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# My Notorious RBG Moment

By Mark Segal

In the 1990's, the U.S. Senate was attempting in every possible way to censor this new thing called the Internet. They soon came up with an idea to stop information that might be objectionable to a particular community, an idea which would have allowed a district attorney in, say, Alabama, to prosecute any web site it found objectionable. The penalty was six months in jail and a \$50,000 fine per incident. To further make it palatable to their base, the Senate said the legislation was designed to protect children. They titled it the Children's Online Protection Act, COPA for short.

For example, if the district attorney in Alabama objected to PGN publishing news on HIV/AIDS, it could prosecute under this new law, even though PGN is not an Alabama newspaper.

This was an infringement on first amendment rights, and for us in the LGBT community it was a danger to our very lives. Not only did LGBT media use our web sites to spread information about HIV/AIDS to places where it was not available due to those community standards, but we covered myriad other topics about LGBT health and education that benefited our community. LGBT media literally was in a fight to save lives through the articles and information we printed or put online. The U.S. Senate labeled that pornography, and COPA was enacted into law.

The ACLU sued the Department of Justice and the President of the United States to overturn that law, and PGN was the only LGBT media that agreed to join the case.

After much interrogation and various court hearings, we finally found our way to the Supreme Court. As the publisher of PGN, one of the 5 plaintiffs in the case, I was required to be there for the Supreme Court hearing which would decide if we'd be heading to jail or if the first amendment still

existed in the U.S.

I remember a few big things from that day. I remembered how solemn it was to walk into the Supreme Court, take our front row seats as plaintiffs, and stand as the justices came in. I remembered when Justice Clarence Thomas just seemed to fall asleep. I remember when our attorney was called. During questioning, very few questions were asked, with the exception of a new member of the court.

That new justice's question was, and I paraphrase: if this law stands, that would mean that publications like Philadelphia Gay News would not be allowed to publish medical and educational information about HIV/AIDS. That question was from Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg.

As we walked out, our attorney was elated that Justice Ginsberg had indeed read PGN's HIV/AIDS articles that the ACLU had included in their briefs before the court.

When I heard of her passing last Friday that memory came back so vividly, and like many Americans, my sorrow was on how that one ruling, like others throughout her tenure on the bench, touched each and every one of us. Thank you, Justice Ginsberg, for being The Notorious RBG.



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# Governor Newsom Signs Transgender Civil Rights, LGBTQ+ Health Bills Authored by Sen. Wiener and Co-sponsored by Equality California

Governor Gavin Newsom signed two bills authored by Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco) and co-sponsored by Equality California on September 26th:

**Senate Bill 932** mandates that healthcare providers in California report sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) data, if known, for all reportable communicable diseases. It is the first law of its kind in the country that requires healthcare providers to collect LGBTQ health data for all reportable communicable diseases. Senator Wiener originally introduced SB 932 because of California's failure to collect LGBTQ+ specific data on COVID-19, then broadened the legislation to include all reportable communicable diseases. SB 932 is co-sponsored by Equality California and the California LGBTQ Health & Human Services Network.

**Senate Bill 132** requires that incarcerated transgender, nonbinary, and intersex individuals in the custody of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) be classified by their gender identity and housed based on their stated health and safety needs and searched according to the policy for their gender identity or the facility where they are housed, based on their search preference. Currently, incarcerated transgender, nonbinary, and intersex individuals are automatically housed by sex assigned at birth, which can lead to increased violence and harassment. SB 132 is co-sponsored by Equality California, TransLatin@ Coalition, TGI Justice Project, Transgender Law Center, ACLU of California, Lambda Legal and Medina Orthwein LLP.

Equality California Executive Director Rick Chavez Zbur released the following statement:

"Thanks to Governor Newsom and Senator Wiener's leadership, California is a beacon of hope to LGBTQ+ people everywhere. Nearly four decades after I watched the government look the other way as our community was devastated by the AIDS crisis, I am proud to say California has become the first state to mandate the collection of voluntary LGBTQ+ data for all reportable communicable diseases. And while President Trump unleashes endless attacks against the transgender community, California is ensuring incarcerated transgender people are afforded the respect, agency and dignity that every person deserves. I recently had the chance to hear from currently incarcerated transgender people about their experiences and need for SB 132 – this bill is going to save lives. We are so grateful to our coalition

partners – many of whom are trans and currently or formerly incarcerated – who led this fight from the beginning. Today is a monumental victory for them and for all LGBTQ+ people."

Senator Wiener released the following statement:

"Today, California took a big step toward LGBTQ equality and inclusion. LGBTQ Californians are no longer invisible in our healthcare system, and we will now have health data so that we can advance health equity for our community. And, transgender people in prison will have a much greater opportunity to be safe in prison and to be treated with the respect and dignity they deserve. I'm proud to be an LGBTQ Californian and proud to be a part of the coalition working toward a fairer society. Thank you, Governor Newsom, for once again getting it and stepping up to support the LGBTQ community."

*Equality California is the nation's largest statewide LGBTQ+ civil rights organization. We bring the voices of LGBTQ+ people and allies to institutions of power in California and across the United States, striving to create a world that is healthy, just, and fully equal for all LGBTQ+ people. We advance civil rights and social justice by inspiring advocating and mobilizing through an inclusive movement that works tirelessly on behalf of those we serve. [www.eqca.org](http://www.eqca.org)*



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# Let's Talk About Domestic Violence

By Ariela Cuellar (she/her/hers)  
Community Engagement & Marketing Strategist,  
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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the Sacramento LGBT Community Center is partnering up with local organizations to provide resources and education for youth and parents in the Sacramento area. Some of those organizations include WEAVE, The Connect Center, and Take Back the Night to name a few. Now, you may be wondering, what exactly is considered domestic violence anyway?

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As a part of the programming throughout the month they want to not only raise awareness, but they want to share resources for those who may be experiencing domestic violence, highlight what healthy relationships looks like, and educate the community on ways to become a better advocate for themselves and others.

Additionally, they will be providing these resources in English AND Spanish! As always, the Center will be hosting its Latinx Livestreams every Friday on Facebook Live,

but throughout October all the topics will be centered around domestic violence.

Erica/x Perez (they/them) is the Center's Youth Outreach coordinator and has been co-organizing these activities with community partners for the month of October. "These resources are important for folks to have especially while sheltering in place. Some folks might be stuck in a violent environment and may not know how or where to find support, especially our LGBTQ+ youth," Ericx stated.

Events will be streaming live through the month of October on the WEAVE and Sacramento LGBT Community Center social media pages. Presentations, workshops, and virtual events will also be added to google classrooms for students in the Sacramento City Unified School District to view.



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# A Question of Sexuality

By David M. Flanagan

In the world of marketing, it is common knowledge that gay audiences are an extremely attractive, lucrative target. That word, however, target... it can feel rather callous, even demeaning. Unfortunately, that is often just part of the professional landscape and common vernacular of marketing, even if it is a bit on the "all lumped into one" category. Many businesses, however, have seen the value in this prized audience, inevitably fail when they attempt to talk at, instead of speak to, the very people whom they intend to reach. It seems that when addressing a largely gay audience, some get lazy, opting to slap a simple rainbow on their ad, and then call it good.

In a recent example, Misfit, a Sacramento-based brand and marketing firm, took a deeper, more personal approach. Working with Bonney - Plumbing, Electrical, Heating and Cooling, a long-standing Sacramento staple in the community, the agency was tasked not only with revitalizing an old brand but reaching new audiences with a more meaningful, relevant message.

Misfit copywriter, Emiliano Martin, when first envisioning an advertisement to appear in *Outward Magazine*, took the assignment to heart. As a young writer, one at the beginning of his career, it became a rather meaningful assignment. The opportunity to speak directly to such a specific audience became the matter of a deep and personal challenge. His final creation, however, was met with no uncertain scrutiny and trepidation, in fear that it had perhaps crossed a line. The headline in particular, suggested an element of playful sexuality and one that was not relevant to the actual services which Bonney provides.

Michelle McCauley, Marketing Director for Bonney, saw things otherwise. With the courage to take new risks and the understanding that the intended audience of the magazine would likely connect with the company in a way never before achieved, she backed Martin's work and stood strong. The ad, as initially imagined, ran as intended.

"It was an extremely important moment in my career," states Martin. "It showed me that, maybe I am a good writer after all and that maybe, just maybe... I do

know something about my craft. I think I might just frame it."

The headline in question played upon the similarities between "staying in" (at home) and "being out," as in one's public declaration of sexuality, drawing a direct parallel and the suggestion that they should both be equally as exciting. To be clear, there is no question of the play on words having a certain sexual connotation.

Bonney's brand, emotionally, stands for viewing our homes, even in their casual familiarity, as one of life's greatest adventures and potentially one of the more fulfilling aspects of our daily lives.

"Tying this directly to a less-expected area of a gay person's life... it was a natural,"

says Martin. "It felt perfectly relevant to me."

It became clear to the entire team at Misfit and Bonney, even the magazine, that this advertisement was not so much about Bonney as it was the very people to whom they were speaking. "Now, that's a great ad!" says Fred Palmer, CEO of *Outward Magazine* and Executive Director of the Rainbow Chamber of Commerce.

For Emiliano Martin, the experience supported and cemented his convictions. For Bonney, it moved them into a new category of business; one of speaking to people, not at them. And for the readers of *Outward Magazine*, it presented a company who is willing to see each of them as individuals, real people, not just another jaded target audience.

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# Women Of Broadway Supports OSF

By Chris Narloch

Lord only knows when Broadway will be back, with live theater and so many other businesses impacted by the coronavirus crisis. For now, theater queens like me have to get their Broadway fix via filmed productions and live-streamed shows, which can often be wonderful.

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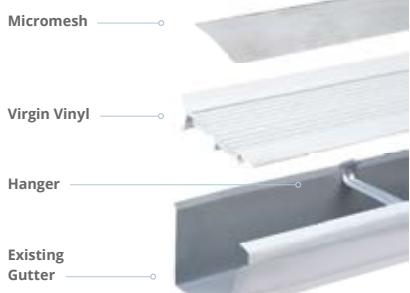


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# A Virtual Architecture Tour of Sacramento

By Chris Narloch

The popular local program "Experience Architecture" gives attendees a behind-the-scenes opportunity to see both known and "tucked-away" architecture projects in our region. 2020 marks the ninth annual event.

This year, for their safety and convenience, architecture aficionados will be invited to see the projects through the camera lens, with video tours in a variety of styles that will provide details and unique insights from the architect's perspective.

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# Taking It to “The Hilt”

By Diana Kienle

**B**y definition, the hilt means “in full.” That is exactly what I discovered when tasting the Pinot Noir “The Hilt” from Santa Barbara. The wine is silky and smooth with rich, lush flavors. Given that experience, I wondered how I had missed the opportunity in the past. Nonetheless, I am glad I found it. The Old Guard is the bottle I tried first, and I was wowed by the depth of flavor and how long the finish sailed on. This was a real treat to discover!

Pinot Noir presents challenges and to drink it done so masterfully is a treat. The vine itself is a difficult partner and can fall flat. It has been called the heartbreak variety since it is a frail vine and subject to many diseases and mutation. Its clusters are usually small and challenging to evenly ripen. So what makes it appealing? It can provide subtle depth of flavors and an array of notes to accompany the fruit flavors of Cranberry, Cherry and Raspberry. Its high acidity and low tannins profile make it a wonderful partner for many meals. When you find one like The Hilt, it really makes for a fabulous dinner.

The most interesting part of this discovery for me is that the winemaker is Matt Dees. His is a name you may not have heard, yet one you should know. Matt is the winemaker for Jonata which is owned by the same individual who owns Screaming Eagle. Quality is the aim for both brands, and this Pinot Noir does not disappoint.

Matt has been the winemaker at Jonata since 2004. He made his way to Santa Barbara by way of the Napa Valley. Originally, he started at Staglin under the tutelage of Andy Erickson (Dalla Valla, Screaming Eagle, Mariano, Arietta, Mayacamas, Ovid and co-owner of Favia and Leviathan). He has also worked alongside of Ted Lemon of Litorai Wines (Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in the Burgundian fashion). Listening to Matt speak about wine is like being in a college class of art and science

expressed light-heartedly. He is quick witted and easy to listen to and learn from. He is from Kansas City and gained his degree in Soil Science from the University of Vermont. He would make ice wine, and this is where he was bit by the wine bug. The West Coast then became his target.

The Hilt is just one of the labels made by Matt. Obviously, he also makes Jonata which is a luscious endeavor that includes Cabernet, Cab Franc, Merlot, Syrah, as well as Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon. I first visited Jonata with a group of friends back in 2013 and have been a fan ever since. You can click on this link to read my post on Jonata.

This collection of wines from this winery includes a modest priced offering called The Paring. These bottles sell for \$25 each and are quite approachable and delicious. They are made from grapes that are either too young or do not fall into the vintage style that year. The range of offerings here includes a red blend, Syrah, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and a Rosé. These wines are quaffable and very well crafted. It is not often you find this type of quality at this price point. You can read my post about The Paring here.

If you think I am a fan of Matt Dees, you are spot on. His talent and artistry are remarkable. I enjoy what he does and would hope you would try one of the offerings.

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# 'Be My Beard'

By: Isabelle McTeer, she/her

This year I started a podcast with one of my closest friends. It all started as a joke until Klaus, my co-host, bought us mics. Originally it was meant to be a comedy podcast, where we would have queer people on to teach us things and laugh.

But, our first guest asked if he could share his story. He came on and bared his soul to us, his deepest wounds and heartbreak, and how he grew out of this into the person he is today. From valedictorian, to rock bottom, and his journey back up. His rawness astounded us. It moved us. It united us in a way we never expected.

We knew this is what we had to do. We needed to hear people's stories and share them with others. To show people that their own story is unique and beautiful despite the pain, because of the hardships. To show that while their story is very much their own, it is also something we all can understand and relate to as humans.

We started interviewing more and more people. This joke podcast quickly became my passion project. I pour my heart into every episode. I ask hard questions of brave people. I am awed by their ability to show me the most precious parts of themselves. I am moved by Klaus's empathy and how he can cry for and laugh with every guest that visits us. He has this incredible ability to love even though life has broken heart over and over again.

The most surprising thing for me though was that this passion project gave more back to me than I gave to it. With every guest we interviewed we gained a friend. Some of

who I can't imagine my life without. The other thing it gave me was space to explore who I am. Every episode where I opened my heart to a guest, they poured love and understanding back into me. They don't realize they do it or what a gift it was. I came out as pansexual on this podcast, to a group people I loved because of the podcast. I shared my own painful history and found some healing on this podcast.

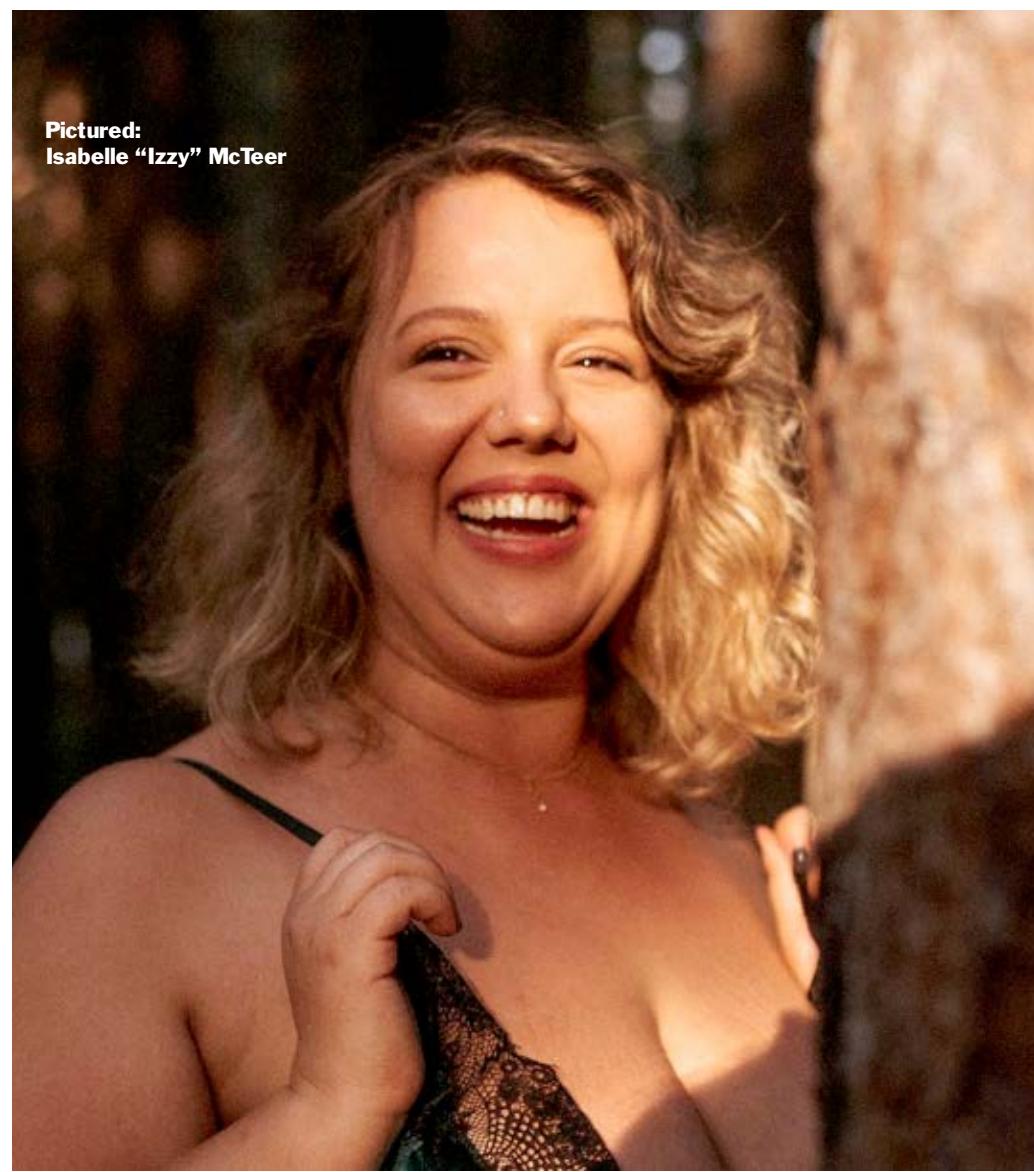
At the end of every episode we ask our guests "Who was your beard?". For those who don't know a "beard" is an outdated term for a woman who dates a man so he can pass as straight. We have broadened this definition to mean anyone or thing who helped you become you. Who helped give you the space to grow into the person you are meant to be?

It is a powerful question that leaves our guests stunned. Even those who know it's coming.

For me, this podcast became my beard. I was given space to do unlearning. Given tools to work on being anti-racist. Able to understand my own sexuality. A safe and loving space to come out.

I am so honored to be a part of this project.

So, the only thing left to say is: Who was your beard?



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# The United States Naval Academy Evolves with LGBTQ Acceptance

By Jeremy Rodriguez

**B**efore graduating from the United States Naval Academy in 1985, Paula Neira had difficulties accepting she was trans. “I was fighting this internal battle, but asking for help would’ve gotten me kicked out,” Neira said.

Steve Clark Hall, a gay graduate from the class of 1975, said he knew gay classmates who were kicked out of the Academy and could not return home to the families who disowned them.

“If you were gay [back then], it was the worst, most despicable, disgusting thing,” Hall said of society’s views at the time.

Up until 2011, it was difficult to be openly LGBTQ at USNA, which has roughly 4,500 students who go on to become military officers after their time in Annapolis.

However, with increasing acceptance of LGBTQ people in mainstream culture, USNA students are experiencing a different environment. The Academy now boasts an LGBTQ alumni association for graduates, a Genders and Sexualities Alliance club for current students, and an overall supportive atmosphere.

## The Road to “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell”

Joseph Steffan was among the students who had similar experiences to Neira and Hall. Steffan was forced to resign in April 1987 – two months before his graduation – after Academy officials learned he was gay. According to a 1989 story in the Philadelphia Gay News, he said his father did not immediately accept his sexuality.

“It was my father’s dream, my going to the Academy,” Steffan said at the time. “He was very crushed, hysterical with me over the phone. I was afraid he’d have a nervous breakdown.”

“But he’s turned around 180 degrees,” he added. “It’s just a process of learning.”

Steffan sued the Department of Defense and asked for reinstatement, but he ended up losing the legal battle in 1994. He wrote about his experience of getting kicked out of the Academy in a 1988 New York Times op-ed. In the piece, he noted he was one of the 10 highest-ranking midshipmen at the Academy and had excellent performance and conduct records.

“I was immediately forced to resign, weeks before graduation, and was denied the opportunity to complete my degree and serve in the capacity for which I had been trained at a cost of over \$110,000,” Steffan wrote.

Steffan added that this “sanctioned prejudice is unconscionable” and that one’s sexuality does not affect their ability to serve.

“It is obvious to me that the real problem is not homosexuality, but rather, the military’s open and officially supported prejudice against homosexuals who have the desire and capability to serve their country.”

Despite these feelings, Steffan told PGN at the time that he would have returned to the

military without hesitation.

“I believe in the service,” he said. “I believe in the need for a capable and strong military.”

Not long after Steffan’s dismissal from the Academy, a new era began for gay servicepeople. On Dec. 21, 1993, President Bill Clinton issued Defense Directive 1304.26, otherwise known as “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.” Through this directive, servicepeople were not required to disclose their sexual orientation and others were not permitted to ask them.

Hall noted how this policy created a set of rules to keep servicepeople safe.

“It was OK to be gay as long as you didn’t say, ‘I am gay,’ ” he said of the mentality at the time. “So all of a sudden, it was OK to be gay as long as you didn’t tell about it. And [others] weren’t allowed to ask you.”

While this was seen as progress at the time, Hall pointed out how part of Clinton’s platform was to allow gays, lesbians and bisexuals to openly serve in the military. However, the directive “didn’t go far enough.”

“When Clinton promised you could be openly gay, I was planning on being openly gay [while serving],” he said. “But it didn’t happen.”

## Making themselves visible

Shortly before DADT went into effect, LGBTQ alumni of the Academy started to have the courage to come out. This resulted in former midshipmen and cadets founding the Service Academy Gay & Lesbian Alumni (SAGALA) network in 1991. Through 2011, it was the primary social network of the Academy’s LGBTQ alumni, midshipmen, cadets and commissioned officers continuing to serve on active duty.

However, the group was still separate from the United States Naval Academy. This inspired Jeff Petrie and 31 SAGALA members to form USNA Out in 2003.

“The purpose was to reconnect with the Naval Academy, to network with other LGBTQ alumni and to advocate for change in the Navy,” said Neira, one of the group’s founding members.

Hall, another founding member, noted they also formed the group to let the alumni association know the Naval Academy had LGBTQ graduates.

“The number-one reason it existed is to let everybody know, ‘We’re here,’ ” he said.

USNA Out applied for recognition as an official chapter of the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association on Nov. 11, 2003 but their proposed bylaws contained mission



Midshipman standing in front of Bancroft Hall.

objectives that were counter to the association’s mission. The USNA Alumni Association Board of Trustees then unanimously rejected the application three weeks later on the grounds that it was a “special interest chapter” and “not geographically based.”

The group then took the guidance from the rejection and formed the chapter in the Castro of San Francisco to make it “geographically based.”

The Board of Trustees said that our sexuality was never considered in their decision to reject us,” Petrie told the Washington Post in a November 2004 interview. “Now, we get to put that statement to the test. We just want to support our alma mater openly and honestly.”

The board rejected USNA Out’s application the following month, claiming it was due to the group being part of a special-interest chapter and because many members did not have a primary residence in the Castro.

However, these rejections did not stop USNA Out from making accomplishments in promoting LGBTQ visibility at the Academy. The GLBT Historical Society in San Francisco opened a “Gays in the Military”

exhibit, which featured several USNA Out members on display. After noticing the interest in the exhibit, Hall began a project profiling the group’s members called “Faces of USNA Out” in June 2007. The project then became the “OUT of ANNAPOLIS” project, a documentary film about the Naval Academy’s LGBTQ alumni.

“You don’t want to be invisible,” Hall said of his motivation to make the film.

In March 2009, the members attended a national meeting of alumni to discuss the future of USNA Out and as a result, they were incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in Maryland later that September.

Finally, a little over a year later, the group was present during a historic moment for LGBTQ individuals in the military. USNA Out founding member Navy Cmdr. Zoe Dunning stood by President Barack Obama’s side when he signed the repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” on Dec. 22, 2010.

## Safe Spaces for LGBTQ Students

While USNA Out was specifically for alumni, its mission still reached students currently attending the United States Naval Academy. Fabian Ortiz, a 2009 graduate, read a newspaper article about Petrie and USNA Out while attending the Academy.

“As soon as I read this article, I just felt like my whole world changed,” Ortiz said. “I felt like I had support. I felt like I wasn’t alone and I understood that there were other gay people out there.”

Ortiz then tracked down Petrie’s contact info and gave him a call. From there, Petrie mentored Ortiz and set him up with other LGBTQ mentors within the Academy. This experience made Ortiz feel lucky to have a strong support system.

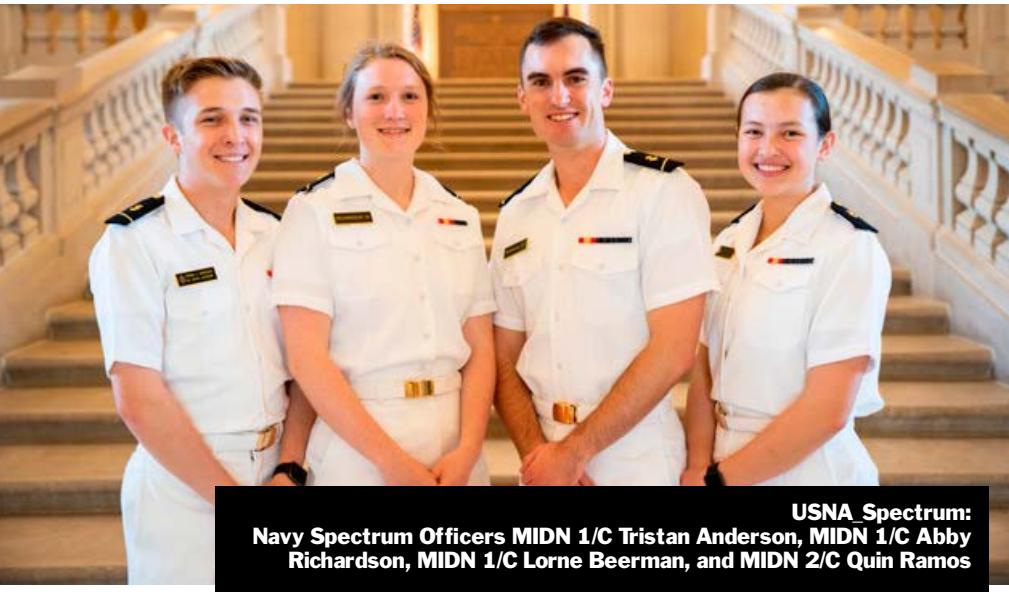
However, Ortiz soon recognized his privileges. After losing two friends to suicide, he became more aware of how sadness can impact one’s life. This made him take a closer look at the military and its effect on LGBTQ students at the Academy.

“I started noticing throughout life that the military can psychologically hurt people,” Ortiz said. “Now I understand that the numbers are higher for suicide within the

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Midshipman marching to a parade.  
Photo by Clyde Villemez.



**USNA Spectrum:**  
Navy Spectrum Officers MIDN 1/C Tristan Anderson, MIDN 1/C Abby Richardson, MIDN 1/C Lorne Beerman, and MIDN 2/C Quin Ramos

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military, but being gay and in the military definitely would spike those numbers even higher."

Other students also started coming out to Ortiz in confidence.

"They were petrified that they were going to be kicked out of the Naval Academy, so then it started hitting me that not everybody is like me," he said. "I wanted to do something to get everybody to know each other and to offer a stronger support group."

Ortiz organized a private dinner for a closely guarded guest list of about two dozen gay midshipmen and alumni. He catered the dinner and used his midshipmen loan to book a room at an Annapolis condominium. The dinner quietly became an annual tradition for a small group of people until the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." That first dinner after the repeal had nearly 100 guests.

#### A 'Spectrum' of Changes

While these initiatives helped LGBTQ students and alumni outside of the Academy, there still needed to be changes within the Academy's walls. Those changes began when a small group of students formed Navy Spectrum, the Genders and Sexualities Alliance club for the United States Naval Academy.

"We knew [this club] would be cool for midshipmen to feel comfortable in that environment and also for other midshipmen to learn about the LGBTQ community and create an atmosphere where people felt safe," said Kris Moore, one of the club's founding members.

The 2014 graduate said the club was a great way to interact with others "about your personal life and not have to worry about padding anything here or there." However, the Academy still needed to make progress with acceptance of trans people. Moore, who is also a trans man but didn't come out as such until after he graduated, said he received some pushback from senior midshipmen about including trans education in the club.

"Of course they were like, 'this isn't a political group.' I was like, 'There's nothing political about it. It's human rights,'" Moore said. "I think slowly over time, the more people started understanding the trans community, the more they started to relate with it. I think that's how slowly over time,

they became part of Spectrum."

These trans education initiatives continue to be a part of Spectrum's goals. Current President Lorne Beerman, who will graduate in May, said in an email that before the military's trans ban, the club hosted a brief with a transgender advocate lawyer, who provided tools to help trans midshipmen stay at the Academy and commission to be a military officer.

Beerman also noted how one club member took a small step recently by including her pronouns in a student-wide email.

"All of us, including faculty and staff, can make a small step in normalizing the discussion about gender identity and expression by including our preferred pronouns in our introductions in conversations and in our email signatures," he said. "I cannot wait for the Spectrum team and I to host club events that have more productive conversations like these. I believe these efforts will improve general acceptance and create a more welcoming environment for all LGBTQ+ midshipmen."

Moving forward, Beerman said he would like to increase general knowledge about people who outwardly identify as non-binary or agender. The club currently discusses what it means to be genderfluid and why people use they/them pronouns, but no current members identify in these ways.

"The male/female dichotomy in the military is stronger than at the average liberal-arts school because of strict male and female differences in grooming standards, uniforms, physical-test standards, sports teams, room assignments, etc," he said.

"There is a feeling of otherness towards people who deviate from the gender binary because there is little exposure of 'out' gender nonbinary students among the student body."

However, even though changes still need to be made, it seems like students now have a stronger support system at the United States Naval Academy.

"The most rewarding part is helping members learn more about their own identity and accept themselves, and support them if they make the tough decision to come out to their family," Beerman said. "Our group's solidarity helps us feel accepted and supported."

# Governor Newsom Signs "The Equal Insurance HIV Act" Enacting Anti-discrimination Protections in State Law

**O**n September 26th, Governor Newsom signed **SB 1255 – The Equal Insurance HIV Act** by Senator Lena Gonzalez (D- Long Beach) and the Senate Committee on Insurance. The Equal Insurance HIV Act will end the unjust practice of insurance companies discriminating against HIV-positive individuals.

For more than thirty years insurers have been allowed to deny life and disability income insurance coverage based solely on a positive HIV test and this bill now signed into law is a significant step forward to reflect the advancements in medical treatments for people living with HIV and to ensure HIV positive individuals and their families have access to life and disability income insurance.

"The Equal Insurance HIV Act is a great accomplishment for our state in securing access to critical life and disability income insurance for everyone regardless of HIV status," said Sen. Lena Gonzalez. "I thank Governor Newsom for signing this important legislation into law. Ending this type of discrimination was a joint effort with the support of the Senate Committee on Insurance and the hard work of co-sponsors Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara and Equality California and the incredible support from The Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation, LGBTQ centers and organizations advocating for the rights of people living with HIV."

"Governor Newsom's signing of The Equal Insurance HIV Act means once and for all that HIV status will not be a barrier to protecting yourself and your loved ones through life and disability income insurance," said Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, who co-sponsored SB 1255. "I thank Sen. Lena Gonzalez for authoring this life-changing legislation that finally ends

discrimination against HIV-positive individuals who are leading longer and healthier lives than before."

"For far too long, California's outdated laws have kept people living with HIV from getting the insurance coverage they need," said Equality California Executive Director Rick Chavez Zbur. "That's why we are thrilled that Governor Newsom has signed The Equal Insurance HIV Act to protect Californians living with HIV from discrimination when accessing life and disability income insurance. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Senator Lena Gonzalez and Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara for their tireless advocacy for this law and for all Californians living with HIV. And we are incredibly grateful to our partners at The Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation for their public education support, as well."

"The Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation (ETAF) was pleased to join with Equality California and all the sponsors of The California Equal Insurance HIV Act to ensure there is no insurance discrimination against people living with HIV," said Catherine Brown, Executive Director of The Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation. "Following the legacy of our founder Elizabeth Taylor, our voice remains united with the HIV/AIDS community in the continued fight for legislative reform, social justice, equality and equity for all. We applaud Governor Newsom for signing this bill into law."



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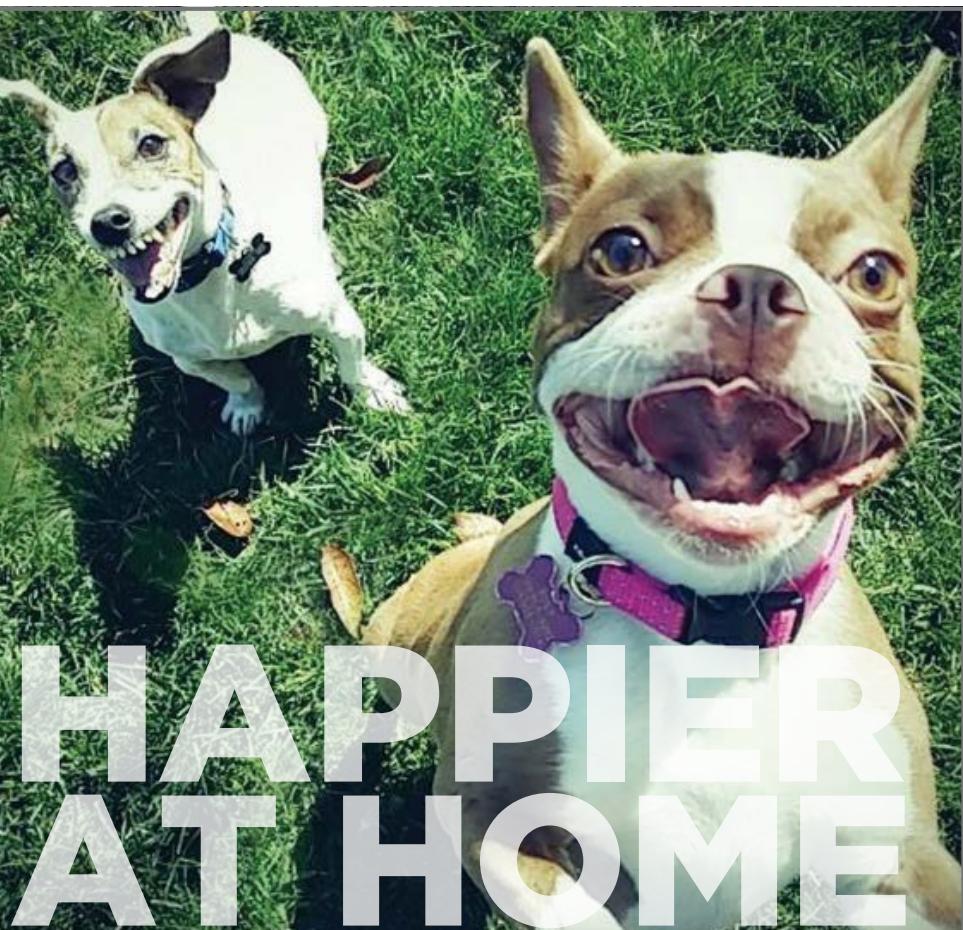
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# **Women We Love Make Music**

*By Chris Narloch*

**A**s a gay man, I couldn't get too hot and bothered over "WAP" (Wet-Ass P\*ssy)," the controversial, carnal collaboration between the female rappers du jour, Cardi B and Megan Thee Stallion.

The expensive-looking, uncensored version of the video for that song, which teases viewers with the sort of girl-on-girl action usually reserved for soft-core porn, has not a single man in it, even though the lyrics of "WAP" are entirely heterosexual -- a fact that makes the song about one thing and the video about something else.

The song is a celebration of female (hetero) sexual empowerment, while the "WAP" video sells the same old tired cliché that rap fans only want to see women unclothed in their music videos, never men.

While that sexist "rule" may be true for straight, male rap fans, I wonder if straight female fans ever get sick of the double standard in rap videos, where women are routinely objectified but men almost never are.

I'll let you chew on that while I review the latest CDs by several, more established (and fully clothed) female artists.

#### **Taylor Swift – Folklore**

"Folklore" is Swift's surprise quarantine album, and the surprise is how good it is, considering she totally departs from the big, commercial pop radio sound she has been mining recently.

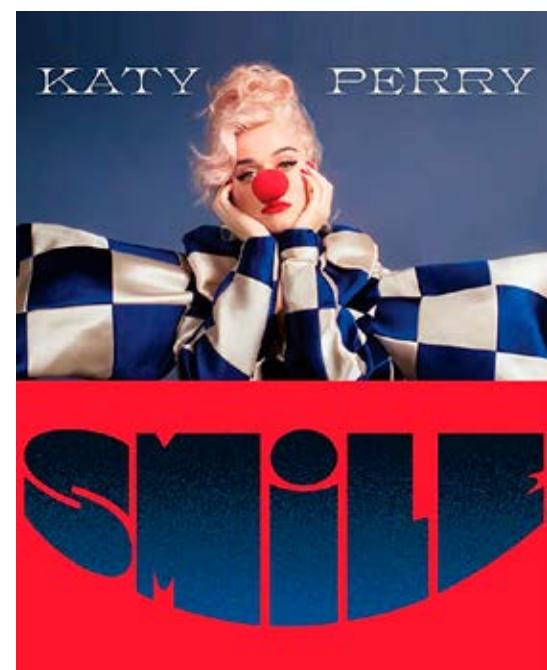
If you're looking for another "Shake It Off," you won't find it here. Swift's new disc harkens back to her country roots but with more of a folky feel that puts the emphasis on singing and songwriting rather than hooks and production.

I preferred Swift when she was a country artist so I loved "Folklore," and her pop fans are so devoted that they would follow her anywhere. Key cuts include "Betty," "Mirror ball," "My Tears Ricochet," and an odd duet with Bon Iver entitled "Exile" that has grown on me.

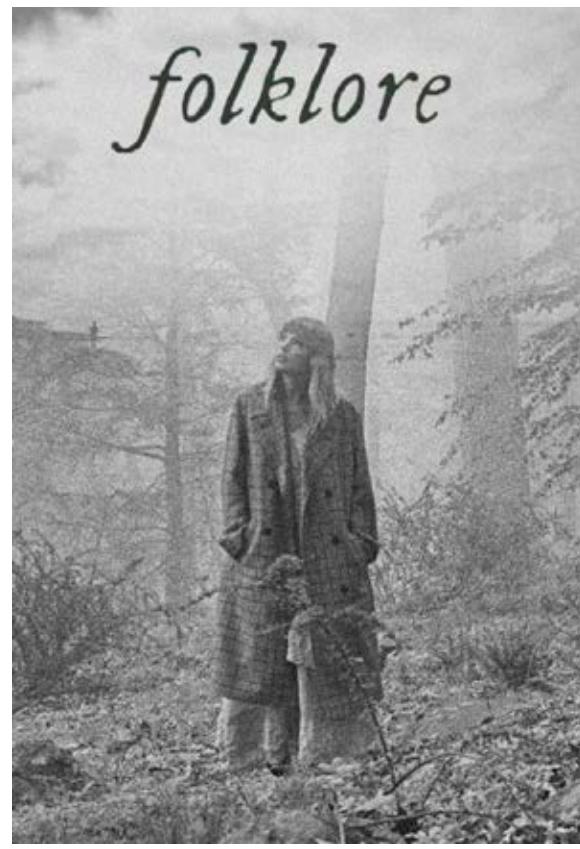
#### **Katy Perry – Smile**

Katy Perry has a new baby, a new husband (Orlando Bloom), and a new album that begins with a bang thanks to a clever, addictive song entitled "Never Really Over," then stalls with two overly-repetitive tracks ("Teary Eyes" and "Cry About It Later.")

After that, Perry gets back on track with the hypnotic single "Daisies," which should



*folklore*



have been a bigger hit. That song is less than three minutes long, but it's classic Katy, with pulsating production and a lovely, uplifting lyric.

That combination is Perry's lane, and when she sticks to it, she soars, on "Champagne Problems" and on the album's tasty title track, which help ease the pain of several dud filler songs (like "Tucked").

#### **Gloria Estefan – Brazil305**

Gloria Estefan, who is Cuban-American, grew up listening to a variety of music, including Brazilian records, and her love for those songs inspired her to make this eclectic new album.

On "Brazil305," Estefan rerecords her own song "Here We Are" in

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Spanish and gives several of her other hits a Brazilian musical facelift.

While it's fun to hear great songs like "Rhythm Is Gonna Get You" reinvented with different instruments, more than half of the songs are sung in Spanish, making the disc a must for diehard fans but maybe not for the rest of us.

#### Alanis Morissette – Such Pretty Forks in the Road

The rock queen who unleashed "Jagged Little Pill" on the world a quarter of a century ago is back with her first disc in eight years, and it was worth the wait.

If anything, Morissette's voice sounds even better than it did 25 years ago, when her nasal angst ruled the radio. While I wouldn't call "Such Pretty Forks in the Road" mellow, the ballad-dominated disc may not satisfy fans of her edgier, earlier music.

I thoroughly enjoyed the new CD though, and even when her lyrics are a little

awkward ("Diagnosis"), the singer's distinctive voice and her melodies draw you in. Essential tracks include "Missing the Miracle," "Reasons I Drink," and especially "Ablaze."

#### Haim – Women In Music Pt. III

If you haven't heard of HAIM, you need to rectify that oversight by acquiring this terrific album, the best CD so far by this talented trio of L.A. rock chicks who are also sisters.

Musically, HAIM follows in the tradition of female pop-rock pioneers such as the Go-Go's and the Bangles, but "Women In Music Pt. III," which was inspired by traumatic experiences in the lives of each member of the band, is the group's most personal project yet.

Whether they're reflecting on their love/hate relationship with L.A. ("Los Angeles" and "Summer Girl") or coping with the pain of depression ("I Know Alone"), these three women are the real deal.



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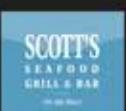
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# The Dark & Delicious David Muir Sends Ratings Through The Roof

By Chris Narloch

I'm not surprised that ratings for network news soared this summer, as COVID-19 raged on and the U.S. presidential election heated up, and I am even less surprised that my favorite anchorman, David Muir, was responsible for breaking ratings records this year.

Muir, who has been the weekday anchor of ABC's extremely popular World News Tonight for the past six years, is a strapping stud just shy of six feet tall, with big brown eyes and GQ good looks.

Call me shallow, but if I have to hear bad news – and there is an excess of that these days – I'd rather get it from a sexy, dark-haired hunk.

I don't know who is doing the hiring on World News Tonight, but my guess is either a gay man or a woman with a real eye for male beauty, because Muir isn't the only handsome man on ABC's nightly national newscast.

There are a few female reporters who contribute to World News Tonight on a regular basis, but the majority of Muir's coworkers are similarly good-looking guys who I refer to as Muir's "stable of studs": Matt Gutman, Tom Llamas, Victor Oquendo, Rob Marciano, Alex Perez, Gio Benitez, and Steve Osunsami.

Ordinarily, I don't like to repeat rumors about people, but Muir's (very private) private life is pretty much an open secret by this point. He is 46 years old, gorgeous, has never been married, has no kids and is friends with Kelly Ripa. You do the math.



## "The Muse Hour" Features Karamo Brown & More

By Chris Narloch

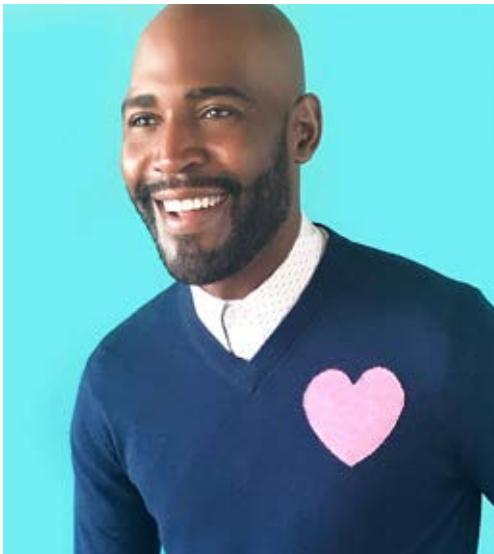
Luther Burbank Center for the Arts (LBC) will present "The Muse Hour," a four-part virtual event series that includes an appearance by "Queer Eye" star Karamo Brown, from Oct. 17-Dec. 12, 2020.

Presented in partnership with Cal Poly Arts and Tacoma Arts Live, each event will feature inspirational conversations or performances as well as a moderated Q&A with audience members.

In addition to Karamo Brown, the lineup includes Grammy and Latin Grammy Award-winning artist Lila Downs, dynamic duo Rhiannon Giddens & Francesco Turrisi, and a holiday concert featuring members of Pink Martini.

Tickets (\$10 per performance, free to Luther Burbank Center for the Arts members) are now available online at [www.lutherburbankcenter.org](http://www.lutherburbankcenter.org)

Karamo Brown  
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# Stevie Nicks, OMD & David Byrne Rock On

By Chris Narloch

The '70s sometimes get maligned musically as the decade that gave us disco, when in fact those years also produced many of the greatest bands of the rock era – in addition to some of the best dance music ever made.

Talking Heads, the ultimate NYC hipster band, formed in 1975, the same year that Stevie Nicks and Lindsey Buckingham started playing with Fleetwood Mac. The next year, 1976, produced U2 and also Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers.

I love the fact that some of those great '70s performers are still rocking on, and this month three artists from that era can be seen live in movie theaters or from the safety of your home. Read on for more details.

## Stevie Nicks

Filmed during Nicks' recent 67-city solo tour, "Stevie Nicks 24 Karat Gold The Concert" features a set-list of fan favorite Nicks songs from her solo career and as a member of Fleetwood Mac, including "Rhiannon," "Stop Draggin' My Heart Around," "Edge of Seventeen," "Stand Back," "Landslide," and more, plus rare gems from her platinum-selling catalog.

The film, which will be shown in select cinemas, drive ins and exhibition spaces around the world on Oct. 21 and 25, also reveals the inspirations for some of the most famous and timeless songs and lyrics in

music history. For more information, visit [StevieNicksFilm.com](http://StevieNicksFilm.com)

## OMD

Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark (OMD), an English synth band that formed in 1978, recently announced that their "You Me & OMD" live show from London's Indigo at The O2 on Oct. 24 will be made available for the group's fans via live-stream.

All profits from the show will be divided between the band's dedicated and loyal crew who work on their live shows, and who have been struggling both mentally and financially from the impact of no touring due to COVID-19. Go to [www.omd.uk.com](http://www.omd.uk.com)

## David Byrne

I wasn't able to make it to New York City to see "David Byrne's American Utopia," Byrne's highly acclaimed Broadway show from a year or two ago, so I am ecstatic that HBO will be presenting a filmed version of the concert beginning Saturday, Oct. 17.

Directed by the great Spike Lee, "David Byrne's American Utopia" is must-see TV of the highest order, especially for fans of the

unique art-rock performer who helped create timeless songs such as "Once in a Lifetime," "Burning Down the House," "Psycho Killer," and "Take Me To the River." Visit [www.hbo.com/specials/american-utopia](http://www.hbo.com/specials/american-utopia).



L-R, Clockwise: Stevie Nicks, David Byrne in his show "American Utopia" on Broadway, and OMD.

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# What's New On Netflix & Amazon Prime Video?

By Chris Narloch

**A**fter being shuttered for more than six months, movie theaters in Sacramento County are cautiously opening again, and most or all of the local Regal and Cinemark theaters are now showing a combination of new and "used" titles.

"Old" Yoda and Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill) in "The Empire Strikes Back"



Those older titles may be a safer bet, since most of the major movies slated for release this year have been pushed back to 2021. I recently ventured out to the Regal El Dorado Hills Theater for a flashback film and very much enjoyed seeing the 40th Anniversary presentation of "The Empire Strikes Back."

That second "Star Wars" flick has aged gracefully, and it was well worth my time and money to see a young Luke, Leia and Han on the big screen again. Another terrific title currently in several local theaters is "The Broken Hearts Gallery," a very funny new rom-com set in NYC that I thoroughly enjoyed.

I hear rumors that the Esquire IMAX and the Tower Theatre will be reopening during the first or second week of October, but you'll have to visit their websites to get confirmation and more details on that.

If you aren't quite ready to put on a Hazmat suit and return to brick-and-mortar movie theaters, you can enjoy a virtual film festival from the safety and convenience of your own home.

Sacramento's French Film Festival will offer an online edition of their 7th MiniFest from Oct. 21-25. For more info, visit [www.SacramentoFrenchFilmFestival.org](http://www.SacramentoFrenchFilmFestival.org).

If you would rather take advantage of your Netflix subscription and your Amazon Prime Video membership, here are several recommendations to check out when you have time.

## Enola Holmes

Millie Bobby Brown ("Stranger Things") proves that she's a star and can carry a movie in this entertaining Netflix romp about a clever teenager who uses her sleuthing skills to outsmart big brother Sherlock Holmes (the delicious Henry Cavill) and help a runaway lord.

## Cuties

The latest viral sensation on Netflix that I didn't care for is this controversial new French drama about a young teen who is [outwordmagazine.com](http://outwordmagazine.com)

desperate to impress the mean girls at her school, so she joins their troupe and enters a dance contest using moves that would make Cardi B blush.

I can defend "Cuties" against the crazy folks who are calling it "kiddie porn," but I can't defend it as a good film, although it is a serious attempt to explore the undeniable fact that young girls today are pressured to mimic the sexually provocative dress and

That sounds like the set-up for a nifty horror film, but the director here is Charlie Kaufman, who writes cerebral and very odd movies like "Being John Malkovich" and "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind."

I enjoyed those two films, but I cannot recommend "I'm Thinking of Ending Things," which is well-acted by Jessie Buckley, Jesse Plemons, and David Thewlis but is so deliberately unclear and strange



Henry Cavill, Sam Claflin and Millie Bobby Brown star in Netflix's "Enola Holmes."

behavior they see in movies, advertising, and online.

The real problem with the film is that director Maimouna Doucouré hammers home every point and scene with blunt force and zero subtlety, telling us exactly what to think at every turn.

## I'm Thinking of Ending Things

The title of this truly bizarre new Netflix drama refers not to suicide but to the prospect of ending a relationship, as a young woman has second thoughts while she travels with her new boyfriend to his parents' secluded farm.

that you're left scratching your head at the end.

## What the Constitution Means to Me

Over at Amazon Prime Video, I am very much looking forward to finally seeing this filmed version of Heidi Shreck's Tony and Pulitzer Prize-nominated play, which premieres Oct. 16.

The highly acclaimed and reportedly hilarious play tells the true story of how, as a teenager, Shreck earned the money that would put her through college by speaking about the Constitution at competitions around the country.

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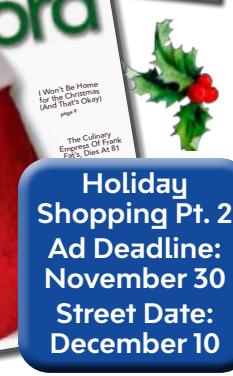
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## "Father Of The Bride" Gets A Hilarious Zoom Reunion

By Chris Narloch



If you have a half hour to spare, check out the charming mini-movie that director Nancy Meyers recently put together for charity, almost 30 years after the release of the hit comedy remake "Father of the Bride." Meyers reunited the film's original cast, including Steve Martin, Martin Short, Diane Keaton, and Kimberly Williams-Paisley, and added new faces Ben Platt, Robert De Niro, Alexandra Shipp and Florence Pugh to the party. The result was the finest COVID-era Zoom reunion by far, with a sweet story and a lot of laughs. You can watch it for free at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zBXL\\_jSxLuE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zBXL_jSxLuE)

## Online-only LGBTQ+ Brand Surges During COVID

Childhood best friends turned power couple Jesus Gutierrez and Sergio Aragon were working full time – Jesus in merchandising at Cole Haan and Sergio in digital commerce at Tiffany & Co. – when they noticed that LGBTQ+ focused merchandise was being released only seasonally, particularly during Pride Month, rather than year-round.

In 2019, they launched an online store called Gay Pride Apparel selling LGBTQ+-themed t-shirts as a side gig while still keeping their jobs. Gradually, with print-on-demand company Printful handling printing, warehousing and fulfillment, they expanded into other apparel and accessories like phone cases and tote bags with specific merch for customers identifying as asexual, bisexual, gay, intersex, lesbian, non-binary, queer, pansexual and trans. First-year revenue was only in the low five figures. Then the COVID-19 pandemic struck, both quit their jobs to dedicate full-time to the business, and everything changed.

In the first eight months of 2020, sales hit the mid-six-figure mark and monthly site visits grew to more than 100,000 – in part because Gutierrez and Aragon focused on establishing Gay Pride Apparel as an authentic voice for both the LGBTQ+ and Black Pride communities through shareable social media content that was widely reposted and a policy of giving back for every order they receive. The effort included shifting their messaging from Pride to One Community One Pride to



promote acceptance and equality, adding collections with statements like "All Black Lives Matter," "Unity" and "1969" commemorating the Stonewall riots to those proclaiming "Sounds Gay I'm In," "Femme Queen" and "Thank You for Being Queer."

The company also:  
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Has attracted partners including HBO's drag series "We're Here," for which it created merchandise

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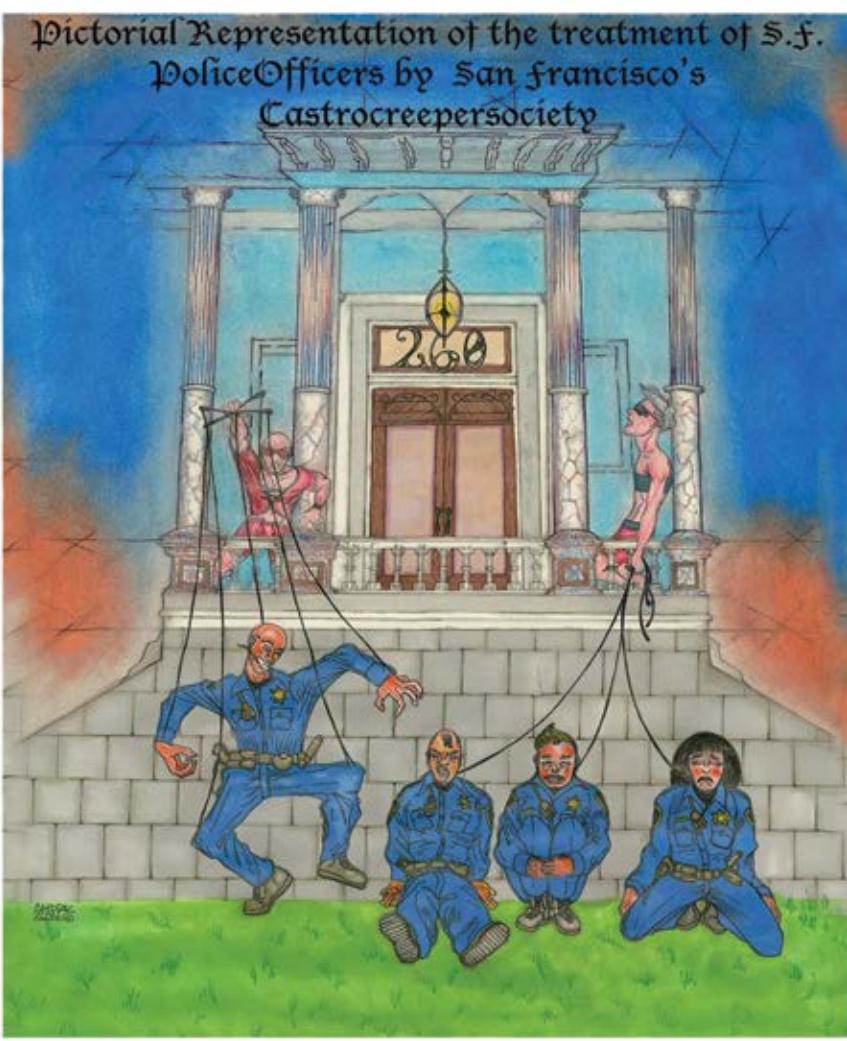
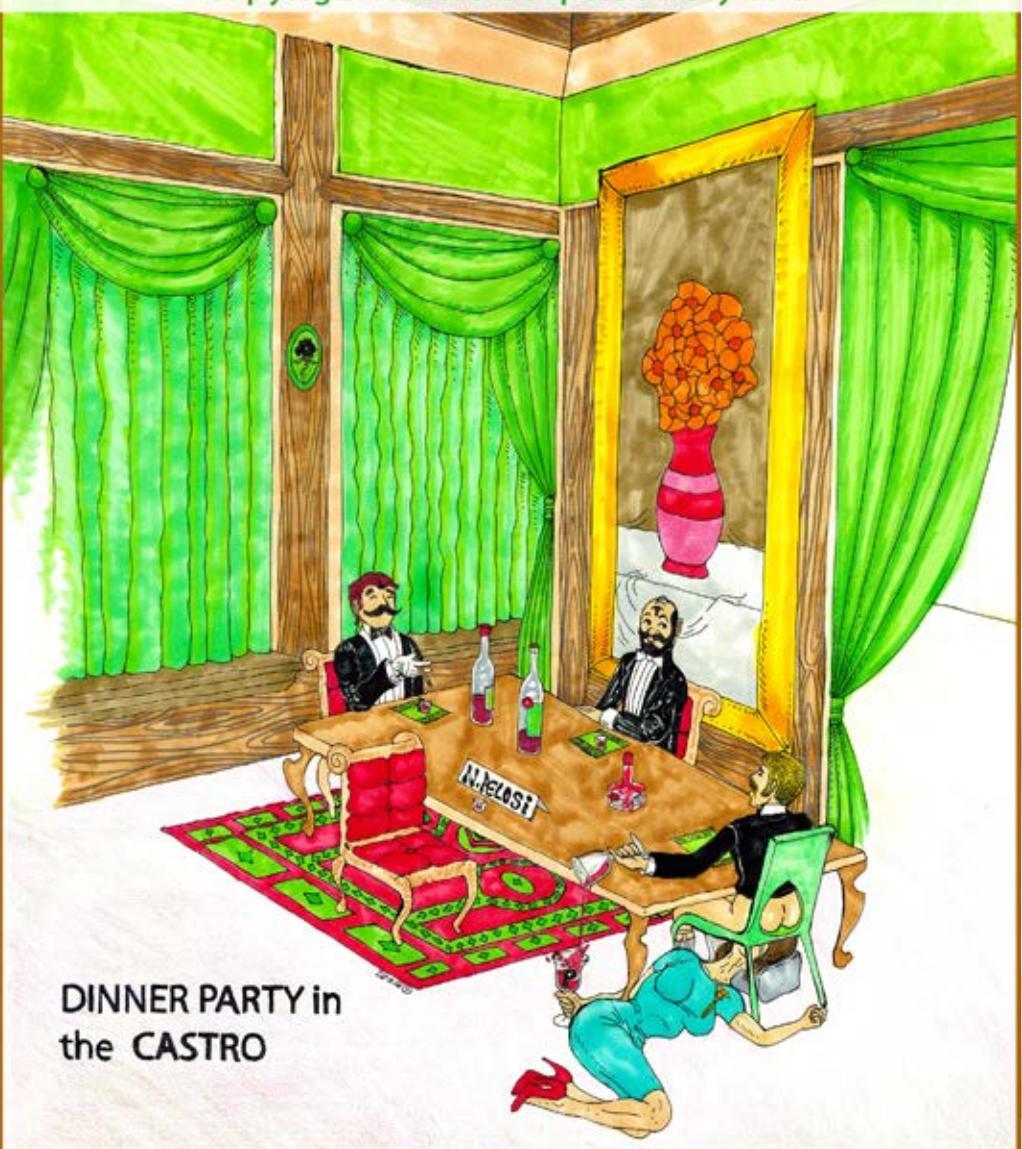


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# Twin Pandemics Pose Serious Risks

By Joyce Mitchell

**A**s much as we want to achieve a world free of COVID-19, we also want to see a world free of HIV/AIDS. The twin pandemic is haunting. Yet, we must all do our part during these difficult times. That's why Capital City AIDS Fund (CCAF) is tackling the challenge.



CCAF developed a new dispenser that distributes both condoms and hand sanitizer.

CCAF is committed to protecting health and well-being. Dedicated to prevention and education, CCAF is launching a new campaign addressing both pandemics.

While social distancing and the wearing of masks is encouraged to prevent COVID-19, CCAF also encourages standardized hand washing and use of sanitizers. Recently, CCAF Education and Prevention Chair Ted Ross developed a new dispenser that distributes both condoms and hand sanitizers. The dual chamber dispensers provide added security for people.

"People love our sanitizers," said Ross. "They are 70% alcohol wipes, and individually packaged, so great for the hands and wiping down tables, chairs and bartops."

The dispensers are up at establishments where people now have the opportunity for outdoor dining and limited indoor use. At FACES and Badlands, two popular gathering spots in the Midtown District, people are given the option and opportunity to take free condoms, hand sanitizers – or both.

Dispensers, condoms and sanitizers donated by CCAF.

Sadly, we hear very little about HIV/AIDS these days because of the new pandemic is tragically killing hundreds of thousands of people. Politics and protests also diminish the opportunity for discussions about safer sex. But during these times of staying at

home more – undoubtedly – people continue to have sex. Or at least we hope so.

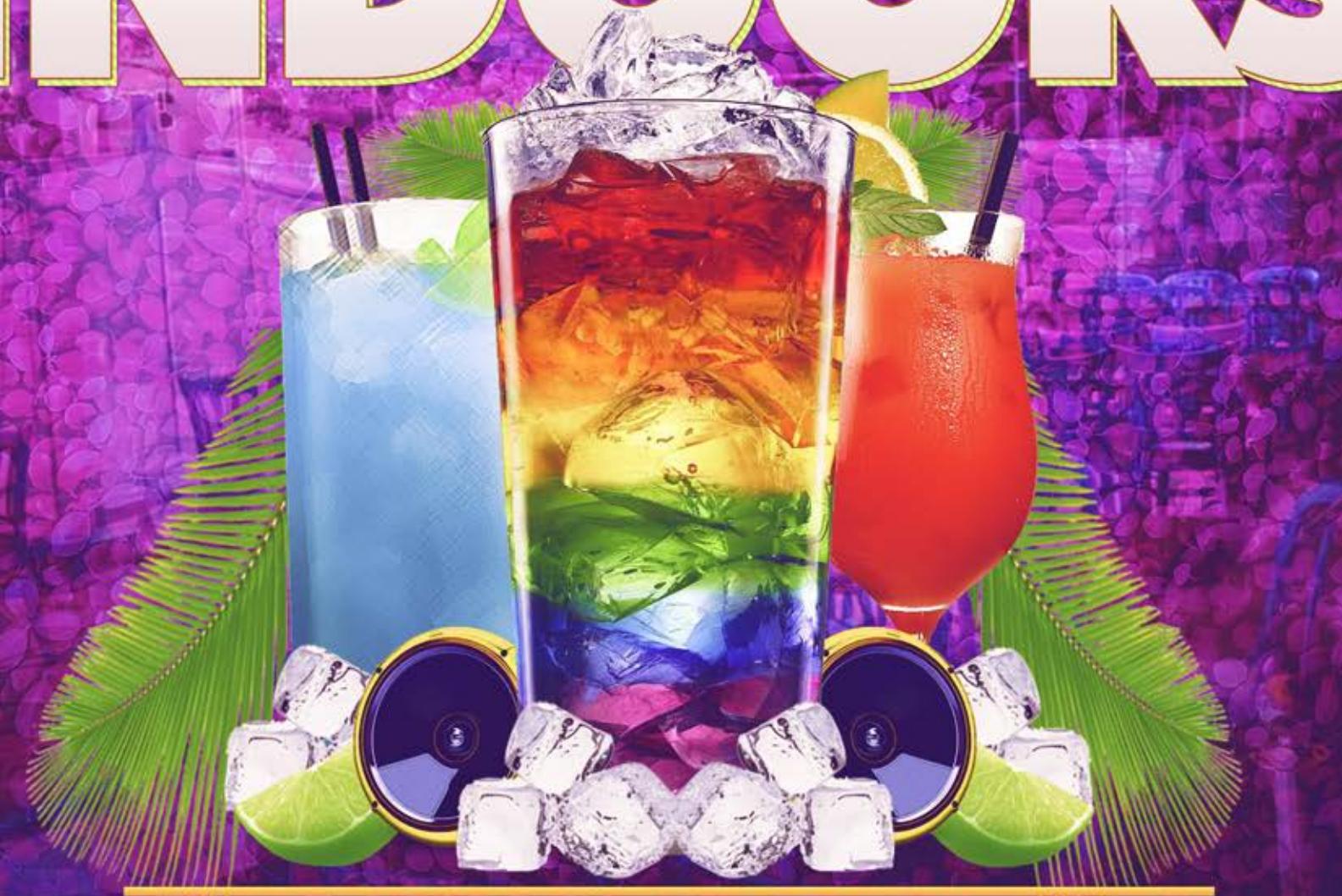
Therefore, we want to remind them that two pandemics still exist. HIV infections have been reduced since the height of the pandemic in the mid 1980s. However, data from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) indicate that progress has stalled in recent years. New infections continue – at about 40,000 each year. That's people who were diagnosed between 2014 and 2018.

In the most recent reporting, infections were highest for people aged 25-34 (31.5%), followed by people aged 35-44 (16.9%). And unfortunately, people of color are disproportionately over-represented. The largest number of infections were attributed to male-to-male sexual contact, 82%.

Nearly 16,000 people died from complications related to AIDS.

CCAF encourages HIV testing, treatment and prevention. Don't put it off testing because of COVID, especially if you think you may have been exposed. HIV can be treated with a once daily pill, which can get the virus to undetectable levels. When undetectable, there is zero chance of passing on HIV. Please, use every precaution to avoid contracting either the Coronavirus or HIV. We have a twin pandemic complicating our very existence. Remain vigilante.

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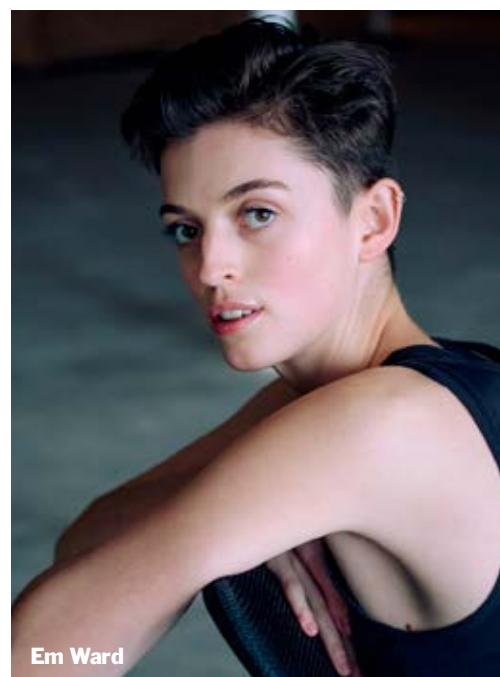
By Em Ward  
(They/Them/Theirs)  
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This quarantine has taught me a lot about the wisdom of no escape. Time has widened and dragged on to a perpetual shock of living amidst a global pandemic and there is nowhere to go.

It has also brought the shock of intimacy with ourselves drawn out across the many hours of being lucky enough to stay home. There is a reckoning within all of us in this time to lift the veil and look deep into the face of uncertainty. Sometimes you figure out a few things along the way. For me it has meant meeting the uncertainty of my being and who I am. It's meant understanding how long I have spent at odds with myself constricted within a gender I was assigned to. I did not know the pain of this incongruence until I was able to find out who I was, a person that is nonbinary. I did not see myself in the world to know that I exist, I had to seek out my existence in endless Googling and reading.

There is a profound liberation that takes place at the edge of unknowing and rediscovering. That is what I have found in this ongoing journey to discover the self I had all along, a person that is nonbinary. I do not have all the answers, nor do I pretend that this is the last stop in a voyage of self-discovery. There is so much to unlearn and uncover when you move away from the socially enforced boundary that is gender.

Being trans is not simply bound to a transition, it is also an ongoing discovery of your own self agency and acceptance. This is a poem I wrote in my journey:



Em Ward

*I am neither man nor woman  
Or a space between the  
bookended violence of  
Attempting to simplify  
7 billion people into M/F  
I am not a combination  
of male/female  
Or an articulation of Being that  
suits your comfort  
Or a victim of your demands  
that I define myself to you*

*I do not have a scale to  
weigh my male or female  
characteristics*

*I am not here for you to believe  
in my existence  
Or to apologize for the way I  
take up space outside the binary  
in this world*

*My non-binary ass demands for  
your expansion  
Of language  
Of your relation to what is binary  
Or your understanding of the  
assignment of  
Male or female*

*Are you truly a man because of  
the sum of your parts?  
Are you truly a woman because  
your pussy bites back?*

*Are you demanding that we  
conform to a Violence that says  
Check box 1 or 2  
Or fail to exist?  
Stop the bookended definitions  
The limitations of expectation  
That I am bound to live at odds  
or In between myself*

*Respect my pronouns  
And stop someone when they  
yell in my direction*

*Respect my pronouns  
And protect me in public  
bathrooms*

*Respect my pronouns  
And don't call me a girl behind  
my back*

*Respect my pronouns  
And challenge the assumption  
that we are a new phenomenon  
I demand that you understand  
who I am*

*And who we are, people who  
are non-binary and gender non-  
conforming  
That you understand  
What it means to live Beyond  
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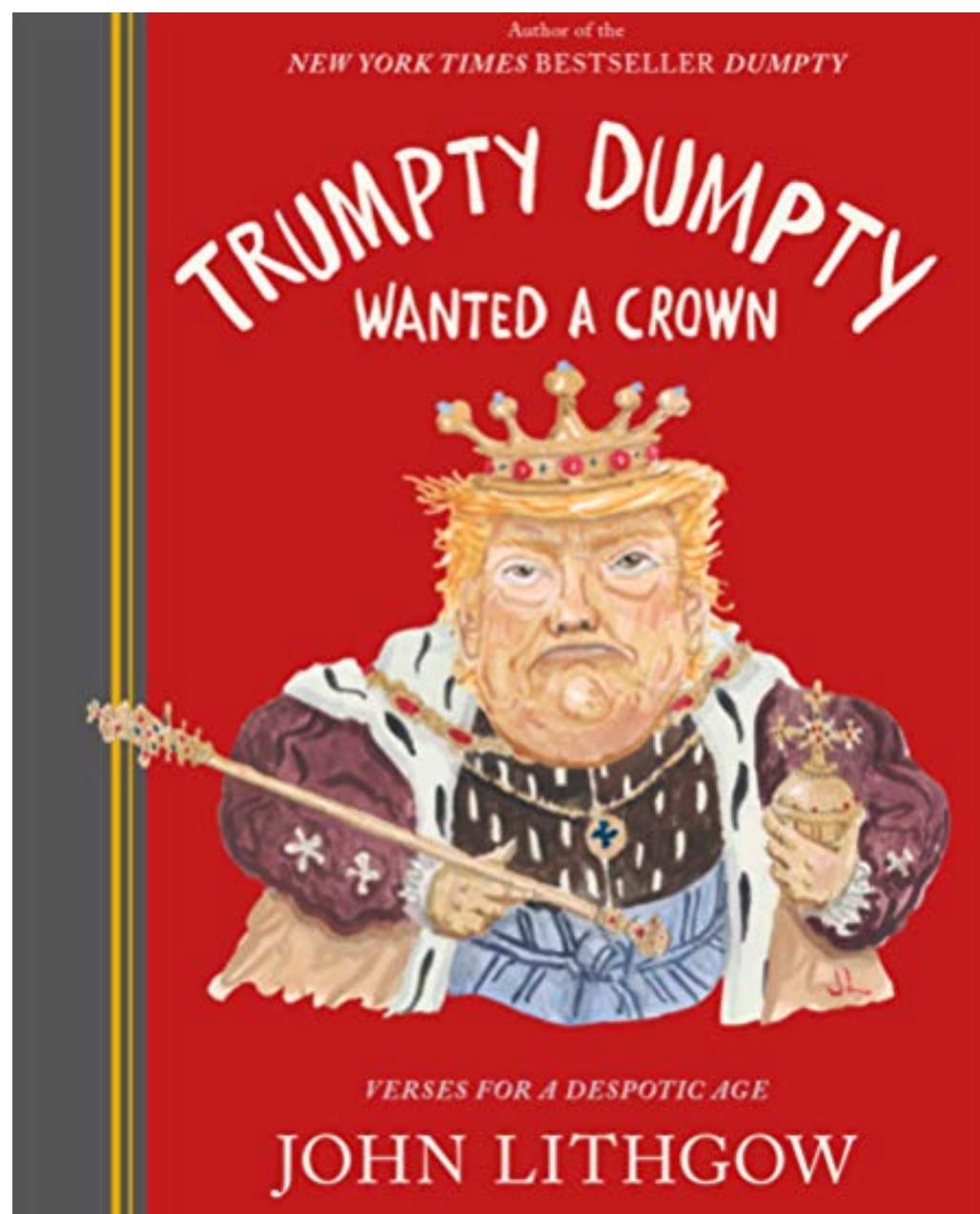
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