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# **50 Years On, Busting the Myths of Stonewall**

**¬** ach of us who were at Stonewall has a different view of the event. They run the gamut from ☐ it being a rebellion, a riot, a revolution, or simply a night of the queens having fun and taking → over their home, Christopher Street. There are many other versions espoused by people who were there, historical scholars, journalists, and people who like to make things up. Let's parse out the facts and inconsistences of all of these views.

First: who was there? It amazed me, as I was on my book tour, how many people came up to me and said "you remember me from Stonewall" and wanted me to confirm to their friends that they were indeed there. This has been a contentious issue to the point that now thousands of people claim to have been present. To each I said, "It was a riot. You can't take attendance at a

But there are ways to at least make assumptions on who was there. The best accounts are from those who, out of the ashes of Stonewall, created Gay Liberation Front. Many of us GLF members are still around. Stonewall was not just one night. Those who were there know of the other three nights as well. Those nights helped form GLF. GLF and Stonewall are connected at the hip. Writings on Stonewall published by our own community during the time period are more accurate, since mainstream media largely ignored it or was biased. A good place to start is Donn Teal's The Gay Militants, published by Stein and Day in 1971. Many of those at Stonewall contributed to Donn's work.

Here's my simple rule, anyone who propagates the myth that we were angry because of the funeral of Judy Garland wasn't at Stonewall. That myth is an insult to all that did participate. And it should be obvious, since we were in the counter culture of the 1960's, not the '40s. Garland might have been the music of some 40 and 50 year olds who might have been in the bar, but those people were privileged enough to run away. To those of us who stayed, Garland was not on our mind. It's a stereotypical slur that was started by a straight white man writing about the event a week later in the Village Voice. None of those who have credible claim to being there think Garland was a factor. So if you're writing about Stonewall and continue the myth, check your delusion in the mirror. That includes Charles Kaiser who, while being interviewed by The Washington Post about his book The Gay Metropolis, was quoted as saying he thought "the prospect that a funeral service for Garland held on the first night of the riots on the city's Upper East Side inspired a grieving gay fandom to stand up to police

Second: who threw the first rock? Again this was a riot, not an organized demonstration. People gathered in a semi circle around the front doors and across the street as police were letting people out. Something was said to the police, they said something back and then people started hurling objects towards the bar. Stones, empty cans. The reality is no one actually knows who threw first, or even what they threw

Those of us who were at Stonewall all have different accounts, based on our own memories of that night, about what we did. It wasn't a precision march. Each person had a different experience. Some gathered at the door as people were let out, some ran up and down the streets letting others know what was happening and others wrote on the walls and streets "tomorrow night Stonewall," to help organize the rallies in the days after. To me, all the accounts of my brothers and sisters of GLF are correct since each account is their own personal memory and their different views on what created the riot. Everyone in GLF has a different perspective and I accept each person. Historians must take all of them in consideration in writing about that historic night, and thus far most of the work compiled has not done that well.

The two best known that come to mind are David Carter's Stonewall, which is more detailed and researched than anything that came before but written during a time of competing and conflicting views. Carter had to sift through the noise, he persevered, and his book can and should be used as a starting place to be built on. I personally hope he continues to research and others continue to forward him material. For my part I've recently sent him information on one of the bouncers/doormen who married a friend of mine and who still lives in NYC. I trust his research and hopes he'll chat with others that he did not have time for in his first edition. The other well-known Stonewall book, by Martin Duberman, focuses on just six people, overdramatizes the drama within the community, and is fueled by his personal, privileged agenda

As to the recent Gus Van Sant film, Stonewall, that was a complete disappointment. There is no actual video footage from that first Stonewall

night, and the photos you've seen are from the other nights. Cell phones were not invented as yet. Everything you've seen in the film is a (largely incorrect) re-creation built upon the director's image, not ours. Several of us who were at Stonewall offered to help give the filmmakers detail and context, but none of us were asked to

Moving on, exactly how many people were at Stonewall? It went on for many hours. Some people were there the entire time; others came later. Even more were just passing by. Was it 50 or 200? We all have different views. My personal thought is less than a hundred from noting the numbers of people on the street. The participants were scattered with the exception of those around the front door, which might make people think there were more people than there actually

Everything I've said thus far is from my own memory and from reading well-sourced materials. But here is what is absolutely known: from Stonewall came Gay Liberation Front. Without Gay Liberation Front, Stonewall would be as remembered as the Dewey's sit-in or the Compton's riot, both of which happened before Stonewall, but which the general public knows little about. GLF, which had many of those who stood tall that first night at Stonewall and who helped organize the following three nights, made that first night historic by realizing that it was the catalyst for change that our community needed. Some might say that Gay Liberation Front, born from the ashes of Stonewall, might be more important than Stonewall itself.

Many people in New York in June 1969 were fed up with the antiquated tactics of prior movements such as asking for "homosexual equality," as it was called by members of the Mattachine Society. Before Stonewall, several of the early GLF founders including Martha Shelley and Marty Robinson were attempting to create a new movement. Others like Sylvia Rivera also wanted a new movement, but few people at that time from those earlier organizations wanted to

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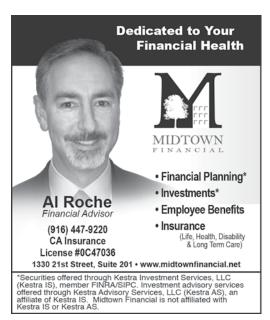
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be associated with her.

GLF was created and Sylvia was welcomed gladly, the first trans person to be a member of a gay organization and GLF changed our community in other drastic ways. GLF helped us decide that we had the sole right to define ourselves rather than live by society's definition. We were out loud and in your face. Rather than beg for our rights, we demanded them. Then we did something even more revolutionary. We created a community where there was none before. Before GLF, the only place LGBT people met were small organizations in large cities, private parties, a few illegal gay bars, and cruising places.

One month after Stonewall, GLF had its first demonstration. We took over Christopher Street and told the police it was our home, our community, the very first gayborhood. We invited what today would be called the trans community, including Sylvia Rivera and Marsha P. Johnson, to join our ranks. They created "Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries," STAR. Some of us created Gay Youth, the nation's first organization for LGBT youth. We held public dances, public meetings. We went on TV and radio shows, we printed and distributed publications and medical and legal alerts. We even created the first LGBT Community Center. If all of that was not enough in that first year, many of us joined with Craig Rodwell and help form "The Christopher Street Gay Liberation Day March," which was the first Gay Pride Parade.

How dramatic was this? Before GLF, the nation had only around 100 openly gay people who would speak on behalf of our community or show up at a demonstration. In fact, there was

only one demonstration a year. One. That was in Philadelphia each July 4th in front of Independence Hall from 1965-69. That national demonstration never drew more than a hundred participants.

One year after the creation of GLF, there were anywhere between 5,000 and 15,000 people at that first Gay Pride. The FBI report states 3,000, The New York Times states 5,000. Those of us who were there think it was more. But even going from the NYT numbers, from one hundred to thousands in just one year is an incredible shift. GLF was a phenomenon with autonomous chapters sprouting up all over the nation and the world. GLF created the movement we have today. More importantly, GLF created the LGBT Community where there was no community before.

There are other lessons that could be learned from GLF. Today's LGBT organizations struggle with what they assume to be the difficulties of the intersection of social justice movements working together. GLF joined with other movements and supported them regularly. Likewise, GLF welcomed diversity.

Here is one last point, one that is personal and stated with a sense of pride: GLF was by far the most dysfunctional LGBT organization that has ever existed to this day, and that was part of its magic. So much arguing, so much yelling, so much disagreement. But how else could it have fought off the oppression of 2,000 years and produced the first real out, proud, and in-yourface generation? How else could it have inspired people to come out when it was illegal to be openly gay? Stonewall created GLF, but it was GLF that changed the world.

# Stonewall Foundation Builds LGBTQ leadership

In late September, the Stonewall Foundation of Greater Sacramento welcomed many friends and new enthusiasts to its second annual fundraising event, Building the Pipeline: LGBTQ Leadership. Supporters enjoyed wine tasting and LGBTQ history fun, all to cultivate the next generation of LGBTQ advocates and leaders. Dr. John Johnson, Director of the Center for Diversity and Inclusion at California State University, Sacramento (CSUS), highlighted the ongoing need to foster student accomplishment, citing scholarship opportunities as central to success.

The Foundation's CSUS McBride Scholarship (in honor of longtime LGBTQ advocate Laurie McBride), at a full annual tuition level, can make a significant impact, according to Travis Legault, 2018 McBride scholar. Legault apprised guests of his plans to focus on a career in public policy and extended appreciation of the work of the Foundation. Building the Pipeline: LGBTQ Leadership was sponsored by an array of generous allies: community organizations, businesses, advocates, wineries and individuals committed to expanding equity and inclusion.

In addition to the McBride Scholarship, the Foundation has expanded visions for LGBTQ youth by sponsoring the Sacramento City Unified School District's "Be Brave, Be You" LGBTQ+ leadership conference aimed at middle and high school students and partnered with the Sacramento LGBT Community Center to fund a high school internship through the city of Sacramento's 1000 Strong initiative.

Educating and empowering queer youth is critical to the continued struggle for basic rights, liberties and protections of the LGBTQ community. The Foundation's board of directors plans to continue and expand its work with educators and advocates to support opportunities that lead our community forward in equity. For more information: visit www. sacstonewallfoundatin.org.





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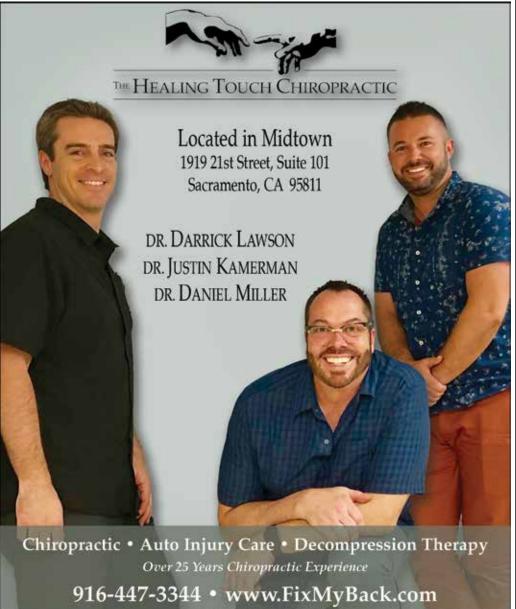
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# **Out & About With Matt**

by Matthew Burlingame

Talloween aka Gay Christmas is here! Or Samhain, the new year, if you're pagan/Wiccan. Fabulous costumes, special bar Levents, trick-or-treating and lots of leftover candy to keep the diet industry employed. It's also time to remind our community to be watchful of bashers and to bring your pets in the house. I know, way to bring it down, right?

The week of Halloween this year belongs to Badlands with The Rocky Horror Picture Show Sing-A-Long, costume contests and awesome nightly events. Be sure to join Outword at Badlands on Nov. 9 for our Liquid Therapy Happy Hour which will include some awesome giveaways but will also be a food drive for the LGBT Center's Q-Spot. They are requesting: Food needs: Top Ramen, mac n cheese, cans of chili, pasta sauce, individual bags of chips. Or you can bring a gift card for: Target, Grocery Outlet or even Domino's Pizza.

Do you shiver in delight from things that go bump in the night? Kennedy Gallery has just the Halloween show for you. Sacramento artists present their Halloween themed work from the whimsical to the outright disturbing. "Monsters and Mayhem" runs through Nov. 5 at Kennedy Gallery, 1931 L St. KennedyGallery.net

Sacramento's favorite outside ice rink will be open in downtown starting Nov. 2. And once again play host to Drag Queens On Ice on Nov. 15 from 6 - 9 p.m. Each year, Outword chooses three charities to benefit from the event and 100% of the door cover goes to your choice of the three charities.

This year the charities are Front Street Animal Clinic, NCAC and CGNIE.

The Sacramento **LGBT** Center invites you to the Pansexual Pancake **Breakfast** held at 11 a.m. every second Sunday at 1927 L St.

Want to know more about the

Sacramento LGBT Center's mission, impact on real people's lives, and vision for the future? Come to the Vision of Equality fundraiser luncheon where you can learn about programs the Center now offers as well as learn about future goals. The event will be Nov. 7 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Beatnik Studios, 723 S St. Saccenter.org

It's going to be a rowdy good time at a

special Nov. 1 Drag Queen Bingo, benefiting the holiday meal programs of three local non-profit organizations: River City Food Bank, the Sacramento LGBT Community Center's Q-Spot and Sunburst Projects: Empowering Children, Youth and Families living with HIV/AIDS. Amazing charities, awesome prizes and always an evening of fun! Rainbowchamber.com

Día de Muertos (The Day of the Dead) is a holiday celebrated by people of Mexican heritage. The multi-day holiday focuses on gatherings of family and friends to remember and pray for friends and family members who have died, and help support their spiritual journey. The holiday runs Oct. 31 - Nov. 2.

Celebrate Dia De Los Muertos by joining NorCal AIDS Cycle on Nov. 4 for a well marked, fully supported, picturesque long or short bike ride and stay for the party with live music, a Mexican buffet, drinks, face painting, and valuable raffle prizes. If you prefer not to do the ride, stop by for the party. Starts and ends at Fort Rock Brewery located at 12401 Folsom Blvd. Ste. 110, Rancho Cordova. Norcalaidscycle.org

Are you listening to your Gloria Estefan tunes to get ready for On Your Feet! the Gloria

Estefan musical? From Cuba to

America, becoming a crossover sensation and just when they thought they had it all they almost lost everything. On Your Feet! runs Oct. 30 - Nov. 4 so get your tickets now! Broadwaysacramento. Happy birthday to me! Oh, and also

Markus Poppy Pogue, A.J. Quadros, Corey Hubert, Michael Misha Kennedy, Dave Stewart, Jion Azarabadi, Will Knauss, Spade Ransom, Kelly Ratekin, Cindy Baudoin, Pauls "Rusty Nails" Williams, Doc McCaleb, Clint Vigen and all the other

"Tor" late October/early November babies.

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



### **Art from the Heart HIV/AIDS Fundraiser a Success**

apital City AIDS Fund's (CCAF) Art From the Heart event raised more than \$13,000 to help HIV+ young people ✓attend college. Since 2002, CCAF's Helen Veress Mitchell Scholarship Fund has raised and distributed more than \$200,000 to students.



From left to right: Michael Sestak, CCAF Board Member, Keith Crome, Co-Owner Apothic Heart, Joyce Mitchell, CCAF President, Sac Mayor Darrell Steinberg, Chris O'Connell, Event Assistant

The fundraiser at Apothic Heart Tattoo Collective and Gallery, attracted more than 150 people, perusing and purchasing pieces from 20 Sacramento artists. Nearly 100 paintings were displayed, including landscapes, portraits, and abstracts. The majority of the work was sold and all of the money raised was donated directly to the CCAF scholarship program.

"This event represents the heart and soul of Sacramento," said Mayor Darrell Steinberg, who attended the event. "It represents service to youth in need and support of the arts."

The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence were there representing awareness of HIV/AIDS. The sisters were the first activist group fighting for HIV/AIDS patients and treatments back in the early 1980s. "With the mayor, the sisters, and the community showing up in such amazing numbers, CCAF is elated with the way the event turned out," said CCAF Event Coordinator Jenny Woods.

CCAF partnered with Apothic Heart for the art event, and Keith Cromie, co-owner of the shop, donated the venue. Cromie's good friend, Chris O'Connell, helped orchestrate the donation of other items for the art show

including an authenticated and signed Golden State Warriors Steph Curry jersey. The jersey ended up selling for more than

Cromie also donated free tattoos of the art show logo. Several people will forever be wearing a red ribbon with a heart somewhere on their body. For each tattoo, CCAF received an \$80 donation.

Many of CCAF's scholarship students were at the event. Believing in HIV+ students helps reduce stigma and is an investment in the individual and community. Grade point averages almost always go up after a student gets a scholarship from the non-profit organization.

"I love serving our young people," said CCAF Scholarship Chair Stuart Eldridge. "This year we even saw letters of reference coming from former students who are now social workers helping younger students now making their way through school."

CCAF has a four percent overhead and every dollar raised from the art event - again - went directly to students. If you would like to support or help out an HIV+ student attend college, please go to Capitalcityaidsfund.org.





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## **Crisis to Care: Protecting Pets from Domestic Violence**

omestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) is an opportunity to raise awareness and engage others in conversations that are difficult and all too often silenced. For those of us at RedRover, this means talking about both human and animal victims/survivors of domestic violence (DV).

Statistics show that as many as 71 percent of survivors reported that their family pets were abused as part of the cycle of violence experienced at home. With few DV shelters offering pet-friendly housing options, this leads to at least 48 percent (we suspect it could be higher) of survivors delaying leaving their abusive situations out of concern for their pets.

So, what does pet abuse and domestic violence "look" like? We've taken a look at the research to provide these eight signs that may indicate an abusive relationship:

Has vour partner ever:

Threatened to get rid of your pet?

Purposely intimidated or scared your pet?

Smacked or hit your pet?

Thrown an object at your pet?

Threatened to harm your pet?

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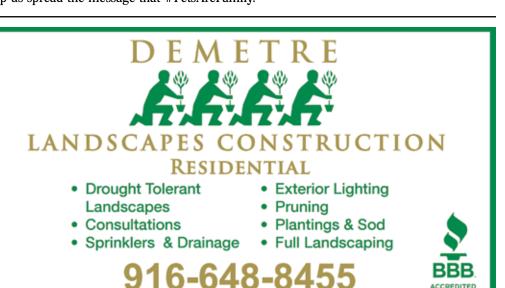
Safeplaceforpets.org is a resource that domestic violence survivors can use when they need to leave an abusive environment. The user-friendly website offers:

- 650+ domestic violence shelters and community programs that are searchable by zip code, city or state or Canadian province.
- · List of programs that fund safe pet housing (including RedRover's Safe Escape and Safe Housing grants).
  - Survivor hotline number and tips on how to escape an abusive situation.
  - · Training links for emergency shelter staff.
- · Links to national organizations dedicated to helping pets in domestic violence situations.
- Pet protective order information.

We look for innovative ways to reach domestic violence survivors to connect them to these tools to escape abuse. Since research has shown that salon professionals are the people most likely to be told about abusive relationships, California and Illinois have passed laws requiring beauty school students to complete a domestic violence awareness course. Now, RedRover offers a wallet-sized card salon professionals can give their clients when they suspect a pet is being used as a manipulative tool or when a client may delay leaving an abuser because of their pets.

Since 2007, RedRover has awarded 606 Safe Escape grants to help 1,080 people with 23,323 nights of boarding for their pets. With the inception of the Safe Housing program in 2012, 73 grants have been awarded to domestic violence shelters for a total of \$477,563. Currently in the United States there are 172 domestic violence shelters that house pets, of which RedRover helped to fund 61.

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By Courtney McFate

Manager, Grateful Dog Daycare

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the mind-altering effects that marijuana, a different strain of the same plant, does.

While trying to find the right dosage for your dog it's important to understand that every dog is different so it may take more or less of the recommended amount for your dog. Start low and increase the dose every three days as needed. The best way to administer CBD to your dog is orally in a dropper. If your dog won't allow you to do that, it is okay to add the oil directly into their food. Be sure to give it some time and be consistent in the morning and night before deciding if it's working. Our favorite CBD oil so far is Deep Relief CBD. It is harvested and extracted in the U.S. Full Spectrum, blended with MCT oil, and has a 30-day money back guarantee offer. You can buy it online or at our midtown location for \$15 less than online pricing. www.gratefuldogdaycare.com





Before

### **A Purrfect Friendship**

by David Roddy, pet care worker for Lucky Buddy

Tstruggled to keep Sneakers comfortable through her last night on Earth. My family's rundown Victorian turned into a sauna on late summer nights, and I worried the heat would compound the stress on her ailing body. I sat next to her on the floor, she would at times get up to amble towards her water bowl, which I would dutifully refresh when she spilled it. I drank a bottle of wine and stroked her fur, trying to fill my mind with memories of her life.

I first met Sneakers when I was six years old. I remember trying to peek through the holes of her cardboard carrier as we took her home from an "adopt a pet" booth in front of our local Walmart. I saw a scrawny, black and white kitten huddled inside, and I laughed when I recalled the sudden pain after she popped me in the eye through the hole of her carrier. I wanted to bring her back immediately, but mother's cooler head prevailed.

Like many struggling, single mothers during the rural decline of the 1990s. Some of my worst childhood memories are of her crying with bills spread out on the table in front of her. Sneakers would always respond by jumping on the table, purring loudly and butting her head against my mom's. Sneakers seemed to be particularly in tune with our emotions. She would crawl into my bed after I had a night terror, licking my face while I fell back asleep. It was scratchy and stinky and maybe she just liked the taste of salty tears but I came to rely on her to calm my anxious

Sixteen years of friendship weighed heavily on my mind that night. Cats are not people: they cannot use words to tell us they love us or are in pain. Pets teach children a different kind of friendship: one composed of unspoken loyalty



and silently expressed affection. Sneakers taught me that not all minds are the same, but together vastly different forms of consciousness can build a deep understanding of each other.

The next morning, exhausted, I realized that she should be put down before she would have to go through another miserable night. She sat on my lap on the way to the vet. I told her how much I loved her, though I knew she didn't understand my words. I have no doubt she understood the intention. Friendship doesn't always need words. This was the gift Sneakers brought to my childhood.

### **A Special Puppy with Special Needs**

by Amy Pine, pet care worker for Lucky Buddy

y little Phoebe is my special chiweenie pup. A week after I lost my first dog, she was in my lap in the car Loming home with me while I was still grieving. I wasn't expecting this to happen so quickly. She hadn't been vaccinated or spayed and it wasn't clear why the original owner needed a new home for her other than he couldn't afford her.

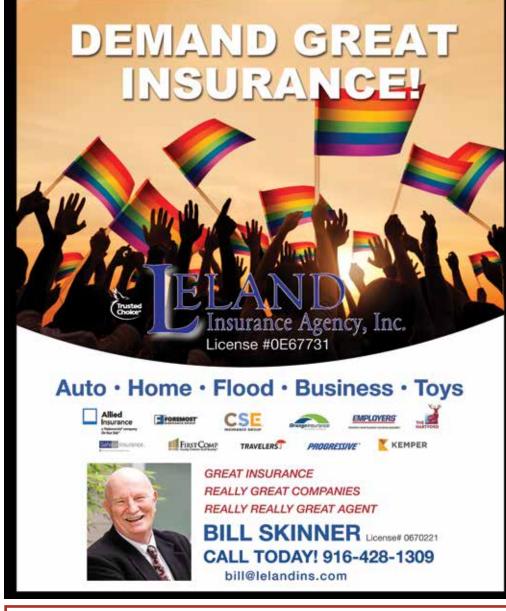
The day I brought her home, she kept throwing up her food. For a couple weeks, I tried adjusting the food types, different bowls, ways of feeding her, but she still would throw up every day. After about 2-3 weeks, she became very lethargic and wasn't feeling well. I took her to the vet - she had a 104.6 temp and had pneumonia. We gave her meds and it seemed to clear up. Yet, a month later, she got pneumonia again! This time, the radiologist took a look at the x-rays and it was determined she had congenital megaesophagus, a rare condition in which her esophagus is enlarged and paralyzed and her food doesn't contract down to her stomach like normal dogs. So we instantly had to come up with a plan. The vet just handed me three pages of info stapled together and pretty much said

Luckily, I found a support group on Facebook that was tremendously helpful with ideas and encouragement. For a while, I would hold her upright in my arms 3x a day when I fed her and for 20 mins after. Then I found a \$15 baby chair and I've been using this ever since. It was too hard to hold her for that long and get ready for work or other things at the same time. They do make what's called a "Bailey Chair" for dogs with this condition, but they are expensive, so this little rolling baby chair works perfect for her size.



For weeks, there were definitely sleepless nights dealing with her regurgitating at all hours until I could figure out what worked. However, she's been doing so well the last four years she hasn't contracted pneumonia again. Still, it's something I always watch for if she happens to eat stuffing from a toy, a leaf, bark or whatever she may get into periodically. You kind of have to watch her like a hawk. Aspiration pneumonia can be fatal and I want to prevent that.

She's the sweetest, most loving and playful dog. I couldn't ask for anything else. She honestly doesn't even know she has something wrong with her. I think she just thinks she's the most special pup. There are times when I get a little frustrated that she vomited and I have to clean up another mess, but she has taught me a lot about patience, parenting and love. So I wouldn't change it. She needs me as much as I need her.



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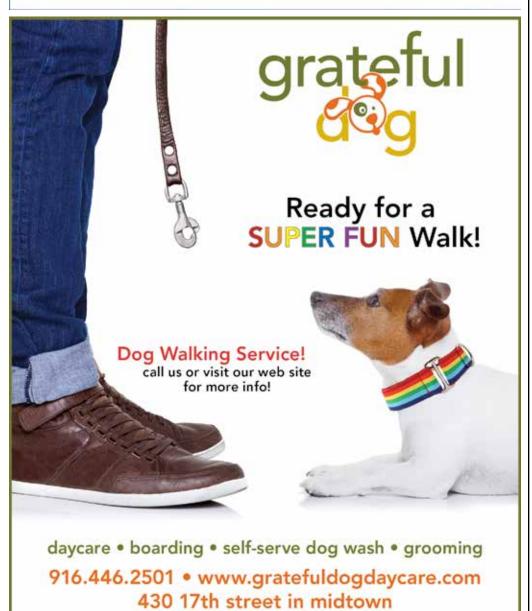
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# Pet Photo Contest Winners



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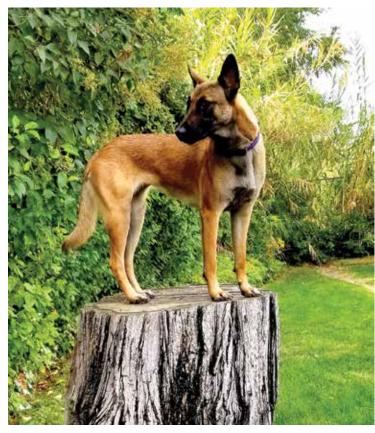
Third Place Max – Derek Roberts



Thank-You to everyone that sent in wonderful pictures of your pets. We had way more than we could fit here, but every one was appreciated! We hope you love all of them, on this page and the next.



# Pet Photo Contest Honorable Mentions



Charlie – Julie Christensen.



Spike, an inland bearded dragon - Philip Hilton



**Artemis – Arlie for short. Glenn Springs** & Shaun Fitzgerald



Ella and Gerbil - Holly Manweiler



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# **Doggone Good Giving**

By Priscilla Enriquez, Chief Impact & Strategy Officer, Sacramento Region Community Foundation

y team at the Sacramento Region Community Foundation coordinates Big Day of Giving—the fundraising frenzy that encourages generous people in the capital area to give to local nonprofits in early May each year—and, because it's affectionately abbreviated "BDOG," our planning meetings and our conversations in the community are often dogged by canine-connected quips.

The Internet memes that BDOG supporters blast across social media channels are often filled with them: "Big Day of Giving is a doggone good day!"

We love hearing these kind remarks, of course, but I can assure you that when we launched Big Day of Giving in 2013, we weren't thinking of puns.

May 3. The 38 participating organizations that serve our region's animal community did exceptionally well, generating more than \$650,000 in just 24 hours. That was enough to make the animal category among the highest-generating of the day, even though those nonprofits represented only about 6.5 percent of the organizations that participated.



Rather, we were embarking on a strategic effort to help the staff and volunteers at the nonprofits that serve our community strengthen their skills in the areas that can seem secondary to the more immediate work of pursuing their organizations' missions. These are things like regularly and richly engaging their donors, developing involved and diverse leadership, and building their marketing and storytelling know-how to help bring their work to new audiences. After all, to ensure nonprofits can continue doing their good work in our community, and to help them do it better, we must ensure they have the essential tools to sustain and grow their efforts!

We do that by hosting capacity-building trainings for the staff and volunteers whose organizations participate in Big Day of Giving each year. From in-person BDOG Bootcamps with subject-matter experts, to peer mentorship programs and online forums and regular webinars, our team innovates every year to make Big Day of Giving a valuable program for the nonprofit staff and volunteers who participate.

Thanks to the generosity of donors in our region, hundreds of nonprofits have generated more than \$30 million during six Big Days of Giving!

This year alone, more than 21,000 donors gave \$7.4 million to 587 nonprofits in the capital area during Big Day of Giving on

The venerable Front Street Animal Shelter raised over \$70,000 and other animal organizations throughout the region showed off their stuff. From RedRover to the Sacramento Zoo, and from All About Animal Equine Rescue in El Dorado County to the SPCA in Yolo County, the nonprofits that serving our region's animal community made a splash during BDOG2018.

Even as BDOG thrives, we know that fortifying the nonprofit sector in the Sacramento region requires more than a once-annual giving day. That's why we require each nonprofit that participates in Big Day of Giving to create a profile on GivingEdge, our region's only nonprofit knowledgebase, which donors can find at www.givingedge.org. These profiles inform donors about the programs, governance, financials, and needs of each organization listed in GivingEdge. They also provide our team of experts a wealth of information about the state of the nonprofit sector as a whole.

At the Sacramento Region Community Foundation, we're using that data to drive our leadership around this issue into the future. In doing so, we're ensuring next year's Big Day of Giving on May 2, 2019, remains a responsive and valuable program for area nonprofits and donors, and we're innovating new ways to lift up the organizations that lift up our region—and its animals, of course.

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## **Get "On Your Feet!" & See Some Theater!**

This month's local theater offerings include the opening show of the 2018-19 Broadway Sacramento season, a Pulitzer Prize-winning drama at Capital Stage, plus a wacky musical spoof of "The Evil Dead" up in Old Folsom.

#### "On Your Feet!"

Biographical "jukebox" musicals are all the rage right now, with stage shows featuring the music (and life stories) of Cher, Donna Summer, and Tina Turner currently playing on Broadway and/or in London.

Another singer with her own musical is Gloria Estefan, whose many hit songs

making its Sacramento premiere courtesy of Capital Stage.

Filled with warm humor and tremendous heart, "Sweat" tells the story of a group of friends who have spent their lives sharing drinks, secrets, and laughs while working together on the factory floor.

However, when layoffs and picket lines



Joseph Rivera, Adriel Flete, Jeremey Adam Rey, Nancy Ticotin as Gloria Fajardo and Hector Maisonet in the Broadway On Tour presentation of "On Your Feet!" Oct. 30 – Nov. 4, 2018 at the Sacramento Community Center Theater. Photo by Matthew Murphy.

include "Get On Your Feet," "Conga," "Rhythm Is Gonna Get You," "Coming Out of the Dark," "Don't Wanna Lose You," and many more.

From their humble beginnings in Cuba, Emilio and Gloria Estefan came to America and broke through all barriers to become a crossover sensation at the very top of the pop music world.

Just when they thought they had it all, they almost lost everything. "On Your Feet!" takes audiences behind the music and inside the real story of this record-making and groundbreaking couple who, in the face of adversity, found a way to end up on their

When I saw this colorful, high-energy show on Broadway a couple years ago, the orchestra playing the Miami Sound Machine's music on stage had folks literally dancing in the aisles at the end of the evening.

"On Your Feet!," which features superb choreography, plays Sacramento's Community Center Theater Oct. 30 - Nov. 4. For tickets, visit https://www.broadwaysacramento.com

#### "Sweat"

The great playwright Lynn Nottage ("Ruined," "Intimate Apparel") returns with this 2017 Pulitzer Prize-winning play,

begin to chip away at their trust, the friends find themselves pitted against each other in a heart-wrenching fight to stay afloat.

Directed by Michael Stevenson, "Sweat" plays through Nov. 18 at Sacramento's Capital Stage. For more information, visit http://capstage.org

#### "Evil Dead: The Musical"

Finally, for lovers of fun "schlock" there is "Evil Dead: The Musical," which takes all the elements of the cult classic films "The Evil Dead," "Evil Dead 2," and "Army of Darkness" and combines them for one of the craziest, funniest and bloodiest theatrical experiences of all time.

Five college students go to an abandoned cabin in the woods and accidentally unleash an evil force that turns them all into demons. It's all up to Ash (a housewares employee turned demon-killing hero) and his trusty chainsaw to save the day. Blood flies, limbs are dismembered, demons tell bad jokes, and it's all set to music.

Plus, it's the only show in town with a "splatter zone" - a section of the audience that gets covered in fake blood. "Evil Dead: The Musical" is recommended for mature audiences only and plays through Nov. 10 in Old Folsom. Visit

http://sutterstreettheatre.com



### **New Music From Babs, Buble & Bocelli**

By Chris Narloch

hree purveyors of traditional pop records have new albums coming out that promise to warm the hearts of music lovers everywhere. Read on for advance details of discs by Michael Buble. Barbra Streisand and Andrea Bocelli.

#### Andrea Bocelli - Si

Andrea Bocelli has enlisted a group of stellar duet partners for his forthcoming album, "Si." Bocelli reunites with his friend, Ed Sheeran, after their chart-topping "Perfect Symphony" on the brand new song "Amo Soltanto Te" (written by Sheeran with lyrics by Tiziano Ferro) and also joins pop sensation Dua Lipa on the single "If Only."

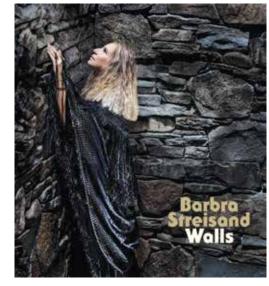
Additionally, crossover superstar Josh Groban and classical soprano Aida Garifullina duet with Bocelli on the new album, which is the famous tenor's first album of new material in 14 years, featuring 16 new songs celebrating love, family, faith and hope.

At the center of the new record is a heartfelt duet between father-and-son, as 20-year-old Matteo Bocelli steps into the limelight on "Fall On Me," a beautifully poignant duet that reflects the bond between parent and child.

Andrea Bocelli's "Si" will be available on Oct. 26.

#### Barbra Streisand - Walls

The famously outspoken singer returns with what may be her most political album



yet, if the video for Barbra Streisand's new song "Don't Lie To Me" is any indication.

The song and especially the video, which the artist directed, are a fearless and direct takedown of our current president that calls him out for not telling the truth.

While that first single and its video are heavy, the track listing for the rest of the album would seem to indicate the singer is more interested in spreading optimism and positivity than trading insults with Trump.

Streisand concludes her thirty-sixth studio album with "Happy Days Are Here Again," a song she has performed many times and recorded before, and also includes John Lennon's "Imagine," "What a Wonderful World," and "What The World Needs Now" on the CD.

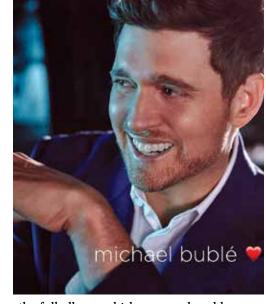
"Walls" will be available on Nov. 2.

#### Michael Buble - Love

After health scares involving his young son, Michael Bublé is officially back to making music with the release of his new song, "Love You Anymore," which was written by the chart-topping singer Charlie Puth.

That pop tune is the first single from Bublé's highly anticipated upcoming album, "Love," which will include another outstanding advance track, "When I Fall In Love."

Both those songs are available now, and



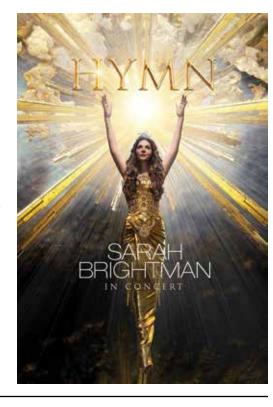
the full album, which was produced by David Foster, longtime collaborator Jochem van der Saag and Michael Bublé, will release on Nov. 16.

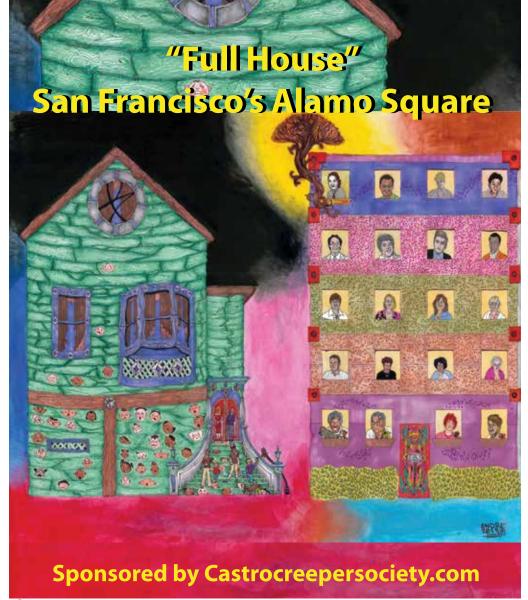
# **Sarah Brightman Brings "HYMN" To Theaters**

he folks at Fathom Events have another cool event for music lovers with "HYMN: Sarah Brightman In Concert," a full-length theatrical performance which hits nearly 500 select cinemas in the U.S. for a special one-night-only screening this November 8.

The cinematic event will coincide with the global release of Brightman's new album "HYMN," available beginning Friday,
November 9, from Decca Gold/ Universal
Music Group. The album is the first new recording in five years for the international superstar soprano.

Tickets for "HYMN: Sarah Brightman In Concert" can be purchased at https://www.fathomevents.com/events/hymn-sarah-brightman-in-concert and participating theater box offices.

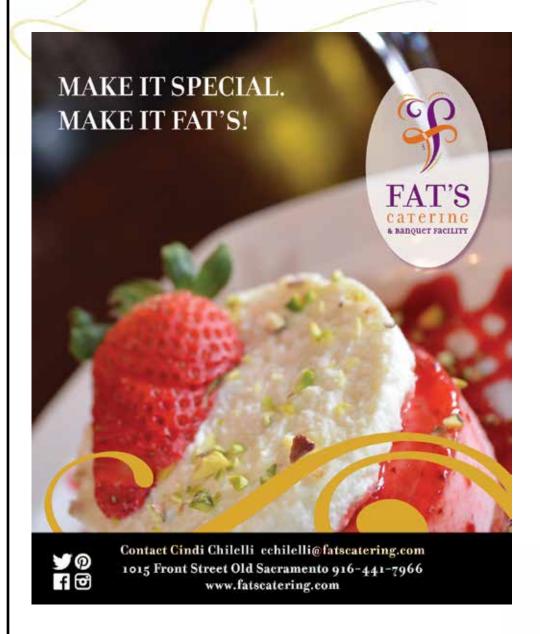






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### Freddie Mercury & Michael Myers Are Back From The Dead

This month at the movies, audiences can choose to see the umpteenth return of Michael Myers, the serial killer star of the "Halloween" movie franchise, and/or one of the finest showmen in the history of rock music: the late, great Freddie Mercury.

#### Halloween

I guess it doesn't really matter that Michael Myers had his head chopped off in the last "Halloween" movie that I saw ("Halloween H20") by Jamie Lee Curtis, who is back in the latest installment as a grandmother trying to save her daughter and granddaughter from the maniacal masked

It doesn't matter because we all know that you can't kill pure evil, and the boogeyman just keeps coming back. The question becomes, how scary is the 2018 "Halloween," and does it have anything new to say?

Curtis' character is now a survivalist living in a secluded fortress of a house who has a rocky relationship with the family that thinks she should move on and get over her legacy of trauma.

Instead, Curtis packs a shotgun and practices shooting mannequins in the woods because she alone knows that the world is not a safe place as long as Michael Myers is out there somewhere.

As a pistol-packing, grey-haired granny, Curtis is fun to watch, as is Judy Greer, an interesting choice to play her daughter.

My favorite performance, however, is given by a pint-sized African-American actor with crazy comic timing who plays a little boy that isn't sticking around to see what happens: as soon as the killer shows up, he's out of there.

The killings are blunt and effective, if unimaginative, but director David Gordon Green doesn't really hit his stride until 90 minutes into the film, when Curtis' character and Michael Myers finally come face-to-face for another epic showdown.

I can hardly wait for the next "Halloween" film, in which Jamie Lee Curtis will no doubt kill the boogeyman again by running over him with her wheelchair.

#### **Bohemian Rhapsody**

I wasn't able to review it before our deadline, but I will be first in line when the new Queen biopic opens on Nov. 1 at Sacramento's Esquire IMAX Theatre on K

That enormous IMAX screen and their



Rami Malek will play Freddie Mercury, the late lead singer for the legendary rock band Queen, in the upcoming film, "Bohemian Rhapsody."

killer sound system will be the only way to experience the return of Freddie Mercury, the fabulous gay wild-man who fronted one of the greatest rock bands of the '70s and

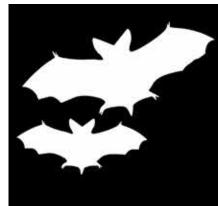
Mercury died of complications from AIDS

in 1991, but his amazing music lives on, and I hope that "Bohemian Rhapsody" and Rami Malek, who plays Freddie in the film, will do him proud.

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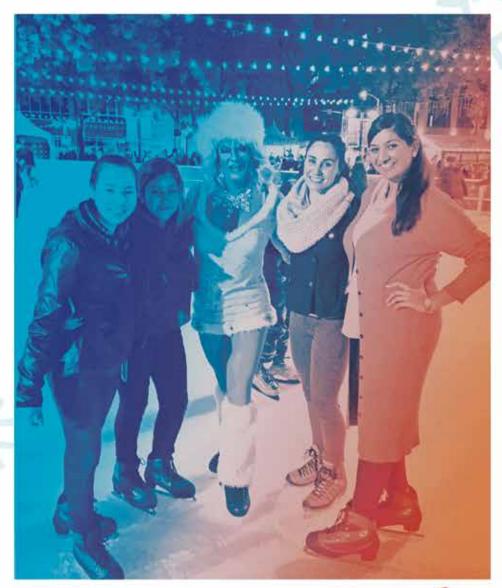


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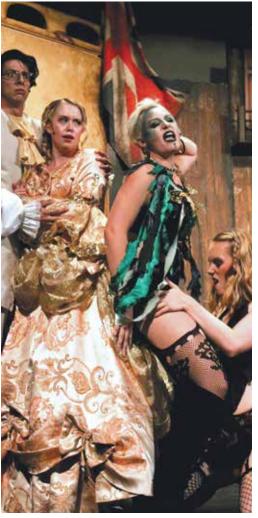
With its high energy rock & roll score, zany characters, audience participation, and in-your-face sexuality, "The Rocky Horror Show" continues to bring its inspiring message of acceptance and joyous diversity to rowdy audiences around the globe, including Sacramento.

This year marks the 10th anniversary production of "Rocky Horror" for Sacramento's Green Valley Theatre Company, and it promises to be bigger and more electrifying than ever. (The cast includes many "Rocky Horror" veterans as well as newcomers to Green Valley.)

If you've never been to a live production of "Rocky Horror," then you are in for a treat. This production features Green Valley's live "Rocky Horror" band, Celluloid Jam. Many people dress in costume, but no one ever gets any guff for showing up in whatever. What's most important is having a good

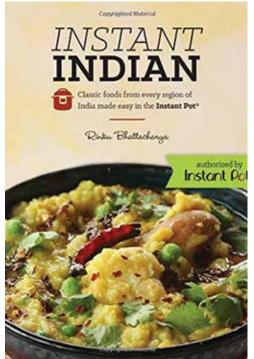
"Rocky Horror" has been a Sacramento Halloween tradition for years, and Green Valley Theatre's high-energy live version is not to be missed. To celebrate a decade of doing the Time Warp, this year's milestone production will be staged in the historic 24th Street Theatre in Curtis Park.

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"The Rocky Horror Show" courtesy of Green Valley Theatre.

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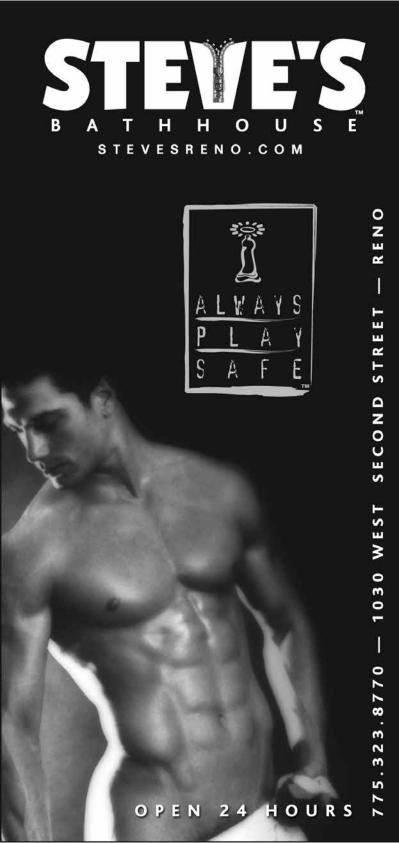


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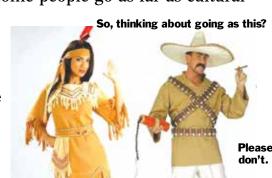
By: Emily DeSanto

Talloween is a time to dress up, scare people, and eat way too much candy. The entire month of October is spent figuring out whether you wanted to go for spook or seduction. Sadly, some people go as far as cultural

appropriation. Yikes!

The entire spooky season is made to be playful and light with a little fake blood thrown in – and before anyone says, "This is such a politically-correct world we live in... we can't even wear a costume anymore, blah, blah, blah," just remember A CULTURE IS NOT A COSTUME. And once we all understand that wearing a culture that isn't yours as a costume is offensive, then the world will start being a better

Thanks for coming to my "Ted" Talk. Have a Happy and Safe Halloween!



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#### **NOVEMBER**

- 1 Drag Queen Bingo presented by Rainbow Chamber of Commerce
- 6 VOTE VOTE VOTE
- 7 Vision of Equality Luncheon
- 9 Outword Happy Hour Food Drive
- 9-11 Capital City Classic Vball Tournament
- 12 Stonewall Democrats Meet
- 15 Drag Queens on Ice
- 17 Capital City Squares 37th Ann. Dance

#### **JANUARY**

Jan 13 • Outword's Disco Tea w/ Jammin' Jo Jan 26 • Rainbow PAC Annual Crab Feed

#### **DECEMBER**

10 • RCC Holiday Mixer @ Beast and Bounty

14 • Outword Happy Hour - Toy Drive for WEAVE

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March 10 • 7th Annual LGBT Wedding Expo

May 16 • Farm to Scholar Dinner - Rainbow Chamber

May 19 • Davis Pride

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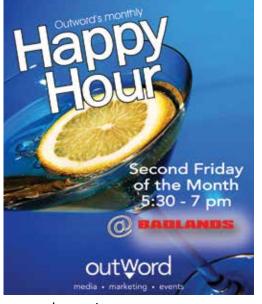
June 9 • Sacamento Pride

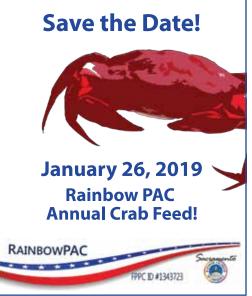
June 1-9 • Pride Week

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