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# Governor Newsom Signed the SAFETY Act

The Support Academic Futures & Educators for Today's Youth (SAFETY) Act, signed into law on July 15, by Governor Gavin Newsom, marks a groundbreaking advancement in California's commitment to safeguarding LGBTQ+ students in schools. Introduced by Assemblymember Chris Ward and the California Legislative LGBTQ Caucus, the legislation (AB 1955) aims to counteract the harmful forced outing policies that have threatened the safety and well-being of transgender, nonbinary, and other LGBTQ+ youth in several school districts across the state.

The rise of politically motivated attacks on LGBTQ+ rights and dignity has prompted the urgent need for measures to protect vulnerable students. Some school districts have adopted policies that mandate teachers to disclose a student's gender identity or preferred name and pronouns to parents without the student's consent. These policies have had detrimental effects on the mental health of LGBTQ+ students, leading to increased instances of bullying, harassment, and discrimination within school environments.

The SAFETY Act is designed to address these issues comprehensively by prohibiting school districts from implementing forced outing policies. It empowers parents and students with resources to navigate discussions about gender identity in a private and respectful manner. Furthermore, the act safeguards teachers and school staff from retaliation if they refuse to disclose a student's LGBTQ+ identity against their wishes.

California's pioneering stance on LGBTQ+ student protection is highlighted by the SAFETY Act, which sets a precedent as the first state to explicitly ban forced outing policies in schools. By creating a safe and



Governor Newsom

inclusive learning environment, the act aims to provide a sanctuary for transgender and nonbinary youth who may not find acceptance or support in their own homes. Ensuring that schools are gender-affirming spaces is crucial, especially considering the alarming statistics that reveal the lack of LGBTQ+ affirmation in many households.

The importance of supportive school environments in the lives of LGBTQ+ youth cannot be overstated. The Trevor Project's 2024 survey underscores the significance of schools as safe havens for transgender and nonbinary students, with over half of respondents reporting a sense of gender affirmation within their educational settings. This positive environment correlates with

lower rates of suicide attempts among LGBTQ+ youth, emphasizing the critical role that schools play in fostering mental health and well-being.

Chair Susan Eggman of the California Legislative LGBTQ Caucus expressed pride in the passage of AB 1955, recognizing it as a landmark policy that solidifies California's reputation as a leader in LGBTQ+ rights and protections. The collaborative efforts of various stakeholders, including parents, teachers, LGBTQ+ advocates, and youth organizations, have been instrumental in supporting this legislation. The collective commitment to creating safe and affirming school environments for all students, irrespective of their gender identity, underscores the shared belief that ensuring the well-being of youth should be a top priority for society.

The SAFETY Act represents a significant stride towards promoting inclusivity, respect, and safety for LGBTQ+ students in California schools. By outlawing forced outing policies and fostering a culture of acceptance and support, the act reinforces the principle that every student deserves to learn and grow in an environment that celebrates their identity and affirms their dignity.

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# We Must Stand Together and Report Hate Crimes

FBI Sacramento Special Agent in Charge Siddhartha "Sid" Patel

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As the special agent in charge of the FBI Sacramento Field Office, I am deeply concerned about the continued rise in hate crimes across our state and the nation as detailed in FBI's Crime Data Explorer, <https://crime-data-explorer.fr.cloud.gov/pages/explorer/crime/hate-crime>. What is more unsettling to me is that we know that not all victims and witnesses report hate crimes to law enforcement. We must work together to stop hate crimes and foster trust in law enforcement within vulnerable communities.

Crime statistics do not capture the real, human impact when hate crimes occur. These crimes strike fear in the hearts of an entire community, not just the individual. It's the intended effect.

We simply cannot let hate win. We must stand together to report hate crimes and identify perpetrators of such heinous acts to protect everyone. Unreported hate crimes further enable those responsible for these vile crimes to avoid justice, embolden perpetrators, and leave community members vulnerable to similar crimes.

Hateful acts are terrible events but what constitutes a possible federal hate crime? The United States Department of Justice defines a federal hate crime as a criminal offense against a person or property such as vandalism, arson, assault, or murder, motivated in whole or in part by an offender's bias against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity.

Is hate speech criminal? From a federal perspective, hate speech—while undoubtedly offensive and disgusting -- is not a crime on its own. The Constitution defends free speech, including hateful speech, unless such statements are a threat and are intended to deprive you of your rights.

How do we stop hate crime? Standing together against hate is powerful but the

simple act of reporting hate crime is an important step to protect the entire community. While the FBI may initiate an investigation from news reports, tips, or information from partner agencies, we often need to collect details only a victim or witness can provide.

Our office stands by victims who bravely report their experiences. All victims are treated with care, respected, and supported throughout an investigation. We conduct a thorough investigation, often working with local law enforcement to review all available facts. We encourage witnesses to share what they heard and saw to fill gaps a victim may have in recollection to offer a complete picture of what occurred. Most importantly, we ensure victims are heard and have access to the resources they need to begin healing.

What can you do to stop hate crime? Always support each other and your community; do not let a criminal silence your voice or the voices of others. Always be aware of your surroundings and report suspicious activities to law enforcement. As with any other offense, individuals who are planning and commit hate crimes are emboldened by silence. Always call 911 immediately if you or someone else is in immediate danger and report threats and hate crimes to your local FBI field office (<https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices>), call 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324), or submit a tip to <https://tips.fbi.gov>.

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## PETE BUTTIGIEG

July 21, 2024

Joe Biden has earned his place among the best and most consequential presidents in our history. Americans are much better off because of his leadership and accomplishments. He always puts our country first, as he demonstrated today, and I know he will continue to do so for the rest of his term.

Kamala Harris is now the right person to take up the torch, defeat Donald Trump, and succeed Joe Biden as President. I have seen her extraordinary leadership firsthand, working closely with her during the 2020 campaign and then in the historically effective Biden-Harris administration. I will do all that I can to help her win this election to lead America forward as our next President.

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# Little Activisms

## Be a Poll Worker *by Judy Saint*

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**NOVEMBER 5, 2024 PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION**

Ballots will be mailed beginning the week of October 7<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't received your ballot or you need an accessible ballot, please contact us at (800) 762-8019.

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- October 26: Some Vote Centers open! Vote Early!
- November 2: All Vote Centers open through Election Day!
- November 5: Last day to return your ballot by 8:00 pm.

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I remember taking my mail-in ballot to our election headquarters in Auburn. Several people greeted us in the foyer and welcomed us inside. Once we were inside, others happily directed us to the proper counter. The friendly people behind the counter told us we could either drop our ballot envelope into the slot or we could feed our ballot right then into a voting machine, which we did. Another smiling person at the voting machines helped us make sure our ballot was secure inside its folder, helped us feed it into the machine, then happily pointed to the number of votes for that machine which clicked up one as my ballot was accepted. With so many smiling people happy to help us, this was a most rewarding voting experience. No one ever saw who I voted for – that was never an issue. They were there to help me vote.

The workers made all the difference. You can do the same this November. Plus, most workers are paid, even for attending the 2-3 hour training session. California needs poll workers by the thousands. “54.1% of jurisdictions had a difficult time recruiting poll workers. The average poll worker is aged 61, and 17% were first time workers.” (US Election Assistance Commission) That means 83% of poll workers are returning to do it again. That’s nice to see.

Can you do this? Maybe with some friends? Do you belong to a social or service organization that might like to help together as a group? Even high school students can work the polls (must be 16). Nice pocket money.

You can fill a variety of positions: Inspector or Supervisor (open and close

the voting and set up equipment). Clerk (maintain the voting center, issue and receive official ballots). Drop Box Closer (drive to an assigned drop box to secure the ballots and transport them to the designated location). Hand Count volunteers. Or other jobs, depending on your county.

On training day, you will learn how to verify your location and duties, when to arrive, and who you will report to. You will discuss procedures with an instructor, watch a few videos, and be given some written materials to later refresh your memory. You will have plenty of time to ask questions. You will also be assured that every worker on your team is another valuable resource, eager to help you on Election Day if you need it. You never work alone. You are always with your dedicated team, there to help you and each other.

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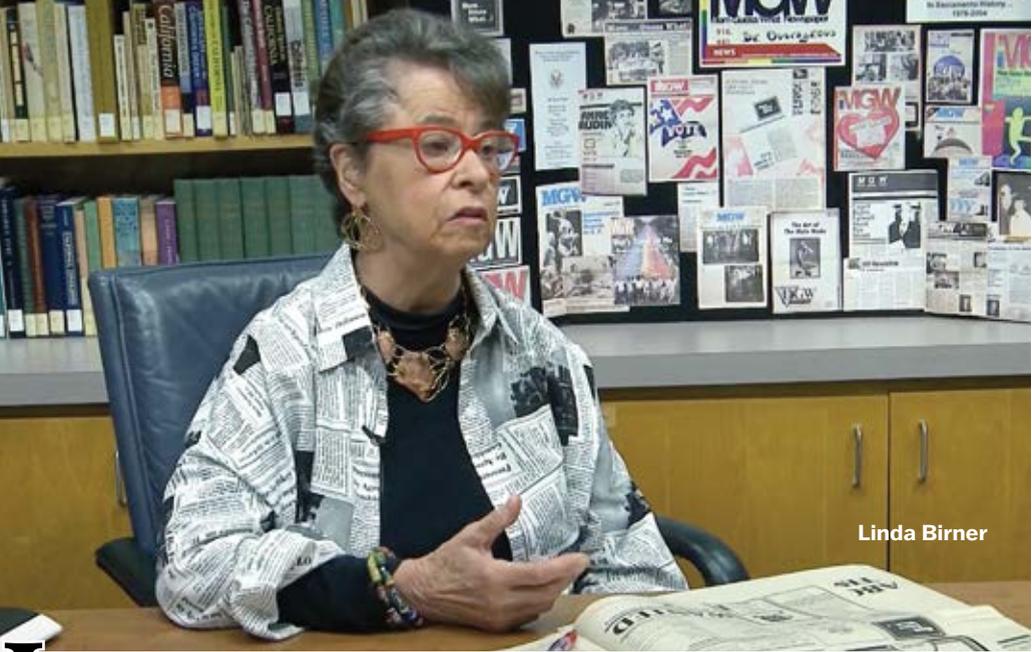
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# Rest in Peace Linda Birner



Linda Birner

Jennifer Hegji, Linda Birner's sister, sadly announced via Facebook, of Linda's passing on July 3rd, 2024. Linda, age 75, had been in declining health, receiving hospice care at Greenhaven Health Care Center after several months of illness. Born in Fort Wayne, Indiana in 1949, Linda moved to Sacramento in 1962. She graduated from Mira Loma High School and California State University, Sacramento, majoring in journalism and psychology. In response to the anti-gay Proposition 6 in 1978, she founded and remained as publisher of *Mom...Guess What!* Newspaper. Linda was a prominent figure in Sacramento. She dedicated herself to the LGBTQ+ community as well as other passions like her beloved Schnauzers, art, BMWs and sailing. Hegji wrote that plans for a Celebration of Life will be shared at a later date. Linda requested her ashes to be spread on San Francisco Bay, reflecting her love for sailing and the sea.

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# Preservation Sacramento to Showcase Six Boulevard Park Properties for Historic Home Tour

Showing Midtown Sacramento's Boulevard Park area, Preservation Sacramento is proud to present the 48th Annual Historic Home Tour on Sunday, September 22, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. With a mission to highlight the historically significant architecture, timeless designs, and beautiful décor of some of Sacramento's most prized historic homes and buildings, the 2024 Historic Home Tour will showcase the following six historic properties:

**Bonnie Fitzpatrick House:** This historic home was designed in 1910 by architects James Seadler and Ernest Hoen for retired Nevada rancher Joseph Marzen and his wife Catherine. After operating as a boarding house for 50+ years, the house was restored and returned to single-family usage in the 1980s.

**Huston/Knutson House:** Dating from 1906, this two-story "Colonial residence" was designed by architect Alden Campbell for Edward P. Huston, a realtor and manager of an insurance company. Huston and his wife Vena lived in the home for only two years before moving into a new house next door, also by Campbell.

**Little House on 22nd:** This small, one-story house (approximately 780 sq. ft. in size) is the sole survivor of a row of four identical houses that were built in about 1890 as rentals for tenants that included railroad employees. It is the sole surviving residence of Grant Cross, an African-American community organizer and entrepreneur, and a founder of the West End Club.

**Pritchard/Edmonds House:** Built in 1909 for

William and Lulu Pritchard, this Craftsman-style house has beautiful interior woodwork and windows, some filled with stained glass. With its front porch extending along the south side, extensive brickwork, varied exterior treatment (both shingles and lap siding), and deep eaves, it resembles a Poverty Ridge house from 1908.

**Renwick/Small Apartments:** This fourplex was built in 1922 for Frank Renwick, an employee of the Southern Pacific Railroad, and his wife Laura. The contractor was William R. Saunders, who designed and built several multi-unit residences in Boulevard Park and elsewhere in Midtown. The Renwicks lived in one apartment and rented out the others. Each of these "five room flats" has a living room, dining room (originally fitted with a built-in wall-bed that was concealed inside a closet), kitchen, two bedrooms, and a bathroom.

**Winters House:** Built in 1890, this brightly colored, three-story Queen Anne-style house is one of only two buildings in Boulevard Park to have an individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places. For the 2024 tour, the main residence on the second floor will be open



Photo courtesy of Donald Cox

to the public. The 2024 Historic Home Tour extends about five blocks and is both walkable and bikeable (with bicycle parking available in a Bike Corral provided by SABA, Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates), so alternative transportation options are recommended.

While touring the historic homes is the highlight of the highly anticipated annual event, a lively, fun, and free street fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The street fair will include vendors and live musical entertainment, and will be the end point for the spirited Sacramento Tweed Ride 2.0, expected between noon-1 p.m.

Each year, funds raised from Preservation Sacramento's Historic Home Tour support nominations and surveys of historic properties. They also benefit other community projects that raise awareness of important and/or culturally significant historic places.

Tickets to the 2024 Historic Home Tour are on sale now and cost \$25 per person in advance for Preservation Members or \$30 for the general public in advance or day of the event. For day-of ticket purchases, the ticket booth will be located in Fat Alley between F & G and 21st & 22nd Streets. To purchase advance tickets and/or for more information, please visit [www.preservationsacramento.org/hometour](http://www.preservationsacramento.org/hometour).

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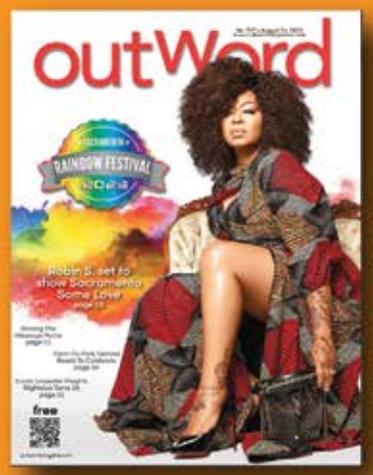


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# Nancy Pelosi Live on Stage & Unscripted

by Chris Narloch

My favorite photo of Nancy Pelosi captures the badass Bay Area Congresswoman ripping up her copy of then-President Donald Trump's State of the Union speech, immediately after he concluded his address and directly behind him on the podium in the U.S. Capitol.



Nancy Pelosi will no doubt have a lot to say about this November's historic election to choose the next U.S. President when she appears for one night only at San Francisco's Orpheum Theatre to discuss her new book, "The Art of Power."

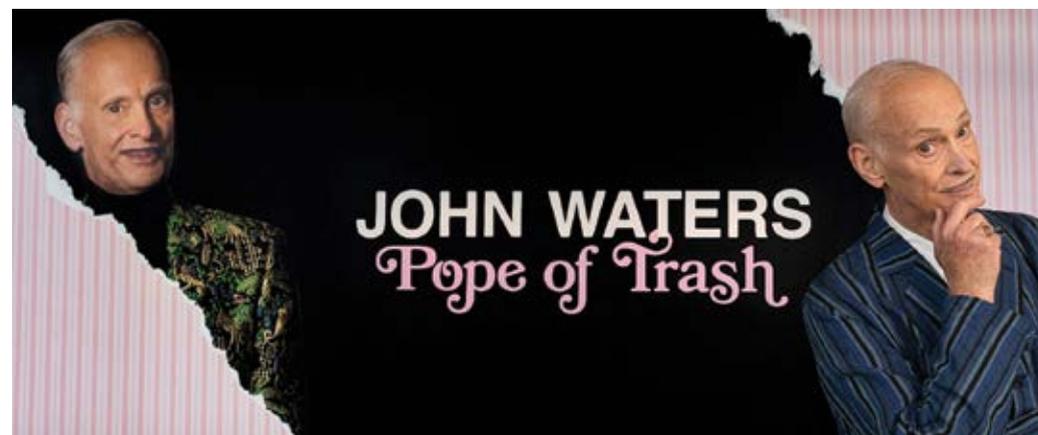
Unscripted: Nancy Pelosi in Conversation with Michael Kransky will also include a moderated audience Q&A and a copy of her book with the purchase of a ticket.

In "The Art of Power," Nancy Pelosi, the most powerful woman in American political history, tells the story of her transformation from housewife to House Speaker, and how she became a master legislator, a key partner to presidents, and the most visible leader of the Trump resistance.

To purchase tickets to Pelosi's Bay Area event on Tuesday evening, August 13, 2024, go to: [www.broadwaysf.com](http://www.broadwaysf.com)

# Last Chance to Catch "John Waters: Pope of Trash"

"John Waters: Pope of Trash," the Academy Museum of Motion Picture's first comprehensive exhibition dedicated to queer director John Waters' contributions to cinema, will conclude its run on August 4, 2024.



The dynamic exhibition has been on view since Sept. 17, 2023 and is presented in the Los Angeles museum's Marilyn and Jeffrey Katzenberg Gallery.

"John Waters: Pope of Trash" traces Waters' sixty-year career, featuring over 400 works, including rare and never-before-exhibited objects from Waters' personal collection, handwritten scripts, costumes, props, posters, and film clips.

Visitors journey through Waters' complete filmography, from his DIY independent beginnings to his Hollywood productions, in a series of thematic galleries that explore his process, themes, and the grotesque, daring, and hilarious elements of his films.

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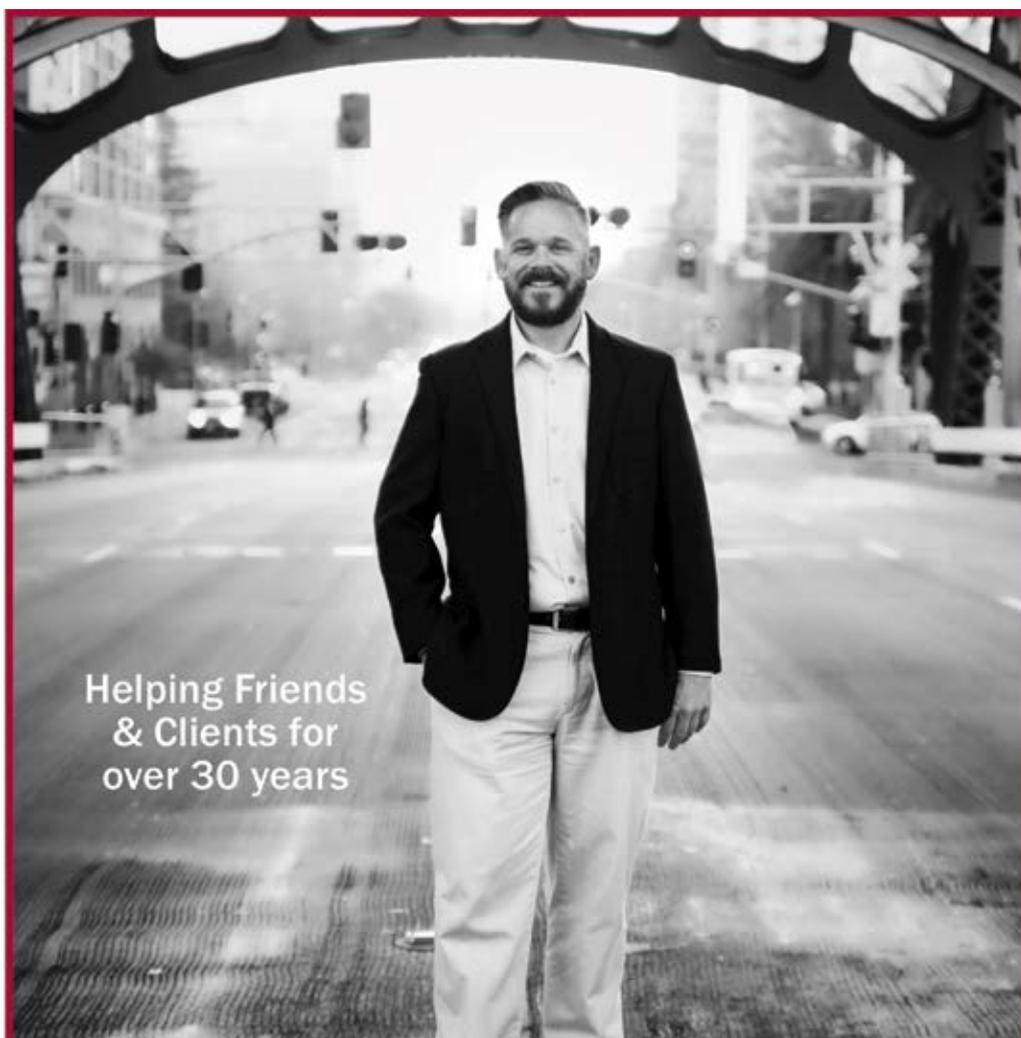
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## Sara Bareilles & Bob Dylan Get Musicals *by Chris Narloch*

I have two ways for you to beat the hellish heat during this Sacramento summer, and they both involve the bonus of thrilling theatre. Read on for details.

### Waitress

Even on the hottest day of the year, the Broadway At Music Circus theatre in the round is always cool as a cucumber, and the next-to-last show of this season is a winner that I have seen several times before (and will gladly watch again).

The pop singer-songwriter Sara Bareilles could probably write a catchy hook in her sleep, and this uplifting musical celebrates friendship, motherhood, and the magic of a well-baked pie with its story of Jenna, a waitress who dreams of a way out of her small town and rocky marriage.

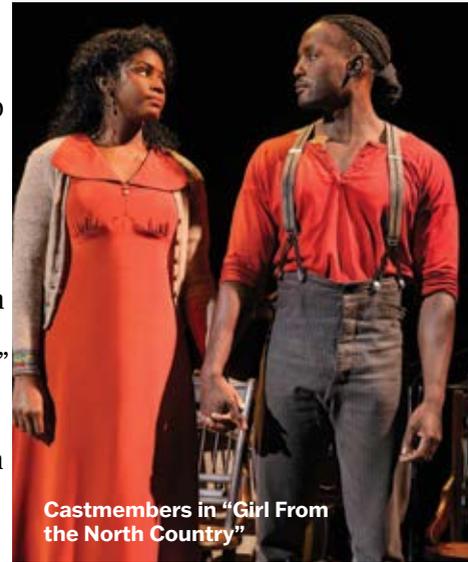
"Waitress" plays Aug. 6–11 at Sacramento's UC Davis Health Pavilion. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to: [www.broadwaysacramento.com](http://www.broadwaysacramento.com)

### Girl From the North Country

No matter what the temperature is in Sacramento, it's almost always cooler in the Bay Area, and there is another reason to take a day trip to San Francisco: to see this universally acclaimed, Tony Award-winning musical from writer-director Conor McPherson, which reimagines 20 legendary songs by Bob Dylan.

It's 1934 in Duluth, Minnesota, where we meet a group of wayward travelers whose lives intersect in a guesthouse filled with music, life, and hope. The score's classic Dylan songs include "Forever Young," "All Along the Watchtower," "Slow Train Coming," and "Like A Rolling Stone."

The limited engagement of "Girl From the North Country" performs July 30–Aug. 18 at BroadwaySF's Golden Gate Theatre. Please visit: [www.broadwaysf.com](http://www.broadwaysf.com)



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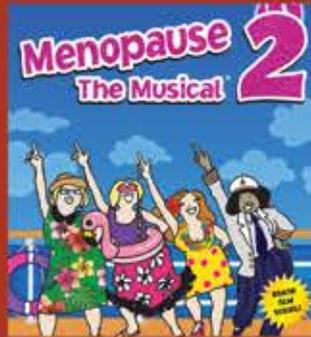
**Karla Bonoff** and **JD Souther** promise an evening of musical magic, where the beauty of storytelling through song takes center stage. Souther is a luminary of the L.A. music scene of the '70s collaborating with the Eagles & Linda Ronstadt and Bonoff's timeless songwriting has touched everyone from Bonnie Raitt to Linda Ronstadt to Wynonna.



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# “Twisters” Blows the Roof Off Plus, Nicolas Cage Goes Crazy

by Chris Narloch

Very few people venture outside when it's 110+ degrees, unless their job requires it, and yet I get cabin fever when I stay home for too long. Catching up on my moviegoing at local cinemas has allowed me to get out of the house, stay cool during this sweltering Sacramento summer, and write these reviews.

## Twisters

Glen Powell looks like the heir apparent to Tom Cruise if Mr. Cruise ever decides to pass the cocky action stud crown. It took me awhile to warm up to Powell, but after seeing his fine performance in Richard Linklater's "Hit Man" recently, and then his sexy portrayal of a social media celebrity in "Twisters," I think he is both a movie star and an actor.

"Twisters" is neither a sequel nor a remake, but it is just as much fun as 1996's "Twister" which was also hokey but thrilling thanks to first-rate (at the time) special effects. I rolled my eyes as the main character in the new movie, a storm chaser played by Daisy Edgar-Jones, created a device designed to diffuse a tornado and then drove straight into a twister to try it out.

There is nothing eye-rolling about the CGI in "Twisters," however, especially a brilliant action sequence set inside a movie theater. This is one movie you need to see on the big screen and ideally in IMAX. Currently in wide theatrical release.



Twisters



Longlegs

## Longlegs

No matter the movie, no matter the part, Nic Cage commits totally to whatever role he's given, even if it's in a shlocky B-movie or a horror film. He's a truly great actor, and he's "all in" playing the title character of Longlegs, a real devil who makes evil dolls that cause men to kill their families.

The plot of "Longlegs" is boilerplate, B-movie horror, filled with Satan worship and devil dolls, but the very talented director, Oz Perkins, gives the movie a thick blanket of dread that hangs over everything. For his part, Cage creates a character so uniquely chilling that I laughed out loud several times at how far he was willing to take the role. Currently in wide theatrical release.



Fly Me to the Moon

## Fly Me to the Moon

Reviews for this retro rom com starring Channing Tatum and Scarlett Johansson have been very mixed. So, I was pleasantly surprised how much I enjoyed the film, which is a wild hybrid of fact and (mostly) fiction about a fake moon landing sponsored by the Nixon administration during the Cold War as a backup, in case NASA's actual Apollo 11 moon landing failed to launch.

After I swallowed that wacky premise, I sat back and enjoyed the romantic chemistry between Channing and Scarlett, the period clothes and cars, and the clever contraption of a story about a marketing professional (Johansson) who at first clashes with an official at NASA (Tatum) after she is hired to sell the space race to the American public. "Fly Me to the Moon" is currently in wide theatrical release.



## Widow Clicquot

Fans of wine, French films and feminist heroines should love this inspired-by-a-true-story movie, which is in English but is set and filmed in France. The movie recounts the story behind the Veuve Clicquot champagne family and business that began in the late 18th century.

An excellent Haley Bennett plays a strong-willed woman who takes over her husband's vineyards after his death and eventually makes the family business more profitable and distinguished than ever before. All I can say is you will want to head to the nearest wine bar after the movie is over.

"Widow Clicquot" was still playing at Sacramento's Tower Theatre as we went to press.



# Boardshorts, Boxcut and Briefs Freshen Your Summer Pool Attire

by Ron Tackitt

Even though we are well into Summer, there are still plenty more days of hot, pool weather ahead, so why not secure a new swim suit to freshen up your fun-in-the-sun look? The great thing is that since we are already deep in the season, the companies selling pool attire are discounting a lot of what they have. Meaning, great prices can be had, but selection might be tight. Here are some options that came up on FB after searching for trunks on Google.



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## Outsports Celebrates Queer Olympic Athletes

They don't call it "Gay Paree" for nothing, and over 144 out athletes will be competing in this summer's 2024 Paris Summer Games!



As part of the Outsports Team LGBTQ initiative, Outsports, the leading voice in LGBTQ sports, will be providing in-depth coverage of all "out" LGBTQ athletes - Brittney Griner, Tom Daley, Sha'Carri Richardson and more - throughout the Games.

This year, 24 countries are represented by at least one publicly out athlete. The United States has the most with 28 out athletes. Brazil follows with 22, and then Australia (17), Great Britain (10), and Germany (9).

LGBTQ representation at the Games is vital, especially at a time when in too many of the countries competing in the Olympics, walking down the street, or holding a Pride parade, as an LGBTQ person is still illegal.

This summer's Olympic games air on NBC July 26 - Aug. 11. For more information about Outsports, please visit: [www.outsports.com/olympics/team-lgbtq](http://www.outsports.com/olympics/team-lgbtq)

## Rivian Opens A First-Of-Its-Kind Charging Site Near Yosemite



In the charming, historic gold rush town of Groveland, California, Rivian has restored an abandoned gas station to create their first "Charging Outpost" - a unique charging site designed for drivers to not just charge their EVs but to rest and refresh before hitting the road again.

During peak travel seasons, thousands of visitors pass through Groveland each day on their way to nearby adventures, most notably en route to Yosemite National Park 24 miles to the east. The Rivian Yosemite Charging Outpost will be open to the public, offering a host of amenities from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, with 24-hour access to high-speed charging for Rivian owners.

Inside, visitors will find an inviting experience reminiscent of Rivian spaces across North America. There is a lounge area where guests can sit and relax while enjoying a book from an onsite library. Furniture is both comfortable and sustainable, made of upcycled, second-hand sleeping bags and puffer coats, and tables made of compressed sawdust.

The Charging Outpost also features Rivian merchandise and a "make your own" trail mix available for purchase, as well as complimentary coffee and a water bottle refill station.

Outside, visitors will find our five DC fast chargers and restrooms available 24 hours a day, as well as native plants and educational games that teach about sustainability.

Currently, only Rivian vehicles are able to use Rivian network chargers, but government incentives may change that soon. Visit: [stories.rivian.com/yosemitechargingoutpost](http://stories.rivian.com/yosemitechargingoutpost)

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August 24, 9am - 3pm, No Appointments needed

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Sunday, August 11 from 10am - 3pm

October (date TBD) will be a celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Book Den! More to come.

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If you have any questions, please email [bookden@saclibfriends.org](mailto:bookden@saclibfriends.org). You can also call the Book Den, 916-731-8493 between 9am and 12pm. Please be patient - we are an all-volunteer organization and not in the office past noon most days...



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# Out & About with Matthew Burlingame

While it's important we all keep up to speed on the events of the world happening around us, chances are we all could use a break. Self care and self sanity are more important than ever these days. So take some time the next few weeks and treat yourself to some fun with some of the events below.

Join the fun on Thursday, Aug. 1 at Rainbow Chamber Drag Queen Bingo, from 7-9 p.m. at Mangos, 1930 K St. All seating is first come, first served, with the game starting at 7 p.m. A \$20 cash donation to play. Don't miss this exciting and charitable event! This month's proceeds go to the Albie Aware Breast Cancer Foundation. [Rainbowchamber.com](http://Rainbowchamber.com)

continent's volatile politics. The cast includes Kyra Jeshon, Andre Ramey, Scott Taylor, Thomas Dean, Michelle Champoux, Kaleb Roberts, and Nakia Brazier. [Celebrationarts.com](http://Celebrationarts.com)

Get ready for a '50s bash at the August MOSAC Mixer on Thursday, August 1, at 6 p.m. at the SMUD Museum of Science and Curiosity, 400 Jibboom St. Enjoy live music by Dyana and the Cherry Kings, classic cars from the California Automobile Museum, and special prizes. Don't miss this night of vintage fun! [Visitmosac.org](http://Visitmosac.org)

The Amazing Art Expo is hosting a free Art & Cosplay Event at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Sacramento from August 2-4. Enjoy anime, Star Wars, Disney, Marvel, Harry Potter, and more, along with daily cosplay contests. Special guests include voice actor Keith Silverstein and artist Dominic Glover. Join the fun at 2001 Point W Way. [AmazingArtExpo.com](http://AmazingArtExpo.com)



Taylor Rodriguez as Elvis in "Elvis: The Ultimate Tribute"

Experience the magic of the King of Rock 'n' Roll at the East Sonora Theatre, 13891 Mono Way in Sonora, from July 25 - Aug. 25. "Taylor Rodriguez as Elvis: The Ultimate Tribute" is a captivating concert created and performed by Rodriguez, accompanied by a live band. Don't miss this thrilling homage to Elvis Presley. [Sierrarep.org](http://Sierrarep.org)

The McKinley Park Farmers Market, located at 601 Alhambra Blvd., is open every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This weekly event features certified locally grown produce and is the perfect spot to support local farmers and enjoy fresh, seasonal goods. [Sactownfarmersmarkets.com](http://Sactownfarmersmarkets.com)

Get ready for a frightfully fabulous night! Join the Scream Queens Gorelesque for Summerween, a Halloween-themed summer drag and cabaret show at the Bear Dive, 1330 H St., on July 27 at 8:30 p.m. Enjoy spellbinding performances by Dani Demize, Morgana Grimm, Chrisferrent, and more. Hosted by Rob Roberts. Stay for the ghoulish dance party! [LoveHorrorEvents.com](http://LoveHorrorEvents.com)

Join Crest Sacramento, 1013 K St., for a showing of the 1986 film "Stand By Me," based on Stephen King's writing, on Friday, August 2, at 8 p.m. This classic film follows a writer recounting a childhood journey with friends to find the body of a missing boy. [Crestsacramento.com](http://Crestsacramento.com)

"Waitress" runs from August 6-11, 2024, at the UC Davis Health Pavilion, 1419 H St. Featuring music and lyrics by Grammy winner Sara Bareilles, this uplifting musical tells the story of Jenna, a waitress and expert baker seeking a fresh start. Celebrate friendship, motherhood, and the magic of pie in this Broadway at Music Circus premiere! [BroadwaySacramento.com](http://BroadwaySacramento.com)

Join mixmaster DJ Yuka K for the best dance party on the planet at Harlow's Nightclub Sacramento on Friday, July 26. Enjoy K-pop, the popular music genre from South Korea, at 1411 27th St. The event is 21+ only. Don't miss this exciting KPOP Club Night! [Kpopclubnight.com](http://Kpopclubnight.com)

We extend our deepest condolences to the friends and family of local beloved actress Bethany "Bloody Bethy" Hidden. She worked with many local theaters including former LGBTQ theaters Lambda Players and Closet Door.

"Mud, River, Stone," by Lynn Nottage, directed by Nashell Lynem, will run from Aug. 9 - Sept. 1 at Celebration Arts, 2727 B St. The play follows an African-American couple stranded in Africa during the rainy season, testing their relationship amid the

Do you have events, birthdays, or announcements to share? Feel free to send them to [matthewburlingame@gmail.com](mailto:matthewburlingame@gmail.com)

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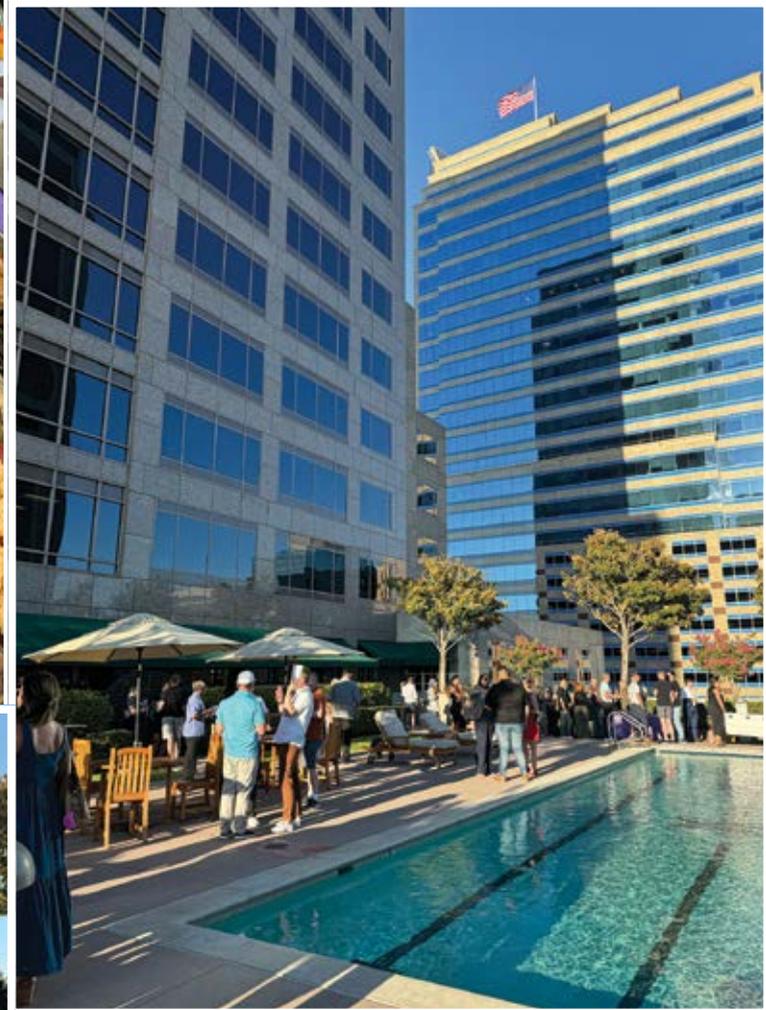
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The Rainbow Chamber of Commerce hosted its monthly networking mixer on the 16th, along with their host, Insperty HR Services. The participants enjoyed a little break from the heatwave, outdoors, next to the pool. RCC mixers are always held on the third Tuesday of each month and are hosted by a different chamber member. For more info look on the RCC calendar page of [www.rainbowchamber.com](http://www.rainbowchamber.com)

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## Activating Taste Buds (ATB)

Eating in, eating out or even eating in a different town, food is a good thing. *Outword* reader Alex shared a pic of his amazing-looking Italian dish from Sette Osteria in Washington DC. That's certainly not next door, but gosh darnit, that looks tasty! And so does Stephen's Sacramento homemade, garden-fresh Caprese salad! We would like to thank you for your submissions. We love having our readers share something delicious looking and not politically apocalyptic. Keep it up! Send your pics and description to [graphics@outwordmagazine.com](mailto:graphics@outwordmagazine.com)



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- 7/27 The Big GAY Picnic with PrimeTimers ✨

## August

- 8/1 Drag Queen Bingo at Mango's @ 7PM
- 8/2 Happy Hour with PrimeTimers @ Roscoe's
- 8/9 Outwards Monthly Happy Hour at Badlands @ 5:30 ✨
- 8/10 Sacramento Medical Museum with PrimeTimers
- 8/15 Harris Center - *The Spinners*
- 8/20 Rainbow Chamber's Monthly Networking Mixer - Childrens Museum ✨
- 8/20-9/1 Broadway Sacramento - *Jersey Boys*

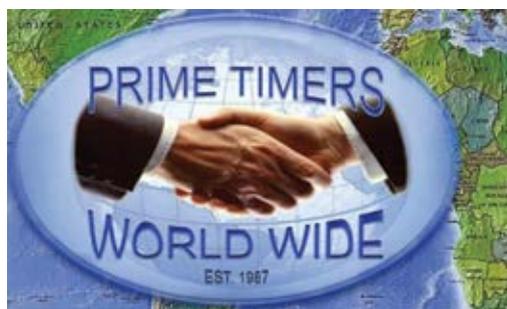
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## The FCC Voted To Restore Net Neutrality

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has voted to restore net neutrality by classifying broadband services as a Title II telecommunications service. This decision prohibits internet service providers (ISPs) from blocking, throttling, or engaging in paid prioritization of lawful content. The White House and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) supported the FCC's move.

The reclassification of broadband as a common carrier service means it is now subject to regulatory oversight, particularly in terms of consumer pricing. Senators Edward Markey and Ron Wyden celebrated the vote as a victory for maintaining a democratic space on the internet where commerce and communication can thrive.

However, there are concerns raised by Gigi Sohn and Shirley Bloomfield regarding the FCC's decision to forgo required contributions to the Universal Service Fund (USF), which funds connectivity to schools,

libraries, rural health care facilities, and provides subsidies like Lifeline for low-income individuals. Sohn criticized the decision, saying it could jeopardize the future of universal service programs, while Bloomfield expressed disappointment that the FCC did not address broader concerns about the online ecosystem in its decision.

Overall, the vote to restore net neutrality has significant implications for the regulation of broadband services and has sparked mixed reactions from various stakeholders in the industry.

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