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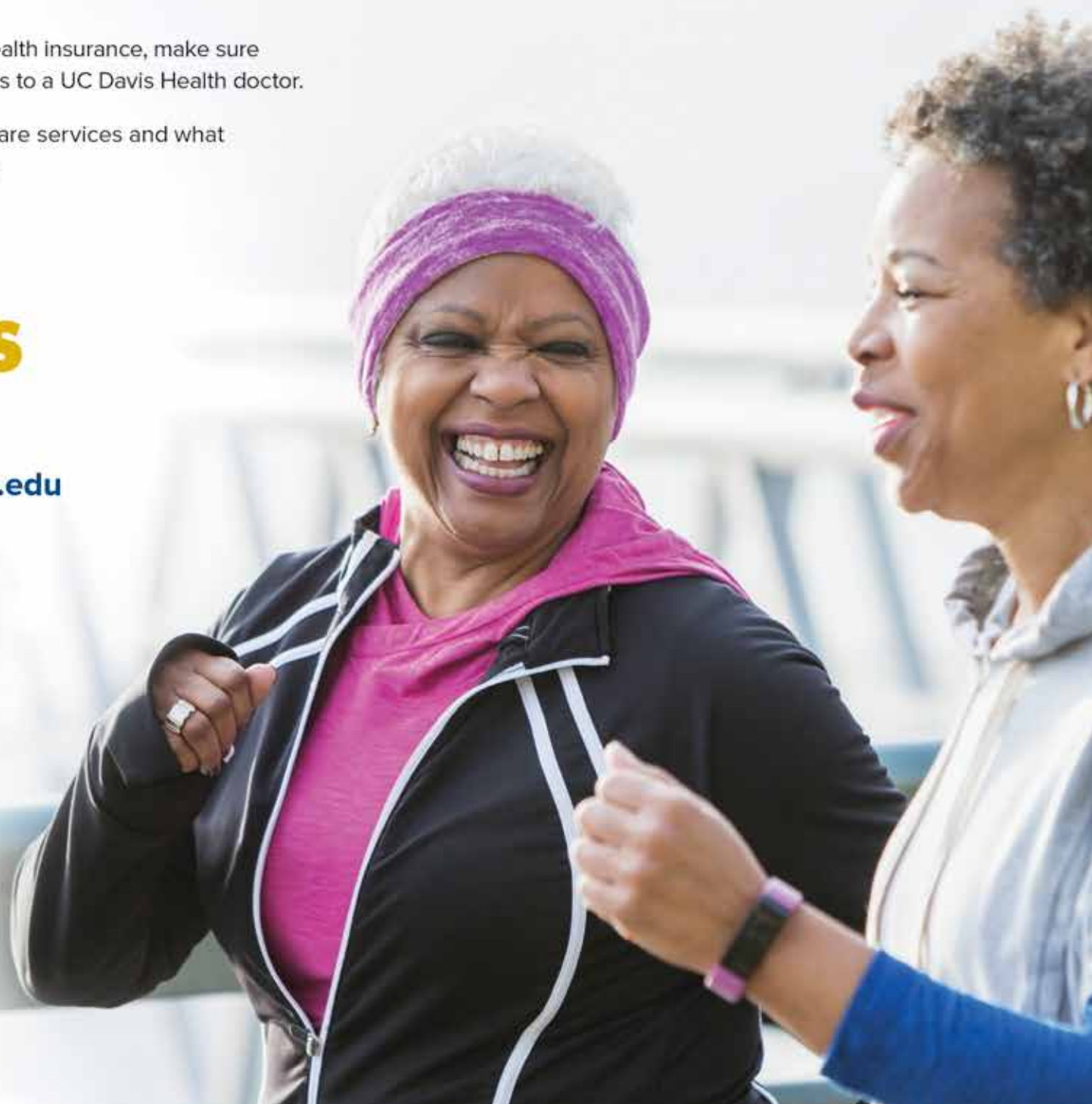
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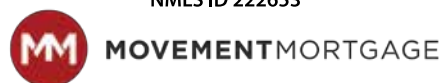


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The 20-Twenty exhibit runs through June 3 at Kennedy Gallery, 1931 L St. and is open Tuesday through Saturday from noon-6 p.m. with extended hours until 10 p.m. on Second Saturdays. KennedyGallery.net

Take Me Out to the Ball Game for Mental Health Awareness

You can enjoy America's favorite pastime and also help promote wellness when the Sacramento River Cats participate in a Mental Health Awareness Night later this month.



This May marks the 70th year that Mental Health Month is being observed. More than 300,000 people in Sacramento County live with mental illness, but research shows that only one-third will seek professional help, primarily due to the stigma surrounding depression, schizophrenia, anxiety, bipolar and other disorders.

"Each Mind Matters" (EMM) has partnered with California Major League Baseball parks, and one AAA team, to raise awareness about mental health. On May

24, you can bring your friends and family to Raley Field for a great cause.

Step up to the plate by wearing lime green to show your support, view the new EMM public service announcement on the JumboTron, and join in for a fun-filled day to watch your favorite team in action.

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Sacramento International Airport's nonstop service is growing by leaps and bounds with four new airlines now operating or soon to be operating this spring.



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Contour Airlines just launched nonstop daily service to Santa Barbara: California's Riviera and a great gateway to the Central Coast without the six-hour long car journey. The stunning Santa Ynez Valley wine region or the fun coastal beach town of Ventura are both less than an hour's drive from SBA.

Sun Country Airlines will begin service on May 23 and is your ticket to a nostalgic summer lake vacation in Minneapolis and the hundreds of lake resorts across the state. From water sports to golf, hiking to lakeside yoga or spas, you'll find the perfect spot for a memorable summer vacation.

Spirit Airlines, a low-cost leader in the airline industry, will add daily nonstop service to Las Vegas on June 20. This will create some much-needed additional flight options, and more price competition for that nonstop route, especially as we move into the summer vacation travel season. Las Vegas becomes even more affordable given summer is the off-season when temperatures are hot in the city that never sleeps. Beat the heat in Sacramento by a cool pool party on the Strip!

Boutique Air just announced it will add daily service between SMF and Merced, a convenience for those wishing to reach our 40 nonstop destinations in one stop and the world beyond. Boutique will operate the flights as Essential Air Service (EAS) which previously operated between Merced and Oakland. Boutique operates 9-passenger

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Where will your summer travel plans take you this year? Have fun, be safe and in the words of a character from the British comedy *Come Fly With Me*, "Happy Flying!"

The Sacramento County Department of Airport is responsible for planning, developing, operating and maintaining the county's four airports: Sacramento International Airport, Executive Airport, Mather Airport and Franklin Field. By July 2019, Sacramento International Airport will offer 175 daily nonstop flights on 14 domestic and international carriers to more than 40 nonstop destinations. In 2018, Sacramento International saw growth of more than 10% year over year passenger growth and served a record 12 million passengers. The regional economic impact of the Sacramento County airport system is more than \$4 billion annually. For more information, visit sacramento.aero.

Thank you for flying from SMF! Please make sure you **ARRIVE EARLY!**

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Sacramento Arts in Jeopardy

by Dennis Mangers

Since Mayor Steinberg's election in 2016, I have had the great honor of serving pro bono as his Strategic Advisor for Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy. Together we have worked to develop a path toward a more sustainable source of funding for this important, but long neglected sector. In fact, from almost the beginning of his term the Mayor has often been quoted as saying "it's time to stop starving the arts in Sacramento".

We knew we would need a plan or a blueprint for the kind of investment needed to restore long abandoned support for the arts and to stimulate a creative economy in our city. So, in September of last year, the Mayor officially launched a year long planning process with the help of a nationally acclaimed consulting firm that surveyed the citizens of Sacramento through 1,000 online surveys, 66 in-depth interviews with stakeholders, 57 discussion groups, 10 city council district forums, and 2 community-wide meetings.

The final product of this effort was an actual plan entitled "The Creative Edge", which listed six goals based on the most inclusive deep dive into the arts and culture sector ever undertaken by our City. The goals identified through this process were:

- 1) Provide arts education to all Sacramento's children.
- 2) Advance cultural equity for all Sacramento's diverse populations.
- 3) Build upon and expand Sacramento's unique cultural economy.
- 4) Enable Sacramento artists and creatives to thrive in their work and to provide creative leadership in the community.
- 5) Celebrate and infuse all Sacramento neighborhoods and districts with arts and culture.
- 6) Expand and solidify Sacramento's investment in arts and culture.

In the closing pages of the plan, each goal was monetized, and it was determined that it would take approximately 6 to 9 million dollars of investment per year to fully implement the plan and ultimately raise the staggeringly low cultural vitality index of our city.

Within months after its completion, the plan was unanimously adopted by the city council amidst many pledges that this plan would not end up on a shelf somewhere, unfunded and forgotten.

Fast forward to April 23 of this year when Sacramento's City Manager presented his proposed budget for fiscal year 2019/20 to the Mayor and City Council and the plan looked forgotten, indeed, as he proposed only \$400,000



Dennis Mangers

in recurring funds for arts and culture (2007 level funding) and \$580,000 ONE TIME ONLY MONEY! The total, 1.3 million, would not begin to permit the implementation of the plan and once again, artists, creatives and the nonprofits that serve this sector would be out in the cold as usual while public safety, public works, parks and other so called core services of the city take home the bacon.

I urge members of the LGBTQ family and our allies to send messages to the City Manager, the Mayor and City Council members reminding them that arts and culture are core services. For many of us, music, art, theatre, poetry and other art related activities were our only respite from the bullying and harassment we faced in school. The arts are the soul of a community and we must fight to keep them alive and well.

Please go to Savesacarts.com to find out how you can quickly and effectively communicate your support for arts and culture in our city to the people who will soon be voting on a final budget early in June.

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The Mother's Day Brunch Buffet is on Sunday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and all moms will receive a long-stemmed rose when they arrive at Morgan's Restaurant. The brunch is \$58 per person (13 and older), \$19 for children ages 7-12, and is free for children 6 and under. Brunch space is limited and advance reservations are available by calling (916) 341-4100 or www.OpenTable.com.



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Mental Health Month: Addressing Stigma and Discrimination

Mental illness impacts every ethnic, racial, cultural, economic, religious and age group. In Sacramento County, it's estimated that more than 300,000 residents are living with a mental illness. Nationally, approximately one in five adults will experience a diagnosable mental illness during their lifetime.

However, the majority of these individuals do not seek support or treatment because they worry they will lose their jobs, friends or family, or be isolated because of the stigma and discrimination associated with having a mental illness.

Mental illness, just like any other health condition, is treatable. Recovery is possible when education and treatment is available, along with family, peer and community support.

"As a gay Asian man living with depression, I struggled for many years trying to find out who I am and where I belong," said Patrick Ma, a member of the Stop Stigma Sacramento Speakers Bureau. "If you are struggling, it's ok to reach out and ask for help. There are plenty of resources available, and there are people who love and care for you."

Seven years ago, Sacramento County initiated the "Mental Illness: It's not always what you think" project which aims to reduce stigma and discrimination, promote health and wellness and inspire hope for people and families living with mental illness.

This Mental Health Month, support the

efforts of the project and help build understanding and hope within our community for those living with mental illness, and their loved ones. Join us at Raley Field on May 24 in recognition of Mental Health Month! Visit www.Groupmatics.Events/Event/MentalHealthMonth to purchase tickets in support of the project's efforts to reduce stigma.

View expressive artwork throughout May from Sacramento County residents who are living with, or support others living with, mental illness. Find dates and locations at www.StopStigmaSacramento.org.

Add a personal message of hope and understanding to the virtual Wall of Hope at www.stopstigasacramento.org/wallofhope and show support for those living with mental illness.

Share personal stories of hope and recovery to help stop stigma and discrimination toward people and families living with mental illness.

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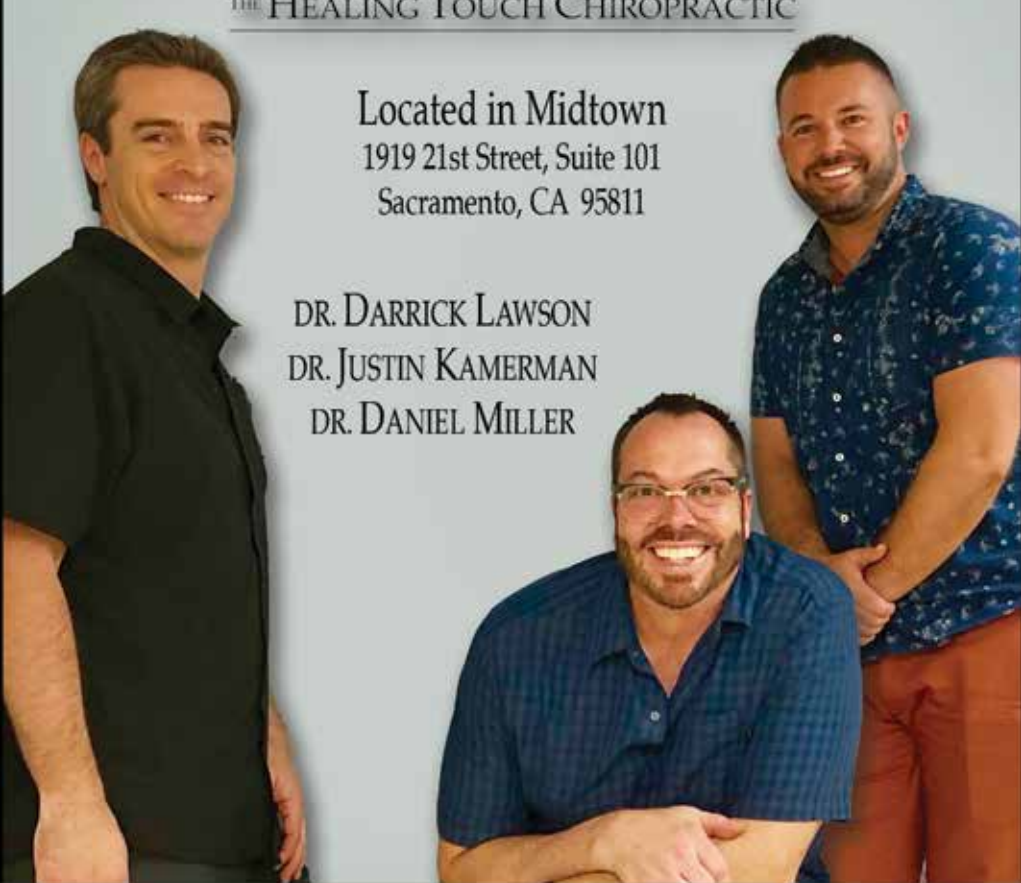
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Silver Oak – Cabernet, Please

by Diana Keinle

Silver Oak is a well-known winery, and the annual release of their Cabernet is anticipated each year. Wine stores set up events for the heralded moment when the latest vintage will be available. People have been known to camp out to be first in line to secure their wine. Silver Oak makes one varietal and one varietal only: they focus and specialize in Cabernet. There are two wineries for production of their wine - one in Napa and the other in Healdsburg.



I walked into the new property in Healdsburg that had opened just one year ago in April of 2018. To say it was a gorgeous setting would be an understatement. Located just off Highway 128, you drive up through vines to reach the winery as it is set among the vines and surrounded by beautiful hillsides. The architecture is modern and sleek, yet, very welcoming. Once inside, the bar is broad and spacious to allow for many visitors to comfortably stand and enjoy their offerings.

There are several different tastings available ranging from a bar tasting to a scheduled library tasting. The choice is yours depending on the experience you are interested in and the time to enjoy. The standard walk-in tasting consists of three wines: the current vintage of the Napa Cabernet, the Alexander Valley Cabernet, and a library wine. I tasted the 2014 Napa, the 2014 Alexander Valley and the 2007 Napa Cabernet. It is really unique to be able to contrast the current release of any wine with an older vintage. The tasting includes a Silver Oak crystal wine glass to

take home. All of this is for only \$20! (At the Napa location, I understand this is \$30.) I consider this remarkable in these times. Out of the wines, the 2014 Napa Cabernet emerged as my favorite. It was bright red and black fruit and a plush mouthfeel with a soft finish that lasted. Yes, I had to take a bottle home.

One of the most interesting aspects of the winemaking at Silver Oak is that they only make one wine. That wine is, of course, Cabernet. It is their focus and their pride to deliver a wine with great depth, year after year with a winning profile. The other stand out for the process is the use of only American oak. American oak is known for providing notes of vanilla, cream soda and coconut, with a creamier texture. The wine is aged for 25 months in barrel and held for 14 to 20 more in bottle before release.

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Out & About With Matt

by Matthew Burlingame

Wasn't it awesome when You-Know-Who did that thing at the end of episode three of "Game of Thrones" and then when the superheroes did all that stuff in Endgame? Don't worry, no spoilers! Honestly, we need disclosure and consent agreements just to talk about pop culture these days. Trust me, it was awesome!

However, one spoiler everyone in the Sacramento and surrounding areas need to hear is how amazing everyone organizing and participating in the NorCal AIDS Cycle

year, NCAC distributed more than \$160,000 to its beneficiaries. This makes it the largest HIV/AIDS fundraiser in the Sacramento and Northern California region. Please take a



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moment to go to their website and donate today! Norcalaidscycle.org It's the most wonderful time of the month - Outword's Liquid Therapy Happy Hour at Badlands! Get your drink on or just hang out with all the fun folks and maybe win some

cool prizes! This month's happy hour is May 10 at 5:30 p.m. at Badlands Sacramento, 2003 K St.

This year's 4 Freedoms Gala recognizing the Stonewall Riots 50th Anniversary will be held May 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Tsakopoulos Library Galleria, 828 I St. The gala is the signature event for the Sacramento Stonewall Democrats and will honor Ebony Ava Harper, Jeffery M. Freitas, Evan Low and Mandy Lee with awards. Sacstonewall.org Congratulations to the San Juan Unified School District which voted unanimously to adopt LGBT-inclusive curriculum in accordance with the FAIR Act. Thank you to all those who came out in support.

The Rainbow Chamber of Commerce (RCC) will hold their May networking mixer at Wells Fargo Capitol Mall Branch, 400 Capitol Mall on May 21 at 6 p.m. Come meet fellow business owners and community supporters. RainbowChamber.com

Join the Rainbow Chamber Foundation (RCF) on May 16 at 6 p.m. in the Capital Public Radio Garden, 7055 Folsom Blvd. for their annual Farm to Scholar VIP Dinner hosted by Capital Public Radio and sponsored by Outword. The exclusive Farm to Fork style dinner and wine pairing will feature past RCF scholars and proceeds will benefit the RCF scholarship program. Rainbowchamber.com

You better be rubbing your lamps and wishing for tickets to Disney's "Aladdin" at

the Sacramento Community Center Theater. The hit Broadway musical tells us the timeless story of Aladdin in a thrilling new production filled with unforgettable beauty, magic and breathtaking spectacle. The show runs through June 2. Broadwaysacramento.com

Have a senior moment at the awesome LGBT Elder Community Cafe Night on May 17 at 6 p.m. in the First United Methodist Terrace Room. Reservations are required for dinner and the deadline is May 12. Find out more at servant-hearts.org

It's time for Davis to show their pride! Their fifth annual pride festival returns May 19 in honor of the 50th anniversary of Stonewall. The free all-day event at Central Park, 401 C St. in Davis will offer attendees live entertainment, merchants community resources, fun zones for the kids, food trucks, vendors and dance parties. Don't forget to catch the amazing performance by Xavier Toscano!

Happy birthday to Kati Gardner, Jude Stern, David Heitstuman, Sean Wade, Andie Slay, Johnathan Cameron, Rebecca Mattocks and all the other spring babies. A special happy birthday to Outword Publisher Fred Palmer! Also, we take a moment to remember community member David Dilley.

Got events, birthdays, anniversaries, or did something awesome happen to you recently? Let Matt know at matthew.burlingame@gmail.com. Check out his books at JustKissTheGuy.com



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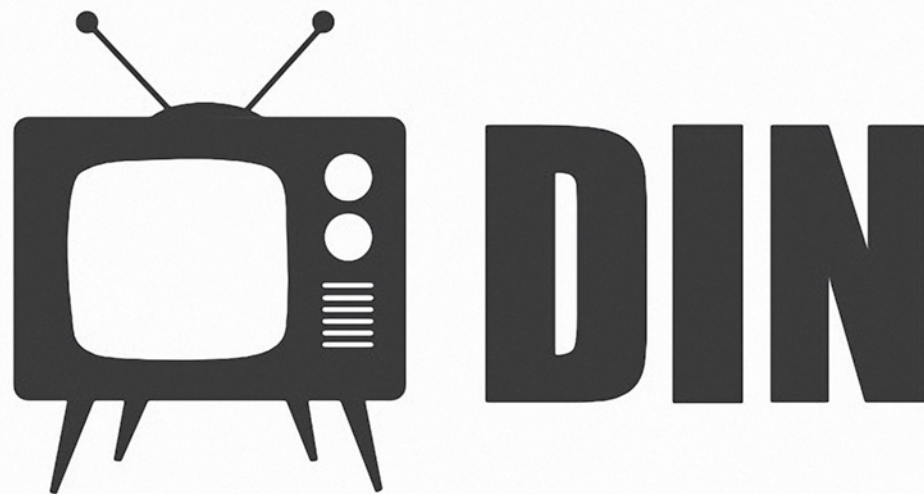
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by Chris Narloch

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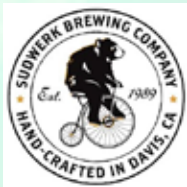


Run/Walk for Equality

The sun will be shining, the air will be fresh and People will be OUT. Join us two hours prior to the start of the festival for a brisk 5K/10K run/walk for the entire family through picturesque Davis' renowned greenbelts.

This year's event is sponsored in part by Yolo Federal Credit Union and under the direction of A Change of Pace Foundation to assist with the planning and execution.

Libation Station



Always a hit, don't forget to stop by the Libation Station (beer and wine garden) to try some amazing local wines and a crowd favorite - mimosas. Local brewery Sudwerk will once again be on site pouring some of their award winning beers.

The Davis Pride Run and Community Festival is a safe space event for all that attend. We will have a ZERO TOLERANCE policy for discrimination, fighting, illegal activities, and unauthorized solicitors. Violators will be escorted out of the festival.

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Davis Pride is produced by Davis Phoenix Coalition, a California non-profit organization with a mission to foster diversity, eliminate intolerance, prevent hate-motivated violence and support LGBTQ youth. The coalition was founded in the aftermath of a violent 2013 anti-gay attack on Lawrence “Mikey” Partida, a then 32-year-old long-distance runner and Davis resident. Proceeds from Davis Pride will support the Coalition’s year-round work, which includes anti-bullying campaigns, workshops and outreach with area police departments, churches and schools. The group has a long-term goal of building a Phoenix Center in Davis to support LGBTQ+ and allied community members.

For more information or to find out ways to support the coalition, please visit: www.davisphoenixco.org.

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Bay Area Artist Xavier Toscano To Bring The Heat To Davis Pride

“There is an energy that takes over me when I know I am about to sing,” says Xavier Toscano. “It feels incredible!” That energy totally inspires and transforms his listeners as well, and that is why Davis Pride is bringing back the dynamic performer for its 5th year celebration of Pride.



Born in Guadalajara, Mexico, Toscano's family moved to San Jose, California, when he was five. He grew up in the California public school system listening to the amazing music of the San Francisco Bay Area. In 2008, he found a love for singing and performing, and ever since, has exploded on the international music scene.

Toscano's music is influenced by past and current Top 40 radio and can best be described as enthusiastic, energetic, dance-urban pop. There is also a blend of his love for EDM, rap, rock, reggae, and R&B with his dancing ability to create a dynamic stage show.

During Pride, Toscano will perform music from his current hit CD "Feels So Good!". Since its release, Toscano has performed all over the world, most notably at World Pride in London. "I want everyone to have fun. It's my job to make people feel good."

Toscano has performed across the United States and Europe, and continues to entertain locally.

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Wherever Toscano performs, he is always praised for having a ton of energy. Combine that with his strong stage presence, and you have a well-rounded entertainer who puts on an electrified and engaging show.

Toscano would like Outword readers who are not sure about their dreams to come listen to him during his Davis Pride performance, where he hopes to get the message out that "You can only make your dreams come true by believing in yourself."

For more information about this amazing performer or to purchase his current CD "Feels So Good!", visit his website www.xaviertoscano.com.

Davis Pride will be held on Sunday, May 19, at Davis Central Park. Activities include the Run/Walk for Equality, starting at 8 a.m. Walk or run a 1K, 5K or 10K course through Davis' greenbelts. Registration is \$37 through May 18 and \$40 at the event. For community members who are not ready for a 5K or 10K, there is a 1K

for \$20.

After that, there's the free Music Festival and Community Fair, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. This free, family-friendly all-inclusive event will have the latest resources for the regional LGBTQ+ community and all who support it. Along with Toscano's headlining performance, the lineup includes Sacramento's own Cheer Sacramento, Josh Diamonds of San Jose, Rebel of Oakland, local favorite Cathy Speck, the Badlands Sacramento Drag Revue led by "RuPaul's Drag Race" season three contestant Mariah Paris Balenciaga, Sacramento Women's and Gay Men's Chorus, and other musicians arranged by the Davis Live Music Collective. There also will be food trucks and an adult beverage libation station.

For more information and the complete schedule of Davis Pride activities, or to become a volunteer, sponsor or vendor, visit www.davispride.org or visit the Davis Pride Facebook page.

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Revitalized Gay Men's Group Packed with Summer Fun!

by Eddie Moreno

On any given weekend, Sacramento's gay bar scene is a rambunctious mix of strobe lights, rumbling baselines of your fav's latest hits, and eager bodies gyrating in sluggish entry lines. Its death by dehydration if you can't shoulder jab your way to the front of the bar and there is always that one boy on dance floor with a vodka-cran splash zone.

As glamorous as that sounds, it's not everyone's cup of tea. Lucky for us, Sacramento Gay Men's Events (SGME), a Meetup group, has been reinvigorated thanks to the fabulous support of The Rainbow Foundation.

SGME is a lively batch of guys from all trades and professions, boasting an array of ages, ethnicities, and personalities, all self-identifying as LGBTQ and residing within the greater Sacramento region, coming together at exciting quarterly informal social mixers. The group also features special events peppered throughout the year like brunches, sporting events, art walks, wine tastings, and pool parties.

SGME was founded in 2008 by the late Adam Howard, then a fresh arrival from Atlanta, to quench the region's thirst for something other than the old gay watering holes. What began as a small gathering at local restaurants, had, by 2015, blossomed into monthly array of local (and Bay Area) theater events & show outings, and even seasonal extravaganza's like Thanksgiving dinners and Christmas tree hunts.

Thanks to Adam's leadership, SGME

thrived and ballooned to a membership of around 1,900. Unfortunately, Adam's own personal health issues slowed the group down to a fizzle by the end of 2016 and prospects for the group seemed dim by the time of his death in 2018.

However, in the year prior to his untimely passing, Adam had the foresight to reach out to members of the community and urged that we restore

SGME to its former glory. For the new leadership team, this means keeping Adam's legacy alive by ensuring that local LGBTQ men have access to, and a sense of community in, alternative-to-the-bar-scene spaces.

SGME's successful re-launch has produced two well-attended mixers this season so far: the first at Ernesto's Mexican Food in February and the second at La Cosecha in April. With the next three events already planned and many more in store, 2019 is sure to be a bountiful one for the group.

Better still, attendees feel good knowing that a portion of the proceeds from each event go to local LGBTQ non-profits. Those interested can join here:

<https://www.meetup.com/SacramentoGayMen/>



"Two Dykes and a Mic" Bring The Funny To Punch Line Sacramento

"Two Dykes and a Mic," hosted by McKenzie Goodwin and Rachel Scanlon, is a touring all-female stand-up comedy show. Raunchy, sexy and LGBTQ-friendly, this show will have your body rocking with laughter and sexual tension.



Rachel Scanlon and McKenzie Goodwin perform as "Two Dykes and a Mic"

McKenzie Goodwin is a writer and stand-up comedian based out of Los Angeles who is perpetually single and truly never trying to mingle. Rachel Scanlon hails all the way from Bloomington, Minnesota, and is not only a stand-up comedian and talent factory, but also an avid ranch dressing-enthusiast.

Check out "Two Dykes and a Mic" at Punch Line Sacramento on Arden Way, the evening of Wednesday, May 22. For more information, please visit <http://punchlinesac.com>

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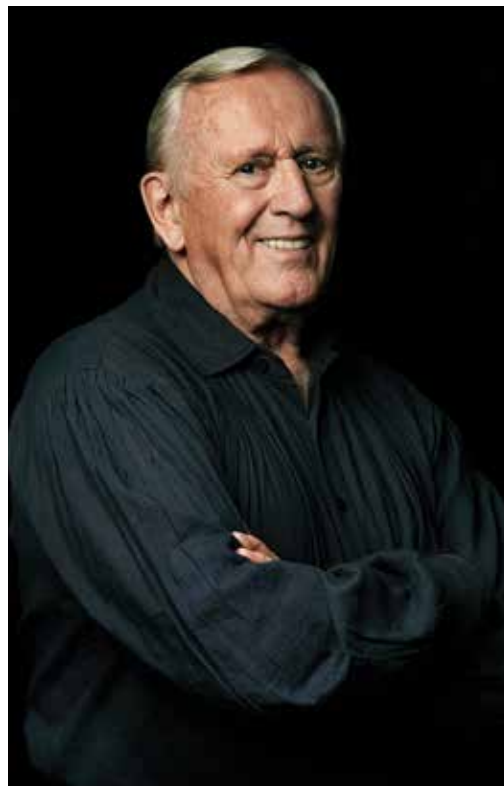
Tony Award-winning actor and musical theater legend Len Cariou (“Sweeney Todd,” “A Little Night Music”) will bring his highly-acclaimed performance of “Broadway & The Bard – An Evening of Shakespeare & Song” to the Harris Center in Folsom later this month.

In “Broadway & The Bard,” the universally acclaimed stage and screen veteran gives full voice to an idea that he has harbored since his first prophetic Broadway season of “Henry V” and “Applause.”

Cariou’s unique concert finds him outfitting trenchant classical soliloquies and sonnets with inventive musical pairings from beloved writers of the “Great White Way,” combining his two great loves – Shakespeare and American musical comedy – into one rich and diverse tapestry.

Renowned for his iconic lead performance in “Sweeney Todd,” Cariou is a distinguished member of the Theatre Hall of Fame and a three-time Tony nominee.

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“Broadway & The Bard” will be performed May 18-19 at the Harris Center. For more information, visit <https://www.harriscenter.net>.

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“Aladdin” Takes A Magic Carpet Ride On Stage & Screen

by Chris Narloch

You won't be able to miss the Broadway blockbuster “Aladdin” in May, since Disney's high-flying musical is playing locally on stage and on the big screen this month.



Company of Disney's ALADDIN presented by Broadway On Tour at the Sacramento Community Center Theater May 15 – Jun. 2, 2019. ©Disney. Photo by Deen van Meer.

You'll want to get your tickets early for the stage spectacular, which plays May 15–June 2 at Sacramento's Community Center Theater, and then you can relive the magic when Disney's big screen version opens, in the middle of the run, on May 24.

An eye-popping theatrical event in which one lamp and three wishes make the possibilities infinite, “Aladdin” on stage is a thrilling new production filled with unforgettable beauty, comedy and spectacle.

From the producer of “The Lion King” comes the timeless story of “Aladdin,” now featuring a full score, including the five cherished songs from the Academy Award-winning soundtrack -- and more written especially for the stage.

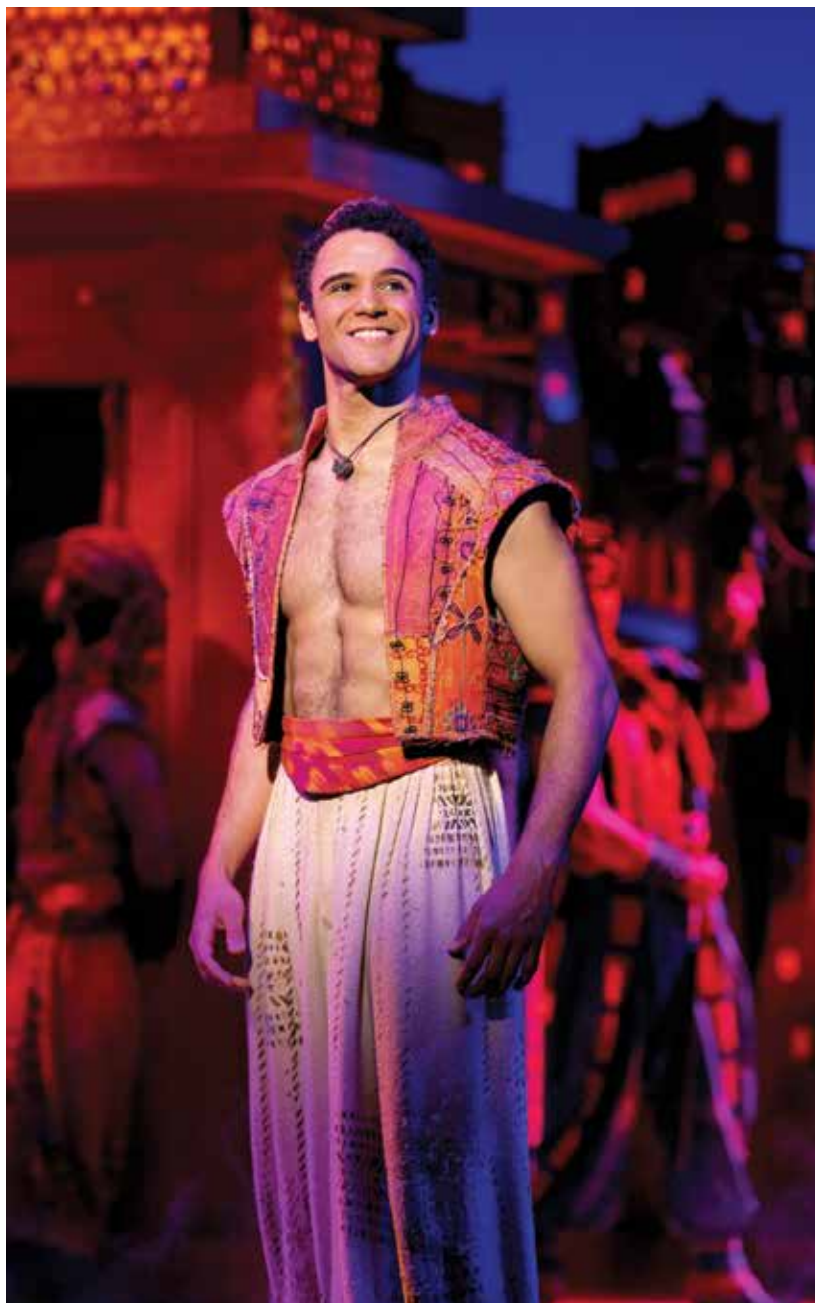
Produced by Disney Theatrical Productions, “Aladdin” features music by Tony Award and eight-time Oscar winner Alan Menken (“Beauty and the Beast,” “Newsies,” “Sister Act”).

The show's lyrics are by two-time Oscar winner Howard Ashman (“Beauty and the Beast,” “The Little Mermaid”), three-time Tony Award and three-time Oscar winner Tim Rice (“Evita,” “Aida”) and four-time Tony Award nominee Chad Beguelin (“The Wedding Singer”).

Broadway's “Aladdin” is directed and choreographed by Tony Award winner Casey Nicholaw (“The Book of Mormon”).

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit <https://www.broadwaysacramento.com>

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Clinton Greenspan as Aladdin in Disney's ALADDIN presented by Broadway On Tour at the Sacramento Community Center Theater May 15 – Jun. 2, 2019. ©Disney. Photo by Deen van Meer.

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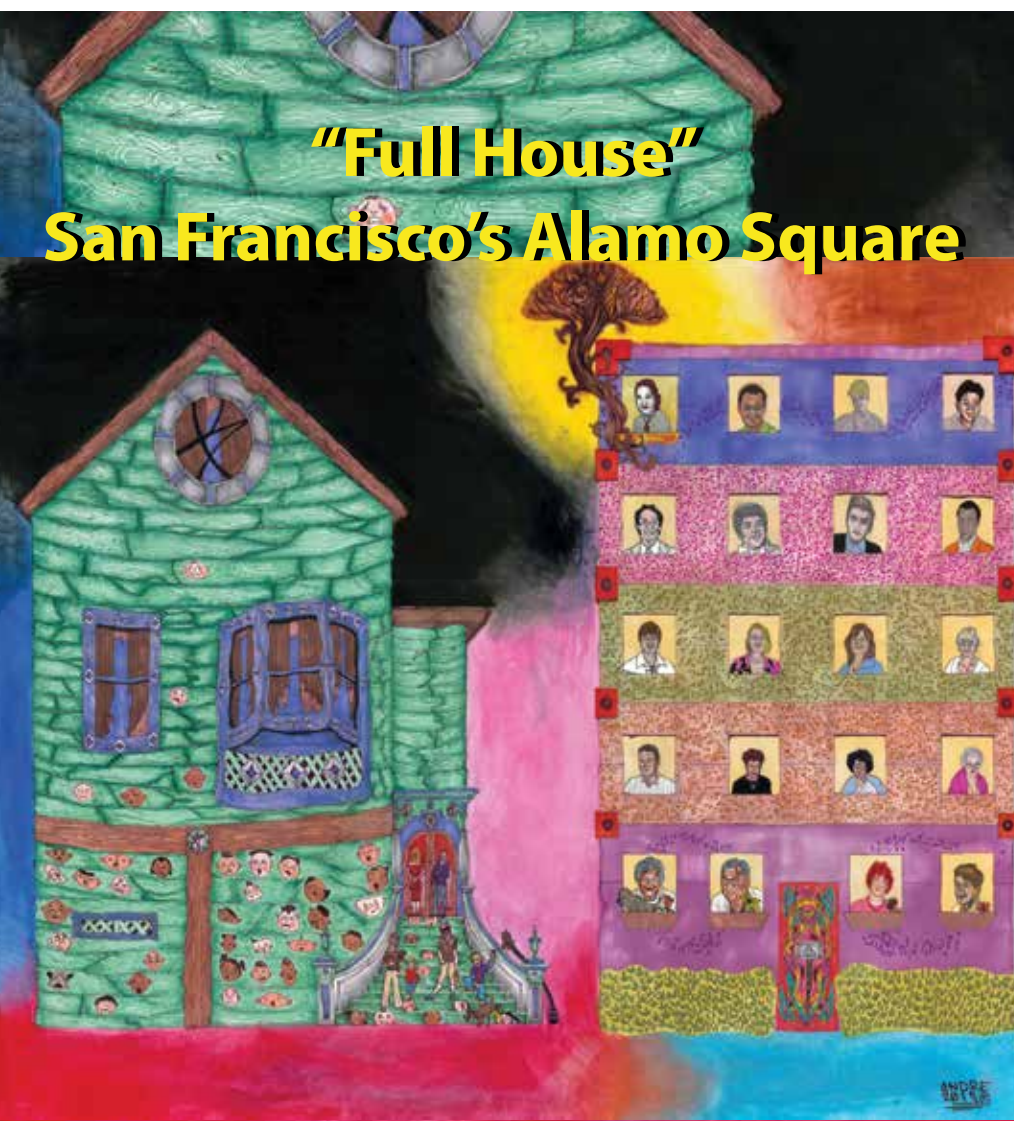
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On Thursday, May 2, Drag Queen Bingo, the monthly charity fundraising event produced by the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce, reached and exceeded, the milestone of \$250,000 raised for local non-profit organizations. The milestone included a reunion of drag personalities Rusty Nails and Felicity Diamond and current Mistress of Ceremonies DoMe Moore, aka Chamber board member Paul Crouch. So much fun was had by one and all and the evening's charity took home over \$12,000! It's ON!



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Glamour is in Vogue with "Pose"

The popular drama highlighting the legends and icons of New York's underground ball culture is back for a second season. On Tuesday, June 11, "Pose" returns moving the action from the 1980s to 1990. Appropriately enough, the first episode is set the day Madonna released "Vogue," bringing the ball scene to the mainstream. The season will focus on the Black and Latinx queer community that shaped it.

The series features the largest cast of transgender actors in regular roles, and the largest recurring case of LGBTQ actors ever for a scripted series. Plus, it has been reported that two-time Tony Winner Patti LuPone will appear in an undisclosed role.

The Ryan Murphy-created ("Glee" & "American Horror Story") series airs on FX. If you haven't seen the first season, it is now available on Netflix.



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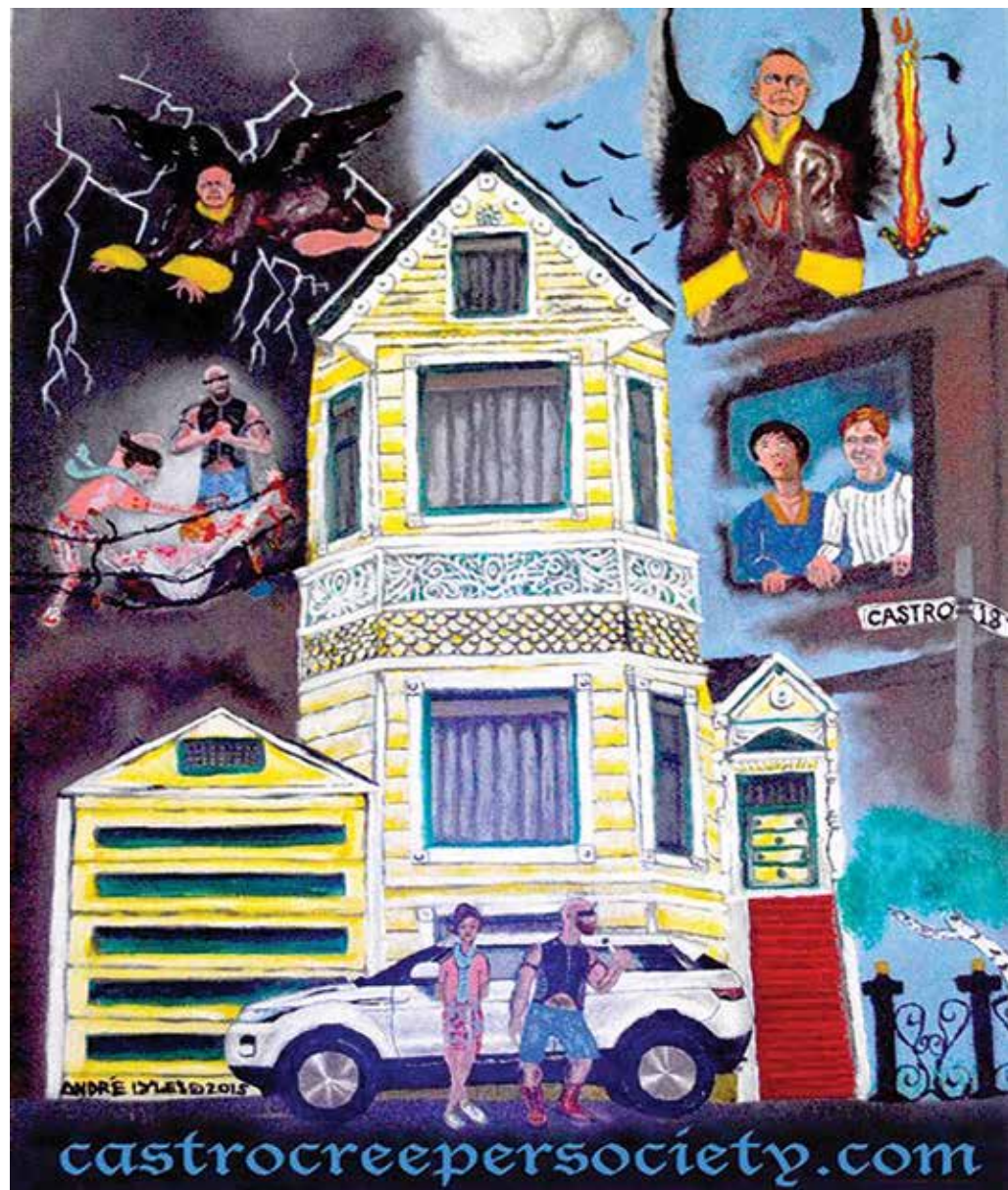
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The Jonas Brothers Are Bringing Sexy To Sacramento

by Chris Narloch

Preteen girls weren't the only ones drooling over Nick, Joe, and Kevin Jonas back in the day. Gay boys were also smitten with the brothers, and fans have their own favorite among the talented trio.



The Jonas Brothers

The "boys" are all grown up now -- Kevin is 31, believe it or not, while Nick and Joe are twenty-something, and they are looking and sounding better than ever.

After successful solo and side projects, the brothers have reunited for a new album and the "Happiness Begins Tour," which will bring them to Sacramento's Golden 1 Center this October 15. (Tickets go on sale to the general public beginning Friday, May 10 at

Golden1Center.com)

This will be the brothers' first North American headline tour in nearly a decade, in support of their reunion CD ("Happiness Begins"), which will drop on June 7.

The first single off the forthcoming album, "Sucker," is already a certified smash, with over 445 million global streams to date, proving that individually they are hot, and together even hotter.



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Diane Keaton, Seth Rogen & Charlize Theron Bring the Funny

by Chris Narloch

The onslaught of superhero cinema seems to be edging out comedies at the multiplex, and so I am happy to report that there are two funny films opening this month nationwide. Read on for my thoughts about “Poms” and “Long Shot.”



Diane Keaton and the cast of “Poms”

If you’ve seen any of Diane Keaton’s many appearances on “Ellen” over the past several years, then you know that the 73-year-old actress just gets wackier and wittier with age. Keaton has mastered the art of the talk show appearance like nobody since Robin Williams, and her promotional tours on television are often more entertaining than the films she is there to promote. I wasn’t able to see her latest film before our deadline, but I am intrigued because it’s inspired by a true story. Plus, in addition to Keaton, the movie has an eclectic and first-rate cast that includes Pam Grier, Rhea Perlman, Jacki Weaver, and Celia Weston. Like “Book Club,” Keaton’s last big-screen outing, “Poms” is an uplifting comedy with the message that it’s never too late. The actress plays a new resident at a retirement community who recruits her female neighbors to form a cheerleading squad. The plot sounds like it could be a one-joke idea, but I bet the cast can pump some comic life into it. Find out for yourself when “Poms” opens nationwide on May 10.

Long Shot
I wasn’t sure what to expect from a romantic comedy starring Seth Rogen and Charlize Theron as lovers, but the surprise is that the movie works and it’s funny. In “Long Shot,” Theron plays a Secretary of State who is running for President, and Rogen is the unemployed journalist hired to punch up her speeches and make them funnier. The catch is that the pair knew each other as kids, there was sexual tension between them even then, but they have grown into very different people. The script lets the leads stop squabbling and fall into bed a little too soon for my taste, and the Seth Rogen-raunchiness of the jokes takes some getting used to in a romantic comedy. You also have to overlook a number of absurd plot points in order to enjoy “Long Shot,” but I don’t really require realism in my comedies – I just want them to make me laugh, and “Long Shot” did the trick.



Seth Rogen and Charlize Theron star in “Long Shot”

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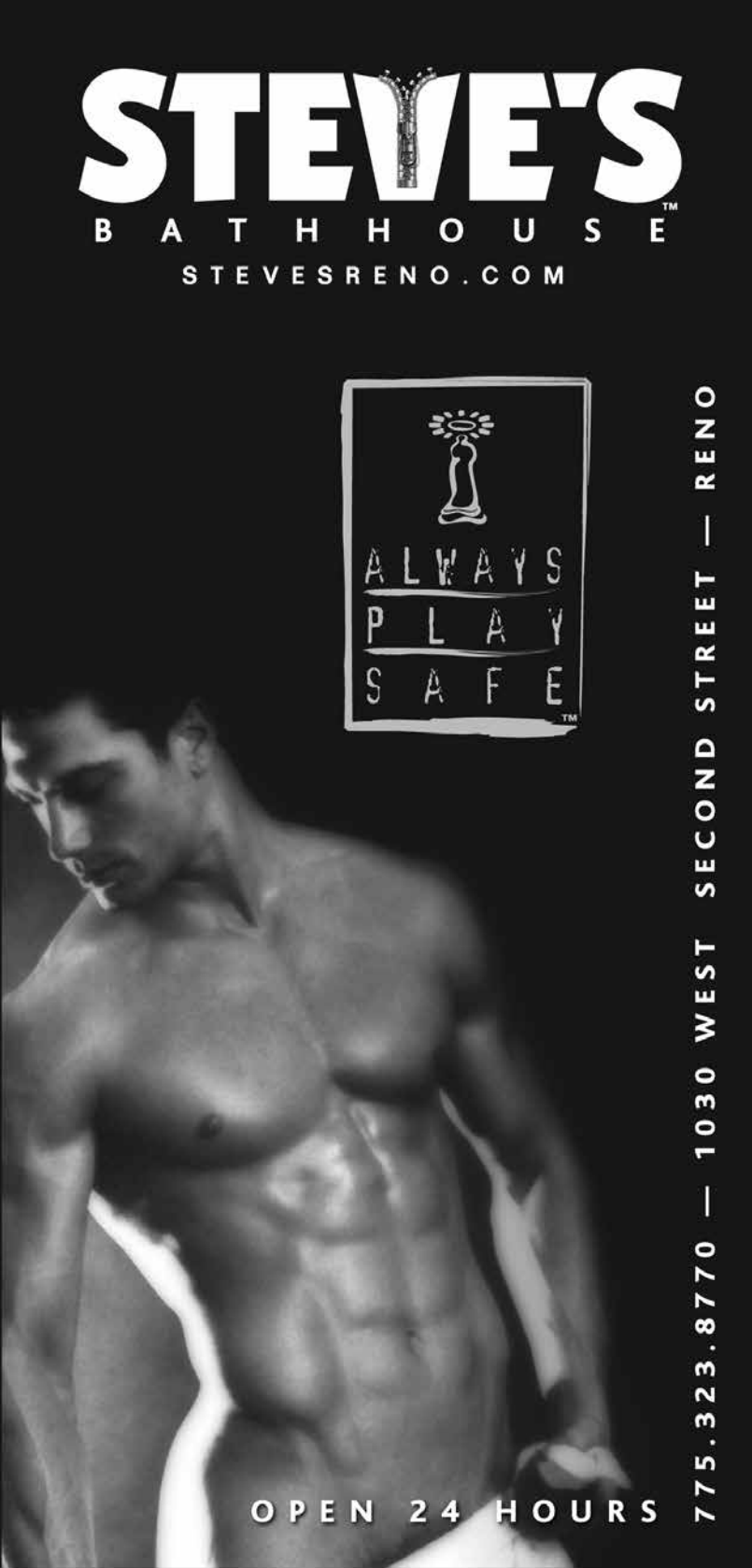
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