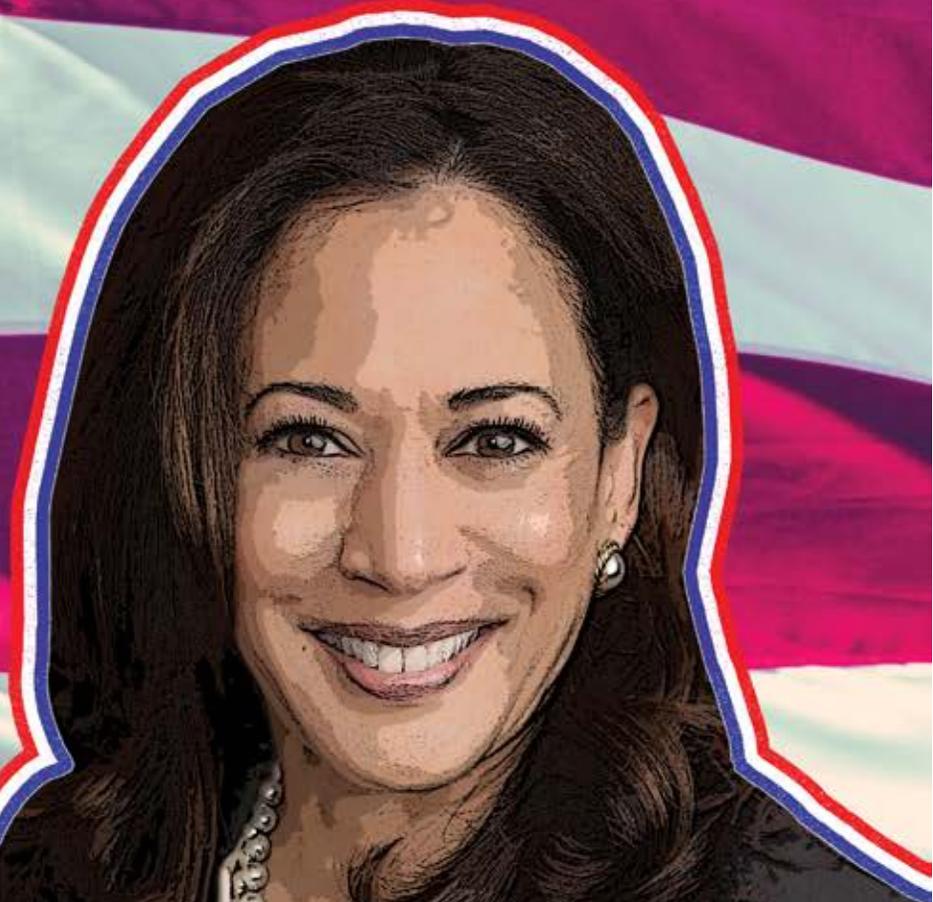
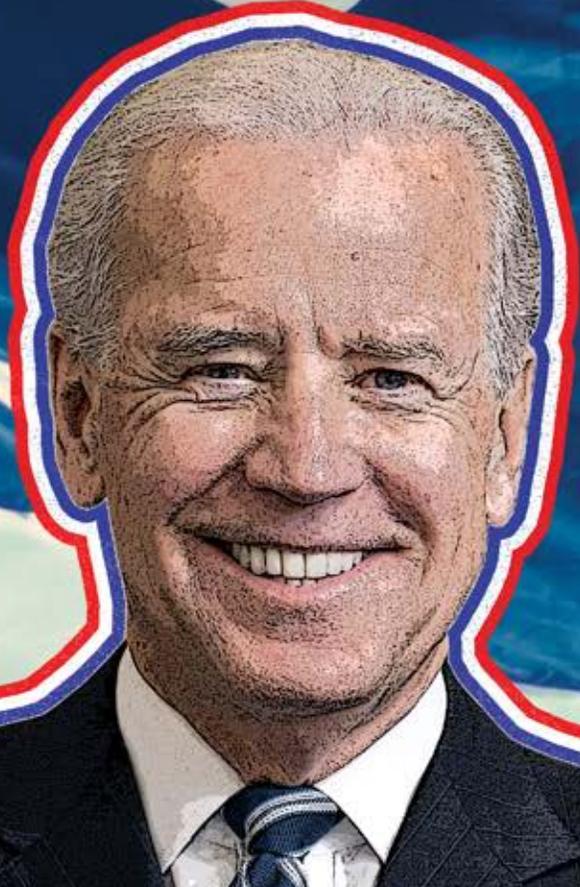


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# Letter to the Editor

## Dear Senior PRIDE Resource Fair Exhibitors:

A huge disappointment for us to not hold the Wisdom Project's 2020 - 7th Annual Senior PRIDE Information & Resource Fair last week. We would have celebrated our 7th consecutive year of gathering LGBT welcoming resources, care providers, and Senior assistance information under one roof to aid and support Sacramento Region's LGBTQ Elder Community.

But health and safety are of the highest priority this year, as the pandemic persists. So, we have jumped ahead hoping to present the Fair in October 2021 at the E. M. Hart Center in Midtown. Plans are already taking shape and we at the Wisdom Project remain optimistic, as we look ahead to the new year.

Finding new and innovative ways of serving our older LGBTQ community continues to be our primary focus. The pandemic has revealed a host of new service needs and ideas that would be helpful to our aging community members. For the current generation of Seniors, technology is not always the go-to-tool to search for assistance. As social distancing and mask use looks to be with us for the foreseeable future, we anticipate revisions to any plan we embark on. We will have more information and a tentative date when the City of Sacramento resumes scheduling classes/events.

In the meantime, we are accepting Exhibitor requests to table at the Wisdom Project's 7th Annual Senior PRIDE Information & Resource Fair...

Resources & Services must be LGBTQ welcoming. We will follow California State Covid-19 Guidelines to assure a level of safety and all Exhibitors will be vetted for LGBTQ welcoming policies and practices. As in the past, the Fair will be an afternoon affair from 2-5pm. We are hoping to provide an in-person 2021 Fair with a somewhat similar format to previous years... Speakers, Music, Refreshments, Networking and Enjoying a Sense of Community.

Please contact us at [servant\\_hearts@hotmail.com](mailto:servant_hearts@hotmail.com) to let us know your level of interest in displaying at the 7th Annual Senior PRIDE Information & Resource Fair. Social Distancing may require limiting the number of vendors (normally 35) and attendance (normally 250)...? Regardless, many thanks, in advance. Please stay well.

--Cathy & Tandy



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# Stay Resilient, Bold, And Proud!

By Ariela Cuellar (she/her/hers)

Although the 2020 Election left many things up in the air, it was reassuring to see several historical victories for the LGBTQ+ community this election cycle. More LGBTQ+ candidates ran for office in the United States in 2020 than ever before! Our community is showing up at a state and national level, so if you're not already comfortable with LGBTQ+ visibility, you better start getting comfortable because we're not going anywhere.



**Pictured first line from left to right: Michele Rayner-Goolsby, Taylor Small, Jabari Brisport, Shevrin Jones, Mauree Turner, Stephanie Byers, Mondaire Jones. Sarah McBride, and Sasha Renée Pérez**

**Second Line from left to right: Ritchie Torres, Kim Jackson, Torrey Harris, Eddie Mannis, Susan Eggman, Brittney Barreras, Roger Montoya, Adrian Tam, and Ann Johnson**

**Third Line from left to right: David Ortiz, Jessica Benham, Tiara Mack, Christy Holstege Alex Lee, Todd Gloria, Jill Rose Quinn, Marie Pinkney, Eric Morrison, and Marcus Bush**

The representation of LGBTQ+ folks in politics is necessary and admired. Better political representation could help with protecting and advancing our rights, especially now with Justice Amy Coney Barrett holding the Supreme Court seat and the possibility of having Obergefell v. Hodges, which made same-sex marriage legal across the United States, overturned. If 2020 has taught us anything it's that nothing is certain. We devastatingly saw that the support for Trump has not diminished. It is frightening to imagine another four years under his administration. However, I have confidence that these new elected LGBTQ+ leaders will continue to create change and break the glass ceiling for our community in politics. The LGBTQ+ community had the following wins last Tuesday evening:

- Sarah McBride made history and won a seat in Delaware as the first openly transgender State Senator in the nation.
- Stephanie Byers won a Kansas State House seat and became the first openly trans member of the Kansas State Legislature and the first out trans person of color ever elected to a State Legislature.
- In Oklahoma, Mauree Turner will be the first non-binary State Lawmaker in the U.S..
- In Florida, Michele Rayner-Goolsby became the first Black queer woman elected as a State Legislator and Shevrin Jones became Florida's first openly LGBTQ+ State Senator.
- In New York, Ritchie Torres became the first Afro-Latinx LGBTQ+ person elected to Congress, and Mondaire Jones became the first openly gay Black member of Congress. Additionally, Jabari Brisport became the first LGBTQ person of color elected to the New York State Legislature.
- Taylor Small became the first trans State Legislator in Vermont's State House.
- Kim Jackson became the first LGBTQ Georgia State Senator – one of very few Black LGBTQ women senators in the country.
- Torrey Harris and Eddie Mannis made history as Tennessee's first LGBTQ+ State Legislators.
- Susan Eggman became California's first openly LGBTQ+ Latinx woman elected to the State Senate.
- Brittney Barreras and Roger Montoya made history as the first openly LGBTQ+ members of the New Mexico House of Representatives.

- In Hawaii, Adrian Tam became Hawaii's only openly LGBTQ elected official.
  - David Ortiz makes history as the first openly bisexual person elected to the Colorado General Assembly.
  - Jessica Benham became the first openly bisexual, autistic, and queer woman to be elected to the Pennsylvania legislature.
  - Tiara Mack made history as the first openly LGBTQ+ Black State Senator in Rhode Island.
  - Christy Holstege became the first openly bisexual mayor in the United States.
  - Alex Lee made history as the first openly bisexual state legislator in California.
  - Todd Gloria became the first openly LGBTQ+ person of color elected mayor of San Diego, CA.
  - Jill Rose Quinn became the first openly transgender official elected in Illinois.
  - Marie Pinkney made history as the first openly lesbian Black legislator in Delaware.
  - Eric Morrison became the first openly gay man elected to the Delaware state legislature.
  - Ann Johnson became the first out lesbian to represent her district in the Texas State House.
  - Marcus Bush made history as the first Afro-Latino and first openly LGBTQ+ councilmember in National City, California.
  - Sasha Renée Pérez made history as the first openly LGBTQ+ person elected to the Alhambra City Council.
  - To top off all these amazing wins, Nevada became the first state in the nation to protect same-sex marriage in its constitution. California – I hope you're next!
- It's these victories that will bring progress for our LGBTQ+ community and for future leaders to create laws that will protect us all. It is extremely eye-opening that many of these elected officials are in predominately conservative states such as Georgia, Florida, and Oklahoma. Hopefully, we will see an increased wave of acceptance and advocacy for LGBTQ+ people in these areas of the country. These newly elected leaders have the power to create everlasting change and have inspired even more openly LGBTQ+ candidates to run for office – as they should. The visibility of these candidates is courageous and a simple reminder that our community needs to continue to stay resilient, bold, and proud no matter what.

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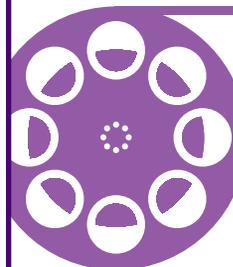
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# Railroad Museum Foundation Announces Weekend Excursion Trains are Available on the Sacramento Southern Railroad

In compliance with all state, city and county guidelines, the California State Railroad Museum & Foundation have officially resumed operation of popular weekend excursion train rides on the Sacramento Southern Railroad. To start, train rides will operate at 25 percent capacity until restrictions are lifted. Based on availability, train ride experiences are available in open-air gondolas with café style chairs or in comfortable and cushioned enclosed coach cars. Presenting the only train ride experience behind an authentic, historic locomotive in the Sacramento region, excursion train rides depart at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Following all state issued guidelines, face masks are required for all staff and train ride visitors. To accommodate social distancing, the seating of family groups is six feet apart from others. In addition to a deep clean each morning, train cars will be cleaned in between each train ride with special attention focused on high-touch points such as grab irons and handrails.

Diesel or steam (depending on the weekend), excursion train ride guests delight in the sights, smells and sounds of an authentic, historic locomotive as it rolls along the levees of the Sacramento River for a six-mile, 45-minute roundtrip excursion. Appealing to all ages, the experience offers guests the chance to enjoy train travel from an earlier era.

Weekend excursion train ride tickets are extremely limited and interested riders are encouraged to book online in advance. If still

available, train ride tickets can be purchased in-person starting at 9 a.m. the day of the train ride. Weekend excursion trains depart from the Central Pacific Railroad Freight Depot (on Front between J & K Streets) every 90 minutes beginning at 10 a.m.

Tickets are sold in groups of four and priced according to the number of passengers in each group (\$15 for one, \$30 for two, \$38 for three and \$46 for four). Children ages five and under are free but must sit on an adult's lap or in the space allocated to the group. All California State Railroad Museum Foundation members receive free regular coach train rides, based on space availability.

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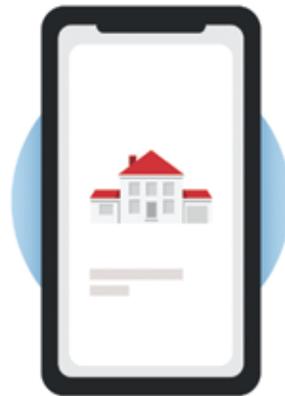
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# Big Talent On The Small Screen

By Chris Narloch

Critics who were used to reviewing new releases on the big screen have mostly had to pivot to previewing movies at home, on the small screen or via a computer, which may be convenient but isn't always optimal for those of us who enjoy the theatrical experience.

The best movie I saw recently was "Memories of Murder," a 2003 film by Bong Joon-ho, the great South Korean director of "Parasite" fame. A fascinating police procedural about a real-life serial killer case, that movie is an absolutely classic example of great cinema that you can now rent or purchase on-demand courtesy of Universal Pictures.

Many theaters are now open again, with COVID-era safety protocols in place, but moviegoers have been slow to venture out to cinemas. If you're part of that cautious group of movie lovers, here are some terrific new films now available for home viewing on various platforms.



Rashida Jones and Bill Murray star in "On the Rocks."

## On the Rocks

If you enjoyed the 2003 film "Lost in Translation," don't miss "On the Rocks," a terrific new title that reunites the dream team from that earlier film, director Sofia Coppola and star Bill Murray.

A superb Rashida Jones costars as the daughter of Murray's character, and the movie is about their father-daughter bond and how dad helps her after she begins to suspect that her workaholic husband (Marlon Wayans) may be having an affair.

The film probably won't satisfy the "Caddyshack" crowd, but anyone needing a sweet, sophisticated comedy about love and family should enjoy "On the Rocks," which is currently available via Apple TV+.



The cast of HBO's "Coastal Elites"

## Coastal Elites

Queer funnyman Paul Rudnick ("Jeffrey," "In & Out") wrote the script for this very relevant COVID-era dramedy in which five characters reflect on their lives during the 2020 pandemic, in a world of deeply divided politics.

The five Zoom-style monologues are delivered by a great cast: Bette Midler, Sarah Paulson, Dan Levy, Issa Rae, and Kaitlyn Dever. Levy (who I love on "Schitt's Creek") has the weakest part here, as an anxious actor, but the four women are all dynamite, especially

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Midler, who gives one of her finest performances as a Trump-hating Manhattan widow who shares an intense run-in she had with a guy in a MAGA hat.

“Coastal Elites” is admittedly low-tech and low-budget, and it’s definitely preaching to the (liberal) choir, but I am a proud member of that choir, so I thoroughly enjoyed this HBO production.



Sacha Baron Cohen and Maria Bakalova star in the “Borat” sequel.

## Sacha Baron Cohen

This chameleonlike actor, who is most famous as the creator of wacky characters like Ali G, Bruno, and especially Borat, doesn’t always get the credit he deserves as a thespian, but he is one of the finest actors around.

If you don’t believe me, witness his two current roles, in the sequel to “Borat” and in the new Netflix film “The Trial of the Chicago 7.” Baron Cohen is fantastic in both films, playing two very different types of troublemaker.

Yes, Borat is back, and he’s as funny as ever, taking on American culture and politics. Released from prison for bringing shame to his country, the Kazakh funnyman risks life and limb when he returns to the United States to give his 15-year-old daughter to Mike Pence.

Maria Bakalova, the 24-year-old Bulgarian actress who plays Borat’s daughter, is amazing in the movie, and viewers will have their own favorite moments, whether it’s her scenes in the dress shop, or the infamous

sequence involving Rudy Giuliani.

In “The Trial of the Chicago 7,” Baron Cohen plays the wild-haired hippie, anti-war activist Abbie Hoffman, who was part of a group of protesters charged with conspiracy and more by the federal government for their involvement in riots that happened outside the 1968 Democratic National Convention.

Hoffman had a rebellious spirit – so does Baron Cohen – and “The Trial of the Chicago 7” is also worth seeing for Aaron Sorkin’s first-rate script and direction and for a dynamite cast that includes Eddie Redmayne, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Mark Rylance, Michael Keaton, Frank Langella, and Yahya Abdul-Mateen II.

I urge you to check out “The Trial of the Chicago 7” and then watch the new “Borat” on Amazon Prime Video – if you haven’t already seen it. I think you’ll agree that Sacha Baron Cohen deserves the awards buzz he is getting for a pair of perfect performances this fall.



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*By Ariela Cuellar, (she/her/hers)  
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One of the Sacramento LGBT Community Center's mission pillars is to support the health and wellness of the most marginalized. In addition to providing free mental health and sexual health resources, the Center is now supporting the community by offering free COVID-19 testing.

The pandemic isn't over just because you're over it. If you've been going out with friends, meeting with different social groups, or have returned to the office, you might want to routinely get tested. Although there are a variety of testing sites in the Sacramento region, the Center is one of the few locations where testing is offered outside of normal business hours. The Center's testing hours are from 5-8 P.M. every Monday and Tuesday. These hours are meant to accommodate those who might get off work later in the day.

Furthermore, many testing sites are "drive-thru" style testing centers which aren't accessible to community members who don't drive or have access to a car. At the Center folks can get testing by filling out a form in-person and getting testing inside the building.

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# Mental Health Tips for the Holiday Season

Sacramento County residents, like many other residents across the state, have been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. With the holidays just around the corner, locals will also feel pressure to live up to expectations of this festive season. For many members of LGBTQ communities, the holidays can also bring a series of mixed emotions, since some community members unfortunately experience strained or complicated relationships with their families or friends.

According to NAMI, LGBTQ individuals are more likely to experience a mental health condition, in part because of the ongoing discrimination and prejudice that many members face. For those living with mental illness, the stress and pressure of the holidays, coupled with COVID-19, may cause increased anxiety, depression, or worsen other mental health symptoms.

On behalf of the Sacramento County "Mental Illness: It's not always what you think" project, Stop Stigma Sacramento Speakers Bureau member, Abby Rotstein, offered some valuable tips to take care of

hour each day to spend time with your dog or cat or to meditate, make sure to set that time aside.

2. Spend time with people who support you. Knowing that the holidays are coming up, increase time with those in your support system. Make sure you invest time with people who bring you joy and peace rather than those who cause friction or strife. Reach out to loved ones if you tend to isolate yourself during this time of year!

3. Don't overbook yourself. There are often demands to be with family and friends, but don't overextend or exhaust yourself during the holidays. You owe yourself the time to breathe and check in to make sure you are in a healthy mental space. It's ok to say 'no' to invitations or opportunities for the sake of your mental health or because of health/safety concerns.

4. Modify your expectations. Be practical about the money you are spending on loved ones and don't put pressure on the holidays to be extraordinary - especially knowing that some traditions may have to change as a result of the pandemic. Every day might not be perfect or magical - and that's ok.

5. Get enough sleep. It might seem like a small thing but getting the sleep you need every night can keep you healthier and happier. Sleep deprivation can heighten emotions and cause unnecessary, added stress.

"As we approach the new year, remember to take care of yourself, and keep in mind that the holidays may be a stressful time for many of your family members and friends. Reach out to loved ones who might be struggling with the pressure of the holidays, take the time you need for yourself and enjoy this holiday season!"

For more information on Sacramento County's "Mental Illness: it's not always what you think" project - or mental health resources, such as conversation starters, help lines, online communities and tips to help support mental health and build understanding - please visit [StopStigmaSacramento.org](http://StopStigmaSacramento.org) or follow "Stop Stigma Sacramento" on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



your mental health during the holiday season:

"The holidays are full of different stressors - whether it's financial-, family-, or this year, pandemic-related. As someone living with a mental illness, I am particularly mindful about managing my mental health during this season and making sure I have the support around me that I need.

"For me, it is important to plan ahead for the aspects of the holiday season that have historically stressed me out and to take time for myself by reading, or watching my favorite shows, and not taking on too many responsibilities.

"While this can be a difficult time, I have found a few different ways to take care of myself during the holidays, and I hope they are helpful for you too:

1. Do things that nourish you. It can be easy to get caught up in what your spouse, partner, friends, or kids want or expect out of the holidays, but don't forget that your needs are just as important. If you need to take an

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# Schitt's Creek: The Complete Collection

By Chris Narloch

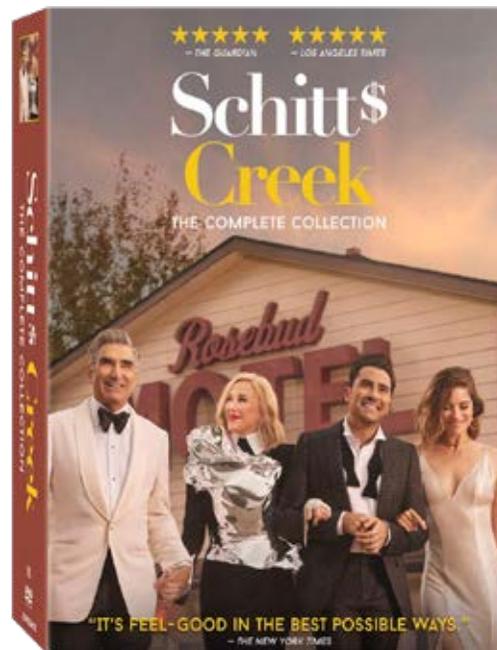
There's a reason that "Schitt's Creek" won all of those Emmy awards recently, and it's thanks to both the superb writing on the show and to the finest comedy series cast since the heyday of the sit-com in the '70s, when half-hour hilarity like "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" set the gold standard for TV entertainment.

Now you can see what all the fuss is about – if you are one of the few people who hasn't already binged every episode – or relive the magic that is "Schitt's Creek" from the start.

The show's early episodes are already in broadcast syndication, but you'll want to hear Catherine O'Hara drop the f-bomb uncensored throughout 80 episodes and six seasons of the show.

Far fewer folks buy DVDs these days, but "Schitt's Creek: The Complete Collection" (now available in a 15-disc box set) will probably sell very well, since people desperately need laughter during these trying times, and the premise of the series is comic gold.

In addition to the hilarious Catherine O'Hara, the show stars Annie Murphy and the father-son dream team of Eugene and Daniel Levy, as the once filthy-rich Rose family. Suddenly finding themselves broke, the Roses are forced to rebuild their empire in Schitt's Creek, a small town they once purchased as a joke.



Please God, let the rumored movie version of "Schitt's Creek" materialize. Until then, "The Complete Collection" will tickle our funny bones and (fingers crossed) whet our appetites for more.

The cast of the classic comedy "Schitt's Creek"



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## Holiday Movies Go Gay This Year

By Chris Narloch

I don't know about you, but after the crazy year we've had I am going to need some quality time on the couch this holiday season watching cheesy, romantic movies on the Hallmark Channel and Lifetime.

The good news this year is that we don't have to wish that the hunky guy in the holiday movie was gay because - for once - he is gay. Yep, 2020 will be remembered for many awful things, but it will also be recalled as the year that the seasonal film finally went queer, thanks to both Lifetime and Hallmark.

### The Christmas House

In this gay-friendly Hallmark Channel film, starring Treat Williams and Sharon Lawrence as the parents, a family reunion at Christmastime is complicated by the anxiety their gay son experiences as he and his husband await a call about the adoption of their first child.

Jonathan Bennett and Brad Harder play the queer couple trying to start their own family in "The Christmas House," which begins airing on Hallmark this Nov. 22.

### The Christmas Setup

Lifetime's first-ever LGBTQ+ holiday film chronicles the romantic adventures of Hugo, a New York City lawyer who returns home to Milwaukee to celebrate the holidays with his family.

Funny lady Fran Drescher plays Hugo's matchmaking mom, who sees to it that her son crosses paths with his old high school friend/crush, Patrick.

Hugo and Patrick quickly find themselves attracted to each other, but then Hugo learns that he's up for a big promotion that would necessitate a relocation to London. Will Hugo choose love or career?

If you don't already know the answer to that question, then you've never seen a Lifetime movie. You can unwrap "The Christmas Setup" beginning this Dec. 12.

A still from Lifetime's "The Christmas Setup"



## Bent Announces Queer Youth Film Festival

By Michael Dennis

Continuing its tradition of supporting local queer artists, the BENT Sacramento LGBTQ+ Film Festival is launching a new generation of Queer art, the BENT Queer Youth Film Festival. This festival will highlight LGBTQ+ stories from youth filmmakers within Sacramento and the surrounding areas. The festival will take place virtually, Friday, December 11, 2020, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm, showing LGBTQ+ films by artists under 20 years of age.

Submissions are due November 20th, 2020 via Film Freeway. All films must be in English or subtitled in English, completed after 2019, between 2 and 10 minutes (including credits).

The BENT Queer Youth Film Festival highlights the importance of queer visibility in the media, through young filmmakers

who both pave the way for the future of queer cinema and are near the age many discover their sexuality and/or gender. The event also connects youth within the Sacramento filmmaking community by fostering queer art and showcasing the work of LGBTQ+ folk and allies. <https://bentfilmfest.org>

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# Sac Zoo Welcomes A Baby Giraffe

By Chris Narloch

The Sac Zoo is thrilled to announce that Shani, a 10-year-old Masai giraffe, gave birth to a female calf in late September of this year, and mother and calf are spending time bonding in the zoo's giraffe barn, and side yard periodically.

The Sacramento Zoo is now home to five giraffes: one post-reproductive female reticulated giraffe, one male Masai giraffe, two female Masai giraffe including Shani, and now the new calf. This is the 20th calf born at the Sacramento Zoo going back to 1964 when the species was first housed at the zoo.

The fresh air and open spaces at the zoo offer the perfect opportunity to physical distance, and advance tickets and face coverings are now required at the Sacramento Zoo. For more information, please visit: [www.saczoo.org](http://www.saczoo.org).



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# Don't Miss "Equal" On HBO Max

By Chris Narloch

If you have access to HBO Max, you should definitely check out the excellent queer docuseries "Equal," which shines a pink spotlight on some of the most important figures in the fight for LGBTQ+ liberation.



Castmembers from the HBO Max docuseries "Equal"

The four-part series is narrated by Billy Porter and uses archival and documentary footage of brave Americans to tell the stories of the people who fought for queer liberation in the 20th century, from the Mattachine Society, to the Daughters of Bilitis in San Francisco, to Stonewall and the countless legal battles fought to gain legal standing for gay, lesbian, transgender, and gender nonconforming people throughout the U.S.

HBO has also cast a fantastic cross-section of largely queer and trans performers to portray these heroes, including Cheyenne Jackson as Dale Jennings, Anthony Rapp as Harry Hay, Keiynan Lonsdale as Bayard Rustin, Jai Rodriguez as Jose Sarria, Jamie Clayton as Christine Jorgensen, and Samira Wiley as Lorraine Hansberry.

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By Chris Narloch

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# Meet Holland's First Drag Superstar

Wooden shoe like to know who wins the inaugural season of Drag Race Holland? In the final episode, the remaining four queens brought their charisma, uniqueness, nerve, and talent for one last chance to snatch the ultimate crown.



With a special video message from Ru, the top four were off to the races for the crown. The Queens had to pull out all the stops for a lip sync medley, let their guard down for an in-depth podcast recording with host Fred van Leer and resident judge Nikkie Plessen, and put together a gag worthy runway lewk. The eliminated contestants returned to the werkroom for a look back on their drag-tacular experience and walked the runway one last time before the final four showed off their most wig-snatching lewks and gave advice to their younger selves.

After a memorable first season, Janey Jacky and Envy Peru had tulip sync for the lives one last time before it was Ru-vealed to

fans around the world that Holland's First Drag Superstar is Envy Peru.

Don't miss the final episode of Drag Race UK star Vinegar Strokes recapping all the gag worthy moments from the inaugural season of Drag Race Holland in Drag Race Holland Extra Lap Recap. Hear her hot takes as she unpacks the drama on Wednesday, only on WOW Presents Plus. Next Thursday on WOW Presents Plus, fashion mavens Raja and Raven will critique the final runway looks from the Drag Race Holland mainstage on Fashion Photo RuView. Will they TOOT or BOOT the Queens looks from the runway? Watch to find out!

# "TMI: My Life in Scandal" by Perez Hilton with Leif Eriksson and Martin Svensson

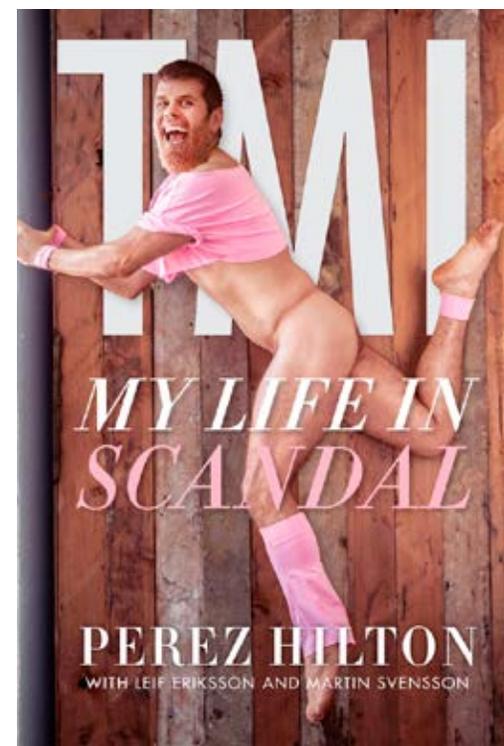
Book Review by Terri Schlichenmeyer

You're allowed to change your mind. You grow, get a few experiences under your belt, and things might look a bit different. You can have a change of heart then, and pivot your life in a different direction. You can take do-overs and take-backs, but carefully. And as in the new book "TMI" by Perez Hilton (with Leif Eriksson and Martin Svensson), you can ask for forgiveness, too.

If you knew Mario Armando Lavandiera Jr. when he was a child, you'd be surprised at the man he is today. He says he had a good childhood but he was a "different" kid then, and was often bullied: among other indignities, his classmates called him "the Fat Kid" because he loved to eat.

That last part hasn't changed. What has is that Lavandiera is now thinner, famous, and known by a nicer name: Perez Hilton. And no, if you're wondering, Paris Hilton "never bothered" to sue him over the lookalike name, "though she definitely could have."

This transformation didn't happen overnight.



*"The surprise – or the shock, depending on your level of fandom – is that Hilton apologizes to several people he feels he hurt; and he expresses a degree of regret for having lost good, close friends because he reported gossip about them despite the friendship. It's contrition that feels like it came from a battered schoolyard bully, only genuine."*

By the time he moved to New York to attend college, Hilton knew for sure that he was gay; while there, he gained friends, a pile of debt, and a mitt full of credit cards. Down but not out, he started a series of jobs and launched a series of websites that both spanned time in New York and L.A., and that got him into trouble in one way or another. Then a photogra-friend leaked a few celeb pictures his way, Perez posted them on his website, and he was famous, literally overnight.

And that was good – for awhile. Hilton partied near-constantly, busted into celebrity events, became "wifey" with Gaga, clubbed with Jessica Simpson, and hung with Paris

Hilton. And then he made a video for a national cause that caused him to see the hurt he'd left...

Could it be that the infamous author and gossip blogger Perez Hilton has... softened?

Yes, mostly. There's a whole lot less venom inside "TMI" than you might expect from Hilton, but fans won't be entirely bereft. There's still a little spark of gossip here, names dropped, and stories propped up and left on the roadside for embarrassment or for examination. Those are accompanied in this memoir by a glint-in-his-eye tone, and the sneakiest of snark hidden here and there, but that's often tendered by tenderness.

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Hilton is a father now and he writes with unabashed love for his kids, from a refreshing, seemingly-happier place in his life. "TMI" still includes plenty of Hiltonized Too Much Information, some snickers, and a hint of tattle-tale, but if you've never been much of a fan, here's a chance to change your mind.

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# Local Museums Reopen Safely

By Chris Narloch

Museumgoers in Sacramento have been waiting patiently for the reopening of Crocker Art Museum and the CA Museum, and both of those local arts institutions are now back in business, with physical distancing and other safety measures in place.

## CA Museum

Upcoming exhibits at Sacramento's CA Museum include "Yosemite People," a traveling exhibition in recognition of the historic site's 130th anniversary, that chronicles the people who live, work and visit Yosemite National Park, and "Fight For The Right: 100 Years Of Women Voting," a temporary exhibition chronicling women's struggle for the right to the vote from the mid-19th century to the ratification of the 19th Amendment on Aug. 26, 1920, drawing parallels to the ongoing fight for women's equality that continues today.

In keeping with California Department of Public Health guidance for indoor museums, admission is limited to a maximum capacity of 10 visitors per half hour, and no group tours or groups of visitors are permitted at this time.

CA Museum visitors are encouraged to purchase an advance ticket for a specific time slot to guarantee entry. Walk-up admission is available on a first-come, first-served basis and subject to a maximum capacity of 10 visitors per half hour.

For questions or assistance with admission, please call (916) 653-0650 during Museum hours, or email [reservations@californiamuseum.org](mailto:reservations@californiamuseum.org) during administrative hours Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



A masked-up Mickey at the California Museum.



The tantalizing pies of artist Wayne Thiebaud.

## Crocker Art Museum

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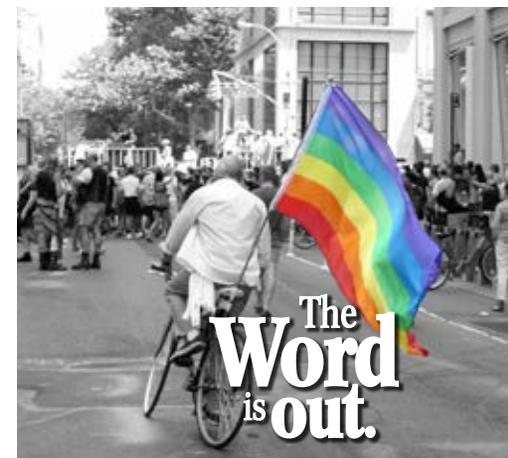
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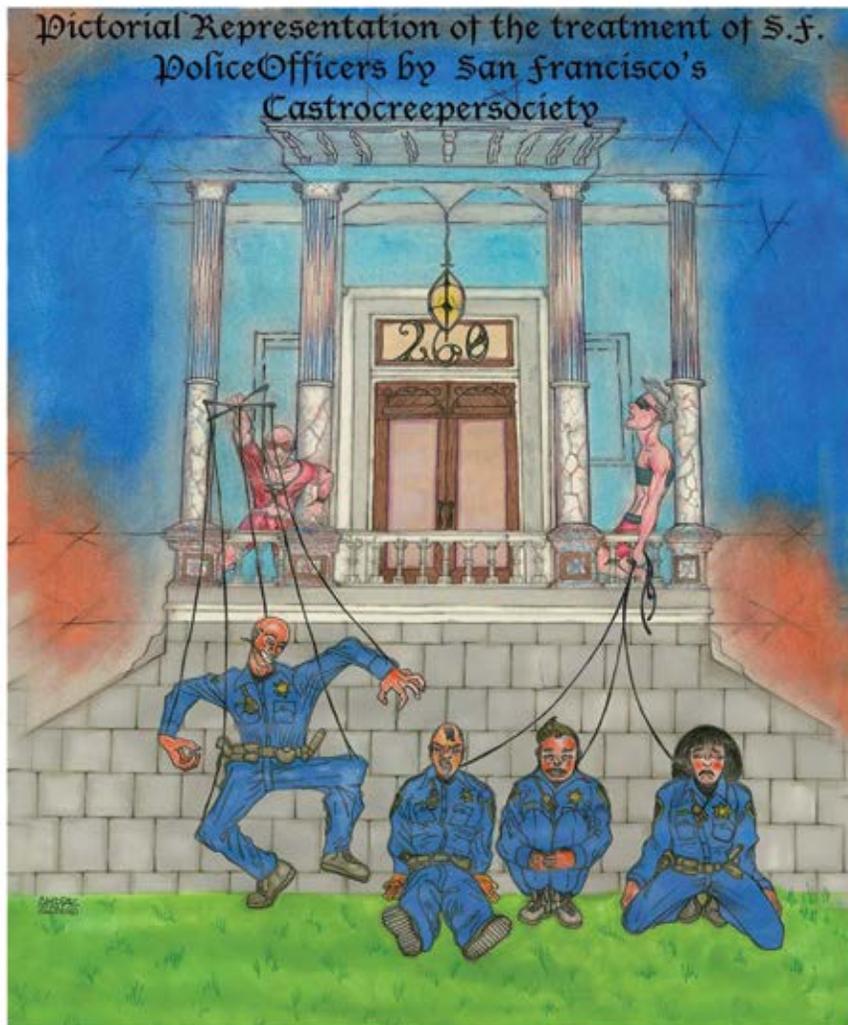
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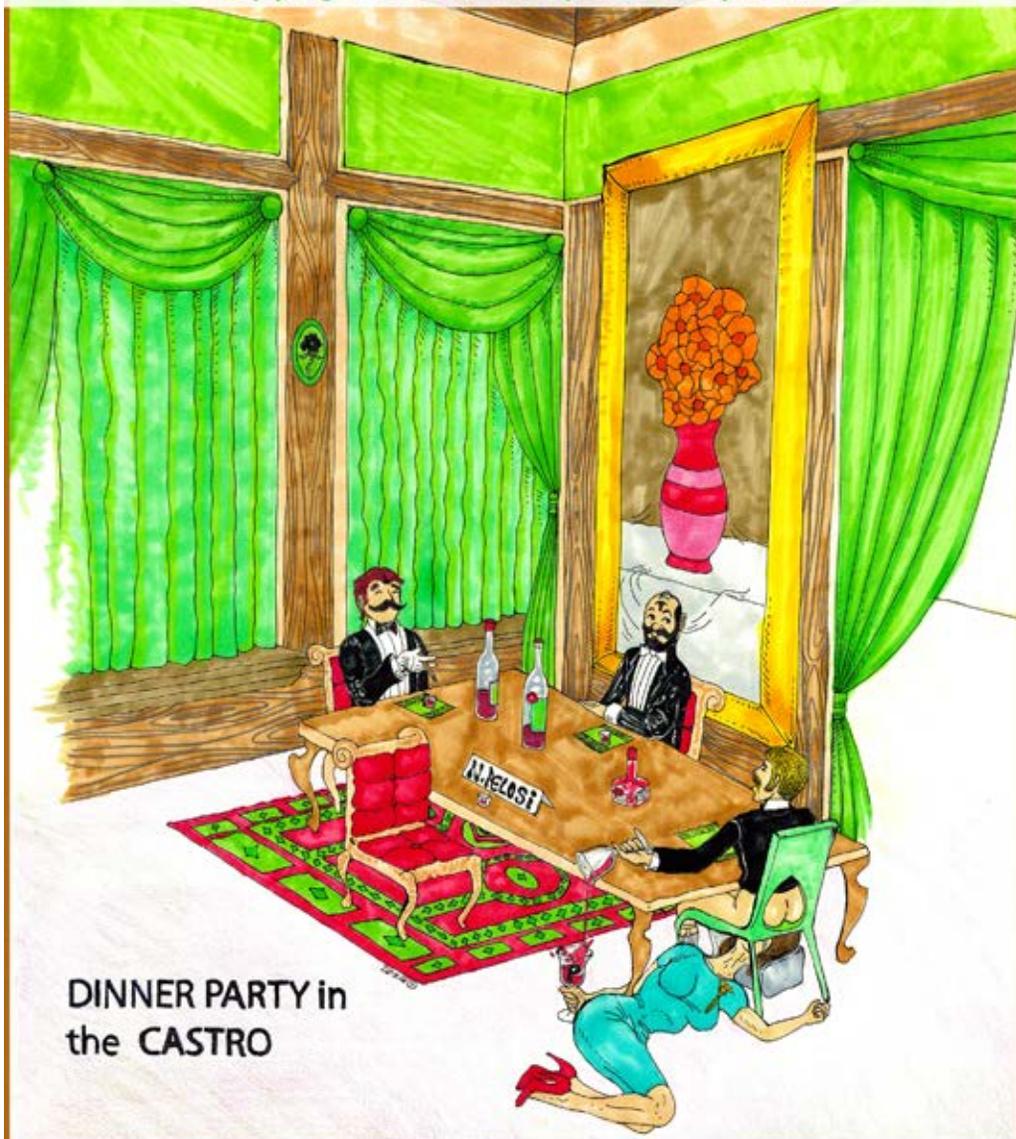
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