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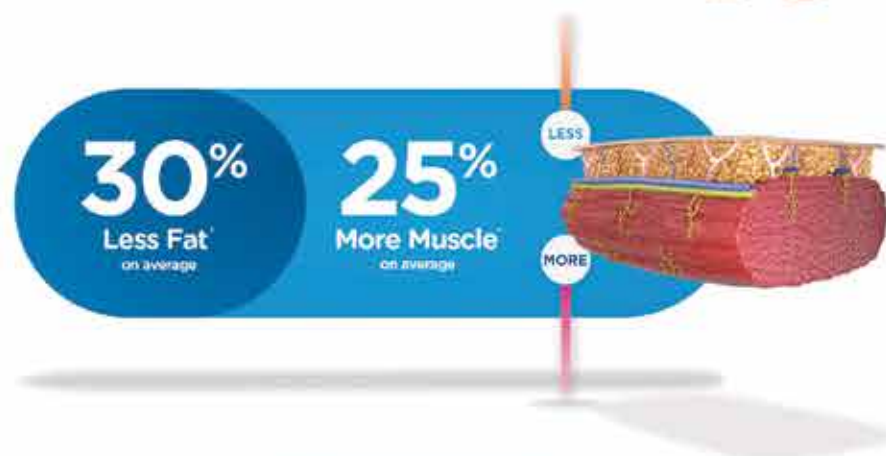
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Sacramento Monkeypox Cases Triple in Seven Days by Ted Ross

An alarming development unfolds with a new round of monkeypox infections hitting Sacramento, tripling the total cases in the region. In a one-week period, another 19 people have contracted the virus. That brings the total number of cases to 27, as of this writing. Given an incubation period of up to 3 weeks, more are expected.

Monkeypox was first reported in Sacramento on May 24. Since then, infections have steadily climbed in the region and spiked in major cities throughout the state. California is now reporting more than 435 cases statewide.

According to Dr. Phil Peters, Medical Officer with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), nearly all cases are among gay and bisexual men. He also said patients are showing 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 is increasing significantly in the U.S., the current outbreak seems to have begun in Europe, with known links to several pride festivals and parties. Following that pattern, spikes in California have been closely associated with large dance parties surrounding pride events in June.

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. The World Health Organization (WHO) cautions against stigmatizing affected groups, saying monkeypox can infect anyone.

Still, the current outbreak is primarily among gay and bisexual men and many in the LGBT+ community are growing impatient with slow government response. On July 14, AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF), the largest global AIDS organization, held a press conference in Los Angeles where they called out all levels of government for "failing gay men on monkeypox." On July 19, other LGBT+ health advocates, including Equality California, LA LGBT Center and SF AIDS Foundation, added their collective voices. In a joint statement they demanded "the implementation of a more robust federal response" to the monkeypox outbreak.

In addition to LGBT+ organizations, individuals are speaking up. Not wishing to see a repeat of the abysmal response to AIDS in the early 1980's, Matt Ford, one of

Let's talk
MONKEYPOX

Monkeypox is on the rise in California. This disease is commonly spread through touching, kissing, and sex and is especially impacting gay, bisexual, trans, and other men who have sex with men.

KNOW THE SYMPTOMS*

Rashes, sores, bumps, or blisters that appear on your genitals or other parts of your body, fever, headaches, muscle aches, and swollen lymph nodes.

STAY SAFE

Before close contact with others, check to see that you and your partner/s are free from unusual sores or rashes.

IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS

If you have symptoms, take a break from seeing others, wear a mask, cover sores/rashes, and call a health care provider or local clinic about testing and treatment.

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*Symptoms can start 5-21 days after being exposed

the first monkeypox patients in California took to social media. "This shit sucks and you don't want it," exclaimed Ford. In a TikTok video, the 30-year-old gay man showed some of his pox lesions, which he said were extremely painful. "And those are just a few of the ones on my body," said Ford. "There are some in more sensitive areas which also tend to be the most painful."

"If you can get that vaccine, go get it," advised Ford. "In the mean time, I'm urging you to please be careful, be safe, be cautious of prolonged skin-to-skin contact with someone who might have it" The smallpox

vaccine, Jynneos is effective against monkeypox, but it is in short supply, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The New York Times reports the U.S. has ordered nearly seven million doses in total, but most of them will not arrive for months.

While many health experts predicted monkeypox was "containable" when the current outbreak began in mid-May, the rapid explosion of cases along with a shortage of vaccine, means at present, prevention methods are critical. "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 it is likely spreading in large cities you may be visiting during the summer vacation months," said Mitchell.

"The CDC recommends people avoid intimate contact with individuals who have a rash that looks like monkeypox and consider minimizing sex with multiple or anonymous partners" says Mitchell. The CDC also suggests people consider avoiding sex parties or other events where people aren't wearing a lot of clothing.

Matt Ford agrees that awareness is key, saying: "It's become clear to me since I got it that it's spreading quickly." He says that's why he is speaking out on social media. "A lot of times, I think silence is the enemy," said Ford.

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 to ask sex partners and people you live with if they have experienced any monkeypox symptoms. Finally, Tang urges anyone exhibiting tell-tale monkeypox symptoms to contact their healthcare provider immediately.

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PFLAG Sacramento is Proudly Celebrating its 40th Anniversary This Year! Please Join at the Anniversary Reception

Founded in 1982 by the Rev. Merrill and Mrs. Muriel Follansbee and Jean Hansen, PFLAG Sacramento has been providing peer-to-peer support, publications, toolkits, and other resources to ensure that the family members and allies of people who are LGBTQ+ get the love and support they need in the way that best serves their needs. This allows families to then further support, affirm, and advocate on behalf of their LGBTQ+ loved ones, strengthening families and communities.

On August 17, 2022, PFLAG Sacramento will hold a special cocktail & hors d'oeuvres reception at the Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., from 6-8 p.m. With a theme of 40 Years Strong, the celebration will include music by the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus, former State Assemblyman Dennis Mangers as Master of Ceremonies, special guests, local dignitaries and more. More information on the event can be found on PFLAG Sacramento's website at <https://www.pflagsacramento.org/event>.

Many a parent or grandparent had nowhere to turn or know what to do when their child came out, but thanks to PFLAG Sacramento, they were able to have an honest discussion and provide unconditional love and support for their loved one, thus paving the way for other family members to practice acceptance and inclusion. The organization touches lives through monthly support group meetings, advocacy efforts,

educational outreach events, speaker panels, and many PRIDE events, as well as funding scholarships to LGBTQ+ students seeking higher education. The 2022 Follansbee-Hansen scholarship will be awarded at their 40th Anniversary celebration this year.

Since the chapter's inception, the political and social landscape has improved for LGBTQ+ youth, family members, co-workers, neighbors, and friends, many times due to the work accomplished through PFLAG and its allies. But there is still much work to be done to secure equal civil rights and provide recognition for LGBTQ+ contributions to the entire community. Bullying in schools, LGBTQ+ youth suicide, and discrimination in housing and employment are just a few distressing examples of the need for continued work to accomplish its mission: building on a foundation of loving families,



united with LGBTQ+ people and allies who support one another, and educating ourselves and communities to speak up as advocates until all hearts and minds respect, value, and affirm LGBTQ+ people.

Said PFLAG Sacramento President Kay Whistler, "ANYONE can join PFLAG Sacramento, attend our monthly support group meetings, available in person or on Zoom, or join ongoing efforts to provide

education and advocacy within our shared community. EVERYONE is welcomed, loved, accepted, and valued by PFLAG Sacramento!"

For more information on upcoming events or questions on membership see PFLAG Sacramento's website at <https://www.pflagsacramento.org>, email us at contact@pflagsacramento.org, or call our Warmline number at 916-978-0410.

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Too often, people with mental illness do not receive a mental health response when experiencing a mental health crisis. Instead, people in crisis often come into contact with law enforcement rather than a mental health professional. The lack of a robust mental health crisis system leads to tragic results. People with mental illness are booked into the nation's jails around 2 million times every year. Millions more end up in emergency departments that are often ill-equipped to address mental health crises, often waiting hours or days to access care.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is committed to advancing efforts to reimagine crisis response in our country. We believe that every person in crisis, and their families, should receive a humane response that treats them with dignity and connects them to appropriate and timely care. NAMI is calling for a standard of care for crisis services in every community that includes – 24/7 call centers that answer 988 calls locally, mobile crisis teams and crisis stabilization programs – that end the revolving door of ER visits, arrests, incarceration and homelessness.

In 2020, the nation took a significant step forward with the enactment of the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act, a bill NAMI advocated for that created a nationwide three-digit number (988) to assist people experiencing a mental health or suicidal crisis. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) determined that this number would be available – by both phone and text – in July 2022, and is now available in communities across the country.

What is 988?

988 is the new three-digit dialing code connecting people to the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (now the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline) where compassionate, accessible care and support is available for anyone experiencing mental health-related distress. People can also dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.

The goal of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is to provide immediate crisis intervention and support. When someone calls 988, a trained crisis counselor will answer the phone, listen to the caller, understand how their problem is affecting them, provide support and share resources, as needed. You can reach the 988 Suicide and Crisis Line by calling 988, texting 988 or chatting via Lifeline's website: <https://988lifeline.org/chat/>

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Stonewall LGBT Democratic Club Hosts Gala Fundraiser Reception, August 24

Stonewall Democrats, an active Sacramento club for LGBT rights, has unveiled plans for a gala reception on August 24. The event, the “Four Freedoms,” will take place at the Tsakopoulos Library Galleria, at 828 I Street, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The public is cordially invited.

The reception attracts prominent Democratic attendees. This year, Mayor Darrell Steinberg will attend in person. Rosanna Herber, a Democrat incumbent running for the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) Board, will also be present. Herber is the highest-ranking openly LGBT elected official in Sacramento County.

The program usually includes video greetings from leading allies of the sexual liberation movement, such as Governor Gavin Newsom (Dem-California.)

“It’s great that COVID has receded enough that we can bring back our Four Freedoms event, and do so in person at the Tsakopoulos Gallery,” said Owen T. Jones, Stonewall’s Fundraising Chair. “We have a terrific gala reception planned with DJ Lady Char, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, and plenty of food and drink.”

The club also bestows its annual awards upon outstanding LGBT elected officials at the event. This year’s winners are: State Senator Scott Weiner (Dem-11th), and Mayor Lisa Middleton of Palm Springs.

“We call this event our ‘Four Freedoms’ reception,” said Jones. “We are borrowing the name from a famous speech delivered by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in January, 1941.”

“The ‘Four Freedoms’ is one of the most important addresses in the history of the Democratic Party,” Jones said. “As the tide was turning towards a world war that would pit the great democracies against the fascists, FDR enumerated the basic tenets of democracy: the freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want and freedom from fear.”

“We chose our award winners based on their outstanding service in the promotion of these ideals,” Jones said.

“State Senator Weiner is a champion for LGBTQ+ rights and former Chair of the state legislature’s LGBT Legislative Caucus,” Jones said. “He has introduced bills that were signed into law such as SB 145 that stops officials from putting LGBT young people on the sex offender registry, when this never

happens to similarly situated young straight people.”

“Senator Weiner also introduced SB 159,” Jones said. “This law increases access to HIV prevention medication.”

Stonewall Democrats selected Mayor Middleton for her outstanding contributions as an elected transgender official.

“Mayor Lisa Middleton is the Mayor of Palm Springs,” Jones said. “She is the third transgender person in US History to serve as Mayor of an American city, and the first transgender person to serve as Mayor in the state of California.”

“Moreover, Ms. Middleton is the first transgender person elected to a political office in the state of California,” Jones said.

“It’s a real treat to have them with us on August 24,” Jones said.

The Stonewall Democrats is an all-volunteer organization. Founded in the early 2000s, it currently has over 350 members.

“The mission of the Stonewall Democratic Club of Greater Sacramento is to support LGBTQ+ rights,” said President Mario Guerrero. “We do this by supporting LGBTQ+ candidates and our allies seeking public office and by directly advocating for policy change.”

The club endorsed 26 candidates in the Democratic Party’s June 2022 primary.

Jaclyn Moreno, a candidate for Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, earned Stonewall’s support.

“Moreno’s candidacy in the November election is part of a major Democratic push to obtain a majority on the County Board,” said Alan LoFaso, Stonewall’s Political Action Committee (PAC) Chair.

In the newly drawn State Senate District 6 race, Stonewall endorsed Paula Villescaz.

Stonewall is also supporting Ricardo Lara, the incumbent State Insurance Commissioner. Lara has the distinction of being the first openly LGBT official elected to a statewide office.

Tickets to the Four Freedoms Reception, August 24, can be obtained by going to the Home Page of Stonewall Democrats:

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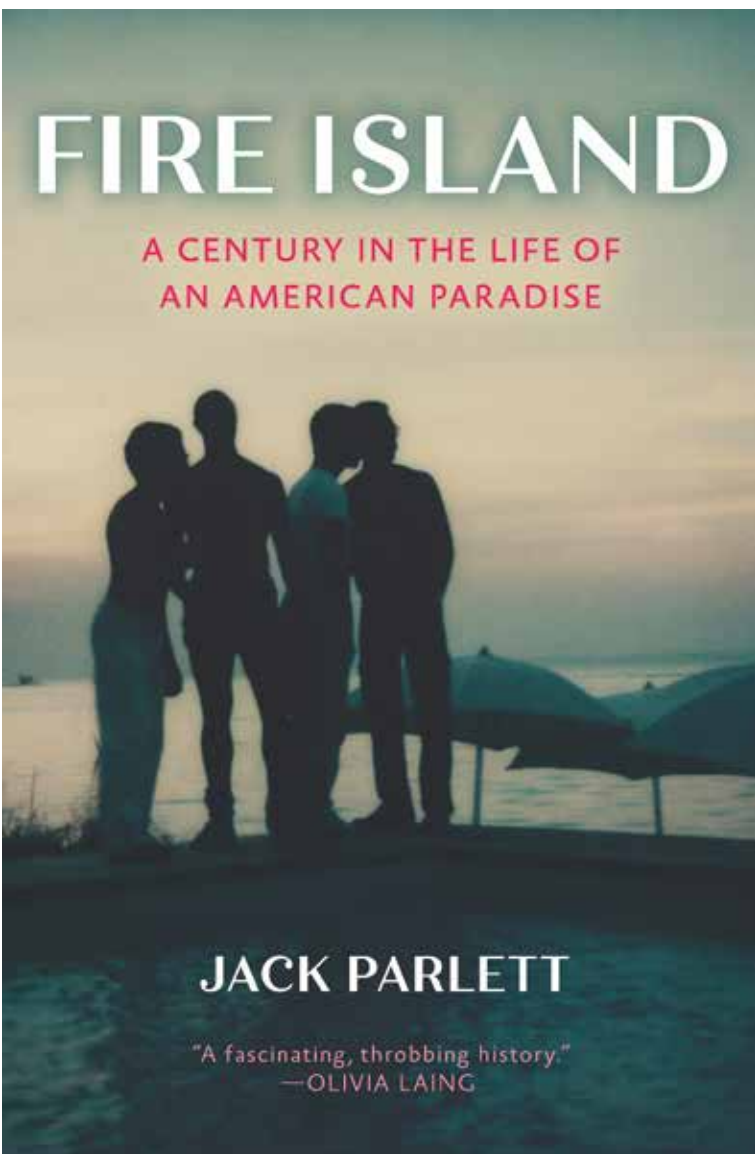
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Fire Island: A Century in the Life of an American Paradise

book review by Terri Schlichenmeyer

Ugh, it's been a week. Two hours into Monday and your brain was already screaming for something fun, something far removed from work, a get-away that lets you play. You need to dance this weekend. You need to feel the sun on your face and sand between your toes. And you may need to bring "Fire Island" by Jack Parlett with you, too.



Parlett says that Fire Island wouldn't be what it is today, were it not for a hurricane that hit the island on the afternoon of September 21, 1938. It devastated Fire Island and resulted in a real-estate bust. Cottage prices fell significantly, and vacationing there suddenly became affordable for gay New Yorkers.

Throughout the twentieth century, Fire Island became a playground for performers, thinkers, and writers such as James Baldwin and W. H. Auden. It was a source of controversy for locals who objected to nude bathing. It was a source of embarrassment for Noel Coward. It allowed everyday gay men and women to dance, drink, and party freely.

And later on, it was a place to mourn...

Considering that this is a book about a getaway destination, "Fire Island" isn't much of a vacation-y read. It's actually pretty dry, in fact, and filled with people that were once very famous but aren't exactly household names anymore. Their drama and the love triangles they struggled with are mildly interesting, in the way that you might perceive great-grandma's old Confidential magazines in the attic.

And yet - the history. Author Jack Parlett offers a lot of solid information beyond those tired scandals to further show how Fire Island came to be a gay hot-spot and why that was important. These tales envelope the rest of the island, as well as current events in America, as a whole, and the impact those outside influences had on LGBTQ life, even today.

More scholarly than not, this book also includes a fair bit of memoir for readers who are looking for something less frivolous. If you want a book for fun, though, "Fire Island" is weak.

Geographically speaking, Manhattan and Fire Island are a mere sixty miles apart.

Sixty miles - and half a world. Stretched out and very narrow but walkable, the island is home to several vacation communities. Two of them, Cherry Grove and Fire Island Pines, both located in about the middle of the island, feature prominently in LGBTQ history.

Parlett says that Native Americans sold Fire Island to White Europeans for a pittance, after which activities there were shifty and possibly illegal. By the 1820s, conversely, it was a hot vacation spot for the elite; in certain places, it was the place for finding romance, too, which Parlett says was a sign of the future. Famous men like poet Walt Whitman were big fans of Fire Island and over the next century, a then-quiet queer subculture began to grow.

Sometimes, it grew with families and children in the picture, the latter raised by nonconformists and theater people.

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2022 San Diego Pride Parade and Festival Were a Smash!

Thank you to all who came out and enjoyed the San Diego Pride Parade and Festival! This year's festivities were top-notch and the festival was a great fundraising event. Here are some of the stats, some estimated, for this year, courtesy of San Diego Pride.

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Festival beverage revenue was up 75%. For the first time ever, attendees could enjoy a drink anywhere within the festival. Previously, Pride had fenced in beer gardens. Without being corralled in one area, people were able to roam freely, take their time, stay longer, and eat more food. There was only positive feedback.

Over the course of the weekend, the five stages within the festival – Stonewall Mainstage, Mundo Latino, The Movement Hip-Hop, Euphoria, and Pan-Asian Night Market – hosted a total of 381 entertainers and 88 acts.

Pride's economic impact in San Diego is estimated at \$40M. In 2018, the Pride Economic Impact Analysis reported a total impact of \$26.6M.

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Bond, James Bond at IMAX



Somebody at the IMAX corporation deserves a raise for coming up with this idea: Sacramento's Esquire IMAX Theatre is hosting a James Bond film festival this summer, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the legendary franchise, and the six-film series will feature one movie with each actor who has portrayed James Bond over the years. The Bond bonanza kicks off with the great "Goldfinger," starring the OG James Bond, Sean Connery, and ends with the second best Bond, Daniel Craig, in "Casino Royale." Visit: www.tickmarq.com/sites/esquireimax/films

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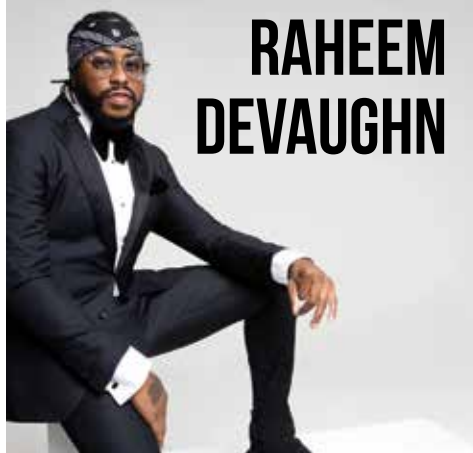
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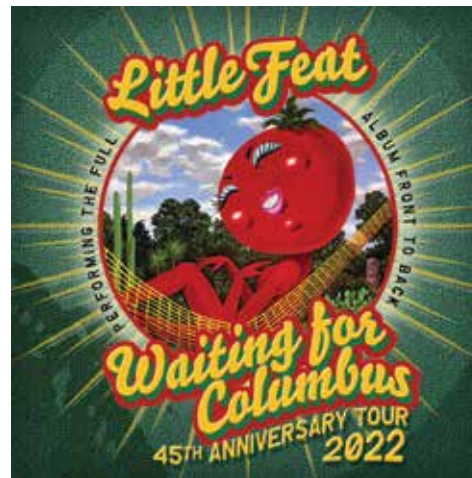


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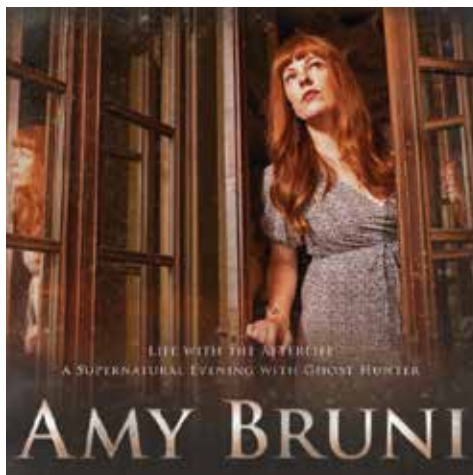
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Marcha del Orgullo celebrates 20 years

text and photos by Chris Allan

Aside from one colorful clothing ad and the outside of a popular gay club, I had not seen any signs of Pride month during my recent stay in Lima. Por supuesto, I knew that queer culture existed in this massive South American capital city of over 13 million.

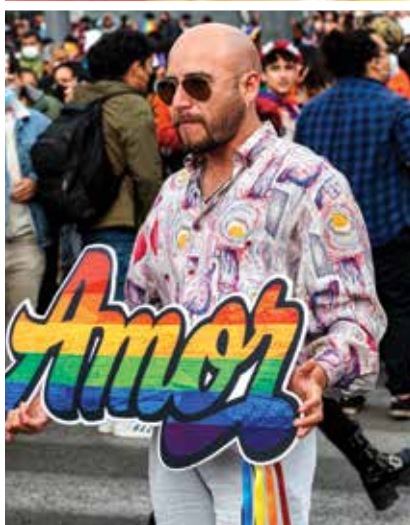
However, I had no idea that the streets of the Jesús María neighborhood would be packed as far as I could see on June 25. The Pride Collective of Lima was celebrating its 20th Anniversary, and thousands of mostly young people came to march, protest and celebrate,

for the first time in three years because of the pandemic.

Besides political statements, vendors – queer and non-queer alike – hawked everything from rainbow earrings to cotton candy, la prensa interviewed drag queens and spokespeople, and some amigos in a Pride 2022 limousine stopped for selfies.

The huge crowd marched toward the historic center at Plaza San Martín, where a large stage offered music and entertainment. Lima was one of 25 cities reportedly holding events for the LGBTQ+ community, and its celebration was reported to be the largest in many years.

Enjoy these pics from Pride in Perú!





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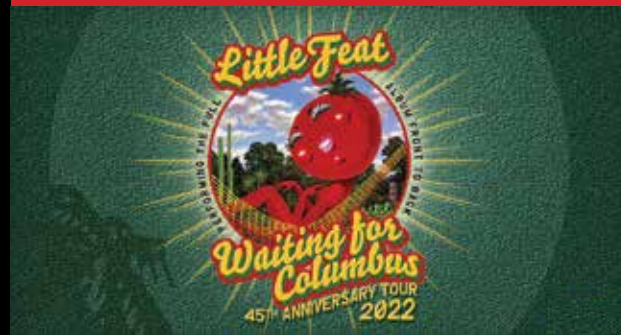


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Jordan Peele & Ron Howard Return Plus, Mrs. Harris & Marcel the Shell

by Chris Narloch

The summer movie season, which is always hit and miss, is more than half over now, but I am encouraged by the number of wonderful smaller films that have made it to the big screen recently, despite having only a fraction of the promotional push that blockbusters like “Nope” and “Thor” receive. Read on for my reviews of four new movies, including three, less hyped (but more worthwhile) titles.

Marcel the Shell with Shoes On

This incredibly clever full-length movie stars a very cute talking shell with one big eye and two shoes. The character of Marcel, a wry truth-teller voiced by the hilarious Jenny Slate, was featured previously in several short films available on YouTube that were written by Slate and Dean Fleischer Camp, who makes an impressive feature film directorial debut with “Marcel the Shell with Shoes On.” A mockumentary that combines live action with stop-motion animation, the 90-minute movie, which involves Marcel’s quest to find his missing family members, is very sweet, very funny, and very original. (This film was still playing at Sacramento’s Tower Theatre as we went to press.)

Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris

A perfect showcase for one of the finest living British actresses, this uplifting romantic comedy stars Lesley Manville (“Phantom Thread,” “Let Him Go”) as a widowed cleaning lady in 1950s London whose romantic aspirations involve her dream of owning a couture Dior dress. After raising the necessary funds, the plucky heroine of the movie’s title embarks on a Parisian adventure that will ultimately change the future of the House of Dior. (The great Isabelle Huppert costars as the haughty gatekeeper at Dior.) “Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris” is a lovely retro fantasy that slyly turns in to a feminist fantasy, and it is not to be missed. (This film was still playing at Sacramento’s Tower Theatre as we went to press.)

Thirteen Lives

This thrilling, real-life survival story, which recounts the global effort to rescue a Thai soccer team and their coach from a flooded cave during monsoon season, might just be Ron Howard’s finest directorial effort to date. Everything about the film is first-rate, from the cast and the cinematography to the script and the editing, but Howard’s masterful direction brings it all together in a way that had me perched on the edge of my seat, even though I already knew the story’s outcome. What I did not know was the fascinating but insanely risky plan that divers used to try to rescue the boys from a maze of underwater tunnels. (Colin Farrell, Viggo Mortensen, and Joel Edgerton are terrific as the British divers who came up with the plan.) Do not miss “Thirteen Lives,” which opens in theaters on July 29th for one week before launching globally on Amazon Prime Video this August 5th.

Nope

I won’t have much to say about the plot of Jordan Peele’s highly-anticipated new sci-fi horror flick, which is playing in a gazillion theaters, because I don’t like to reveal spoilers and because the script is a poorly-structured mess with little of the subversive skill that made “Get Out” – Peele’s first feature – such a winner. The cast, especially Daniel Kaluuya and Keke Palmer, is money, and Peele directs with his usual hypnotic weirdness, but after the disappointing “Us” and now this dud, I am beginning to think that Peele’s talent lies in directing more than writing and that he should probably leave the screenwriting to others. A brief flashback involving a deranged monkey is so much more effective and creepier than the main plot that I wished the movie had been about that rather than the strange skies above a Black-owned Hollywood horse ranch. I hate to pick on Peele, who has a great deal of potential as a filmmaker, but the praise and hype he received after the success of “Get Out” was excessive, and the “critics” that called him the new Alfred Hitchcock (after one movie!) need to have their heads examined. Have they ever actually seen an Alfred Hitchcock film?



Marcel the Shell with Shoes On



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“Something Rotten!” at Music Circus Plus, See “Unseen” Virtually from OSF

by Chris Narloch

Broadway Sacramento’s Music Circus has roared back onto the stage this summer, but some theaters are still offering virtual productions you can watch from the safety of your own home, even after most theaters have reopened to live audiences.

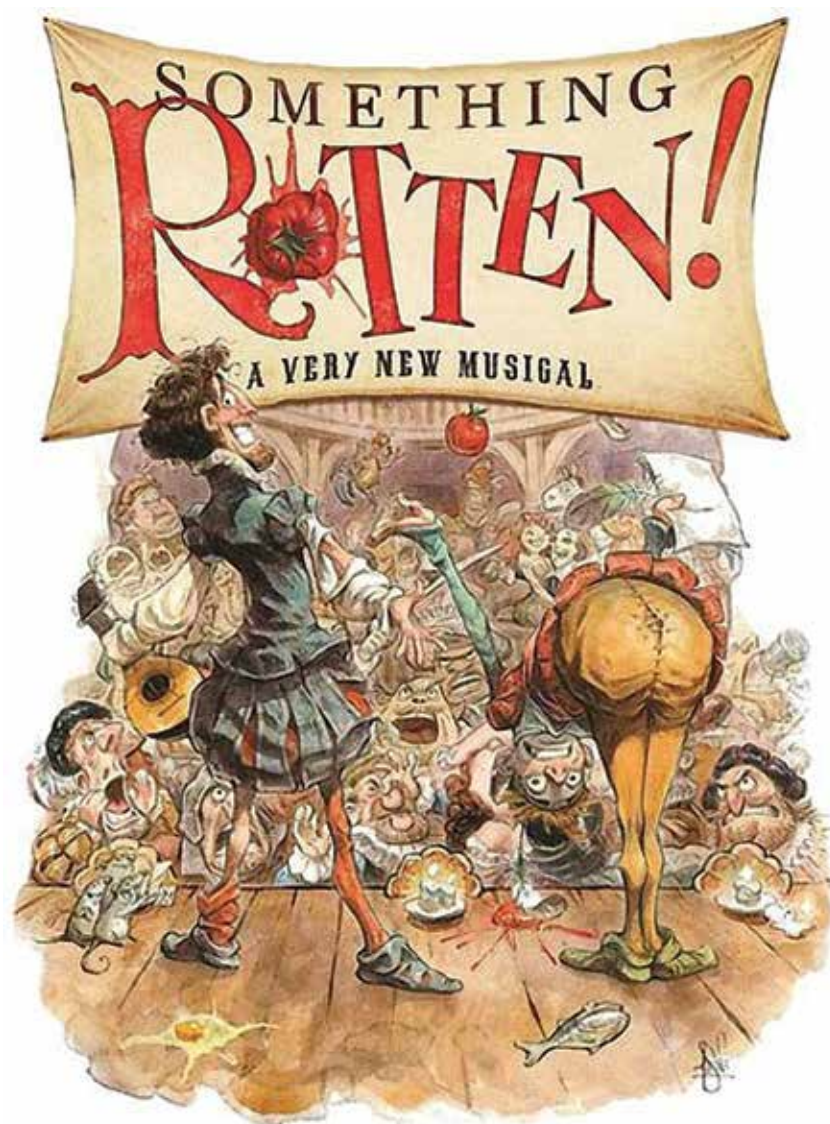
Read on for details about the latest production at Music Circus and a virtual play, currently packing them in at Oregon Shakespeare Festival, that you don’t have to travel to Ashland to see.

Something Rotten!

You have to be very confident in your show’s success to title it “Something Rotten!” and luckily the musical by that name did indeed knock ‘em dead on Broadway before receiving 10 Tony nominations, including Best Musical.

Set in 1595, the musical’s fictional and very funny story follows the Bottom brothers, Nick and Nigel, who jealously struggle to find success in the theatrical world as they toil in the shadow of their wildly popular contemporary, William Shakespeare.

Imagine a cross between “The Producers” and “Monty Python’s Spamalot,” and you have some idea of the crazy fun to be had at “Something Rotten!” The show-stopping and side-splitting musical comedy performs July 26-31 in Sacramento. For more information, go to: www.broadwaysacramento.com/broadway-at-music-circus



Unseen

You can get a taste (really, a full meal, actually) of Oregon Shakespeare Festival’s celebrated storytelling with OSF’s new Theatre on Film initiative: a series of special watch parties featuring cinematic captures of select 2022 repertory shows.

For just \$35, you can join other theatergoers for an online watch party of OSF’s highly acclaimed current production of “unseen” by Mona Mansour, directed by Evren Odcikin, which will be followed by a live talkback and Q&A with the artists, this July 29th.

I have not seen “unseen” yet, but here is the synopsis: Mia, an American conflict photographer, wakes up at the site of a massacre in Syria, not sure how she got there. With her Turkish girlfriend, Derya, and her Californian mother, Jane, Mia must slowly piece together the details of her past to find out what happened.

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Things are happening so quickly these days it's hard to keep up with one world altering event after another. We need Billy Joel to do a sequel of "We Didn't Start the Fire" just to remember everything. Something like... "Monkeypox, COVID, Putin's loved by Cheetohead!" Meanwhile the world's on fire—in many places literally.

The best we can do is go forth each day putting out the fires nearest to us and making the world a little better for our families, and our fellow man. Then we need to do a little something for ourselves like attend one of these awesome upcoming events!

Speaking of Monkeypox, cases in the LGBTQ community are still rising faster than in any other part of the population. A huge thank you to those spearheading the movement to get our Sacramento community vaccinated! Golden Rule Services partnered with Sacramento County Public Health to host the first local monkeypox vaccinations. Pucci's Pharmacy who has always stepped up for our community hosted a vaccination clinic at the Bolt bar. One Community Health has also pitched in with much needed vaccinations There will be more pop up clinics in coming weeks.

Who can get enough of Drag Queen Bingo? Especially with so many great causes benefiting each month! Mark Thursday, Aug. 4 on your calendars for another fun night hosted by the fabulous DoMe Moore at Mango's on K St. Proceeds for this event will benefit the Natomas Garden Arts Club. Rainbowchamber.com

Don't miss the amazing Calum Scott! The sexy 33-year-old British queer singer will grace the stage at Sacramento's Ace of Spades, 1417 R St. on Tuesday, Aug. 2. Most famous for



Calum Scott

taking Robyn's dance floor masterpiece "Dancing on My Own" and turning it into a haunting slowburn ballad. Fans can expect to also hear songs from his latest album. Livenation.com

Come one, come all! Outword's Monthly Happy Hour at Badlands Sacramento, 2003 K St. is the place to be Friday, Aug. 12. Have a good time out of the heat and get a chance to win some super fun prizes!

Some of the best local LGBTQ stand-up comedy hosted by Cory Barringer and featuring Melissa McGillicuddy, FC Sierra, and TammyTea Love is back at Sacramento Comedy Spot, 1050 20th St. #130 on Friday, Aug. 12 at 9 p.m. Saccomedyspot.com

Takin' a trip to the city on Friday, July 29? Maybe you should! You can support the Bare Chest Happy Hour at The Powerhouse, 1347 Folsom St., San Francisco. The event gets underway at 7 p.m. Powerhouse-sf.com

Remember the excited rush of a school book fair? Well, maybe it's just me. But you'll enjoy it now too on Sunday, Aug. 7 at 5 - 8 p.m. at the Boozy Book Fair brought to you by the Jackrabbit Brewing Company and Wild Sisters Book Co. While intended to allow grown-ups to feel youthful again, the actual youth will enjoy it too, so all members of the family are welcome. Jackrabbitbrewingcompany.com

Experience a day of fun, entertainment, vendors, live music, and nourishment for your soul at the 13th Annual Soul Food Festival in Stockton! Food, an enjoyable outdoor event, food, vendors, food, singers... did I mention food? Enjoy this amazing event on Aug 6 from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. at Weber Point, 221 N Center in Stockton.

Please join us in sending a huge happy birthday to Richard Hernandez as he turns 75 on Aug. 8! Also a giant birthday cheer for former Outword Magazine editor Charlie Peer whose birthday is Aug. 2

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Celebrate a Century of Judy Garland on Blu-ray *by Chris Narloch*

F.O.J.G. (Fans of Judy Garland) celebrated what would have been her 100th birthday this June 10th, and the Warner Archive Collection marked the occasion with new Blu-ray releases of three of her finest films. Read on for the scoop on that trio of Judy gems, which can be purchased at the Warner Archive Amazon Store.

For Me and My Gal

Judy Garland got top billing at the mere age of 20 as the central star of this classic musical, which introduced none other than Gene Kelly, making his film debut as her co-star.

Directed with panache by the legendary maven of the movie musical, Busby Berkeley, the films casts Gene and Judy as young vaudeville performers Harry Palmer and Jo Hayden.

The pair dream of stardom, but the United States enters World War I and Harry receives his draft notice – trapping the two between their obligation to each other's dreams and their duty to their country.

A box-office smash for producer Arthur Freed, the film is filled with song after song from the WWI era, with standouts including "Ballin' the Jack," "After You've Gone," and of

course Garland and Kelly's sublime duet of the title tune.

The chemistry between Judy & Gene was natural and infectious, and it led to their teaming again for "The Pirate" (1947) and "Summer Stock" (1950), both also available as remastered Blu-ray releases from Warner Archive.

Ziegfeld Girl

An amazing all-star cast came together for this beloved classic drama about love and fame, set against the backdrop of the legendary Ziegfeld Follies. Judy Garland, Lana Turner, and Hedy Lamarr – three of the screen's most glamorous leading ladies – star with James Stewart as young hopefuls seeking fame as a Ziegfeld Girl.

Garland portrays Susan Gallagher, who leaves her vaudevillian father to climb the

ladder of stardom. Turner portrays Sheila Regan who drops her loyal beau Gilbert Young (James Stewart) for a wealthy suitor, forcing Young to resort to bootlegging to earn the money to win Sheila back, and Hedy Lamarr is the exotic Sandra Kolter, whose quest for stardom nearly destroys her marriage to the struggling violinist who adores her.

Highlighted by spectacular musical sequences staged by the great Busby Berkeley, "Ziegfeld Girl" represents the kind of colossal entertainment only M-G-M could bring to the screen.

The Clock

Judy Garland stars with handsome Robert Walker as a New Yorker and a GI on a 48-hour leave who meet in New York's Pennsylvania Station under the clock.



Judy Garland

Over two whirlwind days, the impossible happens: the two strangers meet and fall in love with each other, with the city, and with its iconoclastic, eccentric inhabitants, in this romance directed by Vincente Minnelli.

After ten years of musical appearances on film, M-G-M finally let Judy Garland exhibit her extraordinary acting talents without the need for song, and the results are unforgettable.

A Trio of '70s Sirens *by Chris Narloch*

Although I love many of the female singers today, from Adele to Dua Lipa and beyond, I am partial to the songstresses of the '70s, which was an unparalleled decade for women in mainstream music.

In pop, Olivia Newton-John, Carly Simon, Helen Reddy, Cher, Karen Carpenter, Carole King, Joni Mitchell, Bette Midler, and Barbra Streisand ruled the radio. In country music, Dolly Parton, Loretta Lynn, and Anne Murray were at the top of the charts.

Soul queens included Roberta Flack, Patti LaBelle, and Aretha Franklin, who, like Diana Ross, continued to score hit after hit throughout the '60s and '70s. Gladys Knight and her Pips took the "Midnight Train to Georgia" in the '70s, and Chaka Khan released her first solo record after a string of hits with Rufus.

In rock music, the women of Heart and Fleetwood Mac reigned alongside Linda Ronstadt, Debbie Harry, Bonnie Raitt, Kate Bush, and Patti Smith, while Pat Benatar and Chrissie Hynde made their debuts just before the end of the '70s. In the last half of the decade, Donna Summer became the Queen of Disco, ruling both pop radio and dance clubs.

This August, I'll have reviews of new releases by two wonderful women who are enormously popular in this century – Lizzo and Beyoncé – but this month it's all about the '70s and three female singers who are still beloved five decades after they first put out solo records.

Bonnie Raitt – Just Like That

Bonnie Raitt's first new CD in over six years kicks off with "Made Up Mind," a great, guitar-driven slice of bluesy rock that makes it clear Bonnie is back! The album's third cut, "Livin' for the Ones," rocks even harder, and inspires with its tribute to those we've lost from COVID.

It's no surprise that Raitt can write a great lyric, and the title track of "Just Like That" is



an unbelievably moving tearjerker based on a true story about a meeting between the recipient of a heart transplant and the donor's mother.

The album's final song, "Down the Hall," is another heartbreaking ballad, this time about end of life and hospice, reminding listeners that this 72-year-old artist is one of the finest songwriters in all of rock 'n' roll.

Diana Ross – Thank You

This is Diana Ross's first new studio album in 15 years and it's great to revisit the 78-year-old singer's voice, which still amazes with its sweet, pure tone. Ross also hasn't lost her priceless phrasing on "Time to Call" and especially "Count on Me." (The latter has a delicate vocal that reminded me of "Endless Love," her iconic duet with Lionel Richie.)

The disc alternates between mellow tracks like "Beautiful Love," "In Your Heart" and "Just in Case" and dancefloor dustups like "I

Still Believe" and "If the World Just Danced," which I would describe as Zen disco.

The upbeat, optimistic lyrics on "Thank You" sometimes slide into sappiness, but Ross's positivity never sounds insincere, and when she thanks her fans for their love on the title track, you believe it.



Donna Summer – I'm A Rainbow: Recovered & Recoloured

How's this for obscure? An album the late, great Donna Summer recorded in 1981 that was rejected by her new record label sat on the shelf for 15 years until it was finally released in 1996, without any singles, videos, or promotion.

The album was entitled "I'm A Rainbow," and it recently received the remix treatment and was re-released by her estate but with fewer, not more, tracks(!) The original release

found Summer moving even further into rock music – after her Best Female Rock Vocal Performance Grammy win for "Hot Stuff" – on terrific tracks like "Highway Runner," "Romeo," and especially "Leave Me Alone."

The title track on "I'm A Rainbow" isn't a great lyric, but Summer sings the heck out of it, and she also nails her cover of "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina" from "Evita," which shouldn't be surprising if you know that Summer appeared in professional musical theatre in Europe before she hit it big as the Disco Queen.

Summer also reteamed with singer Joe Esposito for the album track "I Believe (In You)," but the result is nowhere near as good as "Heaven Knows," their classic duet from 1978. On the plus side, the song "Back Where You Belong" has an addictive Motown-era vibe to it.

"I'm A Rainbow: Recovered & Recoloured," like most posthumous albums, is probably for diehard Donna fans only, but there are several effective remixes here. For casual fans, I would recommend the original, full album from 1996 instead.



“Young, Gifted and Black” at Manetti Shrem in Davis



Tunji Adeniyi-Jones, Blue Dancer, 2017. Oil on canvas.

If you’ve never been to the lovely Manetti Shrem Museum in Davis – and even if you have – you’ll want to plan a visit after July 28, when this great gallery reopens with “Young, Gifted and Black: The Lumpkin-Boccuzzi Family Collection of Contemporary Art.” The exhibition champions an emerging generation of artists of African descent who are exploring identity, politics and art history across a variety of media. Kara Walker, Kerry James Marshall, Mickalene Thomas, Tomashi Jackson, Eric N. Mack, Troy Michie, and Jennifer Packer are among the artists featured in this traveling exhibition drawn from the renowned private collection of Bernard I. Lumpkin and Carmine D. Boccuzzi. Originally scheduled for summer 2020, “Young, Gifted and Black” will be making its West Coast debut at the Manetti Shrem. For more information, please visit: <https://manettishremmuseum.ucdavis.edu>

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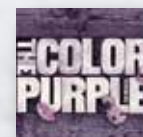
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A Tale of Two Thiebauds at Crocker

by Chris Narloch

If you act fast, you can see a pair of current exhibitions at Sacramento's Crocker Art Museum dedicated to two members of the very talented Thiebaud family: Wayne and his daughter, Twinka. Read on for details on both shows.



Wayne Thiebaud: A Celebration

To celebrate the 100th birthday of Sacramento's most renowned artist, the Crocker Art Museum presented "Wayne Thiebaud 100: Paintings, Prints, and Drawings," which was on view for only a short time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, following its national tour and the passing of the iconic artist in December of 2021, the exhibition is returning to the Crocker as "Wayne Thiebaud: A Celebration."

Best known for his tantalizing paintings of cakes and pies, Thiebaud (1920–2021) has long been affiliated with Pop art, though his body of work is far more expansive. This exhibition represents the artist's achievements in all media, with pieces drawn from the Crocker's holdings and from the collection of the Thiebaud family and Foundation – many of which, until this show, have never been shown publicly.

For the Crocker, the exhibition continues a tradition of hosting a Thiebaud exhibition each decade, beginning with the artist's first solo show in 1951, "Influences on a Young Painter." Through August 7, 2022, you can celebrate the life and career of an artist whose work is beloved not only in Sacramento, but internationally.



Twinka Thiebaud and the Art of the Pose

"Twinka Thiebaud and the Art of the Pose" features 100 works that speak to the role of Twinka Thiebaud as an artist's model, and to the working relationships and friendships she developed with artists during her career.

Comprised of paintings, drawings, and photographs that date from the 1940s through 2022, this exhibition will investigate Thiebaud's earliest modeling work, completed as a child for her father, artist Wayne Thiebaud. The father/daughter dynamic is also visible in later works, including Wayne Thiebaud paintings from the 1960s.

As she moved into a career as an artist's model, Twinka Thiebaud worked with photographers Judy Dater, Jack Welpott, Eikoh Hosoe, Arnold Newman, Mary Ellen Mark, Robert Heineken, Kim Campbell, and John Reiff Williams, among many others, revealing her ability to transform her body and gaze based upon the surrounding environment and the artist's vision for the work.

"Twinka Thiebaud and the Art of the Pose" will be on exhibition at Crocker through September 11, 2022. For more information about both Thiebaud shows, please visit: www.crockerart.org/exhibitions

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The "So This Is Love" column will be curated by Joey Garcia, best known locally for "Ask Joey," the advice column that ran in the Sacramento News & Review for 24 years, until the print publication's demise in 2020. A lifelong ally of the LGBTQIA community, Joey now provides her unique take on healthy relationships for KTXL-Fox40 morning news. She has also delivered relationship advice on Slate's Dear Prudence podcast, in USA Today, HuffPost, Australia's Ticker News, KVIE public television, Deutsche Welle, and Global Woman TV Sweden. She also coaches writers, helping them to transform manuscripts into successful books.

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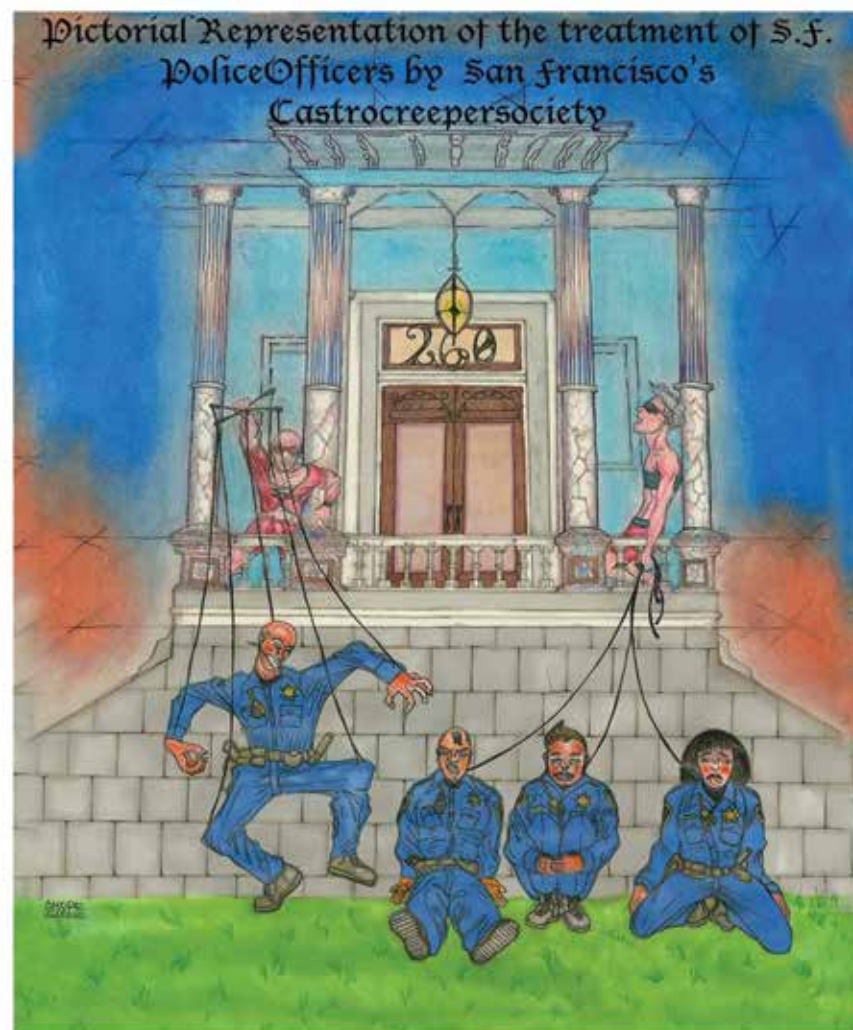
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Ride the Perfect Wave with "The Endless Summer"

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THE ENDLESS SUMMER



IN SEARCH OF THE PERFECT WAVE

Currently residing at a very rare 100% approval rating from critics on Rotten Tomatoes, the ultimate surf documentary highlights the adventures of two California surfers, Mike Hynson and Robert August, hitting the road to follow summer and surf around the world.

Despite the balmy Mediterranean climate of their native California, cold ocean currents make local beaches inhospitable during the winter, without later, modern wetsuits. So, Mike and Robert travel to the coasts of Australia, New Zealand, Tahiti, Hawaii, Senegal, Ghana, Nigeria, and South Africa in a quest for new surf spots, while introducing locals to the sport along the way.

Share their experiences as the two men search the world for that perfect wave forming just over the next horizon. "The Endless Summer" was directed, produced, and narrated by Bruce Brown.

The 1966 film's surf rock soundtrack was provided by The Sandals, and the theme song, written by Gaston Georis and John Blakeley of The Sandals, became one of the best-known film themes in the surf movie genre.

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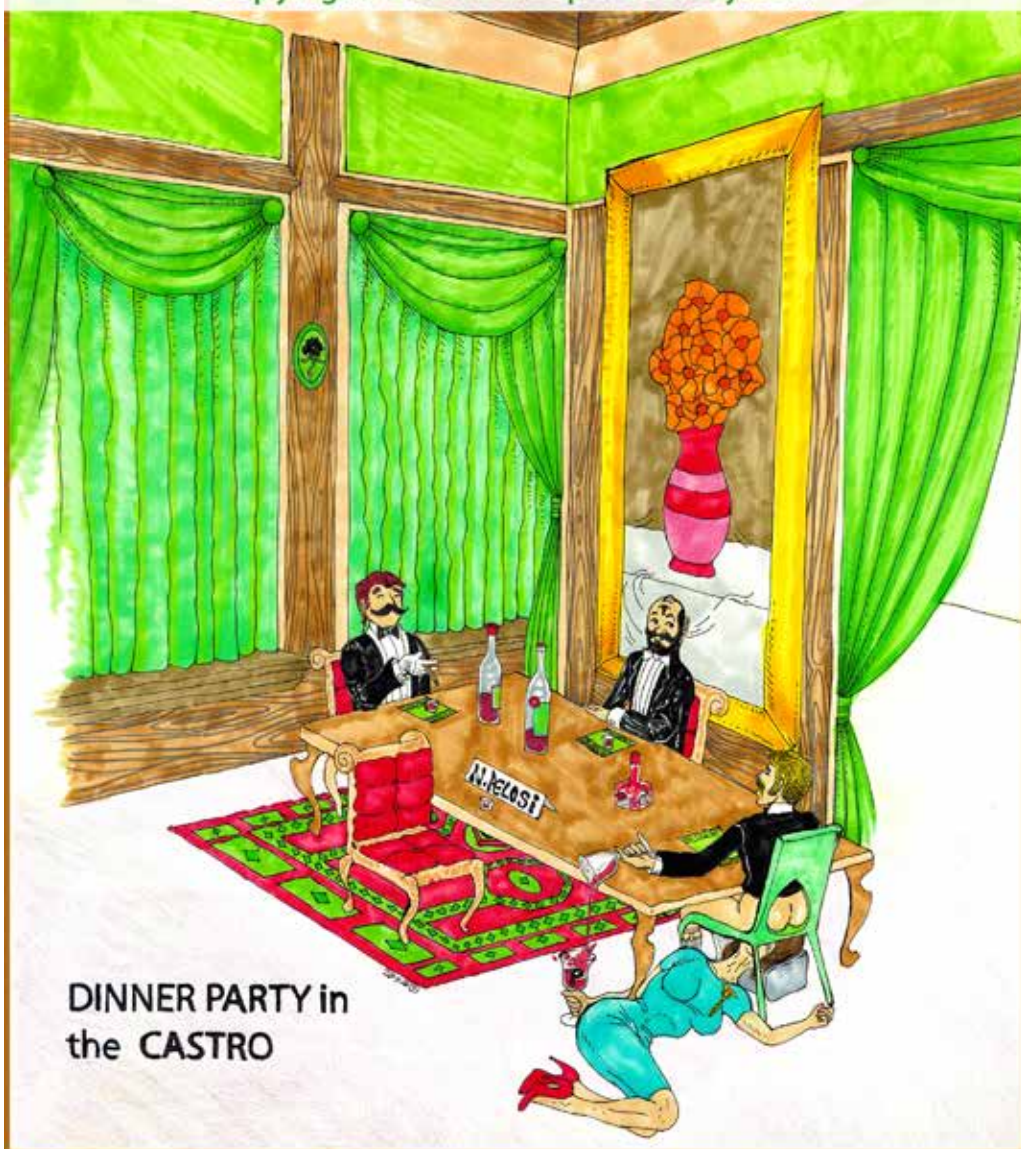
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