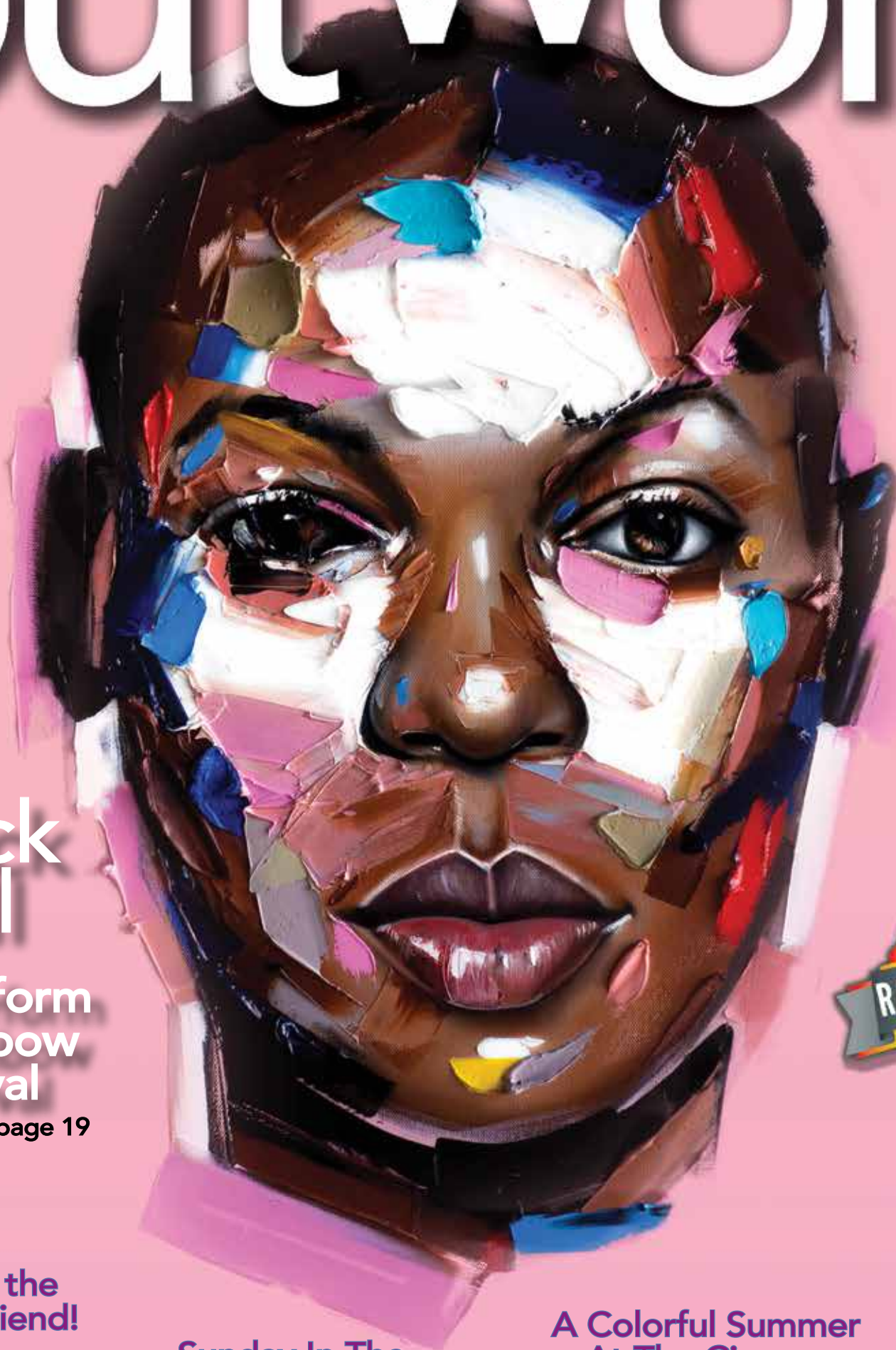


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Drag Out the Vote, Girlfriend!

On September 6th, Faces Nightclub is hosting a fundraiser Drag out the Vote for Jackie Smith, Democratic candidate for Assembly District 6. The event promises to be a fun filled night of politics and entertainment with special guest Cleve Jones.

Cleve Jones has been a driving force behind the most important gains made by the LGBTQ community over the past four decades. From his early days with Harvey Milk to co-founding the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, founding the AIDS Memorial Quilt, and fighting for marriage equality.

He was portrayed in the Oscar-winning film "Milk" and in the critically acclaimed miniseries "When We Rise", which was inspired by his memoir of the same title.

Cleve has said that "every issue I care about is at stake right now." Jackie Smith said she shares the concern and it drove her to run. "States are the best place to stop the disastrous effects of policies being implemented at the national level."

Assembly District 6 first term incumbent Kevin Kiley, a Republican, votes in lock step with his party whose platform still defines marriage as a union between one man and one woman and continues to oppose the inclusion of LGBT history in the schools even though they are the law. This year, Kiley voted against the gay therapy conversion bill. That's our Kevin!

"I am part of the 'rainbow wave' of LGBT candidates running for office and I am thrilled to have Cleve Jones and FACES owner Terry Sidie in my corner. I know with the support of our community I will deliver the WIN in November," said Smith.

Tickets for Drag out the Vote are available at <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/Dragout> or at the door.



Jackie Smith with Cleve Jones will be at FACES Nightclub September 6 for "Drag out the Vote!"



The Capitol LGBTQ Association hosted their Second Annual Staff Appreciation Night at the CDA Rotunda on Monday, August 13. The evening honored LGBTQ individuals in public policy who have contributed professionally to the Capitol & Public Policy community, served as leaders and role models for our community, are an inspiration to early-career professionals and staffers, and have an exemplary record of service. Honorees are (L-R): Alice Kessler, Bob Hartnagel, Eric Dang, Jennifer Richard, George Raya and Kay Temple Kirk. To see more photos and download them for free, visit outwordoutabout.shutterfly.com. Photos by Charles Peer.

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NorCal AIDS Cycle Distributes \$161,000 to Northern California HIV/AIDS Service Providers

The ride to raise awareness and funding for HIV/AIDS services in Northern California has paid off! On August 15, the NorCal AIDS Cycle distributed \$161,000 to 15 organizations. Even with fewer participants for this year's fundraiser, that's \$41,000 more than last year!

Preparations are already underway for 2019 when the NorCal AIDS Cycle reaches a milestone: 15 years of service in the HIV/AIDS Community! Commemorating the event, a new route was unveiled: over the course of four days, riders and crew head west to the Vallejo waterfront, and take a high-speed ferry service across the bay to San Francisco where the ride will continue

along the Embarcadero, Marina and over the Golden Gate Bridge to an overnight camp location in Marin County. The route goes from Marin County to Sebastopol with routing through scenic backroads, from Sebastopol to Winters with a final stretch from Winters to Sacramento.

For more information about the NorCal AIDS Cycle, registration, and how you can play a role, visit www.norcalaidscycle.org.



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Rainbow Chamber Announces Nominees for Business Leader of Year

The Sacramento Rainbow Chamber has announced three nominees for the 2018 Business Leader of the Year: Tina Reynolds of Uptown Studios, Paul Weubbe of Laughton Properties Inc. and Billy's Farm, and Janet Smith of Lucky Buddy Petcare.

The Chamber's Business Leader of the Year Award recognizes an individual who has contributed to the Chamber and demonstrated leadership in the LGBT and business communities. A selection committee consisting of past honorees chooses honorees. Steven Walker of FastBreak Tech and Jason Russell of Russell CPAs shared the Business Leader of the Year honor for 2017.

"The Business Leader of the Year award recognizes the achievements of area business owners and professionals whose

character and contributions make them role models in our community," said Chamber President Diana DePaola. "We are proud to spotlight the many accomplishments of our outstanding 2018 nominees."

The three nominees will be recognized and the 2018 Business Leader announced at the Chamber's annual scholarship and awards gala, Boas & Bowties, on Thursday, September 20, at the Hilton Sacramento Arden West. The event is the primary fundraiser for the Rainbow

Chamber Foundation's scholarship program for LGBTQ and allied students. Visit RainbowChamber.com for more information and to purchase tickets.

The Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce is a regional chamber serving LGBT business owners and professionals across the Sacramento Valley, as well as straight allies who support its mission of fostering a prosperous, diverse and inclusive business climate. For more information about the organization, and complete bios of the nominees, visit RainbowChamber.com.



Tina Reynolds, President, Uptown Studios

After running her own graphic design company since 1976, nominee Tina Reynolds launched her woman-owned visual communications firm, Uptown Studios, in 1992.



Paul Weubbe, Director of Operations and Property Manager, Laughton Properties Inc. Weubbe enjoyed a successful career with major international brands in the food and beverage industry before joining Laughton Properties in 2009. He also manages and operates Billy's Farm, a family-owned, organic Christmas tree farm.



Janet Smith, President, Lucky Buddy Petcare After four years as a manager of an animal hospital, Janet Smith started her pet-care services company in 2004

Sacramento Wins Bronze in Gay Games 10 Paris

by *Elman Trias*

“Never in my wildest dreams did I think that my friends and I would win a medal,” said my teammate Joseph Repotente after our team USA Sacramento Bb Pilipinas was awarded the bronze medal for Bowling Teams Division during the Gay Games 2018 in Paris.

A year ago our journey started when Joseph and I, with Marvin Noceda and King Erasga decided to register as a bowling team for the Gay Games. “Let’s go bowling for the Gay Games... in Paris,” I told them, “and if we don’t win, we got to see Paris so what’s to lose?” To seal the deal we registered and booked our flights right away. To prepare for “the games” we practiced with our local league Sacramento’s GOBO, and before you know it we were in Paris. It was our first international bowling game and our first Gay Games. There were over 12,000 participants in 35 sporting events, 500 competitions with 200+ in bowling. The opening ceremony was emotionally surreal as we walked in the Jean Bouin stadium under the flag of the USA, state of California and Team Sacramento. As US-Filipino



immigrants we named our team “Bb Pilipinas” which is Tagalog (Filipino) for “Miss Philippines.” Joseph held a small Philippine flag along with the USA flag. On Day 4 of the games was the bowling preliminary competition. “What are the chances that we would make it to the finals? 100 percent,” we would cheer thinking positive! And much to our surprise we moved forward to the semifinals. We were a little nervous coming in to the semifinals on Day 7. “Power and Victory” was our mantra

that helped us barrel through the semifinals. After a total of 9 games, we finally finished in 3rd place with teams from Australia 2nd and Germany 1st. #allequal and #allchampions were the hashtags of the games. The closing ceremony was very special as the participants celebrated, the performers extravagant and the officials announcing the end of the games handing over to the next host city. It was an experience of a lifetime and we look forward to coming to the 2022 Gay Games in Hongkong. *Elman Trias is a doctor for the State of California and has been residing in Midtown Sacramento for over 10 years. Joseph Repotente is a nurse for Kaiser Permanente and lives in Elk Grove. King Erasga is a case manager for Dignity Health and dedicates his Bronze medal win to his 2-year old daughter Olivia. Marvin Noceda is a property manager who grew up in Sacramento, recently moved to Chico, CA and misses Sacramento tremendously.*

Out & About

Outword's monthly happy hour is usually a festive event (the second Friday of each month), but our August 10 event was even more so. Our beloved editor for over 20 years, Charlie Peer, has decided it's time to live the good life and retire. So, we made our happy hour a great big party for him, we presented him with a couple of heart-felt gifts, one an actual Lavender Heights street marker sign and the other a Resolution from the City of Sacramento. All in all a good time was had and we were happy to give Charlie a loving farewell. Have fun, and relax, handsome, you will be missed.





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Out & About With Matt

by Matthew Burlingame

What an amazing retirement party! Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate Charlie Peer at the *Outword*/Badlands Happy Hour earlier this month! Charlie was overwhelmed by the outpouring of well-wishers!

Also, congratulations to those who won tickets for *Little Shop of Horrors* at Broadway At Music Circus. Based on the campy 1960s cult horror film, and featuring music by Alan Menken, the Music Circus premiere runs through August 26. If you haven't seen it yet, get your tickets and go! Californiamusicaltheatre.com

How amazing was the RainbowPAC Meet-the-Candidate Fundraising Mixer? California Senate President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins inspired the audience with the



Todrick Hall is going to be appearing live at the 31st Annual Rainbow Festival, Sunday, September 2.

story of her career and San Diego's surprising role as an incubator of LGBT political leadership. A powerful reminder that it's important to support political organizations that represent your values in the current political climate.

Speaking of the Rainbow Chamber, congratulations on the success of the August Monthly Mixer sponsored by Hyatt Regency Sacramento! Find out more at RainbowChamber.com

I love Todrick Hall! He's going to be appearing live at the 31st Annual Rainbow Festival along with Dev, Rupaul's Adore Delano, and American Idol's Ada Vox. Trying something different this year, Sunday street fair times have changed to Noon-9 p.m. on 20th and K Streets.

The night before the street fair, the Sacramento Comedy Spot at 1050 20th St., Ste. 130 is the place to be! In honor of Rainbow Festival, the Sacramento Comedy Foundation will present an LGBTQ Comedy Night featuring Elisia Gonzales, Jason Anderson, Emma Haney, Sampson McCormick, Nyala, Amy Estes, and Melissa McGillicuddy! I was sold at Emma Haney! saccomedyspot.com/rainbow outwordmagazine.com

The 2018 mid-term elections are just a few months away! FACES is hosting a Drag Out The Vote event for Jackie Smith who is running for Assembly. See a drag show, talk with some politicians including the LGBT Caucus, but best of all, meet special guest Cleve Jones who was the concept creator of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. Thursday Sept. 6, at 5 p.m. Get your tickets at actblue.com

"Dear Evan Hansen" has been one of the big "must see" shows for the past several years. Whether you've seen it live, or just have the original cast recording, we all know the songs by heart. So come join the "Dear Evan Hansen" Sing-Along on August 27, 6:30 p.m. at the Federalist Public House, 2009 Matsui Alley. Eat pizza, drink, sing along, observe or even sign up to rock the mic as a song leader (!) in front of our amazing sing-along audience! Singing is not mandatory but highly encouraged! Dressing in striped polos is highly encouraged as well. empireartscollective.com

We're hoping to see you at our favorite monthly events including *Outword's* Happy Hour on September 14 at Badlands and Drag Queen Bingo on September 6 at



Drag Queen Bingo will be "On" September 6 at Mango's, starring Ms. DoMe Moore.

Mango's, 1930 K St. which will benefit the BENT LGBTQ Film Fest. Don't forget to check out our new community master calendar section so you won't miss the fun!

Congratulations to our Sacramento bowling team that came in 4th this year, but are always number one in our hearts! What a very fun and awesome year! Also, congratulations to Cameron Yee for his success in the Half Marathon.

Happy birthday to Phil Luckscheider, Richard Pike, Sandra "Diva" Phillips, Rachael Hudson, John Kempel, Ben Hudson, Jr., Elsie Lodde, Jimmy Short, and any other early September folks.

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



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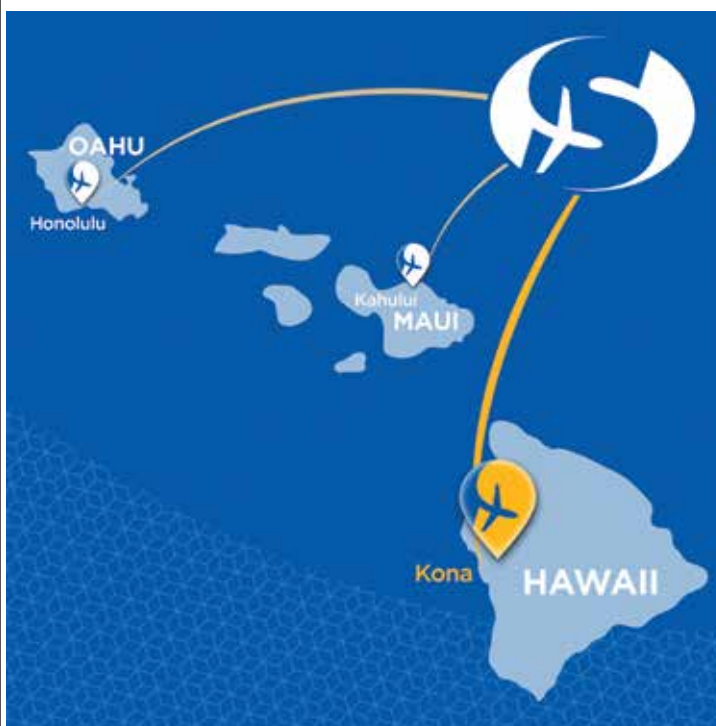
For years, we have been served by both Alaska Airlines and Hawaiian Airlines with nonstop service from Terminal B to Maui and Honolulu, respectively. These have always been popular year-round flights. However, our passengers have typically had to take hopper flights from those islands to reach Kona on the Big Island of Hawaii. We are thrilled to now be adding Kona as a brand-new Alaska Airlines nonstop destination beginning December 20! Just in time for Spring Break and summer vacations

For those with an interest in the Big Island's volcanoes and plan to visit Kona when service begins, park rangers are still working and able to address public questions and educational opportunities about the eruption at two locations – the Volcanoes National Park's Kahuku Unit which is located at the southwest point of the Big Island, about 50 miles west of the active Kilauea eruption area surrounding the main Volcanoes National Park. Another option is to visit the Mokupapa Discovery Center in downtown Hilo, about 30 miles east of the active zone.

Any one of the Hawaiian Islands are great tropical, romantic destinations, each one somewhat different than the other in local culture, climate and topography. We look forward to serving you on an upcoming business or pleasure trip, wherever your travels may take you in Hawaii. Stay tuned and join our Airport Insider newsletter for the latest news on new destinations and nonstop flight additions. Sign up at our website, www.smf.aero.

You won't want to miss Southwest's anticipated announcement about what Hawaiian destinations they expect to service nonstop from Sacramento. We are one of just four West Coast gateway airports expected to support Southwest's brand-new Hawaiian nonstop service. No destinations or service start dates have been announced to date. In the meantime, be sure and consider our new addition of Kona starting this December with Alaska Airlines and additional competitive service to Maui next April with Hawaiian Airlines.

Mahalo for flying from SMF! Mark Haneke is the Director of Marketing and Service Development for Sacramento International Airport as well as a seasoned expert in air service development and a savvy world traveler. His travel column will appear monthly in Outward to share news on new destinations from Sacramento International Airport, peppered with some of his own personal stories and travel recommendations.



in 2019, Hawaiian Airlines will expand their nonstop service offerings with a daily flight to Maui, starting in April aboard their brand new Airbus A321neo aircraft.

Engaged couples should be rejoicing with all of these new nonstop options to this amazing honeymoon destination out of Sacramento. Martha Stewart Weddings ranks Oahu and Maui as the most popular Hawaiian honeymoon destinations

The Big Island, by way of Kona, offers something different, less crowds and the most diverse topography of all of the Islands from the lava beds, to dense tropical rainforests and even sprawling grasslands and extensive agricultural areas. Don't believe the hype, the island is still a beautiful and robust destination despite the recent challenges with the longest running eruption at Kilauea since 1955. The western and northern shores are riddled with amazing beaches and are much less crowded than many of the touristy areas on the other islands we currently service nonstop.

What Happened Beyond “The Cove”? It’s “A Whale of a Tale”

Nearly a decade has passed since the Japanese fishing town, Taiji, was thrust onto the world stage for its controversial tradition of hunting dolphins and whales. The international outrage caused activists to descend upon the coastal town demanding change and an end to the 400-year old practice.



“A Whale of a Tale” examines the aftermath of the global controversy as well as provides the townspeople’s point of view of the condemnation. Spanning six years in and around Taiji, fishermen and activists face off on the cultural divide between east and west when it comes to nature and wildlife. The film also points

out universal themes of coexistence and the importance of listening to one another.

“A Whale of a Tale” opens September 7 at the Alamo Drafthouse New Mission Theater in San Francisco. For tickets and times, visit <https://drafhthouse.com/sf>. To view the movie trailer, visit <https://vimeo.com/279149724>.

A Dozen Ways to Die: The Saga Continues

Old cemeteries are steeped in history of all kinds, from the colorful to the solemn. On September 1 at 10 a.m., a popular history tour is back. Visitors at Sacramento’s Old City Cemetery on Broadway will learn the unusual ways in which 12 Sacramento citizens died.



Established in 1849, the cemetery was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2014.

Tours are free, but donations are appreciated and go toward the upkeep of the historic cemetery and providing

educational services to visitors. If you’re deathly curious and want more information on “A Dozen Ways to Die: The Saga Continues” and the cemetery, call (916) 448-0811 or visit <https://www.historicoldcitycemetery.org/>

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HUMP! Film Fest Returns

Dan Savage, the creative mind behind the Savage Love sex advice column, the popular “Savage Lovecast” podcast, and the “It Gets Better Project,” is bringing the HUMP! Film Festival, his one of a kind adult film showcase, back to Sacramento this September.

HUMP! Film Festival is still the only place to see adult films made by creative, unabashedly sex positive people from all over the world. The films run the gamut of body sizes, shapes, ages, colors, sexualities, genders, kinks, and fetishes.

HUMP! is about acceptance, and the festival is redefining conventional porn, one audience at a time. This year—with 21 new films—it promises to make viewers laugh, gasp, sweat, and wriggle in their seats.

Watching these amusing, thought provoking, sometimes touching, and often outrageous, films together with a theater full of friends and strangers is a uniquely strange and wonderful experience.

“It’s hard to believe HUMP! has been going strong for 13 years,” Savage says of the festival. “We are always amazed at the variety of films we receive each year. Choosing the films that ultimately make it in the festival is a huge challenge.”

“Audiences will be watching things that take them outside their comfort zones,” says Savage. “Some of it is hilarious. Some of it is romantic. Some of it is totally raunchy. Straight people watch gay porn, vanilla people watch kinky porn, gay people watch lesbian porn. And people laugh, they gasp, some even cover their eyes.”

“But at the end of every film, they all clap



Dan Savage

and cheer,” says Savage. “There’s really nothing like it. The whole festival is this great celebration of sexual freedom and diversity.”

HUMP! returns to Sacramento’s Crest Theater on Septembee. For an overview of each film and the full list of tour dates, go to www.humpfilmfest.com.

Get Some “Bootycandy” At Big Idea Theatre

by Chris Narloch

Playwright Robert O’Hara’s “Bootycandy” caused a sensation when it played off-Broadway in New York City, and now Sacramento can see what all the fuss is about, thanks to the folks at Big Idea Theatre.



The wild queer comedy follows a young, gay African-American man named Sutter on an outrageous odyssey through his childhood, his church, dive bars, motel rooms and even nursing homes.

A kaleidoscope of sketches that interconnect to illuminate the experience of growing up gay and black, the play is a

subversive, uproarious satire that crashes headlong into the murky terrain of pain and pleasure.

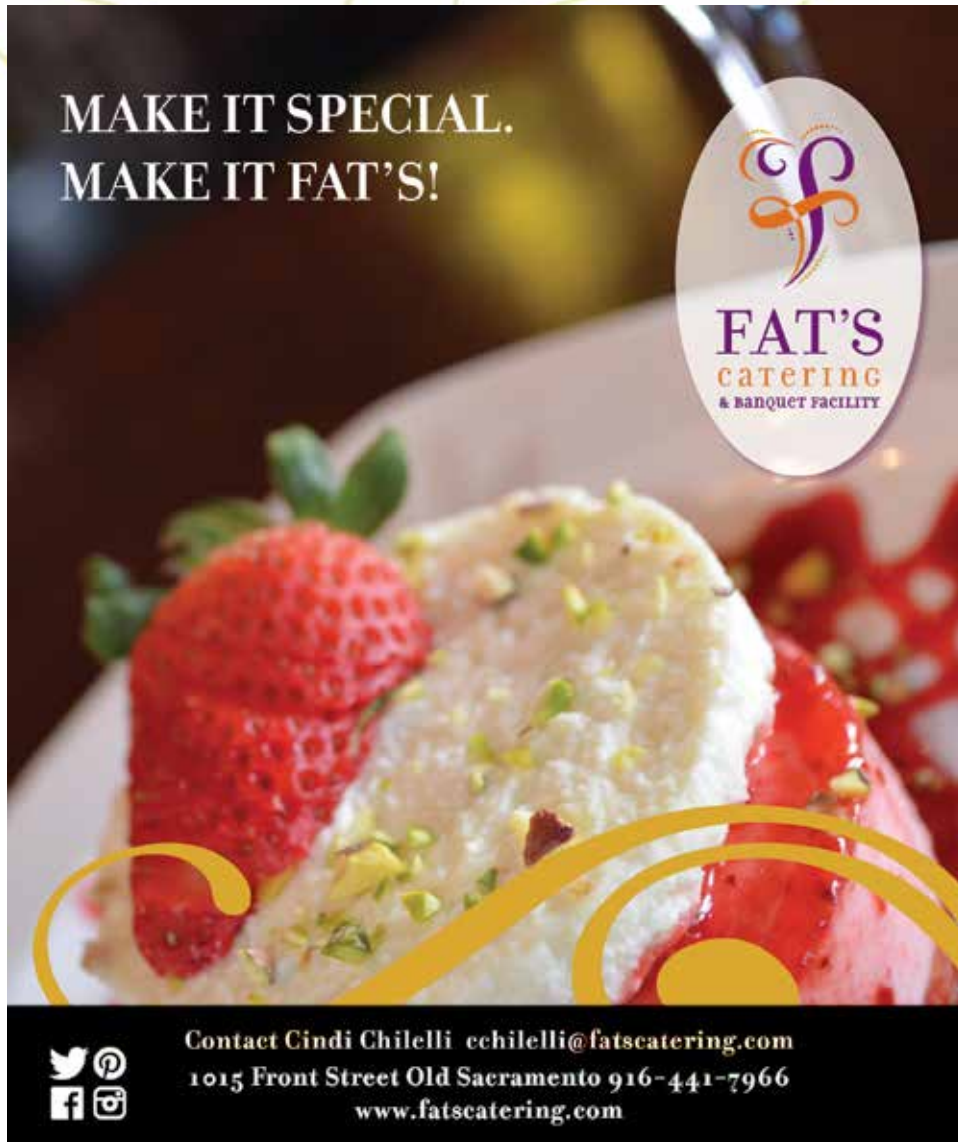
Don’t miss “Bootycandy,” now playing through Sept. 8 courtesy of Big Idea Theatre on Del Paso Blvd. For more information, visit www.bigideatheatre.org.

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Sunday In The Park With Stephen Sondheim Plus “Little Shop of Horrors” at Music Circus

by Chris Narloch

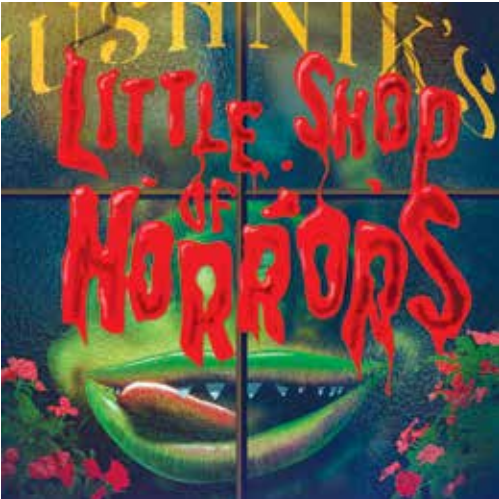
My theater picks this month include “Little Shop of Horrors” -- the ultimate feel-good musical about a man-eating plant -- and one of theater great Stephen Sondheim’s finest creations, “Sunday in the Park with George.”

Little Shop of Horrors
Broadway At Music Circus wraps up its 2018 season with my favorite horror-movie-turned-musical-comedy, “Little Shop of Horrors.” If you’ve only seen the movie (which is also great) but never enjoyed the show onstage, don’t wait to get your tickets for Glenn Casale’s production – if there are any tickets left by the time you read this.

The director’s staging features a terrific cast that includes Music Circus veterans Ken Page (“Cats”) as the voice of Audrey II, Zonya Love (“Sister Act”) as Crystal, Jared Gertner (“Beauty and the Beast”) as Seymour, and Michael Kostroff (“Nice Work If You Can Get It”) as Mr. Mushnik.

Along for the (wild) ride that is “Little Shop...” will be Broadway At Music Circus first-timers Jamison Stern (“How the Grinch Stole Christmas”) as the Dentist, and Sarah E. Litzsinger, in the scene-stealing role of Audrey, who gets to perform the best song in the show, “Somewhere That’s Green.”

In addition to that showstopper, you will also hear such great tunes as “Feed Me,”



Broadway at Music Circus’ “Little Shop of Horrors”
“Suddenly, Seymour,” and “Skid Row” during this theatrical tribute to true love and plant food.

The Broadway At Music Circus production of “Little Shop of Horrors” plays through August 26 at Wells Fargo Pavilion. For more information, visit <https://www.broadwaysacramento.com/production/little-shop-horrors-2018>.

Sunday in the Park with George

Sacramento’s own Nanci Zoppi plays Dot in the current SF Playhouse production of Stephen Sondheim’s masterwork “Sunday in the Park with George,” and you can catch the musical through September 8 in San Francisco.

Zoppi is a veteran of countless Sacramento productions who has been working steadily in the Bay Area recently. This is your chance to see her on stage again and in a terrific role, as the muse to painter Georges Seurat.

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Sacramento Rainbow Festival Turns 31 This Labor Day

by Chris Narloch

The rainbow crosswalks will be filled with prideful people this Labor Day Weekend, and the rainbow flags will be flying as Sacramento celebrates its 31st Annual Rainbow Festival in the heart of Lavender Heights, at 20th & K Streets.

Events are planned for all three days, including an LGBTQ Comedy Night fundraiser for the Rainbow Festival at Sacramento Comedy Spot on Saturday evening, Sept. 1, that will feature local and Bay Area LGBTQ comedians. The show starts at 6:30 p.m., and tickets are only \$20 at <http://saccomedyspot.com/rainbow>.

As in past years, the highlight of the 2018 Festival will be the Sunday Street Fair, which begins at Noon and includes scheduled performances later in the day by at least four headliners: Adore Delano, Dev, Ada Vox, and Todrick Hall.

Adore Delano is the multi-talented drag musician and star of “RuPaul’s Drag Race Season 6” who first appeared as a contestant on the seventh season of “American Idol” in 2008 as Danny Noriega. Delano has three albums under her (designer) belt, including the current release, “Whatever.”

Dev is a singer, songwriter, rapper, model and radio host. Her song “Booty Bounce” was sampled in Far East Movement’s hit single “Like a G6” which reached #1 and sold over four million downloads in the



Dev is a singer, songwriter, rapper, model and radio host.

U.S. The artist’s current CD, “I Only See You When I’m Dreamin’,” was released in 2017.

In the 12th season of “American Idol,” teenage singer Adam Sanders made it all the way to the Top 50 before getting cut. Because of his weight and sexuality, Adam received lots of hateful messages on social media.

For his next attempt at Idol last season, Sanders decided to turn the tables on his haters, and he arrived for his audition as his drag queen diva, Ada Vox, making it in to the Idol Top Ten thanks to killer renditions of “The House of the Rising Sun” and Radiohead’s “Creep.” He is the only person to return to “American Idol” as a different persona.

Todrick Hall is a singer, actor, dancer, director, drag queen, choreographer, and songwriter. He first gained attention on the ninth season of “American Idol,” where he made it to the semi-finals. He then became known as a YouTube personality and judge/choreographer on “RuPaul’s Drag Race.”

Hall has released several albums and also appeared on tour with his original musical “Straight Outta Oz.” From 2016 to 2017, Todrick starred as Lola in “Kinky Boots” on Broadway. Later in 2017, he began appearances as Billy



Ada Vox made it into the American Idol Top Ten.

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Sac Open Studios & Chalk It Up! Return

by Chris Narloch

Artsy-fartsy types like me have reason to rejoice this September as two annual arts events return to Sacramento. The 28th Annual Chalk Art & Music Festival known as Chalk It Up! will add color to Fremont Park, and Sac Open Studios has expanded beyond Sacramento County this year to include participating artists and studios in West Sacramento and Yolo County.



Artwork from Chalk It Up! 2017. Sponsor was Famous-Footwear, by artist KC-Kellam.

Sac Open Studios 2018

Proudly led by Verge Center for the Arts and known as the region's oldest, largest and most prestigious open studio program for local artists, the highly anticipated 2018 Sac Open Studios officially kicks off with a launch party on Sept. 6, 2018, followed by open studios scheduled over two weekends: September 8-9 & 15-16, 2018.

The community is encouraged to take self-guided tours and/or participate in special exhibitions, events, workshops, performances and parties where they have the opportunity to meet local artists, view artistry in action and gain new appreciation for the creativity of talented local artists.

Additionally, this unique event provides an opportunity for interested community members to see works of art and many studios that are not normally available for public viewing. Free and open to the public, the 13th Annual Sac Open Studios will showcase nearly 250 artists throughout the region.

For more information, visit <http://www.vergeart.com/open-studios/visit-sac-open-studios>.

Chalk It Up! 2018

Dozens of dedicated local artists will spend their Labor Day Weekend bent over the sidewalks surrounding Sacramento's Fremont Park, temporarily beautifying the concrete paths during an annual artistic event known as Chalk It Up!

If I'm in town, I always check out the results of all this hard work, usually on Monday after most of the artists are done but before pedestrians and the elements have taken their toll, and I urge you to do the same.

The annual Chalk It Up! Festival encourages artistic expression of all kinds through a three-day celebration of chalk art, live music, and regional food and craft vendors. Chalk It Up also promotes and supports Youth Arts by offering small grants to K-12 classrooms, and youth arts organizations throughout the Sacramento region.

The 28th Annual Chalk It Up! Festival will happen this Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 1-3, at Fremont Park, located at 16th & Q Streets in Sacramento. For more information, go to <https://chalkitup.org>.



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Bourdain and His Impact on Me

words by Kristy Harris
Anthony Bourdain.
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Like so many people across the world, I am still processing Anthony Bourdain's untimely death. Honestly, I feel a little strange to be mourning someone I never met; it bothers me that I am so sad about a celebrity's passing. However, Bourdain was not just a celebrity, but a kind of ambassador to all nations, reaching out and breaking bread to make a deeper human connection with all cultures and ethnicities.

Anthony Bourdain made me excited to see the world outside of the small town of Franklin, Ohio (my hometown). Even though he was no longer working at Les Halles, I traveled to New York in 2002 to dine at the restaurant. I also tried Dim Sum for the first time in Chinatown (though I skipped the chicken feet that time). Suddenly, I was a developing (though I loathe the word) "foodie".

"If I'm an advocate for anything, it's to move. As far as you can, as much as you can. Across the ocean, or simply across the river. Walk in someone else's shoes or at least eat their food. It's a plus for everybody." -Anthony Bourdain
In 2003, I traveled to Boston, Washington D.C., and to Honolulu, as well as San Francisco, the Napa Valley, and to the city I would eventually call home: Sacramento.

Sacramento? Hey, it is close to San Francisco and to Napa Valley, two cities

I love but could not afford to live in at the time. Not to worry, there would be several jaunts to the City and to Napa or Yountville. There were also restaurants of all cuisines to be found right in Sacramento! I also fell in love with wine around the same time and frequently visited regions like Amador and El Dorado in addition to my beloved Napa to try all the wines I could.

All the while, I lived vicariously through THE travel guru, Anthony Bourdain, eventually tuning in to No Reservations in 2005 and sometimes downloading the episodes to watch on my computer in patches when I did not have a TV or cable.

In September of 2010, Anthony Bourdain came to Sacramento and I was lucky enough to see his show as a media guest. During the show, there was a small audience Q & A session, but I felt like I would not even be close to coming

up with a question interesting enough. My guest and I left after the show instead of creeping outside the venue waiting to meet him.

The first time I saw Parts Unknown, I also happened to be traveling. I didn't fully understand the concept and I was surprised the show was a little darker (than his other shows), as Bourdain began traveling to places that had been/ still are going through poverty, war, and overall turbulent times. I confess, I had never really given Myanmar a second thought, and never considered Libya on my bucket list.

I thought he would be around forever, and I guess that's why I am so sad. I won't soon forget the shock of seeing my iPhone screen on the morning of June 8 filled with "RIP Anthony Bourdain." How did this even happen? I am sorry he was feeling insurmountable pain and so alone.

None of the details that have emerged about his death have made me feel any better or more resolved. The world has lost an iconic storyteller, a son, a father, a brother, a spouse, a comrade.

The time we have on Earth is so precious and finite. Hug the ones you love tightly and remind them how much they mean to you. If you are lucky enough to have one or both of your



parents alive, call him/her/them... you're probably overdue for a hello.

Now, I am going to watch some more Parts Unknown episodes. I am looking forward to the future and traveling with my husband as much as possible...just thinking about Spanish pintxos makes me giddy.

Anthony Bourdain, thank you for your contribution to the world. May we all be a little less ignorant about/afraid of people who don't look or live the same as us, and perhaps in the process, sit around a table of delicious food and enjoy amazing conversations.

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A Colorful Summer At The Cinema

by Chris Narloch

Finally, Hollywood has gotten the message that moviegoers in underrepresented communities want to see themselves on the big screen too, and this summer there have been a number of fine films featuring people of color.

The recent box office success of “Black Panther” and “Get Out” allowed three terrific African-American-friendly films (“BlacKkKlansman,” “Blindspotting,” and “Sorry To Bother You”), that otherwise might have received only

performance in “Crazy Rich Asians,” as the wisecracking best friend of the movie’s heroine, the actress will be even more in demand.

Awkwafina is one of those performers who can make a not-so-funny line funny and a funny

class, but mostly it’s a thoroughly entertaining Asian twist on a familiar boy-meets-girl love story. Don’t miss it.

BlacKkKlansman
Spike Lee, one of the finest African-American film directors



Henry Golding and Michelle Yeoh costar in “Crazy Rich Asians”

limited release this summer, to find their way into hundreds of multiplexes around the country. This month we have an even more extraordinary event involving movies with people of color: “Crazy Rich Asians,” the first major studio movie in 25 years to boast a predominantly Asian cast and an

one hilarious, thanks to her superb comic timing and delivery. She provides the most amusing moments in the new movie, but “Crazy Rich Asians” has plenty more to recommend it. Two very attractive lead actors, Henry Golding and Constance Wu, bring the romance, Ken Jeong (and

ever, has returned with this dynamite movie based on a true story about a guy named Ron Stallworth, who was the first black police officer in Colorado Springs. Stallworth eventually helped infiltrate the KKK during his time on the force, and that story is so unbelievable that it makes your jaw



Adam Driver and John David Washington star in “BlacKkKlansman”

Asian director (Jon M. Chu), received a wide release in theaters. Lucky for moviegoers, every one of the above-mentioned films is good, which means we should expect fewer white washed movie screens in the future. Read on for my reviews of “BlacKkKlansman” and “Crazy Rich Asians.”
Crazy Rich Asians
If you saw the recent all-female “Oceans” film, then you know who Awkwafina is – she played the pickpocket turned jewel thief. After audiences catch her hilarious outwordmagazine.com

Awkwafina) bring the laughs, Michelle Yeoh provides the drama (as Wu’s icy, potential mother-in-law), and the director puts it all together with energy and style. Set mostly in Singapore, the film feasts on the world of super-rich Asians and their sumptuous homes, clothes, cars, and bodies. (The over-the-top beautiful wedding depicted in the movie is alone worth the price of admission.) “Crazy Rich Asians” even has a few things to say about wealth and

drop. At one point in the movie, Stallworth even provides personal security for David Duke, the infamous Grand Wizard in the Ku Klux Klan. The script, by Lee and three other screenwriters, isn’t subtle about drawing parallels between the early ‘70s, when the movie is set, and “Trump’s America,” but it is very powerful, and the performances, especially by John David Washington and Adam Driver (as, respectively, Stallworth and his police partner), are superb.

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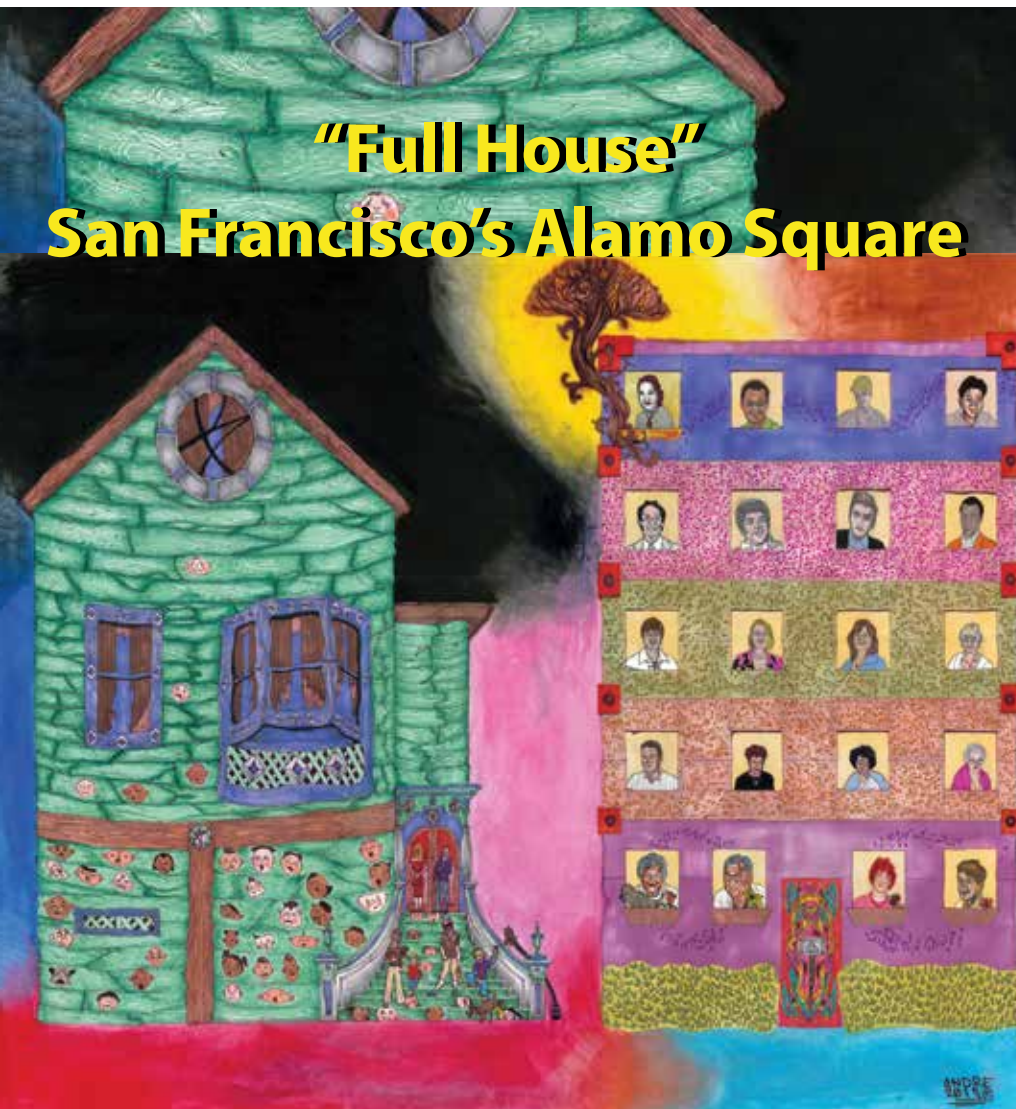
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The very handsome, and very gay, British singer-songwriter Calum Scott (“You Are The Reason,” “Dancing On My Own”) is just one of four music acts on the bill for this year’s “Breast Concert Ever,” which takes over The Grounds in Roseville on Friday, September 14.



Calum Scott

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This must-see show also features singer-songwriter Jewel (“Who Will Save Your Soul,” “You Were Meant For Me”), A Great Big World (“Say Something,” “Everyone Is Gay”), and Ocean Park Standoff (“If You Were Mine.”)

This is an all-ages show, and in addition to the concert under the stars, the event will feature vendors, food trucks, beer, wine,

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Participants and spectators alike will get revved up by the energy and excitement as more than 500 classic and custom cars of every make, model and era go cruisin' down the avenue. Two can't miss highlights include the NUTmobile (touted as being 180 peanuts high, 415 peanuts long, 140 peanuts wide and weighs in at about three million peanuts) and the Wiernmobile (weighing in at 140,500 hot dogs, 24, dogs high, 60 dogs long and 18 dogs wide).

The cruise will take place on a one-mile loop of Fulton Avenue, bordered by Cottage Way on the south and Marconi Avenue on the north. The cruise will begin at 3 p.m., and participants may cruise (or park) as much as they want from 3 until 5 p.m. Everyone will then be directed to park along Fulton, and the street will be opened up for spectators to "cruise" on foot till 7:30 p.m. A few automobile highlights confirmed for this year include the following:

- SaveMart's 12 foot tall mega-

motorized shopping cart, which is powered by a 454 Chevy engine, can handle a handful of passengers and a few bags of groceries.

- The Tahoe Photo Bus -- a unique & funky photo booth in a mid-60's era VW Bus prints top quality photos

- The Tombstone Hearse -- a 21st century motorcycle version of a 19th century horse-drawn hearse, actually used in funerals.

As always, this car cruise and block party will feature lots of family-friendly fun with a Kids Zone, local food and dessert trucks, entertaining live music and much more, all FREE to spectators!

Plus, there is still time register a car, the discounted registration fees for the first 300 cars are \$30 per car. For an additional \$10 (and while supplies last), participants will receive a CruiseFest t-shirt, a VIP bag with generous gifts from sponsors, and a free drink ticket.

In addition to the Fulton Avenue Association, CruiseFest on Fulton Avenue is supported by generous sponsors such as



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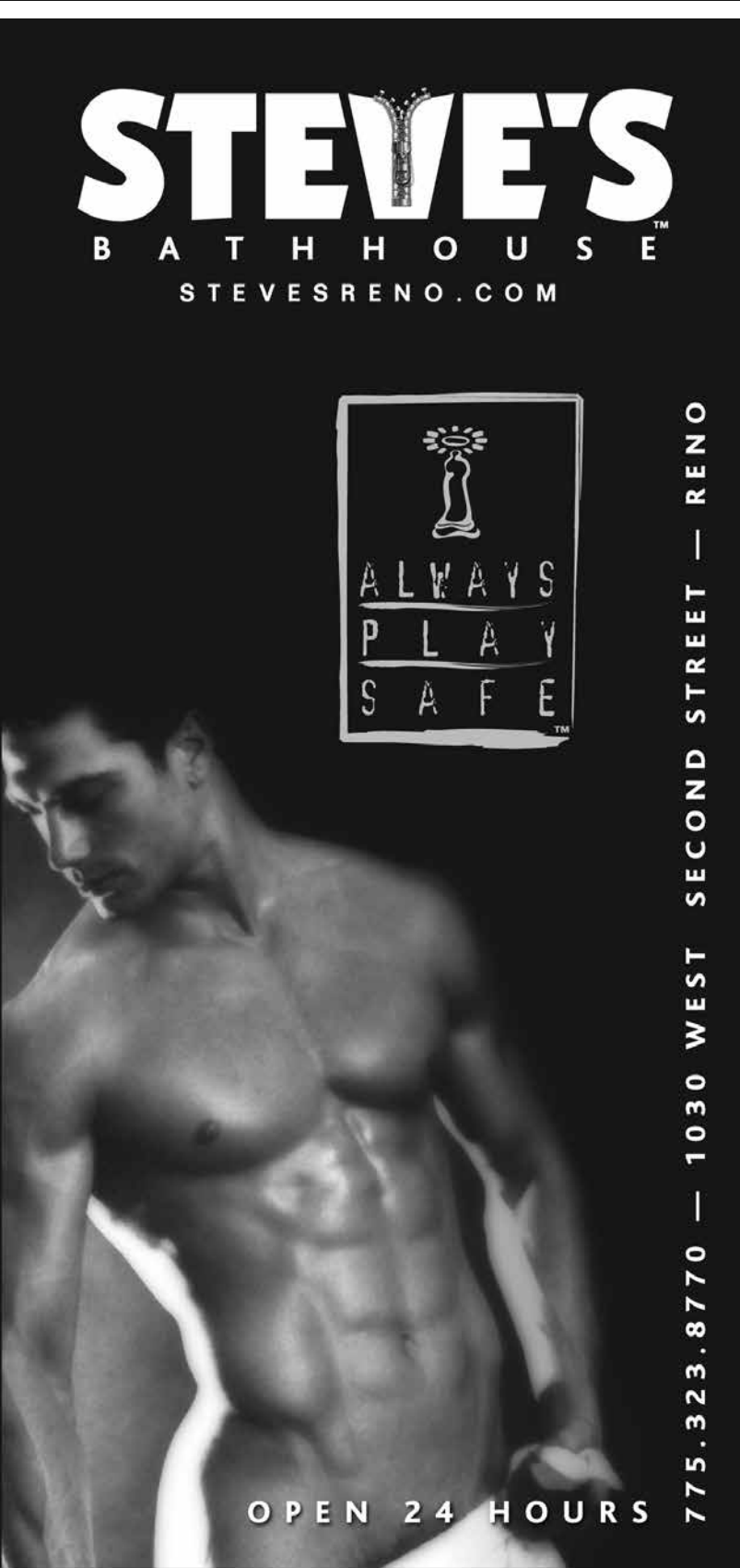
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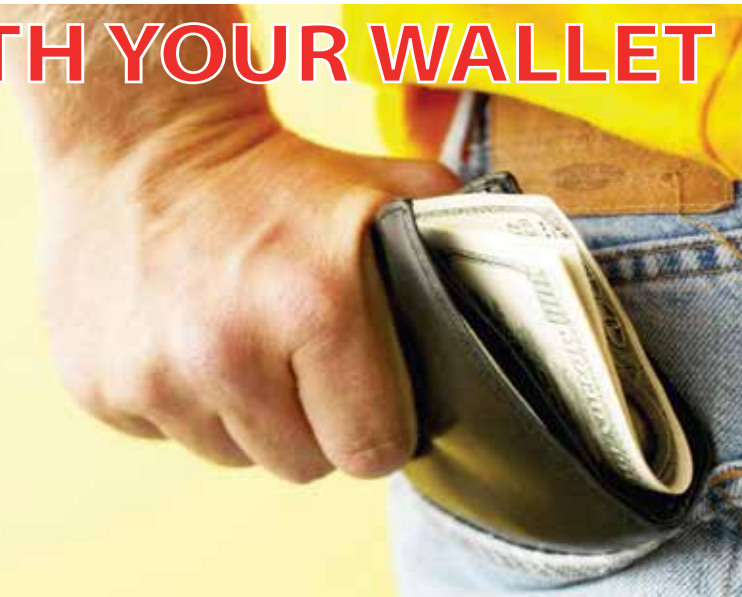
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