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Todd Gloria Makes LGBTQ History in San Diego

California Assemblymember Todd Gloria won the San Diego mayoral primary Tuesday night and is on-track to become the first openly LGBTQ person and first person of color elected mayor of San Diego. The top two vote-getters in the primary advance regardless of party in California's jungle primary system.

Mayor Annise Parker, President & CEO of LGBTQ Victory Fund, released the following statement about Gloria's victory:

"Todd is on-track to make history in November, becoming one of just a handful of openly LGBTQ people ever elected mayor of a major American city. Both LGBTQ people and people of color face tremendous obstacles when running for public office, but

San Diegans overwhelmingly chose Todd because of his strong record of public service and his inspirational vision for the city he wants to represent. Todd will become the third highest ranking out LGBTQ mayor in US history when he wins in November and a role model for LGBTQ youth in San Diego and across the country."

Assemblymember Gloria is a graduate of LGBTQ Victory Institute's Candidate & Campaign Training - a four-day bootcamp that prepares LGBTQ people to run for office. He will also give a keynote speech at LGBTQ Victory Fund's San Diego Brunch this Sunday, March 8. Media interested in attending can contact Elliot Imse, Senior Director of Communications, at elliott.imse@victoryfund.org.

More information about Victory Fund and its candidates is available at victoryfund.org/ourcandidates. Since 1991, Victory Fund has helped thousands of openly LGBTQ candidates win local, state and federal elections.

The World's Best Kept Secret

by Faith Colburn

Most women are socialized to not take up space and not fight back. We are supposed to look pretty, be accommodating, and shut our mouths because "no one will like a loud girl". It can be hard to disavow these lies, particularly as they are reinforced at work. Those of us who work in male dominated fields are inexplicitly meant to feel grateful for being "given" the opportunity to be there.

It can feel as though our talent, passion, and energy are all an afterthought in their eyes. Our great ideas are passed on until the man at the end of the conference table has the exact same one. What we wear is analyzed and picked apart. We are too sexy or not sexy enough. We are too young until the exact moment we are too old. We have too many ideas, or we are too quiet. Our temperament, our communication, our leadership style all a byproduct of our gender. People will always try to make you feel like you

don't belong. They want us to feel like imposters.

This Women's History Month, I'm done being quiet. And I will not let other people make me feel like I don't belong in a space that I worked my ass off for. The moment you start claiming your space, you will realize that everything you were taught was a lie. Now is our time. This is the time for the young people, the womxn, the queer people, the people of color and indigenous folks that have been told for so long that they do

not belong at the table.

The people that tried so hard to gaslight you are wrong. And trust me when I tell you, they are so not any smarter than you. The world's best kept secret is that all these "powerful" men who want to make you feel small really are not that smart themselves. Treat everyone you meet with kindness and respect, but do not put anyone on a pedestal. There is no one that is better than you, and you are not better than anyone else. But you can be strong. And you can be loud. And you should stand up for yourself and the communities that embolden you. Use your opportunities to take other people along with you. If you work hard to open a door, make sure it stays open so others can walk through. Own your power and do not listen to other people who try to make you feel bad for not taking their B.S.



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Letter to Ed

Former U. S. Representative Aaron Schock Comes Out

A Letter to the Editor by Jerry Sloan

On March 5, 2020, former U. S. Representative Aaron Schock finally announced that he is gay. Schock represented the 18th congressional district of Illinois which included the city of Peoria for six years.

For the last year and a half Schock has been seen at various gay venues but still classified himself as straight.

As a Republican, Rep. Schock was at odds with three-fourths of the LGBT+ community politically. He was elected to Congress at the age of 27. He is now 38 years old.

While in Congress he voted against several pieces of LGBT+ legislation including ending "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" for the military and Same Sex Marriage.

But the real question is: How did this gay man become so conservative and so infused with internal homophobia?

Let's start with his family church, The Apostolic Christian Church. Sounds harmless enough until one understands most Apostolic churches are "Oneness" in their theology.

What is "Oneness?" This means they do not believe in the "Trinity," Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Ghost). They are so conservative, they forbid their parishioners watching TV. They just come short of snake handling.

As we used to say in my Fundamentalist Baptist youth, "We don't dance, we don't chew and we don't go with girls that do!"

On a personal level, I can sympathize with Aaron. I grew up in a Fundamentalist Baptist church. The late and unlamented Reverend Jerry Falwell, founder of the Moral Majority, was my school mate at the Baptist Bible College located in Springfield, MO., where I study for the ministry. My denomination was to the right of the Southern Baptist Convention whom we considered liberal and modernists.

I am now an 82 year-old out and proud



gay man. I came out in 1960 when we had no place to learn about being gay but in the bars. Anything we found at the library in book after book reiterated what perverted and mentally damaged people we were.

From the age of 12, I had crushes on other boys, but until I came out at age 23 I didn't know why.

Even after coming out, I still had many fundamentalist beliefs. I struggled with these beliefs for many years. Although as a Baptist I took comfort in their belief of "once saved, always saved." Aaron's theology would send him to hell for watching TV. His belief system had so many ways for him to backslide into hell and being gay was certainly one of them.

So while we may criticize Aaron politically for votes in Congress, we should sympathize with him for the religious struggle he has endured for many years.

If we are comparing damages he certainly has not damaged us as those who led the Exodus Movement which caused turmoil in many LGBT+ lives and led some to suicide.

Aaron has now come out and we should welcome him as a gay brother and encourage him to speak out for LGBT+ rights that are under attack by the Trump administration.



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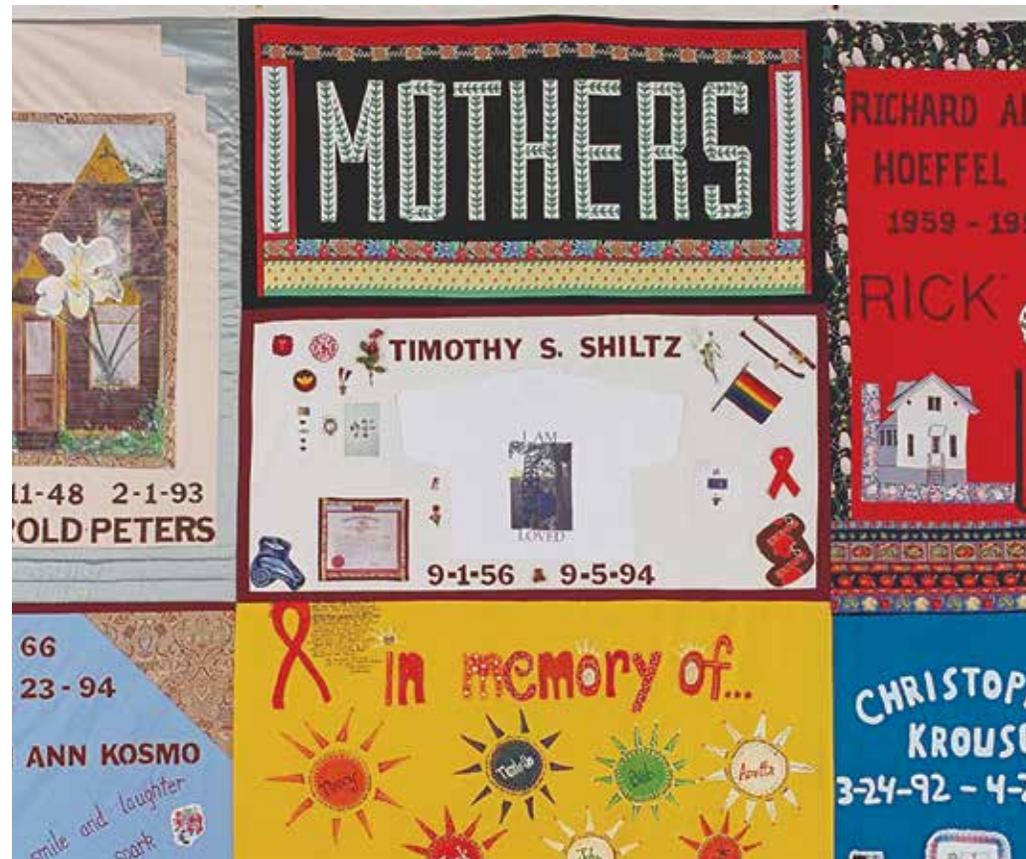
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The AIDS Memorial Quilt Comes Home

If you have never had the honor of seeing the AIDS Memorial Quilt in person, you can rectify that situation this April, when a significant portion of the quilt will be displayed in Robin Williams Meadow and at the National AIDS Memorial Grove in Golden Gate Park.



A significant portion of the AIDS Quilt will be on display at Robin Williams Meadow and at the National AIDS Memorial Grove in Golden Gate Park from April 3-5th.

1,920 panels will be laid out daily from April 3-5, in the largest display of the quilt in San Francisco's history, mirroring the first major display that took place in 1987 at the National Mall in Washington D.C.

The April 3-5 display will begin at 11 am on Friday, April 3 with a traditional unfolding ceremony and the reading of the names of those memorialized in the quilt. The display will continue into Saturday, April 4, during Golden Gate Park's Community Day anniversary event, and will close at 5 pm on Sunday, April 5.

The entire quilt, sewn together by friends, lovers and family members, over the course

of three decades, now contains nearly 50,000 panels, weighs more than 54 tons and memorializes more than 105,000 individual lives of people who have died of AIDS-related complications.

Conceived in 1985 by AIDS activist Cleve Jones during the candlelight march in remembrance of the 1978 assassinations of San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone, the quilt is a visual reminder of the AIDS pandemic and continues as the largest ongoing community art project in the world.

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The Power of Historical Trans-Women Leaders

by Lauren Pulido

As we enter Women's History Month, many of us reflect on the powerful women in history that dedicated their lives to making an impact on the world and the lives of others around them. This month is dedicated to celebrating and commemorating the lives of the life changers in the world that are our historically inspiring women leaders.

When I think of Women's History Month, a collection of the most revolutionary, resilient, phenomenal, world changing leaders appear to me. When we celebrate women's history month, we must embolden the impact trans-women of color have made as being one of the most important revolutionary social justice warriors history has witnessed.

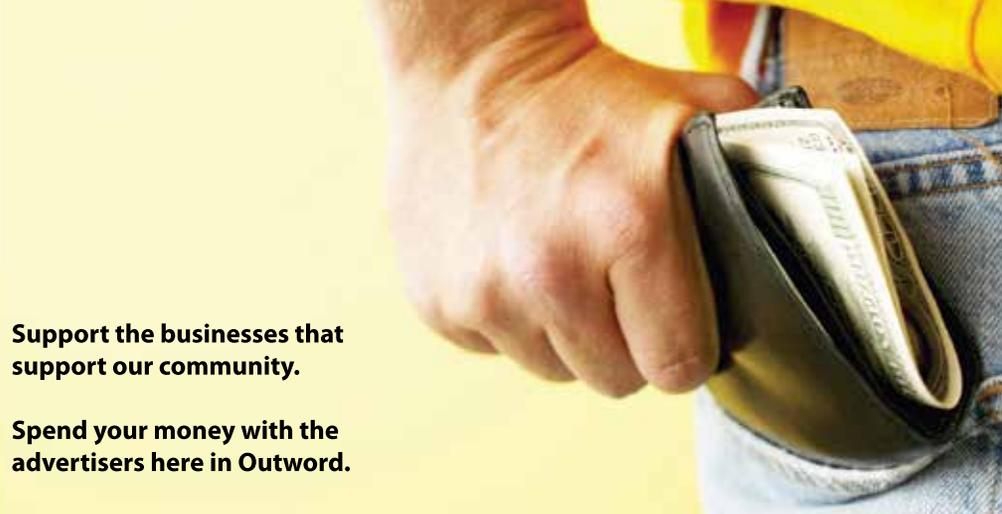
Many folks today have never heard the stories and impact trans-women of color have made in history, but without the bravery and their activism, many LGBTQ folks would not have the privileges many are experiencing in the current moment. To name a few of those inspirational revolutionaries, we can celebrate the profound trans-women leaders Marsha P. Johnson, Sylvia Rivera, and Miss Major Griffin-Gracy. We owe these women for propelling the civil rights movement by a continued lifelong fight for liberation of the greatly marginalized and oppressed trans-women of color community. These legendary women have been relentless in fighting for improvements within their communities and coincidentally have been silenced by society and their efforts have been overshadowed by hate and ignorance.

Marsha P. Johnson has been credited with launching the Gay Liberation Movement, the infamous Stonewall Riots of 1969, that resulted in the very first Pride parade occurring the next year to commemorate and progress the movement. Marsha and Sylvia Rivera were advocates and leaders for homeless transgender youth during the early 1970's by creating the Street Transvestite Action

Revolutionaries, better known as S.T.A.R. that helped provide stability and housing for homeless transgender youth. This was the first organization that would directly impact transgender homelessness and combat systematic oppression by providing a basic needs, shelter, and support through a community run collective. Miss Major Griffin-Gracy, better known as Miss Major, was a similar rebel rouser who fought for the liberation of trans communities across the nation and dismantling the prison industrial system and their attack on the transgender community and people of color. Miss Major devoted her life to protecting the transgender communities of color from the injustices that were faced and still linger in today's society.

Without these radical revolutionaries uplifting the most oppressively impacted communities, our LGBTQ existences would not have the same visibility and voice that it assumes today. We must do better about protecting our most marginalized and most vulnerable communities and continue striving towards a better path for the future of the transgender community. We must be willing to uplift one another and call out the injustices in the room when they are present. Those that remain silent and allow the disproportion of suffering and oppression to continue are simply adding power to the oppressor which is why it is so important to be loud and visible as an ally or advocate and why we must continue to share the stories of those who have previously paved the way for others to exist authentically.

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Book Review: "What's Your Pronoun? Beyond He & She"

by Terri Schlichenmeyer

Words can never hurt you. Even as a child, that last half of the retort to playground taunts never made sense to you. Of course, sticks and stones broke bones but even then, you knew that there's no sharper weapon than a word said in anger or misunderstanding.

In the new book "What's Your Pronoun?" by Dennis Baron, you'll see that some of those weapons go way back.

Language is a funny thing. Words hurt, they sooth, and in today's world, a "pronoun without sex is... sexy." We ask ourselves, and others, which ones to use as "an invitation to declare, to honor, or to reject, not just a pronoun, but a gender identity."

Generally, though, and until relatively recently, "he" was the default pronoun used by many to indicate both masculine and undeclared gender. As far back as 1792, neutral "he" was thought to be confusing, however; one writer even suggested that "one" might work better than "he" to indicate gender neutral.

"They" was brought up for consideration in 1794.

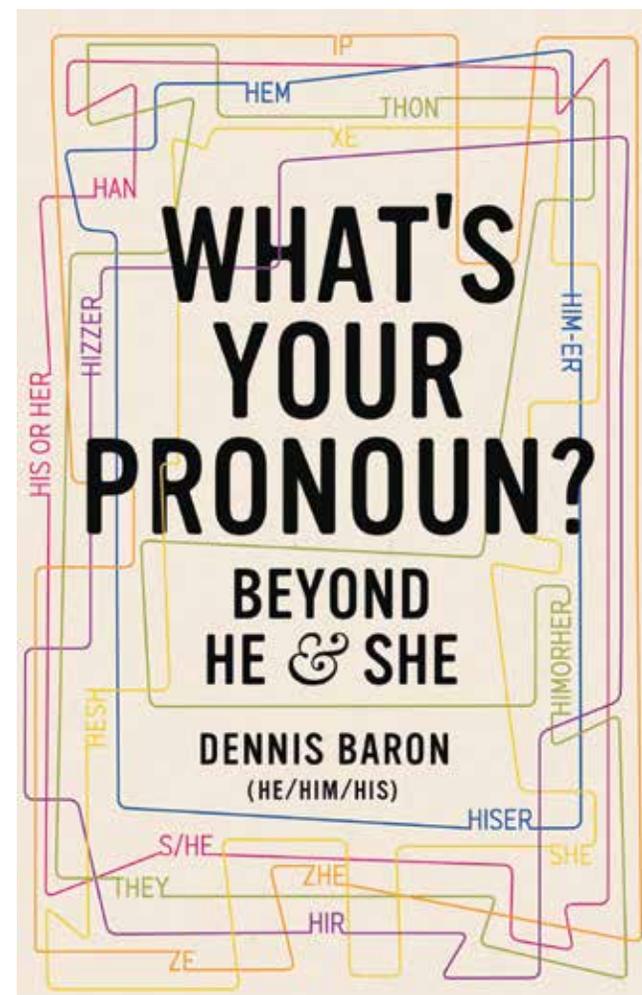
A century later, and with mostly men controlling law and business, "he" was firmly the pronoun of choice, and it had become politicized; when women protested that "he" clearly didn't include them, lawmakers stated that "he" also implied "she." Women countered that if "he" could hold office, then it was implied that "she" could, too, and, well, you can imagine the arguments - not to mention the injustice of three masculine pronouns (he, his, him) but just two for the feminine (she, her)! Oh, the scandal of it all!

Through the decades, other words have been suggested (zie, hir, thon) to indicate gender neutral or unknown but none have seemed to stick. Many felt that there simply was no good way to signify neither male or female, or a separation of gender-neutral and nonbinary, and some bemoaned the lack of a "missing word" that was easily understandable. Says Baron, though, in sifting through the possibilities, we've had the word all along...

Sometimes, as author Dennis Baron points out in his introduction, people

today offer their preferred pronoun without being asked, so ubiquitous is the question. Still, we sometimes struggle with the right word, but in "What's Your Pronoun?" he offers a solution of which readers may be skeptical.

First, though, it's true that this etymological history is a good read, especially for word nerds. It's not college-



lecture level; Baron writes with a lighter hand and doesn't preach, and the occasional threads that spring from the stories here are explored appropriately and in an inviting way that displays no drudgery. It's like sitting down at a workshop you've eagerly anticipated, and being more delighted than you hoped you'd be.

And yet, there is such a thing as information overload, and the obvious solution isn't so obvious. Proof is at the end of the book, in which we see more than two centuries of verbal wrangling.

So: em, thon, zier, they? We haven't heard the end of it, but maybe we're close; certainly, reading "What's Your Pronoun?" couldn't hurt.

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The International Imperial Court – 55 Years of Noble Deeds

by Nicole Murray Ramirez, photos by Ben Fink

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Yes, in 1965, the first Chapter of the International Imperial Court System was established in San Francisco – and now, fifty-five years later, there are Imperial Court Chapters in 70 cities within the U.S.A., Canada and Mexico.

The Imperial Courts have raised millions of dollars for countless causes, organizations, and agencies inside and outside the “LGBTQ community.”

Imperial Courts, especially in the 1960’s and 70’s, helped established many LGBTQ community organizations, including Pride Parades and even the first “gay rodeo”. In recent years, we of the Imperial Court System have mastered letter writing campaigns using our 70 city chapters. Our efforts are responsible for not only the Harvey Milk U.S. Postage Stamp but the U.S.N.S. Harvey Milk, the first Naval ship to

be named after an openly gay leader.

We were also one of the first to establish LGBTQ Student Scholarship Programs (1979) and currently our International Jose Julio Sarria Scholarship Program has raised \$250,000. We are also proud that we have raised over \$230,000 for the Matthew Shepard Foundation’s “Erase Hate” and anti-bullying campaigns. We also, along with the Supervisor Bevan Duffy, successfully led the campaign to have Jose Sarria become the first Gay San Franciscan to have a city street named in his honor.

The Imperial Courts also founded and established the “National LGBTQ Wall of Honor,” now in the historic Stonewall Inn in New York City, which was dedicated last June during the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising.

Last year, we met with State Senator Scott Weiner to speak about Bayard Rustin, longtime black gay civil rights activist. That discussion led to the LGBTQ Legislative Caucus and the Black Legislative Caucus formally asking Gov. Gavin Newsom for a pardon for a decades-old homophobic arrest in Pasadena that was still on Rustin’s record. Governor Newsom pardoned Bayard Rustin and established a procedure where other LGBTQ Californians can receive pardons for unlawful arrests in the 1950’s, 60’s, 70’s for homosexuality.

I am proud and humbled to be Empress I

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As I’ve said so many times Jose Julio Sarria was the “Rosa Parks of the gay rights movement” and almost a dozen California city chapter courts have made a big difference especially the Sacramento Imperial Court which is now in its 46th year and has raised countless hundreds of thousands of dollars that has benefited so many charity’s, organizations, and civil right cases. Last month, I had the honor to crown long time gay activist and businessman Terry Sidie as the “king father I of the Americas”, he currently is the chair of the International Jose Julio Sarria Scholarship Program and has raised over \$175,00 for this fund.

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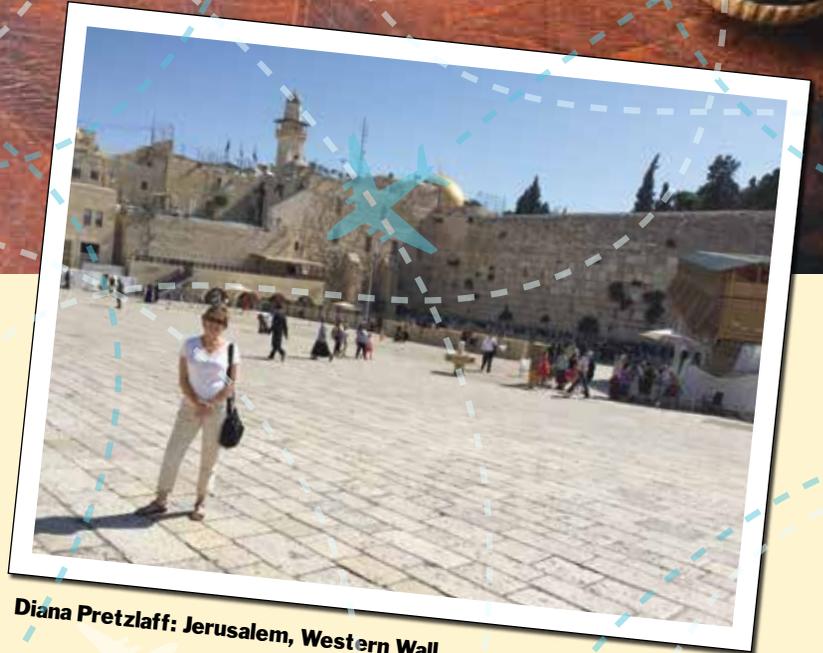
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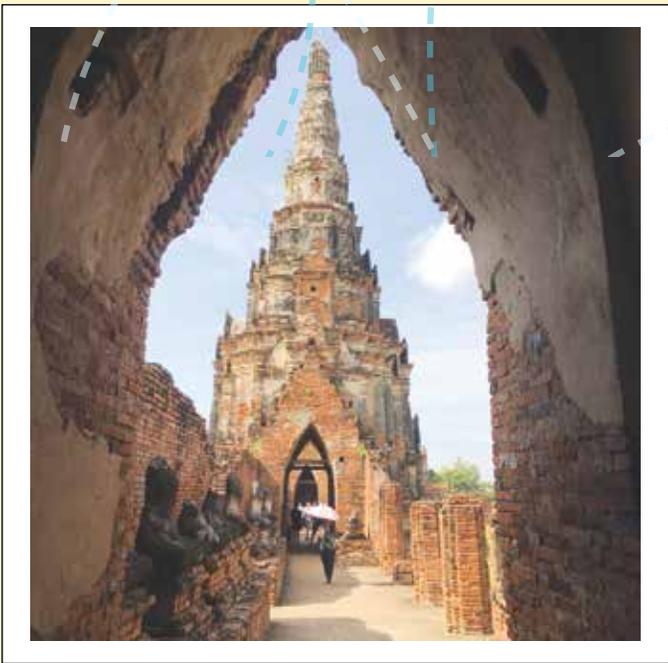


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Tinseltown Cruises Into California Automobile Museum

by Steve LaRosa

Star cars from film and TV comprise the cast of California Automobile Museum's newest exhibit, **Reel Cars: The Importance of Cars in Filmmaking**. Running Now!...as they say, through July 6, 2020.

From the days of the Keystone Kops piling into their squad car to Steve McQueen as "Bullitt," hair-racing through the alpine streets of San Francisco, the automobile has played an essential supporting AND starring role on the silver screen, and solidified its (parking) place in American lore.

And guess what? We got 'em.

The selection of vehicles in the Museum's new **Reel Cars Exhibit** was chosen to illustrate how Movieland's filming process happens, employing historically iconic vehicles. The exhibit also features 3 videos depicting the use of cars in films.

Some of the Cast:

The 1963 Shelby Cobra Replica from the Oscar-nominated *Ford v Ferrari*, which recounts the legendary battle between the two manufacturers on the world's racing circuits, especially Le Mans.

The 1967 VW Bus driven by stoned surfer-dude, Jeff Spicoli, played by Sean Penn in *Fast Times at Ridgemont High*. To quote Spicoli, "This is US History. Totally awesome."

A 1951 Nash Rambler Rolltop used by Marilyn Monroe to promote 1952's *Monkey Business* in that year's Miss America Pageant parade, where she served as Grand Marshal.

A Ferrari 250 Testa Rossa replica as

seen in the film based on the best selling book, *The Art of Racing in the Rain*.

The 1994 Chevy Van from the film version of *The A-Team*, directed by Sacramento's own Joe Carnahan.

A 1965 Dodge Coronet taxi cab featured in *Mad Men* and countless other TV shows and films.

The exhibit also includes a number of other vehicles seen in popular movies and TV shows that already have delighted our guests who are not only car lovers but fans of these films and programs as well.

"We are privileged to have on display a representative selection of vehicles as used in the movies, from those that performed grunt work as camera cars to stars in their own right such as the Cobra replica from last year's Academy Award-winning film *Ford vs. Ferrari* or, from another era, a Nash Healey used in 1954's *Sabrina*. These and other fascinating examples illustrate that the role of the automobile in film is almost as old as the film industry itself."

—Mark Steigerwald/Executive Director/California Automobile Museum

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Lovely London: Travel Tips for Those on a Budget

by Kristy Harris

Lovely London is a very sought-out travel destination. The only problem is, it can be very expensive. Thankfully, there are many free or affordable things to do in London that can fill your travel itinerary.

Visit a Museum for Free

Did you know most of the museums in London are free? Since 2001, The Natural History Museum, the National Gallery, the Science Museum, and many more all have free admission!

Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace

You've probably seen it on TV before, but the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace happens daily at 10:30am-11:30am and you can watch for free. Usually during

op that is Market Day. There is Camden Market (Camden Lock Place, featuring fashion, music, art and food), the Columbia Road Flower Market (selling flowers, houseplants, herbs, bulbs and shrubs), and the Portobello Road Market (Notting Hill, specializing in antiques), to name a few.

Get Your Shakespeare On

While not free, a visit the Globe Theatre is easy on the pocket book. The Globe Theatre is an open-air venue that is a replica of the original Globe, the famous theatre in which



Cover model Kelli Hannaford visits Windsor Castle. Photo: Glenn Younger

the ceremony, the band plays traditional music, but occasionally you might here contemporary music or TV theme music thrown in!

Visit Windsor Castle

On our cover, Kelli Hannaford visits Windsor Castle (photo by Glenn Younger). Windsor Castle is located in Oxford (about 62 miles from London). It's the oldest and largest still-occupied castle in the world. The Queen still spends most weekends there, and the castle remains used for special ceremonial occasions. You can walk around for free, but if you would like to see more, there are tours of the castle available, and they start at £23.50 (GBP) or about \$30 US dollars. For your optimal enjoyment, you should buy tickets in advance, and avoid going in the morning (it is busiest at that time).

Walk Down the Strand

Back in London, you'll find a row of 12th Century elegant homes and gardens built along the shore of the Thames River. Even today, the "Strand" remains one of the most prestigious places to live and is dotted with shops and pubs and fun places to visit. You'll see why it was called "the finest street in Europe" by Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli.

Visit the Markets of London

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after 1599, the plays of William Shakespeare were performed. Shakespeare specifically designed As You Like It, Hamlet, Twelfth Night, Othello, All's Well That Ends Well, Measure for Measure, King Lear, Macbeth, Antony and Cleopatra, Coriolanus, Pericles, and The Winter's Tale, not to mention Troilus and Cressida and Timon of Athens, for performance there. Tickets start at £7 (GBP), that's about \$9 US dollars.

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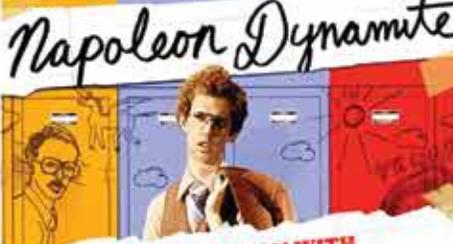
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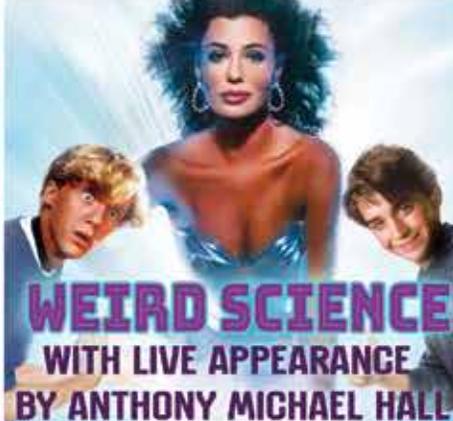
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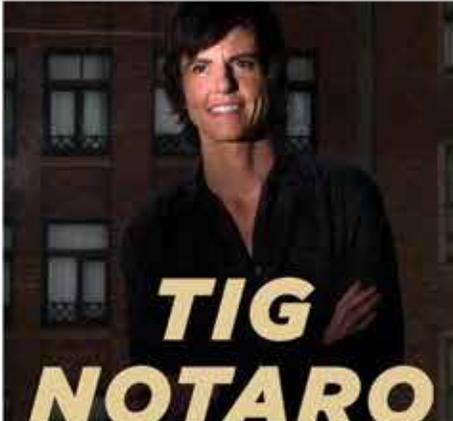
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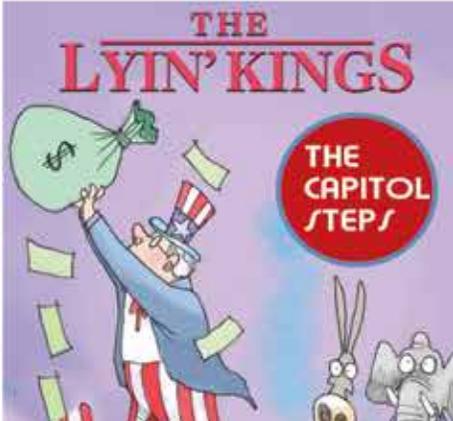
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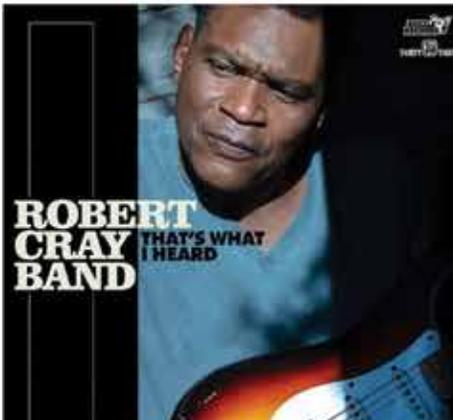


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Beer in Napa Valley??

by Diana Kienle

Recently, we had friends visiting; and I was well aware that one of them appreciated wine while her husband enjoyed beer. One would think this is a challenge in one of the most prestigious wine regions in the world. Interestingly, the expanse of libations includes those made with hops and barley.

Wine drinkers are not alone in their quest for aromas and taste. Beer itself has taken a big step forward in that same arena. I did my research to share some great stops with them.

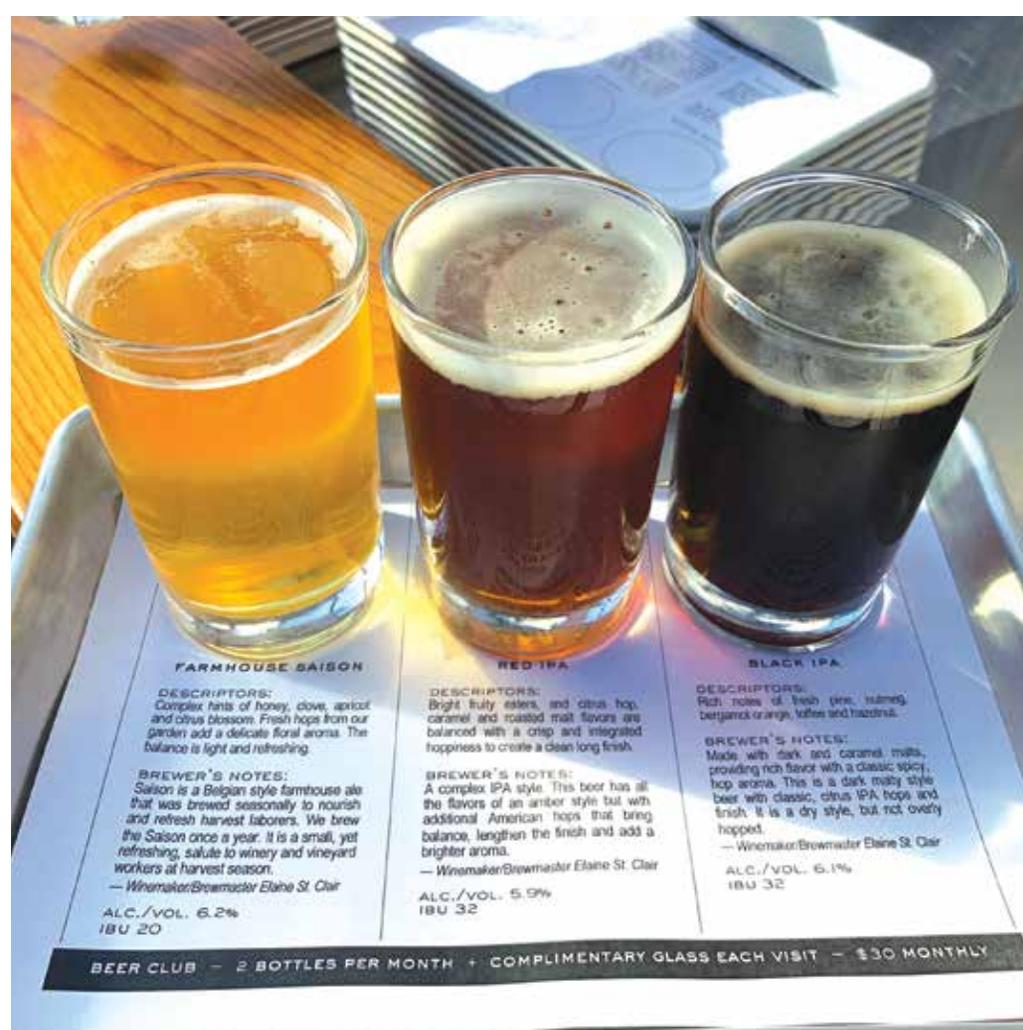
Our first stop was St. Clair Brown, located on Vallejo Street in downtown Napa. It is housed in a cute building which is structured like a greenhouse, and they serve their offerings in a very sweet garden setting. What makes this location really special is that they not only make beer, they make wine. Elaine St. Clair is the winemaker and brewmaster, studying both at UC Davis. This enterprise with her friend and business partner, Laina Brown, started in 2010, when they founded Napa's first boutique urban winery, nano-brewery and culinary gardens. This is the perfect stop for those who want to try both wine and beer.

The beers were offered in flights and ranged in color from light to dark with descriptors and International Bittering Units (IBU), which represents a beer's bitterness. Your standard Budweiser has 7 BU. What we drank ranged from 20 to 40 BU. It was a

delightful experience to dive into and explore the differences.

Another discovery along the way was the various terms used to discuss beer. People bandy about terms like "craft beer," micro brews," and "IPAs." It was interesting to know that the difference between a craft beer and a micro-brew is simply the volume of beer that they are allowed to produce and bottle. Duh, should have known. IPA was a head turner for me. It stands for India Pale Ale, which is a hoppy beer style of pale ale developed in the mid 1800s. Who knew? So much to learn and appreciate.

Our next stop was Mad Fritz in St. Helena. It is just around the corner from Clif Family Winery. (Yes, they are the originators and owners of Clif Bars.) Again, an important stop to serve the needs of a two-beverage interest family. Mad Fritz's storefront tasting room was jammed with customers, tasting through a long list of brews from light and fruity to dark and brooding. They offer eleven different beers on draught for tastings and standard pours. It was packed that day and tasters were literally spilling out on the sidewalk. They are open 5 days a



A Beer Sampler in Napa Valley

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FOOD

Seattle is home to a number of celebrity chefs, from a selection of world famous Tom Douglas restaurants, to the culinary delights of Tamara Murphy of Terra Plata and their stunning rooftop patio. If you're looking for something a little more low-key, check out diner-style fare at Lost Lake Café & Lounge, or Seattle's famous dive bar The 5 Point Café. Many local favorites are located in the traditional Gayborhood of Capitol Hill, just a short walk from Downtown Seattle

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PRIDE

Travelers flock to Seattle every June for the beautiful weather, the breathtaking natural beauty, and of course for Seattle Pride. Each year, the city's Pride celebrations highlight the best of what is already a vibrant LGBTQ community from nightlife, to street fairs and block parties, to live music and festivals. Celebrate Pride at one of many Pride events throughout the month, or make plans to come for the weekend June 27-30 for parades, concerts, street fairs, and more. A list of some of the city's Pride events can be found at theGSBA.org/events/pride.

Whenever you come to Seattle, be sure to check out TravelOutSeattle.com for listings of LGBTQ and ally owned hotels, restaurants, attractions, and nightlife that support the LGBTQ community all year, and welcome all LGBTQ travelers to the beautiful city of Seattle.

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Laid Back Beach Town, is Part Of Fabulous San Diego's DNA

by Eddie Reynoso

With over 70 miles of sun kissed coastline, near perfect year-round weather, and a beach town feel, no other city compares to San Diego.

While Hillcrest has long been known as the Gayborhood and ground zero of San Diego's LGBTQ scene, the entire city has been shedding its strict military image and unveiling an incredibly welcoming city with queer people spreading out throughout much of the city- seen holding hands as they stroll through its dozens of quaint, walkable neighborhoods - waiting for you to discover.

Although San Diego is often overshadowed by rivaling LA and WEHO to the north, San Diego offers a world-class city with an unpretentiousness laid back vibe.

It's home to Black's Beach- ranked as one of the world's top gay nude beaches, and to a vibrant nightlife and emerging culinary and craft scene, with over 150 craft beer breweries, over 140 wineries and dozens of independently owned and high-quality small-batch, craft spirit distilleries.

Balboa Park & Museums

At the heart of San Diego--just minutes from downtown and walking distance from the Gayborhood of Hillcrest, visitors will find Balboa Park- an urban oasis that is twice the size of Central Park. It is home to multiple performing arts venues, lovely gardens, dozens of walking and hiking trails,

the San Diego Zoo, and more than 16 museums- including the **San Diego History Center** and its "LGBTQ+ San Diego: Stories of Struggles & Triumphs."

The History Center's free queer exhibition has been visited by over 300,000 visitors and has been extended twice- now through January of 2021 - due to its popularity. It features local stories and displays about the struggles to overcome persecution, the battle with AIDS, bullying, and intolerance, as well



The San Diego skyline. Photo by Eddie Reynoso

as the power of the community

Festivals & Arts

A San Diego's cultural celebrations are a reason on its own to visit. Spring's **Gas Lamp & Hillcrest Mardi Gras** celebrations make it the largest Fat Tuesday celebrations west of the Mississippi. **Old Town's Cinco De Mayo** and **FilmOut's LGBTQ+ Film Festival** help kick off summer leading into **San Diego Pride**.

FilmOut

Every spring the red carpet is rolled out for FilmOut San Diego--one of the longest running film festivals in Southern

California. This year FilmOut takes place April 30th-May 3rd. The four-day event includes international, documentaries, short and feature films, shown in two different locations. Tix & Info: FilmOutSanDiego.com.

San Diego Pride + Music Festival

San Diego boasts one of the largest Pride festivals in the nation. True to its roots it kicks off with the **Spirit of Stonewall Rally** recognizing its activist and civil rights roots.

On Saturday the **Pride Parade** welcomes 350,000 spectators to the heart of Hillcrest, complete with a military contingent of four F-15 fighter jets from Cal Guard's Fresno 144th Fighter Wing - saluting the nation's LGBT active duty and veteran military members with a flyover of the parade route.

Eat, Play, Stay & Be Gay!

Urban MO's "The Best Gay Bar In The World" is ground zero and social hub of the gay community. Its located in the hetero-friendly gayborhood of Hillcrest and is home to **Chad Michael's Dream Girls Revue**- every Wednesday. But if a weekend drag show is more your style- you can catch **Diva's San Diego** at **Rich's Nightclub** where you can dance the night away until 4am on certain weekends and holidays. Both shows regularly welcome top talent from RuPaul's Drag Race, so reservations

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are highly recommended if you want to secure a seat or table.

#1 Fifth Avenue, The Loft, Pecs, The Raul, The Eagle, and Cheers are all neighborhood bars. Each have a unique clientele that is friendly, welcoming, and sexy in their own right. Martinis Above Fourth is the go-to place for cabaret. And Lips is the ultimate in drag diner and a show.

For a casual meal and killer cocktails, Uptown Tavern is the place to go. Their Uptown Burger is completely made from scratch- except for maybe their buns. Their spinach quinoa salad is a light and healthy alternative with a great balance of a turmeric-like vinaigrette, micro cilantro, baby spoon spinach, tri-colored quinoa, black beans, cherry tomatoes, red onion and Hass avocados. Both go great with either their Blueberry Basil Gimlet or White Sangria made with ABSOLUT Grapefruit Vodka, lemon juice, St. Germain elderflower liquor, honey, and Chardonnay.

For a more elevated experience- Hillcrest's two year old insideOUT, is both sleek and modern, with elegantly appointed with fixtures. The main dining area, its walls and ceilings are made of unsealed concrete, and sit next to floor-to-ceiling glass windows streetside. It's outdoor atrium is highlighted by a dramatic water fall and pond next to a multi-terraced garden with patio dining.

insideOUT's food and cocktail program along with the ambiance have set the tone for the revitalization of Hillcrest. It features California and Mediterranean inspired dishes developed by famed Executive Chef MaryJo Testa.

For rest and relaxation stay--the Hillcrest House Bed & Breakfast is place where you can expect the unexpected. It's within walking distance of all the action and features several appointed and elegant rooms in a traditional BnB. It's clean, extremely welcoming, and not only will you be welcomed by comfortable beds and high-thread count sheets but you'll also most always be welcomed by its owner, Ann Callahan.

The nearby Hotel Circle is home to a variety of hotels for every budget- but will require a car or Lyft to get to and fro. Closer to Hillcrest and located in the Hipster neighborhood of North Park you'll find the Lafayette Hotel Swim Club & Bungalows. Like everything else San Diego--the laid back feel is the perfect place to relax poolside, and enjoy the views. It's a mix of old Hollywood themed guest rooms, suites, and private bungalows.

Visit www.lgbtvisitorscenter.org to learn more.

Bio: Eddie Reynoso is the Executive Director and Founder of the Equality Business Alliance LGBT Chamber of Commerce and the San Diego LGBT Visitors Center.

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THE ROW RENO, A City Within A City by Fred Palmer

Last weekend, we were invited to experience the THE ROW RENO, as they call it “a city within a city”, and since we have not experienced Reno in many years, we thought we should check it out for our readers in our Travel issue.

Three distinct resorts, Silver Legacy, Eldorado and Circus Circus make up THE ROW and between the three, you literally never have to leave the hotel. It was around 30 degrees, and it snowed overnight, too, so this was a bonus.

All under one roof, THE ROW offers 25 restaurants, 23 bars and lounges, 11 nightspots and thousands of luxury rooms and suites, not to mention pools, and a beautifully remodeled luxury spa.

The properties recently did a \$100 million project to renovate THE ROW. It spans eight city blocks, and includes thousands of remodeled guest rooms in 3 resorts. Each of the three resorts introduce new restaurant concepts, reinvigorated nightlife, and resort amenities.

Getting there is the first thing to consider, as the destination is only about a 2 hour drive from Sacramento, and a quick ride from Tahoe and ski resorts, too. We considered taking the scenic Train ride via Amtrak (especially since snow was in the forecast), and it offers beautiful scenery, but ultimately we decided to drive to have more freedom on arrival and departure times.

The lobby and check-in experience was quick and easy, however, we were invited to check-in via the Gold Room for VIP's. There, we were greeted with a cocktail and checked in at a VIP desk, a very nice perk.

The recently remodeled rooms were redesigned to create a great guest experience. We were treated to a spa suite in the El Dorado, and our room was amazing. The Spa Suite was 750 square feet of fun with a huge bath tub on a stage in the

middle of the room, looking out at the city view, a walk-in roman steam shower, a wet bar, a 65-inch flat screen TV, and so much more! We really didn't want to leave the room. Speaking of not leaving the room, our first morning we did not, and we enjoyed the huge bed with room service and breakfast in bed followed by another steam shower.

After a couple hours of hanging out in the room, we headed down to the Spa at Silver Legacy. The spectacular service at the spa is

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lead by the Spa Director, George Lopez, who moved to Reno along with his husband. His past experience includes working in Las Vegas and Florida, where he has worked with brands like Canyon Ranch and Ritz Carlton. While we waited to meet with George, we enjoyed the amenities including three relaxation lounges, a salt inhaler chamber with pharmaceutical grade salt halotherapy, a men's only steam room, dry sauna, and both an indoor men's only hot tub, and an outdoor co-ed hot tub, too, located next to the pool. Don't worry ladies, there is a women's area, too, with the same amenities.

The Spa café served us a nice cold glass of J Champagne, and later we enjoyed some of the spa café nibbles, too.



The spa was recently remodeled from 5,000 square feet to 29,000 square feet with interesting color pallets that make it feel welcoming. If you visit, do check out some of the art and the design of a beautiful wooden wall of layered birch woods.

George's favorite treatment at the spa is the hydrafacial or the Fiery Snow Massage, or as he says, “Hot in Reno, Cold in Tahoe” This treatment uses traditional hot stones and white cold marble stone chasers. Other popular treatments at the Spa at Silver Legacy include Double Down Couple Massage, Double Aces, or the Tahoe Trilogy: a salt scrub, salt bath soak, and full body Swedish massage all in 120 minutes.

The café offers delicious Old Scholl Kombucha to sip on, a full bar, yummy

snacks, light lunches, and post-workout recovery smoothies. It is located right next to the spa, the gym, and the outdoor pool. The Acazi bowl is pretty darn good with a 2nd glass of Champagne, just saying.

At checkout, George informed us of some of the signature lines of scrubs and candles of which he had personally curated the fragrances from more than 50 different scents. He selected two, named Bellissima & Belluomo (Italian for handsome man and beautiful woman).

After our 2-hour spa experience, it was time to go back to our luxurious room for a quick relation time and a steam shower before dinner. We saved the bathtub for later at night.

We were treated to dinner at La Strada, which has won the Wine Spectator award of excellence for nine years, and several Best of Reno awards. La Strada's mushroom ravioli even made The Food Network's Best Pasta List of 2019.



Silver Legacy Casino. Photo Credit: THE ROW



Circus Circus Tower Hotel and Casino. Photo Credit: THE ROW

The service, like our entire experience, was fantastic. First up, Grilled Octopus, because anytime we see octopus on a menu we order it. We paired the dish with a nice wine (recommended to us) that also went well with the fresh lightly Fried Roman Artichokes we tried.

The restaurant is well known for its signature fresh-made pastas including the aforementioned Mushroom Ravioli. Why would anyone pass on that? The main course included Mediterranean Grilled Lamb Chops, and some more wine pairing with each course. La Strada also offers a wine dinner series and an option to taste everything with a sample tasting menu they call "Just trust Us" for \$50 per person. We opted to do that, too.

Other dining options in THE ROW include a Ruth's Chris Steak House, Canter's Deli, The Pearl Oyster Bar, and many more options. Inside Circus Circus is also a food court for a quick bite between shows or gambling.

Known for hosting Reno's biggest entertainers, Silver Legacy presents concerts in the 1,700-seat Grande Exposition Hall, 3,000-seat Reno Ballroom, and 7,000-seat Reno Events Center, as well

as the world famous Laugh Factory Comedy Club. Some of the most legendary artists have stopped in the Biggest Little City, including Carrie Underwood, Rod Stewart, and Tim McGraw. Upcoming shows can be found on their website and include Billy Ray Cyrus, The Beach Boys, Jeff Dunham, Snoop Dog, and Jerry Seinfeld.

We were able to catch Richard Marx, who sang his heart out and delighted his fans with irreverent banter, and an evening of a solo acoustic performance. The venue provided a unique opportunity for fans to experience the evening with Richard as he sang some of his best songs, played the guitar, and had some laughs with the fans.

To cap off our weekend, we had the Sunday Brunch at The El Dorado, with endless everything including a carving station of various sausages and meats, crab legs, peel-and-eat shrimp, an omelet bar, and everything else one can imagine and expect in a Sunday brunch buffet, including the famous Mushroom Ravioli, too.

All in all, THE ROW has something to offer everyone and at a great value. There is a room type and price to fit your style and budget. The upgrades are well worth

the price, and I highly recommend spending a bit more to have a nice weekend or weekday getaway. Check out their website with an interactive map of all that they have to offer.

THE ROW is located at 345 N Virginia Street, Reno Nevada 89501.

For more info or to book go to:

<https://www.therowreno.com> or <https://www.silverlegacyreno.com/entertainment/shows> or call them at (775) 786-5700.

Sidenote: *Outword Magazine* also has a few advertisers in the Reno area, so check out Splash Reno LGBT bar, Steve's, and Suzie's stores, all advertisers in this issue.



Relaxation lounge with fireplace. Photo Credit Jeffrey Dow from Jeffrey Dow Photography.



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It Only Happens in Vegas

by Russ White,
Publisher, QLife Media

Las Vegas takes Fabulous so seriously, we put it on our Welcome Sign decades ago and each year we raise the stakes and double down. Sin City has shifted from excess to extra to extravaganzas, and Las Vegas wants you to know it. The long-lived tagline of 'What Happens here, Stays Here' was officially replaced with 'What Happens Here, *Only Happens Here*,' a reinforcement of the unique experiences that find their way to Vegas.

Vegas has remained a popular destination for LGBTQ travelers. Diva residencies of the Devine Miss M, Cher, Elton, and Diana Ross span multiple decades. Current residencies include Cher (again), Lady Gaga, Gwen Stefani, Christina Aguilera, Shania Twain, and coming this Spring Kelly Clarkson, Adam Lambert, and The Jonas Brothers provide even more reasons to return to Vegas.

If you loved Absinthe, you're really going to love Atomic Saloon. With opening song lyrics of "Eatin' P*ssy, Suckin' D*ck, and Eaten' *ss," the debauchery of Vegas remains intact. Drag has invaded Vegas like never before. Mama Ru has anchored her kitty

at Bavette's Steakhouse and NoMad Restaurant, Park MGM provides exceptional options close to Park Theatre. Check out dining options at The LINQ Promenade before heading to Drag Race Live. Favorites include Chayo, Virgil's, and In-n-Out. For a leisurely brunch any day, Hexx and their \$22 bottomless mimosas is a perennial favorite.

Returning for its second year of daylife is UV Beach Club, an inclusive pool party every Friday all summer long. Located at the NoMad Pool inside Park MGM, UVBC welcomes every letter, every color, all shapes and sizes. Sign up at uvbeachclub.com for a \$10 ticket that gets you a drink coupon worth \$26 and no better way to start the



Drag Race Live! Photo by Denise Truscello

girls to the Flamingo with RuPaul's Drag Race Live! Catch even more Ru-girls and a few local queens at Drag Bruch, or head off the Strip for a revitalized lineup and full menu at Hamburger Mary's Las Vegas.

For those that haven't been paying attention, Vegas is now a sports town, too. The Vegas Golden Knights were born here, and the Las Vegas Raiders are waiting for the completion of a new stadium this Summer. We even have a professional WNBA team, the Aces, Minor League Baseball with The Aviators, and a professional soccer team, Las Vegas Lights.

The growth of the mega nightclubs have proven a viable contender for LGBTQ nightlife venues. The shift in social norms make it just as easy to pickup or hookup where the big DJs play.

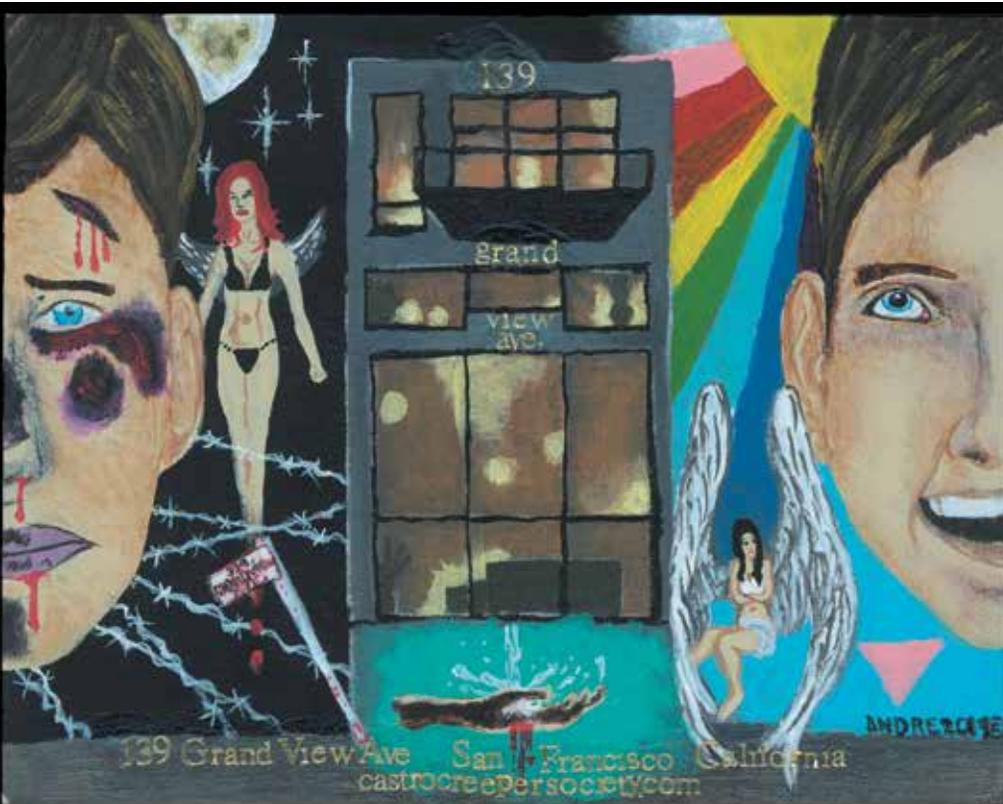
Vegas has become home to many celebrity chefs and amazing dining options. From the open market feel of Eataly to the finer dining



Mayor - Atomic Saloon Show Photo by Erik Kabik for Spiegelworld

weekend.

With all the exciting events that Las Vegas has to offer year round, we can think of no better place to celebrate out, loud, and proud!



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Out & About With Matt by Matthew Burlingame

2020 has already been a year of WTFs. But our community, who continues to face constant attacks on our rights, knows how to keep calm and carry on moving forward and never giving in. We will continue that spirit. Our community also knows how to have a damn good time, so if you are looking for something to take your mind off things here are some upcoming possibilities.

Leave your troubles at the door and come spend time with friends at *Outword's* 2nd Friday Happy Hour & Liquid Therapy at Badlands Sacramento, 2003 K St. on March 13 at 5:30 p.m. Win some prizes, enjoy great drink discounts and dance the blues away! badlandssac.com

Woot2's annual multimedia arts event "PULSE" puts you in the same room with Northern California's hottest up-and-coming designers, DJs, flow artists, circus performers, and live instrumentalists. PULSE 2.0 takes place March 21 from 1 - 10:30 p.m. at Faces Nightclub, 2000 K St. WootSquared.com

Lolgbt+ Presents and Makeup & Mimosas Drag Brunch on March 15 at 11 a.m. at Mango's Sacramento. Join performers Hellen Heels, Roselia Valentine and Apple Adams with hosts Suzette Veneti & Taryn Thru-U Music by DJ Pocket. All ages welcome but space is limited email for reservations: makeupandmimosasdragbrunch@gmail.com

Glee's Alex Newell along with soloists from Oakland School for the Arts and Palo Alto High School Festival Choir join the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus for a concert featuring music by queer composers, youth and allies across the decades. Penned In Pink happens March 26 at 8 p.m. at Davies Symphony Hall, 201 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco. sfgmc.org

Be visible and shine at the "You're A Gem!" Trans Day of Visibility Rally, March and Picnic sponsored by the Gender Health Center on March 29, 2020 from 1 - 5 p.m. at Southside Park, Sacramento. Start with a rally on the west steps of the capital. Then we will take to the streets and walk (about 10 minutes) to Southside Park where there will be a potluck picnic and activities. Thegenderhealthcenter.org

The Rainbow Chamber's March Mixer &

Networking event will be at Scott's Seafood on The River, 4800 Riverside Blvd. The event is free to members and \$10 for non members. Rainbowchamber.com

The Brazilian Center of Sacramento invites you to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Brazilian Carnival Sacramento on March 21. Exciting performances, delicious Brazilian

Those who enjoy a fun afternoon of bowling will want to come to Sacramento Shelter Pets Alive PB SOC's Bowling for Buddies on March 28 at AMF Land Park Leagues, 5850 Freeport Blvd. Each ticket includes shoe rental, 2 hours of bowling, 2 slices of cheese pizza and soft drinks.

Tickets available online. CGNIE hosts the ICP Ball Villains Masquerade on March 28 from 5 - 8 p.m. at Sidetrax, 2007 K St. The Imperial Crown Princes and Princesses will be in full villain attire as they strut their stuff to raise money for local charities. CGNIE.org

Our deepest sympathies to the friends and loved ones on the passing of Justin Powell aka "Miss Carriage" CGNIE's Arch Duchess 37 and Miss Gay Sacramento 3M.

Happy birthday to Jose Rodriguez, Troy Meany, Aaron Piccirillo, Andy Cook, Gregg Rasmussen, Brett Anderson, Phyllis Gerstenfeld, Beverly Kearney, Steve Buri, David Memmler, Andrew Gibout and the other March babies.

Got events, birthdays, anniversaries or did something awesome happen to you recently? Let Matt know at matthew.burlingame@gmail.com.



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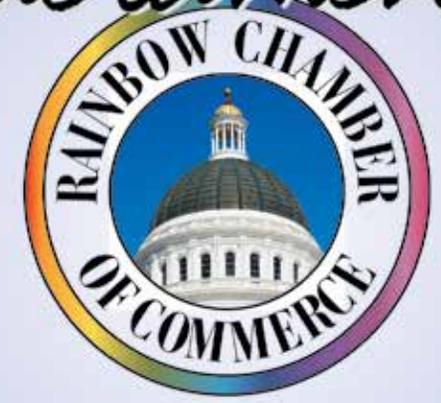
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“The Invisible Man” Is A Blast

by Chris Narloch

Things are looking up at the movies thanks to a surprisingly fun thriller starring Elisabeth Moss, plus a couple other new films (and a bunch of older ones too).

The Invisible Man

If you've seen her in “Mad Men” or “The Handmaid’s Tale,” then you know that Elisabeth Moss is one of the finest actresses of her generation. Now she can add movie star to the list, thanks to her superb lead performance in the new sci-fi thriller “The Invisible Man.”

No, Moss doesn't play the title character --he's invisible for most of the movie. The actress plays his victim, an emotionally and physically abused woman whose husband comes back from the dead to stalk her.

Everyone around her thinks our heroine is nuts, and thanks to several clever twists, the audience is left guessing too. Very intense but not too gory, “The Invisible Man” is a terrific modern update on a classic story, and Elisabeth Moss is dynamite in it.



Elisabeth Moss stars in “The Invisible Man.”

Onward

I'm a big animation fan, and so a new Pixar movie is cause for celebration. Even the studio's so-so films are worth seeing, and that is how I would describe “Onward,” a colorful and entertaining picture with a first-rate voice cast and a so-so story.

Tom Holland and Chris Pratt star as teenage elf brothers who go on a road trip to find the father they never knew and discover a world of magic. I'm a sucker for a quest, and “Onward” is a pleasant enough diversion, especially for kids.

The Crest

Baseball movies dominate the March film schedule at this historic movie palace, including the big screen return of “A League of Their Own,” “The Sandlot,” “Field of Dreams,” “Bull Durham,” “The Bad News Bears,” and “Major League.” Also playing this month at the Crest are “Flight of the Navigator,” “The Princess Bride,” “The Maltese Falcon,” “Napoleon Dynamite,” “The Breakfast Club,” “Weird Science,” and “E.T.” For dates and show times, visit www.crestsacramento.com.



Tom Hanks and Geena Davis star in “A League of Their Own.”

Tower Movies

I will see any movie with Annette Bening in it, and if you add the great Bill Nighy to the mix I'm all in. That formidable pair are the stars of “Hope Gap,” a new drama scheduled to open at Sacramento's Tower Theatre on March 13.

Nighy plays a father who informs his son that he plans to leave his wife after 33 years of marriage. Not surprisingly, Bening does not take it well. William Nicholson wrote the screenplay and directs.

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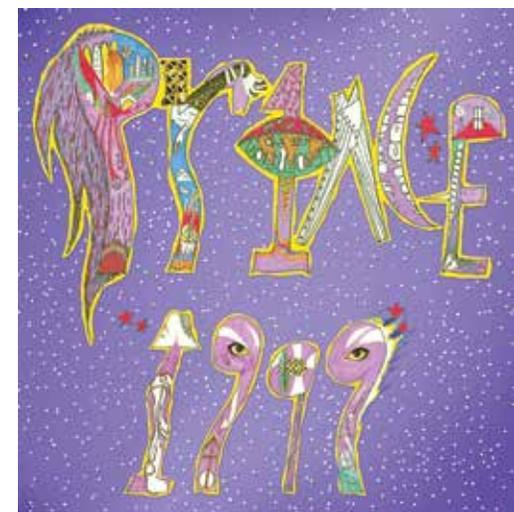
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Prince & Neneh Cherry Get Special Editions

by Chris Narloch

Two of my all-time favorite pop-soul albums recently received new, extended editions that will remind music fans how game-changing and mind-altering Prince's "1999" and Neneh Cherry's "Raw Like Sushi" were and still are today.



I wasn't as fond of "Piano and a Microphone 1983," another demo album released by the Prince estate, and I didn't even buy the deluxe edition of "Purple Rain" when it came out in 2017 because that soundtrack has never been my favorite of the Purple One's records, despite its massive success.

My favorite Prince album was (and still is) "1999," which I bought on vinyl in 1982 and still cherish for its eleven amazing tracks, which include the classic songs "Little Red Corvette," "Delirious," and "Let's Pretend We're Married."

The funk gets even funkier on "1999 Deluxe" which adds a second disc of 18 promo mixes and b-sides, including the hilariously titled "Horny Toad" and "Irresistible Bitch." I especially enjoyed the dance remixes of "Little Red Corvette," and if you have more money than I do you can purchase super deluxe editions that have even more discs.

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Prince—1999 Deluxe

There have been so many posthumous recordings released by his estate since Prince's death, it's hard for casual fans to know what to score and what to ignore. Personally, I very much enjoyed "Originals," a recent disc that compiled the original demo versions of songs Prince wrote and gave to other artists.

"Schoolhouse Rock, Live!" Announces Auditions In Davis

Conjunction Junction, what's your function?! If you are old enough to remember that famous phrase, then you probably watched "Schoolhouse Rock" when you were a kid. The Emmy Award-winning 1970's Saturday morning cartoon series entertained a generation of children and taught history, grammar, math, and more through clever, tuneful songs.

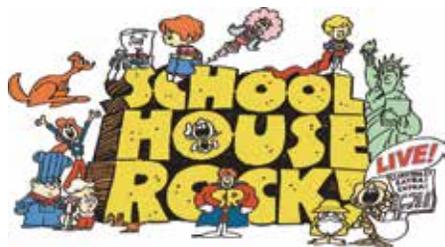
The popular show was tailor-made to become a musical someday, and darned if they haven't done just that, with the arrival of "Schoolhouse Rock, Live!?" Based on the renowned children's program, "Schoolhouse Rock, Live!" follows Tom, a nerve-wracked teacher who is anxious about his first day of school.

Tom tries to relax by watching TV when various characters representing facets of his personality emerge from the set and show him how to win his students over with imagination and music, through such songs as "I'm Just A Bill," "Lolly, Lolly, Lolly," and "Conjunction Junction."

If you know any young students (ages 7-18) with the desire to be on stage, tell them that auditions have been scheduled for Davis Musical Theatre Company's upcoming Young Performers Theater production of "Schoolhouse Rock, Live!"

DMTC is looking for singers and actors for this production, done in the style of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." With over twenty featured solos and loads of large ensemble numbers, this high energy, non-stop show has music from many different genres.

Auditions require singing, reading, at the outwardmagazine.com



director's discretion, and those auditioning must bring sheet music (not just a vocal line) of a song they are prepared to sing (do not use a song from the show).

A piano accompanist will be provided; no recorded music or a cappella singing. The production offers many roles for experienced and new-to-the-stage boys and girls, ages 7-17, plus 18 year-olds that are still in high school, and newcomers are warmly encouraged.

Auditions for "Schoolhouse Rock, Live!" will be held on Monday, March 16 and Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 4:30 p.m., with select callbacks on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, also at 4:30 p.m., at the Jean Henderson Performing Arts Center, 607 Pena Drive, Davis, CA.

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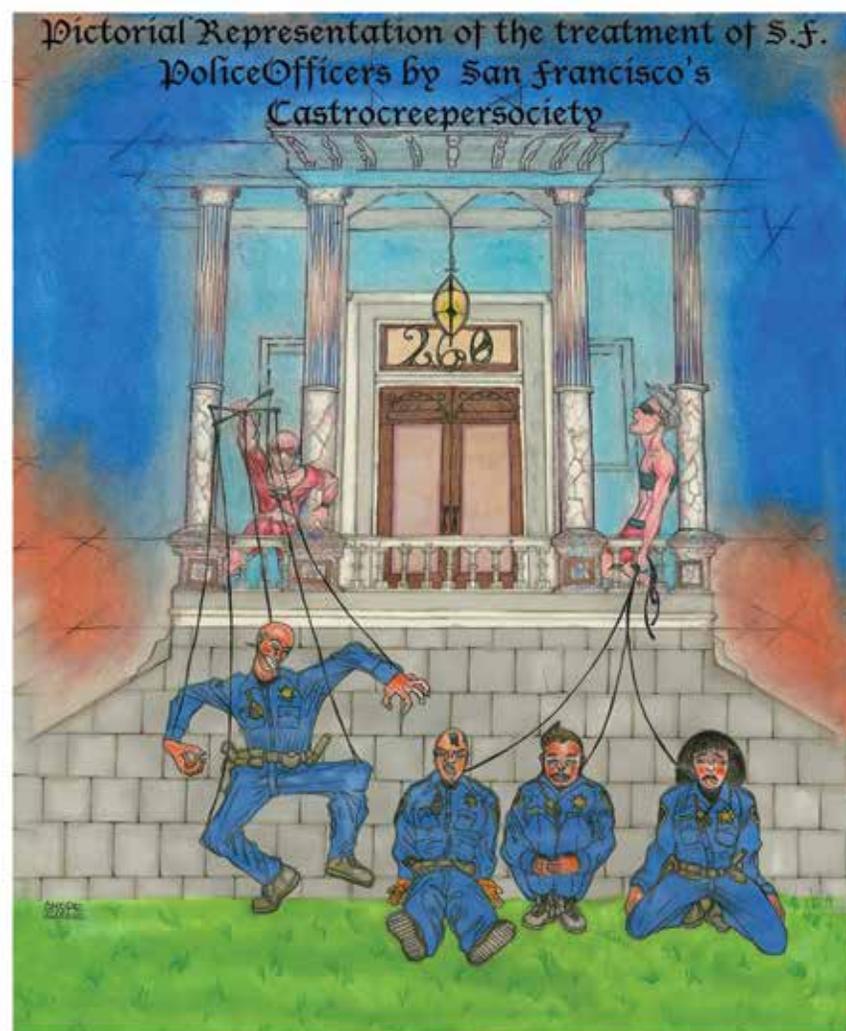
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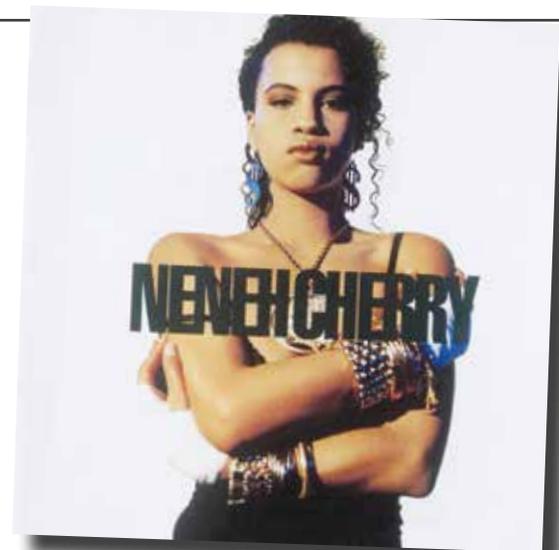
Neneh Cherry--Raw Like Sushi Deluxe

In 1989, seven years after Prince unleashed "1999" on the world, a 25-year-old Swedish singer named Neneh Cherry released the perfectly named album "Raw Like Sushi," and you could hear the influence of the Purple One on her debut masterpiece.

"Buffalo Stance," the massive hit single that kicks off "Raw Like Sushi" still intoxicates me thirty years later - it pops like it did the first time I heard it back in the day when Cherry sang its immortal line, "No money man can win my love / It's sweetness that I'm thinking of."

After "Buffalo Stance," the great songs just keep on coming, including "Manchild," "Kisses On The Wind" and "Inna City Mama." There isn't one dud track on the entire original album, and the 3-disc, 30th Anniversary edition (which adds 19 remixes of six songs from the first CD) is equally essential.

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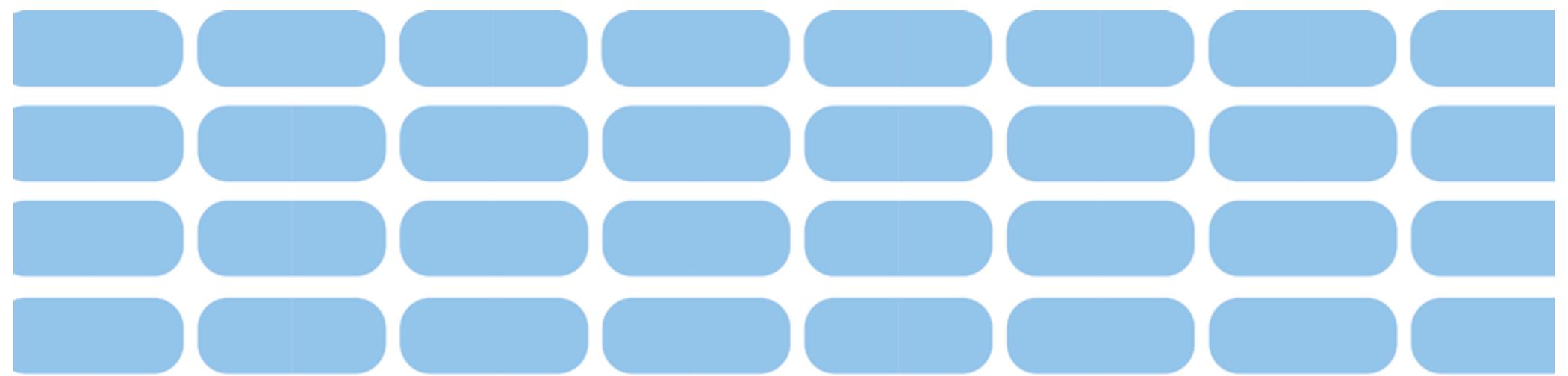
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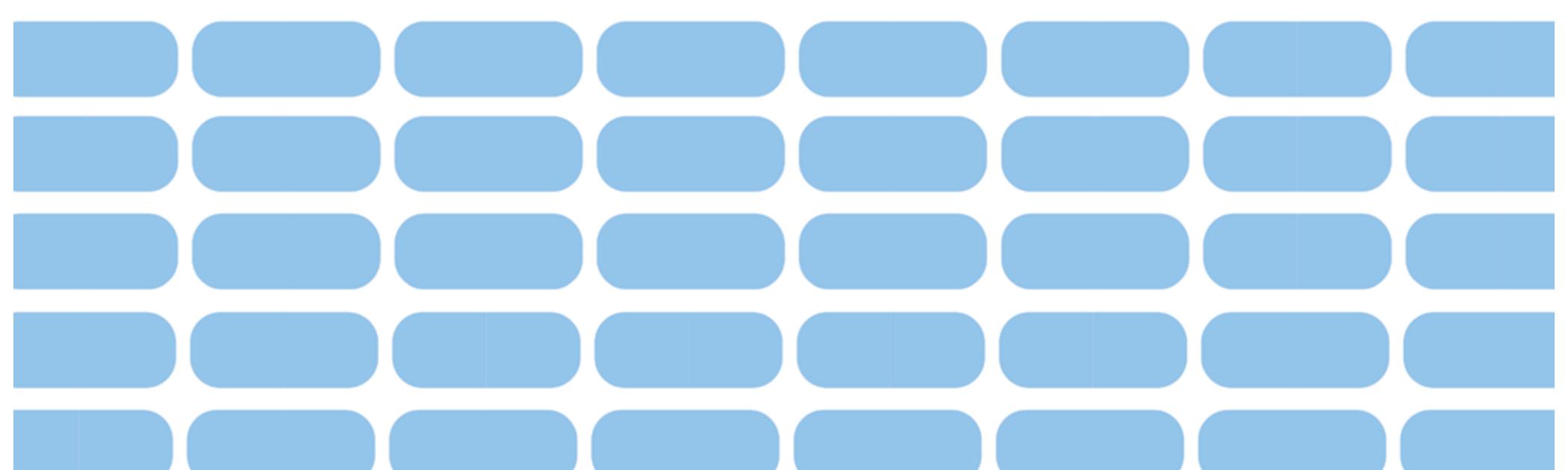
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