in systems of care, I have the honor and privilege of teaching my peers about all the ways they can support children and teens from this community. LGBTQ+ children are often forgotten in the system, overrepresented, and left without permanent families to call their own.

Many of us have heard the statistics, some of us have experienced them firsthand. So why should you join us in changing the life of a child? One of our parents, Jess\*, recently adopted an adolescent to ensure that they would experience stability after having been in foster care since infancy. Jess shared with us, "The rewards make it all worth it... foster kids are just as worth it as having your own."

We can celebrate one key fact: it takes one adult - just one - to tell a young person they will have a future. It only takes one. "You can come into your full potential no matter who you are, regardless of how you identify. And, I think that to have good, supportive people who will help kids reach their full potential, that's what we want," continues Jess, "I wanted to make sure that [they were] going to live in a home that would nurture that side of [them], and that was a pretty big part of our life. I feel like I'm in a good position to normalize that part of [their] life."

Becoming a resource parent is a big decision. People often feel like they're not ready now or that they never will be ready. Here's what I want you to do: as a member or ally of the LGBTQ+ community, think about who you have around you as your supportive network. Think about your experiences, positive and negative, and who helped you navigate them. Those are the people who will help you now, too. That's your village. Some of the simplest forms of support you can offer can be a huge change for a young person. "Initially I think [I provided] calm. I think what [they] needed was somebody who wasn't going to overreact to every little thing. And, so I provided a really calm sort of nurturing, steady environment for [them]." In addition, Jess has used community connections to ensure that the youth is knowledgeable of available resources so they can thrive.

Many people seek to foster babies and



younger children, but reality is that there aren't a lot of babies in the Child Welfare System, but there are children and teens, quite a few who are LGBTQ+, who need families too. They can still have experiences they've never had, "There are so many more things that you can do [with older youth]. I think that getting an older kid provides you with the opportunity to do things right away that you can't do with younger kids: teaching them new things, going on vacations, and experiencing new moments together that they never had the chance to growing up. That is so rewarding."

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# During Challenging Times, Girl Scouts Think Outside the Box

Girl Scouts Heart of Central California (GSHCC) has kicked off the 2021 Girl Scout Cookie season. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, girls are adapting their sales methods to safely share the joy of Girl Scout Cookies through the largest girl-led entrepreneurship program.

One local girl, Harper (9), who is in her fifth year as a Girl Scout and is promoting her own business a little differently this year. Due to COVID-19 safety precautions, girls like Harper are promoting their business online through social media and virtual cookie booths. 2020 was a year of change for us all, and for Harper this past year included some pretty big changes for her family. Her mother gave birth to a baby brother, Parker, and her father started transitioning so now Harper has two moms, Elizabeth and Mae, and a baby brother. Harper is loving being a big sister to Parker!

By training girls like Harper to run virtual cookie booths on social media, facilitate online orders that ship directly to customers' doors, navigate new contact-free order pickup and delivery options, and manage a delivery partnership with GrubHub, GSHCC is helping them continue to embrace their entrepreneurial spirits, stay connected to their communities, and have fun by participating in the cookie program.

Proceeds from each and every purchase stay local with the troop and GSHCC to power Girl Scouts' essential leadership programming. Whether it's a trip they'll never forget, a service project that will change their community forever, experimenting with science, robotics and math, or the opportunity to build a lifetime of memories at camp, Girl Scout Cookies help make it all happen!

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This Girl Scout Cookie season is the last for customers to purchase S'mores, our crunchy graham sandwich cookies with creamy chocolate and marshmallowy filling. So stock up, freeze the tasty treats and enjoy them throughout the year!

## How to Safely Purchase Girl Scout Cookies This Season

Girl Scout Cookie season continues now through March 14. Customers can support Girl Scouts by purchasing Thin Mints®, Peanut Butter Patties®, Lemonades®, and more in a few different ways:

As early as today, if you know a registered Girl Scout like Harper, you can reach out to outwordmagazine.com

them to find out how they are selling cookies in ways that meet local and state safety protocols. To support Harper's business, go to <http://bit.ly/gscookies2021>!

- Beginning February 1, enter your zip code into the Girl Scout Cookie Finder at [www.girlscoutcookies.org](http://www.girlscoutcookies.org) to purchase from a local Girl Scout troop online for shipment to your door or to donate cookies to first responders, food banks, and Blue Star Moms. You can also text COOKIES to 59618 (message and data rates may apply. Text STOPGS for STOP, HELPGS for help).



- From February 19 through March 14, visit [www.grubhub.com/food/girl\\_scouts](http://www.grubhub.com/food/girl_scouts) to order via contact-free delivery from Grubhub in the following areas: Sacramento, Modesto, Davis, and Woodland. Days and times may vary. GSHCC is grateful to Grubhub for waiving all fees for the organization to make this new delivery option feasible for sales without reducing troops' and councils' proceeds.

## About Girl Scouts Heart of Central California

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# Sacramento Has Lost a Diva

**S**acramento has lost a Diva. We've lost an incredible cook, beloved teacher, and respected public relations icon. We've lost Paulette Bruce.

By Kitty O'Neal

I first met Paulette when she part of a group of six women with strong culinary sensibilities who wrote restaurant reviews for Sacramento Magazine called The Dining Divas. From 1993 to 2010, Paulette was part of the female force who made a splash when they went into local establishments, often accompanied by guests who were fortunate enough to buy their way into the experience by a charitable donation.

Everyone who was part of the Diva clan had strong food or writing cred. Paulette had both and excelled as a cook. The number of people who were lucky enough to have been entertained at her home for lavish parties gush over her skills in the kitchen and her hosting abilities. In 1996 she began sharing her love and knowledge of all things culinary through cooking classes. In fact, it was just this past September that I interviewed Paulette for my radio show about how she had adapted her Good Eats Cooking Classes to an online format during

the pandemic.

As a public relations executive who started her firm Paulette Bruce Public Relations in 1980, she took Sacramento by storm and was wildly successful and highly feted.

WEAVE CEO Beth Hassett shares this remembrance about Paulette:

"My first assignment as a volunteer working on the Sacramento Public Relations Association Cappies in 1996 was to write the award speech for her as a lifetime awardee. I had never met her and had to cull through so many accolades and honors about her. I felt like I knew her in the end. And then I did. She was a beautiful and kind spirit who enlightened my life." Paulette's work with

non-profits brought us together

on a TV commercial for Ronald McDonald House, but the charities she represented were legion. Kelly Brothers remembers working with her on Easter Seals telethons at KCRA-3. Because of her undeniable good looks, Kelly's strongest memory was having a crush on her, even though he was 15 years her junior. Brothers said unabashedly "she was so sexy." She was. But if she knew, she never let on. It was just one of the things I appreciated about that gorgeous woman who was forever down-to-earth and approachable, yet sparkling, vivacious, and undeniably full of good humor.

In her final days she fought valiantly against the cancer that eventually triumphed. But her three sons and family were her strong support. The final time I reached out to her shortly before her passing she was only able to return my message with a single red heart icon. It said all I needed to know.

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# The Bump of Caviar

By Fred Palmer

It's hard to believe that New Year's was just a few short weeks ago since time seems to move both very fast and very slow during Covid. We were so very lucky to have the folks at California Caviar send us some New Year's samples to try at Outword and thought we would share some notes with our readers.

Caviar is not something that most of us have on a regular basis and perhaps only on a special occasion. When life is back to a little more normal, we plan to visit California Caviar in Sausalito and indulge in their "Bump Bar" to do a tasting and pairing.

The Bump Bar is playfully named for the way you can order the eggs—by the gram—and is based on the way Caviar is purchased in the industry. The completely sustainable farm is organic in nature and sustainable by a design which provides a perfect loop, taking natural water sources to tanks and ponds, which then filters through the farm and finally irrigates neighboring fields for cattle. You can find out more about their story online or when you visit.

Our experience was at home and our sample was the White Sturgeon Caviar Makers Reserve. We paired our tasting with some crème fraîche and light wafer crackers, and after perusing the company's list of wine and bubbly pairings on their website, we opted to enjoy our sample with a couple of suggested wines, rather than bubbles. The package was delivered to our home on dry ice and included a couple mother of pearl spoons because silver can cause a reaction that alters the taste. The mother of pearl spoons also allow you to dip into the roe without popping or damaging the Caviar. Side note: if eating at home, take the container out of the fridge for about 10 minutes, as you want to serve it chilled, but not cold. Before enjoying caviar with food or a wafer, experience the delicacy directly off the spoon to get a feel for the flavor and texture on their own. My husband and I chatted about the flavor and texture, and just for fun spoke with a foreign accent to each other, you know, a little role play. After all, it was New Year's Eve at home alone during Covid lock-down, so why not?

The flavor was mild and delicate, and the eggs were firm yet creamy. The caviar was delicious on its own, and even better when paired with a light dollop of crème fraîche on the wafer. Then we tasted with a sip of Rosé and another with a sip of Pinot Noir. We found the White Sturgeon Caviar Makers Reserve to pair well with the Rosé, but the Pinot we opened was a bit too assertive and minerally for the roe. A lighter Pinot would have been better, and next time we



have the opportunity to experience this treat, we hope to do it with a nice bottle of Bubbly, maybe even in person at the Bump Bar.

## Some fun facts:

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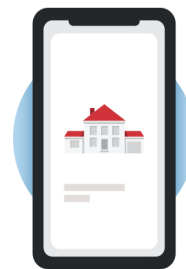
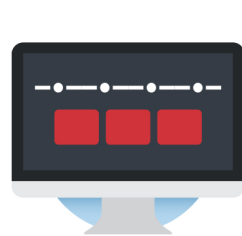
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# K-Pop Cuties Take Over The World

By Chris Narloch

I resisted the pull of K-Pop (Korean pop music) until the song “Dynamite” scaled the US charts, and I could no longer deny the appeal of this global music phenomenon. Here then are my reviews of recent CDs by three of the biggest groups in the K-Pop universe.

**BTS -- Be**  
One of the catchiest disposable-pop songs of 2020 was this boy band’s monster hit “Dynamite” which is bubblegum music at its finest, with a great groove and crazy lyrics that sound like they were written by folks who may not have a firm grasp on the English language.

Lyrics hardly matter in K-Pop though, which is all about cute young men and women with sweet voices, perfect skin and colorful hair. The bad news for BTS is that the rest of “Be” is a real letdown after the brilliance of “Dynamite.” Sadly, there isn’t anything else on the CD that even comes close.

**Blackpink -- The Album**  
K-Pop meets grrrl power in this Asian answer to the Spice Girls. An all-female vocal quartet, Blackpink look like good girls, but they sound like bad girls on a fun CD whose only downside is that with only eight songs, it’s far too short.

The first song, “How You Like That,” turned me off, but Blackpink rebounds on addictive tracks such as “Lovesick Girls” and “Love to Hate Me.” None other than Cardi B and Selena Gomez team up with the girls on

“Bet You Wanna” and “Ice Cream,” respectively.

**Monsta X -- All About Luv**  
This is the sixth studio album, and the first English-language album, by a South Korean boy band that (for my money) has more soul and more talent than the far more popular BTS. Just listen to the CD’s fantastic first cut “Who Do U Love?” which sounds like a cross between The Weeknd and Backstreet Boys.

Song for song, “All About Luv” is hipper and sexier and more memorable than the overrated new BTS disc. The record features hip-hop elements that are less forced, singing that is more skillful, and production that is much more polished and less bubblegummy than most of the other K-Pop groups. French Montana and Pitbull join Monsta X on a couple cuts, and I especially enjoyed “Got My Number” and “Love U.”



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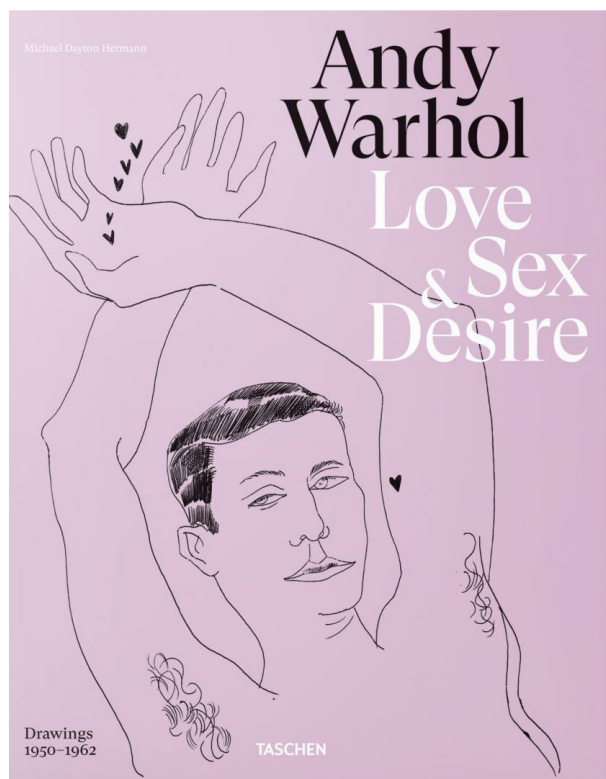
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## Taschen Takes On Andy Warhol

By Chris Narloch

Taschen, the great German publishing company that specializes in beautiful art books, has released another stunning collection, this time centered on the early homoerotic drawings of Andy Warhol. “Andy Warhol. Love, Sex, and Desire. Drawings 1950-1962” received its first printing of 7,500 numbered copies in December.



Well before Andy Warhol's rise to the pinnacle of Pop Art, he created and exhibited seductive drawings celebrating male beauty, with the intention of later publishing these line drawings in a book, which has now finally been realized.

The book boasts over 300 of these rarely seen risqué renderings that highlight the future Pop artist's effortless style, fascination with the male form, droll humor, and ironic detachment.

“Throughout the 1950s, Warhol was one of a tiny handful of artists who insisted on building their art around issues of gay identity,” according to Artnet.

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## Rupaul's Drag Race Goes To Australia and New Zealand in 2021

**S**hantay, g'day! Emmy-winning media company World of Wonder today announces RuPaul's Drag Race Down Under, the next international edition of the global phenomenon. The series will stream exclusively on WOW Presents Plus in the US and other international markets, day-and-date with local airings. Hosted by executive producer RuPaul with Drag Race veteran Michelle Visage on the judges' panel, production will kick off this week in New Zealand and premiere later this year. The series will see the fiercest queens across Australia and New Zealand going head-to-head, in the hopes of taking home the title of Down Under's first Drag Superstar. The third judge and celebrity guest appearances will be announced later this year.

The series will premiere on World of Wonder's owned-and-operated SVOD WOW Presents Plus in the US in 2021. Commissioned by Australian local streaming service, Stan, and TVNZ OnDemand in New Zealand, the series will be a Stan Original production in Australia.

"I cannot wait for everyone to see that Down Under queens have some of the biggest charisma, uniqueness, nerve and talents in the world. Thank you to Stan and TVNZ OnDemand for providing a platform for these outrageous drag artists to share their heart, soul and humor," says host and executive producer RuPaul.

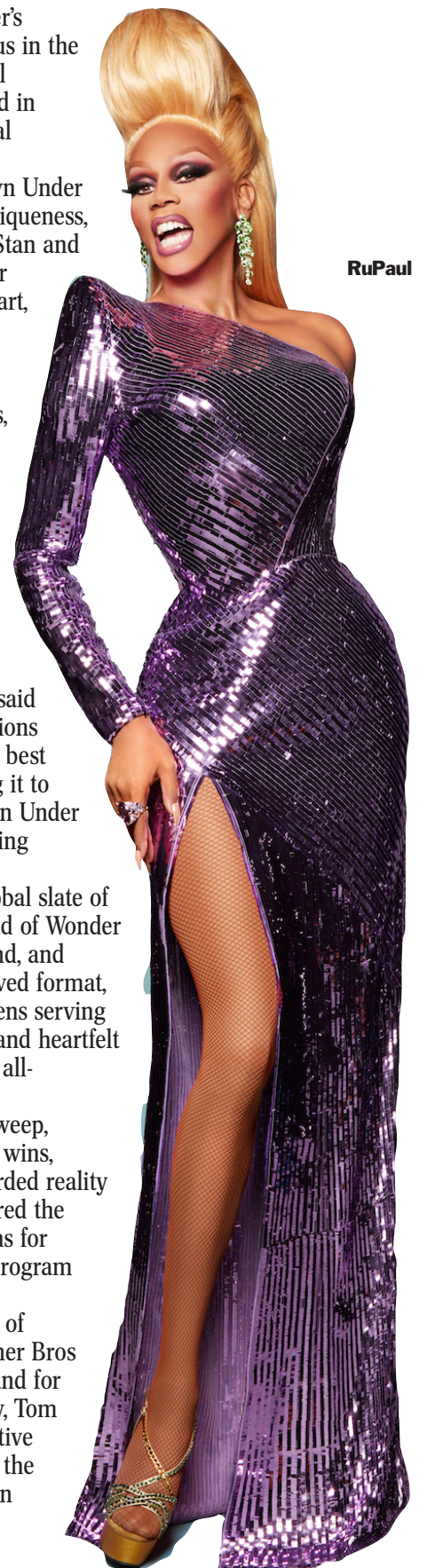
"The dazzling queens of Australia and New Zealand have always been an inspiration to us, so we are thrilled to team up with our local production partners Stan and TVNZ to bring the creative genius of drag down under to international audiences on WOW Presents Plus," said Executive Producers Fenton Bailey and Randy Barbato of World of Wonder.

"We're proud to bring the Drag Race phenomenon down under in an antipodean showdown for Stan and TVNZ On Demand!" said Nick Tanner, Director of Sales and Co-Productions at Passion Distribution. "I can't wait to see the best queens from Australia and New Zealand bring it to RuPaul's main stage. RuPaul's Drag Race Down Under will be a fantastic addition to the ever expanding 'ru-niverse'."

RuPaul's Drag Race Down Under joins a global slate of franchise versions executive produced by World of Wonder across the UK, Canada, Thailand, Chile, Holland, and recently announced Spain. Following the beloved format, RuPaul's Drag Race Down Under will see queens serving high fashion realness, challenges, both shady and heartfelt moments in the werkroom, and of course, the all-important lip-sync for your life battles.

Following a record-breaking 2020 awards sweep, RuPaul's Drag Race has a total of 19 Emmy® wins, making it the Television Academy's most-awarded reality competition show in history. RuPaul also entered the Guinness World Record for most Emmy® wins for outstanding host for a reality or competition program last year.

RuPaul's Drag Race Down Under is a World of Wonder production in collaboration with Warner Bros International Television Production New Zealand for Stan and TVNZ. Randy Barbato, Fenton Bailey, Tom Campbell, and RuPaul Charles serve as Executive Producers. Passion Distribution will distribute the series globally in line with Passion Distribution and WOW's distribution strategy.



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# What’s New On Netflix?

By Chris Narloch

Now that the anti-Christ has exited the White House for Mar-a-Lago and our four-year national nightmare is over, I can breathe a sigh of relief and get back to the business of enjoying movies again (without fear of our government being overthrown).

Netflix has been a godsend during the pandemic for those of us who require frequent cinematic stimulation -- it will have to do until indoor movie theaters around Sacramento reopen and I can get my big screen movie fix again.

Read on for reviews of several recent Netflix films, including the return of screen legend Sophia Loren, a dynamite documentary about some incredibly heroic folks with disabilities, an award-worthy drama about the screenwriter of “Citizen Kane,” and more.



**The White Tiger**

Don’t miss this terrific new film by the great Ramin Bahrani, director of “Chop Shop” and “Man Push Cart.” Priyanka Chopra-Jonas stars as the wealthy boss of a poor but ambitious Indian driver who uses his wit and cunning to rise to the top. Actor, singer and songwriter Adarsh Gourav turns in a dazzling star performance as the driver.



**The Life Ahead**

At 86, the Italian screen star Sophia Loren is still a force to be reckoned with, and her big hazel eyes are as expressive as ever. In “The Life Ahead,” Loren plays a Holocaust survivor and former prostitute who takes care of the children of other prostitutes and forges a bond with a troubled young immigrant from Senegal after he robs her. Ibrahima Gueye plays the boy, and he and Loren are something to see. Decades apart in age, they nevertheless project the same fierce realism, giving raw performances that help the film’s sentimental storyline soar.



**Pieces of a Woman**

If you’re in the mood for a heavy drama, check out this heartbreaking story about the shattered survivors of a home birth gone wrong, which features an Oscar-potential performance by Vanessa Kirby as the grieving mother. Rounding out a great cast are Shia LaBeouf as the heroine’s tortured husband, Ellen Burstyn as her meddling mom, and Molly Parker as the midwife who is charged with manslaughter. While the script has a few rough edges, the acting in “Pieces of a Woman” is undeniably powerful.



**Crip Camp**

This extremely inspirational documentary follows the alums of a groundbreaking summer camp in New York for teens with disabilities as they aspire (and succeed) to get legislation passed on behalf of other physically challenged individuals. I will never forget the incredible scene in “Crip Camp” in which wheelchair-bound men and women climb out of their chairs and drag their own bodies up stone steps to prove a point about the importance of accessibility.



**Mank**

Set during the golden age of Hollywood in the 1930s, “Mank” follows the real-life screenwriter Herman J. Mankiewicz as he toils to write the screenplay for Orson Welles’ “Citizen Kane,” which many critics consider the greatest American movie ever made. Gary Oldman gives another Oscar-worthy performance as Mank, a scathing wit and a drunk who was also a fantastic screenwriter. Lily Collins and Amanda Seyfried provide terrific supporting performances, and the score, production design, and black and white cinematography are all stunning. Director David Fincher hits another home run with “Mank” which should find itself a multiple nominee come awards time.



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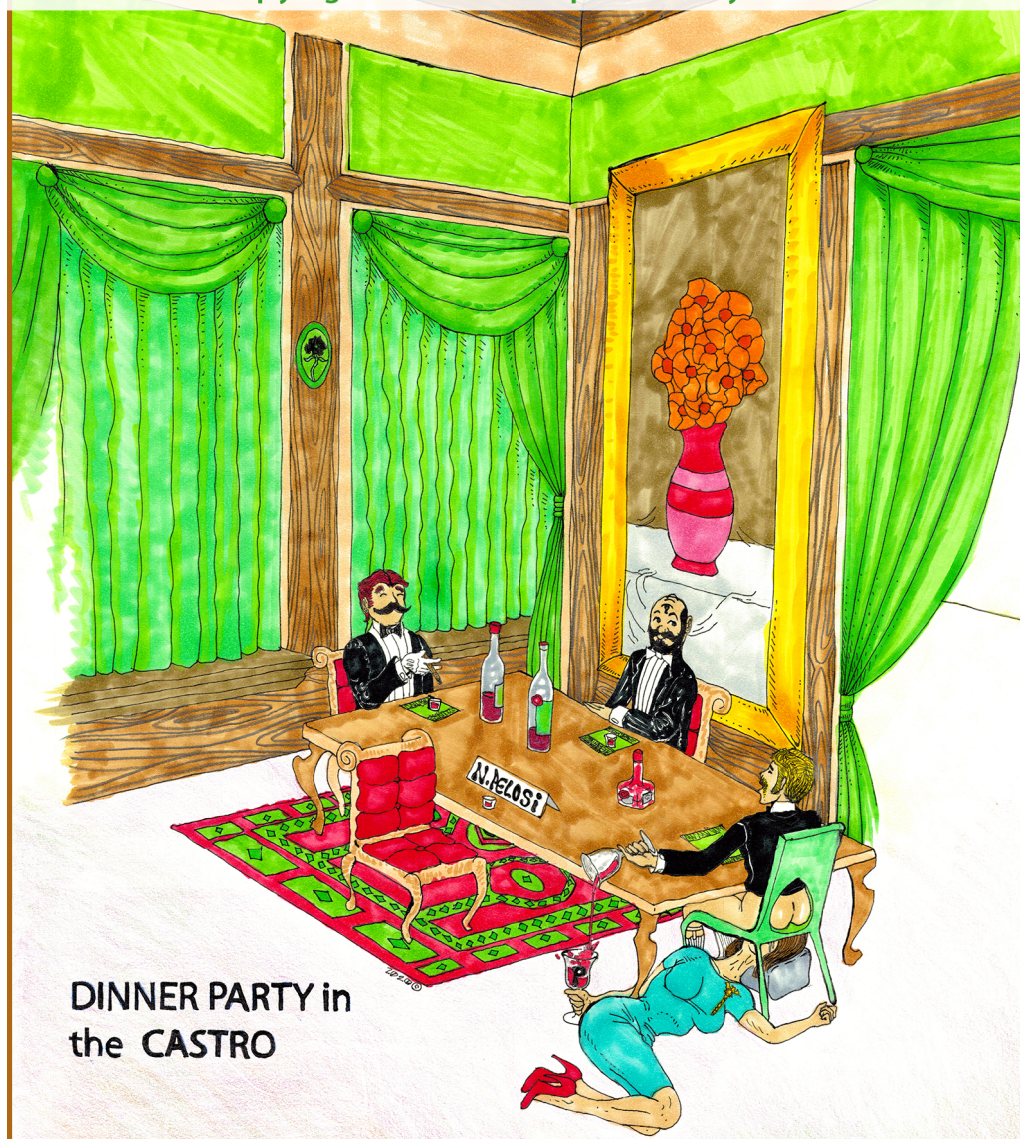
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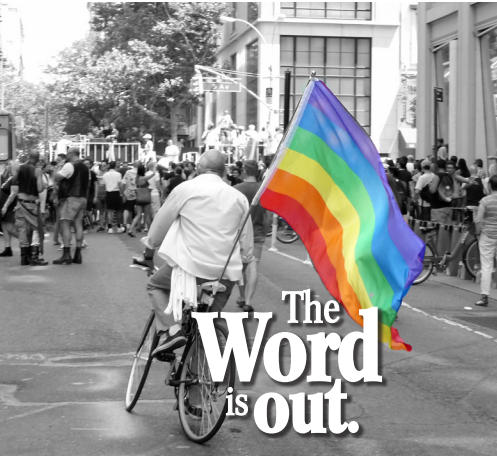
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# Yes, I Bought An Air Fryer

by Ron Tackitt

I don't tend to watch regular, network TV so I miss most of the infomercials that dominate the channels late at night and on the weekends, so I kinda missed the whole "Buy an air fryer!" barrage. Instead, I have a couple of friends that have recently introduced the concept, and device, to me. With one such friend we made sweet potato fries from scratch and we both enjoyed the way they turned out, using just a tiny bit of olive oil, and some pepper (salt is verboten).

So, I bought what they call an Air Fryer/Toaster that looks like (and is) a little oven that will sit on the counter. There are a lot of air fryers out there that look like chopped off footballs and have no window to see what's happening inside. Since this is all new to me, I did not buy the most expensive, or the largest. After all, it's usually just me sitting down for dinner.

I have never used my oven very often, and using my air fryer is, again, like using a small oven. So, there has been a learning curve. Pretty steep one, actually. And that is where I'm going to leave this. I will be learning, experimenting and practicing for a little while, but once I have some more thoughts and Ideas, I will be sharing them with the Outword readers. I'm excited, because some of the super simple things I have done so far, have turned out pretty darn good. I forecast great things to come. Stay tuned.



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