

Andres-Beck Announces Moulton Primary Challenge

By Bay Windows Staff

Beth Andres-Beck, a transgender software engineer and Democratic activist, has announced a primary challenge against six-term Representative Seth Moulton (D-Mass.), accusing the congressman of surrendering to anti-LGBTQ+ rhetoric following his controversial post-election comments about transgender athletes.

Moulton drew fierce backlash from LGBTQ+ advocates and Massachusetts Democrats after telling The New York Times that Democrats "spend way too much time try-



see **ANDRES-BECK**, page 3 Beth Andres-Beck. Photo via bethfordemocracy.com.

A list of sports organizations that have begun transgender competition bans

By Associated Press

The U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee has become the latest governing body in the sports world to enact a policy change around transgender athlete competition. Here's a glance at the most prolific of those that have clarified or altered such rules

this year:

U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee

Effectively barring transgender women from competing in women's sports, the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee announced on Monday that it has an "obligation

to comply" with an executive order issued by President Donald Trump. The decree has threatened to rescind funding from organizations that don't obey.

The USOPC oversees about 50 national governing bodies, most of

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Top Caribbean court strikes down a colonial-era law in St. Lucia that banned gay sex

By Dánica Coto
Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court struck down a colonial-era law in St. Lucia that criminalized gay sex in a ruling Tuesday celebrated by

activists in the largely conservative region.

The court found that the island's so-called buggery and gross indecency laws were unconstitutional.

Raise Your Voice St. Lucia, a non-profit organization, called it a "monumental step for human rights in the

Eastern Caribbean."

"It comes as a beacon of hope amid recent setbacks, such as disappointments in St. Vincent and the Grenadines as well as Trinidad and Tobago, that have tested our region's commitment

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6 Back-to-School Tips for LGBTQ+ Parents

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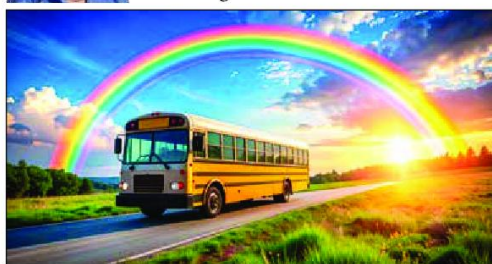


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For many LGBTQ+ parents, back-to-school time brings worries about whether our children will be harassed or stigmatized because of their families. After seeing my son through college, I can say that the worries never

fully disappear, but there are things we can do to lessen them and to prepare our children for whatever they may encounter.

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Summer portal fantasies A little escape can help us see reality better

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A seashore is a boundary not only between land and sea, but between the world we know and another one holding many mysteries. Magical things can happen in such a place. It helps to be away from our nor-

mal preoccupations, but any place or moment can open a door into a different world.

I often go to my roof in the evening

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"I am not an incredibly prejudiced person but, when it comes to heterosexual men, I don't get them. They're a bunch of a@%holes. There are so few heterosexual men that I know that I look up to."

- Harvey Fierstein on the subject of straight men. I guess it's about perspective. I've not looked up to many, but I've certainly looked down on a few—and I found them quite adept at the job at hand.

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which have some influence over youth sports all the way up to the elite levels, raising the possibility rules might need to be changed by local clubs to retain memberships.

International Cycling Union

The global governing body for cycling announced earlier this month that transgender women who transitioned after male puberty will no longer be able to compete in women's races. The decision followed American rider Austin Kilips becoming in May the first openly transgender woman to win an official cycling event.

University of Pennsylvania

Penn modified three school records set by transgender swimmer Lia Thomas in a decision earlier this month to settle a federal civil rights investigation, including an apology to female athletes "disadvantaged" by her participation on the women's swimming team.

Thomas became the first openly transgender athlete to win an NCAA Division I title when she last competed for the Ivy League school in 2022. The Trump administration's broader attempt to block transgender athletes from female sports included the Penn case. The Philadelphia university agreed to restore all individual records to female athletes who lost to Thomas.

World Aquatics

The global governing body for swimming, formerly known as FINA, announced in June a new "gender inclusion policy" that only permits transgender athletes who transitioned before age 12 to compete in women's events. There are not currently any transgender women competing in elite levels of swimming.

World Aquatics also proposed a new "open competition" category, designating a committee to explore over the rest of the year the most effective guidelines for such events.

World Boxing Organization

The global governing body for boxing declared in May that all athletes would be subjected to mandatory sex testing in order to compete in sanctioned events. World Boxing's announcement specifically mentioned Olympic champion Imane Khelif, the Algerian who won a gold medal at the Paris Olympics last year amid international scrutiny.

The previous governing body for Olympic boxing, the Russian-dominated International Boxing Association, disqualified Khelif and Taiwan's Lin

Yu-ting, another Paris gold medal winner, from its 2023 world championships after claiming they failed an unspecified eligibility test. Association officials have declined to answer basic questions about the test.

Khelif has said she was born a female.

British sports

Following a U.K. Supreme Court ruling in April, the British governing body for soccer issued a ban that took effect in June on transgender women playing on women's teams in England and Scotland. Previously, the British Football Association allowed such participation if the athletes had reduced testosterone levels. The England and Wales Cricket Board also instituted a ban.

World Athletics Council

The governing body for track and field banned transgender women from international competition in March, while adopting new regulations that could keep South African star Caster Semenya and other athletes with differences in sex development from competing.

The World Athletics Council issued its edict in March, barring athletes who have transitioned from male to female and have gone through male puberty. No such athletes currently compete at the highest elite levels of track.

Another set of updates for athletes with differences in sex development raised the potential to impact up to 13 current high-level runners including Semenya, a two-time Olympic champion at 800 meters, who has been barred from that event since 2019. Her discrimination case is still moving through the court system.

Semenya and others had been able to compete without restrictions in events outside the range of 400 meters through 1 mile but now must undergo hormone-suppressing treatment for six months before becoming eligible.

National Collegiate Athletic Association

The NCAA, which oversees the vast majority of U.S. college athletics, announced in February — the day after Trump's order — that competition in women's sports would immediately be limited to athletes assigned female at birth. The NCAA has about 1,100 member schools with more than 500,000 athletes.

High school sports

Nebraska in June became the latest state to ban transgender students from girls' sports, following similar bans by the high school associations for at least 24 other states. The Trump administration has clashed with multiple states over the allowance of such participation.

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ing not to offend anyone" and suggesting the party's support for transgender rights contributed to electoral losses. "I have two little girls, I don't want them getting run over on a playing field by a male or formerly male athlete, but as a Democrat, I'm supposed to be afraid to say that," Moulton told columnist Maureen Dowd.

Andres-Beck, who identifies as agender, trans, and queer, argues that Moulton is "exactly wrong on the strategy piece" regarding transgender issues. "The problem people have with Democrats

isn't that we have trans people in our coalition. It's that the Democrats in Washington are disconnected from ordinary Americans," Andres-Beck told The Boston Globe. "It feels like a lot of national Democrats want our vote, but they don't actually want to talk to us."

The challenger brings significant Democratic credentials, having worked as a software engineer on Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign and supporting Elizabeth Warren's first Senate run. Currently serving on Middleton's Affordable Housing Trust and Master Plan Committee, Andres-Beck moved to Moulton's Sixth District in 2022.

Despite living in a town where 53 percent of voters supported Trump in 2024, Andres-Beck believes their visibility as a transgender person in the community demonstrates that "practical progress" doesn't require abandoning LGBTQ+ rights. They argue that America can achieve "functional healthcare, honest government, safe schools" while maintaining inclusive values.

Moulton's spokesperson noted the congressman recently fought against eliminating an LGBTQ+ crisis line and opposed GOP efforts to slash healthcare funding, stating he's "not focused on an election that is more than a year away."

The primary challenge represents a test of whether Democratic voters will reward or punish politicians who suggest scaling back support for transgender rights in response to Republican attacks.

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Caribbean

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ment to equality," the group said.

St. Lucia's colonial-era law penalized gay sex with up to 10 years in prison. While the government didn't enforce the law, activists and legal experts say it remained a threat to the island's LGBTQ+ community.

"The mere existence of this provision is itself a violation of human rights and underpins further acts of discrimination," according to Human Dignity Trust, a U.K.-based legal organization that helped work on the case.

In 2019, the Eastern Caribbean Alliance for Diversity and Equality filed five legal challenges against such laws in Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, and Saint Lucia.

In 2022, courts in Barbados, Antigua and Barbuda, and Saint Kitts and Nevis struck down those laws.

Last year, a court in Dominica did the same.

"Today's ruling is not just a win in the courts, it also represents a step towards justice for the many lives lost to violence simply for being themselves," said Kenita Placide, the alliance's executive director. "It signals that our Caribbean can and must be a place where all people are free and equal under the law."

Only five Caribbean nations still penalize gay sex: Jamaica, Grenada, Guyana, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago, where an appeals court earlier this year overturned a ruling that decriminalized gay sex.

Members of the LGBTQ+ community have fled those islands following violent attacks.

The UNAIDS Caribbean office celebrated Tuesday's ruling, as did J'Moul Francis, foreign affairs minister for Antigua and Barbuda.

"Human rights in the Eastern Caribbean continue to advance as the colonial legacies of these unconstitutional provisions continue to fall," he wrote on X. "However, more still needs to be done across the region to ensure that progress is real, practical, and effective for LGBTQ+ individuals."


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Before our children even start school, we can build their self-understanding and self-confidence by explaining to them, in age-appropriate ways, how they and their family came to be. We can teach them about the many types of families and identities that they may encounter. LGBTQ+ and otherwise, and affirm that theirs is equally valid. We can ensure they see representation of themselves and families like theirs in books and media at home. We can build their resilience by encouraging them to respond constructively to adversity, connect with their feelings, and tell us when something goes wrong.

At the same time, our kids should be as inclusive of others as we want others to be of them. We should teach and model good interpersonal behaviors and introduce our children to a wide array of people and viewpoints, whether in person or through books, movies, and other media.

It is also vital, I believe, not to let the fears we may have as parents (or the fears we had as children) create worries in our children. Instead, we should ask our children how they feel about school, treat those feelings as valid, and respond accordingly, whether they are excited, apprehensive, apathetic, or combinations thereof.

If our children do have concerns, we may not be able to assuage them all—and it is sometimes better to let children discover solutions on their own—but we can offer insights from our experiences, provide guidance as needed, convey that home is a safe and loving space, and step in for problems that do require adult intervention.

Connect with teachers as needed

LGBTQ+ parents are often advised to introduce themselves to teachers as an LGBTQ+ family before the start of the school year. There is wisdom in this, but it is not a one-size-fits-all



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solution. I'd like to offer a more nuanced approach.

As I see it, there are three basic approaches. First, we can wait until questions or issues may arise before approaching teachers or administrators. This least intrusive method gives children the chance to control how and when to come out about their families, which can be empowering and respectful, particularly for tweens and teens.

Conversely, we can be proactive, meeting with the teacher (or sending an e-mail) to introduce ourselves and answer any questions they may have about our family. This may help them use the right language, parental titles, and pronouns. Depending on the response, too, it could help bring potential issues into the open so we can address them. And if we discover that the teacher is herself LGBTQ+ or an ally, it may quell our fears and be a chance to share resources and ideas.

A middle-ground approach is to find a way, without a special appointment or missive, to let our children's teachers know we are an LGBTQ+ family—a clear but subtle reminder to be inclusive. We could go to a start-of-year orientation and introduce ourselves as "[Child's] Mommy and Mama [or Daddy and Papa, or ...]," or wear a rainbow flag and/or pronoun pin, for example.

There is no one right answer for every family every year. The first year in a school may require a different approach than the third. We may even mix methods in a single year when dealing with both homeroom teachers and specialists. And there may be other aspects of our children and family that are equally (or more) important to communicate as well. We should do what feels right at the moment for our child(ren).

Get involved

Participating in our children's classes, say, as a guest reader or field trip chaperone, can also make us visible and keep us tuned in to school happenings, as can becoming a member of the

parents' association or other committees. At the very least, we should show up for Parent's Night and other school events to whatever extent we can. All of this shows our children that their school experience matters to us and reminds others that our family is part of the community.

Find community and allies

Other LGBTQ+ parents, particularly with kids older than our own, can be an invaluable source of support. If you don't know any, try one of the many online groups for LGBTQ+ parents or follow other LGBTQ+ parents on social media.

We may also have more allies than we think, potentially including parents of our children's friends, other parents and teachers with LGBTQ+ relatives and friends, and non-LGBTQ+ families who may have similar concerns about equity and inclusion because of other aspects of identity. We can build bonds and take action based on our mutual desire for understanding and representation.

Educate ourselves and share resources

Many resources exist to help schools be more LGBTQ+ inclusive. Two good places to start are HRC's Welcoming Schools program (welcomingschools.org) and GLSEN (glsen.org). COLAGE also offers a useful "Back to School Toolkit" for youth with LGBTQ+ parents (colage.org/back-to-school-toolkit).

Trust our children

Remember that our children are resilient, sometimes surprisingly so. We shouldn't ignore problems if they arise—but nor should we discount our children's ability to handle them.

May this be a year of joy, friendship, and learning for all of our children.

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with a glass of wine to relax and stare at the sky. For a pleasant hour I stop worrying about the destruction of my country and let my mind wander. Half-forgotten memories can well up. Sometimes I just listen to the cheers rising from a nearby soccer field.

Time is not linear in our minds. A friend who died 32 years ago feels as present to me as if he were sitting across from me chatting over drinks as we did long

ago. Though I have grown old as he did not, his spirit lifts me and reminds me of our shared devotion to causes greater than ourselves.

Imagining alternate timelines reminds us that individual choices can change things, for good or ill.

The other day I found an email saying I had won millions in a sweepstakes. I am wary of scams and did not follow the link. Nonetheless, I felt its gravitational pull. Millions of dollars would be nice. My favorite director sitting next to me on a plane would be nice. Mad tyrants disappearing through wormholes would be nice.

"A wormhole," according to Wikipedia, "is a hypothetical structure that connects disparate points in spacetime." In literary terms, a wormhole is like the rabbit hole in Alice in Wonderland or the twister in The Wizard of Oz. It's a magical portal between worlds.

The nice thing about a wormhole, at least a fictional one, is that you can go through it, have a lovely adventure, and get back in time for breakfast.

I do not want our mad tyrant to get back. I want the portal to vanish behind him, as with the Bermuda Triangle, where you fly into it and are never heard from again.

Sometimes I feel that I fell asleep when Joe Biden was president, and woke up in a dystopian novel with a deranged dictator tearing the country apart.

Some people insist they're not political. If they can sustain that fantasy, they're lucky. For many of us, just walking out our front door and expecting to be treated like an equal human being is a political act.

Still, I understand. We don't always want to deal with politics. We just want to go about our business. I bet the people being grabbed in the street by masked ICE police and carted off to internment camps would also like to go about their business.

Occasionally a nation goes to sleep and demons work their mischief. Our best prospect may be for the demons to devour one another, which they are beginning to do.

Social media can be a wormhole into a dark place. I broke away from the platform formerly known as Twitter a year ago after Elon Musk turned it into a spigot of disinformation. At some point, I may try another platform. For now, I need my time staring at the sky.

Sometimes, though, I choose a restaurant instead of my roof to benefit from the skills of a mixologist. At my local Thai restaurant I like to order a Flaming Typhoon, which consists of rum and tropical juices with a little lemon rind boat on top filled with rum the bartender lights on fire. I almost hate blowing out the flame and drinking it. It would be disrespectful to the mixologist, however, to sit there entranced without tasting her handiwork.

Anything exquisite, like a meal or a work of art, can transport us. If I ordered enough Flaming Typhoons, who knows what magical realm they would carry me off to.

But as much as we need escape, it is important to keep our underlying grip on reality. Just because a fictional character can fly or walk on water does not mean we should try it ourselves.

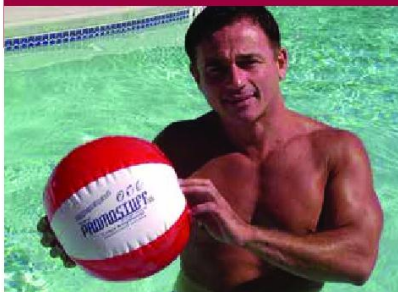
I need a few hours or perhaps weeks of peace, not eternal peace. That will come soon enough. While I am here I am eager to embrace life, including by marrying the man I love. That is a promise I intend to keep here in this imperfect world, before someone else tries to reduce me to a bit character in his own warped fantasy.

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If there's one thing I am loath to do, it's promote someone else's column. But when the someone else is **Dame Joan Collins**—well, reason goes out the window. She's not the competition, she's a legend. Her column appears in "The Spectator" in London. Here's a sample of her scribbling: "Several news outlets are reporting the surge in the dangerous crossings of immigrants coming to our shores, and the cost of giving them succour." Let me pause here to try and eradicate the image of Collins giving succour to an eager line of anyone. "But I'm seeing an invasion of a different sort—the proliferation of rental bikes and powered scooters that litter our pavements. I've recently been almost run over twice by 'Lime bikes'. I've also tripped over a bunch of discarded cycles on the streets of Belgravia." For the love of God—keep the Lime bikes (and scooters) away from Dame Joan! We can't have her mowed down in her prime. We're thisclose away from her centennial, and I refuse to cancel those festivities due to a broken hip. Admittedly, the three wigs she wears simultaneously should cushion the fall and avoid a concussion. In fact, they could act as a helmet should she wish to ride one of the aforementioned scooters. God save the Queen!

You may recall **Mario Paglino** and **Gianni Grossi** as Barbie doll designers who made some unofficial Madonna dolls that were presented to her on "The Graham Norton Show" (she was less than gracious). Alas, the duo was killed in an auto accident in Italy—where car fatalities are an art form. The incident took place between Piedmont and Lombardy, when someone driving the wrong way struck them head—on. Mattel issued a statement mourning their loss (they operated under the name Magia2000) and put a spotlight on their artistry and philanthropy. "Their generosity was boundless, creating countless dolls to be auctioned to benefit charities close to fellow collectors' hearts. Barbie is better because they loved the brand, and our beloved collector community is richer for having known them and shared in their passion. Barbie honors their memory with deep gratitude."

On the eve of publishing this column, I witnessed **Pamela Anderson** as Marguerite Gautier—otherwise known as Camille. But she wasn't in "Camille"—oh, that would be so pedestrian. No, she was in Tennessee Williams' "Camino Real" at the Williamstown Theatre Festival. While the play is minor Williams, the role was once notably played by **Jessica Tandy**. And I ask you, when else do you think you're going to get to see Pamela Anderson play a role previously played by Jessica Tandy? Sure, I long for her "Streetcar" (I mean... Ann-Margret), but it likely won't happen. I wouldn't rule out "Driving Miss Daisy"—with **George Wallace** as Hoke! "Miss Daisy—the tassel just fell off your right breast. Please cover your areola, for pity's sake!" Oh, that Southern gentility.

Back to "Camino Real". I give Pamela enormous credit for the venture. Yes, there is some prestige to this festival, but it's off the beaten path, no big press, no big money. But the chance to act in a Tennessee Williams play. And act she does. OK, in quiet, conversational scenes, she needs to work on projecting. But her intentions are always clear and committed. Physically she throws herself into the role fearlessly—the end of Act 1 is staggering and ferocious. It's a stylized, over—the-top approach that might make her a good fit for a project with Charles Busch (who himself made a fetching Camille). Alongside Miss Anderson was **Nicholas Alexander Chavez**, who you may know from "General Hospital", or from his pink Specdo as Lyle Menendez. Here he plays Kilroy, a faded boxer who looks better in a wet T-shirt than his co-star! Yes, he has the look and the attitude. But it was his performance that astounded. He's the real deal. Swagger and charisma alongside charm and sincerity. There are comparisons to Brando and talk of him being a future Stanley. But personally, I'd love to see him as Tom in "Glass Menagerie". Chavez and Anderson share a lovely scene near the end of "Camino Real". And the only place you can see it is on BillyMasters.com.

Hot on the heels of winning a Tony Award for "Sunset Blvd", **Nicole Scherzinger** has announced a handful of concert dates. There's even talk of a Vegas residency. But she may not be done playing Norma Desmond. Rumor has it, she's the latest frontrunner for a film version of the musical. To clinch the deal, she's in talks to bring the stage version to Hollywood's Pantages Theatre or the Ahmanson. Stay tuned...

Drama seems to follow some people. Take **Todrick Hall**. Everything is always a nightmare. This is not meant to disparage his talent, which is abundant. He's currently in the live stage version of that **Cher**

flick "Burlesque". Todrick was hired to play the role of Sean by writer and former hottie **Steve Antin**—who also asked for some songs and choreography. Due to some skullduggery, Toddy ended up the de facto director. He issued a long, rambling statement defending the barbs against him. I don't know the details, but when you say, "I have never engaged in anything with a minor," you can bet your ass there's a story. One theatre insider quipped, "If ALL of your projects have drama, then YOU may be the problem!" But Billy, I can hear you cry—what about the show? Critics seem perplexed. One reported the journey like this: "Now directed by its star Todrick Hall, the stage musical 'Burlesque' comes to London in much the same way that my parents did some 60 years ago: poor and in need of work."

Elsewhere in London, my pals the Lythgoes are working on a musical version of "To Sir, With Love", which first got an invitation—only reading under the auspices of my beloved Ogunquit Playhouse. I believe **Wayne Brady** played "Sir" on that occasion. I'm told it went very well. Now **Kris Lythgoe** tells me they're trying it out in London's West End. The Gillian Lynne Theatre will host two staged readings on November 24th, at 2:30PM and 7:45PM. And the incomparable **Lulu** will be there to sing the song! Get your tickets at LWTheatres.co.uk.

Just when you thought you'd heard the last of the **Jussie Smollett** "situation", a new chapter is in the works. A documentary is being readied for Netflix which will be called "The Truth About Jussie Smollett?" The question mark is notable, particularly since Jussie has committed to giving them an interview and telling the truth—whatever he thinks that is. "With first-hand interviews from those at the helm, including investigating police, lawyers, journalists and Jussie himself, this compelling documentary invites the audience to decide for themselves who is telling 'The Truth About Jussie Smollett?'" To coin a phrase, I'll believe it when I see it.

Then there's also a new documentary about **Joan Rivers** in the works. While most would consider 2010's "Joan Rivers: A Piece of Work" to be definitive, this new venture comes ten years after the legend's death and includes many previously unseen video and audio recordings.

"And Just Like That..." cancelled. OK, the creatives claim they pulled the plug, but make no mistake—if it was a hit and HBO wanted more, there would be more. **Sarah Jessica** spoke for herself and creator **Michael Patrick King** by saying, "MPK and I together recognized, as we have in the past, this chapter complete." So the big question—is **Catrrall** going to be in the finale? My sources say no. Kim posted "It's the end of a very long week." Amen.

The long rumored—about reboot of "Murder, She Wrote" is moving forward. As the latter—day Jessica Fletcher, **Jamie Lee Curtis** slips into **Dame Angela Lansbury's** sensible shoes. Whether it will be an effortless fit remains to be seen. On the red carpet for "Freakier Friday", she told "Entertainment Tonight", "Oh, it's happening...We're a minute away, but yeah, I'm very excited. Very excited. But I'm tamping down my enthusiasm until we start shooting. I have a couple of other things to hustle, but then I'll get to enjoy that work." Well, if **Kathy Bates** can play "Matlock" and **Latifah** can (briefly) play "The Equalizer"...

Dermot Mulroney says that there is "talk of a sequel" to "My Best Friend's Wedding". When asked to elaborate, he said, "I know nothing about it"—in his best **John Banner** impression (look it up, kids). He added, "Last I heard, 'lawyers were talking.'" **Julia Roberts** was recently asked what would be the point of a sequel: "Because there's so many people in it, and to see what they're doing and how Kimmy and Michael's marriage is going."

When we're bringing you two sets of tits for the price of one, we've definitely come to the end of yet another column. It's no exaggeration to say that Nicholas Alexander Chavez is more busy than his co-star. You can see it/them for yourself on www.BillyMasters.com—the site where we say a little prayer for all the projects in development. Before we wrap, we must bid adieu to another of our favorite buxom blondes, Loni Anderson. She was a memorable guest in our first season of "Billy Masters LIVE", which I'll post on our website. We didn't have room for an "Ask Billy" question. Rest assured I always respond to my readers. Just drop a note to Billy@BillyMasters.com and I promise to get back to you before Nicholas and Pamela reunite for "Glass Menagerie"—with Pamela as Amanda (or Laura). Until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.



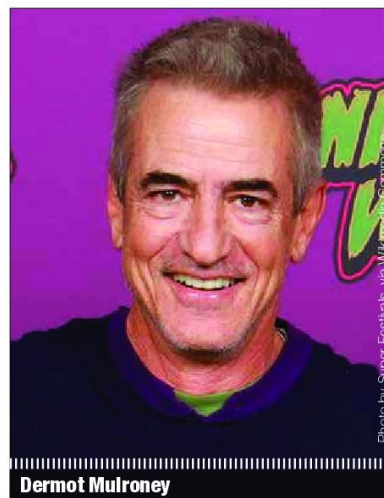
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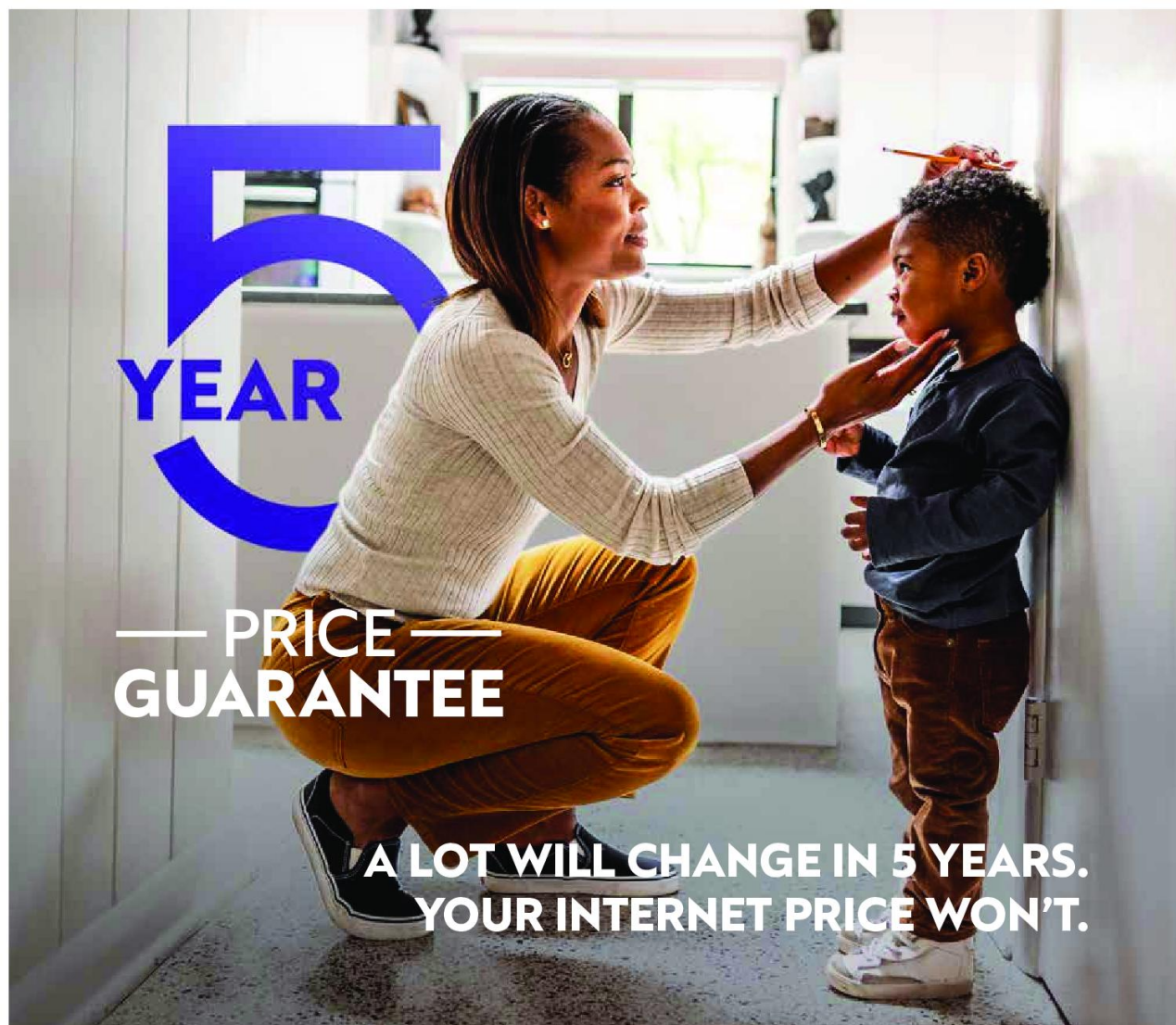
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