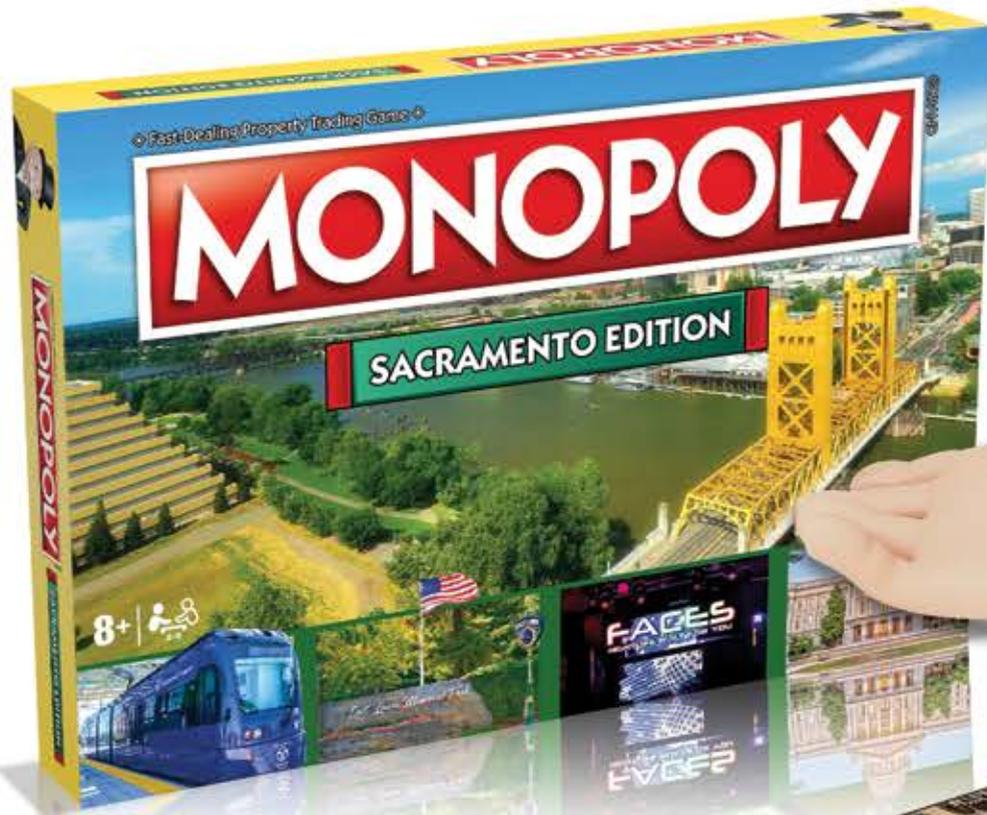


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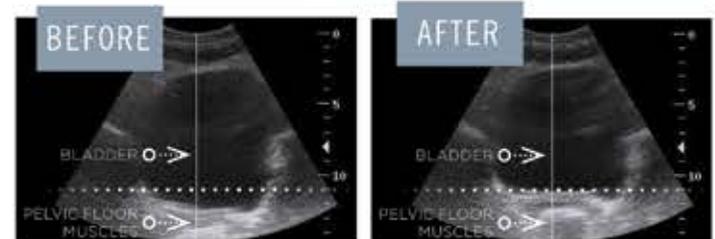


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## World AIDS Day in Sacramento

by Paul Curtis

Each year, on December 1st, people gather together here in Sacramento and around the world, to commemorate World AIDS Day. We unite to show support for people living with HIV and to honor those lives lost to AIDS-related illnesses. Last year on World AIDS Day 2021, we marked the 40th anniversary of the discovery of HIV/AIDS in the United States and celebrated the tireless work toward ending the epidemic. Since then, experiencing the COVID pandemic followed by the Monkeypox crisis has renewed our awareness of the importance of community in this long battle against HIV/AIDS.

The 2022 World AIDS Day theme is Equalize. It is a call to action for all of us to work together to address the inequities that still exist for those living with HIV and to end the spread of the virus. The actions needed to achieve these goals include:

- Increase the availability, quality and suitability of services, for HIV treatment, testing and prevention, so that everyone is well-served.
- Reform laws, policies and practices to tackle the stigma and exclusion faced by people living with HIV and by key and marginalized populations, so that everyone is shown respect and is welcomed.
- Ensure the sharing of technology to enable equal access to the best HIV science, medicines and services.

Here in Sacramento, as well as across California and our country, HIV continues to disproportionately spread among communities of color as well as our transgender community at a much higher rate. Nonprofit agencies serving the HIV/AIDS community here in Sacramento, which include Sunburst Projects, Harm Reduction Services, Golden Rule Services, Capital City AIDS Fund, One Community Health and the Sacramento LGBT Center, have been focused on prevention and education campaigns to spread awareness of HIV and encourage everyone to get tested. Testing for HIV is critical as 1 out of every 7 people who are infected with HIV do not know they have the virus. With our goal in Sacramento of ending the epidemic by 2030, it is vital that people get routinely tested and know their status.

This year we will kick off World AIDS Day with a press conference, led by Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg, at City Hall at noon on Thursday, December 1, 2022. Other elected officials have been invited to attend as well as representatives from the various agencies serving the HIV/AIDS community.



**WE STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH ALL PEOPLE LIVING WITH AND AFFECTED BY HIV.**

This will spread our message through the media to raise awareness. That evening, the Sacramento LGBT Center will host a ceremony of remembrance and celebration that will take place at First Methodist Church, 2100 J Street, Sacramento, starting at 5 pm. This event is open to the community and everyone is welcome. The evening will include presentations by community members and partnering organizations who will share their outlook on the past, present, and future of HIV/AIDS. Entertainment will be provided by celebrity drag queens and a special appearance from the Sacramento Gay

Men's Chorus. The evening will wrap up with a candlelight walk to the Sacramento LGBT Community Center to view a display of the National AIDS Memorial Quilt panels and enjoy refreshments.

Paul Curtis – Director of Community Engagement and Fundraising for Sunburst Projects

Paul Curtis has been a longtime HIV/AIDS activist in Sacramento and has served on the Boards of Capital City AIDS Fund and CARES (the Center for AIDS Research, Education and Services). He has been HIV positive since 1987.

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# What Makes a Human Rights Activist? The Origin Story

by Livia Valana Wolfe

As you read this, the author and human rights activist, Livia Wolfe, is at least 14 days into her personal hunger strike. This potentially deadly protest is an act of desperation to help multiple groups of Americans. She seeks equality and justice for her people, PEOPLE who are transgender or otherwise 'gender-awesome,' also people who are neuroatypical/neurodiverse, and people with disabilities (with an emphasis on people with an 'invisible disability'). Livia is a member of each of these groups, as she was born on the autism spectrum, has ADHD, and has an acquired neurocognitive disability due to traumatic brain injury (TBI).

With a smiling seriousness, she says, 'I will not yield. The targets of my hunger strike will stand-down and choose to literally learn lessons with me. The alternative is my 'televised' death by starvation,' she says. Her targets? Powerful public officials who've displayed anti-transgender behavior in the great state of California... the last, best hope for Americans who are trans. Livia's Public Official Improvement Plan requires specific continuing education units (CEUs) earned at university (or an equivalent) for all public officials who have the power to alter lives. Her plan will be implemented first locally, then statewide and nationally.

Livia now thinks of herself as the thin pink, white, and blue line for all trans people... to protect and serve all Transkind. She takes the words quite seriously.

Her hero is her father who loved her unconditionally, and hunted Nazis during WWII. He was one of the few thousand American soldiers who freed people in the camps. The Jews, gypsies, and other innocents, some who were made to wear a pink triangle on their shirt (her people) were liberated by his hands. Doesn't that make her a second-generation Nazi Hunter? (See part 3 of 3, continued in this issue).

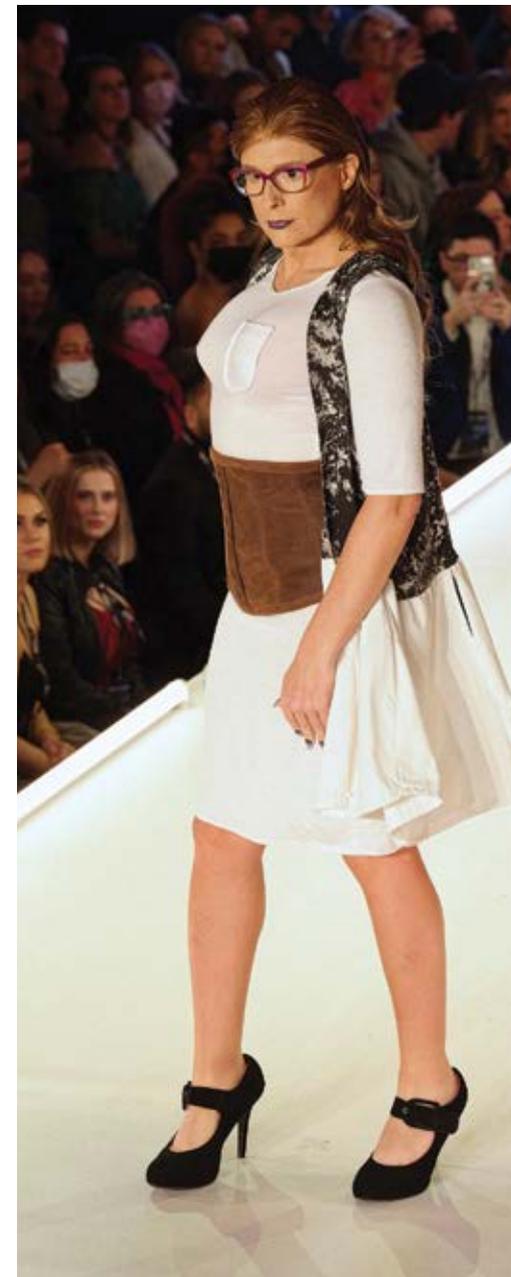
## But how did Livia get here?

When she was 13, she knew that the word 'queer' applied to her, but 'transgender' was still an unknown. At 15, she went to a public library to find out 'what' she was, but instead found mostly ignorance, enough to shame her for a lifetime. At age 20, ironically, she wanted to be a librarian, with her lesbian lover and her black cat at her side... and live in the south of France, of course. Romantic, but it was not to be. She knew that she was female, but she was trapped in a male-looking body, putting the life she needed out of reach for her at the time. She describes her Gender Dysphoria as 'being trapped inside an iron maiden which looked like a dude.' She never had sex with a man until she had begun transitioning her life to one better suited to her, having now lived on both sides of the gender bell curve of humanity.

During her 20's, she was a civilian savant who helped the U.S. Department of Defense with critical (classified at the time) microwave satellite command and control systems for our Navy fleet. She kept national security secrets for over 20 years. Now, due to her acquired invisible disability, she needs a calculator at the grocery store, and says word finding and more is quite challenging.

In 2006 she accepted a job as an officer of the law in Alaska. Her post was to be the Aleutian Island town of False Pass, surrounded by The Bering Sea. She was to be the only peace officer, the primary firefighter, and the 911 operator all rolled into one.

Unfortunately, her spouse at the time didn't want to take their children that far. Livia parented five at-risk stepchildren for nearly 18 years, three girls and two boys.



Livia Wolfe runway modeling at New York Fashion Week, Sony Hall, February 10, 2022. Photo: Rahul Rekapalli. ©rekapalli.fashion )

# What Makes a Human Rights Activist? Transgender Genocide 2022: End Game

by Livia Valana Wolfe

Let me make the truth completely real for you with this open letter to the world. Trigger warning for nearly everything that you can possibly imagine! Dear diary... I have been violated, repeatedly, and yet I rise. The phoenix is a powerful symbol for trans women, and rightly so. We rise from the ashes of our many lives lived, to finally be our true selves. I arose from an abusive and violent decade which included the following. I have been: held captive without food for days on end, neglected as a person with a disability, physically and sexually assaulted multiple times, given about 40 cuts to my body, had my rib cage and head bruised, verbal abused, coerced, threatened, financially abused, gaslit, had multiple instances of discrimination, forced homelessness, and more... abuse in every category known to me. And police did nothing to help me. In fact, they chose further harm for me. Even WEAVE refused to help me. And yet I rise.



Livia Wolfe in her phoenix wings and Trans Pride dress at Sacramento Pride, June 12, 2022. Photo: @RosemaryBrowne. @CelestialFashionPhoto

Yes, police are included in my Public Official Improvement Plan. I see you. Yes, I sent a copy to POTUS, Governor Newsom, Judges, and every major news outlet in America. Yes, even Fox. Yes, I am a danger to the status quo, and I'm coming to improve the level of education of public officials everywhere. You have my word. My first name is a promise... a promise to live my life and to make sure others have the same opportunity.

No less than 400 of us are murdered every year, simply for existing. All of the suicides in response to being hated and hunted. In the last few years, 395+ anti-transgender bills introduced in the U.S. by those who would use us as pawns for political and financial gain. Fear. Fear caused by ignorance, which is why my plan is education-based. No more hate crimes, no more murders, no more abuses of our bodies and our minds. No more suicides. The stakes have never been higher, no less than the lives of all people who are trans. I'm calling it what it is. Genocide. Genocide. State-sanctioned genocide. Private citizens and public officials alike with their 'anti-trans eugenics programs' aimed at the extinction of my people. 'Give us equality, or give me death.'

It's been said, our survival instinct is our greatest inspiration. Instead, I believe that it's our rarest willingness, this beautifully valorous ability we have deep within... to defy our own survival instinct for a larger

good. That is truly our greatest inspiration. This hunger strike is my Tiananmen Square. And I won't yield to 'weapons of war.'

## So, what makes a Human Rights Activist?

Well, from my perspective, it's this... the personally felt needs of the many oppressed and otherwise tread upon peoples, the combined horrific personal tragedies and 'buttery' victories of those who turned trauma into resilience, the desire, dedication, and desperate willingness of these determined individuals to

respond with action, to stand for those who cannot. We share a 'make sure others never have to experience the life that I did, not on my watch' attitude.

A dreamy man once said, 'there's a difference between knowing the path, and walking the path.' There are multiple meanings, of course. But I must say... I'm happy walking both, the path of my transition to a more appropriate and fulfilling life, and the one towards a brighter future for us all. I'm simply one example of humanity's true spectrum who's seeking peace in our time... for all Transkind.

For the record, I am much more privileged than the average person who is transgender, and yet this is my story. I hope these truths motivate you to action. Please stand with us in solidarity. I beg you.

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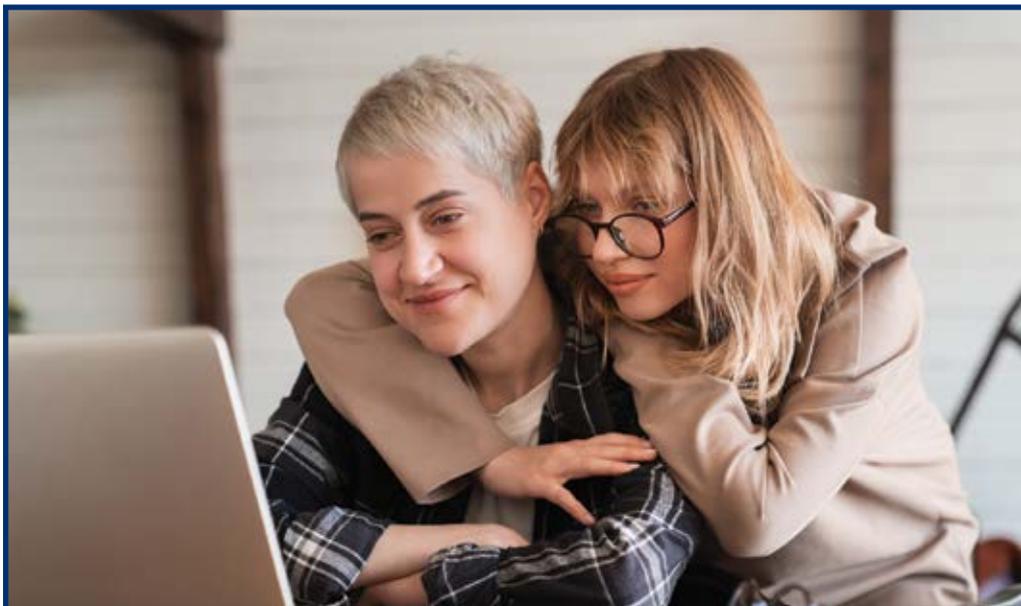
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# Statement On Club Q Attack In Colorado Springs

by Kierra Johnson, Executive Director of the National LGBTQ Task Force

As we wait for answers to what happened and why at Club Q this past weekend, I remain heartbroken and angry. While horrifying, the mass shooting at Club Q in Colorado Springs should not come as a surprise. This is what happens when violent rhetoric and anti-LGBTQ legislation is relentlessly directed at our community.

We must come together as we learn more - to grieve and remember those we have lost, to honor the brave individuals who fought back and saved the lives of others during the attack and fight for a comprehensive investigation and determine the motivation behind this attack. What we know for sure is that gun violence is an on-going epidemic in

community in schools and libraries. These attacks are just a few of the ways the climate of hate has taken shape. And this hate is like a virus. We need only to see the headlines to know that the hate is spreading and devastating religious minorities, Black, Indigenous, Asian, Latine and other People of



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this country, and we must find ways to control access to and use of automatic weapons.

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We have seen too many candidates (who if elected are expected to represent all their constituents) run campaigns based on anti-LGBTQ fear mongering this election cycle. In just one year, hundreds of pieces of legislation targeting LGBTQ people were introduced. Elected officials in various states have passed policy attempting to erase our

Color, immigrants and the working poor.

The people of this country deserve better from the legislators we elect. Thoughts and prayers have never been enough. We need to grieve; we need to heal but we also need Congress to take action. And don't worry... we will keep dancing, prancing and living out loud but we will also organize and fight back with ferocity, love, and truth until nondiscrimination and gun reform are realized."

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# Don Your Gay Apparel for These Cool Xmas Concerts

by Chris Narloch

I can hardly believe it's that time again – time to put up the lights, order holiday pies, and get thee to the mall – but not on Black Friday because I don't have the patience for that anymore!

It's also time to get in the holiday mood with some festive entertainment. Lucky for you, Outword has you covered with two incredible musical bargains that will help offset how expensive everything else is this season.



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# Getting Loco Moco at Midtown Spirits by Ron Tackitt

I have to admit that competing with a memory is always hard. Especially when it comes to food. I was introduced to the Loco Moco when visiting Honolulu and had several of them while I was there. They're not fancy, but they are a great food for the morning after a night of drinking and dancing. The Loco Moco is basically a hamburger patty on top of a mound of rice smothered with rich, dark mushroom gravy. And on top of that, an over easy egg that will run down the sides when pierced. When I saw a Loco Moco on the menu at Midtown Spirits, I thought it sounded like the perfect comfort food for a Sunday brunch. However, the reality was quite different.

Although it didn't take very long for us to get our food, it still came out relatively cold. They plated the rice in a little tower next to the burger patty and both had a little bit of thin gravy. The egg was on top of the burger patty, and was cooked hard, with only a tiny bit of soft yoke. Not runny, but not yet cooked hard. While the visual presentation was nice, it kinda missed the point of the Loco Moco I was used to. The rice may have been pretty, but the outside edges were cold and dry. The inside of the tower was fine, but pretty much at room temperature.

The beef patty was ok. But it was cooked until it resembled a tough puck on meat. I didn't pay attention to what quality of meat it was supposed to be, again that would be missing the point, but a little less time on the grill would have been nice. Making sure that each bite was covered in gravy helped, but between covering the meat and re-hydrating the rice, the gravy was used up quickly. At that point I was done.

Also, be forewarned, there is a separate Sat/Sun breakfast menu. The main menu is not available for brunch goers. And this brings up the point of the menus. They don't have any



printed menus, nor do they have a menu board at the front counter where you order and get your table number. The only way to see a menu is to scan a QR code and read it on your phone. The link sends you to a page with several links. I saw "Food" and clicked it. I didn't notice the "Sat/Sun menu" option. This method probably saves money on printing, and is more hygienic since pieces of paper are not going from one person to the next, but I

personally, found it frustrating. Especially since I was at the front of the line when I was told my original dish was not an option.

I understand that the presentation and the home made gravy are all intended to gourmet-up this menu option, but as I said before, I think they are missing the point. I would love to find someplace in Sacramento to go to get a true, hardy, stick-to-your-ribs Loco Moco, but this is not it.

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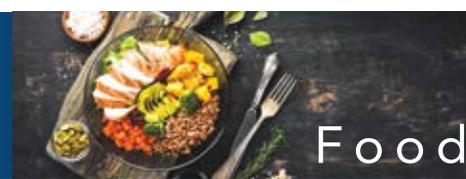


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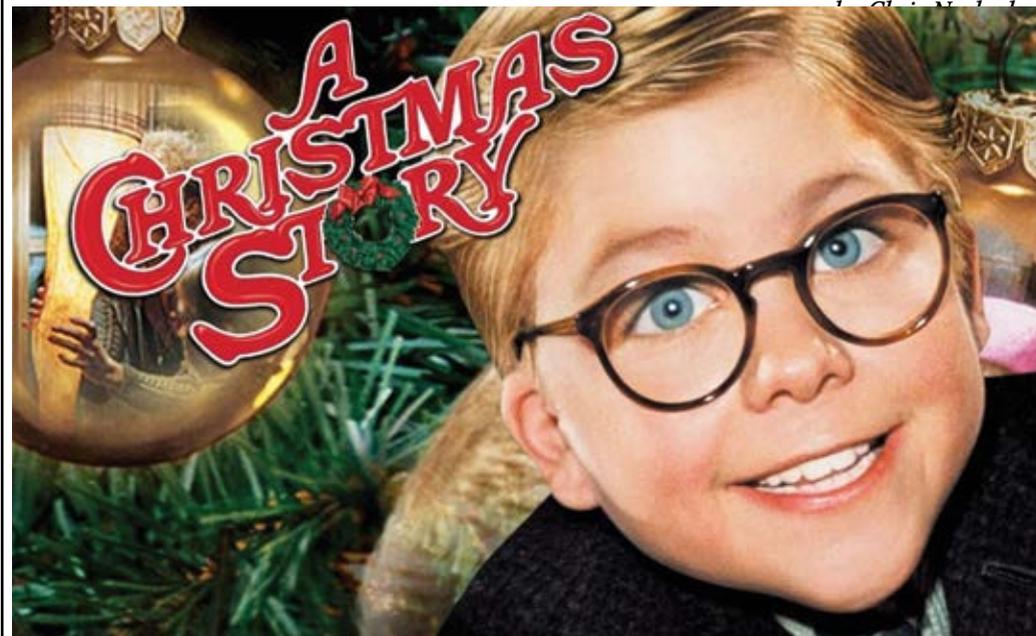
## Holiday Shopping at The Crest?

If you're a film buff or just a fan of Sacramento's Crest Theatre, you'll want to make a beeline to that historic movie palace on K Street in midtown the morning of Friday, Nov. 25 for the Crest's Black Friday Garage Sale, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Admission is free, there will be vendors in the lobby, and the Crest will have many items for sale, including projector parts, camera equipment, theater equipment, posters, and event merchandise. Find a great holiday gift from the Crest's past! For more information, and to book a free ticket, please visit: <https://crestsacramento.com/events>



The Crest Theatre  
Photo by Kyle Nelms

## Holiday Movies in Your PJs at The Tower



My favorite Christmas movie, "A Christmas Story," is back on the big screen this holiday season, and you don't even have to get out of your PJs to see it, thanks to the Tower Theatre's annual Holiday Pajama Party, featuring seasonal cinema every Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. from Nov. 26 through Dec. 17. First up is "The Polar Express," followed by "A Christmas Story" and then the animated feature film version of "The Grinch," starring Benedict Cumberbatch. Last but not least is Will Ferrell in "Elf." Bring the whole family, and get cozy with these holiday favorites at the Tower. To purchase tickets, please visit: [www.angelikafilmcenter.com/tower/programs-and-events](http://www.angelikafilmcenter.com/tower/programs-and-events)

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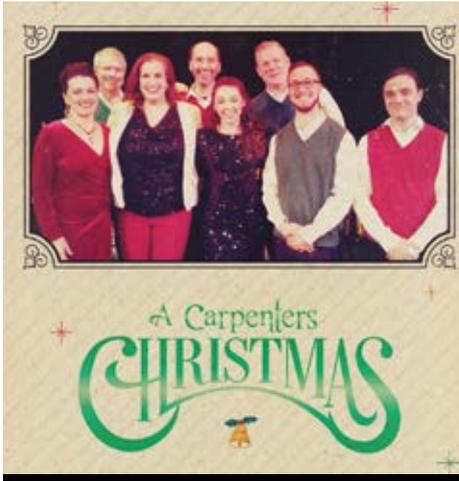
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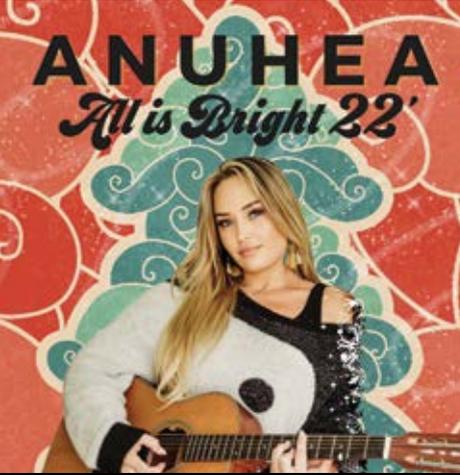
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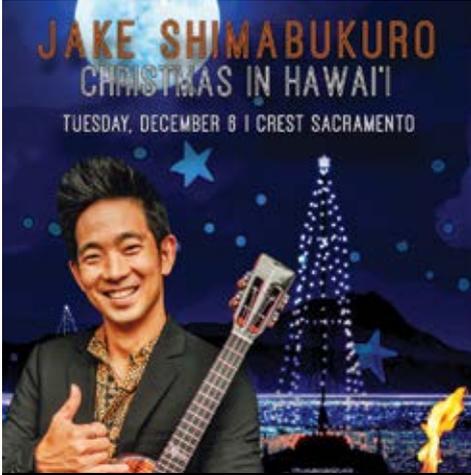
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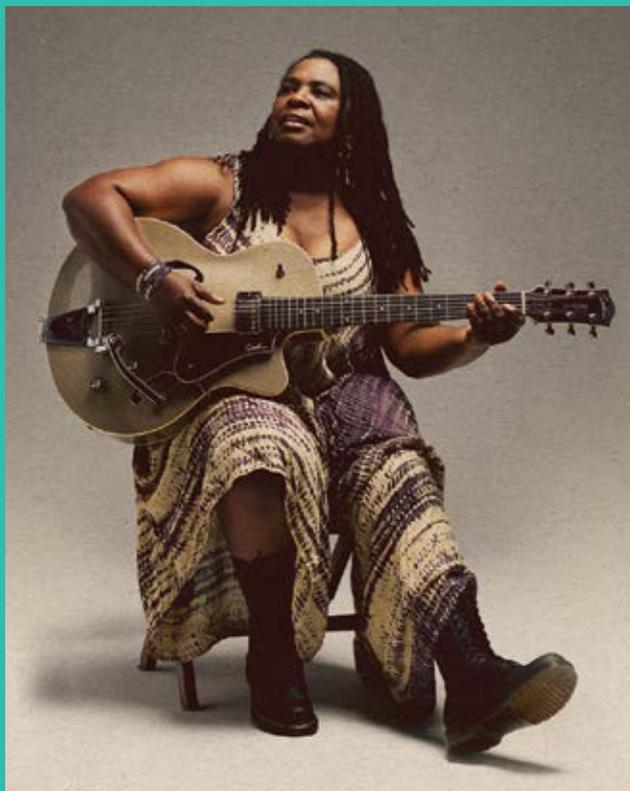
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# Out & About with Matt Burlingame

As of today, the winter holidays are in full swing! But before we stuff our faces and shop (locally) until we drop, we need to take a moment to remember those who we have lost to the AIDS crisis, and those who are currently living with HIV. This year's World AIDS Day theme is "Putting Ourselves to the Test: Achieving Equity to End HIV." It encourages all of us to unite globally to eliminate the inequities that create barriers to HIV testing, prevention, and care.

The Sacramento LGBT Community Center will host an evening of remembrance and celebration on World AIDS Day, Thursday, Dec. 1, at the United First Methodist Church, 2100 J St., with doors opening at 5 p.m. [Saccenter.org](http://Saccenter.org)

Join the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber on Thursday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. for a night of festive fun and awesome prizes! Drag Queen Bingo at Mango's Sacramento, 1930 K St., will be hosted by Sacramento's resident queen DoMe Moore and this month's proceeds will benefit W.E.A.V.E. It's \$20 for 8 games, come early to get seats! [Rainbowchamber.com](http://Rainbowchamber.com)

There's still time to register to attend the State of Black Health Regional Forum on Thursday, Dec. 1 at the Oakstop Event Space & Gallery, 1736 Franklin St., in Oakland. Through panels, special activities and interactive workshops the event will engage attendees in constructive dialogue about the root causes of health disparities including institutional racism, economic disparities and chronic disease. [Stateofblackhealth.com](http://Stateofblackhealth.com)

Witness the Historic Folsom Christmas Tree Lighting on Friday, Dec. 2 in Historic

Folsom as Santa visits and horse and wagon rides begin on Sutter St. at 5 p.m. The tree lights up at 7:30 p.m. in the plaza. [Historicfolsom.org/holidays](http://Historicfolsom.org/holidays)

The Sacramento Rainbow Chamber invites you to the long awaited Cookbook Launch and Holiday Shopping Party hosted by A Seat at the Table Books, 9257 Laguna Springs, Ste. 130, in Elk Grove on Wednesday, Nov. 30 from 6:30 - 8 p.m.! Enjoy free appetizers, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages in a welcoming space. The event is free but you must register to join. [Rainbowchamber.com](http://Rainbowchamber.com)

The Sacramento LGBT Community Center welcomes you to its Chosen Family Feast (formerly called "Friendsgiving") on Thursday, Nov. 24 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Bring your friends, family, chosen family, or just come by yourself and share a meal with those in your community. [Saccenter.org](http://Saccenter.org)

Still pining for Halloween? Celebrate a little of both holiday seasons Sunday, Dec. 4 with a special showing of 1993's Nightmare Before Christmas at The Crest Theatre, 1013 K St. Rewatch the tale of Jack



Peter Petty  
Photo by Jason Sinn

Skellington, the king of Halloween Town, as he discovers Christmas Town and does his best to take over the role of Santa Claus.

Feeling artsy? The Archival Gallery, 3223 Folsom Blvd., will present WARHOLiday, a group show, Dec. 1 - 31 celebrating the influence artist Andy Warhol has had on younger generations of modern artists. [Archivalgallery.com](http://Archivalgallery.com)

Hepcat's Holla'Daze starring Sacramento's own Man wit' da Flop, Peter Petty, returns for a night of rollickin' frolickin' backed by his unparalleled 12-piece Mercenaries of Merry jazz orchestra in a truly one-of-a-kind event that, for many, has become a Sacramento holiday tradition. Get your holiday funk turned up on Saturday, Dec. 17 at Sofia, Home of B Street, 2700 Capitol Ave.

[Bstreettheatre.org](http://Bstreettheatre.org)

The Cockettes are back for a new, colorful two-performance engagement. Starring members of the original group in musical numbers and skits you won't want to miss! Grab your tickets to experience Cockettes: Eternal Emissions on Saturday, Dec. 3 and Sunday, Dec. 4 at PianoFight Oakland, 1540 Broadway, in Oakland. [Scrublymusic.com/eternal-emissions](http://Scrublymusic.com/eternal-emissions)

Please join us in wishing Markcurtis Otani a happy birthday on Dec. 4! Also congratulations to Clarmundo Sullivan for his inclusion into the Marquis Who's Who in America.

Events? Announcements? Birthdays? Anniversaries? Send them to me at [matthew.burlingame@gmail.com](mailto:matthew.burlingame@gmail.com).

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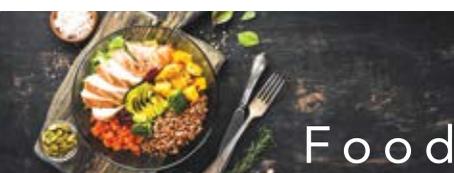
# Out & About

photos by Ron Tackitt

On November 15th the Sacramento Edition of Monopoly was launched at the Kimpton Sawyer Hotel in the Rival room. There were several community organizations and local business in attendance as official Monopoly square partners which included *Outword*. We were so excited to have a square on this iconic game for all to enjoy, and be sure that *Outword* is a piece of Sacramento history. Look for us on the board in the Chance spot! More info in the story in this issue, including local places to purchase. The MONOPOLY: Sacramento edition pays homage to local celebrated neighborhoods, landmarks, and businesses, for a game play that truly evokes the special uniqueness of California's capital city.



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## Disney Says Gay with “Strange World” Plus, 2 More New Movies in Theaters

by Chris Narloch

Ron DeSantis (aka “Mr. Don’t Say Gay”) will probably have a fit when he gets wind of “Strange World,” the new Disney animated family film being released the day before Thanksgiving, which has a prominent queer character whose crush on another sixteen-year-old boy is presented as entirely normal.

It will be interesting to see if the Republican religious right has the energy to organize a boycott of the movie after their embarrassing losses in our country’s midterm elections. A boycott would be a shame since the film is sweetly entertaining and has a very progressive view of modern families.

In addition to “Strange World,” I have reviews of two new horror hybrids on the big screen. Read on for my opinions of “The Menu” and “Bones and All.”



Strange World

### Strange World

This colorful new animated film follows the Clades, a legendary family of explorers whose in-fighting threatens to derail their latest and most crucial mission into a psychedelic sci-fi world filled with creepy-crawly critters.

Uptight homophobes will no doubt claim that Disney is “recruiting” for the gays in “Strange World,” but the studio should be applauded for including a queer character in an animated family film, especially since there is absolutely no fuss made about the son’s crush on a neighbor boy.

The word “gay” is never even mentioned in the movie (that I recall), and there is no handwringing by the boy’s family regarding his orientation. Additionally, the voice cast of “Strange World” is multi-racial, and so is the family depicted on screen. Hats off to this very progressive animated Disney movie, which is currently in wide theatrical release.

### Bones and All

This unholy mashup of young-adult romance and bloody horror flick gets my vote for worst idea of the cinematic season, and it’s a very strange movie to release right before Thanksgiving.

An anorexic-looking Timothee Chalamet and the lovely Taylor Russell costar as baby-faced cannibals on the run whose thirst for blood and flesh binds them together in a tortured, tragic love triangle.

The third point in the triangle is a much-older “meat-eater” who pursues Russell’s character despite her total lack of interest in him. That villain is played by the great Mark Rylance, who almost makes the movie worth seeing, thanks to his maniacal, scene-stealing performance, which is beyond creepy.

If you don’t flee the theater before it arrives, the movie’s eye-popping climax – an incredibly violent death scene in a bathtub – is (literally) a heart-stopping bloodbath. “Bones and All” is currently in wide theatrical release.

### The Menu

Perhaps I got my hopes up too high in advance of this high-concept, dark comedy/horror hybrid, after enjoying the tasty trailer and noting the movie’s A-list cast, which features the great Ralph Fiennes as a celebrity chef, and includes Anya Taylor-Joy, Nicholas Hoult, Judith Light, John Leguizamo, and others as well-heeled foodies invited to an exclusive multi-course meal on a remote island who do not realize that it will be their last supper.

Fiennes is perfect as the arrogant, demanding chef who turns out to be a culinary killer, and Hong Chau nails her role as his haughty hostess. My main problem with the film is how it shows us course after course of delicious-looking, high-end cuisine and then condemns its pretentious diners (and us?) for salivating over food porn.

I love dark comedy and horror mixed, and I kept hoping that the satire would go deeper – and the twists would get more satisfying and less predictable – but, despite the very intriguing premise, they didn’t get the recipe quite right.

“The Menu” is currently in wide theatrical release.

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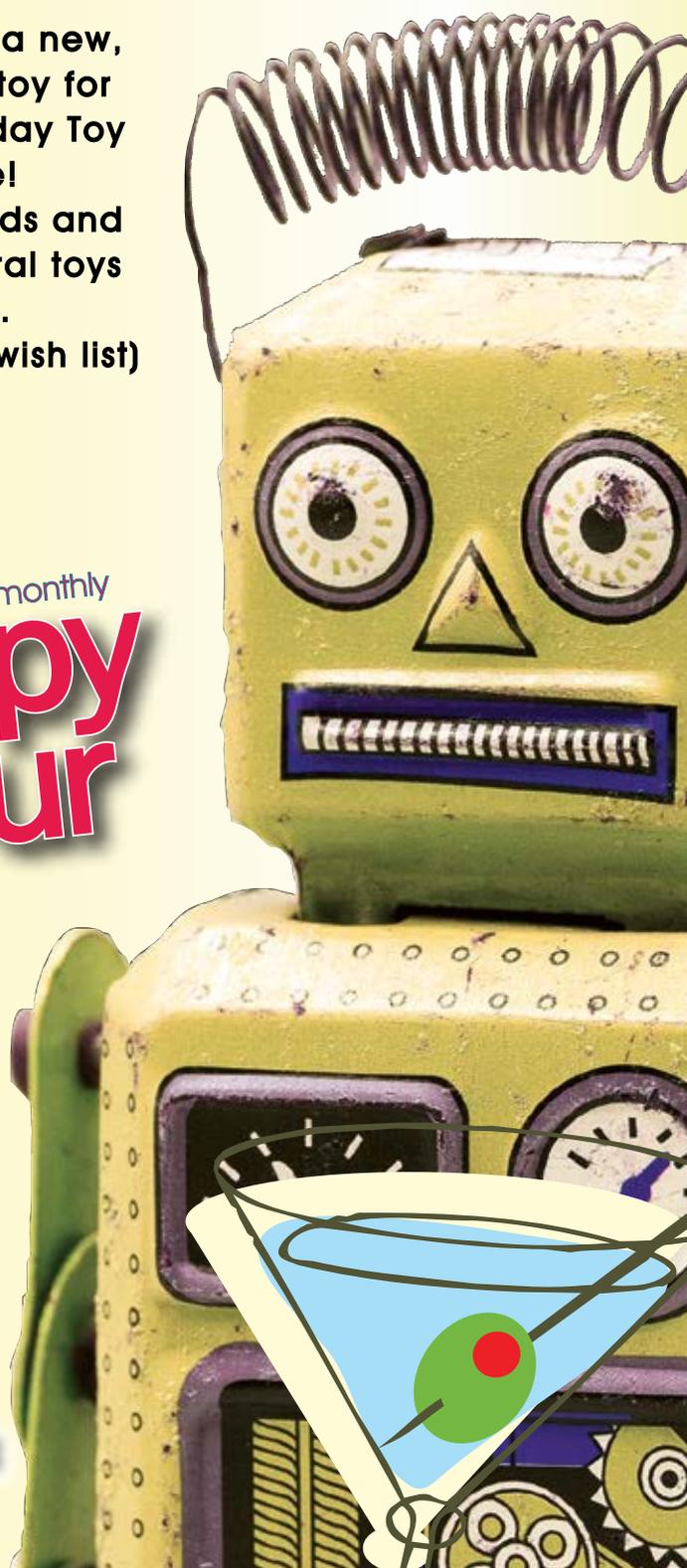
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## Game Night – Monopoly: Sacramento Edition Now Available

by Aaron Green, Top Trumps USA

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Okay, okay, the original, Atlantic City version of MONOPOLY is not going away, but Top Trumps USA, under license from Hasbro, has launched an officially licensed MONOPOLY: Sacramento Edition. And to be honest, we couldn't be any more excited for a good old fashioned game night playing the Sacramento themed MONOPOLY.

In early 2022, Top Trumps USA selected Sacramento as one of the first cities in California. The MONOPOLY: Sacramento edition pays homage to local celebrated neighborhoods, landmarks, and businesses, for a game play that truly evokes the special uniqueness of California's capital city.

The World's Most Popular Game perennial board game's famous Atlantic City squares (from Mediterranean Avenue to Boardwalk) are replaced with much-loved Sacramento area locations such as Tower Bridge, Sutter's Fort, Old Town, and the Capital. Shrewd game players can pretend to own or rent a small-scale version of Sacramento through this limited-edition game. MONOPOLY: Sacramento also features customized Community Chest and Chance playing cards alongside the iconic game tokens – the race car, Scottie dog, top hat, thimble, battleship, race car, wheelbarrow, cat, and the boot.

Just like the classic version we all grew up playing, you can build houses and hotels to improve properties, charge rent, as well as pick up those customized Chance and Community Chest cards for unexpected prizes or penalties as you trade your way to success.

This instant classic version of MONOPOLY – at least here in the Sacramento area – is available at local retailers like, **Brainy Zoo Toys, Stage Nine - G. Willikers, and select local CVS stores.** More of an online shopper? You can grab your copy via Amazon (or add it to your wish list – hello, Christmas gift idea) or [www.toptrumps.us](http://www.toptrumps.us). At \$39.99, it's the perfect holiday gift for any Sacramentan or MONOPOLY fanatic.

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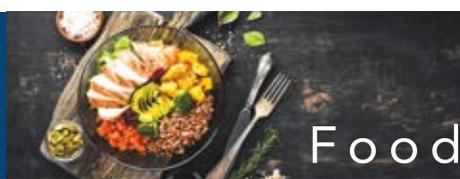
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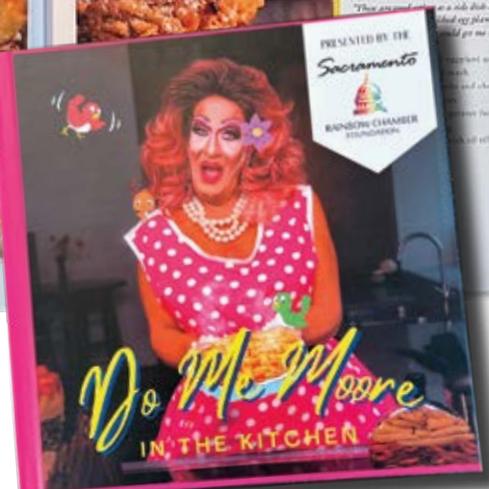




# DoMe Moore In the Kitchen!

by Ron Tackitt

Isn't it great getting the perfect gift for that special someone and knowing that not only will they love it, but that you purchasing the gift helps someone else as well? Well that's exactly how you should feel when you buy one, or more, copies of this exciting new cookbook! And I had to get my hands on one to see what was inside.



The cookbook was sourced and designed right here in Sacramento. A good number of the recipes were provided by Paul Crouch, AKA DoMe Moore - yes, that's his picture on the cover and throughout the book. There were other folks that provided recipes as well, like Fred Palmer, Lori Okamoto, Danielle Gard and Dennis Westin to name just a few.

I was immediately taken by the design, layout and quality of the book. It's enjoyable to just leaf through and see the layout as well as the wide spectrum of recipes offered within. It is certainly a worthy gift, even for the most discerning.

I have made some of the recipes, and they turned out great, and I look forward to making many more. At the top of my list will be the recipes for: Spanakopita, by Fred, the Devilish Deviled Eggs, by Paul, the Chili Relleno Casserole, by Kate and the Texas Hash, also by Paul. And then

there are the gourmet cocktails in the back of the book...

The proceeds from the sale of this marvelous cookbook will go to the Rainbow Chamber Foundation and then be given as scholarships to students studying the culinary arts. Who knows? Maybe one of those students will spearhead the next community cookbook?

To get your copies, go to [RainbowChamber.com](http://RainbowChamber.com) and scroll down the purchase button. I will be sure to keep you all updated as to my experiences using some of these recipes in the future.



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# Music Makes a Great Holiday Gift by Chris Narloch

Artists whose new music is no longer as commercially viable as it once was (or they have stopped recording altogether), often rerelease past glories in remastered versions – frequently with bonus material – that diehard fans are eager to gobble up.

These special editions make great holiday gifts for the music fan in your life (or for yourself), and the following titles are the cream of this season's crop.



### Madonna – Finally Enough Love: 50 Number Ones

Madge's last couple albums of new material were – I hate to say it – disappointing duds, but her classic back catalog is pure pop perfection, and this 3-CD set gathers remixes of many of her biggest hits for a musical Madonna-fest that should satisfy her loyal fanbase. The original versions of most of her finest hits are superior to their remixes, so I recommend skipping the multi-disc set and purchasing the single-CD version of this release, which cherry-picks the best of the best, including “Vogue,” “Like A Prayer,” and “Medellin.”

### Barbra Streisand – Live At The Bon Soir

Streisand fans will be thrilled with this long-delayed release of her first recording for Columbia Records, a live album that was shelved in favor of a studio release that contained many of the same songs in non-live versions. Recorded in November of 1962 in a tiny Greenwich Village club, “Live At The Bon Soir” is a terrific time capsule of early Barbra. The singer really belts it out on great songs such as “Cry Me A River” and “Happy Days Are Here Again” and then slows things down for an exquisite, subtle take on “A Taste Of Honey” that is absolutely breathtaking.



### Liza Minnelli – Live in New York 1979 Ultimate Edition

Seven years after her iconic, Oscar-winning performance in “Cabaret,” the one and only Liza Minnelli gave a series of concerts at Carnegie Hall that found the singer at the height of her vocal and interpretive abilities. This restored 3-CD special edition contains material from those shows not in the original vinyl release, and it's a stunner, with definitive live versions of Minnelli classics such as “New York, New York,” “But the World Goes Round,” and “Cabaret,” plus terrific live covers of “Come In From the Rain,” “Some People,” and “The Man I Love.”



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The late, great Peggy Lee was a super-cool crooner who is most famous for her classic versions of “Fever” and “Is That All There Is?” This long-out-of-print fan favorite was recently rereleased in a deluxe edition that adds seven bonus tracks, and it’s a must-have whether you are new to Lee or already familiar with her brilliant artistry. “Norma Deloris...” was originally released in 1972 and contains Lee’s interpretations of two classic Leon Russell compositions (“A Song For You” and “Superstar”), plus dynamite covers of “Love Song” and “I’ll Be Seeing You,” one of the finest popular songs ever written.

**Reba – Revived Remixed Revisited**

One of the greatest country queens in the history of the genre, Reba recently gifted her millions of fans with this fun 3-disc set of alternate versions of many of her biggest hits, some of which are newly stripped-down or otherwise tweaked. My favorite of the three discs contains rowdy remixes by Dave Aude, Ralph Rosario, Eric Kupper, and others, of “Fancy,” “Why Haven’t I Heard from You,” “The Heart Is A Lonely Hunter,” and “The Night The Lights Went Out In Georgia.” Disc 3 has a divine new duet with Dolly Parton, on “Does He Love You,” plus one of Reba’s finest solo songs, “The Fear of Being Alone.”



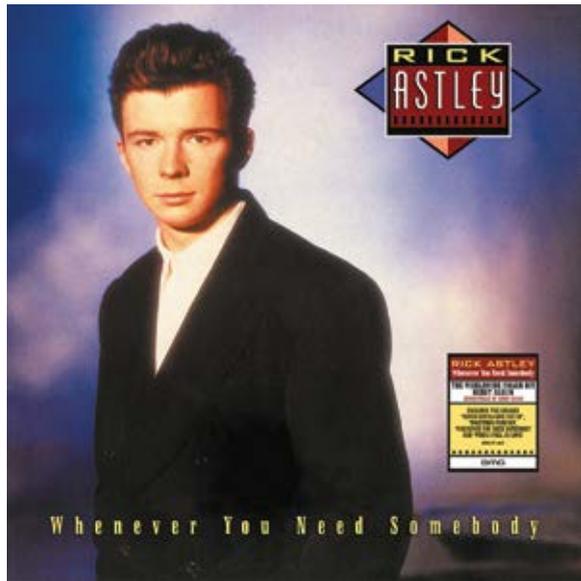
**Neneh Cherry – The Versions**

This Swedish singer produced one of my favorite pop-soul albums of all time, 1989’s “Raw Like Sushi,” and this recent disc revisits many of the songs from that amazing release with newly recorded versions that pair Cherry with some of today’s finest female artists, including Sia, Robyn, Anohni, and Honey Dijon. No cover versions could ever outshine Cherry’s originals, but it’s nice to see her recording again, and I did enjoy the contemporary-sounding remakes of “Buffalo Stance,” “Manchild,” and “Kisses On The Wind.”



**Rick Astley – Whenever You Need Somebody (2022 Remaster)**

Aside from the Village People and KC of KC and The Sunshine Band, dance music has mostly been a genre dominated by female singers, from Donna Summer, Madonna and Lady Gaga to Robyn and Dua Lipa. The British singer Rick Astley was an exception, and this dance-pop disc from 1987 is one of the best disco-friendly albums ever. If young music fans want to know what great singing sounds like – before Autotune made everyone sound like shit – check out “Whenever You Need Somebody” and Astley’s big, booming voice. This excellent double-disc rerelease includes a ton of remixes, plus the original classic album, featuring “Never Gonna Give You Up,” “Together Forever,” “You Move Me,” and the title track.



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## Loretta Lynn & ONJ Get Comic Book Tributes

by Chris Narloch

It's still hard to wrap my head around the fact that we lost both Loretta Lynn and Olivia Newton-John this year, two of the most popular singers ever in their respective genres. The original Queen of Country, Lynn released her first album in 1963, the year I was born, and she continued to make new music until the year before her death. She also paved the way for other women (like the great Dolly Parton) to write their own lyrics and shape their own careers in country music.



Lynn died in her sleep at her home in Hurricane Mills, Tennessee, on October 4th of this year, and I am happy to say that I saw her live in Northern California a few years before she passed. She could still belt them out and never lost her down-home charm and sweetness, although her lyrics (like "Fist City" and "The Pill") could be tough and outspoken.

Olivia Newton-John was the Ariana Grande of her day. In the '70s and '80s, her originally squeaky clean image gave way to a much sexier sound that found her in tight pants and black leather for the big-screen musical "Grease" and also recording controversial hit songs like "Physical" (which sounds almost tame by today's standards).

Like Lynn, ONJ retained her modesty and a down-to-earth kindness until her passing earlier this year at the age of 73, after a brave, decades-long battle with cancer. Both of these wonderful women were recently immortalized in colorful, tribute comic books from Tidal Wave Productions that trace their remarkable lives and careers. Get copies for yourself or as holiday gifts for the music lovers in your life, at [tidalwavecomics.com](http://tidalwavecomics.com)



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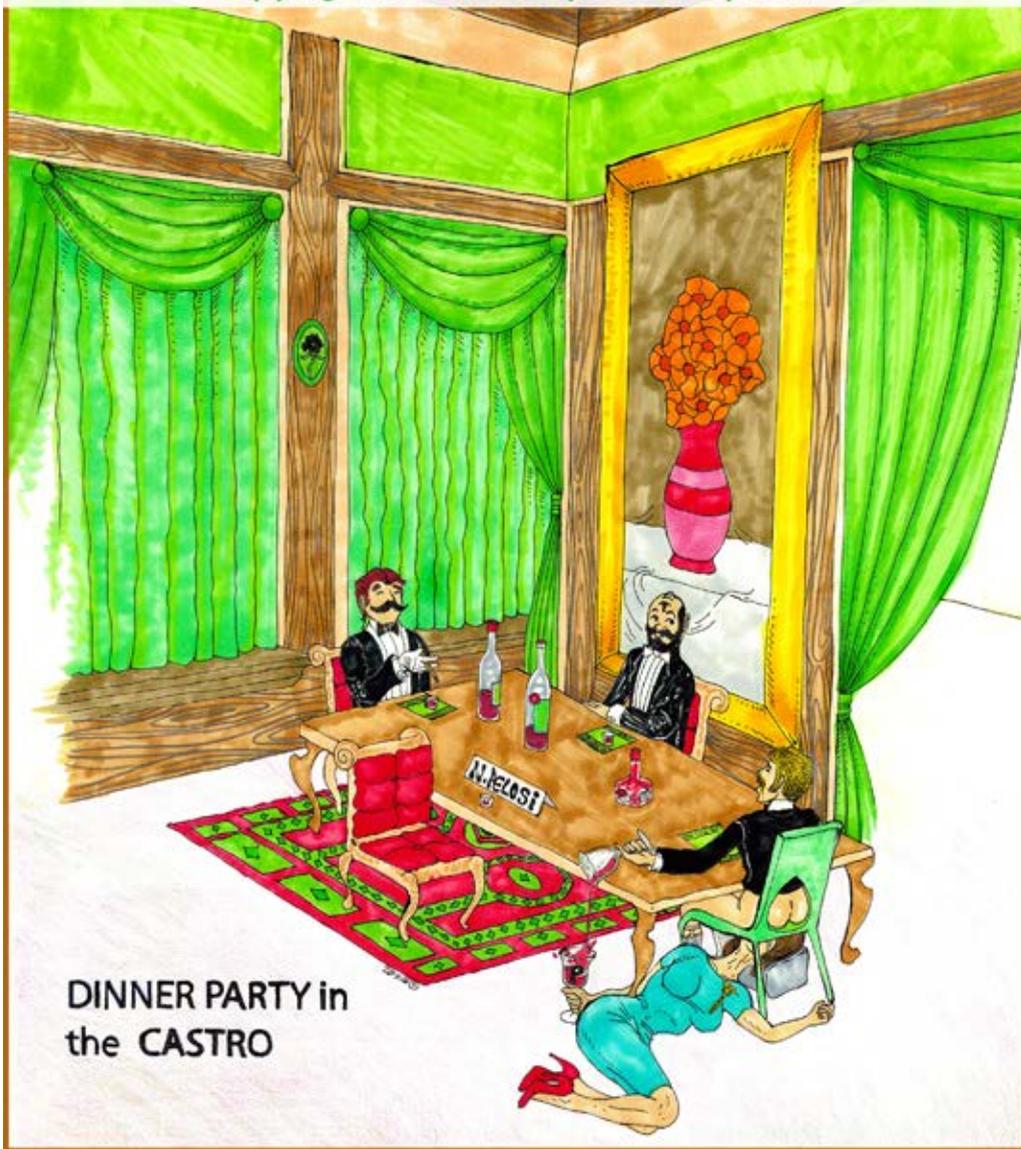
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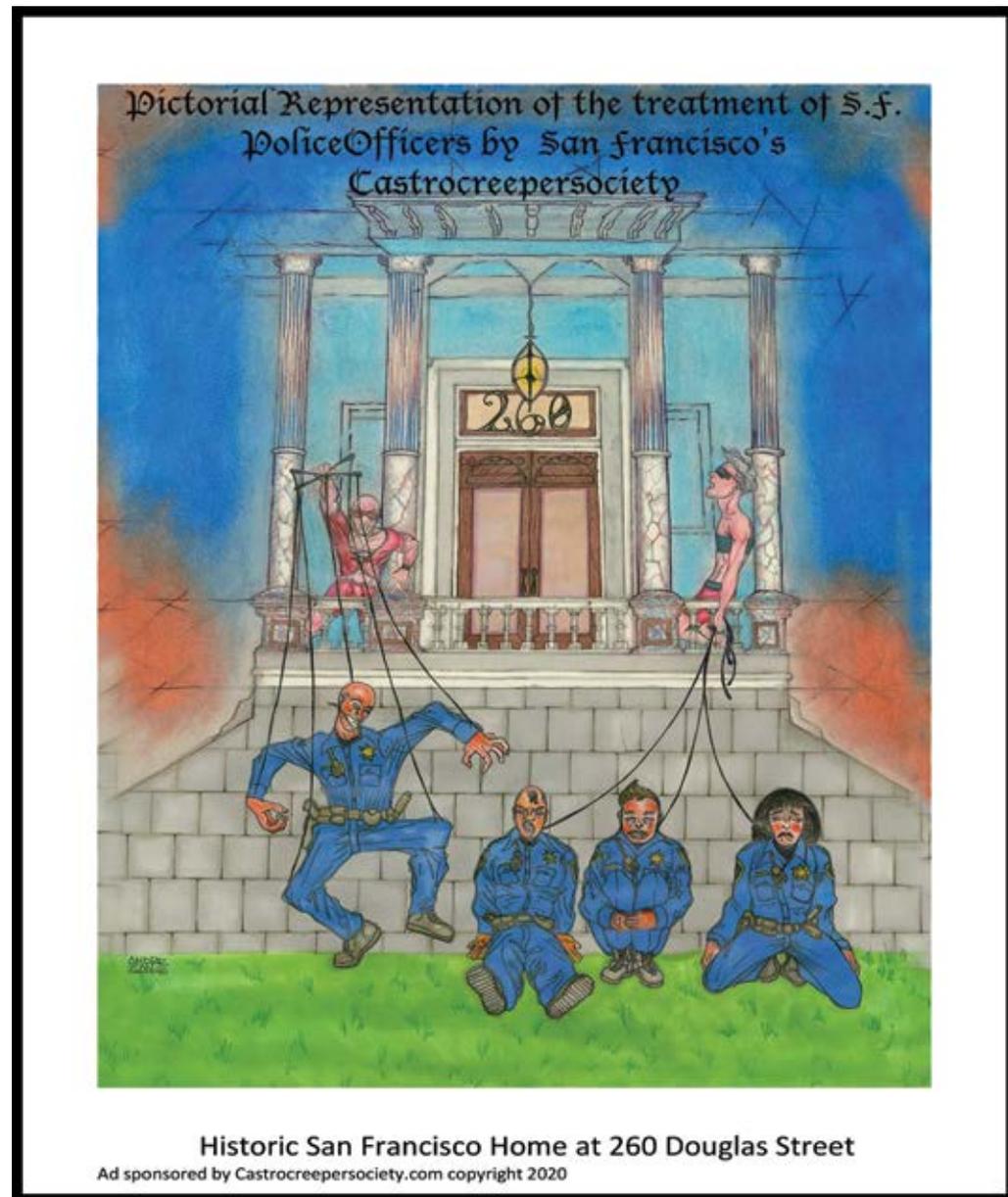
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