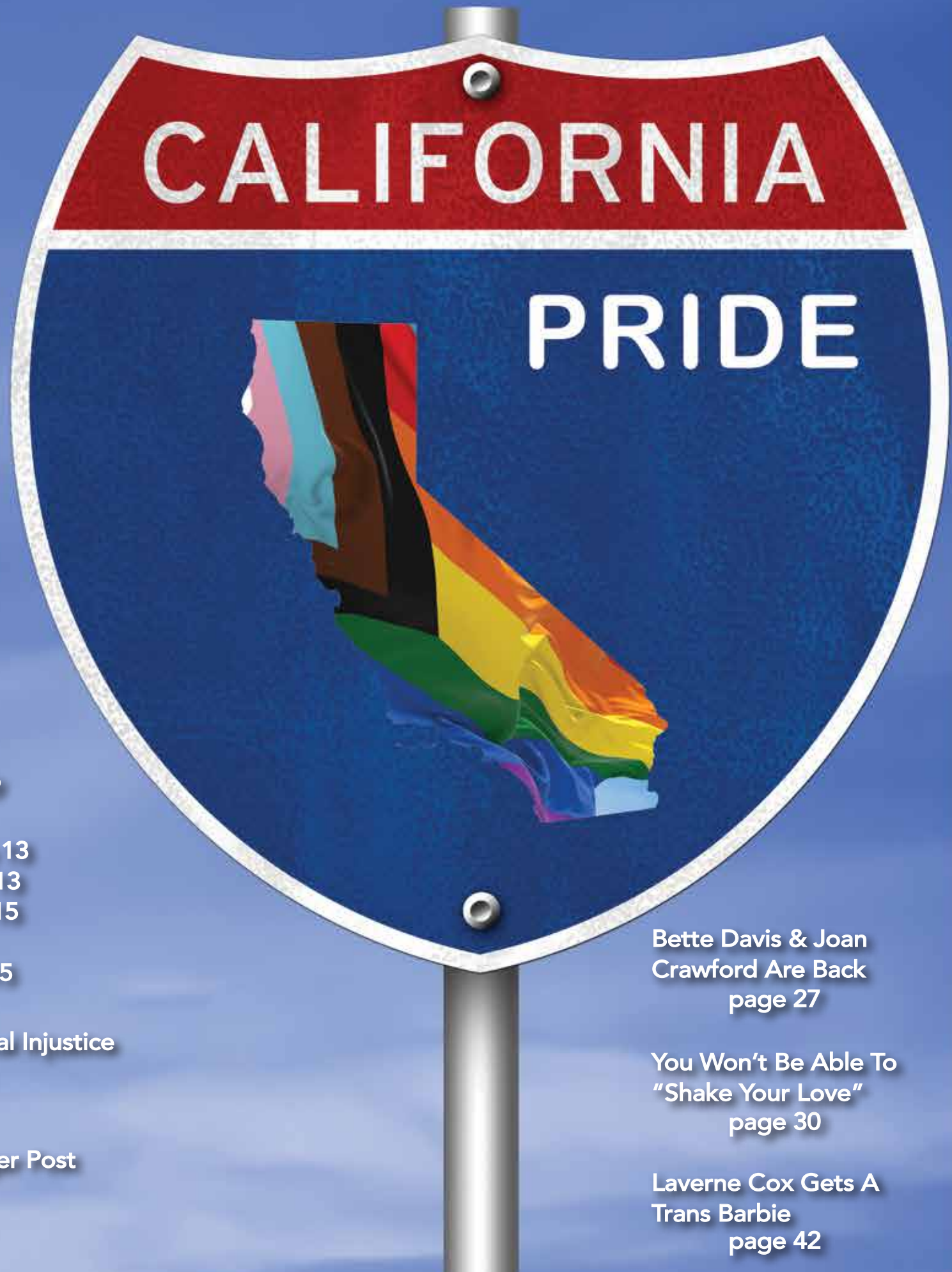


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Across the country, deplorable efforts are underway to erode our foundational rights and freedoms as Americans. We will continue to push back against the forces of hate and intolerance to ensure all are safe and welcomed in our communities. As we celebrate the resilience of the LGBTQ community and their hard-won victories to advance acceptance and equality, we stand together, united, to defend and build on the progress of the LGBTQ community toward a better, more inclusive, and safer future for all.

With the rainbow flag proudly raised over the State Capitol this month, California stands with LGBTQ people, their loved ones, and allies throughout the state and across the country. Together, we will continue to demand equal rights for all and make the case that all human beings deserve to love and be loved.

NOW THEREFORE I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim June 2022, as "LGBTQ Pride Month."



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 1st day of June 2022.


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On August 17, 2022, PFLAG Sacramento will hold a special cocktail & hors d'oeuvres reception at the Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., from 6-8 p.m. With a theme of 40 Years Strong, the celebration will include music by the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus, special guests, local dignitaries and more. More information on the event can be found on PFLAG Sacramento's website at <https://www.pflagsacramento.org/event>.

Since the chapter's inception, the political and social landscape has improved for LGBTQ+ youth, family members, co-workers, neighbors, and friends, many times due to the work accomplished through PFLAG and its allies. But there is still much work to be done to secure equal civil rights and provide recognition for LGBTQ+ contributions to the entire community. Bullying in schools, LGBTQ+ youth suicide, and discrimination in housing and employment are just a few distressing examples of the need for continued work to accomplish our mission: building on a foundation of loving families,

united with LGBTQ+ people and allies who support one another and educating ourselves and our communities to speak up as advocates until all hearts and minds respect, value, and affirm LGBTQ+ people.

PFLAG Sacramento's Board of Directors, past and present, is grateful to those in the greater Sacramento area for their support and collaborative efforts over the past 40 years. Because of that support, they have been able to touch lives through monthly support group meetings, advocacy efforts, educational outreach events, speaker panels, and many PRIDE events. Many a parent or grandparent had nowhere to turn or know what to do when their child came out, but thanks to PFLAG Sacramento, they were able to have an honest discussion and provide unconditional love and support for their loved one, thus paving the way for other family members to practice acceptance and inclusion.

PFLAG Sacramento is most thankful to the many donors and those who have

participated in fundraising events over the years; because of that effort, they have been able to provide thousands of dollars in scholarships to LGBTQ+ students seeking higher education. The 2022 Follansbee-Hansen scholarship will be awarded at their 40th Anniversary celebration this year.

Said PFLAG Sacramento President Kay Whistler, "ANYONE can join PFLAG Sacramento, attend our monthly support group meetings, available in person or on Zoom, or join ongoing efforts to provide

education and advocacy within our shared community. EVERYONE is welcomed, loved, accepted, and valued by PFLAG Sacramento!"

For more information on upcoming events or questions on membership see PFLAG Sacramento's website at <https://www.pflagsacramento.org>, email us at contact@pflagsacramento.org, or call our Warmline number at 916-978-0410.



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Knowledge Is Power

by Chey Mongeon, Sunburst Projects Staff

You may have heard of Sunburst Projects before. We are one of the oldest HIV-focused nonprofits in the Sacramento region. Our agency has been a fixture in the HIV-positive community since 1982. For longer than I've been alive, they've been helping people thrive with a diagnosis that wasn't always as positive as it is today. In that time there have been so many passionate individuals who have helped shape and grow the agency. When we found out that we had a chance to expand into the prevention side of HIV, our whole team was enthusiastically behind it.



Full disclosure: I hate dealing with medical stuff.

This means pretty much anything that might involve me standing in front of someone who has medical knowledge learned from someplace other than Google. And if I am for some reason required to make a phone call, I'll be waiting for six months to a year until I feel spiritually ready to speak to a sentient human being for fifteen minutes before I address that issue.

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Third was a safe and welcoming environment. We offer pronoun stickers for the use of our clients, we respect chosen/preferred names. Our office is made to be comfortable and discreet. Our testers want to reach you where you are. We aren't doctors or nurses, we're just trained STI testers that want to help members of our community. We have a mix of gay and straight, white and POC testers so that if you feel uncomfortable talking to one of us, we can bring in someone else that you find more approachable.

Our mission is always to help and educate. Whether it's explaining the proper way to use an internal condom or helping you connect with a navigator to get started on PrEP: our attention is on what you need while you're sitting in front of us. For over thirty years, Sunburst Projects has been serving the Sacramento community, shifting to handle needs that arise for the HIV community. Opening Sunburst Clinic was to provide our same level of compassionate and complete service to an even wider group of individuals.

To learn more about us, please drop by our booth at Sac Pride or check out our website at SunburstClinic.org. And if you want to take control of your health and know your status: drop by our clinic at 2143 Hurley Way, Ste 240, Sacramento, CA 95825.

Highlighting Racial, Medical Injustice of Black Womb Holders

Sacramento Entertainment Company, Muganzo Entertainment, is gearing up to launch its inaugural documentary film, *The Big Hysto: A Black Womb Revolution*. The Big Hysto highlights the revolting history behind hysterectomies and the connection to today's fight for reproductive justice. The film features a dynamic cast of Black womb holders, who share heart breaking stories of their struggle with uterine fibroids, how it was handled by their medical professionals and how several of them had to choose between living with the debilitating symptoms or having a hysterectomy. The film also includes the perspectives of three clinicians who offer expert analysis and treatment options for uterine fibroids.

Studies show that fibroids affect between 35-77 percent of women of child bearing age. Although fibroids affect women of all ethnicities, Black womb holders are twice as likely to have them. Not only do fibroids have a tendency to be larger in Black womb holders, there is a stark difference in treatment of the condition in comparison to white women. This is because Black womb holders undergo surgical treatment at a younger age and receive more invasive treatment from medical professionals.

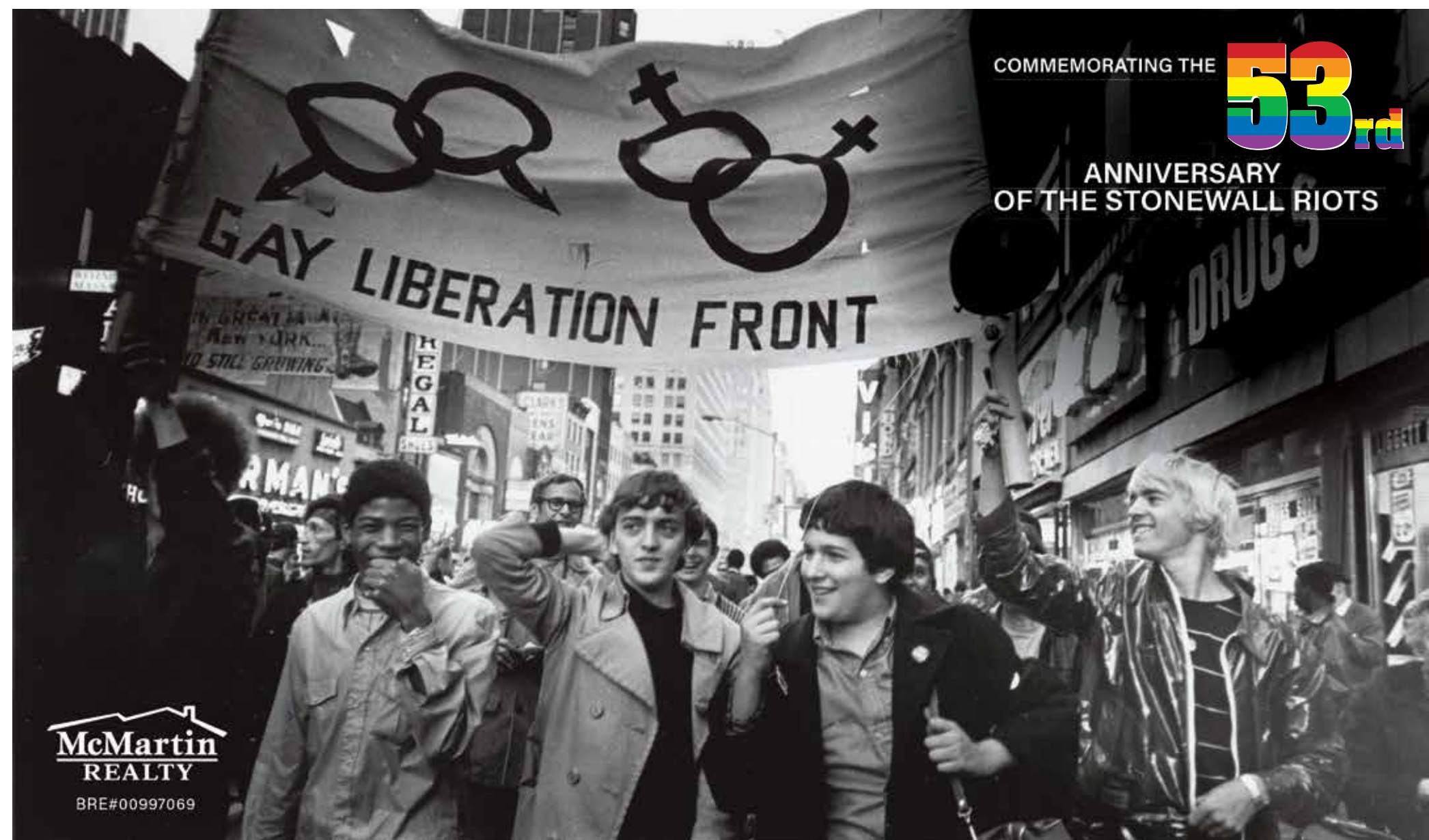
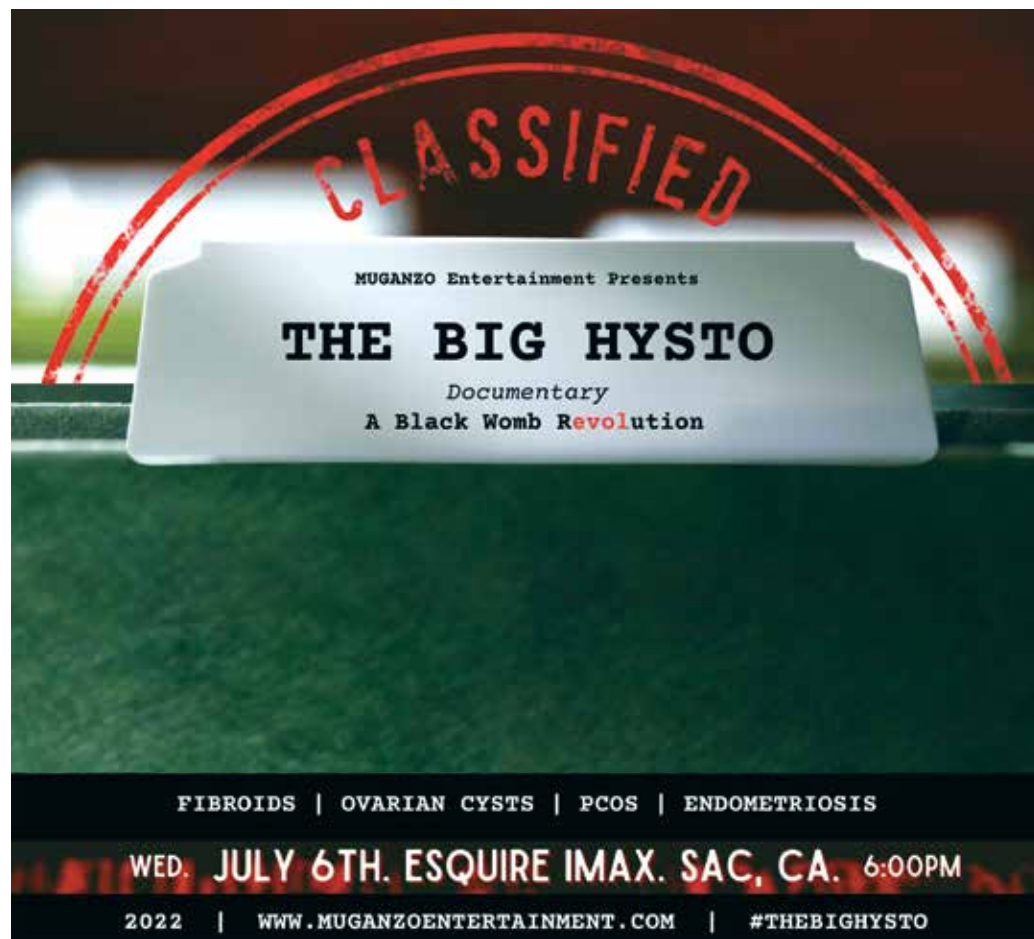
Muganzo Entertainment is Sacramento's first, Black Queer entertainment production company, and is on a mission to advance Black visibility through authentic on-screen and on-air storytelling and performing arts. Fibroid Ambassador and survivor, Melissa

Muganzo Murphy is the CEO of the company. Muganzo Murphy is passionate about educating women on womb wellness and exposing the reproductive injustice faced by Black womb holders over the years. When asked about the motivation for creating the film, Muganzo Murphy explained, "This story comes out of my own journey with fibroids. I wanted to use my talent of acting, producing, and directing to help advocate for medical equality, safety, and justice for all while in medical offices, policy meetings, and hospital appointments."

The Big Hysto is an eye opening documentary film that brings great awareness to a sensitive subject and the racial and sex-based discrimination that

Black womb holders with uterine health challenges often endure. Muganzo Murphy is striving to inspire a fresh conversation on Black mortality and medical bias and start a revolution for reproductive justice.

The Big Hysto will premiere on July 6, 2022 at Esquire IMAX Theatre, Sacramento, CA. For further information, or to purchase tickets online, visit: <https://www.muganzoentertainment.com>.





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Human Rights Campaign Responds to New Gallup Poll Confirming the Growing Support of Marriage Equality

Gallup released a new poll that showed a growing percentage of people (71%) in the U.S. support same-sex marriage. In response, Human Rights Campaign Legal Director Sarah Warbelow released the following statement:

"This new data not only shows the continuing growth of support for same-sex marriage but also underscores what we have long known—anti-LGBTQ+ politicians and activists attacking marriage equality do not reflect the beliefs of the nation and are working contrary to public opinion," said Sarah Warbelow, Human Rights Campaign Legal Director. "Notably, the Supreme Court doesn't take public opinion into account when making its decision; the Court will override decades of precedent if it strikes down Roe, despite the fact that a majority of Americans support access to abortion care. If that does indeed happen, it will likely embolden state legislatures – who have already been introducing and passing anti-LGBTQ+ legislation at a record pace – to continue to test the limits of court recognized LGBTQ+ equality."

Key Points from the poll:

Results from a 2022 Gallup poll showed the estimate of Americans that support same-sex marriage has risen to 71%, an increase of more than 44 percentage points from the initial recording in 1996.

In 2011, support for same-sex marriage reached the majority level of Americans.

In 2015, one month before the U.S. Supreme Court's Obergefell v. Hodges decision, public support for legalizing same-sex marriage reached the 60% level.

National Vision Launches Pride Collection

In honor of Pride Month and beyond, National Vision launched a new Pride Collection, a limited series of gender-neutral eyewear celebrating Pride Month and the LGBTQ+ community.

In conjunction with the launch, National Vision is donating \$25,000 to support the Matthew Shepard Foundation, which empowers individuals to embrace the dignity and equality of all people through local, regional and national outreach, advocacy and resource programs.

The Pride Collection features eight optical frames and four sunglasses. The collection showcases the Pride rainbow flag and features on-trend styles like crystal frames, oversized geometric and two-tone designs. "This collection is about self-expression," said Megan Molony, Senior Vice President of Merchandising. "It's about wearing glasses that show the world who we are and what we value, and doing so in a way that looks good and feels authentic – for every facet of ourselves."

The Pride Collection was developed as a celebration of the LGBTQ+ community. Everyone featured in the collection's

marketing campaign is part of the LGBTQ+ community or a strong ally, and National Vision associates participated in the naming process for each frame.

The Pride Collection represents the company's ongoing commitment to inclusion and support for the LGBTQ+ community, and the connected work of increasing access to affordable eye care and eyewear for everyone who needs it.

The Pride Collection sunglasses and frames will be available at America's Best Contacts & Eyeglasses and Vision Centers inside select Walmart stores. Optical frames will also be available online at www.visioncenteronline.com/pride-collection



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I Remember Pride by Mark Segal

This month we celebrate Pride and I urge you to be a part of it. While there has been controversy over Pride in the last few years and how they came about, the truth is Pride is not what it once was, not even close. So if you're like me and my sisters and brothers who organized, marshaled, or simply marched in that first Pride in 1970 in New York, you'll gather, march or party for your personal pride not anyone else's views.

We are far from the unity that was that first Pride, but that is not the fault of anyone person or group. It is a result of the current political atmosphere the nation is going through which has us questioning what in all of our past were just generalized and systematic. That has led to questioning almost all authority even something as what we the founders of Pride thought was a simple proposition. Celebrate and demonstrate our Pride in fighting back, and in return we felt pride in crating a community where none was before.

That Pride has taken many forms around the world over the years, but in recent years at least in the U.S., and also London it took on a celebratory party feel without that connection to the original feel of that 1970 march, not parade. But those trying to recreate that march often don't recall the second part of that day in 1970. After the march, there was a party. It was called a "gay in" and it was held in Central park's sheep's meadow. So historically there was a protest

march and a party at that first Pride.

Putting this all together our simple shout as we marched that year was very appropriate to this years events.... OUT, LOUD and PROUD. Throughout the country this year they'll be a political marches, demonstrations and, and also parties. Sounds somewhat familiar to me.

There are several of us from that first Pride still around and when we march or celebrate, we know the history of that pride and for each of you I wish the same, joy of being with your community. Let me share a little trick with you.

Over the years I've been to literally hundreds of prides. Some I'm a guest, others a speaker and still others just to march with friends. Each time I close my eyes for a moment and try to recall the feeling I felt at that first pride in 1970. The first memory of that day was getting there early and hoping that the community would actually come out and join us since nothing on that scale had ever been attempted in



our community before. At about noon if memory serves me well, it occurred to me that there more LGBT people in this one spot then anyone had ever seen our community in one spot before, and it was the middle of a bright Sunday afternoon. Then the moment we stepped off of Seventh and Christopher, shouts whistles and applause. Next for me was when we marched out of Christopher street and started to walk up 6th avenue. We were walking out of our ghetto, and there were thousands of us. Then I recall at about 17th Street or was it 19th, I climbed a poll to look back and what I saw were people still

coming out of Christopher Street. We were already 8-10 block long. The thrill and chills that ran down my back will never be replicated, no matter how long I live.

And if this is your first Pride, just take a moment to stop, look around and feel the joy of being with your community. It's an amazing community we've built in these last 53 years, and that should give everyone Pride

Share some Pride and joy this year since that is the spirit that Pride was founded on. Since we can demonstrate and at the same time celebrate how far we have come in these short 53 years, and we can do that together.

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County Threatens Amador Arts Council Funding Over LGBTQAI+ Support

by Amador Arts Council Staff

The Amador County Board of Supervisors challenged the decision making of the Amador Arts Council after it displayed art created by LGBTQAI+ and BIPOC community members. In the wake of a three-hour meeting, which included public comment from over 50 community members, the Amador County Board of Supervisors voted to continue funding the Amador Arts Council for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The renewal of the county's \$3,500 grant came after an outpouring of public support for the organization.

The meeting generated considerable commotion within the local community. County Supervisor Brian Oneto (District 5) suggested the Amador Arts Council needed to increase measures to vet and censor the art displayed in its public exhibits. Several citizens suggested that the Amador Arts Council be restricted in its funding and required to amend its definition of art to avoid offending viewers. Notably, all of the art called into question during the meeting was created by artists from historically marginalized groups.

"This attack on artists of color and queer artists should be a wake-up call, not just for our community but for grant makers," says Amador Arts Council Executive Director Meghan O'Keefe, who presented at the meeting. "Rural counties desperately need funds to provide access to the arts and to protect the freedom of expression of all people."

The Amador Arts Council has provided access to the arts and arts education since 1982, and funding it receives from Amador County goes directly and exclusively to the free art classes that Amador Arts teaches in the local elementary schools. This local government funding helps to provide art classes to 100% of public elementary students in the Amador County Unified School District. A removal of county funding would have an immediate impact on the education of over 2,400 students in the local community, who otherwise do not have access to the arts within their public schools.

The censorship and removal of funding proposed by Supervisor Oneto and other community members demonstrates the desperate reality of arts and arts education within rural communities. Rural communities need additional funding and support to protect equal access to the arts and arts education for children and to prevent the erasure of historically marginalized groups facing discrimination in Amador County.

A large group of concerned citizens participated in the May 24 meeting and spoke passionately to the board of supervisors in defense of equal access and representation of the arts within Amador County. Local leaders present included Sutter Creek Methodist Pastor Mark Smith, Drytown Social Club and Feist Winery owner Susan Feist, Prospect Cellars Owner and

District 5 Supervisor candidate Jamie Lubenko, District 5 Supervisor candidate Amy Waters-White, and Stanford University Professor Emeritus Pamela Sharp who holds a PhD in Arts Education. The overwhelming majority of commenters voiced support for the Amador Arts Council in its mission to bring the arts to community members of all backgrounds and ages across rural foothills communities including LGBTQAI+, BIPOC, neuro-divergent, and other historically marginalized groups.

"The First Amendment of the Bill of Rights refers to freedom of expression," said Dr. Amy Champ, an Amador County Unified School District substitute teacher and District 5 Supervisor Candidate who holds a PhD in Performance and Dance Studies from UC Davis. "I think that it is undeniable that it is a given right. It is a human right. It is an American right. And therefore, I think any discussion of the content of the art that we are funding as a public could lead us down a slippery slope to a violation of the Bill of Rights."

This spring, Amador Arts Council received the highest grant ranking from the California Arts Council in recognition of its efforts to provide access to the arts and arts education to all community members without discrimination. This award places Amador County within the top nine arts councils in the state. It is shocking in the wake of such recognition from the state, which mandates all art councils support initiatives which promote equality, anti-racism, and visibility for all groups, that the local government would threaten to withhold funding specifically for arts education within public schools.

O'Keefe acknowledges that rural communities have always faced a greater challenge in providing arts access than their urban counterparts, yet believes the opportunities for collaboration are large. "There are so many ways we can all work together to improve access and create better outcomes for artists in our communities," says O'Keefe. "We are always open to, and look forward to, working with our peers across county and state lines to expand access to the arts for everyone. We know the arts are beneficial to our children, communities, and our economies, and we will continue to push for expanded access for absolutely all groups of people."



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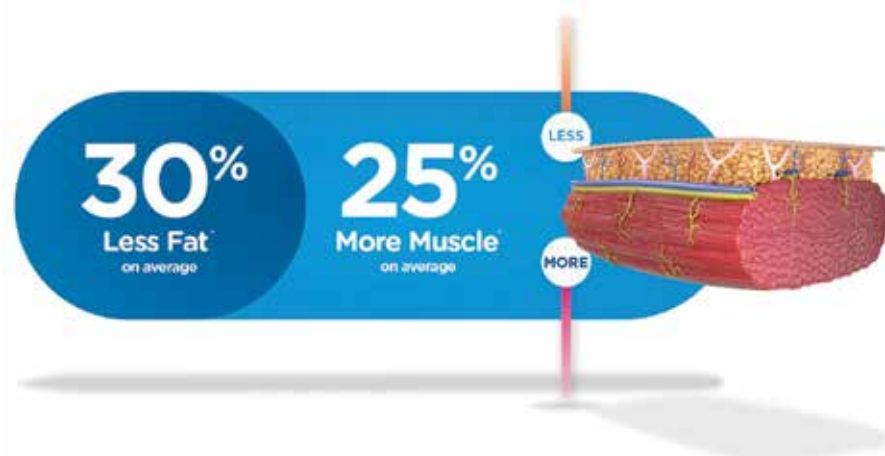
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This year LA Pride will recognize that there have been and are individuals who have shown themselves as long standing pillars in the LGBTQ+ community and their work, and this year they will honor Paula Abdul as our inaugural Icon Grand Marshal.

The parade, which will also be live broadcasted 11am-1pm on long-time Pride broadcasting partner KABC/ABC7, will begin in Hollywood Sunday, June 12 at 10:30am PDT on Hollywood Blvd and Cahuenga Blvd heading west, then south onto N Highland, then turn east on Sunset Blvd, ending at Sunset Blvd and Ivar. LA Pride is happy to announce that people who were interested in its former June 10 Community Day can now enjoy PRIDE VILLAGE, a community-led, free street fair at Hollywood Blvd between Cahuenga and Vine, organized by The Hollywood Partnership, a business improvement nonprofit, in collaboration with LA Pride. Hours of operation are 10AM to 10PM on Parade Sunday, so people can enjoy PRIDE VILLAGE before, during, and after the LA Pride Parade with music, art, booths, food and drink, and of course, a ferris wheel!

A full line up of events and happenings at Hollywood Pride and Pride Village (and a map for Pride Village) can be found at <https://hollywoodpartnership.com/hollywood-pride>.

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Grand Marshals represent a mix of individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender community. With the help of community input, Pride selects these groups and individuals in order to honor the work they have put into furthering the causes of LGBTQ+ people.

San Francisco Pride Community Grand Marshals are local heroes who have contributed greatly to the SF Bay Area LGBTQ+ community or to society at large.

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Santa Monica Pride 2022
The Pier, Santa Monica Place, Third Street Promenade
June 1-30



Miles of Pride light installation on the Third Street Promenade. Photo by Mathew Tucciarone

The return of SaMo PRIDE: a month focused on family-friendly displays and activities that safely celebrate Santa Monica's inclusive and diverse spirit. The Pier, Santa Monica Place, Third Street Promenade and surrounding businesses will celebrate Pride Month with the renowned light installation "Miles of Pride," which spans miles of city streets, illuminating the sky with a rainbow of colors. Other city landmarks, including City Hall, Santa Monica Pier, and the Main Street Santa Monica Travel and Tourism visitor's center, will also service lighting displays. These installations will serve as a backdrop for a full calendar of events that bring together community, families and supporters from around the world. With a focus on family-friendly art, events and community connection, City of Santa Monica partners will host Pride markets, story hours, live music and so much more to help celebrate love in every color.

SaMo Pride runs June 1-30, 2022. For more information and a full list of events, visit SMPride.com

San Diego Pride Week 2022
She Fest - July 9
Light Up the Cathedral - July 13
Spirit of Stonewall Rally - July 15
Pride 5K Walk & Run - July 16
San Diego Pride Parade - July 16
San Diego Pride Festival - July 16 - 17



San Diego Pride's Parade and Festival is the 4th largest Pride in the nation and hosted over 350,000 attendees in 2019. Past festivals have featured headliners like Kesha, TLC, Melissa Etheridge, and En Vogue.

Since its founding, San Diego Pride has granted over three million dollars back to the local and international LGBTQ+ community from the revenue generated by the annual Pride week events.

"LGBTQ diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to our efforts to invite people to our vibrant city because when people feel welcome, they want to visit," said Julie Coker, President and CEO of the San Diego Tourism Authority. "That is why we are so excited San Diego Pride is scheduled to return in 2022. It will highlight our friendly, inclusive spirit while attracting visitors to our hotels, restaurants, and cultural attractions and boosting our local tourism economy."

Additional information for all events can be found at: sdpride.org/pride.

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Nov 4 - Festival 6 pm - 11 pm
Festival with headliner
Nov 5 - 11 am - 11:30 pm
Festival with headliner
Nov 6 - 11 am - 6:00 pm
Parade
Nov 6 - 10 am - Palm Canyon Dr.



Greater Palm Springs Pride is a nonprofit community enhancement organization founded to promote public education and awareness of individual rights and civil liberties of the LGBTQ community and to promote the history, diversity, and future prosperity of the Greater Palm Springs LGBTQ community.

Palm Springs Pride has been serving as an advocate for equality and diversity in Coachella Valley since 1986, and is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Its goal is to foster pride in, and respect, for the LGBTQ community locally and globally through its programs.

The Palm Springs Pride Parade is the largest equal rights march and diversity celebration in the region, and the Pride Festival is an inclusive and diverse celebration. For more information visit: www.pspride.org

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Monkeypox Reports Trigger Post Traumatic Stress Feelings in Many

by Ted Ross

The news reported a 19-year-old gay man showed up to his doctor's office in the U.S. with unexplained lesions on his body. The man's doctor and several other specialists were baffled, not sure what it might be.

Within a short time, dozens of other gay men showed up with the same symptoms. One specialist speculated it looked like a disease that had only been seen in the southern part of Europe.

While these are the types of recent monkeypox reports we read in our news feeds with alarming frequency, the story of the 19-year-old gay man is actually from decades ago. These facts are pulled from a January 4, 1983 story in the Sacramento Bee. This story was about the origins of AIDS that had just appeared on the landscape two years earlier in 1981.

With so many similarities between the initial reports on the monkeypox outbreak and the first reports on the AIDS pandemic, many who lived through the horrors of the early AIDS years, are feeling déjà vu at the very least and post traumatic stress at worst.

"As a TV journalist, I did some of the earliest reporting on AIDS," says Joyce Mitchell, now President of Capital City AIDS Fund (CCAF) in Sacramento. "Young men, in the prime of their lives were falling sick to a disease with no cure," she said. "I can still see the images of ravaged bodies in my mind's eye."

Eerily, with both the current monkeypox outbreak and AIDS, the vast majority of cases affect gay men. Of monkeypox, Professor Sir Peter Horby said: "It would appear that there is some element of sexual transmission perhaps with just very close contact between people and the skin lesions, because the large proportion of the current cases are being detected in gay and bisexual men."

Horby is the director of the Pandemic Sciences Institute at Oxford University in the U.K. About 80 percent of the recent monkeypox cases have been in Europe and most are linked to a pride festival in Gran Canaria attended by about 80,000 people from Britain and across Europe. The event was held May 5 to May 15.

WHAT GAY & BISEXUAL MEN NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MONKEYPOX

Cases have been detected among gay and bisexual men but **not exclusively**

WHAT IS MONKEYPOX?

Monkeypox is a viral infection transmitted through close personal contact, including kissing, sex, and other skin-to-skin contact. Fatality during the current outbreak is estimated to be very low.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?



RASH, BUMPS, OR BLISTERS
These may appear anywhere on the body, including the genitals. This may look similar to syphilis, herpes, or other common skin rashes.



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Symptom onset ranges from 5-21 days

WHAT YOU CAN DO



STAY INFORMED

Remain calm. This is a rapidly changing situation. Visit the CDC website for up-to-date guidance.



CONTACT

If you have symptoms, call (do not visit) your health care provider, and ask about testing.



ISOLATE

If you have symptoms, stay at home, wear a mask, and cover lesions to protect others.

Information up-to-date as of May 27, 2022



ANYONE CAN GET MONKEYPOX

Targeting gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men may lead health care providers to miss monkeypox in other communities.

GSSPI gaysexresearch.com

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Experts agree gay men are not more likely to contract monkeypox, rather the recent infections are due to exposure at the large gathering of LGBT+ individuals. After the event, infections were reported in Spain, Portugal, the U.K. and Canada. The World Health Organization (WHO) cautions against stigmatizing affected groups, saying monkeypox can infect anyone.

Initially, only two cases were reported in the U.S. Caseloads have increased since, including the first monkeypox cases in

California. An initial case was reported May 24 right here in Sacramento by County Health Officer Dr. Olivia Kasirye. That case was confirmed on May 26 by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). On May 27 a second suspected case was reported in Sacramento, followed by a third case on May 31.

According to the Sacramento Bee, the identified individuals are now isolating and not in contact with any other people. "We're still determining the number of close contacts," said Kasirye. She also said the first individual recently traveled to Europe and then returned to California. The second and third cases were close contacts of the first. While three infections had been reported as of this writing, given an incubation period of up to 21 days, additional related cases might be expected.

Infectious disease doctors say monkeypox cases during the current outbreak have been mild so far, with no deaths reported. While death has occurred in a small percentage of cases in previous years, most people recover within several weeks without hospitalization. A smallpox vaccine is available and effective against monkeypox.

In an Associated Press report, Dr. David Heymann, a professor of infectious diseases at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine hypothesized that an infected person who had developed lesions on the genitals or hands likely spread it to others during sexual or other close contact. "And then there were these international events that seeded the outbreak around the world," said Heymann.

WHO's Europe director says the outbreak is "containable," but warned that festivals and parties could accelerate spread. "We need to slow it down," added Heymann.

Slowing down the current outbreak takes awareness says CCAF's Mitchell. "Awareness is the key to prevention. Just be aware this outbreak has reached Sacramento, and in large gatherings that include unfamiliar faces, a bit of caution goes a long way," said Mitchell. Sacramento County's Health Officer agrees, and says anyone exhibiting monkeypox symptoms should contact their healthcare provider immediately.

Monkeypox Symptoms

Early Signs:

**Fever
Headache
Muscle Aches
Backache
Swollen Lymph Nodes
Chills and Exhaustion**

Telltale Symptoms:

**Rash (face, hands, feet, genitals)
Rash Proceeds Through Stages
Lesions
Pustule Pimples
Scabs**

It can take up to three weeks for monkeypox-infected individuals to develop telltale symptoms.

How Monkeypox Spreads

Close Contact with an Infected Person:

**Skin-to-Skin
Respiratory Droplets
(kissing, coughing)
Sharing Bedding or Towels**

If you or any recent partner (from the last 21 days) have unusual rashes or sores, see a healthcare provider immediately. Remind your provider that monkeypox is circulating.


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Newly Housed LGBTQ+ Homeless Seniors In Need Of Home Furnishings And Supplies

by Jerry Metzker

At least 24 seniors, some openly identifying at LGBTQ+, who have experienced homelessness in Sacramento, now have a place to call home—a safe place with neighbors who will respect and honor them for who they are.

In late May, Lavender Courtyard by Mutual Housing, a new affordable housing community in the Lavender Heights neighborhood of Sacramento, started welcoming its first residents. Constructed and operated by Mutual Housing California, a leader in building affordable and supportive housing in the region, Lavender Courtyard provides one- and two-bedroom apartments for 53 households of community seniors 62 and older, designating 24 of the units for seniors experiencing homelessness. This community is focused on inclusion and is the only affordable housing development in the California Central Valley intentionally structuring the community supportive services and resident engagement activities to bolster a LGBTQ-affirming culture.

Mutual Housing is partnering with LSS of Northern California to provide the critical supports for these individuals. Founded in 1968, LSS pursues a mission to end homelessness throughout the region and currently serves more than 1,800 formerly homeless individuals and families in the Sacramento area.

Working with the city and county's homeless services, LSS has identified seniors throughout the region who have no home of their own and offered them the opportunity to become part of the Lavender Courtyard community.

"We started moving individuals from living on the streets into their magnificent new apartments at the beginning of June," says LSS of Northern California Deputy Director Kate Hutchinson. "I cannot even put into words the joy these beautiful people express as we walk them into their homes and hand them their keys."

Still, there are challenges. Twenty-four apartments require 24 beds, kitchen tables, chairs, cookware, dishes and bathroom amenities, and that's just the beginning.

"The people we are serving have almost

**Lavender Courtyard
by Mutual Housing
Opened May 2022**



nothing of their own, perhaps a couple of bags or a broken suitcase of clothes," explains Hutchinson. "And we are inviting the Sacramento LGBTQ+ community to help us ensure that when our friends move in, they are moving into a home with furniture and amenities."

To provide necessary household items for the residents, LSS has created a Wish List for Lavender Courtyard on its Amazon Smile page (Smile.Amazon.com), where individuals and groups can purchase items to be shipped to the new residents. Or you can contact LSS directly (at development@lssnorcal.org), particularly for furniture needs. (Please note that LSS cannot accept used furniture of any kind, but a gift card from IKEA would be helpful.) And yes, cash donations are welcome. These can be made via the LSS of Northern California website (www.lssnorcal.org).

"We are determined to provide, not just a house, but a home," declares Hutchinson. "This is the least we can do for individuals who have had no place to live for years."

Jerry Metzker is Development Director for LSS of Northern California. To learn more about this community, visit:

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Rainbow Crosswalks On Their Way For Davis Pride

Rainbow crosswalks, live music, drag queens and skating are all coming to Davis in preparation for International LGBTQ+ Month in June.



Davis Pride volunteers move stencils while painting temporary chalk on a Fifth Street crosswalk in Davis. Photo courtesy of Wendy Weitzel.

The popular rainbow crosswalks will be painted around Davis' Central Park, and volunteers will spray the temporary chalk paint.

Meanwhile, the city of Davis will hang Davis Pride rainbow banners throughout town, and fly the rainbow flag at City Hall for the month of June.

Business owners are asked to show their support by hanging a rainbow flag poster in their window.

Celebrate Davis Pride with several events, June 11 and 12 in Central Park, 301 C St. Produced by the Davis Phoenix Coalition, activities include:

- Diva Disco Skate Night, starting at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 11, under the Davis Farmers Market Pavilion. The night will include music, lights and food trucks.

- Run/Walk for Equality, a 5K run or walk from the park, and a 1K Rainbow Run for youths — and those who prefer a shorter trek — on Sunday, June 12, beginning at 8 a.m.

- The Davis Pride Festival begins at 11 a.m. on Sunday, June 12. It includes performances by several local and international music acts, a drag queen revue, educational booths, food,

drink and vendors. The Davis Pride Committee is working in partnership with the Davis Craft and Vintage Market.

Other events include a Bike Party Davis Ride with Pride on June 24, and a Drink with Pride Night at Sudwerk Brewing Company (date to be determined).

The Davis Phoenix Coalition, is a nonprofit working to foster diversity, eliminate intolerance, prevent hate-motivated violence and support LGBTQ+ youths. It was founded in the aftermath of a 2013 anti-gay attack on Davis resident "Mikey" Partida. Proceeds from Davis Pride support the coalition's anti-racism and anti-bullying campaigns, support to LGBTQ+ youths and their families, and outreach with area police departments, churches and schools. To donate, go to <https://davisphoenixco.org/donate>.

Sponsorships are a way to show support for equity in the community. To learn about the available benefits, email Sandré Henriquez Nelson at davispride2015@gmail.com. To become a vendor or volunteer, visit <https://www.davispride.org/>. To learn more, visit the website, and follow Davis Pride on Facebook and Instagram.

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Home of Broadway At Music Circus Gets New Name: UC Davis Health Pavilion

Broadway Sacramento President & CEO Richard Lewis announced the theatre where the venerable Broadway At Music Circus series takes place is getting a new name. The venue at 1419 H Street in Sacramento, previously known as the Wells Fargo Pavilion, will now be called the UC Davis Health Pavilion.



The name change is part of a new multi-year partnership between UC Davis Health and nonprofit arts organization Broadway Sacramento. New signs will be installed on the venue in the coming weeks.

"We're proud to have UC Davis Health as a partner because they play a uniquely vital role in our region's health - not only for individual patients, but for our community as a whole," Lewis said.

"As the Sacramento region's leading nonprofit performing arts organization, a partnership with the region's number-one-ranked hospital seemed like a natural fit. Just as Broadway Sacramento contributes to the quality of life in the region with our musical theatre productions

and arts education programs, UC Davis Health supports the community's quality of health with their services and expertise that benefit underserved neighborhoods, young people and the arts."

"One of many things we've learned from the last few years is the importance of

recreation, arts and creativity, and their connections to our physical health and mental health," said UC Davis Health CEO David Lubarsky. "Research shows creativity and well-being are linked in positive ways. We want to inspire people to learn a musical instrument, adventure to see a new musical play, or join a dance class. As part of our effort to improve health for all, we're encouraging everyone to safely get outside, go to events, and be a part of our larger community."

The 2022 Broadway At Music Circus season includes six shows: "Kinky Boots" (June 14 - 19), Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Carousel" (June 28 - July 3), Cole Porter's "Kiss Me, Kate" (July 12 - 17), "Something Rotten!" (July 26 - 31), "The Secret Garden" (August 9 - 14) and "The Color Purple" (August 23 - 28).

UC Davis Health will also be the season sponsor for the upcoming Broadway on Tour series in Sacramento, which will bring six nationally touring Broadway shows to Sacramento, starting in November.

Broadway Bares San Francisco Returns

You no longer have to fly to New York City to see Broadway Bares, which returns to the DNA Lounge in San Francisco this June with the Bay Area version of the annual striptease spectacular that began in NYC as a way to raise money for essential services for people with AIDS and other critical illnesses across the USA. The fifth annual Bay Area benefit is a burlesque-style strip show with a modern twist. Watch your favorite fairy tale characters come to life and lose their clothes as they are encountered by Pinocchio during his quest to become a real boy, in a series of dances designed to tease and titillate. Each dance is based on a popular fairy tale as you've never seen them before. Featuring talent from the Bay Area who are donating their time to perform for a great cause, "Broadway Bares San Francisco Strips V: FairyTales...Where Stripping Prevails" takes it off on Sunday evening, June 19. Go to: <https://www.reaf-sf.org/broadway-bares-sf-strips-v.html>



"Kinky Boots" Kicks Off Summer at Music Circus

by Chris Narloch

Since the movie was not a big hit, many fans are unaware that the Broadway blockbuster "Kinky Boots" was originally a 2005 British film that starred Chiwetel Ejiofor in the role later made famous by Billy Porter.

Eventually, Harvey Fierstein and Cyndi Lauper transformed the modest movie -- which was inspired by a true story and was not a musical -- into a singing, dancing spectacle. The rest is musical theater history -- literally, as Lauper's Tony for Best Score was the first solo win by a woman in that category ever.

Now, Sacramento's legendary Music Circus kicks off Pride season (and their own summer season of shows) with this joyous musical celebration about the power of belief in oneself and the friendships we discover when we embrace each other's differences.

"Kinky Boots" takes you from a gentlemen's shoe factory in Northampton to the glamorous catwalks of Milan this June 14-19, at Sacramento's UC Davis Health Pavilion. For more information and tickets, visit www.broadwaysacramento.com



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Wine tasting in the Napa Valley is a joy and an adventure. Selecting your tasting experience and what winery to explore? These are the bigger questions. This leaves you with a challenge and more questions around what varieties to taste and what wines to enjoy. Then, the most important question is where do you go. An interesting option to gain access and experience a variety of wines is a wine collective.



"Glimpse of the Possible Pours"; Photo credit - "Courtesy of Heron House"

Just recently on a visit to Yountville, I set an appointment at the Heron House, which is a wine collective. You have the choice of indoors or outside in a quaint patio setting. Then, the question looms as to what type of tasting you want to explore. We chose the Daily Sipper which offered a curated choice of wines from their portfolio. The tasting was wonderful, to say the least.

A wine collective is a tasting room that offers wines from small production, family owned wineries. There are several varietals to taste from different winemakers from throughout the valley. This is an excellent opportunity to get acquainted with many wineries with only one stop. The labels represented at the Heron House are made by highly talented winemakers such as Thomas Rivers Brown, Celia Welch, Mike Smith, Kale Anderson, Maayan Koschitzky, and Jennifer Williams. While these may not be your household names, please take it from me, they all make excellent wine. I have and do enjoy bottles from all of these individuals. All that to say, you will taste through some wonderful wines.

Our hostess on our visit was Holly who took us through each of the wines with pride

and expertise. She was knowledgeable and engaging while being respectful of our interests. It was a tasting that I would highly recommend to gain experience with wines that you would otherwise only be able to taste by purchasing a bottle of each on your own. This is the tasting experience to gain appreciation for these small production wineries.

The wine collective is a great venue to address the challenges a boutique producer faces on how to get their wine tasted by the most important people - the buying public. The cost of overhead for a tasting room for a growing portfolio is daunting. Brick and mortar invested in a building is costly. Hiring tasting room associates is another big expense. The best resolve could be sharing overhead with others. This is how a "collective" is born. Bring several small, boutique wineries together and voila! What you have is a resource for all. I have written about two other venues that are worth your time as well in downtown Napa. You can read about the Wine Thief here and Vintner's Collective here. These two are great locations to explore as well.

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A Freaky New Film from David Cronenberg Plus, Bette Davis & Joan Crawford Are Back

by Chris Narloch

Although I love feel-good films -- "The Wizard of Oz" is my favorite movie -- I also have a penchant for warped cinematic visions and directors like David Lynch, Guillermo del Toro and David Fincher.

This month, there are two freaky films -- one old and one new -- playing on the big screen, in all their grotesque glory. Read on for details about both movies.

Crimes of the Future

David Cronenberg, the director behind "Dead Ringers," "Naked Lunch," and the 1986 remake of "The Fly," has made some of the most disturbing mainstream movies in Hollywood history.

The director hasn't had a new full-length feature in theaters since "Maps to the Stars" in 2014, but he is back in a big way with this bizarre film, which is an example of the "body horror" genre that Cronenberg pioneered (or at least perfected).

A dynamite cast headlined by Kristen Stewart, Viggo Mortensen, and Lea Seydoux stars in this futuristic, sci-fi thriller about a celebrity performance artist couple (Mortensen and Seydoux) whose act involves the growth and removal of new organs on stage before a live audience.

"Crimes of the Future" is even stranger than it sounds, and I can't recommend it for mainstream moviegoers. Yet the film's powerful performances and the wild special effects and production design -- coupled with Cronenberg's intense direction -- create one strange trip for audiences who like movies that are challenging and sometimes shocking.

"Crimes of the Future" opened at Sacramento's Tower Theatre on June 3rd.



What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?

The cult classic that inspired decades of drag queens and dozens of memes is turning 60 years old.

To mark the anniversary, Fathom Events and Turner Classic Movies will return "What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?" to the big screen so that a new generation of moviegoers (and middle-aged film buffs like me) can watch Bette Davis and Joan Crawford battle it out on the big screen.

The actresses play two of the most dysfunctional sisters ever to grace the silver screen, and the movie is a twisted tale of former child stars living in a decaying mansion long after their glory days have passed.

Nobody played masochism like Joan Crawford, and she gets to be in a wheelchair this time, while Davis plays one of the most fascinating and batshit-crazy female characters in any movie ever. Davis's final scene on a beach will be permanently burned into your brain.

"What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?" returns to the big screen at a multiplex near you for two days only, on June 12 and 15.



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Out & About with Matthew Burlingame

I'm not sure if you've Heard the Depp-ths of mainstream media coverage in the last several months when it comes to what's happening in our country. No matter how much Ukraine your head to avoid hearing the crap conservatives are Putin out in the world, Uvalde better believe they're just Biden their time until the moment when the Supreme Court decides to sink Roe Vs. Wade. But whatever Hillary climbing we have a lot to celebrate and at least for now the good still Trumps the bad. Whether the issues are old or Newsom-how we will face them together and overcome. Happy Pride!



Pride is indeed in full swing and all of us need to take the opportunity to spend some time with our community this month. A great place to do that is the Sacramento Pride March and Festival, June 11-12 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the Capitol Mall. The two-day festival will have an entertainment zone with bars, vendors, and music stages that feature international stars, drag performers and live musical acts. On Sunday join the march to the State Capitol complete with floats, signs and community visibility in remembrance of Stonewall. Sacramentopride.org

Need more Pride? YAS Queens, of course you do! Plan to have a wonderful day out at Davis Pride 2022! Sunday, June 12, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Central Park, 401 C St., Davis. The Davis Pride event will include live music, food trucks, merchandise, arts and crafts and an all-day inclusive family-friendly celebration for members and supporters of the LGBTQ community! Davispride.org

Did you catch that incredible performance by the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus (SGMC) in the park? It was amazing! And there's more coming on Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June 18 at The Sofia, 2700 Capitol Ave. Their "To the Max" presentation will feature rad 1980s tunes sure to make you tap your toes and sing along. Power ballads and pop hits along with some humor and surprises along the way! If you love the 80s make sure you snag tickets as their events usually sell out fast! Sagaymenschorus.org

Don't take a chance on missing this month's awesome Outword Monthly Happy Hour at Badlands, 2003 K St. on Friday, June 10 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. Show your pride and get your drink on with great specials and awesome tunes! And as always there's a

chance you might win a fun prize!

So much pride! So much alcohol! So much fun to be had on Saturday, June 18 from 4 - 11:59 p.m. at the Sacramento Pride Bar Crawl! Attendees will need to grab tickets which are available at eventbrite.com for the proudest party of the year! With tickets comes drinks, shots, drink specials, amazing local food, waived cover, after party, custom pride badge and more! Participating bars include Badlands, Bear Dive, Mango's, Old Tavern, The Depot Video Bar, The Mercantile Saloon and more! a portion of proceeds will be donated to The Trevor Project. Crawlwith.us

We were all shocked by the sudden death of singer George Michael in 2016 at age 53. Six years later we celebrate the gay icon with the release of "George Michael Freedom Uncut" on June 22. Interwoven with exclusive personal archival footage this theatrical release includes never-seen-before footage from one of the most recognizable of Michael's videos in music history, "Freedom! '90," which was directed by Oscar nominated David Fincher. The video has been remastered in 4K and will screen in full length ahead of the main feature in cinemas worldwide. Georgemichaelfreedomuncut.com

The Crest is showing some classic LGBTQ related films during pride month including Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert (1994) on June 9, and The Birdcage (1996) on June 10. Crestsacramento.com

Welcome home to the Bolt boys who went to this year's International Mr. Leather including Mr. Bolt Leather 2019 Estefan who represented Sacramento and The Bolt.

Events? Announcements? Birthdays? Anniversaries? Send them to me at: matthew.burlingame@gmail.com



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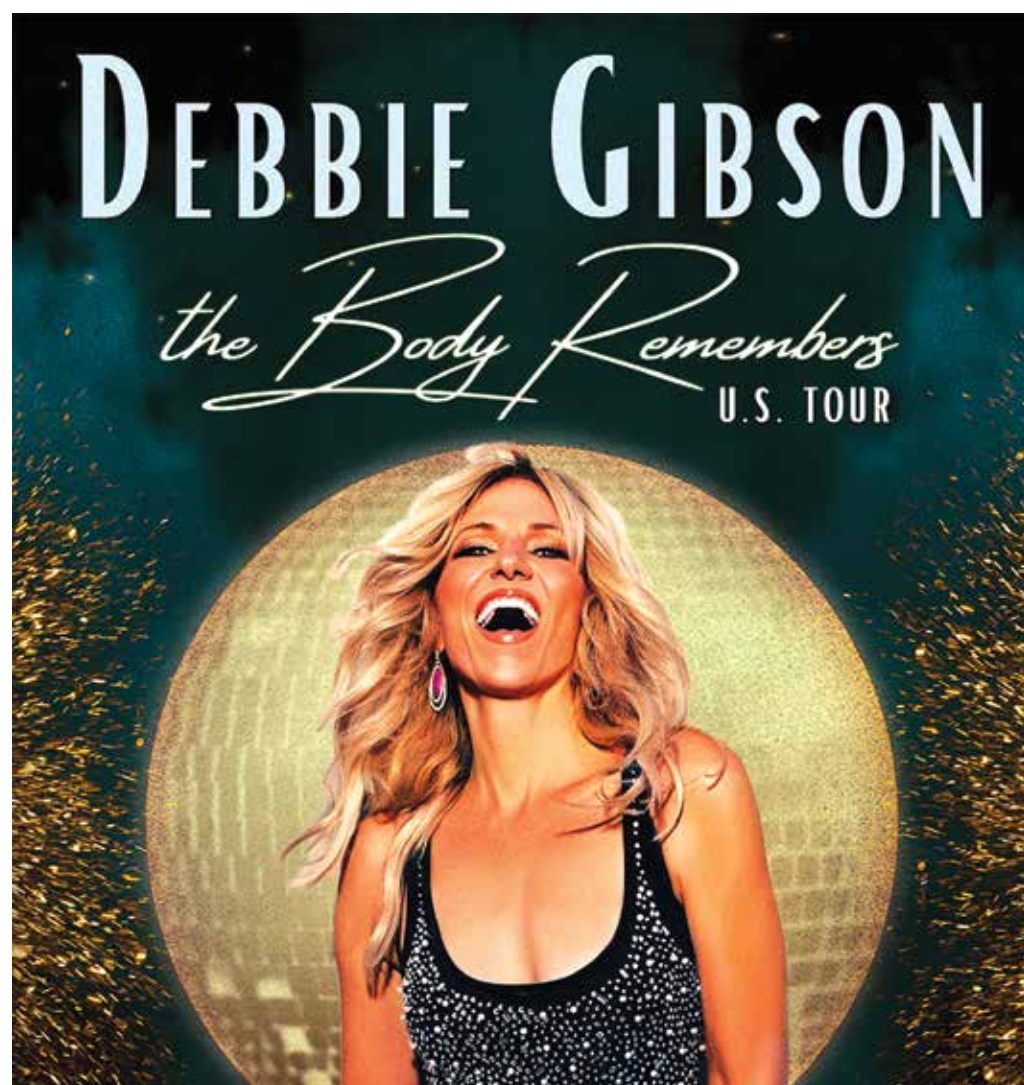
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You Won't Be Able To "Shake Your Love" For Debbie Gibson



Debbie Gibson is 51? When did that happen? The former teen queen singer from the late '80s still looks and sounds great, and she will bring her many hits to the Crest Theatre this June 21st, as part of her "The Body Remembers" U.S. tour. "Lost in Your Eyes," "Only in My Dreams," and "Shake Your Love" were just a few of her monster hits, and in 1988 she became the youngest female artist to write, produce, and perform a Billboard Hot 100 number-one single ("Foolish Beat"). For tickets, visit: <https://crestsacramento.com>

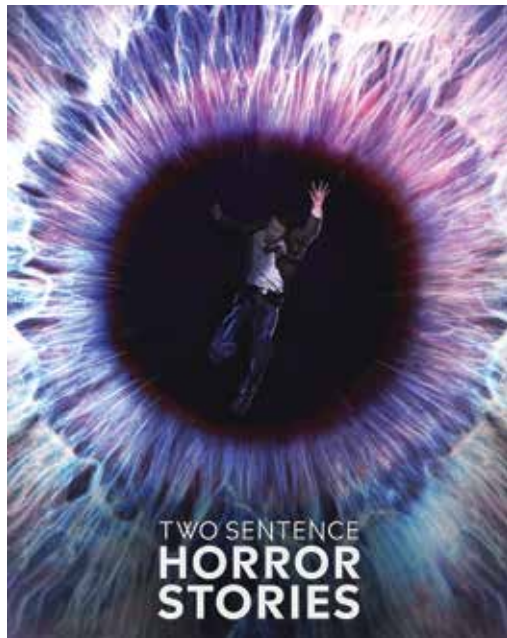
"Trevor: A New Musical" Comes Out this June

Perfectly timed for Pride Month, both the filmed version and the original cast recording of the acclaimed Off-Broadway musical "Trevor" will debut this June. Based on the Academy Award-winning short film of the same name by Peggy Rajski that was a big hit at SIGLFF in the mid-'90s, "Trevor" follows a 13-year-old queer suburban kid circa 1981 who has a fixation on Diana Ross and a crush on a boy at his school. The filmed version of "Trevor: A New Musical" will debut exclusively on Disney+ this June 24, and the album will be available in digital and streaming formats that same day.



Check Out "Two Sentence Horror Stories" On Netflix

There is a long tradition of excellent short-form horror anthologies on the small screen, including the iconic "Twilight Zone," plus "Night Gallery," "The Outer Limits," and many more. "Two Sentence Horror Stories," which recently launched its third season on Netflix, fits nicely into that tradition, although its horrifying, half-hour mini-movies are admittedly hit-and-miss. When the show is good, however, it can be truly creepy, as with my favorite episode – of the ones I've seen – entitled "Crush," in which two elderly (and crazy) twin sisters living in "Grey Gardens"-style decay get hilarious revenge on a young gold-digger. Incidentally, most or all of the creatives behind the show are women, and several of them are LGBTQ+ women. Visit: <https://www.netflix.com/title/80244627?source=35>



A New Book Describes How Art Became AIDS Education

**IT WAS VULGAR & IT WAS BEAUTIFUL
HOW AIDS ACTIVISTS USED ART TO FIGHT A PANDEMIC
JACK LOWERY**



Jack Lowery is far too young to remember the height of the AIDS crisis in the 1980s, but he writes about it with passion and purpose in his essential new non-fiction book, which describes how artists used rage and creativity to get the truth out during a time when misinformation and indifference to the disease were the norm. Lowery's book focuses on the Gran Fury art collective, an offshoot of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP), whose clever tactics included shutting down the stock exchange using fake Bear Stearns badges and currency, and stuffing New York Times vending boxes with pointed spoofs called The New York Crimes. It was during this period that activists also created the now-iconic Silence = Death poster art. "It Was Vulgar & It Was Beautiful: How AIDS Activists Used Art To Fight A Pandemic" is now available from Bold Type Books.

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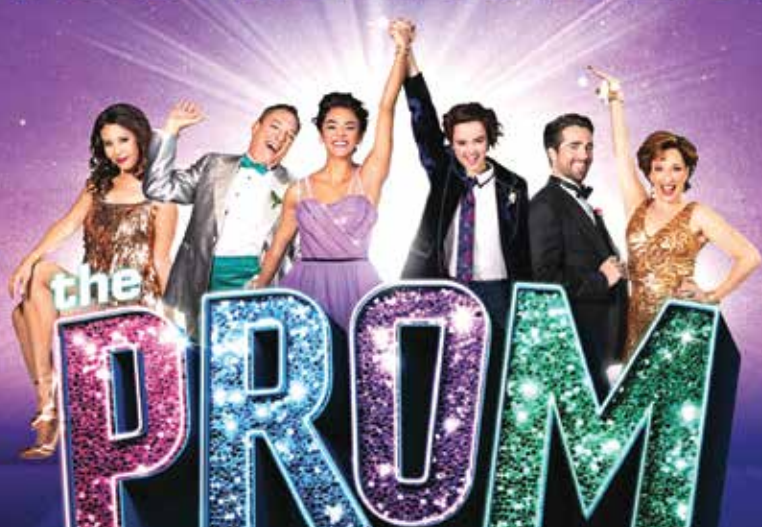
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This Musical Has Two Prom Queens, Thank You Very Much

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You're invited to the party of the year, and please bring your same-sex prom date to the Golden Gate Theatre when "The Prom" dances into San Francisco this June 21 for almost a month of performances. If you saw the star-studded Netflix film of "The Prom," the terrific stage version of Broadway's hit musical comedy is a little different. You might want to drive over to see the show on June 22, when BroadwaySF is throwing a LGBTQ+ Pride Night party at the Golden Gate Theatre, with a special pre-show performance by Lady Camden from "RuPaul's Drag Race." "The Prom" plays through July 17 in San Francisco. To purchase tickets, go to <https://broadwaysf.com>

"Love, Victor" Returns For Its Final Season

by Chris Narloch



I wish there had been a series like "Love, Victor" when I was in high school, during Anita Bryant's reign of terror in the '70s. It would have given me hope during a scary time, and I am glad that young gay men have queer-positive shows like this to watch nowadays. Anyone who saw the charming 2018 romantic comedy "Love Simon" remembers the movie's sweet conclusion which involves a Ferris wheel and a same-sex kiss. The three-season series "Love, Victor" is set in the same universe as "Love, Simon" and shares its upbeat spirit. You can watch the show's final season on Hulu and Disney+ beginning this June 15.

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by Mikey Rox

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HAPPY PRIDE! CAKE

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02

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If Peacock can reboot Queer as Folk this month, there's no reason why we can't reboot the sheer tops and bottoms (the kind you wear, not fuck) of the same era - like Roma's "LOVE"-striped fishnet jogging pant with matching briefs and tank. One more night at Nation and peak Nancy Nostalgia would be complete.

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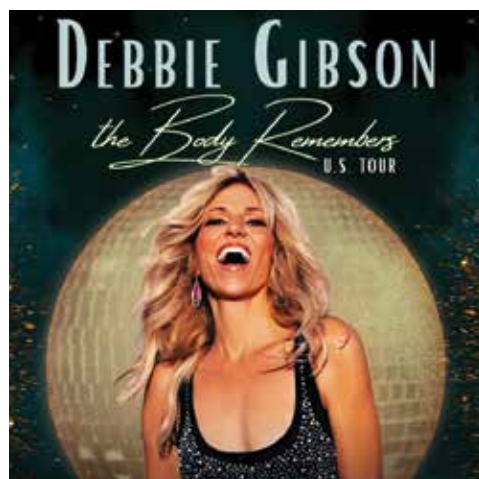
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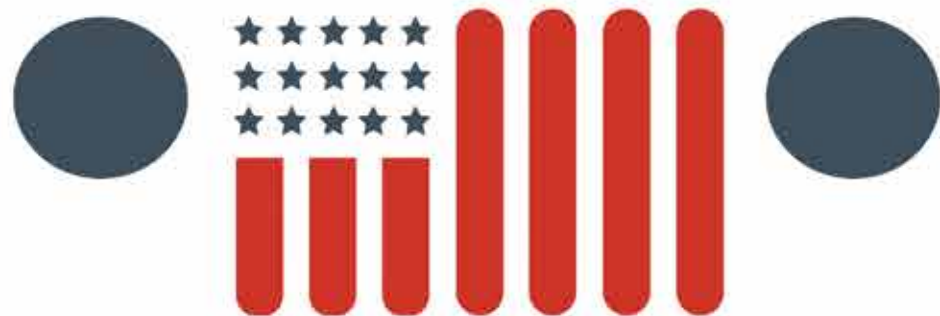


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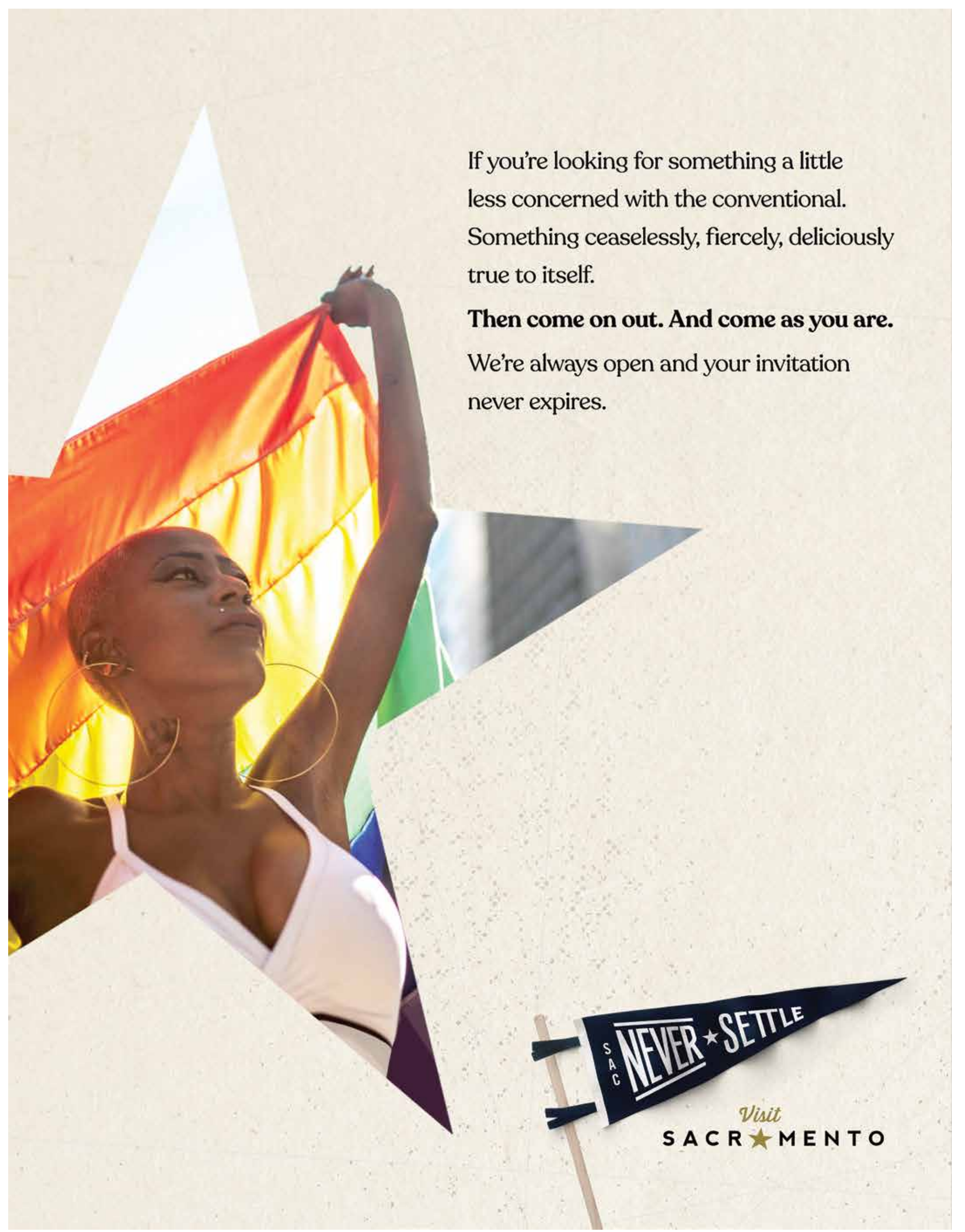
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11:30 A.M.
JAY GODI

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2:00 P.M.
HAYEZ

3:30 P.M.
DROP DEAD RED

4:30 P.M.
ADAM ALDAMA
& THE ACES

6:30 P.M.
DAPPER DAN
MIDAS

7:00 P.M.
RUPAUL'S
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6/12 - Day Two

NOON
MANDA MALINA

1:00 P.M.
MAYA BAND

3:00 P.M.
SAC DANCE LAB/A
PRIDEFUL CABARET

4:30 P.M.
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5:30 P.M.
LYLE ANTHONY

6:00 P.M.
MADISON ROSE

6:30 P.M.
MILA JAM

7:00 P.M.
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11:00 A.M.
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DJ TLDSTR

1:30 P.M.
MARXOXO

2:00 P.M.
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2:30 P.M.
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3:00 P.M.
DJ KITTIE LYNNE

4:00 P.M.
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4:30 P.M.
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The show's setlist is a surprise so we don't know if any of those artists will be included, but the concerts are sure to have you laughing and singing along with your favorite power ballads from back in the day.

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Laverne Cox Gets A Trans Barbie

Laverne Cox Barbie held by Laverne Cox,
2022 Mattel Photo by Elizabeth Braunstein



To celebrate the upcoming 50th birthday of iconic transgender actress and activist Laverne Cox, Mattel is releasing a Tribute Collection Barbie doll made in her likeness. Barbie worked with Cox to make sure the doll captures her fashion savvy, and it's sure to become a collector's item for fans of the trailblazing artist. The new doll comes with Cox's trademark blonde hair, a deep red tulle gown, heeled boots, silver earrings, and a silver metallic bodysuit that shows off her bold, fun sense of style. The collection, which launched last year, honors powerful women who have inspired others and changed history, including comedienne Lucille Ball and British monarch Queen Elizabeth II.

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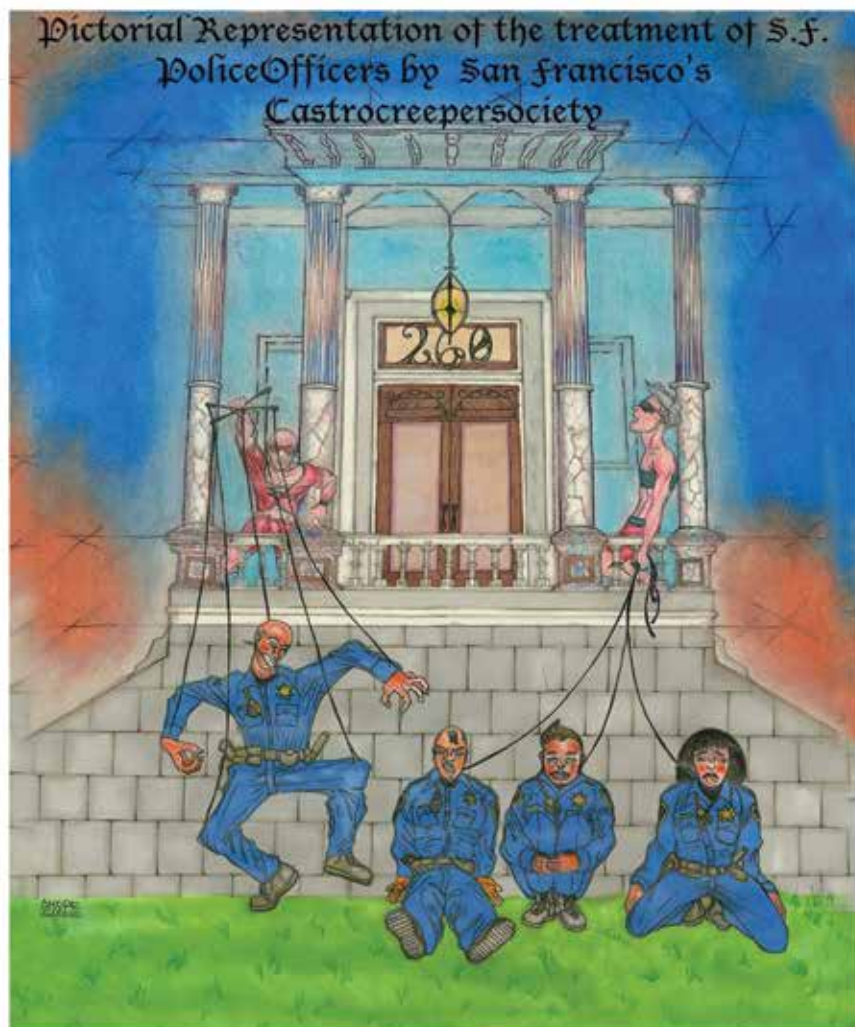
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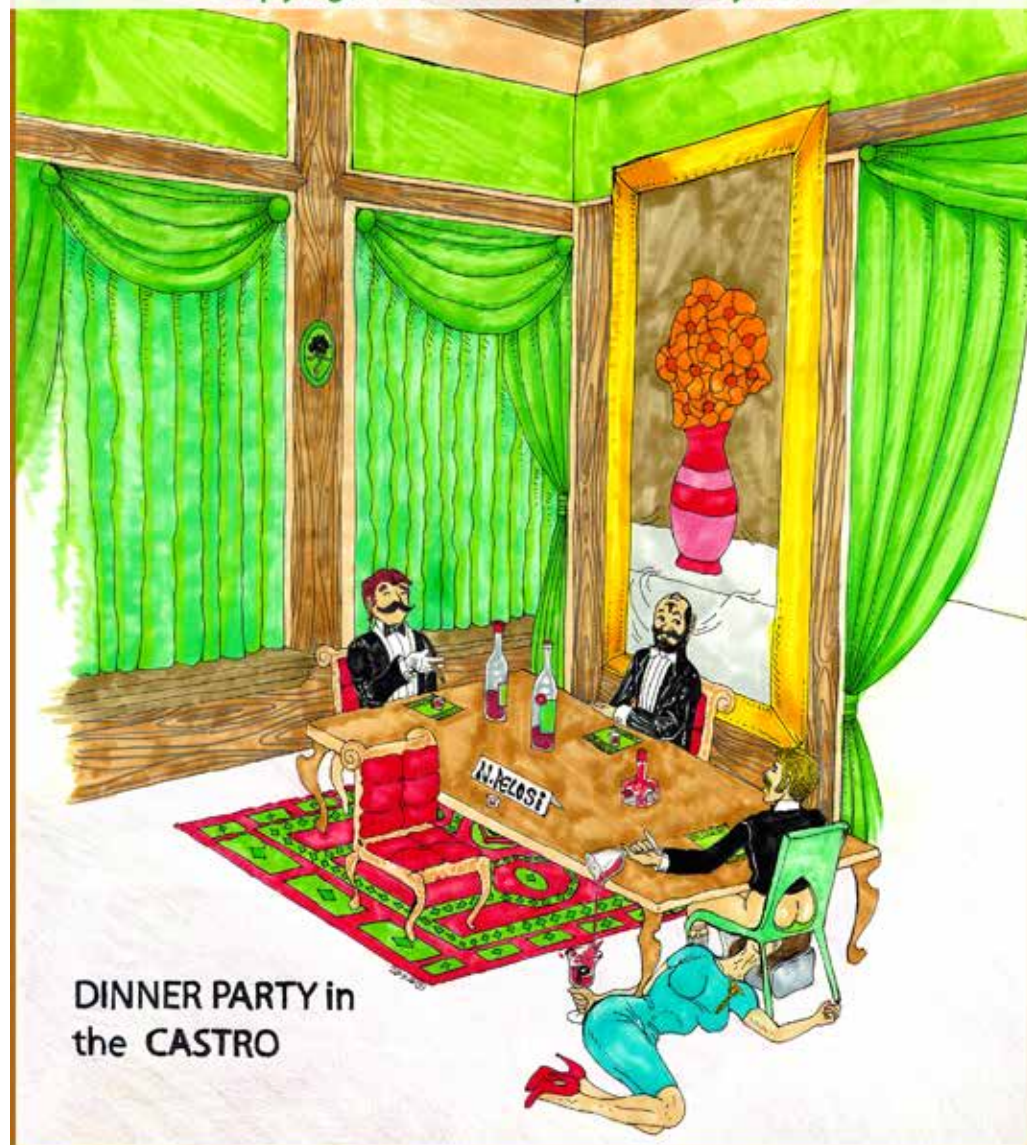
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NorCal AIDS Cycle Wrap Up

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The 2022 NorCal AIDS Cycle wrapped up in Old Town Sacramento to great fanfare on May 22, 2022. The celebration capped two days of cyclists and crew coming together to make a difference for those affected by HIV/AIDS in the greater Sacramento region. At last look, participants had raised nearly \$150,000 - a truly amazing amount given the countless hardships of the past few years.

In the months ahead, the NorCal AIDS Cycle will distribute funding to the 14 HIV/AIDS-related event beneficiaries that rely on the event to help keep their doors open. As the last HIV/AIDS-related fundraiser of scale in Sacramento, the NorCal AIDS Cycle remains a critical resource in the community with Sacramento County coming in as one of the top 40 hot spots for new HIV infections in the U.S.

Small but mighty, the NorCal AIDS Cycle has stood strong for over 18 years. While the ride was cancelled in 2020, and reduced to a single day in 2021, the NorCal AIDS

Cycle made beneficiary distributions none-the-less, helping solidify the mantra "Never Give Up".

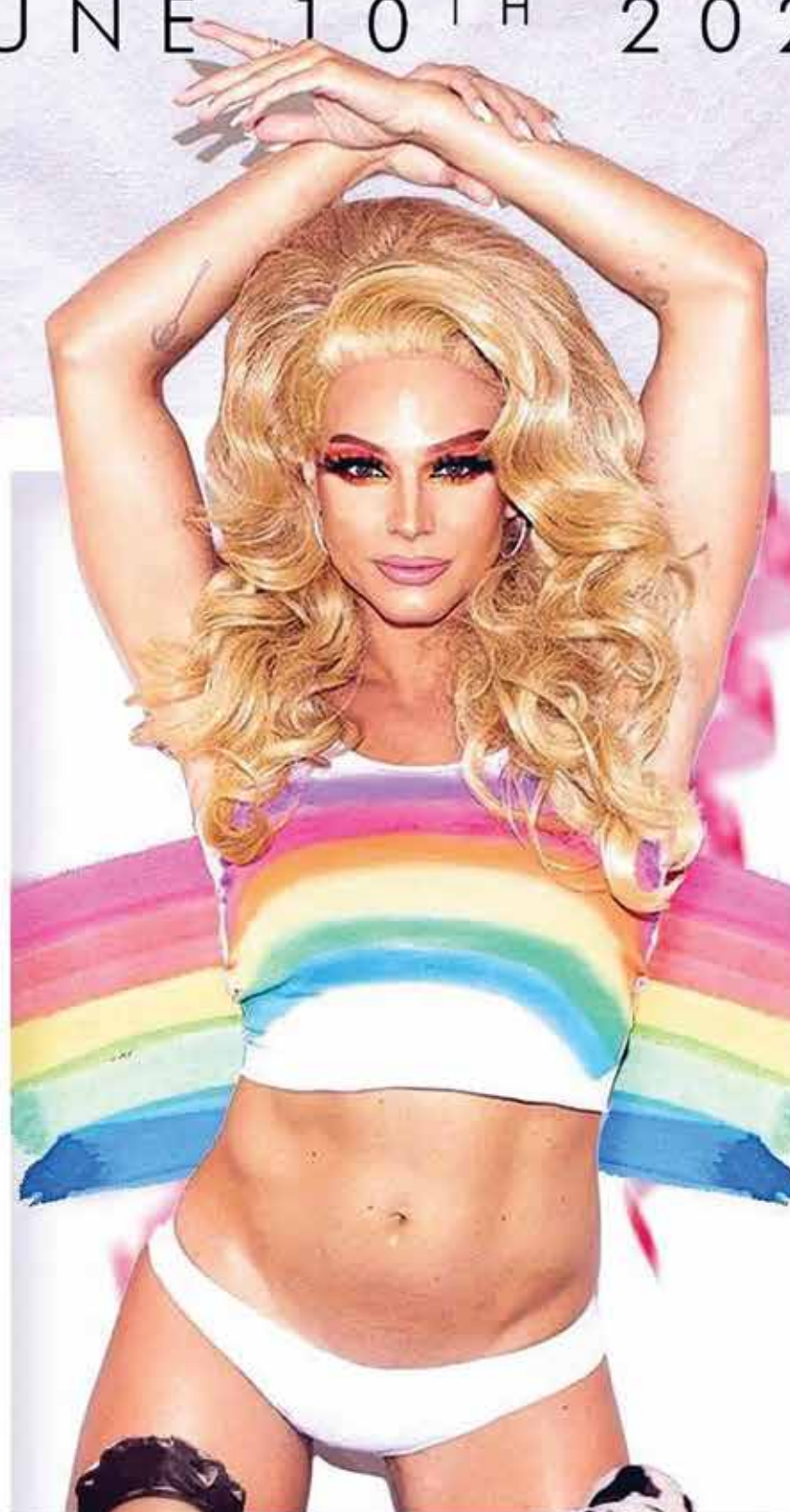
Next up for the NorCal AIDS Cycle is a single day ride on October 29, 2022, with planning already underway for a "back to normal" multi-day ride in 2023 and, hopefully, an early 2023 Crab Feed. For more information about the NorCal AIDS Cycle and how you can get involved as a cyclist or crew member, please visit www.norcalaidscycle.org or, on Facebook, follow NorCal AIDS Cycle and NCAC Cyclists & Crew. You'll be welcomed with open arms.



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