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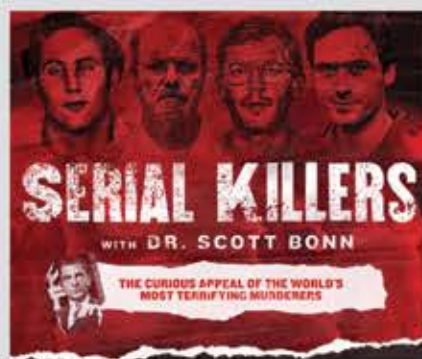
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Student Voters Lean Left — So the Right Is Making It Harder for Them to Vote *by Sasha Abramsky, TRUTHOUT*

For more than a decade, GOP state legislators have sought to make it harder for students — a group that by and large leans left — to vote.

In 2012, Republicans in North Carolina eliminated the ability of 16- and 17-year-olds to preregister to vote so that they would be automatically able to cast their ballots upon turning 18.

The following year, Ohio Republicans sought to penalize colleges that helped out-of-state students register to vote in Ohio, by mandating that they only charge them in-state tuition. This is despite the fact that under Ohio state law, anyone who has lived in the state for 30 consecutive days prior to the election can vote — a very different criterion from the college rules regarding who qualifies for in-state tuition. As a result of this legislative sleight of hand, colleges thought twice before providing students with information on how to vote.

In 2018, the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund filed a lawsuit against a small county in Texas that students alleged was limiting the number of early voting days allowed on the predominantly Black Prairie View A&M campus. During that election cycle several states, including Florida and Texas, imposed additional hurdles on out-of-state students seeking to vote.

Fast forward to 2024, and GOP-governed states — their legislators in thrall to Donald Trump's oft-debunked theories of rampant voter fraud — are again targeting student voters, seemingly as part of their growing effort to prune voter rolls and limit voter participation among groups that have historically favored the Democrats.

This crackdown follows a period of unprecedented youth voter engagement. As recently as 2012, 20 percent fewer 18- to 24-year-olds voted than was the case for any other eligible age group. Then, Trump came along and, in reaction to the policies that he was proposing on the environment, on abortion access, on immigration, and other key issues, young people started to pay far more attention to politics. That politicization

process accelerated once Trump became president. In 2020, there was a huge surge in youth voter participation, especially among college students — a group in which two-thirds of those eligible to vote did so — helping to produce majorities for Biden in enough swing states to win him the presidency.

The lessons weren't lost on the GOP. In the nearly four years since Trump began fanning the flames of a "stolen election" mythology, GOP legislators have worked out all kinds of ways to make it harder for students in their states to participate in elections.

In Idaho, for example, students can no longer use student IDs to establish their identity at the polls. North Carolina's stringent voter ID law also excludes many colleges' student IDs from use at polling places. In Ohio, out-of-state students who seek to vote at the college they are attending have to give up their home-state ID, including their home-state drivers' license. If they don't want to do that, they have to remember to register to vote in their home states, and to mail in their ballot in time for it to count. Students in Wisconsin recently reported receiving robo-texts warning them that if they voted in the wrong state, they could receive lengthy prison sentences.

Inside Higher Education recently reported that 27 states have, in recent years, passed laws that could have a negative impact on student voter participation. These include bills that target organizations that help people with the voter registration process — which is particularly important for young, and often first-time, voters. In Florida, groups that don't follow the complex process to a tee now risk fines of up to a quarter of a million dollars. As a result, many organizations have pulled back on their voter registration work, and, today, Florida is among the states with the lowest voter registration rates.

Some of the proposed changes pushed by legislators around the country are especially outrageous: In 2023, a GOP legislator in Texas tried to eliminate all campus polling places. That particular piece of legislation didn't make it out of committee. But, a few years earlier, the legislature did ban the

distribution of unsolicited mail-in ballot applications, meaning that many students (a group that was particularly likely to vote by mail in 2020) who might have voted by mail had they known they had the opportunity to do so now may never find out they can. In Montana — where Democratic Sen. Jon Tester is in a tough fight against his Republican challenger in a race that will likely determine control of the U.S. Senate — legislators passed a law barring the mailing of mail-in ballots to residents who aren't yet 18 but will be by the date of the election; another law eliminated Election Day voter registration, which has, historically, been disproportionately used by young voters. And during his ill-fated campaign, one-time presidential candidate Vivek Ramaswamy even proposed raising the voting age to 25, thus at a stroke eliminating the problem of pesky liberal students boosting Democratic candidates' chances.

Late last month, the Institute of Politics at the Harvard Kennedy School released a national poll showing Harris with a more than 30 percent lead over Trump among young voters. Even that likely understated the scale of Harris's lead, since the poll also found that young Democrats were more likely to vote than were their Republican counterparts, and a massive gender gap, with women favoring Harris.

Trump isn't going to overcome these numbers by a campaign of persuasion aimed at young voters, but the yearslong campaign by GOP legislators to pass state laws making it harder for young people to vote might partially accomplish this same goal.

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Rufus Wainwright Issues Statement After His Version Of "Hallelujah" Is Played At A Donald Trump Event

The night of October 14, at a Donald Trump town hall in Oaks, Pennsylvania, that NPR characterized as going "from a Q-and-A session to a bizarre musical event in which Trump stood in front of his audience for an extended period while songs played on the sound system," numerous songs were played. Among the songs was singer songwriter Rufus Wainwright's version of Leonard Cohen's seminal "Hallelujah." Wainwright, who is supporting Kamala Harris, was horrified upon learning of this and today issues this statement:

"The song 'Hallelujah' by Leonard Cohen has become an anthem dedicated to peace, love and acceptance of the truth. I've been supremely honored over the years to be connected with this ode to tolerance. Witnessing Trump and his supporters commune with this music last night was the height of blasphemy. Of course, I in no way condone this and was mortified, but the good in me hopes that perhaps in inhabiting and really listening to the lyrics of Cohen's masterpiece, Donald Trump just might experience a hint of remorse over what he's caused. I'm not holding my breath."
Rufus Wainwright

The publishing company for the Leonard Cohen estate has sent the Trump campaign a cease and desist letter.

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A Local LGBTQ+ Perspective on Breast Cancer

by Courtney Quinn

It's serendipitous to share in this Pet Issue that my wife and I had two small dogs who often excitedly jumped on me, and in 2017, I thought the dogs had given me a bruise on my breast. That bruise was a lump and led to my breast cancer diagnosis.



Today, I'm the Executive Director for the Albie Aware Breast Foundation, the largest local nonprofit organization dedicated solely to breast cancer in the greater Sacramento area. As I reflect on what I didn't know when I found that "bruise", there is information I want to make sure our LGBTQ+ community knows this breast cancer awareness month.

When should you start having breast cancer screenings?

Albie Aware recommends a clinical breast exam and screening mammogram annually for individuals 40 years or older. If an individual has a family history, genetic markers, or any symptoms they may need a mammogram more frequently and/or before age 40.

When should you stop having a yearly mammogram?

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends stopping at age 74, yet we recommend you have a conversation with your primary care doctor about when to stop. This August, at the Rainbow Chamber of Commerce's Drag Queen Bingo, I met a local resident who was 75 years old when she was diagnosed, and she's now celebrating 9 years as a survivor. Personally, my mother turned 75 years old in May and asked me if she should stop getting mammograms. I shared that I thought she should continue because she had previously had colon cancer, and her mother had breast cancer. Less than six months later, my mother was diagnosed with breast cancer, and she will have surgery at the end of this month.

How is the LGBTQ+ community impacted by breast cancer?

Sadly, we know that populations facing health disparities are more likely to die from breast cancer. Black women are 41% more likely to die from breast cancer than

white women and the leading cancer death among Latina/Hispanic women living in the U.S. is breast cancer. Because sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) data was not collected for decades, we lack the data to know the full impact of cancer for our community. What we do know is that some members of the LGBTQ+ community do not have full coverage health insurance, have a low level of trust in health care providers, and engage in a cluster of risk factors. In the last few years, major health organizations have released guidelines for breast cancer screenings for transgender people.

We know that our community may not have a relationship with their biological family, and we encourage you to talk to your health care provider about genetic testing.

What's changing for the LGBTQ+ community related to breast cancer?

In 2022, the Prevent Cancer Foundation (PCF) supported 10 projects dedicated to increasing cancer prevention and early detection in LGBTQ+ communities and Albie Aware was one the selected organizations. The Prevent Cancer Foundation continues to be an ally and provides information for our community on cancer screenings.

Alongside PCF, we've been advocating for seniors to access multi-cancer early detection tests. These blood tests, such as the GRAIL Galleri Test, screen for breast cancer and many of the deadliest cancers before they become symptomatic.

What should I do if I need help getting a screening or have more questions?

Early detection saves lives. If you live in the greater Sacramento area, and need help with a breast cancer screening or have questions, contact Albie Aware by calling 916-927-1592 or via email Info@AlbieAware.org

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Breast Cancer in the LGBTQ+ Community



5 Reasons LGBTQ+ Community Is at Higher Risk

1. Lack of health insurance
2. Low level of trust in health care providers
3. Engage in a cluster of risk factors
4. No consensus for screening guidelines for transgender patients
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Red Cross Partners with Harris Center to Share Crucial Preparedness Messaging

A unique partnership is about to take center stage. The California Gold Country Region of the American Red Cross joined hands with the Harris Center in Folsom to deliver a message of hope and preparedness during the run of the acclaimed musical, “Come From Away.”

This hit production tells the remarkable true story of 7,000 passengers stranded in a small Newfoundland town following the tragic events of September 11, 2001. The town’s residents opened their hearts and homes, embodying the power of human kindness in the face of crisis. With such a profound story of community and resilience, it was the perfect backdrop for another crucial message: how to prepare for life’s unexpected disasters.

After each performance, Red Cross volunteers will be ready in the lobby, to share vital information with audience members. They will talk about the importance of preparing for home fires and natural disasters, stressing that in a world where the climate crisis is creating more frequent and intense emergencies, it’s never been more important to be ready.

Through October 27, “Come From Away” audience members are invited to linger a little longer—not just to reflect on the story

they have just witnessed, but to learn how to protect themselves and their loved ones in times of crisis. The volunteers’ presence serve as a reminder that preparedness is not just a concept but a responsibility, one that can make all the difference when disaster strikes.

The American Red Cross has long been a beacon of hope in times of disaster, sheltering and feeding victims, providing life-saving blood supplies, teaching essential safety skills, and offering humanitarian aid. They do this important work with the help of dedicated volunteers and the generosity of the public.

For those who attend the performances at the Harris Center, the Red Cross’s message will be clear: just as the town of Gander (from the show) stepped up for thousands of strangers, we too can be ready to help ourselves and each other in times of need. For more information please visit: redcross.org/goldcountry

“Concert for Carolina” Adds Veeps Livestream Due To Overwhelming Demand

“Concert for Carolina” on October 26, 2024, will be livestreamed via Veeps, offering a chance for more fans to participate. Headlined by Luke Combs, Eric Church, Billy Strings, and James Taylor, the concert aims to raise funds for Hurricane Helene relief efforts. Tickets for the physical event sold out, so the livestream was added to maximize fundraising. Those affected by the hurricane can access the stream for free, while others can purchase it for \$24.99, with the option for additional donations. Proceeds will support organizations like Samaritan’s Purse, Manna Food Bank, and more.



The event will feature a strong lineup, including The Avett Brothers, Scotty McCreery, Chase Rice, Parmalee, Sheryl Crow, and Keith Urban. It will be held at Charlotte’s Bank of America Stadium and hosted by ESPN’s Marty Smith and Barstool Sports’ Caleb Pressley.

Combs, a North Carolina native, and Church, who hails from Granite Falls, will lead the benefit. Both artists have deep ties to the state, with Combs frequently performing at North Carolina venues and Church recently recording his latest project there. The concert is supported by sponsors such as T-Mobile, Miller Lite, and Bank of America. Proceeds will benefit local hurricane relief charities.

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Out, Proud, Latine: New Report Reveals Nearly 90% of Latine LGBTQ+ Youth Are Proud of Their Identity

source Human Rights Campaign

The Human Rights Campaign Foundation (HRC), in collaboration with the HRSi–HRC’s Latine affinity group—has released a report focused on the experiences and challenges faced by Latine LGBTQ+ youth. The report, produced in partnership with the University of Connecticut, offers valuable insights based on data from around 2,200 Latine LGBTQ+ youth (ages 13-18) from across the United States. Its findings serve as a guide for caregivers, educators, and professionals working with Latine LGBTQ+ youth, providing a roadmap for better understanding and supporting this community.

“Despite the rejection, stigma, and bias that many Latine LGBTQ+ youth experience in both the queer and Latine communities, the overwhelming majority still take great pride in their identity,” said Charleigh Flohr, Associate Director of Public Education & Research at HRC. “This community’s resilience, despite significant hurdles, is inspiring. Through this report, we aim to highlight both the challenges and triumphs of Latine LGBTQ+ youth and provide actionable steps to ensure they thrive.”

The report outlines the difficulties many Latine LGBTQ+ youth face, including rejection from family members, religious institutions, and the Latine community itself. They also face racism and bias within the broader LGBTQ+ community. These intersecting challenges often create a heavy emotional toll. Still, the majority of Latine LGBTQ+ youth report being proud of their identity, and many have shared their sexual orientation or gender identity with their families.



Orlando Gonzales, Senior Vice President of Programs, Research, and Training at HRC, emphasized the importance of support within the community. “As a gay Latino man, I know how crucial it is to feel embraced by your community. Unfortunately, many Latine LGBTQ+ individuals do not always receive the support they need to thrive. This report, created in collaboration with HRSi, provides not only data but also actionable steps and resources for families and professionals who work with Latine LGBTQ+ youth.”

Key Findings from the 2024 Latine LGBTQ+ Youth Report:

Racism, Homophobia, and Transphobia: 70.5% of Latine LGBTQ+ youth and 75.4% of Latine transgender youth have experienced racism in the LGBTQ+ community, while 78.7% of Latine LGBTQ+ youth report facing homophobia or transphobia in the Latine community.

Religion and Spirituality: Over 60% of youth raised in a religious setting felt their religion was unfriendly toward LGBTQ+ individuals, and 52.1% experienced feelings of guilt or shame due to religious beliefs.

Mental Health: More than half of Latine LGBTQ+ youth and 61.9% of transgender youth screened positive for depression, with many also reporting unmet mental health care needs.

Despite these challenges, 89.9% of Latine LGBTQ+ youth say they are proud of their LGBTQ+ identity, though 24.5% still wish they were not LGBTQ+.

For a full report and resources, access the 2024 Latine LGBTQ+ Youth Survey Report here: <https://hrc-prod-requests.s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/files/documents/Latine-LGBTQ-Youth-Report.pdf>

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Midtown Halloween Festival & Pooch Parade on October 26

Presented by Midtown Sutter, the Midtown Association is excited to announce a four-footed-favorite – the Midtown Halloween Festival & Pooch Parade – returns on Saturday, October 26, 2024, from noon to 3 p.m. at James Marshall Park (915 27th Street).



Each year, Midtown Sutter restaurants – including Barwest, Blue Cue, Café Bernardo, Centro Cocina Mexicana, Four Palms, Harlow's, The Historic Star Lounge, Lock & Key Tapas + Bar, Octopus Baja, Paragary's Midtown, and Tea Bar & Fusion Café – partner with the Midtown Association for the canine-friendly event that is highlighted by a much-anticipated Pooch Parade scheduled to take place at 2 p.m. Furry friends will strut and stroll by while competing in an always-entertaining costume contest that will include prizes (Midtown Sutter gift cards and Midtown Love swag) for the winning pooches.

The highly anticipated parade of costumed pooches will be emceed by the always-entertaining Patrick Harbison of PHPR. Contest judges include Good Day Sacramento reporter "Big Al," Incoming Sacramento City Councilmember Phil Pluckebaum (District 4), Fort Sutter general manager Danielle Price, and Lock & Key Tapas + Bar owner Will Walton. Before and after the Pooch Parade portion, there will be plenty of family-friendly outdoor activities, including music from DJ LB, arts and crafts, a fun dog-shaped bounce house, photo-friendly pet backdrops, face painter, dog photographer, and so much more. Visitors will also have the opportunity to pick out a free small pumpkin at the first-ever mini Pumpkin Patch experience. Guests can experience some of the best of what Midtown Sutter restaurants have to offer, as Barwest and Lock & Key will be on-site offering food for purchase. Additionally, visitors who stop by Lock & Key will receive a free puppuccino that day. While the Midtown Halloween Festival & Pooch Parade is free to attend, interested participants and pet owners are encouraged to register in advance via this link.

Early that day, special and spirited activities will be available at the Midtown Farmers Market that takes place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Market Square (20th & K Streets). Costumes are encouraged and a variety of participating vendor booths will offer trick-or-treats.

The Midtown Halloween Festival & Pooch Parade and the Midtown Farmers Market are presented and supported by the Midtown Association, which is committed to ensuring Midtown remains a thriving center for culture, creativity, and vibrancy.

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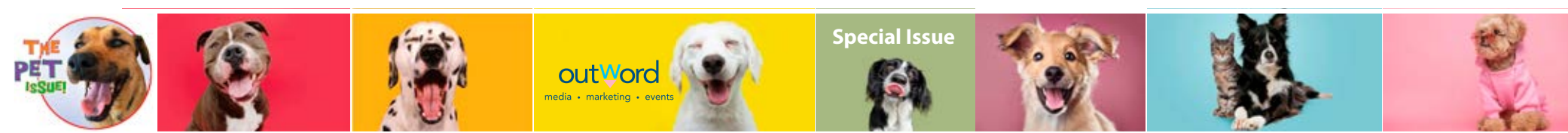
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Out & About

On October 10, 2024, the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Rainbow Chamber Foundation, hosted its highly anticipated annual Boas & Bow Ties Gala. This unforgettable evening brought together community members, leaders and advocates for a night of celebration and purpose. The gala highlighted the Chamber's ongoing commitment to supporting LGBTQ+ and allied students, proudly recognizing 15 extraordinary scholarship recipients. These students exemplify hope for a more inclusive and equitable future. Their achievements serve as a testament to the impact of the Chamber's fundraising efforts, which continue to provide scholarships and educational opportunities. The night was a true celebration of community spirit, leaving everyone excited for what's to come. For more information about the Rainbow Chamber and future events, visit: www.RainbowChamber.com



Little Activisms by Judy Saint

Pets Are the Best Activists

Time for fun, Sweethearts! First, we go shopping. Then we learn how to let our pets do our TikTok videos for us! No-brainer, right?

First, honor your pet's love for you by letting your pet support you with clothing. Your pet wants to please you, so shop for some little activist vests, booties, or bow ties in full color. Here are some places to look:

<https://furescufashions.com> for a cute rainbow vest.

Feminist and "Good Trouble" bandanas at <https://www.the-outrage.com/collections/pets>.

Cats for Kamala bandanas at <https://www.etsy.com/listing/1794228871>.

Take your pet out with you to be seen. I mean, yasss girl, being seen sparks conversations, right? And right now, conversations are more important than ever! Well, they always are, but since we need to prevent fascism right now, it kind of matters a lot, right?

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Who can resist a political endorsement from a talking cat or dog? You might finally

get through to your rabbit-hole Uncle Harry! It can be a short, blunt statement, like, "Vote for the cat lady." Or maybe something a little longer, like explaining 3 funny reasons why dogs love football coaches or something. Put a new one out each day until the election!

BONUS: Not only for politics. You can make a personal video message like a birthday greeting, public service announcement like please "Pick up my poop", fun suggestions like "Dad told me he really wants to visit the park today. Bring dog treats, he said." It's all fun.

To make a video of your pet talking, check out the software below. Some have free options. Some charge for advanced services. Some use a static photo, and some can use a short video to seem more realistic.

My Talking Pet has a fun, easy tutorial at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WLHshKmx_ko.

Or, try any of these: Tractive Pet BlaBla, Toppo, Virbo's "Talking Photo", Vidnoz, or Chatterpix.

Check out what others have created on YouTube. Search for "talking pet photos". You'll get some good ideas. Share yours on social media! I'll look for you there.



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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Apples, Wine, Food And Dogs Oh My, Plus LGBTQ Friendliness

experienced by Fred Palmer

Thinking about a weekend trip but the stress of planning a flight for a short weekend is real. Traveling can be a big pain and it might not be in your budget, so local short trips might be your best solution. Also, if you have a pet, the expense of dog care adds to the trip, often the cost to have pet care might be larger than your hotel cost, because as LGBTQ folks we treat our pets like royalty. Travel that is dog friendly and just up the road is the answer to your stress free weekend.

Check out the website Visit Eldorado, it shares tons of fun things to do just about 50 minutes away from Sacramento to make a fun day trip or an easy weekend trip. We traveled after work on a Friday night and made it up the hill on time to check into our bed and breakfast and then an early dinner reservation.

To plan you trip please visit <https://visit-eldorado.com> and there you will info links to wine, food, lodging, outdoor fun and much more. The folks at Visit Eldorado and totally LGBTQ friendly and want our business!

Day One

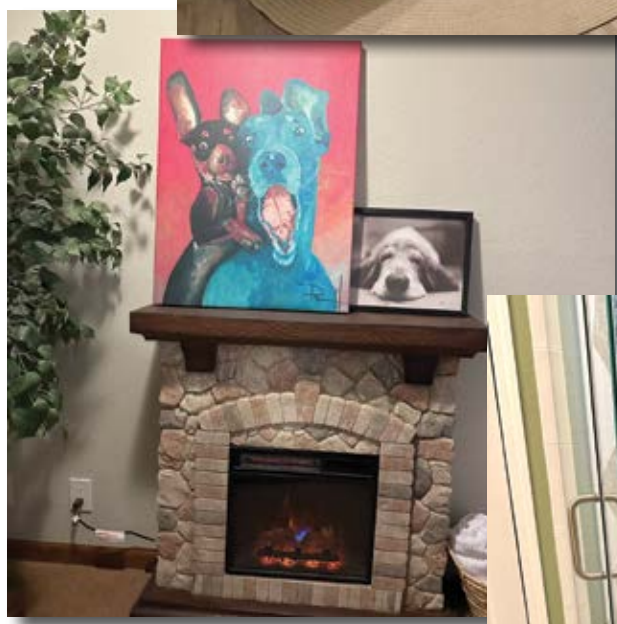
We checked into Ponderosa Ridge Bed and Breakfast and had a quick chat with the innkeepers who were amazing and so very friendly. Nestled in the scenic hills of Apple Hill, California, Ponderosa Ridge Bed and Breakfast offers the perfect escape for those seeking a relaxing getaway with easy access to local wineries, farm-to-table dining, and picturesque landscapes. Known for its charming accommodations and personalized service, Ponderosa Ridge is a hidden gem in the heart of El Dorado County's wine country.



The cozy, three-room bed and breakfast is surrounded by lush gardens and tall pine trees, providing a tranquil and intimate setting for your stay. Each room at Ponderosa Ridge is thoughtfully designed with comfort and style in mind, featuring cozy beds, private bathrooms, and beautiful views of the surrounding forest. Guests can enjoy a fresh homemade breakfast each morning, often featuring locally sourced ingredients from nearby farms. The dog friendly room has a dog Murphy bed!



Ponderosa Ridge is ideally located for wine lovers, as it's just a short drive from some of the region's top wineries. Apple Hill is home to a variety of family-owned vineyards and tasting rooms, each offering a unique experience. You can spend your day sipping on rich Zinfandels, refreshing Chardonnays, or delightful rosés while taking in the rolling vineyards and scenic countryside. Many of the wineries also offer picnic areas where you can relax and enjoy a glass of wine with a view.



For food enthusiasts, the Apple Hill area boasts a range of dining options that emphasize fresh, local ingredients. Whether you're in the mood for a casual bite at one of the farm-to-fork cafes or a more refined dining experience, the area has something to offer. Local favorites like fresh-baked pies, apple cider donuts, and artisanal cheeses are must-tries during your visit.



After a day of wine tasting and indulging in delicious local fare, Ponderosa Ridge provides a peaceful retreat to unwind. You can take a leisurely stroll through the property's gardens, relax on the porch with a good book, or simply enjoy the serene natural surroundings. Whether you're looking for a romantic weekend, a getaway with friends, or a solo retreat,

With its perfect blend of comfort, convenience, and natural beauty, Ponderosa Ridge Bed and Breakfast is the ideal base for your Apple Hill adventure.



We enjoyed a fantastic dinner at The Independent Restaurant and Bar. I love appetizers and can make an entire dinner out of them so I often start with some small bites. We chose a couple items, Ahi tartare with ponzu cucumber, tobiko and wonton crisps, delicious and slightly sweet. I really wanted the truffle mac and cheese too, but will try that on the next visit. Next choice, Pacific Salmon, Ahi Nicoise, Hereford Filet or blackened Salmon Tacos. So many choices in a great location in Placerville just 10 minutes from the B&B.

After dinner we retreated back to Pondersa, in our dog friendly room to enjoy some wine on the deck and rocking chairs while listening to the musical sounds courtesy of the local wildlife sounds of crickets and other new friends.

Day Two

Saturday morning we were greeted with homemade breakfast, of course some local apple juice and great conversations with the B& B owners and other guests too. Then off to our many stops to taste and eat all things apple and wine! There are so many to choose from and a list can be found on line or your innkeepers can give you a few ideas and favorites, plus maps to find the Ale Trail, Apple everything and did I mention wine?

Our first stop was Starfield Vineyards with a quick stop across the street to check out the 24 Carrot Farm Stand, with fruit stand, pick your own flowers and other farm stand treats. Starfield from the street looks like a lot of places with an iron gate, and an inviting road up the hill but inside it is so amazing. Starfield opened in 2019 and has a great family story to tell. We were welcomed with a glass of blanc de blanc in main public tasting room with stunning vineyard views and friendly staff.

The Starfield is dog friendly, so there were lots of pups to pet if you do not have your own dog. Theo took care of us in the main tasting room. We enjoyed a visit to their lake that is reserved for members only, with a charcuterie plate consisting of house-made pork pickled grapes and other nibbles. We are fortunate to live in our area with tons of wineries but I must say the Starfield is now one of our new favorites, and the lake alone is worth joining, the club, so we did!

We loved the Santa Cruz Mt Chardonnay, one of three wines not estate grown, the Rhône style white was both acidity tart with a lemongrass note. The Miners Inch, their flagship wine (first vintage of the winery), was slightly dry, complex and delicious! And, not on the list, a Pinot noir, Petaluma Gap - gaps crown vineyard Sonoma.

Next up, Delfino Farms, another dog friendly location which included their farm dog pup and a visit to see their baby doll sheep, they were so cute! Delfino offered up some great wines with a spectacular view. In addition to the wine, we had Hard cider that had been dry aged in oak. Delfino hosted an Annual Snout to Tail dinner that this year they partnered with Cannon Restaurant in Sacramento. Like many wineries, they also host Summer concert series called "Folk on the Farm."

After a little nap back at the Ponderosa we enjoyed dinner at Smith Flat House. The steak salad we ordered was huge, and along with that we also enjoyed roasted asparagus and jambalaya risotto, also delicious. The restaurant was in the middle of hosting a large wedding so we were able to enjoy our dinner in the lower historic room, which was a rare treat.

Day Three

After a very restful night we enjoyed another amazing breakfast at our B& B along with lovely conversation with the hosts. After breakfast we checked out some of the many apple farms and then hit up Lava Cap Winery. We enjoyed conversation with our server Jen who shared stories about the family farm, all things apple and of course wine too, we enjoyed Mouvedre, a limited production 2022, 2021 Petit Syrah that displayed no smokey flavor, despite the fires that year.

After that, we bid a very fond farewell to Eldorado and headed home to Sacramento. The short drive up there was easy, and no matter if you make it a day trip or spend the whole weekend, the area has so much to offer and is very LGBTQ friendly. We had a wonderful, restful weekend and look forward to going back for another visit.

To plan you trip please visit <https://visit-eldorado.com> and there you will info links to wine, food, lodging, outdoor fun and much more. The folks at Visit Eldorado and totally LGBTQ friendly and want our business!



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Sacramento, A Great City for Dog Parks

source: Lawnstarter.com

In celebration of National Lost Pet Prevention Month, LawnStarter set out to determine the most pup-friendly cities in the U.S. for 2024 by ranking the Best Dog Park Cities. Dog owners all over the country are always searching for the perfect spot to let their furry friends roam free, and Sacramento has proven to be a great place for just that.

According to the rankings, Sacramento holds its own in several key categories. When it comes to dog parks per 100,000 residents, the city ranks an impressive 12th. Sacramento also takes 13th place in two other important metrics: the number of top-rated dog parks (those earning a stellar 4.5+ "bones") and its sunny weather, perfect for outdoor play.

But how does Sacramento stack up against other dog-loving cities in California? San Francisco leads the pack, coming in 2nd overall, while cities like San Diego, Chula Vista, Long Beach, and Los Angeles trail further behind, ranking 18th, 21st, 38th, and 54th, respectively.

LawnStarter's team compared 101 of the largest U.S. cities, evaluating three major factors: the number of dog parks available per 100,000 human residents, the quality of visitor ratings, and the amount of sunny weather each city enjoys, along with five other metrics. Through these comparisons, Sacramento emerges as a top contender for any dog owner looking to find a city full of great parks, reliable sunshine, and happy pups.

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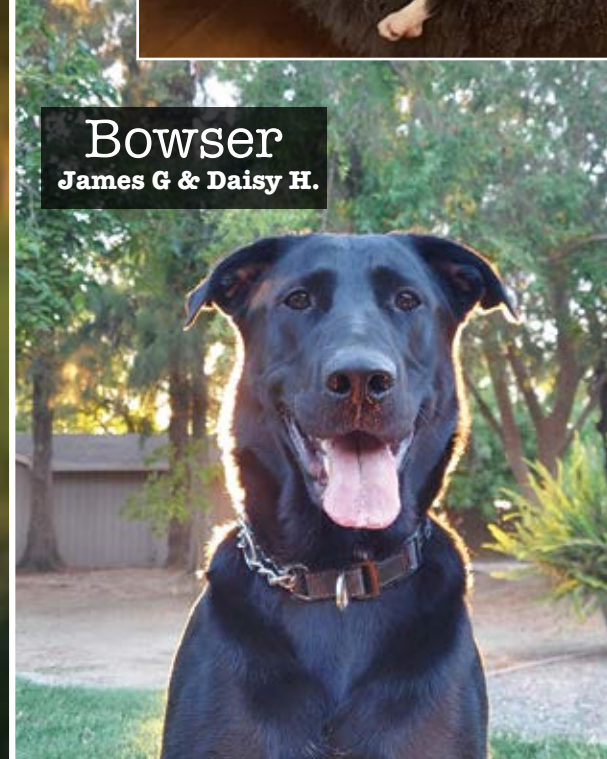
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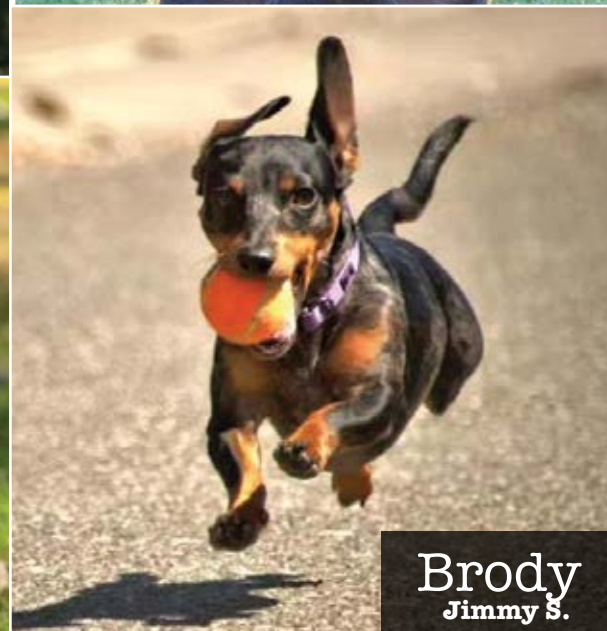
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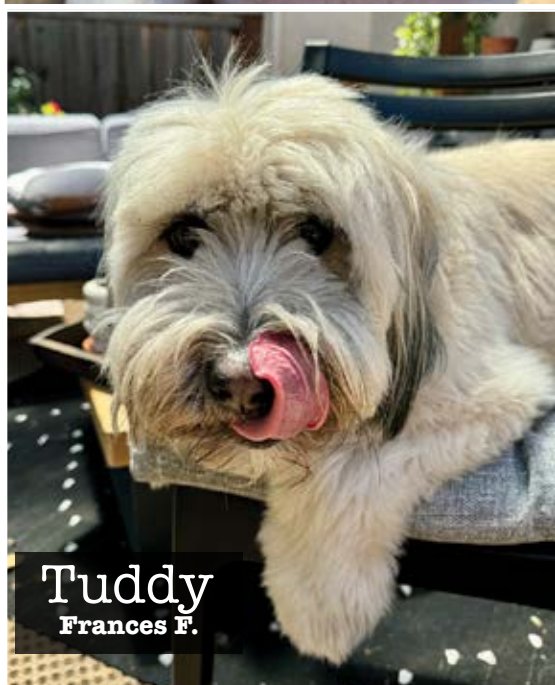
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Thank you to all the adorable pets who participated in our pet photo contest! While these furry friends didn't take home the grand prize, we couldn't resist showcasing their charm and personality. Here are the honorable mentions that warmed our hearts!



The Queen of Christmas Has Returned

You can forget about Halloween and Thanksgiving because Mariah Carey is back, and she has brought Christmas with her. We can put the scary stuff away, throw out those pumpkins, and get ready to deck the halls.



Her fans have been waiting patiently for the return of Ms. Mariah and her holiday spirit which will grace the stage of The Venue at Thunder Valley Casino Resort for one night only, this Nov. 10. Carey is celebrating the 30-year anniversary of her "Merry Christmas" album and its classic holiday hit, "All I Want For Christmas Is You."

Mariah Carey's Christmas Time tour will feature the global superstar's versions of timeless holiday standards, alongside fan-favorite chart-toppers, promising an unforgettable festive experience. There were still a few tickets left last time we checked, and if you've been nice instead of naughty this year you might be able to purchase them at: <https://thundervalleyresort.com>

Discover a true champion

Brittney Griner
November 3

The six-time WNBA All-Star sits down to discuss her new book *Coming Home*.

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Celebration Arts and Cap Stage Come Through

by Chris Narloch

Two thought-provoking plays about race and what it means to be a minority in America are now playing on Sacramento stages. Read on for my reviews.

Celebration Arts

This theater is currently operating out of one of the spaces that previously housed B Street Theatre, before those folks moved to The Sofia on Capitol Avenue in midtown Sacramento. Celebration Arts continues to explore the Black experience in America with "Crumbs from the Table of Joy," an early play by Lynn Nottage, the great playwright whose works include "Ruined," "Sweat," and "Clyde's."

"Crumbs from the Table of Joy" is not quite in the same league as those masterworks, but it is worth seeing both on its own merits and as a starting point if you've never seen a play by Nottage, who is one of the most consistent and talented playwrights currently working in this country.

Set against the social politics of the 1950s, the play's bittersweet story follows 17-year-old Ernestine after she and her sister and her father move from Florida to Brooklyn and find a less than welcoming neighborhood. The sisters must navigate a new family dynamic as well, after their widowed father marries a white woman.

Thanks to the solid direction of Imani Mitchell, the five-person cast mostly rises to the emotional demands of the script, even though a couple of the roles are not ideally cast. I did especially enjoy the performance given by James Ellison III, as the dad.

Nothing momentous happens in "Crumbs..." but Nottage isn't interested in manufactured melodrama. Her strengths lie in the connections between her characters - or lack of connection - and her unerring ability to write dialogue that sounds like real speech.

"Crumbs from the Table of Joy" performs through this Nov. 3. Visit: www.celebrationarts.net



The Heart Sellers
BY LLOYD SUH
DIRECTED BY JENNIFER CHANG

Capital Stage

This theater's latest offering, Lloyd Suh's "The Heart Sellers," is a co-production with Aurora Theatre Company in Berkeley and TheatreWorks Silicon Valley, and the play hits the stage at Capital Stage like a well-oiled machine.

The seemingly simple story, about two Asian immigrants who meet in a grocery store and bond over their shared experiences (and a bottle of wine), takes us inside the journey of two American dreamers who sometimes feel like strangers in a strange land.

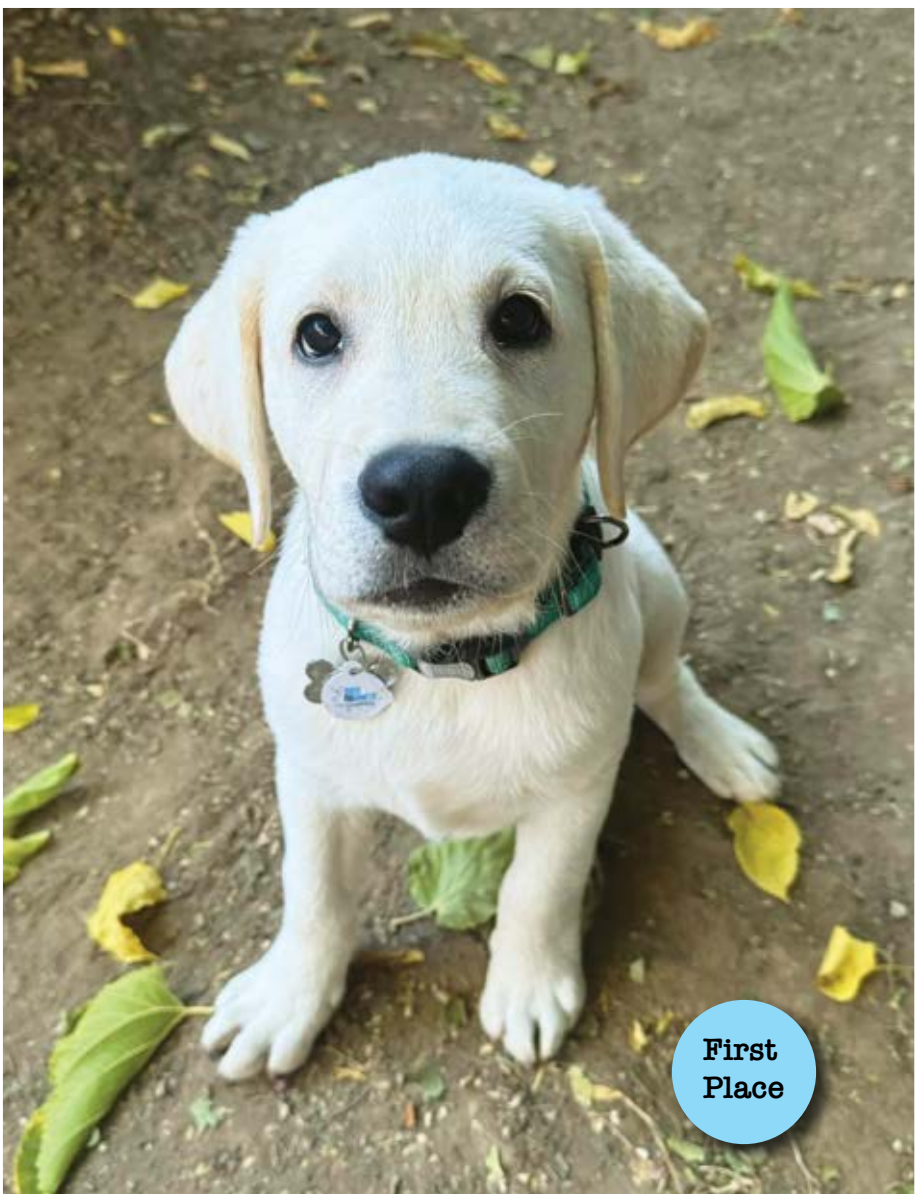
Lloyd Suh and director Jennifer Chang do a fine job of doling out the play's small surprises, and this production's success has much to do with two terrific actresses, Nicole Javier and Wonjung Kim, who bring their characters to vivid life gradually and with great skill.

The characters of Jane and Luna at first seem like Asian caricatures (an eager to please chatterbox and a timid mouse who speaks broken English) but there is much more to the women than initially meets the eye. The same goes for the play itself, which is sold with a great deal of heart thanks to Suh, Chang, and the two wonderful women who costar in this production.

"The Heart Sellers" continues through Nov. 17. For more information, please visit: <https://capstage.org>

Mister Peabody

Matt B.



Meet the stars of Outword Magazine's Pet Photo Contest! We asked you, our wonderful readers, to send in a photo of your beloved companions. A panel of judges carefully went through them, and these were chosen based on cuteness, composition, and image quality—though we do wonder if a few of you are still using flip phones...

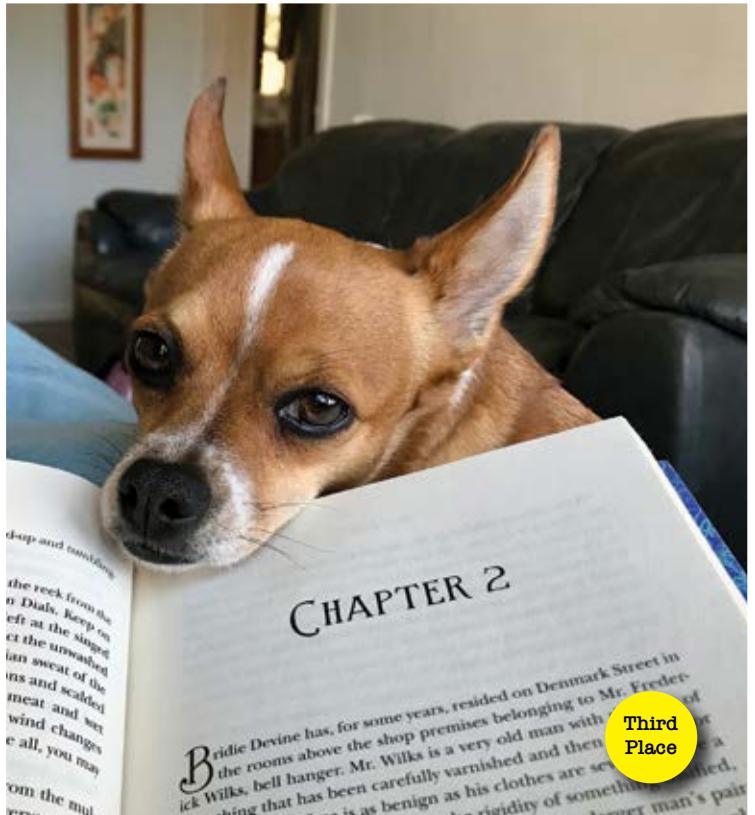
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Get Your Queer On at Mondavi

by Chris Narloch

Basketball player Brittney Griner and the stand-up comedian and actor Eddie Izzard would seem to have little in common, and yet both individuals share a strong commitment to activism. They are also both appearing in Davis this November. Read on for details.



Brittney Griner

Brittney Griner

Named as one of TIME Magazine's 100 Most Influential People in 2023, Olympic gold medalist Brittney Griner is one of the most decorated and significant athletes of this generation.

Griner's most recent book, "Coming Home," takes readers inside her shocking detention in Russia, the campaign to bring her home, and how overwhelming support from family and friends kept her fighting for survival and justice.

Chancellor Gary S. May will moderate the discussion and Q&A with Griner. "An Evening with Brittney Griner" is scheduled for the evening of Nov. 3, at the Mondavi Center in Davis.

Eddie Izzard

Brilliant, hilarious, and sometimes bizarre -- in a good way -- the frequent cross-dresser Eddie Izzard is back in the US and on tour. Izzard's "The Remix Tour Live" promises to be an unforgettable night of thought provoking, intelligent and surreal stand-up comedy.

As always with Eddie, expect the unexpected. Actor, comedian, multi-marathon runner and political activist Eddie Izzard's boundary-pushing career spans 35 years of record-breaking comedy tours and critically acclaimed film, TV, and theatre performances.

Eddie Izzard brings the funny to Mondavi Center in Davis, on Nov. 16. For more information about these and other shows, please visit www.mondaviarts.org



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Halloween Horror at the Movies by Chris Narloch

Watching scary movies in October is a ritual for horror film fans like me, and this year as always there are several new additions to the fright flick filmography. So, after you're done binging Ryan Murphy's latest trashy true-crime series on Netflix, about the Menendez brothers, you can check out one or more of these horrifying films.

Smile 2

The first "Smile" movie was a surprise hit two years ago, with audiences and most critics, thanks to its novel gimmick and surprisingly strong acting and direction. The inevitable sequel attempts to go bigger and better, and it's a case of more is less. I can recommend it with some reservations, but "Smile 2" is not a gem like the original.

Our heroine this time is a pop star – imagine Pink, Britney Spears, and Lady Gaga all rolled into one – and she catches the crazy smile from her drug dealer, who smashes his own face in with a large barbell. The rest of the film consists of said singer (intensely played by an excellent Naomi Scott) trying to avoid falling prey to the suicidal smile.

The movie goes on too long and gets very convoluted, with scene after scene that pull the rug out from under the viewer. (I never need to see another movie where a character wakes up from a dream sequence that we didn't know was a dream.) That said, the film has some first-rate jump scares and top notch acting, and the CGI monster at the end is super-cool. Currently in wide theatrical release.



Smile 2



Woman of the Hour

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I have enjoyed watching the pint-sized powerhouse Anna Kendrick ever since she became famous for the "Pitch Perfect" pictures and was Oscar-nominated for her supporting performance in "Up in the Air," and now she is an equally successful director.

In 1970s Los Angeles, as a wave of murders makes headlines, a young woman aspiring to become an actress crosses paths with a serial killer during an episode of a popular TV dating show. That "killer" premise is of course based on the story of real-life serial killer Rodney Alcala, who appeared on "The Dating Game" in 1978, during his murder spree.

Kendrick is perfect as the heroine of "Woman of the Hour," and she proves herself to be a shrewd and economical director, as well. This movie is now available to stream if you have Netflix.

Rumours

This apocalyptic political satire was directed by the oddball indie filmmaker Guy Maddin, and it tells the fictional story of a G7 summit between the leaders of the world's wealthiest countries, which unravels as tempers flare, passions ignite, and the undead rise from their graves after night falls.

"Rumours" is too bizarre to appeal to a wide audience, and the horror elements are intentionally laughable, but it has its moments, as well as a great cast that includes Cate Blanchett, Alicia Vikander, and Charles Dance.

Blanchett has an especially fun scene handing out summit swag bags to cheer up her fellow leaders, as the world collapses around them. This movie opened in a handful of theaters on Oct. 18 but might be gone by the time you read this.



Rumours



Terrifier 3

Terrifier 3

Last and definitely least is the third tribute to torture porn directed (if you can call it that) by the infamous Damien Leone, who has built his career on coming up with novel ways to carve up and kill people on screen, although he seems to save his most sadistic fantasies for women. Reports of moviegoers passing out or throwing up while watching his mayhem have only increased the popularity of his films.

How much gore can you tolerate? That seems to be the appeal of Leone's movies, which routinely feature folks being disemboweled, axed to death, and strangled with their own intestines, etc. In the first "Terrifier" film, the director has his killer, Art the Clown, saw a live woman in half from vagina to head as she hangs upside down in the nude.

In this third installment of the franchise, a nude young man gets fucked with a chainsaw on a bathroom floor. I'm not sure what all this says about the director and his fans, but it's not good. If Leone had any discernible style or wit or talent as a director, I might not mind as much, but his movies are gory garbage. Currently in wide theatrical release.

Good For You Two!

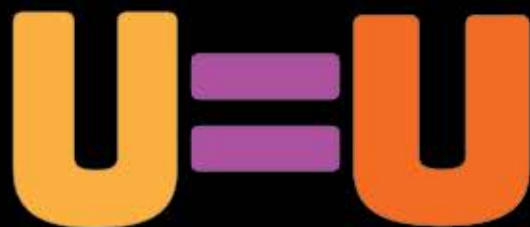


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Out & About with Matthew Burlingame

Welcome to Outword's annual pet issue! With shelters at capacity and the number of incoming animals rising, adopting a furry friend in need of a forever home can be not only life-changing but life-saving as well. Several years ago, we adopted a 6-month-old Chihuahua mix from a shelter, who has the rage of 1,000 war-torn Vikings flowing through her. Yet, for us, she is our little miracle. If you have room for a little miracle in your life, please adopt and give an animal a safe and happy home.



Prince Tribute Show featuring The Cover Up Band! Courtesy photo.

Join the fun at Rainbow Chamber Drag Queen Bingo, Thursday, Nov. 7 from 7-9 p.m. at Mango's, 1930 K St. All seating is first come, first served, with the game starting at 7 p.m. A \$20 cash donation to play. Proceeds go to Friends of Front Street. Don't miss this exciting and charitable event! Rainbowchamber.com

Get ready for an unforgettable night at PainKillers Pub & Grub, 2168 Sunset Blvd. in Rocklin with a Prince Tribute Show featuring The Cover Up Band! Celebrate the legendary Prince known for his iconic style and genre-blending music on a night filled with funk, rock, R&B and more. Don't miss this electrifying tribute! Painkillerspub.com

ArtMix: In The Paint takes over the Crocker Art Museum on Thursday, Nov. 14, from 6-9 p.m. This 18+ event mixes art and basketball with DJed music, live performances, and art activities. Wear your favorite team gear and join in the fun. Free for members, \$25 for non-members. Don't miss this full-court celebration! Crockerart.org

Visit Compassion Planet's Pumpkin Patch at 5465 Pacific St., Rocklin, CA, through Oct. 28! With no entry fee, families can choose from a variety of pumpkins, enjoy the Kids Play Area, and shop at Deer Creek Farm. Weekends from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. feature face painting, balloon characters, and more. Open daily—come make fall memories! Compassionplanet.com

The Second Annual Bourbon & Bubbles event is happening Thursday, Oct. 24, at 5:30 p.m. at 1913, located at 1913 Del Paso Blvd. Join local nonprofits and businesses for an evening of community building while learning about Impact Foundry's work in transforming the nonprofit sector. Don't miss out on the fun and networking! impactfoundry.org

Join the LGBTQ Men's Support Group every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Sacramento LGBT Community Center, 1015 20th St., in Lavender Heights. This in-person group provides a safe and welcoming space for connection, conversation, and support. All are welcome to share and build community! Saccenter.org

Rob Thomas will perform a special benefit concert for the Sidewalk Angels Foundation on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 8 p.m. at The Venue at Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln. The Matchbox Twenty frontman and Grammy-winning solo artist is known for his mix of emotive rock hits and polished pop material. Don't miss this intimate evening of storytelling, classic hits, and supporting a great cause! Thundervalleyresort.com

Join the fun at Sewcial's Linen & Leather Tote Bag Workshop for beginners on Friday, Oct. 25, at 5:30 p.m. at 3960 60th St. Learn how to create a chic tote with vegan leather straps, hidden seams, and optional pockets. No experience needed, and all supplies are included. Bring an optional beverage and let's celebrate! Sewcial.com

Join the Downtown Turlock Ghost Walk on Oct. 25 and 26, starting at 108 S. Center St., Turlock, CA. Hosted by the Turlock Historical Society & Museum, this 1.5-hour walking tour, complete with ghostly guides, explores the history and hauntings of Historic Downtown Turlock. Suitable for brave older kids! Tickets at Main Street Antiques. Turlockhistoricalsociety.org

The Sacramento SPCA's Fall Gala, themed "Totally Pawsome 80's Prom," will take place on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at 6201 Florin Perkins Rd. Sspca.org

Make sure you vote!

Do you have events, birthdays, or announcements to share? Feel free to send them to matthewburlingame@gmail.com.



“Careless Whisper” Turns Forty

To mark the 40th anniversary of George Michael’s iconic hit ‘Careless Whisper’, George Michael Entertainment (GME) and Sony Music are releasing the ‘Careless Whisper EP’ worldwide.



George Michael

The ‘Careless Whisper EP’ is now available on all platforms and will be released on limited edition ruby marble vinyl in North America on November 1st [Pre-order [HERE](#)]. The EP features a previously unreleased live recording of the timeless song from George’s electrifying performance at Madison Square Garden on July 23, 2008. This special concert was part of his monumental 25Live tour, marking his return to New York City after a 17-year hiatus and showcasing a reunion with his devoted fans.

Originally topping the charts in 25 countries upon its release in 1984, ‘Careless Whisper’ has since achieved 7x Platinum certification in the United States and sold over 1.5 million copies in the UK. It has also received multi-Platinum and Diamond certifications in over 20 other countries.

Co-written with Wham! bandmate Andrew Ridgeley when George Michael was just 17, the song has been celebrated as a masterpiece of contemporary songwriting and is now regarded as a modern-day classic.

‘Careless Whisper’ cemented George Michael’s legacy, making him the youngest-ever recipient of an Ivor Novello Award at 21 and the first artist to top the charts as both a soloist and a group member in the same year.

Even 40 years later, ‘Careless Whisper’ continues to captivate new generations, with over 700 million views on TikTok and averaging nearly half a million daily views on YouTube. It also holds a place in the exclusive Billions Club on both YouTube and Spotify.

George Michael Entertainment shared: “As we celebrate 40 years of ‘Careless Whisper,’ we are excited to offer something truly special to George’s millions of fans worldwide. This EP is our heartfelt ‘thank you’ for your unwavering support and love. We are deeply grateful.” For more information on George Michael visit www.georgemichael.com

Bronski Beat’s “The Age of Consent” Also Turns 40

London Records is celebrating the 40th anniversary of Bronski Beat’s iconic debut album, The Age of Consent, with special releases available in 2CD, 2LP, Deluxe 4CD/DVD, and digital formats.

Reflecting on the milestone, Jimmy Somerville shared, “When something we create in life has such a profound impact on others, and they tell us this, it’s truly humbling. The Age of Consent will always hold a special place in my heart.” (2024)

Originally released in 1984, The Age of Consent boldly confronted the challenges and victories of LGBTQ+ communities during a time when such conversations were often suppressed. Four decades later, while significant progress, such as marriage equality, has been achieved, the journey toward full equality for the LGBTQ+ community continues.

The album’s messages of liberation and resistance are as relevant today as ever, highlighted by a newly commissioned short documentary film, “Why?,” directed by Matt Lambert, which also premiered to mark this 40th anniversary.



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OCT 26

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NOV 08

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NOV 19

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OCT 29

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DEC 06

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the beloved 2003 film, the hilarious tale of Buddy, an
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NOV 05

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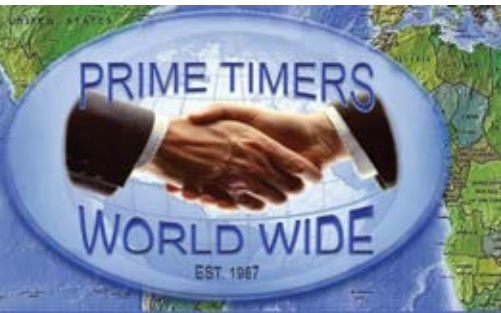
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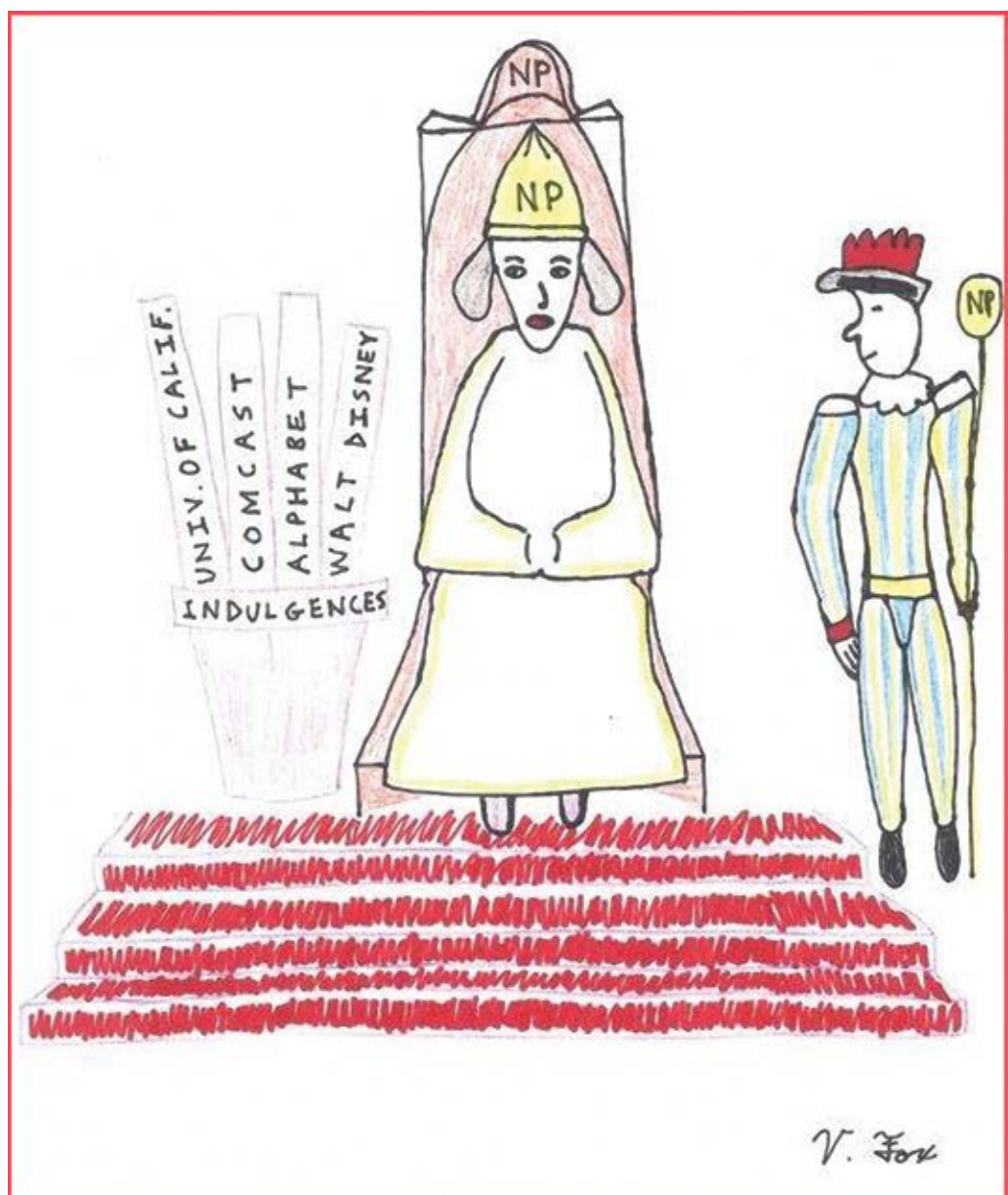
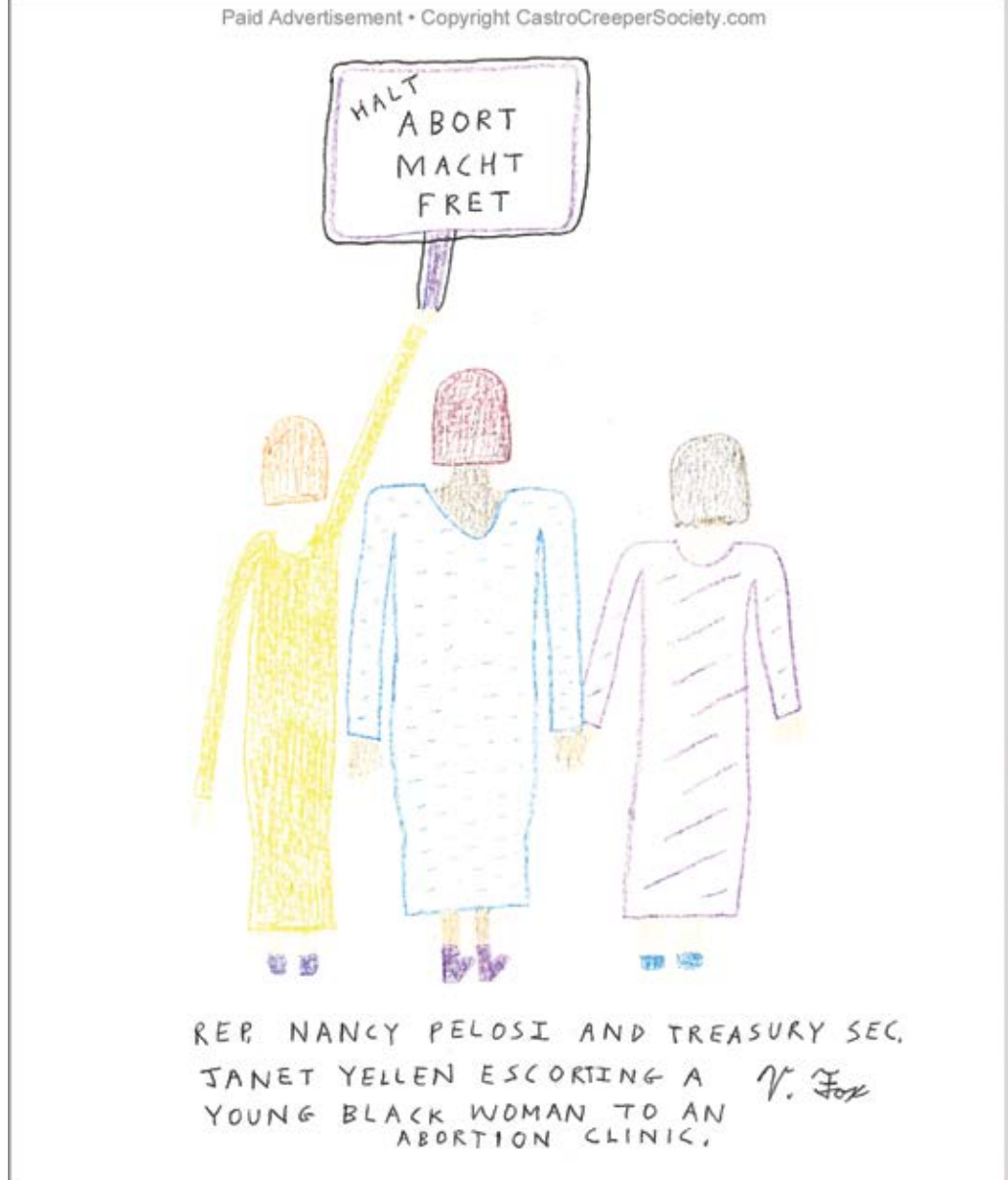
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