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Going beyond mainstream narratives, "Queer California: Untold Stories" is the first museum exhibition of its kind to deepen and expand our understanding of California's place in queer history through a multifaceted and interactive experience. The exhibit provides the opportunity for museum visitors and members of the LGBTQ+ community to add their voices and stories to the conversation.

"At this very tumultuous time in our country, many marginalized communities feel that threats to their basic rights are on the rise. This exhibition is needed now more than ever not only to share messages of hope and change, but also provide a deeper understanding of the complex history and important lesser-known stories of LGBTQ+ communities in California," said Christina Linden, Exhibition Curator.

With transgender and LGBTQ+ rights increasingly in the news, the exhibition will be a timely opportunity to shine light on the

history of California as a major site of LGBTQ+ community, culture, and politics.

Queer California will explore a range of powerful stories through examples of social activism, contemporary artwork, historical materials, rarely seen artifacts, archival documents, photographs, films and videos, costumes, and ephemera such as zines, stickers, and flyers.

"Queer California will address issues close to the hearts of many visitors who identify as queer, as well as other visitors who have felt like outsiders in mainstream culture," added Linden.

The exhibition aligns important milestones in LGBTQ+ culture with untold stories, focusing on the diversity of queer identities, civil rights, and resistance to oppression.

You can see "Queer California: Untold Stories" now through August 11 in Oakland. For more information, please visit <http://museumca.org>.

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Boas & Bow Ties is on 9-19-19

Shake off your fabulous boas and pick out your dashing bow ties, get ready and come dressed to the nines on Thursday, September 19, 2019 for the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce's annual gala, Boas & Bow Ties. 300+ members of the LGBTQ and allied community are expected to attend THE premiere LGBTQ gala of the year.

The evening is a celebration of the year's successes, that includes a cocktail hour, dinner and program, and an auction. We also honor the 2019 Business Leader of the Year, award scholarships to students who are our future leaders and members of the workforce, and most importantly, a chance for old and new friends to mix and mingle!

Tickets are now available and we expect another sold out room. Additionally, there are plenty of sponsorship opportunities, an excellent way to further promote your business as well as support the Rainbow Foundation's mission to preserve, educate, and display the heritage of Sacramento's LGBTQ community. The scholarship program contributes more than \$15,000 a year to students who attend college or

trade school, and it supports programs and services for community.

Past attendee Stephanie Slagel of State Farm says of the event: "The Rainbow Chamber Foundation has provided so many students with an opportunity to pursue their passions and the number of students who have benefitted continues to grow each year. I have been a proud supporter and sponsor of the annual gala since its inception in 2007, and will continue to do so because not only do the students benefit, but so does our community. It's a win-win for everyone!"

Find out more about the event's sponsorship opportunities, purchase tickets, or any other details by visiting the Boas & Bow Ties webpage at bit.ly/rcc-bbt. Join us at Hilton Sacramento Arden West and have a ball!

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Pride is a significant event celebrated world-wide that invites communities to celebrate, educate, support, and advocate for one of the most historically marginalized groups in our society. This celebration of diversity, inclusivity, and perseverance allows us to come together as a people to uplift and culturally enrich the LGBTQIA+ community and the Sacramento community at large. Sacramento Pride also serves as an opportunity for us to reflect upon the violence and discrimination the LGBTQIA+ community has faced and continues to face today. It is important now more than ever to come together as a community to have meaningful discussions about how we as a City can continue to advocate for love and acceptance.

I offer my sincerest welcome during this time and encourage you to enjoy the great events the city and Sacramento Pride has to offer. This is a time for celebration, acceptance and love as we continue to advocate for justice and work to support the health and wellness of our LGBTQIA+ community.

Sincerely,

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by Karla Zaragoza

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In the 50 years since the Stonewall uprising, we have seen tremendous sacrifice and progress for our LGBTQ community at the ballot box, in the courts, in legislatures, and in the hearts of our family, friends, and neighbors.

The last decade has seen the LGBTQ community overcome the hateful passage of Proposition 8 with the victory for marriage equality at the US Supreme Court. We've seen state after state and city after city pass progressively stronger laws to ensure our rights are protected.

LGBTQ elected officials are a driving force for these achievements in equality. While our rights are being rolled back at the federal level, we are building momentum in state and local offices to stand up for our community and to fight for our rights in every corner of America.

This hard won representation is what Pride is all about. Standing Up. Being Out. Standing for Equality. Being Out to Win.

As an out and proud LGBTQ-person, and the first-ever LGBTQ member of the Sacramento City Council, I see every day that it matters that we run for public office and win. Every day, we have a chance to fight the silence and stigma that still haunt many of our civic institutions. My work has included appointing more openly LGBTQ city commissioners than ever before, helping create the first-ever City Employee LGBTQ Affinity Group, and keeping LGBTQ diversity at the forefront of our recruitment and hiring decisions.

I've also partnered with the LGBTQ Center to create a city funded LGBTQ Youth Shelter in Midtown to get our most vulnerable into a safe space to get back on their feet. I'm also working with the LGBTQ Center on creating a permanent home for their programs that they will own.

While we are making much progress, there is still violence and discrimination directed at our LGBTQ communities of color, especially our transgender family. Further, we cannot forget those fleeing oppression and violence who need asylum to save their lives. Many of these migrants wait at our southern border risking their lives to find safety.

Our march for equality must continue every day. Our families deserve to thrive in safe communities. Our city, state, and country must continue to be a beacon for equality and liberty for LGBTQ-people worldwide.



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What is the Rainbow Chamber Foundation?

by Amy Medina

The Rainbow Chamber Foundation was established as a 501(C)(3) in 2007 with the mission to promote mentoring, guidance, and education and to support programs that improve the quality of life of the LGBTQ community.

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Since 2008, the Rainbow Chamber Foundation has contributed more than \$75,000 to LGBTQ organizations such as the Sacramento LGBT Center, Equality California, PFLAG Sacramento, The Trevor Project, GSA Network, Transgender Law Center, and Sacramento International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival (SIGLFF).

The funding has also gone toward scholarships for LGBTQ+ and ally students. In 2018, the Rainbow Chamber Foundation celebrated exciting achievements with the creation of the Palmer Family Healthcare Scholarship Fund, the establishment of an endowment fund, and providing the most scholarships in its history. Fifteen students earned a \$1,000 scholarship: six scholars were selected for the Palmer Family Healthcare Scholarship Fund and nine were selected on behalf of the Rainbow Chamber Foundation. Several of the Chamber's prior scholarship recipients recently walked in California State University, Sacramento's Lavender

Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2019. Additionally, many other scholarship recipients went on to gain employment opportunities through various chamber members, built professional connections for mentorship, and participated through volunteerism within our organization. We are truly proud of the long-term impact and relationships gained by the students and Rainbow Chamber Foundation.

Don't forget – applications are now being accepted for 2019 scholarships until June 30. The scholarship recipients will be announced by the end of July and will be honored at the Boas & Bow Ties Gala held on September 19. The scholarship application is open to graduating high school seniors, undergraduate students, graduate students and to those seeking a vocational degree.

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If approved, people could donate money from their tax returns to fund anti-suicide programs in underserved areas. The collected funds would then be used as grants toward

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Sponsored by Assemblymember Tom Lackey (R-Palmdale), AB 984 is now headed to the California State Senate. If you would like to read the bill, visit http://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=20190200AB984.

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Local Chamber Collaborative Will Hold Its First Diversity Business Summit

This marks the third year that the City of Sacramento's Economic Development Department has placed in the hands of the Sacramento Black Chamber of Commerce resources to provide outreach to the respective communities represented by the Sacramento Black, Hispanic, and Rainbow Chambers of Commerce. As a result, the "Local Chamber Collaborative" has become an active player in collectively supplying information and resources. The Local Chamber Collaborative has been providing outreach, information and resources namely for the City of Sacramento's Economic Development Department through labs and receptions held in our region.

On Thursday, June 13, 2019, at the Sacramento Elks Lodge #6, 6446 Riverside Blvd, Sacramento from 3 pm until 7:30 pm, the first Diversity Business Summit entitled "Winning Through Inclusion" will be held. The summit will showcase member vendors from each of the Chambers of Commerce along with non-member businesses. This summit will encompass a diverse group of small businesses from the region with a focus on our participation in the City's Inclusive Economy Initiative. Small businesses will be given the opportunity to showcase their businesses with exhibit tables while labs will be held throughout the summit focusing on the needs of small business and how these small businesses impact the economy of our region. The Local Chamber Collaborative will provide support for other public agencies to discuss ways in which our members may engage in procurement opportunities. There will be speakers discussing other areas of interest including access to capital, loan readiness, and succession planning to name a few. Some of those speakers will include representatives from SMUD, Sacramento Regional Transit as well as the City of Sacramento. Their topic of discussion will focus on electric vehicles and their impact in our City to date and forecasts for the future. Tickets are available now and those interested in attending should visit the chamber's website at www.sacblackchamber.org for more information and to register.

"The goal is to make our members and supporters aware of each other and to do

business with each other," stated Cathy Rodriguez Aguirre, President and CEO of the Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Fred Palmer, Publisher of Outward Magazine and President and Interim Executive Director of the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce says "We believe that this Local Chamber Collaborative has created an innovative way for our Chambers to address issues important to our communities – innovation that may be helpful to other organizations and communities statewide and nationally."

We thank our sponsors in this Summit which include the City of Sacramento, SMUD and the Elks Lodge #6. Many thanks for our partnership with Sacramento Regional Transit and the Sacramento Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce.

About the Sacramento Black Chamber of Commerce

Established in 1985, the Sacramento Black Chamber of Commerce (SBCC) was organized to bring African American business owners and professionals together to create a solid economic structure within Sacramento's business community. Today SBCC is a network of dedicated, high-energy business professionals working together to improve the economic, cultural, and civic well-being of the African American community. The mission of the organization is to assure member businesses benefit through services that sustain and increase their revenues; and that the Northern California-Sacramento region benefits through the growth of African American owned businesses. For more information, please visit www.sacblackchamber.org.

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Sacramento Pride: Legacy Of Stonewall, Grounded In A Revolution, Alive Today

by David Heitstuman

Many people are familiar with the police raid at the Stonewall Inn in 1969 credited with igniting a revolution for LGBTQ equality. Transgender women, queer folks, and drag queens fought back against the pervasive harassment and abuse they endured on a daily basis living in the Village of New York City. Lesser known, but predating Stonewall by two years, at the Black Cat Tavern in Los Angeles plainclothes LAPD officers infiltrated the bar and beat patrons, arresting 14 people charged with lewd conduct for same-sex kissing on New Year's Day 1967. On Feb. 11, 1967, protesters took a bold step for that era and grabbed their picket signs, publicly protesting the police raid outside the bar.



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Each June, the Sacramento LGBT Community Center produces Sacramento Pride to commemorate the Stonewall Riots of 1969. And in the spirit of its 50th Anniversary, we are paying special attention to honoring the activist roots of Pride by making changes to Sacramento Pride to increase accessibility and provide a platform for advocacy and community building.

We believe there is always room for improvement and the committee solicits feedback annually through satisfaction surveys to ensure the events remain community driven and continuously improve. In addition to the annual survey, this year we also invested in future visioning to identify major changes that could improve the SacPride experience and support the

movement for equality and justice that it supports long-term. We sent out a future-oriented survey, held six focus groups, and met individually with stakeholders ranging from faith community leaders and youth to exhibitors and contractors. Much of the input confirmed some of what we've heard in previous years, but also shed light on the focus of activism and inclusion we should look forward to with SacPride going forward. Taking this feedback into consideration, we have undertaken 8 initiatives to improve SacPride 2019:

1. Expand the festival to two days
2. Create more interactive experiences at Pride inspired by its history of activism and protest
3. Police will not be welcomed as exhibitors or marchers at Sacramento Pride
4. Prioritize selection of diverse queer and transgender performers and support more local artists and speakers at Sacramento Pride
5. Ensure the Pride Festival is affordable and accessible for community members
6. Ensure small community based organizations can participate
7. Prioritize alignment of corporate support with our mission
8. Increase accessibility of food and beverage options.

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Meet Sacramento Pride's New Director – Tyler Bertao

Each June, the Sacramento LGBT Community Center hosts Sacramento Pride to commemorate the Stonewall Riots of 1969, which mark the origin of the modern LGBTQ rights movement. Over the past 37 years, Sac Pride has grown to become our region's largest celebration of diversity, advocacy, and community building on Capitol Mall, hosting more than 18,000 people in 2018.



Tyler Bertao and friend. Photo by Tia Gemmell Photography.

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots of 1969, and the community will experience a full weekend of pride activities on June 8 - 9. Together, we will commemorate the struggle of the Stonewall Era and celebrate the progress we've made in the fight for equality and justice ever since. As in previous years, we are continuing to make changes to Sacramento Pride to focus its roots as a platform for advocacy and provide opportunities for more community engagement.

We are proud to introduce our new Events Manager and Pride Director, Tyler Bertao. Tyler came to us after completing his master's degree in Events and Experience Management in London. During his time in events, he has worked for organizations like Pride in London, the Winter Olympics, and Adobe Inc. We are very excited to have Tyler join the Center's team. We have also opened up the Sac Pride planning committee to new volunteers who want to help take Sac Pride to the next level of excellence. We hope to authentically engage people that represent the incredible diversity of our community. The movement began when drag queens, transgender women of color, and queer individuals from all walks of life stood up against oppression. It is with this in mind, that we are looking for volunteers who believe in the values of equality and justice

to join us in continuing to build Sac Pride as a beacon of hope for future generations. If you are interested in supporting Tyler's work or joining the committee, please look for more information at www.sacmentopride.org or email: tyler.bertao@saccenter.org.

Sac Pride is also proud to announce American rapper, singer, flautist, and songwriter Lizzo as the headlining entertainer for the festival on Sunday, June 9. Her performance will occur on the Thunder Valley Pride Stage, closing out the second day of the region's first two-day Pride festival on Capitol Mall and will top off a full slate of local and queer speakers, musicians, and other entertainers.

"We are overjoyed to find a performing artist for Sac Pride that exemplifies the values that the Sacramento LGBTQ+ community hold, from self-love and unapologetic enthusiasm to strength and passion," said Tyler Bertao, the new director of Sacramento Pride and events manager at the Sacramento LGBT Community Center. "I have no doubt that Lizzo will cap off the amazing performer lineup we have, filled with local, diverse, queer talent. It's unbelievable to think that five months ago my boyfriend suggested bringing Lizzo to Sacramento and now, here we are, getting ready to welcome her to Sac Pride 2019!"

For more information on Sacramento Pride, visit sacmentopride.org.



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It's not our events, as great as they are. It's not our internationally recognized restaurants, either, though they sure make eating here great. It's not even our mild California weather, though that's definitely a fan favorite. More than any event, meal or mild summer evening, it's the sense of community that makes Sacramento so unique. It's the diversity of the voices that are welcomed into our conversations. It's also that collective sense of community that is propelling Sacramento forward.

That spirit of community is particularly apparent during this time of year, and what better way to kick off the season than with Sacramento Pride. Pride celebrates our LGBTQ residents and workers, our visitors, supporters of the LGBTQ community – and most of all – the inclusive spirit of Sacramento. Visit Sacramento is thrilled to support Sacramento Pride as a critical piece of our cultural identity as a destination for all visitors.

Never before has there been a more exciting moment for visitors to explore Sacramento. From our thriving restaurant scene that will soon be included in the prestigious Michelin Guide, to exciting developments like DOCO, The Bank, R Street and more, there's something both new and comfortable around every corner. This exploration shouldn't stop with visitors – all of us could benefit from a little tourism in our own backyard. If there's an eatery you've been wanting to try or a museum you haven't visited in years, now is the time to get out and have an adventure.

Beyond a plethora of attractions for residents and visitors to enjoy this season, keep in mind that Pride kicks off months of festivals and events that showcase the unique things that make Sacramento the place we all know and love. Don't forget to



mark your calendar for the 2019 Farm-to-Fork Festival, which starts with the Legends of Wine tasting evening at the State Capitol on Sept. 19. Then, the annual Farm-to-Fork street festival that takes over Capitol Mall

Sept. 27 and 28, offering more than a mile of fresh food, drinks, exhibits, cooking demonstrations, live music and much more.

Following the farm-to-fork festivities, Sacramento will welcome back the 2019 Aftershock Festival in October, which will expand to three days of rock music this year. Check out Sacramento365.com for more on these and other exciting events to come.

Even with all of this activity and growth, the community remains our constant, keeping Sacramento the same welcoming and approachable place that we have always been. We often tell travelers that they may arrive as a visitor, but they will likely leave feeling like a local. We're grateful to our Sacramento community for making this such a special place for all of us to call home.

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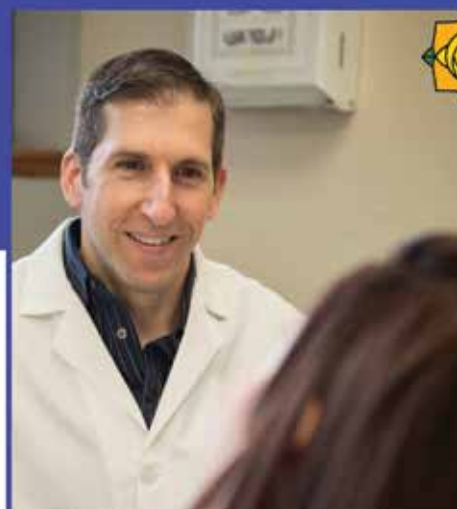
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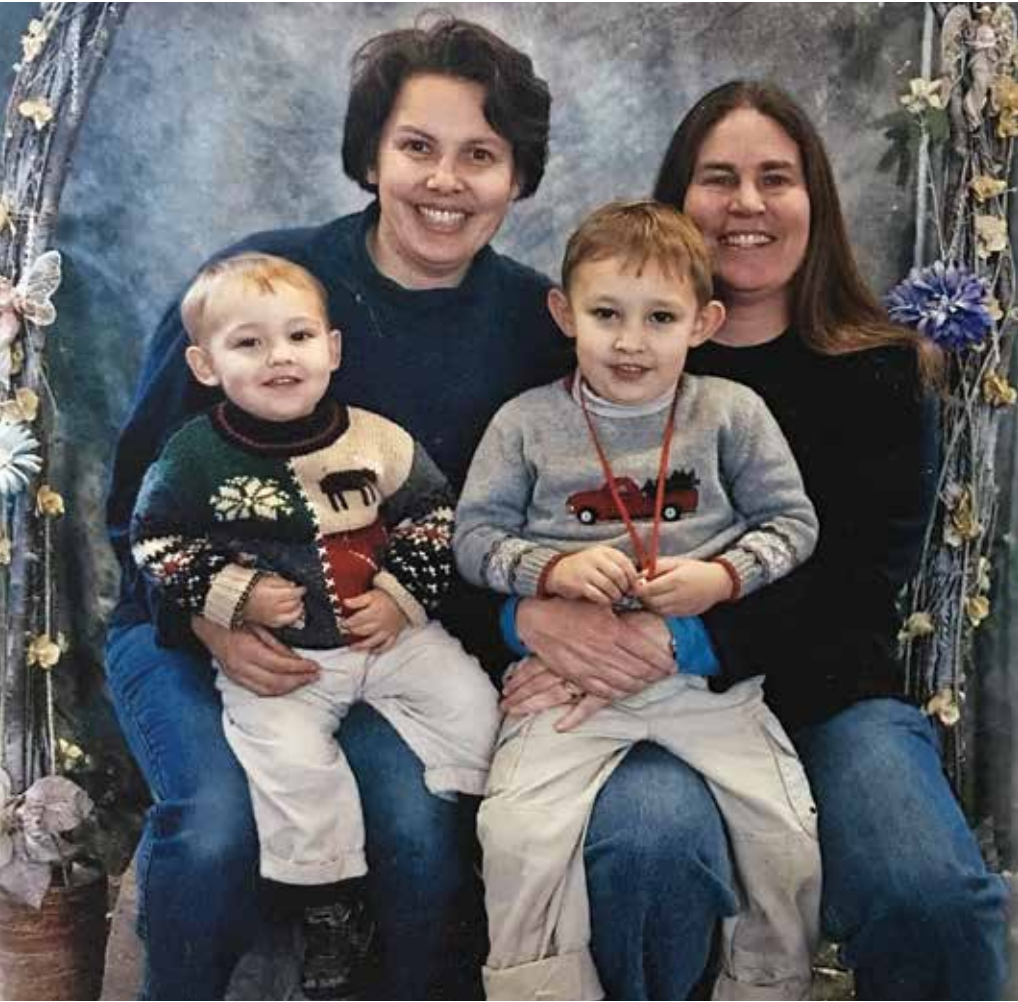
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Camellia Pride - Let LOVE Rule!

by Jenny Woods

Honoring and appreciating the unique individuality of each child is something that Camellia Waldorf School has been doing for 30 years. Founded in 1989, Camellia was established by a small group of parents who desired a Waldorf School within the central city. From its inception, inclusivity and diversity were a priority. The founding teachers and board understood the importance of establishing a school based in love, as children learn best when they feel secure and loved.



Cindy and Marianne Stinson and their two sons. Both are proud Camellia parents and Cindy is a board member.

Over the years, Camellia has grown and even changed homes, recently purchasing a campus on Pocket Road, along the beautiful Sacramento River. The one thing that has not changed is Camellia's commitment to love and diversity. Celebrated as the most diverse Waldorf School in North America, Camellia's community is a beautiful rainbow of families. Our community comprises a wide variety of racial, ethnic, social, and economic backgrounds, as well as two-mom and two-dad families. This cultural mix is not consciously orchestrated, but rather, arises naturally from a pervasive atmosphere at Camellia of respectfulness, appreciation, and acceptance. In addition, a generous tuition assistance program allows Camellia to open its doors to a wide range of families, promoting a diverse socioeconomic representation. With this environment, Camellia offers the best of both worlds – the diversity that many public schools offer, with the attentiveness of a small, inclusive, independent school culture.

Our children are respected as unique individuals and we embrace, honor and celebrate their differences. We encourage

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students to walk their own path and they are provided the space to blossom into their truest and best selves. Furthermore, we support students in developing an appreciation and acceptance of individual differences that prepares them for life as young adults, where they can take what they have learned and share with the greater world, treating other people with the same love and respect, making the future world more loving, accepting and inclusive.

Camellia's commitment to creating a beautiful, safe place to learn reaps huge benefits for our students. You can see it on the faces of the children and feel it as you walk through campus. Additionally, our graduating 8th grade students go on to the high schools of their choice, well prepared academically, confident and ready for the challenge, with open-minds and hearts.

We invite you to see for yourself! Call for a private tour or join us on June 1 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. for our annual Camellia Circus. Watch our 4th and 5th grade performers treat the crowd to juggling, unicycling, stilt walking, and more. For more information call (916) 427-5022 or visit camelliawaldorf.org.



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Chase the Rainbow at Mendocino Pride

If you want something a bit more scenic than what is offered in the Castro this Pride season, Mendocino County is the place for you. The first annual Mendocino Pride will be held the weekend of June 21 - 23.

The theme, "Chasing the Rainbow," will feature activities encouraging the exploration of what the area is known for: award-winning wineries, soaring redwoods, historic attractions, and of course, the majestic coastline.

On Friday, June 21, the festivities kick off at 1 p.m. along Mendocino's wine highway through Anderson Valley with a wine tasting at Madrones, a Mediterranean-inspired estate with three on-site wineries. Registration is on site. The Madrones, 9000 CA-128, Philo 95466. At 6 p.m. there will be an exclusive welcome reception featuring local wine and appetizers at Glendeven Inn & Lodge, a modern lodge nestled amongst the pines. Glendeven Inn & Lodge, 8211 North, CA-1, Little River 95456.

On Saturday, June 22, enjoy Mendocino's beautiful coast with a sandcastle contest on Big River Beach, just south of the quaint and windswept town of Mendocino that will remind you of a New England fishing village. Toy buckets and shovels provided—serious competitors should bring their own tools. Big



River Beach (river side), Mendocino 95460.

At 8 p.m., all aboard the Rainbow Express to a dance party in the Redwoods. Built in the 1800s to transport logs, ride the historic Skunk Train to the depths of the forest. The dancing takes place at charming Glen Blair Junction, the train's turnaround in a grove of redwoods. Beer, wine and snacks will be available: one complimentary drink included with each Pride Festival Pass. Tickets for the Rainbow Express and party can be purchased separately for \$65 per person at <https://www.skunktrain.com/rainbow-express>. Skunk Depot, Foot of Laurel Street,

Fort Bragg 95437.

On Sunday, June 23, what would a Sunday be without brunch? Enjoy a meal with your new friends at legendary Queenie's Roadhouse Café. They serve organic traditional American food along historic state Route One, a few hundred feet from the Pacific. A local institution in a 100-year old former livery stable, you can also dine al fresco at their redwood tables—and don't forget to try their famous pie. Queenie's Roadhouse Café, 6061 CA-1, Elk, CA 95432. In the afternoon, you can commune with animals, including endangered zebras and

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For more information on Mendocino Pride: Chasing the Rainbow, visit <https://visitmendocino.com/pride-2019/>

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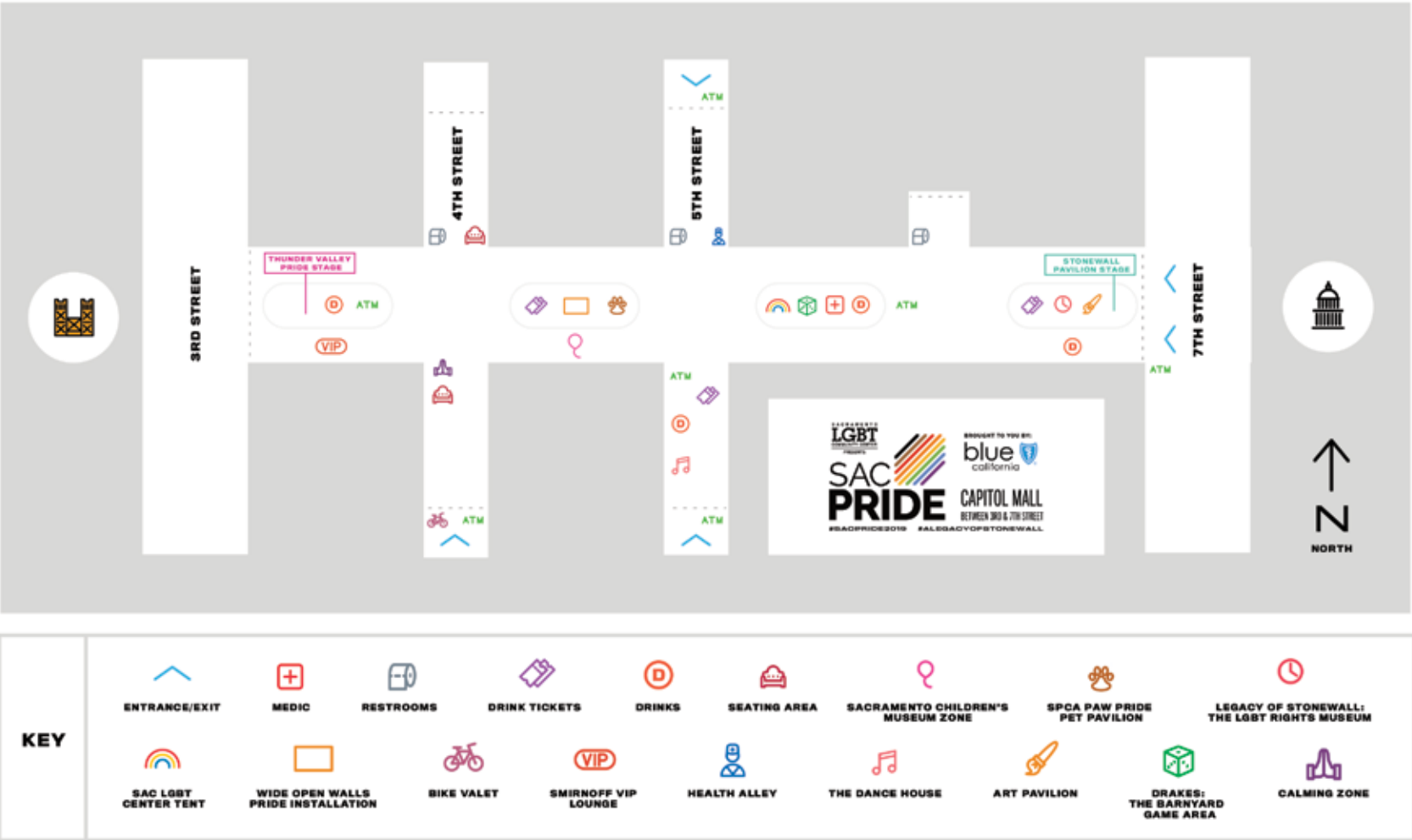


Each June, the Sacramento LGBT Community Center hosts our largest community engagement of the year, Sacramento Pride, that celebrates LGBTQ+ activism, diversity, and community. SacPride has grown from just a few thousand people in a neighborhood park to more than 18,000 participants on Capitol Mall in 2018. As Pride has evolved, we have continuously worked to make the events as vibrant, accessible, and inclusive of our entire community as possible.

Moving the event to Capitol Mall almost a decade ago and reviving the parade provided unprecedented visibility for our community and allowed the event to expand its footprint and become more accessible. Since then, attendance has more than doubled and the surrounding downtown area has been transformed including the addition of a new arena.

We are working to make SacPride 2019 the best it can be on the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, from which annual Pride marches and celebrations around the world followed to recognize the sweeping impact that LGBTQ individuals, advocates and allies have had on history of LGBTQ+ liberation in the U.S. and around the globe. We intend to center the voices of our community, many of whom remain vulnerable and continue to fight for survival, as we plan for this year's SacPride events.

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SATURDAY JUNE 8

- 11:00 MC MYSTER?OUS
- 11:40 SAC WOMEN'S CHORUS
- 11:55 SAC GAY MEN'S CHORUS
- 12:10 BLYUE ROSE DANCE CO
- 12:30 DROP DEAD RED
- 1:10 LIP-SYNC BATTLE
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- 2:55 ESMERALDA RAYA
- 3:15 HYM
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SUNDAY JUNE 9

- 11:00 DJ QULTURE
- 11:50 ALL VOICE CHORAL PROJECT
- 12:10 ARIANA AND THE ROSE
- 12:50 ARTHUR MURRAY DANCE CO
- 1:10 ANIIML
- 1:45 PAPI TORRES
- 2:00 BRIAN FALDUTO
- 2:25 BADLANDS DRAG RACE SHOWCASE
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LIZZO Will Be Bringing Her Juice to Sacramento Pride!



Lizzo will headline Sac Pride on Sunday, June 9th. Photo by Luke-Gilford

When you love yourself, anything becomes possible. Channeling boundless self-confidence through a downright earth-quaking voice, colorful persona, and undeniable star power, Lizzo struts into the spotlight and steps up with a whole lot of sass, spirit, and soul. Embracing her vocal range like never before and celebrating herself to the fullest, she speaks her mind, censors nothing, and delivers an enviable level of honesty, pure passion, and fresh fire. In doing so, she reaches the precipice of a personal and creative breakthrough in 2019 as evidenced by a string of new releases for Nice Life Recording Company and Atlantic Records.

“This is a way more confident Lizzo who believes in her confidence,” she exclaims. “For the last three years, I’ve been working on myself and learning how to love who I am. There were moments that would’ve completely defeated me when I was younger. Instead, I was able to not just survive, but thrive. This is the person who I truly want to be. It’s a self-filling prophecy ready for the world. I really found my voice. I love it. I love my body. I love talking shit, and it’s what I’m doing,” she laughs.

She’s quietly worked towards these realizations since the release of her 2016 EP, *Coconut Oil*, which delivered such hits as “Good As Hell,” “Phone,” “Water Me,” and “Truth Hurts.” Building on enthusiastic critical acclaim and a rapidly growing fan base, 2018 represented a high watermark for the Detroit-born and Houston-raised songstress. A string of singles hit maximum velocity as “Boys” took the culture by storm.

A definitive and inescapable anthem for 2018, it closed out the year on Time’s “10 Best Songs of 2018,” Pitchfork’s “100 Best Songs of 2018,” and Paste’s “50 Best Songs of 2018.” She covered both Teen Vogue’s “Pass The Mic Music Issue” and *Galore* in addition to being profiled in *Rolling Stone*, the *New York Times*, *V*, and *Glamour*. *Allure* also proclaimed her among its, “Beauty Disruptors: 12 People Changing the Beauty Industry for the Better.” Additionally, she brought down the house with rapturous performances at Lollapalooza and the MoMa PS1 Warm Up in New York City as well as maintaining an undeniable presence at New York Fashion Week.

However, Lizzo recognized a turning point the summer before everything popped off...

Paying homage to some of music’s most influential women, she took the stage at NPR Music’s “Turning the Tables Live” at Lincoln Center’s Damrosch Park Bandshell.

During the proceedings, she covered Aretha Franklin’s “Respect” and Lauryn Hill’s “Ex Factor.” The show helped her put a longstanding fear to rest.

“I never really loved my voice,” she admits. “Touring strengthened it, but it’s like I was still afraid of it. When I was able to sing ‘Ex Factor’ and ‘Respect’ by these great vocalists whom I adore, I was really proud for the first time, not just as an artist or a performer, but as a singer. Those are big shoes to fill, and I was able to scream, do runs, belt, and go from soulful to beautiful tones. I left with some brand new shoes of my own though. I finally got my singer heels.”

With those heels on, she hit the studio in late 2018 to record her third full-length, *Cause I Love You*. For the first time, she enlisted the production talents of X Ambassadors’ Sam Harris. Recording in a “haunted ass studio,” the producer encouraged her to break out of her comfort zone. “He reached inside of me and brought out a vulnerability I didn’t realize I had,” she says. “He called out my lyrics by name and pulled them out of my life experiences.”

Galvanized by those sessions, she also reteamed with an old friend Oak Felder [Rihanna, Alessia Cara, Kehlani] as well as longtime collaborator Ricky Reed [Meghan Trainor, Halsey]. She introduced this chapter with “Juice.” Eighties-style synths slink hand-in-hand with a steady beat before climaxing on funky guitar and boisterous horns. She drops eyebrow-raising lines like, “No, I’m not a snack at all. Look, baby, I’m

the whole damn meal” before the breakdown, “Somebody come get this man. I think he got lost in my DMs.” Touting the hummable hook, “Blame it on my juice,” she turns up with an empowering call-to-arms.

“I didn’t really have a song talking the way I talked,” she goes on. “This gave me the opportunity to talk the talk and celebrate my swag and all of the hard work I’ve done to get here. It’s a timestamp of where I am in my life right now. I’m enjoying myself on ‘Juice.’”

Whether it’s the emotionally charged “Jerome” or dynamically delicate “Crybaby,” she clings to an overarching message on *Cause I Love You* intimated by the title.

“I want people to know this process is all because I love them—and because I love me,” she says. “It’s a double-sided statement. You can say *Cause I Love You* to millions of people, or you can say it to yourself in the mirror. It’s about what you go through when you’re trying to love yourself in a world that makes it so hard. You can persevere and come out stronger on the other side though.”

In the end, Lizzo’s message of empowerment and love rings true because it comes straight from the heart.

“When you listen to this, I want you to know you’re not alone,” she leaves off. “I want you to hear my songs and feel a connection to me. I hope you can apply what I’m saying to your own life and maybe have a better day. Share this experience with me. Celebrate who you are. If I can change the world for the better one song at a time, I’m cool.”

Out & About

photos and words by Ami Medina

The Rainbow Chamber Foundation hosted the 6th Annual Farm2Scholar Dinner on May 16, 2019 at Capital Public Radio. Despite unpredictable weather, the event still persevered in Capital Public Radio's community event room complemented with beautiful views of the garden and an outdoor courtyard experience. The crowd was amazed with musical notes played by 2018 Rainbow Chamber Foundation scholarship recipient Mel McKernan while accompanied by students from Bella Vista High School Marching Band. The evening was filled with good company, delicious food catered by Roaming Hunger Dad's Kitchen, and commemorative highlights honoring past scholarship winners Mel McKernan and Melissa McTernan Ph.D., past president's Diana DePaola and Amy Medina, and the 2019 Leader in Action Awardee Richard Hernandez. To the sponsors, guests and community leaders that continue to support the Rainbow Chamber Foundation, thank you for your dedication to promote mentoring, guidance, education and programs that improve the quality of life of the LGBTQ+ community!



Reno-Tahoe Resurgence

Reno-Tahoe has emerged as an all-season destination of contrasts, reinventing itself as a bastion of energy and ambition for visitors from divergent backgrounds.

Located just 40 minutes away from the outdoor wonderland of Lake Tahoe, the cities of Reno and Sparks boast imaginative chefs, expert brewers and distillers, artisans, artists and industry.

There is nothing artificial about this strikingly beautiful, outdoor destination. Adrenaline is provided in its purest form by every mountain trail, rushing river, climbing hold, and even upon the oft-calm waters of Lake Tahoe. In downtown Reno's Riverwalk District, as the Truckee River winds its way from Lake Tahoe, visitors can enjoy fishing, kayaking and rafting surrounded by great restaurants, shopping and unique cityscapes. Just 30 minutes southwest lies Lake Tahoe, the largest alpine lake in the U.S.

With its rapidly undulating geography, the Reno-Tahoe region rises from Lake Tahoe, heading eastward over the forested Sierra Nevada mountains, dropping through the Truckee Meadows into the city, retreating to the nearby desert covering the majority of Nevada. From water and snow skiing to lounging on the beach, if you can do it outside, you'll find it here.

With nearly 300 sunny days each year, Northern Nevadans enjoy one of the most impressive special events seasons throughout the West. The 100th anniversary of the Reno

Rodeo will be celebrated this year, with bull and bronc riders, ropers and barrel racers pushing their limits in what is known as "The Wildest, Richest Rodeo in the West." The world's largest, free hot-air balloon festival is held here each September, the Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival provides you an opportunity to take in classic performances with your feet in the sand, and July's annual Northern Nevada PRIDE event is enjoyed by tens-of-thousands each year.

From May through October, you'll almost always find a special event featuring art, food, music, culture and excitement. When the weather cools down, Reno-Tahoe is right where you want to be. This destination has the highest concentration of ski resorts in North America. You can hit the slopes just 30 minutes from town at either Mt. Rose or Diamond Peak Ski Resort. Home of the 1960 winter games, Squaw Valley is little more than an hour's drive away, with other great sites like Northstar and Alpine Meadows also nearby.

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The Capitol City Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence is your local edition of a global phenomenon that started in San Francisco on Easter weekend in 1979.

It all started in Iowa with student activist Kenneth Bunch, along with fellow University of Iowa alum Fred Brungard. They co-produced the first Midwest Gay Pride Conferences 1974 through 1976. At this time, Iowa gay organizations consisted of 3 bars and two student groups. Kenneth also formed a traveling drag performance troupe called The Sugar Plum Fairies—and was able to secure traditional nun regalia from the Mother Superior in an Order of Catholic nuns in Cedar Rapids.

In 1977 Kenneth migrated to San Francisco. Soon, he met Edmund Garron (who would become Agnes- Sister Hysterectoria) in a dance class as well as Bill Graham (Reverend Mother) who formed a

Sister Rae-Jing Morningwood formed the Capitol City Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence (CCSPI) in Sacramento.

Charity, giving, and guidance are the mission of the Capitol City Sisters, now under the guidance of Sister Holly Go-Delightley, the Abbess of the House.

As part of that mission, Novice Sister Ova D'Rainbow chose her Novice Fundraising Project, "Any Way You Turn it, Love is Love is Love," to be a quilt raffle benefiting Sacramento's LGBT Center's Q Spot. The proceeds from the raffle will help Sacramento's unhoused LGBTQIA2 youth population. Ova asked men from all over the country in her quilting Facebook group to donate heart shaped blocks to her



Some of the Sacramento Sisters at Davis Pride 2019.

Transcendental Meditation class together.

In 1978, Kenneth convinced Fred (Sister Missionary Position) to move to San Francisco and live with him. Kenneth would go on to become Grand Mother Vicious Power Hungry Bitch.

The order was born, on Easter Weekend 1979, when the four donned the traditional habits Kenneth brought with him to San Francisco two years earlier. They wore them to upset the normal, which was the hyper-masculine Tom of Finland look called the Castro Clone. And a legendary radical queer movement—The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence—was born. When the health crisis started in the 80s, the Sisters became a 5013c becoming a major fundraising organization that has spread world wide, servicing the most marginalized of our communities.

Six years ago Sister Defiance Royale and

fundraiser. She has received enough hearts to make five quilts. This past week, during the CCSPI's Mother's Day brunch at Uptown Studios, Ova's first quilt was purchased by long-time local activist, business leader, and legend Tina Reynolds.

Tina was so moved by Ova's project that she donated \$500 on the spot for the quilt. Tina and her daughter Kristen are huge allies of the Capitol City Sisters, including partnering with us for the Sister Social project, a monthly LGBTQIA2 social mixer with a charity component, held at Uptown Studios.

To maximize the benefit to our community, the Capitol City Sisters will be auctioning off Ova's other quilts. \$5 raffle tickets will soon be available soon for purchase. Please email sisoddreyheartburn@gmail.com for raffle ticket purchases.

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Only the Strong Survive

by Ebony Ava Harper

Growing up, I was always told to stop “acting like that”. Stop “walking like that”. Stop “talking like that”. I wanted to know how I could change my “bad” behaviors. It seemed like the more I prayed for God to change me, the deeper my sashay got. I was turning fabulous right before my Jamaican family's eyes, and there was nothing they could do about it.



Ebony Ava Harper

For years, I felt like there was something wrong with me. I felt like I was a bad seed and doomed to the nether world of kids with deep sashays. My story may sound familiar to many queer and trans folk. Rather you were a girl exhibiting masculine traits, or a little boy that liked playing with dolls, the way life choose to show up through you was deemed wrong by those that were supposed to love and affirm us. When we didn't receive the healthy affirmations we were supposed to from our loved ones, so many of us sought unhealthy ones that affirmed the lies this world has told us. We sought out unhealthy bonds, we numbed ourselves with alcohol, and we traveled with hopes to find ourselves.

Later, we found others just like us. We adopted them and called them family. We finally found a place where we belonged. We discovered we have history and culture, there were many that came before us and had to make their passage to self-discovery as well. We could finally hold our heads up with a sense of pride. We finally belonged.

The truth is we come from titans like

Sylvia, Marsha, Connie, Harvey, Bayard, etc., the list is endless. We survived Don't ask don't tell, the AIDS epidemic, Jerry Falwell, Anita Bryant and all the rest of the attacks towards us. We are resilient, and still have a lot more road to trudge onwards through.

This coming Pride season will mark 50 years since Stonewall Riots. Just 50 years ago we had to hide just to congregate. A lot has changed in 50 years, but now we live under the constant threat of having all that we fought for stripped away.

This particular Pride means a lot to me. It affirms that while they ban trans folks from the military, try to take away our healthcare protections and all the other bad stuff that's mounted against us, we're still here - and we're not going anywhere. We are stronger than ever. We are more visible than ever. The more they try to silence us, the louder we we'll get. We have the strength on of our queer and trans ancestors guiding us to triumph! I want everyone to be encouraged in the midst of all this hostility, and to keep drawing strength from our greats as we continue onwards. Let's party like it's the 50th anniversary of Stonewall!

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FOOD

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ATTRACTIONS AND SHOPPING

If food isn't your travel pleasure, Seattle boasts a number of unforgettable attractions which can't be found any place else. Decorating the city skyline and built in 1962 for the World's Fair, the Space Needle offers an express elevator ride to the top where you can look out over the city, watch the ferries commute across the bay, walk on the new glass floored observation deck, and enjoy a meal at the rotating restaurant on top the needle. Move from the heights above the city to the cool breeze in your hair while on one of the select Argosy Cruises, touring the waterways of the Puget Sound for any-

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THEATRE AND NIGHTLIFE

Seattle is home to a number of museums, theatres, and performing artists venues. If you are a fan of the American musical, check out The 5th Avenue Theatre, where Broadway lights up the marquees of the Pacific Northwest with major theatre productions and big name artists you won't forget. If you want to engage in the history of iconic Seattle musicians or delve into fantasy and worlds of myth and magic, explore your pop culture fandom at Museum of Pop Culture MoPop, take in classic and contemporary art at Seattle Art Museum SAM, or the Olympic Sculpture Park on the central Seattle waterfront. The waterfront path navigating through the Olympic Sculpture Park is a favorite for daytime strolls or urban jogs alike.



PRIDE

Travelers flock to Seattle every June for the beautiful weather, the breathtaking natural beauty, and of course for Seattle Pride. Each year, the city's Pride celebrations highlight the best of what is already a vibrant LGBTQ community from nightlife, to street fairs and block parties, to live music and festivals. Celebrate Pride at one of many Pride events throughout the month, or make plans to come for

the weekend June 27 - 30 for parades, concerts, street fairs, and more. A list of some of the city's Pride events can be found at thegebsba.org/events/pride. Whenever you come to Seattle, be sure to check out TravelOutSeattle.com for listings of LGBTQ and ally owned hotels, restaurants, attractions, and nightlife that support the LGBTQ community all year, and welcome all LGBTQ travelers to the beautiful city of Seattle.

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In 2019, America's oldest documented Zinfandel vineyard turns (at least) 150 years old and it sits right in the heart of Amador

newer Italian (think Barbera, Sangiovese and Pinot Grigio), Rhône (think Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre) and Spanish (think Tempranillo and Albariño) varietals and there is something for every palate in Amador Wine Country.

If sitting back and enjoying wine from ancient vines wasn't enough, how about taking in picturesque views of the Sierra among vineyards sprawling across acres of rolling hills? As spring turns into summer, the blanket of green covering the foothills will turn into swaths of beautiful gold. The green grape leaves of more than 5,000 acres

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Wine Country. The Original Grand Pere vineyard (also known as Vineyard 1869) survived while other vineyards across the state succumb to Prohibition and disease outbreaks. Documented in an 1869 U.S. Geological Survey, these amazing vines (many with trunks more than a foot in diameter and roots more than 25 feet deep into the earth) now produce some of the most delicate and complex fruit anywhere, resulting in wine of the same sophistication. You can try Zinfandel from this vineyard from three Amador County producers: Andis Wines, Vino Noceto and Scott Harvey Wines.

The Original Grand Pere is not the only true "old vine" vineyard in Amador County. Several more vineyards boast plants more than 100 years old, making Amador one of the oldest continuously producing wine growing regions in the state. Couple those old Zinfandel and Mission vineyards with the

of vineyard land provide amazing juxtaposition of color as far as the eye can see. Not a bad way to spend a Saturday afternoon!

Each of the 45 family-run winery members of the Amador Vintners Association represent a different style and philosophy of winemaking. Yet, they all share the same goal of producing world-class wine and offering it with the warm and welcoming hospitality that is a fundamental part of today's Gold Country culture.

Just 45 minutes (or less) from Sacramento, Amador Wine Country is a fantastic destination for a day trip of wine tasting or a perfect, relaxing weekend getaway. The areas charming B&Bs, boutique hotels and quaint cottages make for a great home base while exploring the history, wine and farm-to-fork cuisine available in Amador County. Learn more and plan your next wine getaway at www.amadorwine.com.

Amador County: the Artsy Getaway

The Amador County Arts Council is located in the heart of the motherlode about 50 miles east of Sacramento in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains. With many small towns separated by scenic byways, Amador County includes stretches from the valley city Ione to the popular resort community of Kirkwood.

Town after town, you will find unique and enticing adventures of all kinds: walks on back-country roads, the finest of bakeries, unique local gifts, exceptional touring bands, the best beers on tap, inspiring art and architecture, fantastic theatre, agritourism, farm-to-fork dining, goldmine tours, ghost hunting, gambling, kayaking, fishing, camping, and great music and visual arts! Amador is an active arts community and that is just one thing that continues to attract LGBTQAI+ tourists every weekend. With opportunities for family tourists as well as adult-only festivities, Amador County offers the vibrancy and respite that we all crave from a small town getaway.

There are also a lot of local LGBTQAI+ adults and youth living right here in Amador County. Amador County Arts Council Director, Emily-Ann Hopkins, is ecstatic that queer tourists come to the area. "We need more representation here." Hopkins, a lesbian senior at Amador High School is also the President of the Service Club and the Vice President of the Drama Club.

As a member of the Board of Directors of the Amador County Arts Council,



Meghan O'Keefe, they/them/theirs

Hopkins has a deep understanding of the connection between the arts and tourism. She also knows that tourism can impact the culture of her local community. "I know that queer tourists and locals are right here and that makes me happy. I know that there are safe spaces here." However, Hopkins added, "I know many students, especially the trans and non-binary youth, who feel that they cannot be who they are and that is unfair. No one

should be afraid to be who they really are to their full extent."

The Amador County Arts Council has been supporting students like Hopkins for more than 37 years now, producing arts



Emily-Ann Hopkins, she/her/hers

programs throughout Amador and providing multiple, standard-based arts curricula for students K-12 throughout Amador public schools. This year, the Amador County Arts Council center is the new site of the LGBTQAI+ Youth Support

Group, in collaboration with the Tri-County LGBTQ Alliance, and with support from the Amador County Department of Behavioral Health.

Amador County is the ideal artsy small town that everyone wants to visit. During your day trip, check out the property sales - come make a beautiful life in rural California! Enjoy the Amador County Arts Council free TGIF Summer concerts in the parks. You are also invited to join the Tri-County LGBTQ Alliance for bi-monthly potlucks at Rosebud's Cafe in Jackson.

The Amador County Arts Council (also known as AmadorArts) is here to be a resource for you and your family. Whether you are visiting or moving to the country, reach out to the arts council for info on local events, artists, classes, music, and more! For more information visit the Amador County Arts Council at www.amadorarts.org.

Meghan O'Keefe is the Executive Director of the Amador County Arts Council and the Music Director of Amador High Musical Theatre. O'Keefe is a graduate of Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts and Oberlin College and is queer, non-binary and learning disabled.



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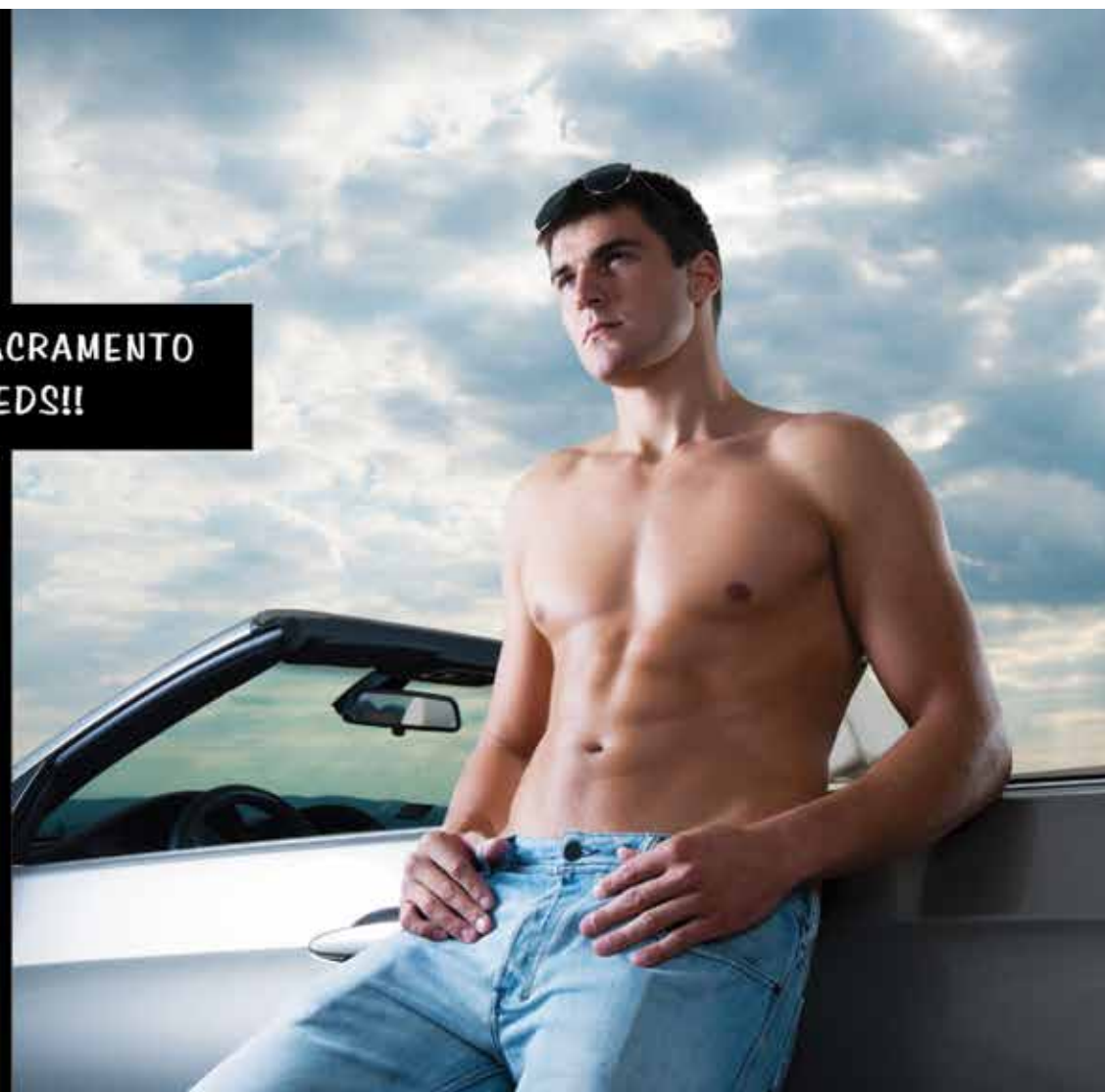
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Palm Springs has a number of well-attended LGBTQ events throughout the year. In September, cinephiles flock to Cinema Diverse, the Palm Springs LGBTQ Film Festival. Palm Springs Leather Pride weekend kicks off in late October and ends with the crowning of Mr. Leather. Show off your best costume at the huge block party

on Arenas every Halloween then stay for the eye-popping Greater Palm Springs Pride that follows in early November.

As a leading LGBTQ destination, Palm Springs honors and celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising. Attend the Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast on May 15 commemorating this event at the Palm Springs Convention Center. The Palm Springs Cultural Center presents the Stonewall Humanitarian Awards, Tuesday, June 13, supporting the Transgender Health and Wellness Center and the Transgender Community Coalition (TCC).

With sun-kissed weather nearly year-round and gorgeous scenery, it's no wonder Palm Springs is like no place else with a growing nightlife, burgeoning art scene and edgy vibe. Just two hours away from Los Angeles and San Diego, find out why Palm Springs is one of the world's foremost LGBT hotspots. For more information, visit www.VisitGayPalmSprings.com.

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and Total Wine & More reaching more than 150 retail locations within a short six months. Being children of immigrant parents or grandparents, they each grew up with modest beginnings and individually walked a path of hard work, humility, and perseverance. Together, their obsession with finely crafted spirits, entrepreneurial passion, and fiercely creative energy provides them a fresh outlook to traditional tastes and to rock the spirits industry. The ladies started their journey wanting to open a distillery and were faced with the reality that start-up costs were beyond their current financial means. Yet, they did not let this stop them, instead they began to contact companies and distilleries to help develop their whiskey. This



allowed them to test the market, develop brand recognition and sales in the hopes of eventually getting to the end goal of opening a distillery in the future. Legado was created with a palette designed to make whiskey more approachable. With their first flagship product, Legado Straight Rye, it was specifically chosen over months of numerous trials with different blends, until the final flavor profile was established. Since its inception and release, the feedback from consumers about the taste and feel of their Rye Whiskey has been an overwhelming success. Legado was created with future entrepreneurs in mind. Not only do they

want to sell great whiskey, but they also want to inspire all generations to live out their legacy of passion and purpose by inspiring others for years to come. Legado, meaning “legacy” in Spanish, is spreading its mission to uplift by celebrating the inspiring stories of legends from all walks of life. A few fun facts about the Legado founders: they all are mothers, they have eight kids between them all, and three of the four are part of the LGBTQ community. The Legado team is excited to celebrate PRIDE with our community and proudly supports the LGBTQ family! For more information, visit www.rdmlegado.com.



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San Francisco Cheese Fest to Celebrates its Fifth Anniversary

The California Artisan Cheese Guild (CACG), the state's only nonprofit dedicated to sustaining California's artisan cheesemaking community, announces the Fifth Annual SF Cheese Fest taking place September 14 and 15, 2019. With two days of cheese education and enjoyment on the agenda, this year's Fest will kick off with Saturday night's popular walk-around tasting event, the Cheesemaker Celebration, at the historic Social Hall SF, followed by some delicious and hands-on Sunday Seminars with The Cheese School of San Francisco.

In honor of SF Cheese Fest's fifth anniversary and all of the innovative and pioneering artisans who paved the way in California cheesemaking, the theme this year is "Pioneering Spirit." This theme will not only pay homage to the amazing legacy cheesemakers in

cheese. This is an exciting opportunity to showcase the rich and evolving stories of cheesemaking in the Golden State."

The roster of participating cheese companies ranges from pioneering cheesemakers Cowgirl Creamery, Cypress Grove and Point Reyes Farmstead to local favorites Achadinha Cheese, Moonside



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California, but also that motivating spirit that endures today with the new California cheesemakers who are constantly inspiring others with their creations. One especially poignant aspect of this year's theme is the history of amazing female cheesemakers in California who have created some of the world's best cheeses that remain our favorites today. At the Saturday night Cheesemaker Celebration, guests will meet and mingle with over 20 Guild-member cheesemakers from across the state, sampling dozens of new and classic California cheeses. This beloved walk-around tasting event will also feature local pickles, preserves and charcuterie as well as plenty of beer, cider and wine to ensure lively pairing discoveries. While sipping and sampling, guests will enjoy live music and all attendees will receive a free 1-year subscription to Culture Magazine.

"SF Cheese Fest has become a favorite yearly tradition for local foodies and cheese lovers, and its fifth anniversary is an important milestone for the artisan cheese community," says CACG Executive Director, Anthea Stolz. "We're excited to pay homage to California's pioneering and innovative spirit, past and present, though the lens of

the state, Central Coast Creamery, Nicolau Farms, Sierra Nevada Cheese Company and Rumiano Cheese Company will join the festivities, alongside our cousin-in-cheese from Utah, Beehive Cheese, and newcomers to the SF Cheese Fest scene, Daily Driver SF and Belfiore Cheese Company.

Tickets for both days will go on sale Tuesday, July 16 and are expected to sell out. Saturday night's Cheesemaker Celebration takes place from 6-9 p.m. on Saturday, September 14 at Social Hall SF, located at 1270 Sutter Street in San Francisco. Tickets for the Saturday Celebration are \$94 each and include all food and beverage sampling and live music. Limited "Bring a Friend" tickets will be \$159 for two.

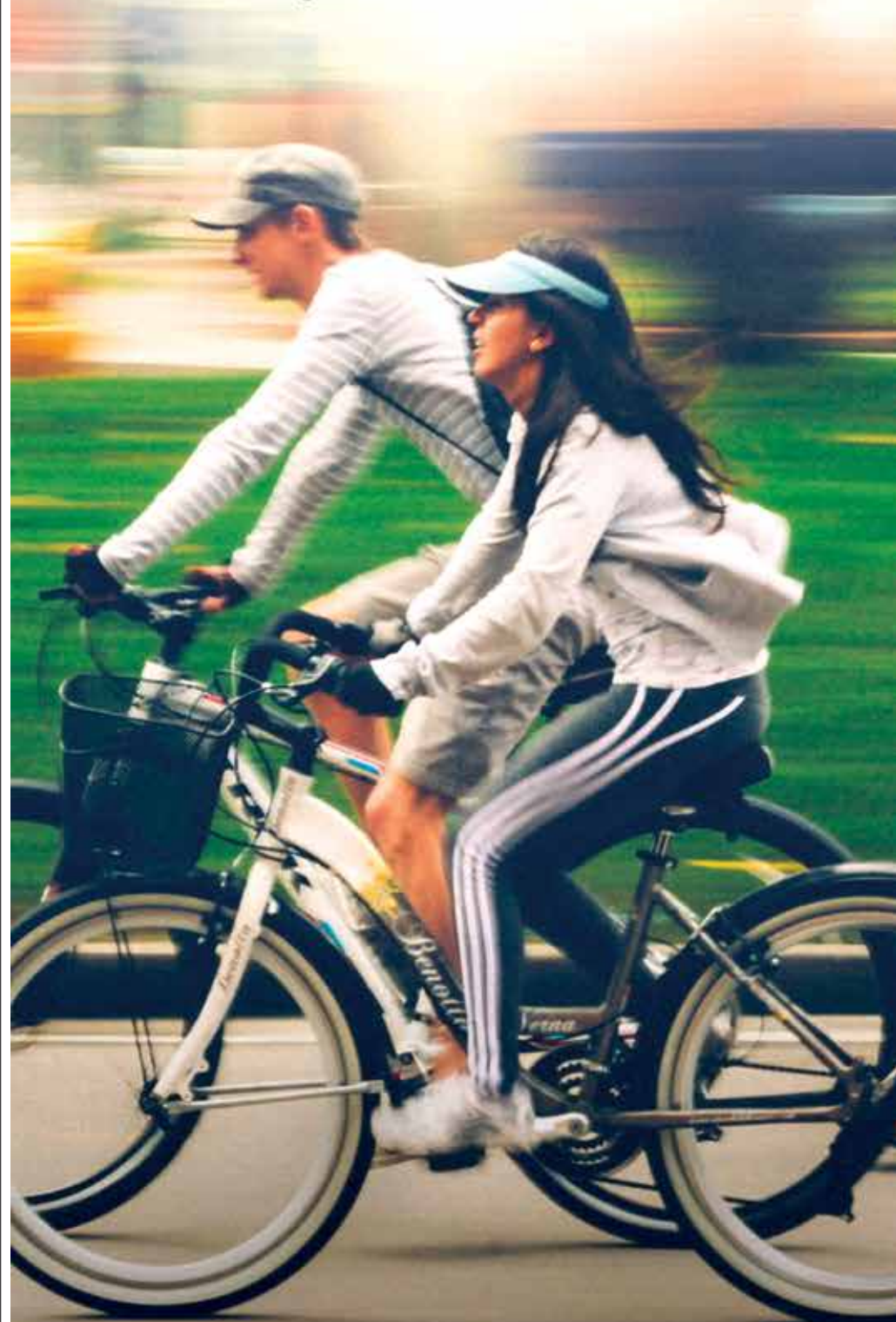
The Sunday Seminars will take place on September 15 at The Cheese School of San Francisco's new Ghirardelli Square campus. More details about the classes will be announced shortly, and tickets for both Saturday and Sunday will be available through the SF Cheese Fest website www.sfcheesefest.com/tickets.

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Artsy Local Events for Pride

by Chris Narloch

In addition to raising your rainbow flags (and perhaps raising a glass or two), Pride season also includes many community events of an artsy nature. Here are a few prideful happenings coming soon that caught our queer eye.

Sacramento Women's Chorus



Milk & Cookies with QSAC

Sacramento's Lavender Library will host this LGBTQ literary event featuring eight local authors of queer fiction – and milk and cookies! Join QSAC (Queer Sacramento Authors Collective) for its quarterly reading on the evening of Friday, May 31. Visit <http://lavenderlibrary.com/events>.

SGMC & Sacramento Women's Chorus

It's not every day the stars align to get the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus and the Sacramento Women's Chorus together in song, but their busy schedules will meet for a rare collaboration on stage at this year's Sacramento Pride event.

The historic teaming (for at least one song) will happen during their adjacent sets on Saturday morning, June 8. You can check out all of the other great entertainment performing over Pride weekend, at <https://sacramentopride.org>.

Rainbow Families Pre-Parade Party & ArtMix Pride

If you want to make a colorful statement at this year's Sac Pride, you can stop by the Crocker Art Museum before

the parade on the morning of Sunday, June 9 for a pre-parade party.

All families are invited to "rainbow up" for the Sacramento Pride Parade, which kicks off nearby at 11 a.m. Streamers, crowns, face paints, and more will be available to decorate babies, kids, mamas, papas, allies, and friends – not to mention strollers, bikes, and wagons.

Light refreshments are provided to help fuel the fun. Walk in the parade with Crocker friends and staff, or just be a colorful spectator. Presented in partnership with Sacramento Rainbow Families, this is a free event.

Then get loud and proud on the evening of Thursday, June 13, as the Crocker presents "ArtMix Pride The Musical II," with dance numbers, show-stopping divas, and a host of costumed characters.

Enjoy performances by the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus, Underground Theatre Company, Green Valley Theatre Company, DJs, and more during this evening of singing and mingling, mock-tails and cocktails, positivity and possibilities.

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Kiella blending in with the bears.
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Check out their Doggie Day Out program. It’s fun, easy and free! You, too, can have adorable dog stories to brag about on social media – and your stories will generate envy among all your friends. All you need to do is borrow a shelter dog for an outing. You can go to the park, go for a quick run, a lunch date (or blind date – talk about scoring points!), or even a doggy sleepover.

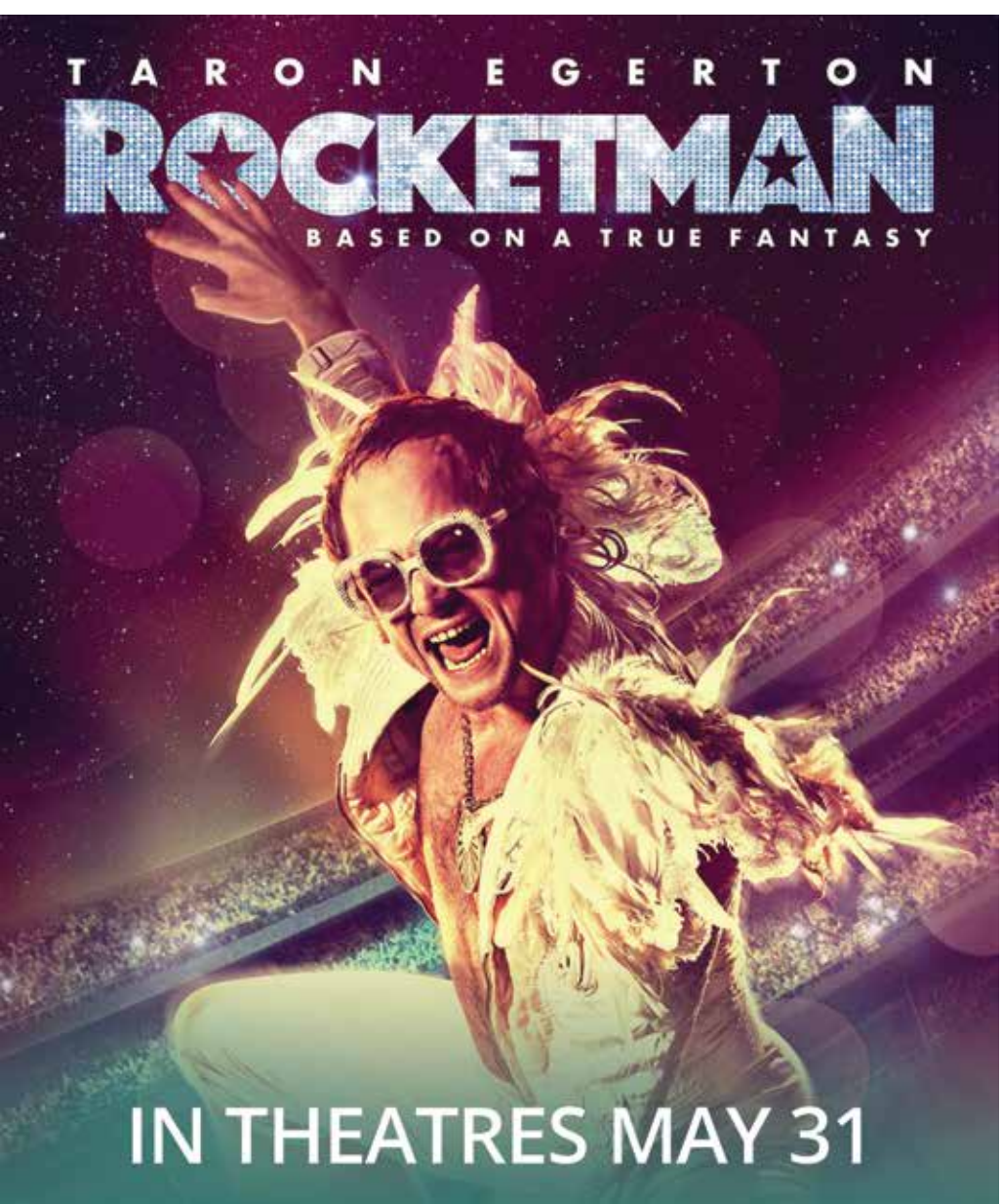
According to the Front Street Animal Shelter’s K9 Foster Coordinator, Lori Rhoades, the Doggie Day Out program “reduces kennel stress, it will give us more information about the dog outside of the shelter, and you will get a firsthand look at what it is like to be a foster, without taking on any type of commitment. Just like us on our weekends, dogs need a chance to recharge and get a break from their day to day stressful living situations. This will help our more problematic dogs that are having a difficult time getting adopted. You can personally help a dog get adopted... The more information we have about how that

dog is outside of the shelter, the easier it will be to find the best loving home.”

Doggie Day Out gives shelter dogs the chance to be out of the shelter and meet new people – and you get the chance to experience some canine companionship. All you are required to do is take pictures or maybe a quick video and share what you learned about the dog while you were out. Here’s what Madeline had to say about her outing with Kiella:

“Kiella loved my 11 year old! Kiella can be described as friendly, snuggly, strong with lots of energy. She loved Dutch Bros. puppacinos and enjoyed picking treats at PetSmart!”

Are you ready for your Doggie Day Out adventure? It’s super easy – just go to the Front Street Animal Shelter’s Website, check out the Doggie Day Out program, and make an appointment with the dog of your choice! Visit <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/Community-Development/Animal-Care/DoggieDayOut> for more information.



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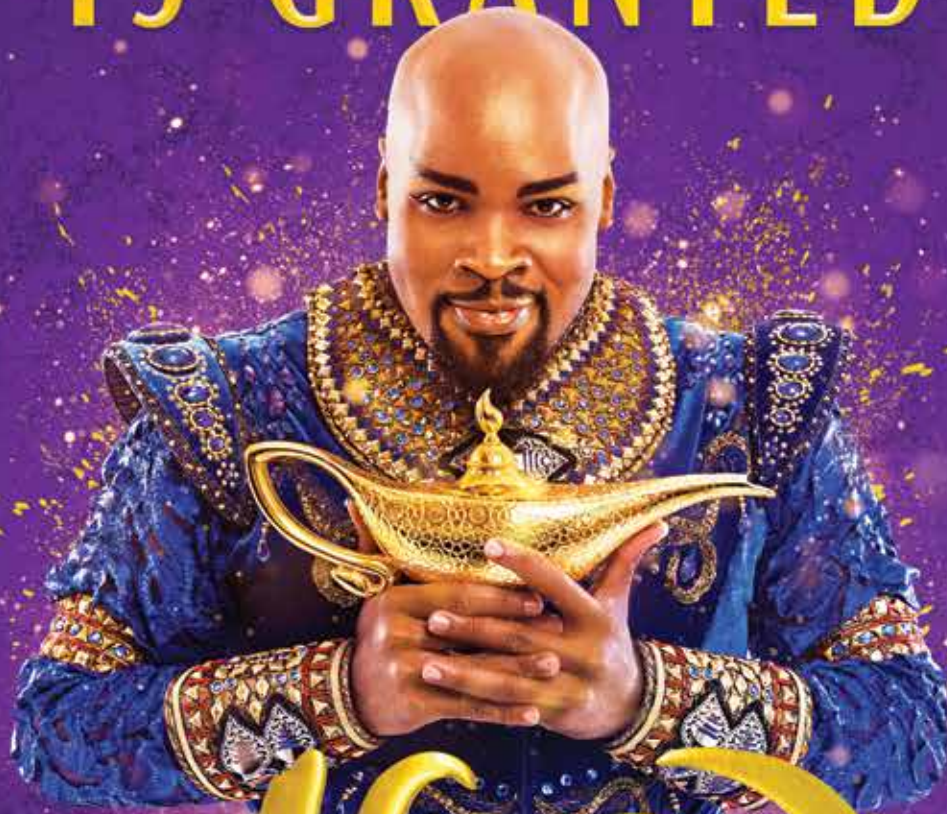
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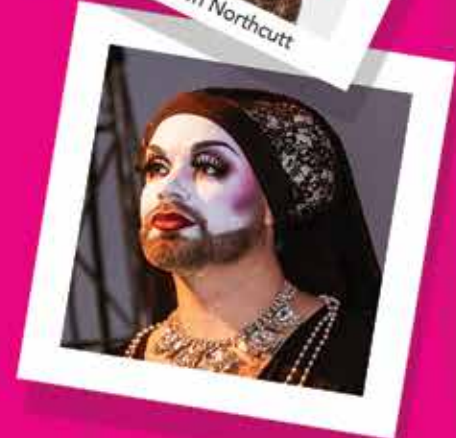
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Out & About With Matt

by Matthew Burlingame

Pride and prejudice seem to go hand in hand these days. But while we are facing the growing repugnance of prejudice let's make certain to take the time to celebrate our history, LGBTQ forebearers and triumphs with a kick-ass pride celebration! Grab your pride flags of various colors and stripes, put on your drag/leather/short shorts/yoga pants and get down to Sacramento Pride this year. Be seen! Be heard! Make history!

A huge congratulations to everyone who participated in the NorCal AIDS Cycle (NCAC). Because of the dedication and commitment to training, crewing, riding and fundraising, participants once again helped to make NCAC the largest HIV/AIDS fundraiser in the Sacramento and Northern California region. Thanks to everyone involved and to the organizations that will use these funds to effect real change in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

With so much debate about the continually rising problem of homelessness it's great to see people taking action and not just contributing to the heated nattering on Facebook threads. Mercy Pedalers which was founded by Sister Libby Fernandez among others are bicyclers and tricyclers reaching out to men and women experiencing homelessness on the streets. You can support their amazing work by attending this month's Drag Queen Bingo on June 6 at Mango's, 1930 K St. rainbowchamber.com

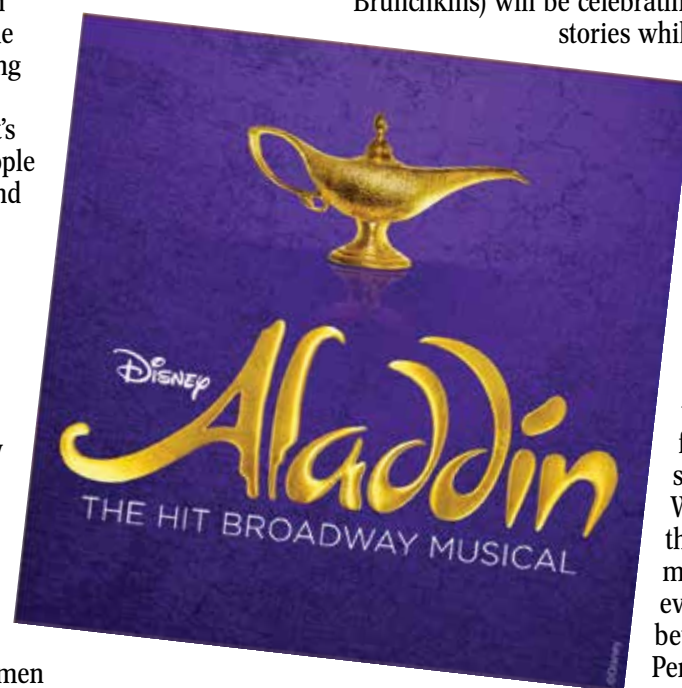
Celebrate equality at the 6th Annual River Cats Equality Night on June 14 at Raley Field when the Sacramento River Cats take on the Omaha Storm Chasers at 7:05 p.m. domoreproject.org

Make sure you get your tickets to the Pride Awards Gala: Summer of Color on June 1 from 5:30-9 p.m. at the California Museum, 1020 O St. and prepare for a formal three-course meal, open bar, and a program said to be one you won't want to miss. The gala is hosted by the Sacramento LGBT Community Center and honors leaders who help to create a region where LGBTQ people thrive.

In a time when so many of us may be feeling more isolated from one another the Sacramento Hispanic Chamber, Sacramento Black Chamber and Sacramento Rainbow Chamber are coming together once again for a Diversity Business Summit "Winning Through Inclusion." The event will take place June 13 from 3-7 p.m. at the Sacramento Elks #6, 6446 Riverside Blvd. rainbowchamber.com

I'll admit at first I wasn't completely sold on Broadway Sacramento's Aladdin, but after watching the preview videos it's definitely worth seeing! Discover a whole new world at Disney's Aladdin, the hit Broadway musical. From the producer of The Lion King comes a thrilling new production filled with unforgettable beauty, magic, comedy and breathtaking spectacle. broadwaysacramento.com

Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus (The Brunchkins) will be celebrating coming out stories while singing and dancing on down the Lavender Brick Road to



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Happy birthday to Outword Publisher Fred Palmer, Author Mike Lopez, Mike Monasmith, Gary Graves, Raymond Prothero, Robert Brooks, Thomas Richards-Keyes, Bruce Balderson, Dale Howard, Phillip Montes Jr., Marc Herbert, Gregory Miller, and William Greenhalgh.

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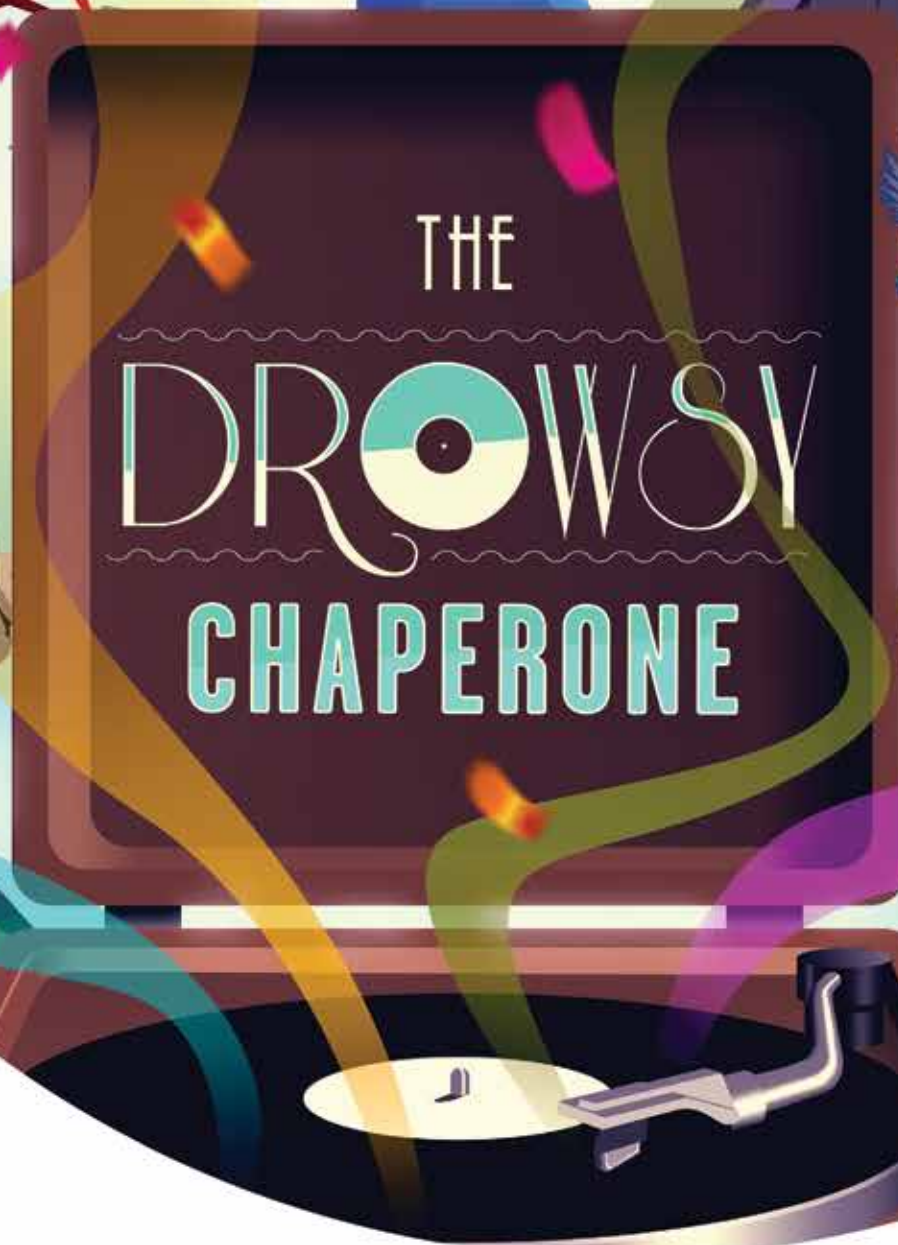
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Sacramento Railroad Museum Introduces New & Redesigned Exhibits

The California State Railroad Museum & Foundation are proud to present a variety of new and/or redesigned exhibits timed to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad. Some of the interpretive and compelling exhibits can be viewed for a limited time while others will be on permanent display inside the Museum.

Pop-Up Exhibit: “Ten Thousand Miles of Nostalgia” Watercolor Painting

An eye-catching watercolor painting titled “Ten Thousand Miles of Nostalgia” created by renowned Chinese artist Zhao Zhunwang will be on special display for a limited time for two weeks starting on May 8, 2019 in the Museum’s Front Entry Gallery (near the Museum Store). The impressive watercolor painting – which was designed to commemorate the hard work and monumental contribution of Chinese railroad workers – measures approximately 60’ in length by 4.6’ in width. Zhao traveled to numerous sites along the original Central Pacific route in California and sketched what he saw along his journey. His travels and visits to art museums all over the U.S. helped to inspire Zhao’s unique artistic style, which blends Western art with China’s Eastern ink-painting style.

“Chinese Workers’ Experience” Exhibit

In April, the Museum debuted an enhanced “Chinese Workers’ Experience” exhibit in the first-floor Transcontinental Gallery that showcases and shares stories of the of Chinese railroad workers who were essential in the building of the Transcontinental Railroad. To help personalize and bring their experiences to life, the Museum convened members of a Chinese Community Advisory Committee to obtain personal histories and stories from descendants of Chinese railroad workers. Many of their shared recollections – that have been passed down for generations – were incorporated into the exhibit. Highlighted by four interpretive panels, two video monitors, four 3-D shadow boxes and an interactive component, the emotionally-powerful exhibit allows visitors to immerse themselves in the toil and experiences of Chinese railroad workers who endured and persevered through severe weather and treacherous terrain.

Judah Map Exhibit

Also in April, the Museum debuted a special exhibit that showcases the impressive 66’ Judah Map – on loan from the California State Archives – that has never before been on public display in its entirety. Theodore Judah was the first engineer to systematically explore the western Sierra Nevada mountains and map the route of the Central Pacific Railroad. The map will remain on public display through May 31, 2019.

Gold Spike Exhibit Redesign

Already home to both the priceless “lost” Gold Spike and the famous “Last Spike” painting by Thomas Hill, the Museum recently debuted yet another exciting acquisition as part of the Gold Spike Exhibit redesign – an engraved gold oval locket made from the excess gold sprue left over after the casting of the gold spikes. The gold locket includes historic engravings, imagery and elements significant to the Transcontinental Railroad, including a depiction of the gold spike being driven between the two meeting tracks. A specially-created display case – made to rotate and magnify the locket – was designed for this newly acquired treasure that was secured by the Sacramento Pioneer Association and the California State Railroad Museum Foundation. The prized locket is now part of the Museum’s collection and is on permanent display. Additionally, the redesigned area now includes an interpretive Gold Spike monitor surrounded by a custom-painted canvas frame – created by local artist Jeremy Stanger – that highlights (in gold leaf) what is engraved on the back of the locket.



Another enhanced and visually-exciting element to the redesigned Gold Spike exhibit is a new projection system that includes historic photos that are positioned next to the “Last Spike” painting. Museum guests can now compare, contrast and gain a better understanding of art, memory, and the history of this moment in time. This exhibit also includes a 3-D interactive and a touch-enabled component for the visually impaired with the audio available in both English and Spanish. All of the new and/or enhanced elements of the redesigned Gold Spike exhibit area will remain on permanent display inside the Museum.

For more details and updated information about events, activities and exhibits presented by the California State Railroad Museum & Foundation, please visit www.Railroad150.org; for more information about the Museum or Foundation visit www.californiarailroad.museum; and for more information about Waterfront Days happening over Memorial Day Weekend, please visit www.oldsacramento.com.

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History Comes to Life on Second Saturdays

Have some fun in the present with a trip into the past. The Sacramento History Museum is now offering monthly Second Saturday Living History Day activities from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.



With always-popular and free gold panning activities happening outside the museum on Second Saturdays, games of chance and special hands-on crafts will be offered inside the newly-renovated Sacramento History Museum. Plus, Living History characters in period attire will roam inside and outside the museum to entertain and engage with interested guests.

Future events include: on June 8, learn different sewing techniques that were used in the early days of Sacramento and make a hand-made doll or coin purse to take home. On July 13, celebrate the 10th anniversary of the popular Old Sacramento Underground tour program. You can interact with various

characters and participate in a special activity focused on the children of the Gold Rush and how their lives were very different from ours today.

Second Saturday Living History Day activities happening inside the museum are included with admission: \$8 for adults, \$5 for youth (ages 6 to 17) and free for children ages 5 and under while outdoor gold panning activities are free.

The Sacramento History Museum is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located at 101 I Street in Old Sacramento. For more information about the museum, Second Saturday Living History Day activities, visit www.sachistorymuseum.org.

Midtown Farmers Market Heats Up With Summer on the Way

With summer just around the corner, the Midtown Association is pleased to announce exciting special activities happening at the popular, and thriving, Midtown Farmers Market.



After expanding to two full blocks, the market can accommodate more than 100 farmer, grower and vendor booths bursting with fresh fruit, produce, and gourmet or locally made goods each week. Proudly presented by Sutter Health, the Midtown Farmers Market takes place on 20th Street between J and L streets. Open year-round on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Market hours change slightly based on the seasons and time of year.

Every Saturday Sacramento Area Bike Advocates (SABA) offer complimentary bike valet services and Sacramento Republic FC has an outdoor team store booth and

Sacramento Covered is on-site to serve as a resource for navigation of the health care system and share CalFresh opportunities.

“With the weather warming up, this is a wonderful time to visit the Midtown Farmers Market with all the locally grown seasonal fruits and vegetables, specialty products and gourmet foods, great gift ideas plus plenty of dog and family-friendly patios for enjoying brunch,” said Emily Baime Michaels, Executive Director of the Midtown Association.

More information about the Midtown Farmers Market is available at www.midtownfarmersmarketsac.com.

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“Tales of the City” Returns on Netflix

by Chris Narloch

I have a recurring nightmare in which I am reincarnated as a TV critic and have to binge all of the hundreds of new shows being created for cable and streaming services like HBO, Netflix and Amazon Prime. Can anyone possibly keep up with it all?

I shouldn't complain about the embarrassment of riches, since small screen programming is now better than it's ever been, but I would never leave home if I didn't limit myself (mostly) to gay-friendly miniseries such as “Pose” and “Gentleman Jack.”

“Pose,” the terrific Ryan Murphy drama about the gender-fluid ball culture in NYC, returns to FX for Season 2 on June 11. If you have HBO you are probably already watching “Gentleman Jack,” another wonderful period piece – this one based on a real-life woman named Anne Lister, who dressed as a man and loved women during the 19th century.

The next show I am looking forward to bingeing is this June's reboot of “Tales of the City,” the iconic television adaptation of Armistead Maupin's classic queer

series of books about LGBTQ life in San Francisco during the 1970s.

“Armistead Maupin's Tales of the City,” which brings back cherished characters and actors from the original series and adds new ones, begins a fresh chapter in the beloved story.

Mary Ann (Laura Linney) returns to present-day San Francisco and is reunited with her daughter Shawna (Ellen Page) and ex-husband Brian (Paul Gross), 20 years after leaving them behind to pursue her career.

Fleeing the midlife crisis that her picture-perfect Connecticut life created, Mary Ann is quickly drawn back into the orbit of Anna Madrigal (Olympia Dukakis), her chosen family and a new generation of queer young residents living at 28 Barbary Lane.

The new “Tales of the City” launches June 7 on Netflix. Don't miss it.



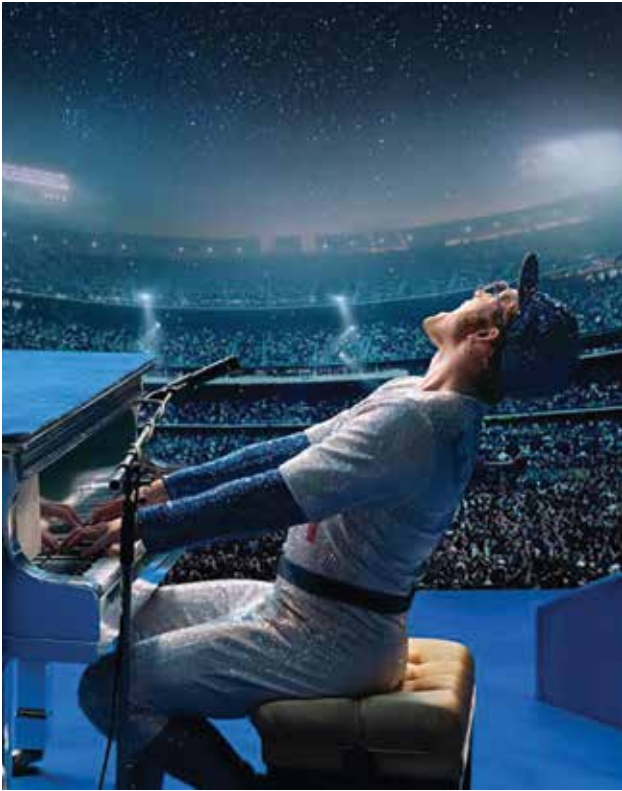
“Rocketman” at The Multiplex plus “Aladdin” & “Godzilla” in IMAX

by Chris Narloch

I wasn’t able to see any of these three films before our deadline, but I will be first in line to catch Taron Egerton play Elton John in the new biopic about the British superstar. I also can’t wait to watch the pint-sized powerhouse Millie Bobby Brown share the screen with the mighty Godzilla, and I am confident that Will Smith will make the new live-action “Aladdin” worth seeing.

Rocketman

Taron Egerton, who has a lovely voice of his own, feels like the perfect choice to play the great Reginald Dwight (aka Elton John) in the splashy movie about one of my favorite singers of all time. Dexter Fletcher, who took over “Bohemian Rhapsody” from director Bryan Singer, also seems like a perfect choice to direct “Rocketman,” having done wonders with a so-so script on the Queen movie. Rumor has it that “Rocketman” deals frankly with John’s sexuality and his notoriously diva-like personality. The film is billed as “an epic musical fantasy featuring the uncensored human story of Elton John’s breakthrough years.” Jamie Bell and Bryce Dallas Howard costar in “Rocketman,” which opens in theaters on May 31.



The Esquire IMAX



Two back-to-back blockbusters will grace the gigantic screen at Sacramento’s Esquire IMAX on K Street this spring, with the new “Godzilla” hot on the heels of “Aladdin.” I didn’t think we needed another “Godzilla” movie until I saw the fun trailers for the new film, which has a dynamite cast and impressive-looking special effects. In addition to Millie Bobby Brown (“Stranger Things”), the movie stars Vera Farmiga, Sally Hawkins, Kyle Chandler, Anthony Ramos, Ken Watanabe, and Bradley Whitford. The Friday before “Godzilla” stomps into theaters, Aladdin and Jasmine will fly their magic carpet on to the big screen in Guy Ritchie’s new version of “Aladdin.” Ritchie, who usually makes violent action films like “Snatch” and “RocknRolla” seems an odd choice to direct a Disney musical, but I will wait to pass judgment until I have actually seen the movie. You can see both films at the Esquire IMAX, beginning May 23 (“Aladdin”), and May 30 (“Godzilla: King of the Monsters”). Go to <https://www.imax.com/imax-esquire-oo>.

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“Broadway Bares” Takes It Off Again

by Chris Narloch

Matthew Morrison, Cheyenne Jackson, and Steve Grand are just a few of the hunks that have stripped down for a good cause over the years at “Broadway Bares,” the annual charity event to benefit BC/EFA (Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS).

This year’s sex-travaganza, sub-titled “Take Off,” will steam up Manhattan’s Hammerstein Ballroom for two shows, on Sunday evening, June 16.

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For more information, visit <https://broadwaycares.org>.

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Broadway Bares, entitled “Comic Strips,” will ‘take it off’ at San Francisco’s DNA Lounge the very same night, June 16, 2019.

Directed by Deb Leamy, and featuring many of the Bay Area’s hottest dancers/strippers, “Broadway Bares|SF Strips IV: Comic Strips” will also star Jai Rodriguez,

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The 2019 Tony Awards Will Air on CBS

by Chris Narloch

For the first time in years, I didn't make it to New York City this spring to see the new shows because, frankly, I've had it up to here with jukebox musicals like "The Cher Show" and "movie musicals" like "Beetlejuice," which are currently playing on Broadway and are both Tony-nominated this year.

That's why I'm rooting for an original musical, "The Prom," to win the Best Musical Tony when those awards are handed out this June -- despite the fact that most prognosticators have their money on "Tootsie" or "Hadestown" to win that coveted award since those musicals opened more recently than "The Prom" and are fresher in Tony voters' minds.

"The Prom" would get my vote, if I had one, not only because it's queer but also because it's really funny and isn't based on a movie or a performer's music catalogue -- the two hottest trends on Broadway these days.

I have not seen most of the nominees this year, but I did catch "Ain't Too Proud" (the stage bio of The Temptations, which is nominated for Best Musical this year) when it played a pre-Broadway engagement at Berkeley Rep. (Just for the record, I thought it was the finest jukebox musical since "Jersey Boys.")

As I said before, I also loved "The Prom," the extremely clever musical about four formerly famous Broadway actors who travel to the fictional conservative town of Edgewater, Indiana, after reading about a lesbian student who was not allowed to bring

her girlfriend to high school prom.

What makes "The Prom" great (and Tony-worthy) isn't its PC premise and gay-friendly heart. It's the clever twist that those washed up actors' initial motivation is more selfish than sympathetic: they want to help, but mostly they want to soak up the good press and be relevant again.

In other categories, everyone is predicting that "The Ferryman" will win the Tony as Best Play, that "Oklahoma!" will win for Best Musical Revival, and that Santino Fontana and Stephanie J. Block will take the lead actor and actress awards in a musical for "Tootsie" and "The Cher Show," respectively.

I can't weigh in on those nominees since I haven't seen the shows yet. However, I will definitely be glued to my TV on the evening of June 9 to watch the Tony telecast as those awards are handed out inside Radio City Music Hall.

The Tony show is almost always impeccably produced and will include production numbers from most, if not all, of the musicals nominated this year. Funnyman James Corden, a Tony winner himself, will again host the awards, and the 73rd annual ceremony airs live on CBS.



The stars of "The Prom," which could win the Tony for Best Musical this June.

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Mango's Burger Bar Under New Ownership

Mango's Burger Bar has re-opened under new ownership. The space previously known as Burgertown has re-opened as Mango's Burger Bar which lies adjacent to its sister business, Mango's Sacramento. The new owners have updated the menu to emphasize their use of fresh ingredients.



The bartenders at Mango's are friendly, efficient and ready to help quench your thirst.

The updated space has burgers, sandwiches, salads and specialty fries that use high-grade meats and produce that is locally-sourced whenever possible. Mango's Burger Bar serves a variety of items including vegan, vegetarian, and fish options. The updated burger bar also has a large selection of specialty fries and milkshakes. The restaurant also has a full bar including 24 rotating taps of craft beer. Customers can enjoy food and drinks beneath the palm trees of the spacious outdoor patio or in the open floor layout of the restaurant which has room for parties both big and small.

Mango's Burger Bar has happy hour every weekday with from 2-7pm with drink specials and food items for only \$5. The restaurant also hosts Drag Queen Bingo the first Thursday of each month from 7-9pm in partnership with the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce. The proceeds of this monthly charitable event benefits a different local non-profit organization each month.

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Out & About

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Rain or Shine, Davis Pride was a Go! And they got both, but the show went on and they made the very best of it. The majority of the event was moved under the farmer's market permanent structure, out of the rain, and the stage was fortified to brave the elements. As you can see from these pictures, everyone took the weather in stride. Thanks to everyone that came out and supported Davis Pride, and many thanks to the vendors and volunteers that helped out and made the festival wonderful.





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The Sacramento LGBT Community Center Welcomes Three New Members To Its Board

by Krystal Peak, Community Engagement & Marketing Specialist

The Center announced the addition of three experienced professionals to its board of directors: Claire Buckley; Grace Lawrence; and Josh Nisbet.

"We are honored to have three distinguished community members join the Center board to continue our growth and service to the LGBTQ+ community," said David Heitstuman, the Center's executive director. "As the Center continues to grow and expand its services, bringing in a diverse range of leaders and experiences is critical in building the type of organization and region we aspire to be."

Meet the new board members:



- Claire Buckley: Moving out of Silicon Valley for the first time in 2003, Buckley has used her entrepreneurial experience to help the social sector build sustainable systems and achieve operational excellence. She devoted the last 15+ years to supporting local nonprofit organizations, focused on food insecurity, domestic violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and LGBTQ+ rights. Formerly, the Director of Finance and Operations at the Sacramento LGBT Community Center and lead outreach trainer, Buckley now is a proud member on the board of directors and advisor to the Center's executive team.

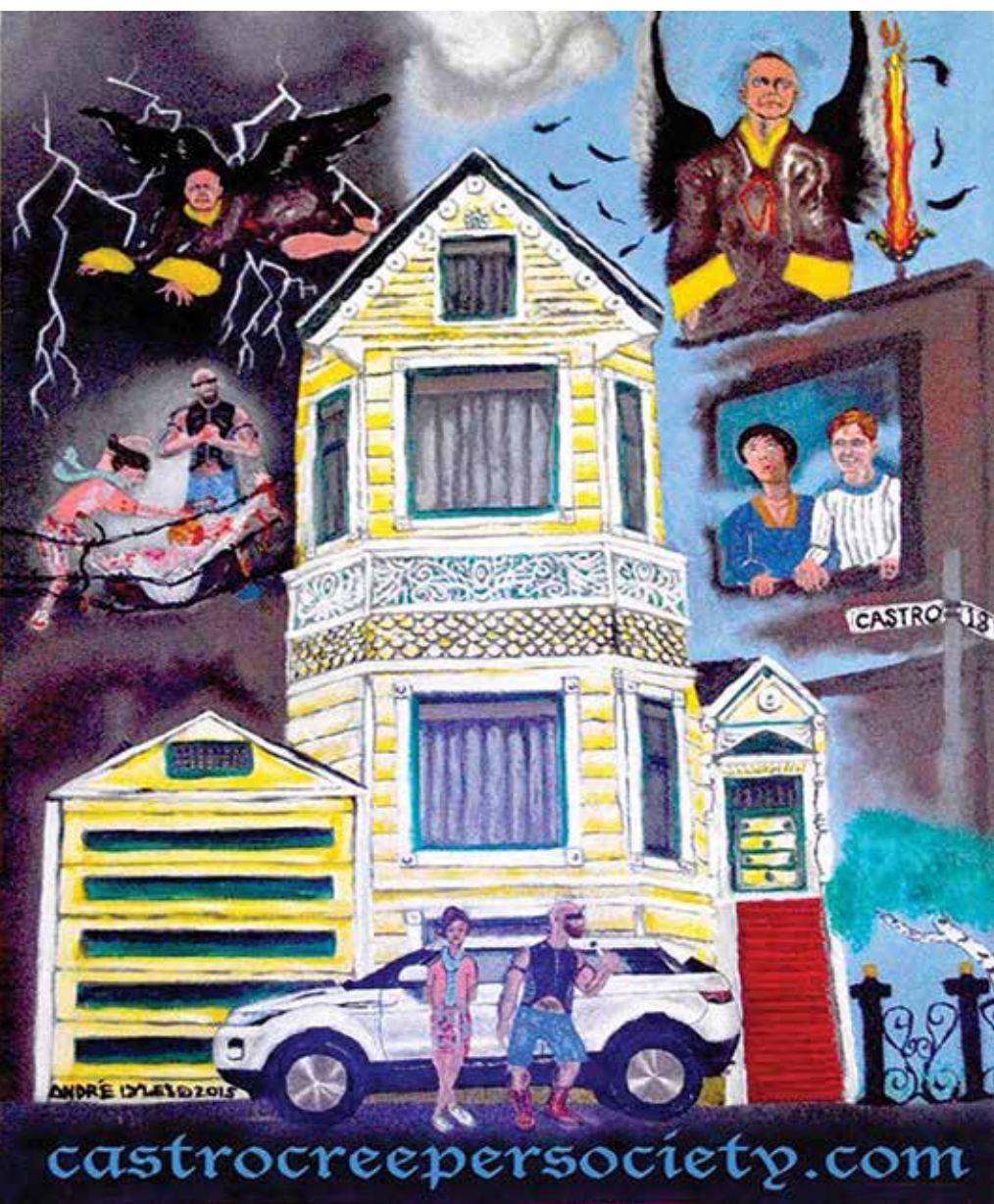
- Grace Lawrence: Lawrence is a trans woman from Liberia, West Africa and the founder of the Global Transgender Safety Tasks Force. A three-time hate crime survivor, she bears the physical scars of those attacks and now dedicates herself to helping protect the gender non-conforming community. As a long-time photojournalist, Lawrence has documented the plight of the community in Africa, the United States, and elsewhere. She also obtained asylum herself in the United States and then U.S. citizenship. For the past 10 years, Lawrence has worked actively to help members of the community in Africa escape the dangers they face in many countries there. Lawrence is recognized as a leader of the gender non-conforming community. She appeared in the documentary film "Major," which entails the life and work of pioneering trans women. She was also honored to be selected as one of the two Grand Marshals of the Sacramento Pride Parade in June 2018.



- Josh Nisbet: As Managing Director and Lead Client Partner in Deloitte's Government and Public Services practice, Nisbet leads his firm's work with the state and local governments of California and Arizona. He also represents Deloitte in various national government industry organizations such as NGA, NASCIO, CompTIA, ITI and others organized to improve state and local government services. With 20 years of leadership experience in government industry, Nisbet's focus has been on enhancing states' abilities to engage with citizens and improving business processes across a wide spectrum of state programs. Prior to joining Deloitte in 2014, he spent the balance of his career serving in similar roles at IBM and

CGI. Nisbet lives in El Dorado Hills and on weekends he coaches basketball, volunteers on several youth-focused advocacy boards, and sings in a local rock band.

The appointments were made at the Center's February board meeting and are for two-year terms that began 2019.





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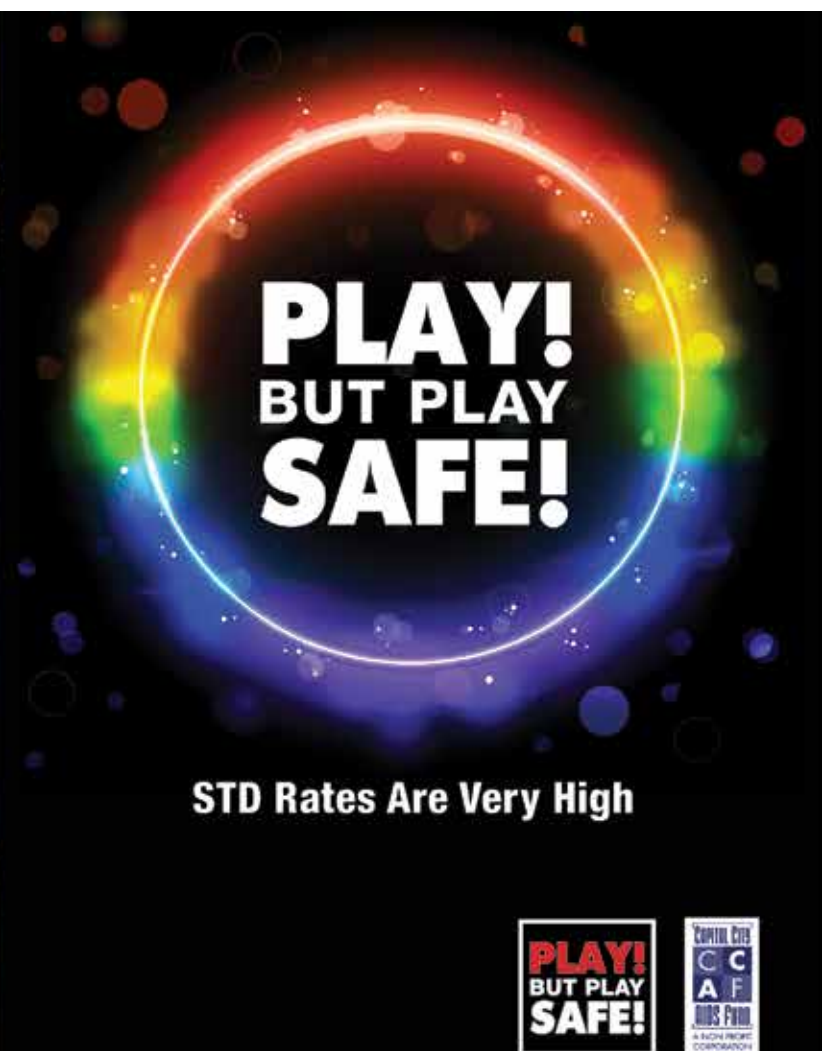


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Out & About

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Happy Hour at Badlands on Friday, May 10 was a blast! Thanks to everyone that came out to kick off Davis Pride and, of course, try to win tickets to either Disney's "Aladdin" or to "Shrek The Musical," of course, courtesy of Broadway on Tour. We are looking forward to the next one which will be on June 14. Till then, everyone take care, and we will see you soon!



Three Days of Fin-tastic Fun!

The California Mermaid convention is a three-day mermaid extravaganza hosted by LLCs Mermaid and Mom and Pixie Tribe Entertainment. The California Mermaid Convention began life as Mermaid Weekend in Sacramento four years ago, and is one of the longest running mermaid events in the country. This is the very first mermaid convention ever to be held in California!

The Convention runs July 13th - 14th in Sacramento California, at a few different locations in the city - The Dive Bar in Downtown Sacramento, Rusch Park Community Center, Old Town Sacramento and Tisceronia Park along the American River. This event is open to mermaids young and old, and is centered around a culture of community, ecology, inclusiveness and imagination.

The con begins on Friday with a free Launch Party at the Dive Bar, where the resident Dive Bar Mermaids will perform a special choreographed show while guests complete in a Mermaid Crown Contest in the bar. The convention also hosts a limited number of Children's Swim Sessions on Friday morning; children can buy a ticket to swim and play with a professional mermaid performer for an hr!

Saturday is the main event, and hosts a variety of entertainment, activities, panels, screenings, photo shoots and lectures as well as food and merchandise vendors. The

day begins with a Royal Breakfast in the Mermaid's Royal Court; children and their parents eat a yummy breakfast, are entertained by harp music from Mermaid Princesses, and hear a story from a Mermaid Queen. After breakfast, children and their families will move to the pool to splash and play with the Royal Court. The Main Convention opens at 10 AM, and adult mermaid group swim begins at 10 AM as well. The Convention will host a few very special performers and activities during the con, including Moana, Ariel, a pirate's carnival, an adult and children's costume contest, a mermaid hula lesson, and mermaid yoga. Children's swim sessions also continue on Saturday, with specialty sessions catering to young mermen, and our tiniest guppies ages 0-4.

Attendees to the convention have the opportunity to buy tickets to a two-day Mermaid Workshop! The convention is offering three workshops; Mermaids 101 for beginners, an Advanced Underwater



Workshop and a Teen Workshop for our young mers. Students receive photos of their newly acquired mermaid skills from professional photographers after their workshop has concluded.

Saturday ends with the Bubble Ball, a 21+ event. The Bubble Ball will feature industry giant, Marina the Fire Eating Mermaid as its headline performer. This evening of dance, live entertainment and glittering photo ops also gives back to one of our featured charities - PAWS: Pet

Adoption and Wellness Services. Guests are invited to attend the Bubble Ball in their most glamorous mermaid, sea creature, pirate or nautical attire.

Sunday is our ALL FREE Family Day. The 9th Annual Promenade of Mermaids will parade through Old Town Sacramento, and the convention will host a River Clean Up and Picnic to give back to the environment. We hope to see you join us at the California Mermaid Convention! For tickets and more info, visit californiamermaidcon.com



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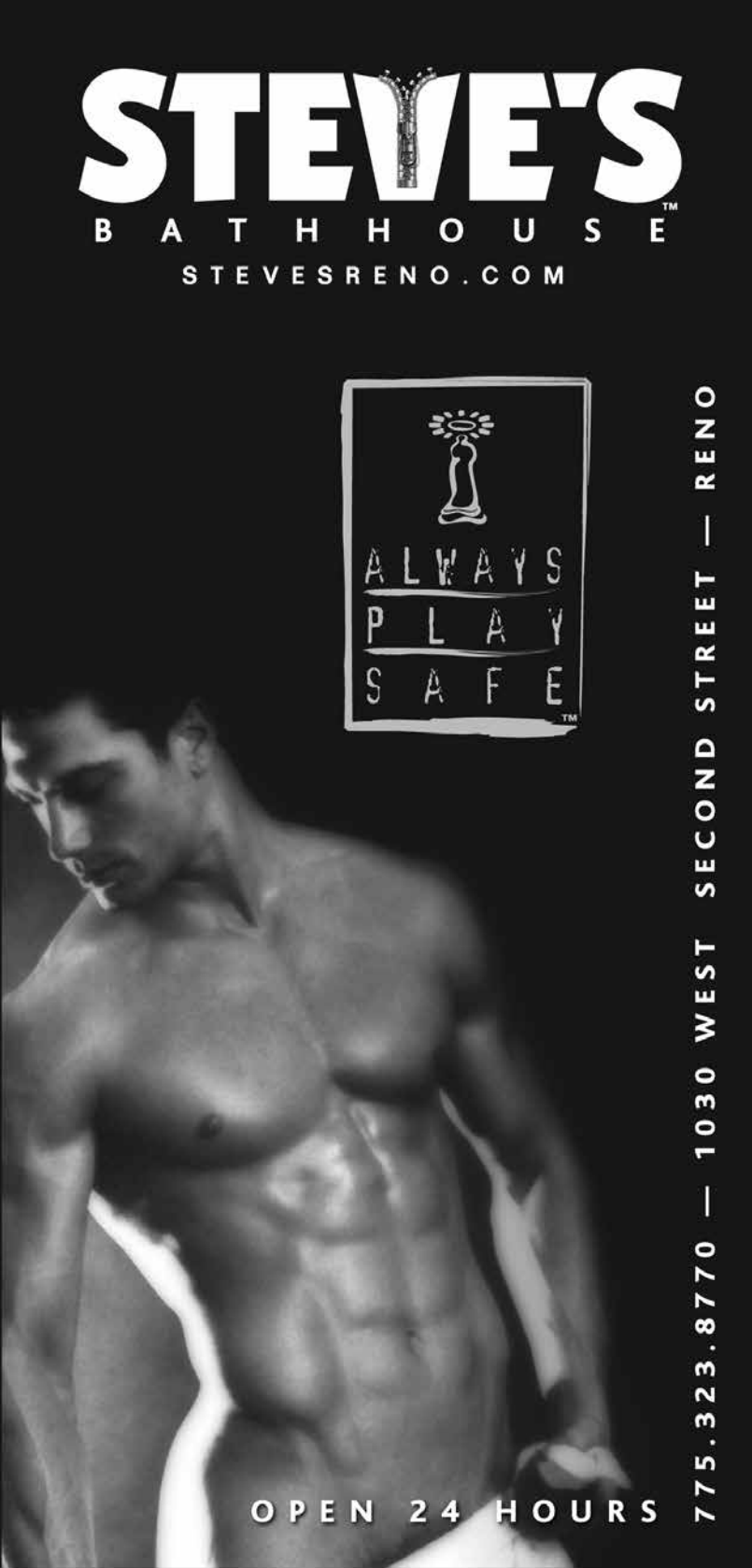
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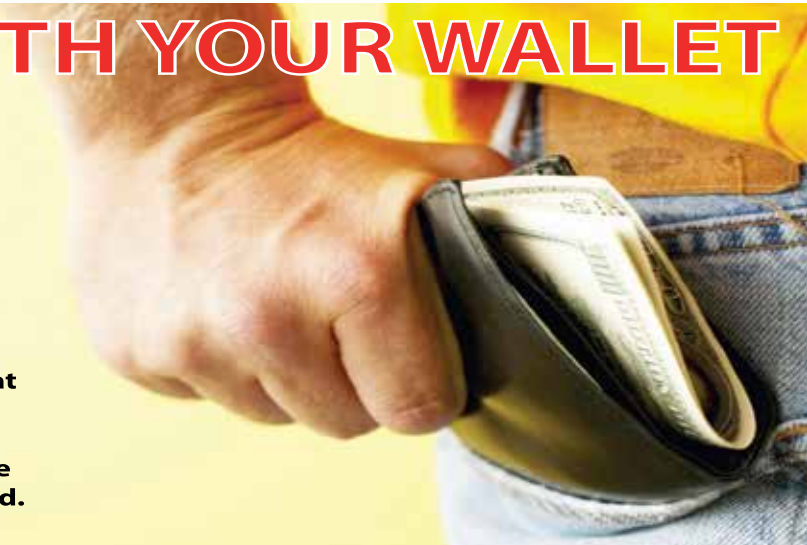
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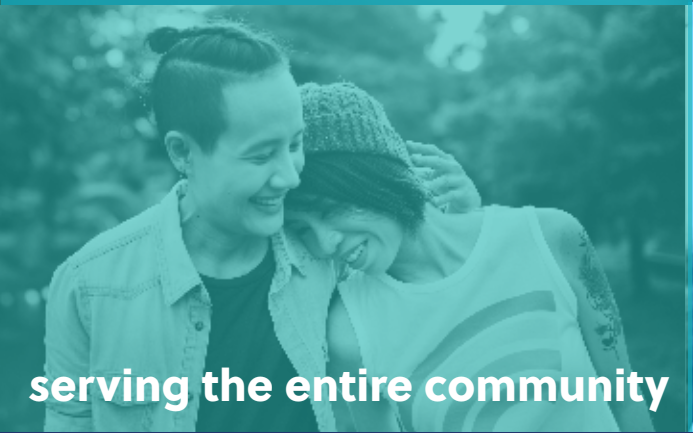
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