

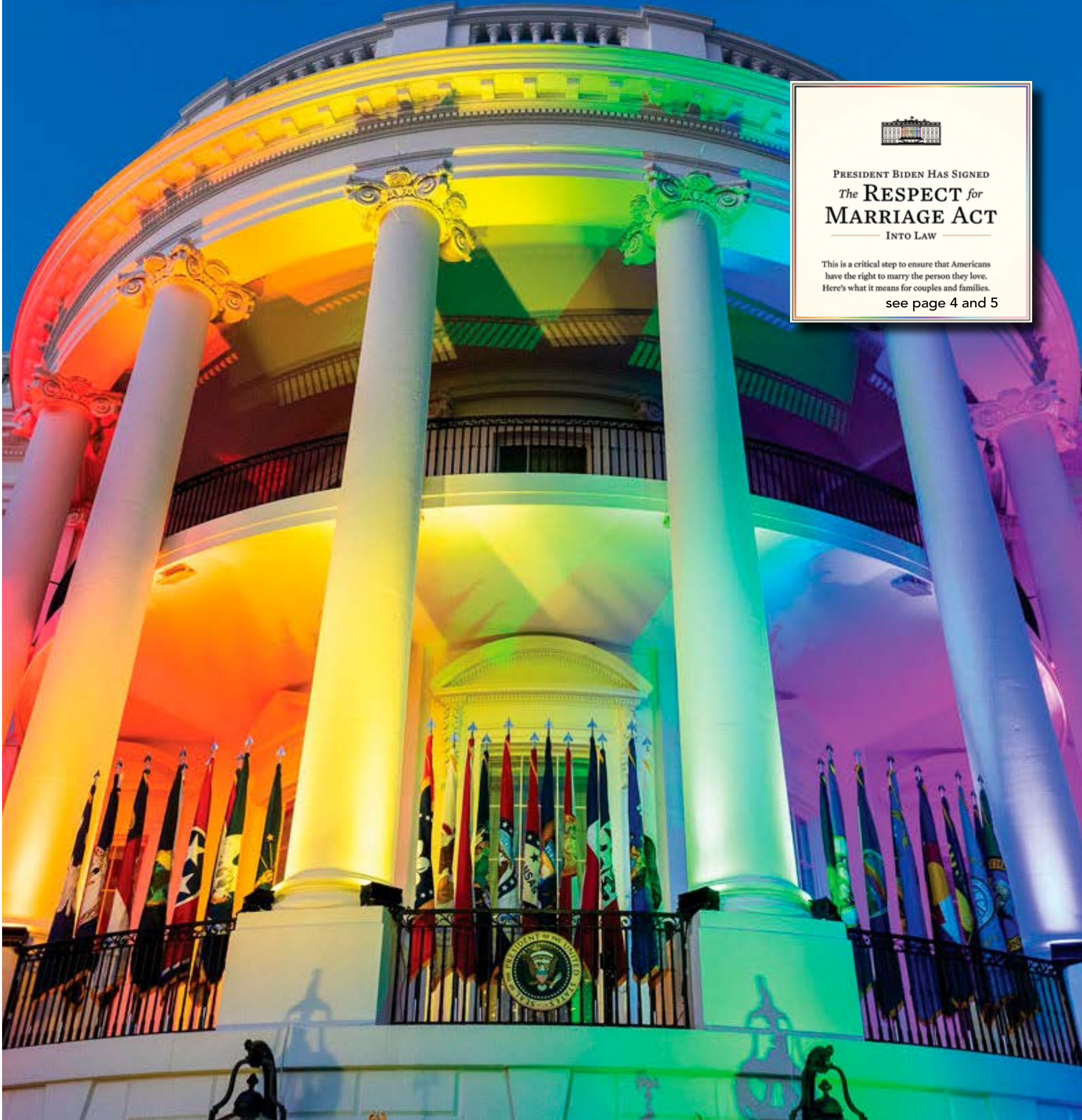
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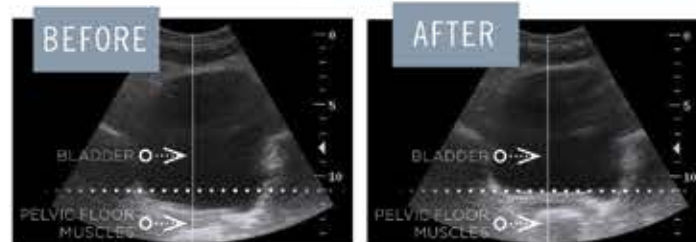
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Jonathan Bennett & Jaymes Vaughn Named Celebrity Grand Marshals at Miami Beach Pride 2023

Miami Beach Pride announced its Celebrity Grand Marshals slated to lead the Pride festival and parade on Saturday, April 15 -16, 2023: beloved LGBTQ+ actor Jonathan Bennett and his husband Jaymes Vaughn. They will be joined by other grand marshals that will be announced in the coming weeks and continue the theme of celebration with the recent notice that entertainment legend Sandra Bernhard is hosting the Miami Beach Pride VIP Beach Affair.



Actor Jonathan Bennett and his husband Jaymes Vaughn

Known for playing Aaron Samuels, the most popular boy at North Shore High in the 2004 queer cult-classic "Mean Girls," Jonathan Bennett is now executive producing and starring in Hallmark Channel's first holiday film with a leading LGBTQ+ couple, "The Holiday Sitter."

One of the most loved and followed accounts on social media, the gay icon married his husband Jaymes Vaughn in Mexico earlier this year. Jonathan Bennett also played Bud McNulty in 2005's "Cheaper by the Dozen 2," the title character in the 2009 comedy "Van Wilder: Freshman Year," and is known for his recurring role as Casey Grant in the UPN mystery drama "Veronica Mars." He was the host of the Food Network series "Halloween Wars," and he previously hosted "Cake Wars."

"Pride holds a near and dear place in Jaymes and I's heart", said Jonathan Bennett. "The LGBTQ+ community has come so far over the past 15 years, and we are beyond excited and honored to be named Celebrity Grand Marshals for Miami Beach's momentous Pride next year. It will be a great moment to celebrate our journey and where we are today. We are so grateful to all of the participating artists, LGBTQ+ icons and allies who will help make this a Pride to remember."

The Miami Beach Pride Parade is scheduled for Sunday, April 16. Chosen partners, organizations and charities all over the country assemble to be a part of the Parade as thousands march in solidarity along Ocean Drive to celebrate their Pride. Floats, cheerleaders, drag queen performers and more can be seen marching together, a showcase of how Miami Beach uniquely stands for Pride. For more information visit: <https://www.miamibeachpride.com>

Statement on Bomb Threats Targeting Senator Scott Wiener

California Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco) was made aware of credible bomb threats made against his home and office. The threats follow inflammatory lies and offensive rhetoric targeting Senator Wiener on Twitter by Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene and right-wing extremist Charlie Kirk.

Equality California, the nation's largest statewide LGBTQ+ civil rights organization, released the following statement from Executive Director Tony Hoang:

"The bomb threat against Senator Wiener is another clear indication that the hateful rhetoric and lies from far-right, anti-LGBTQ+ politicians and pundits have dangerous consequences. They aren't playing political games. This is not an issue with two sides. They're inciting violence against Senator Wiener and the LGBTQ+ community, and their actions and words should be treated as such.

"Silence is not an option. Responsible leaders, regardless of political affiliation or ideology, must reject and condemn these hateful lies about Senator Wiener and LGBTQ+ people. To do any less is to be complicit in the violence they incite."



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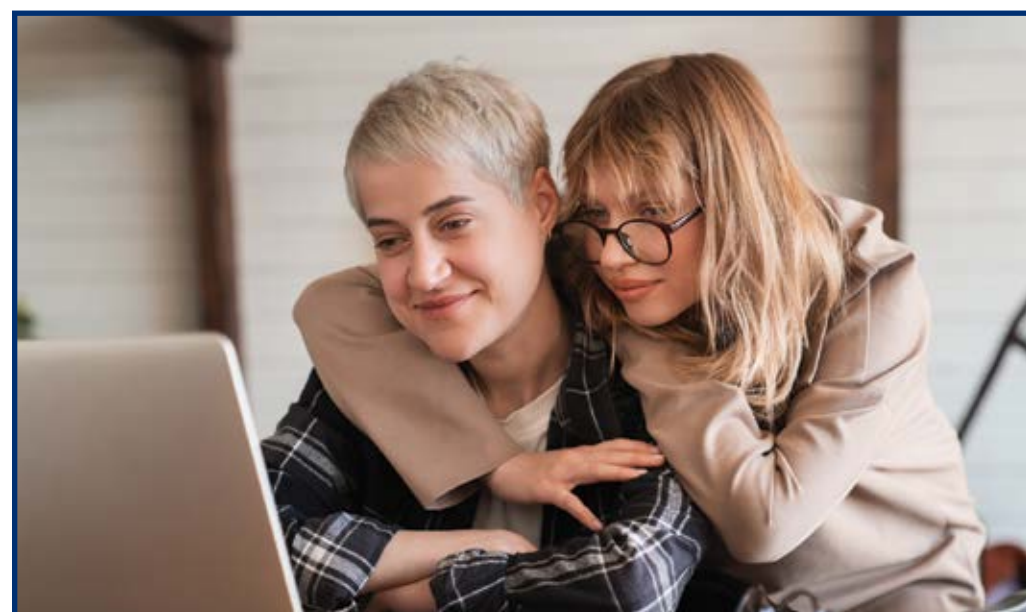


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President Biden Signs the "Defense of Marriage Act"

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Signing of the "Defense of Marriage Act" Statements

Senator Dianne Feinstein:

"I'm excited that President Biden signed the Respect for Marriage Act, removing the shameful Defense of Marriage Act from the books and guaranteeing federal protections for all legal marriages.

"I first introduced this bill in 2011 to require the federal government to recognize same-sex and interracial marriages. In the decade since, the Supreme Court made same-sex marriages legal in its Obergefell ruling and public support for same-sex marriages has risen to 70 percent.

"However, this bill became necessary again after the conservative Supreme Court majority struck down one longstanding precedent, Roe v. Wade, and indicated a willingness to look at similarly decided cases, like the Obergefell decision.

"Thanks to bipartisan votes in the House and Senate, and the president's signature, same-sex and interracial marriages will remain the law regardless of the court's actions. I want to thank Senators Baldwin, Collins, Portman, Sinema and Tillis for their leadership in getting this bill passed.

"Today is a historic day. Marriage equality has been reaffirmed, giving families peace of mind knowing their marriages will be protected by federal law."

Kierra Johnson, Executive Director of the National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund:

"This morning, the U.S. House took the final legislative step in Congress by passing the Respect for Marriage Act, a bipartisan bill to protect same-sex and interracial marriages. While marriage equality remains the law of the land, Congress will now send this bill to the President's desk for signing, insuring and validating existing protections that may be under threat. President Biden has promised to sign the RMA into law. We thank Congress for working so hard to enshrine in federal law respect for our marriages and families.



Equality California:

President Joe Biden signed the Respect for Marriage Act Tuesday, repealing the 1996 so-called "Defense of Marriage Act," protecting marriage equality for same-sex and interracial couples under federal law and affirming that states must recognize valid marriages performed in other states. The legislation is just the second LGBTQ+ civil rights bill to ever pass both houses of Congress and be signed into law – after the Don't Ask, Don't Tell Repeal Act of 2010 – and further cements the Biden's legacy as the most pro-equality president in the nation's history.

Equality California, the nation's largest statewide LGBTQ+ civil rights organization, released the following statement from Executive Director Tony Hoang:

"This is an historic milestone for our movement and an important victory for hundreds of thousands of loving couples and their children across the nation. All Americans deserve the freedom to marry the person they love, and this bill is a reflection of the fact that for the majority of Americans – across all political parties, backgrounds, and in every corner of the country – the debate over marriage equality is settled.

"President Biden has once again demonstrated his administration's unwavering commitment to the LGBTQ+ community today. Since his first day in office, the President has shown his support for full, lived LGBTQ+ equality – using executive orders to combat anti-LGBTQ+ discrimination and lift the ban on transgender military service, nominating and appointing openly LGBTQ+ officials like Admiral Dr. Rachel Levine and Pete Buttigieg to key positions in his administration and supporting passage of the Equality Act.

"As much as this legislation accomplishes, it does not end all discrimination against LGBTQ+ people across the country or the hateful rhetoric from anti-LGBTQ+ politicians and extremists. The Senate should continue this bipartisan cooperation and pass the Equality Act to finally provide to LGBTQ+ people across the country with basic legal protections against discrimination."

The Respect for Marriage Act officially repeals the discriminatory "Defense of Marriage Act—" passed in 1996 but struck down by the Supreme Court in 2013 (Section 3, U.S. v. Windsor) and 2015 (Section 2, Obergefell v. Hodges). Additionally, it requires full federal recognition of same-sex and interracial marriages nationwide, as well as affirming that states must recognize valid marriage licenses from other states, should the Court overturn Obergefell – as Justice Thomas has indicated he would like the Court to do.

The bill initially passed the House in July of this year by a bipartisan vote of 267-157. In the Senate, it was amended by a bipartisan coalition led by openly gay Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and passed 61-36, with 12 Republicans joining all voting Democrats in the affirmative; this amended version was approved by the House on December 8 by a vote of 258-169, with 39 Republicans joining all Democrats in voting for passage. The bill is also one of the last to be signed by outgoing U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who began her career in Congress with a floor speech about the AIDS crisis and secured the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell as Speaker in 2010.

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Statement from President Joe Biden on Bipartisan Senate Passage of the Respect for Marriage Act

With today's bipartisan Senate passage of the Respect for Marriage Act, the United States is on the brink of reaffirming a fundamental truth: love is love, and Americans should have the right to marry the person they love. For millions of Americans, this legislation will safeguard the rights and protections to which LGBTQI+ and interracial couples and their children are entitled. It will also ensure that, for generations to follow, LGBTQI+ youth will grow up knowing that they, too, can lead full, happy lives and build families of their own.

Importantly, the Senate's passage of the Respect for Marriage Act is a bipartisan achievement. I'm grateful to the determined Members of Congress — especially Senators Baldwin, Collins, Portman, Sinema, Tillis, and Feinstein — whose leadership has underscored that Republicans and Democrats together support the essential right of LGBTQI+ and interracial couples to marry. I look forward to welcoming them at the White House after the House passes this legislation and sends it to my desk, where I will promptly and proudly sign it into law.

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We sent our intrepid photographer, Chris Allan, over to Sacramento's CA Museum on O Street this Dec. 13th, and she braved the crowds and the cold to snap this picture of queer athlete Megan Rapinoe with her adoring fan club of future soccer stars. Ms. Rapinoe, who was born in Redding, CA, is an inspiration to an entire generation of young women athletes, and she looked pretty sporty in Sacramento, surrounded by a gaggle of local girls who love soccer as much as she does. Rapinoe joins this year's inductees in the 15th Class of the CA Hall of Fame, which include singer Linda Ronstadt, Olympic skater Peggy Fleming, "Wonder Woman" star Lynda Carter, celebrity chef Roy Choi, Los Tigres del Norte, and more. The California Hall of Fame was established in 2006 at the California Museum by former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and First Lady Maria Shriver to honor legendary people who embody California's innovative spirit and have made their mark on history. For more information, go to: www.californiamuseum.org/inductees

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Historic 1920s Rotary Snowplow & Snowbound in the Sierra Exhibit Return to Railroad Museum

Back by popular demand, visitors to the California State Railroad Museum once again have the opportunity to see an impressive 251,000-pound rotary snowplow from the Museum's collection along with an exhibit entitled "Snowbound in the Sierra" on display now. With the historic snowplow as an eye-catching centerpiece, the exhibit will highlight the dramatic story of 226 passengers and crew members who were rescued – with the help of crews working around the clock and seven rotary snowplows – after being trapped on a luxury streamliner locomotive during a massive snowstorm in the Sierra Nevada in 1952. The exhibit includes riveting narrative from passengers and crew.



The historic rotary snowplow to return to display in the Museum Roundhouse was built in 1920, converted to electric in 1958, retired by Union Pacific in 2004 and was donated to the Railroad Museum in 2008. Since then, the historic snowplow has been housed in the Shops in the Sacramento Railyards.

The historic rotary snowplow and exhibit will give Museum visitors an understanding of how early snow removal methods were cumbersome, arduous, and often dangerous but will also highlight the critical role they played in saving lives and clearing the path for freight and transportation. Rotary snowplows were often used by the railroad as a very last resort – such as was the case for the City of San Francisco locomotive highlighted in the exhibit – due to the incredible expense involved. Rotary snowplows only moved five to ten miles per hour, had high fuel costs and required an elite crew. It is estimated that less than 200 rotary snowplows still exist throughout the world today.

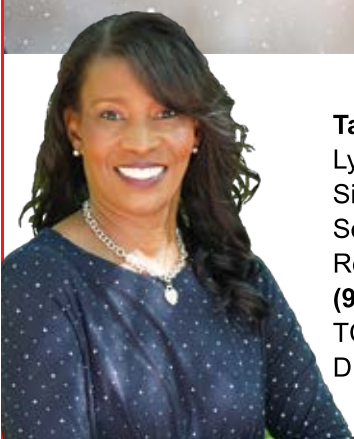
The rotary snowplow and the companion Snowbound in the Sierra exhibit will remain on display in the Museum's Roundhouse at least through Spring 2023 and are included in Museum admission: \$12 for adults; \$6 for youths ages 6-17; free for children ages 5 and under. For more information about the snowplow, exhibit or the California State Railroad Museum in general, please visit: www.californiarailroad.club.

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"Forever Home: How We Turned Our House into a Haven for Abandoned, Abused, and Misunderstood Dogs – and Each Other" by Ron Danta & Danny Robertshaw and Larry Lindner

reviewed by Terri Schlichenmeyer

The leash is hooked tight. One end on your dog's collar or harness, the other end firmly wrapped around your wrist, and he's not going anywhere without you. Rescuing this puppers was the best thing ever and now, as in the new book by Ron Danta, Danny Robertshaw, and Larry Lindner, he's Forever Home.

It all started on horseback.

Danny Robertshaw, who'd loved horses since he was small, was well-known as a rider and trainer up and down the east coast. Ron Danta had moved his horses to South Carolina to a farm he'd purchased with the hope of launching a business. The two men had met but it wasn't until their lives began to circle closer to one another that they became good friends; not long after they'd decided to become business partners, Danta divorced his wife and had an epiphany. The two men became

partners in life.

It helped that both had deep and endless loves of horses and dogs. When both men were boys, growing up in separate states, their mothers impressed upon them the habit of adopting stray dogs and unwanted, unloved pups. All their lives, both men had picked up side-of-the-road, mistreated, or elderly dogs, rehabilitated them, and re-homed them.

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each pup until the dogs could be properly adopted out as "Danny & Ron dogs." That was a pure labor of love, but their house was soon wrecked and their furniture, shredded. At one time, having hundreds of dogs in their care, they turned their home into a "doghouse" – this, despite terrifying personal health crises; in the middle of hurricanes, filming a documentary, and their marriage; overseas, and in conjunction with causes and people close to their hearts.

"It's good to know that rescue – being loved, living with dignity, belonging – is

happening on more than one front."

Few can resist an adorable puppy. But what about the dogs who've seen better days? Can you resist scooping them up? If the answer is "no," then you'll want "Forever Home."

In a consistently upbeat manner, authors Robertshaw, Danta, and Lindner share the story of a movement that has saved the lives of countless dogs and other animals through the years, and the two men behind it. While these stories are sure heart-



capturers, they're also very repetitious, as if the animal's name and breed are all that changes from tale to tale. Readers will notice, too, that there are lots of happy stories here but they're quite often preceded by wincing accounts of abuse and neglect. Still, that's not news to pet lovers. Heavy sigh.

Despite further confusion as to who's telling the story, "Forever Home" will appeal to anyone who's shared a bed with a dog, a sofa with a cat, or a ride with a horse. Open the cover, read a page, and you'll be hooked tight.

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Santa Skivvies 2022

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On December 11th, the Castro was populated by lots of Santas in skivvies. The annual underwear fun run event also featured a fashion show, drag performances and even fundraising. The event was a fundraiser for the SF AIDS Foundation.



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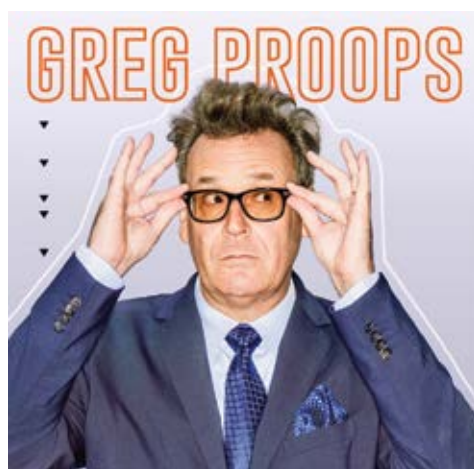
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Photography & Fashion at the Crocker

Female photographers take center stage at Sacramento's Crocker Art Museum this month, with one great exhibition closing soon and another just opened.

Don't miss "Lee Alexander McQueen & Ann Ray: Rendez-Vous" and "Modern Women | Modern Vision: Photography from the Bank of America Collection."

Rendez-Vous

"Lee Alexander McQueen & Ann Ray: Rendez-Vous" offers an intimate glimpse into the world of high fashion and documents a 13-year friendship and collaboration between two amazing artists: the late, great British fashion designer Lee Alexander McQueen and French photographer Ann Ray.

Unravel McQueen's genius as you explore 50 garments and 63 photographs that capture McQueen's design process and offer behind-the-scenes glimpses from his runway shows.

"Rendez-Vous" is organized and produced by Barrett Barrera Projects and will be on view through April 2, 2023.



Modern Women | Modern Vision

Histories of photography have long ignored or underrepresented women's contributions to the medium's development. In truth, however, women embraced photography from its introduction in 1839.

"Modern Women | Modern Vision: Photography from the Bank of America Collection" presents more than one hundred images made by women between 1905 and 2015. Diverse in style, tone, and subject, these images range from spontaneous to composed, detached to empathetic, monumental to intimate.

Cindy Sherman, Imogen Cunningham, Carrie Mae Weems, Dorothea Lange, Diane Arbus, Bernice Abbott, Tomoko Sawada, Ruth Orkin, Barbara Kruger, and other photographers are included, their work revealing the bold and dynamic ways women have contributed to the development and evolution of the medium.

You have until New Year's Eve of this year to enjoy "Modern Women | Modern Vision." For more information about both these shows and others, visit: www.crockerart.org

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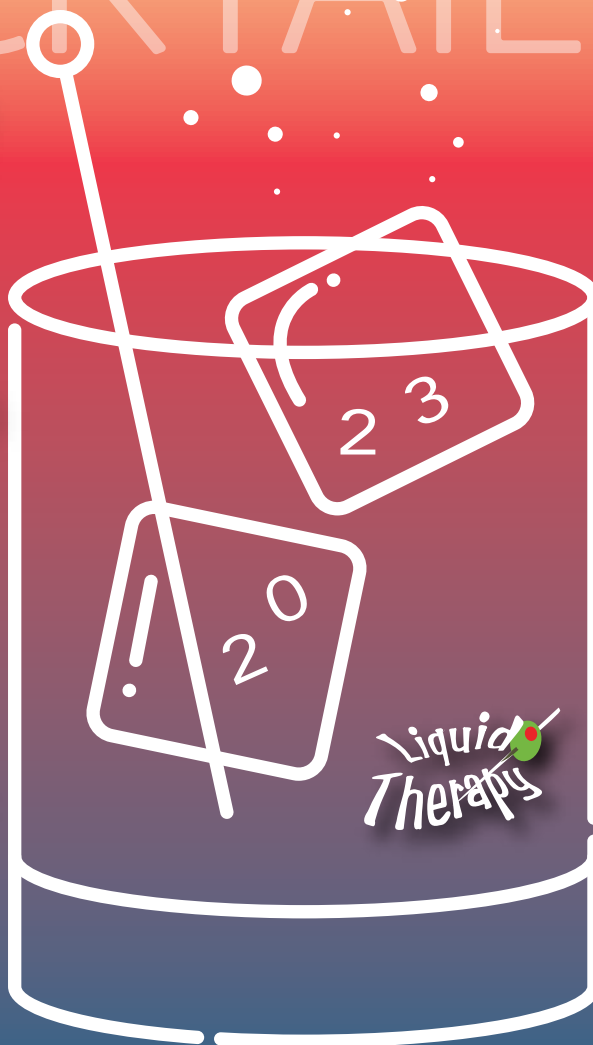
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“Frozen” & “Beetlejuice” Arrive on the Stage

by Chris Narloch

Nostalgia for familiar films has produced a new Broadway mandate – that every movie ever made (even the bad ones) must eventually be turned into a stage musical.

These presold titles are easier to get funded because they bring back fond memories of when fans enjoyed the source material on screen with family and friends.

When they're good – as with “The Lion King” – these “movie” musicals can be very, very enjoyable, but when they're bad – like “Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark” – you'll be cursing the creators on the way out of the theater rather than humming the tunes from the show.

Ironically, “The Lion King” and the “Spider-Man” musical were both directed by the great Julie Taymor, which underscores how difficult it is – even for a genius like Ms. Taymor – to recreate the magic of a beloved, big screen movie on the stage.

New stage adaptations of Tim Burton's “Beetlejuice” and Disney's “Frozen” are currently playing in Northern California, and you can read more about them here.



Frozen: The Musical

I have not seen this show yet, but it was a big hit on Broadway, and Disney has a very good track record so far with stage adaptations of their animated films.

From the producer of “The Lion King” and “Aladdin,” “Frozen,” the Tony®-nominated Best Musical, is now on tour across North America, and critics are raving.

“Frozen: The Musical” is billed as “an unforgettable theatrical experience filled with sensational special effects, stunning sets and costumes, and powerhouse performances.”

“Frozen” features the songs you love from the original Oscar®-winning film, plus an expanded score with a dozen new numbers.

So let it go, theater queens, and get tickets while you can. “Frozen” will play at the SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center in Sacramento, from Jan. 4 – 15. Go to: www.broadwaysacramento.com

Beetlejuice: The Musical

While we wait for the “Frozen” musical to open in Sacramento early next year, I recommend a trip over to San Francisco to see “Beetlejuice: The Musical” which I watched and enjoyed before Christmas, at the Golden Gate Theatre.

One of my favorite films from the '80s, Tim Burton's “Beetlejuice” boasts an iconic performance by the great Michael Keaton and a dream supporting cast that includes Winona Ryder, Alec Baldwin, Geena Davis, Catherine O'Hara, Jeffrey Jones, and Sylvia Sidney.

Those are very big shoes to fill, and I was skeptical that a stage version would be anything other than a disappointment, but I have to say that the Broadway touring production currently playing in the city by the Bay is very fun indeed.

As the title character, Justin Collette gives a wildly energetic performance that is both naughty and nice. Isabella Esler, as Lydia, has been made up and wigged to resemble Ryder's character from the movie, and she really belts out her songs.

There is not a weak link in the entire cast, and the costumes, lighting, set design, sound design, and special effects are all absolutely first-rate. The show's lyrics capture the sarcastic spirit of the original film, and if you're not laughing your head off during the “Day-O” dinner party scene, then you must not have a sense of humor.

“Beetlejuice: The Musical” is performing at San Francisco's Golden Gate Theatre through this Dec. 31st. For more information, visit: www.broadwaysf.com



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Out & About with Matt Burlingame

Another year fades into the history books. We saw some positive changes such as the passing of the Respect for Marriage Act, and some tragic losses including the deaths of LGBTQ advocates including Judy Tenuda, Leslie Jordan, Angela Lansbury and many others. It's easy to get lost on looking backward especially after the astounding loss and upheaval of the last few years. But it's important that we keep our attention focused on the future and healing ourselves, our community and our world.

January's Drag Queen Bingo is a fun way to give to your community while having an awesome time and maybe winning some fun prizes! Join the fabulous DoMe Moore at Mango's, 1930 K St., on Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. with funds raised benefiting the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus. Remember admission will be first come, first served. Mangossac.com

Looking for something amazing to do during your last hours of 2022? This is it! Glow: A Black Light NYE Cabaret presented by the Scream Queens Gorelesque on Saturday, Dec. 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the Historic Colonial Theatre, 3522 Stockton Blvd. a black light inspired cabaret of drag, variety, and gorelesque adorned in neon body paint, glowing outfits, and electrifying props on stage this New Year's Eve! The amazing Rob Roberts hosts the evening with performances by Dani Demize, Morgana Grimm, Lizzie Hyde, Redd FaFilt, Croalia, Cybil Unrest and more! Lovehorrevents.com

It's your last chance to get those holiday films in before Christmas this year! The Crest Sacramento, 1013 K St., has two classics to hit you in the feels. Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye join sister act Rosemary Clooney and Vera-Ellen to perform a

Christmas show to save an old army friend's failing Inn in White Christmas (1954) on Friday, Dec. 23 at 7 p.m. Then the Muppets tell their version of the bitter miser's redemption on Christmas Eve. Muppet Christmas Carol (1992) plays Saturday Dec. 24 at 3 p.m. Crestsacramento.com

Love Fleetwood Mac? Of course you do! Here's a chance to celebrate the sounds of the iconic band on Friday, Jan. 13 at 6 p.m. at the Goldfield Trading Post Roseville, 238 Vernon St. in Roseville. Fleetwood Macramé is a Tribute band performing the timeless hits of Fleetwood Mac. Fleetwoodmacrame.com

"Metaphor, Myth, & Politics: Art from Native Printmakers" is a new exhibition showcasing the printmaking of Native and Indigenous artists at the California Museum, 1020 O St. (in the March Fong Eu Secretary of State complex). The show features 36 works drawn from the UC Davis' C.N. Gorman Museum collection. The exhibition runs until March 19. Californiamuseum.org

Christmas is a few days away and if you're looking for an amazing last minute holiday experience then escape to the world's largest illuminated Winter Wonderland in Sacramento at Enchant Christmas at Sutter

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Friday, Jan. 13 at 5:30 p.m. at Badlands Sacramento, 2003 K St. Drink specials, giveaways and catching up with community. A perfect way to enjoy the new year!

Old Sacramento Waterfront and Downtown Sac present the Theatre of Lights from Thursday, Dec. 22 from 6-8:30 p.m. A free holiday lighting extravaganza at the Old Sacramento Waterfront, nightly

performances feature a live-action retelling of Twas the Night Before Christmas. Complete with a special appearance by Jack Frost, and the lighting of the 60-foot Christmas tree by St. Nick himself. Godowntownsac.com

Congratulations to Golden Rule Services on their 23rd anniversary of serving the Sacramento community! Happy anniversary to Marc Koenigsberg and Robb Layne. Happy birthday wishes to Sage Brown, James Ozanich, Byron Jackson Nash and Johnnie Terry.

Events? Announcements? Birthdays? Anniversaries? Send them to me at matthew.burlingame@gmail.com.



Ancestral Skies by Rowan Harrison from the Metaphor, Myth, & Politics: Art from Native Printmakers Exhibit

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Brad Pitt & Margot Robbie in “Babylon” Plus, Daniel Craig’s New Film Franchise

by Chris Narloch

The hetero holiday films have been underwhelming this year, and I am talking about Christmas-themed movies like “A Christmas Story Christmas” (Peter Billingsley’s so-so sequel to the 1983 classic “A Christmas Story”) and “Spirited” (a truly painful new holiday musical in which Ryan Reynolds and Will Ferrell attempted to sing!)

The big news at the movies this month is, of course, a new “Avatar” movie from James Cameron, which I have seen but am not going to review until January – after the crazy hype dies down.

I will say that Cameron has again produced a state-of-the-art cinematic event with amazing CGI and underwater scenes that are breathtakingly beautiful. If only the script for “Avatar: The Way of Water” was as sophisticated as its special effects, but more about that next month.

Go see the new “Avatar,” let the incredible images wash over you, and make up your own mind, but get tickets for the biggest screen you can find, preferably in IMAX 3D at: www.imax.com/theatres/esquire-imax

After that, you can check out any number of new movies, including these intriguing titles.

Glass Onion

The director Rian Johnson (“Star Wars: The Last Jedi,” “Looper”) has found his niche with the sophisticated mystery movie franchise “Knives Out,” which had its first hit with critics and audiences in 2019.

Daniel Craig is back as super-sleuth Benoit Blanc, with an all-new supporting cast and a new mystery to solve involving a very wealthy eccentric (Edward Norton) who invites friends to his private Greek island, where one of the guests – surprise! – turns up dead.

The dream cast of “Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery” includes Kate Hudson, Kathryn Hahn, Ethan Hawke, Dave Bautista, Leslie Odom Jr., Jackie Hoffman, a scene-stealing Janelle Monae, and some very fun cameos that I won’t spoil.

During its Golden Age back in the day, Hollywood used to crank out funny all-star mysteries like “Knives Out” regularly, but today these films feel like a rare and heavenly haven from the surfeit of superhero cinema and boring blockbusters clogging movie theaters.

It’s great to see Daniel Craig leapfrog into another successful film franchise so soon after leaving his role as James Bond, and he appears to be having a blast playing it (mostly) for laughs for a change.

Do not miss “Glass Onion” when it arrives on Netflix this December 23rd.

Babylon

I do not know where to begin with this crazy movie, which is a 3 hour-plus epic about Hollywood during the Roaring ‘20s that includes murder, suicide, orgies, projectile elephant dung, a very venomous snake, lots of drugs and alcohol, and a humungous man who eats live rodents.

“Babylon” is a very dark and disturbing look at Tinseltown starring Brad Pitt and Margot Robbie as desperate movie stars who don’t want the party to end after silent films give way to talkies.

Director Damien Chazelle (“La La Land”) goes for broke with a full-tilt pace and an in-your-face attitude that reminded me of Martin Scorsese’s “The Wolf of Wall Street,” which also starred Margot Robbie, who gives another intense performance here as a wild-child actress who refuses to act like an adult.

Pitt is much more subdued than Robbie as a soon-to-be-washed-up movie star, and a very handsome and talented Mexican actor named Diego Calva is terrific as Pitt’s assistant-turned-executive, who is the (relatively) sane center of the story.

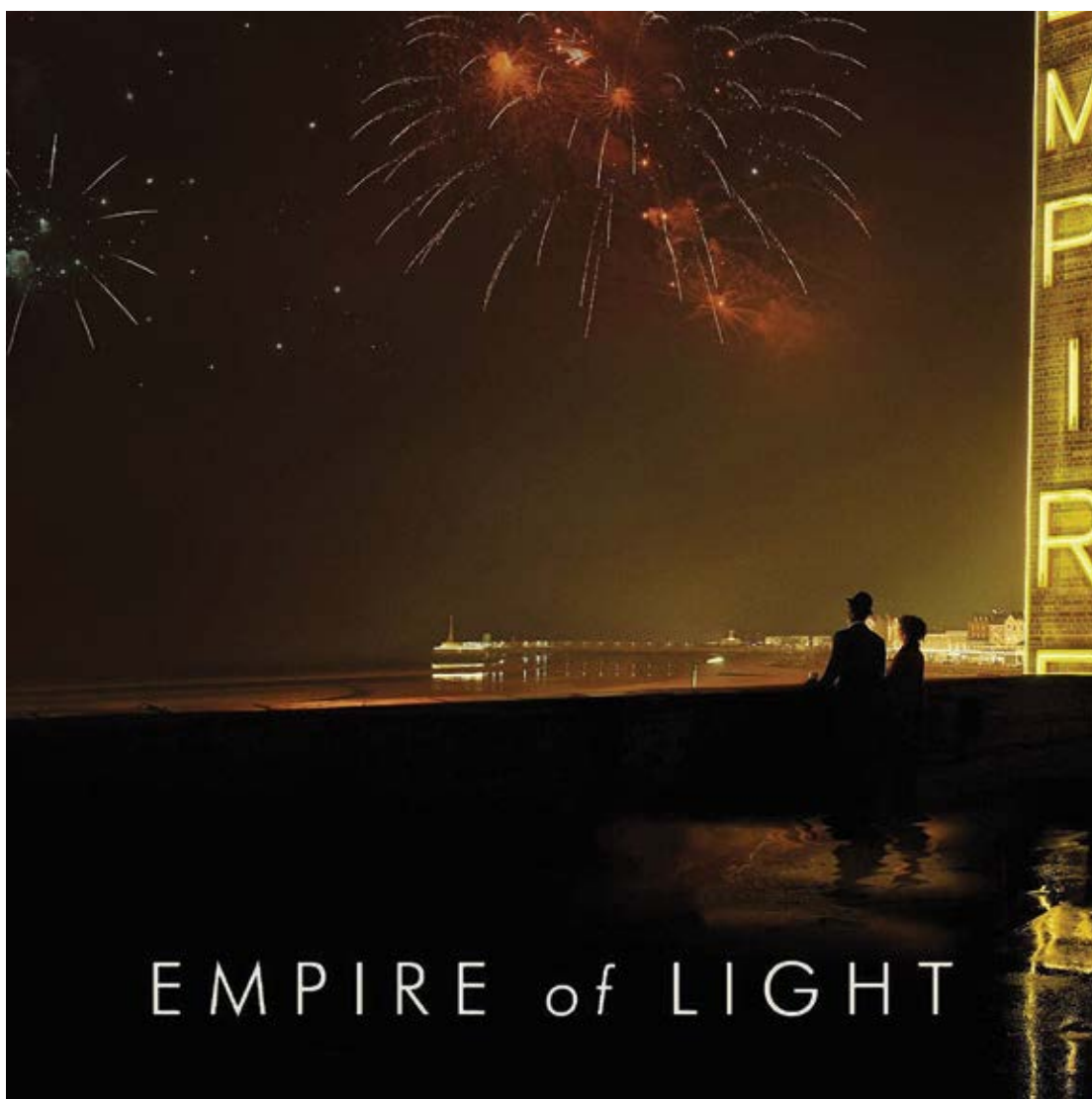
“Babylon” is one of those uneven films that is half masterpiece and half disaster, but it’s really something to see. I am a sucker for any movie about movies and moviemaking, and “Babylon” certainly lives up to its title. In wide theatrical release beginning Dec. 23rd.

Empire of Light

In my opinion, critics have been too hard on this somber love story about a troubled middle-aged white woman (Olivia Colman) who has an affair during the early 1980s with a much-younger Black man she works with at a lovely seaside cinema on the southern coast of England.

Ms. Colman is dynamite as always in the lead role, and Micheal Ward also impressed me as her lover. Writer-director Sam Mendes was inspired to write the movie by his mother’s mental health challenges during his childhood, and the result is an imperfect but often very moving tribute to friendship and the power that movies can have to heal a broken heart.

“Empire of Light” was still playing at Sacramento’s Tower Theatre when we went to press.





Indian Everything Sauce – It's So Versatile by Dillon at WellYourWorld.com

Well Your World's Indian Everything Sauce is so versatile; it's the perfect sauce to whip up a super fast curry. If you haven't tried it yet, here's your chance! If you already love it, then now's the time to stock up, or buy some for friends and loved ones for stocking stuffers.

Maintaining a healthy diet and lifestyle begins with the food, but nowadays virtually all prepared foods are loaded with excessive salt, oil, and sugar! Not anymore. This Everything Sauce was designed to simplify your meal prep and save you time in the kitchen, without sacrificing flavor...or your health!

Here is a recipe using the sauce, and this simple, delicious Indian potato dish will not disappoint! As you'll see, it only requires a few simple ingredients. Sounds too good to be true, but when all you want is to eat real food and get out of the kitchen as quickly as possible, this is how you do it.

Bombay Potatoes

- 3 lbs. red potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 2 small red onions, diced
- WYW Indian Everything Sauce, to taste (a cup or so)
- chopped fresh cilantro, to serve

This one is so easy! Boil the potatoes in a pot of water until tender, about 10 minutes. Then add the potatoes to a skillet with the onion and a generous amount of Indian Sauce to drench the potatoes. Sauté until the onion is tender. For an added oomph, you can spoon this mixture onto a parchment-lined baking sheet and air fry for about 20 minutes at 400°F. Top with freshly chopped cilantro and serve! Use this recipe as a blank canvas and add other veggies like broccoli florets, frozen peas, you name it. Just pick something you know you love and change it up from time to time.

Other serving suggestions: lightly steam or sauté some fresh or frozen veggies such as broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, peppers. Pour on some Everything Sauce, simmer for 1-2 minutes, and you're done! Serve with your favorite starch such as brown rice, beans, or quinoa. Or use it as a dipping sauce with crunchy veggies for a light snack. The possibilities are endless!

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Guillermo del Toro is Mr. Netflix
by Chris Narloch

One of my favorite filmmakers, the great Mexican director Guillermo del Toro ("The Shape of Water," "Nightmare Alley"), has a deal with Netflix that produced two terrific titles recently.

Just released on that streaming service, the director's stop-motion "Pinocchio" feature film is a stunner that is much darker in tone and different than either of the Disney versions of the story.

More faithful to the original Italian novel, del Toro's "Pinocchio" is very moving but is likely to appeal more to adult fans of animation and is probably not appropriate for small children.

The director's other recent Netflix effort is definitely not for small children. A fun horror anthology series he created for Netflix, "Guillermo del Toro's Cabinet of Curiosities" features eight short films that were directed by other filmmakers, although del Toro wrote two of the stories.

The first season's stars include F. Murray Abraham, Geena Davis, Rupert Grint, Peter Weller, Dan Stevens, Crispin Glover, and Tim Blake Nelson.

Guillermo del Toro is one of the most original filmmakers working today, and Netflix is lucky to have him on the payroll.

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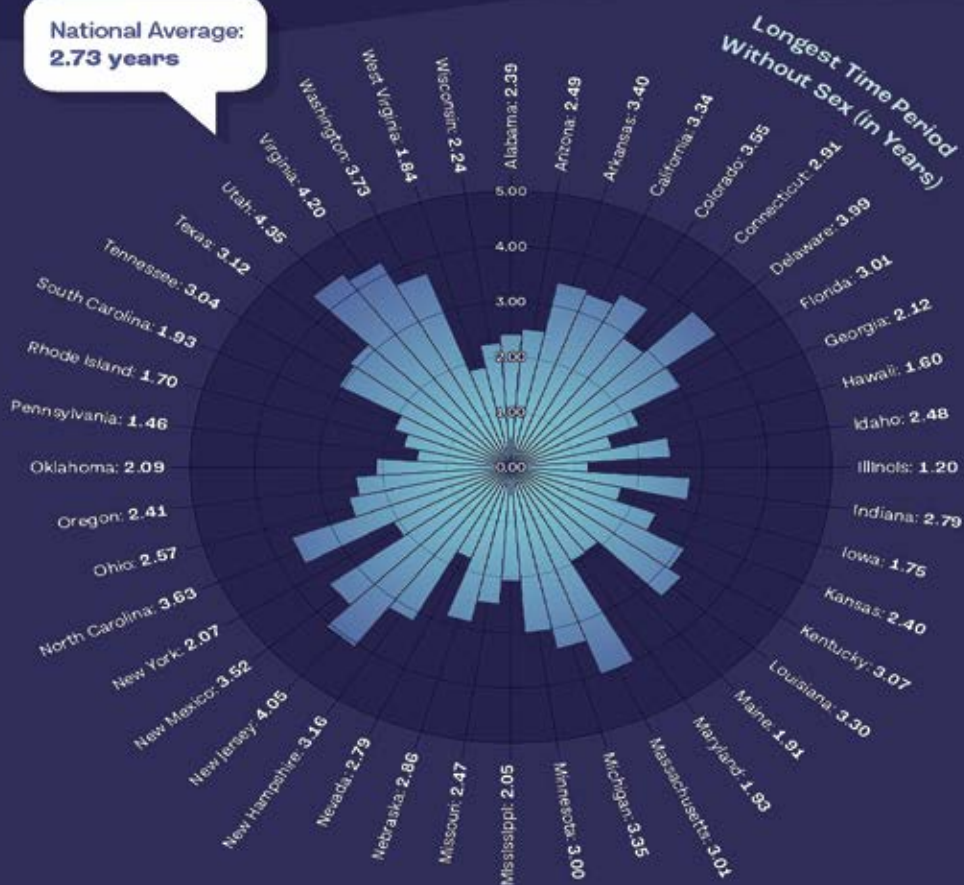
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A Broadway Rave in Roseville?

by Chris Narloch



I have never been to the Goldfield Trading Post, on Vernon Street in Roseville, but I may have to change that when the music venue presents a “Broadway Rave” on Friday evening, Jan. 6th. The musical theatre dance party should have theater queens dancing in the aisles (if there are any aisles?) General admission tickets are only \$16 plus service fees, and this is a 18+ event. To purchase, please visit: <https://goldfieldtradingpost.com/location/roseville>

Tom Goss wants you to have a “Big Fat Gay Ass Christmas”

by Chris Narloch

There were so many new holiday CDs out this year that not only could I not review them all. I didn’t even have time to listen to them all.

Music artists must have caught the Christmas spirit during COVID because everyone and their uncle put out a seasonal CD in 2022, including Alicia Keys, Joss Stone, Debbie Gibson, Chris Isaak, Gloria Estefan, Backstreet Boys, Andrea Bocelli, Harry Connick Jr., Regina Belle, and Katharine McPhee with David Foster.

I did, however, make time to listen to queer singer Tom Goss’ holiday ep, “Big Fat Gay Ass Christmas,” a sexy disc that finds Goss aiming for the naughty list with four scintillating new songs: “Sassy Santa,” “Ho Ho Homo,” “Santa Slay,” and “Put That Ass In Christmass.”

Goss knows how to sell product, with nearly nude promotional pics featuring him on the lap of a “Black Bear” in a Santa suit. The eclectic EP’s vibe ranges from dance to pop to hip-hop, and you can stream it on Spotify.



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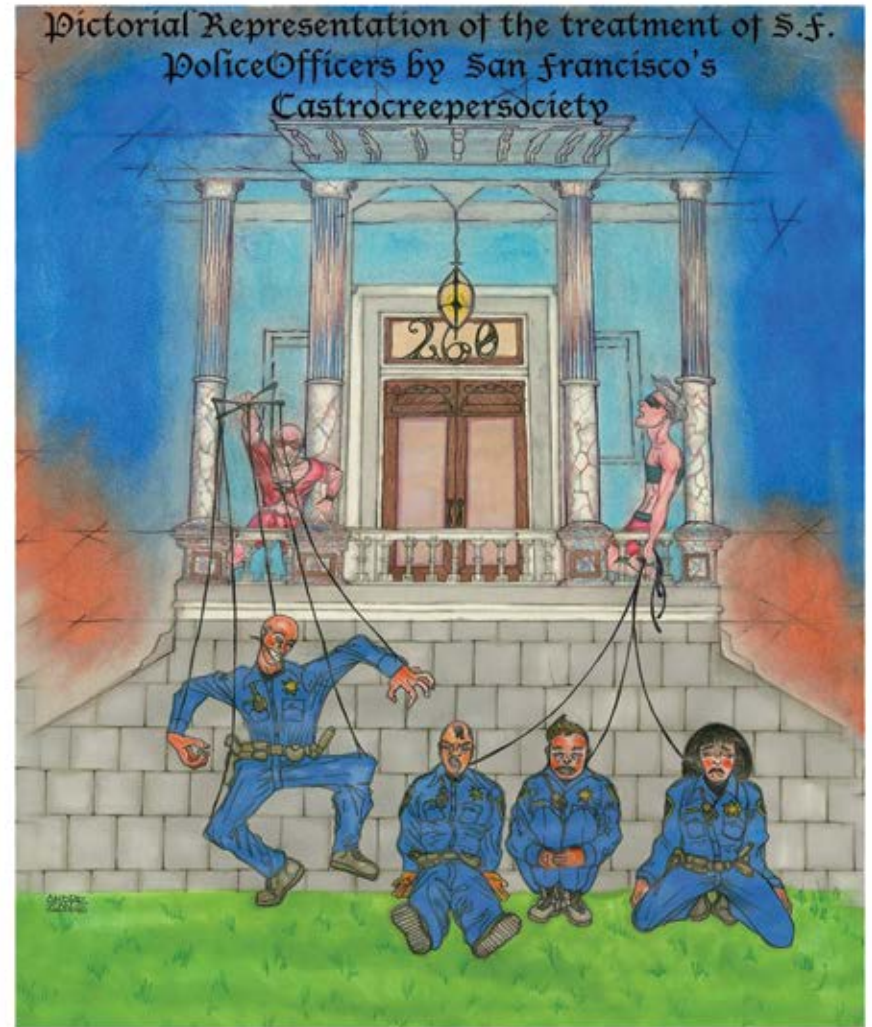
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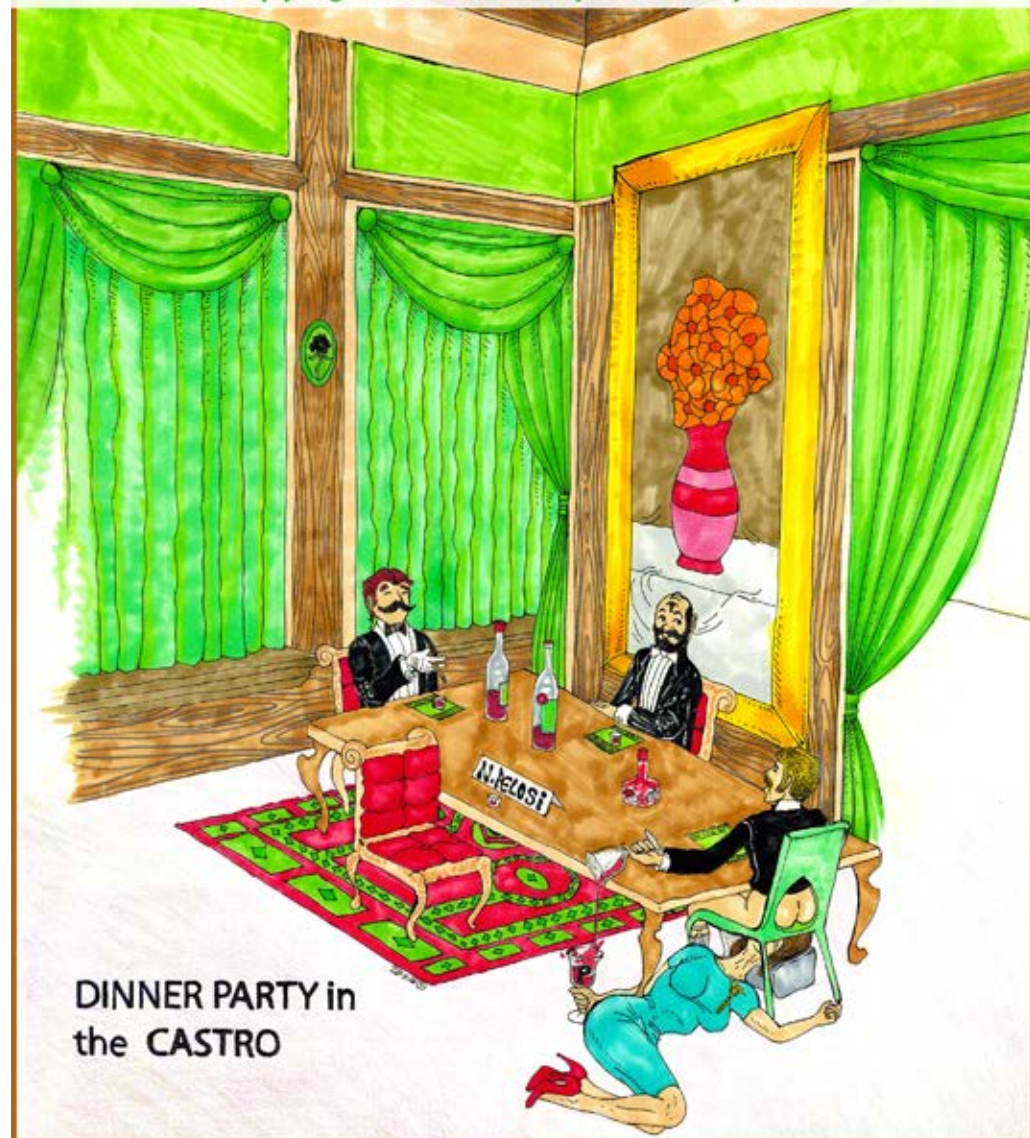
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