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PFLAG Sac Support Group Meetings

PFLAG Sacramento will be starting in-person support meetings once again in January 2022, starting with our Sacramento Support Group meeting on January 18th (the 3rd Tuesday of each month) at 7:00 p.m. We will continue to meet at St. Mark's United Methodist Church located at 2391 St. Mark's Way in Sacramento.

Our in-person support group meetings in Elk Grove will start on February 2nd (the 1st Wednesday of each month) at 7:00 pm. These meetings will be held at Elk Grove United Methodist Church located at 8986 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove 95624.

We ask all attendees at our in-person meetings to adhere to COVID-19 protocols. Everyone will be required to wear face masks during the meetings.

We will also continue to offer virtual meetings, but we are moving the date of those meetings to January 26th (the 4th

Wednesday of each month) at 7:00 pm.

If you have any questions or wish to get the Zoom meeting link for the virtual meetings, please email us at contact@pflagsacramento.org or you can call our Warmline number at 916-978-0410.

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World AIDS Day!

*Submitted by Tasia Stewart
HIV Prevention Manager, One Community Health*

This has been a tough year for all of us, as we have experienced a lot of loss and struggle during this unprecedented time.

While it is difficult, I challenge each one of us to find something to celebrate as we bring in a new year. One Community Health is pleased to be partnering with Sunburst Projects and the LGBT Center for World AIDS Day on December 1, 2021.

WORLD AIDS DAY

DECEMBER 1



This will give us an opportunity as a community to look at how far we have come during our 30-year fight to end HIV. The progression in treatment, the possibility of a vaccine along with the hope of a future cure is what keeps me in this field. I am honored to be a part of One Community Health as their HIV Program Manager and a part on the committee bringing the first World AIDS Day Event to life since Covid-19 brought everything to a halt. I am personally impacted everyday by the selfless acts and contribution our organization makes for our HIV population. I work with so many people dedicated to the cause, who show up every day in hopes for change. I encourage each of you reading this to do your part this year by simply finding out your HIV status. Be a part of ending the stigma that prevents people from doing so. Let us celebrate those whose lives have been lost to HIV and allow this to be the motivation to be a part of the change. My personal connection to this

diagnosis lives loud in my spirit, as I continue to show up each day. I will continue to fight, I will continue to keep those who have passed on alive in the community, and I will continue to educate and support those who feel they don't have a voice or a home. I see you. I stand with you. I honor you.

Here are details about the World AIDS Day event: "Rock the Ribbon," a World AIDS Day event to be held on December 1, 2021 at the Clunie Community Center at McKinley Park, 601 Alhambra Boulevard in Sacramento. Doors open at 5:30 and the event will begin at 6:00 p.m. Admission is open to the public and free of charge. "Rock the Ribbon" includes a performance by the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus, a display of 8 original AIDS Memorial Quilts, guest speakers, funds disbursement from the Nor Cal AIDS Ride, and will feature a candlelight memorial for those who have died from HIV/AIDS. Additionally, Sacramento County Health officials will give an update on local HIV/AIDS data.

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Sacramento Area Museums Encourage Shoppers to Support Local Museum Stores During Museum Store Sunday on Nov. 28th

With plenty of holiday specials to highlight and inventory on-hand, a number of Sacramento area museums are proud to participate in Museum Store Sunday on November 28, 2021.

In partnership with the Museum Store Association (MSA), the international effort is designed to remind consumers about the unique and inspired shopping experience that exists in one-of-a-kind museum stores that showcase a broad assortment of highly curated and mission-specific gifts. Museum Store Sunday is open to all independently operated museum stores and non-profit retailers located at museums, zoos, aquariums, botanical gardens, historic sites, and other unique cultural institutions in the United States and internationally.

A sampling of the unique products and specials available on Museum Store Sunday at local museum stores include the following:

- **Aerospace Museum of California** – Looking for the perfect holiday gift for the aviation enthusiast on your list? The Aerospace Museum has you covered. Not only will shoppers find the perfect gift they will also be supporting a great cause as every dollar earned in the gift shop goes right back to the Museum. Plus, the expanded Gift Shop is full of great gifts like apparel, books, vintage model kits, aviation toys, and more. Open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Museum Store Sunday, the Aerospace Museum is offering a special 10 percent off on stocking stuffers. For more information, please call 916-643-3192 or email info@aerospaceca.org.
- **California Museum** – Museum Store Sunday shoppers will enjoy 15 percent off select California-themed merchandise on November 28. Shoppers are invited to get a jump start on holiday shopping with the store's wide range of unique items suitable for everyone on holiday gift lists, with items including apparel, home and holiday decor, toys and much more. Discount may not be combined with other offers and
- excludes stationery items and books. For more information, contact the Museum Store between the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 916-653-0650 or store@californiamuseum.org.
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- **Crocker Art Museum** – Perfect for art lovers and filled with unique gift ideas including jewelry from local artists, art-themed home and office goods, art and craft books, and unique children's items, members receive 20 percent off and nonmembers receive 10 percent off at the on-site Museum store on this special day. For more information, please visit www.crockerart.org.
- **Sacramento History Museum** – Shoppers are encouraged to share the history of the Gold Rush region while enjoying 20 percent off all Arcadia Publishing books. From Lake Tahoe to Land Park, from Donner Summit to Downtown Sacramento, the Museum offers books that are filled with photos and stories of the towns and neighborhoods in our region. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., shoppers will also find classic games and toys, Christmas ornaments, and beautiful minerals and rocks. For more information, please call 916-808-7059 or visit www.sachistorymuseum.org.

- **SMUD Museum of Science and Curiosity** – Sacramento's new Science Center, known as MOSAC for short, just celebrated its Grand Opening earlier this month, complete with a brand-new gift shop. Shop M, located across from the Admissions Desk in the main lobby, is the perfect place to find something unique, from books and toys to DIY kits and educational gifts. MOSAC members receive a 10 percent discount on all items. Shop M is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Museum Store Sunday. For more information, call us at 916-674-5000, ext. 104. or email info@visitmosac.org.

- **Sutter's Fort State Historic Park** – On this special day, shoppers will receive 10 percent off total purchases for everything in-store. They will also have an inaugural Friends of Sutter's Fort Museum Store Holiday Gift Guide available with wonderfully unique gift ideas. Always popular Holiday Mystery bags will be available again this year that include a \$5 gift card to either Ginger Elizabeth Chocolates or Paragary Restaurant Group. Youth bags cost \$20 and adult bags are \$30. For more, visit <https://shop.suttersfort.org/>.

- **Verge Center for the Arts** – Verge will be open from 12 to 5 p.m. on Museum Store Sunday. Verge has an all-new lobby store which features lots of artistic wares by local artists. Some of the items include ceramics by Ianna Frisby and Sandy Fong-Whetstone, jewelry by Yuki Cloud and Muzi Li Rowe, and holiday decor by Nina Booth, and custom Verge "Sac" hats and totes with designs by Spencer Keeton Cunningham. Plus, all shoppers will receive 10 percent off their entire store purchase on this special day. For more, please visit www.vergeart.com.

For more information about the Museum Store Sunday happening on November 28, please visit <https://museumstoresunday.org>. For more information about Sacramento area museums visit the user-friendly website at www.SacMuseums.org.

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“Rock The Ribbon” Local World AIDS Day Event To Commemorate 40 Years of the HIV/AIDS Epidemic

Over 12 Sacramento HIV/AIDS and LGBTQ organizations have come together to host “Rock the Ribbon,” a World AIDS Day event to be held on December 1, 2021 at the Clunie Community Center at McKinley Park, 601 Alhambra Boulevard in Sacramento. Doors open at 5:30 and the event will begin at 6:00 p.m. Admission is open to the public and free of charge. “Rock the Ribbon” includes a performance by the Sacramento Gay Men’s Chorus, a display of 8 original AIDS Memorial Quilts, guest speakers, funds disbursement from the Nor Cal AIDS Ride, and will feature a candlelight memorial for those who have died from HIV/AIDS. Additionally, Sacramento County Health officials will give an update on local HIV/AIDS data.

“Rock the Ribbon” will continue into the evening with celebrations throughout the city at participating local restaurants and bars to raise

Sacramento LGBT Community Center, noted that part of the World AIDS Day event will include light displays throughout the city called



funds for local HIV/AIDS organizations. “This event commemorates 40 years of the HIV/AIDS crisis which is still an epidemic in the United States,” noted Jake Bradley-Rowe, Executive Director of Sunburst Projects, a local non-profit organization serving the HIV community. “Sacramento has been identified by the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention as a hot-spot for new HIV infections. We are committed to raising public awareness about this preventable disease which kills over 15,000 Americans every year,” he said.

Public displays honoring children who have died from HIV/AIDS can be seen at Arden Fair Mall through January 1st. Jonathan Cameron, a Sacramento LGBTQ activist and medical case manager with Sunburst Projects, designed and installed the display which includes information on the history of the HIV/AIDS crisis along with AIDS Memorial Quilt panels honoring 33 children who succumbed to the disease. “We must remember those we’ve lost to AIDS so that we do everything we can to end HIV in our community. We are seeing an uptick in new infections, especially among young people of color,” Cameron said. “We’ve seen amazing advances in the treatment and prevention of HIV and ‘Rock the Ribbon’ will help us educate vulnerable members of our community,” he added.

Jose Vega, Steering Committee Chair from the

“Paint the Town Red.” “Look for buildings across Sacramento lit up in red signifying the red AIDS ribbon such as City Hall, the U.S. Bank Tower Building, Arden Fair Mall, underpasses at McKinley Park and Richards Boulevard, and many private and public landmarks,” Vega noted.

“We also want to get folks out to participating bars and restaurants including Kupros, Badlands, the Depot and many more who are donating a portion of their proceeds on December 1st to local HIV/AIDS organizations,” he noted. “After our celebration at McKinley Park, ‘Rock the Ribbon’ parties will take place throughout Sacramento,” he added.

“Rock the Ribbon” is presented in partnership with Capital City AIDS Fund, Catholic HIV/AIDS Ministries, Golden Rule Services, Harm Reduction Services, One Community Health, Sacramento County Sexual Health Promotional Unit, Sacramento HIV Planning Council, Sacramento LGBT Community Center, Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation, Sunburst Projects, and Volunteers of America, and sponsored by Gilead Sciences, Inc. and Janssen Infectious Diseases & Vaccines.

For more information, contact the World AIDS Day Steering Committee Chairs Jake Bradley-Rowe at 916-709-7692 or Jose Vega at (916) 442-0185 x122

Community Meeting

SMUD is redistricting its ward boundaries



We’re in the process of adjusting the boundaries of the wards represented by our elected Board members. We make these adjustments every ten years to ensure all customers have fair and equitable representation by the Board.

Draft ward maps, which include the ability to search by address, are available for review at smud.org/Redistricting.

You’re invited to comment on the proposed redistricting in a virtual public meeting that will take place on:

Wednesday, December 15, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

For more information and to register, please visit smud.org/Redistricting. If you have questions, please contact us at **1-888-742-7683** or redistrict@smud.org.

The Board is scheduled to vote on the ward boundaries in January 2022.





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Small Item Gift Boutique – Through December 2021

The Elk Grove Fine Arts Center will present the Small Item Gift Boutique, and the final weeks of the Small Treasures Show and Sale, through the end of the year. Join them for a First Saturday Art Reception on December 4, 2021, from 4-7 p.m. at the Center.

Small Treasures is an important fundraising event supporting EGFA's local gallery events, art classes for all ages or abilities, and educational outreach programs. Each participating artists creates a unique themed series of five small treasures on 5x7 wooden panels, which may be purchased individually or in groups. Additional holiday / winter themed panels will be displayed and included in a holiday raffle, with winning tickets announced on December 4, 2021.



• **January 2022:** Abstractly Speaking (competition show)

The end of year exhibition continues with the Small Item Gift Boutique, an annual opportunity for collectors to select art gifts as the Center closes out the year.

About the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center

Established as a nonprofit arts organization on November 29, 2007, the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center is a place for local artists to share their work and for the community to experience the visual arts through classes and events. The Center is located at 9683 Elk Grove Florin Road in Elk Grove and is open Wednesday through Saturday from 11AM-4PM and for special events.

Guests are welcome at the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center while wearing masks or face coverings for the safety of all visitors and staff.

For more information go to: elkgrovetheartscenter.org/2021/11/01/small-item-gift-boutique-december-2021/

Upcoming Exhibitions

- **November 2021:** Small Treasures and the Center's Represented Artists
- **December 2021:** Small Treasures and the Small Item Gift Boutique

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Holidays in Yountville

From November 21, 2021, through January 1, 2022, the Town of Yountville becomes the “Brightest Town in the Napa Valley” during Holidays in Yountville, six-plus weeks of holiday-related events, activities and shopping in the heart of the Napa Valley.



Holidays in Yountville

An annual tradition, *Holidays in Yountville* offers the best and brightest cheer in Northern California’s Wine Country and 2021 will bring much of the same, with additional opportunities to capture the Holiday spirit virtually from anywhere in the world.

Kicking off *Holidays in Yountville* is the Town & Tree Lighting, with special guest Santa, on Sunday, November 21 at 6:00 p.m., featuring tens of thousands of magical twinkling lights that light up the town. The event will be also available for viewing on both Facebook (@ExploreYountville) and Instagram (@YountvilleCA) pages. Following the lighting, enjoy carols from the Yountville Veterans Home signing group the Ding-a-Lings and bring a toy for the Boys & Girls Club Toy Drive!

In addition to its famous holiday lights, *Holidays in Yountville* offers dozens of events and experiences, both in person and virtually, including wine tastings and pairings, holiday painting events, wreath making, chocolate seminars, turkey and snowman hunts, holiday Wine Train experiences, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner menus, letters to Santa for kids of all ages, photo opportunities at Santa’s Village at the Yountville Community Center, New Year’s Eve happenings and much more.

Yountville is also proud to be part of *Wreaths Across America*. On December 18, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., *Wreaths Across America* will be at the Yountville Veterans Home Cemetery to remember and honor our veterans through the laying of remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country’s fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud. The Yountville Chamber of Commerce is asking for community members to donate towards the more than 6,000 wreaths needed to lay a wreath on every grave. For more information on how to donate or volunteer visit <https://bit.ly/2ZbV5ER>.

New for 2021 is the Boys & Girls Clubs of Napa Valley Giving Tree campaign, where

businesses throughout town and the valley are helping the Boys & Girls Clubs of Napa Valley fulfill their mission of providing a safe, positive, and available environment for the children in Napa Valley. Participating businesses will be displaying a Giving Tree and ornaments featuring QR codes that when scanned, direct visitors to a dedicated donation page on the Boys and Girls Clubs of Napa Valley website.

Finally, The Town of Yountville has partnered with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Napa Valley to create a festive Santa’s Village in the center of town, a perfect spot for families with kids of all ages to comfortably take in the magic of the holidays.

In addition to all the holiday offerings, the Town of Yountville invites visitors and locals alike to enjoy a leisurely stroll through the charming, walkable town, taking in the thousands of twinkling holiday lights while exploring Yountville’s unique shops, tasting rooms, restaurants, and hotels.

Yountville businesses continue to have procedures in place to make sure guests are safe and comfortable. To stay off Santa’s naughty list, the Town of Yountville reminds visitors to please make reservations, wear a mask until seated, and socially distance when appropriate.

“2021 has been a year of hope as we emerge from the pandemic, and the magic of Holidays in Yountville is a great way to end the year and usher in 2022,” stated Yountville Chamber President & CEO Whitney Diver McEvoy. “We hope *Holidays in Yountville* brings much joy for family and friends this time of year.”

For more information and a complete list of *Holidays in Yountville* offerings, please visit <https://yountville.com/events/holidays-in-yountville>. An annual tradition, Holidays in Yountville offers the best and brightest cheer in Northern California’s Wine Country and 2021 will bring much of the same, with additional opportunities to capture the Holiday spirit virtually from anywhere in the world.



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Annual WEAVE Toy Drive Returns and Takes Place at Outword Happy Hour and Drag Queen Bingo

The Annual WEAVE Toy Drive is back this year and collections will be held at both the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber's Drag Queen Bingo Event at Mango's on Thursday, December 2nd, and the Outword/Badlands Liquid Therapy Happy Hour on Friday, December 10th. The following is a list of ideas/requests from WEAVE to help fill the stockings of the less fortunate this year (they ask that toys and games not involve weapons, including guns, knives, and swords).



Wish List



Toddlers:

- Stuffed Animals
- Board Books
- Puzzles
- Socks/Underwear
- Crayons/Markers
- Coloring Books
- Interactive Toys

Children:

- Stuffed Animals
- BOOKS (*diverse characters & relationships especially showing Black, Brown & Indigenous children & families & that don't assume all families have a mom & dad*)
- Puzzles (all sizes)
- Board games
- Underwear, socks, etc.
- T-shirts
- Sweatshirts
- Legos
- Sports Balls

Teens (Always our Biggest Need)

- Gift cards for fast food, movies, etc.
- Journals
- T-shirts/clothing - sports teams are great or something related to California/Sacramento

- Socks/Underwear (teens pick these for themselves)
- Hats: beanies, ball caps, etc.
- Young Adult Novels
- Puzzles
- Blankets
- Jewelry
- Nail Polish & Makeup: new and unopened
- Bath gel

Adults

- Clothing
- Socks/Underwear
- Gift cards for groceries, Target, etc.
- Winter hats
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Don We Now Our Gay Apparel

by Chris Narloch

You wouldn't know that there was still a global pandemic happening what with all the festive events planned in and around Sacramento this holiday season. It feels like a positive sign that live celebrations are returning in full force, and here are my picks for the cream of the crop.



Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus

After a COVID break, SGMC is back to ring in the holi-gays with a fun-sounding choral concert entitled "KSGMC 2021FM: Holiday Hits with A Splash of Sass!" Tickets are on sale now for four performances between Dec. 10th and 14th at Pioneer Congregational Church, on L Street in Sacramento. For more information, go to www.sacgaymenschorus.org

Sacramento Philharmonic

Conductor Margaret Batjer will preside over "A Baroque Christmas" this Dec. 3 at the SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center. The program includes Bach's Violin Concerto in A minor, Corelli's Christmas Concerto, and Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 4. For more information, go to www.sacphilopera.org

Merry-Achi Christmas

Our Latinx readers won't want to miss this holiday tradition at the Crest Theatre courtesy of Mariachi Sol de Mexico, but you don't have to speak Spanish to enjoy a colorful and theatrical performance by Jose Hernandez's talented musicians. Merry-Achi Christmas turns the holidays into a true fiesta for the whole family, on Saturday, Nov. 27, for one show only. Visit www.crestsacramento.com



Symphony d'Oro

The premiere of this Rancho Cordova symphony's "Winter Rhapsody" holiday concert will be broadcast on YouTube as a pre-recorded performance (without an audience) on Saturday, Dec. 11th at 4 p.m. The concert will feature a performance of "A Winter Rhapsody," an original composition by Carlos McMillan Fuentes, who will be performing on the piano with the ensemble. Symphony d'Oro will also perform Samuel Coleridge Taylor's "Christmas Overture," along with some traditional holiday favorites. Visit <https://symphonydoro.org>

Sacramento Women's Chorus

For an affordable \$5 donation, you can contribute to charity and enjoy some great music on Dec. 6, when SWC presents "Homecoming: A Holiday Celebration," their first in person concert in 26 months. Feel free to donate more if you're feeling generous, since the worthy recipient is Homeless Ministries of St. Mark's United Methodist Church. To learn more about this approximately half-hour mini concert, please visit www.sacramentowomenschorus.org You can find many more local arts events at www.sacramento365.com



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Target's 'Queer Nutcracker'

by Chris Narloch

Good luck trying to find this new "queer nutcracker" at Target -- it's apparently flying off shelves and not sold online, but enterprising individuals will no doubt be reselling them on Amazon Marketplace, etc.

Target, a proud LGBTQ ally, has withstood years of criticism from the right for their outspoken shows of support. Employees march in Pride parades, corporate policies are accommodating for customers and staff, and they stock LGBTQ-themed merchandise year-round -- not just in June.

But the retailer has taken things to another level with this popular piece of holiday home décor. The brown-skinned wooden man sports a rainbow hat with a glittery jewel decoration and holds a Pride flag. 2021 is emblazoned across the bottom.

Go to www.target.com to see if any stores in your area have them in stock.



Advent Calendars Full of Surprises

by Fred Palmer

When I was a child I loved advent calendars, most of them were store bought with chocolates inside. As an adult you can use your imagination for fun ideas for your spouse or family too and include everything from seed packets for gardening friends to edibles for a fun night or good nights sleep. Please support local small businesses whenever you can and be creative.

Here are some great ideas to include:

- Gift certificates to your favorite local restaurant
- Home made gift certificate for something nice for your spouse, like a fancy themed date night at home
- Perhaps consider some sexy fun underwear
- Tree ornaments as a tradition to add a new one each year
- Candles
- Tea bags: the kind you put in hot water or a handmade gift card for "the other kind of teabagging"
- Seed packets for the gardener
- Gardening tools - you might need to just use a picture so it fits in the drawer, then wrap the item separately
- A donation to your favorite charity with a note



- Chocolates
- For kids - Lego pieces Toys, stuffed animals, stickers
- Bath salts, Bath Bombs
- Fishing gear
- Ear buds
- Edibles



Dear Neighbors and Customers,

Because our daily lives continue to evolve and change with the pandemic, I don't even know what normal looks like anymore. But I have hope, that there is strength and love that will sustain us as we look for an end to these tumultuous times. Even so, life goes on, and that means that weddings, birthdays, graduations, promotions and even holidays continue, regardless. However, we can be ready for them, and look, and see, fabulously while navigating this world that is our life.

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With everything that has been going on, don't you deserve to treat yourself to something nice, that you will get to enjoy every, single day? We think so. This super-fantastic sale runs the entire month of December, but don't wait too long, you don't want to miss out!

With Love and Good Tidings,

Eric, Gloria and Dennis
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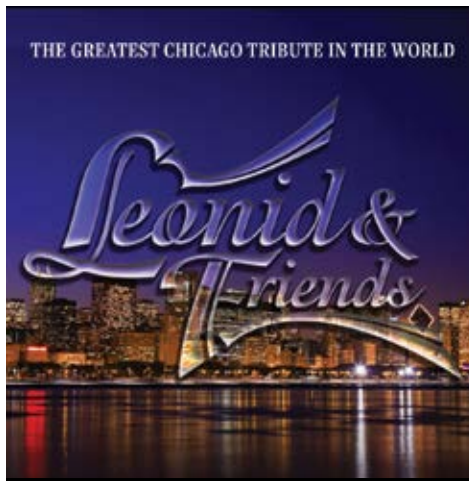
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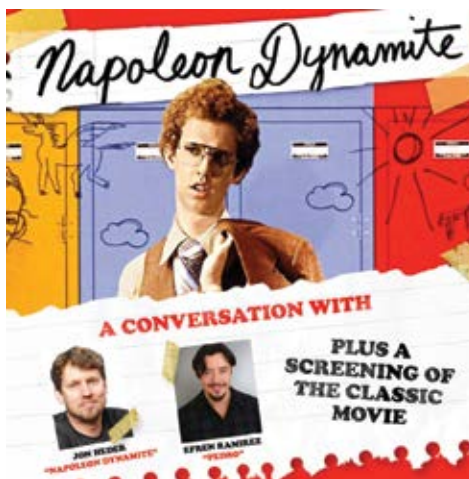
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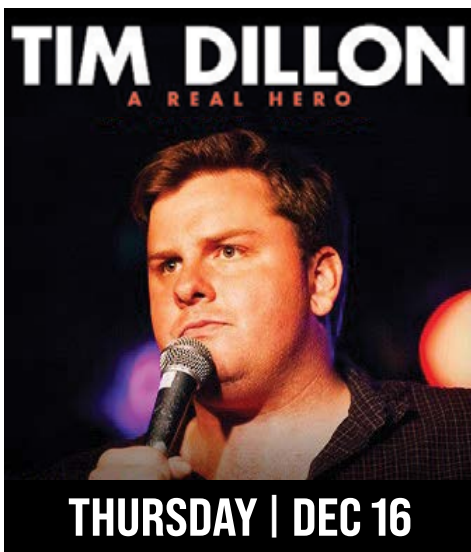
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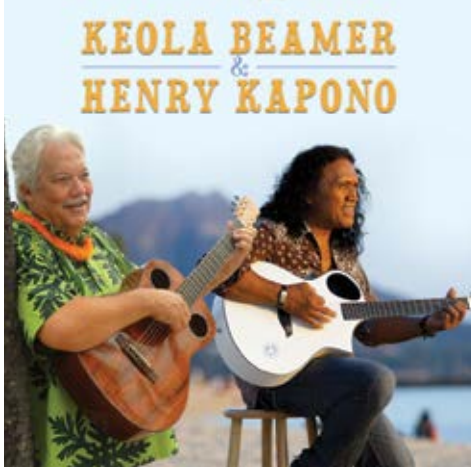
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(2004)

SUNDAY, DEC 12, 7:00PM



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(2003)

SUNDAY, DEC 19, 7:00PM



THE MUPPET
CHRISTMAS CAROL
(1992)

THURSDAY, DEC 23, 7:00PM



WHITE CHRISTMAS
(1954)

FRIDAY, DEC 24, 7:00PM



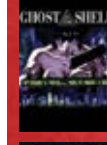
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(SUBBED)

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(2009)

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GHOST IN THE SHELL

SATURDAY, JAN 08, 7:00PM



THE SKY CRAWLERS
(SUBBED, 2008)

SUNDAY, JAN 09, 7:00PM



CAPOTE
(2005)

THURSDAY, JAN 20, 7:00PM



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Book Review: “Allies: Real Talk about Showing Up, Screwing Up, and Trying Again” by various Authors and Writers, Edited by Shakirah Bourne & Dana Alison Levy

by Terri Schlichenmeyer

You’d do anything for your friends. You help them in school when they need it, or with a loan in a pinch. Your home is their home, and vice versa. You might share clothes with your friends, seats, secrets and for sure, support but what about people you don’t know that well? In the new book “Allies” by various authors, you start upright and on your feet.

School has started and some kids – kids of color, queer kids, different kids – are struggling. You want to help but you don’t know how to even begin. So now what?

The first thing to know about being an ally is in the first chapter of this book: you will screw up sometimes. It’s not fun, it’s comfortable, and you can’t just dump your guilt back on whoever you’re trying to support. Instead, learn from it, and get used to it.

But wait. Can’t you *help*? “It’s complicated,” says Dana Alison Levy, the first author.

You can loudly be an ally, but when it’s not your time to speak, then hush. Allies remember that pronouns are important things (see above: you’ll screw up) and when someone reveals their preferred name, an ally makes sure it’s used. Allies know that the letters “LGBTQIA” don’t stop at “G.” When they see someone with a disability, they don’t rush in and act like superheroes. They ask first if they can help, and they never see a disabled person as a “tool” to get extra privileges. Likewise, they don’t finish sentences for a stutterer, and it should go without saying that allies are never bullies. Nope, they reach for understanding, and if they don’t understand, they can be schooled.

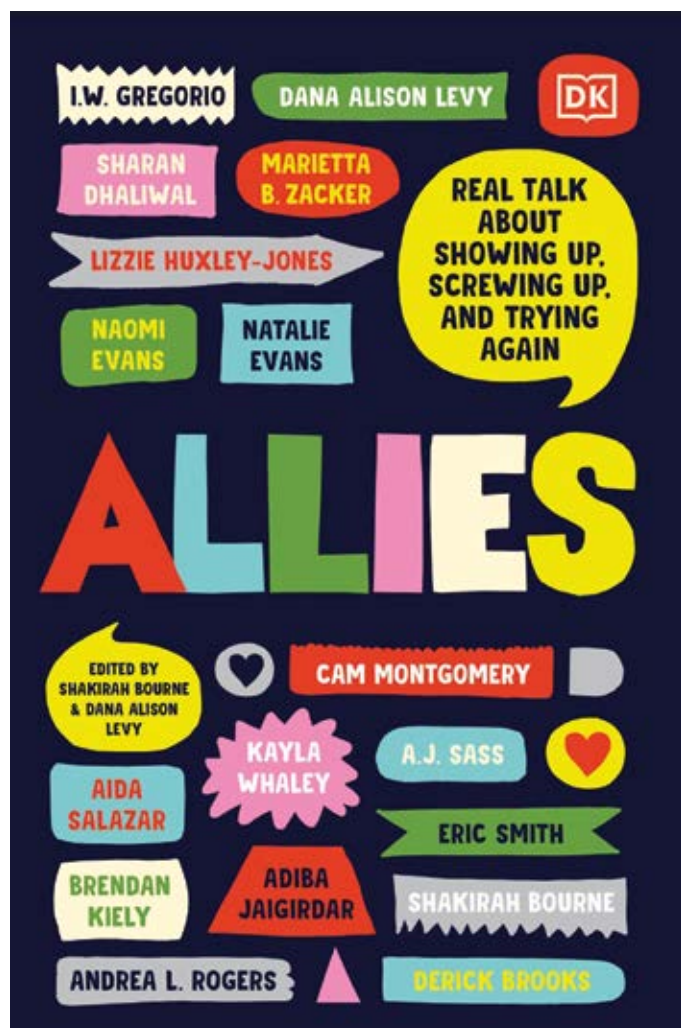
Being an ally doesn’t stop at sexuality or disability, though. You can be an ally for women by standing up to misogyny. You can stand up by seeing color and acknowledging it. You can stand up and admit that there are things you’ll never experience.

And sometimes, being an ally is knowing when it’s time to walk away...

When it comes to being a better friend to those who need one, you always want to do what’s right – but sometimes, right is wrong and arrrrgh! It seems like maybe you need

something of an ally to be an ally, and this book can help.

With straight talk but a light touch, “Allies” helps young readers dispense with the awkwardness of not knowing how to act,



through reassuring stories meant to show that merely just showing up is a great start. The chapters aren’t long – some are told with artwork – and they’re as diverse as the writers themselves. They’re not preachy, either: each is told by an appreciative person who’s received much-needed support and others whose eyes were opened, giving readers the upbeat, forward-looking, I-can-do-this feeling they might get in the eager moments before a march or a rally.

That makes “Allies” a great first step for any progressive-thinking 12-to-18-year-old who needs a good launch-point. Find this book, read it, and share it with your friends.

The Sacramento Gay Men’s Chorus is back!



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“Pour it Forward” Brewing Scholarship Now Open

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The application deadline is 11/30/21 and the online program starts in early 2022. The application is available on the UC Davis Continuing and Professional Education website - <https://cpe.ucdavis.edu/areas-study/brewing/scholarship>.

The scholarship is available to students who are committed to diversity, have experience and/or understanding of the barriers traditionally faced by people from underrepresented populations (based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities...) and demonstrate a high potential for leadership in promoting cross-cultural understanding in the brewing industry.

“Changing an industry takes time, but education and the lifetime of opportunities it represents is the first step,” said Dr. Glen Fox, academic director of the UC Davis Master Brewers Certificate Program.

The scholarship is paid for

by the “Pour it Forward” crowdfunding campaign, which generated more than \$21,000 from individual donors and brewing industry partners, including Deschutes Brewery, Yakima Chief Hops, El Segundo Brewing, North Coast Brewing Company, Sudwerk Brewing, Touchstone Brewing Company, Seismic Brewing Company, CLS Farms and Great Western Malting.

For more than 25 years, the UC Davis Master Brewers Certificate Program has been providing students with an in-depth understanding of brewing science and brewery engineering and preparing them to enter the brewing industry with the potential to rise to the highest levels of leadership within it. To date, the program has graduated more than 850 students from more than 20 countries. For more information on the “Pour it Forward” scholarship, UC Davis Master Brewers Program and how to support UC Davis’ efforts to increase diversity in the brewing industry, contact Melissa Marbach (mamarbach@ucdavis.edu).



Eat, Drink, and Be Merry – (But Mostly Drink) What to Buy for a Thirsty Loved One this Season

by Kristy Harris

If you’re anything like me, you love being gifted booze for Christmas, and I have five affordable picks to please any drinker on your nice list.



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La Gioiosa Prosecco Treviso

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Ron's Crowd Pleasin' Mega Chili - Revisited

By Ron Tackitt

I really like my chili recipe, and several readers have used mine to make a happy pot of hearty chili. However, with the original recipe I used breakfast sausage and plenty of salt throughout. So I took a closer look at the ingredients and came up with this slightly lighter and lower sodium version for those of us that are watching our food intake. I actually really like the shredded chicken in this version. I think this chili lacks for nothing. Give it a try and let me know what you think.

Prep time: 30 min

Total cooking time: 1.5 hours

1 1/2 of shredded white meat chicken (frozen or fresh)

3 med-large onions (I used yellow, but any large variety will do just fine)

1 Jalapeno pepper

3 cloves of garlic

2 med fresh tomatoes

2 small cans of diced mild green chilies

1 28 oz cans of diced tomatoes

1 14 oz can of tomato sause

2 15 oz can of black beans (organic/lower sodium)

1 15 oz can of kidney beans (organic/lower sodium)

1 15 oz can of white beans (organic/lower sodium)

1/2 24 oz bottle of stout beer (I like to use Corona)

1/2 cup of Salsa Verde (La Victoria mild green salsa?)

2 cups of low sodium V8 juice

2 T of Olive Oil

1 T of Paprika

1 T of Ground Cumin

1 tsp of Chili Powder

1 dash of Cayenne chili powder

Black Pepper to taste

I used a pressure

cooker to cook the frozen

chicken breast tenders. I

used about 2/3s of a

Trader Joe's bag. I cut up

one of the onions and

then filled the cooker

with enough water to

cover all the chicken.

Cook on High for 26

minutes. When it is done,

carefully release the

steam strain the chicken

and onions from the

water. Discard the water. Shred with a fork or a potato masher. Set aside.

In a large 7 quart stock pot pour in the olive oil and let it heat up, but just so it coats the bottom of the pot. Chop up the remaining two onions and start cooking them. Also clean out, and chop, the Jalapeno pepper and put that in the pot to cook down as well. Same for the garlic. I like to cut the veggies into fairly large pieces. I like the texture. Once the onions have started to turn translucent, chop up the tomatoes and put them in the pot. Cover and cook down.

Add the two cans of dices green chilis, the paprika, pepper, cumin and chili powders. Stir and let all these ingredients cook together for a bit, until the onions have completely broken down. Add in the cooked, shredded chicken and their onions. Cook this mixture together for about five minutes, so the chicken is completely coated.

Now come the canned goods. add the tomatoes, the can of tomato sause, the cans of beans - with juices, the salsa verde, the V8 juice and the beer. Stir gently, you want to keep the ingredients nice and chunky.

Cover until the chili comes to a boil, turn down to med-low heat and let simmer. Be sure to keep an eye on it so it doesn't burn. Let the chili cook slowly for at least an hour. By that time you should not be able to smell, or taste, the beer.

And there you have a lower fat, less sodium version of my chili. This makes a lot of food, so plan on having freinds over, or you can always freeze some for later. Serve the chili in large, hearty bowls. I like grated cheddar cheese and some fat free sour cream, and many folks enjoy topping their chili with fresh chopped onions and cilantro. I also like it with tortilla chips, but corn chips work well too on the side, as does corn bread.

This recipe is very forgiving to alterations, so feel free to experiment! Enjoy!



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Lady Gaga Acts & Andrew Garfield Sings? Plus “Encanto” & “Ghostbusters: Afterlife”

by Chris Narloch

Actors always want to sing, and singers always want to act, and so we have a new movie featuring Andrew Garfield crooning and one with Lady Gaga emoting. Read on for those reviews, plus a new animated musical from Disney and another reboot of “Ghostbusters.”

House of Gucci

Lady Gaga proves that “A Star Is Born” was no fluke with her latest role, in this big-screen drama. As good as she was in “A Star Is Born,” Gaga was playing a singer in a musical, and she is a singer in real life -- it wasn’t really a stretch.

With her intense new role as a scorned wife turned murderess, Lady G doubles down on her previous triumph, and I wouldn’t be surprised if she receives another Oscar nomination for this film.

The actress plays Patrizia, a young, working-class Italian woman who marries into the uber-rich Gucci family and over time turns in to a real-life Lady Macbeth, scheming and plotting to help her husband, Maurizio Gucci (Adam Driver), gain control of the high-fashion family business.

After Maurizio tires of his ambitious wife and leaves her for another woman, Patrizia goes ballistic and hires hitmen to rub him out. As true crime tales go, this one is a doozy, and director Ridley Scott wrings all the black comedy and high drama out of it that you could hope for.

“House of Gucci” also benefits immeasurably from a dream supporting cast that includes Al Pacino, Jeremy Irons, Jared Leto, and Salma Hayek. Don’t miss it.

Encanto

Disney animators must have worked overtime on this new Latinx musical because the images really pop. Set in a lush, fantasy version of Colombia, “Encanto” is a feast for the senses, with incredibly colorful animation and catchy, upbeat songs by Lin-Manuel Miranda.

The story, about a magical family living in an enchanted house who begin to lose their powers, didn’t move me quite as much as the recent animated classic “Coco,” but the new film has much to recommend it, including a seriously spunky young female lead and terrific voice work by John Leguizamo, Wilmer Valderrama, and Maluma.

Tick, Tick...Boom!

Musical theater queens should love this high-energy movie, a Netflix offering that brings Jonathan Larson’s pre-“RENT” musical to the screen.

“Tick, Tick...Boom!” is Larson’s very autobiographical story of a promising young theater composer navigating love, friendship, and the pressures of life as an artist in New York City just before his 30th birthday.

First time movie director Lin-Manuel Miranda does a terrific job turning this theatrical story in to a cinematic one, and an excellent Andrew Garfield makes a very convincing Larson and does all his own singing to boot.

Ghostbusters: Afterlife

Our deadline prevented me from watching this one in time for a review, but I can’t wait to see the fourth “Ghostbusters” movie, despite mixed reviews. I guess I am an unofficial Ghostbuster because I have enjoyed every one of the previous films, even the recent “all-girl” reboot that many people disliked.

Paul Rudd, People Magazine’s current “Sexiest Man Alive,” stars in “Ghostbusters: Afterlife” along with a youthful cast that includes Finn Wolfhard and McKenna Grace.

Here’s the synopsis: When a single mother and her two children move to a new town, they soon discover they have a connection to the original Ghostbusters and the secret legacy their grandfather left behind.

You can experience the new “Ghostbusters” movie at Sacramento’s Esquire IMAX Theatre on K Street through at least Dec. 2. For tickets, visit www.imax.com/imax-esquire-oo





Happy Homosexual Holidays!

by Chris Narloch

After the success of last year's queer holiday programming, every streamer seems to be getting in on the act. There are half a dozen or more new holiday films and series aimed at the LGBTQ+ audience this December. Here are the ones that look the most promising.

Single All the Way

You can't go wrong with a movie that features gay fave Michael Urie and funnywomen Kathy Najimy and Jennifer Coolidge. I will be glued to my TV on Dec. 2 when Netflix premieres its first ever original queer holiday romance. Urie plays a gay man who returns home for Christmas to discover that his mother (Najimy) has set him up on a blind date with her handsome trainer (Luke Macfarlane). Complications and comedy ensue.



Christmas At the Ranch

Streaming exclusively on TelloFilms - the first network dedicated to featuring stories about queer women - "Christmas at the Ranch" stars Laur Allen as Haley, an urban power broker who reluctantly returns to her family's Nashville ranch after being summoned by her brother, who is desperate to save their family home from the bank. Haley gets into the holiday spirit once she meets Kate (Amanda Righetti), the sexy ranch hand. Thank God for sexy ranch hands! The movie begins streaming on Dec. 1.

The Christmas House 2

This title is a sequel to last year's popular "The Christmas House," which was Hallmark's first holiday film to prominently feature a gay romance. Married couple Brandon and Jake (Jonathan Bennett and Brad Harder) are back, and the movie's plot involves a competition to see who can create the best Christmas house. "The Christmas House 2: Deck Those Halls" premieres Dec. 18 on Hallmark.

Under The Christmas Tree

Lifetime's first ever lesbian romance is set to premiere Dec. 19 as part of the network's "It's a Wonderful Lifetime" lineup. The film follows Alma Beltran (Elise Bauman), a marketing whiz who gets involved with "Christmas tree whisperer" Charlie Freemont (Tattiawna Jones) after Charlie finds the perfect tree for the Governor's Holiday Celebration in Alma's backyard. Since this is a holiday movie on Lifetime, you can bet the two women at first clash but ultimately end up under the mistletoe.



The Bitch Who Stole Christmas

Sign me up for this queer holiday film that features RuPaul, Carson Kressley, Kim Petras, Charo, and a sleigh-full of drag queens from "Drag Race." When a fashion journalist (Krysta Rodriguez) is sent to a Christmas-loving town, she encounters some horrible housewives (and other ruthless residents) who will stop at nothing to win the town's annual winter ball competition. "The Bitch Who Stole Christmas" begins airing on VH1 this Dec. 2.

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Movies Make Great Holiday Gifts

by Chris Narloch

Despite the ability to stream many of the finest movies ever made, film buffs like me still want to own physical copies of their favorite motion pictures, to get special features like cast interviews, director's commentary, and the original trailers.

Here are six sensational cinematic selections you can purchase on Blu-ray, for the movie lover in your life -- or for yourself. All these titles, and many more, can be found at the Warner Archive Amazon Store or from other online retailers wherever DVDs and Blu-rays are sold.

Night Shift

Michael Keaton -- one of my favorite actors -- burst on to the scene in this 1982 comedy directed by Ron Howard, and the rest is history. Conceived as a comic vehicle for star Henry Winkler, who was hugely popular from "Happy Days" on TV, Keaton stole the show with his hilarious, fast-talking performance as Billy Blaze, a schemer who talks Winkler's character into turning the morgue where they work into a brothel. Shelley Long costars as the "happy hooker" who needs a place to ply her trade.



National Velvet

This is the film that made Elizabeth Taylor a movie star, at the age of 12, and she later referred to it as "the most exciting film" of her career. I am inclined to agree, for several reasons, not the least of which is the fact that the story is feminist way before that was a thing. Taylor plays a gutsy girl who dreams of competing as a jockey in the exclusively male Grand National horse race. A classic crowd-pleaser from 1945, "National Velvet" costars Angela Lansbury and the late, great Mickey Rooney, and it was directed by Clarence Brown.



Dinner At Eight

If you ever wondered why the '30s and '40s are considered the "golden age" of Hollywood, look no further than this great comic drama from director George Cukor with an all-star cast that includes John Barrymore, Jean Harlow, Wallace Beery, Billie Burke, and Marie Dressler. A rare example of a stage hit that is just as good if not better on the screen, the 1933 classic film centers around a posh Manhattan party where secrets are revealed and the fur flies.

Mad Love

The extraordinary actor Peter Lorre ("The Maltese Falcon," "M") made his American feature-film debut in this classic, black-and-white horror movie from 1935 and gave one

of his creepiest performances as a renowned plastic surgeon whose sadistic obsession with an actress drives him over the edge of sanity. The great Karl Freund directed this bizarre story of unrequited love which involves a surgical procedure gone horribly wrong.



Fury

Not to be confused with the more recent Brad Pitt war movie of the same name, this "Fury" (from 1936) features two great performances, by Spencer Tracy and Sylvia Sydney, and is directed by the brilliant Fritz Lang, who nails his first American film. The movie's passionate indictment of mob justice is, sadly, as timely today -- if not more so -- than when the film was originally released. Mr. Tracy plays a wrongly imprisoned man bent on revenge.

The Last Of Sheila

This fun film from 1973 helmed by director Herbert Ross features a great cast that includes James Mason, Raquel Welch, Dyan Cannon, Richard Benjamin, Joan Hackett, and Ian McShane. A stylish and clever murder mystery, "The Last of Sheila" was written by actor Anthony Perkins and composer Stephen Sondheim. The film's plot follows a movie kingpin who hosts a party cruise aboard his yacht to catch the hit-and-run driver who killed his wife, Sheila, the year before.



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A Less Expensive Stereo - Just in Time for the Holidays

By Ron Tackitt

A long time ago, in a place not very far away at all, Covid lockdowns were a thing. And during them, I decided to update my years-old stereo system to both simplify it and to give me something to do to pass the time.

I wrote about my adventures in one of our online issues and, suffice to say, was very pleased with the main pieces of gear that I acquired. I love how simple they are, how easy it is to do what I want, and how amazing they sound, without having to wire speakers all over my living room. The biggest problem with them was their cost. I

here is what I thought of his new system: It is pretty darn sweet!

The amplifier came from a company called Emotiva. They certainly have not been around as long as say, Sony or Yamaha, but they get great reviews and seem to have an energetic fan base. They call the unit I bought a TA-1 integrated amplifier. In reality,

quirks and oddities, but it was devoid of any that. Most notably, the internal Bluetooth receiver paired up, and stayed paired, better than my own setup. The one thing the TA-1 didn't do as well as hold onto the Bluetooth signal as you moved the source device away from the amplifier. I would say it was good for about thirty feet, where as my Audiolab amp held the signal for about twenty more feet. I should note that that meant the music playing on my phone, to the Emotiva, would start to lose signal about half way through the house. My Audiolab amplifier could hold

the signal all the way across the house and into the master bedroom. However, I don't really consider this to be a major demerit. I don't usually turn on the stereo and walk to the other end of the house to listen, and I know that my dad will never use his phone to stream music.

The Emotiva has a clean, crisp and strong presentation. The 60 watt amplifier is fine for most normal listening. And if you need lots more volume, you can actually use this as your control center and buy a much larger power amp, which Emotiva would be happy

Emotiva TA-1 integrated amplifier



understand why they demand such prices, but not very many of my friends and colleagues do, or they just simply are not willing to fork over that much dough. This includes my dad.

His wildly complicated surround sound receiver was probably never completely hooked up or calibrated properly, but regardless, after a thunderstorm it decided it was done. I spent a lot of time with him, on the phone, trying to figure out what was wrong, and he even paid to have someone come and take a hand's-on look. Yup, the surround receiver was dead.

So, instead of a complicated surround system, I felt a nice, high quality, simple to use stereo system would be a better fit for him. But at what cost?

Fortunately, since I had put my system together, another company based out of Tennessee had introduced a similar amplifier to what I had, but at a much lower price point, almost half. It appeared to do all the same things and be just as user friendly.

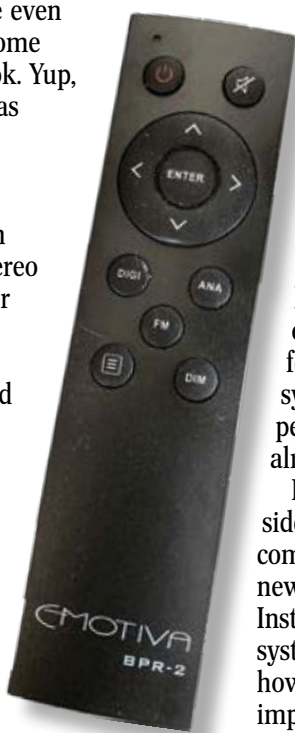
As for the speakers, the company that I purchased from also offered a less expensive version that were equally promising. So I started the sales pitch and managed to talk my dad into taking the plunge. I did though, ask him if I could audition the gear first, and upon my approval, send them to him. He agreed. So,

it would usually be called a receiver, since it also has an FM receiver internal, but "marketing" sweetie, "marketing." Regardless, it had the goods. Enough power, very simple controls, a Bluetooth receiver built in and a remote with about seven buttons. Perfect.

The speakers were a smaller kin to the ones I purchased. Same overall design, but smaller components, therefore less cost. I love my Rogersound Lab speakers and these were also incredibly impressive, but at almost half the price of the ones I own. I didn't worry about fortifying the bass of this system since my dad has a perfectly good subwoofer already.

I also did not do any side-by-side direct comparisons between his new equipment and my stuff. Instead I opted to just set his system completely and see how it performed. It was impressive. In some aspects, it was easier and even better, but as one might expect, the sonic performance was a slight notch less than my own "reference" system.

The Emotiva amp was impressive. For the amount of money charged, it worked well. I was expecting misc



Rogersound Lab's CG23s

to sell you. For my dad, this is going to play plenty loud enough.

I never felt that the TA-1 was lacking. In sound quality, it shined, in volume it did very well, and in ease of use it was first rate. Not to mention it brought out the best in the Rogersound Lab CG23s speakers.

Speaking of the speakers, what can I say? They are wonderful. Smaller than the ones I am used to, with a bit less fullness down in the lower midrange. However, their overall presentation it delightfully detailed and yet, completely natural. When these CG23s are paired with a subwoofer, they create a beautiful, full range soundstage that should cost way more, but it doesn't.

I'm not going to go into great detail about the speakers and their ability to image, define details and present a soundstage. Suffice to say they do. Quite nicely. The Emotiva and the Rogersound Lab speakers make a lovely pair. One well worth consideration.

Ending Note: Shortly after packing up the above equipment and shipping it to my dad, the amplifier died. We believe it to be the fault of a power surge, and not a bad amp. Emotiva has been extremely helpful and moved very quickly to replace, not repair, my dad's amp. He is up and running again, and quite happy with his new setup.

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The Return of ABBA, Elton & Adele

by Chris Narloch

Christmas came early for music fans this year, with the arrival of records from three pillars of pop music. Read on for my reviews of new CDs by Adele, Elton John, and ABBA.

Adele – 30

Given the fickle nature of pop stardom, I wonder if Adele will still be putting out new music in twenty or thirty years. Will there be a “50” and a “60” CD from the popular English singer? I hope so because she is a rare vocal talent who restores my faith in modern music.

While other pop stars chase hip-hop and autotune, Adele continues to mostly embrace “old-fashioned” music that prioritizes songcraft and singing.

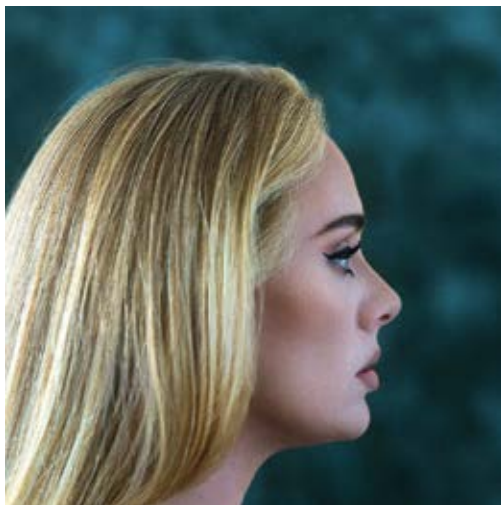
She doesn’t need any of the folderol that most current pop stars rely on to get attention, like backup dancers and choreography or sexually explicit videos. I’ve said it before, and I’ll say it again: you may not care for Adele’s music, but if you don’t recognize that she’s a fantastic singer then you’re deaf, dumb, and blind.

Adele’s “30” is being called her “divorce record” since it deals with her split from ex-husband Simon Konicek. It goes without saying that every vocal on the CD is a master class in soulful singing, but how are the songs themselves?

Well, there are too many slow songs for my taste, but given the introspective nature of the lyrics on “30,” that may be an unfair criticism, and the two tracks addressed to Adele’s young son (“Easy on Me” and “My Little Love”) are undeniably moving.

The finest up-tempo track on Adele’s fourth record is definitely “Can I Get It,” but choosing the best ballad is difficult, since there are so many beautiful ones on “30.” (My first choice would be the gorgeous “Love Is a Game,” with “I Drink Wine” a close second.)

There’s probably not a colossal hit on “30” to rival “Hello” or “Rolling in the Deep,” but Adele’s lyrics here are incredibly raw and confessional and her vocals, as always, are exquisite.



Elton John – The Lockdown Sessions

I have been an Elton John fan for as long as I can remember, from his days in the closet to his stays in rehab, and I was fortunate to catch his farewell tour in Sacramento, before the lockdown that inspired the piano man’s latest CD of all-star collaborations.

John’s voice isn’t what it once was, but he still has impeccable taste in music and in musical friends. Although The Lockdown Sessions is uneven -- as many of these collaborative CDs are -- it does contain several gems.

Things begin with a bang thanks to “Cold Heart,” Elton’s recent hit duet with the divine Dua Lipa, which is a clever mash-up of John’s “Sacrifice” and “Rocket Man” courtesy of the Australian dance music trio Pnau.

He gets points for trying, but the less said about Elton’s two forays into rap music on this record the better -- fans of Nicki Minaj and Lil Nas X probably won’t like them any more than John’s fans.

Some of the other unlikely pairings work just fine, however, including delightful duets with country stars Jimmie Allen and the late, great Glen Campbell, and a surprisingly catchy collaboration with Pearl Jam rocker Eddie Vedder.

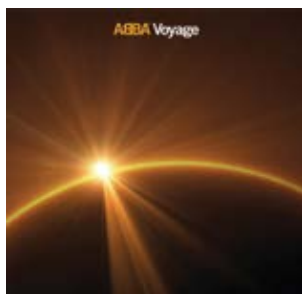


ABBA – Voyage

It would be virtually impossible for any group or artist to take a 40-year break and completely recapture their old magic, but the Swedish supergroup ABBA still sound pretty good on “Voyage,” their first album of new music in four decades.

There is nothing here to rival “S.O.S.” or “Fernando” or “Dancing Queen,” but the quartet’s harmonies are still tight, and Benny and Bjorn haven’t lost their ability to create a hook.

ABBA’s upbeat tunes were always their best, and that holds true on “Voyage.” I especially enjoyed “When You Danced with Me,” “Just a Notion,” “Keep an Eye on Dan,” and “No Doubt About It.”



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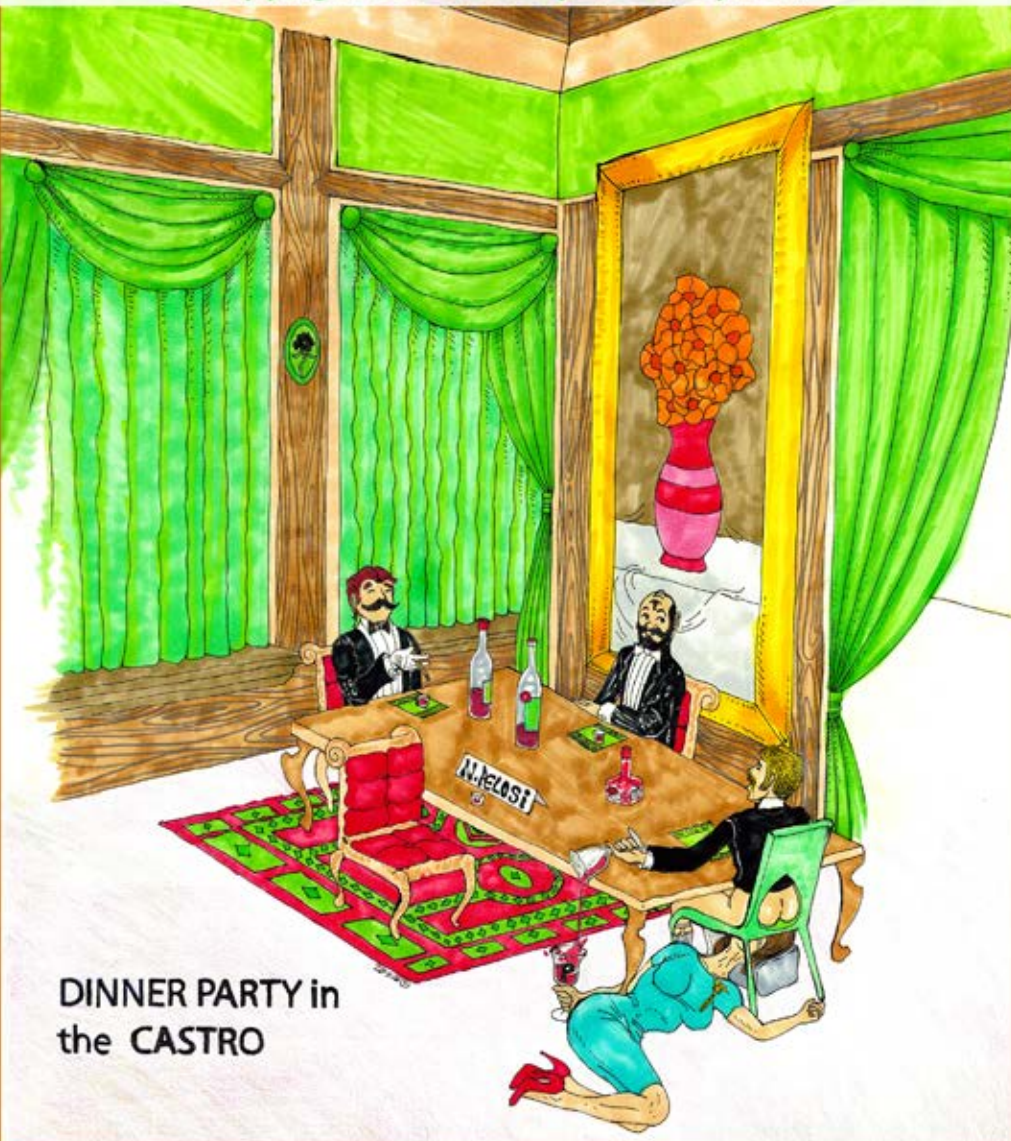
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Out & About

by Matthew Burlingame

The holidays are here and if you just said “I hate the holidays” then you’re doing it wrong. Create a plan, make a chart and be sure there is plenty of time set aside for you to relax and truly enjoy your holidays.

Part of doing that is shopping early and the reminder to make purchases from local businesses and independent artists. When you’re done with shopping, here’s some awesome events for you to attend!

Thanksgiving can be lonely when not surrounded by family and friends. Join the Sacramento LGBT Community Center on Nov. 25 from 12-2 p.m. for their sixth annual Friendsgiving! You’re invited for a socially distanced in-person meal with to-go plates available. Dressed up or down, feel free to be your authentic self while having a meal with community friends, and chosen family with the Center. Saccenter.org

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once again Outword and Badlands are stepping up to help children in need at the monthly *Outword & Badlands Happy Hour*. Please bring an unwrapped toy with you to the event on Dec. 10 from 5:30-7

p.m., at 2003 K St. Stick around for some great drinks and a taste of holiday fun! This event requires vaccination or a 72 hour negative test to enter. Badlandssac.com

On Dec. 1 the community will come together for World AIDS Day to honor those we have lost to AIDS and stand in solidarity with those living with HIV. The ROCK the RIBBON event will be held both in-person at McKinley Park, 601 Alhambra Blvd. at 6 p.m. and streamed live for those at home. The event will feature the Sacramento Gay Men’s Chorus, eight of the original Sacramento AIDS Memorial Quilts, NorCal AIDS Cycle and more. It is presented in partnership with the Capital City AIDS Fund, Golden Rule Services, One Community Health, Sacramento HIV Planning Council, Sacramento LGBT Community Center, Sunburst Projects and many more. Saccenter.org

Shake off the winter blues and win some prizes at Sacramento Rainbow Chamber’s Drag Queen Bingo event on Dec. 2 at Mango’s, 930 K St. Starting at 7 p.m. the fun will be hosted by the fabulous DoMe Moore and proceeds will benefit WEAVE’s annual toy drive. Remember admission is first come first served and proof of vaccination or a 72 hour negative test is required to enter.

Rainbowchamber.com

The holidays conjure thoughts of avuncular figures with book in hand reading tales of adventures to all who gather at their feet to listen. But knowing that in recent years in-person events may not be feasible the Queer Sacramento Authors Collective (QSAC) will once again hold an online event for their annual Holiday Milk and Cookies Readings. Hosted by author J. Scott Coatsworth the event will be held Dec. 3 on the QSAC Facebook group from 7-9 p.m. Facebook.com/groups/qsacocks

Need something to heat up a cold winter weekend? On Dec. 4 at 9 p.m. head to the Bolt Beer Bust and get your Bare Chest calendars signed by the sexy santas of team 2022! Sacbolt.com

Two talented artists with two different mediums come together just in time to celebrate the month of family togetherness. Mother and daughter artists Carrie Tackett and Rachel Lyman are showing their amazing new work at Kennedy Gallery in an exhibit entitled “Mom & Me” running thru Dec. 5. Kennedygallery.net

Are you still eating leftover turkey while having survived Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday? Hope you saved a few coins for Giving Tuesday! On Nov. 30 don’t forget to take a moment to donate to the smaller charities and nonprofits who play a vital role in uplifting those who are struggling. Do yourself a mitzvah and ensure that these organizations are around for years to come.

Join us in sending our best wishes to Shelly Bailes, her family and friends as they come together to both memorialize and celebrate the life and accomplishments of her late wife Ellen Pontac. Shelly and Ellen were instrumental in the fight for marriage equality in California.

Heartbroken is an understatement as we heard the news that Jerry Sloan, the “father” of Sacramento’s queer community, passed away on Nov. 16. He was the principle cofounder of the Lambda Center (now the Sacramento LGBT Center) after winning a lawsuit against televangelist and conservative activist Jerry Falwell in 1986. He was 84.

Got events, birthdays or interesting items, email them to matthew@hengemedia.com Matt Burlingame, Author Allmylinks.com



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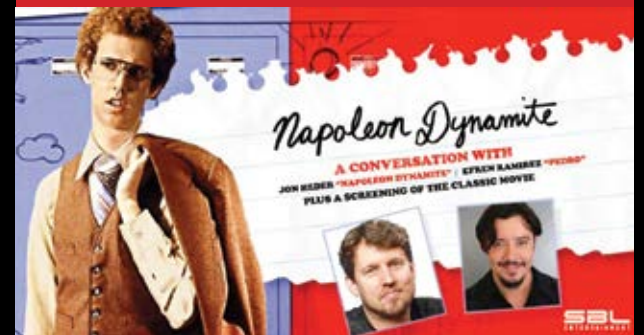
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