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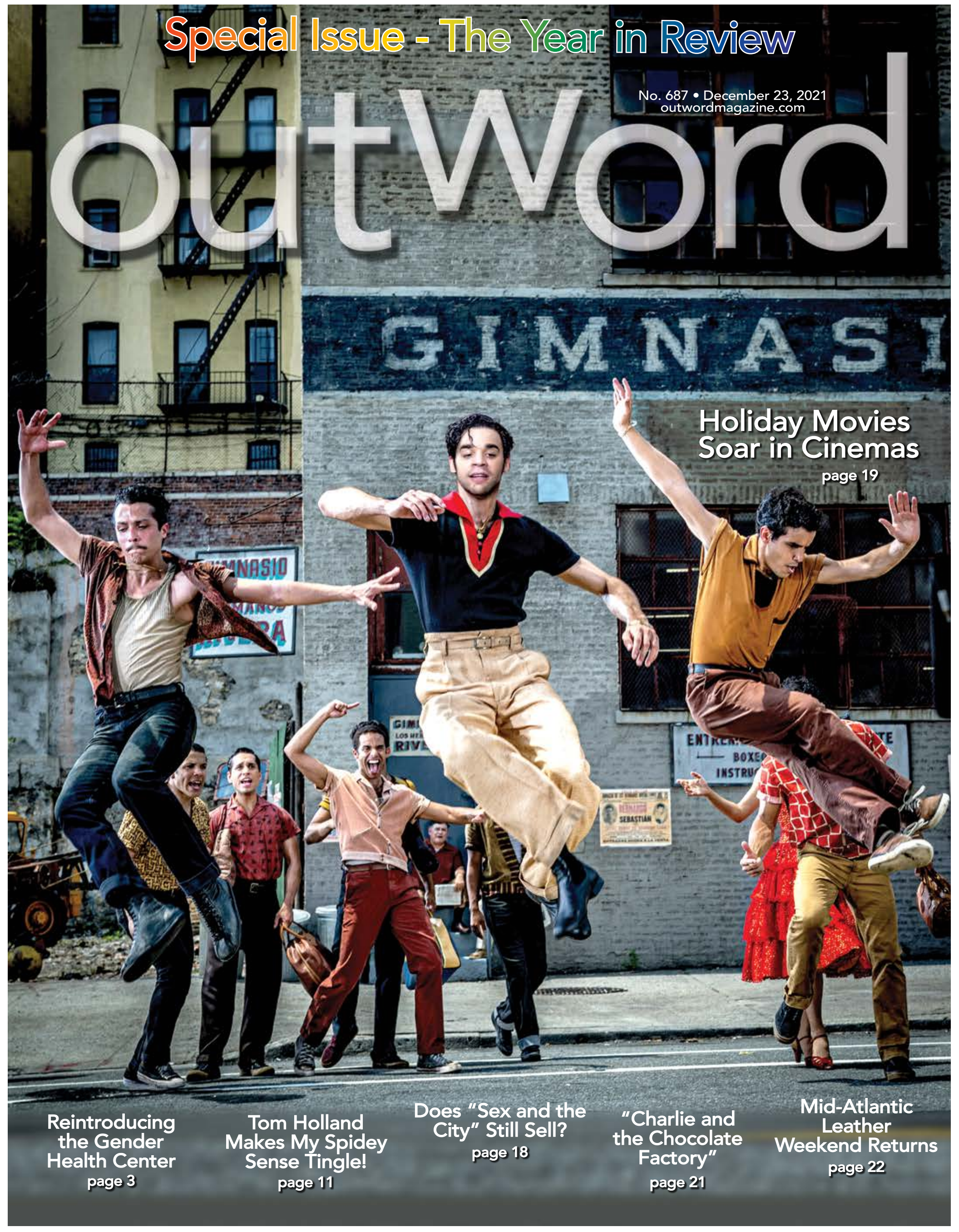
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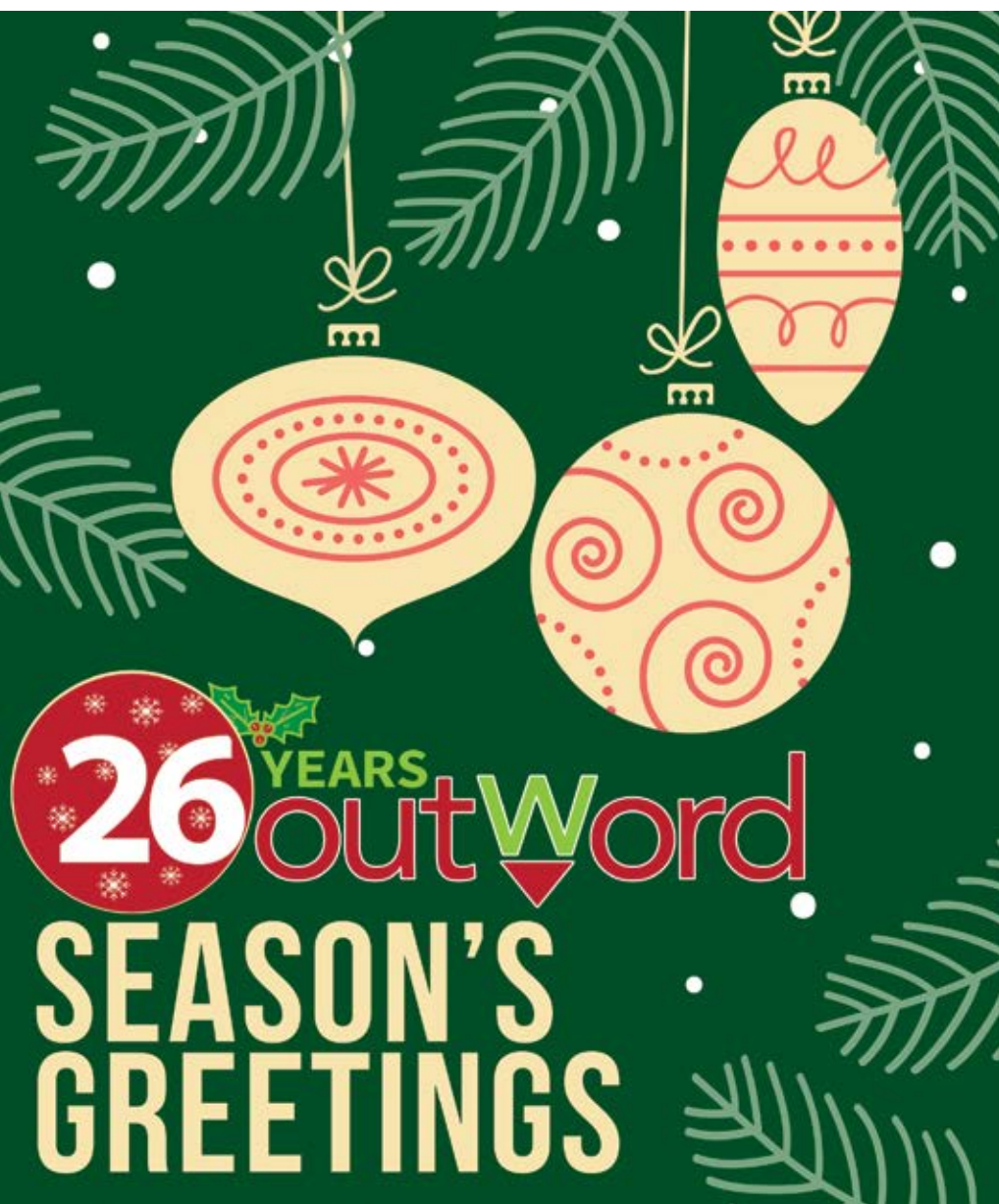
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# Reintroducing the Gender Health Center

by Faith Pulido (she/they)

New year. New location. New executives. New GHC? The Gender Health Center (GHC), a transgender and POC-led nonprofit, is heading into the new year ready to hit the ground running. The Sacramento-based, grassroots organization has recently moved to a new location near the UC Davis Medical center, which is sure to increase access and accessibility for the regional TGI community. And who is leading this new charge? None other than beloved community members Jasmine Bright (she/her) and Lauren Pulido (he/they).



The Gender Health Center's new co-Executive Directors- Lauren Pulido (left) and Jasmine Bright (right). Photo by Katherine Elyse Photography, @lovekephoto www.lovekephoto.com

For those that don't know Jasmine and Lauren, both have a reputation of being steadfastly committed to their community while leading with sincerity and kindness. Lauren, a former GHC board member, graduated from CSU, Sacramento as the first person to graduate with an LGBTQ+ Studies minor, helping to create this curriculum for future graduates of this program.

Lauren also helped establish the annual raising the Transgender pride flag at the California State Capitol to honor Transgender Day of Remembrance beginning in 2019; the first time in our nation's history that the Transgender pride flag was raised at any state legislature. Before joining the Gender Health Center full-time as their new co-Executive Director, Lauren previously worked in the district office of Assemblymember Kevin McCarty and at the Sacramento LGBT Center as their Community Engagement Manager. Jasmine is equally as impressive, serving her community as a stable leader of GHC since 2017, first as a Peer Health Navigator and then as Director of Health Care Services. For her, beating the odds of living to 35 as a Black, trans woman and using her lived experience to be the person she needed when she was younger pushes her to work diligently to educate and protect her community. Jasmine also established the first Black Girls Rock event in 2019 which celebrates local trans women of color in their community leadership, advocacy, and engagement. A licensed phlebotomist by training, Jasmine will continue to run GHC's hormone clinic while serving as co-Executive Director.

The Gender Health Center is intentionally "by and for community", which enables Jasmine and Lauren to prioritize a safe and affirming environment for both staff and community members.

The first-hand lived expertise of GHC's leadership allows for intersectional, community-based solutions that lead to incredible results. This collective passion for GHC's mission, shared amongst GHC staff, pushes the organization to examine how they can better create change at both the micro and macro level. Community organizers at heart, Lauren and Jasmine see the biggest ripple effects of this taking place at the local levels. They vehemently believe that change can't happen in a silo, and siloed voices will ultimately stifle innovation. For the new Executives, a shared, renewed commitment to open and extensive communication is a critical component to building relationships and trust with community.

While much is changing, the services that GHC offers are here to stay (although they hope to expand over the next five years). GHC continues to offer low to no cost therapy as well as transcentered healthcare services through their hormone clinic, needle exchange program, PrEP prescriptions, HIV/STD healthcare, and harm reduction services. Their advocacy program also provides Trans people with legal name + gender change assistance, primary medical care provider guidance, and more. GHC also provides training and education on gender identity, mobilization, and education for the friends and family of Trans people. For the local unhoused community, GHC offers a Trans-centered place of respite that offers on-site resting and dialogue spaces, gaming nights and other supportive services.

You can donate to support these services at [www.genderhealthcenter.org/donate](http://www.genderhealthcenter.org/donate).

For more information about the Gender Health Center or the services they offer, you can contact them at (916)455-2391. And be sure to check out their new location at 3823 V Street Sacramento, CA 95817.



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# Trans Lutheran Bishop On What The Bible Doesn't Say About Queerness

by Christopher Beale

It's Christmas time, when everyone celebrates family and friends. For Christians, the occasion is used to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.



Reverend Doctor Megan Rohrer

The LGBTQIA community, and the Christian church have seemingly been at odds for centuries, but it turns out the Bible says more than we once thought about Queerness.

Recently, I spoke with Reverend Doctor Megan Rohrer, who grew up in South Dakota, "where being Lutheran is both a culture and a faith tradition," according to Rohrer.

The Reverend Doctor – who is trans – never really had a closet. "It just felt like being a transparent person was the way I always would be," said Rohrer.

For decades, Rohrer studied and took up space in Lutheran circles and beyond, helping homeless youth, and working as a chaplain for the San Francisco Police Department.

In 2021, Rohrer was nominated and elected Bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod, making history as the first trans person to serve in the post.

Today, Rohrer serves almost 200 congregations in Northern California and Nevada. So, if anyone can talk frankly about the Bible, why not the Bishop? Here are excerpts from our conversation.

**CJB:** What does the Bible actually say about homosexuality, queerness, or transness?

**MR:** Nothing. Because those words didn't

exist then. The Bible is written in Hebrew, and ancient Greek. And it's written on all of these papyrus, which are like little scraps of paper that deteriorated. So, they tried to tape them together, and they came up with a version of the Bible that comes from 3000 different variants of the Bible.

The King James version was written to make fun of King James – who was bisexual – in a way that would get the people who were making fun of him to not be beheaded. They wanted to make fun of him as a person and say that he was wrong. So, when they translated the Bible into English, they translated homophobia into the texts.

They took words in the ancient Greek and in the Hebrew that didn't have easy equivalents to current day, and they just came up with a definition. And when they made it about a contemporary group of people, maybe it became more fun to read for some, but it led to a whole lot of discrimination for others. And after that people kept translating it that way.

**CJB:** Does the early Bible speak specifically to sexuality?

**MR:** There are parts that speak about sexuality and when sexuality is problematic. Most of those references are about having sex with people who don't get to have consent, who might be slaves, who are acting in ways where their intended purpose is to

mock God, or to not have faith, or to serve other gods.

And what I see in the language about sexuality in the Bible is that it is consistently calling people to be faithful people and to try to be consensual people, to not brutalize other people, to not take advantage of them economically. And the measurement for sexual ethics seems to be oriented towards God. And when you're oriented towards God, your behavior is right.

There is some anti-body stuff in scripture, almost all of it from Paul. But Paul was celibate and didn't like himself. Paul has a lot of lovely stuff to say, but I don't know if we should take marriage advice from someone who was never married.

There are specifically tons and tons of gender diverse people in the Bible. Eunuchs – the old timey way of talking about trans folk – appear throughout scripture. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Daniel – who was in the lion's den – they think was a eunuch.

Angels are painted to look like eunuchs, they're adult men with no beards. Jesus talks about eunuchs in Matthew Chapter 19. Those who are trans for the sake of heaven, he says, are great. Some people have said that means you should be celibate.

But it used to be that eunuchs were the ones who taught sexuality because they couldn't get anyone pregnant...you know what I'm saying right? Eunuchs weren't known to be celibate people, so it's a weird assumption to put into the text.

**CJB:** Why isn't this more widely known and accepted within organized Christianity? What is the disconnect when we all have access to the same information?

**MR:** You're mistaking people's feelings for rational arguments, and you can't ever have a debate that's going to change someone's mind, if what they have is a feeling. We could take the time to have all the academic arguments, and talk about the ancient Greek words, and still people are going to answer with, "but eww gross."

For more from Bishop Megan Rohrer, visit <https://www.revrohrer.com> and listen to "The Bishop & The Bulletproof Vest" on Christopher Beale's podcast Stereotypes, at: [StereotypesPodcast.org](https://StereotypesPodcast.org)

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## Sacramento Arts and Culture Nonprofit Organizations Can Now Apply For Operating Support Grants Through 'Cultural Arts Awards' Program

Arts and culture nonprofits located in the city, county and unincorporated Sacramento can now apply for grants to assist with general operating expenses. Colleges, universities, and units of government with ongoing art programming may also apply.



The \$925,000 Cultural Arts Awards program is being administered by the City of Sacramento's Office of Arts and Culture and is a partnership of the City of Sacramento and Sacramento County. The grants are funded by the City's Measure U tax and general fund dollars, and by Sacramento County. Applications are due Jan. 21, 2022.

"These cultural and arts grants epitomize the promise of Measure U," said Mayor Darrell Steinberg. "With these dollars, we are helping build a strong creative economy that in turn will make Sacramento a more interesting place to live and attract new employers and skilled workers."

To be eligible for funding, organizations must meet standards of diversity and equity, cultural and community impact and show sound management and financial accountability.

"I am excited that the City can help provide these resources to support arts and culture programs across Sacramento," said the City's Grants Program Manager Melissa Cirone. "These grants will encourage creativity and innovation and celebrate the cultural vibrancy of the region."

Applications will be reviewed and scored by a diverse panel of arts and culture nonprofit experts and community representatives. Proposal review meetings and rankings are open to the public and will be announced in advance.

The Office of Arts and Culture will be providing grant writing workshops and grant writing mentor support to those interested in applying. Grant writing mentors will be available by appointment Jan. 4-21 and workshop dates will be announced shortly. Applicants with further questions can email [artgrants@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:artgrants@cityofsacramento.org)

## LGBTQ News of the World

*Written by Maddalena Tomassini  
Edited by Daniele Paletta*

Our communities around the world had good news to celebrate over the past several weeks, as we marked some important victories.

We cheered when marriage equality was signed into law in Chile. We welcomed the Court of Justice of the European Union's judgement that a child and their same-sex parents must be recognized as a family.

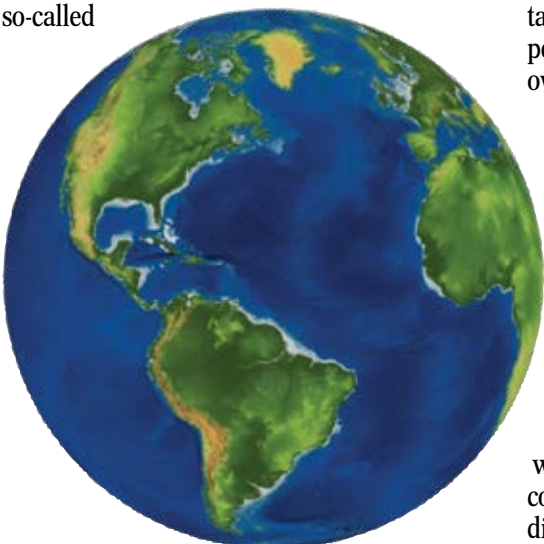
Canada banned so-called

'conversion therapy'. In Aotearoa New Zealand, parliament unanimously passed a law making it easier for a person to amend their birth certificate to correctly identify their gender.

Meanwhile, Sri Lanka took a step forward tackling police harassment against LGBTQ people, as a Court authorized a writ petition over a derogatory training.

However, a lot remains to be done around the world on the road towards equality. In Senegal, lawmakers are working on a new bill aimed to strengthen the targeting against our communities.

Criminalizing provisions represent a constant threat: Our Identities under Arrest, a new report released this week by ILGA World, cast a light over hundreds of reported cases around the world of arrests and prosecutions for consensual same-sex sexual acts or for diverse gender expressions.



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The series will continue, on what would have been Sondheim's 92nd birthday, March 22, 2022, with Volume Two, and on June 1, 2022, with Volume Three.

"Sondheim Unplugged: The NYC Sessions – Volume One" is now available at: YellowSoundLabel.com and SondheimUnplugged.com.



## Valencia Confirmed as Host City for Gay Games 2026

**T**he city of Valencia, Spain is officially the host city for the 2026 Gay Games, beating Munich and Guadalajara. After months of preparations and a final presentation before the Federation of Gay Games (FGG) in the seaside city of Brighton East Sussex, the delegation convinced the judges that Valencia is the perfect city to host the 2026 edition of the Gay Games.



The capital of Túrria competed in the final phase, alongside Munich, Germany and Guadalajara, Mexico, taking the top spot due to the city's open, egalitarian, diverse and inclusive nature. Following the presentation, officials from Valencia Bid City, Visit València, the Municipal Sports Foundation (FDM), Lambda, ADI and the LGTBI + Samarucs and Dracs sports clubs, expressed their "joy and satisfaction" with the verdict of the FGG adding that Valencia "is a city that is at the height of an international event such as the Gay Games".

The international federation also took into account the city's capacity to host such a large-scale event considering existing sports facilities, infrastructures and sports equipment are of sufficient quality.

Other considerations included Valencia's clement climate (with more than 300 days of sunshine a year), its gastronomy and cultural agenda. Accessibility and communications with the city, commitment to sustainability and green spaces and personal development have also been assessed, ensuring that the city offers all locals and visitors, regardless of their sex, outwordmagazine.com

ethnic origin, disability or sexual orientation, a great range of diversity in attractions and experiences.

The event will be held between May - June 2026 and host competitions of more than 30 different types of sports. In addition to water sports such as sailing, rowing and kayaking polo and team sports such as basketball, beach volleyball, hockey, football softball and rugby, the games will also see traditional Valencian sports such as pilota or colpbo, the name for a variety of court sports played with a ball using one's hand, a racket, a wooden bat or a basket, against a wall. Individual sports including martial arts, fencing, tennis, golf and cycling will also take place alongside new novelty entries such as e-sports and Quidditch.

The event, which will also include various cultural activities, is expected to attract approximately 15,000 athletes, 100,000 visitors and contribute to the city's economy with more than 120 million euros. As a result, the Gay Games will become the most important sporting event in the Valencian Community after the America's Cup.



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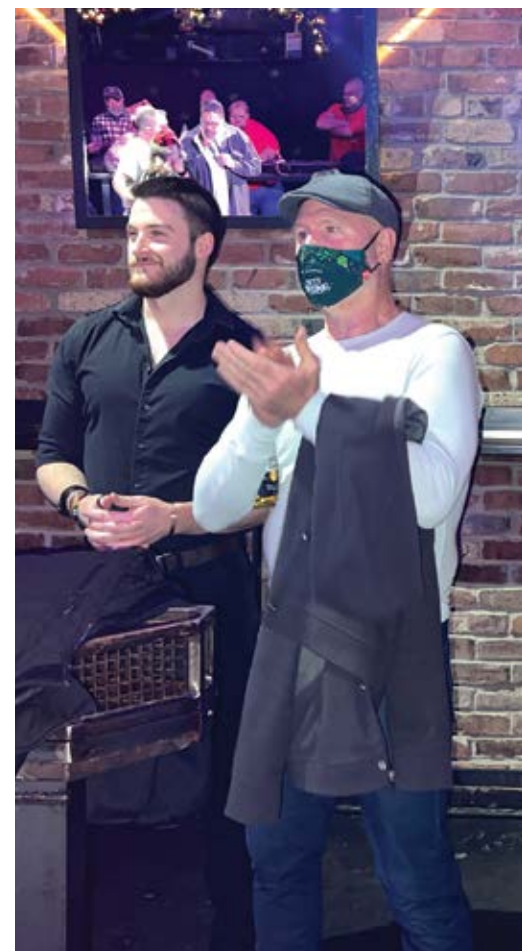


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# Tom Holland Makes My Spidey Sense Tingle!

by Chris Narloch

Although I am eager to see the super-cute Tom Holland play Spider-Man again, I am not reviewing the latest Spidey adventure for three reasons: number one, I wasn't able to see it before our deadline; secondly, the early reviews are great, so the film doesn't need any help from me; and lastly, Marvel movies are largely critic-proof anyway.




In other words, "Spider-Man: No Way Home" is presold and will undoubtedly be the runaway blockbuster this Christmas season. In addition to Holland, I am very much looking forward to the return of villains played by Alfred Molina, Willem Dafoe, and Jamie Foxx.

Rumors also abound that Andrew Garfield and Tobey Maguire appear in the new flick. In case you need any further prodding to get you to the theater, here's the synopsis for the new film:

With Spider-Man's identity now revealed, our friendly neighborhood web-slinger is

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As always, the best way to see a Marvel movie is on the largest screen in town, at Sacramento's Esquire IMAX Theatre on K Street, where "Spider-Man: No Way Home" will be playing until at least Dec. 26. For more information, go to [www.imax.com/imax-esquire/oo](http://www.imax.com/imax-esquire/oo)



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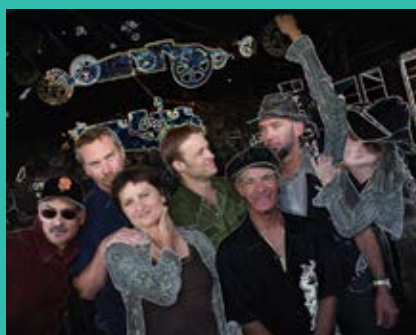
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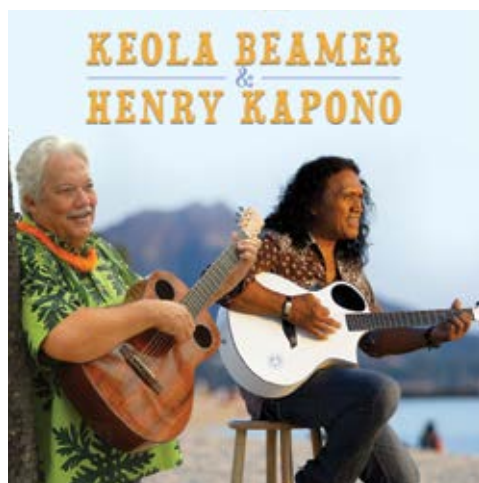
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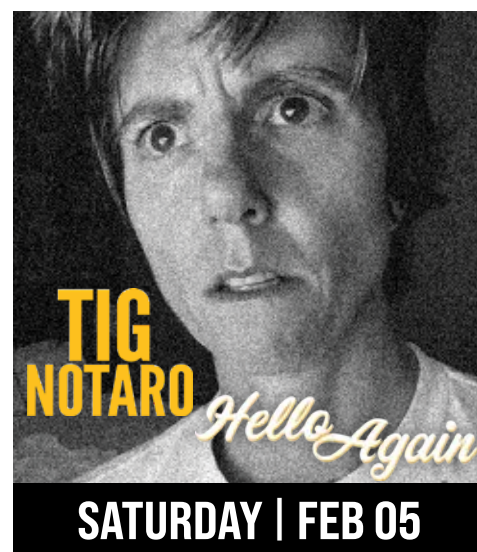
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This year was another tough one for most of us, but instead of focusing on the unpleasant, the staff at Outword decided to take a look back on all the wonderful things that happened. We ran some interesting stories, had some memorable covers, and as always, tried to bring you content and resources that you would find useful or helpful as a reader. Please enjoy our look back at 2021!

## January 2021



### 21 Health & Fitness Tips for 2021

## Smoke Taint in 2020: What Does it Mean?

The first questions to answer are: 1) What is smoke taint, and 2) How does it impact the vines? Smoke from a fire enters through the leaves and vine stems. It also is absorbed through the grape skin itself. The grapes are most susceptible during the period post-veraison.



## The Status of Outword 2021

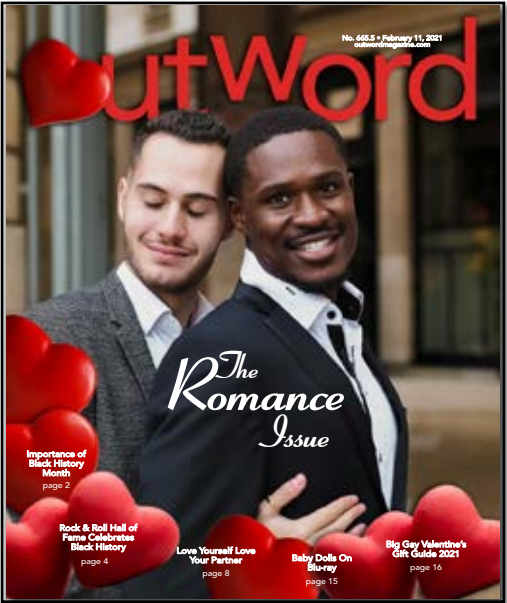


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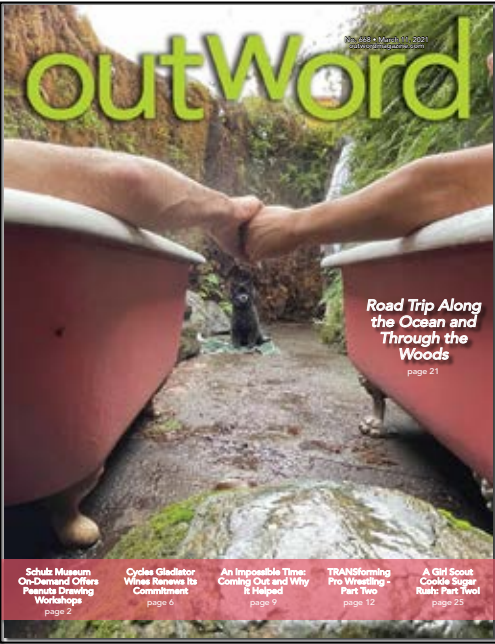
## National AIDS Memorial Observes Black History Month with AIDS Memorial Quilt



## Hate Crime Reporting, Legal Assistance, & Advocacy Groups Resource Guide



## March 2021



## Do Not Miss "Immersive Van Gogh"



## April 2021

## Visibility Matters: Trans Day of Visibility

Visibility is a double-edged sword for transgender people. We see this playing out as more of us are being elected to statehouses, federal offices and taking major roles in film and television. While some trans people are seeing opportunities that weren't available a decade ago, others are being disproportionately affected by this new visibility which has made them the target of hate.



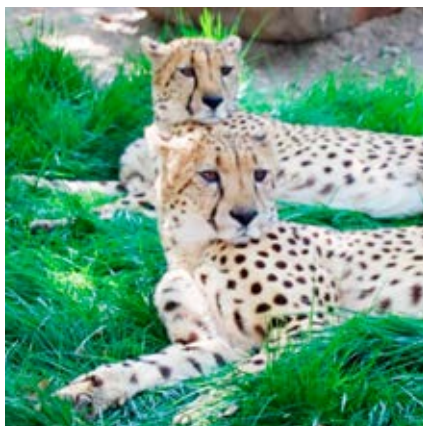




## May 2021

### Sac Zoo Welcomes Rowdy & Zig Zag

The Sacramento Zoo is proud to welcome nearly-four-year-old cheetah brothers, Rowdy and Zig Zag, to their newly-renovated habitat near the back of the zoo. Formerly the Australia habitat, the space received some nice upgrades prior to the cheetahs' arrival, including lovely green grass, heating elements under their arched shade structures/shelters, and a glass panel for up-close viewing. "The boys" arrived from Wildlife Safari in Winston, Oregon, this April 11 and are now on view to the public. For more information, please visit [www.saczoo.org](http://www.saczoo.org)



### New Mexico, We Offer the Best of the SouthWest

There are so many reasons to visit New Mexico. We are officially recognized as a minority majority state, our LGBTQ community is out, proud, and welcoming, the climate is close to perfect, and our food, particularly our New Mexico chili is like no other (blend in like a local and order it Christmas style).

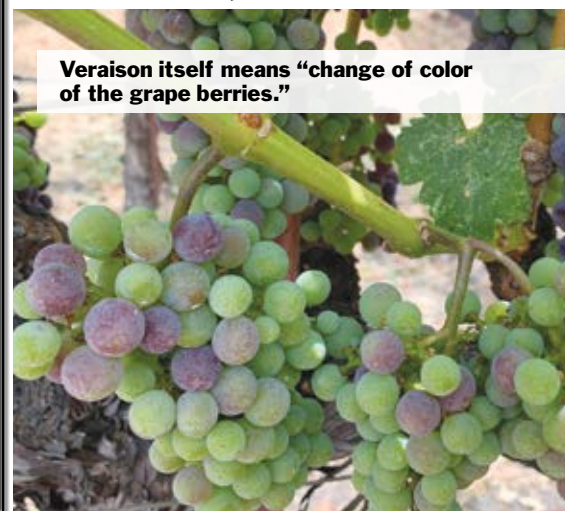


## August 2021



### Veraison, What Is That?

Veraison itself means "change of color of the grape berries."



## PRIDE Issues 2021

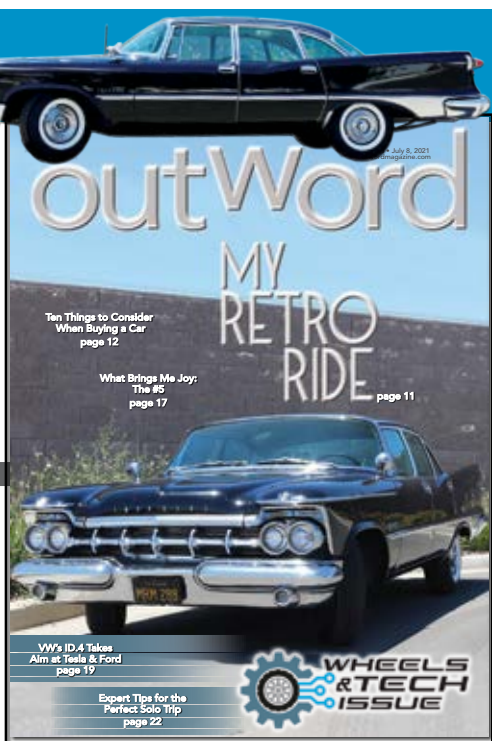


## September 2021

## July 2021

### MY RETRO RIDE

It was 1959, just two years after the launch of Sputnik 1 and the United States was not only in a space race with Russia, but in a competition to build the most outlandish and luxurious automobiles in the world.



### Midtown Association Granted 12 Local Businesses with Access to "PRIDE, Pronouns & Progress" Gender Inclusion Educational Workshops

The Midtown Association – in partnership with WEAVE, the Sacramento LGBT Community Center, Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce, Faces Nightclub, and Outword Media – granted access to 12 local businesses to participate in inclusivity educational workshops that took place earlier this month.



### The Mondavi Center Returns To Live Performances

After a lengthy timeout to keep their subscribers safe during the worst of the pandemic, The Mondavi Center in Davis has emerged with an exciting lineup of live events coming this fall and next year.



## October 2021



Rainbow Chamber Foundation would like to extend a big thank you to all who were able to attend last month's Farm 2 Scholar VIP Dinner. We had a fantastic crowd in attendance, all in the name of supporting the Rainbow Chamber Foundation Scholarship Program. Also, thank you to the generous sponsors and vendors who helped make this year's dinner a success. There was amazing food by Lenise Cafe and lovely beverages by Willamette Wineworks and Tahoe Blue Vodka.



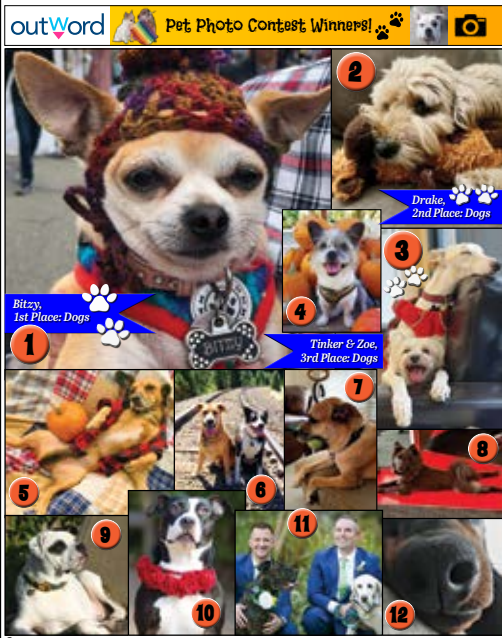


# 2021 Year in Review

## October 2021



## 2021 Pet Photo Contest Winners



## November 2021

### SMF Brings You Closer To Some Of the Country's Best Ski Destinations

Sacramento finally had its first major rainstorm of 2021, which means winter is just around the corner. Tahoe's spectacular ski slopes are a short drive away, but for those ready for an adventure beyond the Sierra, SMF brings you closer to some of the country's best ski destinations.

**Ski the Rockies' best winter resorts!**



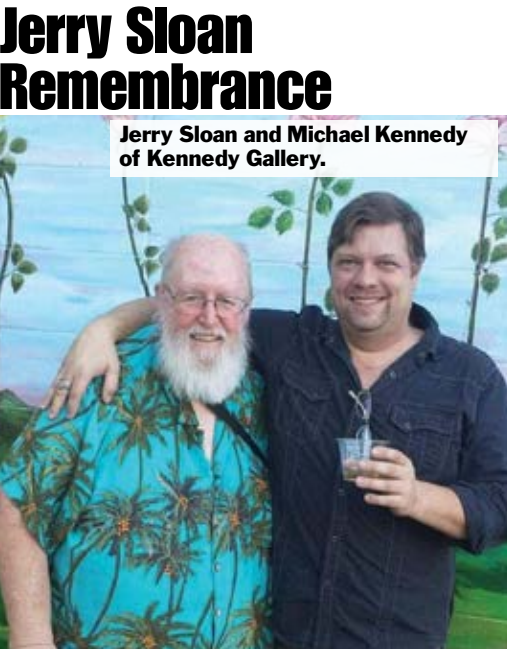
**Target's 'Queer Nutcracker'**  
Good luck trying to find this new "queer nutcracker" at Target -- it's apparently flying off shelves and not sold online, but enterprising individuals will no doubt be reselling them on Amazon Marketplace, etc.



**Eat, Drink, and Be Merry – (But Mostly Drink) What to Buy for a Thirsty Loved One this Season**



## December 2021







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## Does "Sex and the City" Still Sell?

by Chris Narloch

I have a real love-hate relationship with the TV series "Sex and the City" which I have enjoyed from its first season on HBO in 1998 until it "ended" in 2004, after 94 episodes over six seasons. Now the sexy show is back, rebooted as "And Just Like That..." this time on HBO Max, and I feel the same way about the latest version.



Cynthia Nixon, Kristin Davis and Sarah Jessica Parker reprise their roles from "Sex and the City" in HBO Max's "And Just Like That..."

I had only seen the first two new episodes before our deadline for this issue, but my reaction to them was the same as before: sometimes I was laughing my head off, and sometimes I was throwing things at my TV.

The women -- now a trio of besties, after the departure of Kim Cattrall's Samantha -- are as stylish as ever, with designer heels and chic wardrobes, but with new problems like raising young children (Charlotte), going back to college (Miranda), and a husband with a history of heart trouble (Carrie).

Speaking of heart trouble, I won't rehash the shocker at the end of the first new episode, since it has already been dissected endlessly online and in print, except to say that I think the writers could have come up with a more original way to make Carrie single again.

I was also disappointed in the cringeworthy storyline involving Miranda's interactions with her Black college professor, although Cynthia Nixon is such a pro that she has us pulling for her character despite some very embarrassing dialogue.

Others attempts at making the new show more racially diverse fare better, especially the fun character of Che Diaz, a non-binary, queer POC who works with Carrie, played by the terrific Tony winner, Sara Ramirez.

The new show addresses the absence of Kim Cattrall with a moving scene in the second episode, but I would have killed off that character and had the reboot open at



Sara Ramirez plays Che Diaz, a non-binary, queer POC who works with Carrie.

Samantha's funeral, where the three surviving girlfriends meet her long-lost, even lustier sister -- who would have to be played by Sharon Stone. (That would have put the sex back in "Sex and the City")

Despite the unevenness of the first two episodes -- especially the first one -- all three lead actresses still look great, and, more importantly, they slip back into their characters effortlessly.

(I didn't realize how much I had missed Charlotte's frequent crying jags.)

And just like that...I will be glued to my TV for the rest of the season, loving and hating every delicious moment of Carrie and company's latest adventures in my favorite city.



# Holiday Movies Soar In Cinemas

by Chris Narloch

In addition to shopping and sending out Christmas cards -- yes, I still do that -- this critic watches a lot of movies each December so that I can bring *Outword* readers my recommendations of what to see and what to flee at your local cinema.

Since movie theaters need all the help they can get these days, I urge you to leave the house and (safely) see a movie this holiday season because there are some excellent films out there right now.

Four of the five movies reviewed below are currently playing only on the big screen, while “King Richard” can be viewed at home, if you have HBO Max.

## West Side Story

This wonderful new musical by Steven Spielberg is another American classic by the most successful and consistent movie director of our time. It’s underperformance in theaters is proof positive that there is no longer any correlation -- if there ever was any -- between a movie’s box office and its quality.

More of a reimagining of the original Broadway musical than a remake of the 1961 film of the same name, Spielberg’s “West Side Story” is a glorious salute to song and dance and an amazing achievement, considering the director has never made a musical before.

Ansel Elgort and the talented newcomer Rachel Zegler star as the beautiful, star-crossed lovers Tony and Maria, Ariana DeBose makes a fiery, Rita Moreno-like Anita, and Moreno herself has a wonderful, large supporting role that was created just for her by screenwriter Tony Kushner.

If you love movie musicals, don’t wait. Go see “West Side Story” on the biggest screen you can find.

## Licorice Pizza

The latest film from writer-director Paul Thomas Anderson (“Boogie Nights,” “There Will Be Blood”) is the love story millennials have been waiting for, and it’s a real change of pace for Anderson, who has always leaned towards the dark and the weird in his previous work.

I happen to prefer “dark and weird” to light comedy love stories, but there is no denying the entertainment value of “Licorice Pizza,” and the best things about it are the performances of its lead actors, Alana Haim and Cooper Hoffman, who play an offbeat young couple who can’t decide whether to be friends or lovers.

Set in the San Fernando Valley during the ‘70s, the nostalgic but unsentimental story could have been directed by Richard Linklater -- and there were a couple times during the film when I wished it had been.

Yet Hoffman (the son of the late, great Philip Seymour Hoffman) and especially Haim (from the band of the same name) are so fun to watch that I highly recommend you grab a slice of “Licorice Pizza,” which opens on Dec. 24 at Sacramento’s Tower Theatre, in 70mm.

## Nightmare Alley

Dark and strange, “Nightmare Alley” is the feel-bad movie of this holiday season, but it’s also a wild and wonderful trip of a film that could only have been made by the great Mexican director Guillermo del Toro (“Pan’s Labyrinth,” “The Shape of Water,”) who specializes in dark and strange.

A stylish period piece set in the American Midwest of the 1930s, the movie features an all-star cast that includes Bradley Cooper, Cate Blanchett, Toni Collette, Willem Dafoe, Richard Jenkins, Rooney Mara, Ron Perlman, and Mary Steenburgen. That powerhouse cast of character actors really comes through for del Toro, many of them playing the twisted denizens of a seedy traveling carnival.

Cooper stars as the drifter and grifter who uses the carny as a springboard to greater (but just as disreputable) success, and the movie follows his ascension and ultimate downfall. I won’t spoil how he falls -- and how far he falls -- but “Nightmare Alley” is genuinely shocking. Moviegoers who prefer a happy ending probably won’t enjoy this film, but I loved every beautiful and bizarre minute of it.

## King Richard

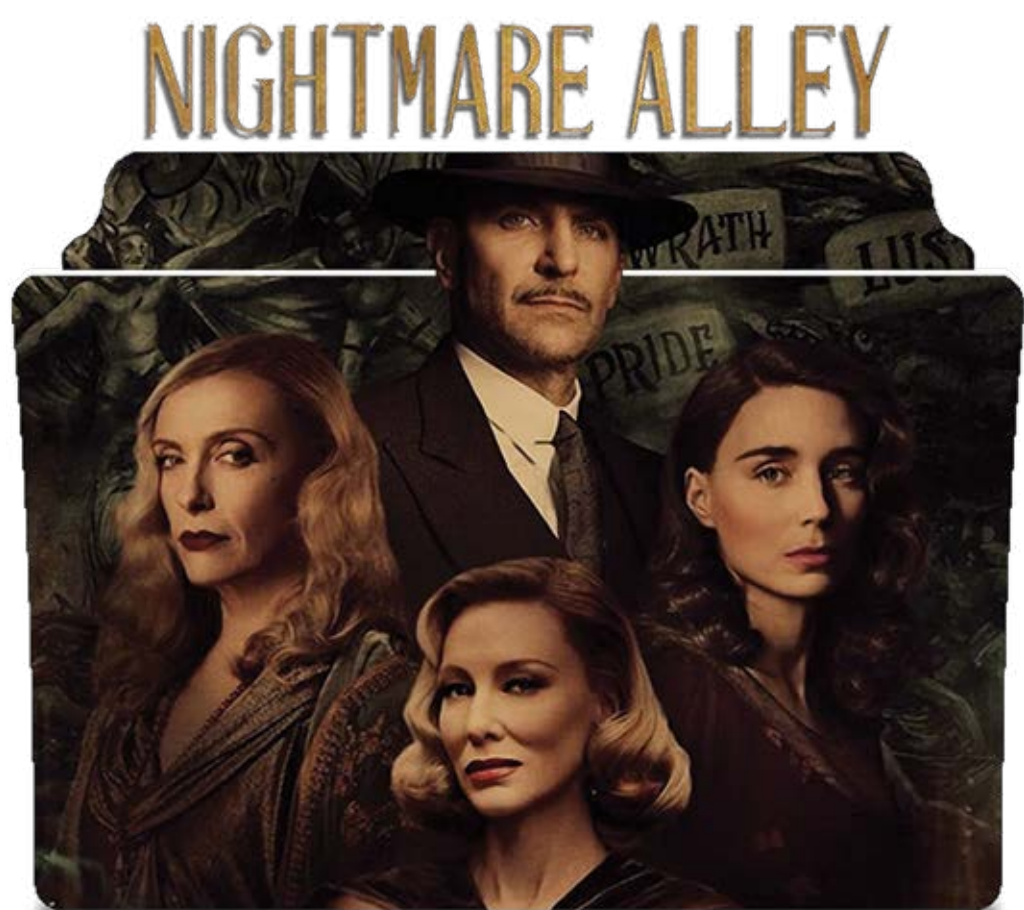
This dynamite drama stars a superb Will Smith in perhaps the best role he has ever had, as Richard Williams -- the real-life father of Venus and Serena Williams -- who coached his daughters from an early age and helped turn them into the tennis phenoms they are today.

Look for Will Smith and Aunjanue Ellis (who plays Williams’ loyal wife and the girls’ mother) to receive Oscar nominations for their work in “King Richard,” and hopefully the movie will be nominated for Best Picture as well. Moving, at times funny, and even inspirational, this is one of the finest films of the year.

## Sing 2

This sequel to an animated hit from 2016 brings back much of the original film’s terrific voice cast and adds none other than Bono from U2, who plays a reclusive rock star lion that the movie’s hero, a determined koala named Buster Moon, wants to woo out of retirement as the big draw for Moon’s latest theatrical extravaganza featuring a cast of animal performers.

Set largely in a colorful, Las Vegas-like entertainment capital, “Sing 2” isn’t particularly original or all that memorable, but it is entertaining, and, as family films go, it’s better than most. Kids should enjoy it, and if its pop hit-filled soundtrack encourages their love of music, I’m all for that.





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## “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” Plus “The Woman in Black” in S.F.

by Chris Narloch

If you have time to see a play over (or after) the holidays, I have two very different options for you to consider. One is the Broadway musical version of a beloved Roald Dahl book, and the other is a scary stage adaptation of a famous gothic ghost story by Susan Hill.



### The Woman in Black

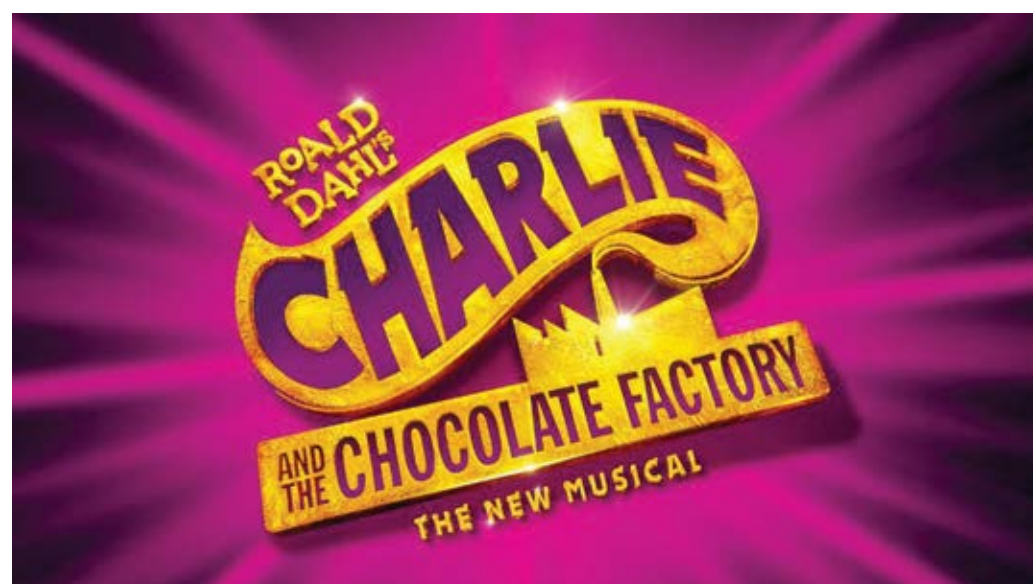
You'll have to drive over to San Francisco for this one, but from the ecstatic reviews I've read, it should be worth the trip to see a play that has been described as “a nerve-shredding experience” by the Daily Mail.

The Strand Theater will host this Bay Area premiere of the original London production of a smash-hit play that gave West End audiences the heebie jeebies.

Set in an isolated windswept mansion with tragic secrets hidden behind its shuttered windows, “The Woman in Black” transports theatergoers to a chilling and ghostly world where a young lawyer encounters horrific visions.

Over 8 million people have lived to tell the tale of one of the most successful -- and terrifying -- theatre events ever staged, and now you can see “The Woman in Black” in S.F. through Jan. 16.

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### Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Roald Dahl's amazing tale is now Sacramento's golden ticket, but only for a short time so get ready for Oompa-Loompas, everlasting gobstoppers, incredible inventions, the great glass elevator, and much more.

“Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” has the perfect recipe for a delectable treat: songs from the 1971 film version (“Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory”), including “Pure Imagination,” “The Candy Man,” and “I’ve Got a Golden Ticket,” alongside a toe-tapping new score from the songwriters of “Hairspray.”

“Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” plays from Dec. 28, 2021 through Jan. 2, 2022 at the SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center in Sacramento. For information and tickets, go to [www.broadwaysacramento.com](http://www.broadwaysacramento.com)

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## Mid-Atlantic Leather Weekend Returns To D.C.



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Don't they get cold walking around half-naked in Washington D.C. in the middle of winter? Maybe all their fur keeps these bears warm, or maybe it's all the body heat! Find out for yourself when MAL Weekend (Mid-Atlantic Leather Weekend) returns to D.C. this January 13, with five massive night and daytime events featuring some of the world's most famous circuit DJs and performers. Tickets are available now at [MAL2022.com](http://MAL2022.com)

## Online Exhibit Chronicles The Depiction of Sex Workers In Art

photo by Linda Simpson



Sex sells, especially in art, and the virtual exhibition "WORKER" exposes the kindred relationship between the artist and the sex worker, from the late 19th Century of Edouard Manet and Henri De Toulouse-Lautrec to modern day contemporaries such as Felix Gonzalez-Torres, Nan Goldin, and Bruce LaBruce. The group show of 19 artists presents 54 works in the mediums of painting, photography, film, performance and video. "WORKER" is available to view 24/7 at: [www.artreporttoday.com/nsfw-gallery/nsfw-exhibitions.html](http://www.artreporttoday.com/nsfw-gallery/nsfw-exhibitions.html)

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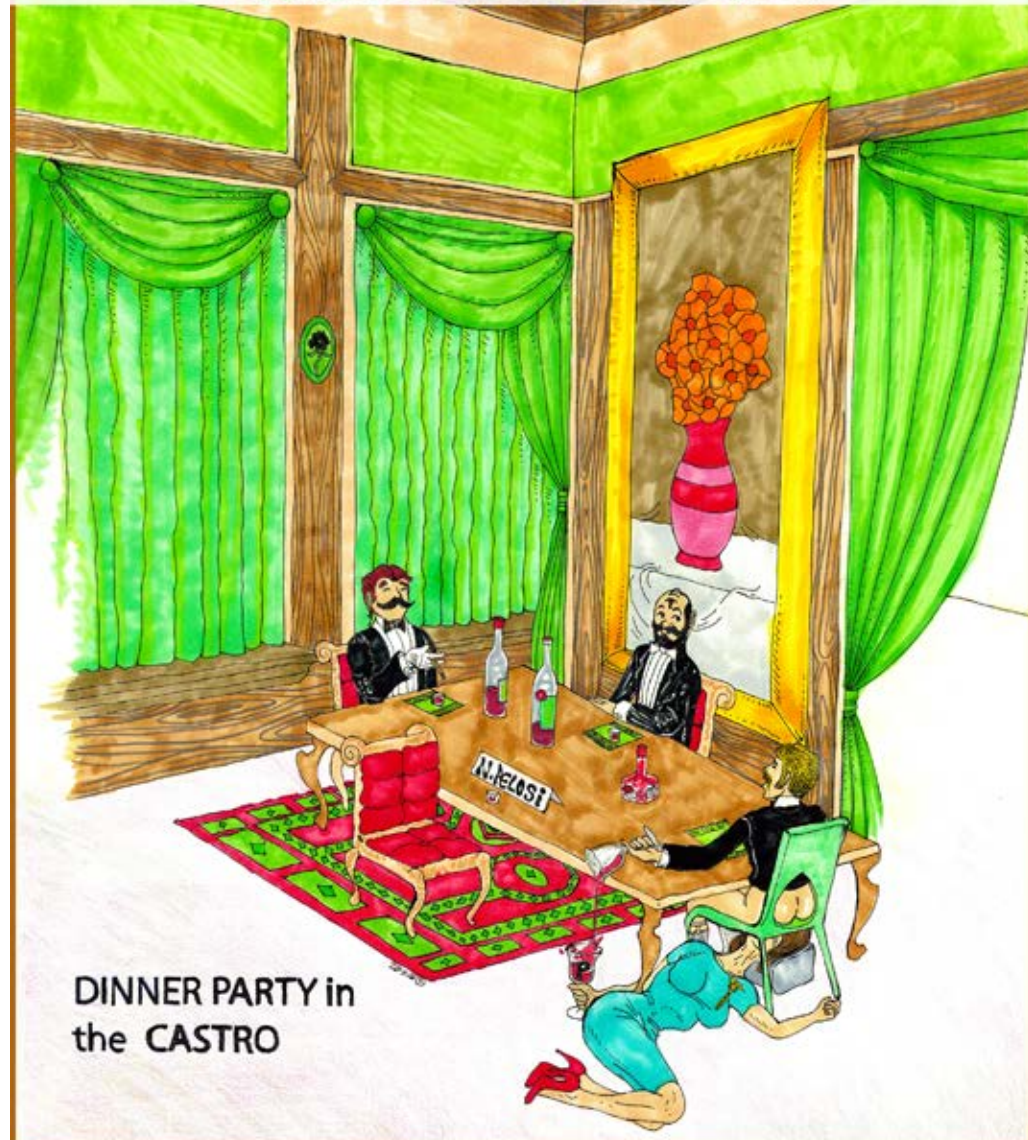
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