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GLAAD Responds To President Biden's Executive Order Advancing Equality For LGBTQ Americans

"At a time when anti-LGBTQ misinformation and rhetoric is at a peak, the importance of LGBTQ visibility at the White House cannot be overstated. Today's LGBTQ Pride Month reception and the signing of an executive order strengthening critical protections for our community help show the world that LGBTQ Americans are a valued and respected part of this country, and we aren't going anywhere."

GLAAD, the world's largest lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) media advocacy organization, responded to President Joe Biden's signing of an "Executive Order Advancing Equality for LGBTQI+ Individuals." The order, signed at an LGBTQ Pride Month reception for advocates and members of the community, aims to strengthen protections for LGBTQ people during a time of unprecedented anti-LGBTQ rhetoric, legislation, and misinformation.

The Pride Month reception was streamed on the White House's YouTube account. President Biden was introduced by Javier Gomez, an 18-year-old who helped organize protests against his state's 'Don't Say Gay' bill at his Florida high school. Gomez spoke to the crowd and recalled the moment he and other teen activists "looked into the eyes of those pushing this cruel and dangerous legislation and said, 'It's okay to be gay.'"

President Biden delivered this message to LGBTQ youth: "Just be you. You are loved. You are heard and you are understood. You do belong."

GLAAD President and CEO Sarah Kate Ellis were among those attending the White House reception and executive order-signing. They responded on Twitter:

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The executive order addresses the 225 anti-LGBTQ bills filed so far in 2022 at the state level, as well as other policies that harm LGBTQ children and families especially. The order includes:

- Guidance for the Departments of Education and Health & Human Services on protecting access and inclusion to education and healthcare.
- Initiatives to prevent anti-LGBTQ conversion therapy, including directing the Federal Trade Commission to investigate such therapies as deceptive practices.
- A process to review access and barriers to federal benefits and resources for LGBTQ Americans.
- A directive to launch a new working group on LGBTQ Homelessness and Housing Equity at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- New training programs for better serving LGBTQ youth in juvenile justice systems.
- Establishing a new committee on expanding data collection on LGBTQ Americans
- Strengthening support for LGBTQ older Americans.

Since the new administration took office in 2021, GLAAD has been monitoring

the Biden administration's statements and policies about LGBTQ issues on the Biden Accountability Tracker: <https://www.glaad.org/biden-harris>

So far in 2022, over 225 anti-LGBTQ bills have been introduced in state legislatures. Out of those, 118 specifically target transgender youth, with bans on evidence-based best practices in healthcare, restrictions on trans youth participating in school sports, and bills targeting safe and inclusive school environments including censoring discussion about LGBTQ people and history and bans on books. (Source: Freedom For All Americans)

The CDC reports one in four LGBTQ teens attempted suicide in early 2021, and 28% of LGBTQ youth reported experiencing homelessness or housing instability at some point in their lives.

20 states and 100 municipalities ban the practice of so-called conversion therapy, a practice discredited as ineffective and dangerous to vulnerable youth.

For more information, please visit www.glaad.org or connect with GLAAD on Facebook and Twitter.

Quote Worth Repeating

DNC on Pulse Remembrance Day

DNC Chair Jaime Harrison, DNC Secretary Jason Rae, and LGBTQ Caucus Chair Earl Fowlkes issued the following joint statement on Pulse Remembrance Day:

"Today marks the sixth anniversary of the mass shooting at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, a horrific tragedy that cut short the lives of 49 people — the vast majority of whom were Latino — who were just trying to be in community.

As recent mass shootings remind us, gun violence like we saw at Pulse has not abated. Across the country, LGBTQ Americans — especially transgender people of color — continue to face violence.

Democrats will continue to fight for commonsense gun reform, just as we will continue to fight for true equality and inclusion for LGBTQ Americans. We are proud to stand with all those fighting for commonsense gun safety who were motivated to action after Pulse, and we will keep working to build a nation where all LGBTQ people are valued and can safely be themselves!"

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Small Business Owners Broadly Support Businesses Taking Actions to Ensure LGBTQ+ Inclusion, New Poll Finds

Most small business owners believe it is important to support the LGBTQ+ community and take action to ensure inclusion, according to a new poll released today by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and MetLife.

More than eight in 10 small business owners (86%) say that it is important to provide an inclusive culture for customers and guests. Two in three (67%) say it is important to make a public statement in support of equality and fairness for members of the LGBTQ+ community.

"Employing nearly half of the nation's workforce, small businesses are essential to fostering inclusive workplaces," said Tom Sullivan, Vice President of Small Business Policy at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. "The poll shows that small businesses care about LGBTQ+ inclusion for their employees, their customers, and their community, but they often lack the bandwidth or expertise to act. That is why the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation has built an online platform that makes it easier for small business owners to access the information they need to build LGBTQ+ inclusive workplaces."

The poll shows that across several

actions that small businesses could take to support the LGBTQ+ community like creating inclusive advertising, having a formal workplace policy prohibiting discrimination based on LGBTQ+ status, and donating to organizations supporting the LGBTQ+ community, most small businesses—in some cases more than three in four—feel taking action is important.

Additional Findings:

84% of small business owners say that having employees from diverse backgrounds makes a company stronger.

69% say it is important to take more direct action to help such as doing business with, or investing in, an LGBTQ+ owned business.

77% of small business owners say it is important to have a formal workplace policy prohibiting discrimination based on LGBTQ+ status.

73% of small business owners say LGBTQ+ owned small businesses face more challenges than non-LGBTQ+ owned businesses.

69% say it is a good idea for businesses to publicly share their beliefs on LGBTQ+ rights.

72% of small business owners say they are okay with losing customers as a result of supporting the LGBTQ+ community.

"Ensuring employees feel included and supported is essential to building a successful business," said Cynthia Smith, senior vice president, Regional Business at MetLife. "As one of the backbones of our economy, it is positive to see small business owners' commitment to inclusion among their employees and customers, as well as their support of publicly sharing their beliefs on LGBTQ+ rights."

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's LGBT Inclusion Hub for Small Businesses provides tools, resources, and best practices on inclusion in the workplace, as well as one-on-one expert assistance on how to build LGBT-inclusive programs and policies. A 2021 report by the U.S. Chamber Foundation further explores what small businesses need to foster inclusivity. For more information visit: www.uschamberfoundation.org/lgbt-inclusion-hub

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Out & About

Sonoma County Pride Pics!

photos by Chris Allan

A few raindrops subsided just in time for the parade to begin on June 4th when the LGBTQ community turned out to celebrate Sonoma County Pride. A very enthusiastic crowd filled Santa Rosa's Old Courthouse Square, and our very own Chris Allan snapped these colorful photos of the festival crowd.



Love Is Not Abuse - Here's What You Should Do

by Timothy McLemore, founder of Essential Haus, author, "Love Is Not Abuse"

Love Is Not Abuse. It's a mantra that I will continue to say for myself and one that I hope the LGBTQ+ community hears and embraces. It's also the title of my new book that I wrote after getting out of a physically abusive relationship, because I wanted others to know my story and know that they are not alone, that abuse is not love and that there is a way out.

Being in an abusive relationship felt to me a little like going "back in the closet" because I was hiding it from my friends and family. As a couple, we were even hiding it from our Instagram community by still producing content and posting as if everything was "peaches and roses," but in reality there was a huge dark side to the relationship. Once I hit a breaking point in the relationship, and felt enough was enough, I realized that I shouldn't have stayed in the relationship for as long as I did and I didn't want to be an example to other people that this type of relationship was OK. Sharing my story in this book was therapeutic to my recovery from domestic violence, and I'm also hopeful it will inspire others to become more aware of the issue in the LGBTQ+ community and seek help.

Domestic Violence Big Problem for LGBTQ+

The statistics certainly show that domestic violence is more frequent and complicated in LGBTQ+ relationships than in heterosexual relationships. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV):

- 45% of victims do not report the violence they experience to police because they believe it will not help them.

- Fewer than 5% of LGBTQ+ domestic violence victims ever seek protective orders from the court.

- 43.8% of lesbian women and 61.1% of bisexual women are raped, the recipient of physical violence, and/or stalked by a partner at some point; this is true of only 35% of heterosexual women.

And while, certainly anyone can be at risk for domestic violence, there are specific groups of LGBTQ+ people who are at the highest risk for intimate partner violence, including Trans, Black, Bisexual and individuals who do not have financial resources.

Additional Barriers for LGBTQ+

Gender stereotypes are a big problem for the LGBTQ+ community in that there is often a lack of belief when an abuser isn't of the demographic that most assume victims are generally a part of. Someone who is being abused can rightfully be very worried that they won't be believed as the victim in an intimate partner violence situation, especially if they do not fit the physical description of one.

There's also a fear of social impact as LGBTQ+ communities can be small and tight-knit. When someone is experiencing

violence from their partner, they may be afraid of the social impact of reporting it. If they and their partner share a group of friends or are members of the same community, they risk alienating and losing many, if not all, of their closest social relationships. Social fear can cause victims to be quiet about the abuse, putting their personal safety at risk.

Taking Steps To Leave Abusive Relationships

If you are the person in the abusive relationship, start by simply establishing other friendships outside your abusive relationship. Having friends to talk to will help you hear for yourself how bad the abuse is and this is the starting point for getting out. An abusive partner will try to isolate you and keep you from having other, outside friendships that could influence your perception on the relationship. This, of course, is another major red flag.

Seek out resources. Although it can be hard to find, try to find resources specifically in the LGBTQ+ community. I personally had difficulty finding resources when I was trying to get out of my abusive relationship, which is why I started a nonprofit called Essential Haus where we will provide a safe place and resources for individuals in the LGBTQ+ community who have been affected by domestic violence and homelessness.

Do not hesitate to contact your local authorities and even seek a protective order if the abuse gets out of hand. Many people in abusive relationships hesitate to do this because many times they truly love their partner and do not want to get him or her in trouble, but not having the abuse documented on an official police record will negatively affect your case later when you do

decide to leave. Legally proving abuse can be very difficult without showing official documentation that it happened and that's where local authorities can be very helpful. It's also important for your own safety.

For more tips on leaving abusive relationships and for details on, "Love Is Not Abuse," join the Essential Haus community at Essential Haus Facebook and Essential Haus Instagram pages or connect with Timothy McLemore directly @essentiallytim.

Biography:

Timothy McLemore is the founder of Essential Haus, a non-profit organization in Miami, Florida, that provides a safe place for individuals in the LGBTQ+ community who have been affected by domestic violence and homelessness. McLemore is a community organizer, social media influencer and creator of "Gays with Stories," a popular Instagram page that shares the positive stories of gay men around the world. His mission is to bring awareness to LGBTQ+ relationship issues, and provide a safe space for anyone living a truth not widely accepted by mainstream society. His dedication to the LGBTQ+ community is inspired by his own struggles of growing up biracial and gay. His vision for future generations is to have a better experience, and that fuels his motivation to inspire self-acceptance and self-expression for all.

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Growing Bolder

by Cindy L. Abel

In the film “Surviving the Silence,” about their lives and service as a military officer and spouse, Barbara Brass reflects: “We just thought it would be a story of us holding hands, going quietly into the sunset.” Then Brass adds: “but it’s not.”



Col. Patsy Thompson and
Barbara Brass

If the Obama administration had ushered in inclusive legislation, the following one threatened to reverse everything. And although retired, Brass and her wife Col. Patsy Thompson were far from finished serving their country. As a now-married and openly lesbian couple, they were admittedly older, but most definitely bolder.

Let’s back up.

The girl who would become the Army National Guard Chief Nurse and play a part in repealing the Don’t Ask Don’t Tell military policy was born into a family that took its duty as Americans seriously. During World War II, they paid the price when Thompson’s brother died flying a Navy plane. She decided that, to do her part, she would join the military as soon as she could, signing up upon graduating nursing school. Her service would span a career in Europe, Central America, and the U.S.

The hardest assignment comes right before retirement: presiding over a military hearing to discharge her colleague Col. Margaret Cammermeyer for being a lesbian. Faced with enforcing a policy that she opposed, against a war hero she respected, and a critical need to protect her own secret, she is torn between duty and conscience. Risking her own career, she conducts the trial in way that leads to Cammermeyer’s re-instatement via federal court and contributes to the eventual change in military policy.

Once retired, Thompson anticipates a quieter life. But being devoted to service won’t allow her to just sit at home with her soon-to-be wife Barbara Brass.

Brass isn’t cut out for disengaging, either. While Thompson’s family was fighting World War II, Brass’ family was living it. Her parents were Holocaust survivors who escaped Nazi Germany to a Jewish ghetto in Shanghai then relocated to the United States. She knew what it took for them to create this life and the low profile required to keep it. But she wanted more: to participate in anti-war protests, march for women’s equality, and when realizing she was a lesbian, to fight for gay and lesbian rights. As this awareness dawned on her,

Brass the pacifist fell in love with Thompson the military officer.

Like many military spouses, she put on hold her desire to impact the world. But because revealing their relationship would destroy Thompson’s career, Brass had to become invisible – for her, no attending promotion ceremonies, no sitting with Thompson at her retirement celebration. Instead, she focused on finding ways to serve that wouldn’t raise suspicion, visiting people in hospice and volunteering at homeless shelters. Brass was biding her time.

Finally, Thompson retired. But instead of retreating, they could fully be themselves: out of the closet, happy and contributing. And that’s where their movie* could’ve ended - except for the 2016 upheaval that threatened everything they stood for.

As many retreated to the shadows for safety, Brass stepped forward. Emboldened by the freedom of being out, she formed the RATT Pack – Resistance Action Tuesdays and Thursdays. The initial handful of people on sidewalks quickly grew to over a hundred championing democracy. Counter-protestors showed up too: self-described “walking hate crimes” physically intimidated participants, taunting Thompson and Brass by name. Undaunted, they practiced non-violence, ignoring the not-fit-to-print insults.

As Covid swept in, they continued that work online. They added food drives, sewing masks and donating them to healthcare workers and people who couldn’t afford them. They kept reaching out to learn of needs – food, clothing, shelter, medical care – and served as a beacon for information.

Their ongoing story is one of love, commitment, and the power of individuals to make change. They show us that regardless of our circumstances, we can find a way to be bold, to do what is right. And they remind us that every act of courage and kindness, no matter how small we may think it is, ripples out and impacts the world.

“Surviving The Silence,” the film about Col. Patsy Thompson and Barbara Brass, is available on most streaming services. More information at SurvivingTheSilence.com

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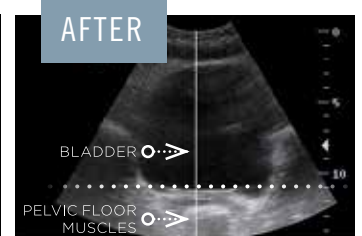
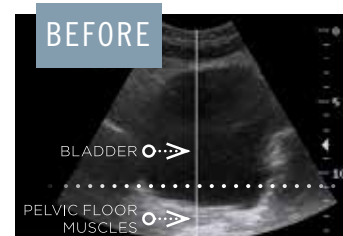
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Monkeypox Cases Continue to Grow in Sacramento

by Ted Ross

Monkeypox cases are on the rise in California, and about 40 percent are concentrated in Sacramento, according to California and Sacramento health officials. On Thursday, June 16, Sacramento's sixth and seventh probable cases were reported.

In a videoconference on June 16, Dr. Phil Peters, Medical Officer with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), said 19 cases of monkeypox had been reported in the state. The first case was reported May 24 in Sacramento by County Health Officer Dr. Olivia Kasirye. That case quickly burgeoned into five more, all among contacts of the first patient. While a total of seven Sacramento infections had been reported as of this writing, given an incubation period of up to 21 days, additional related cases might be expected.

Most cases are among gay and bisexual men said Dr. Peters. No cases had been reported among cis-gender women. He also said about 70% of patients show signs of monkeypox lesions in the genital and perianal region, suggesting a strong link to transmission during sex or very close physical contact.

While monkeypox cases are increasing significantly in the U.S., the current outbreak seems to have begun in Europe, with a known link to a pride festival in Gran Canaria (Spain). That event was held May 5 to May 15 and attended by 80,000 people from across Europe, Canada and the U.S.

Experts agree gay men are not more likely to contract monkeypox, but rather the recent infections are due to exposure at large gatherings of LGBT+ individuals. After the Gran Canaria event, infections were reported in Spain, Portugal, the U.K., Canada and the U.S. The World Health Organization (WHO) cautions against stigmatizing affected groups, saying monkeypox can infect anyone.

Infectious disease doctors say monkeypox cases during the current outbreak have been mild so far, with no known deaths. While death has occurred in a small percentage of cases in previous years, most people recover within several weeks without hospitalization.

A smallpox vaccine is available and effective against monkeypox. However, CDPH officials say it is not currently recommended for the general population. Rather, it is being used only as a "post-exposure-prophylaxis" (PEP) with close contacts who are likely to have had exposure with a monkeypox patient. "If given within four days of exposure, the vaccine is 85% effective," said Dr. Peters.

WHO's Europe director says the outbreak is "containable," but warned that festivals and large parties could accelerate spread. "We need to slow it down," said Dr. David Heymann, a professor of infectious diseases at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Slowing down the current outbreak takes awareness says Joyce Mitchell, President of Capital City AIDS Fund in Sacramento.

"Awareness is the key to prevention. Just be aware this outbreak has reached Sacramento, and in large gatherings that include unfamiliar faces, a bit of caution goes a long way," said Mitchell. Sacramento County's Health Officer agrees, and says anyone exhibiting monkeypox symptoms should contact their healthcare provider immediately.

If you experience symptoms, "take a break from bars, gyms, large gatherings and parties," said Dr. Eric Tang, Chief of the STD Control Branch of the CDPH. He also says you should ask sex partners and people you live with if they have experienced any monkeypox symptoms.

Monkeypox Symptoms

Early Signs:

**Fever
Headache
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Chills and Exhaustion**

Telltale Symptoms:

**Rash (face, hands, feet, genitals)
Rash Proceeds Through Stages
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It can take up to three weeks for monkeypox-infected individuals to develop telltale symptoms.

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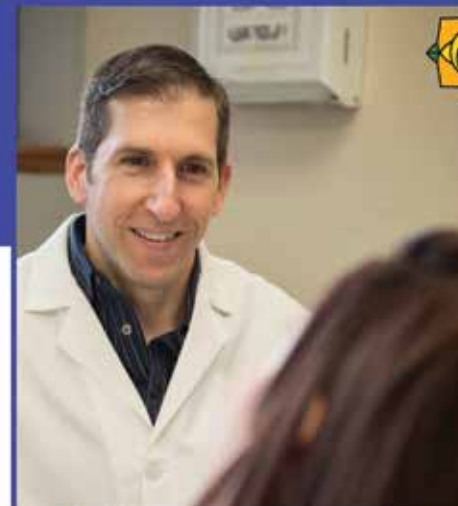
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A Different Kind of Hero by Daniel Hock

There has been no better time to be a nerd, and Tyler Selee has already been one for most of his life. He collected comics and figurines, rolled dice and cast spells, before much of nerd culture came into vogue. Along the way, he had a dream: to open his own card and game shop, a hobby space like the ones he'd been in. But so many had felt stuck in the old days of geekdom. So nearly a year ago, Selee set out to build an inclusive nerd space.



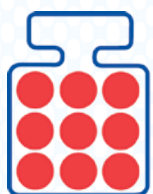
Elysium Cards and Games was built to be a paradise like its namesake, a place of rest for heroes in Grecian myth. The heroes that fill these halls are a little different, though. "I think our flags, from Pride to Black Lives Matter, let people know this is a safe space for marginalized groups," says Selee, whose goal was to create a nerd space where "everyone is welcome at the table." Flags adorn the windows; shelves are backed by pastel rainbows; and a bright and clean interior with nice seats and plenty of room signals that this is a place for every body.

Selee has worked to foster a welcoming community, and has seen the cast of regulars grow over the months. He plans an event every few months around the release of a new set of Magic: the Gathering, a popular trading card game, and themes it around the set. A recent set, "Streets of New Capenna," featured art deco looks and crime noir vibes, so the store was done up with balloons and set to a jazzy playlist—with cosplay and dress encouraged. Many came in their 1920s finest to throw down in a

duel with cardboard cards.

During this month's Pride events, Elysium is hosting a fundraising tournament for Magic: the Gathering to support the Gender Health Center, and the winner will walk away with another community piece: custom-made rainbow dice created by a local dice maker, The Artful Dicer. "It's thrilling being able to see something I've created give a player a victorious roll or a crushing defeat," he says. Between dice, bags, and even candles scented after Dungeons and Dragons settings, there's plenty on display and room for more.

At the start of the month, Tyler Selee took a call outside his store, taking a phone call with a local artist for a Pride poster, when a man started yelling at him—slurs, slamming Pride, and the like. It didn't escalate, but it was a stark reminder of why this space exists. Simply being queer is still problematic for many, but having a community that can be a safe haven helps us all to see we're not alone. elysiumcg.com



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This year the Quilt marks 35 years since the first panels were stitched together during the darkest days of the pandemic. It was a group of San Franciscans, led by Cleve Jones, Mike Smith and Gert McMullin, who gathered with friends to begin making quilt panels to remember loved ones who were dying of AIDS. This act of love and protest started a movement for action against the stigma so many faced at such a painful time in our country.

Today, the Quilt remains a powerful symbol of hope, love and activism and is a powerful teaching tool for health and social justice, with sections of its 50,000 panels traveling to hundreds of communities each year.

Learn more about the historic display at www.aidsmemorial.org/quilt35



Portion of the Quilt displayed at SF City Hall. Photo by Amy Sullivan.



Historic Photos of The AIDS Memorial Quilt. Photo courtesy: National AIDS Memorial



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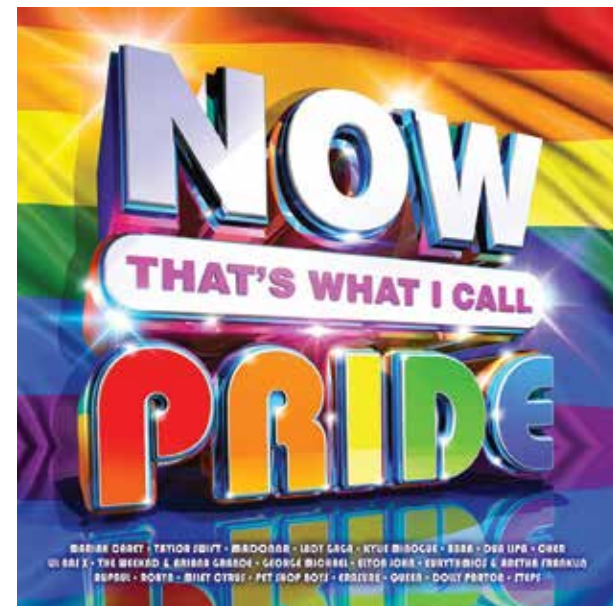
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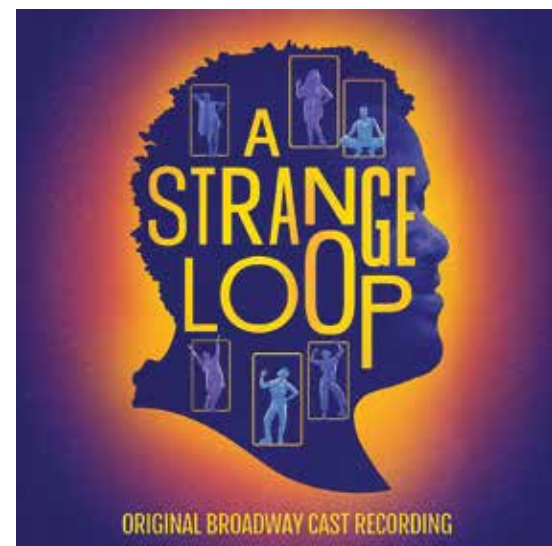
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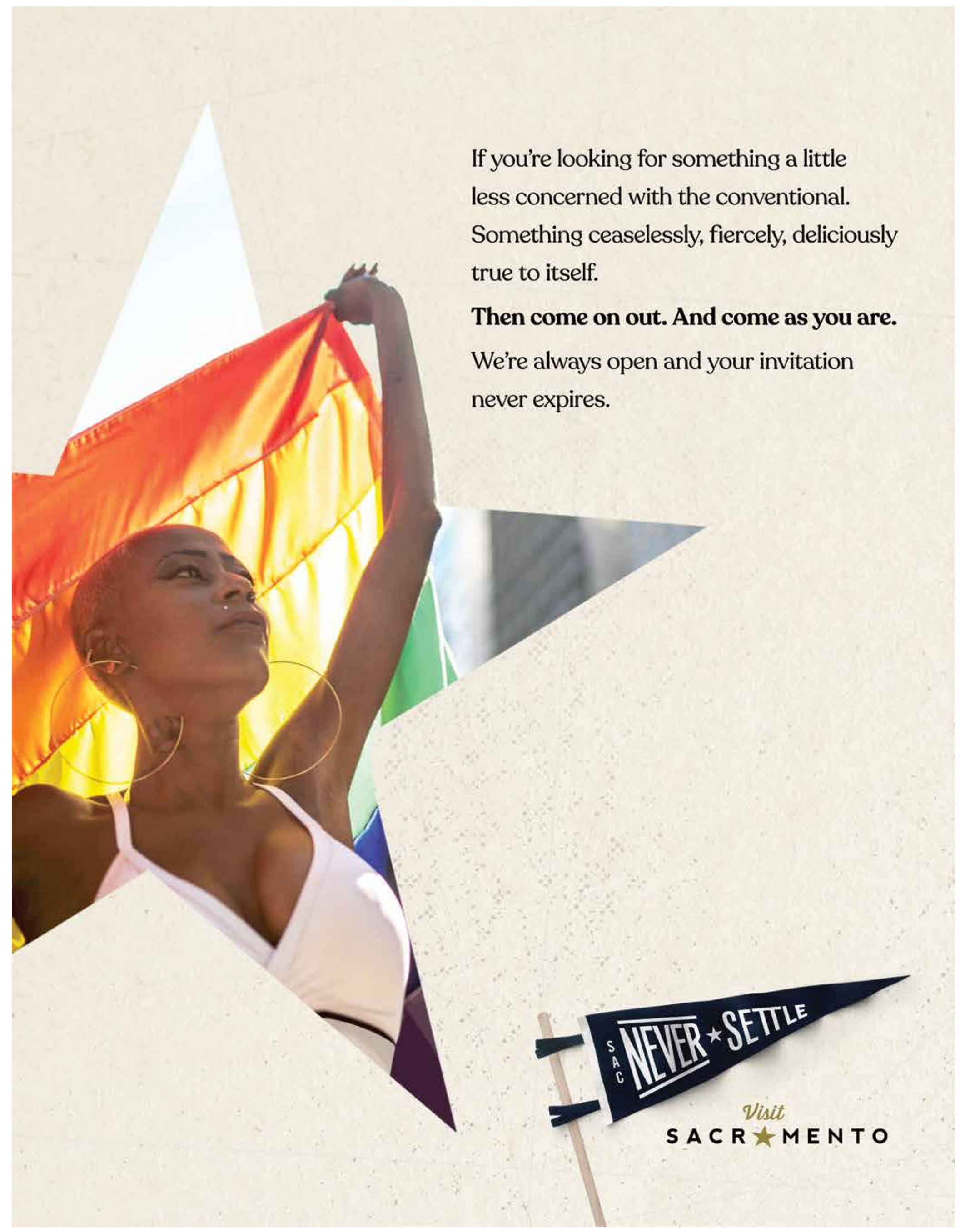


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The Cast Recording of “A Strange Loop” Comes Out *by Chris Narloch*

The Tony Awards are always queer-friendly, but this year’s winners were queerer than ever (and I mean that as a compliment). As I predicted, “Take Me Out” did indeed win the Tony for Best Revival of a Play, and in a wonderful development I did not expect, the award for Best (New) Musical went to “A Strange Loop,” Michael R. Jackson’s self-reflexive, Pulitzer Prize-winning masterwork about a Black, queer writer writing a musical about a Black, queer writer. “A Strange Loop” is currently performing at The Lyceum Theatre in New York City, and the show’s Original Broadway Cast Recording is now available from Ghostlight Records. Visit www.ghostlightrecords.com



A woman with short dark hair and large hoop earrings is shown from the chest up, holding a large rainbow flag high above her head with her right arm. She is looking upwards with a hopeful expression. The background is a light-colored wall with large, white, geometric shapes that resemble stylized triangles or sails. The lighting is bright and warm, suggesting a sunny day.

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Broadway At Music Circus Presents "Carousel" *by Chris Narloch*

If you needed any proof that live theater is back in full force, the recent Tony Awards did the trick. Ariana DeBose nailed it as host, and there were several show-stopping, live performances during a telecast that honored one of the most eclectic, inclusive, and incredible Broadway seasons ever.



Closer to home, Sacramento theater is also alive and well, as evidenced by Broadway at Music Circus's spectacular, season opening production of "Kinky Boots," which will be followed by their presentation of the Rodgers & Hammerstein classic "Carousel."

One of my favorite "dark" musicals, "Carousel" deals with subject matter rarely tackled on the Broadway stage, including domestic abuse, alcoholism, and death. Despite the heaviness, the love story in "Carousel" is so moving, and the score is so lovely that you feel transported rather than bummed out.

I have no doubt that the Music Circus production will hit it out of the park, and I am especially looking forward to hearing two of my favorite theater songs ever written, live on stage: "If I Loved You" and "You'll Never Walk Alone."

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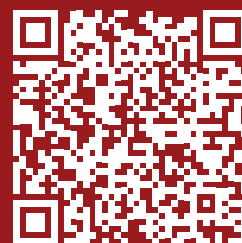
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-Time Out New York

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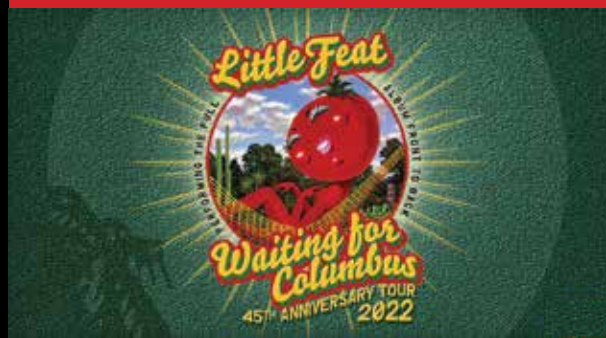
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Dinosaurs & Elvis at the Movies Plus, Emma Thompson Gets Laid

by Chris Narloch

Summer has officially begun, as of June 21st, but the summer movie season has been in full force for weeks, with Tom Cruise, Elvis Presley, and other Velociraptors thundering across theater screens. Read on for reviews of four new films, two of which (“Elvis” and the latest “Jurassic” movie) are currently available only in theaters.



Elvis

A star is born with the arrival of Baz Luhrmann’s big-budget biopic about Elvis Presley, and that star’s name is Austin Butler, a 30-year-old actor from California who channels the late, great singer’s voice and moves with astonishing accuracy.

A former child actor, Butler isn’t a dead ringer for Presley, but he has the early Elvis’s baby faced, pretty-boy looks, and he has obviously studied Presley’s sexy swagger very closely.

Tom Hanks plays Elvis’s manipulative, dishonest manager, Colonel Tom Parker, and it’s interesting to see the star play a bad guy for a change, with tons of prosthetic makeup to make him look old and fat. (The movie supports the commonly held opinion that Parker made Elvis famous and then destroyed him.)

Luhrmann (“The Great Gatsby,” “Moulin Rouge”) is the perfect person to tackle the life of a flashy performer like Elvis since his directorial style has always been – like Presley – totally over-the-top.

We know how this story ends, but thanks to Luhrmann and Butler, the far-too-early death of Elvis at only 42 still stings because they have humanized an enigmatic superstar and allowed us to see him as a real person.



Jurassic World: Dominion

I hate to kick a movie when it’s down, so I’ll just say that I agree with most critics that this popular Dino-franchise is facing extinction after this dopey dud, which was doomed from the start thanks to a lousy script that insults movie fans with a lame storyline involving evil agribusiness and enormous locusts.

On the plus side, cutie-pie Chris Pratt returns as “The Dinosaur Whisperer,” and the new movie also brings back some of the terrific cast members from the Spielberg “Jurassic” films, including Laura Dern, Sam Neill, and Jeff Goldblum. Too bad Spielberg wasn’t in charge this time out. He is sorely missed.

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Mother Nature smiled on Davis Pride this year with perfect, but warm weather. The grassy area where the festival was held was cool and inviting, and there were plenty of shady spots as well. All in all, it was a super fun event with great entertainment!



Movies

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Good Luck to You, Leo Grande

I will watch anything with Emma Thompson in it, and the British actress has her gutsiest role yet in this sexy film about a frustrated, middle-aged widow who hires a male escort after a lifetime of boring sex. Thompson is emotionally and physically naked in the movie.

The escort goes by the name Leo Grande, and the pair spend most of their time together in a hotel room talking and developing an increasingly personal connection in between sex.

Thompson and Daryl McCormack, who plays the handsome sex worker, are both excellent, and the film is funny, moving, and mostly realistic, thanks to its female screenwriter and female director.

"Good Luck to You, Leo Grande" is currently streaming on Hulu.



A Sexplanation

This engaging documentary was made by a queer writer/director named Alex Liu, who hopes to find out during filming on the movie why he still feels shame, in his 30s, around masturbation and other forms of sex.

Through honest conversations with scientists, educators, and even his conservative Asian parents, Liu tries to uncover some naked truths that will get him to a healthier, sexier future.

"A Sexplanation" is now available via Digital Download on iTunes on GooglePlay.

Ryan Gosling & Margot Robbie Play Malibu Barbie & Ken *by Chris Narloch*



If this recently released photo of a hunky Ryan Gosling as Malibu Ken, complete with orange spray tan and platinum blonde hair, isn't the gayest thing ever then I need to surrender my queer card. Here's the real shocker, however – Sacramento's own Greta Gerwig ("Lady Bird," "Little Women") is directing the movie, which stars Margot Robbie as Barbie and isn't scheduled to be released until summer of 2023. I'm sure that Mattel, the toy giant behind the Warner Bros. movie, wouldn't actually allow Gerwig to "out" Ken, but we can dream. You gotta love the faded denim and the "Calvin Clone" underwear too!

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A Trio of Terrific Titles On DVD

by Chris Narloch

If you missed any of these movies when they were in theaters recently, do not miss them now that they are available for home viewing. Better yet, buy them on DVD so that you can watch the special features and enjoy repeat viewings.

Everything Everywhere All at Once

My favorite film of this year (so far) will come home July 5th, and movie fans who missed it on the big screen can see what all the fuss is about. Two fearless actresses, Michelle Yeoh and Jamie Lee Curtis, are superb in this wildly original, almost indescribable story of a stressed-to-the-max owner of a failing laundromat who is being audited by the IRS. She is also trying to save her relationships with her husband and daughter, and the combined pressure causes her to escape reality by disappearing into alternate universes where she exists as different versions of herself. Descriptions like “visionary” and “surreal” get thrown around too easily these days, but they actually apply to “Everything Everywhere All at Once.”



The Unbearable Weight of Massive Talent

This film underperformed at the box office recently, probably because Nicolas Cage has made so many bizarre films over the last couple decades that audiences may have been hesitant to give the actor another chance.

Hopefully, many more people will check the movie out now that it is available for purchase. Cage plays a satirical version of himself in the film, and Pedro Pascal is the mob-adjacent superfan with whom he develops a non-sexual bromance. Truly unique action-comedy movies are rare nowadays, but I can recommend “The Unbearable Weight of Massive Talent” as exactly that.

After Yang

This intriguing sci-fi drama never made it to Sacramento at all, but it's better than many of the films that do get released here theatrically. An outstanding Colin Farrell stars as the father of a little girl whose beloved android companion – named Yang – breaks down. Dad makes it his mission to find a way to repair the robot and, in the process, repairs his relationship with his wife and daughter. Written and directed by Kogonada, a South Korean filmmaker, “After Yang” is a deeply moving meditation on the human condition and the importance of family.

Drag Queen Bingo Applications Open

After almost 2 years of having paused Drag Queen Bingo Beneficiary applications due to the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that we are, once again, receiving applications from Sacramento non-profit and charity organizations.



To qualify for the selection process, beneficiaries must be 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations in the Sacramento region. Applications are open through October 1st.

The Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce is committed to supporting our LGBTQ+ and allies' community since its inception in August of 2009. Once referred to as a force in the fundraising world by the SacMagazine, Sacramento Drag Queen Bingo has raised over \$320,000 for local non-profits including WEAVE, Albee Aware Breast Cancer Foundation, Gender Health Center, NorCal AIDS Cycle, Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus, Sacramento LGBT Community Center and MORE. The DQB Selection Committee reserves the right to seek additional information prior to approval of applications.

Although we believe all applicants are deserving, the Drag Queen Bingo Committee uses a point system to make a selection as we receive numerous applications, and we must choose only 1 charity.

DQB takes place the first Thursday of every month at Mango's Sacramento located in the Lavender Heights in K St.

We invite your non-profit organization to apply to be a beneficiary and the Sacramento community to come enjoy a good laugh with our unmatched Do Me Moore extraordinaire while supporting a good cause.



Out & About

Pride Weekend Happy Hour Pics!

by Ron Tackitt

There is no better way to start off a weekend, especially Sac Pride weekend, than with good friends, air conditioning and a lovely cocktail in hand. Thanks to Broadway Sacramento for their ever-so-generous gift bags filled with show tickets, a gift card and more! Also, a huge Thank You to Badlands for hosting (as always) and for cranking the A/C on that very hot Friday!



“Only Murders in the Building” Returns



After years of silly sitcoms, there has been a renaissance in small-screen comedy over the last several years resulting in fabulously funny fare such as “Hacks,” “Ted Lasso,” “Schitt’s Creek,” and “Grace and Frankie.” You can add “Only Murders in the Building” to that list, and the show’s second season returns this June 28th with two new episodes. I would never have thought to put Selena Gomez together with Steve Martin and Martin Short, but the casting really works, with Gomez’s husky voice and deadpan comic delivery bouncing off the wacky hijinks of Martin and Short. In Season Two, the trio of amateur sleuths need to solve last season’s murder of Bunny because their New York neighbors all think they did it.

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Out & About

Sac Pride Pics!

The scorching heat didn't dissuade folks from coming out on both Saturday and Sunday to show their Pride! The parade on Sunday was a huge hit as well. Thanks to everyone that entered an image or two showing how much fun they were having down on Capitol Mall.



Three Terrific New Titles at Tower

by Chris Narloch

Sacramento's historic Tower Theatre continues to program foreign films and indie flicks year-round, for those of us who sometimes tire of all the sequels and superhero cinema clogging mainstream movie theaters. Read on for details about three new titles at Tower.



The Phantom of the Open

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Two great British actors, Mark Rylance and Sally Hawkins, portray Maurice and Jean Flitcroft in this true story about an optimistic family man from Barrow-in-Furness who, with the support of his family and friends, managed to gain entry to the 1976 British Open, despite having never played a round of golf before.

Rylance is perfect as a determined dreamer who never gives up, and Hawkins plays his steadfast wife. There's also a fun little sub-plot about the hero's twin teenaged sons, who were world-class, professional disco dancers during the late '70s. "The Phantom of the Open" is the kind of sweet little sleeper that the British do so well.



Cha Cha Real Smooth

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Dakota Johnson, the daughter of Melanie Griffith and Don Johnson, has been building an impressive movie career post-"Fifty Shades," appearing in some terrific indie flicks like "The Peanut Butter Falcon" and "The Lost Daughter." She costars in this lovely dramedy from writer-director Cooper Raiff, who also stars as a 22-year-old who is back at home with his family in New Jersey and feeling stuck.

Yet if there's one thing that belongs on the young man's nonexistent résumé, it's how to get a party started, which lands him the perfect job of motivational dancing at the bar and bat mitzvahs for his younger brother's classmates. "Cha Cha Real Smooth" is a sweet and funny tale of unconventional love that brims with emotional honesty.

Official Competition

I was unable to preview this film before our deadline, but it is getting great reviews already. The movie reteams Antonio Banderas and Penelope Cruz, as, respectively, a billionaire businessman in search of social prestige and the famous filmmaker he hires to direct a unique, groundbreaking film.

What could go wrong? Two adversarial stars with enormous egos – that's what could go wrong. Through a series of increasingly hilarious tests set by their director, the legendary pair of actors must confront not only each other, but also their own legacies.

"Official Competition" opens July 1st at Tower. For more information about all three movies, visit: www.angelikafilmcenter.com/tower

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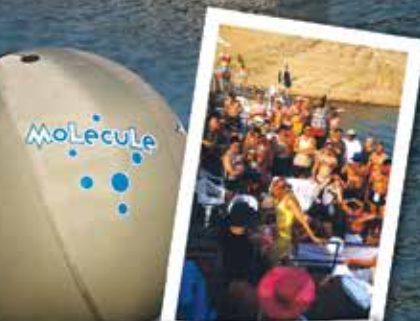
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by Elizabeth Dean

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TomboyX 4.5" Trunks

Be loud and proud this summer with TomboyX's large array of colorful, attractive swim briefs. They even have a pair of pride-themed briefs, in case you didn't want to leave anyone questioning at the pool. \$25 | tomboyx.com

Chromat Strata Suit

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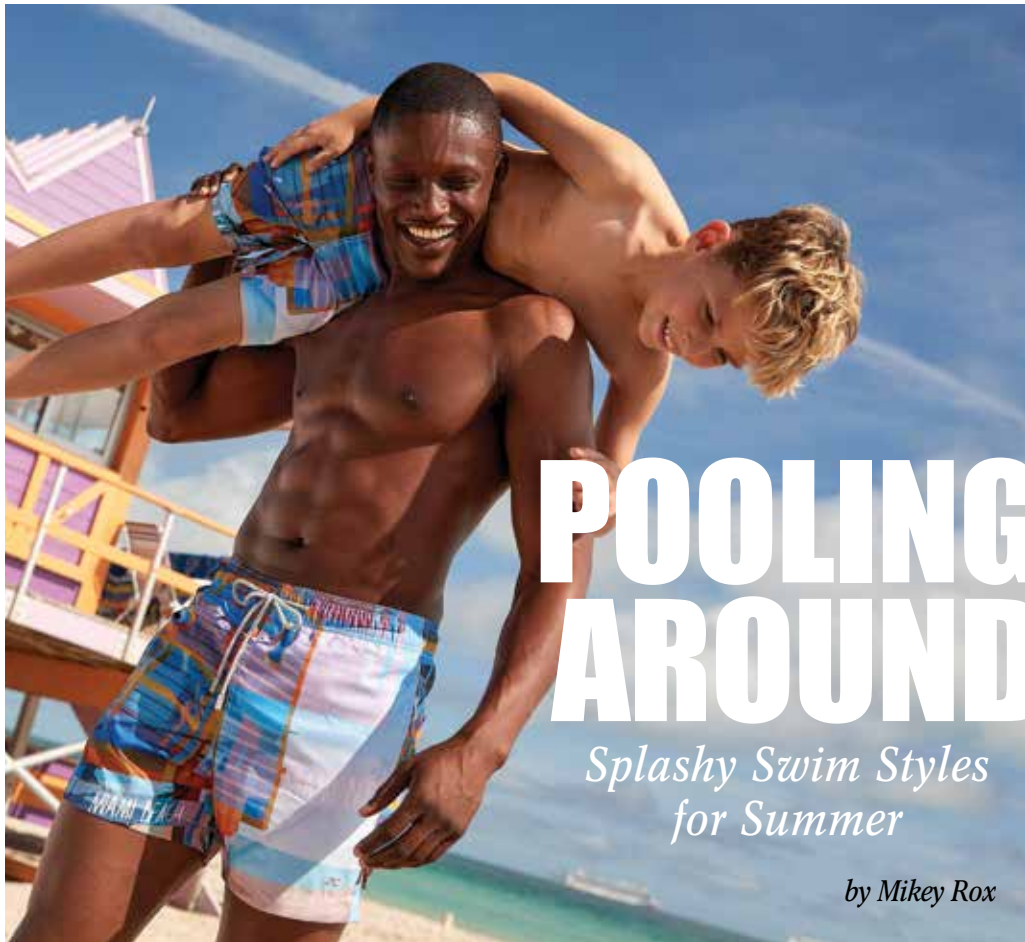
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POOLING AROUND

*Splashy Swim Styles
for Summer*

by Mikey Rox

Slap some style where the sun don't shine – if clothing is mandatory, that is – in our broad spectrum swim picks gunning for a dive in the deep end.

Vast Artist Volley

Ready for a Donna summer? Legendary graphic artist CJ Dunn draws inspiration from the burnt-orange '70s on Vast's all-over logo-print volley shorts with max-comfort drawcord waistband for your work-in-progress beach bod. \$40 | vastlife.com



Sluggers Cottesloe Sunset Briefs

[Pictured R] Gather the boys and breathe new life into Brooks & Dunn's "Neon Moon" with a synchronized swim of the TikTok trend in a group set of Sluggers' when-the-sun-goes-down budgie smugglers. \$53 | sluggers.com.au

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My Gay Mom and Dad

by John Daniel

In the 80's, I visited my first gay bar. A gargantuan drag queen named "Tammy" was the only person audacious enough to talk to me, not that I deserved the attention. Like many newbies, I thought I was God's gift: I didn't move or smile, and I was loath to make eye contact with anyone. Along comes Tammy: she stops, turns, pins me against the wall and says, "Honey, a smile is a frown upside—" and before I could get away, she'd inserted two fingers into my mouth and had forced my lips into a smile! As I stood there in shock, Tammy waved her friend over—locally known as "Dee"—and I spent the rest of the evening reluctantly sharing drinks with the two drag queens. I was a broken man.

Slowly but surely, Tammy became my gay mom. She'd prepare wonderful dinners, but I wasn't allowed to dig in unless I could recite a bit of poetry from memory. (Tammy was an English teacher by day.) Every week I'd regale her with my latest tales of conquest and heartbreak and every week she'd counter with a line from a poem, aptly chosen to accentuate my conquests

notice that Daddy was hirsute: lusty brigades of curly black hair had managed to conquer every territory south of his Adam's apple.

"Ride of the Valkyries" was playing on his boombox, though I didn't know the music's actual title at the time. "Who wrote this?" I asked in a desperate attempt to head-off the inevitable. (His foot was slowly working its

In the end, my ploy worked. Nothing happened.

or—more typically—to heal my broken heart.

I remember her favorite line of all time: "Es tan corto el amor, y es tan largo el olvido." I can't believe I still remember that line—in Spanish no less—but I do: "Love is so short, and forgetting so long." Tammy had given me my first taste of Pablo Neruda. He seemed like a pretty cool guy and all, but I wasn't really into poetry at the time. To me, a poem was nothing more than a bunch of humiliated words decked-out in wigs and Taffeta.

One night Tammy announced that she had found the perfect man for me: a gentleman by the name of "Daddy Eagle." She went so far as to set us up on a blind date. Daddy Eagle was so not my type. He was weather-beaten and tatted, and his physique was absurdly over-developed, for my tastes, anyway. After our first night out on the town, (which was admittedly kind of fun in a scary way), I followed the man home to take a dip in his hot tub and sip what turned out to be my first beer. As we stripped off our clothes and descended into the steamy waters, I couldn't help but

way up my shin under the bubbles.) "Well, Richard Wagner of course," Daddy replied. "Surely you remember the 'Kill the Wabbit Cartoon'?"

In the end, my ploy worked. Nothing happened. We towed off and spent the rest of the evening listening to Wagner. Fierce women on winged horses seemed to hover in the air above us that night. I loved the music, but the singing was in a language I didn't yet understand. Daddy got misty-eyed as he explained that the heroine had chosen to strike out on a path of her own and in a tragic turn of events, she was put to sleep for a very long time.

Indeed, Tammy and Daddy sleep now as well: they succumbed to the HIV virus years ago. I miss my unlikely friends, and I owe them so much: they kindly opened their homes to me and patiently offered LGBTQ-oriented relationship advice at just about any time of the day or night I requested it, often frantically. They taught me the kind of life lessons that my straight parents couldn't.

Es tan corto el amor, y es tan largo el olvido.

A survey by Bespoke Surgical asked over 3,000 Americans what turns them on in 2022. Here's what they found:

69% of straight men prefer giving, while 56% of straight women prefer receiving. The sexual act that turns on gay or lesbian respondents the most is blow jobs (fellatio)/eating out (cunnilingus) (35.5%), while the majority of heterosexual respondents say doggy style gets them going (32.1%).

54% of straight men are turned on by sexual pick up lines

55% of respondents have received a nude photo that they didn't ask for or want

Over half (55%) of Gen Z prefer being pleased, while 60% of Baby Boomers prefer doing the pleasuring

You can find the full survey, and even see on a state-by-state basis which pick up lines Americans say turn them on visit:

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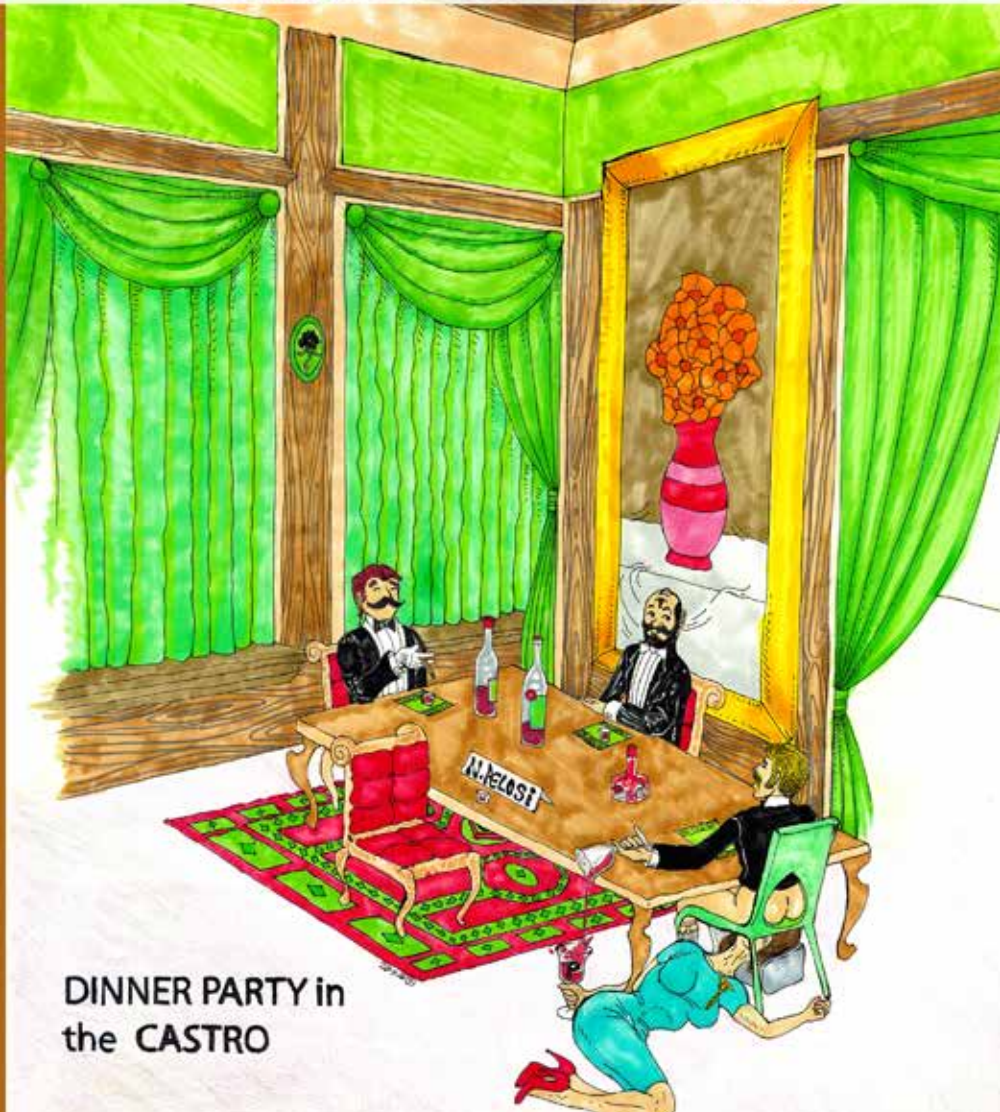
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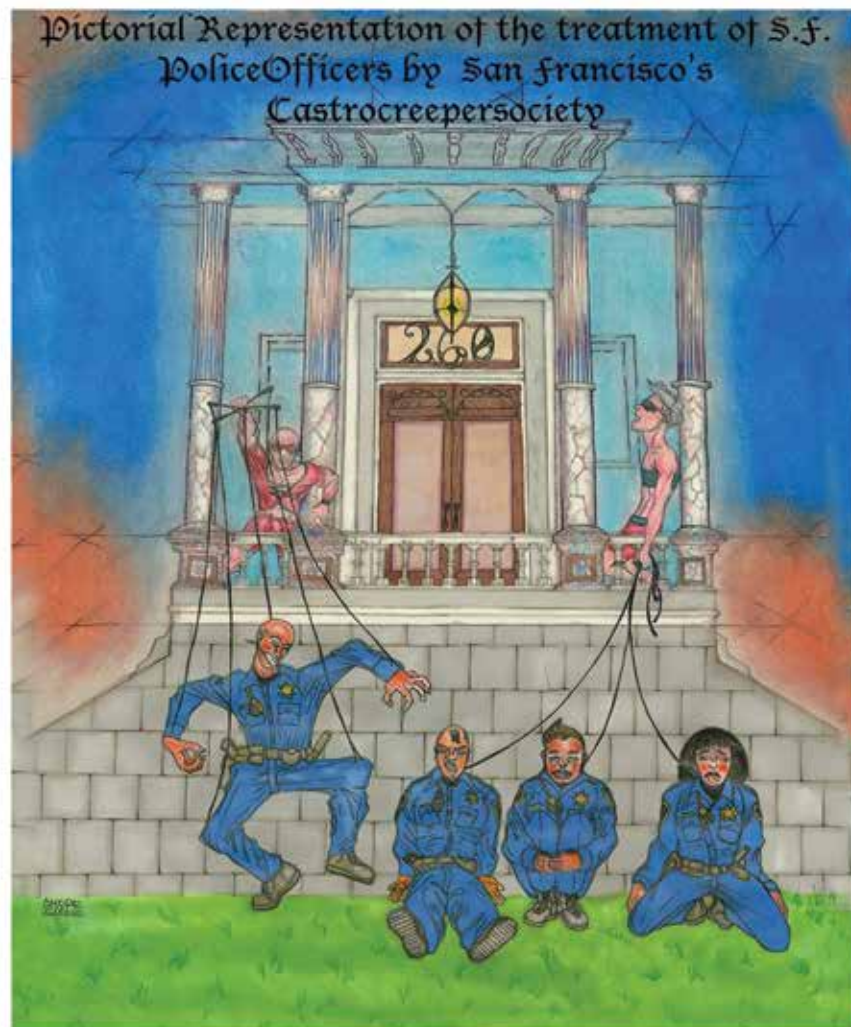
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Out & About *with Matt Burlingame*

There is a not so kind saying that goes, “May you live in interesting times.” Most of us in the LGBTQ community, especially those of us who are older, were born into “interesting times,” aka a struggle for basic human rights, marriage equality, the end of HIV, and the rise and fall of Ellen. While we still stumble and struggle through those issues, other concerns have been piled on our shoulders—our schools facing continuous gun violence, a giant grifter trying to overthrow the presidency, and unrelenting attacks on our trans community—the interesting times just keep on coming! Thankfully we have some ideas for more fun and interesting times below!

Try your luck at Drag Queen Bingo on July 7 at 7 p.m. for a night of fun hosted by the fabulous DoMe Moore at Mango's on K street! Proceeds for this event will benefit the LGBT Community Center. Rainbowchamber.com



National HIV Testing Day is June 27 and this year's theme is “HIV Testing is Self-care.” Knowing your status gives you powerful information to help stay healthy. There are more HIV testing options than ever before. Choose a test and choose to take care of you while we all stop HIV together.

Some of us homebodies still manage to make it to the “it” scene gatherings and one of those is the Outword Monthly Happy Hour at Badlands! Make sure you're there Fri., July 8 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. at Badlands Sacramento, 2003 K St. Come join us for our Monthly Happy Hour at Badlands, it's sure to be a good time, and almost always a chance to win some super fun prizes!



They all float down here! Well, at the Annual Boys & Bears River Float anyway. Boys and Bears Lazy River Float organizers are inflating their floaters in anticipation for Sat., July 16 at Steelhead Beach Regional Park for a 5 hour float down the Russian River! The start point will be Steelhead Beach 9000 River Rd., Forestville, CA. Bring your Best Inflatables, Sunblock, hats, and water shoes, snacks and lots of water to stay hydrated! Look up further details on Facebook.

It's a big gay wine weekend in Wine Country! After 2 years away the Out In The Vineyard springs back to life July 15-17 with a Twilight T-Dance & VIP Reception, Friday and Saturday After Parties, a Drag Queen Recovery Brunch & Auction, and Sunday Pool Soiree. Tickets are selling quickly and hotels are selling out, so don't procrastinate! Outinthevineyard.com

Taco & Margarita Festival on Sat., June 25 sounds like an amazing time! The event is interestingly being held in Heart Health Park, 1600 Exposition Blvd. Explore a world of tacos in every variety available from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. There will be live music, pro wrestling, food trucks, restaurant pop-ups and a custom margarita menu!

The Fiesta De Frida by the Latino Center of Art & Culture is going to be off the hook! On Sat., June 25 at 2700 Front St. the Fiesta de Frida will honor the legendary Mexican artist Frida Kahlo and celebrate not only her artwork but her continued influence questioning colonialism, patriarchy, gender and the connection to indigenous culture. And to top it all off will be a Frida costume contest! Thelatinocenter.org

“Pride, But Make It Queer! A Market” will be hosting their first outdoor market at 9580 Micron Ave., Sat., June 25, from 12 - 6 p.m. the event will include food, drinks and mocktails along with over 100 art, clothing, jewelry, plant and craft vendors who are a part of the queer, trans, disabled, femme, and BIPOC communities. Put rainbow capitalism to good use! Banes.co

Congratulations to the “Eclectic? Trash?” book group getting back to in person meetings. The group has been an iconic staple in the Sacramento LGBTQ community for decades. They will be discussing the book *The Power of the Dog* by Thomas Savage. Hopefully the book is better than the movie. (Oh, yes she did!)

Events? Announcements? Birthdays? Anniversaries? Send them to me at: matthew.burlingame@gmail.com.

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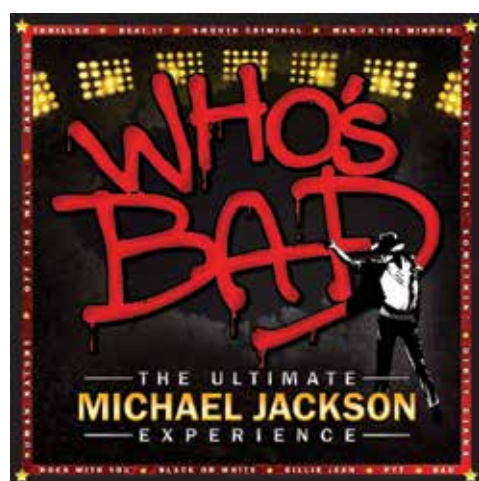
Fresno Pride Pics! *photos by Greg King*

A lot of fun was had by parade viewers and the crew of the Splash! float. It certainly looks like a colorful, fun, festive time. Happy Pride Fresno!



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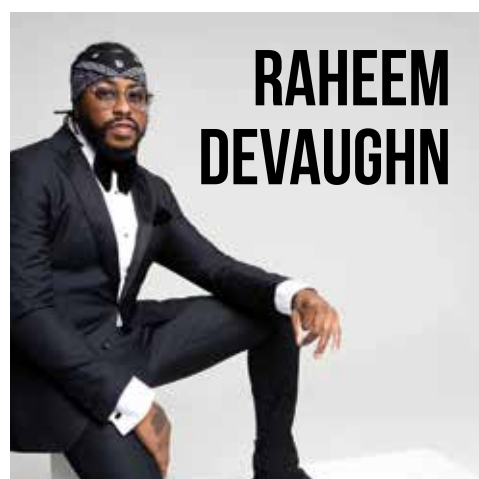
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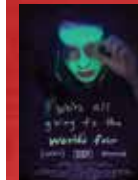
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