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What President Joe Biden told me

President Joe Biden speaks at the grand opening ceremony for the Stonewall National Monument Visitor Center, Friday, June 28, 2024, in New York. Photo by Evan Vucci, AP.

By Mark Segal
Philadelphia Gay News

Last week, it was my honor to speak at the opening of the Stonewall National Monument Visitor Center. It was, to say the least, a star-studded event with Katy Perry, Cynthia Erivo, Adam Lambert, Elton John and President Joe Biden and Dr. Jill Biden. There were senators and governors roaming backstage.

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THE PRYDE Revealed

Leaders Celebrate Grand Opening of First LGBTQ-affirming Senior Housing In Hyde Park

By Bay Windows Staff

The grand opening of The Pryde, the first LGBTQ-affirming, income-restricted senior housing in Massachusetts, was celebrated on June 2. Located in Hyde Park, the event included public officials like Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren (D), MA Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, U.S. Congresswoman Ayanna

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PregnantTogether Offers Queer People Community and Support for Family Building and Beyond

by Dana Rudolph | drudolph@mombian.com
contributing writer

Queer parents and prospective parents can sometimes have a hard time finding support and community. Marea Goodman, a licensed midwife and queer parent, is hoping to make that easier with PregnantTogether, a growing virtual community for queer and solo parents and parents-to-be.

"I really wanted to create a space that centered the queer experience of getting pregnant, being pregnant, giving birth, and raising kids, and to have some way to bring tons of people together who otherwise would feel isolated in their communities," they said in an interview.

"Primarily we have solo parents, queer couples, and trans men, but it's open to everybody," they said. "It's

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Marea Goodman. Courtesy photo.

Defeating 'the second American revolution'

We need to fight the far right, not each other

by Richard J. Rosendall | rrosendall@starpower.net
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Few people were up and about at 6:30 AM on Independence Day. I sat in McDonald's enjoying a Sausage McMuffin With Egg and a senior discount coffee, and greeted my fellow customers: a friendly, bearded cop whose bulletproof vest made him look brawnier than he already was, and a man from a delivery truck.

My legs were stiff when I got up, a sign of decreased circulation that can cause inflammation, aneurysms, and thrombosis.

I mention this because ever since the presidential debate on June 27, political elites and the media have obsessed over President Biden's age and speculated on his possible falling-apartness, while showing far less interest in the threats to our freedoms from a similarly old and positively deranged Donald Trump, whose supporters represent the last gasp of the Confederacy.

I am old enough to have become mostly invisible. Happily, the loneliness of invisibility is assuaged by the dogs in the neighborhood, who see me perfectly well and are even friendlier than the cop in the McDonald's.

You may think I digress, but I am making friends with dogs and police officers to prepare for the second American revolution threatened by Heritage Foundation President Kevin Roberts, who thinks "the pursuit of happiness" mentioned in the Declaration of Independence really means "the pursuit of blessedness," which is not what it says.

Mr. Roberts feels entitled—and is determined—to impose his idea of blessedness on the rest of us. He reminds me of Pope Benedict XVI, who was nostalgic for the Middle Ages and loved to tell us that our true freedom lay in surrendering to his idea of how we should live our lives.

Popes, however, have no army.

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"I didn't want to make 'Legally Blonde 2.'"

—Joel Kim Booster's response to calls for a sequel to "Fire Island". "People think they want a sequel, and then they'll be confronted with something that will sully the memory of the first one and at best be forgotten about." Ultimately, he's saying he'll do it—when and if he comes up for a good enough premise to do it.

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LGBTQ reaction to presidential debate

By Lisa Keen
Keen News Service

It is hard to imagine that LGBTQ voters tuned into the presidential debate Thursday night (June 27) because they need more information before deciding who to vote for in November. But now, it is hard to imagine that anyone —LGBTQ or straight— expected the post-debate chatter would be dominated by deep concern that Democratic President Joe Biden might be too physically and cognitively frail to tackle the hardest job in the world for another four years.

Biden walked onto the CNN debate stage in Atlanta in his usual slow, stiff, gait, as if an invisible escort was holding his elbow and guiding him to the podium. From the beginning, his face seemed frozen in a painful grimace. But when he spoke, Biden's voice sounded weak and hoarse (reportedly due to a cold), and his answers trailed off topic.

"Watching this was excruciating. It was Biden's worst performance yet," said Lorri Jean, former executive director of the Los Angeles LGBT Center.

"It was painful watching this debate and embarrassing for our country," said Republican activist Rich Tafel, former head of the Log Cabin Republicans group.

Various political commentators said Biden failed to do the one thing he needed to do at the debate: assure the American people that he will be strong enough, at age 82 in November, to serve another four-year term. Former U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill, a Democratic commentator for MSNBC, put it bluntly: "He failed."

Several other commentators said they were hearing from Democratic Party notables and operatives a sense of "panic" over Biden's performance and appearance Thursday night --to the point where many were contemplating whether the August convention should try to put up another nominee.

"The universal reaction from campaign people, operatives," said MSNBC regular Joy Reid, "was approaching panic." She said they were "very concerned." Nicole Wallace said she was hearing much the same thing; so did former campaign chief for President Obama, Jen Psaki.

There were no LGBTQ-specific questions at this, the first debate of the 2024 presidential campaign.

Lesbian MSNBC commentator Rachel Maddow agreed Biden was weak at the start. But she said she thought he "became stronger, peaking near end of debate.

Maddow said she thought Republican former President Donald Trump had some "coherence" and "started strong" but then became "less coherent and visibly flustered."

Though Biden tripped through his sentences, he generally answered the questions put to him. But the debate moderators —Jake Tapper and Dana Bash— had to re-ask questions to Trump repeatedly as he tried to avoid answering many questions. When asked whether Russian President Vladimir Putin's terms for ending the war to take Ukrainian land —the land and no attempt to gain NATO membership— were acceptable to him, Trump suggested that, if he had been president, Putin never would have invaded Ukraine. When Dana aBash pressed Trump to answer the question —were Putin's terms acceptable— Trump said, "No, they're not acceptable."

Later, Bash asked Trump if he would pledge that political violence was "unacceptable" and that he would accept the results of the election regardless of who wins. Trump said violence is "totally unacceptable." When Bash pressed Trump again to say whether he would accept the results of the election, Trump jumped back to Putin, saying, "He's not going to play games with me." Bash pressed again.

"President Trump, the question was, will you accept the results of the election regardless of who wins? Yes or no, please?"

"If it's a fair and legal and good election – absolutely," said Trump.

One could almost hear LGBTQ voters around the country choke. In 2016, when he was running against Democrat Hillary Clinton, Trump pledged, "As your president, I will do everything in my power to protect our LGBTQ citizens from the violence and oppression of a hateful, foreign ideology –believe me." But in 2024, Trump has said, "The left-wing gender insanity being pushed at our children is an act of child abuse. Very simple. Here's my plan to stop the chemical, physical and emotional mutilation of our youth."

Columnist and historian Heather Cox Richardson wrote that she was surprised by the focus on Biden's weak performance, given Trump's. Like Maddow, she said, "Trump came out strong but faded and became less coherent over time."

"His entire performance was either lies or rambling non-sequiturs," wrote Richardson in her daily essay.

"He lied so incessantly throughout the evening that it took CNN fact-checker Daniel

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definitely growing as the need grows and according to the folks that show up."

Goodman themself has three children, now 3, 6, and 14 years old. Their now-ex had a 7-year-old child and was getting pregnant as a solo parent by choice when she and Goodman started their relationship. Goodman then bore the couple's third child. "Now we are separated and figuring out co-parenting," Goodman related. "I've had a lot of different family building experiences, as a nongestational parent, now as a solo parent and as a gestational parent. Those are all the communities that I work with and support in Pregnant Together."

Goodman obtained their midwifery license from the California Medical Board in 2015 and founded Restore Midwifery in 2016 in the Bay Area. In 2020, when they were pregnant themself, they began writing the book "Baby Making for Everybody: Family Building and Fertility for LGBTQ+ and Solo Parents" (Balance/Hachette) with fellow queer midwife Ray Rachlin. They were both motivated by their own family building journeys, Goodman explained. "I felt deeply unprepared, even though I had been working with queer families getting pregnant for four years at that point, and attending births for 10 years. It was so different when it was all happening in my own body."

The book incorporated "testimonials from people who have a diverse range of experiences," Goodman said, and "it really opened my eyes to the power of community and connection." PregnantTogether (pregnanttogether.com) grew from a belief in that power and the idea of a space "where there are hundreds of other people who are going through the same things that you're going through." It now has about 200 members, mostly from the U.S., plus some from Canada and as far afield as Belgium and Slovakia.

PregnantTogether includes chat rooms and monthly virtual groups as well as monthly talks from experts on queer or solo-parent family formation, covering topics like "choosing a sperm donor, tracking your fertility, navigating known-donor relationships, and solo-parent family formation," Goodman said. "We've had queer family lawyers talk about protecting your family; IVF doctors; and we just had a really beautiful workshop about tending grief through trying to conceive, pregnancy, and postpartum." The talks are recorded and kept on the site as resources, along with fact sheets and more.

"I'm not actively growing my family anymore," they added, "but I just started a parenting section of the community, too, for as our kids grow. So we have a monthly queer parenting support group."

"Membership is $20 a month or $200 a year," they said, noting that people can pay with a Health Savings Account (HSA) or Flexible Spending Account (FSA). If one member of a couple registers, Goodman offers a free link for the other to have their own account. And for those who find this is still out of their budget, they said, "I'll give discounts. I want folks to come."

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> **-MAREA GOODMAN**
> LICENSED MIDWIFE AND QUEER PARENT

One frequent question in the community, Goodman said, is "Where do we start?" They will then point people to "tools for how to choose a donor and how to figure out which insemination method makes sense for them." Another common question is "when to switch to a higher level of fertility care," an expensive process that can be "really stressful." PregnantTogether therefore offers a trying-to-conceive support group, which attracts 20 to 30 people every month.

The current political climate, too, has meant questions and hurdles for queer family building. One member couple in Texas "are going to Seattle to do reciprocal in vitro fertilization (RIVF) because they don't want to have embryos in Texas," Goodman shared. Not everyone has that option, they said, but asserted, "Queer folks have always found ways to be creative about growing our families and we're really freaking resilient."

For those facing obstacles, Goodman assures them, "You're not alone," adding, "There are lots of other people doing this, who have figured out creative solutions to building the families that they want to have. Tapping into those wider networks emotionally and logistically is really important, especially during this time when the political landscape is threatening many aspects of how we grow our families."

Despite the challenges, Goodman said, simply deciding to grow your family means that you are "practicing so many of the skills of parenting, like patience, being open to change, and personal growth. There's so much love that we bring even before a child exists in our bodies or in the world." They urge people to see family building "as part of this longer journey," and to realize that "You're learning what you need to learn to be the parent that you want to be. It's the most beautiful and humbling and growthful experience I think that a human can have."

If you'd like to try out PregnantTogether, e-mail marea@pregnanttogether.com for a free month of membership.

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Roberts, by contrast, eagerly awaits Trump's return to the White House, when the former president promises (among many destructive things) to use federal troops to suppress protesters. Roberts says the new revolution will remain bloodless if the left (meaning everyone who doesn't see things his way) allows it to be.

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So we will be fine as long as we don't complain about the treadmarks left on us after we are rolled over by our new authoritarian overlords. Treadmarks could become so stylish that people will get treadmark tattoos on their necks to show their loyalty.

I don't know why Biden's bad night is of so much greater concern than the threat of tyranny that would rob us of our hard-won rights. Rebecca Solnit writes in The Guardian that the pundit class are "doing exactly what they did in the 2016 presidential race – providing wildly asymmetrical and inflammatory coverage of the one candidate running against Donald J Trump."

If fitness for office is a serious concern, shouldn't the journos in question behave better than a pack of hyenas?

Roberts, in his summary of his organization's radical Project 2025 (which Trump implausibly disavowed after it was widely denounced), attacks wokeness. Being "woke" simply means respecting diversity. People like Roberts feel entitled to govern exclusively despite their shrinking numbers. The very mention of diversity gives them nightmares of socialism (like feeding hungry schoolchildren) in which Black people, women, Muslims, and queers have the same rights and opportunities as Aryans.

Oh, pardon me. "Aryans" is a reference to Nazi Germany. As we have long been told, It. Cannot. Happen. Here. Now repeat after me: One Reich! One Führer! One Fatherland!

Earlier I referred to "the last gasp of the Confederacy." Alas, the storm trooper wannabes are not gasping. They are so confident of victory that they are not bothering to conceal their intentions.

The only way to disappoint them is for those of us who recognize the threat to vote in such numbers up and down the ballot that we hold onto the White House and Senate and retake the House. If Trump's MAGA mobsters don't get their way, they will launch another insurrection in which they display their greatness by smearing shit on the walls of the Capitol.

To defeat them, we need to stop fighting among ourselves and focus on the real threat to this country.

Two dozen Democratic governors met with President Biden on July 3 to pledge their support. My favorite is Maryland Gov. Wes Moore, a military veteran, former CEO of the Robin Hood Foundation, and best-selling author who is so easy on the eyes that it calms my nerves. He is with Biden, and I am with him. OK, I'm lying on my sofa, but I'm with him in spirit.

Now stop daydreaming and defend your freedoms!

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Dale almost three minutes, speaking quickly, to get through the list," said Richardson.

At one point, the candidates were asked about the national debt and whether former President Trump's tax cuts for the very wealthy should be approved again next year. Trump said his tax cuts helped pay down the debt and "spurred the greatest economy that we've ever seen."

Biden, who appeared frequently to be staring into space, said that, if the nation's wealthiest paid even a modest amount of taxes, "We'd be able to wipe out his debt."

"We'd be able to help make sure that all those things we need to do – childcare, elder care, making sure that we continue to strengthen our healthcare system, making sure that we're able to make every single solitary person eligible for what I've been able to do with the – with – with – with the COVID...."

It seemed obvious, even to Biden, that he had lost his train of thought.

"Excuse me, with dealing with everything we have to do, with – look, if – we finally beat Medicare."

At a post-debate appearance at a Waffle Shop, someone in the restaurant asked Biden how he felt he did at the debate.

Biden's reply: "It's hard to debate a liar."

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Biden

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My remarks were just before Dr. Jill Biden's. When I was an 18-year-old boy standing outside Stonewall on the night of the riot in 1969, I would have never expected to begin a speech 55 years later with "Mr. President, Dr. Biden."

After our stage duties were complete, my husband, Jason, and I were ushered to have a few words and take pictures with President Biden. When he heard that I was one of the few remaining Stonewall pioneers, he said and did something that surprised me. He hugged me, then took my hand in his and said, "You could have been killed."

We moved on to other discussions, but that one line has haunted me. Never did I think in the last 55 years that I could have been killed. I know that might sound strange coming from someone who has made it part of his life's work to be a disrupter and who has been wrestled to the ground on numerous occasions, but that thought has never entered my mind. And like everything else this past week, I need time to process it all.

Here's what I told the crowd:

Mr. President, Dr. Biden, and Diana Rodriguez and Ann Marie Gothard for envisioning a place where generations of LGBTQIA people will come to learn our history and take pride in our community.

Good afternoon everyone, and welcome to the birthplace of Pride.

For 55 years now, since I was 18 years old, this building has been a part of my life. I left Philadelphia at 18, because we as a community were invisible.

We were so invisible that for me, growing up in a city of 1.6 million people, I thought I was the only gay person. We had to find each other through word of mouth. That word of mouth led me from Philadelphia to Christopher Street. It led me to Stonewall and led me to that infamous night 55 years ago today.

On this street, police might harass you. You could be a victim of a hate crime. But inside Stonewall, an illegal dirty bar that sold watered-down drinks, we were safe to be ourselves. This was the only place we could hold hands and dance.

Then on June 28, 1969, police barged in. They threw people around and dehumanized us in a way I'd never seen. When they allowed us to leave, many of us started to gather, and we taunted the police.

The spirit of Stonewall united us and allowed us to build a community where there was none before. We asked our community to be out, loud and proud.

Drag queens, street kids and young activists threw everything they could find at those doors, so much so that the police had no choice but to take refuge inside.

For years, the police had incarcerated us.

For the first time, that night, we incarcerated them.

The spirit of Stonewall united us and allowed us to build a community where there was none before. We asked our community to be out, loud and proud.

Over the past 55 years, our community has fought for rights that seemed inconceivable in 1969. I'm proud to have been a part of that movement.

Today, I ask you to follow in our footsteps by becoming a member of the Stonewall National Monument Visitor Center. This iconic place will help us award fellowships, commission researchers and record stories that need to be told. It's a project I'm proud of, just as I'm proud of what happened here 55 years ago and all the work that followed, building community and visibility.

Just as Americans visit Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell or the Statue of Liberty to embrace the history of our country, now we can pay homage to the place where we began to fight for our freedom, our rights and our equality.

Thank you for being a part of this historic moment.

The Pryde

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Pressley (D), U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development Assistant Deputy Secretary Michele Perez, MA Dept. of Housing & Community Development Undersecretary Jennifer Maddox, MA State Representative Rob Consalvo, Boston City Councilors Ricardo Arroyo, Ruthzee Louijeune and Julia Mejia, Pennrose LLC President Timothy Henkel, Hyde Park businesswoman Pat Tierney.

More than 100 people attended the opening.

The Pryde is located in the historic William Barton Rogers Middle School, which has been transformed into a 74 income-restricted rental home community for LGBTQ people 62 an older.

Mayor Wu said at the opening, "Making Boston a home for everyone means ensuring that residents can live in the City they love with safe, affordable housing that is welcoming to all,"

Senator Warren added, "Republicans tried their very best to slash funding for this project, but we fought back and secured this powerfully important investment,"

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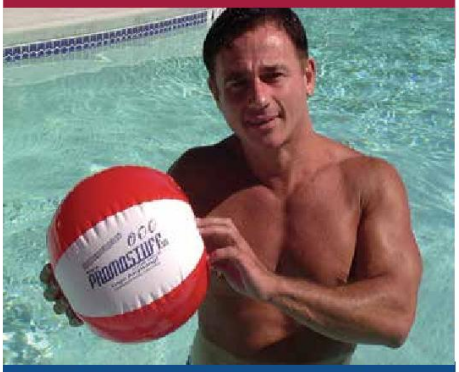

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For months, my proofreaders have chided me for not referring to HBO as Max—the network's newly-christened brand name. Well, first it was HBO Max, slowly segueing into simply Max. I know most of my readers don't know what the hell Max is—so I stuck with HBO. Apparently the powers-that-be heard my complaints and now are dumping Max and returning to HBO—at least in the US. They are still going to try to push this Max crap overseas. If you ask me, this rebranding is the biggest business bungle since the rollout of New Coke!

While I typically spend the whole July 4th week in Provincetown, upcoming international travel forced me to make a brief but notable cameo appearance. Sure, I might have only been in town for a few hours, but that was enough to keep tongues wagging long after they wagged on me. In between the cavalcade of sex, I managed to catch two shows. First up with **Edie** at the Red Room. Her show, "Edie: Queen of the Desert", not only pays homage to her adopted home of Las Vegas, but also celebrates the 30th anniversary of the classic "The Adventures of Priscilla: Queen of the Desert". Edie is a true original, and her show is a good mix of well-written material, great interaction with the audience, and her fantastic dance moves—she truly is the hoofer with a heart of gold. And she's at the sumptuous Red Room all summer, so get more details and tickets at RedRoom.Club.

Then there's the legend that is **Varla Jean Merman**. Calling her show "The Errors Tour" is more than a **Taylor Swift** reference. Varla truly pays tribute to those errors and mishaps that occur to all of us who work in this business called show. As is typical, Varla delivers more laughs per minute than any other performer on the planet. The dazzling costumes, witty lyrics and ridiculous sight gags live alongside an overall theme of self-love, kindness, and being able to laugh at our foibles. Most touching was a tribute to the late **Leslie Jordan**, who starred alongside Varla in the off-Broadway musical "Lucky Guy". Even that was wrapped up in a message of endurance has kept Merman on top for 27 consecutive years in Provincetown. You can catch her at The Crown & Anchor Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8:30—and plan early, since this show sells out regularly. Get tix at OnlyAtTheCrown.com.

George Clooney is poised to make his Broadway debut in a stage adaptation of his 2005 film "Good Night, and Good Luck". Like the film, the play will center on **Edward R. Murrow's** skirmishes with **Senator Joseph McCarthy**. It is due to open sometime next spring.

It should be noted that a few other famous fellas will also be turning up on the Great White Way next season, including **Denzel Washington, Jake Gyllenhaal, Peter Gallagher and Kit Connor**. Then there's **Robert Downey Jr.**—who appeared in the film version of "Good Night, and Good Luck" with Clooney. He'll beat George to Broadway when he stars in a new play called "McNeal", about an acclaimed writer struggling with his next project—until he becomes fascinated with AI. It starts previews on September 5th and opens on the 30th.

I can thank my lucky stars that I saw **Ian McKellen** last month in "Player Kings" in London's West End because it is entirely possible that could have been his last stage appearance. After taking a tumble off stage, he bowed out of the show for the last two weeks of the run in London—David Semark took on Sir Ian's role of Falstaff. At the time, we heard that despite injuries to his wrist and neck, McKellen would still lead a tour with the show this summer. Alas, that was wishful thinking. "It is with the greatest reluctance that I have accepted the medical advice to protect my full recovery by not working in the meantime." He hastened to add, "Doctors have assured me that my recovery will be complete and speedy and I look forward to returning to work."

Yes, Pride Month is in our rear-view mirror, but there was one notable event that happened at the tail end. On June 28th, the Stonewall National Monument and Visitor Center had a gala opening which was attended by a number of luminaries. Spotted in the crowd were **Elton John, Neil Patrick Harris, Jason Collins, Michael Kors, Courtney Act, Katy Perry,** and even **President Biden**. During his remarks, Joe said, "This beloved bar became the site of a call to cry for freedom, dignity and equality and respect. Rebellion that galvanized the LGBTQ+ community all across the nation and quite frankly, around the world...To this day, Stonewall remains a symbol of legacy and leader of the LGBTQ+ community, especially trans women of color who, for generations, have been at the forefront of helping realize the promise of America, for all Americans." He added, "We remain in a battle for the soul of America. But I look around at the pride, hope and light that all of you bring, and I know it's a battle we are going to win and continue to make progress." Try and picture that speech being made by President Trump!

Elsewhere in NYC, the current Elphaba in "Wicked" proclaimed herself a proud member of our community. **Mary Kate Morrissey** made an appearance at NYC Pride and belted out "Defying Gravity" while wearing a tee that said "Here, Queer, & Wicked" (I personally wouldn't have used that last comma, but it's a stylistic choice). Brava.

Several spawn of celebrities used Pride Month to come out. **Louisa Jacobson**, the daughter of **Meryl Streep**, proclaimed her proclivities. Joining her is **Melissa Etheridge's** daughter **Bailey**, who has announced her engagement to girlfriend **Jocelyn Simone**. By the by, I had no idea that Bailey's last name is a combination of both Melissa and **Julie Cypher's** last names—**Cypheridge**! And did you know **Sophia Bush** is gay? After two failed marriages (**Chad Michael Murray and Grant Hughes**), she is now dating soccer player **Ashlyn Harris**. After her last divorce, a friend said, "I don't just think he was not the right person for you—I also don't actually think you like men!" Everyone should have a friend in their life as direct as that. Now, if only someone could convince **Chad Michael Murray** that he should be with a man, I could sleep well...or, preferably, not.

And that leads us to another story involving the lovely CMM. Production has just begun on a sequel to "Freaky Friday". Last week, **Jamie Lee Curtis and Lindsay Lohan** were photographed on the set of the new film, which will also reunite them with **Chad Michael Murray, Mark Harmon**, and others from the original.

Continuing the reunion theme, **Sandra Bullock and Nicole Kidman** are in talks for a second "Practical Magic". While I don't know anyone who has been longing for this reteaming, good for them.

Kevin Spacey is headed to Italy to receive the National Award for Lifetime Achievement in film. Being Spacey, not even this could pass without controversy. It was first announced that he was getting this award on July 21st in Taormina, Sicily. Well, the annual Taormina Film Festival is going on around this time. Just to avoid confusion, the film festival released a statement saying Kevin's award has no connection with them. This National Award is given in association with the Italian Senate and the Region of Sicily. Still, it doesn't help Kev pay the bills!

Our "Ask Billy" question required a bit of research. Justin in Detroit wrote, *"What do you know about **Harry Jowsey** being offered $40K for sex? Was it from a guy or a girl? I always get a gay vibe from him."*

Starting with the question on most of my readers' minds—who the hell is Harry Jowsey? He was the "reality star" who appeared on "Dancing with the Stars" and

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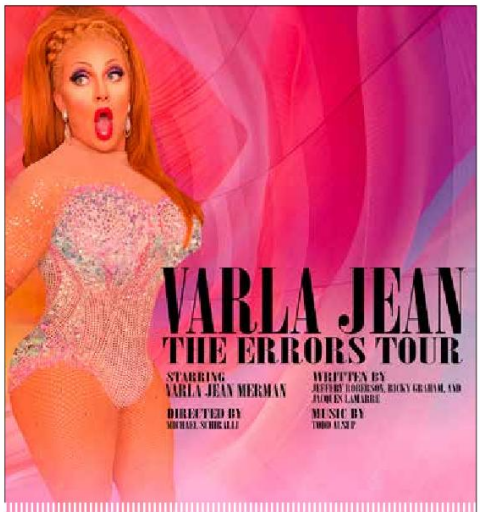

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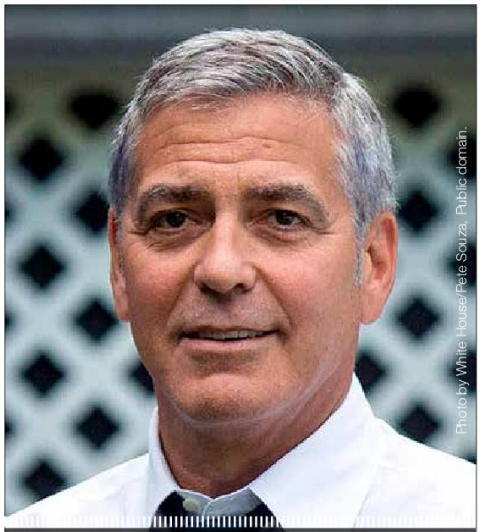

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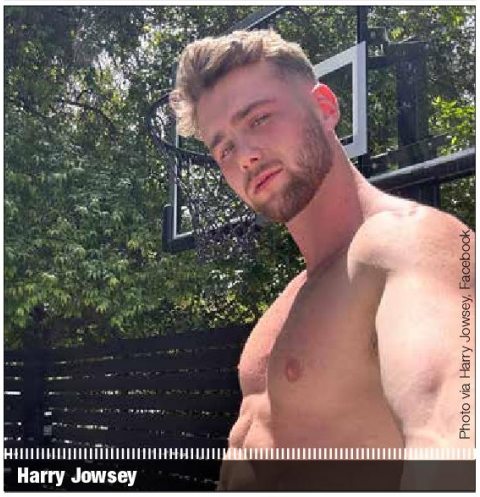

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Harry Jowsey

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couldn't count to four if his life depended on it. He found his initial fame on "Too Hot to Handle" for Netflix. He segued into OnlyFans, where he once claimed he made $100K in 24 hours (as a side note, I have not seen a single bit of proof that anybody makes that type of money on a regular basis—although I'm sure it happens occasionally). More recently, Harry returned to Netflix for "Perfect Match". He's awfully pretty to look at—and he's the first to say so. He told the story about being offered money for sex. "Back in Australia, had this guy DM me on Instagram." So far, I'm intrigued. "He said, 'Hey, I want you to sleep with my girlfriend. I'll give you $40,000.'" Well, you had me, then you lost me. Harry says his response was, "Brother, $40,000 for 30 seconds is the greatest deal of all time." 30 seconds? Now we know why all of Harry's relationships end so...prematurely. Still, he's pretty to look at, so check out his pics on BillyMasters.com.

When Harry can be had at bargain prices, we've definitely come to the end of yet another column. The bright side of that story is that Kevin Spacey claims to be broke. PHEW—you dodged a bullet there, Jowsey! As for me, I'm off to destinations unknown in Europe for the next month. But fear not—as long as I can get online, I'll continue to dish the dirt on www.BillyMasters.com—the site that knows no boundaries. If you've got a question for me, send it along to Billy@BillyMasters.com and I promise to get back to you before Taylor Swift asks Varla Jean Merman to be her opening act! Until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.

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