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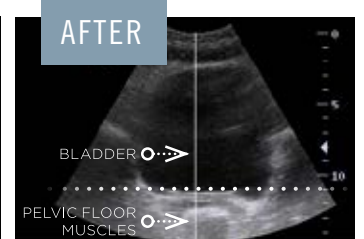
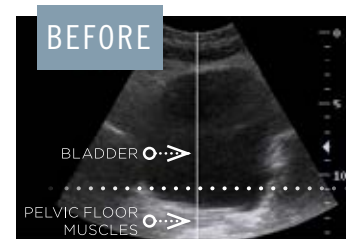
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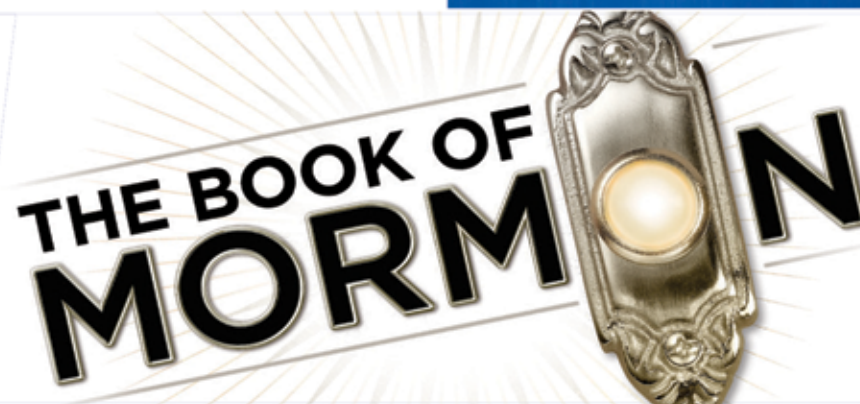




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Growing the Legacy of the Stonewall Foundation

by Faith Pulido, Stonewall Foundation Board Member

The Stonewall Foundation of Greater Sacramento is once again honored to spotlight exceptional LGBTQ+ youth in the Sacramento region who are well on their way to becoming the next leaders in our community. This year, we are pleased to distribute five scholarships to LGBTQIA+ students at Sacramento State and Los Rios Community Colleges who are using their education and lived experience to pour back into their community. These five students will receive scholarships that honor Laurie McBride, the late LGBTQ+ lobbyist and Sacramento activist, and Sam Catalano, our founder and long-time civil rights organizer and LGBTQ+ activist.

"Going to college has opened up doors for me that would otherwise be impossible," said Patrick Gabbett, recipient of a 2022 Sam Catalano scholarship. "College education is especially important to me as a disabled person; so many accessible jobs are locked behind a college education ... and as a former foster youth, college is a way to potentially break the cycle of generational poverty and to overcome the odds."

Recipients of the Laurie McBride Memorial scholarship and the Sam Catalano scholarship will be honored at Antiquite Midtown on October 6th from 5:30-7:30 at the Foundation's annual fall fundraiser and celebration.

Join us as we honor the next leaders in our community who are growing the legacy of those who came before them, while learning about the Foundation's monumental new initiatives launched in 2022. With the establishment of our endowment fund, the Foundation is establishing the roots of long-term financial stability and with it, the ability to award scholarships annually while also expanding our reach to new initiatives. Beyond flagship scholarships, exciting new programs include partnering with the Black Parallel School Board in 2022 to address barriers faced by Black LGBTQ+ students and the creation of a new mental health workforce development project. We can't wait to share our plans to expand upon this critical work in 2023 and beyond.

So come party with us on October 6th as we celebrate the accomplishments of both the Stonewall Foundation and our incredible scholarship awardees! Bid on fabulous silent auction items while enjoying small bites and wine, featuring our local, LGBTQ+ owned and operated wineries.



Reserve your ticket or learn about sponsorship tiers today at: www.sacstonewallfoundation.org/fundraiser. We hope to see you all there! And stay tuned for the next edition of Outword Magazine, where we will dig further into the stories and passions of the Stonewall Foundation's 2022 scholarship recipients.

About the Stonewall Foundation of Greater Sacramento:

The Stonewall Foundation of Greater Sacramento is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that focuses on circumstances that impose barriers to acceptance,

affirmation, health, and well-being of LGBTQ+ youth as they move through secondary and post-secondary education. Our mission is to eliminate prejudice and discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer individuals through LGBTQ+ leadership development and education leading to increased power and social equity. By supporting high school and college students in the Sacramento region, we develop resources and embolden community partnerships that foster the next generation of leaders to advance equity and representation of the LGBTQ+ community.

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WEAVE Trains Lavender Heights Bar and Restaurant Staff to Create a Safe and Inclusive Environment for Patrons

The Lavender Heights district is a pillar in Sacramento's nightlife industry, bringing thousands of people of all ages, gender identities, and relationships to the city each month. The district is proudly identified as the center of the LGBTQ+ community.



However, with this robust nightlife scene comes increased risk for sexual assault, sexual harassment and intimate partner violence. Alcohol is the number one substance used in facilitating sexual assaults and sexual harassment, and it is the most readily available substance in nightlife establishments. WEAVE has seen a trending rise in violence during the pandemic, and also as we move more towards a post pandemic world.

To help make Lavender Heights nightlife safer for all, WEAVE provides a free "Safe Night Out" training program for local establishments, training bar and nightlife staff how to identify the warning signs of intimate partner violence, sexual harassment and sexual assault at their establishments, as well as give them effective active bystander intervention tools.

While trainings are still open to any bar staff who would like to attend, WEAVE found that offering a district-specific focus was a more effective way to ensure patron safety at all bars in a given area and allows districts to tackle their unique needs and issues.

Now, WEAVE has integrated a new gender inclusion training into the "Safe

Night Out" program, with the goal of creating a safer and more inclusive community for all, free of charge.

The LGBTQ+ community experiences intimate partner violence and sexual assault at similar and sometimes higher rates than others and may not report assaults out of fear of harassment by law enforcement, judgment or not being believed, and a reluctance to draw negative attention to the community. It is critical that staff at establishments understand how to safely and appropriately identify warning signs, provide for the safety of LGBTQ+ patrons, and support those who are harmed.

For those who would like to participate in or schedule an upcoming Safe Night Out & Pride, Pronouns and Progress training, contact Jess Lemos at jlemos@weaveinc.org. If you or someone you know needs support, visit www.weaveinc.org to live chat or contact WEAVE's 24/7 Support & Information Line at 916-920-2952.

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Jazz returns to the Old Sacramento Waterfront



This vintage photo from Old Sacramento's beloved Jazz Festival reminded us how much we've missed that former, annual celebration. Well, the good news is that live banjo, ragtime and jazz music will fill the air once again and delight visitors to the Old Sacramento Waterfront, when the Roaring 20's Jubilee takes place over the course of three fun-filled days and evenings starting on Friday, September 30 and running through Sunday, October 2, 2022. With nearly 60 talented musicians ranging in age from 12 to 95 – some from the local area and others from as far away as Costa Rica – the inaugural event is highlighted by free live music at various venues in the daytime and special ticketed performances in the evenings. For more information, please visit <https://peninsulabanjoband.org/roaring-20-jubilee>

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Two Gutsy Women Celebrate Other Gutsy Women

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Hillary Clinton was attacked so mercilessly by Trump and his trolls before, during and after the 2016 presidential election that it's nice to see that she is enjoying being a grandmother now and collaborating with her daughter Chelsea on various projects. Grandma Clinton is no doubt also loving the fact that Donald "Lock Her Up!" Trump is now the one in danger of being charged with multiple crimes.

The recently-released Apple TV+ docuseries "Gutsy" is the latest project from the Clinton women, and it looks to be a promising showcase for two inspiring women to celebrate the women who inspire them. The gutsy women profiled include Kim Kardashian, Megan Thee Stallion, Dr. Jane Goodall, Gloria Steinem, Wanda Sykes, Amy Schumer, Goldie Hawn, Kate Hudson, and many more.

Based on the Clintons' acclaimed New York Times bestselling book, "The Book of Gutsy Women," the docuseries features Hillary and Chelsea as they embark on a thought-provoking journey to speak with pioneering women artists, activists, community leaders and everyday heroes who show us what it truly means to be gutsy.



Two Gutsy Women, Chelsea and Hillary Clinton

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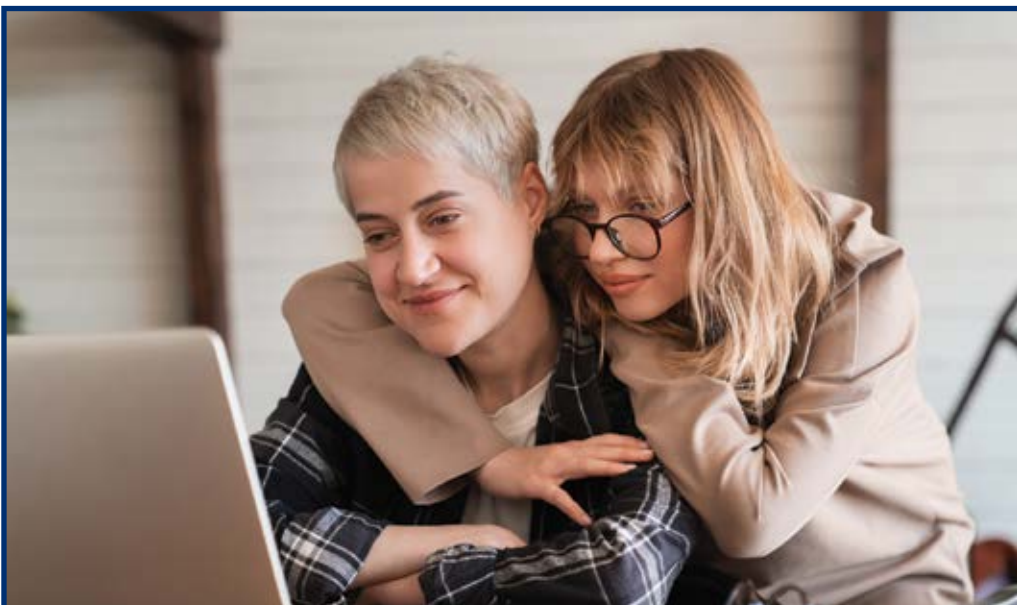
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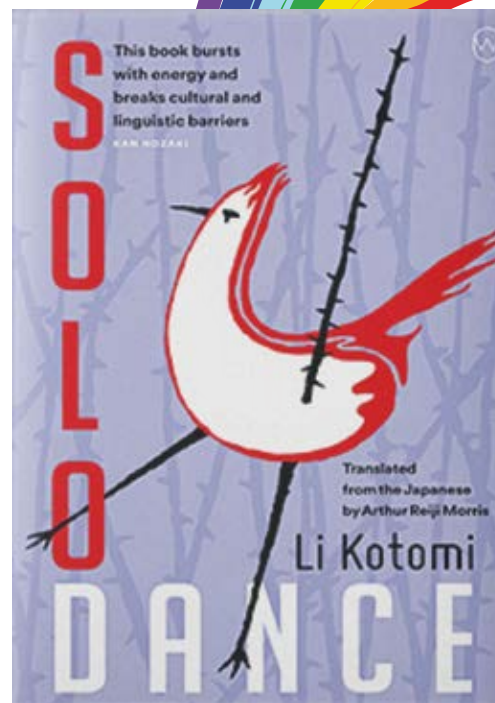
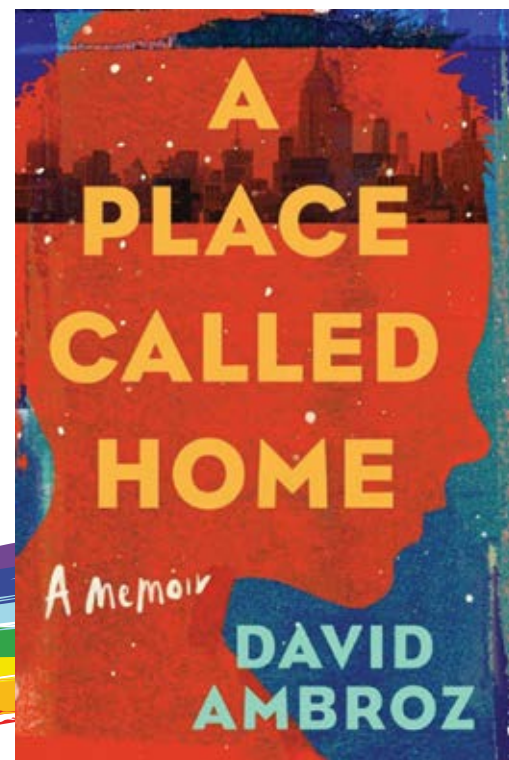
Queer Books For Fall Or Anytime

by Chris Narloch

In between plays and movies, I don't have a ton of time to read books anymore (even though I was an English Literature major in college), but there are three queer-friendly books on my nightstand that are currently waiting to be devoured. Read on for details.

A Place Called Home – David Ambroz

Now a top-level Amazon executive, author David Ambroz was recognized by President Obama as an American Champion of Change after growing up on the streets of New York City -- homeless, queer, and in foster care, with a mentally ill mother, before rising to become a leading advocate for child welfare. "A Place Called Home" is billed as "the heartbreaking, inspiring memoir of his survival."



Solo Dance – Li Kotomi

"Solo Dance" depicts the painful coming of age of a queer woman in corporate Japan. Not unlike "A Place Called Home," this striking debut is described as "an intimate and powerful account of a search for hope after trauma." The translation and publication of this book would not have been possible without the generous support of The Japan Foundation.

Caught in the Act – Courtney Act

The new memoir from Courtney Act recounts her rise to global fame from "Australian Idol" to "RuPaul's Drag Race" to winning "Celebrity Big Brother UK" and making it to the finals on "Dancing with the Stars." Act also reflects on her journey towards understanding gender, sexuality, and identity. Lots of "Drag Race" tea is apparently spilled too, including her shaky introduction to Adore Delano and the time RuPaul blocked her on Twitter.



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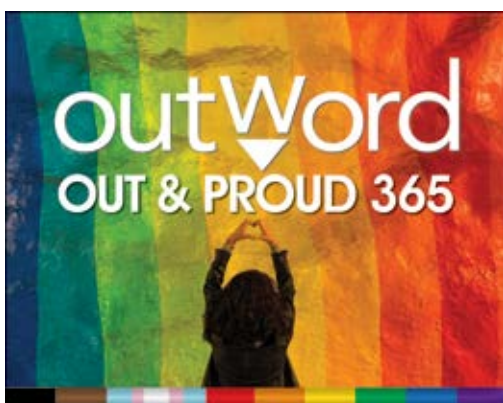
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Harry Styles is Coming Soon to a Theater Near You



Harry Styles

Singer, actor, and fashion-forward phenom Harry Styles – who may be the “gayest” straight man ever, and thank God for that! – has two new movies out this fall, including this month’s “Don’t Worry Darling,” directed by his gal-pal Olivia Wilde. This photo is from the red carpet at the recent Toronto International Film Festival, where Harry was a vision in various shades of green for the world premiere of “My Policeman,” an October/November release in which Styles plays a closeted cop in 1950s Britain who pursues a passionate affair with a male museum curator while married to a female schoolteacher. Don’t you just love that tiny emerald purse and his ginormous green corsage? No doubt about it – Harry’s got styles.

Sacramento's New Lavender Courtyard Keeps Its Promise of Safe, Comfortable Housing for LGBTQ Seniors

by Rachel Leibrock

New affordable living facility serves LGBTQ residents – a group that historically has faced a high rate of housing discrimination.

Michael Ryan is ready to focus on himself. And he's found the perfect place to finally do just that.

On a recent summer day, the 67-year-old retiree, dressed in a crisp lavender and blue plaid shirt, a baseball hat atop his head, relaxes outside at a table on the patio at Lavender Courtyard, a new income-restricted, three-story complex designed to serve LGBTQ seniors. It's quiet except for the sound of birds chattering and upbeat pop music drifting out an upstairs window.

Shading his eyes with his hand, Ryan looks up and points toward a door on the second-floor balcony. "That's my place," he says, his voice happy. "Everything is new. If you haven't ever had the chance to move into a brand-new place, please do because it will make you feel so good."

Ryan settled into his apartment in early June, part of a group of the building's first wave of new tenants, helping to cap off a decade of the building's planning, fundraising and construction.

Lavender Courtyard, located in Midtown Sacramento at 16th and F Streets, has 53 units (with one reserved for the site's property manager), serving seniors ages 62 and up who pay affordable rents based on income as determined by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development guidelines, which caps rents at 30 percent of the tenant's monthly adjusted income. With 1-and 2-bedroom floorplans ranging in size from 530 square feet to 824 square feet, it's not a requirement that residents identify as part of the LGBTQ community, but the majority do.

Owned and operated by Mutual Housing California, Lavender Courtyard is part of the nonprofit group's alliance with Services & Advocacy for GLBT Elders, better known as SAGE, a national organization for LGBTQ seniors.

According to data from SAGE, 48% of elder same-sex couples have experienced some form of housing discrimination. With the United State's LGBTQ elder population expected to grow from 3 million adults over the age of 50 to 7 million people by 2030, such partnerships are part of a growing effort to address a growing need. And with Sacramento experiencing a housing crisis and skyrocketing numbers of unhoused people, more affordable housing is critical.

For Ryan, Lavender Courtyard isn't just a nice, affordable place to live, it's a place where he can comfortably live authentically as a gay man. "I can change how I appear to others as necessary, and sometimes I just do it without thinking – it's self-preservation," he says. "But it's nice to be able to be out, to be who you are."

Aging, Identity and Safety

A fear of living "out" is one of the biggest barriers to safe senior housing for gay, queer and trans populations. According to SAGE data, elder LGBTQ folks are twice as likely to be single and live alone and four times less likely to have children who can help out, which can present significant challenges when it comes to affordable housing and health care. This, along with moving into a community that's not LGBTQ friendly, may result in people hiding their identities as a matter of survival, says Roberto Jimenez, Mutual Housing's chief executive officer.

"They go back into the closet when they haven't been there for a large part of their lives,"

Jimenez says. "That's because of fear and social pressures and discrimination."

Alleviating these fears and risks is part of Mutual Housing's mission. "We want to help connect people to places that feel safe where they can get the care they need," he says.

The Lavender Courtyard project launched about a decade ago when a group of residents who lived and worked in this neighborhood came together to discuss the possibility as they and their friends started to age. Sacramento's historic Lavender Heights district in Midtown made for a natural location, Jimenez says.

Building an affordable housing development usually takes between two and five years to come to fruition, but specialized housing can take even longer, Jimenez says. "When you're serving a particular population, they have their own particular needs," he says. "And [we need] to design the entire project physically and in terms of programming to serve those needs."

Initially, Jimenez says, the group of residents worked with architects before eventually approaching Mutual Housing to discuss the initiative. Once Mutual Housing agreed to take on the project, they partnered with SAGE, which aids with training and staff needs. Currently, SAGE works with affiliates in 29 cities across the country and provides LGBTQ cultural competency training in areas such as caregiving, and legal or financial services for staff at various facilities, including long-term care centers and independent living complexes. In return, Lavender Courtyard serves SAGE in furthering its advocacy efforts as a model example.

In its beginning stages, Lavender Courtyard was part of a housing solution industry still in its infancy. At the time there were only five other similar senior complexes in the nation in cities such as San Francisco, Chicago and New York.

After the Mutual Housing-SAGE partnership was in place, funding needed to be secured. That's typically the biggest challenge for such projects, Jimenez says. In most cases, funding starts with tax credits but usually only covers between 50% to 75% of the overall cost.

"That's why these projects take so long," he says. "We have to fill those gaps before you apply for the tax credits."

In short, Mutual Housing California needed to create money out of nothing. It succeeded, in part thanks to \$2.5 million in foundation money from the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, a charitable organization dedicated to meeting the needs of people experiencing poverty with an emphasis on housing, health and education. The rest of the funding came from various sources including \$1.9 million from the City of Sacramento's Housing Trust Fund and \$11.3 million from the California Multifamily Housing Program. The land was purchased in 2014 with an \$800,000 acquisition loan from NeighborWorks Capital. The finished project came in at \$27 million.

Money wasn't the only obstacle. It's not uncommon for neighbors to object to new developments for any handful of reasons, and Lavender Courtyard was no exception. Jimenez says it's nearly impossible to determine if any local resistance was about affordable housing or an anti-LGBTQ bias, but ultimately such opposition didn't matter because the Sacramento



Michael Ryan moved into his apartment at Lavender Courtyard in Sacramento this June. He was one of the first residents in the affordable housing complex for senior LGBTQ people. Photo by Salgu Wissmath.

City Council put its full support behind the project.

Sense of Community

The Lavender Courtyard complex broke ground in October 2020. The complex opened to applicants via a combination lottery and open portal process earlier this year. Hundreds of people applied, and residents started moving into apartments at the end of May. As of August, all units had been rented.

Steven Root, communications director for Mutual Housing, calls Lavender Courtyard "a shining example" of what is possible in other cities.

The completed complex is a modern design with ample windows, sleek built-in cabinetry and laminate floors. There's on-site laundry, elevators and a spacious community room with a kitchen that overlooks the expansive courtyard. There's also a barbecue and picnic area, as well as a community garden and recreation room, and bike racks.

Kinship is a key focus, Root says. "We want to help our residents shape our community," he says. "Mutual Housing's philosophy is to make sure we're tangibly empowering our residents at the ground level. This is not just a hand-out."

Lavender Courtyard is touted as a "green" building with solar rooftop panels, which help reduce utility costs, and all electric appliances. With on-site property management and controlled access, it's secure and private but also immensely walkable. Nearby there's a deli and a doughnut shop. There's also a Target and several restaurants just a few blocks away on J Street. That's just one of the many reasons Ryan wanted to move here.

Ryan spent years as an insurance underwriter. When the company he worked for closed up its San Francisco office and offered to relocate him to Oklahoma, he decided to move back to his hometown of Cedar Rapids, Iowa – the very place he'd left in 1976 because it didn't feel like a safe place to be gay. In Iowa, he had a small

pension from the insurance company but still needed to work so he took on another insurance job.

"Believe me, I tried to set myself up for retirement," Ryan says. "I've lost in the stock market so many times. You can try and try but life just happens."

After his mother died, Ryan finally retired, moving back to Sacramento in 2020 where he had family, into a small apartment on Auburn Boulevard. It was fine, he says, but at only 300 square feet, a bit cramped. It was also located in a sprawling neighborhood that required him to drive everywhere.

Then he saw a TV news segment on the Lavender Courtyard complex. He applied through a lottery process and was "elated" to be accepted.

Now, Ryan's not only doubled his living space, but he's also sold his car and does most of his errands on foot. He's thinking of getting a small dog. Although Ryan enjoys watching General Hospital on weekday afternoons, eventually, he'd like to get a part-time job, perhaps at Target or as a receptionist in a nearby office. After spending the last two years largely in pandemic lockdown, he says he's also craving a sense of community and looking forward to curating group activities at Lavender Courtyard.

"What Mutual Housing has done here is important and terrific," he says. "I'm hoping this model translates to other cities, big and small."

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Kathy Mattea & Suzy Bogguss Team Up On Tour

by Chris Narloch

Magic can happen when two talented women get together, and that is exactly what I expect to hear when country queens Kathy Mattea and Suzy Bogguss bring their current "Together at Last" tour to the intimate Auburn State Theatre on Friday evening, Oct. 7, 2022. "Outbound Plane," "Hey Cinderella," and "Drive South" are just a few of Bogguss's big hits, while Kathy Mattea scored with the songs "455 Rocket," "Where've You Been?," "Eighteen Wheels and a Dozen Roses," and many more. The pair will bring their impressive music catalogs to the stage, along with new material developed for the tour, and stories of a friendship that dates back to their early days in Nashville. For more information about Kathy & Suzy's "Together at Last" show, go to: www.auburnstatetheatre.org



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Yountville Part Two

Fun and Wondrous Things To Do

words and images by Ron Tackitt

Yountville, CA is a small town just north of the town of Napa. Without traffic, it's about an hour and a half from Sacramento. The drive will, however, take a bit longer on a Saturday or Sunday. Since I was leaving my house around noon on a Sunday, I decided to try a different route.

I drove north to Woodland, then south towards Davis and then crossed over to Winters. From there it was onto mountain roads up to Lake Berryessa and then down the other side of the mountain heading slightly north to drop down into Yountville. It is a very entertaining drive, especially if you're not in much of a hurry.

However, if you are not inclined to twisty mountain roads, this would not be the road for you. If you are, it's a very fun drive, and beautiful scenery is everywhere. I made the drive in about two hours and ran into almost no traffic whatsoever.



The North Block Hotel

Once I got into Yountville, I was able to check into my hotel and find my room. The hotel was lovely. Everything was thoughtfully designed, well-made, and beautiful to look at and touch. For instance, it has been a long time since I have enjoyed high-quality sheets and bed linens (because of my dogs). The ones at the North Block Hotel were exceptional.

The staff that I met were very courteous, friendly, and accommodating. The hotel lobby looked like something out of a high-end catalog, and one whole wall was covered with shiny skeleton keys making a grand statement as a piece of art. Just outside the lobby was a pair of outdoor sectional sofas, one facing an outdoor fireplace.

The North Block is a smaller hotel with only 20 units, and most of the rooms looked out onto the long courtyard that ran down the center of the property. There were additional seating vignettes along the courtyard and a soothing water feature. The pool was located at the end, along the back of the property. Of course, it was a well-appointed, relaxing area and even had a couple of cabanas.

In the evening, a turn-down service went in my room and partially turned down the bed and left a tray with a card and some chocolates. The card on day one said, "ZZZZZZZZZ." It was cute and made me smile. Housekeeping was not bashful about keeping the room cool either. The first night the room temperature was set to 68 degrees. Thank goodness for the thick, cozy comforter!

The North Block Hotel reminded me why sometimes it's a good thing to pamper yourself. It is certainly not inexpensive -- nothing in the Napa Valley is -- but the whole experience, from the welcoming staff to the exquisite decor was both very fancy and completely relaxing. I would love to stay there again, hopefully soon. NorthBlockHotel.com



Napa Valley Aloft Balloon Ride

My first morning in Yountville came quite early. We were booked on a hot air balloon ride and needed to be at the liftoff location, which was just a few blocks from the hotel, by 6 a.m. Yes, that made for a very early start to a vacation day, but it would soon prove to be both necessary and totally worth it.

Napa Valley Aloft had coffee and pastries set out for the passengers while they checked everyone in, and before long, we were ready to walk out to the various balloons. The sun was just starting to brighten the night sky, but still had not crested the mountains to the east. That would happen quite spectacularly a little later during the flight.

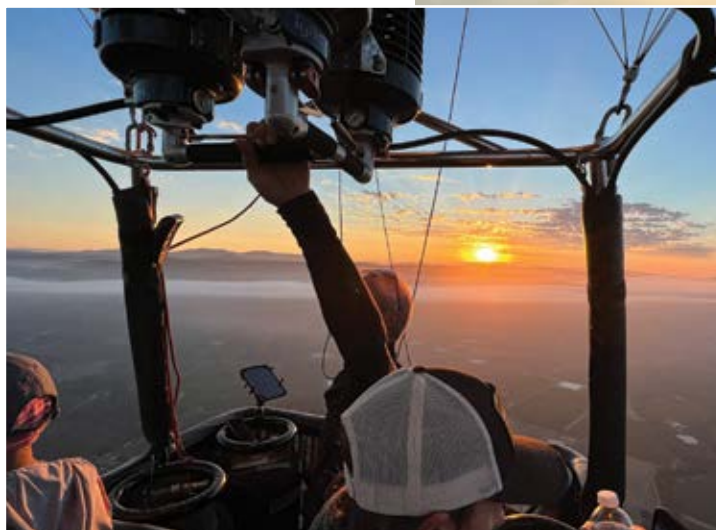
It was interesting to see how they get the balloons filled and ready to go, and it was a bit giggle-inducing trying to climb over and into the gondola basket in a dainty fashion. Our pilot was named Pete, and he exuded confidence with his expert knowledge and handling of the craft.

I found that the experience felt entirely natural, and therefore was not frightening. The balloon just slowly started to rise into the air with a hiss of the flame thrower. Once Pete was happy with the upward momentum, he stopped the flame, and we were floating in silence.

The whole flight took about one hour and fifteen minutes. About a third of the way, the sun came over the mountains and lit up the various layers of fog. It made for some very spectacular photographs. Just be sure to hang onto your camera/phone. Dropping things out of the gondola is not a good thing.

Pete explained how he and his team on the ground navigate the balloons and how they get them to go in the general direction they want them to. Up and down is easy, but pointing the balloon in a particular direction, well, that's up to Mother Nature.

The entire flight was a breathtaking and beautiful adventure. If you have been wanting to try a hot air balloon ride, I say, let go of your hesitation and book your flight. It's truly magical. <http://nvaloft.com>





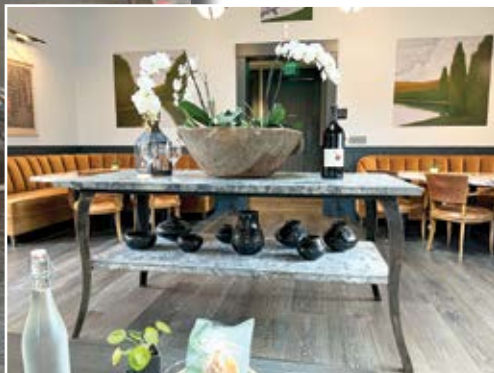
Wine Tasting at Handwritten Wines

There are few places in the world that are as famous for wine tasting as the Napa Valley. Our reservation was for 10:30 a.m. at the tasting room of Handwritten Wines, which was a short walk from the hotel. We made jokes about how early it was to start drinking, but hey, we're in Napa, it's what they do.

Our host, Vee, brought out an assortment of reds but started us off with a lovely white. We paired the wines with truffle oil potato chips and what they called the "Bread and Butter Experience." The artisanal butters stole the show.

There were three different kinds, all created by specialty makers from here in the United States. It was fascinating, and delicious, learning about and trying these butter samples. We even put a little bit on a potato chip.

This is not to say that the salami and the Aged Reserve Gouda weren't amazing, but the butter was a delightful surprise. Suffice it to say all the food was best when washed down with their impeccable wine. If you are looking for an informative and relaxed wine tasting experience, be sure to check out Handwritten. HandwrittenWines.com



Happy Hour at R+D Kitchen

It is safe to say that Yountville is not a party town. By the end of dinner on a Sunday or Monday night, most places that serve cocktails, were closed or getting ready to close. However, if you are looking for a wee nip earlier in the day, say for happy hour, I would recommend the R+D Kitchen.

They have a wonderful outdoor space with lots of Adirondack chairs, some pub tables and even a fire pit. The entire outdoor area is shaded by mature trees. Drink prices are what you would expect from a nice restaurant but being able to hang out in such a great location was well worth it. Conveniently, the R+D was right next door to the North Block Hotel. Unfortunately, they close each night at 9 p.m.

However, we were able to get a night cap from the front desk of our hotel. It was complimentary since we were guests, and we took it outside to the outdoor couches and sat by the fireplace. It was a really nice way to finish off the second night in beautiful Yountville. www.rd-kitchen.com



The Napa Valley Museum

Before heading home, we were invited to tour a quaint, local museum, the Napa Valley Museum, where they were proudly displaying incredible drawings of local Napa Valley restaurants. The drawings are the creation of New York Times cartoonist John Donohue.

I have included the web site for the display, and, while supplies last, you can buy a print of your favorite location. (The French Laundry will probably be sold out). The proceeds will help support the museum. AllTheRestaurants.com • napavalleymuseum.org

Yountville is a very sweet, charming little town that is not that far away from Sacramento. If you are looking for a weekend getaway that does not include a plane ride, definitely check it out. There is more to Yountville than wine tasting and amazing food.

They have interesting little shops, and pretty much all you would want to do is just a short walk away. Parking was never an issue, and if you stay at the North Block Hotel, they have four loaner bikes for touring the town on pedal power. I have been told that during the holidays, the town is completely lit up and magical. I hope to return later this year and see that. yountville.com



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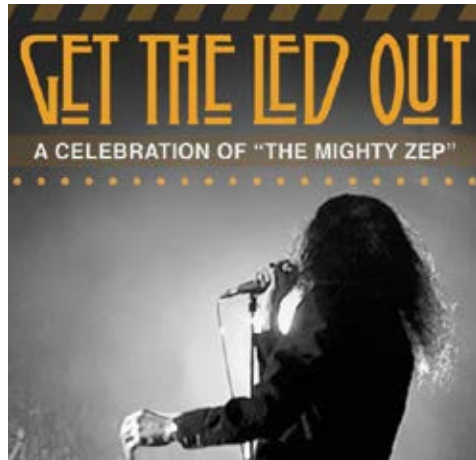


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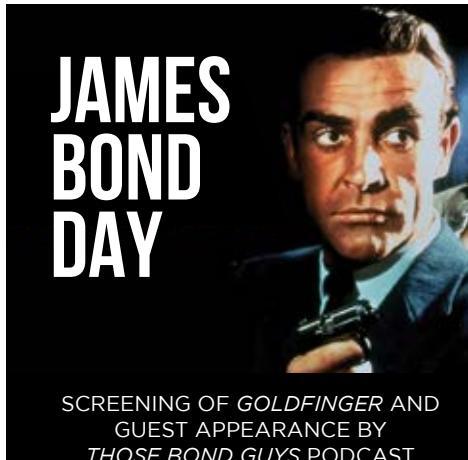
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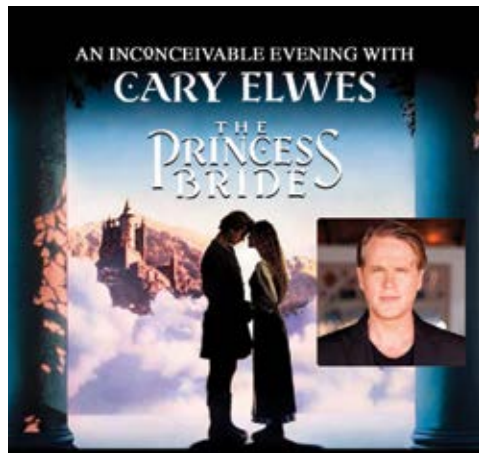


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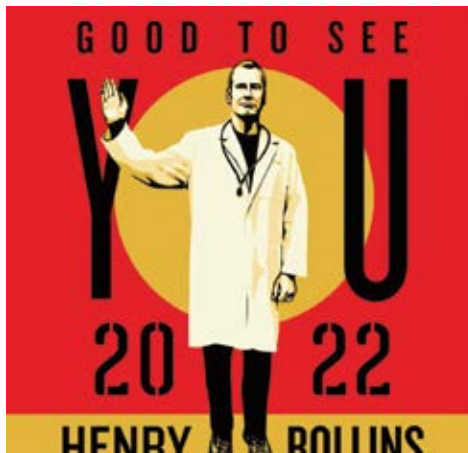
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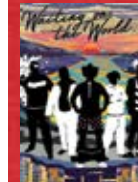


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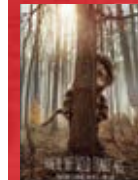
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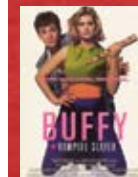
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Out & About

with Matt Burlingame

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Come visit us for the *Outword* Happy Hour at Badlands Sacramento, 2003 K St., on Friday, October 8 at 5:30 p.m. Each month join us for drinks, music, mingling and almost always a chance to win some super fun prizes!

OMDQ! The October Drag Queen Bingo event on Thursday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. is gonna be so much fun! Hosted by the fabulous DoMe Moore at Mango's, 1930 K St., the proceeds will benefit Chalk It Up. Admission is first come, first served, so come early. \$20 to play eight games! RainbowChamber.com

Varsity Gay League proudly celebrates the Sacramento Community by bringing us the Fall 2022 Bowling League season. The recreational bowling eight week league at Bowlero North Sacramento, 4800 Madison Ave. will have teams of four competing in three games weekly. No team? Sign up as a free agent! All players are welcome regardless of age, experience or sexuality. Outloudsports.com

Arden Park Recreation and Park District, 1000 La Sierra Dr., will relight the black flame and invite the Sanderson Sisters to entertain Sacramento audiences Friday, Oct. 7, at 6:45 p.m. Movies In The Park invites you to bring your blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy the Halloween classic Hocus Pocus under the stars. The movie will be shown with subtitles. Aprpd.org

Dude! Clerks III: The Convenience Tour is coming to Sacramento on Saturday, Oct. 1, at 8 p.m. at the Crest Sacramento, 1013 K St. Come see the new movie with Kevin Smith and let him use his mouth on you—uh, via



Pink Martini with China Forbes

answering your questions at a post-show Q&A. Clerks3tour.com

Sacramento State University Ballroom will play host to glamorously spooky fun in a safe, sober space for our community's youth to be themselves authentically during this year's Halloween-themed Q-Prom. Saccenter.org

Live banjo, ragtime and jazz music will fill the air in Old Sacramento's Waterfront when the Roaring 20's Jubilee takes place over the course of three days Friday, Sept. 30 - Sunday, Oct. 2. The event will feature over 60 talented musicians, free live music in the daytime and ticketed performances in the evenings. Peninsulabanjoband.org

The Folsom Street Fair is ready to welcome you back out into the streets on Sunday, Sept. 25. Event organizers encourage you to get your shots, wash your hands, mask up and stay weird! The Fair is the world's largest event centering on kink, leather and sexual expression. Folsomstreet.org

Still feeling proud? Show it off at Stockton Pride 2022 on Sunday, Sept. 25 at 11 a.m. in

the Stockton Ballroom, 9650 Thornton Rd., Stockton. After three years the San Joaquin Pride Center once again welcomes Stockton Pride back with food, music and more. StocktonPride.com

The Mondavi Center in Davis has two amazing events coming up in February. Wait! Why am I telling you about them now? Because tickets are already going at lightning speed! Emmy and Grammy nominated stand-up comedian and Star Trek: Discovery fan favorite Tig Notaro will be

appearing Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023. Then the mixed-genre stylings of the LGBTQ group Pink Martini featuring singer China Forbes will be performing Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023. You can even use our link to secure your seats:

<https://tickets.mondaviarts.org/7810?promo=OUTWORD>

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



Randy Rainbow Brings His Pink Glasses Tour to Sacramento

Interview by Chris Narloch
Photo by Dirty Sugar Photography

Randy Rainbow is my hero, and he's coming back to Sacramento this October to make mirthful mayhem of politicians – mostly on the right – and other celebrity targets.

The 41-year-old comedian and singer has a lovely voice but is best known for spoof interviews and pointedly political parody videos that have gone viral on YouTube and made him an internet sensation.

Mr. Rainbow never met a show tune or a pop song he couldn't tweak, and his wonderfully warped imagination has made mincemeat of Marjorie Taylor Greene (sung to the tune of Barbra Streisand's "Evergreen") and turned "The Trolley Song" from "Meet Me in St. Louis" into "Clang, Clang, Clang Went Josh Hawley."

Of course, Donald Trump is a favorite object of Randy's scorn, resulting in his hilarious videos for "Before He Tweets" (which reworks Carrie Underwood's "Before He Cheats") and "You Can't Stop the Tweets" (to the tune of "You Can't Stop the Beat" from "Hairspray").

Mr. Rainbow is a genius at parody and a very clever lyricist, and once I started watching his videos on YouTube, I couldn't stop. In his own unique way, he speaks truth to power from his perch as one of the finest and funniest political satirists currently working.

Read on for my short but sweet interview with Randy, which was, of course, a delight.

Randy, have you heard from any of the conservative targets in your videos (or their lawyers)? Ted Cruz? Marjorie Taylor Greene? Josh Hawley? Inquiring minds want to know...

Oh yeah, Lauren Boebert and I are having brunch this weekend. Just kidding. Haven't heard from any of those gems yet, but I'm available if any of them would like to join me on a duet!

Where and when does the inspiration for your political parodies strike, Randy? Do you wake up in the middle of the night singing "Rudolph the Leaky Lawyer"?

When I am sitting in my living room watching the news, that is when the magic happens. There is Giuliani dripping on television, and I literally feel a song coming on.

Do you have to get legal clearances/permission for the various show tunes you use in your videos and on your tour?

I have great admiration for these composers. Quite a few have become friends, like Alan Menken. We even wrote a song together called "Pink Glasses". Available now wherever fine music is streamed and sold!

What was it like collaborating with the theatrical goddess Patti LuPone?

To work with anyone that I have ever admired still gives me goosebumps. The experience of recording and collaborating with Patti LuPone was too dreamy for words. And yet, I managed to write a whole chapter about it in my new memoir!

What can fans expect with "The Pink Glasses Tour"? Is it constantly evolving to keep up with The Donald's shenanigans, and do you feel compelled to keep the heat on Republicans given their hypocrisy and dangerous rhetoric?

Even without Donald Jessica Trump, Washington has managed to provide me with plenty of material. It seems endless at times and often hard to just pick one.

Your audience is so eclectic now – everyone from queer folks to blue-haired old ladies. Are you surprised at how popular your videos have become?

I love my audiences, and I'm so proud of how eclectic they are. I think it's proof positive that what this divided nation needs right now is more showtunes, dammit!

Randy Rainbow brings his Pink Glasses Tour to Sacramento's SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center on the evening of Friday, Oct. 14. For tickets, visit: www.randyrainbow.com/tour



Michael Buble & Many More On Local Stages

by Chris Narloch

The super-cute and classy Canadian crooner Michael Buble is just one of the amazing artists performing live this fall in NorCal, but he is at the top of my list. Buble will bring his Higher Tour to Sacramento's Golden 1 Center this Sept. 24th in support of his eleventh full-length album, also entitled "Higher." Visit www.michaelbuble.com



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Other artists coming to town include a slew of terrific talent at Hard Rock Live Sacramento: Demi Lovato (Sept. 22), The Doobie Brothers (Sept. 29), Gary Clark Jr. (Oct. 9), Adam Lambert (Oct. 20), Chris Rock (Oct. 22), Chelsea Handler (Oct. 29), and Smokey Robinson (Nov. 5).

Over in the Bay Area, Sir Elton John continues his COVID-interrupted final tour in early October, at Levi's Stadium, Grace Jones brings her genius to Oakland's Fox Theater, on Sept. 23, and gay faves New Order and The Pet Shop Boys bring their "Unity Tour" to San Francisco's Chase Center on Oct. 12.

Several marvelous music festivals are also coming soon to our area, including a dynamic duo of hunky headliners, Tim McGraw and Sam Hunt, who will bring their Golden Sky Festival to Sacramento's Discovery Park this Oct. 15-16.

Brandi Carlile Set to Release "In The Canyon Haze"

A new deluxe edition of Brandi Carlile's acclaimed #1 album "In These Silent Days," entitled "In The Canyon Haze," will be released September 28 on Low Country Sound/Elektra Records. Produced by Carlile and the twins, Phil and Tim Hanseroth, and recorded at their home barn studio, the expanded album features new, reimagined, Laurel Canyon-inspired versions of each song from the original album, plus a special rendition of David Bowie's "Space Oddity." Carlile has also confirmed an exclusive IMAX live concert experience, planned for Sept. 28. To purchase tickets for the live event, visit: www.tickmarq.com/sites/esquireimax/films



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“Bros” Brings the Queer Rom-Com Out Of The Closet *by Chris Narloch*

Funnyman Billy Eichner co-wrote, executive produced and stars in this mostly charming queer comedy about a snarky-on-the-outside but romantic-on-the-inside museum curator who falls for a hunky lawyer (Luke Macfarlane) with a secret dream to make little designer chocolates for a living. The striking thing about “Bros” – billed as the first queer rom-com distributed by a major movie studio – is how it takes a predictable romantic comedy plot and modernizes it with explicit language, gay sex, and a sassy, queer attitude. Although the film's themes of jealousy and commitment-phobia are universal, the movie spins them in ways that feel fresh. Straight folks may find the film funny, but “Bros” is not out to pacify or please a mainstream audience. This is a queer movie that feels like it was made for a queer audience. “Bros” is very funny and very, very gay. In wide release on the big screen beginning September 30th.



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Halloween Horror at the Movies

by Chris Narloch

I recently saw the original “Jaws” movie again, on the big screen in 3D, and was amazed how well it held up, despite a couple fake-looking shark scenes. The suspenseful direction by Steven Spielberg, the iconic score by John Williams, and the three superb performances at its core are timeless.

Sadly, most of the horror movies made nowadays are not in a league with “Jaws,” but Hollywood keeps cranking them out anyway, because the films are often profitable and are usually less expensive to make.

As Halloween gets closer, the scary movies multiply. Read on for reviews of three new titles that aim to send a shiver up your spine.

Pearl

Many fans of scary movies consider Jordan Peele, the director of “Get Out” and “Us,” to be the future of modern horror, but my money is on Ti West, who just released this second installment in his wild horror franchise, which kicked off with the bloody-good “X” earlier this year.

The amazing Mia Goth gives an Oscar-worthy performance in “Pearl” as a crazy farm girl who dreams of escaping her bleak circumstances for fame on the big screen. When her plans don’t pan out, Pearl makes those around her suffer in ways that are violent and shocking.

Ti West makes stylish horror films that inject emotional complexity and psychological realism into a genre that often sacrifices believability in favor of jump scares. West knows that the most horrifying movies are the ones that feel like they could really happen.

Barbarian

What would horror movies do without dumb people who do things like go down hidden tunnels under a strange house all alone? Don’t intelligent people who make smart choices ever get killed? Do horror fans prefer to feel superior to the dopey characters in most modern horror movies? Those are just some of the questions that popped into my head while watching this frustrating film.

“Barbarian” opened in the number one position at the U.S. box office on a very slow weekend, but I am on the fence about its merits. Zach Cregger, a comic actor, and writer, wrote and directed the film, a cleverly constructed thriller that keeps a viewer guessing about what’s really going on in the movie and then undercuts its strengths with one preposterous twist after another.

Georgina Campbell stars as a young woman who gets into a whole heap of trouble after she decides to spend the night -- but not in a sexual way -- with a strange man (Bill Skarsgard), after a booking error lands them in the same shared rental.

The suspenseful script reveals its secrets in some interesting ways, but I could never get past the implausibility of the horrors under the house, and I found the movie’s depiction of a Black homeless man, and a nude female character whose deformed body is used for shock value, to be offensive.

Hocus Pocus 2

The original “Hocus Pocus” -- which was not very good despite starring the great Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker, and Kathy Najimy -- made less than \$5 million at the U.S. box office in 1993 and then became a huge cult hit with children after it was released for home entertainment.

The sequel, which will be released this Sept. 30 on Disney+, has got to be better than the first movie, or at least I hope so. The fact that “Hocus Pocus 2” was written and directed by women this time out is a potential plus, so I am rooting for the funny-scary Sanderson sisters to cast their spell over fans once again.

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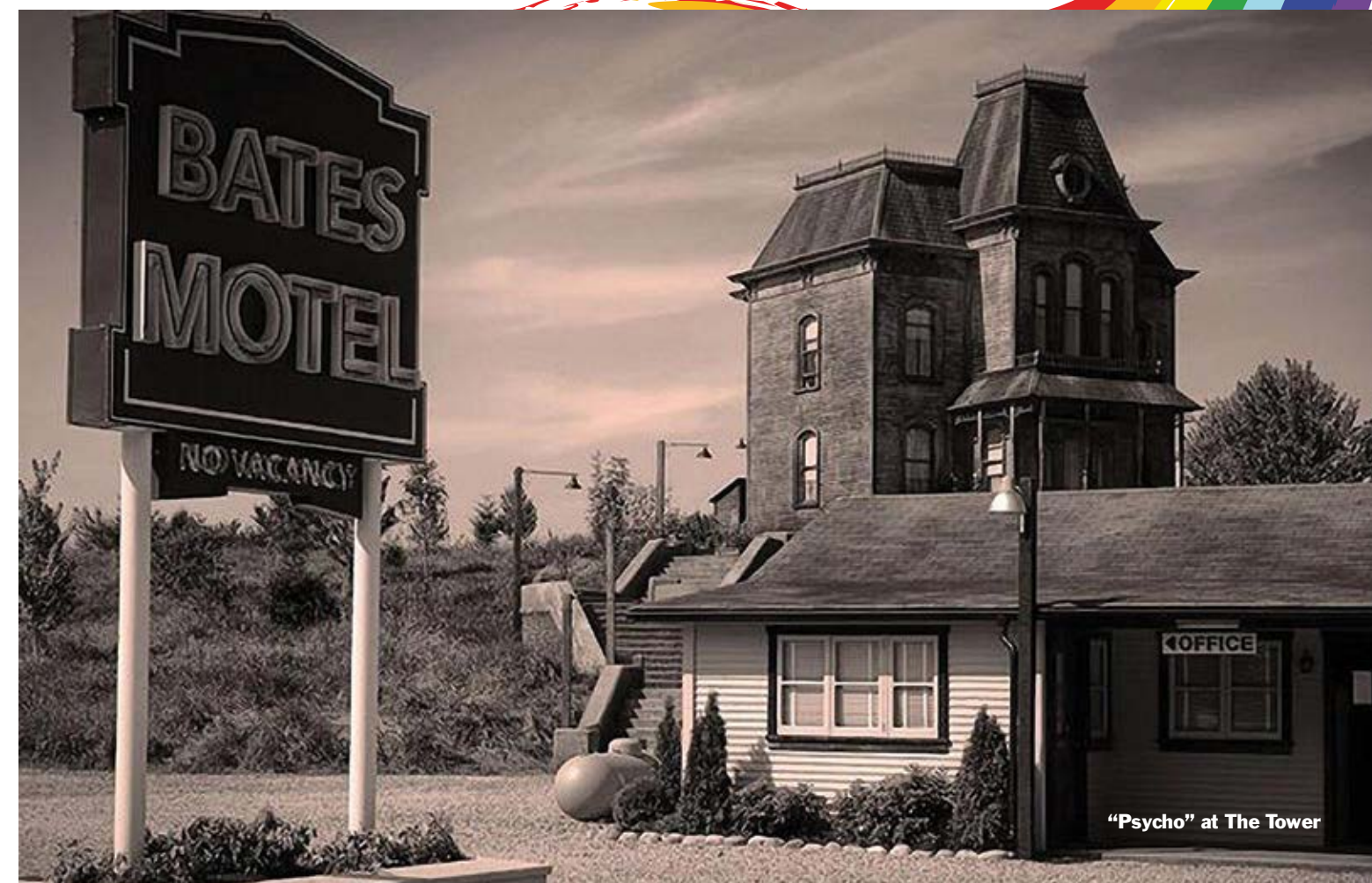
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Sacramento has at least three historic theaters that are still in business – the Crest, the Tower, and the Colonial -- and they all present classic movies and special events. This October, all three venues will celebrate with spooktacular Halloween-inspired happenings.

The Crest

Join the original 'Brad Majors' (Barry Bostwick) on Oct. 20th for a screening of the unedited, 1975 movie version of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," with a live shadow cast and audience participation, plus memorabilia, a costume contest, artifacts and an actual costume from the movie, and more.

Get exclusive tickets to the VIP Meet & Greet to meet Barry Bostwick himself, have a personal photo opportunity, and even get an autograph. This event will include a shadow cast for the film screening featuring Barely Legal, San Francisco's premiere Rocky Horror shadow cast. Visit <https://crestsacramento.com/events>



The Tower

This theatre celebrates the Master of Suspense (Alfred Hitchcock) every year, with a monthlong series of films by that iconic director. "Hitchcock-tober" returns to the Tower's big screen beginning October 5th with five not-to-be-missed classic films: "The Birds," "Rope," "Dial M For Murder," "Saboteur," and (on Halloween night) Hitchcock's "Psycho." For more information, please visit: www.angelikafilmcenter.com/tower

The Colonial

This historic theatre on Stockton Boulevard has a not-to-be-missed Halloween-month event entitled "Cabaret Macabre 2022" on Oct. 15th that will include an appearance by The Boulet Brothers, the hottest pair of drag queens on the horror circuit, who are not really related at all – they are instead a gay male couple who have been together for decades.

A presentation by Scream Queens Gorelesque and Love Horror Events, "Cabaret Macabre" promises to be a sexy and spooky cabaret extravaganza. For details about the event's various ticket levels, go to: www.lovehorrorevents.com



The Boulet Brothers at The Colonial Theater



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**Sci-fi to Superheroes:
The Art of Sideshow
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If immersive art is not your thing, and you want to see some real art, the Crocker Museum recently opened “Another World: The Transcendental Painting Group,” which continues through Nov. 20, 2022. The traveling exhibition, organized by the Crocker, features approximately 85 works and is the first outside New Mexico to fully survey the remarkable art of the TPG. Go to: www.crockerart.org/exhibitions/another-world

If you have never been to Stockton’s lovely Haggin Museum, you have until Jan. 29, 2023 to check out the fun exhibition “Sci-fi to Superheroes: The Art of Sideshow Collectibles,” a celebration of pop culture and the artists that bring it to life. On view are a selection of limited-edition fine art prints and three-dimensional figures featuring characters from iconic brands such as DC, Marvel, and Star Wars, created by Sideshow sculptors and artists. Visit: <https://hagginmuseum.org>

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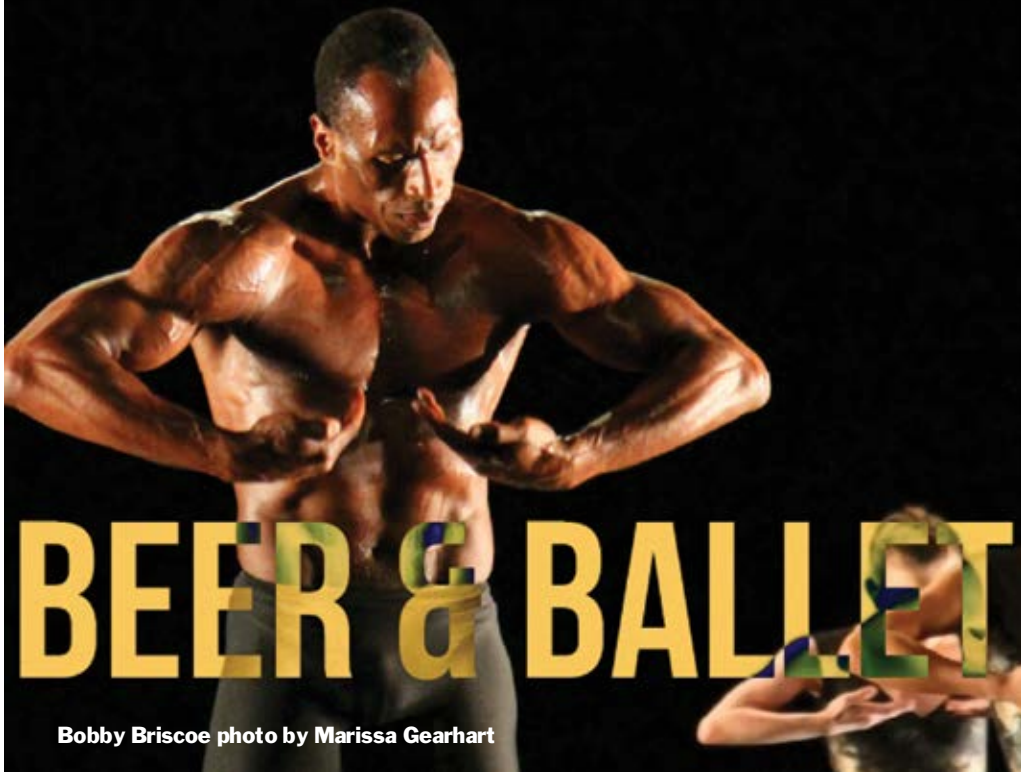
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The Darling Clementines "take it off" in Sacramento

by Chris Narloch



I had the distinct pleasure recently of experiencing a local performance by The Darling Clementines, Sacramento's sex-positive, queer female burlesque troupe, who "take it off" every month at Harlow's on J Street in midtown. If you are a fan of burlesque (and beautiful women with curves for days) then this is the evening for you.

The stage names of the members made me smile even before the first performer fell out of her clothes: Balla Fire, Sass Herass, ChaCha Burnadette, and the hilariously-named Babraham Lincoln, a guest performer from Santa Cruz the night I saw the show. There is also a divine drag queen named Hellen Heels in the troupe who stunned the diverse audience with her fierce voguing to close the show.

The Darling Clementines are very, very sexy so be prepared to let your hair down. No prudes allowed, and tipping is absolutely encouraged! Monthly shows continue at Harlow's through at least December, with two events in October, on the 7th and the 30th. For more information, please visit: www.thedarlingclementines.com

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Get Some Euphoria This November

At the ripe "old" age of 26, Zendaya has already won 2 Emmys, making her the first Black woman to win the Emmy for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series twice. That win also made her the youngest two-time winner of any Emmy in the 74-year history of the Awards show. Both of Zendaya's wins are for her work in HBO's mind-blowing drama series "Euphoria," which is coming to DVD on November 1, 2022. The new 5-disc set from Warner Bros. Home Entertainment features all 16 one-hour episodes from Seasons 1 and 2, plus the 2 special episodes that bridge seasons 1 and 2, and over two hours of bonus content that goes behind the scenes of the series for the ultimate fan.



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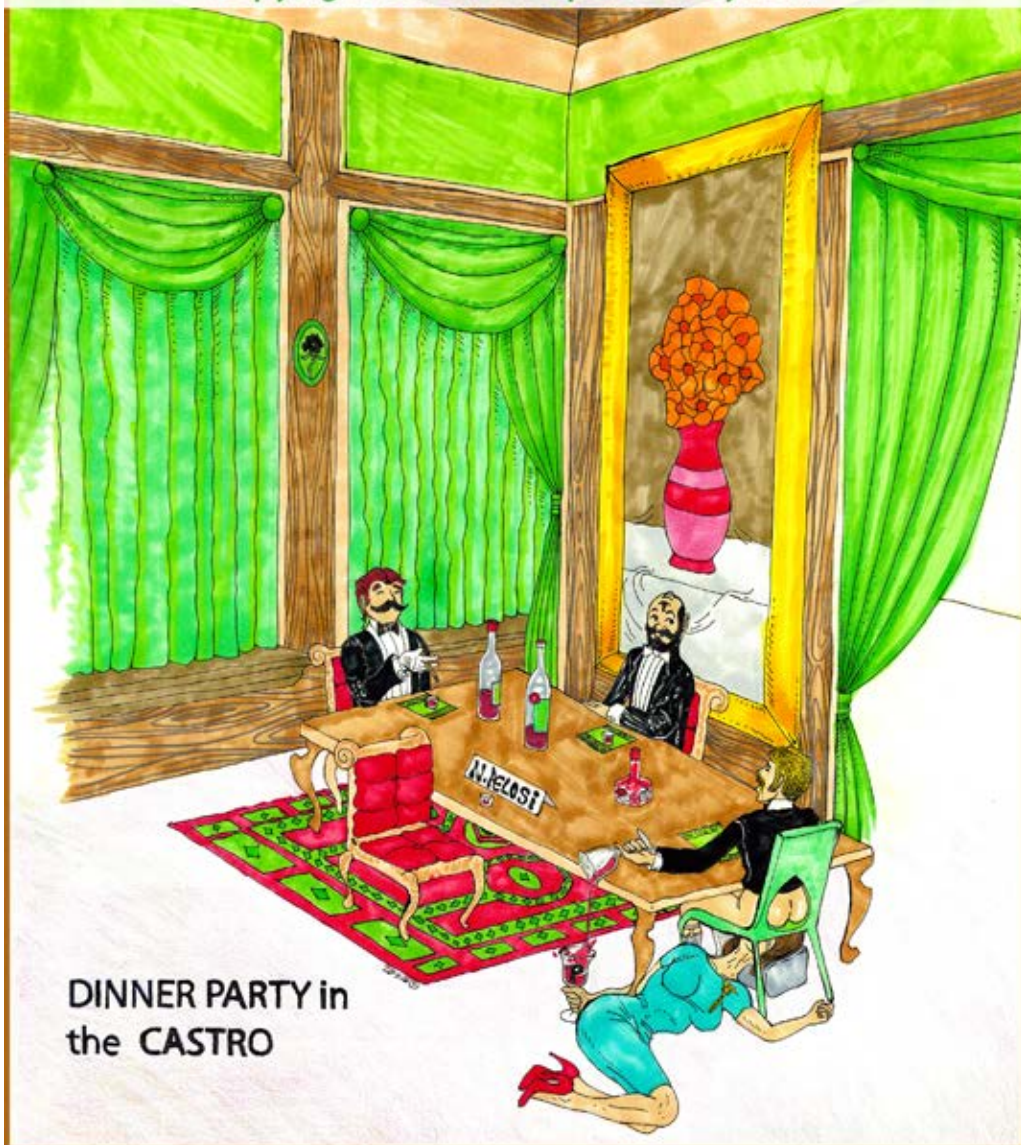
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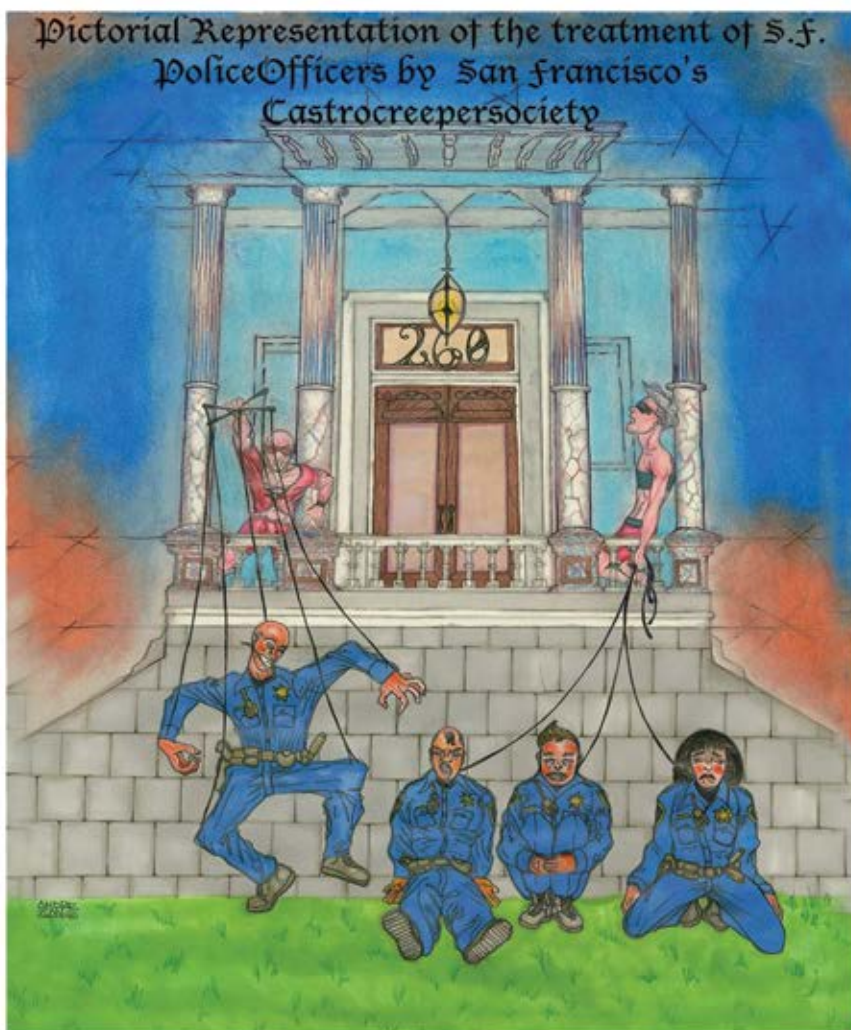
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