National News

Millions Of Americans Face Hunger And Food Insecurity This Holiday Season

The Covid 19 Pandemic has hit many families extremely hard. This may be even more evident during the holiday season. Food insecurity is at an all time high and food banks around the country have experienced long lines and high need. This article from Forbes explores food insecurity around the country and the many people struggling to get by in this difficult time in the "Happiest" time of year.

A Taiwan's first Mass Military Wedding

In Taiwan, two women are the first military officers to marry their same-sex civilian partners at a mass military wedding. This is monumental for LGBTQ+ rights in Asia. More than 188 couples married during the annual mass wedding in Taiwan. One of the couples married said, "We hope our bravery could inspire more fellow soldiers who have concerns to also come out bravely. You are actually not alone." Read this article to learn more about these couples.

SoJo Cinema Featuring: Happiest Season

Meeting your girlfriend's family for the first time can be tough. Planning to propose at her family's annual Christmas dinner - until you realize that they don't even know she's gay - is even harder. When Abby (Kristen Stewart) learns that Harper (Mackenzie Davis) has kept their relationship a secret from her family, she begins to question the girlfriend she thought she knew.

A holiday romantic comedy that captures the range of emotions tied to wanting your family's acceptance, being true to yourself, and trying not to ruin Christmas. Streaming on Hulu.
NC Current Events

A ban on cities passing LGBT protections is about to expire. NC activists look ahead.

North Carolina could face another HB2-style showdown in the coming weeks, after a ban on cities enacting non-discrimination rules for local businesses expires Dec. 1. But with city officials publicly silent so far, it remains to be seen where in the state — or even if — new changes might start. Read this article to learn more.

Allies Resource Page

5 Books Every White Ally Should Read on Black Lives

With the increase in White colleagues and friends asking how they can better support Black people. This list of books was created to foster conversation and growth. Follow the link above to learn more about each book mentioned below. Here are five books that every White ally should read on Black lives.

1- How to Be an AntiRacist by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi
2- Black Minds Matter: Realizing the Brilliance, Dignity, and Morality of Black Males in Education by Dr. J. Luke Wood
3- When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir by Patrisse Khan-Cullors and Asha Bandele
4- No BS (Bad Stats): Black People Need People Who Believe in Black People Enough Not to Believe Every Bad Thing They Hear About Black People by Dr. Ivory A. Toldson.
5- The New Jim Crow – Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander

SOJO REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1- Think of an instance when you had good intent but negatively impacted someone. How did they feel? How did you feel? How did you process together or reconcile the relationship?
2- How will you respond if someone shares with you that your impact on them caused harm? Take time to reflect.