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A Celebration of Pride by the Outword Team

As we celebrate Pride Month, we are reminded of the incredible journey we have undertaken together in the spirit of love, acceptance, and resilience. This month holds a special place in our hearts, as it allows us to reflect on the progress we've made, honor the struggles endured, and are still enduring, as well as rejoice in the beautiful community we have built.

At Outword Magazine, our mission has always been to amplify LGBTQ+ voices, share our stories, and create a platform where our community can find representation, support, and empowerment. Since our inception, we have strived to be a source of hope and inspiration, offering content that resonates and informs our readers.

This Pride Month, we extend our deepest gratitude to all our advertisers, both new and long-standing. Your support enables us to continue our work and reach new heights. Your belief in our mission and your commitment to inclusivity and diversity are the pillars that sustain our publication. It is through your partnership that we can produce quality content that informs, entertains, and uplifts our readers.

To our readers, thank you for your loyalty and engagement. You are the lifeblood of *Outword Magazine*, and the reason we are driven to continually improve, innovate and find new ways to Get the Word Out. Every time you pick up an issue, or read it online, you are contributing to our local LGBTQ+ community.

We take pride in being a platform where voices from all walks of life can be heard. Our content spans a wide array of topics, from personal stories and LGBTQ+

advocacy to arts, culture and, of course, entertainment. We are committed to providing a space where everyone can see themselves represented and feel a sense of belonging.

Pride Month is a time to celebrate our achievements, but it is also a time to acknowledge the work that still lies ahead. The fight for equality, acceptance and justice is ongoing, and each of us plays a crucial

role in this journey. As a publication, we pledge to continue highlighting the issues that matter, advocating for our

rights, and celebrating our triumphs. And, as always, urging you to use the most powerful tool you have in your shed, your Vote. As we

celebrate Pride Month, let us remember the pioneers who paved the way for the freedoms we enjoy today. Let us honor their legacy by standing united, supporting one another, and continuing to push for progress. Together, we are stronger, and together, we can create a world where everyone is free to love, live, and be their true selves.

Thank you for being a part of the *Outword* family. Your support, whether through advertising, subscribing, or simply picking up (or reading online) our magazine, makes a profound difference. We look forward to continuing this journey with you and to celebrating many more milestones together.

Happy Pride Month! Have fun out there, stay hydrated and be safe.



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Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, And Intersex Pride Month, 2024

A Proclamation by the President of the United States of America

During Pride Month, we celebrate the extraordinary courage and contributions of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex (LGBTQI+) community. We reflect on the progress we have made so far in pursuit of equality, justice, and inclusion. We recommit ourselves to do more to support LGBTQI+ rights at home and around the world.

For generations, LGBTQI+ Americans have summoned the courage to live authentically and proudly -- even when it meant putting their lives and livelihoods at risk. In 1969 at the Stonewall Inn in New York, brave LGBTQI+ individuals protested the violence and marginalization they faced, boosting a civil rights movement for the liberation of LGBTQI+ people that has transformed our Nation. Since then, courageous LGBTQI+ Americans continue to inspire and bring hope to all people seeking a life true to who they are. LGBTQI+ people also continue to enrich every aspect of American life as educators, entertainers, entrepreneurs, athletes, actors, artists, scientists, scholars, diplomats, doctors, service members, veterans, and so much more.

Advancing equality for the LGBTQI+ community is a top priority for my Administration. I signed the historic Respect for Marriage Act, which protects the marriage of same-sex and interracial couples. As Commander in Chief, I was proud to have ended the ban on transgender Americans serving in the United States military. I signed historic Executive Orders strengthening civil rights protections for housing, employment, health care, education, and the justice system. We are also combating the dangerous and cruel practice of so-called "conversion therapy" and implementing a national strategy to end the HIV epidemic in this country. We ended the disgraceful practice of banning gay and bisexual men from donating blood. We are doing this work here at home and around the globe, where LGBTQI+ community members are fighting for recognition of their fundamental human rights and seeking to live full lives, free from hate-fueled violence and discrimination.

But for all the progress, we know real challenges persist. Last year, as we celebrated Pride Month on the South Lawn of the White House, I had the honor of meeting survivors of the Club Q and Pulse shootings, which tragically took the lives of LGBTQI+ Americans. Although my Administration passed the most significant gun law in nearly 30 years, the Congress must do its part and ban assault weapons. At the same time, families across the country face excruciating decisions to relocate to a different State to protect their children from dangerous and hateful anti-LGBTQI+ laws, which target transgender children, threaten families, and criminalize doctors and nurses. These bills and laws attack our most basic values and freedoms as Americans: the right to be yourself, the right to make your own medical decisions, and the right to raise your own children. Some things should never be put at risk: your life, your safety, and your dignity.

To the entire LGBTQI+ community -- and especially transgender children -- please

know that your President and my entire Administration have your back. We see you for who you are: made in the image of God and deserving of dignity, respect, and support. That is why I have taken historic action to protect the LGBTQI+ community. We are ensuring that the LGBTQI+ community is protected against discrimination when accessing health care, and the Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Homeland Security, and Department of Justice launched a safety partnership to provide critical training and support to the community, including resources to help report hate crimes and better protect festivals, marches, community centers, businesses, and health care providers serving the community. The Department of Education and the Department of Justice are also addressing whether book bans may violate Federal civil rights laws when they target LGBTQI+ students or students of color and create hostile classroom environments. Additionally, we are providing specialized services through the nationwide crisis hotline for LGBTQI+ youth who feel isolated and overwhelmed -- anyone who needs help can call 988 and then press 3 to be connected to a professional counselor. We are committing more resources for mental health programs that help families support and affirm their kids and are starting a new Federal initiative to address LGBTQI+ homelessness. We finalized new regulations requiring States to protect LGBTQI+ kids in foster care.

America is the only Nation in the world founded on an idea: We are all created equal and deserve to be treated equally throughout our lives. We have never fully lived up to that idea, but we have never fully walked away from it either. This month, we recommit to realizing the promise of America for all Americans, to celebrating courageous LGBTQI+ people, and to taking pride in the example they set for our Nation and the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR., President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim June 2024 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex Pride Month. I call upon the people of the United States to recognize the achievements of the LGBTQI+ community, to celebrate the great diversity of the American people, and to wave their flags of pride high.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.

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The State of Equality

by Tony Hoang
Executive Director, Equality California

HAPPY PRIDE! This Pride season is a special one for Equality California as we celebrate 25 years of fighting for a world that is safe, just, and fully equal for all LGBTQ+ people. It fills me with great pride to share that since 2009, I've been part of our organization's journey to becoming the largest statewide LGBTQ+ civil rights organization in the nation.

My journey at Equality California began in 2008 as a college student. I knocked on doors as a field organizing intern, talking to voters about the importance of love and commitment while trying to defeat Proposition 8.

Sixteen years later, California will have the opportunity to finally remove the stain of Proposition 8 this November and enshrine same-sex and interracial marriage in our State's constitution. So that couples like my husband and I can be sure that the freedom to marry who we love is protected for generations to come – regardless of what an extremist Supreme Court may attempt.

Now more than ever, our community continues to show resilience in the face of adversity. The LGBTQ+ community

In addition to fighting back at the ballot box, Equality California continues to actively work on legislation in Sacramento and Washington D.C. We have strong legislative allies who are dedicated to securing victories that improve the lives of all LGBTQ+ Californians.

From expanding access to transgender-inclusive healthcare to protecting LGBTQ+ youth from anti-LGBTQ+ extremists school board members to ensuring equitable access to fertility services like IVF – this year, we will make sure that California remains at the forefront of advancing policies that uplift our entire community.

As someone who struggled coming out in conservative Texas but found an inclusive and welcoming community here in California, the attacks on LGBTQ+ youth

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continues to face attacks from far-right extremists attempting to roll back the rights we fought so hard to achieve – but we won't let them.

We will gear up, fight back, and win. This year, Equality California's pride theme is: Be Proud, Be Loud, Be Bold. It is a call to action and a reminder to us all that we must BE PROUD of who we are and who we love. We must BE LOUD and speak out against those who try to silence us. And with attacks against our community on the rise, we must BE BOLD and gear up for the fights ahead.

Please make no mistake: this election is going to be challenging, but we know the vast majority of Americans support LGBTQ+ people and the protection of our rights.

So this year, we have an obligation to do all we can to ensure that future generations live their lives without fear and injustice. To do that, you don't have to be the CEO of a corporation, a public defender, or an elected official – all you have to do is show up and vote this November.

are deeply personal to me.

The recent attacks against our community, in particular transgender youth, have been happening at the local level. We are seeing far-right school board members introduce forced outing policies that put the safety and well-being of LGBTQ+ youth and supportive teachers at risk. We are seeing local council members vote to ban the Pride flag from being raised during Pride Month – sending a message of exclusion to the people they swore to protect and represent.

So this year, when we cast our vote, we have to vote for pro-equality leaders at all levels of government and send a message to anti-LGBTQ+ politicians: if you stand against us, you stand on the wrong side of history, and we WILL vote you out.

I know – deep in my heart – that we will win. I know that you won't stop fighting for a world that is healthy, just and fully equal for all LGBTQ+ people. And neither will we – until the work is done.



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PROCLAMATION

This month – and every month – California stands with the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) community as they take pride in who they are and whom they love. Pride Month is a time to remember the gift that is our remarkable diversity, making all of us stronger as we continue to pursue equality, acceptance, and freedom for all.


The LGBTQ+ community has fought tirelessly for their very right to exist and to be treated with the respect and equality that everyone deserves. But their fight is far from over. Around the world, and even here in the United States, members of the LGBTQ+ community face continuous, hate-fueled discrimination and violence. Across the country, deplorable efforts targeting our LGBTQ+ community are undoing decades of progress, attacking our foundational rights and freedoms as Americans. We must confront this rising tide of oppression and intolerance to ensure that all are safe and welcomed in our communities.

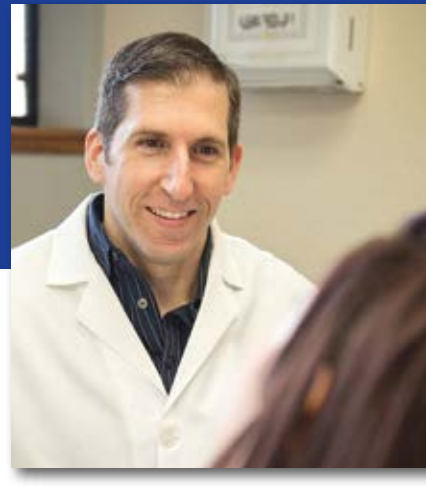
This month, we celebrate the resilience of the LGBTQ+ community and their hard-fought victories to advance acceptance and equality. We must also rededicate ourselves to the continued fight – standing together, united, to protect and build on our progress toward a better, more inclusive, and safer future for all.

With the rainbow flag proudly raised over the State Capitol, California stands with LGBTQ+ people, their loved ones, and allies throughout the state and across the country. Together, we will continue to demand equal rights for all to create a California for all.

NOW THEREFORE I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim June 2024 as "LGBTQ+ Pride Month."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 31st day of May 2024.


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California vs Hate Launches Pride Tour to Promote Reporting and Support Against Hate Crimes

In an effort to ensure that all Californians are aware of the resources available to combat hate, California vs Hate has announced an LGBTQ+ Pride Month tour as part of their ongoing statewide outreach campaign. This initiative aims to reach diverse communities across nearly half a dozen cities during Pride Month, offering support and resources in the fight against hate.



CA vs Hate booth at Sac Pride 2024
Photo by Lauren Pulido

“California celebrates diversity and inclusivity,” said Kevin Kish, Director of the California Civil Rights Department. “Pride Month is a time to march with and support communities throughout our state. We want everyone to know that through CA vs Hate, there are resources available to combat hate and discrimination.”

Equality California Executive Director Tony Hoang emphasized the importance of awareness and reporting. “The LGBTQ+ community continues to experience rising hate incidents. With Governor Newsom’s support, CA vs Hate provides a vital platform for reporting these acts. We are proud to work alongside CA vs Hate and the Civil Rights Department to ensure the necessary support for the LGBTQ+ community.”

Launched by Governor Newsom in May 2023, CA vs Hate is the state’s first multilingual hotline and online portal designed for victims and witnesses of hate acts to report incidents safely and anonymously. The hotline, managed by the California Civil Rights Department, addresses the rising hate crimes which have reached their highest levels since 9/11. According to the California Department of Justice, hate crimes based on sexual orientation increased by 29% from 2021 to 2022, with anti-transgender hate crimes rising significantly.

CA vs Hate aims to overcome barriers that have historically prevented hate crimes from being reported. These barriers include fear of retaliation, lack of culturally competent resources, concerns about immigration consequences, and distrust of law enforcement. By offering a community-centered approach, CA vs Hate provides resources without requiring engagement

with the criminal legal system. Reports can be made online or by phone, and individuals can receive ongoing care coordination, including legal, financial, mental health, and mediation services. In its first year, the hotline received approximately 1,020 reports of hate acts, many targeting gender identity and sexual orientation.

During the Pride tour, CA vs Hate will offer resources in five cities and unveil a float featuring artwork celebrating equality, unity, and allyship. The tour schedule includes:

- June 1: Fresno Rainbow Pride Parade
- June 1 & 2: West Hollywood Pride Festival
- June 8 & 9: Sacramento Pride March and Festival
- June 22: Chico Pride Festival
- June 27, 29, & 30: San Francisco Pride Parade and Festival

CA vs Hate is a non-emergency, multilingual hate crime reporting hotline and portal. Reports can be made anonymously by calling 833-8-NO-HATE or visiting CAVsHate.org. For more information and to access the digital Pride Collection, visit the CA vs Hate website.

This Pride tour not only amplifies ongoing outreach efforts but also highlights the importance of support and resources for the LGBTQ+ community in the face of rising hate incidents.

This resource is supported in whole or in part by funding provided by the State of California, administered by the [California State Library](#) in partnership with the [California Department of Social Services](#) and the [California Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs](#) as part of the [Stop the Hate](#) program. To report a hate incident or hate crime and get support, go to [CA vs Hate](#).



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Even Amid Anti-Trans Attacks, Our Bravery And Joy Will Win

letter to the editor

Friend,

It's a pivotal time for the trans community. We've already seen hundreds of anti-LGBTQ bills introduced in state legislatures across the country—most attacking the livelihood of trans folks. And we're asking you to take a minute to donate \$20 to support the National Center for Transgender Equality to stop them in their tracks.

Though there are fewer attacks this year, more are making their way to implementation. In just one week, Utah passed a bill banning trans people from using bathrooms that matches who they are and officials in Florida revoked trans peoples' ability to update gender markers on driver's licenses and ID cards.

Anti-trans lawmakers are working to restrict trans rights at every turn, but NCTE is there to fight each and every battle. Though we have not and will not win them all, we will keep fighting. Each and every one. Because even though not every one of these bills will become law, they all cause harm to trans people. Each and every one.

Today we're asking you to support us in honor of the last Give Out Day and our 20 years of fighting for trans rights. It's the perfect opportunity to show your solidarity with the trans community. Please take a minute to donate \$20 or more to the National Center for Transgender Equality today.

Your gift will ensure we keep fighting for trans people now and for years to come. Trans people have always been here. We'll always be here, no matter how hard our opposition tries to change that. In the face of threats to our rights and safety, we will protect each other.

We truly appreciate your support.

Best,

Jami Westerhold (she/her)
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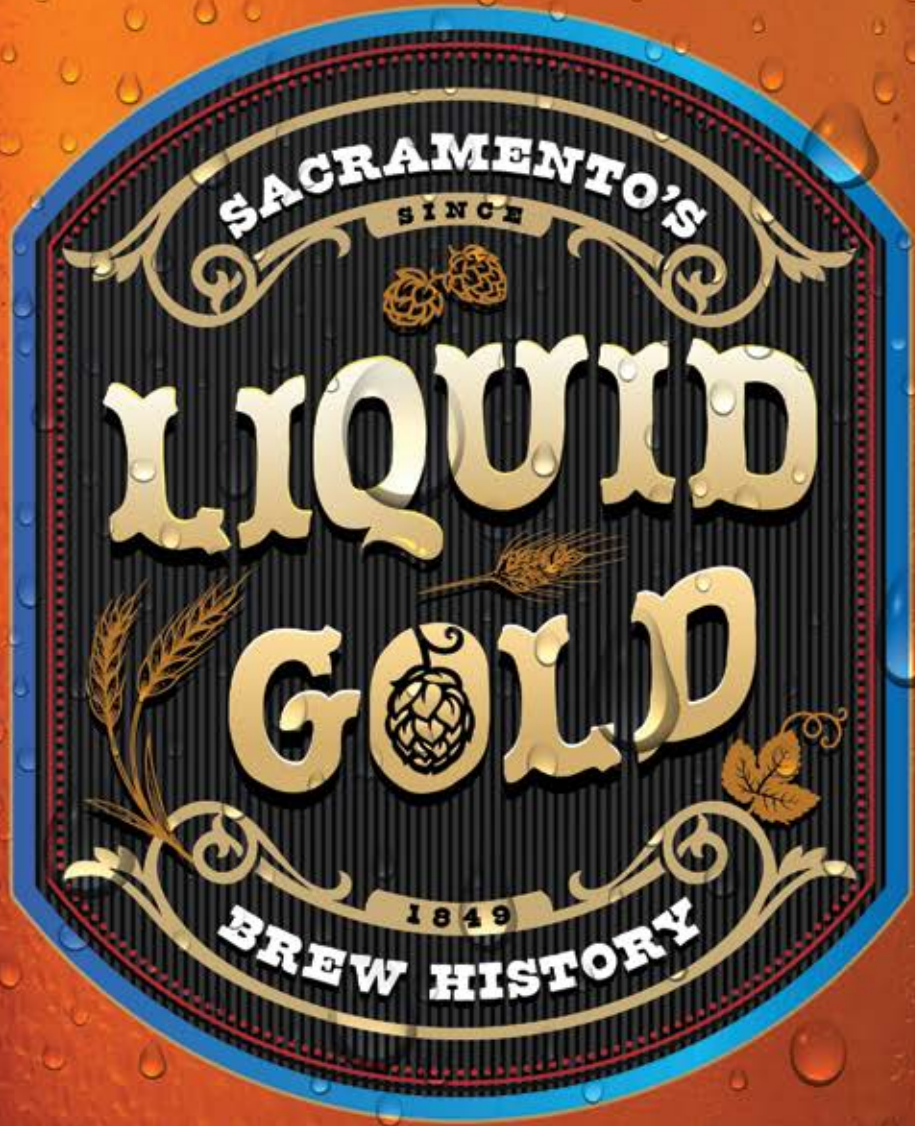
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Little Activisms by Judy Saint

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Today we're stalking Harold. Harold is an older guy, which happens only if you're lucky a long time, who lives in a retirement home but still gets around town. Another thing about Harold – he votes. We would love to let Harold know more about issues that matter to us, so he might vote to help our community and our cause. But we don't want to knock on Harold's door to bother him. What to do... What to do... AHA!

Before I reveal today's Little Activism, let's follow Harold around.

First Harold catches a Lyft ride to his doctor's office, where he sits for about 15 minutes. He notices an Outword Magazine. He moves it around on the little table, then goes into his appointment.

After his doctor's visit, Harold makes his way to his optometrist's office to pick up his new glasses. He happens to spot the same issue of Outword Magazine sitting in the small waiting area. This time it catches his attention, so he opens it and skims the photos, colorful ads, and some headlines. His new glasses fit just fine, so now Harold is off again.

As we follow Harold, we see that he enjoys stopping by the community center, where he usually plays checkers with some buddies, enjoying his one cold soda for the day. As he walks through the large, open lobby something familiar catches his eye, so he walks closer. Sure enough, he is impressed that this issue of the same magazine keeps showing up everywhere he goes.

When Harold gets back to his retirement home, he feels an urge to check their small library. He walks in, looks around, and sure enough, there it is! Sitting between the New York Times and Freethought Today he spots this same issue of Outword Magazine. This time he sits with it for a while. He learns about the local LGBTQ+ events, reads some articles, and feels a sort of connection when he notices familiar advertising by businesses where he shops.

The next time Harold is asked to vote to protect LGBTQ+ issues at the ballot box, or even in conversation, he is more likely to help our cause and less likely to tolerate negative attitudes. It's not sure-fire, but like all little bits of activism it's definitely a piece of the puzzle that can add up over time.

You can make this happen for all the Harolds out there. You can subscribe to newspapers, magazines, and newsletters, and make sure they get to these waiting rooms and community areas.

You can do this one of two ways.

1. Subscribe to the periodical yourself, then drive over and lay them in these waiting areas one by one. Or,
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Little Activisms encourages readers to consider small changes we can make to help social causes, and to feel good about ourselves for taking small risks. Judy Saint is President of the Greater Sacramento Chapter of Freedom From Religion Foundation and author of The Pleasant Atheist Adult Coloring Book available on Amazon. She and her wife live in Roseville, CA.





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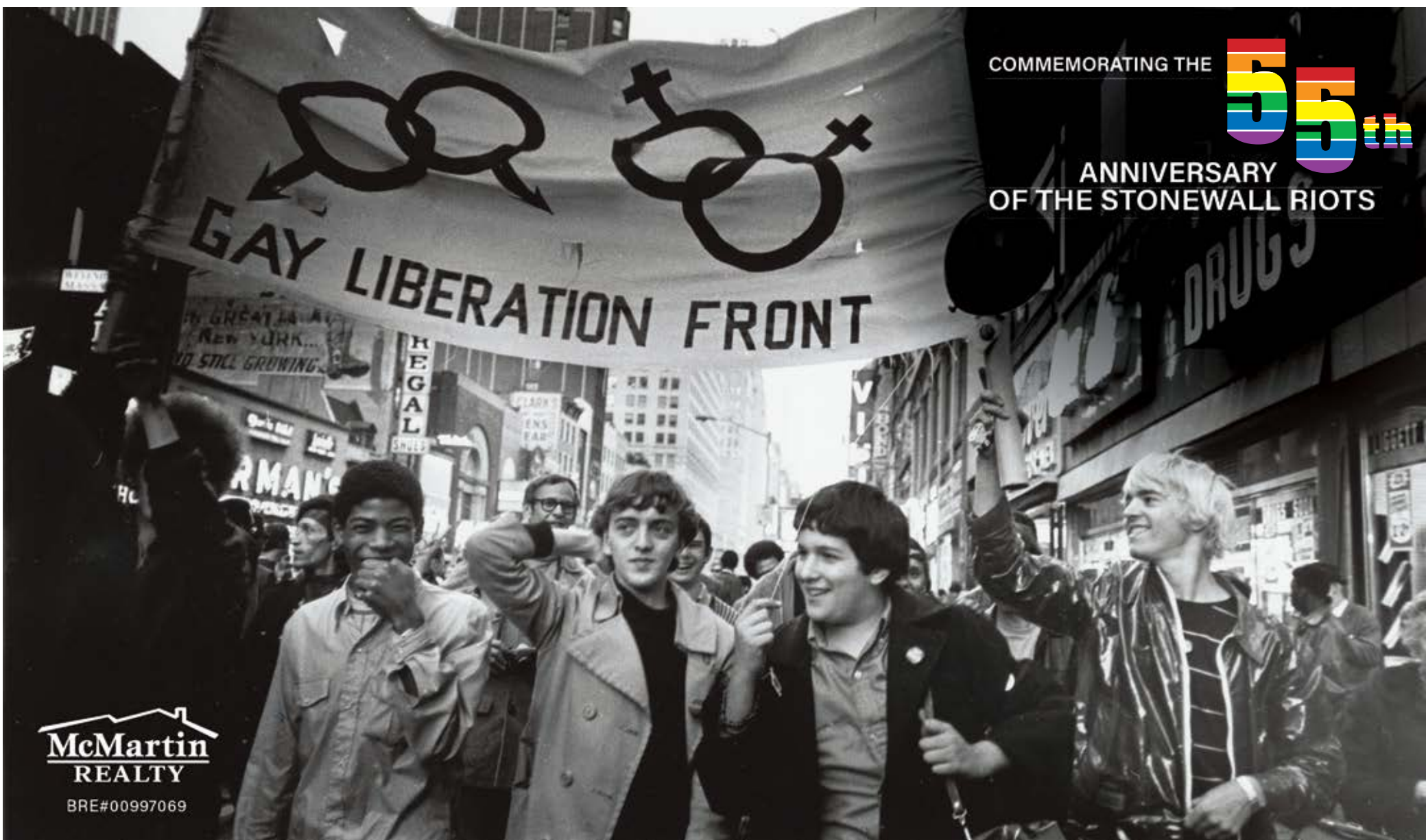
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Puttin' on the Pride in Placer

words and photo by Chris Allan

For the third year in a row, Placer County kicked off our region's Pride season in Roseville's Royer Park. Sixty-six community and vendor booths lined the grassy open space, with a full day of programming on the outdoor stage and a children's fun zone and several food trucks near the picnic table area.



Pastor Angel Rivero and De Calvert at Placer Pride

The always vivacious DoMe Moore did the honors as emcee with a program dominated by song and dance, including multiple drag artists, the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus (SGMC), individual singer songwriters, performances from the Q-Rated Dance Company, McLaughlin Studios and Theatre Company and even the Manuia Polynesian Revue.

"We're all about inclusivity. And we are really big about community and we just wanted to be able to share that," said Fredo Cruz, the managing partner of Manuia's volunteers. "We're all one big family here and we want to be able to share the love and the culture of the Polynesian Pacific Islands."

Not so keen on sharing the love was a small group of protesters. As they rattled off religious invectives across the street, two Pride attendees held up a large rainbow flag in front of them.

The agitators were a reminder of the challenges during the past year in Placer County and of the need for queer space moving forward.

"The recent discriminatory actions by local school boards and officials moving LGBTQ groups from meeting on their campuses and canceling drag shows is making clear, now more than ever, the need for space," noted Jacque Vaughn, Vice President of Placer LGBTQ+ Center and Placer Pride. "We need a center... to gather and to be the literal hub to bring our community together."

"Queer space" was the catchphrase of the day. Retired Sierra College Professor Johnnie Terry spoke at length about it in his acceptance speech for a Lifetime Achievement Award:

"Queer spaces become very important for LGBTQ people. Because when we walk out in the world at large, given all the politics, given all the current events, given the existence of heterosexual assumption, given that we're looking at ourselves constantly and monitoring ourselves in the way we look and the way we behave... those queer spaces

provide us a place where we can walk and relax, where we can be ourselves and where we can express ourselves authentically, without worrying for our danger."

Shortly after Terry finished, SGMC took to the stage with an upbeat girl and boy band set before donating \$1,000 to the Placer LGBTQ+ Center organization.

Besides working on creating a queer center in Placer, the group is also working with the Placer Community Foundation on several local initiatives. Sue Thompson, Board Chair for the Foundation, was on-site and said that they are very excited about launching a Unity for Equality LGBTQ+ Endowment Fund.

"We're working to get \$3 million," said Thompson, "And are providing grants. For example, we just provided a grant to the Landing Spot for their camp."

Pastor Casey Tinnin, who was under attack last year for his work with the Landing Spot, says he's delighted with the support they've received. This year's queer summer camp will have the ability to host 40 to 50 youths for an expanded six-day event. "We are bringing on a bunch of young adults who graduated out of our program as alumni to have them come and support Camp Fruit Loop," said Tinnin.

The conversations around the needs of the queer community even extended to the national front. Outword spent a few minutes speaking with Democrat Jessica Morse, who is running for the 3rd Congressional District seat. (The position is currently held by Republican Kevin Kiley.)

"We have a strong LGBTQ community in this district and it is really critical that we have an advocate and a voice for them," said Morse. "Right now we have a congressman who's actively trying to undermine and alienate the LGBTQ community through policies and legislation. And, and I think it's time to say enough and we need to ensure that everybody has equal rights and is met with love and respect in this community."

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Happy Pride Month!

Change On the Range at Eastern Sierra Pride

words and photo by Chris Allan

It's not often you see a two-spirit, indigenous Drag King in sequins and bow tie bare his teeth at the audience during a performance of "The Devil in Me." Drag artist Papi Churro was just one unique element of this year's Eastern Sierra Pride (E.S.P.), held in Bishop, California.



About five hours southeast of Sacramento on the 395, Bishop is the only incorporated city in Inyo County. It was named after a gold-seeker who drove 600 cattle into the Owens Valley from Fort Tejon. Today, Mr. Bishop might be surprised to know that his namesake town of 4,500 kicks off the state's queer calendar, as it celebrated its third pride festival at the Tri-City Fairgrounds on June 1-2. Predictably, it's the only Pride celebration in the Inyo/Mono/Alpine county region.

With the Bishop Paiute Reservation just next door, E.S.P. is a gathering that deliberately embraces Native Americans. The event offers free admission for indigenous people, performances by the AkaMya Culture Group and the two-spirit rainbow flag flies above the Cerro Coso Community College booth offering info on its Native American program.

It wouldn't be Pride without drag however, so besides the Saturday night headliner show (which brought queens from all over the state), various performers also hosted a tupperware party, put on an all-ages drag show, and called the numbers at a packed bingo hall.

"You know, I had an amazing childhood here," says Kyle Holland, Secretary for E.S.P. "My family loved me and supported me. But middle school and high school were definitely rough. I was bullied a lot. And I didn't know how to ask for help."

After an extensive journey away from the high desert town, Kyle came full circle to return to a community in flux.

"You see pride flags around, so it's changed a lot," he says, noting the growth of the queer community, including non-binary and gender-fluid folk. "There's also a big lesbian community because of the nature," he says, "although I wish there were a few more gay men around." He notes that there's not exactly a Nordstrom nearby.

While shopping local is perhaps best reserved for crampons and carabiners, the Sierra Mud cookies (GF) at Summit Basin Bakery are amazing. The old "Ben Franklin" sign still hangs on Main Street, and the

vintage vibe includes an independently-owned movie theater. With the huge influx of climbers and campers that descend on Bishop each summer, local breweries and eateries offer good and reasonably-priced grub.

Erika Vanderveer is one of the lesbians who loves the hiking scene. "There's a ton of trails and then within a mile you can see beautiful alpine lakes with pristine water," says the graphic artist and Canadian-transplant.

Erika created the Progress-pride inspired design for this year's festival and is also one of the event's board members. She says attendance has grown to 1,400, with a target of 2,000 this year. Indeed, the fairground parking lot was packed on Saturday night, with a high-energy crowd celebrating and slipping singles to all the dancing queens.

Another notable sign of growth was the first-time participation of Mammoth Mountain. Owners Alterra "proudly celebrate the Pride within our communities" and they gave E.S.P. a huge sponsorship, along with an adorable woolly mammoth mascot to pose with festival goers.

While both the event and the local queer community keep expanding, it wouldn't happen without their allies.

"It's pretty awesome," says Erika, "this festival brings in all our friends and family."

Those allies come against the backdrop of a still conservative population base in the region. While the county has moved from a reliable red seat to a nearly purple one, it continues its long history of traditional ranching culture within a tightly corralled community.

"So my youngest child is trans," says Sally Symons, a volunteer in the festival's merchandising booth. Symons is a mom describing her 17-year-old daughter. "I'm just learning about it and want to support the community and help her feel safer by promoting these important events. It's been a journey for me and my very old-fashioned cattle ranching family, but we're figuring it out."

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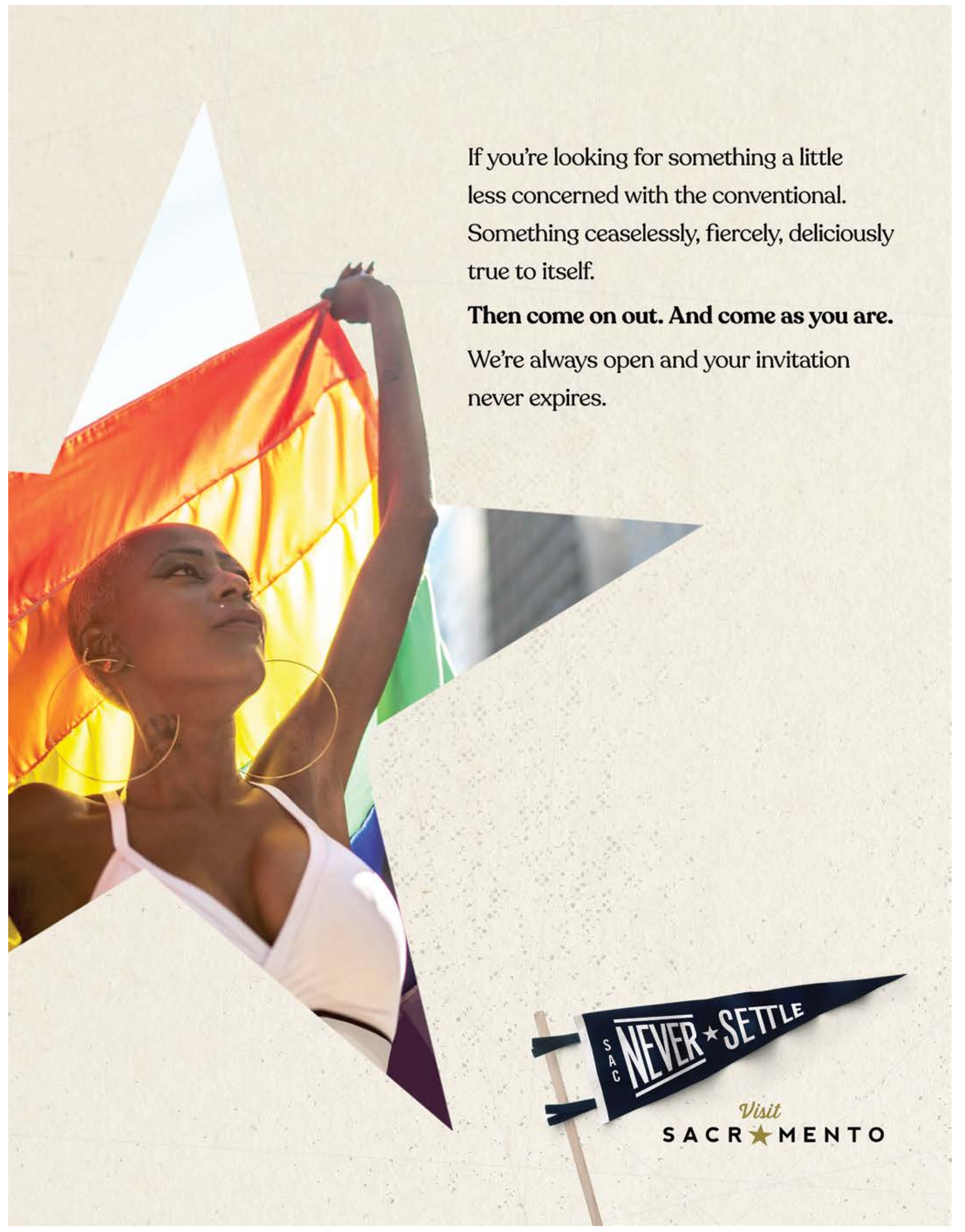
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Happy Pride Month!

Cattleya by Bibiana Gonzalez Rave

by Diana Kienle, Certified Specialist of Wine

The story here is intriguing and interesting to say the least. Yet, what is more important to you, the reader, is the wine itself. Right now, I am nursing a beautiful bottle of Pinot Noir made by this terrific winemaker. The nose is bright and fruity with boysenberry; the attack is rich and svelte with bright red raspberry and a finish that goes on and on. Quite frankly, I have been waiting all day to enjoy the wine again. That is important. It is a wine that calls me back to enjoy more! Those are some of the best bottles of wine; those that speak to you.



The Pinot Noir is a 2021 Cattleya made by Bibiana Gonzalez Rave. The title of the bottle is the Goddess, and it is a wonderful expression of Pinot Noir. This is not my first experience with the deft touch of Bibiana, as I have enjoyed her wine in the past. Her winery is located in Rohnert Park, CA; and the chance to taste through the portfolio is a worth the drive from Napa Valley. (For those who aren't familiar, Rohnert Park is not far south of Santa Rosa on Hwy 101.) I first was impressed with Bibiana's skilled hand when she was working for Pahlmeyer and Wayfarer. I was impressed from the beginning with the talent and skill she brought to making wonderful, expressive wine.

What is fascinating is her background. She can easily be called a women of self-determination. She was born in and raised in Columbia - Medellin, to be specific. Wine was not a big part of the culture, yet she knew by the age of fourteen that she would be a winemaker. She would get sips from her father's wine glass. She later studied chemical engineering in Columbia and then moved to France to study viticulture and enology. She earned her degree at the University of Bordeaux. She has worked at such famed estates as Chateau Haut-Brion. Bibiana worked in California, South Africa, and France before declaring California her home. She named her label Cattleya to pay homage to her native country. Cattleya is an orchid and has been the national flower of Columbia since 1936. This, to me, is a remarkable journey to the West Coast of California.

Our tasting consisted of five wines. We started out bright with a refreshing

Sauvignon Blanc, followed by two Chardonnays and three Pinot Noirs. The Chardonnays were smooth and luscious with bright notes. One standout Chardonnay was Beyond The Threshold. Below are reviews from Jeb Dunnick, an independent wine critic.

"2021 Cattleya Chardonnay Beyond The Threshold: A light golden hue, the 2021 Chardonnay Beyond The Threshold is layered with honeyed citrus and delicate smoke and flush with floral perfume that expands in the glass. This has another gear on the palate, with more fresh acidity and notes of candied lime, green apple, and warming spices that last on the finish. It's very attractive and will be great over the next 10 years."

Beyond the Threshold was given a rating of 96 points. We then tasted through three Pinot Noirs, all which were plush and bright on the palate. The standout here was the Belly Of The Whale, which was reviewed by Jeb Dunnick with a rating of 95 points.

"2021 Cattleya Pinot Noir Belly Of The Whale: Pouring a deep ruby with purple highlights, the 2021 Pinot Noir Belly Of The Whale is pure with black raspberry liqueur, pepper spice, and lifted menthol and pine. Full-bodied and ripe with notes of blackberry preserve, crushed purple flowers, blue fruit, and tea leaf, it's generous, rounded, and fleshy with ripe fruit."

These wines are worth seeking out from your local store. They are well-crafted and a pure pleasure to drink and savor. To find the wines on-line, check out Cattleya's website. The wines mentioned above are available at the site.

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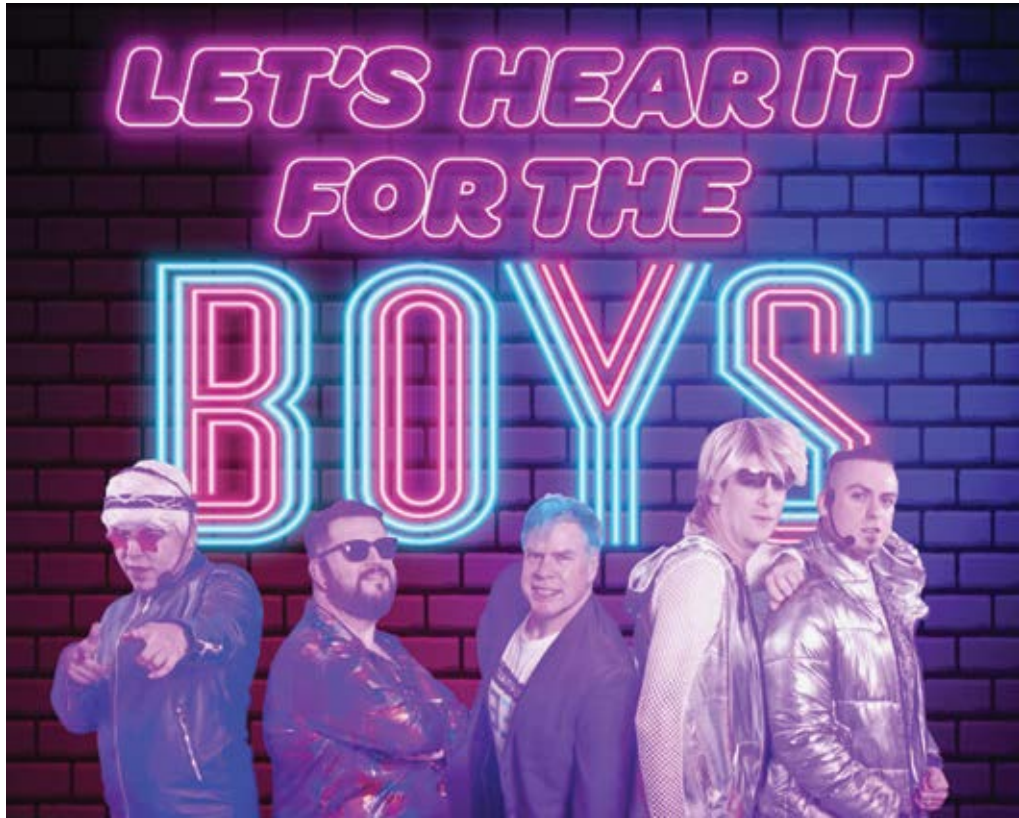
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SGMC & SWC Raise Their Voices

by Chris Narloch

Sacramento music fans can take pride in two of our queer community's favorite choruses by attending concerts this June that are sure to raise your spirits. Read on for details.



SGMC

Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus (SGMC) is excited to bring you some of your favorite songs from boy bands (and maybe a girl group or two!) when the chorus raises its voice in song this June.

"Let's Hear It for the Boys!" has everything you expect from a great boy band show: singing, dancing, movement, and major hits. You'll also get the SGMC secret sauce: moving moments, tender melodies performed by amazing singers, and campy humor at all the right times.

If you love The Drifters and the Jackson 5, Backstreet Boys and *NSYNC, One Direction and K-Pop bands, this show was meant for you. (If performances are sold out by the time you read this, don't blame me -- because there were still some tickets left as Outword went to press.)

"Let's Hear It for the Boys!" will perform at the Sofia this June 21-23. For more information, go to: www.sacgaymenschorus.com



SWC

SWC (Sacramento Women's Chorus) has continued to support women and women's issues since its inception in 1987, and its motto is "changing hearts and minds through harmony." SWC plans to do just that with the chorus' next concert, "One Million Voices."

An evening of song and celebration, "One Million Voices" is a journey highlighting various ways that we communicate. The concert will be performed on Saturday, June 29 at El Camino Fundamental High School Performing Arts Center. To purchase tickets, please visit: www.sacramentowomenschorus.org

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Jay Stargaard is an international artist with sculptures in private collections in nine countries around the world. She resides in Colfax, CA, and has been metal sculpting for 20 years.

Mixed media collages are a new addition to her artistic expression. This marks the first time the collection has been showcased in its entirety, and each mixed media collage is an interpretation of the seven chakras, which are the energy centers of the body.

The “Augmented Reality” experience is embedded within each of the seven collages, and this embedded content has been created in collaboration between the artist (Jay Stargaard) and her good friend (Dan Evolve).

The embedded art experience may be accessed through the viewer’s personal cell phone, deepening their connection with the art. This also offers a glimpse into the artist’s creation process. Stargaard sculptures included in this show are circular portals which act as gateways to facilitate exploration.

The sculptural forms are meticulously crafted, each one unique and fashioned from stainless steel, bronze, and copper. Drawing inspiration from

elemental nature, this art emerges from the core of the earth, shaped by air, molded by flame, and tempered by water.

To learn more about Jay Stargaard, please visit:

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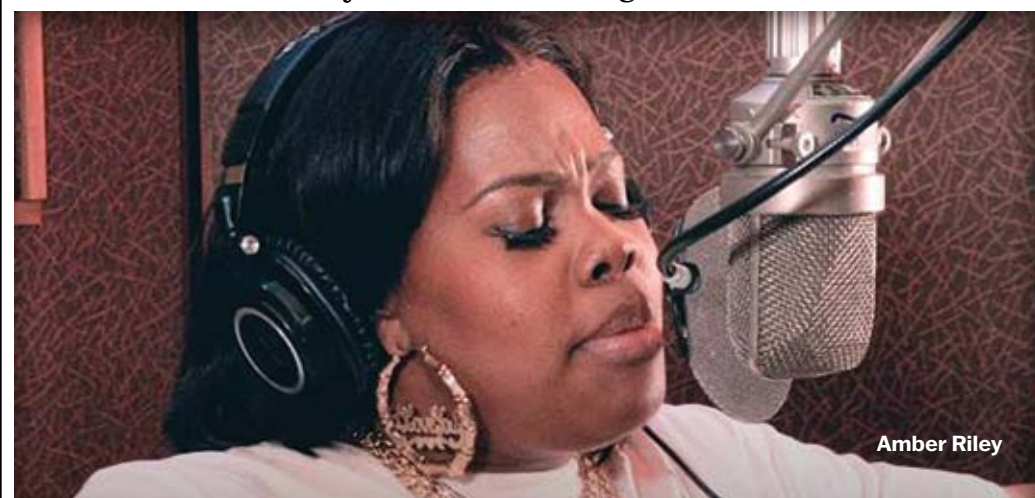


Artist Jay Stargaard at work

Amber Riley Covers “MacArthur Park”

by Chris Narloch

I usually don’t like cover versions of favorite songs because they rarely measure up to the original, and they can even sometimes tarnish the memory of a beloved song.



Amber Riley

So, I was concerned when I learned that Amber Riley was redoing Donna Summer’s disco hit of Jimmy Webb’s iconic lyric “MacArthur Park,” which was the only version of that song to reach #1 on the pop charts, although many other artists have performed and recorded the song.

Summer’s mind-blowing vocal on the track is a master class in how to sing with power, clarity, and versatility – it’s almost operatic in its intensity. Well, darned if Amber Riley didn’t hit it out of the park on her just-released cover of the tune, which is high praise indeed from a Donna fan-atic like this writer (and music fan).

Aside from some excellent embellishments by the virtuoso pianist Micah McLaurin, Riley’s track leans heavily into the original vocal arrangement and the genius production by Giorgio Moroder and Pete Bellotte of Summer’s version.

My hat is off to Amber Riley and everyone involved with the new “MacArthur Park,” a musical tribute that I think would have pleased the late, great Queen of Disco.

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Out & About

with Matthew Burlingame

While Sacramento Pride has put their rainbows back in storage for another year, pride month isn't over for the rest of us. There's so much to do! So much love to celebrate! So many memories left to make! Each year we remind readers how important it is to openly (and safely) live out loud and make ourselves visible. But never in recent years has it literally been more important than it is in 2024. Here are some great ways to make this month even better!

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weekend kicks off June 17 with Gospel Under the Stars at the park amphitheater and concludes June 19 with a golf tournament. Sacramentojuneteenthinc.com

Attend the Pride In The Park Picnic, Sunday, June 23, from noon to 3 p.m., 614 E Monte Vista Ave. in Vacaville. Enjoy music, vendors, drag performances, food trucks and family fun! Co-hosted by Solano Pride Center and Vacaville People's Forum. Solanopride.org

Don't miss the electrifying finale of El Dorado Musical Theatre's High Voltage season with "Best of Broadway" on Saturday, June 15, 7 p.m. at the Harris Center, 10 College Pkwy. in Folsom. Enjoy two hours of thrilling performances featuring the greatest hits from both classic and contemporary musicals. It's an unforgettable night of spectacular entertainment you won't want to miss! Harriscenter.net

ArtMix: A La Mode, Thursday, June 13, 6-9 p.m. at the Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St. Break free at the Crocker's fun-filled evening with live performances, DJed music, festive food and drinks, and art activities. Dress as a masterpiece for a mind-melting gala of drag performances, celebrating LGBTQ+ arts. DJ sets by Terra Lopez and Subeaux. For ages 18+. Crockerart.org

Embark on a musical journey along the "Main Street of America" at The Historic Fallon House Theatre, 11175 Washington St. in Columbia, from June 20 - July 21 with "Route 66." Created by Roger Bean, this high-octane production combines the best of Grease, Pump Boys and Dinettes, and Forever Plaid. Enjoy the greatest 'Rock 'n' Road' hits, including "King of the Road," "Little Old Lady from Pasadena," and "Fun, Fun, Fun." Sierrarep.org



Comedian Max Eddy headlines "Laughs On The Lake" at Davis Pride Comedy Night on June 21.

Laughs On The Lake presents Davis Pride Comedy Night on June 21 at Stonegate Country Club, Davis. Show starts at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy top LGBTQ comics Max Eddy, Tammy Tea Love, Melissa McGillicuddy, Frida Sierra, and Sydney Stigerts. For ages 18+. Proceeds support the Davis Phoenix Coalition. Davispride.org

"The SpongeBob Musical" will run from June 25-30 at the UC Davis Health Pavilion, 1419 H St. Audiences of all ages will delight in this undersea adventure with SpongeBob SquarePants, featuring original songs by Steven Tyler, Joe Perry, Sara Bareilles, Cyndi Lauper, John Legend, and more. Don't miss this Broadway at Music Circus premiere! BroadwaySacramento.com

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“Hit Man” Hits the Target Plus, “I Saw the TV Glow”

by Chris Narloch

After I finish writing these reviews, I plan to devour the final episodes of “Baby Reindeer,” the true-ish stalker story from Britain that has me hooked. The movies below may not be viral hits like “Baby Reindeer,” but several of them are well worth a couple hours of your time.



Babes

This R-rated, New York-set, estrogen-fueled comedy coasts on the charisma of its lead characters, played by Michelle Buteau and Ilana Glazer, as childhood friends now grown up and dealing with motherhood (and adult “sister”-hood).

Some of the joke lines in the movie feel overwritten rather than natural, but the two stars are so good together that I believed in their bond and in their raw (and very funny) reactions to the many challenges inherent in pregnancy and motherhood.

Hit Man

Richard Linklater, who is one of my favorite directors, helmed this terrific action comedy, which is almost as charming as “Bernie,” his little-seen gem from 2011 with Jack Black, Shirley MacLaine, and Matthew McConaughey.

Sexy Glen Powell stars as a mild-mannered professor who stumbles into a side-job as a fake hitman with the police department and finds that he enjoys pretending to be a killer. (Powell is clearly enjoying himself too, putting on one wacky disguise after another and adopting different voices and mannerisms.)

Luckily, “Hit Man” is considerably less violent than its title would suggest, and I am very glad that Linklater’s latest will be seen by many more people now that it is available on Netflix.



I Saw the TV Glow

The latest overrated indie movie is this low-budget freak-out about a lonely teen boy who becomes obsessed with a mysterious late-night TV program that allows him to bond with a classmate who shares his love for the show.

The talented trans writer-director Jane Schoenbrun gets in over their head with this personal project about a young man who feels uncomfortable in his own skin. Schoenbrun has the ambition and the smarts but not yet the technical skills to pull off something this “artsy.”



Run Lola Run

This film’s streamlined story is pure suspense: the heroine receives a phone call from her boyfriend, who informs her that if he doesn’t come up with 100,000 marks in the next 20 minutes some bad guys are going to kill him.

The rest of the movie follows Lola (Franka Potente) as she sprints through city streets to keep her man from doing something desperate. This great German thriller from 1998 recently celebrated its 25th anniversary with a return to select theaters in a 4k restoration.

Note: “Babes,” “I Saw the TV Glow,” and “Run Lola Run” were all still playing at Sacramento’s Tower Theatre as we went to press.

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SAS Celebrates Pride Across Scandinavia with "You Be You" Campaign

SAS, committed to promoting equality and inclusivity, proudly announces its partnership with Oslo and Stockholm Pride, and its active engagement in Pride week in Copenhagen. The airline is launching the "You Be You" initiative to celebrate diversity within the company and reaffirm its support for openness, tolerance, and inclusivity.

Through its collaboration with Pride, SAS aims to support the vital work these organizations do. Embracing diversity and inclusion is integral to SAS' sustainability efforts, aiming to foster an inclusive corporate culture where all employees feel safe and valued.

"Teaming up with Pride is important and natural for us at SAS. We believe everyone should be treated equally and have the same rights, regardless of who they are or who they love. Many of our colleagues have asked for this engagement, and we are happy to announce this partnership today," said Pernille Vang Ormholt, Executive Vice President Chief People Officer at SAS.

The "You Be You" campaign will highlight the diversity within SAS through personal stories and interviews, reinforcing the company's identity as an inclusive organization that values openness and tolerance every day of the year, not just during Pride.

SAS has a history of supporting the LGBTQ community. In December 2010, it became the first airline to host a same-sex marriage onboard a flight between Stockholm and New York. With the "Love is in the Air" campaign, SAS was the first to launch an LGBTQ campaign in mainstream media, followed by the "SAS Gay Crew Guide" to Stockholm in 2011.

"SAS is Scandinavia's leading airline, home to three of the most LGBTQ-friendly countries in the world. We bring guests of all nations and cultures together and welcome everyone on board. Pride has always been in our DNA, and we are proud to continue celebrating LGBTQ life," said Anko van der Werff, SAS President and CEO.

Oslo Pride takes place from June 19 to June 29, Stockholm Pride from July 29 to August 3, and Copenhagen

Pride from August 10 to August 18. SAS will participate in parades in Oslo and Stockholm and host activities at Copenhagen Pride. For more information, visit flysas.com/en/pride (<http://flysas.com/en/pride>)



Security Alert Issued for Potential Terrorist Attacks at LGBTQ+ Events

The United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has issued a security alert warning of potential terrorist attacks targeting LGBTQ+ events and gatherings. This alert comes amid an increasing concern over hate-motivated violence against the LGBTQ+ community, particularly during Pride Month celebrations.

According to the DHS, intelligence reports have indicated a heightened risk of attacks by extremist groups who view LGBTQ+ events as targets due to their ideologies. The warning specifically highlights the possibility of both domestic and international threats. Law enforcement agencies are on high alert and are working diligently to prevent any potential incidents.

LGBTQ+ events, such as Pride parades, festivals, and community gatherings, are being closely monitored. Authorities have urged organizers and attendees to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities. The DHS has also advised enhanced security measures at these events, including increased police presence, the use of metal detectors, and thorough bag checks.

The DHS emphasizes that while the threat is credible, there is no specific intelligence regarding the timing, location, or method of potential attacks. Nevertheless, the alert serves as a precautionary measure to ensure the safety of all participants.

Community leaders and event organizers have responded by reinforcing their commitment to creating safe and inclusive spaces. Many have expressed their determination not to be intimidated by these threats and to continue celebrating Pride Month with the same spirit of resilience and unity that has defined the LGBTQ+ movement.

In light of the alert, LGBTQ+ advocacy groups have also stepped up their efforts to provide resources and support for the community. They encourage attendees to stay informed, remain cautious, and to take advantage of the safety measures put in place.

The DHS continues to work with local law enforcement, community organizations, and event planners to mitigate risks and ensure that Pride Month can be celebrated safely. The security alert serves as a stark reminder of the ongoing challenges faced by the LGBTQ+ community but also highlights the strength and solidarity that will prevail in the face of adversity.



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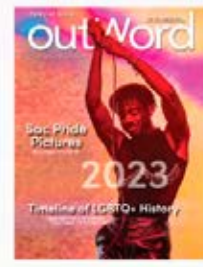


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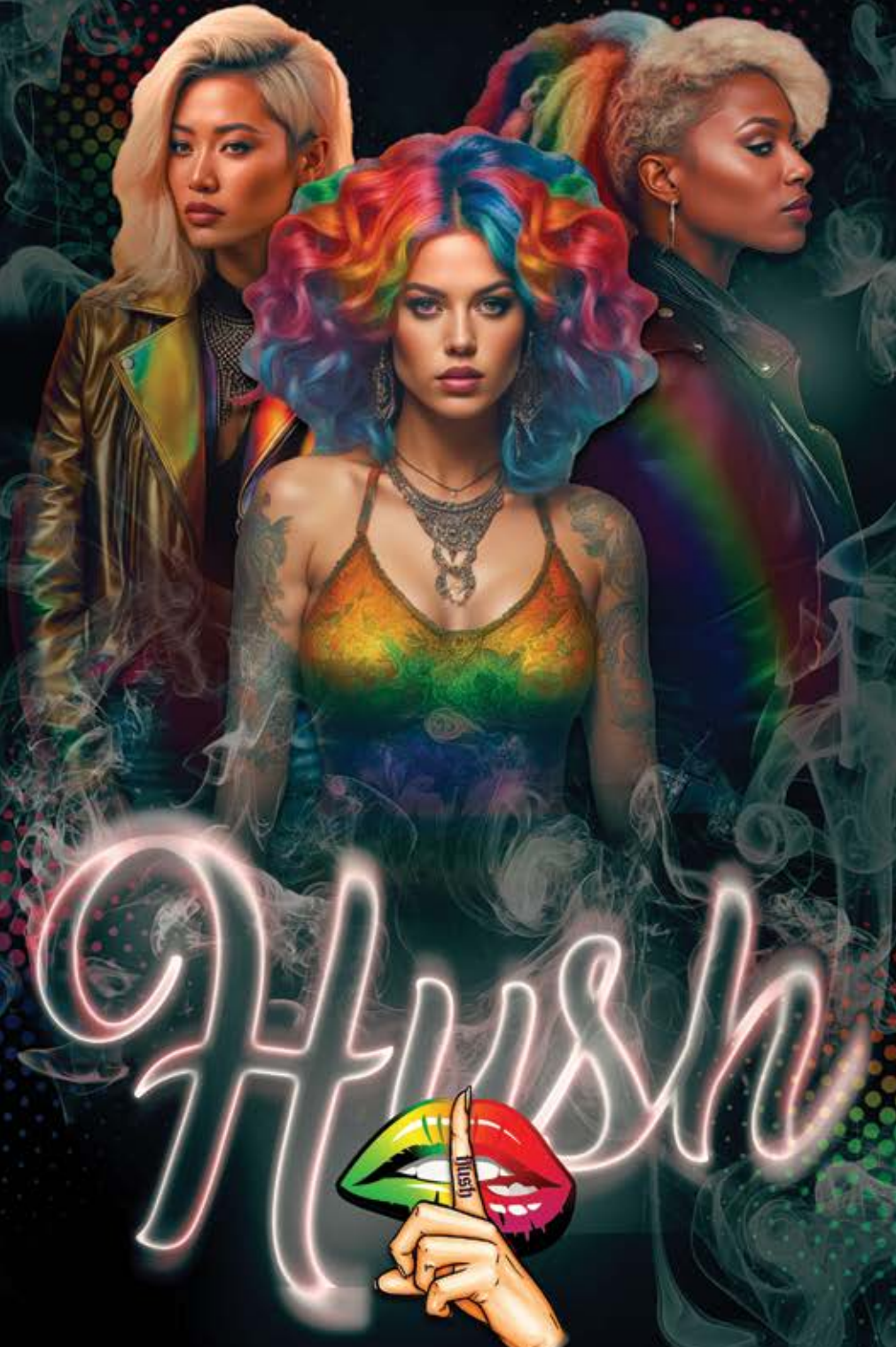
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The Creators of Minecraft Build a Pride Village for the Fifth Annual “It Gets Better: A Digital Age”

In a heartwarming and inclusive initiative, the creators of Minecraft have joined forces with the “It Gets Better” project to construct a vibrant Pride Village within the game. This digital celebration, now in its fifth year, exemplifies how virtual spaces can foster real-world impact and support for the LGBTQ+ community.

Minecraft, a game renowned for its limitless creativity and community-driven experiences, has always been a platform where players can express themselves freely. This year, Mojang Studios, the developer behind Minecraft, decided to leverage the game’s vast potential to promote inclusivity and positivity. The Pride Village is not just a collection of colorful structures but a symbol of unity, acceptance, and the power of digital spaces in bringing people together.

The “It Gets Better” project, founded in 2010, aims to uplift, empower, and connect LGBTQ+ youth around the globe. By sharing stories and resources, the initiative provides hope and support to those who may feel isolated or marginalized. Partnering with Minecraft allows the project to reach a broader audience, especially younger generations who are avid gamers.

The Pride Village is designed to be a safe and welcoming space for all players. It features a variety of buildings and attractions, each with its own unique flair. From rainbow-colored houses to community centers adorned with pride flags, every detail has been meticulously crafted to celebrate diversity. Players can explore themed areas dedicated to different aspects of LGBTQ+ culture, including history, art, and personal



stories shared by community members. One of the most compelling aspects of the Pride Village is its interactive elements. Players can participate in virtual workshops and events hosted by LGBTQ+ creators and advocates. These sessions cover a range of topics, from coming out stories to discussions on mental health and well-being. By providing a platform for these conversations, the Pride Village encourages empathy, understanding, and solidarity among players.

The initiative also includes special in-game items and skins that players can use to express their support for the LGBTQ+ community. These customizations allow players to wear their pride on their digital sleeves, fostering a sense of belonging and visibility within the game. The Pride Village serves as a reminder that everyone, regardless of their identity, has a place in the Minecraft community.

Mojang Studios and the “It Gets Better” project have worked closely with LGBTQ+ organizations and community members to ensure that the Pride Village is authentic and respectful. Their collaboration highlights the importance of inclusivity in the gaming industry and sets a precedent for other developers to follow.

As the fifth annual “It Gets Better: A Digital Age” event unfolds, the Pride Village stands as a testament to the power of digital platforms in creating positive change. It offers a safe haven for LGBTQ+ youth and allies to connect, share their experiences, and celebrate their identities. By bringing the spirit of Pride into the virtual world, Minecraft and the “It Gets Better” project continue to inspire and uplift millions around the globe.

In a time where physical gatherings may still be limited, the Pride Village provides a much-needed space for celebration and connection. It reinforces the message that, indeed, it does get better, and that support and acceptance can be found in the most unexpected places, even within the pixels of a beloved video game. Check out the virtual meeting space at: <https://www.twitch.tv/itgetsbetter>



Happy Pride Month!

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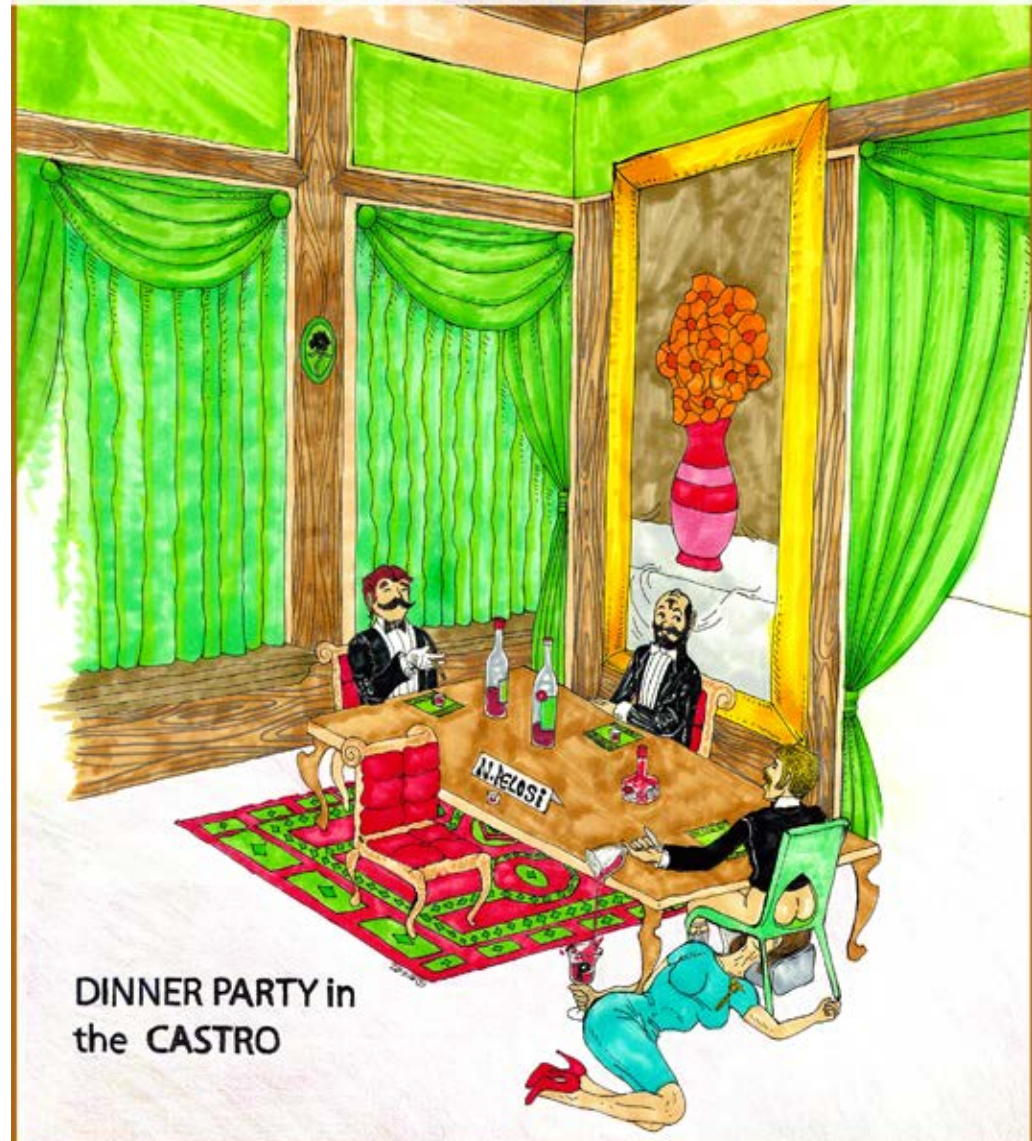
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