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Flashes of Beauty

by Livia Valana Wolfe, Outword Magazine Contributor

This first in a series of articles by the author is an introduction to Livia Valana Wolfe, a transgender woman local to the city of trees, our beautiful Sacramento. Additionally, the author is happy to announce here today the Pride Film Fest world premiere of her first documentary. "Flashes of Beauty: Livia" is a short, intimate documentary co-produced with and directed by Steve Gatlin. Streaming now, Oct. 26 - Nov. 7, 2022.

With the darkness of night serving as an impromptu studio, award-winning cinematographer, producer, and photographer Steve Gatlin, and polymath Livia Wolfe use common public places and spaces, mixed with light, shadow, movement, and the bare human form to create a flash of beauty in the world around them. Yes, in select scenes, the author is in fact ONLY wearing nail polish! This creative effort features a collection of artistic black & white nudes, time-lapse photographs captured with retro film cameras. And in interview format, we begin to explore the life of "proud-and-out-to-the-world" transgender woman, Livia Wolfe.

Since going public in 2017 about being transgender, the author has been a human rights activist, traumatic brain injury/mental health advocate, published fashion week runway model, starving actress, producer, media/fashion coordinator, speechwriter, behind-the-scenes photographer, and personal celebrity chef. For many years the author has suffered from a traumatic brain injury herself, and is only now beginning to go public with that truth. More about the author can be found here, including the biography of Livia Valana Wolfe, video interviews, model measurements, magazine articles, current and past film projects, contact info, social media links, and more.

For 19 years, Steve Gatlin, the award-winning creative, and outstandingly good man in the author's opinion, has been



that you were a boy, or girl, or something in between or outside of those binary experiences? Personal experiences of what Gender Dysphoria has been like to live with for more than half a century are featured. Transgender, non-binary, and otherwise gender-awesome people MUST be allowed the same birthright cisgender heterosexual people enjoy, the freedom to live our own identity without the hate, persecution, violence, and discrimination which we endure everyday of our lives.

A quote from the film: "...that makes us strong, or it makes us dead. And, I would rather not have my sisters be strong or dead. Just let my sisters be sisters." – Livia Valana Wolfe

Each episode of this series provides insight into personal stories, backgrounds, and lives lived... while never shying away from the fact that each of these people are not living with shame for their body. And they are preserving forever, the beauty of everyone! Come witness an evolution in beauty and the deconstruction of stereotypes. How do YOU define beauty?

October 26 through November 7, "Flashes of Beauty: Livia" will be streamed online. A discount ticket for all 10 films in the same category is available here for only \$10. Watch all as many times as you like for 12 days. Many additional films from as far away as Iran, Germany, and South Africa are part of this diverse competition showcasing world LGBTQ+ film art, which runs through November 13, 2022. <https://linktr.ee/LiviaWolfe>

creating photographs of nudes in a public nighttime landscape. The photographs and documentaries encompass. "The Beauty Project." Everyone involved has volunteered to keep this ongoing project possible, which in-turn helps people to better define how we as a society see beauty. More about Steve Gatlin can be found here.

Ask yourself... Once you know your truth, how can you live anything else? How did YOU know, and at what age did you know

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US Supreme Court Sides With KQED on Release of Videotapes of Historic Proposition 8 Trial

The U.S. Supreme Court today paved the way for the release of videotapes from the 2009-2010 Proposition 8 trial that led to the legalization of same-sex marriage in California. The decision not to take up an appeal made by supporters of Prop. 8 came after a 12-year effort by KQED and its counsel, Thomas R. Burke, who argued for the release of the tapes, which document an important historical moment in the fight for LGBTQ+ rights in California.



A crowd gathers in front of the California Supreme Court headquarters in San Francisco to watch the Proposition 8 court proceedings on a jumbo screen, on March 5, 2009. (Jamison Weiser/Wikimedia Commons)

Prop. 8, which passed in 2008, banned same-sex marriage in California. The subsequent trial, Perry v. Schwarzenegger, questioned whether Prop. 8 violated the U.S. Constitution. Judge Vaughn Walker ruled in favor of the right to same-sex marriage, but said at the time that videotapes of the trial would remain sealed for 10 years.

As the court-ordered embargo on the tapes neared expiration, KQED filed a motion with the Ninth Circuit to unseal the tapes. That motion was granted, then appealed by some Prop. 8 proponents, who argued the tapes should remain sealed permanently. The District Court Judge William H. Orrick dismissed that case in July 2020, and Prop. 8 supporters subsequently filed a petition with the U.S. Supreme Court, maintaining that unsealing the tapes could lead to harm or harassment of anyone directly involved in the trial. But today the U.S. Supreme Court declined to take up the appeal.

The effort to make these historic tapes public was spearheaded by Scott Shafer, senior editor for KQED's politics and government desk and co-host of the Political Breakdown podcast. Shafer has covered the Prop. 8 trial and subsequent contest over these tapes extensively for KQED.

"As someone who sat through the entire Prop. 8 trial, I witnessed some very dramatic and moving testimony, as well as riveting cross-examinations," said Shafer. "I'm glad

others will now get to view this important part of the historical record." Read Shafer's article on today's news here.

"It's incredibly important to have it be open, not only for the historical record, but so the people can see this particular trial video," Burke said in 2020. "It's one of the only federal trial videos of its kind ever in the United States."

KQED Chief Content Officer Holly Kernan added, "If our systems work behind closed doors, with no press or public access, we have no idea how decisions are made, nor what arguments are leading to these decisions. KQED wants more sunlight on our legal system, and we will fight on behalf of the public to get that access."

About KQED
KQED serves the people of Northern California with a public-supported alternative to commercial media. An NPR and PBS member station based in San Francisco, KQED is home to one of the most listened-to public radio stations in the nation, one of the highest-rated public television services and an award-winning education program helping students and educators thrive in 21st-century classrooms. A trusted news source, leader and innovator in interactive technology, KQED takes people of all ages on journeys of exploration – exposing them to new people, places and ideas. www.kqed.org

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Getty Images and GLAAD Challenge Global Creatives to Break Visual Stereotypes Faced by the LGBTQ+ Community

Getty Images, a preeminent global visual content creator and marketplace, in collaboration with GLAAD, the world's largest lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) media advocacy organization, has announced its latest global creative grant of US\$25,000 focused on the Chosen Family. The grant seeks diverse perspectives, photographers and videographers to help increase visibility of the LGBTQ+ community while also challenging harmful, cliched visual stereotypes.

This grant will provide financial support and mentorship to content creators who are authentically showcasing and exploring celebrations, events and actions across a broad range of people and groups that are part of 'chosen families', outside of stereotypical Pride celebration imagery. This includes celebrations, new family norms and cultural traditions as they relate to LGBTQ+ communities around the world.

"Our VisualGPS global research shows that less than 1% of visuals in media and advertising show members of the LGBTQ+ community and those mainly focus on Pride celebrations as a defining event across the community," said Dr. Rebecca Swift, Global Head of Creative Insights at Getty Images. "This grant aims to portray connections across the LGBTQ+ community, visualising people coming together to embrace, nurture, love, and support each other, irrespective of traditional familial ties."

Recognizing the challenges faced by photographers worldwide as they look to break into the commercial industry, the Getty Images' creative grant consistently seeks to discover and nurture creative talent while also alleviating some of the financial hurdles they face to capture authentic content.

"Authentic and diverse media images of our community not only make LGBTQ people feel safe and seen, but educate the general public on the truth about our lives and the common ground we all share," said GLAAD President and CEO Sarah Kate Ellis. "This grant will create more content that depicts the multi-dimensional and diverse nature of LGBTQ people, along with our immediate families and friends"

Open to photographers and videographers globally, Chosen Family is a one-time grant, awarding one first-place recipient US\$10,000, one second-place recipient US\$7,000 and one third-place recipient US\$3,000 each, as determined by an esteemed panel of creative industry judges and LGBTQ+ activists.

A special US\$5,000 grant will also be awarded by the Getty Images' employee resource group LGBTQIA+ Alliance.

Shortlisted projects will be judged by a panel that will include:

Monica Trasandes - Director of Spanish Language and Latinx Media & Representation at GLAAD; has created and overseen international campaigns and research projects around the world and authored her novel, "Broken Like This".

Myles Loftin - Artist, storyteller, and creative collaborator working to increase visibility for underrepresented and misrepresented groups; Forbes 30 Under 30 in Art and Style.

Alex Schmider - Emmy®, Peabody, and Critics Choice Award nominated film producer and the Director of Transgender Representation at GLAAD.

Landyn Pan - Trans non-binary photographer and video producer with a mission to amplify the voices of queer and trans people of color through creating empowering and uplifting media.

LaQuann Dawson - Photographer, filmmaker, writer and visual director. His work explores themes of healing, isolation, desire, joy and disappointment while centering the visibility, wellness and liberation of Black and queer people.

Joon Park - Cultural strategist and founding member of GLAAD's Campus Ambassador program. Is a recipient of GLAAD's first Rising Stars Grant, which annually honors LGBTQ+ changemakers across the United States.

Abdool Corlette - GLAAD creative team lead; award-winning creative director & filmmaker with a focus on shifting culture through diverse, high-impact storytelling.

Thaddeus Coates - Artist creating bright and thought-provoking illustrations centered around amplifying Black voices alongside diverse representation, black queer joy and other topics.

Content creators are encouraged to apply before November 18, 2022, at which point the application period will close. Recipients of the Creative Grant will be announced during the week of December 12th.

To apply, photographers and videographers must submit the following:

Links to existing portfolio of work online

The submission must include: a 200-500-word summary of the project proposal and an inspirational mood board

A short essay that outlines the approach

Proposals must be in English

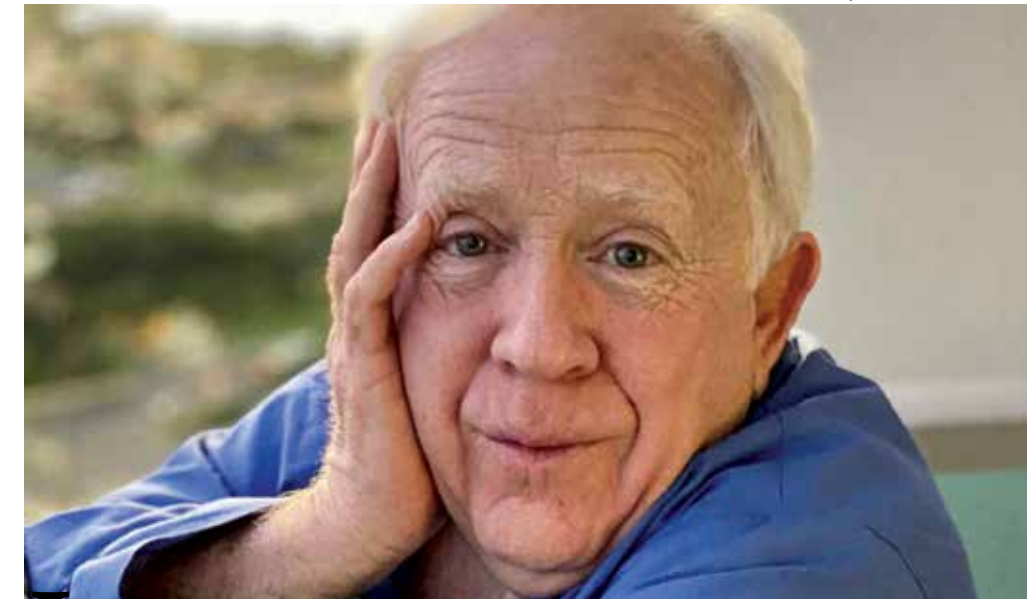
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Grant recipients are invited to license their award-winning content through GettyImages.com, at a 100% royalty rate for imagery created within their proposed project. Entrants will also receive guidance and mentorship from one of Getty Images' award-winning Art Directors, as well as a feature on Getty Images' Creative Insights website, in addition to promotion across relevant social channels. Please note, this additional support is not a requirement of the creative grant and is at the discretion of each recipient.

The Getty Images Creative Grants are a core piece of the wider grants program, collectively aimed at supporting the world's photographic and photojournalism community. Since the inception of the program in 2004, the company has awarded in excess of US\$2.4 million, furthering our commitment to the craft of photography and bringing attention to important stories that without funding, may otherwise remain unseen. Further details on the Getty Images grants program available here: <https://grants.gettyimages.com/>.

To apply: <https://grants.gettyimages.com/chosen-family>

Leslie Jordan Was Loved by Chris Narloch



Just look at those eyes! Funnyman Leslie Jordan, who died in a car accident recently, had kind eyes and a sweet soul, and he left us too soon, at the age of 67. A native of Memphis, Tennessee, Jordan passed at the zenith of his successful career as an actor, singer, writer, and (during the pandemic) a viral sensation who inspired millions of fans with his hilarious videos. My favorite memories of Jordan are from "Will & Grace," where his character Beverley Leslie, a flaming Southern gentleman, traded insults with Karen (Megan Mullally). A comic free-for-all, the two actors' exchanges were sit-com gold and some of the funniest scenes on any TV show ever. What Jordan lacked in stature, he more than made up in talent, and heaven has surely found a new class clown.



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I am so thankful for all of the love and support from the community, my family, friends, clients and colleagues. Thank you for helping me to be the Best that I can be in my field.



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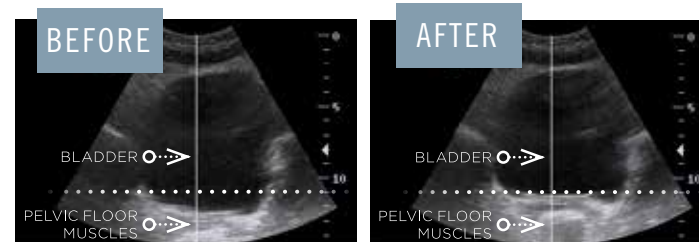
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Pride Is In The Air: Qantas To Operate Special Flight For Sydney Worldpride

The sky is set to sparkle when the Qantas WorldPride Flight from Los Angeles to Sydney takes off on 22 February 2023, bringing members of the American LGBTQI+ community to Australia to celebrate Sydney WorldPride.



As a proud supporter of the LGBTQI+ community Qantas is the official airline partner for Sydney WorldPride. The three-week WorldPride festival is being held in the Southern hemisphere for the first time and coincides with the famous Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras.

Onboard Qantas' WorldPride Flight, customers will enjoy an array of experiences hosted by Australian comedian Joel Creasey, including live inflight entertainment, limited edition 'Rainbow Roo' Qantas pyjamas designed specifically for the flight and a menu created by Australian chef and Qantas Director of Food Beverage and Service, Neil Perry. A general admission ticket to Live and Proud: Sydney WorldPride Opening Concert, featuring special guest performer Kylie Minogue, will be a special gift from Qantas for all passengers on the flight.

Qantas Group CEO Alan Joyce said the Australian national carrier was proud to continue its work as a champion for diversity and equal rights, including on LGBTQI+ issues.

"Supporting the LGBTQI+ community is part of the Qantas spirit and this flight will be operated by members of the Qantas Illuminate network, a community of Qantas LGTBQI+ employees and their allies.

"We are proud to bring visitors from the USA not only to celebrate Sydney WorldPride, but also to experience all that this vibrant city and country has to offer." outwordmagazine.com

Ahead of Sydney WorldPride, Qantas has partnered with the International LGBTQ+ Travel Association (IGLTA) to support people travelling to Sydney for the festival. John Tanzella, President/CEO of IGLTA, welcomed the new partnership with the flying kangaroo.

"For more than 25 years, Qantas has been an outstanding advocate for LGBTQ+ communities across Australia, and a champion in promoting a safe, equitable, and diverse culture for both their customers and staff. We're so excited to welcome another leading travel brand that has demonstrated long-term support for our community into our family of Global Partners." Sydney WorldPride CEO Kate Wickett said the Qantas WorldPride flight will make it easy for visitors from the USA to travel to Sydney for the festival.

"I can't think of a more dazzling or glamorous way to arrive in Sydney than on this incredible WorldPride flight. The USA is by far the biggest market for international visitors coming to Sydney for WorldPride and we're excited that Qantas is helping our guests arrive in fabulous style."

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From a Rocky Horror Halloween Party to an Ice SCREAM Series & More

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Halloween Party, Trivia Special & More at Bottle & Barlow

Decorated as a New Orleans style haunted hotel, the full-service barbershop & cocktail lounge (1120 R Street) is offering a series of Halloween related events and cocktail specials to celebrate the spooky season:

Thursday, 10/27 at 8 p.m. – Trash Rock Thursday Barbershop Sessions with The Pretty Boys playing in the barbershop and DJ Moral Bondage in the bar
Saturday, 10/29 at 9 p.m. – Rocky Horror Halloween Party with live musical entertainment, DJ's Shannon Brook and Crook One, and tarot card readings
Sunday, 10/30 at 6 p.m. – Hunger of the Abyss: Cambion book signing
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Rescuing a Shelter Dog: The Ins and Outs of Adoption

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The Starting Point

First thing's first, pick a puppy that fits into your lifestyle. You may love Cattle Dogs, but your 800-square-foot studio apartment probably isn't ready for all of that energy. Some things to consider before making that commitment are:

- Time you can put into training
- The space you are able to provide
- Their personality (are they good with kids, etc.)
- Cost of living

Once you have a general idea of which breeds may work best for you, it's time to pick a shelter! Make a list of nearby organizations and do a little bit of research (read:Internet sleuthing) on reviews and photos to ensure they're taking the best care of their pack.

How Much is That Doggie in the Window?

Your new bundle of joy and slobber is going to come with some new expenses. Adoption alone can be anywhere from \$50-\$350+, but fluctuates depending on the shelter. Rescue Dogs 101 took to Facebook to ask their audience how much they spend on their dog per month, with the majority saying \$100-\$200. This of course depends on some different factors:

- The size of your dog
 - Grooming needs
 - Doggy daycare / dog walkers
 - Vet costs
 - Food, toys, and treats
- There are also some one-time expenses to take into consideration as well:
- Collar, leash, ID tag (We recommend the Rock Solid Collar ID and Rock Solid Leash)
 - Food and water bowls
 - Crate
 - Dog bed
 - Grooming supplies
- Sit down and crunch those numbers when you get the chance. It makes all the difference!

Applying Yourself

Now that you have an idea of what you should have in mind when choosing your new family member, it's time to take action.

Step one is filling out an application. The application process helps both you and your potential pup in finding the perfect match. Your homelife will be taken into consideration, asking if you rent or own your home for starters. Some landlords will have a pet limit, breed restrictions, or require approval before the adoption process begins. Be truthful in your answers, for example, your lack of a backyard doesn't mean you're automatically out of the running.

Owning a dog is a job in itself, and with any job application you need references. Make a list of the people who know you best, they will be able to attest to the fact that you're going to be the most caring, attentive, awesome pet parent in the world!

If you already have a brigade of beagles or a plethora of poodles the shelter may ask for veterinary records. They're just making sure your gang is up-to-date on vaccinations, treatments, and wellness checks to ensure the newest member is in the best hands.

Home visits are not out of the question either, so maybe try actually putting your dirty clothes in the hamper. You're going to want to show off how puppy-proof your place can be.

You Got Them! Now What?

Congratulations, you were approved! It's time to make a list of some essentials - this is where our money talk from earlier comes into play. We've made a list of supplies you should have ready on day 1:

- Collar, leash, or harness (Our Rock Solid Collar IDs can be found here & the Rock Solid Leash here)
- Dog crate
- Dog gate (it rhymes, so it must be important)
- Food supplies (food, bowls)
- Poop bags
- Toys

Supplies are great, they're even necessary for success. Physical possessions aren't everything, though. Isn't that the moral to, like, every children's story? There are some things you can't have at your doorstep ready to go, but are just as important. One of these being having a vet lined up for their check up and vaccinations when they arrive. The earlier you choose a vet, the more comfortable and trusting you're going to be with them watching over your little guy's health.

The last, and probably most important thing, is patience. There's actually a "333 Rule" to help with your expectations. The first 3 days your pup is overwhelmed, in 3 weeks they're getting more comfortable, and in 3 months they are finally comfortable in their new home. More expectations with the 333 Rule can be found here.



Ready...Set...No!

After taking the time to consider these factors, you may find that you're not quite ready for adoption. That's perfectly fine! You can still make a difference in the lives of your animal shelter. One way of doing this is by volunteering your time. Shelters are always looking for help in all fields. You could be helping clean, taking care of some clerical work, and even walking dogs. Just an hour of your time can help everyone out.

Another option is donating to a shelter of your choice. Monetary donations are welcome, but take a look around the house. Are there any blankets you find yourself using less and less? The shelter will take them off your hands! Is there a sale on dog food or treats that's too good to be true? Grab a couple of bags and bring them on over! Every little bit helps and both the humans and animals will be thankful for your kindness.

The Finish Line

You made it! You are now an expert on what to expect when you're expecting a puppy. Put your knowledge into practice this October in celebration of National Adopt a Shelter Dog month and tell your new best friend we say hi!

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Best Car Ad - Olaf

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Charlie impersonating Baby Yoda

Most Regal Pose - Lucy

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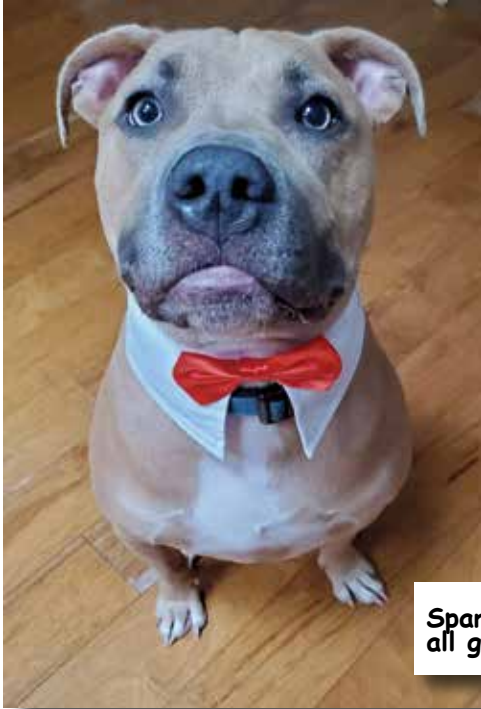
Best Iconic Backdrop - Gunther



Our names are Lauren and Faith Pulido and our special little angel is named Gunther. Gunther is a Bernese Mountain Dog and weighs in at 85 pounds at 7 months old! He is the light of our life and the most gentle giant we have ever met. Not only is he gentle with our four kitty cats, he is also so sweet and understanding of our Grandma who lives with us and is a bit older. He knows when to be soft and gentle and also loves looking after our neighborhood kids who are very young. They have made best friends with him and come to the door almost every day to say hello to him. We love him and all of our fur babies so much.

My name is Tari Tribble and this my mini poodle, Waffles! I love my little one because he has sweet spirit like syrup! Hence the name,

Best Photo Composition



Spartacus - Puppy and all grown up



Best Feline Companion - Harley Quinn

This is my little Harley Quinn. She is my emotional support kitten who is now 1yr and the best thing beside my daughter that has ever happened to me!



Lily

This is Lily, my outdoor cat. She was abandoned and came with my house when I bought it. She's around 19 years old!! - Kevin Blake



Photo Contest Winner - Buster

This is my foster. Buster's first spa day after adopting. Buster was a rehab dog when he came to me as a foster. It took a month before he allowed me to touch him. He's now my little man who follows me everywhere. Love him to pieces. - Linda Petavine

Pet Photo Contest Winner and Honorable Mentions!

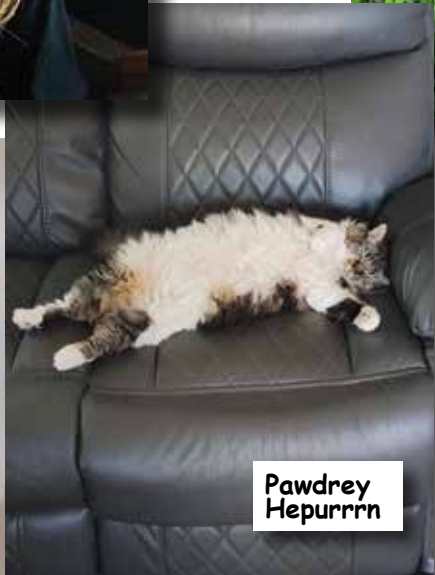
This year we had a bunch of participants for our Pet Photo Contest as you can see right here on this page. We also asked that you write something, short and sweet, about what makes your pet so special to you. This year's winner is, hands-down, Buster at bath time! The photo quality is excel-lent, the pose is amazing, and Linda's short caption touches the heart. Thank you, to everyone that sent in pics! We look forward to even more pics for next year's contest - so if you click a great pic between now and then, be sure to save it so send in when the time comes. You could be the lucky winner. Again, congratulations Linda (and Buster)!



Nyx



Dash



Pawdrey Hepurrrrrn



Best Buddy - Syn

My name is Leticia Hanna and I have two amazing Bernedoodle's named Syn and Nyx!

Syn is such a snuggle bug! She weighs over 80#'s but makes herself comfortable on your lap as if she only weighs 10#! lol such a snuggler.



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Out & About with Matt Burlingame

With all this current inflation, I have a feeling more adults will be trick-or-treating this year just to get a break from the grocery prices. After you've recovered from eating all the candy you didn't hand out and the several days of pulling down cobwebs and listening to Smashing Pumpkins (see what I did there, Gen-Xers?), it'll be time to get out and rock the vote (is that still a thing?) Remember this year more than most there are lives that will literally depend on it.

While you're deliberating who to vote for you might as well enjoy a night of fun at November's Drag Queen Bingo, on Thursday, Nov. 3 from 7 - 9 p.m. at Mango's Sacramento, 1930 K St. Hosted by the fabulous DoMe Moore, proceeds will benefit the Capitol City Sisters. Admission is first come, first served. Rainbowchamber.com

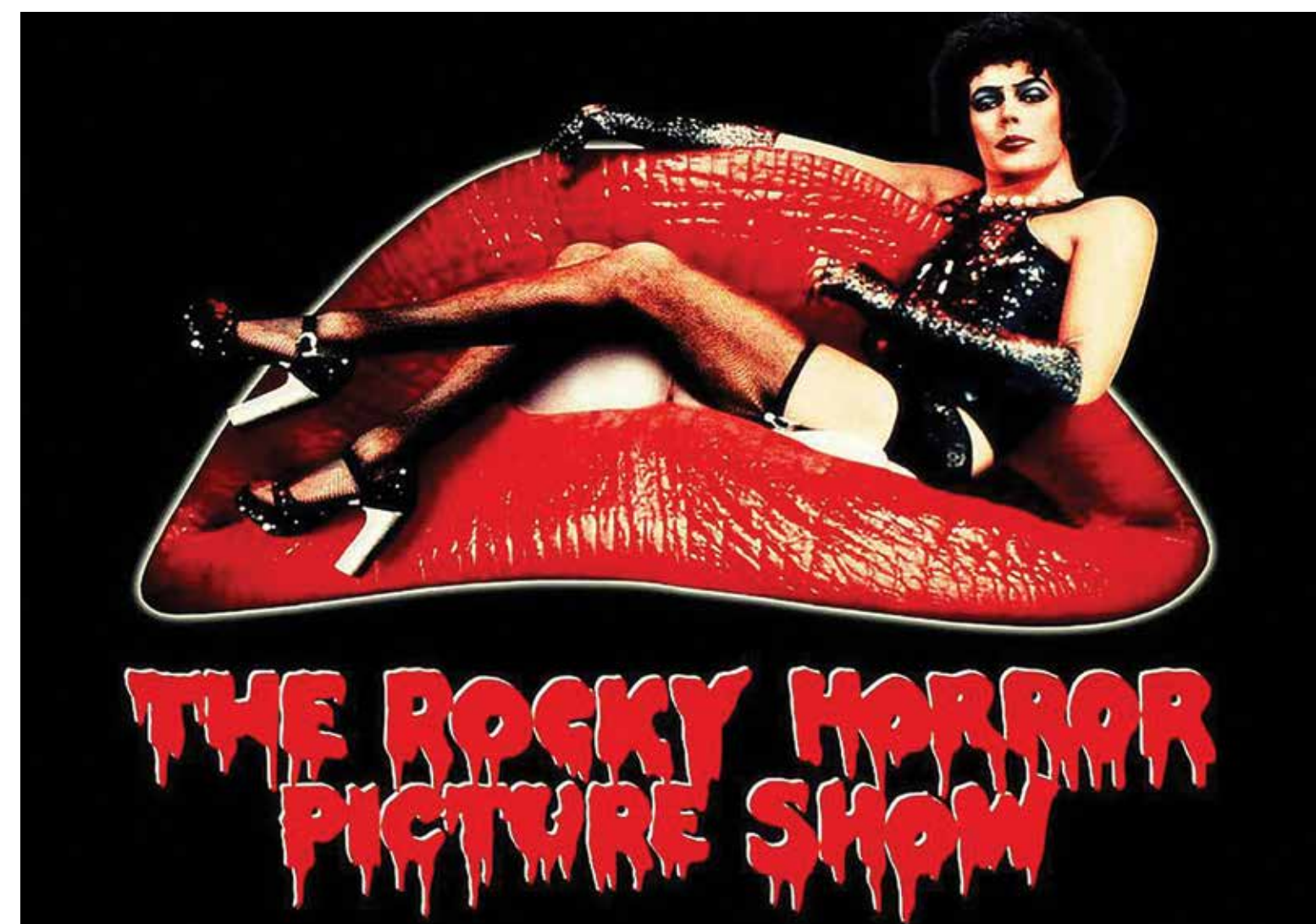
Come support the Rainbow Chamber by visiting their booth at the Golden Harvest

by Amber's Sweets. If you love horror and the Macabre you'll love this Halloween offering! Lovehorrevents.com

Bike Dog Brewing Company and Bakery Family Wines, 2568 Industrial Blvd #110, in West Sacramento unleash the Howl-o-Ween Yappy Hour Friday, Oct. 28 from 4 - 7 p.m. Kick off the Halloween weekend with great beer, wine, food and ambassador dogs onsite from 4 - 6 p.m.

performers will be kicking off the winter holidays with Elf: The Musical, running Nov. 3 - Dec. 18 at the East Sonora Theatre, 13891 Mono Way, in Sonora. Sierrarep.org

The annual Roseville Parks and Rec holiday craft fair is back on Saturday, Nov. 5 starting at 9 a.m. After a four year hiatus the tradition returns to Maidu Community Center, 1550 Maidu Dr. and



Parade and Festival Oct. 29 - 30 at the California State Historic Park in Old Sacramento. The inaugural multi-cultural event celebrates unity, harmony and peace! Goldenharvestparade.org

Oh, fantasy free me so we can do the Time Warp again! Monday, Oct. 31 at 7 p.m. experience the holy grail of Halloween fun with the "Barely Legal" (that's the actual name of the group) performance of The Rocky Horror Picture Show! The screams will take place at the UC Theatre, 2036 University Ave. in Berkeley. Doors open at 7 p.m. for the 8 p.m. show.

Not able to make the trip to Berkeley? Find your Rocky fix locally at the Historic Colonial Theatre, 3522 Stockton Blvd. on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 8 p.m. The film screening and shadowcast is brought to you

Costume contests with prizes, raffle and fun.

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Got bar FOMO? Crawlween 2022 has you covered! Grab a costume and a ticket and be part of Sacramento's biggest Halloween costumed bar crawl. Haunted bars and ghoulish drinks await on Saturday, Oct. 29 with multiple stops at the city's top bars, drink and food specials, costume contest, photographs by 916Pix and full access to the afterparty. Check in is Republic Bar & Grill, 908 15th St. Sacbarcrawl.com

Here we are in full on Halloween mode and in walks Christmas saying, "Hold my egg nog!" For those anxious to get the merriment started local acting sensation Jerry Lee along with a stellar cast of

the City of Roseville is thrilled to welcome it back. Also don't miss the Native Craft Fair at the Maidu Museum on the same day. Indigenous vendors from all over the Sacramento, Foothill, and Bay areas will be selling contemporary jewelry, basketry, paintings and prints, and much more. Roseville.ca.us

Sacramento Comedy Spot, 1050 20th Street #130, has an amazing comedy event Thursday, Oct. 27 at 8 p.m. Watch Sacramento's top transgender and non-binary talent perform in Trans Sketchual. Featuring Heather Rogue, Auntie Vice, Emily Pedersen, Derek Dozier, Xahn Tran, Jillian Marie, Gigi McG, Erika Dubois and more. Saccomedyspot.com

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Mormons & Roller Disco on Local Stages

by Chris Narloch

Two wonderfully wacky modern musicals return to town this November, one of them in concert and the other on a big Broadway tour. I also review the latest offering at Sacramento's Capital Stage.



The Book of Mormon

This outrageous musical comedy follows the adventures of a mismatched pair of missionaries, sent halfway across the world to spread the Good Word. Not surprisingly (but hilariously!), the inhabitants of a remote Ugandan village are not exactly thrilled to be potential subjects for conversion to the LDS Church.

Side-splitting musical comedy ensues, and "The Book of Mormon" has become such a huge hit that many Mormons have seen it and loved it, even though the book and lyrics mercilessly mock their religion. It's no surprise that the show is now an international sensation and keeps returning on tour to delight its faithful fans.

If you've never seen this musical, the explicit language warning is no joke, but the show itself is one uproarious joke and sight gag after another.

"The Book of Mormon" will play this Nov. 2 - 13 at the SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center. Please visit: www.broadwaysacramento.com

Xanadu In Concert

The 1980 movie musical "Xanadu," which starred the late, great Gene Kelly and Olivia Newton-John, was a major box office bomb in movie theaters that was reborn on Broadway in 2007 and became a hilarious hit starring Cheyenne Jackson and Kerry Butler.

This November, Sacramento Theatre Company will present a concert version of this fabulously fun musical. Follow the journey of a magical and beautiful Greek muse, Kira, who descends from the heavens of Mount Olympus to Venice Beach, California in 1980 on a quest to inspire a struggling artist to achieve the greatest artistic creation of all time - the first roller disco rink!

"Xanadu In Concert" performs this Nov. 11-13 at STC. For more information, visit: www.sactheatre.org



Gloria

This intriguing but uneven production is the very ambitious current offering at Sacramento's Capital Stage, a terrific theater company on J Street in midtown that takes chances and does cutting edge work.

A hot-button play that involves gun violence and a workplace tragedy, "Gloria" is set in the high-stress, cutthroat office of a Manhattan-based literary magazine, where the young editorial assistants dream of writing their own books rather than checking the work of others. A lucky few will get that chance, which doesn't come without a price.

I wish I could report that "Gloria" was up to Cap Stage's usual high standards, but dark comedy that turns into shockingly serious drama in an instant is a very tall order to fill, and I don't think this production quite pulls off that difficult tonal transition.

I also felt that a couple of the performances were pitched too large and too loud for the small theater space - at least on opening night - although that may get smoothed out over the course of the run.

If you want to check out "Gloria," which plays through Nov. 13, go to https://capstage.org

"Shrek the Musical" Returns in Auburn



Kids of all ages (and adults who are big kids at heart) never tire of "Shrek The Musical," which will return to NorCal this November 5-20, at the intimate Auburn State Theatre, courtesy of the State Theatre Acting Company. Even funnier than the 2001 animated movie, the stage version of "Shrek" features catchy music by Jeanine Tesori and a smart book and clever lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire. For more information, please visit: www.auburnstatetheatre.org

Christmas With Kiki & Herb?



If you've never seen the divine queer cabaret duo known as Kiki & Herb, you will have a rare chance when the pair reunite this December for "Do You Hear What We Hear?," a one-night-only Christmas concert at San Francisco's Curran Theater. Kiki & Herb is actually Justin Vivian Bond and Kenny Mellman, two insanely talented, bent performers whose impersonation of a second-rate lounge act is first-rate in every way and was a sensation in New York City for many years. Their holiday show at the Curran on Dec. 9th is Kiki & Herb's first San Francisco engagement since 2007. Funny and fabulous, every Kiki & Herb performance is also a one-of-a-kind event. If there are any tickets left, you can purchase them at: www.broadwaysf.com

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“Halloween Ends”Thank God!

by Chris Narloch

If ever a franchise needed to be put out of its misery, this is it. After umpteen inferior sequels, John Carpenter's original film looks better and better with every passing year. Never my favorite horror film, that 1978 shocker did boast taut direction and a classic music score (both by Carpenter), plus an iconic performance by the current, undisputed cinematic scream queen, Jamie Lee Curtis.



I am happy to report that in “Halloween Ends,” Laurie Strode and Michael Myers finally get it on, after years of sexual tension, and produce an adorable baby boy, Michael Myers, Jr. Just kidding! Did you really think I would spoil the finale of one of the most beloved horror franchises ever? Not me.

I will say, however, that the filmmakers actually deliver on the title of the new movie, but you will have to watch for yourself to find out how – if you haven't already seen it on Peacock or in a theater. “Halloween Ends” is a definite improvement over the last installment, “Halloween Kills” (which was laughably bad), although Myers takes forever to show up on screen this time out.

Incidentally, my favorite moment in all of the “Halloween” films occurred in the 2018 sequel, when a clever little Black boy jams out of his house and avoids getting killed. He doesn't stick around to get slaughtered and figures out what no one else in Haddonfield seems to realize – that Michael Myers is such a lumbering oaf, all you would have to do is take off running, to avoid the slowpoke slasher.





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Some of the Best Distractions Available - for Pet Lovers by Ron Tackitt

Short “reels” or videos are all the rage right now. Whether on TikTok, Instagram or ported over to Facebook, they persistently come up on my FB page and I can't help but get sucked in. Sometimes it's fun, most of the time, they are a waste of 30 seconds. However, I have to say that when one of these guy's reels comes up, I always enjoy taking a peek.



Rubydooby_do via Instagram

I'm not sure what “Daddy's” name is, and it really doesn't matter. Besides being ridiculously handsome, he had a relationship with his Doberman, Ruby, that was truly magical. She was so smart, so beautiful and was so obviously in love with her dad that it easily comes through in the many short clips that are posted. (Ruby recently passed, but after a mourning period, Dad has a new puppy Doberman, Bruce, and is back to posting wonderful videos. This time we get to see how their relationship develops and what Bruce's personality will be like. Dad also addresses certain issues about dog care, especially Doberman care, which makes his videos both heart-warming and informative. Check them out.

Peanut the Squirrel and his Hooman

What can I say? Peanuts' hooman is very easy on the eyes (and those eyes...) but these little video snippets offer way more than that. The love and affection that is on display is amazing. Peanut likes to jump on his hooman from just about anywhere he might be hanging out. Mostly from the kitchen island, once the refrigerator door is opened... Hooman puts a musical background to most of his videos that makes them fun and usually has meaning to what hooman is trying to point out. He too explains how the relationship developed and how he became a proud dad to the cute little guy. The hooman's video catalog makes for a fun diversion from the task that might be at hand. [peanut_the_squirrel12](#) via Instagram



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Two Queer Films at The Tower Plus, “Till” is a Must-See Movie

by Chris Narloch

After I finish up this issue of *Outword*, I plan to see a couple of horror flicks currently playing on the big screen: the surprise smash hit “Smile” and “Terrifier 2” (which is apparently so gory that people are passing out in the theater).

I took a break from watching scary movies this Halloween month to check out three prestige films at Sacramento's Tower Theatre, and those reviews are below.



Tar

The great Cate Blanchett amazes once again in this fascinating story about an intense, lesbian conductor of a German orchestra whose life begins to unravel at the height of her career.

With a book launch and a live performance of Mahler's Fifth Symphony on the horizon, Lydia Tar should be on top of the world. Over the ensuing weeks, Blanchett's heroine slowly implodes, in writer-producer-director Todd Field's excellent examination of the demands and downside of fame, power, and great talent.

A brilliant star of stage and screen, Cate Blanchett truly is the Australian Meryl Streep – an actress who never seems to make a false move. She is almost guaranteed to get an Oscar nomination for “Tar.”



Till

Superhero cinema provides us with an endless array of imaginary heroes, but this superb new biopic is about a real-life Black wonder woman named Mamie Till, who helped jumpstart the civil rights movement in the late 1950s after her 14-year-old son, Emmett Till, was brutally murdered in Mississippi.

Rather than concentrate solely on Emmett's sad fate, “Till” wisely shifts its focus to the remarkable bravery of his mother, an activist and educator who somehow found the strength through her grief to demand that photos be taken of her dead son's battered body so that the world could see what racist Southerners had done to him.

Mamie even traveled to Mississippi from her home in Chicago, risking her own life, to testify in the pathetic excuse of a trial that acquitted her son's killers.

There are many reasons to see “Till,” but the best reason is to witness Danielle Deadwyler's raw, certain-to-be-Oscar-nominated portrayal of Mamie Till, a true American hero. See this amazing movie before it disappears from theaters.

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My Policeman

Harry Styles' second disappointing movie of the fall is this dreary period piece about a doomed, secret romance between a museum curator (David Dawson) and a closeted cop (Styles), who is also dating a female schoolteacher (Emma Corrin).

Forty years later, the three characters are reunited and must face past choices. For these scenes, three different actors take over (Rupert Everett, Linus Roache, and Gina McKee), but despite some fine performances, “My Policeman” is dull and uninspired.

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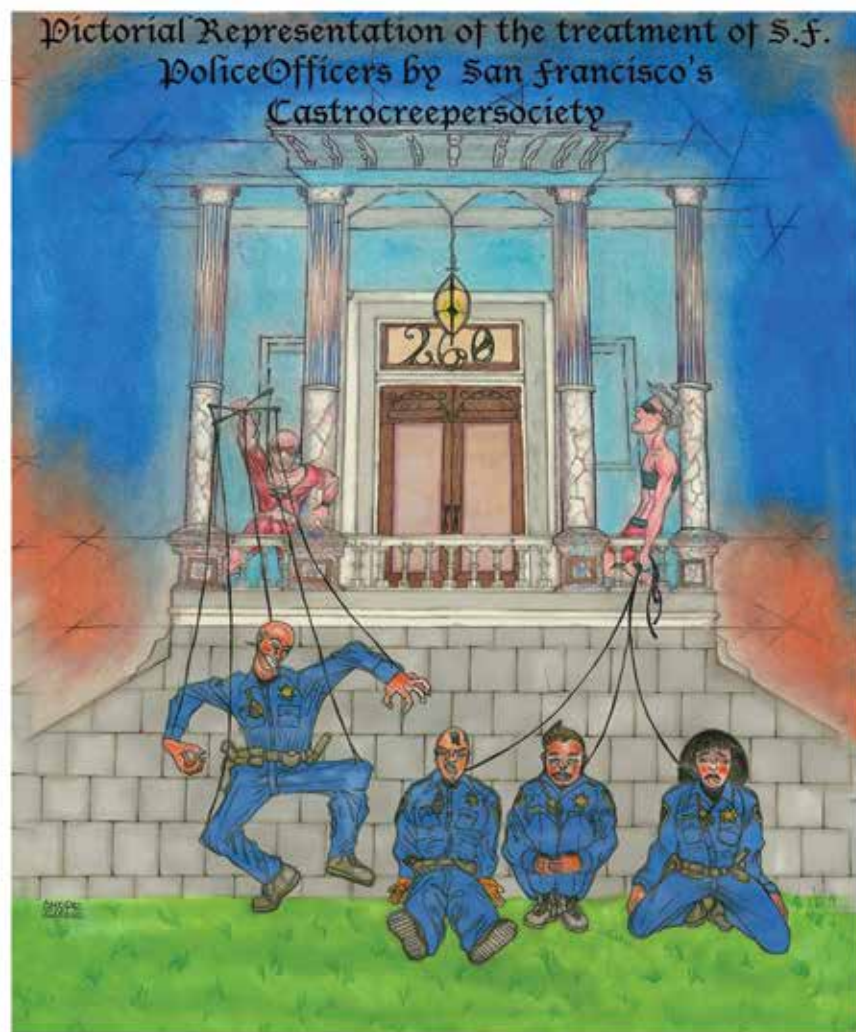
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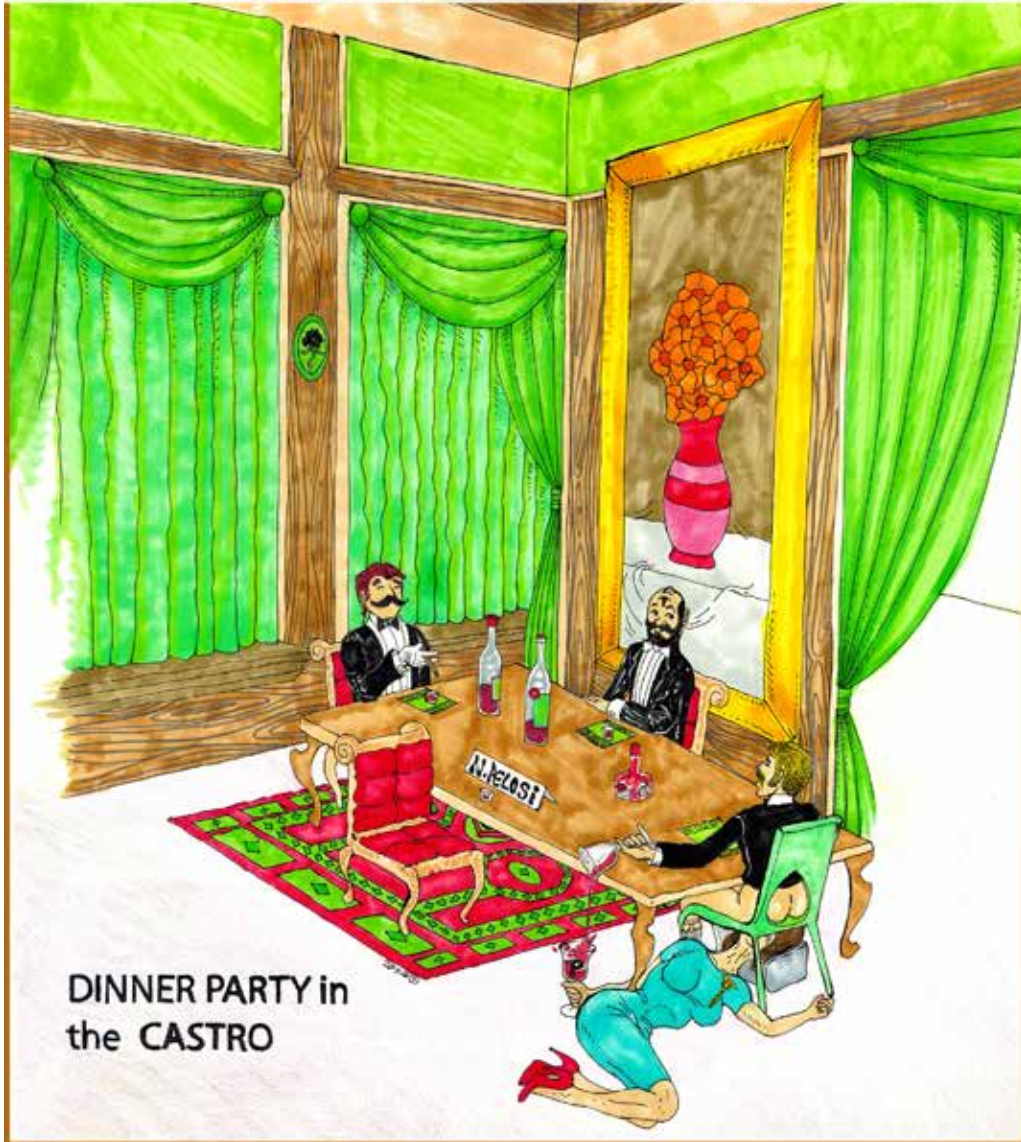
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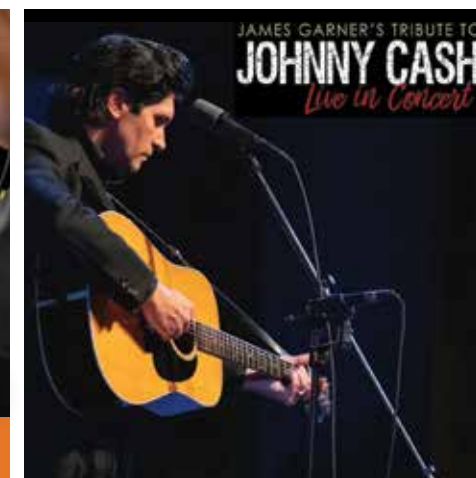
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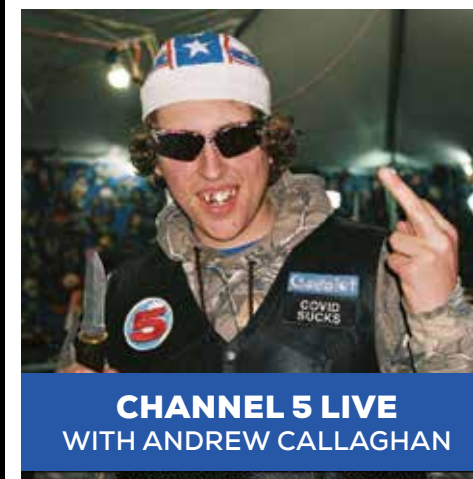
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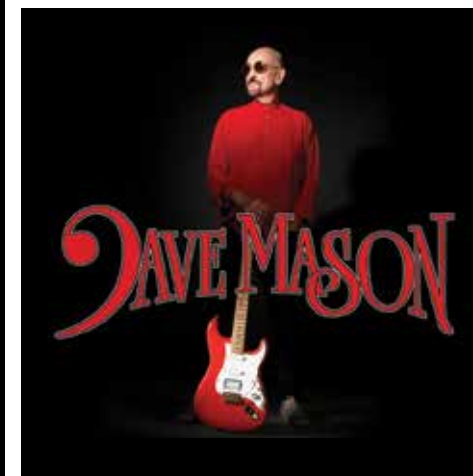
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